

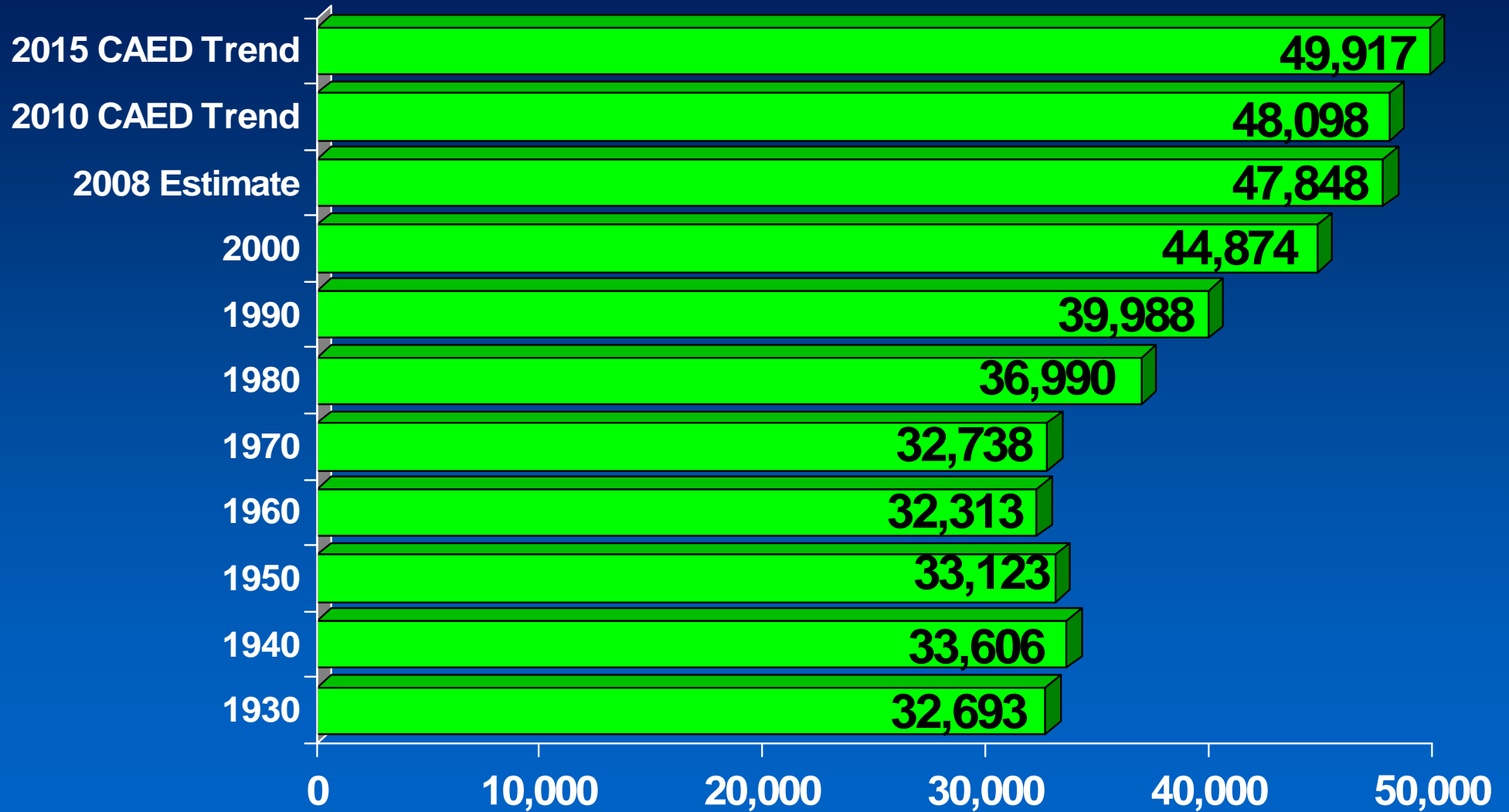
Laurens County Community Profile



**34th in order of
county creation
December 10, 1807**

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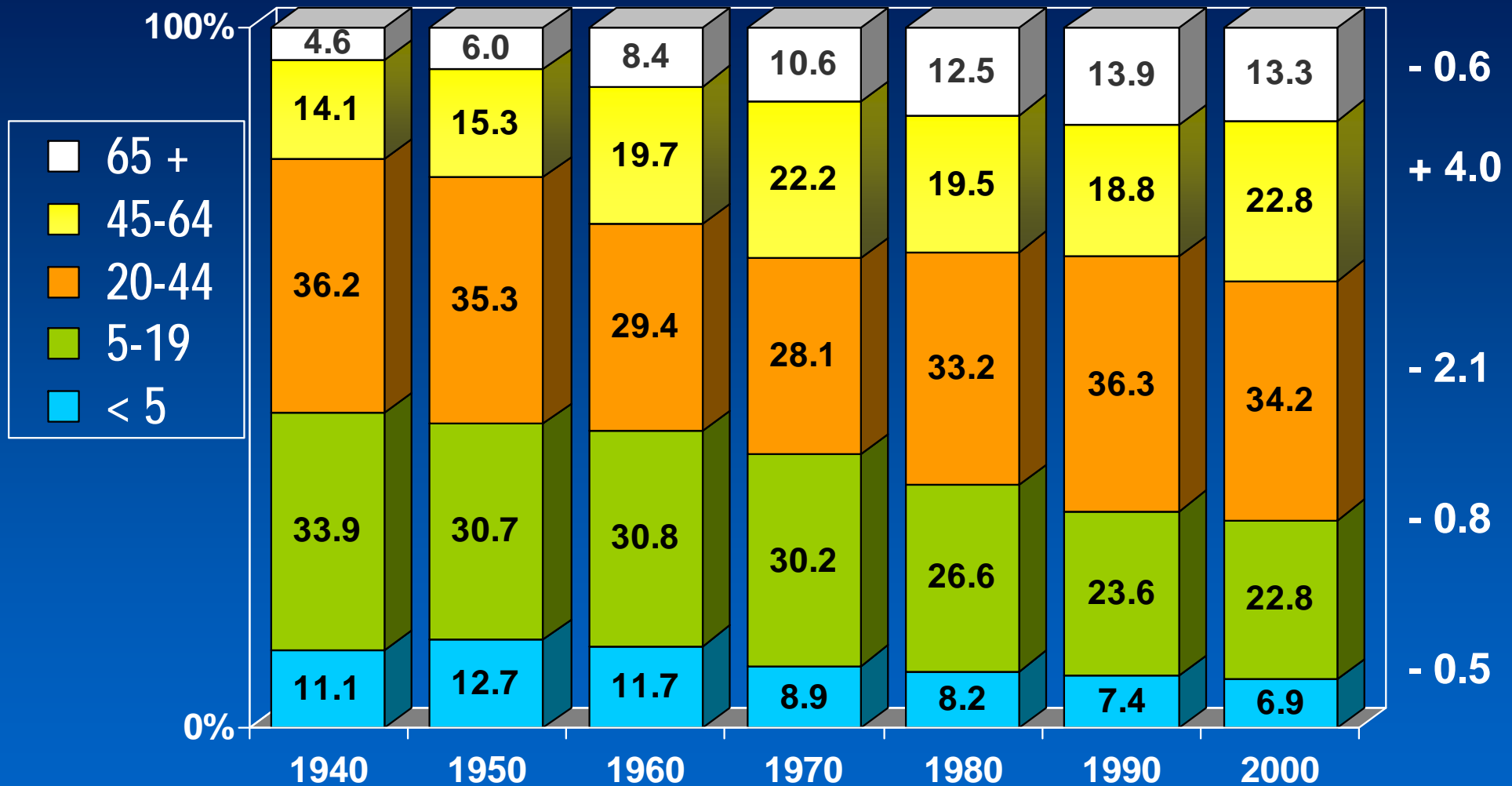
Total Population Laurens County



Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; CAED TREND revised 3/09 (Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development).

Population Composition by Age Laurens County

Change in
proportion
1990-2000



2008 Estimated Median Age

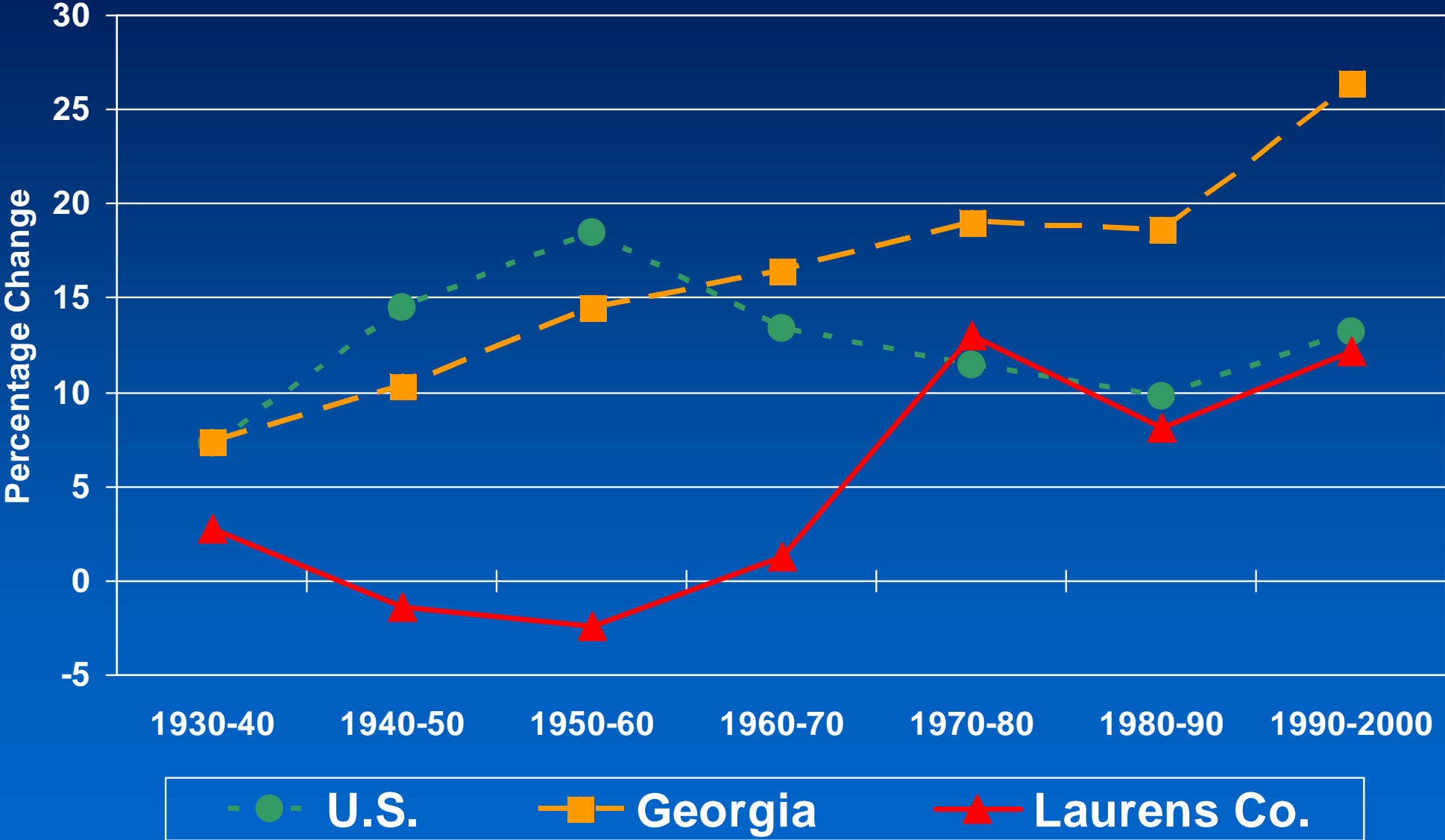
Laurens Co. = 36.6 yrs.

