

Bleckley County Community Profile



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

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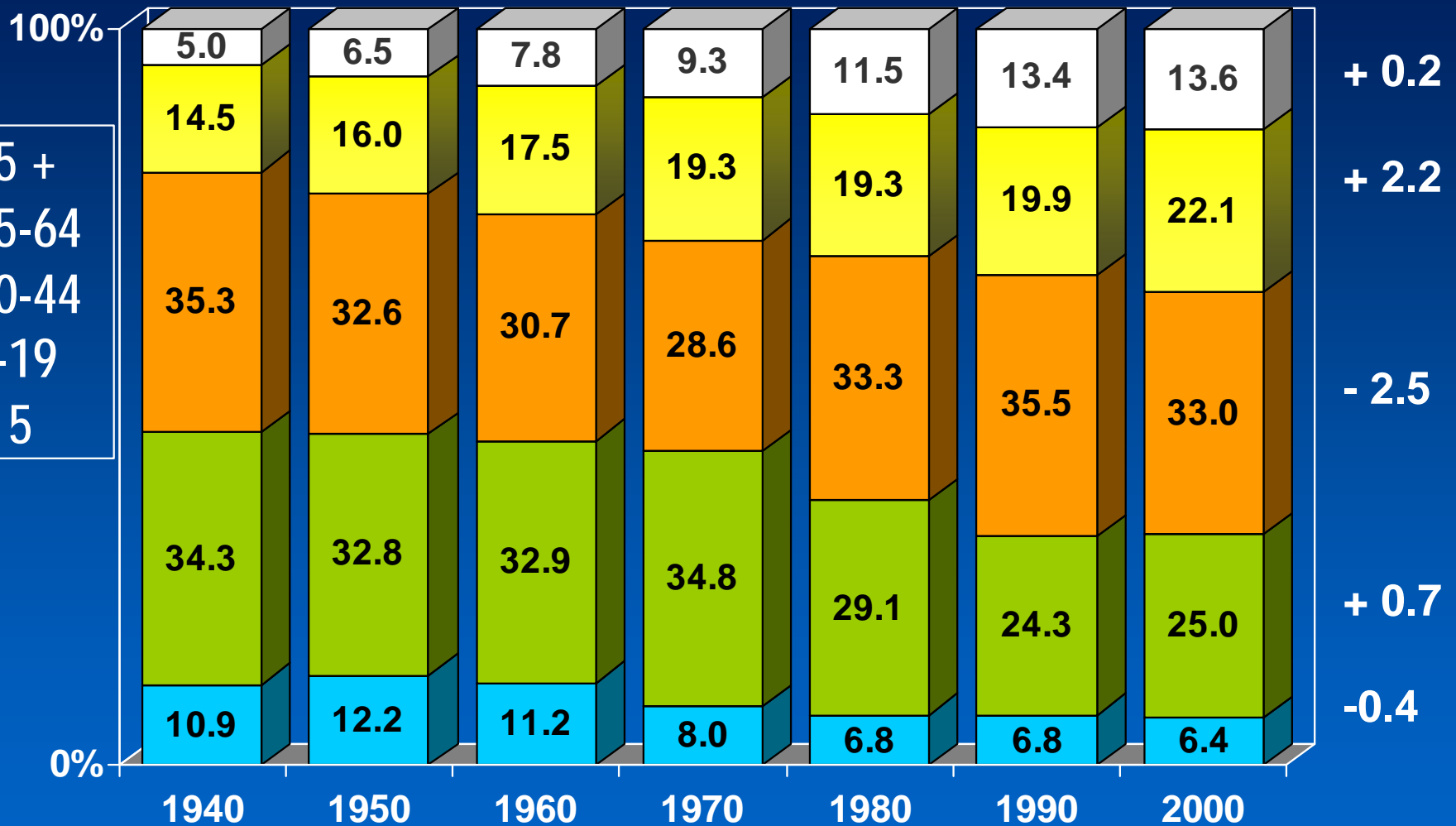
Total Population Bleckley County



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

Population Composition by Age Bleckley County

Change in
proportion
1990-2000



2008 Estimated Median Age

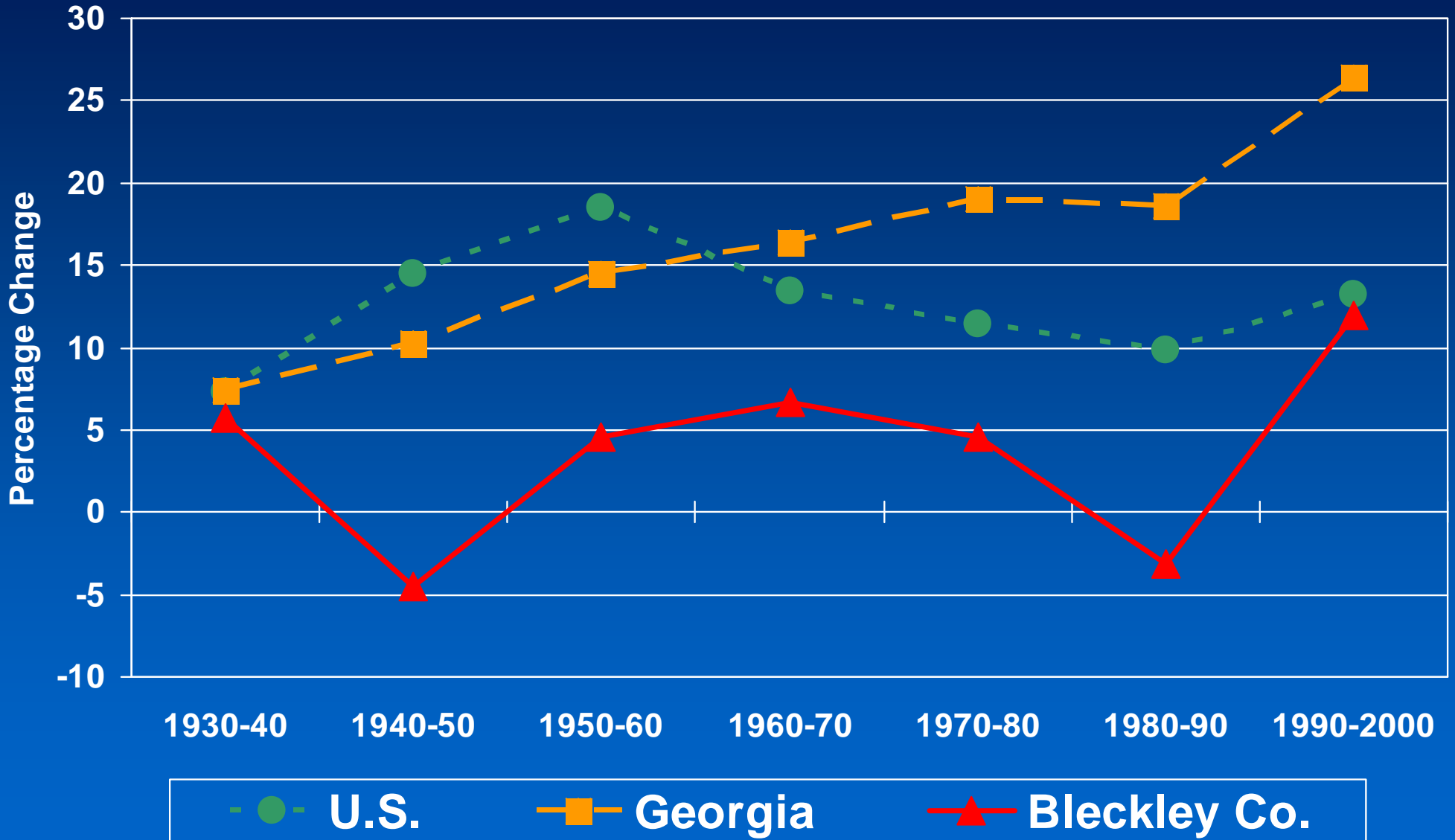
Bleckley Co. = 31.9 yrs.

GA = 34.9 yrs.

