

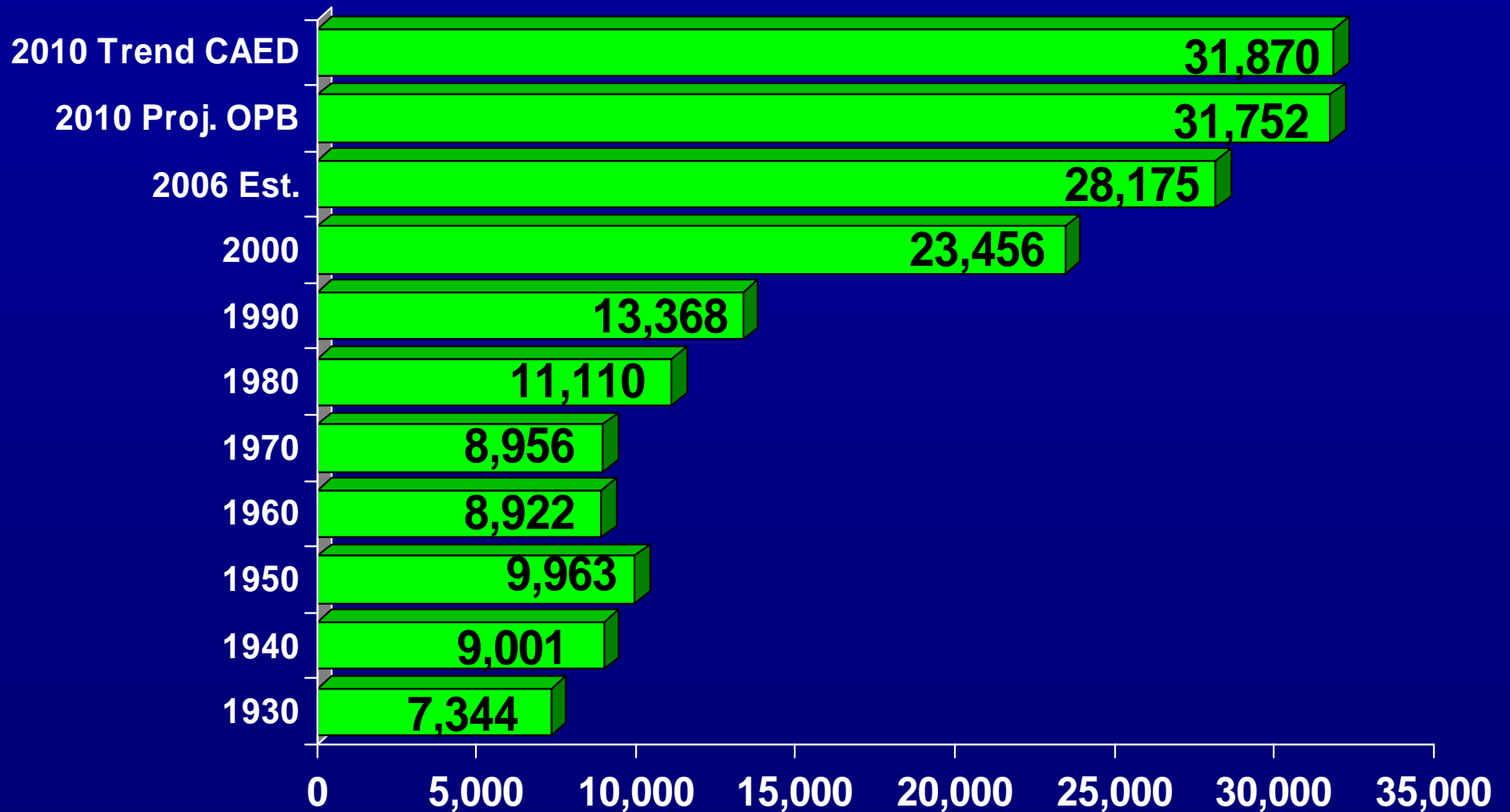
# Gilmer County Community Profile



**85th in order of  
county creation  
December 3, 1832**

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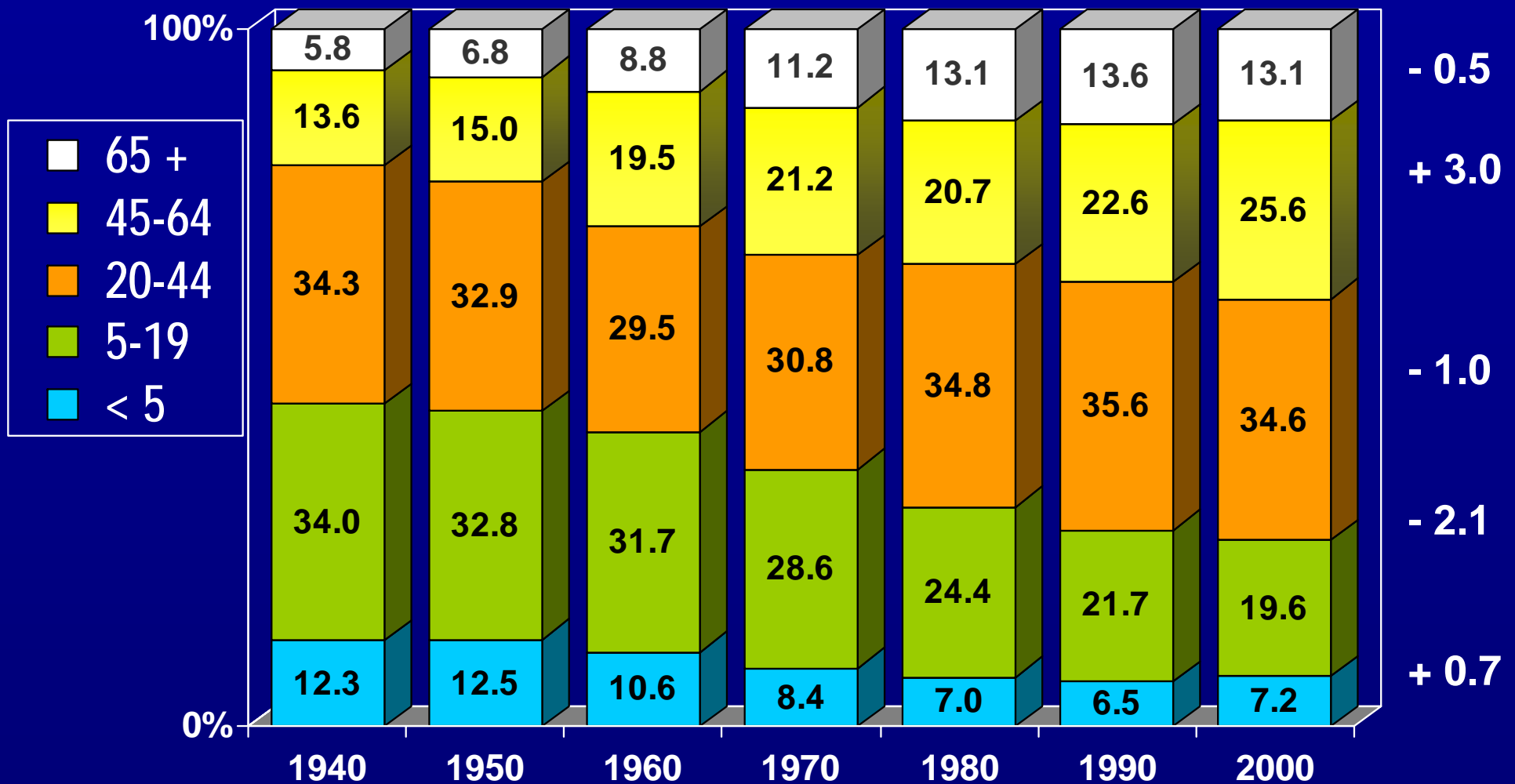
# Total Population Gilmer County