GA = 34.9 yrs.

2008 County Population Comparisons

| County | Total | Total Rank | Density per sq.mi. land area | % Chg. 2000-08 | Rank of % Chg. |
|----------|--------|------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Laurens | 47,848 | 41 | 58.9 | 6.6 | 86 |
| Bleckley | 12,683 | 113 | 58.3 | 8.7 | 73 |
| Dodge | 20,116 | 90 | 40.2 | 4.9 | 100 |
| Johnson | 9,550 | 131 | 31.4 | 11.6 | 57 |
| Treutlen | 7,076 | 143 | 35.3 | 3.2 | 107 |
| Twiggs | 10,257 | 127 | 28.5 | -3.1 | 142 |
| Wheeler | 6,877 | 146 | 23.1 | 11.3 | 58 |

Population Change: 1930-2000



Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau decennial censuses

Components of Population Change

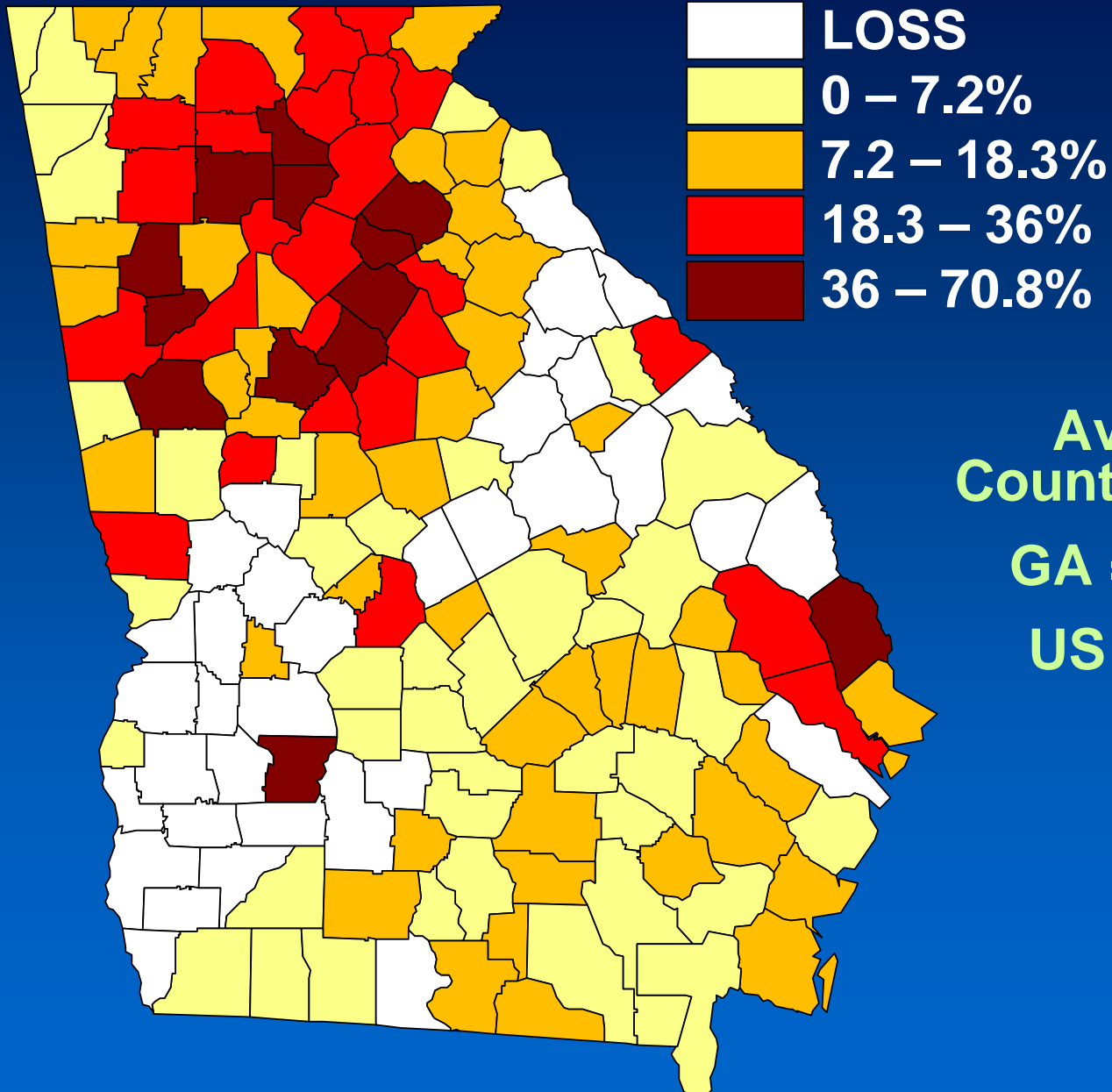
Natural Increase & Net Migration*

| Area | 2000-2008 Numerical Change* | 2000-2008 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths) | 2000-2008 # Net Migration | 2007-08 1-yr Natural Increase Rate | 2007-08 1 yr Net Migration Rate |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Laurens | 2,974 | 1,726 | 1,473 | 4.6 | 4.9 |
| Bleckley | 1,017 | 200 | 908 | 3.1 | 2.3 |
| Dodge | 945 | 366 | 699 | 3.2 | 2.9 |
| Johnson | 990 | 127 | 899 | 2.8 | 1.4 |
| Treutlen | 222 | 149 | 110 | 2.8 | 13.3 |
| Twiggs | -333 | 168 | -454 | 1.4 | -2.0 |
| Wheeler | 698 | 166 | 556 | 5.4 | 10.1 |
| Avg. County | 9,427 | 3,806 | 4,941 | 5.3 | 5.9 |
| GEORGIA | 1,498,932 | 605,129 | 785,691 | 8.3 | 8.7 |

* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

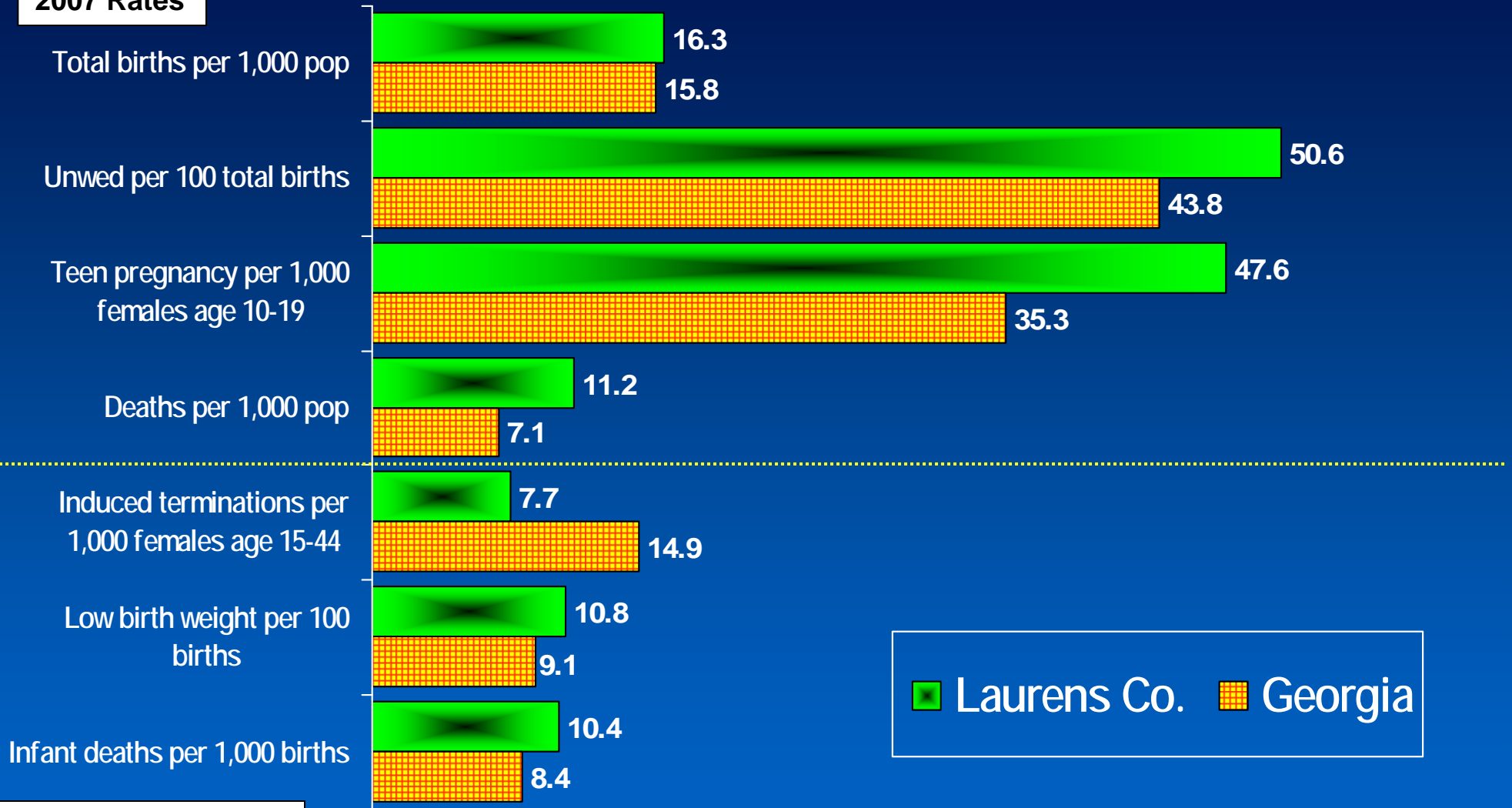
Primary data source:
U. S. Census Bureau (3/09)

