

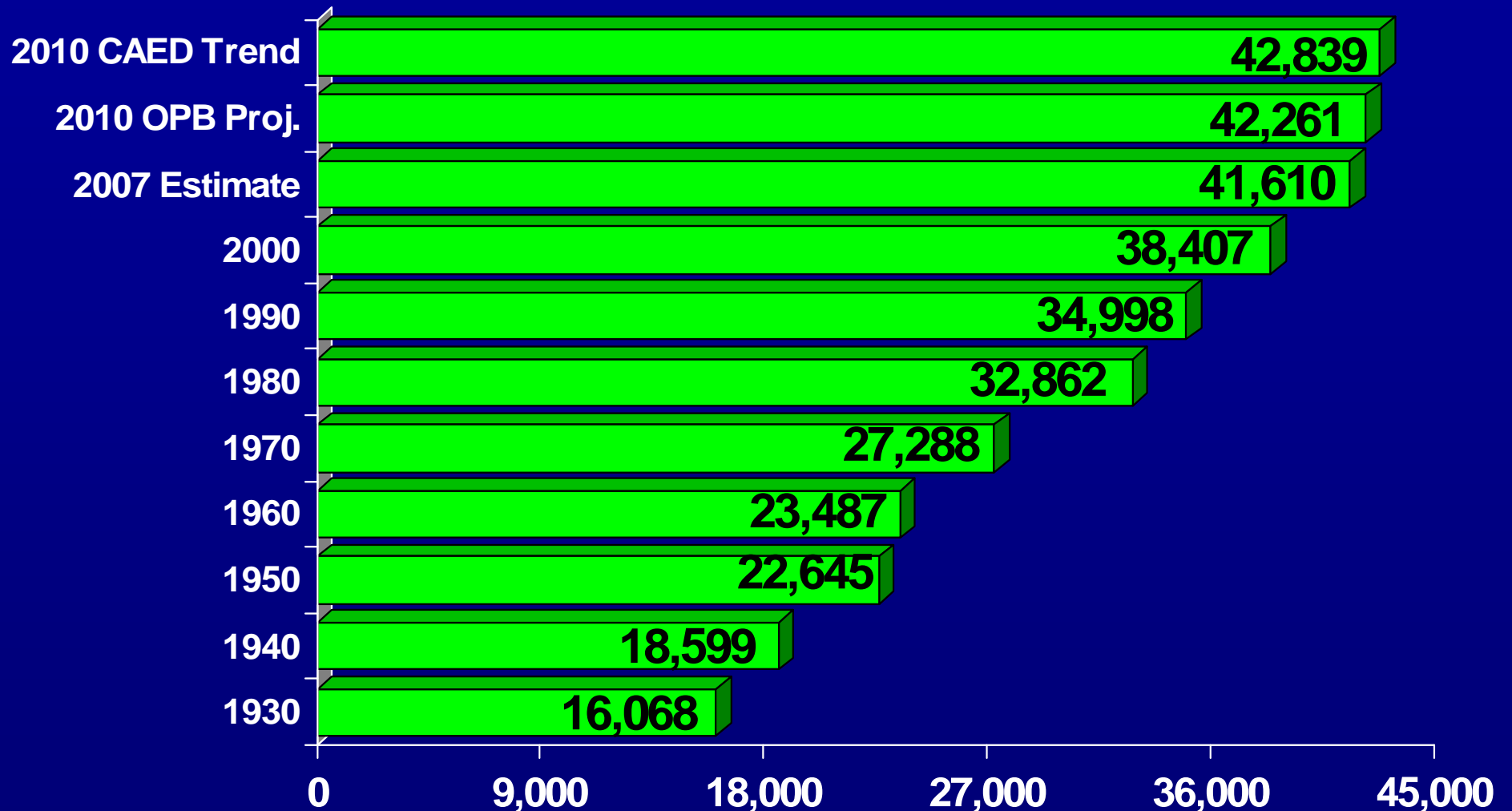
# Tift County Community Profile



**141st in order of  
county creation  
August 17, 1905**

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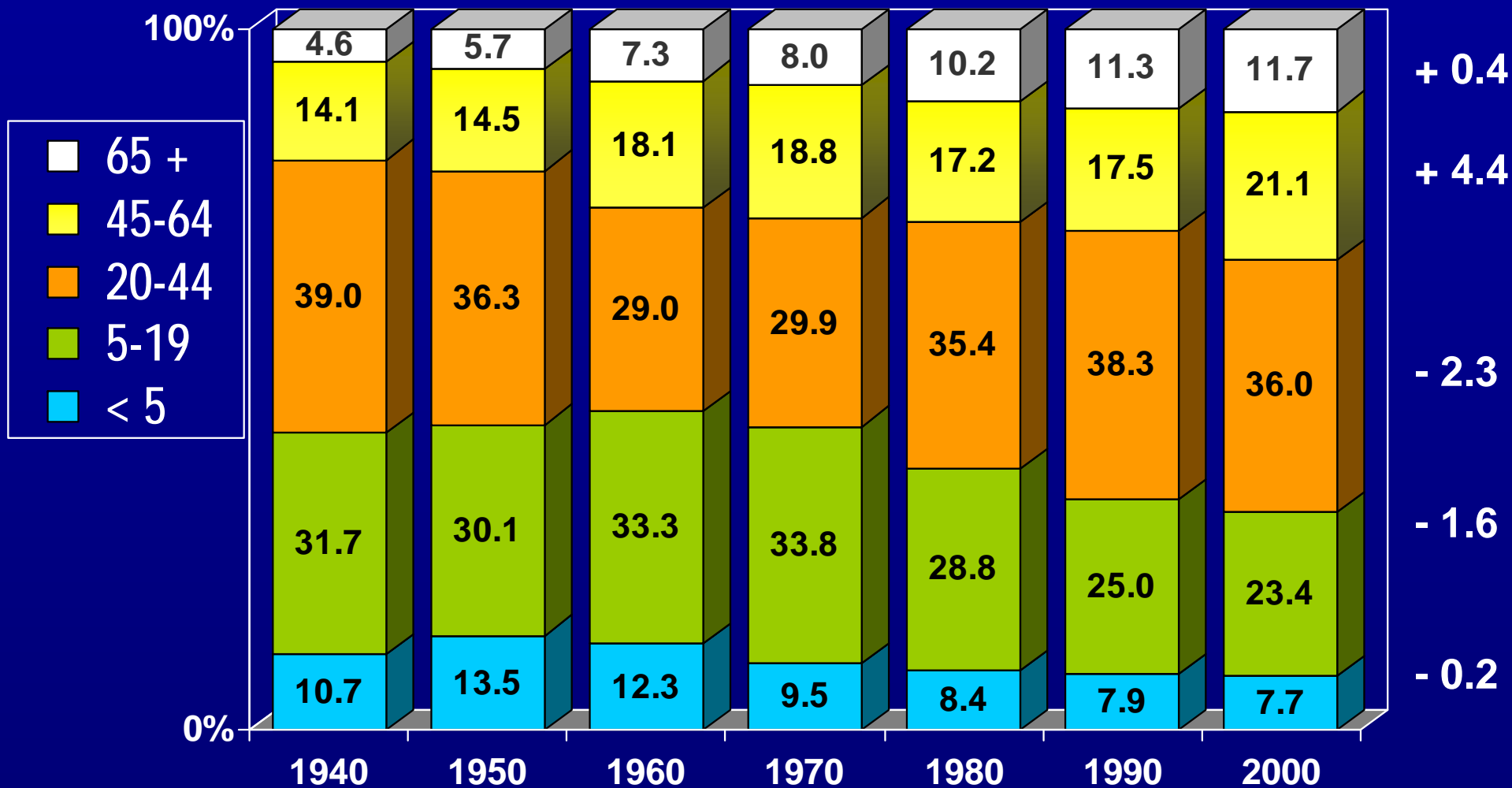
# Total Population Tift County



Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; OPB (State Office of Planning & Budget); CAED (Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development) 3/08.