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

# Population Composition by Age Gilmer County

Change in  
proportion  
1990-2000



**2006 Estimated Median Age**

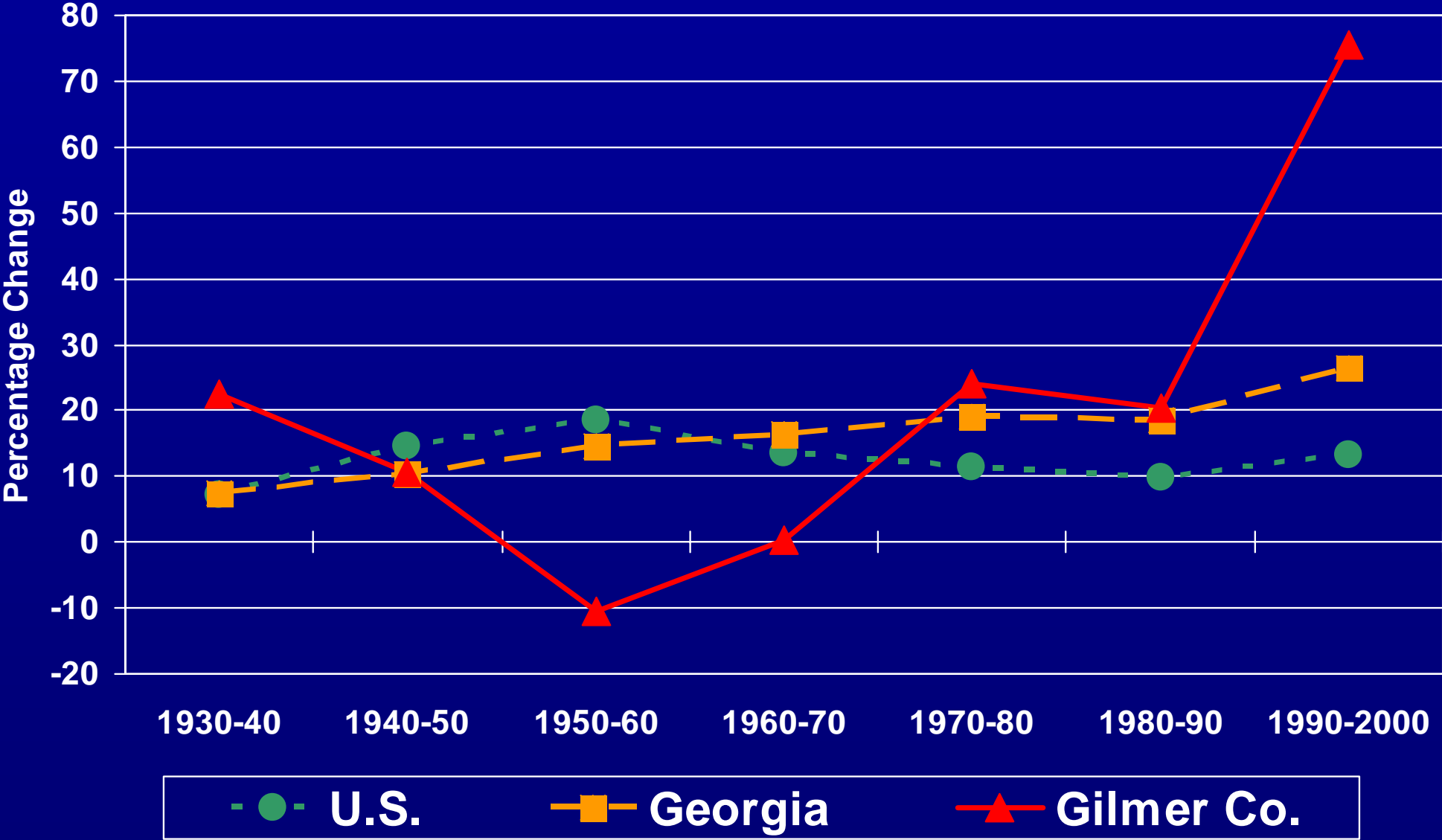
**Gilmer Co. = 36.6 yrs.**

**GA = 34.6 yrs.**

# 2006 County Population Comparisons

County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2000-06	Rank of % Chg.
GILMER	28,175	61	66.0	20.1	24
DAWSON	20,643	88	97.8	29.0	13
FANNIN	22,319	80	57.9	12.7	45
GORDON	51,419	39	144.6	16.6	32
LUMPKIN	25,462	67	89.5	21.3	22
MURRAY	41,398	47	120.2	13.4	42
PICKENS	29,640	56	127.7	29.0	14

# Population Change: 1930-2000



Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Components of Population Change: 2000-2006

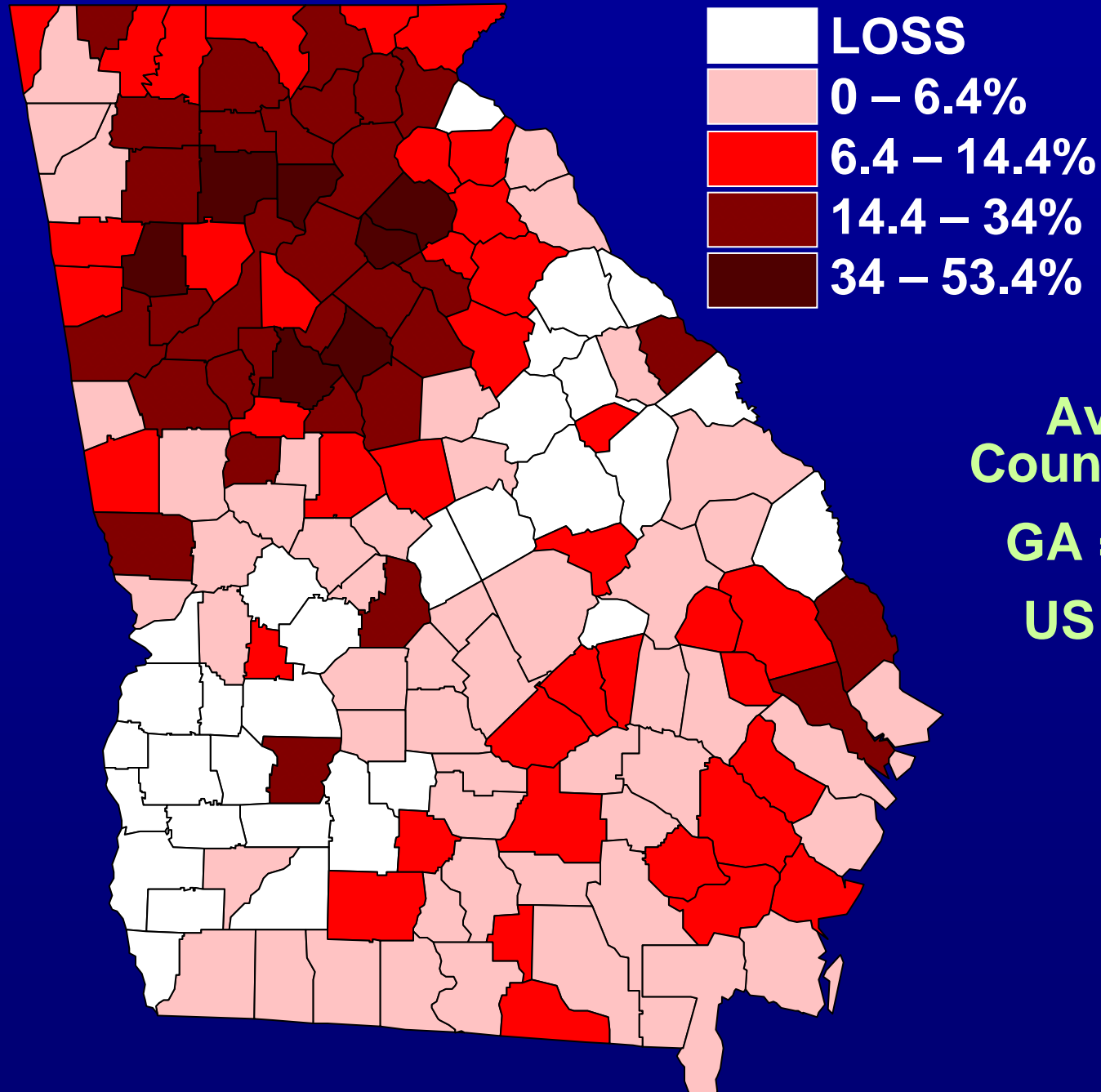
## Natural Increase & Net Migration\*

Area	Numerical Change	# Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)	Rate of Natural Increase	# Net Migration	Rate of Net Migration
GILMER	4,719	898	5.6	3,897	24.2
DAWSON	4,644	775	6.8	3,898	34.0
FANNIN	2,521	-120	-0.9	2,705	20.6
GORDON	7,315	2,498	8.4	4,963	16.6
LUMPKIN	4,476	865	6.0	3,652	25.2
MURRAY	4,895	2,151	8.8	2,854	11.7
PICKENS	6,657	715	4.3	5,971	36.3
Avg. GA Co.	7,403	2,761	4.5	3,816	8.7
GEORGIA	1,777,125	438,939	8.0	606,673	11.1

Primary data source:  
U. S. Census Bureau

\* Numerical change includes "residual" not represented in either NI or NM.  
Average annual estimates of annual rates per 1,000 population

