

Fannin County Community Profile



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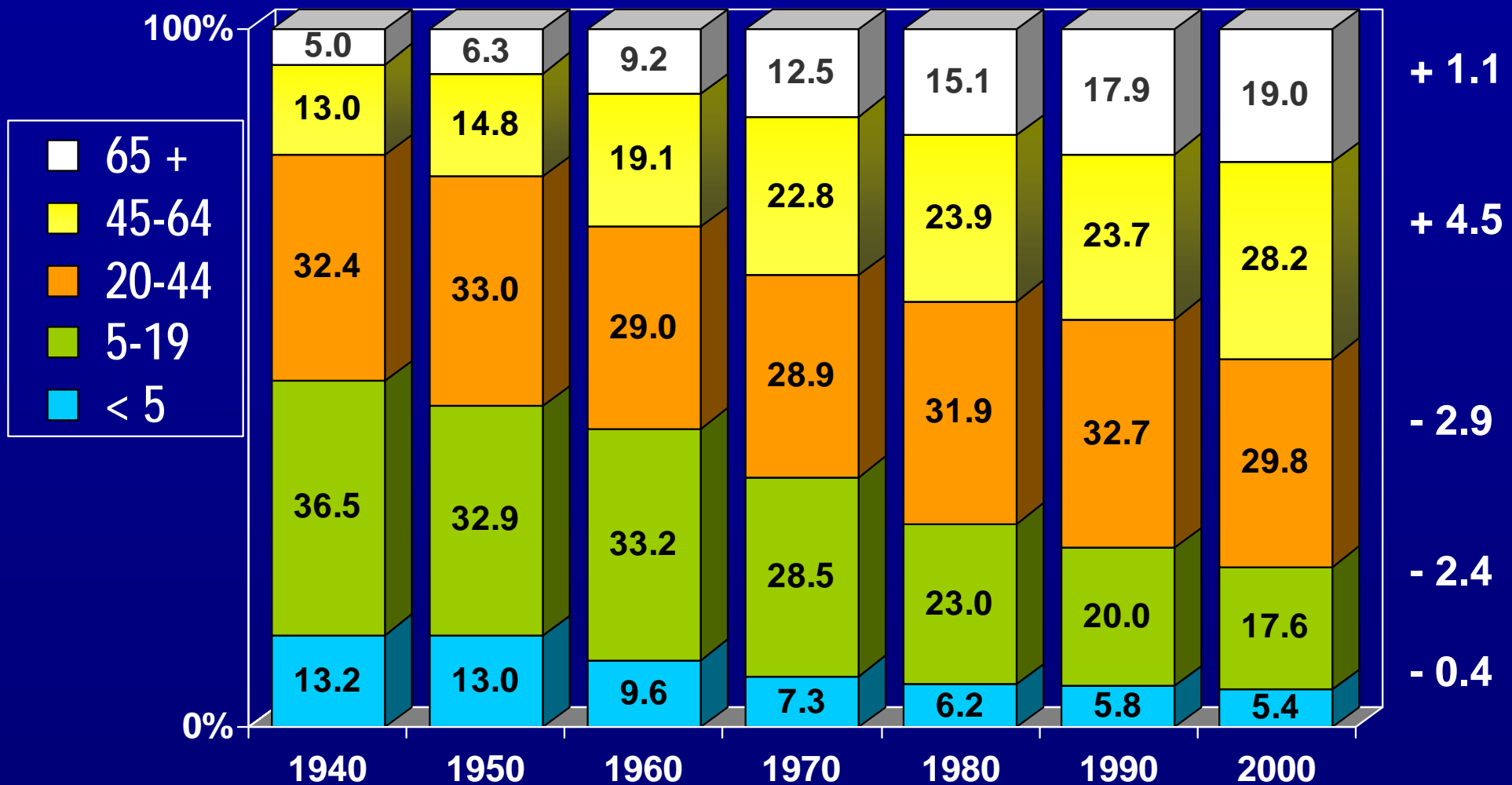
Total Population Fannin County



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 Fannin County

Change in proportion
1990-2000



2006 Estimated Median Age

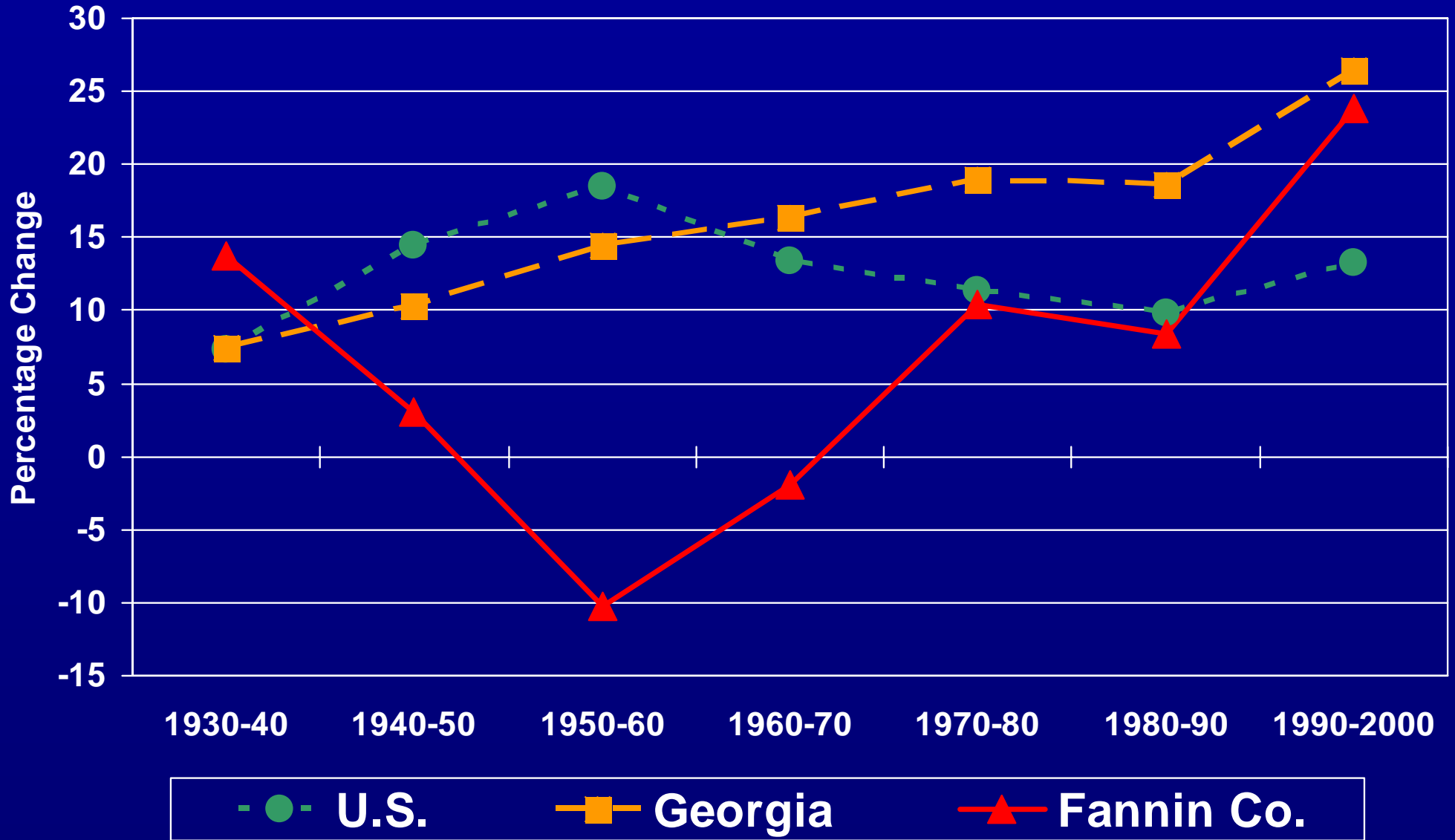
Fannin Co. = 41.7 yrs.