# Population Composition by Age Tift County

Change in  
proportion  
1990-2000



2007 Estimated Median Age

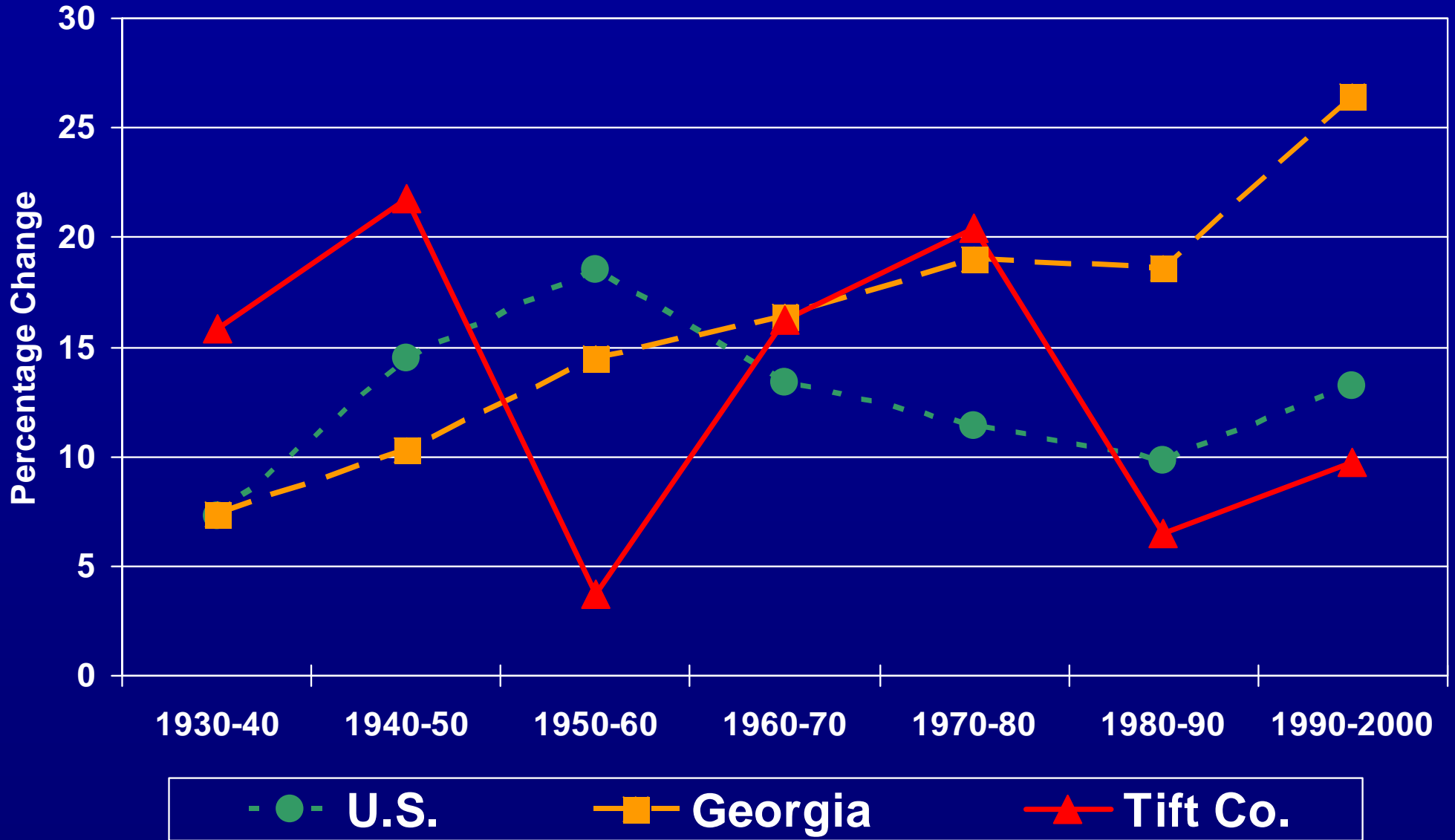
Tift Co. = 33.4 yrs.

GA = 34.7 yrs.

# 2007 County Population Comparisons

County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2000-07	Rank of % Chg.
TIFT	41,610	47	157.0	8.4	73
BERRIEN	16,722	97	37.0	3.0	104
COLQUITT	44,814	45	81.1	6.6	82
COOK	16,432	101	71.7	4.2	97
IRWIN	9,934	128	27.8	0.0	125
TURNER	9,270	133	32.4	-2.5	139
WORTH	21,285	85	37.4	-3.3	143

# Population Change: 1930-2000



Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

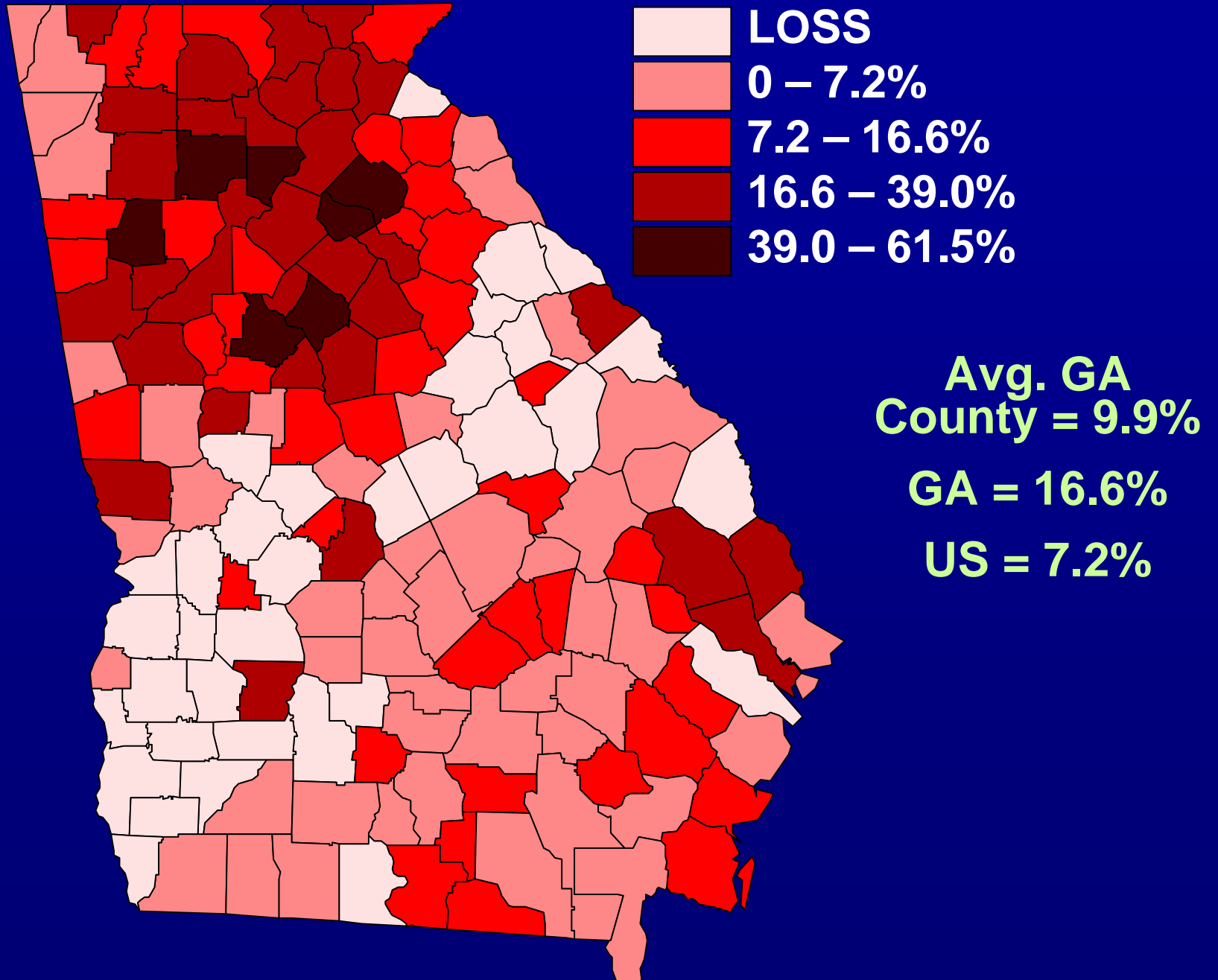
# Components of Population Change

## Natural Increase & Net Migration\*

Area	2000-2007 Numerical Change*	2000-2007 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)	2000-2007 # Net Migration	2006-07 1-yr Natural Increase Rate	2006-07 1 yr.Net Migration Rate
TIFT	3,220	2,096	1,317	8.4	-3.3
BERRIEN	487	573	-13	6.5	-3.9
COLQUITT	2,776	1,921	1,049	6.1	7.3
COOK	661	514	225	5.3	4.9
IRWIN	3	99	-42	2.0	-32.7
TURNER	-234	308	-502	5.1	-11.3
WORTH	-715	530	-1,151	2.4	-10.9
Avg. County	8,540	3,283	4,564	5.3	6.6
GEORGIA	1,357,934	521,982	725,733	8.3	13.3

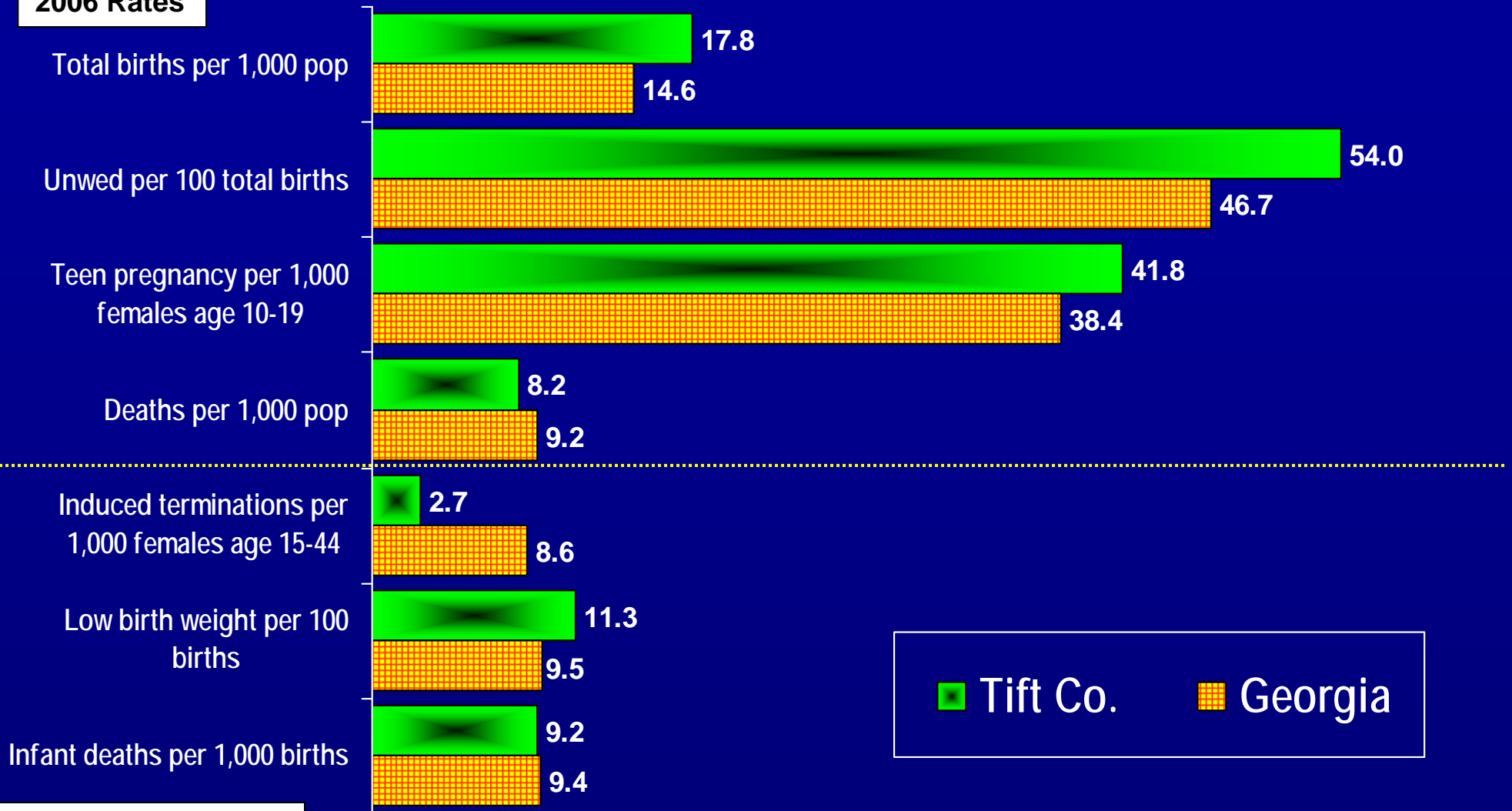
\* Numerical change includes "residual" not represented in either NI or NM.