2008 County Population Comparisons

County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2000-08	Rank of % Chg.
BLECKLEY	12,683	113	58.3	8.7	73
DODGE	20,116	90	40.2	4.9	100
HOUSTON	133,161	14	353.4	20.2	32
LAURENS	47,848	41	58.9	6.6	86
PULASKI	9,787	130	39.6	2.1	112
TWIGGS	10,257	127	28.5	-3.1	142
WILKINSON	10,026	129	22.5	-1.9	136

Population Change: 1930-2000



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

Components of Population Change

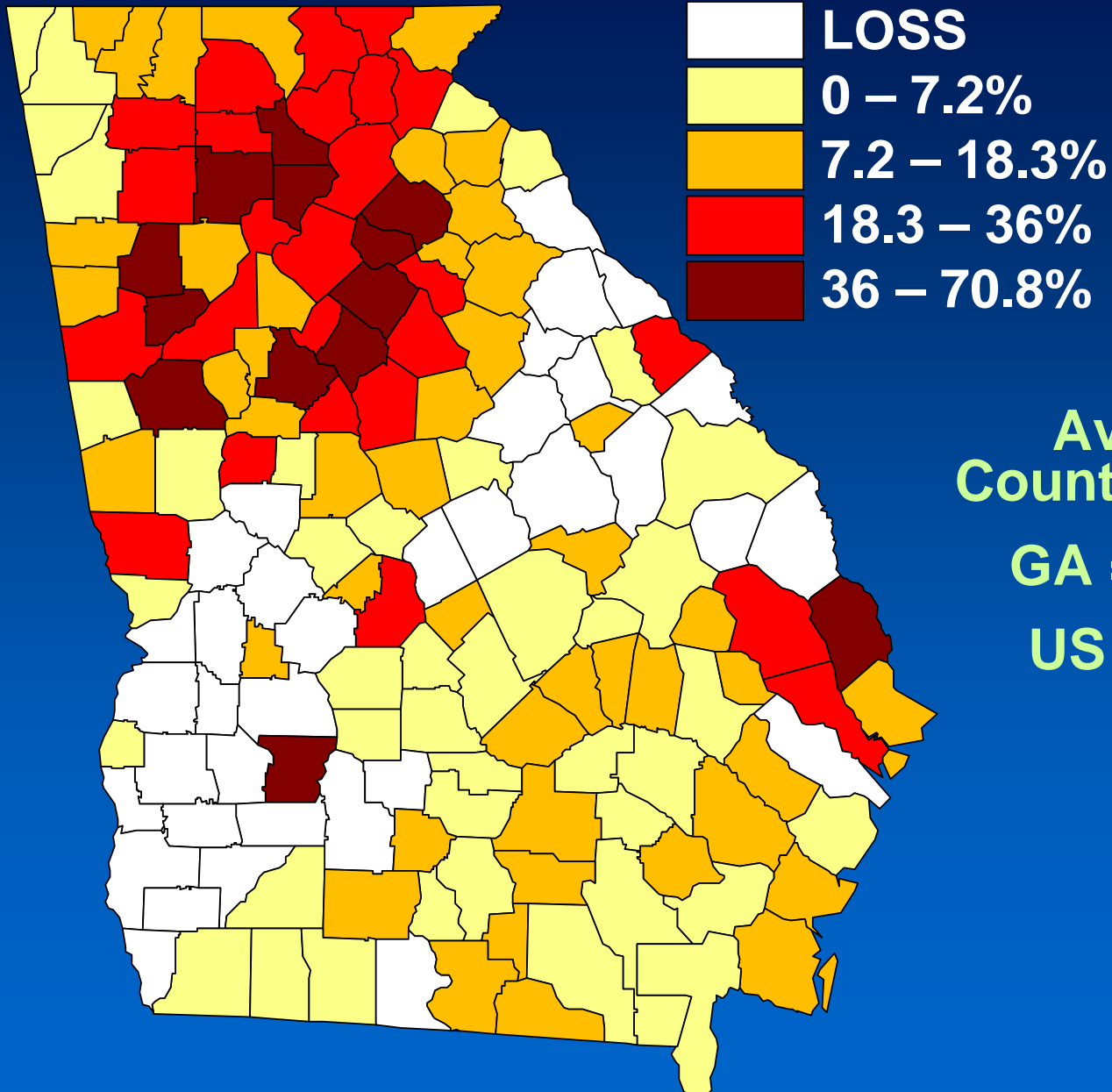
Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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
BLECKLEY	1,017	200	908	3.1	2.3
DODGE	945	366	699	3.2	2.9
HOUSTON	22,396	8,232	14,524	8.2	8.3
LAURENS	2,974	1,726	1,473	4.6	4.9
PULASKI	199	79	178	3.0	-4.3
TWIGGS	-333	168	-454	1.4	-2.0
WILKINSON	-194	455	-611	6.9	-11.0
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.

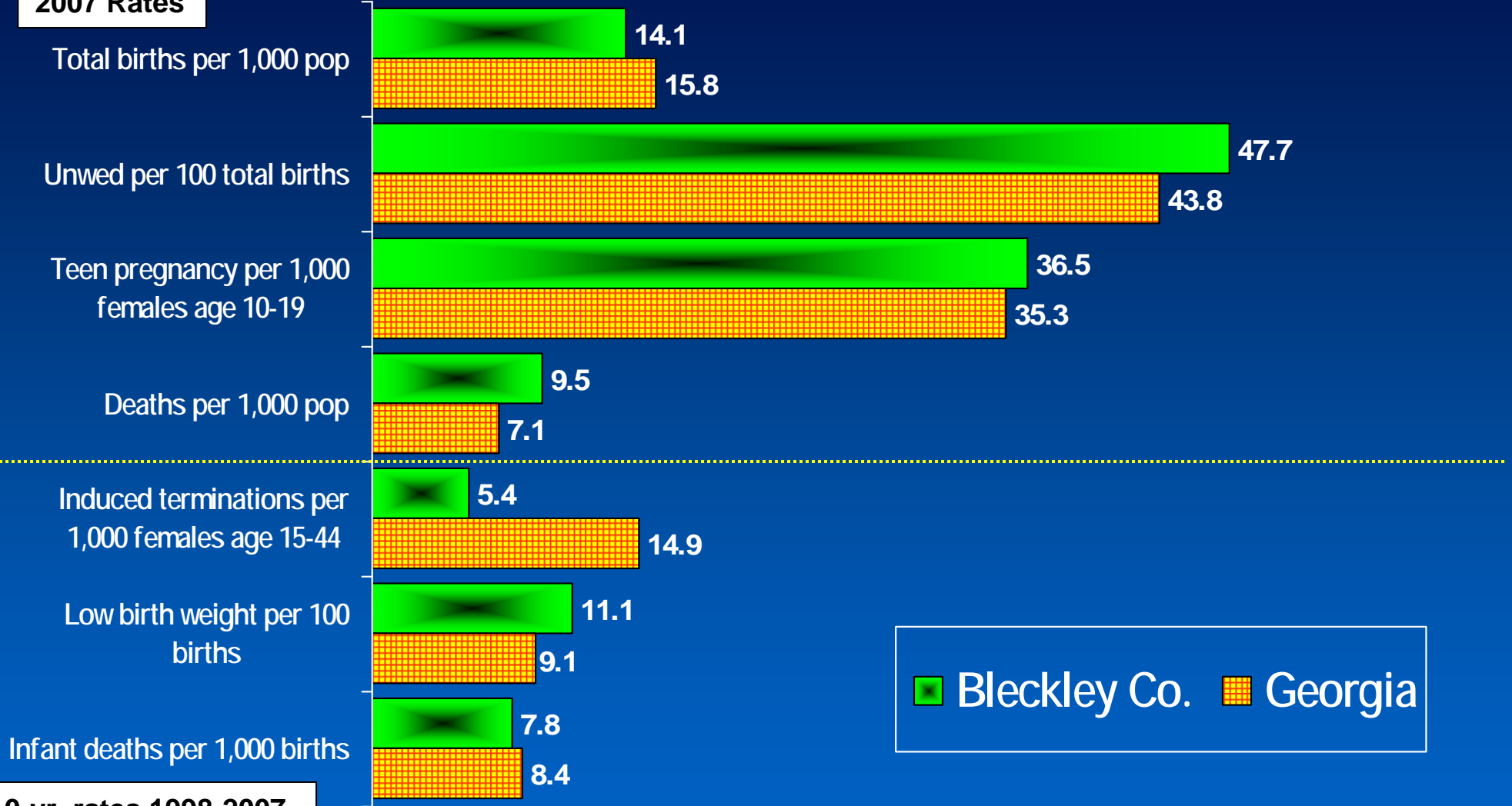
Primary data source:
U. S. Census Bureau (3/09)