GA = 34.6 yrs.

2006 County Population Comparisons

| County | Total | Total Rank | Density per sq.mi. land area | % Chg. 2000-06 | Rank of % Chg. |
|---------|--------|------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| FANNIN | 22,319 | 80 | 57.9 | 12.7 | 45 |
| DAWSON | 20,643 | 88 | 97.8 | 29.0 | 13 |
| GILMER | 28,175 | 61 | 66.0 | 20.1 | 24 |
| 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 |
| UNION | 20,652 | 87 | 64.0 | 19.5 | 27 |

Population Change: 1930-2000



Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Components of Population Change: 2000-2006

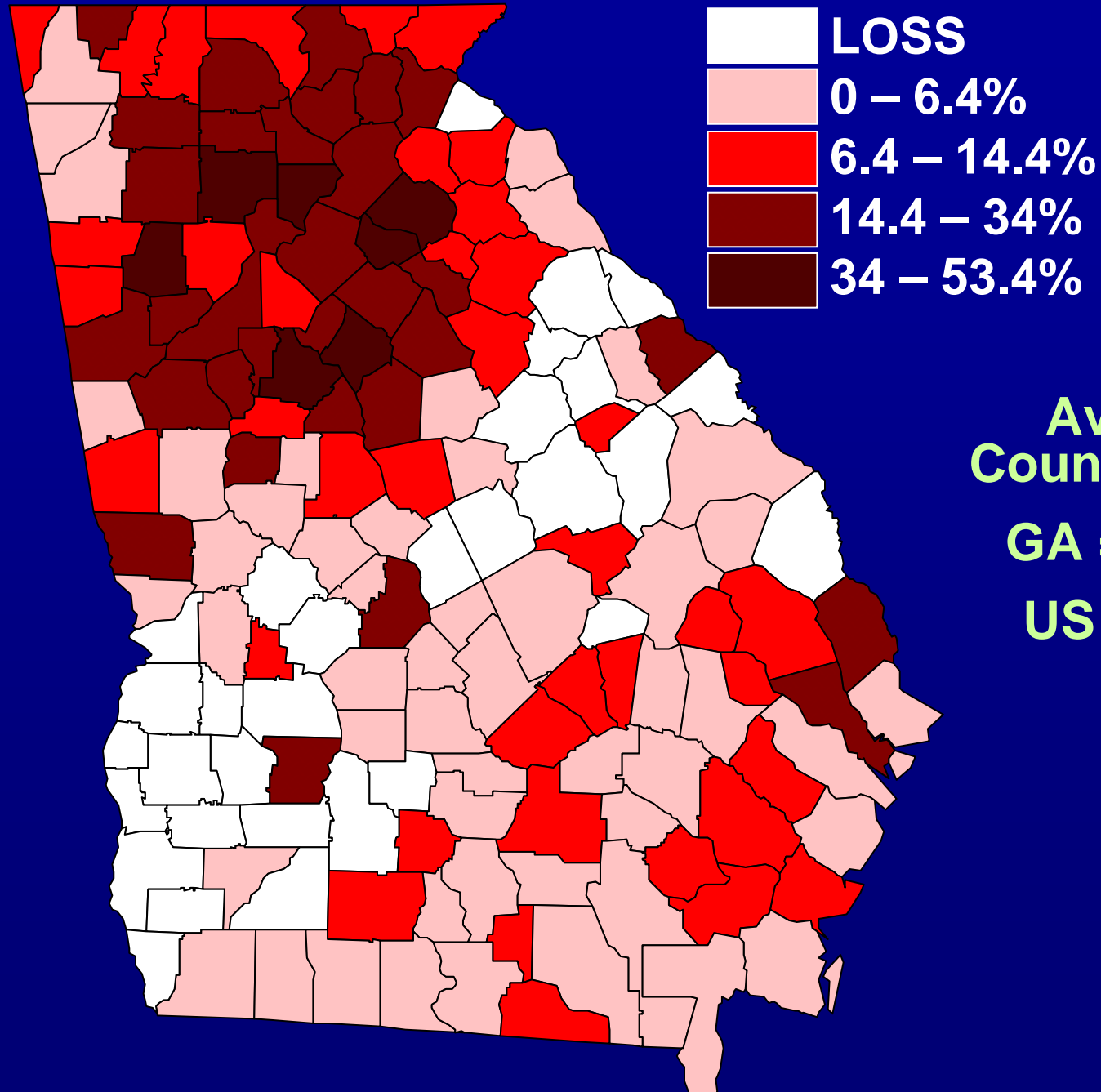
Natural Increase & Net Migration*

| Area | Numerical Change | # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths) | Rate of Natural Increase | # Net Migration | Rate of Net Migration |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| FANNIN | 2,521 | -120 | -0.9 | 2,705 | 20.6 |
| DAWSON | 4,644 | 775 | 6.8 | 3,898 | 34.0 |
| GILMER | 4,719 | 898 | 5.6 | 3,897 | 24.2 |
| 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 |
| UNION | 3,363 | -314 | -2.6 | 3,701 | 31.2 |
| 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