# Population Change: 2000-2007



# Selected Vital Statistics

## 2006 Rates



## 10-yr. rates 1997-2006

### 2006 Tift Co. Natality Data

741 total births, 400 unwed births

27 induced terminations

129 teen pregnancies

90 low birth weight babies

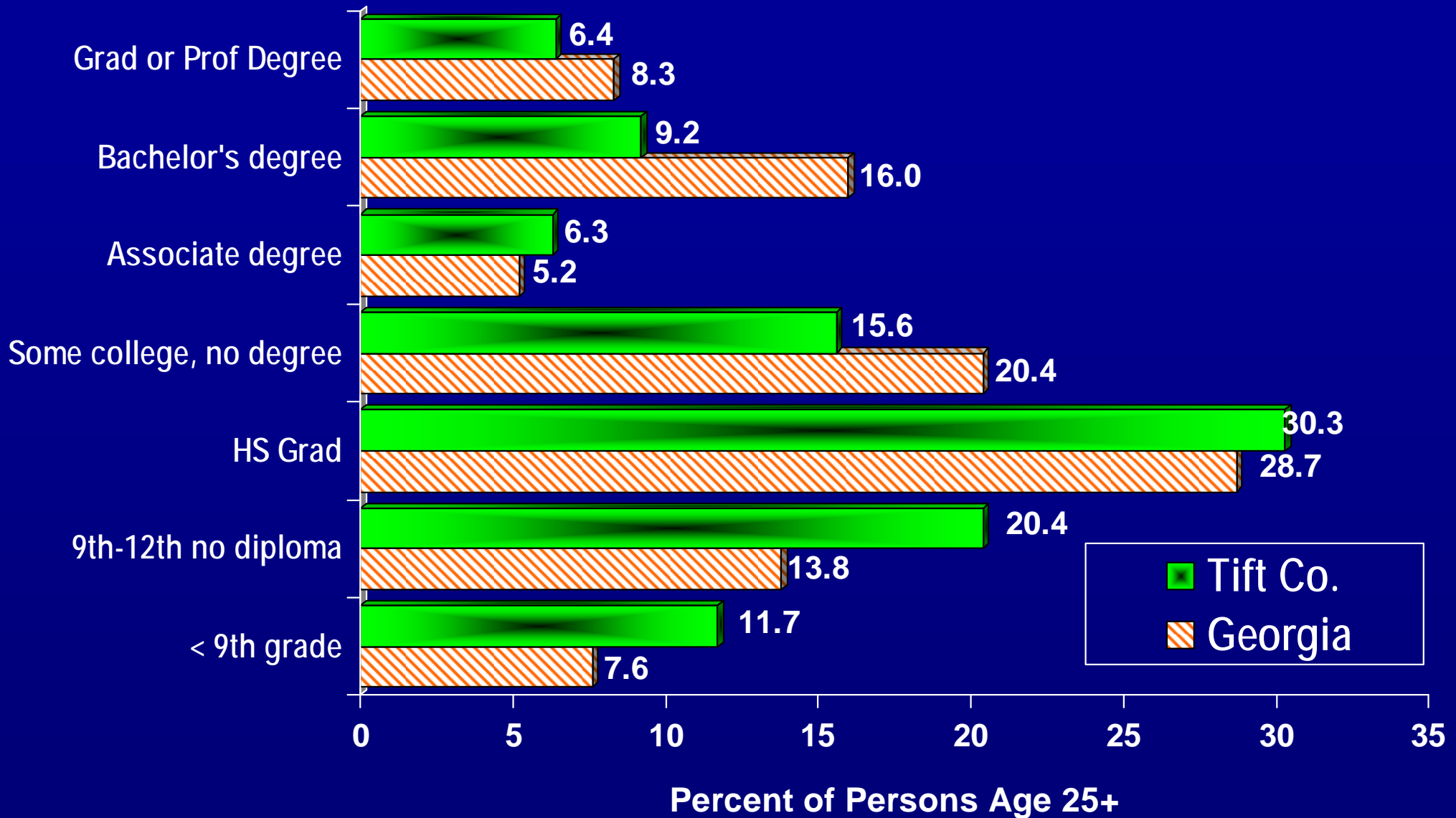
### 2006 Tift Co. Mortality Data

342 total deaths

6 infant deaths



# Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000



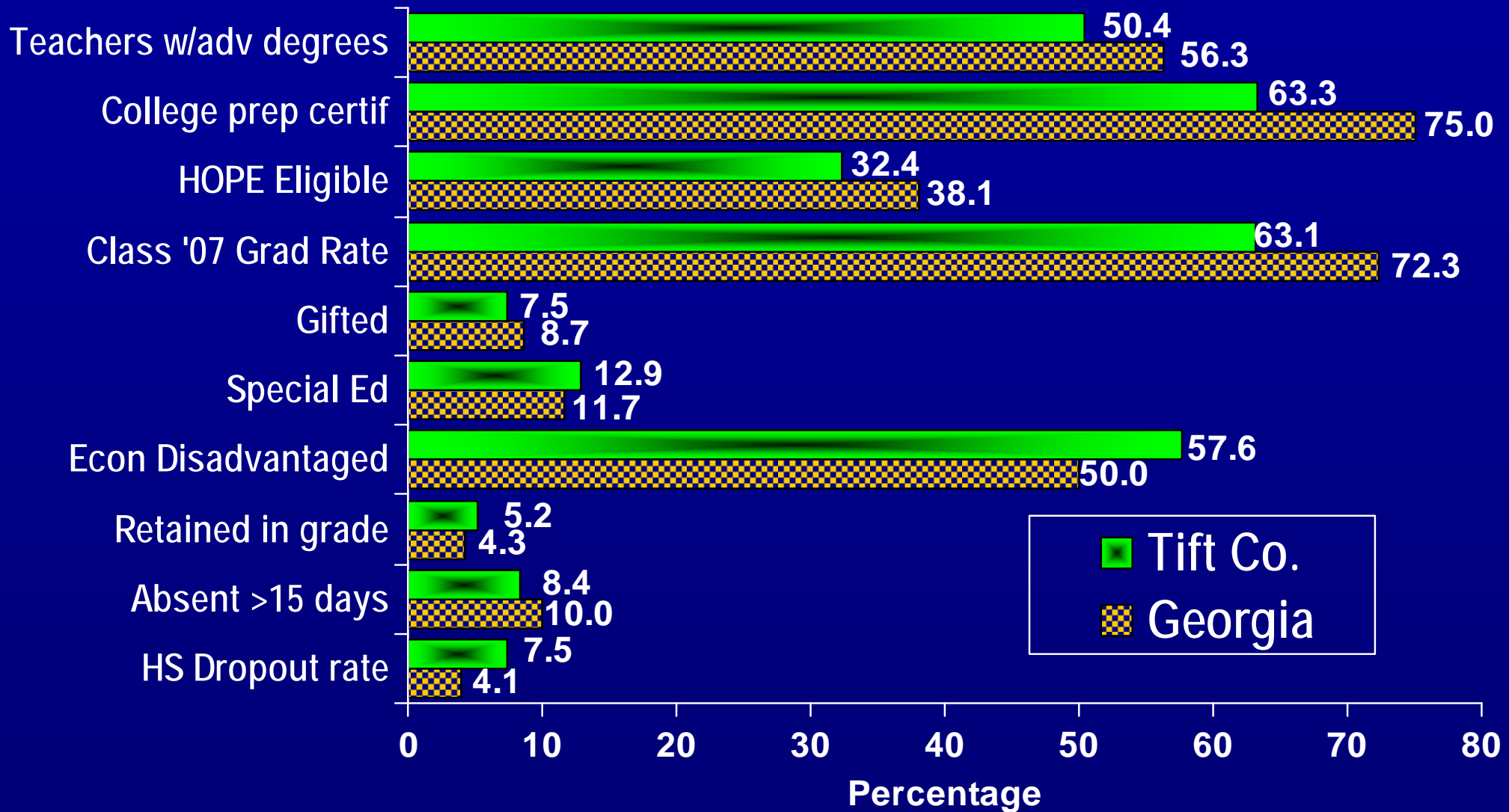
**Tift Co.**

**Not completing HS = 32.1%**

**With a bachelor's + degree = 15.6%**

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Selected Public School Statistics School Year 2006-07