Population Change: 2000-2008



Selected Vital Statistics

2007 Rates

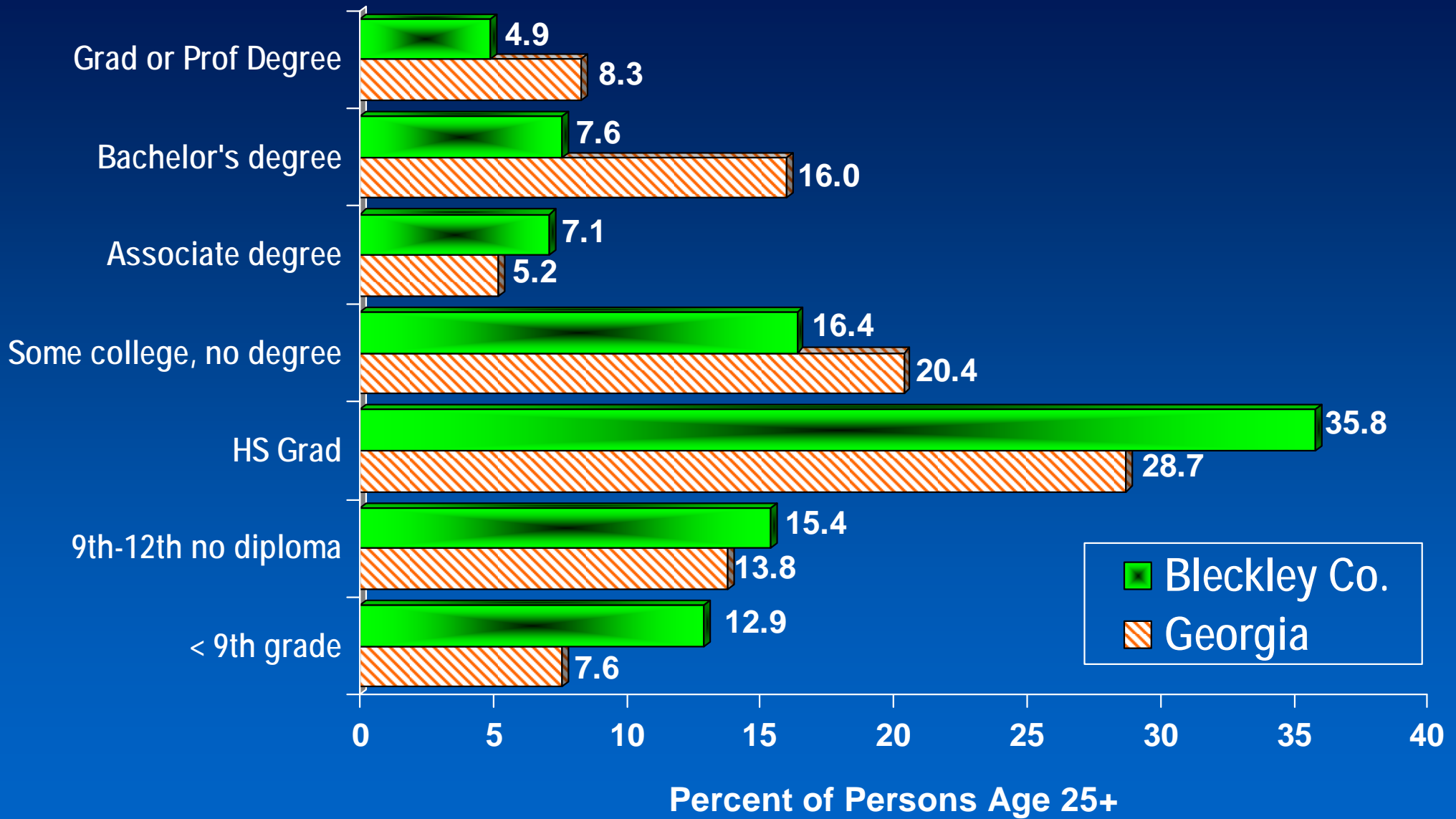


10-yr. rates 1998-2007

2007 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



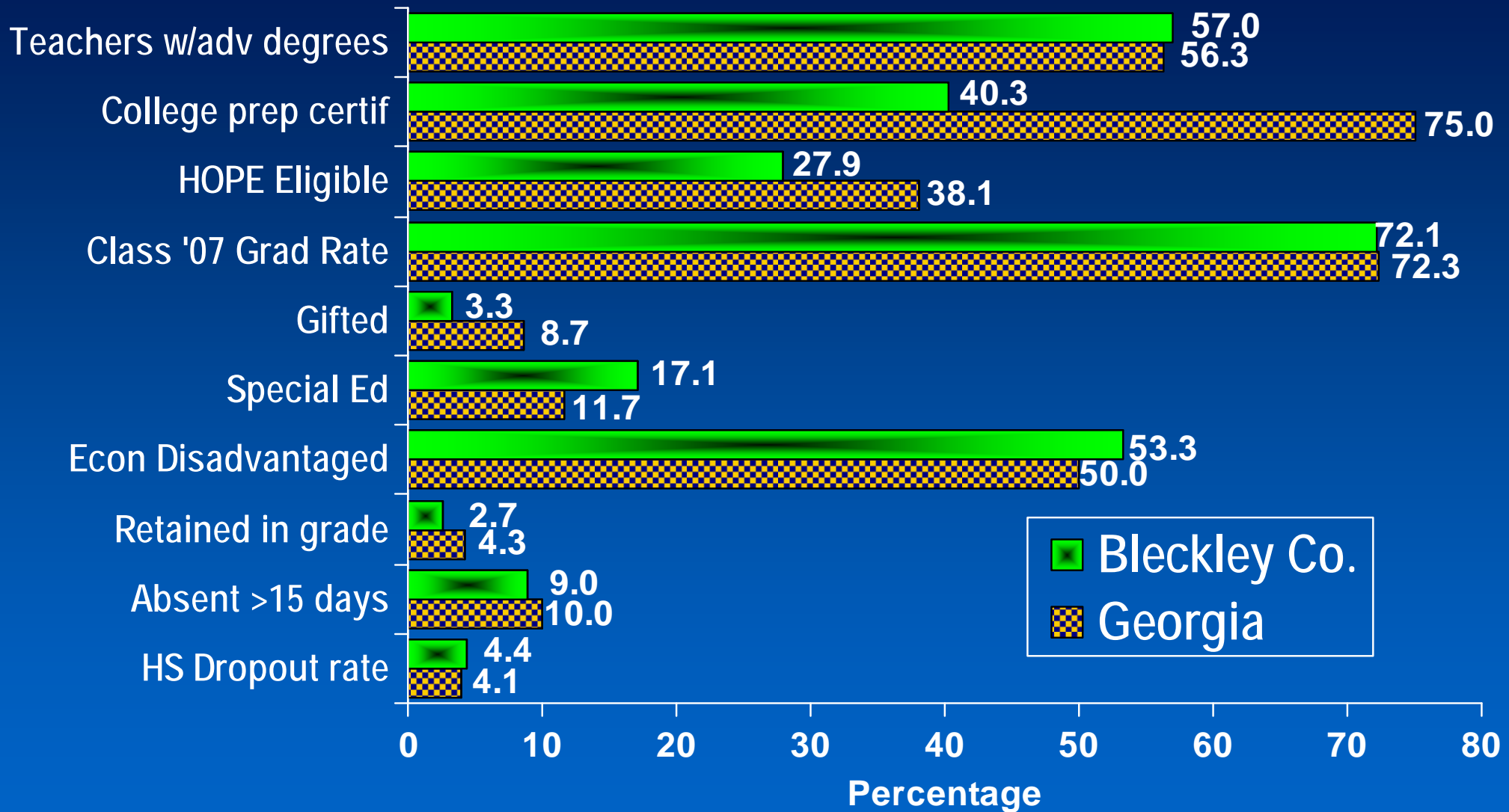
Bleckley Co.

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 2006-07



Bleckley Co.

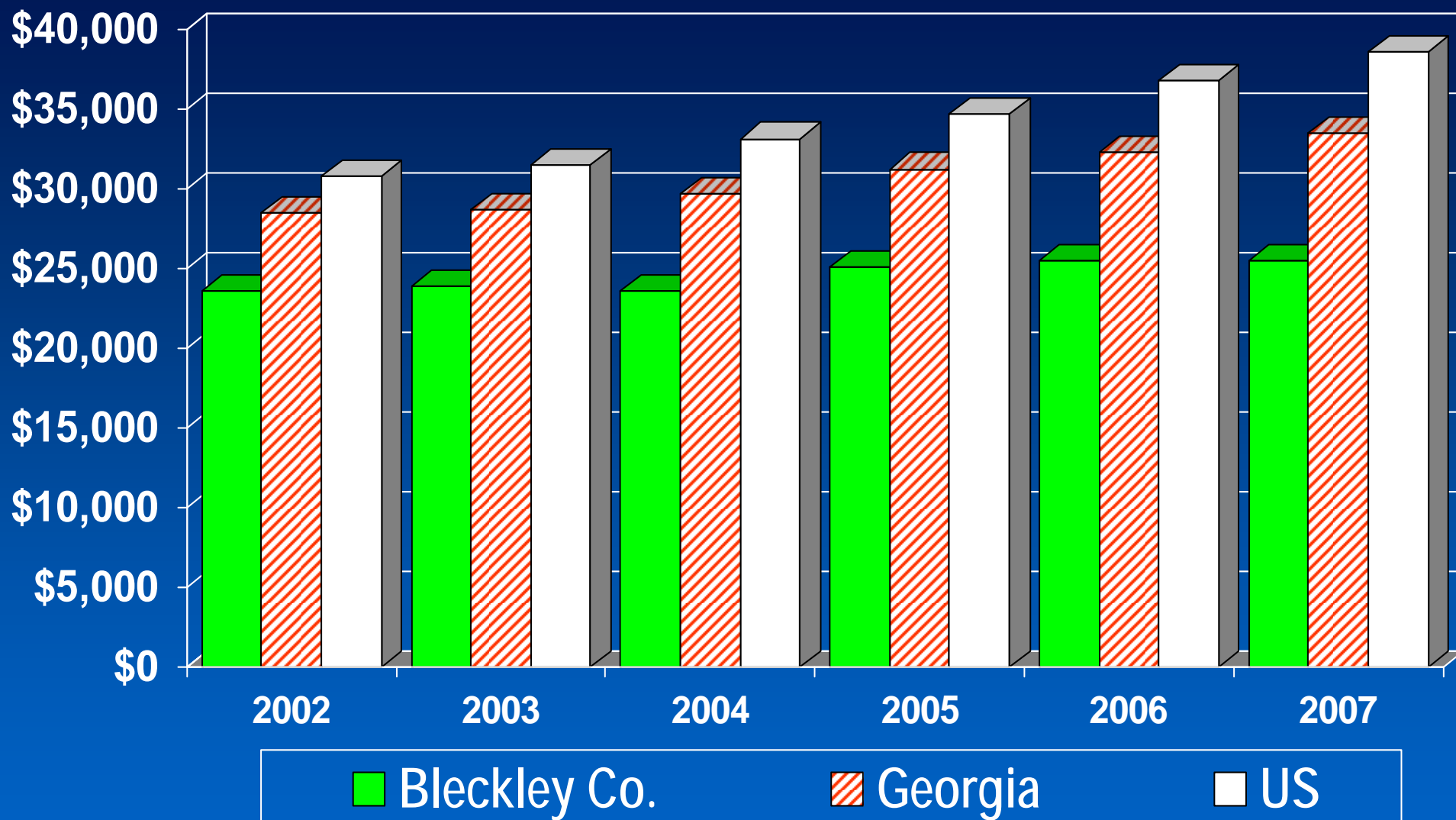
K12 enrollment = 2,331

HS dropouts = 34

General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$7,249

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Per Capita Income: 2002-2007