Population Change: 2000-2008



Selected Vital Statistics

2007 Rates

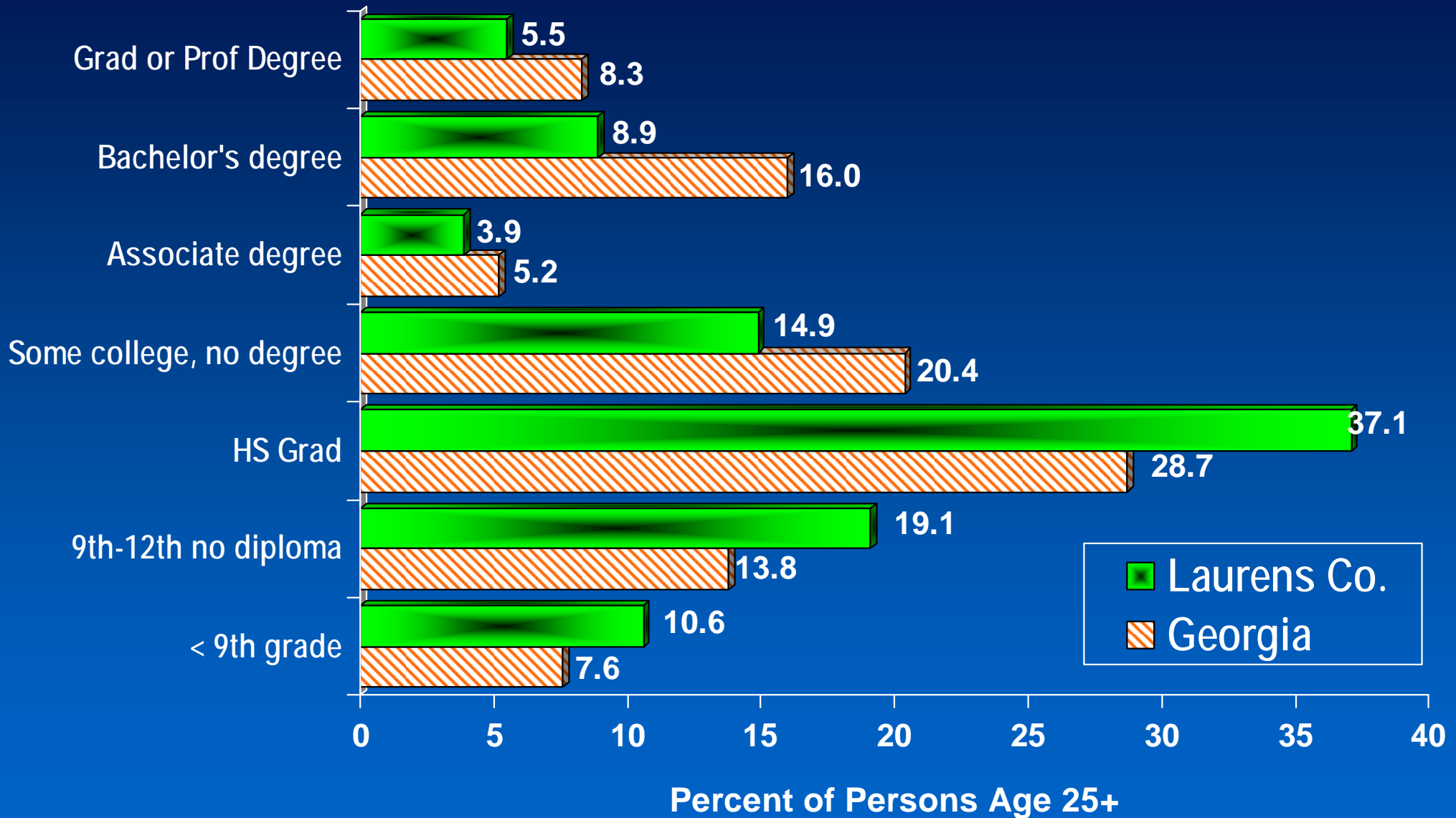


10-yr. rates 1998-2007

2007 Laurens Co. Natality Data
 773 total births, 390 unwed births
 73 induced terminations
 152 teen pregnancies
 80 low birth weight babies

2007 Laurens Co. Mortality Data
 532 total deaths
 9 infant deaths

Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000



Laurens Co.

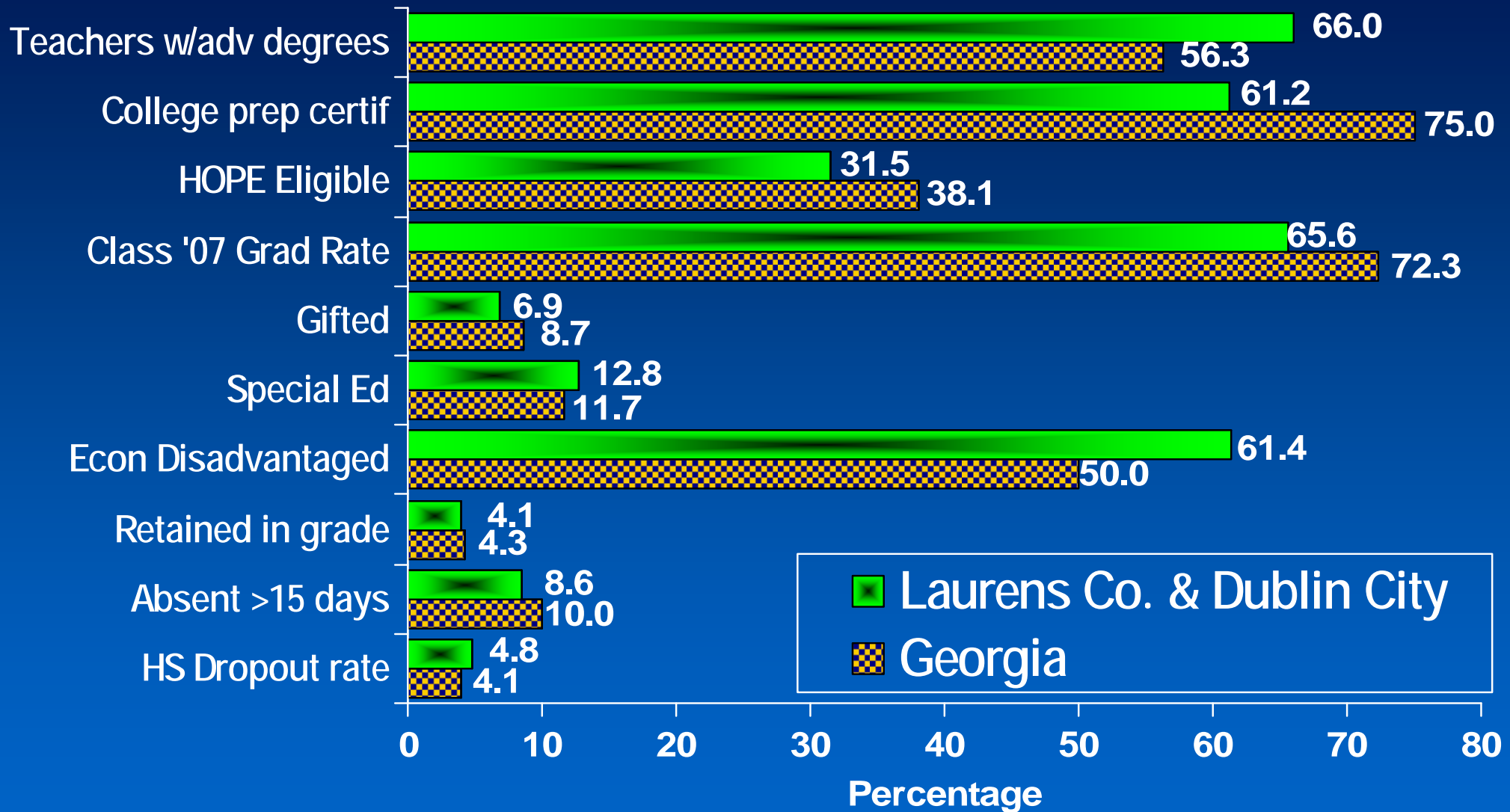
Not completing HS = 29.7%

With a bachelor's + degree = 14.4%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Selected Public School Statistics

