

# Bleckley County Community Profile

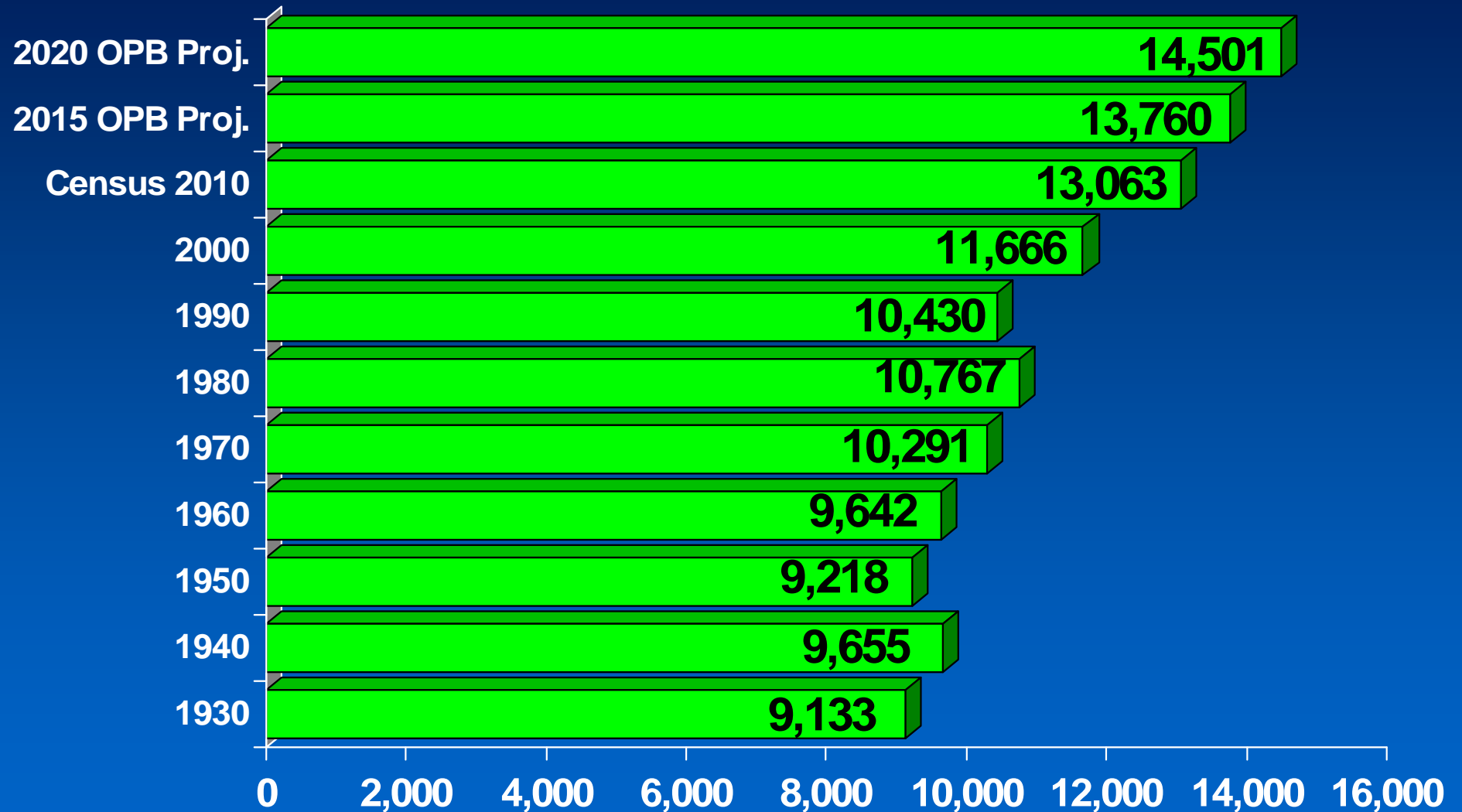


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**147th in order of  
county creation  
November 5, 1912**

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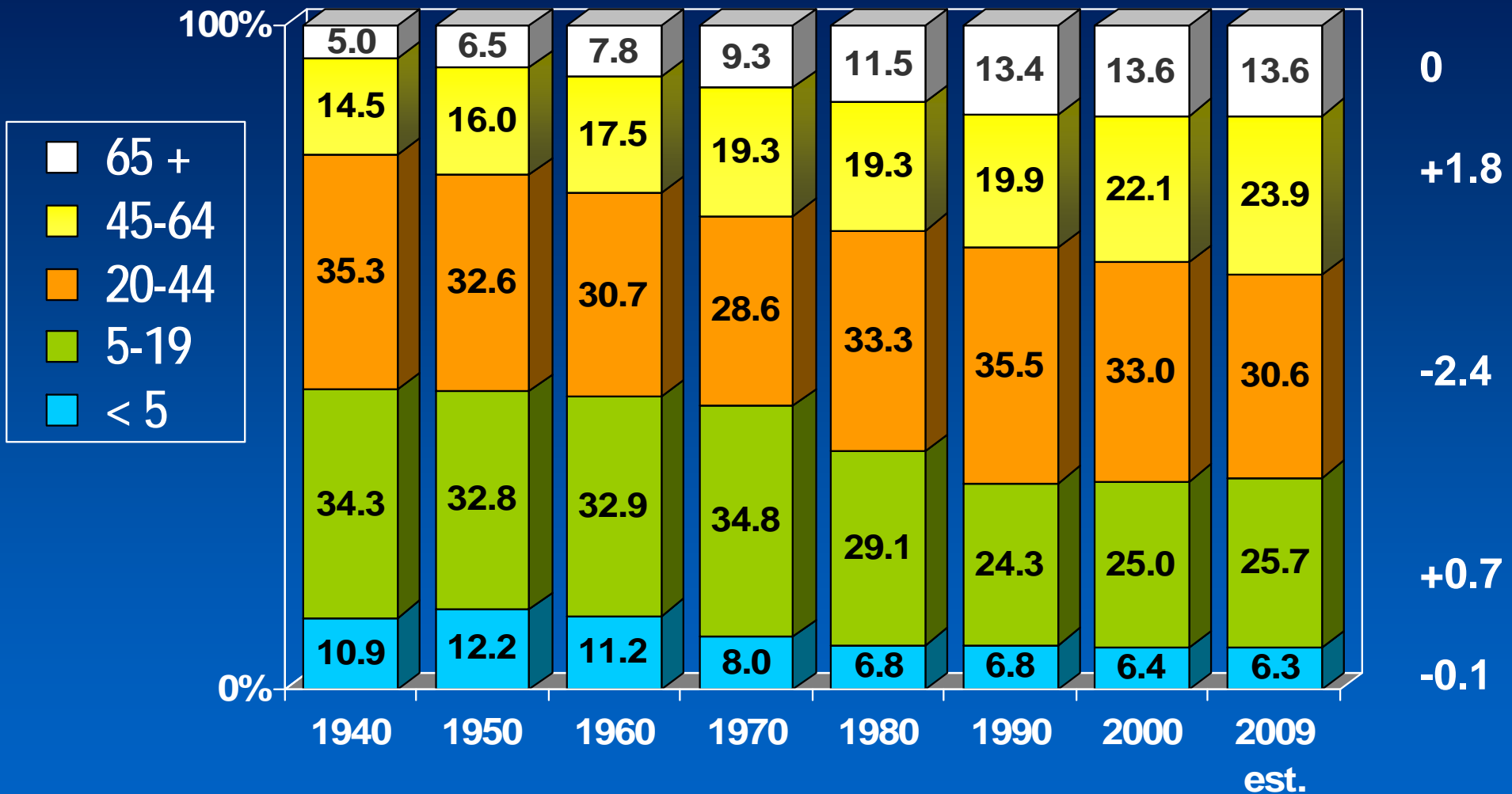
# Total Population Bleckley County



Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses; GA Office of Planning & Budget projections.