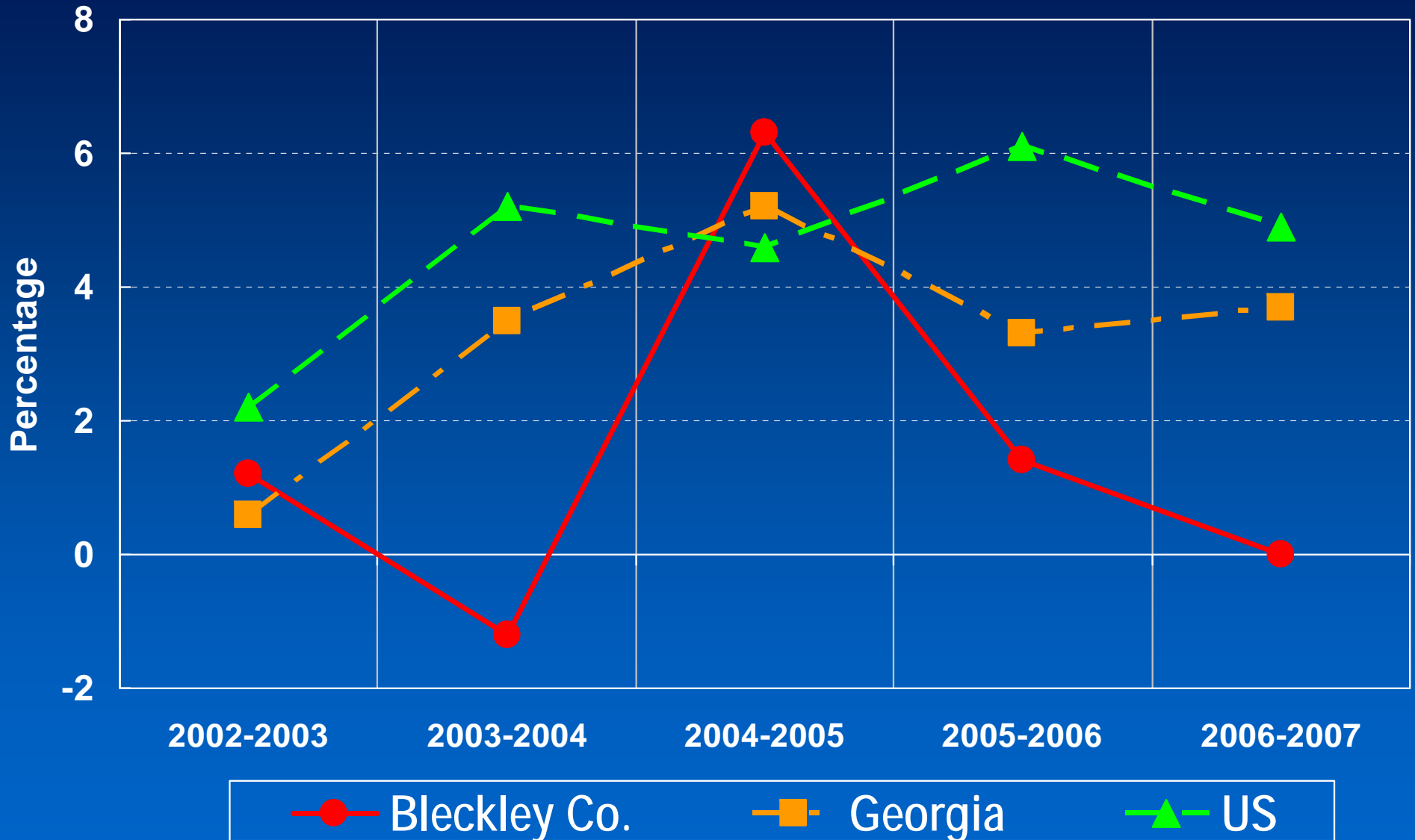


2007 PCI
Bleckley Co. = \$25,472

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

Per Capita Income: 2002-2007

Percentage Change

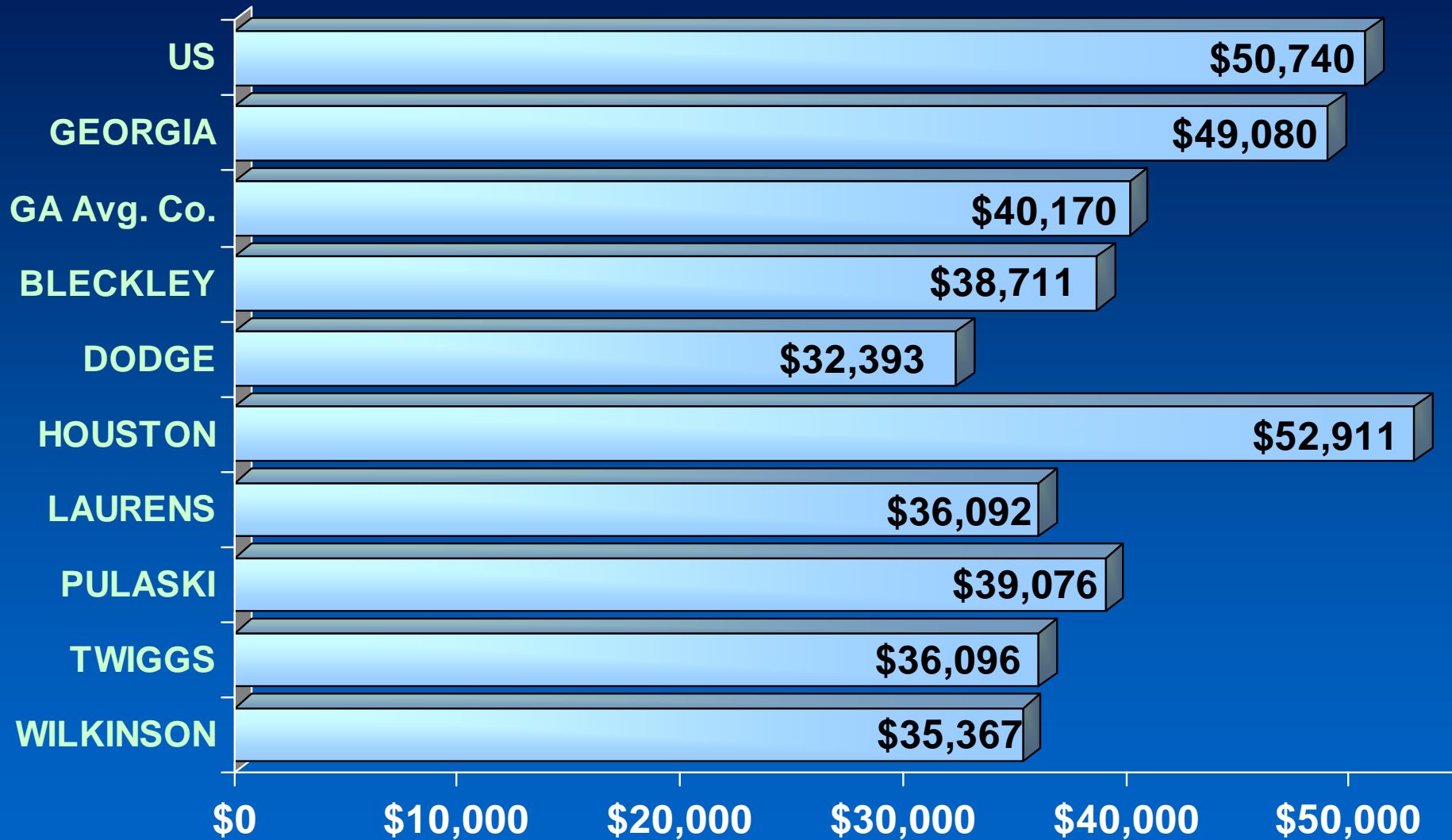


Per Capita Income: 2007

County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 2002-2007
BLECKLEY	\$25,472	77	76.0	7.8
DODGE	\$21,718	136	64.8	15.3
HOUSTON	\$30,572	26	91.3	15.6
LAURENS	\$26,487	60	79.1	17.2
PULASKI	\$27,305	50	81.5	13.5
TWIGGS	\$23,432	109	69.9	21.3
WILKINSON	\$23,491	107	70.1	13.7
GA Avg. Co.	\$26,299	--	78.5	17.1