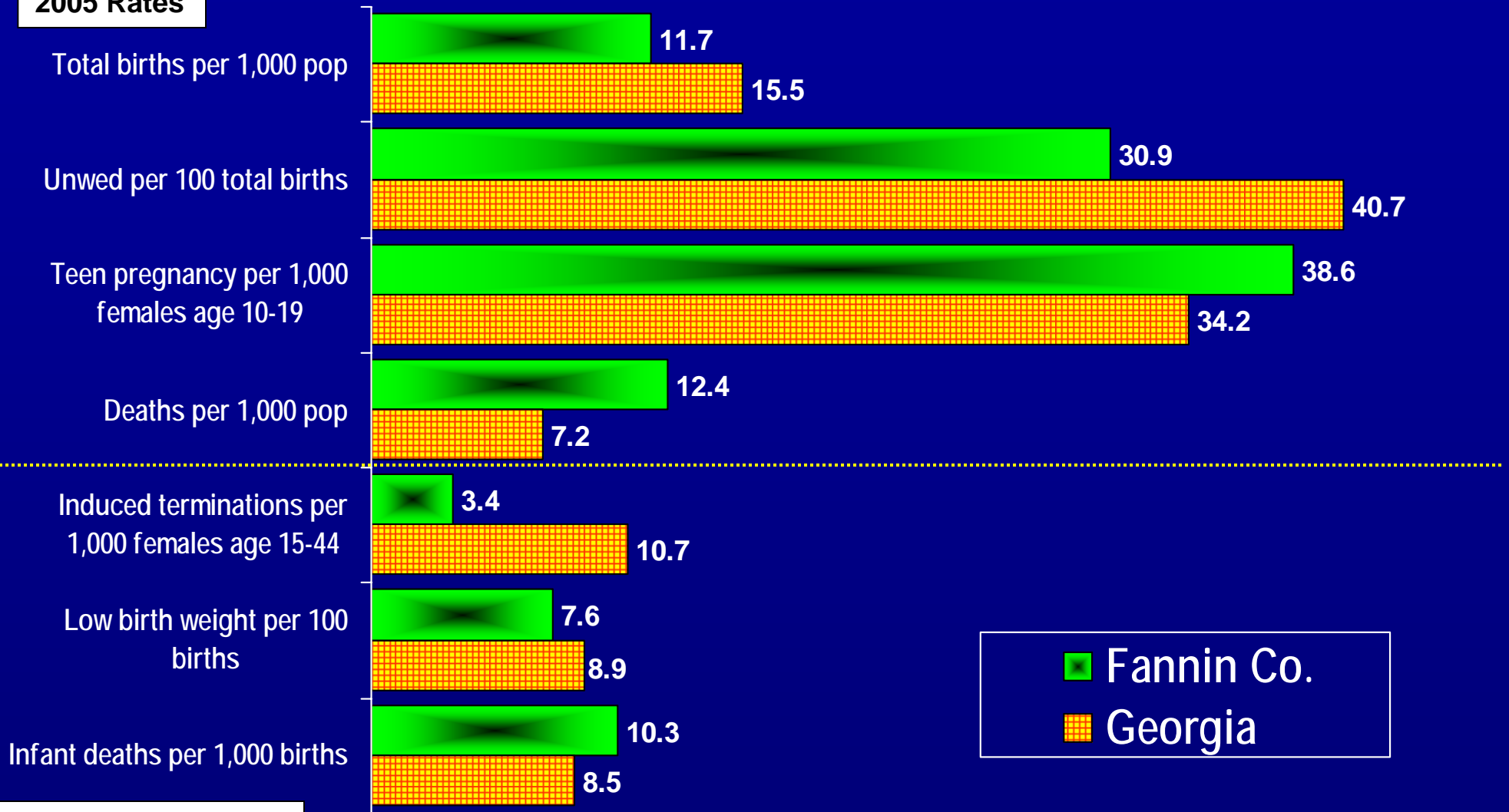
Population Change: 2000-2006



Avg. GA
County = 9.1%
GA = 14.4%
US = 6.4%

Selected Vital Statistics

2005 Rates

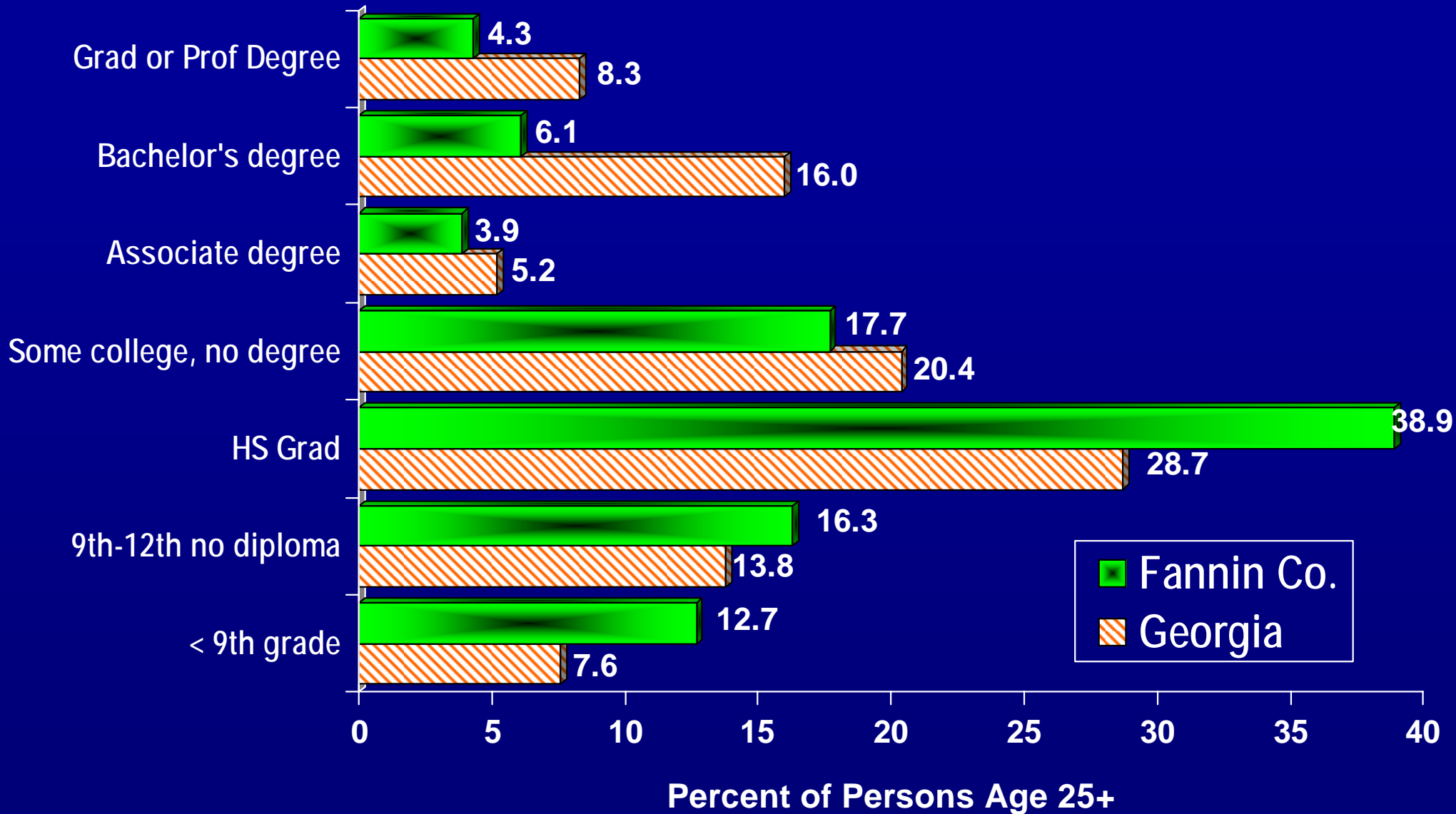


10-yr. rates 1996-2005

2005 Fannin Co. Natality Data
256 total births, 79 unwed births
8 induced terminations
45 teen pregnancies
18 low birth weight babies