# Population Composition by Age Bleckley County

Change in  
proportion  
2000-2009



2009 Estimated Median Age

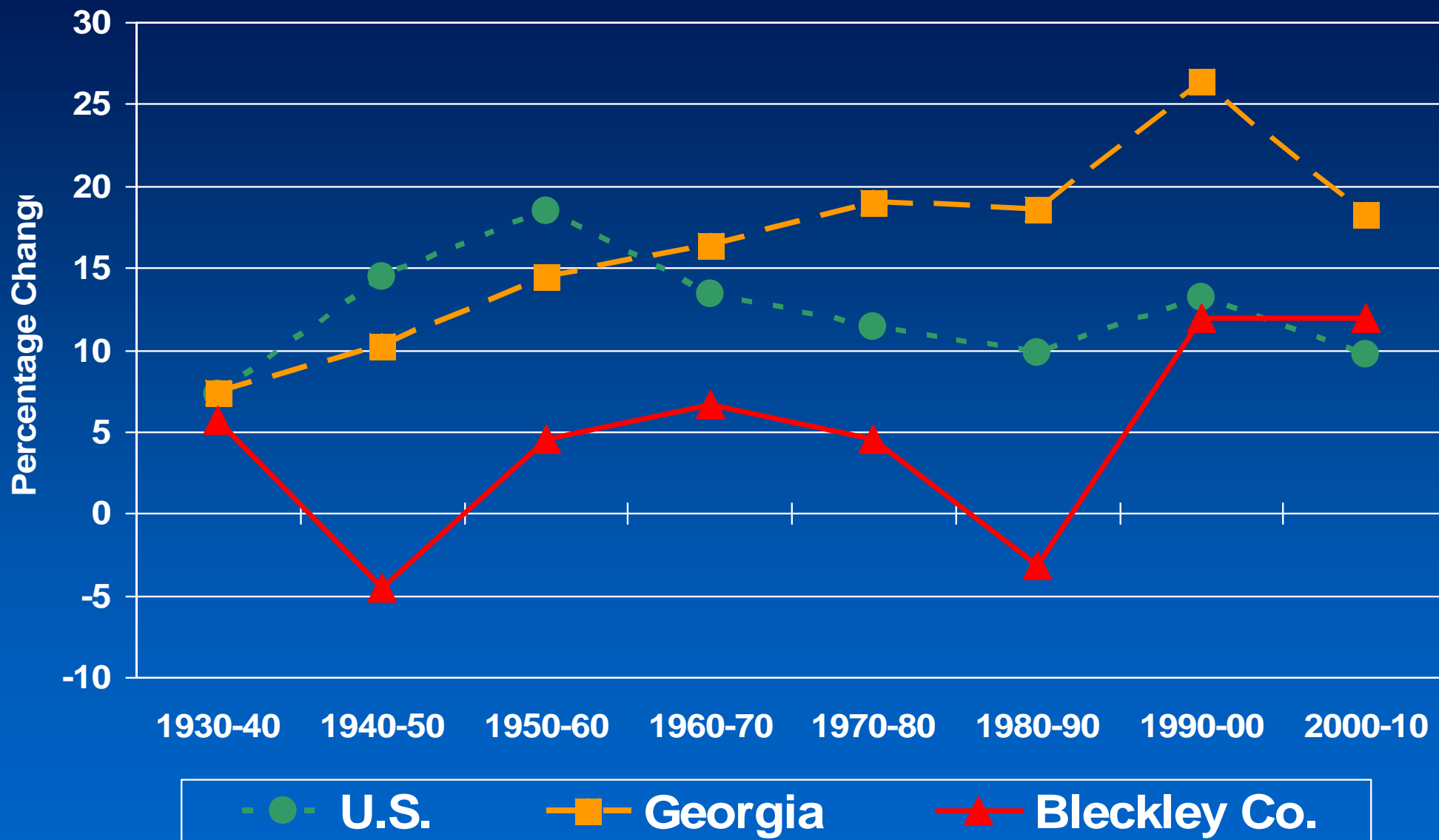
Bleckley Co. = 33.8 yrs.

GA = 34.9 yrs.

# 2010 County Population Comparisons

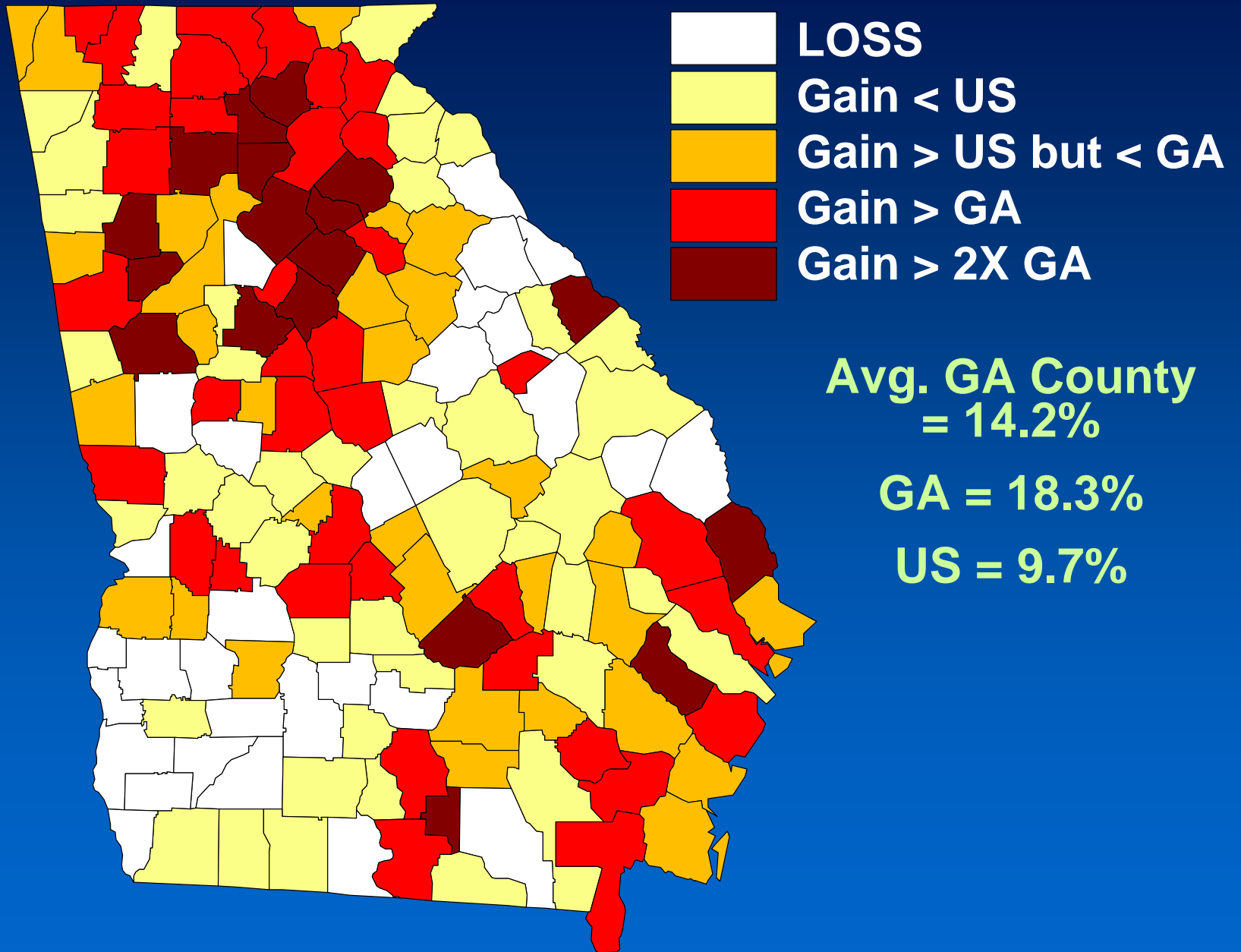
County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2000-10	Rank of % Chg.
BLECKLEY	13,063	115	60.5	12.0	81
DODGE	21,796	85	44.0	13.7	72
HOUSTON	139,900	15	372.5	26.3	31
LAURENS	48,434	42	60.0	7.9	97
PULASKI	12,010	118	48.2	25.3	34
TWIGGS	9,023	135	25.2	-14.8	155
WILKINSON	9,563	129	21.4	-6.4	151

# Population Change: 1930-2010



Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Population Change: 2000-2010



# Components of Population Change

## Natural Increase & Net Migration\*

Area	2000-2009 Numerical Change*	2000-2009 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)	2000-2009 # Net Migration	2008-09 1-yr Natural Increase Rate	2008-09 1 yr Net Migration Rate
BLECKLEY	1,189	260	987	4.6	1.0
DODGE	578	376	312	0.6	-1.6
HOUSTON	24,950	9,474	15,946	7.8	9.0
LAURENS	3,421	1,969	1,713	3.7	2.8
PULASKI	309	62	303	2.2	9.8
TWIGGS	-479	168	-589	0.5	-9.5
WILKINSON	-144	497	-594	5.1	0.9
Avg. County	10,330	4,305	5,340	4.8	1.0
GEORGIA	1,642,430	684,445	849,133	7.8	5.5

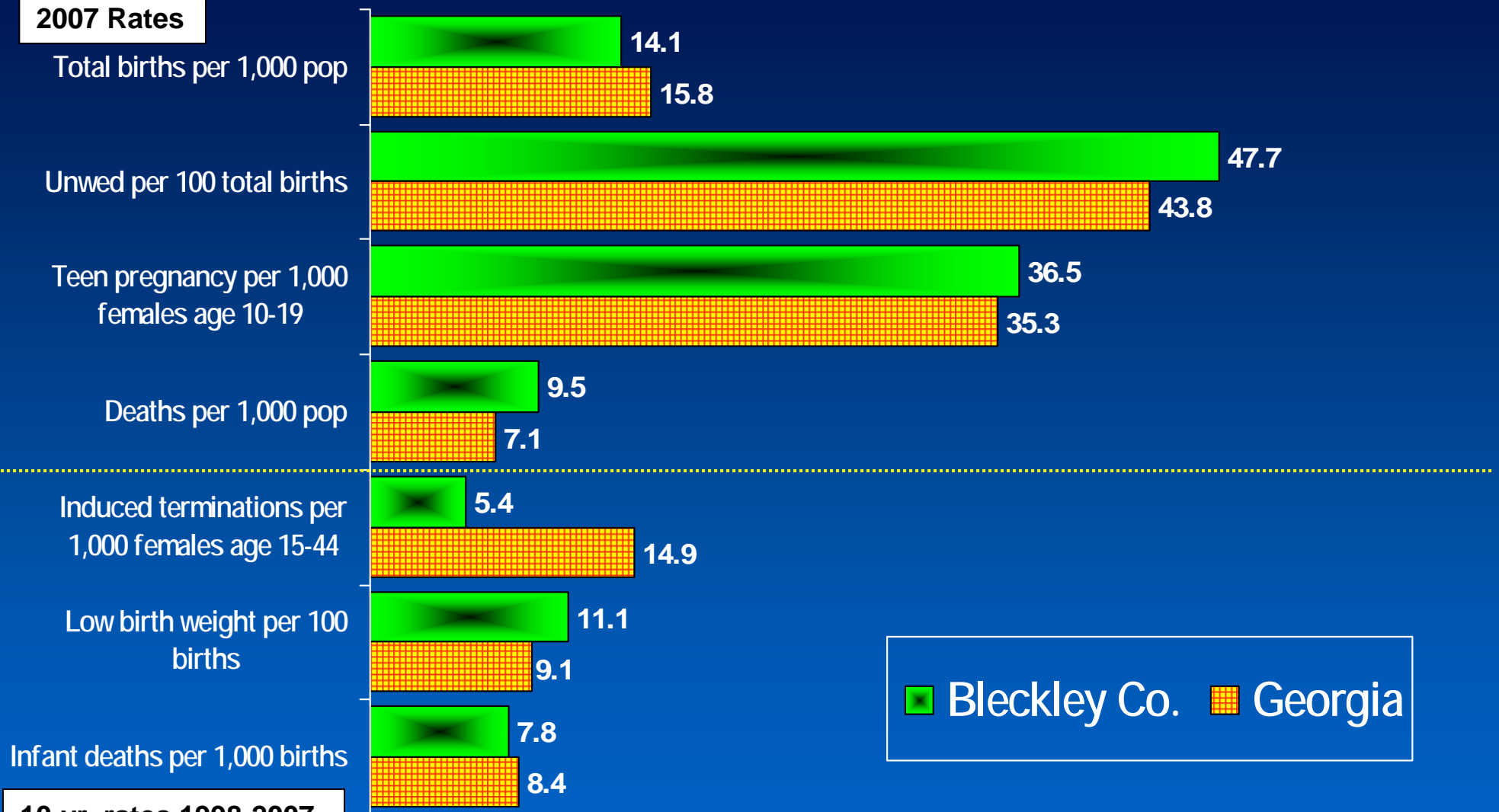
Primary data source:

U. S. Census Bureau (3/10)

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

# Selected Vital Statistics

## 2007 Rates



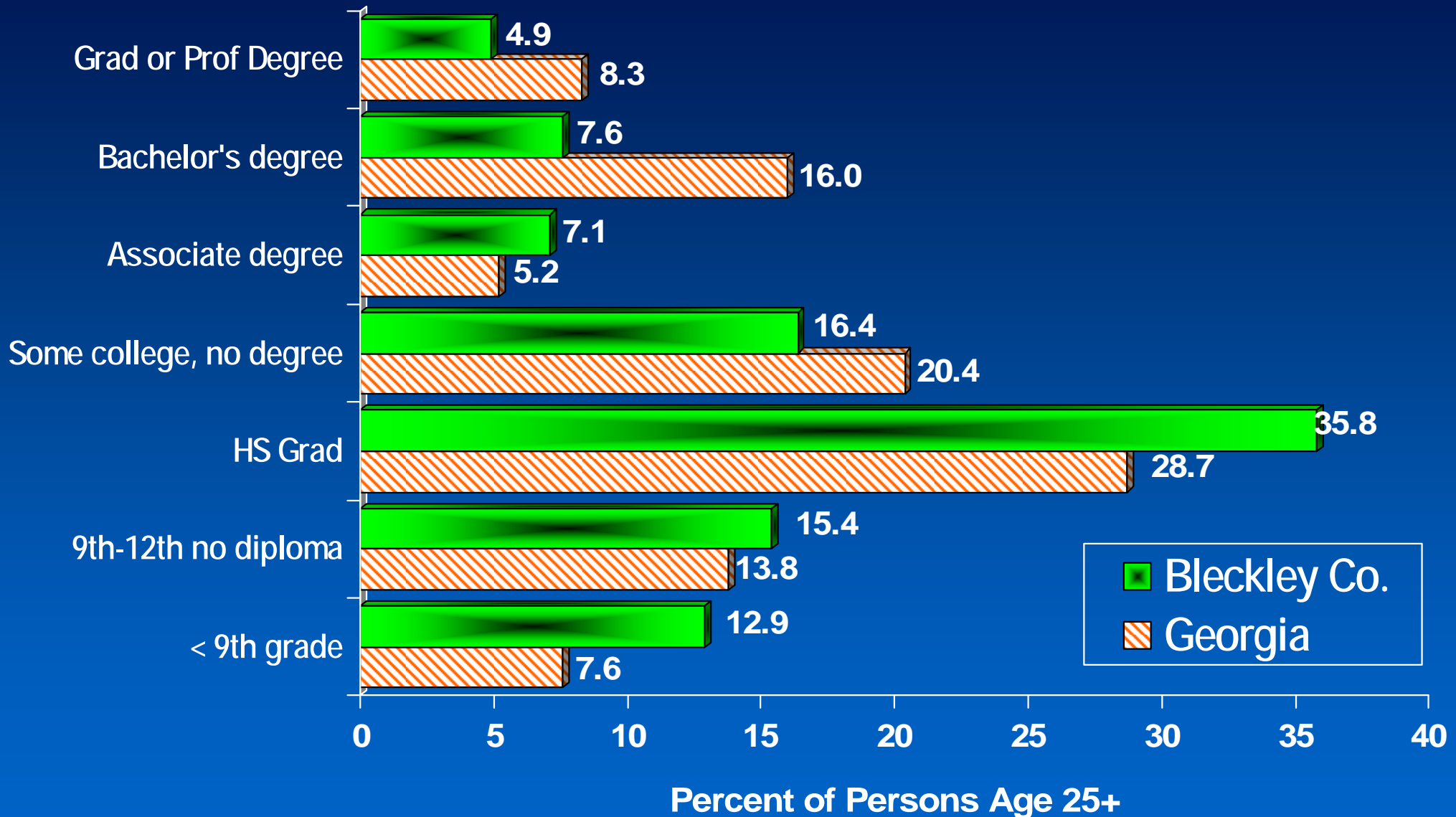
## 10-yr. rates 1998-2007

2007 Bleckley Co. Natality Data  
 174 total births, 83 unwed births  
 15 induced terminations  
 38 teen pregnancies  
 25 low birth weight babies

2007 Bleckley Co. Mortality Data  
 117 total deaths  
 1 infant deaths



# Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000



**Bleckley Co.**

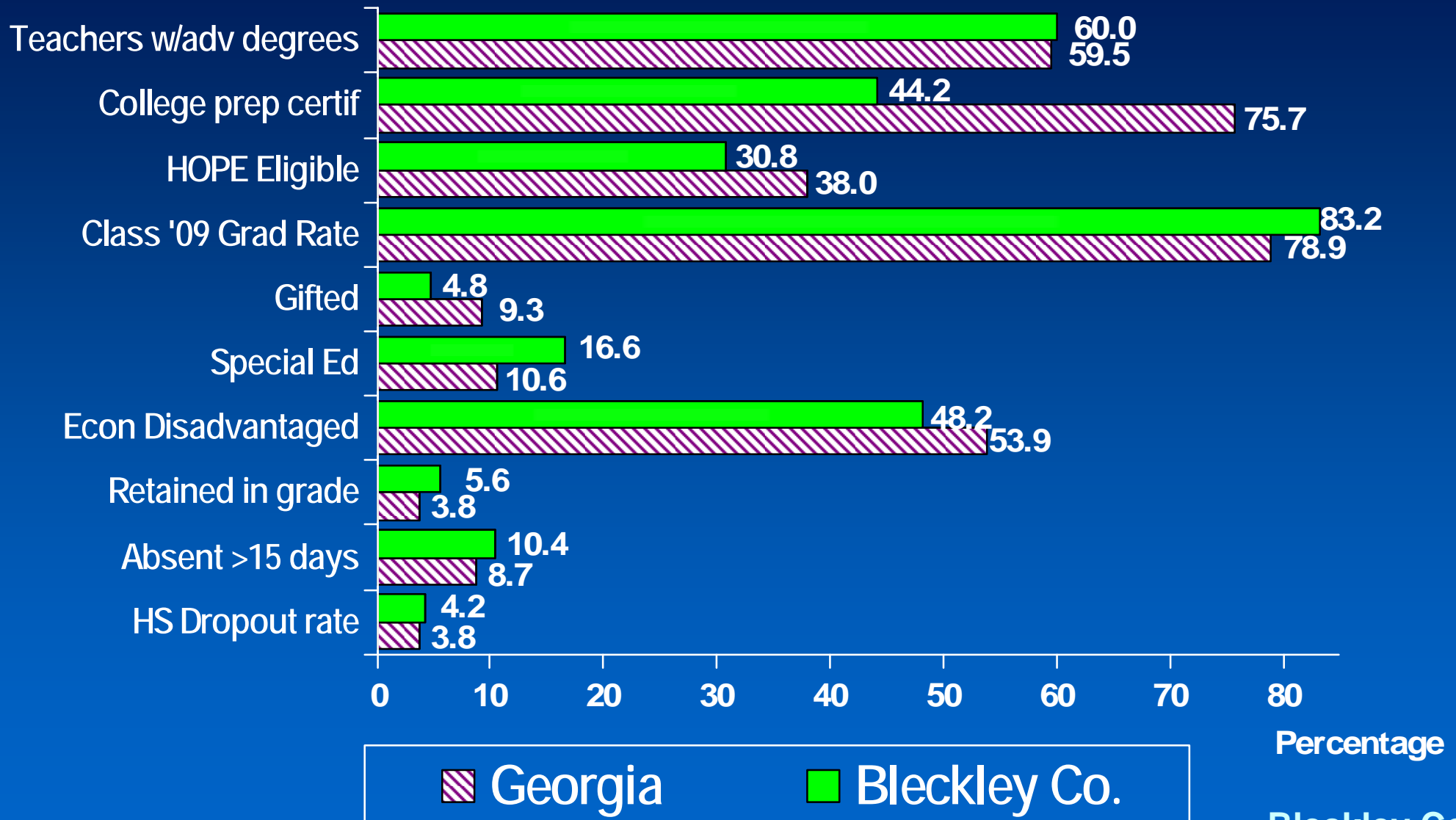
**Not completing HS = 28.3%**

**With a bachelor's + degree = 12.5%**

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Selected Public School Statistics

## School Year 2008-09



Percentage

Bleckley Co.