# Population Change: 2000-2006



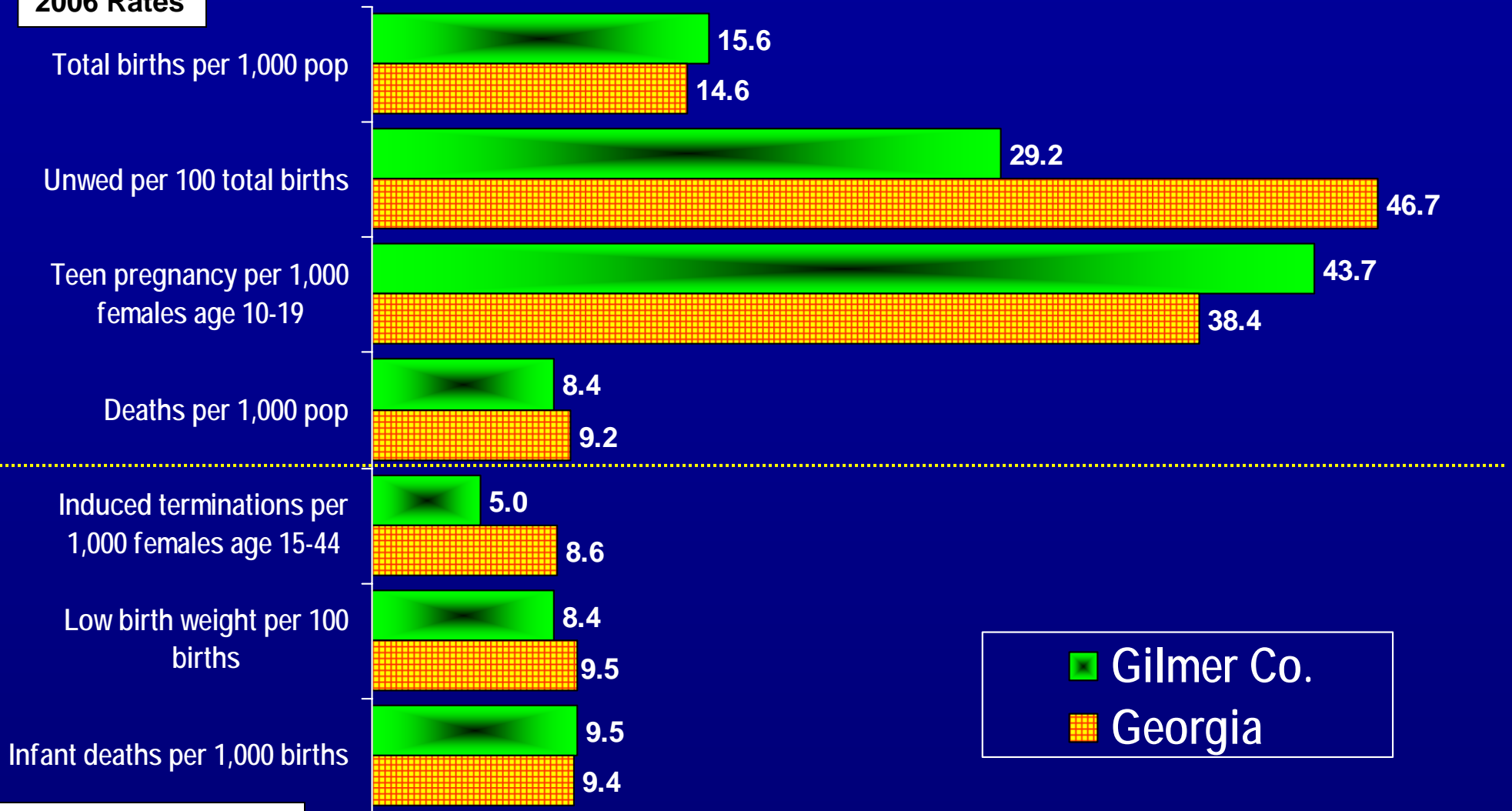
Avg. GA  
County = 9.1%

GA = 14.4%

US = 6.4%

# Selected Vital Statistics

## 2006 Rates



## 10-yr. rates 1997-2006

### 2006 Gilmer Co. Natality Data

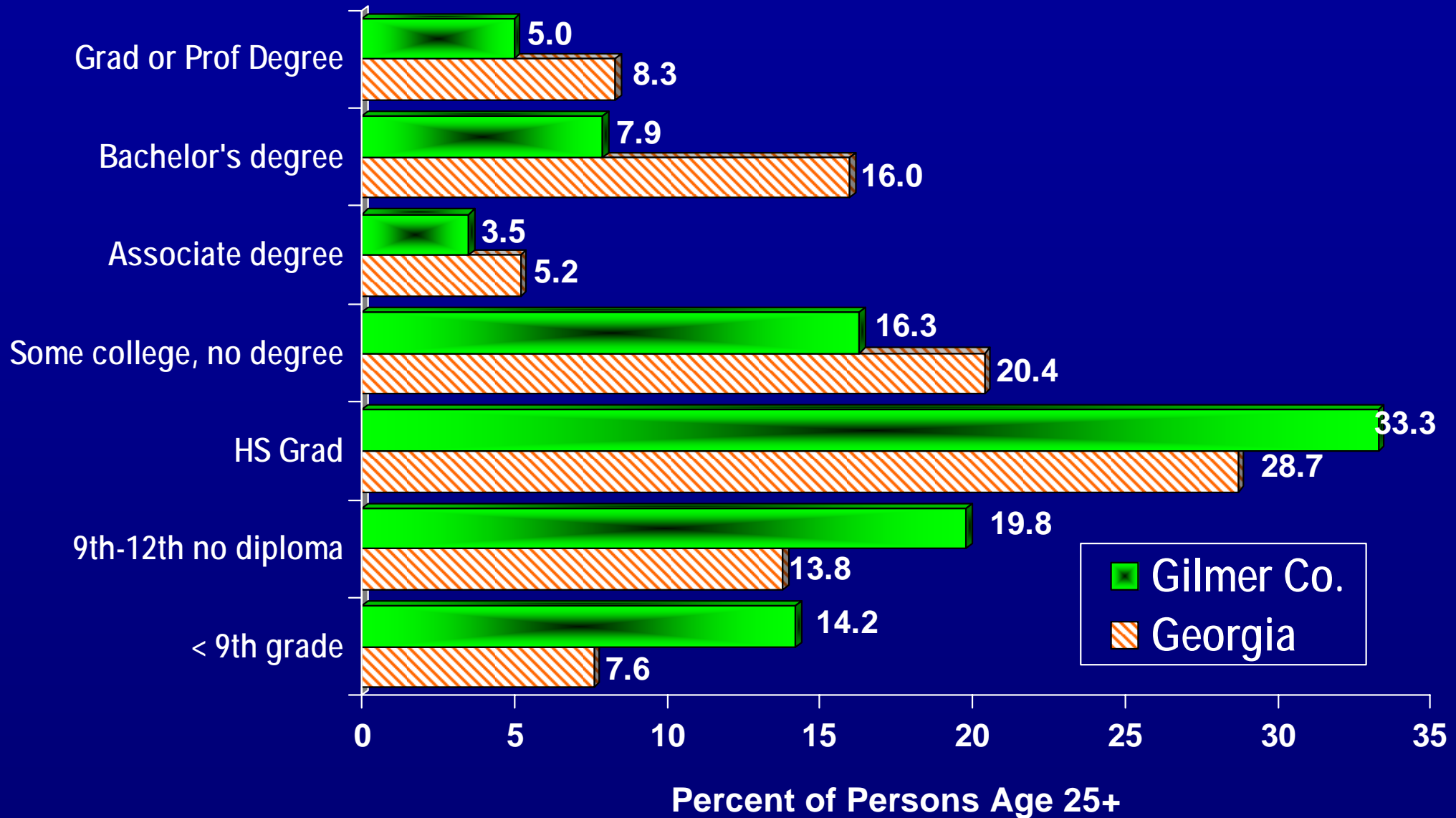
439 total births, 128 unwed births  
 22 induced terminations  
 68 teen pregnancies  
 34 low birth weight babies

### 2006 Gilmer Co. Mortality Data

238 total deaths  
 4 infant deaths



# Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000



**Gilmer Co.**

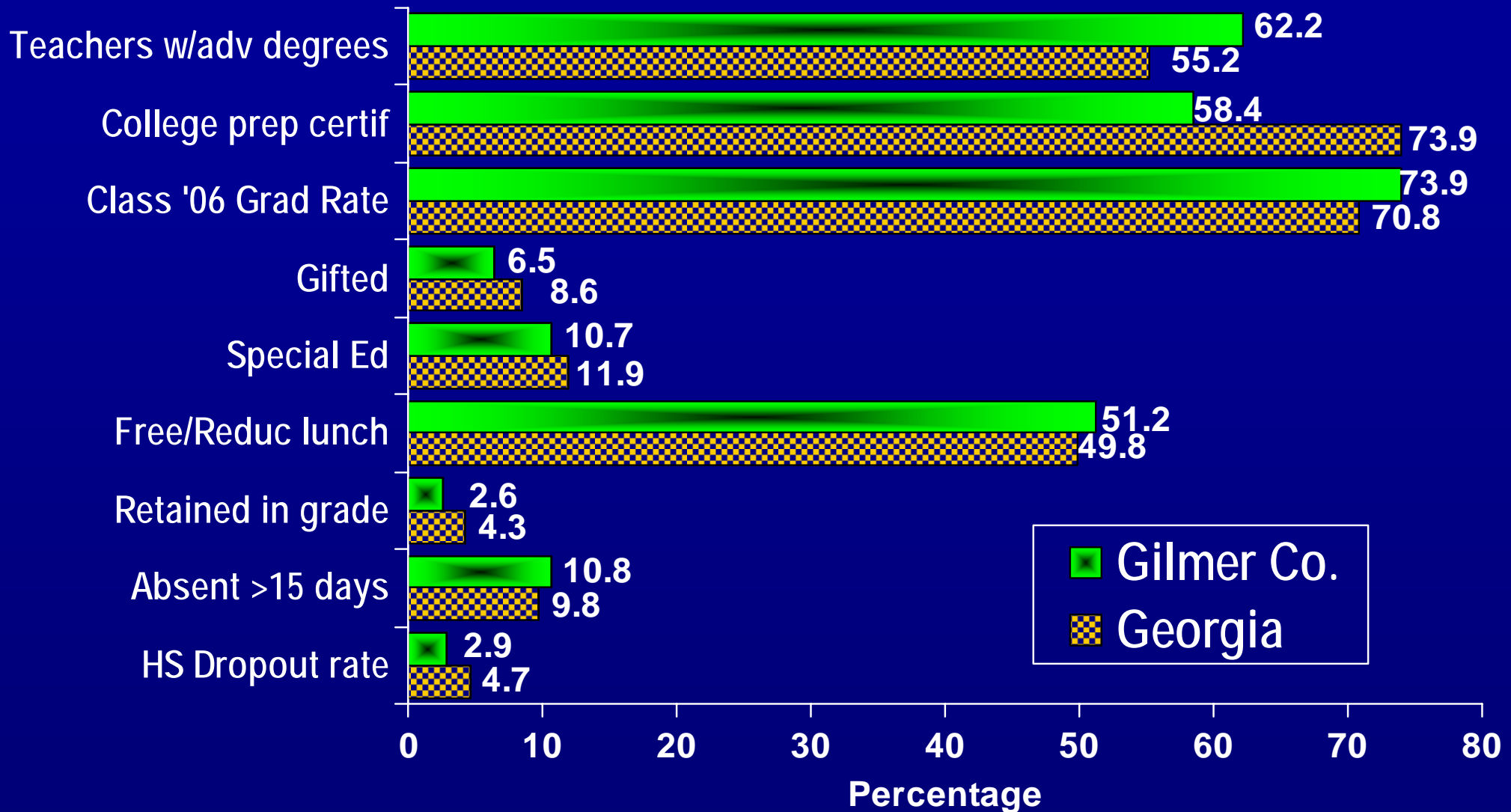
**Not completing HS = 34.0%**

**With a bachelor's + degree = 12.9%**

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Selected Public School Statistics

## School Year 2005-06



Gilmer Co.