School Year 2006-07



Laurens Co. & Dublin City

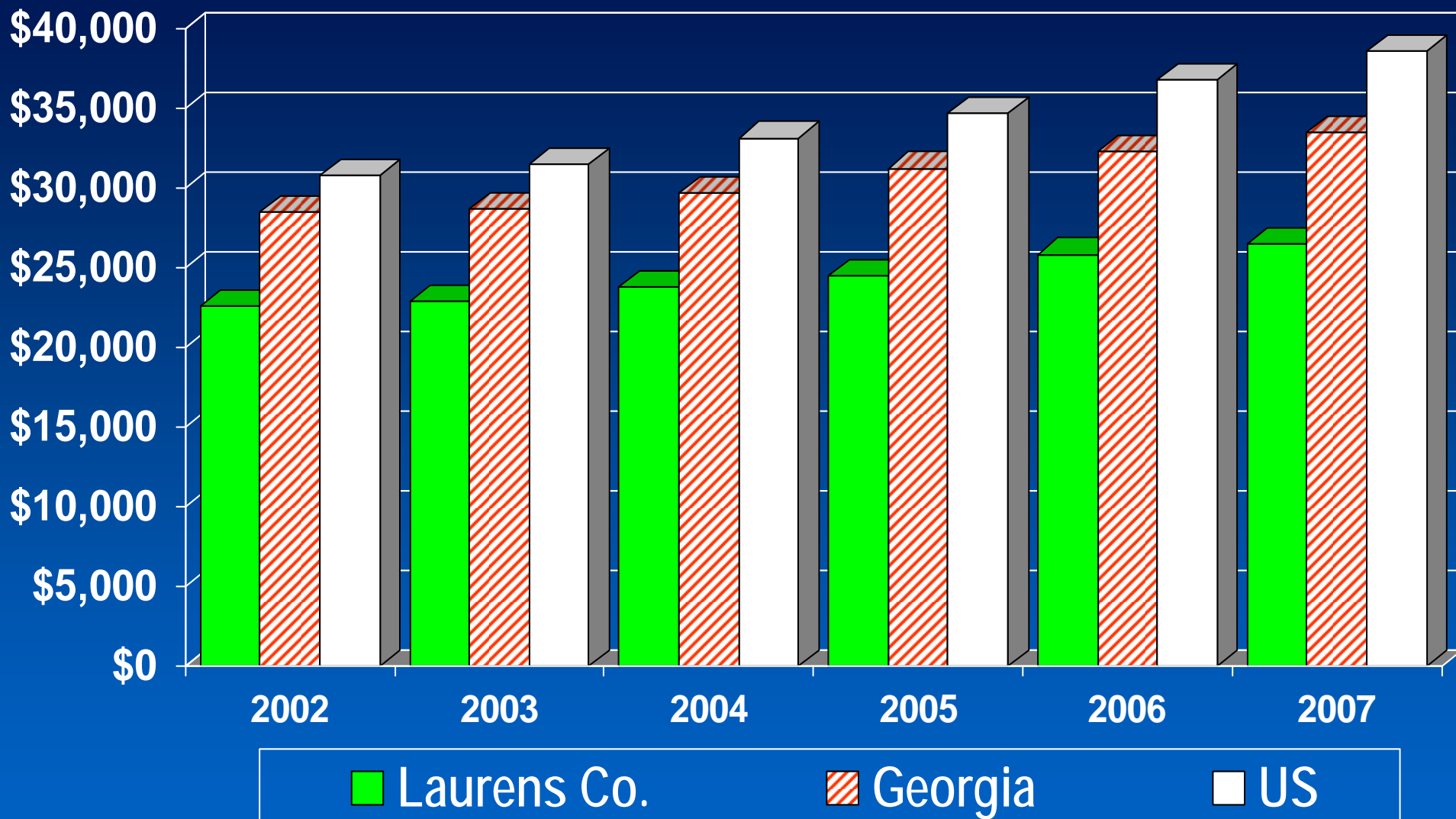
K12 enrollment = 8,823

HS dropouts = 140

General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$7,595

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Per Capita Income: 2002-2007