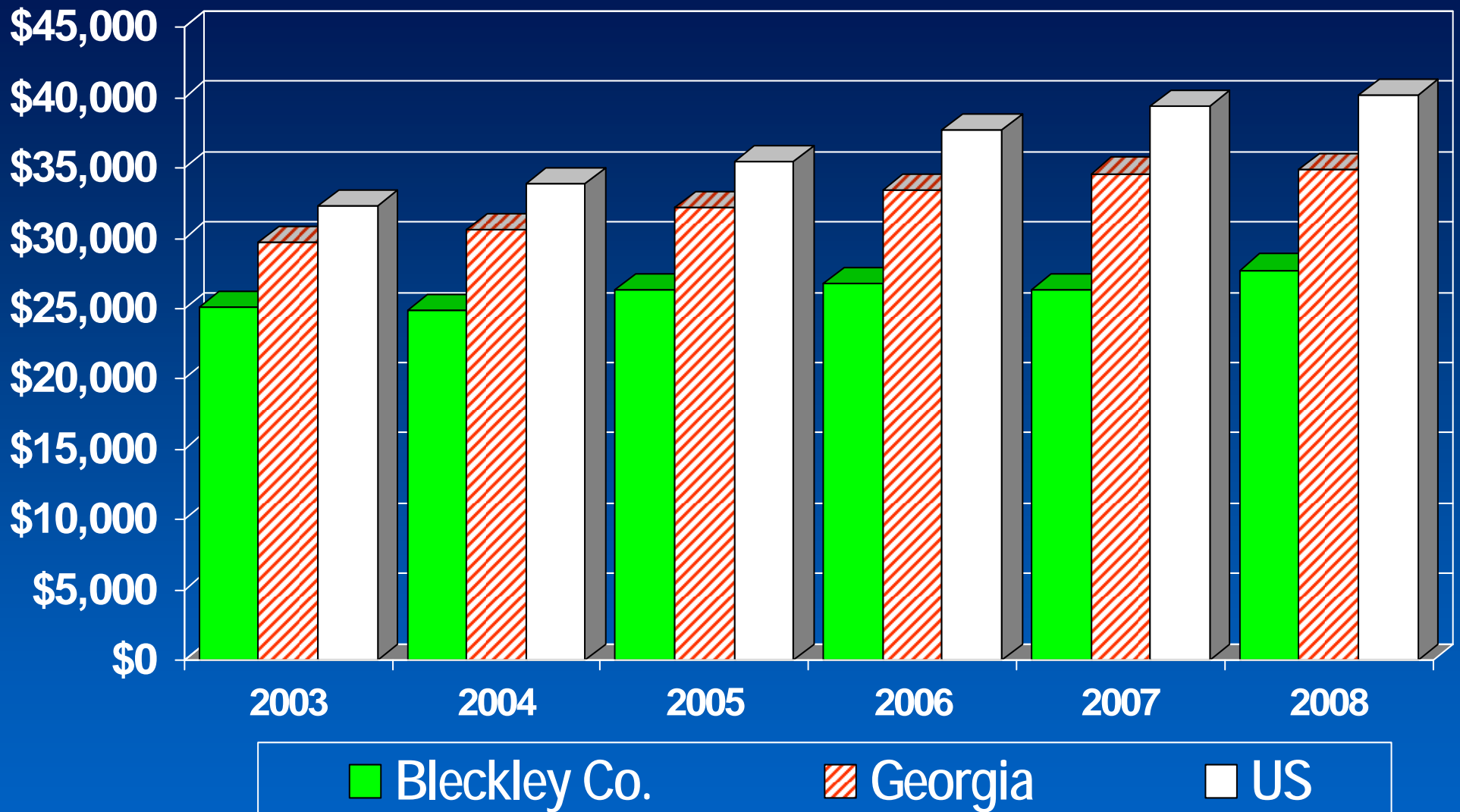
K12 enrollment = 2,340

HS dropouts = 35

General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$7,945

Primary data source:  
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

# Per Capita Income: 2003-2008

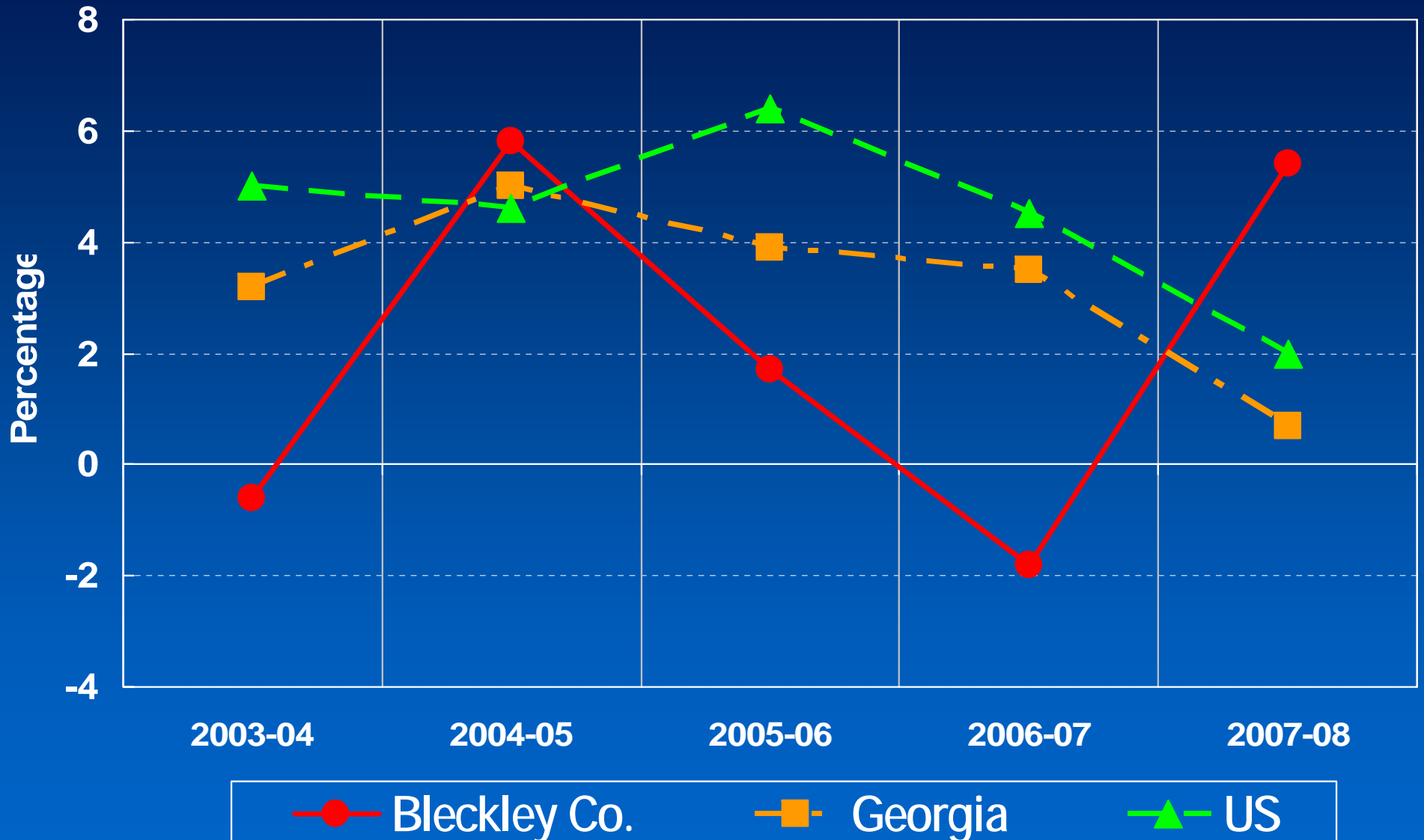


**2008 PCI**  
**Bleckley Co. = \$27,724**

**Georgia = \$34,849**  
**US = \$40,166**

# Per Capita Income: 2003-2008

## Percentage Change

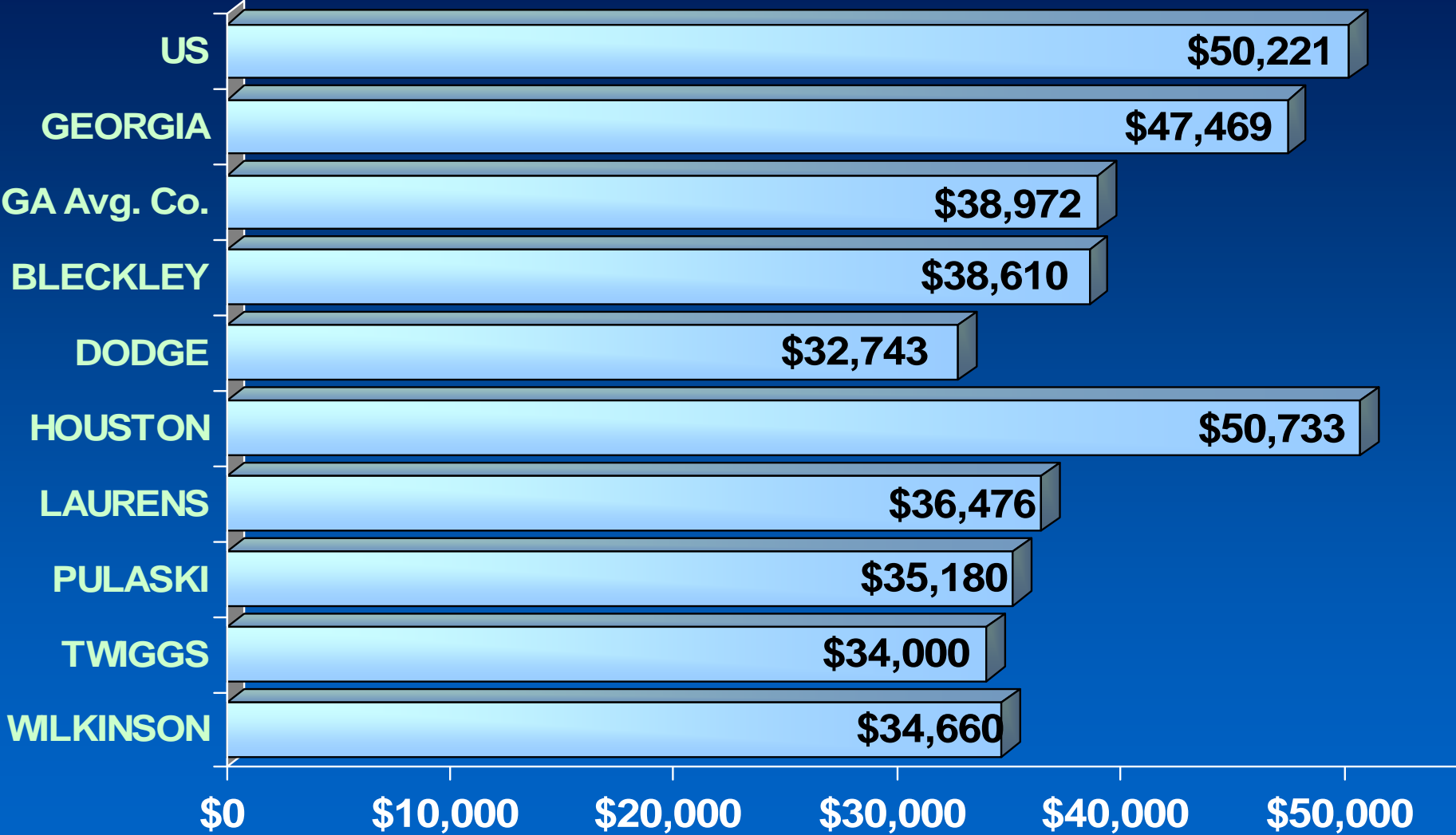


# Per Capita Income: 2008

County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 2003-2008
BLECKLEY	\$27,724	80	79.6	10.7
DODGE	\$24,418	134	70.1	21.7
HOUSTON	\$32,577	25	93.5	17.8
LAURENS	\$29,099	58	83.5	21.7