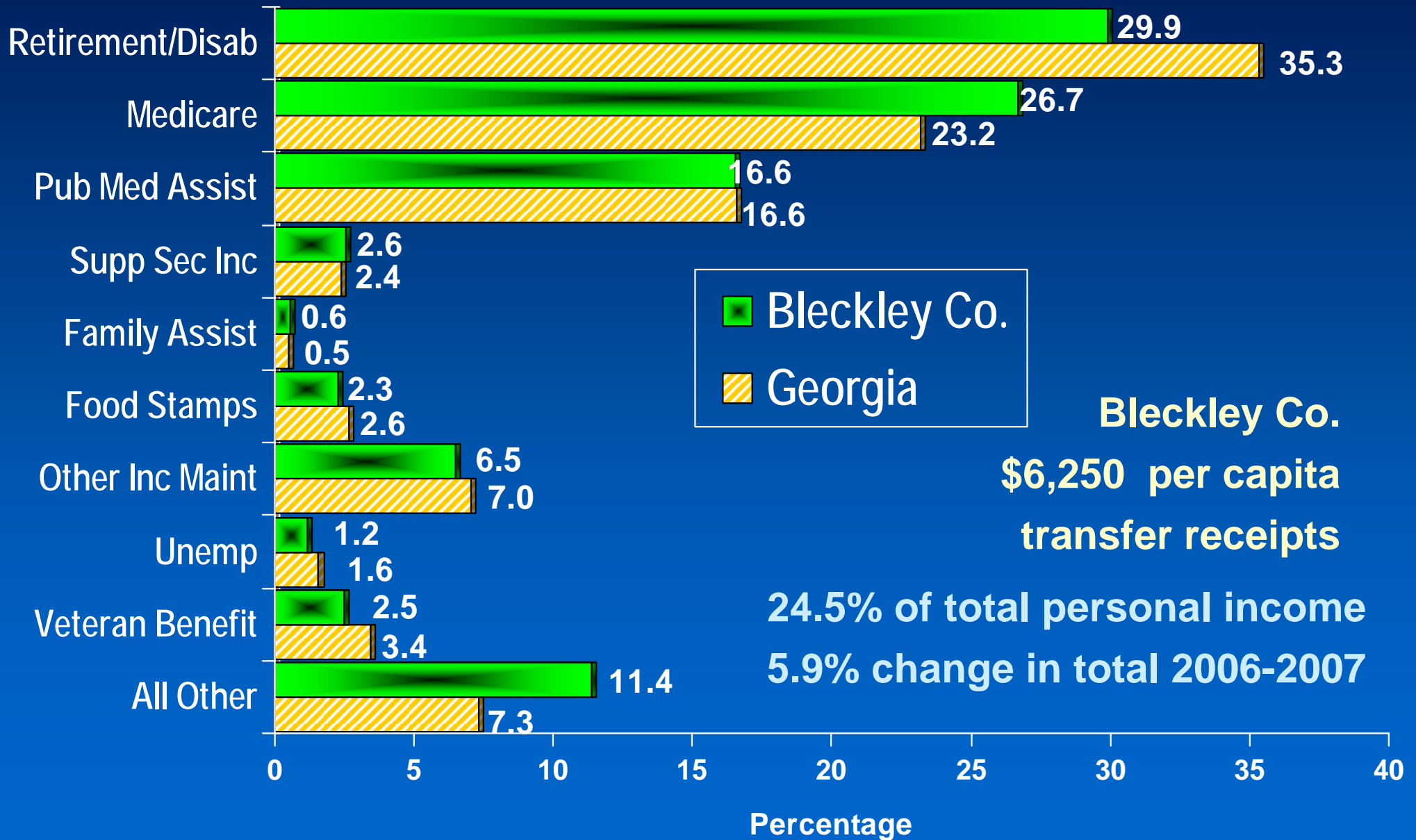
Median Household Income

2007 Model-Based Estimates



Transfer Receipts: 2007

Bleckley Co. Total = \$79,017,000



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

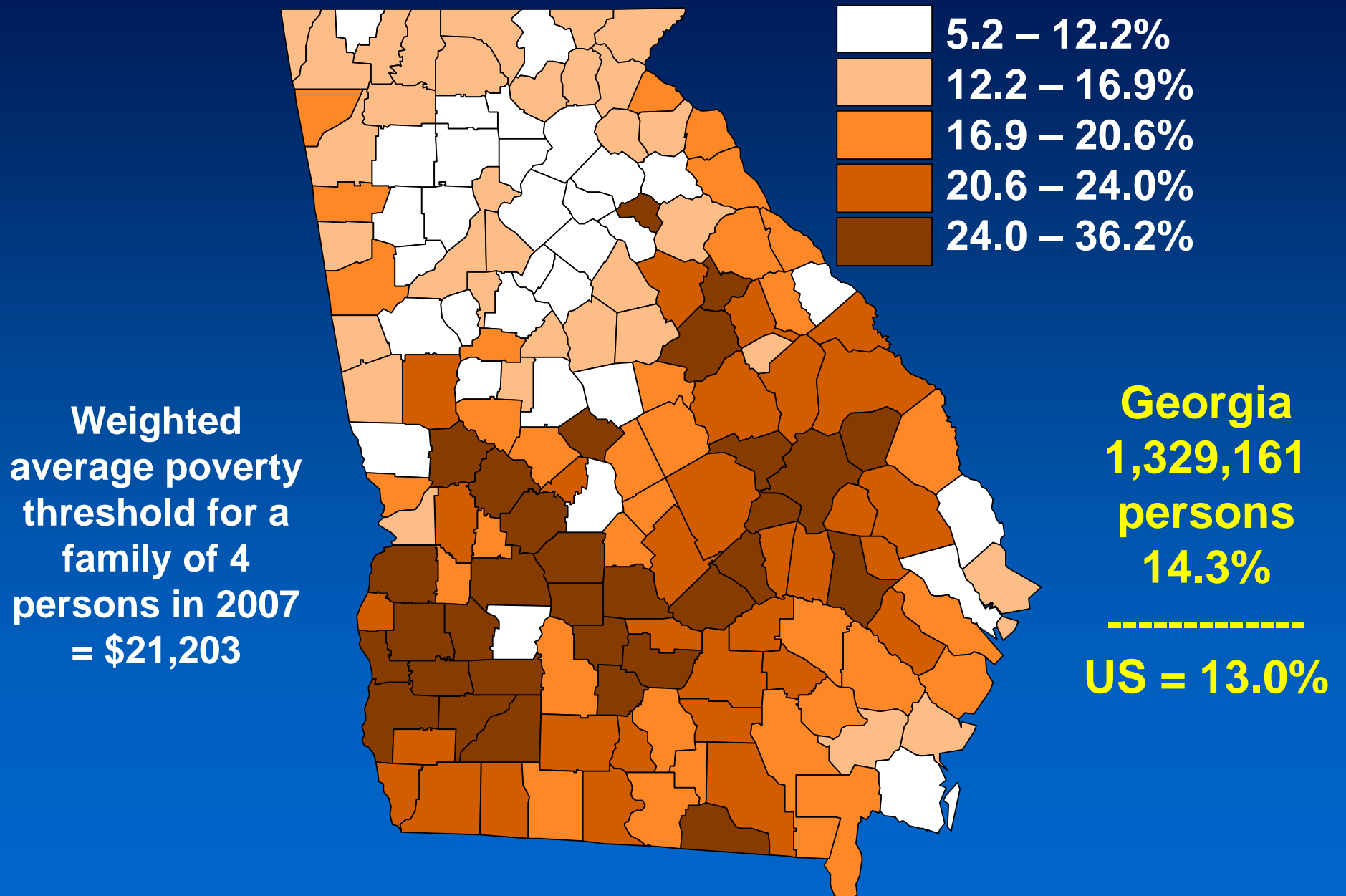
Persons Living Below Poverty Level

2007 Model-Based Estimates

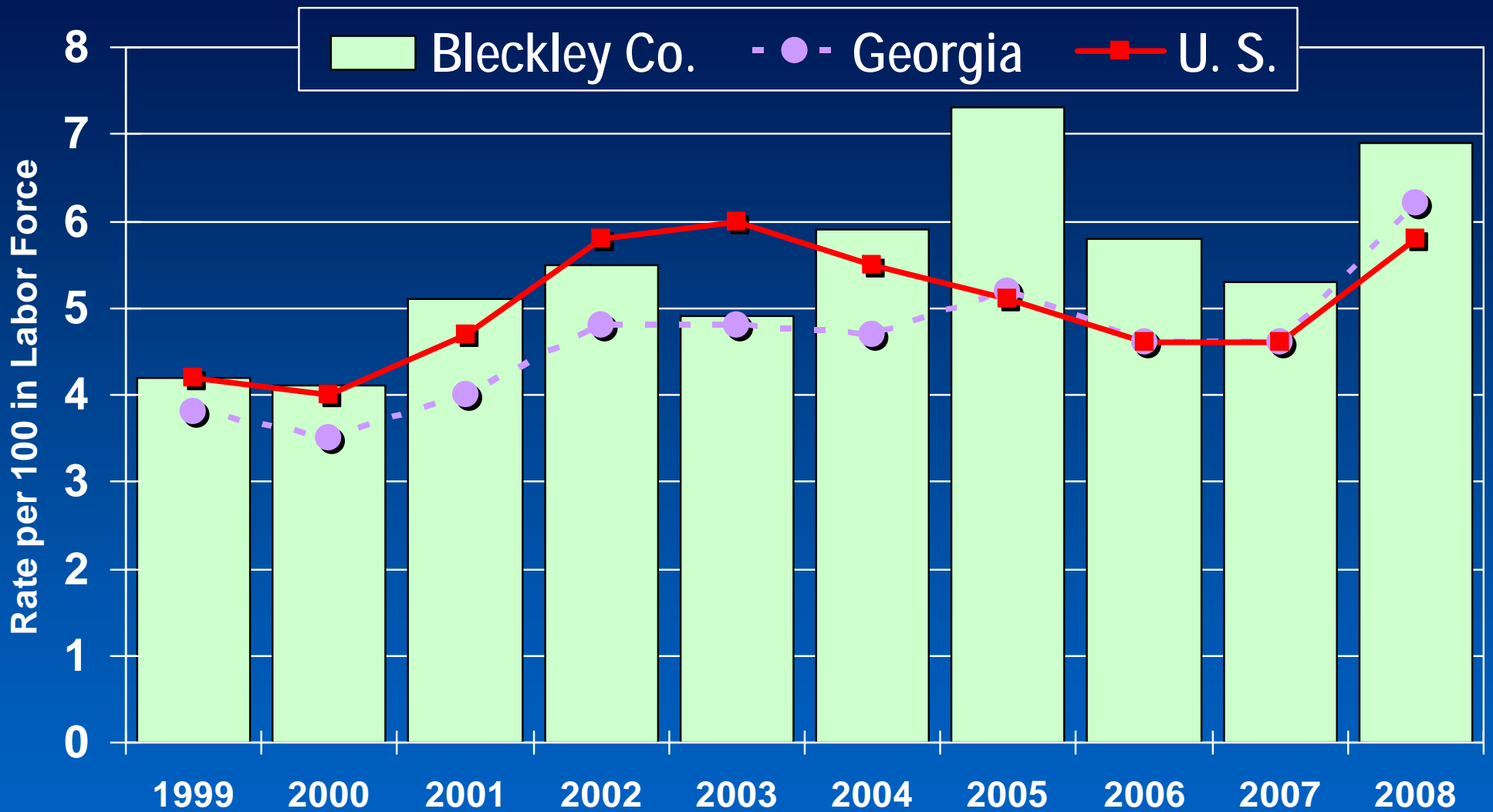
County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
BLECKLEY	1,996	18.0	75
DODGE	3,972	21.8	110
HOUSTON	14,497	11.3	22
LAURENS	10,565	23.0	119
PULASKI	1,576	18.3	81
TWIGGS	1,965	19.5	88
WILKINSON	1,783	17.9	73
GA Avg. Co.	8,359	18.6	--

Persons Living Below the Poverty Level