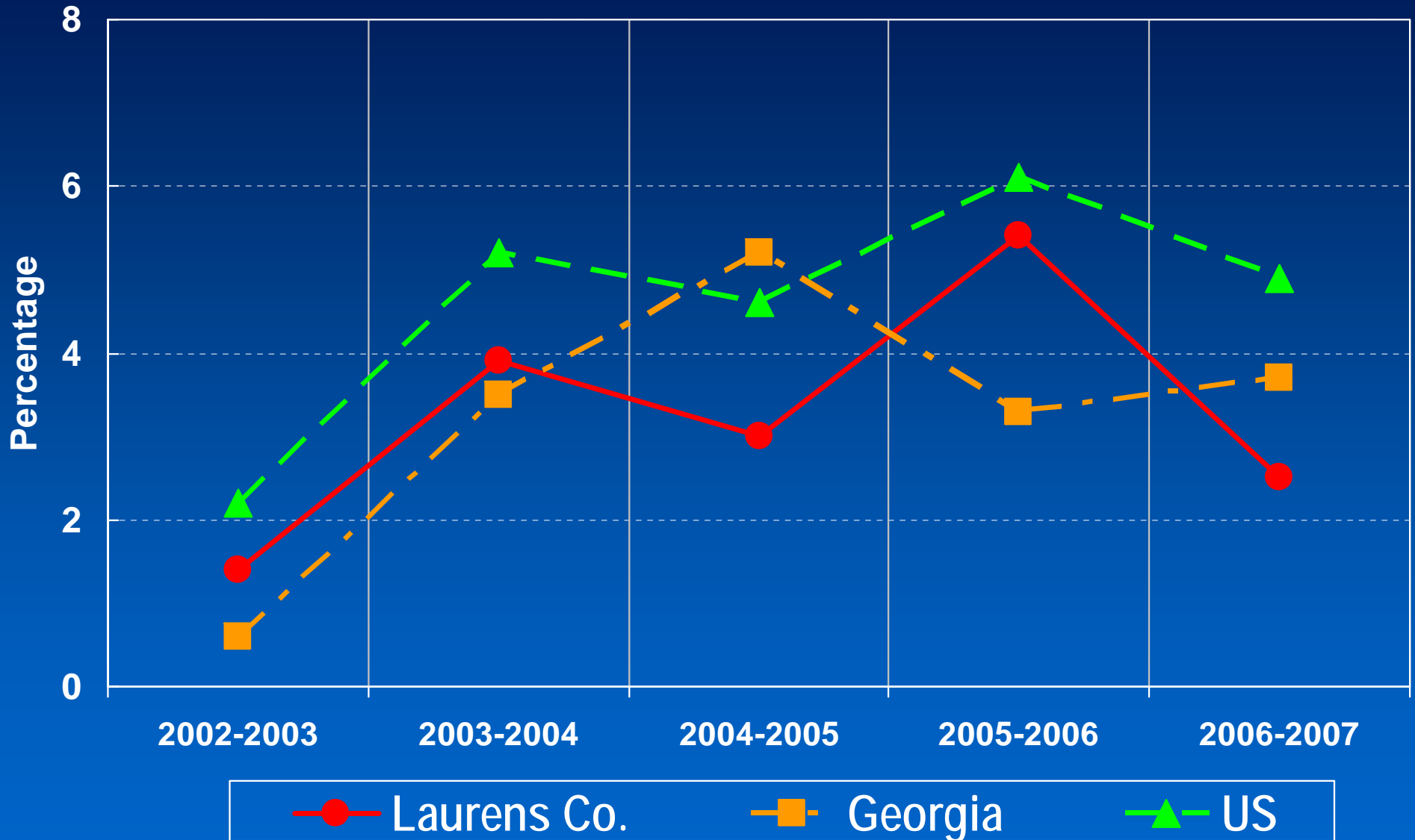


2007 PCI
Laurens Co. = \$26,487

Georgia = \$33,499
US = \$38,615

Per Capita Income: 2002-2007

Percentage Change

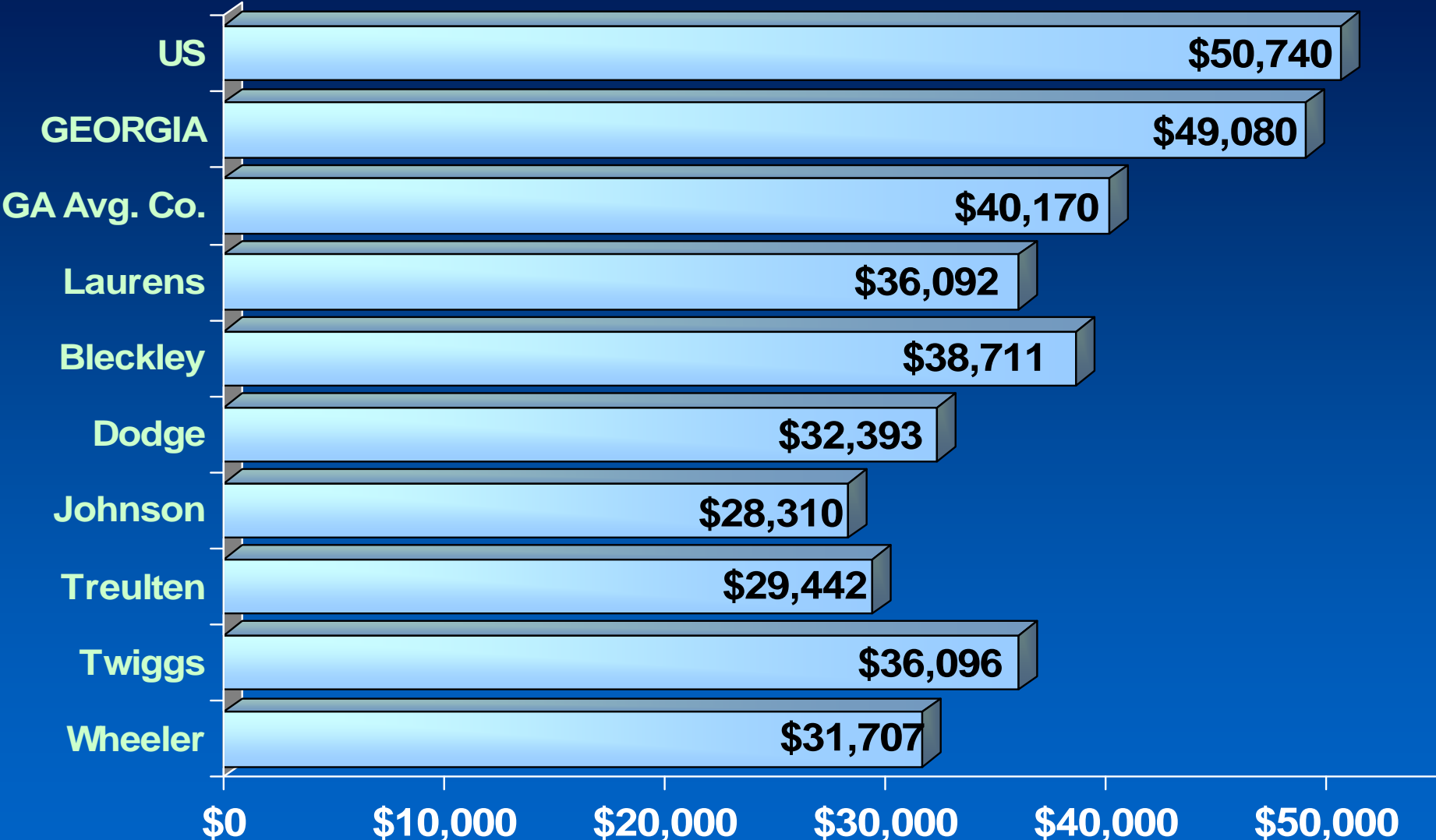


Per Capita Income: 2007

| County | PCI | Rank of PCI | % PCI of GA Total | % Change in PCI 2002-2007 |
|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Laurens | \$26,487 | 60 | 79.1 | 17.2 |
| Bleckley | \$25,472 | 77 | 76.0 | 7.8 |
| Dodge | \$21,718 | 136 | 64.8 | 15.3 |
| Johnson | \$19,430 | 154 | 58.0 | 7.1 |
| Treutlen | \$19,145 | 155 | 57.2 | 18.4 |
| Twiggs | \$23,432 | 109 | 69.9 | 21.3 |
| Wheeler | \$17,718 | 159 | 52.9 | 20.7 |
| GA Avg. Co. | \$26,299 | -- | 78.5 | 17.1 |

Median Household Income

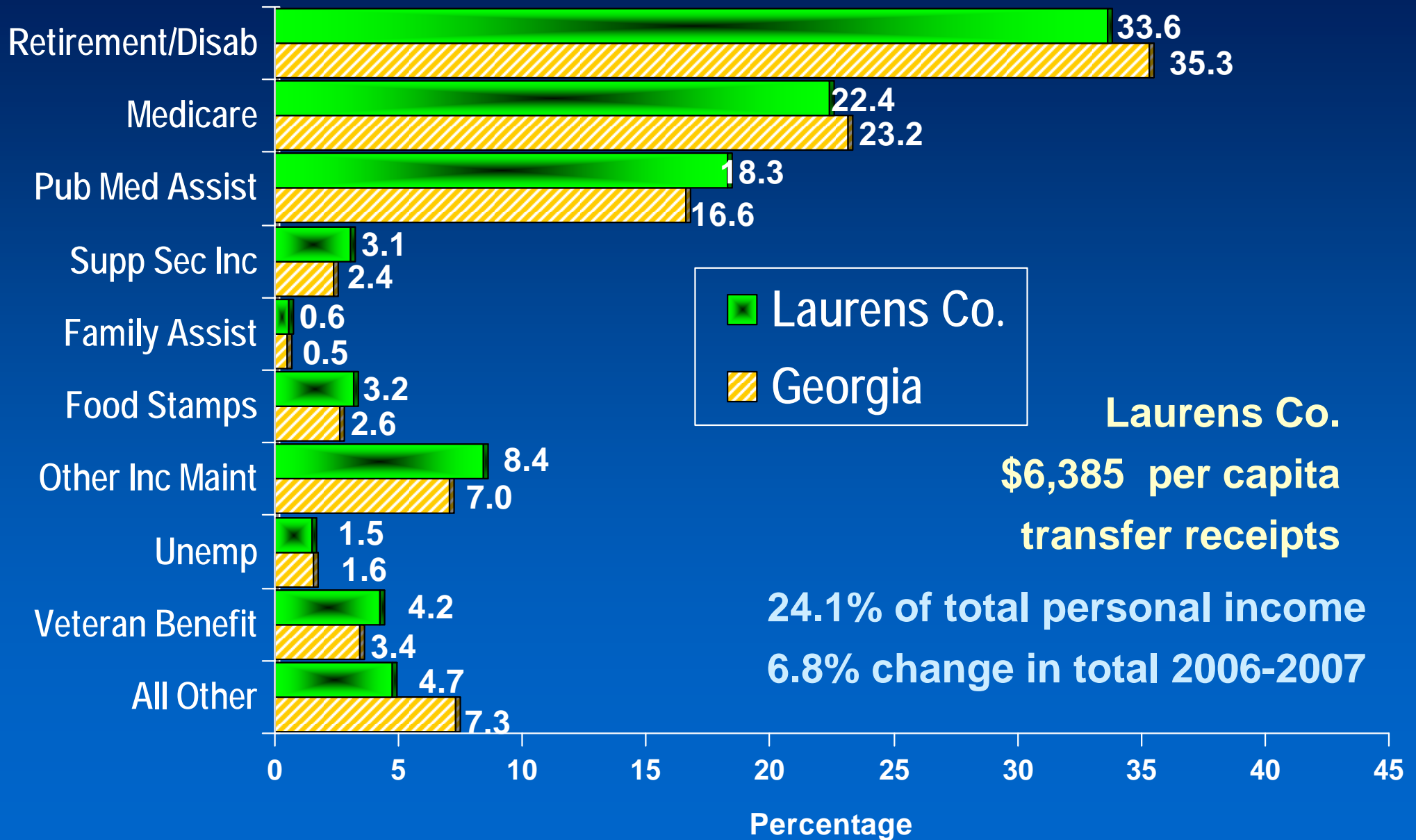
2007 Model-Based Estimates



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

Transfer Receipts: 2007

Laurens Co. Total = \$302,446,000



Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/09)