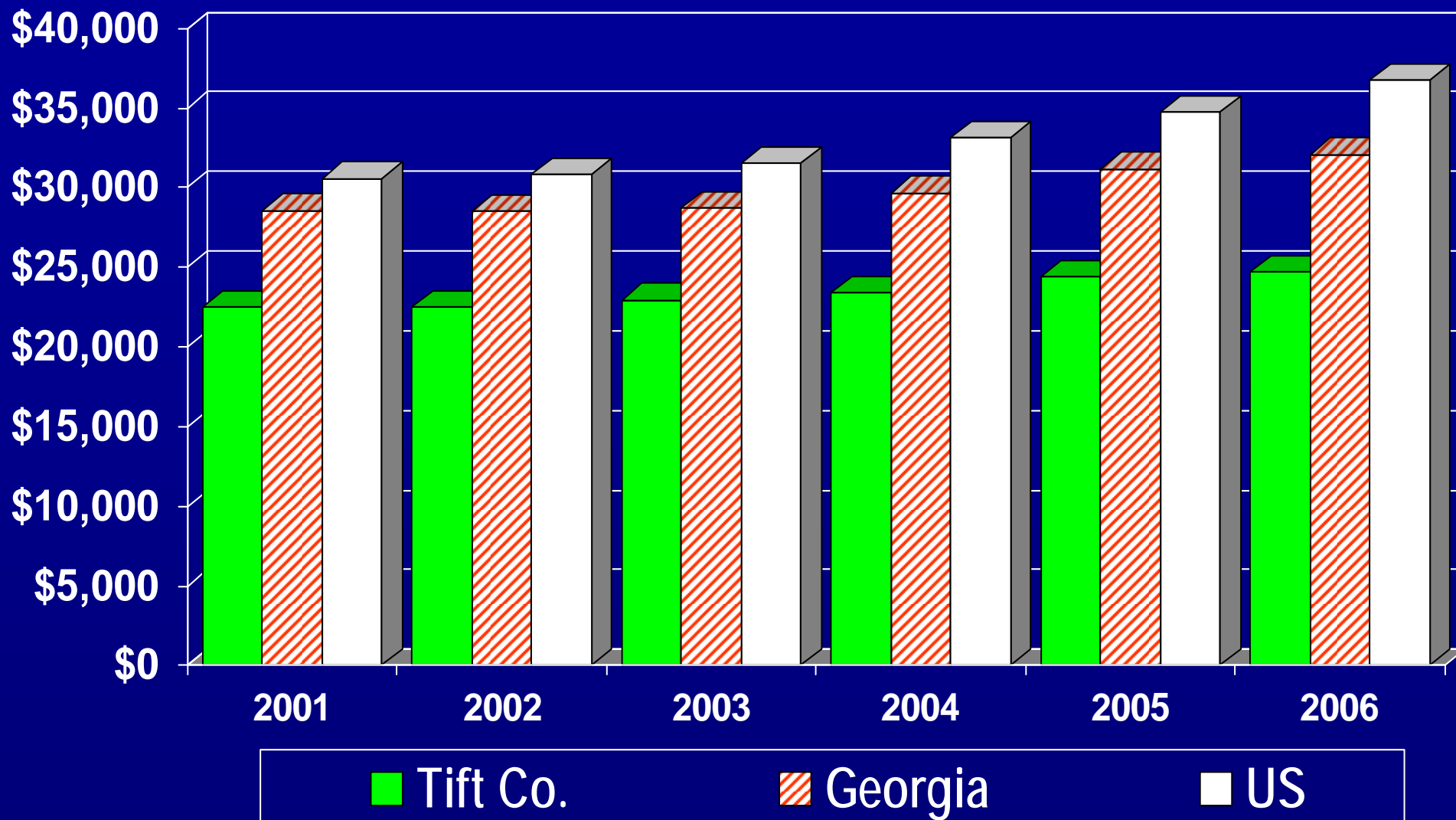


Tift Co.  
 K12 enrollment = 7,397  
 HS dropouts = 176

Primary data source:  
 Governor's Office of Student Achievement

General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$7,033

# Per Capita Income: 2001-2006

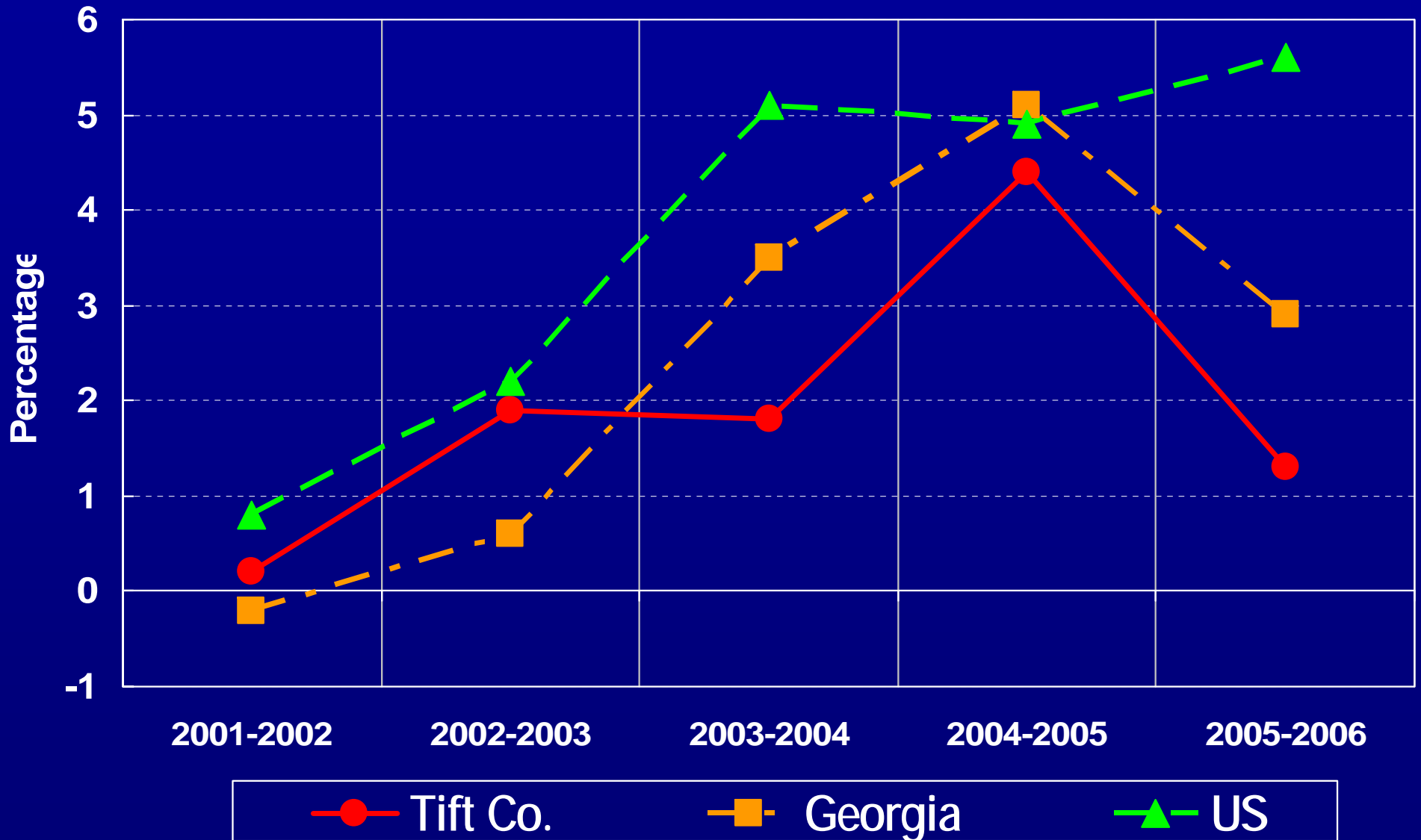


**2006 PCI**  
**Tift Co. = \$24,733**

**Georgia = \$32,095**  
**US = \$36,714**

# Per Capita Income: 2001-2006

## Percentage Change

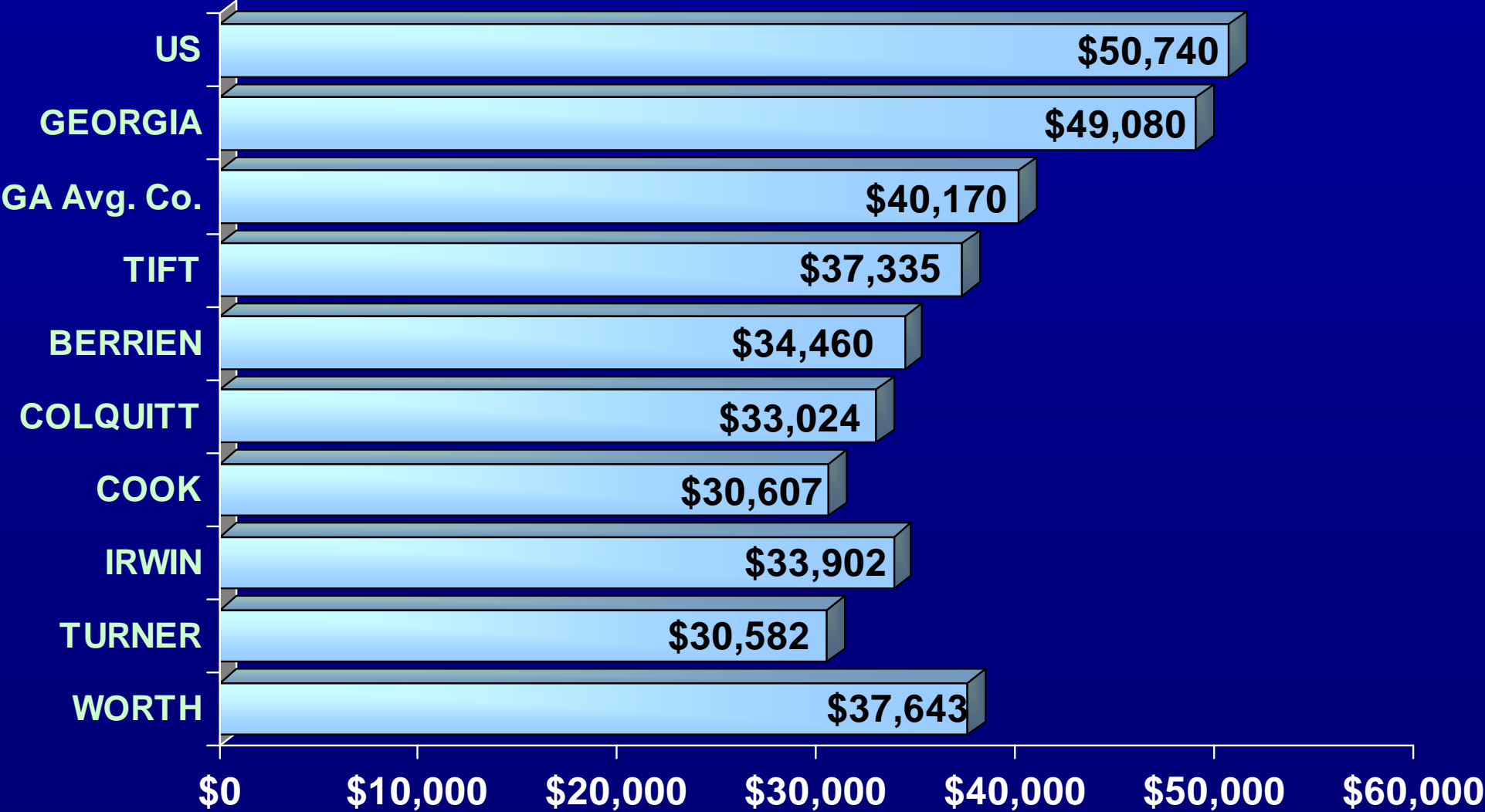


# Per Capita Income: 2006

County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 2001-2006