2007 Model-Based Estimates



Unemployment Rates



2008 Rates

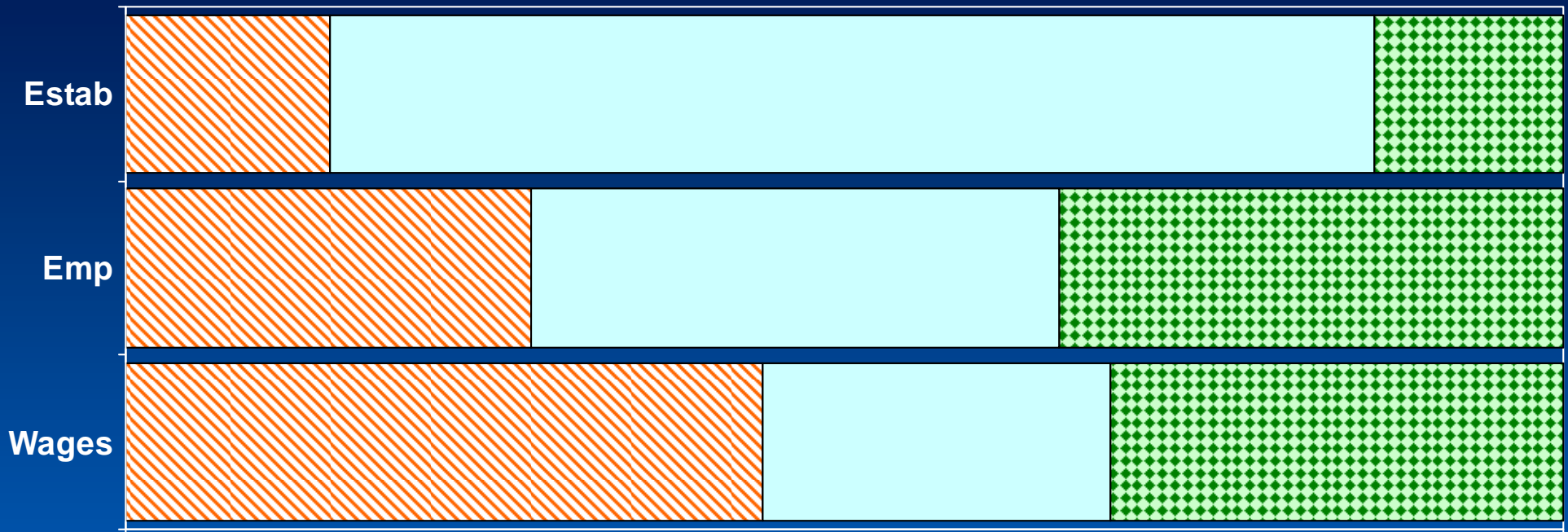
Bleckley Co. = 6.9

GA = 6.2

US = 5.8

Avg. GA County = 6.9

Business Establishments, Employment and Wages Bleckley Co. 2008 Annual Averages, % of Total



Goods Producing
 Service Providing
 Government

**Agriculture, Mining,
Construction,
Manufacturing**

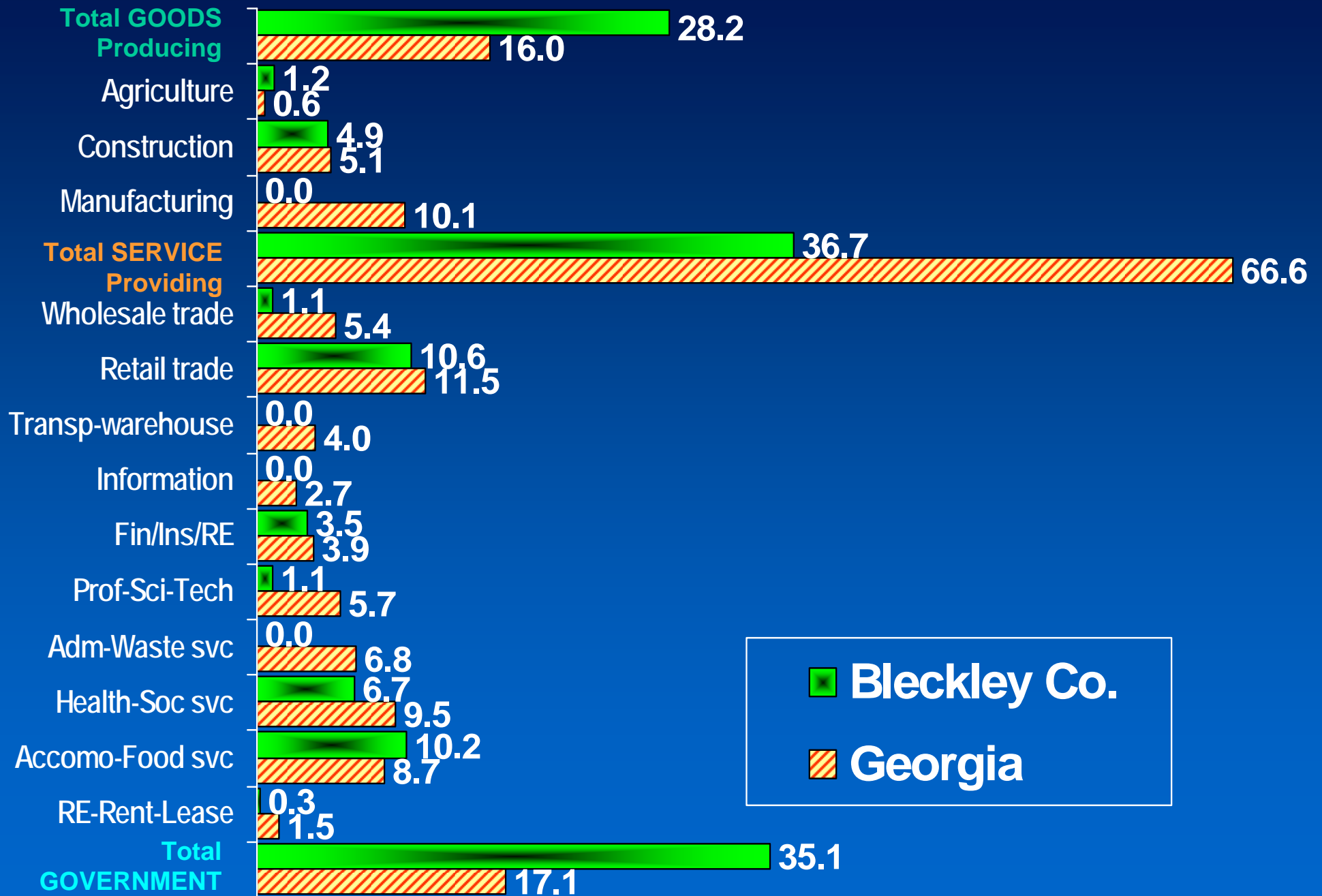
Retail-Wholesale Trade, Transportation-Warehousing,
Information, Finance-Insurance-Real Estate,
Professional-SciTech Serv., Admin-Waste Serv., Health-
Social Serv., Accommodation-Food Serv., & others