2005 Fannin Co. Mortality Data
272 total deaths
3 infant deaths

Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000



Fannin Co.

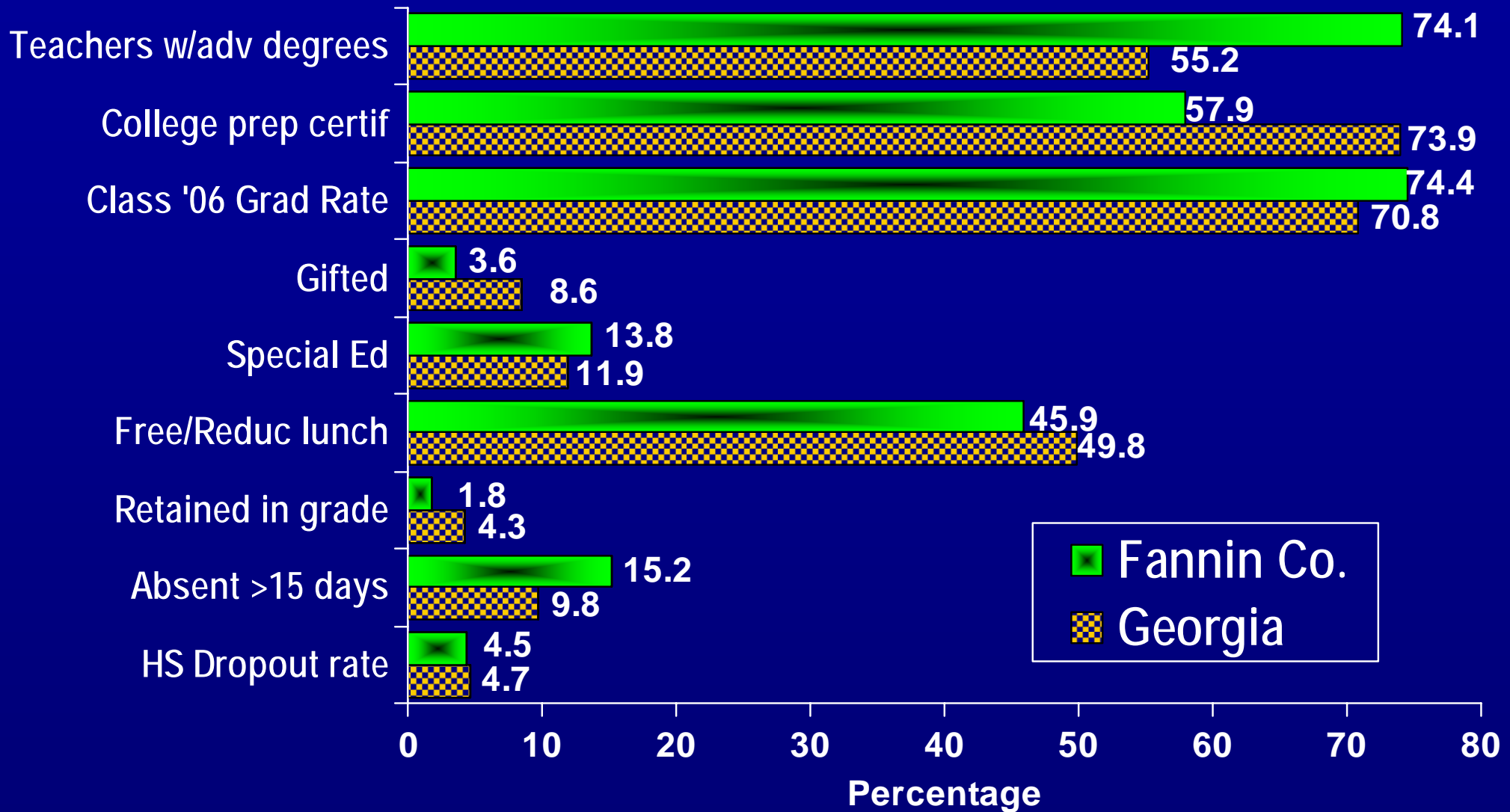
Not completing HS = 29.1%

With a bachelor's + degree = 10.4%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Selected Public School Statistics

School Year 2005-06



Fannin Co.