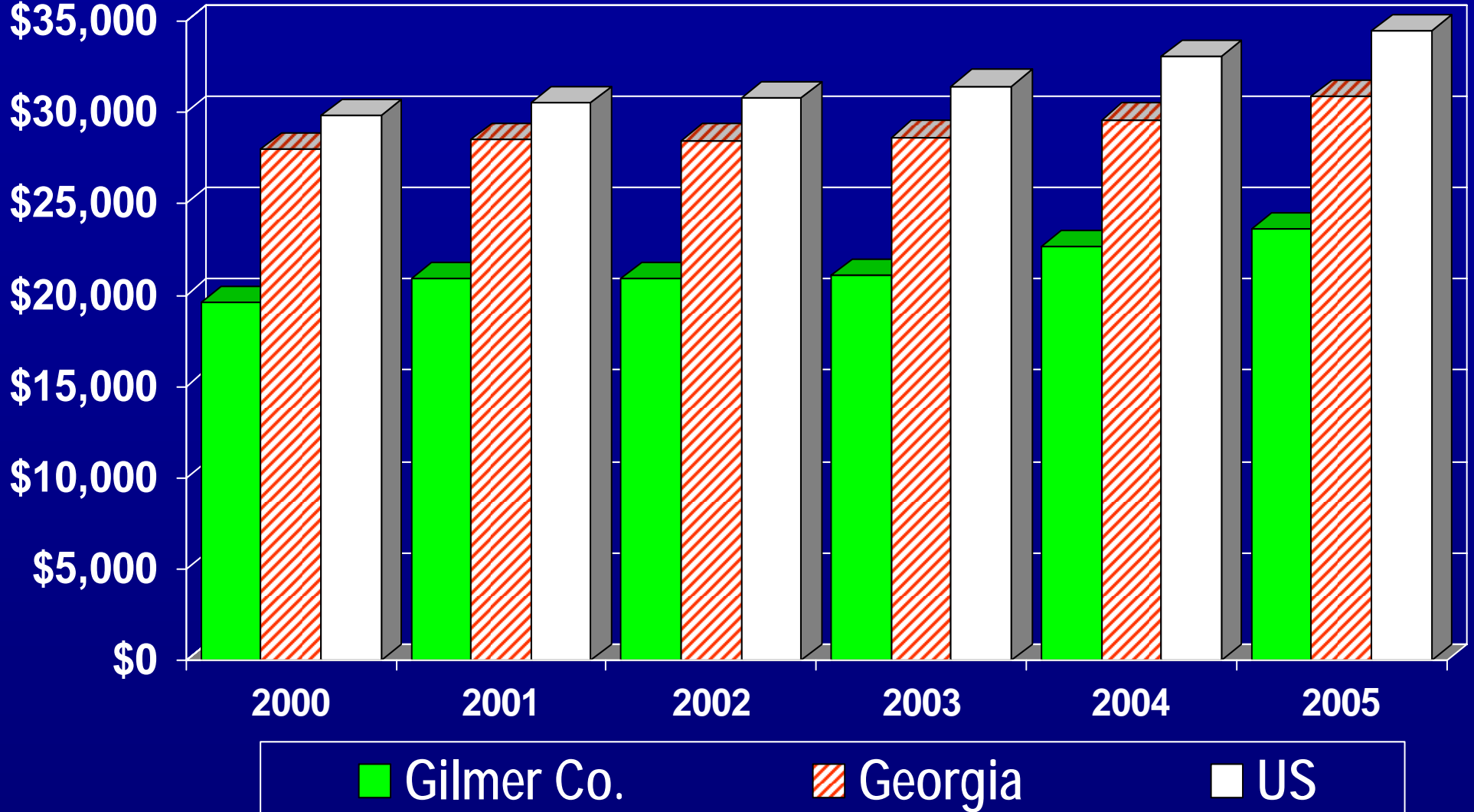
K12 enrollment = 4,193

HS dropouts = 36

General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$6,888

Primary data source:  
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

# Per Capita Income: 2000-2005

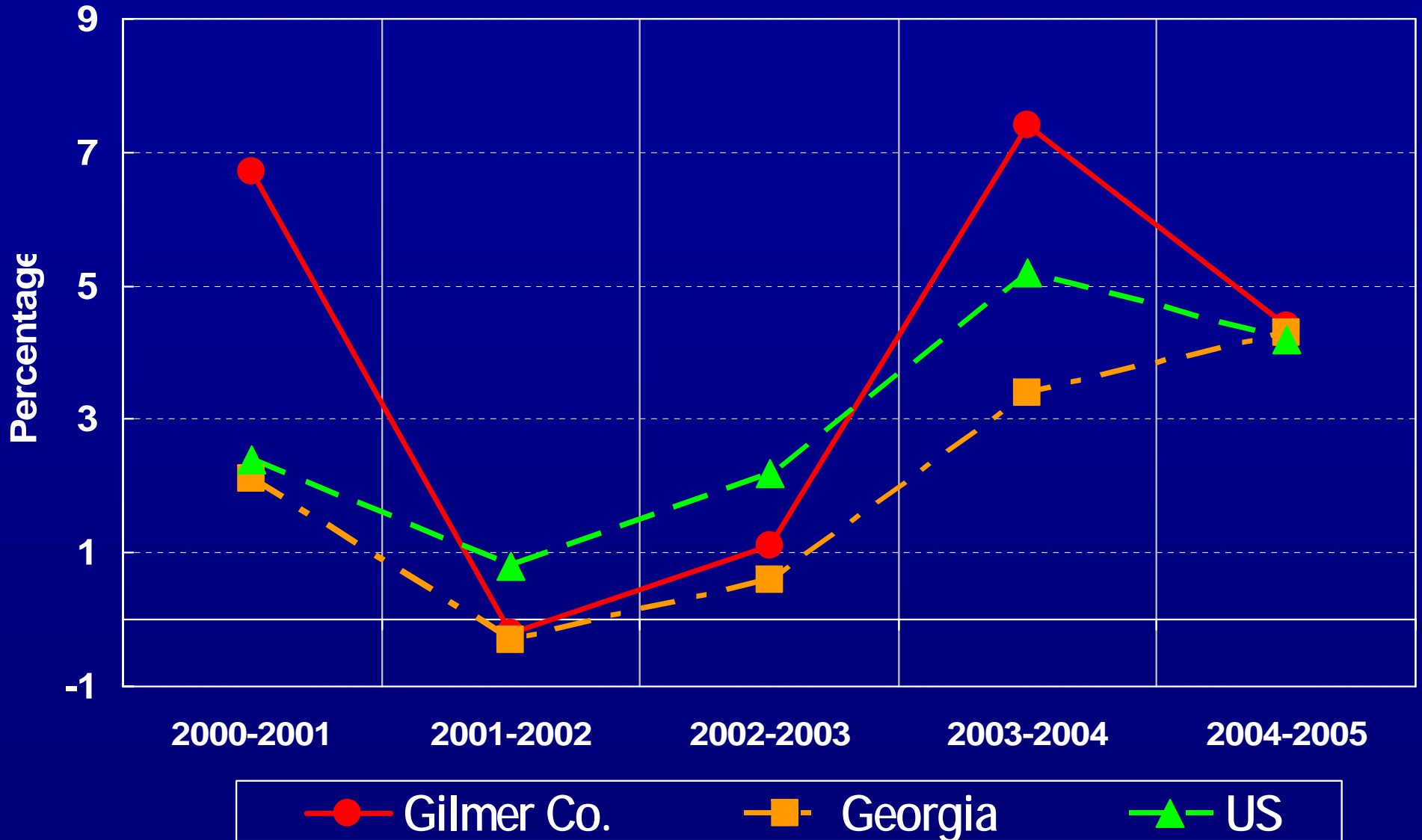


**2005 PCI**  
**Gilmer Co. = \$23,660**

**Georgia = \$30,914**  
**US = \$34,471**

# Per Capita Income: 2000-2005

## Percentage Change

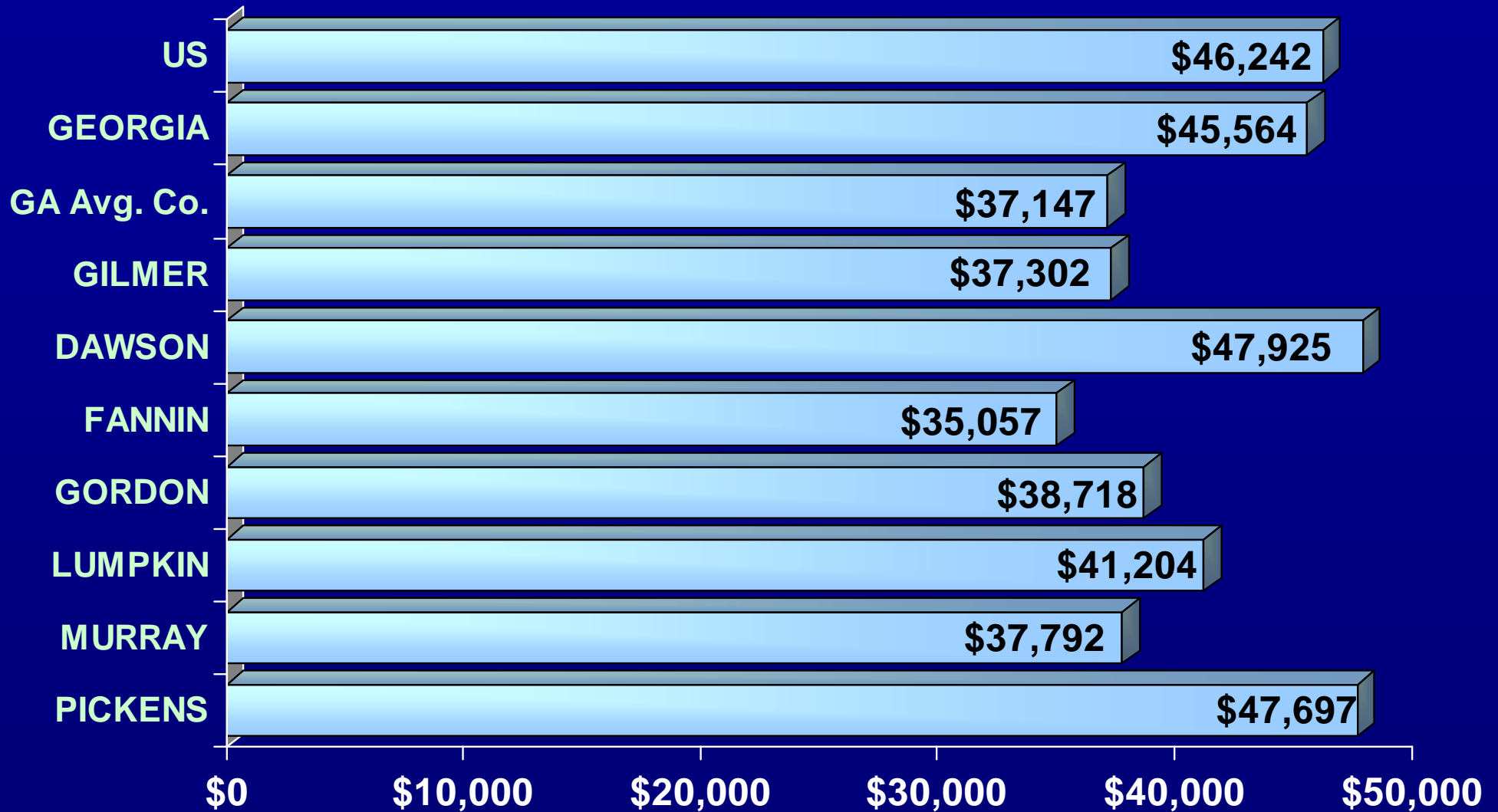


## Per Capita Income: 2005

County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 2000-2005
GILMER	\$23,660	85	79.4	20.6
DAWSON	\$29,478	18	99.0	10.9
FANNIN	\$23,846	80	80.1	11.1