TIFT	\$24,733	83	77.1	10.0
BERRIEN	\$24,961	73	77.8	15.2
COLQUITT	\$22,331	114	69.6	11.6
COOK	\$20,133	150	62.7	8.3
IRWIN	\$20,404	148	63.6	2.9
TURNER	\$22,212	119	69.2	16.6
WORTH	\$25,155	69	78.4	19.8
GA Avg. Co.	\$25,483	--	79.4	14.5

# Median Household Income

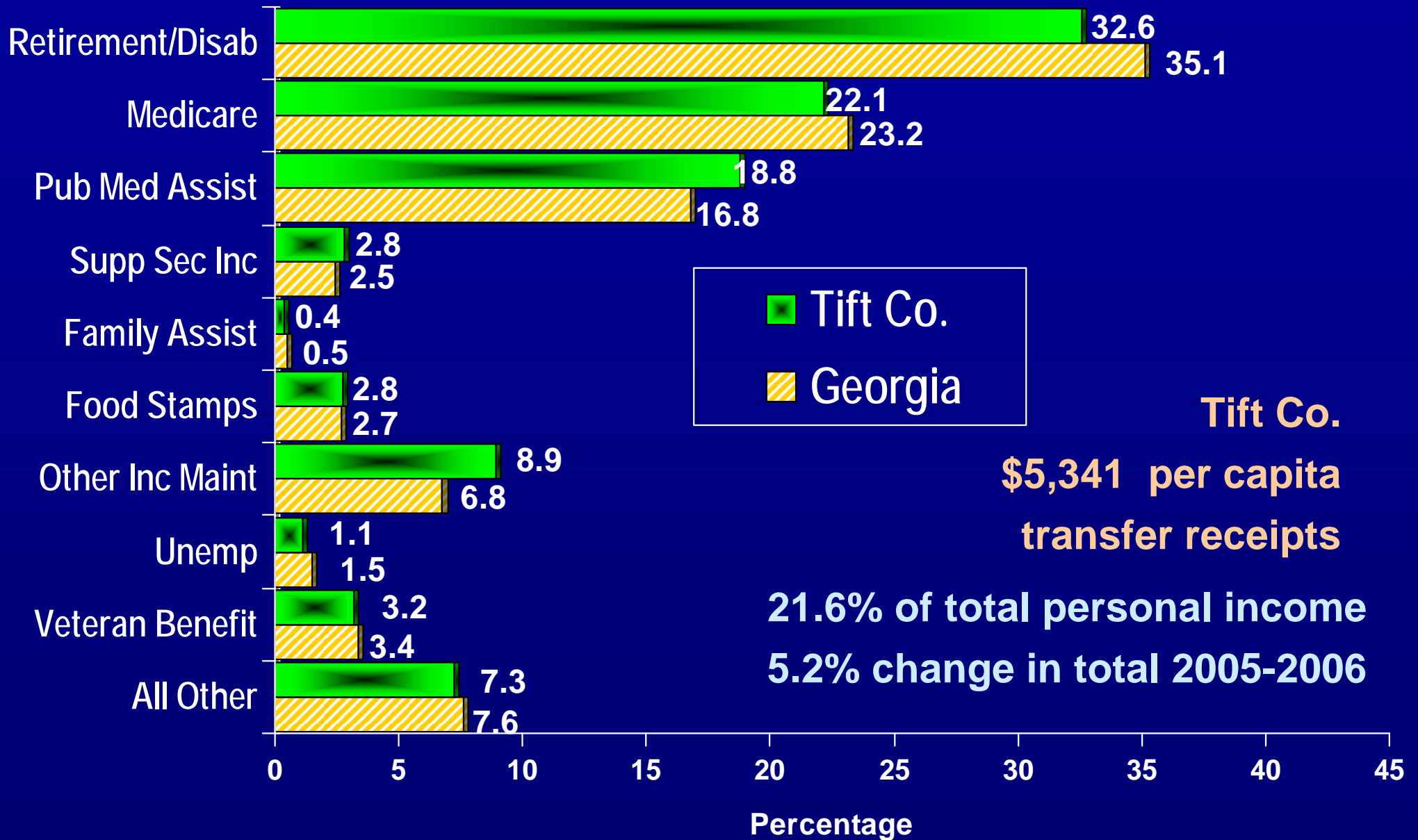
## 2007 Model-Based Estimates



Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/08)

# Transfer Receipts: 2006

## Tift Co. Total = \$221,100,000



Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/08)