PULASKI	\$29,939	45	85.9	8.8
TWIGGS	\$25,827	106	74.1	28.9
WILKINSON	\$25,157	119	72.2	16.7
GA Avg. Co.	\$28,543	--	81.9	20.1

# Median Household Income

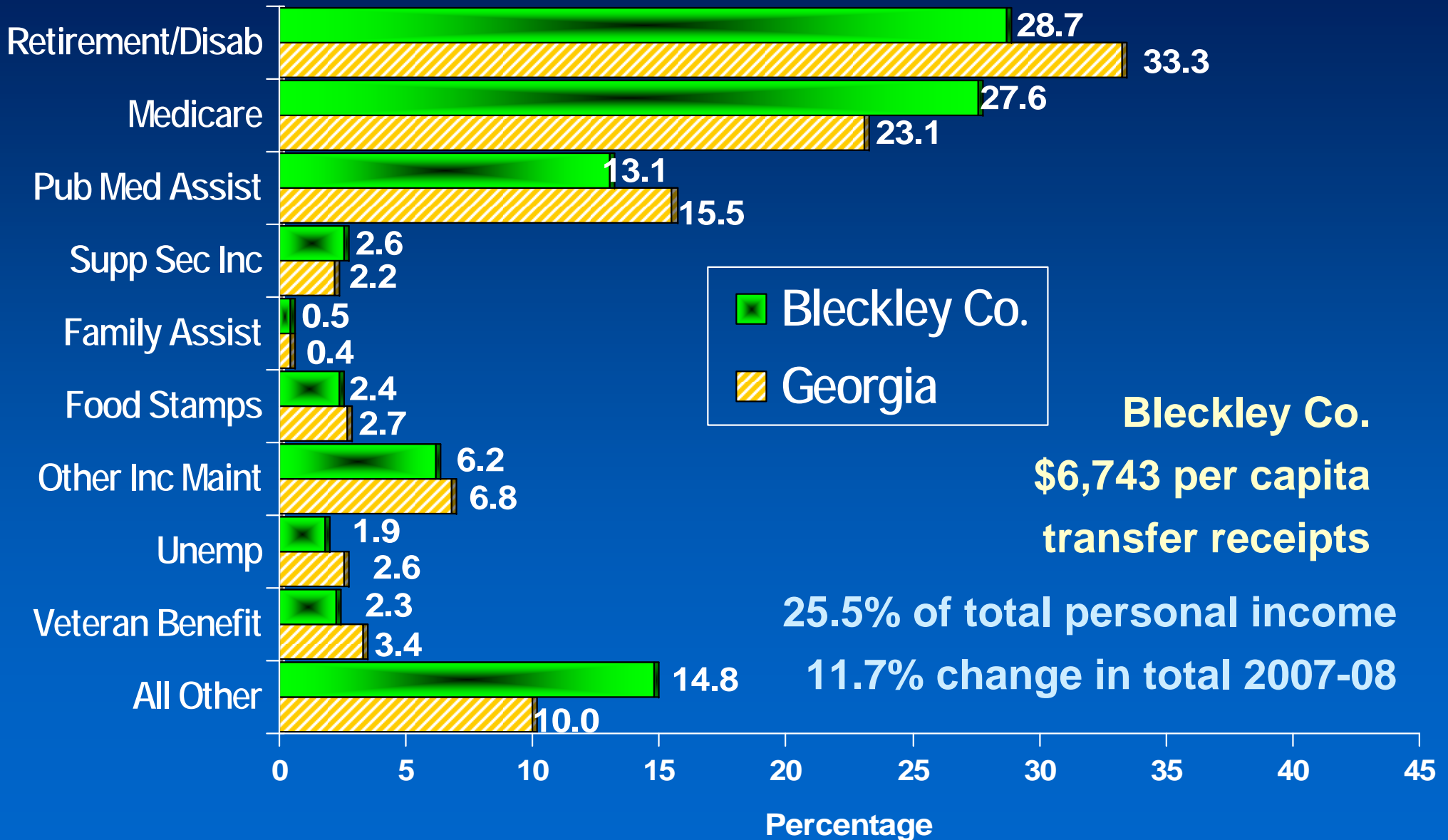
## 2009 Model-Based Estimates



Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/10)

# Transfer Receipts: 2008

## Bleckley Co. Total = \$86,159,000



# Persons Living Below Poverty Level

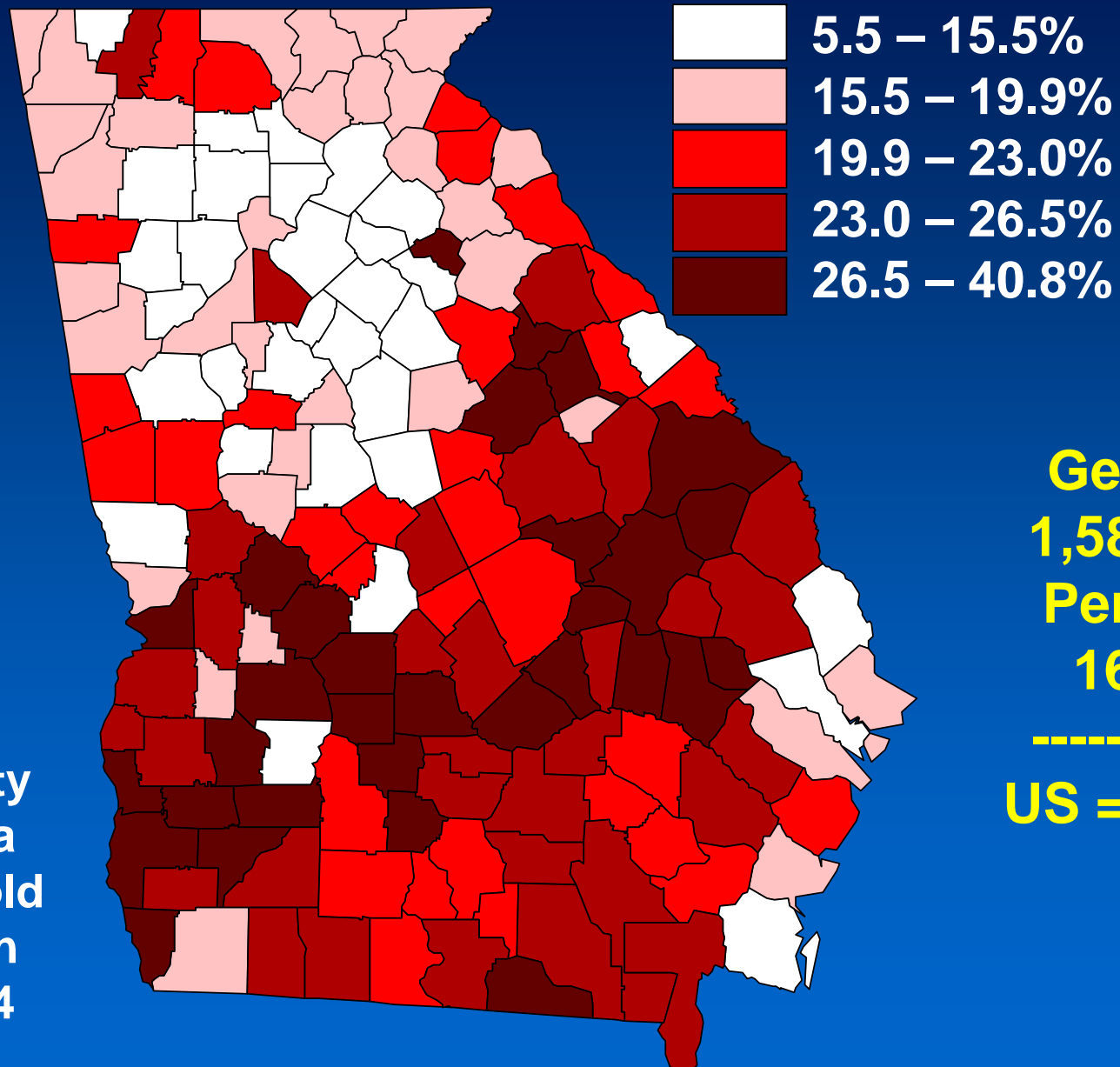
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County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
BLECKLEY	2,285	20.2	72
DODGE	4,187	23.4	103
HOUSTON	18,099	13.7	25
LAURENS	10,465	22.4	91
PULASKI	1,982	23.2	100
TWIGGS	2,286	23.1	98
WILKINSON	2,074	20.9	79
GA Avg. Co.	9,969	21.0	--