GORDON	\$25,007	59	84.0	13.8
LUMPKIN	\$24,902	60	83.6	13.5
MURRAY	\$22,102	112	74.2	10.9
PICKENS	\$30,927	15	103.8	16.7
GA Avg. Co.	\$24,592	--	82.6	14.7

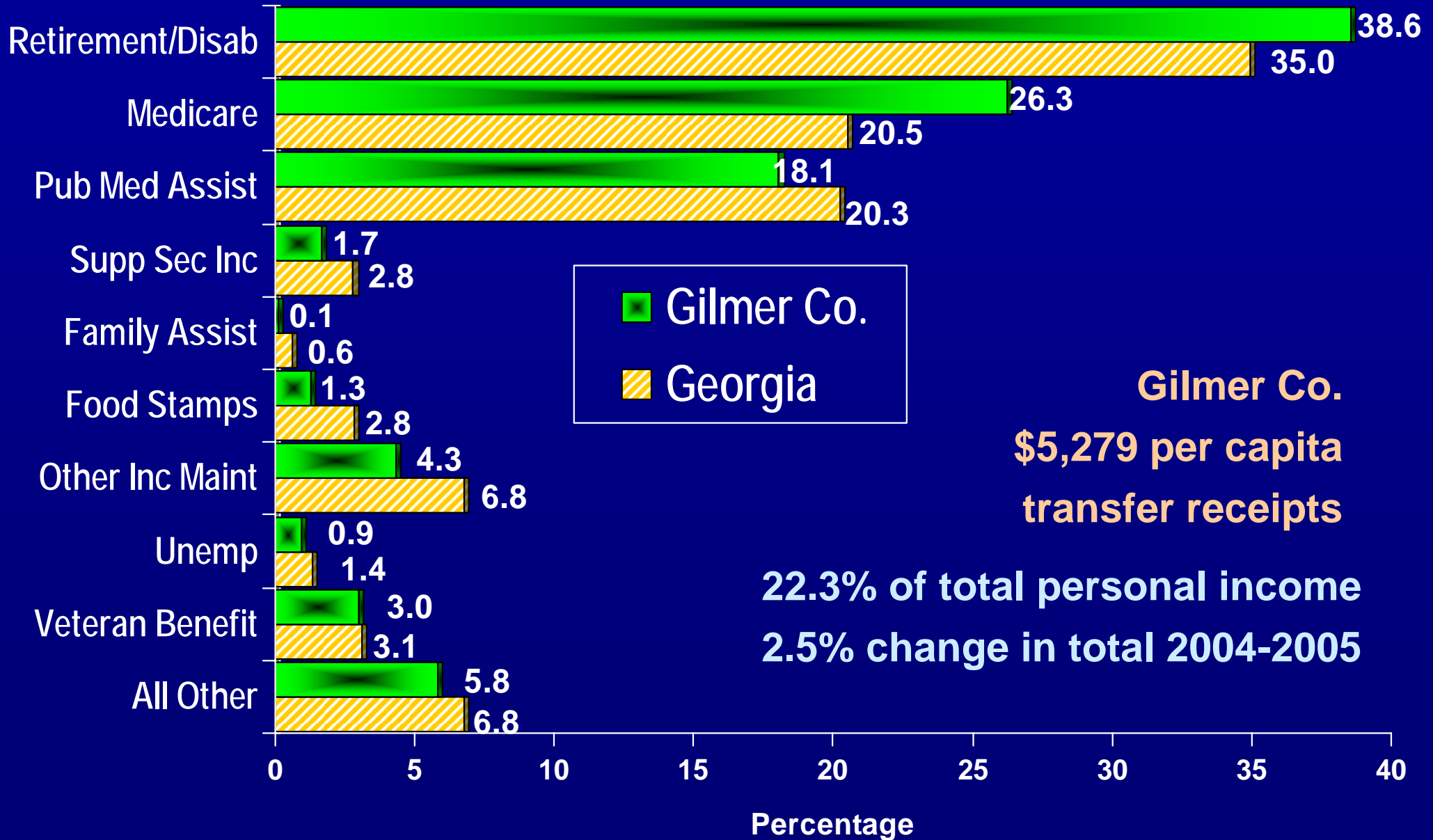
# Median Household Income

## 2005 Model-Based Estimates



# Transfer Receipts: 2005

## Gilmer Co. Total = \$144,371,000



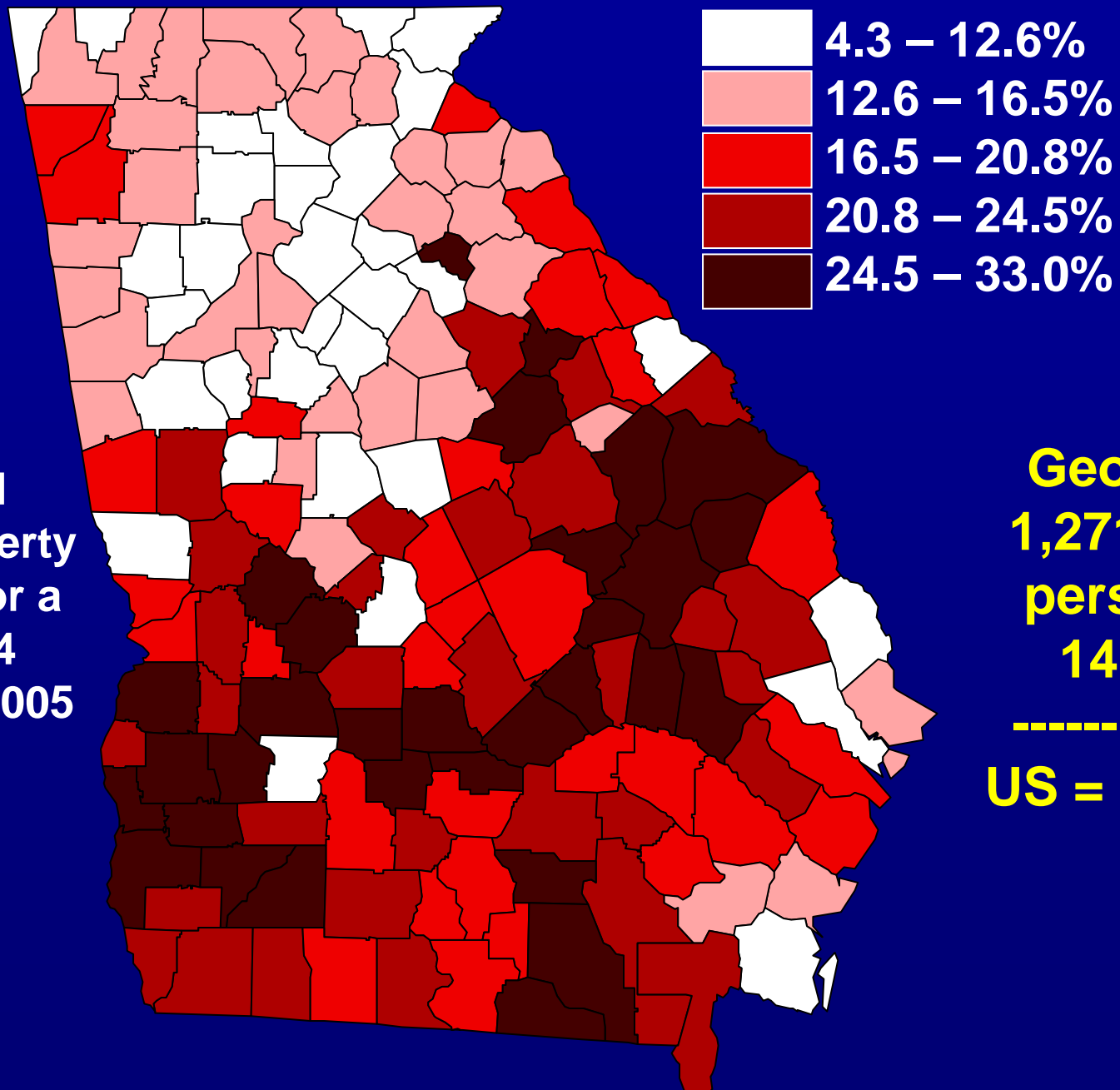
# Persons Living Below Poverty Level

## 2005 Model-Based Estimates

County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
GILMER	3,724	13.8	42
DAWSON	1,867	9.6	13
FANNIN	2,971	13.7	41
GORDON	6,431	13.0	36
LUMPKIN	3,311	14.6	46
MURRAY	5,984	14.8	49
PICKENS	2,932	10.4	16
GA Avg. Co.	7,996	18.7	--