**Federal,
State,
Local**

2008 Averages

Establishments = 213 Monthly Employment = 3,611 Weekly Wage = \$585

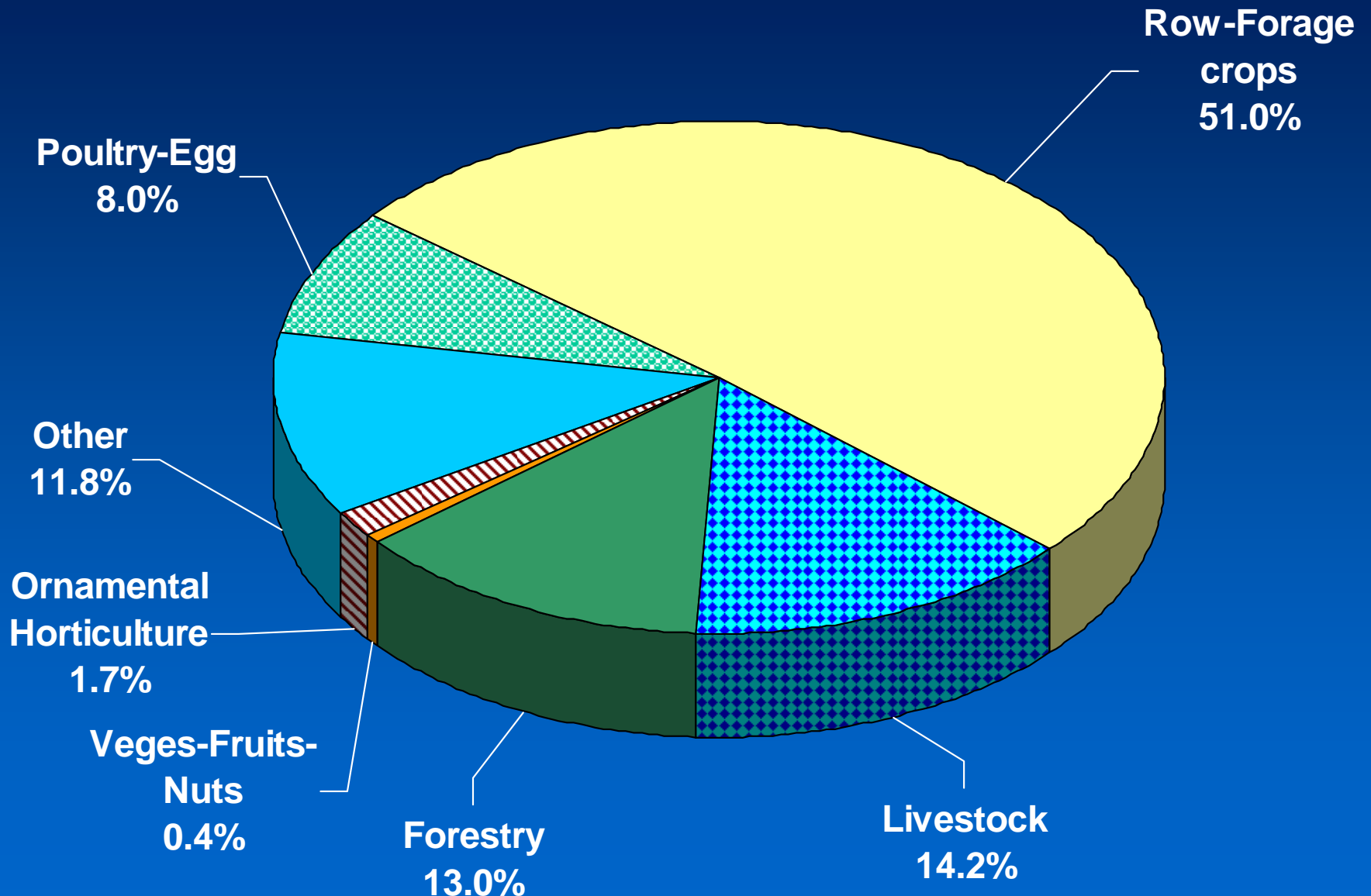
Selected Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2008



Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (zero may indicate no employment in sector, or undisclosed data.)

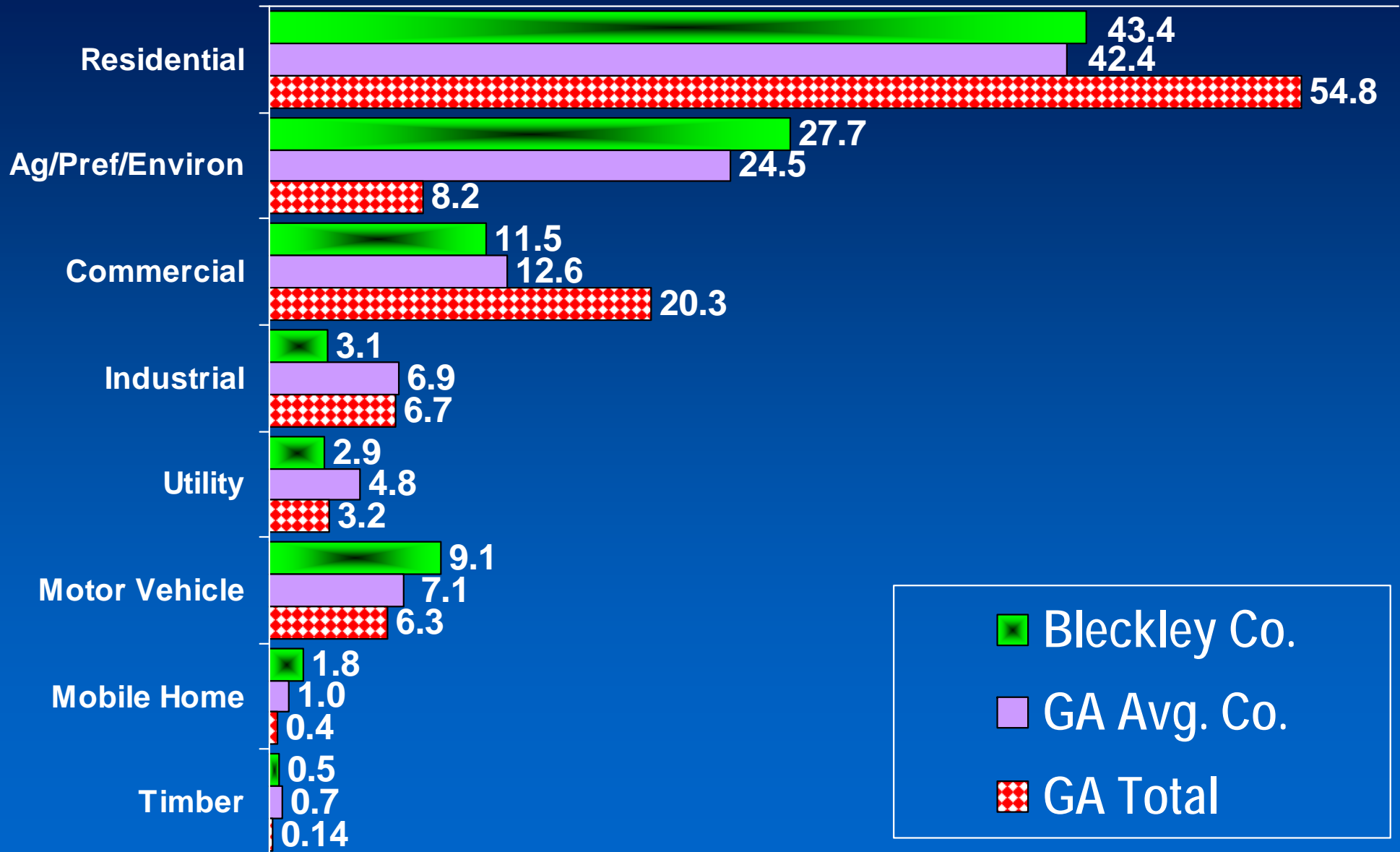
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2008

Bleckley Co. Total Value = \$30,323,648



Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2008

Bleckley Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = \$315,956,030



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
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
HOUSTON	59.2	5.4	21.0	3.4	2.4	8.1	0.4	0.05
LAURENS	35.0	16.2	18.4	16.9	3.1	8.3	0.8	0.88
PULASKI	43.8	25.1	14.2	4.6	3.1	8.1	0.7	0.39
TWIGGS	30.3	27.0	6.7	15.9	7.8	8.8	1.9	1.54
WILKINSON	16.8	24.0	4.9	37.3	5.7	8.2	1.2	1.87
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)