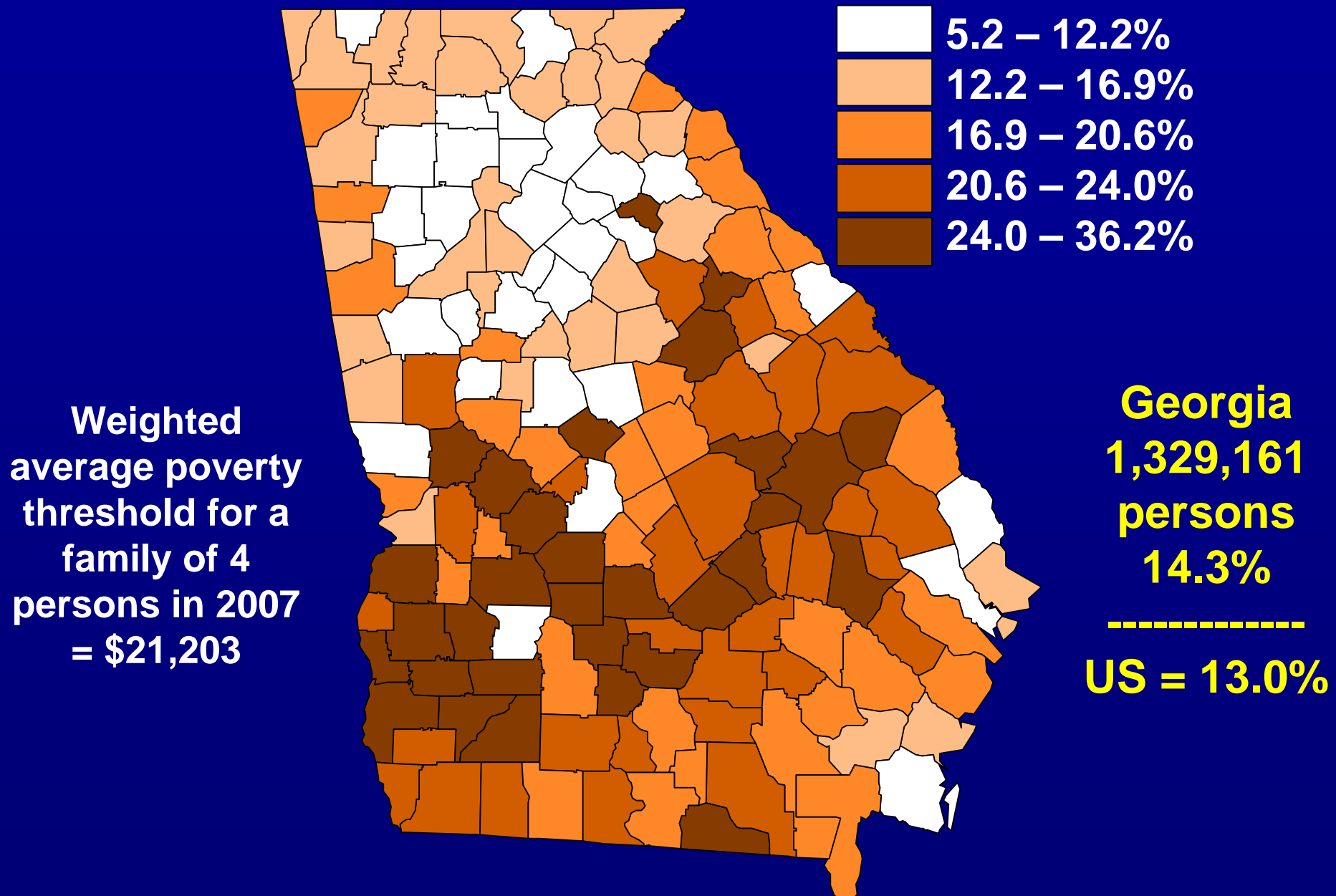
# Persons Living Below Poverty Level

## 2007 Model-Based Estimates

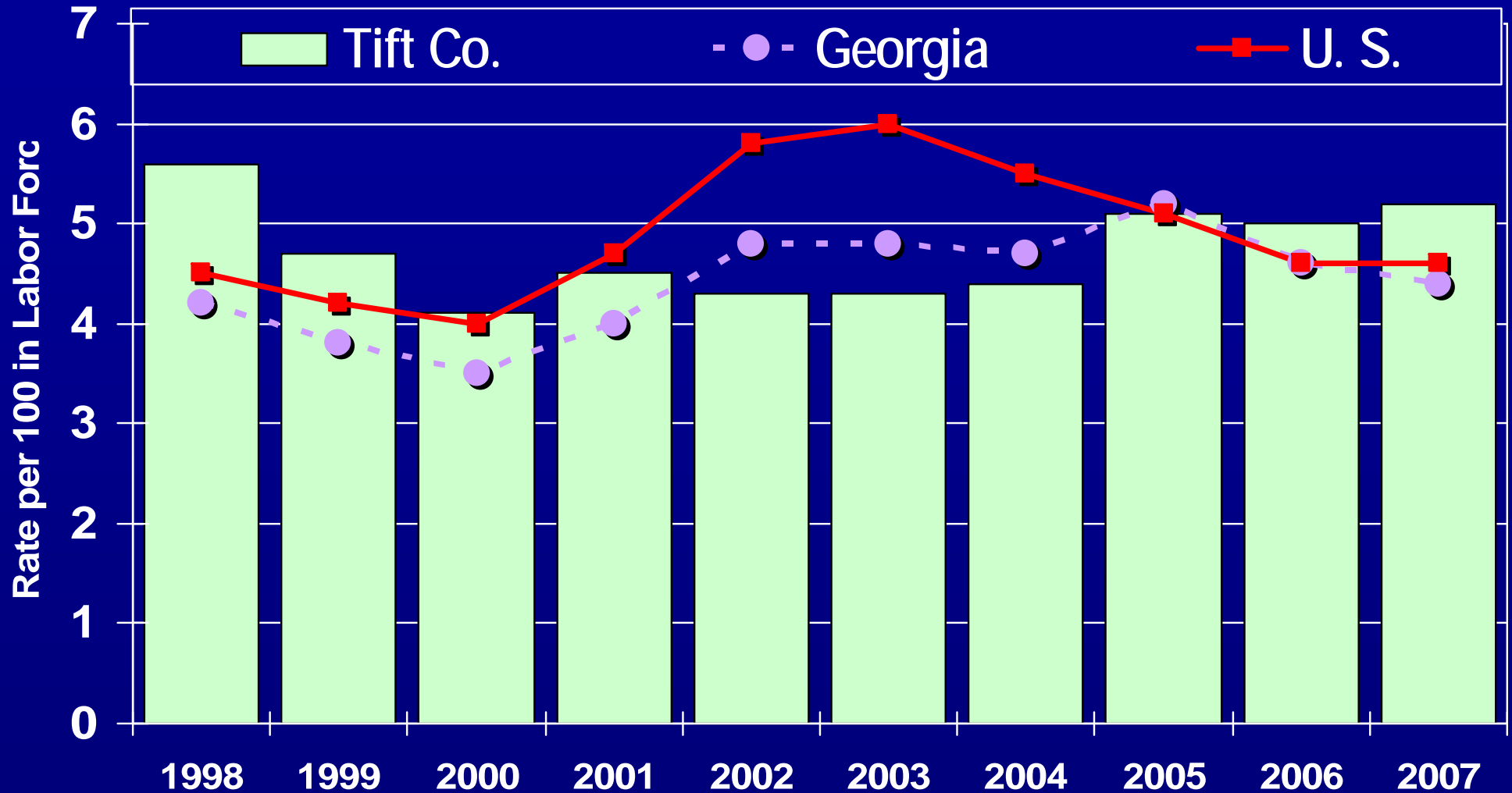
County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
TIFT	11,612	28.9	152
BERRIEN	3,112	18.9	84
COLQUITT	9,721	22.2	113
COOK	3,715	22.9	118
IRWIN	3,387	36.2	159
TURNER	2,236	24.6	132
WORTH	3,875	18.3	80
GA Avg. Co.	8,359	18.6	--



# Persons Living Below the Poverty Level 2007 Model-Based Estimates



# Unemployment Rates



**2007 Rates**

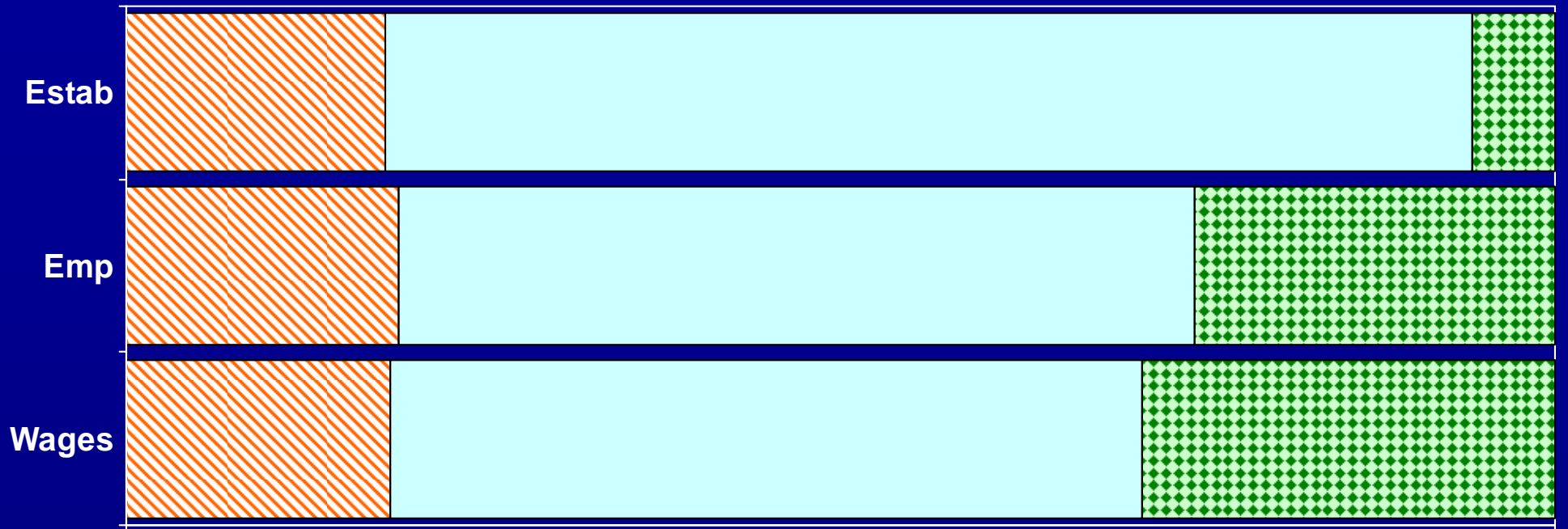
**Tift Co. = 5.2**

**GA = 4.4**

**US = 4.6**

**Avg. GA County = 4.9**

# Business Establishments, Employment and Wages Tift Co. 2007 Annual Averages, % of Total



Goods Producing
  Service Producing
  Government

**Agriculture, Mining,  
Construction,  
Manufacturing**

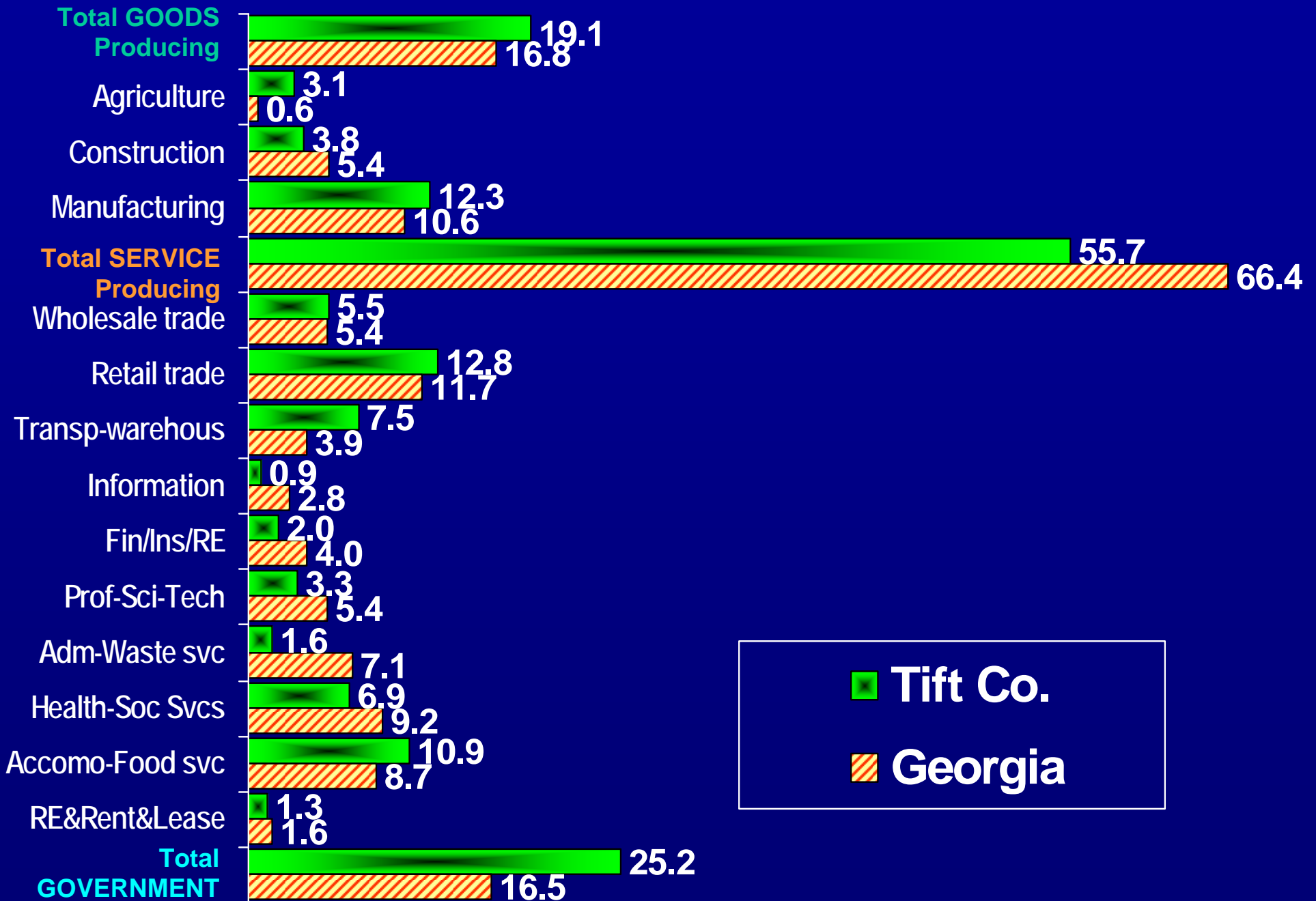
Retail-Wholesale Trade, Transportation-Warehousing,  
Information, Finance-Insurance-Real Estate,  
Professional-SciTech Serv., Admin-Waste Serv., Health-  
Social Serv., Accommodation-Food Serv., & others