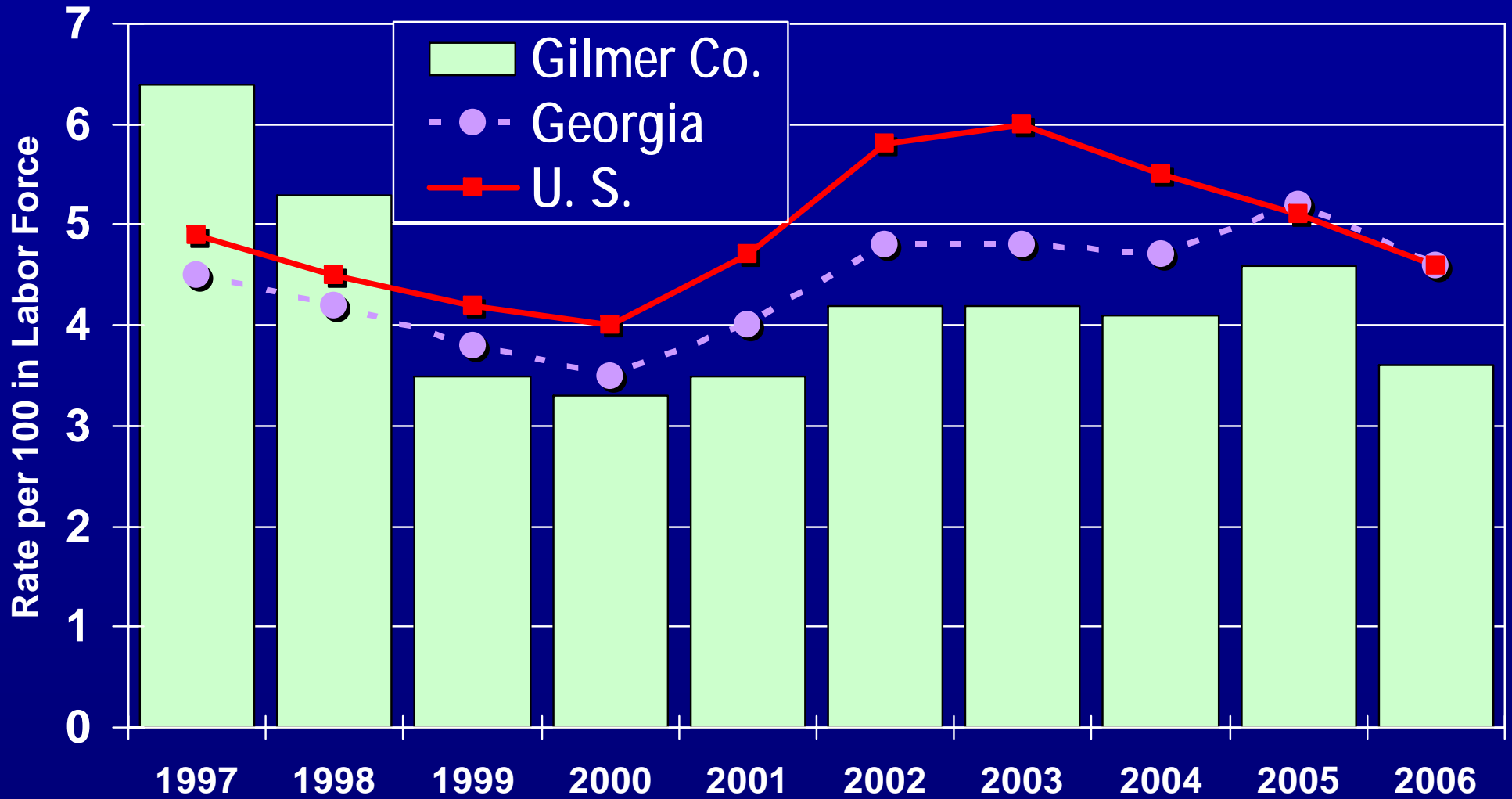
# Persons Living Below the Poverty Level 2005 Model-Based Estimates



Weighted  
average poverty  
threshold for a  
family of 4  
persons in 2005  
= \$19,971

**Georgia**  
**1,271,409**  
**persons**  
**14.5%**  
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**US = 13.3%**