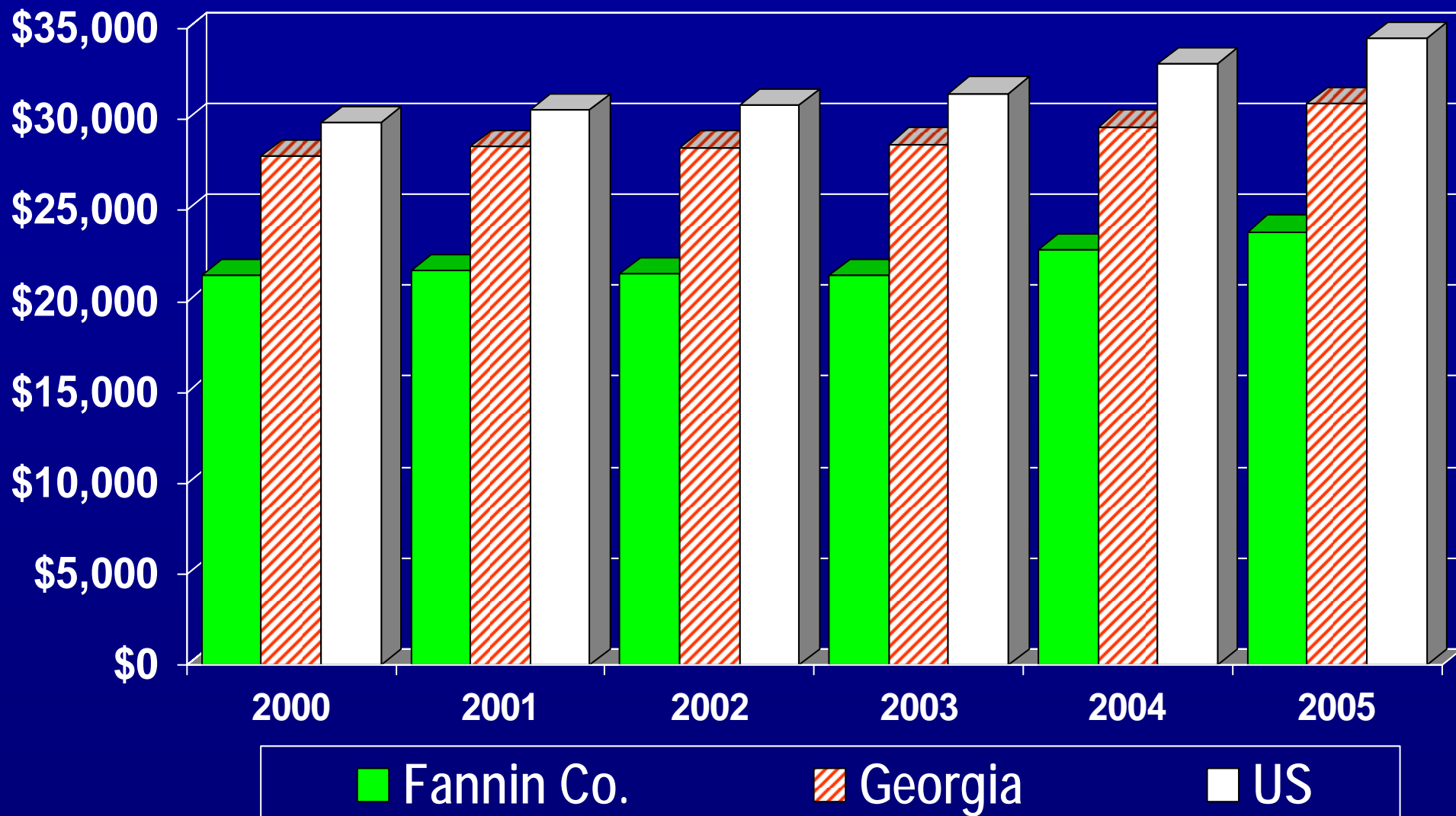
K12 enrollment = 3,200

HS dropouts = 48

General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$7,341

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Per Capita Income: 2000-2005