**Federal,  
State,  
Local**

## 2007 Averages

**# Establishments = 1,224   Monthly Employment = 19,576   Weekly Wage = \$582**

# Selected Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2007

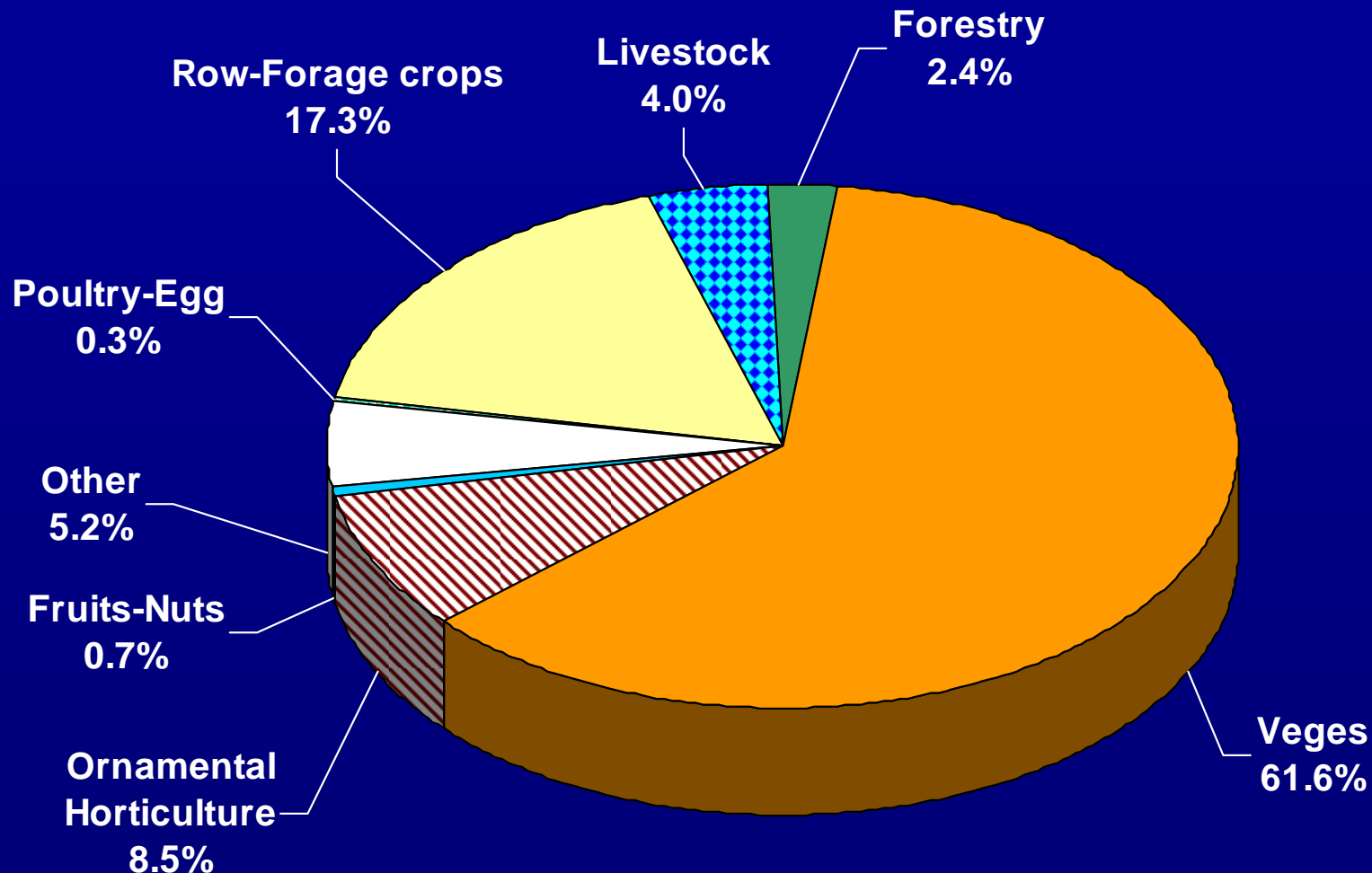


Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor

# Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2007

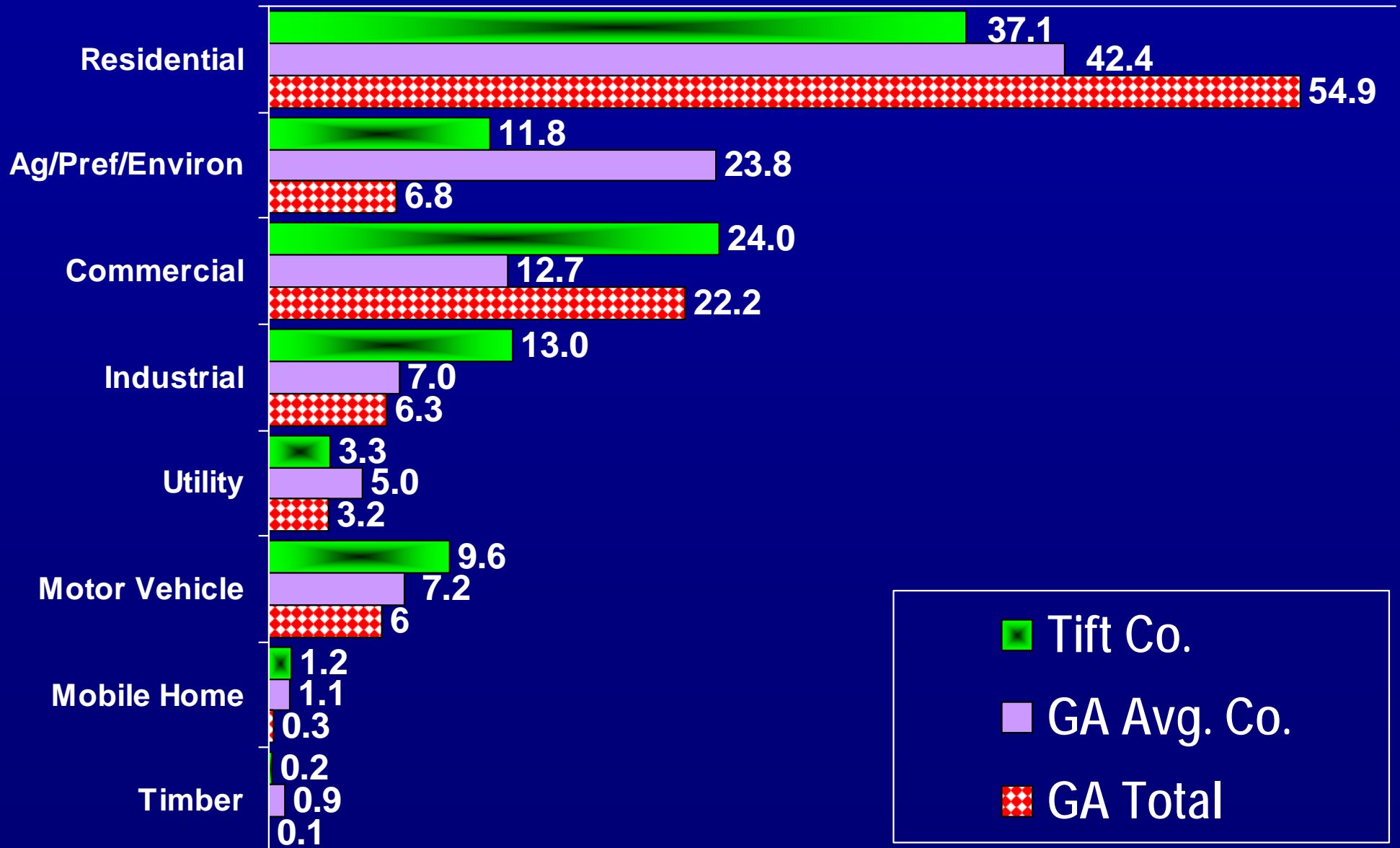
## Tift Co. Total Value = \$164,122,497

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# Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2007