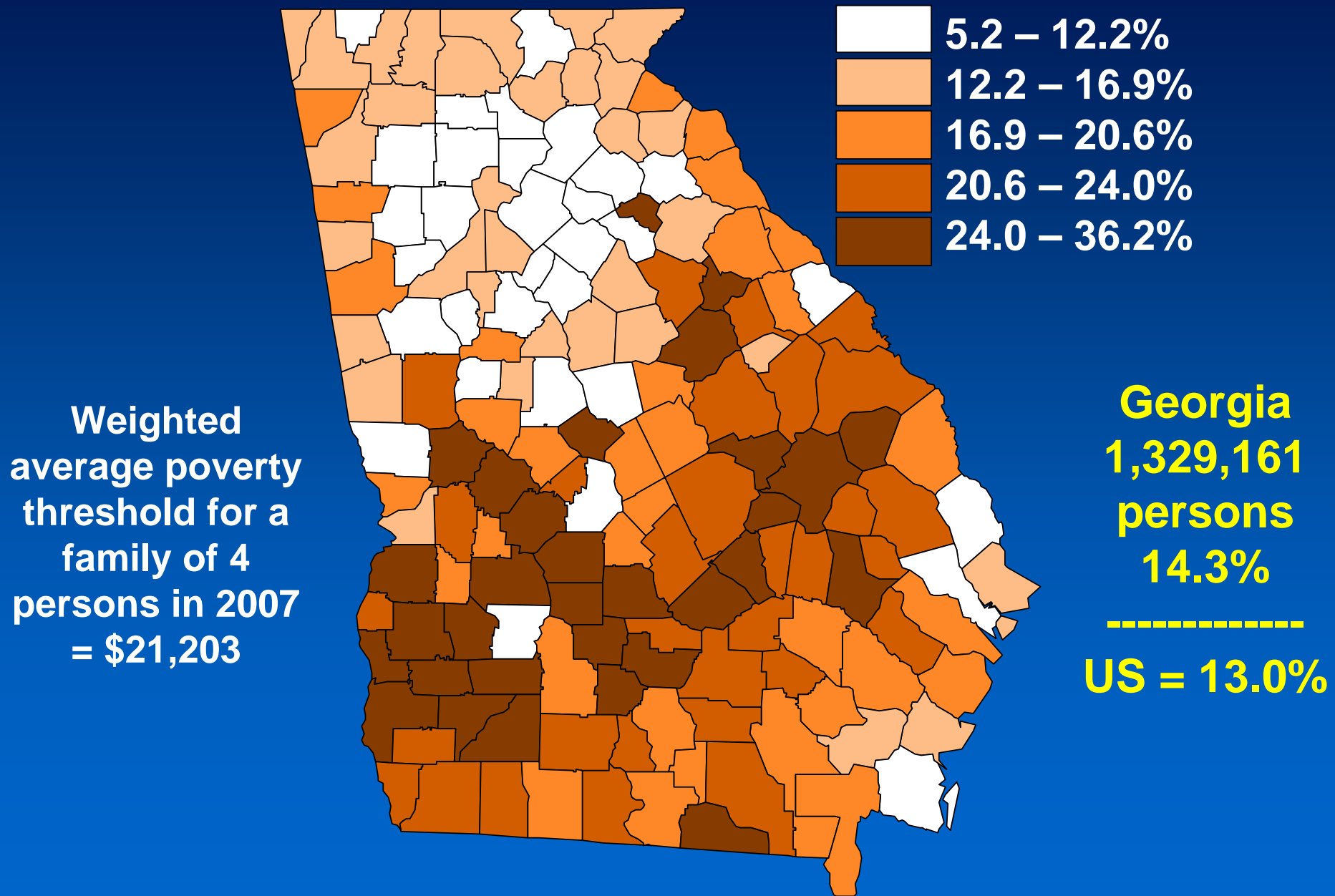
Persons Living Below Poverty Level

2007 Model-Based Estimates

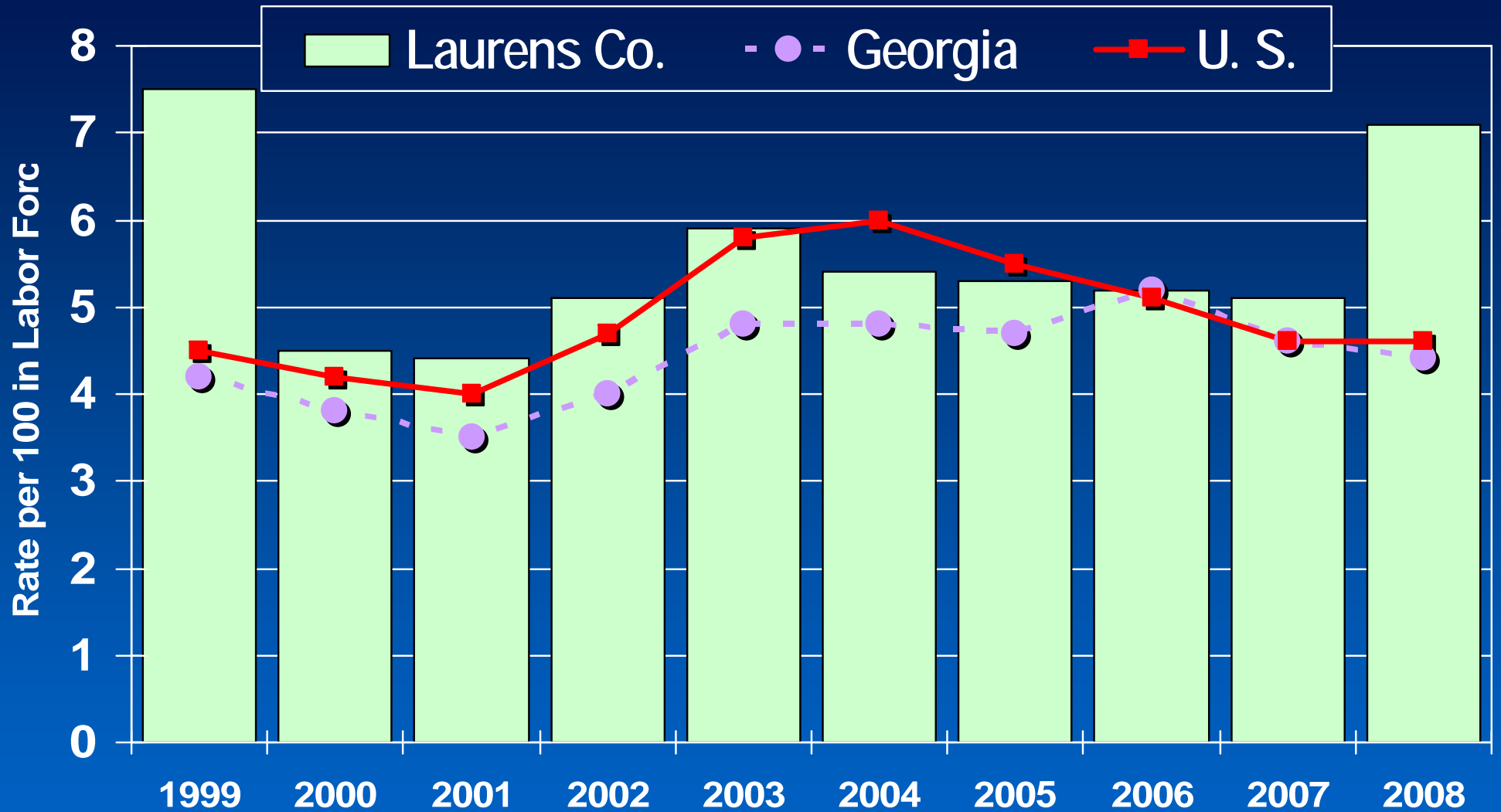
| County | # of Persons | % of all Persons | Rank of % |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|-----------|
| Laurens | 10,565 | 23.0 | 119 |
| Bleckley | 1,996 | 18.0 | 75 |
| Dodge | 3,972 | 21.8 | 110 |
| Johnson | 2,482 | 31.9 | 157 |
| Treutlen | 1,765 | 27.2 | 146 |
| Twiggs | 1,965 | 19.5 | 88 |
| Wheeler | 1,569 | 31.0 | 154 |
| GA Avg. Co. | 8,359 | 18.6 | -- |

Persons Living Below the Poverty Level

2007 Model-Based Estimates



Unemployment Rates



2008 Rates

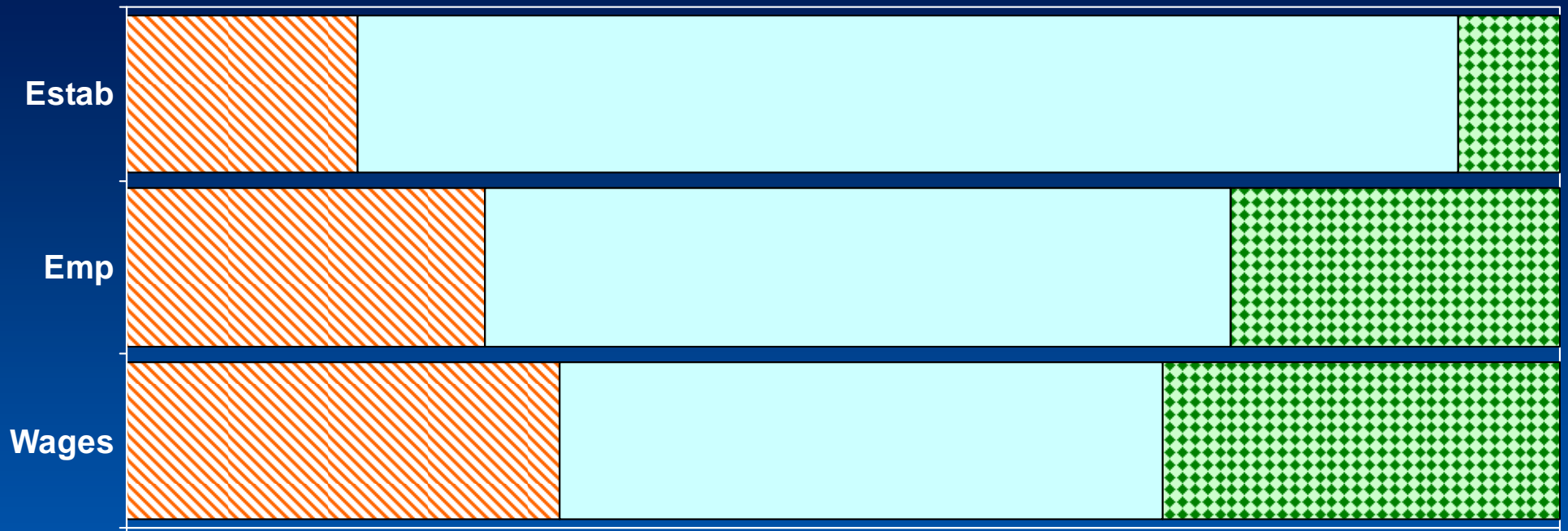
Laurens Co. = 7.1

GA = 6.2

US = 5.8

Avg. GA County = 6.9

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



 Goods Producing

 Service Producing

 Government

**Agriculture, Mining,
Construction,
Manufacturing**

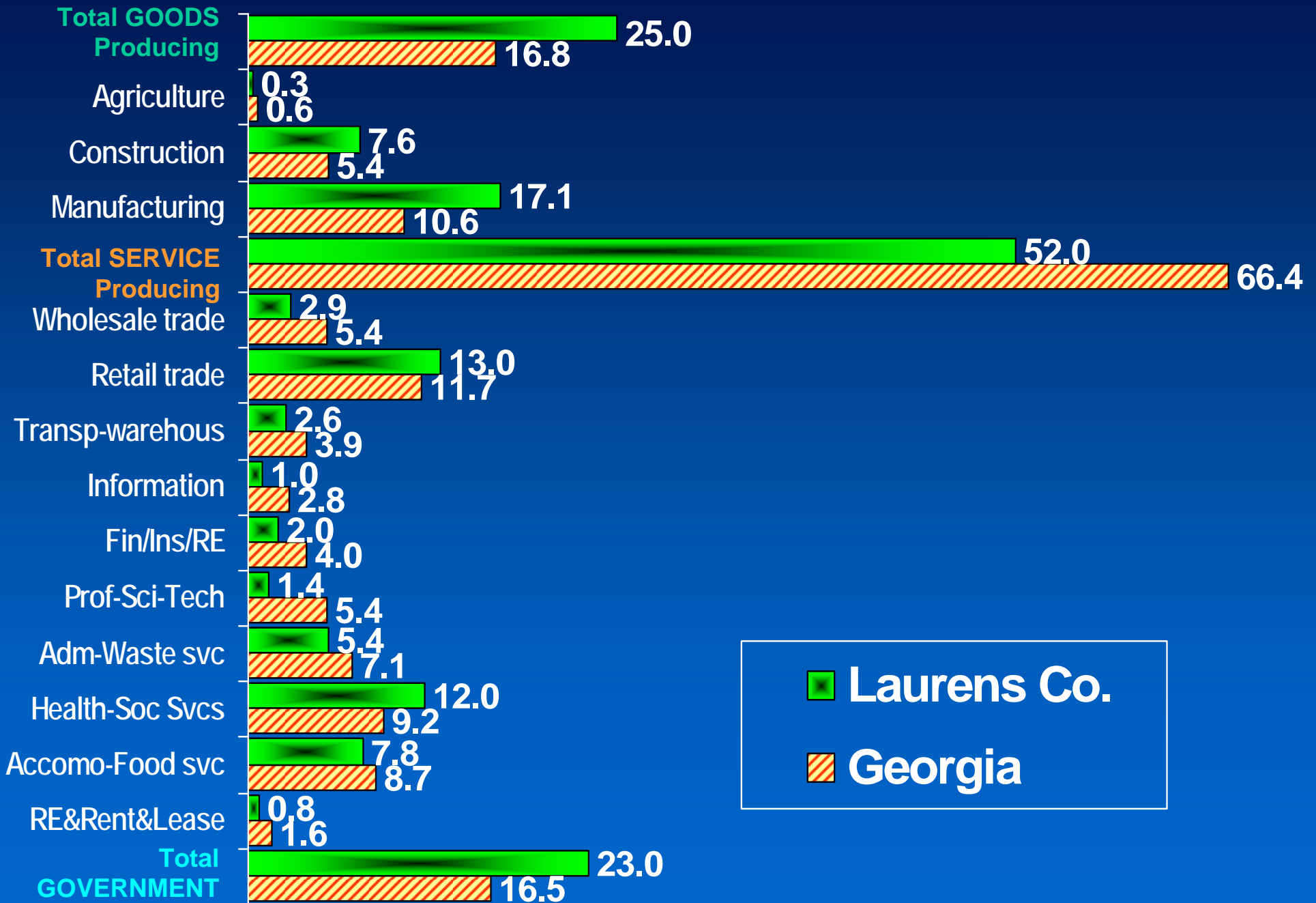
Retail-Wholesale Trade, Transportation-Warehousing,
Information, Finance-Insurance-Real Estate,
Professional-SciTech Serv., Admin-Waste Serv., Health-
Social Serv., Accommodation-Food Serv., & others