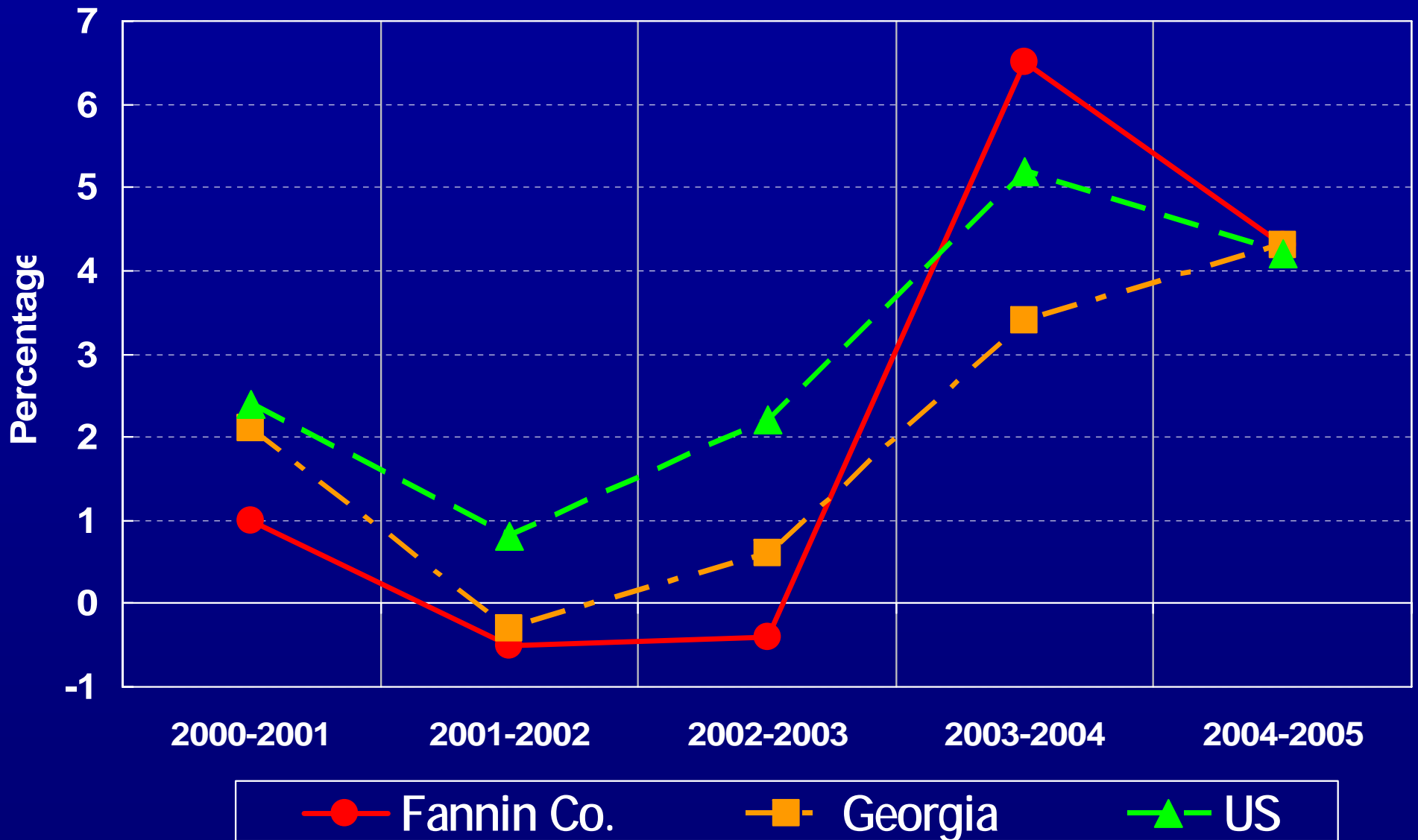


2005 PCI
Fannin Co. = \$23,846

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

Per Capita Income: 2000-2005

Percentage Change

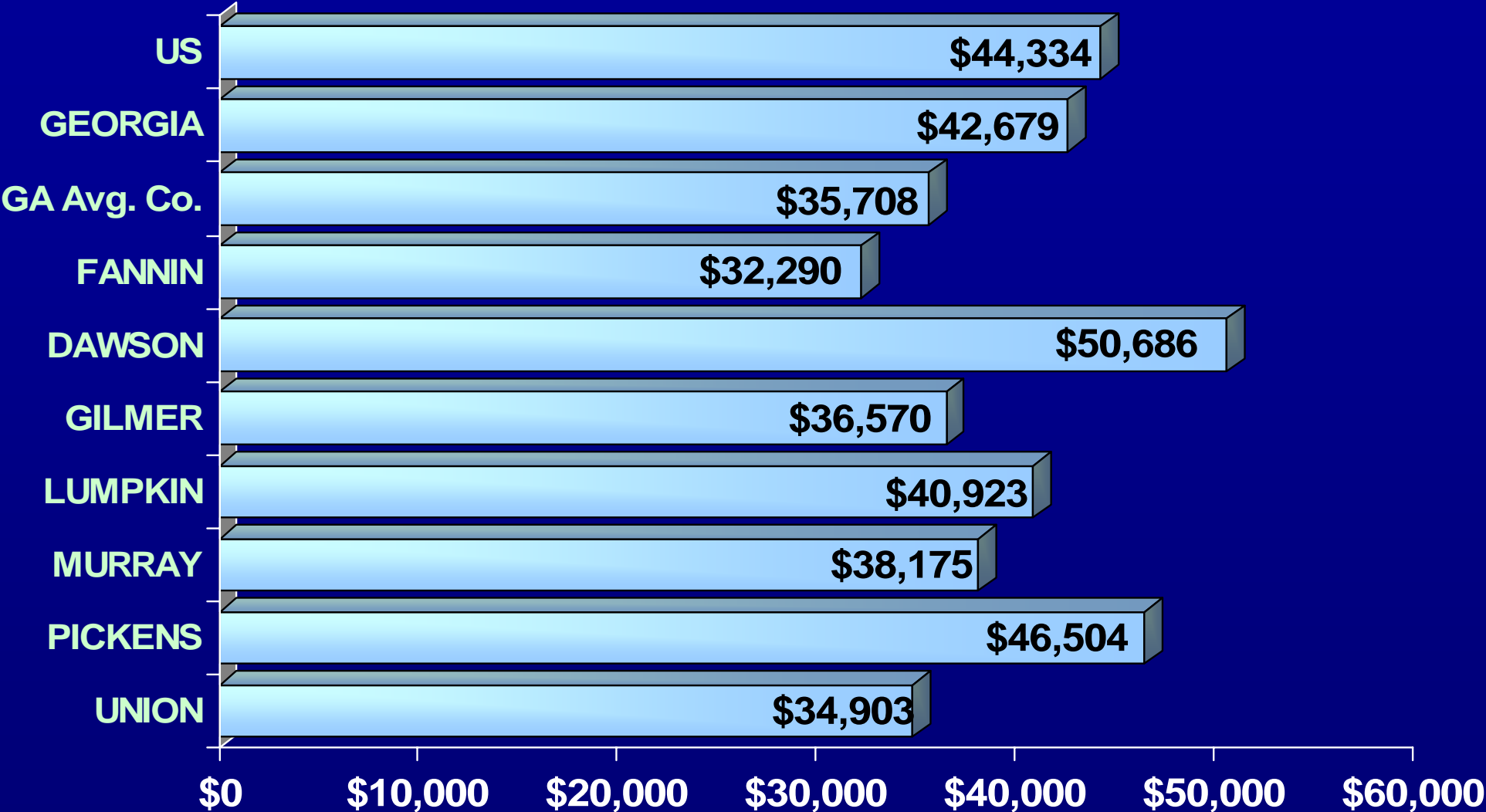


Per Capita Income: 2005

| County | PCI | Rank of PCI | % PCI of GA Total | % Change in PCI 2000-2005 |
|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| FANNIN | \$23,846 | 80 | 80.1 | 11.1 |
| DAWSON | \$29,478 | 18 | 99.0 | 10.9 |
| GILMER | \$23,660 | 85 | 79.4 | 20.6 |
| LUMPKIN | \$24,902 | 60 | 83.6 | 13.5 |
| MURRAY | \$22,102 | 112 | 74.2 | 10.9 |
| PICKENS | \$30,927 | 15 | 103.8 | 16.7 |
| UNION | \$25,135 | 58 | 84.4 | 17.9 |
| GA Avg. Co. | \$24,592 | -- | 82.6 | 14.7 |