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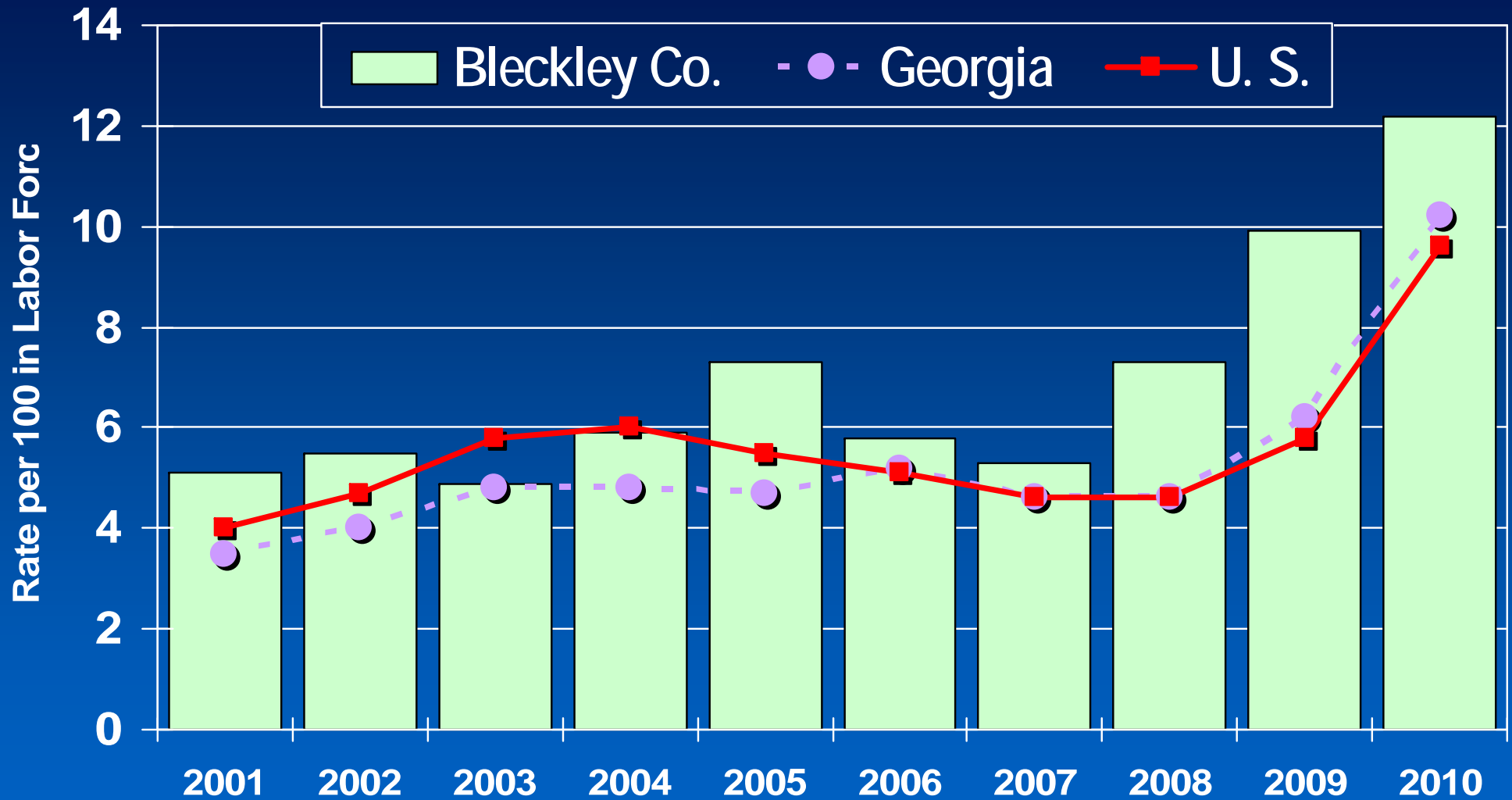
## 2009 Model-Based Estimates



**Georgia**  
**1,585,116**  
**Persons**  
**16.6%**  
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**US = 14.3%**

Weighted  
average poverty  
threshold for a  
family household  
of 4 persons in  
2009 = \$21,954

# Unemployment Rates



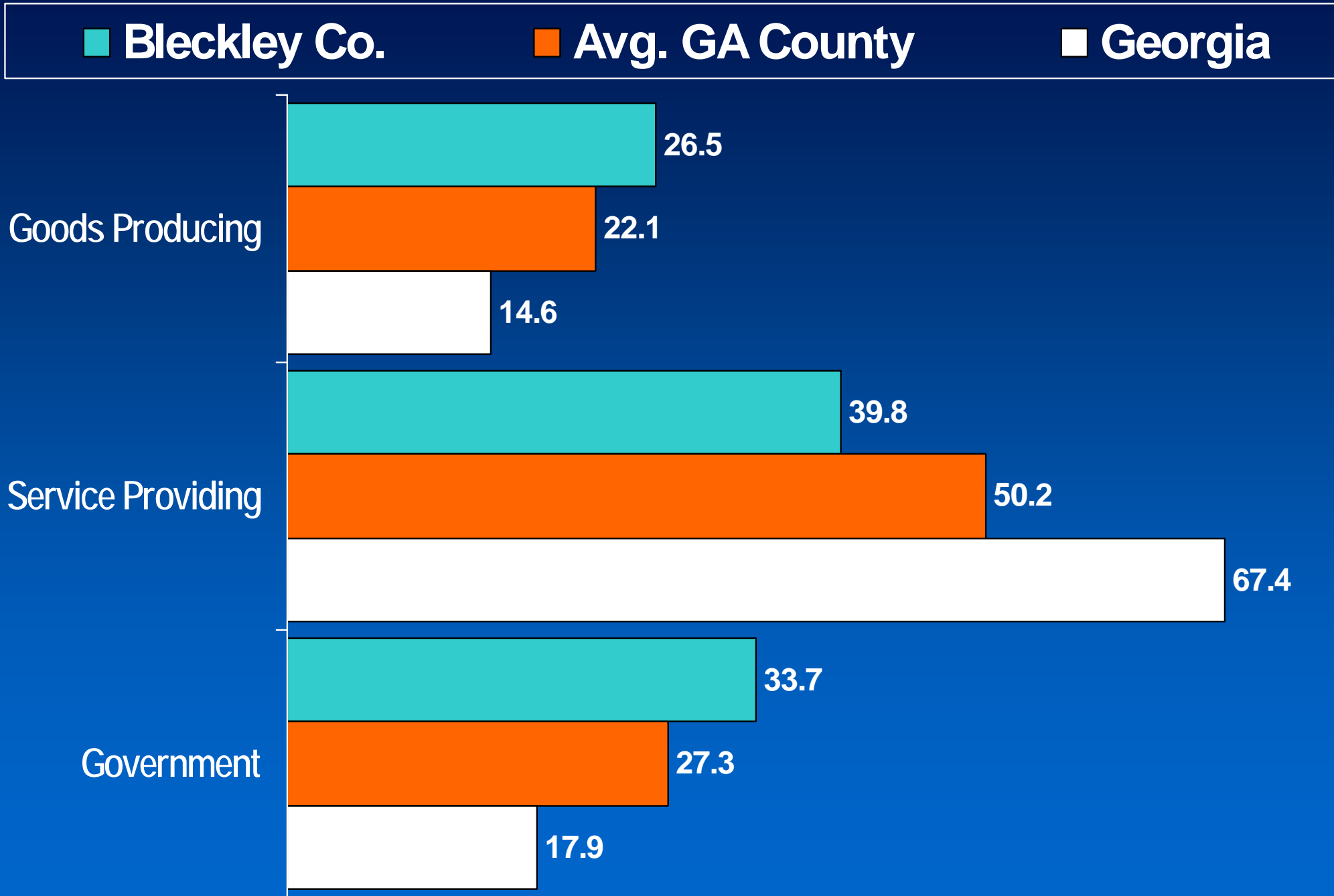
**2010 Rates**      **Bleckley Co. = 12.2**      **GA = 10.2**      **US = 9.6**  
**Avg. GA County = 11.1**

# Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2009 Averages

<b>Bleckley CoUNTY</b>	<b>Avg. # Establishments</b>	<b>Avg. Monthly Employment</b>	<b>Avg. Wage Weekly</b>
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	30	959	\$426
Ag, forestry, fishing	8	42	\$785
Construction	17	158	\$700
Manufacturing	5	--	--
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	149	1,442	\$396
Wholesale trade	4	31	\$853
Retail trade	51	382	\$418
Transp/Warehousing	5	--	--
Finance/Insurance	11	104	\$644
Professional/Sci/Tech	11	64	\$520
Admin/Suppt/WasteMgmt/Remediation	4	--	--
Health care/Soc Svcs	20	252	\$423
Accommodations/Food Svc	17	391	\$233
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	28	1,221	\$556
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	208	3,622	\$458

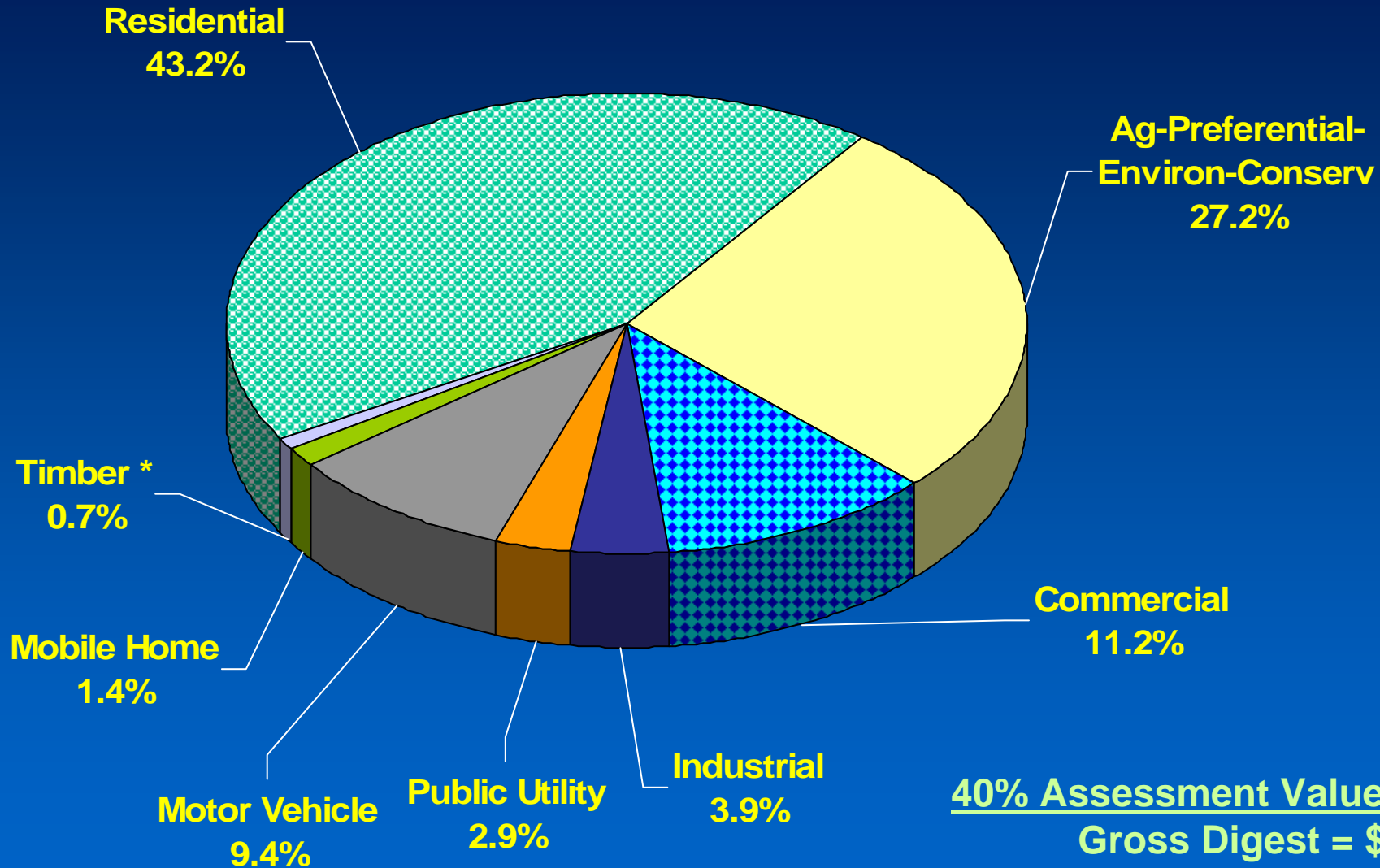
Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (8/10)

# Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2009



Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (8/10)

# Components of 2009 Property Tax Gross Digest Bleckley County



40% Assessment Value of Property

Gross Digest = \$321,613,730

Homestead & Property Exemptions = \$38,953,246

Net M&O Digest = \$282,660,484

Value of exempt property = \$23,401,339

# Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

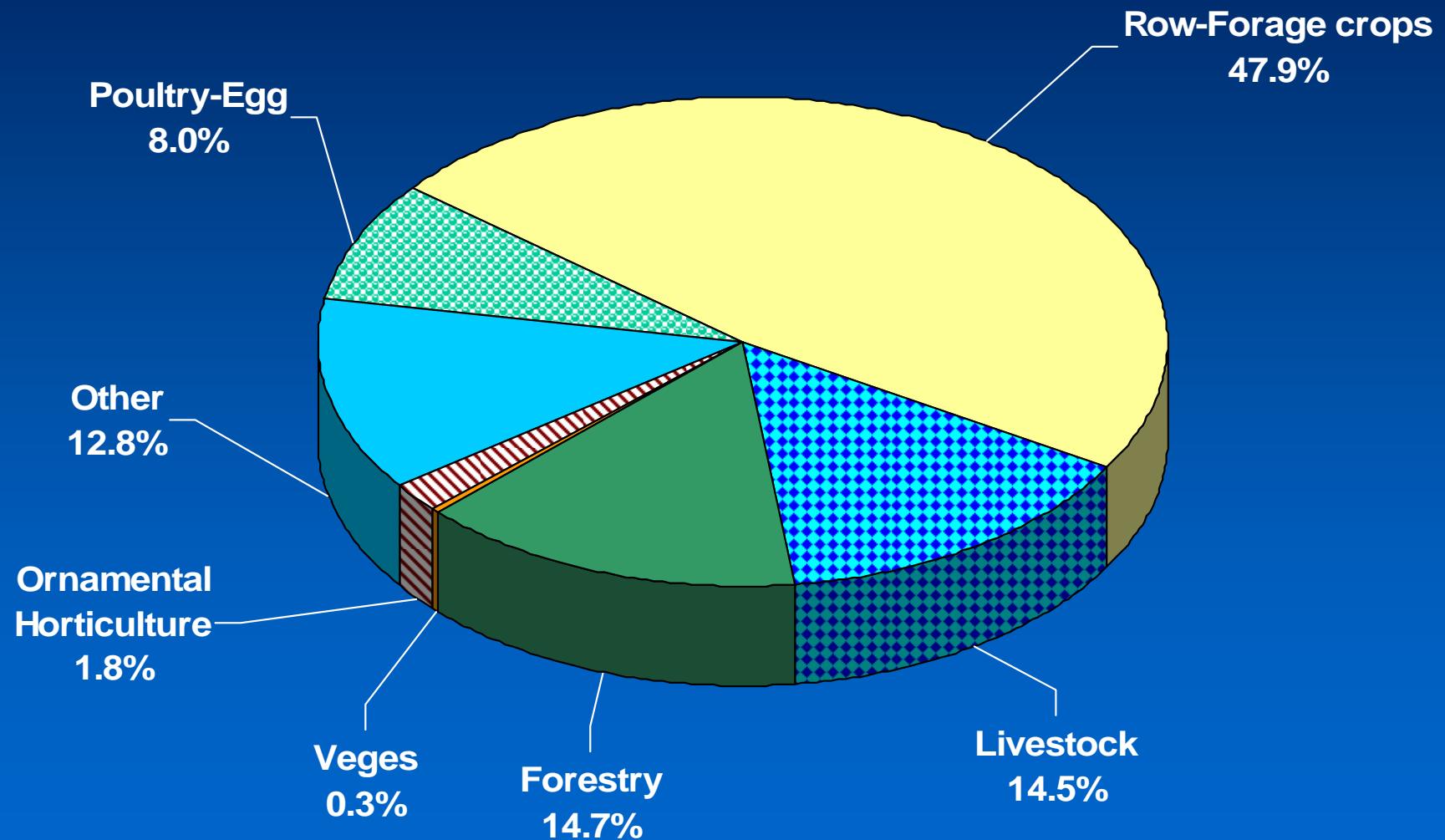
County	2010 County-wide Millage*	'08 Taxes Levied* (\$000)	Sales Tax Rate as of 1/11	LOST Type* as of 1/11
BLECKLEY	25.802	\$7,255	3	LSE
DODGE	22.250	\$8,556	3	LSE
HOUSTON	24.720	\$102,916	3	LSE
LAURENS	22.550	\$28,545	3	LSE
PULASKI	28.063	\$6,887	3	LSE
TWIGGS	32.450	\$7,194	3	LSE
WILKINSON	32.350	\$12,485	3	LSE