## Tift Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = \$1,152,851,392



Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue

# County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2007

County	% Residential	% Agricultural	% Commercial	% Industrial	% Utility	% Motor Veh	% Mobile Home	% Timber
TIFT	37.1	11.8	24.0	13.0	3.3	9.6	1.2	0.2
BERRIEN	28.7	38.8	15.0	1.8	3.5	9.4	1.7	1.1
COLQUITT	42.2	15.6	20.2	4.2	3.9	10.8	2.4	0.7
COOK	32.1	27.4	20.1	6.2	3.6	8.2	1.7	0.6
IRWIN	24.3	49.3	6.1	3.1	5.8	7.8	1.5	2.0
TURNER	20.7	41.2	19.8	3.1	5.3	8.1	1.0	0.8
WORTH	33.2	37.6	9.5	2.7	3.6	9.7	2.7	1.0
GEORGIA	54.9	6.8	22.2	6.3	3.2	6.0	0.4	0.2
Avg. GA Co.	42.4	23.8	12.7	7.0	5.0	7.2	1.1	0.9

# Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

County	'07 County-wide Millage*	'07 School Millage*	'07 Taxes Levied* (\$000)	Sales Tax Rate as of 1/09	LOST Type* as of 1/09
TIFT	27.207	14.464	\$28,140	7	LSE
BERRIEN	32.250	14.000	\$10,425	7	LSE
COLQUITT	26.403	8.463	\$23,415	7	LSE
COOK	23.965	14.150	\$9,124	7	LSE
IRWIN	29.390	15.690	\$6,048	7	LSE
TURNER	33.449	14.000	\$6,559	7	LSE
WORTH	27.580	15.000	\$12,219	7	LSE

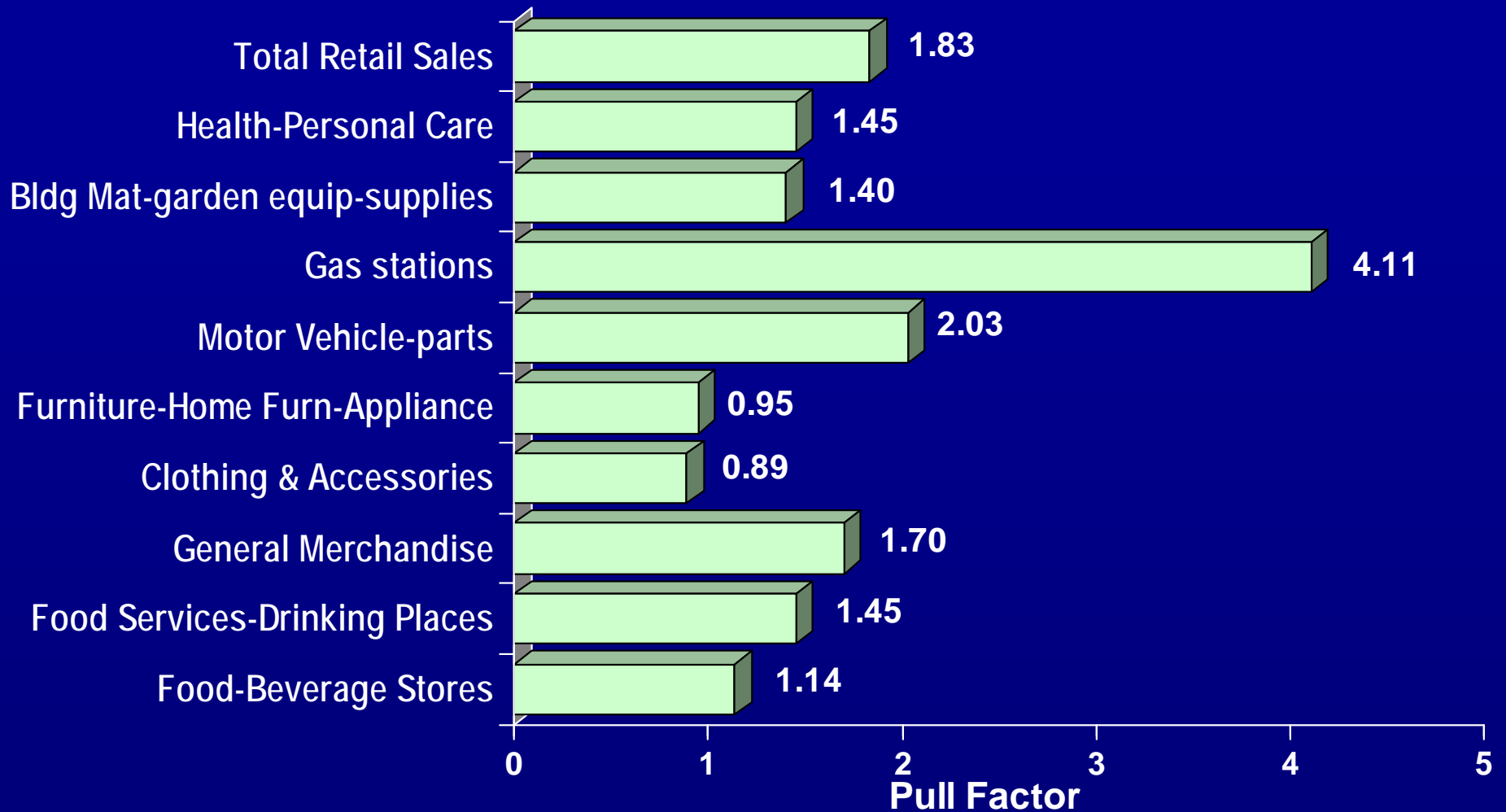
\*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. School includes bonds, if any.  
Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected.

L=Local Option Sales Tax, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational



# Retail Sales Analysis: 2007

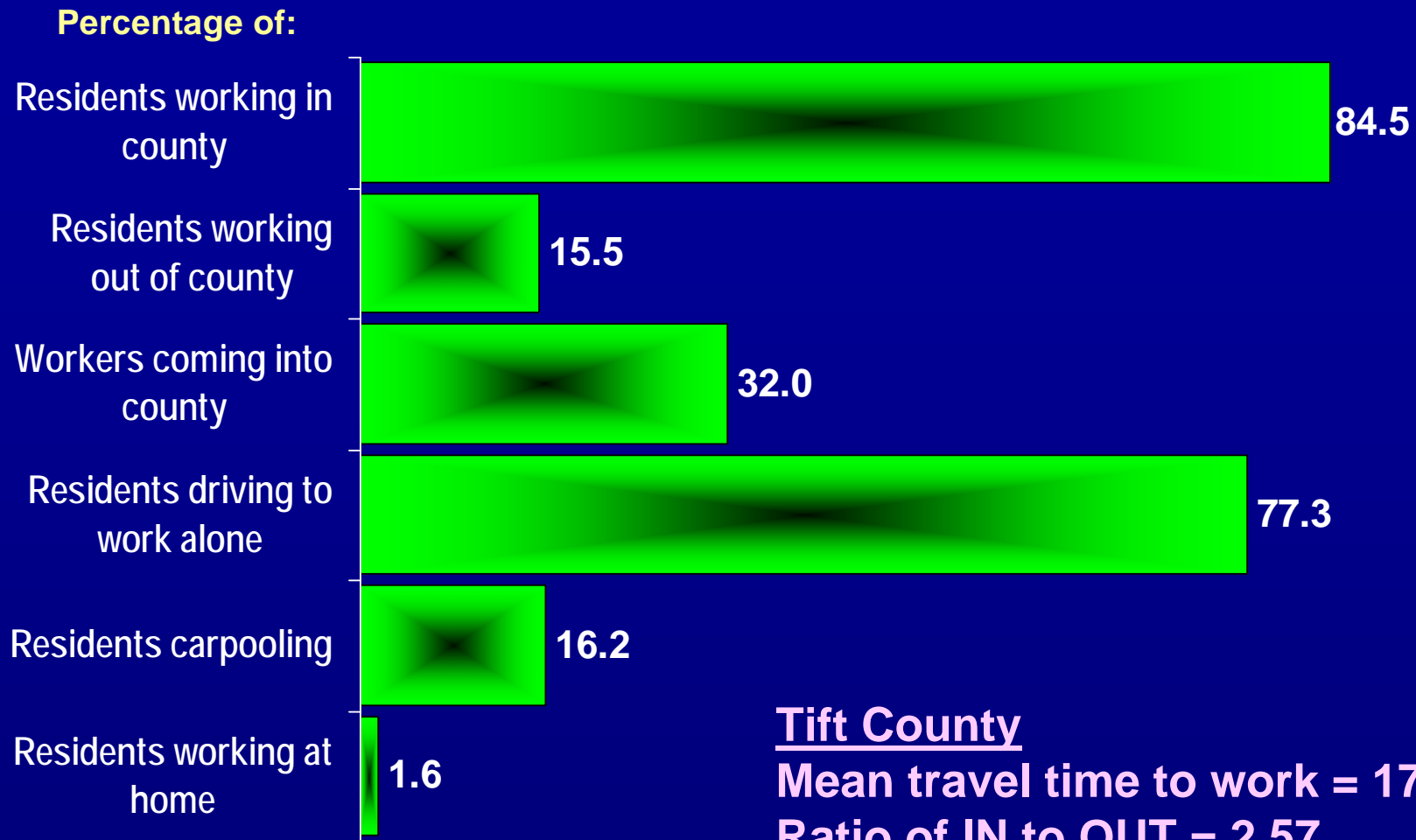
## Tift Co. Total Retail Sales = \$934,133,000



**A “pull factor” of 1.0 means that the county’s sales are what would be expected based upon the number of residents and their relative wealth.**

Primary data sources: “Demographics USA, County Edition, 2007;” pull factor calculations by Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development.

# Commuting to Work: 2000



**Resident workers 16+ = 16,912**  
**Residents working in county = 14,291**  
**Residents working out of county = 2,621**  
**Total working in county = 21,019**  
**Workers commuting into county = 6,728**

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