Median Household Income

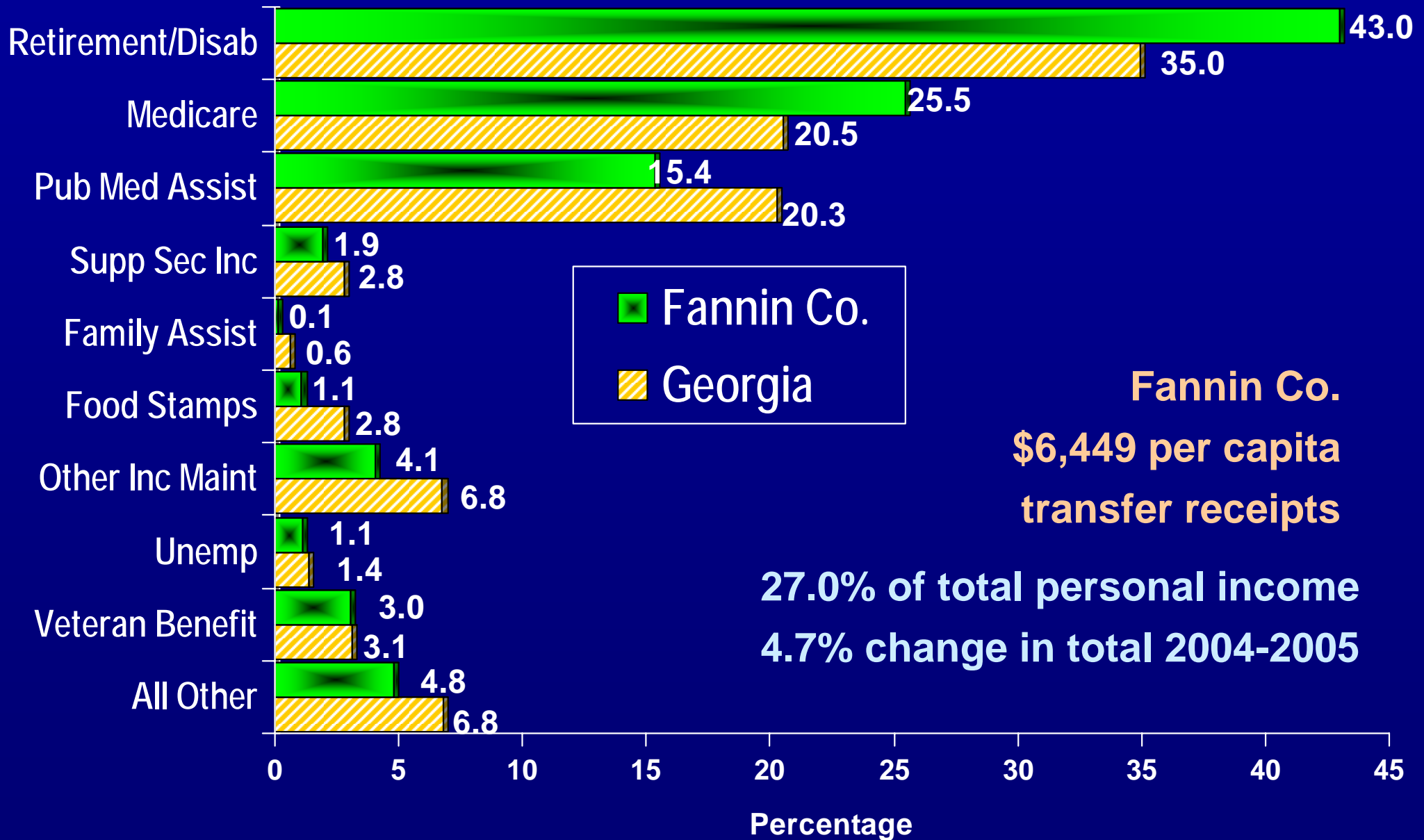
2004 Model-Based Estimates



Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/06)

Transfer Receipts: 2005

Fannin Co. Total = \$140,676,000



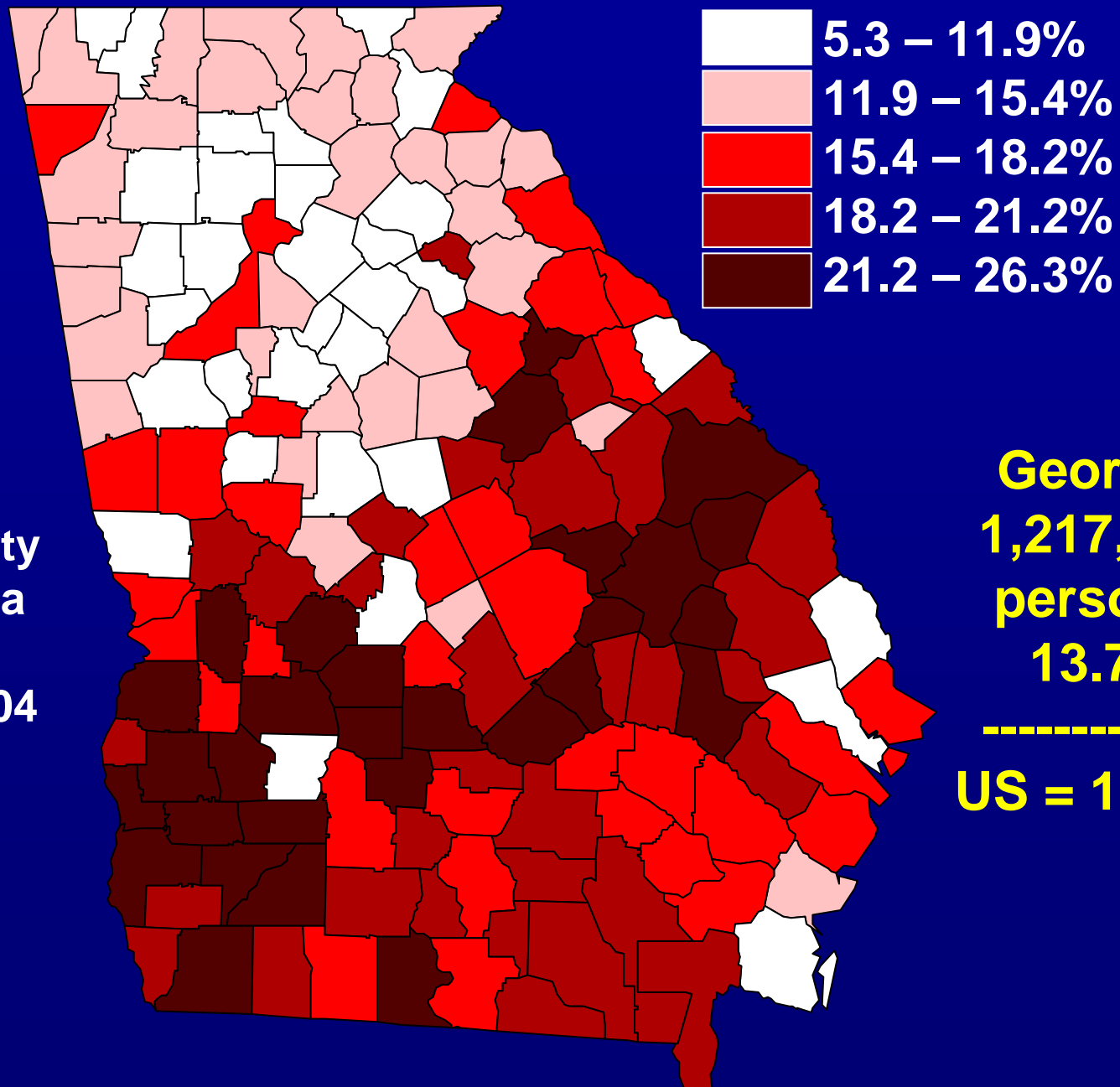
Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)