**Federal,
State,
Local**

2007 Averages

Establishments = 1,126 Monthly Employment = 20,089 Weekly Wage = \$611

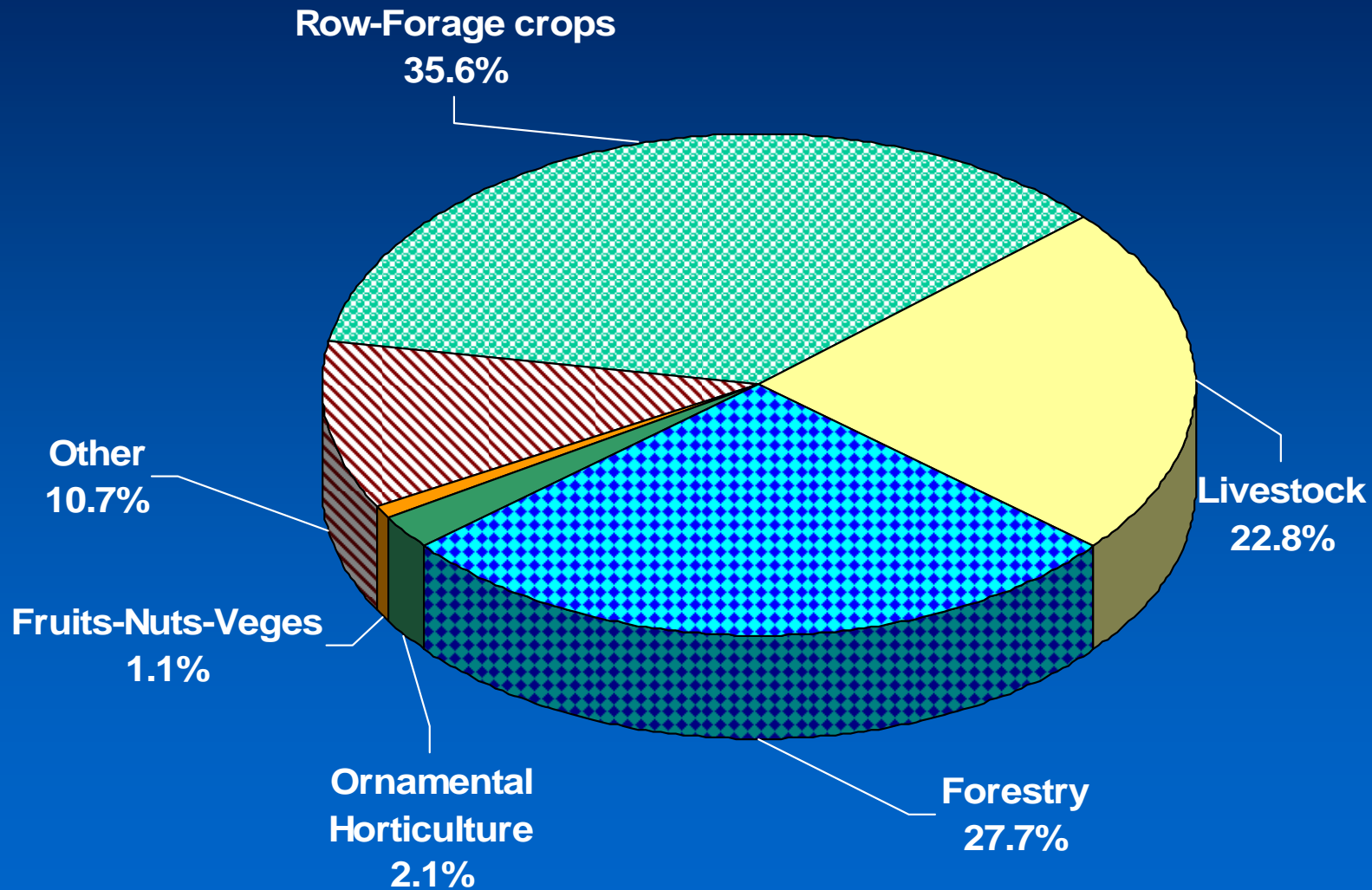
Selected Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2007



Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor

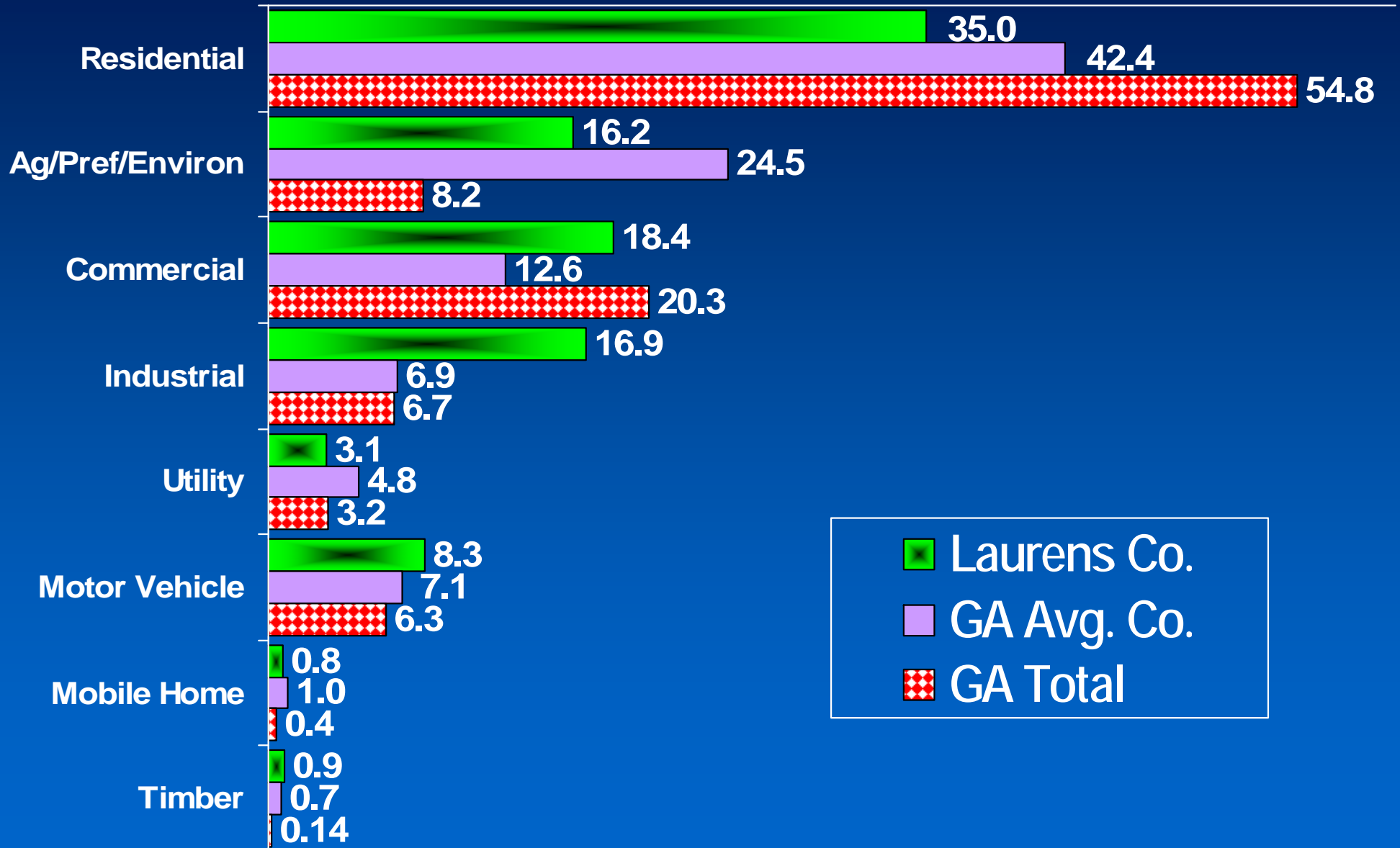
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2008

Laurens Co. Total Value = \$55,685,262



Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2008

Laurens Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = \$1,397,841,052



Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue (preliminary avg. and total)

County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2008

| County | % Residential | % Agricultural | % Commercial | % Industrial | % Utility | % Motor Veh | % Mobile Home | % Timber |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|----------|
| Laurens | 35.0 | 16.2 | 18.4 | 16.9 | 3.1 | 8.3 | 0.8 | 0.88 |
| Bleckley | 43.4 | 27.7 | 11.5 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 9.1 | 1.8 | 0.51 |
| Dodge | 34.4 | 34.2 | 11.1 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 8.4 | 2.4 | 1.48 |
| Johnson | 23.9 | 53.0 | 7.6 | 1.6 | 3.2 | 7.3 | 1.6 | 1.82 |
| Treutlen | 29.4 | 46.9 | 5.1 | 0.5 | 4.8 | 9.5 | 1.3 | 2.54 |
| Twiggs | 30.3 | 27.0 | 6.7 | 15.9 | 7.8 | 8.8 | 1.9 | 1.54 |
| Wheeler | 18.0 | 49.9 | 14.7 | 0.5 | 6.1 | 7.3 | 1.5 | 2.09 |
| 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 |