# Unemployment Rates



**2006 Rates**

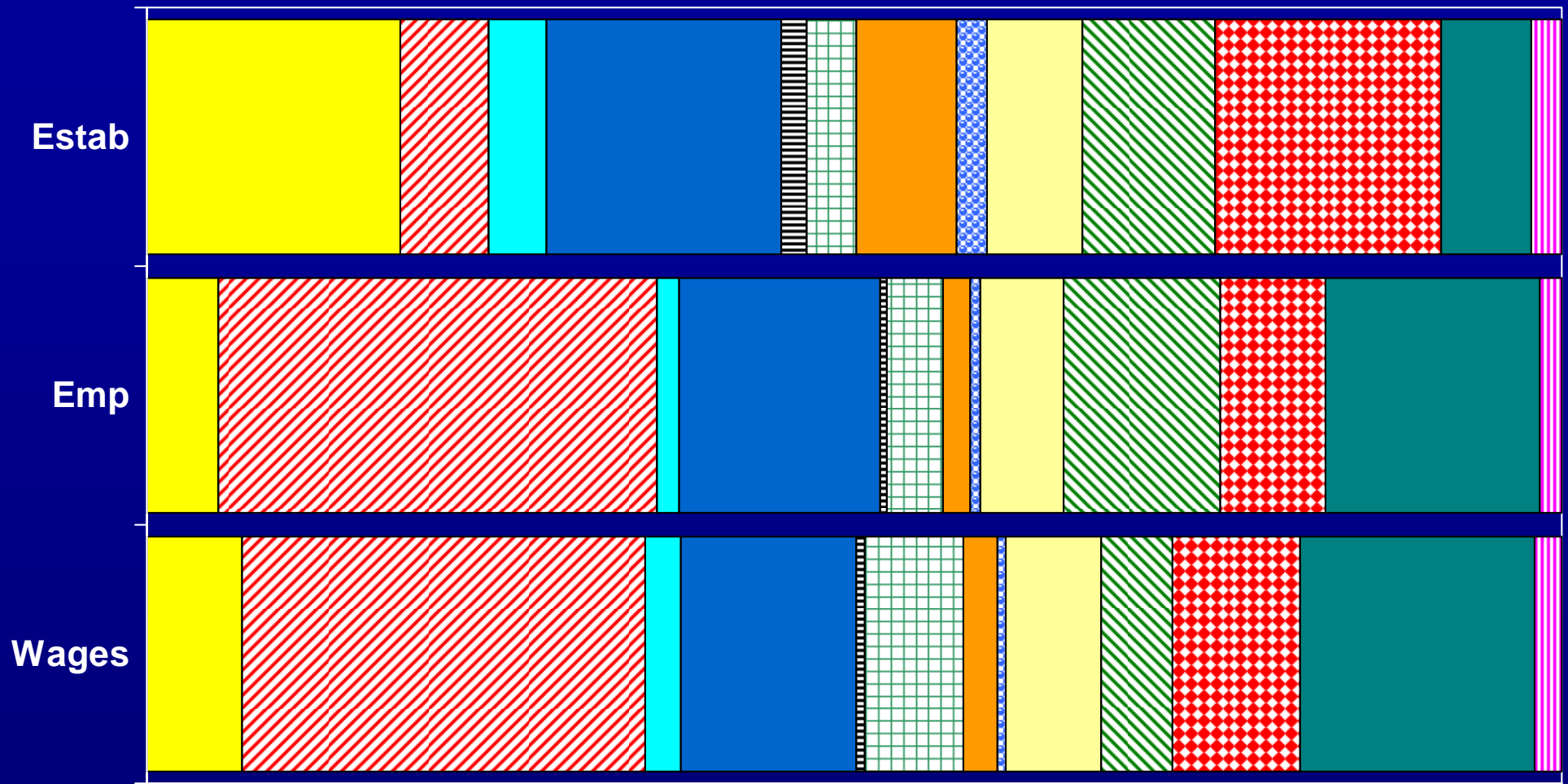
**Gilmer Co. = 3.6**

**GA = 4.6**

**US = 4.6**

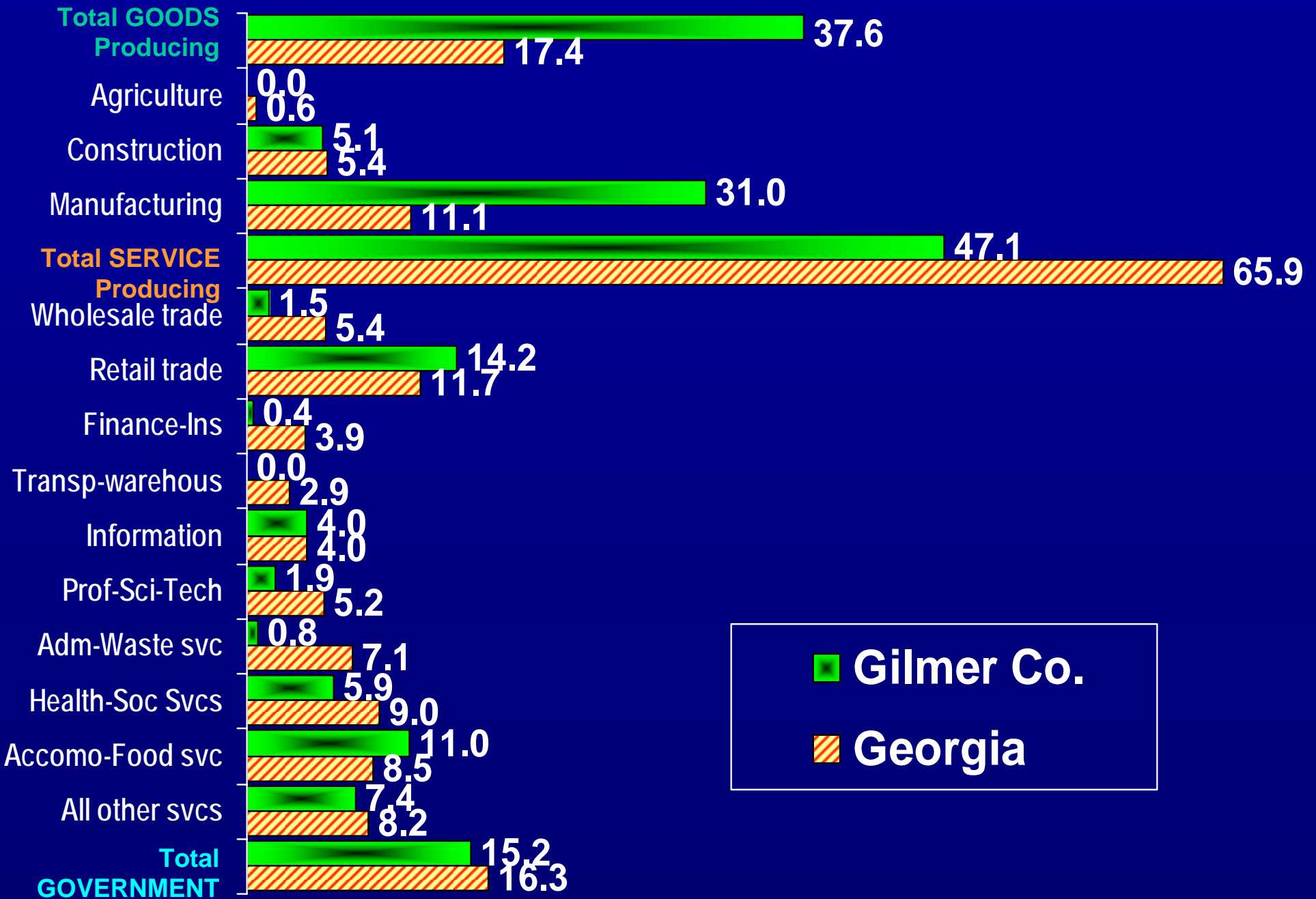
**Avg. GA County = 5.0**

# Business Establishments, Employment and Wages Gilmer County 2006 Annual Averages, % of Total



- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale trade
- Retail trade
- Transp-warehouses
- Admin-waste svc
- Finance/Insurance
- Prof-Sci-Tech Svc
- All other svc
- Health svc
- Accom/Food Svc
- Govt
- All Other

# Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2006

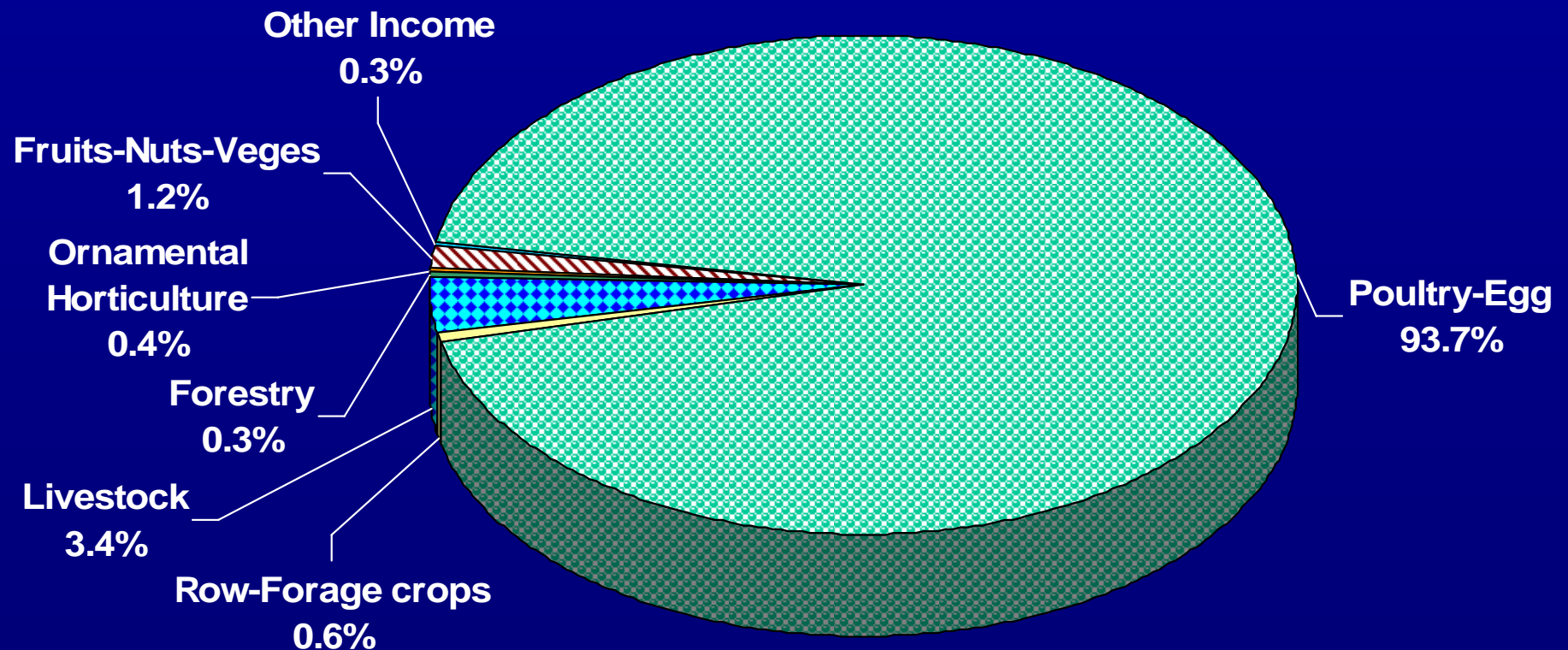


Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor

# Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2006

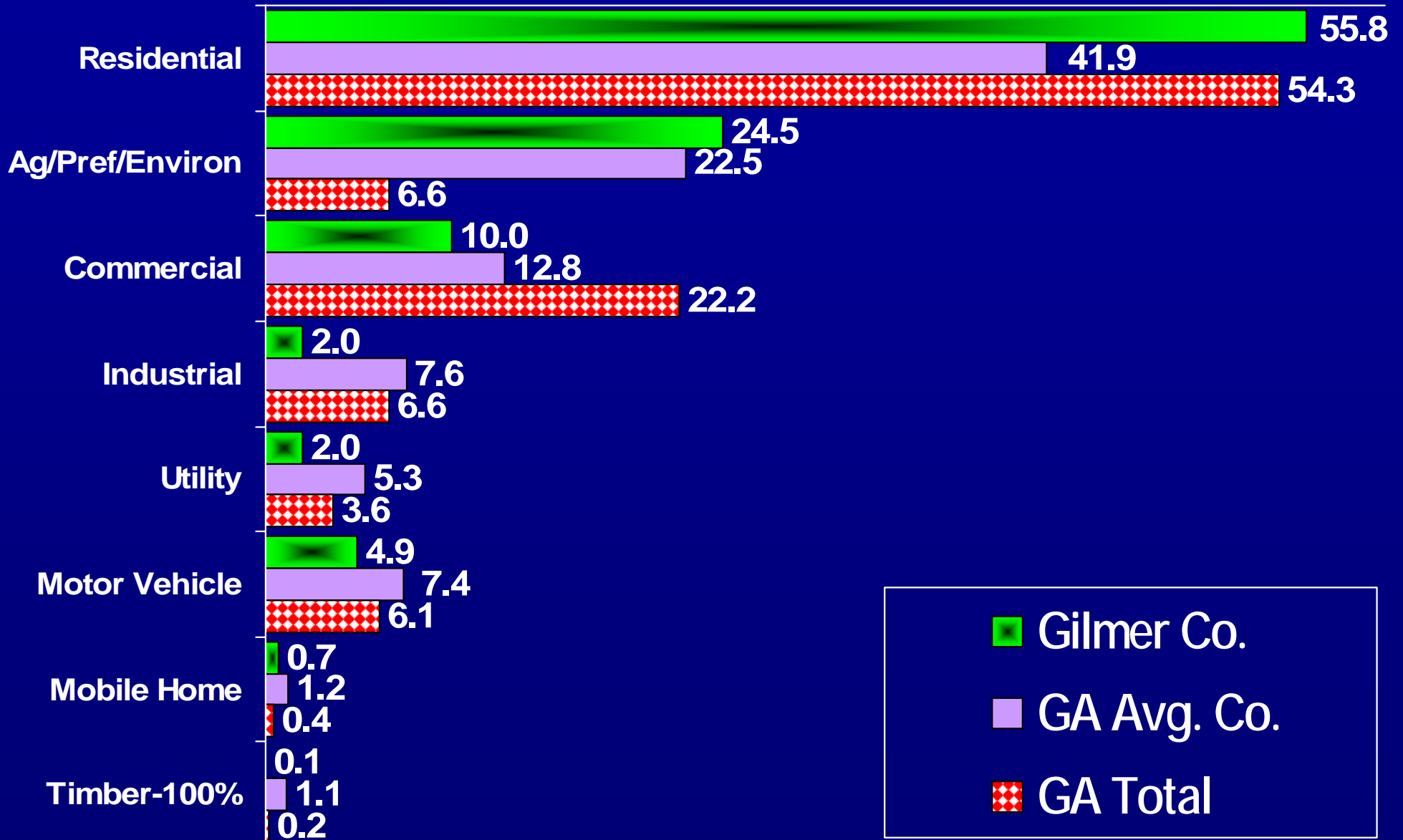
## Gilmer Co. Total Value = \$189,581,262

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# Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2006

## Gilmer Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = \$1,326,051,110



Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue

# County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2006

County	% Residential	% Agricultural	% Commercial	% Industrial	% Motor Vehicle	% Other
GILMER	55.8	24.5	10.0	2.0	4.9	2.8
DAWSON	62.4	16.8	14.2	0.3	4.7	1.6
FANNIN	72.3	8.7	9.4	0.7	6.6	2.2
GORDON	37.4	14.5	17.8	20.1	7.6	2.6
LUMPKIN	44.5	31.6	12.9	2.4	5.6	3.0
MURRAY	42.9	9.2	14.6	18.4	7.6	7.3
PICKENS	61.7	13.2	13.1	2.3	6.2	3.4
Avg. GA Co.	41.9	22.5	12.8	7.6	7.4	7.7

# Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax

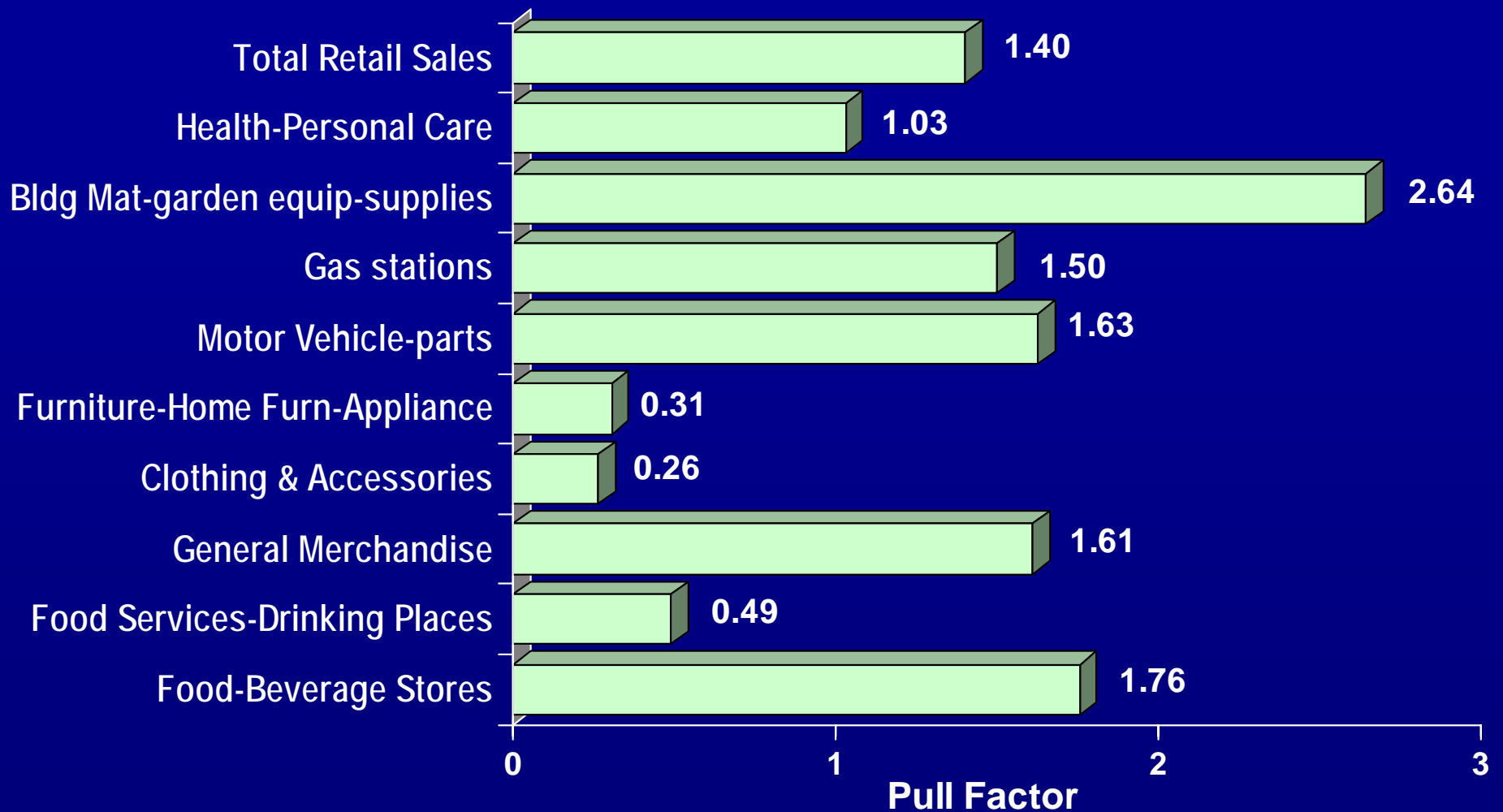
County	'06 County-wide Millage*	'06 School Millage*	'06 Taxes Levied* (\$000)	Sales Tax Rate as of 11/07	LOST Type* as of 11/07
GILMER	21.413	15.400	\$22,028	7	LSE
DAWSON	22.184	13.646	\$23,823	7	LSE
FANNIN	19.919	13.950	\$15,668	7	LSE
GORDON	26.970	16.302	\$32,406	7	LSE
LUMPKIN	22.762	14.190	\$20,631	7	LSE
MURRAY	21.895	15.500	\$20,453	7	LSE
PICKENS	21.480	15.220	\$24,273	7	LSE

\*All tax districts are assessed an additional .250 state millage. Taxes Levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option Sales Tax, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational



# Retail Sales Analysis: 2006

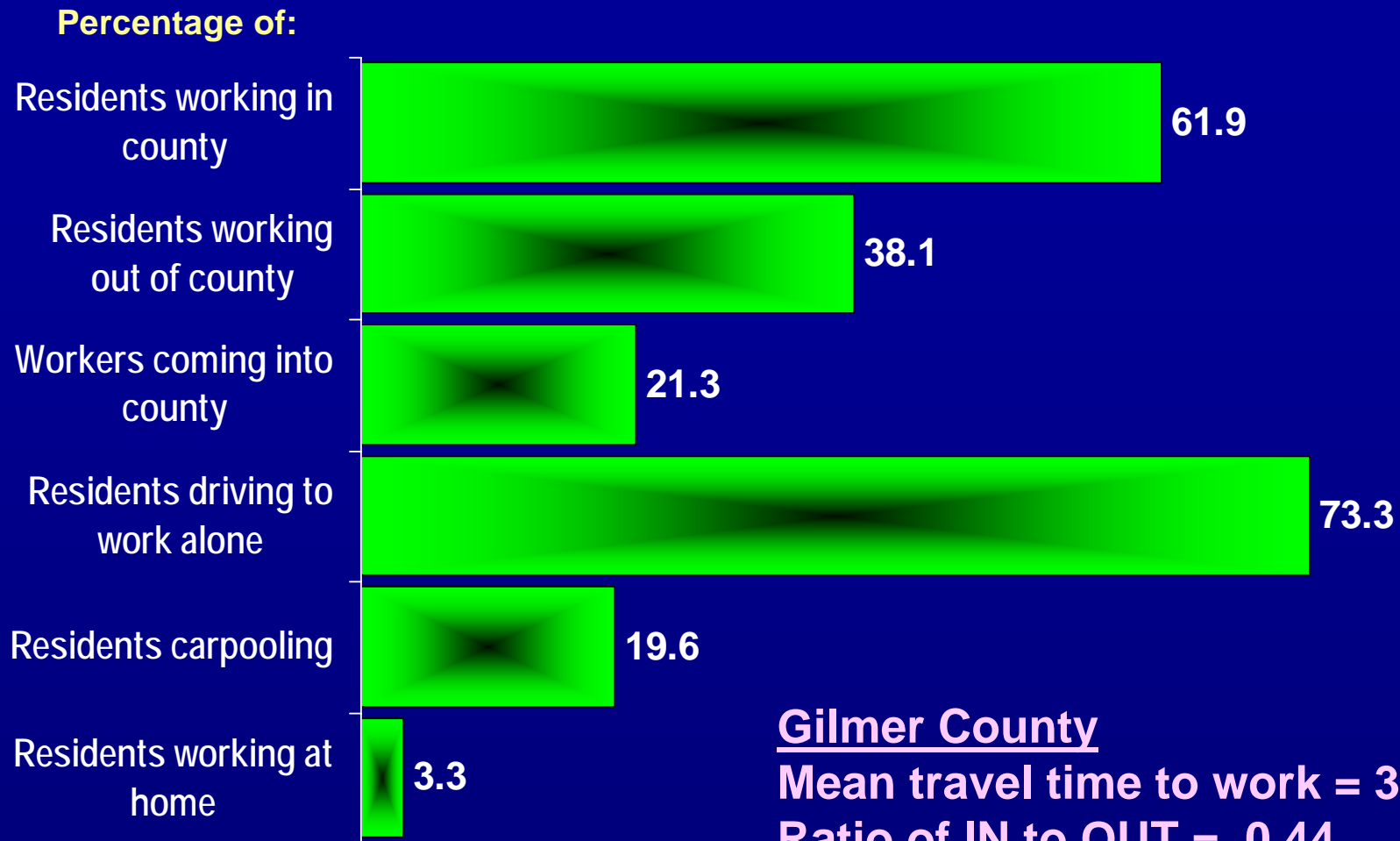
## Gilmer Co. Total Retail Sales = \$477,929,000



**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, 2006;” pull factor calculations by Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development.

# Commuting to Work: 2000



## Gilmer County

Mean travel time to work = 31.1 min.

Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.44

Resident workers 16+ = 10,213

Residents working in county = 6,324

Residents working out of county = 3,889

Total working in county = 8,032

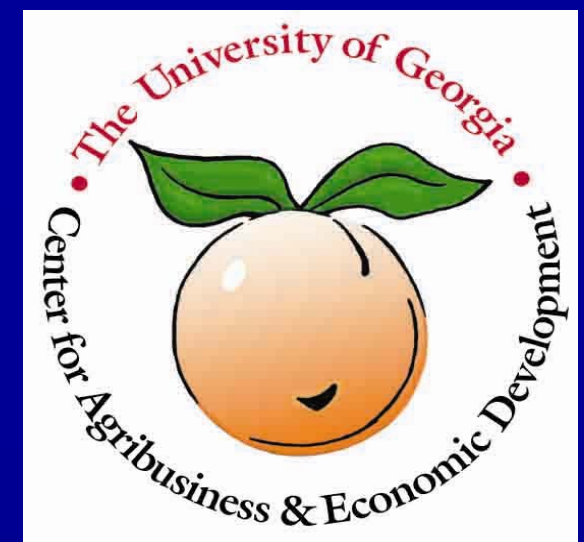
Workers commuting into county = 1,708

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