\*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. School includes bonds, if any. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. Sales Tax: 4% State not included; L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational

# Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2009

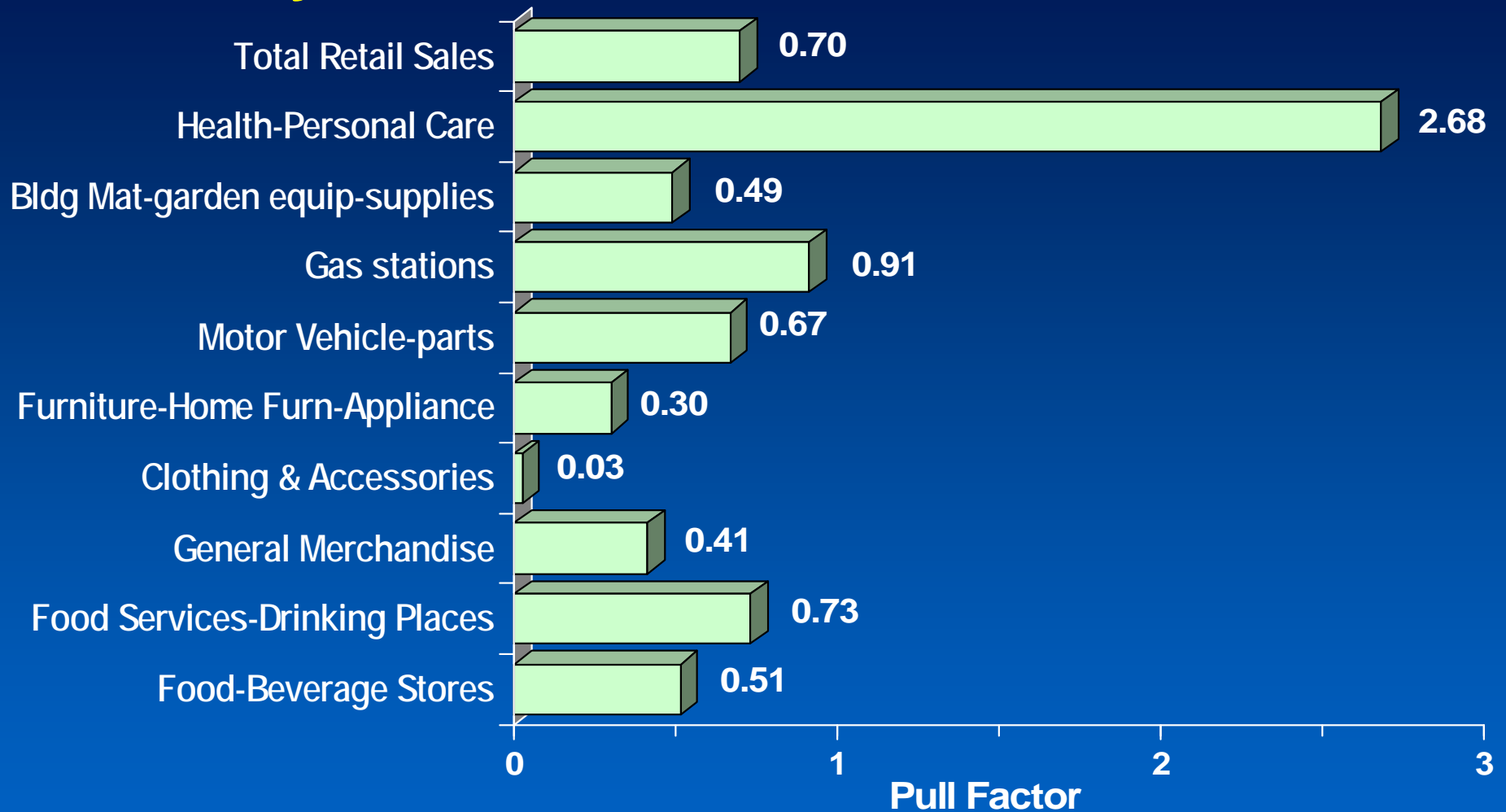
## Bleckley Co. Total Value = \$27,818,246

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# Retail Sales Analysis: 2008

**Bleckley Co. Total Retail Sales = \$112,739,000**

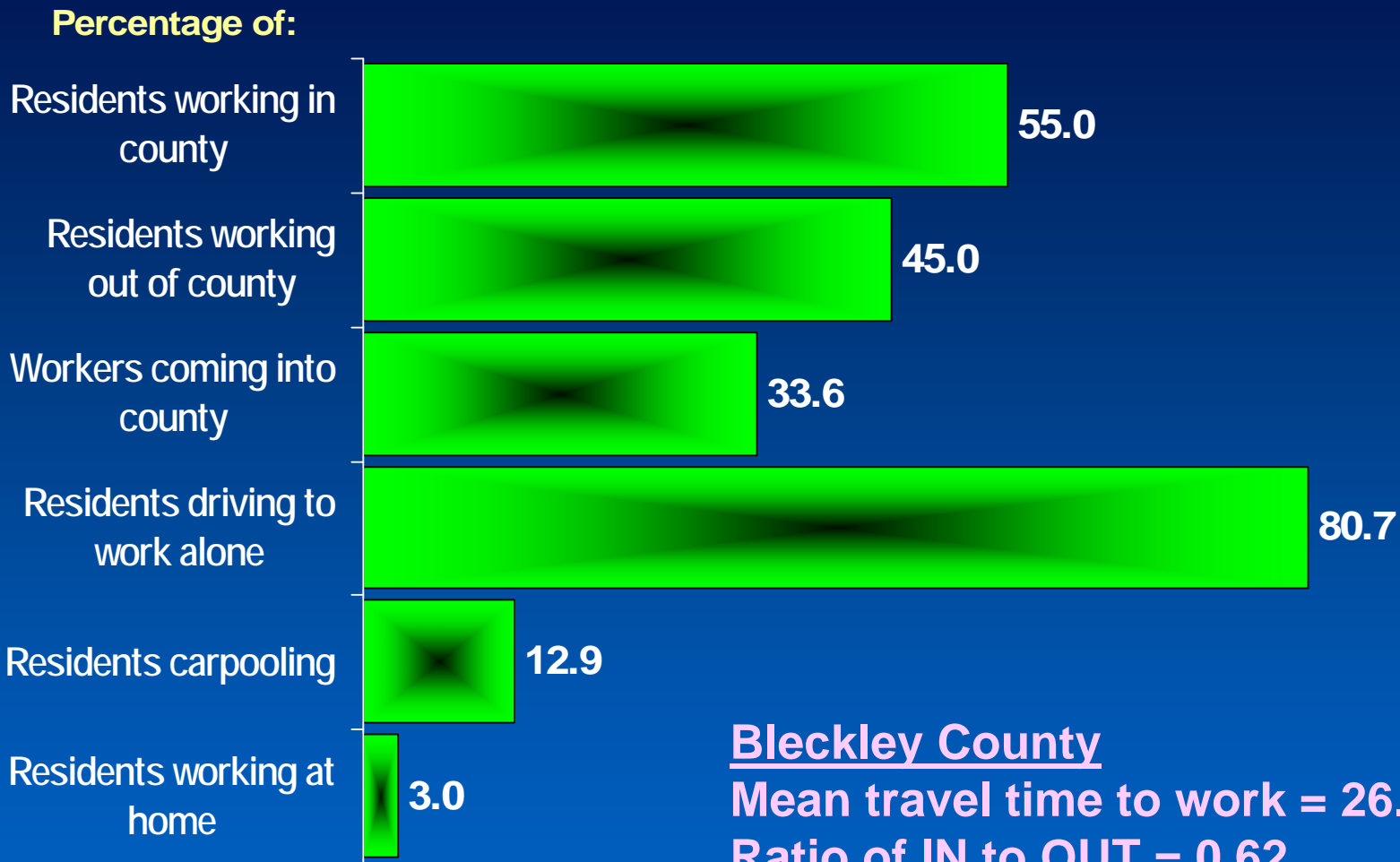


**A “pull factor” of 1.0 means that the county’s sales are what would be expected based upon the number of residents and their relative wealth.**

Primary data sources: “Demographics USA, County Edition, 2008;” pull factor calculations by Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development.



# Commuting to Work: 2000



Resident workers 16+ = 4,699

Residents working in county = 2,583

Residents working out of county = 2,116

Total working in county = 3,891

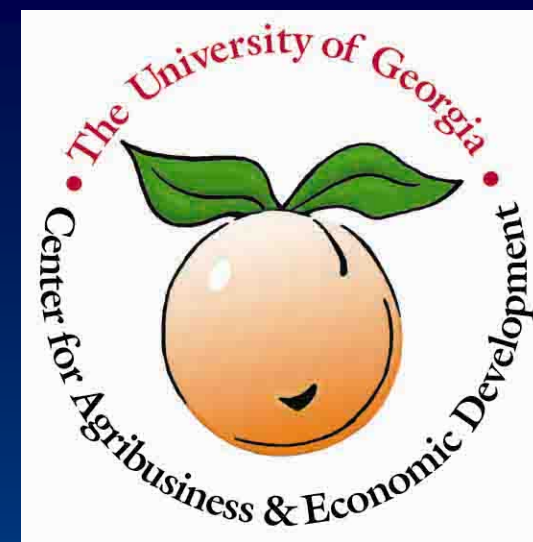
Workers commuting into county = 1,308

*This study was developed to assist  
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