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue (preliminary avg. and total)

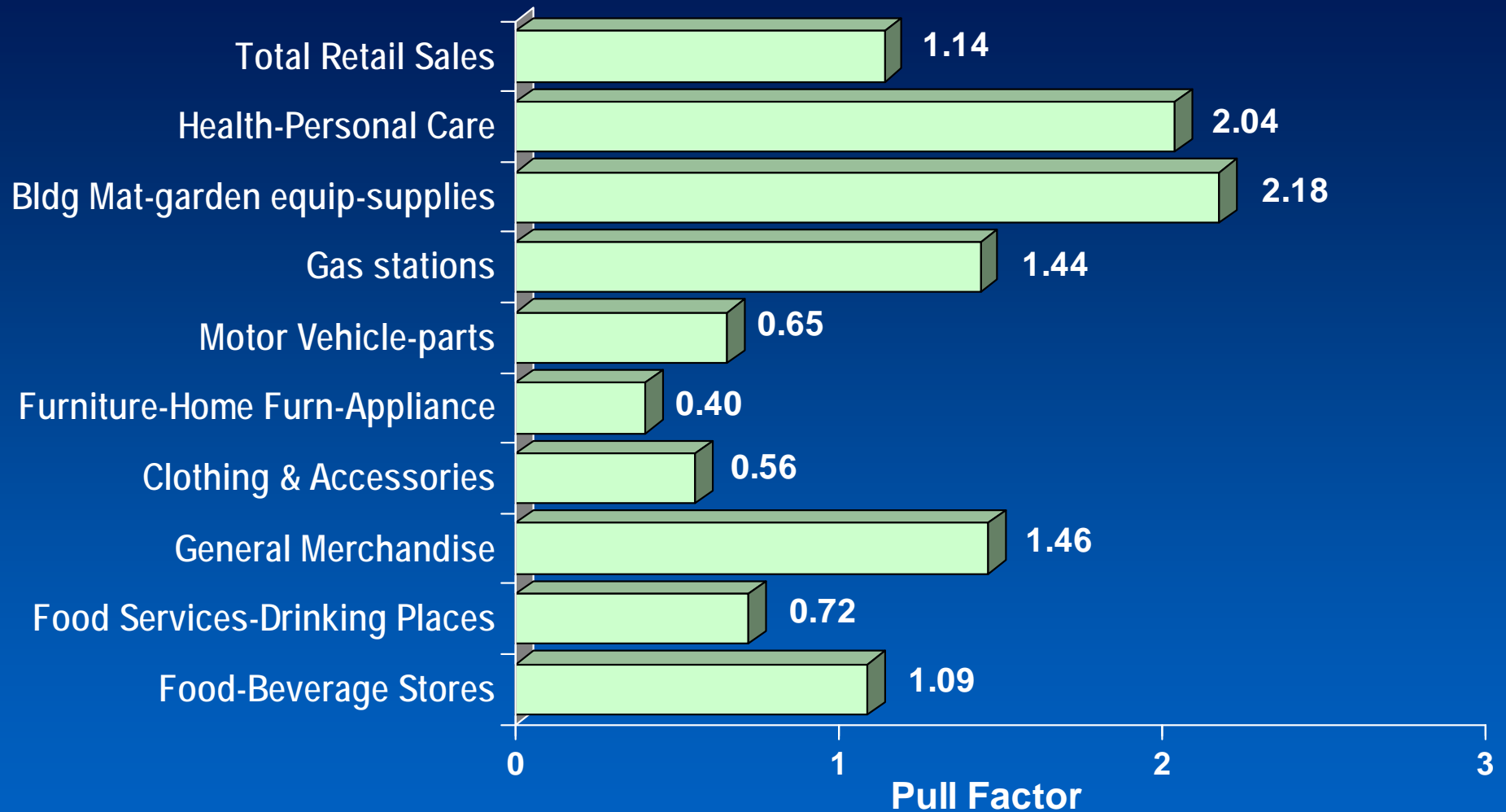
Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

| County | '08 County-wide Millage* | '08 School Millage* | '07 Taxes Levied* (\$000) | Sales Tax Rate as of 7/09 | LOST Type* as of 7/09 |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Laurens | 22.68 | 11.94 | \$27,561 | 7 | LSE |
| Bleckley | 31.45 | 11.50 | \$6,648 | 7 | LSE |
| Dodge | 24.28 | 9.70 | \$7,664 | 7 | LSE |
| Johnson | 27.39 | 10.02 | \$3,984 | 7 | LSE |
| Treutlen | 27.16 | 12.00 | \$3,021 | 7 | LSE |
| Twiggs | 39.60 | 20.00 | \$6,916 | 7 | LSE |
| Wheeler | 32.47 | 15.50 | \$4,348 | 6 | LE |

*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: 2008

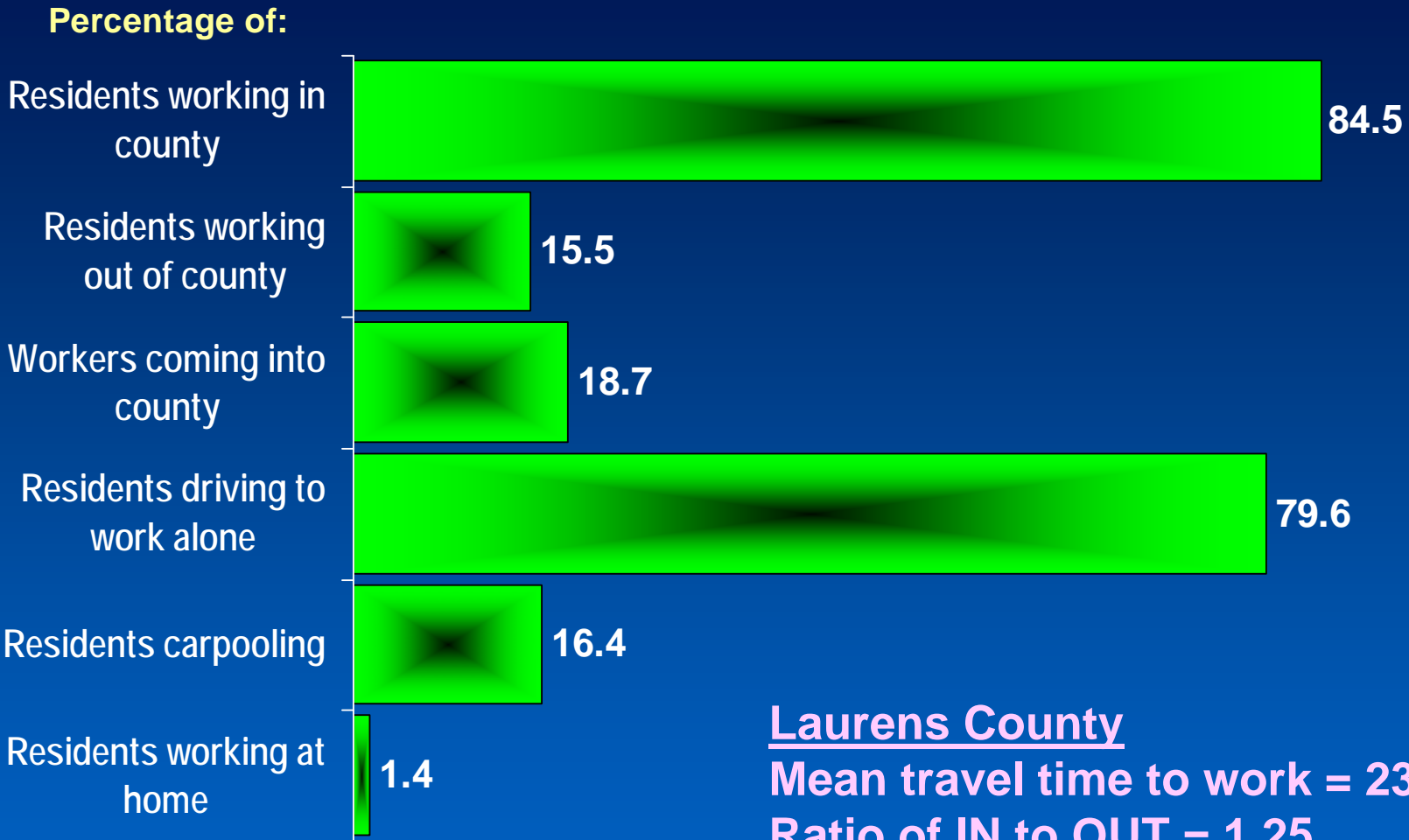
Laurens Co. Total Retail Sales = \$685,661,000



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, 2008;” pull factor calculations by Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development.

Commuting to Work: 2000



Laurens County

Mean travel time to work = 23.6 min.

Ratio of IN to OUT = 1.25

Resident workers 16+ = 18,986

Residents working in county = 16,046

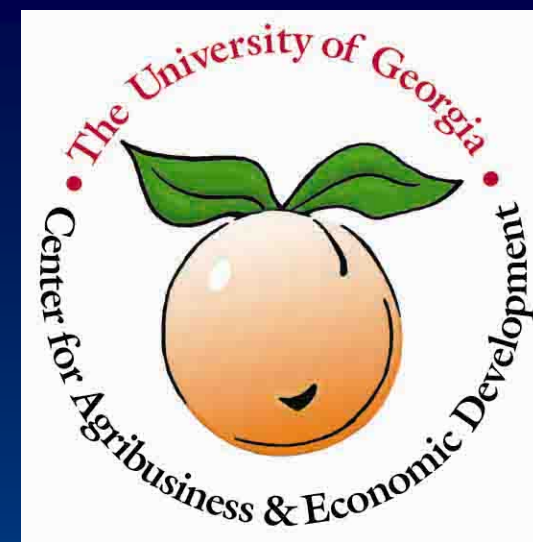
Residents working out of county = 2,940

Total working in county = 19,735

Workers commuting into county = 3,689

*This study was developed to assist
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