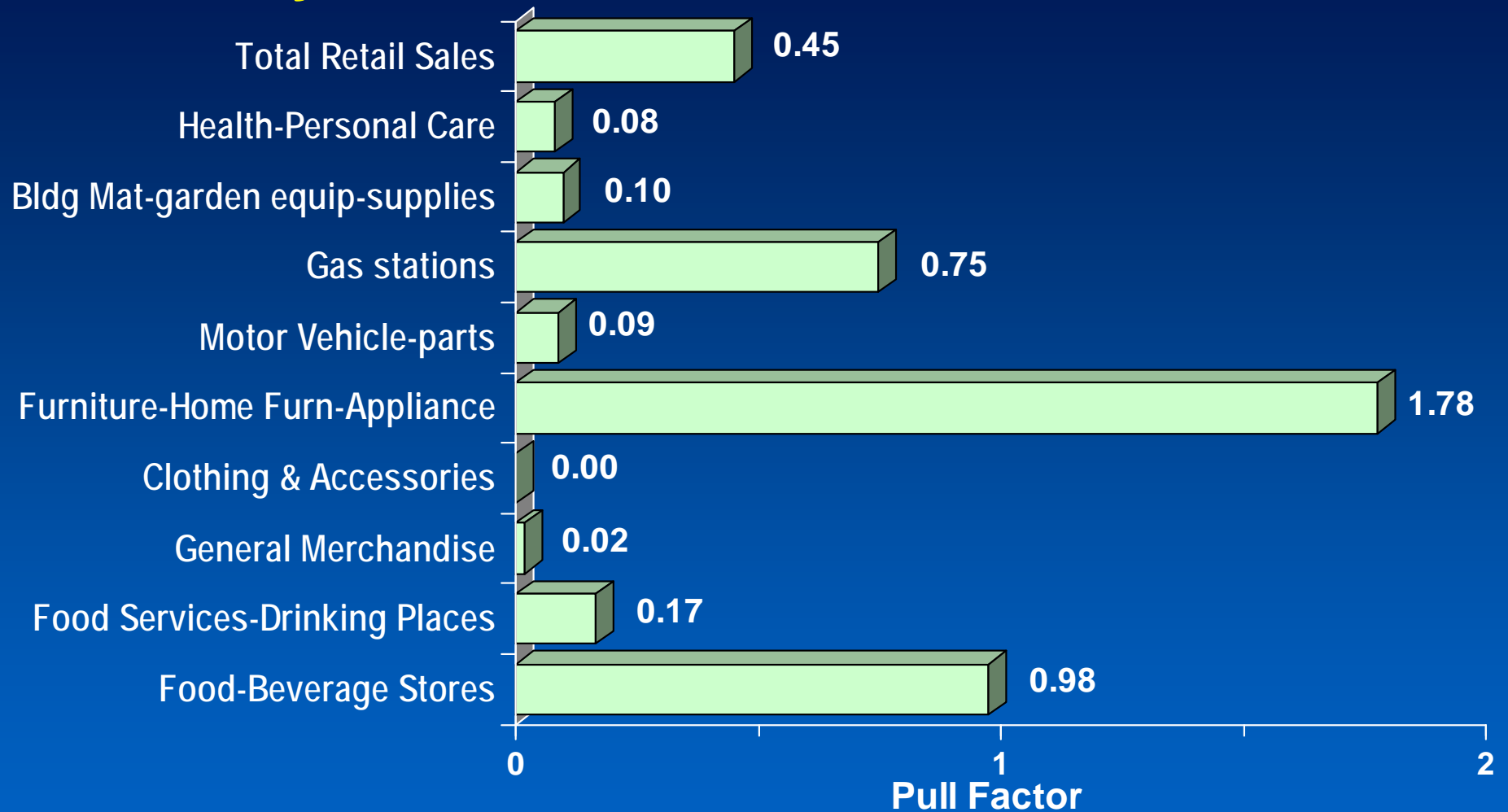
Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

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
BLECKLEY	31.45	11.50	\$6,648	3	LSE
DODGE	24.28	9.70	\$7,664	3	LSE
HOUSTON	24.56	12.47	\$95,534	3	LSE
LAURENS	22.68	11.94	\$27,561	3	LSE
PULASKI	28.49	12.35	\$6,748	3	LSE
TWIGGS	39.60	20.00	\$6,916	3	LSE
WILKINSON	34.76	19.32	\$11,639	3	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: 2008

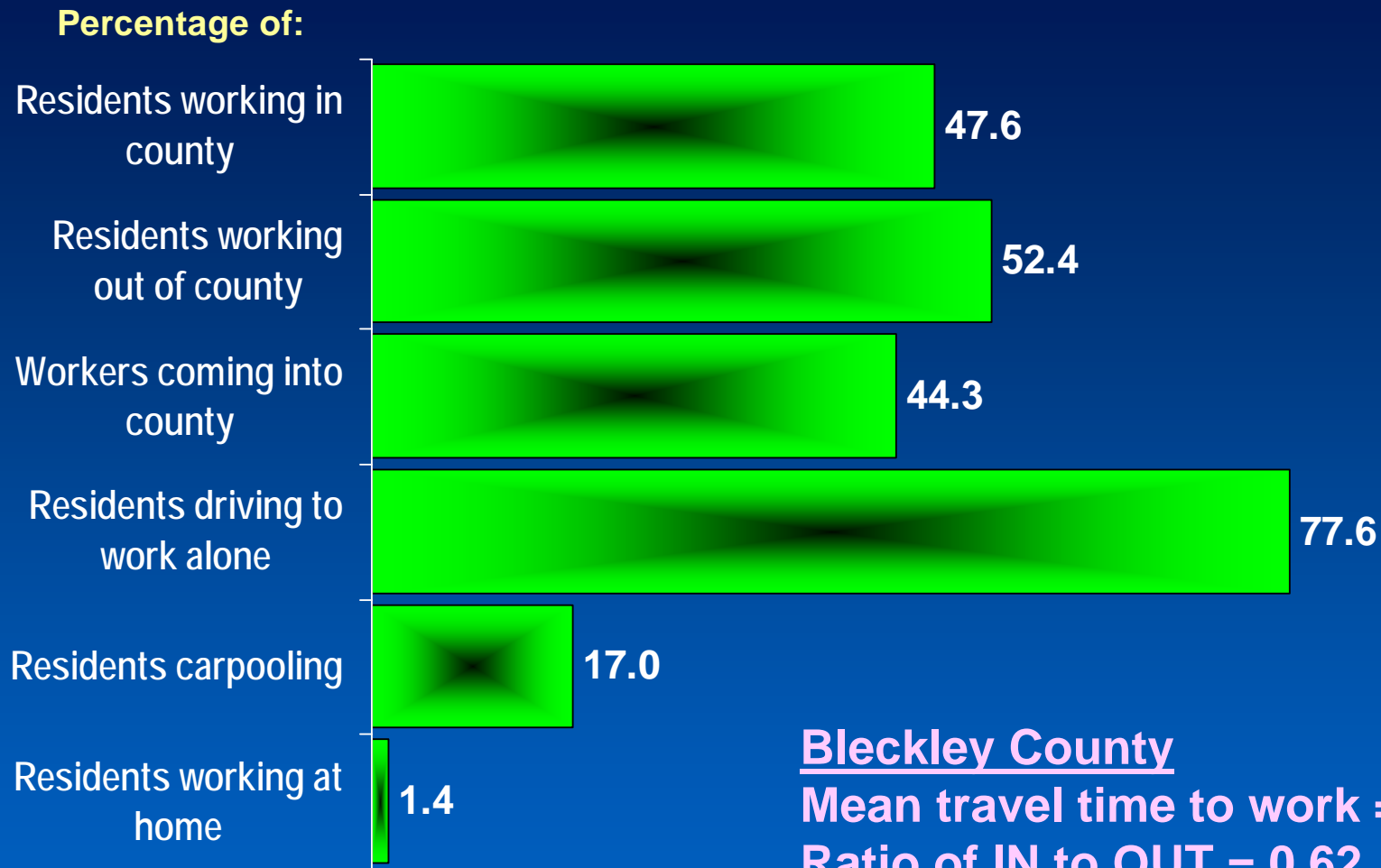
Bleckley Co. Total Retail Sales = \$112,739,000



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



Bleckley County

Mean travel time to work = 26.1 min.

Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.62

Resident workers 16+ = 4,699

Residents working in county = 2,583

Residents working out of county = 2,116

Total working in county = 3,891

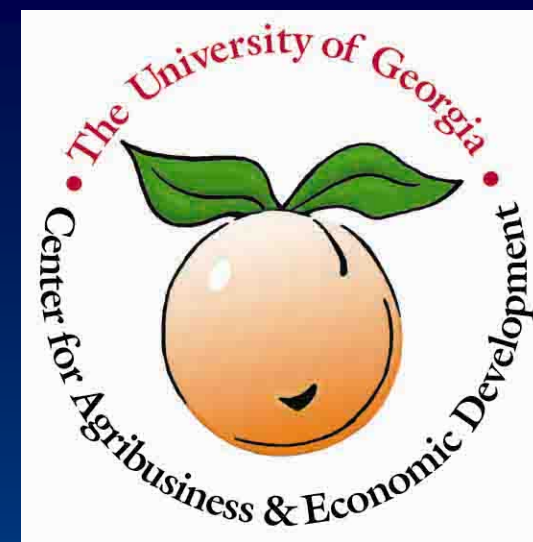
Workers commuting into county = 1,308

*This study was developed to assist
community leadership with their
future planning and decision making.*

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