Persons Living Below Poverty Level

2004 Model-Based Estimates

| County | # of Persons | % of all Persons | Rank of % |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|-----------|
| FANNIN | 2,882 | 13.2 | 46 |
| DAWSON | 1,859 | 9.5 | 10 |
| GILMER | 3,444 | 12.7 | 41 |
| LUMPKIN | 2,975 | 13.0 | 44 |
| MURRAY | 5,302 | 13.0 | 45 |
| PICKENS | 2,945 | 10.4 | 17 |
| UNION | 2,476 | 12.7 | 42 |
| GA Avg. Co. | 7,658 | 16.6 | -- |

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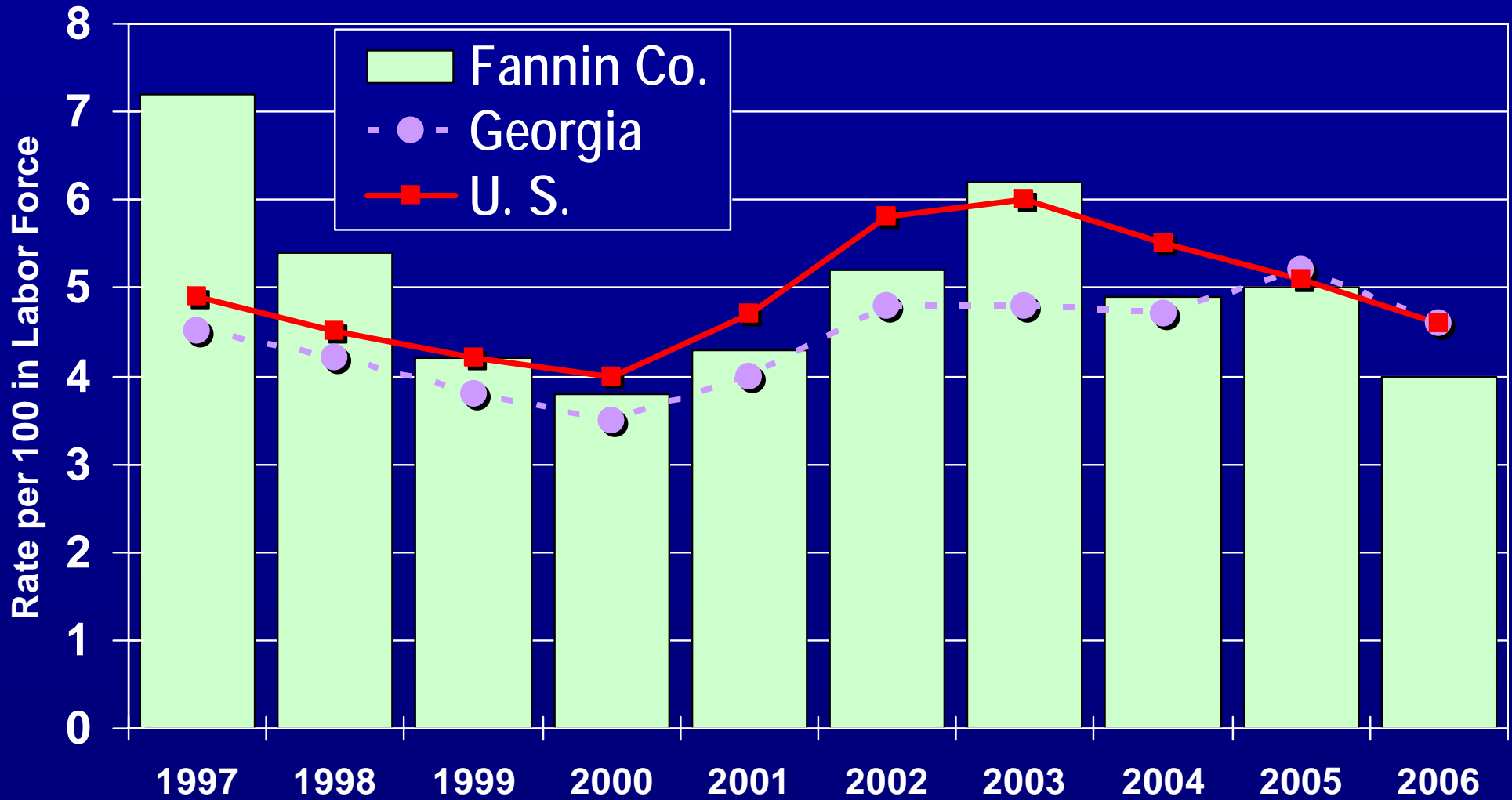


Weighted
average poverty
threshold for a
family of 4
persons in 2004
= \$19,307

Georgia
1,217,686
persons
13.7%

US = 12.7%

Unemployment Rates



2006 Rates

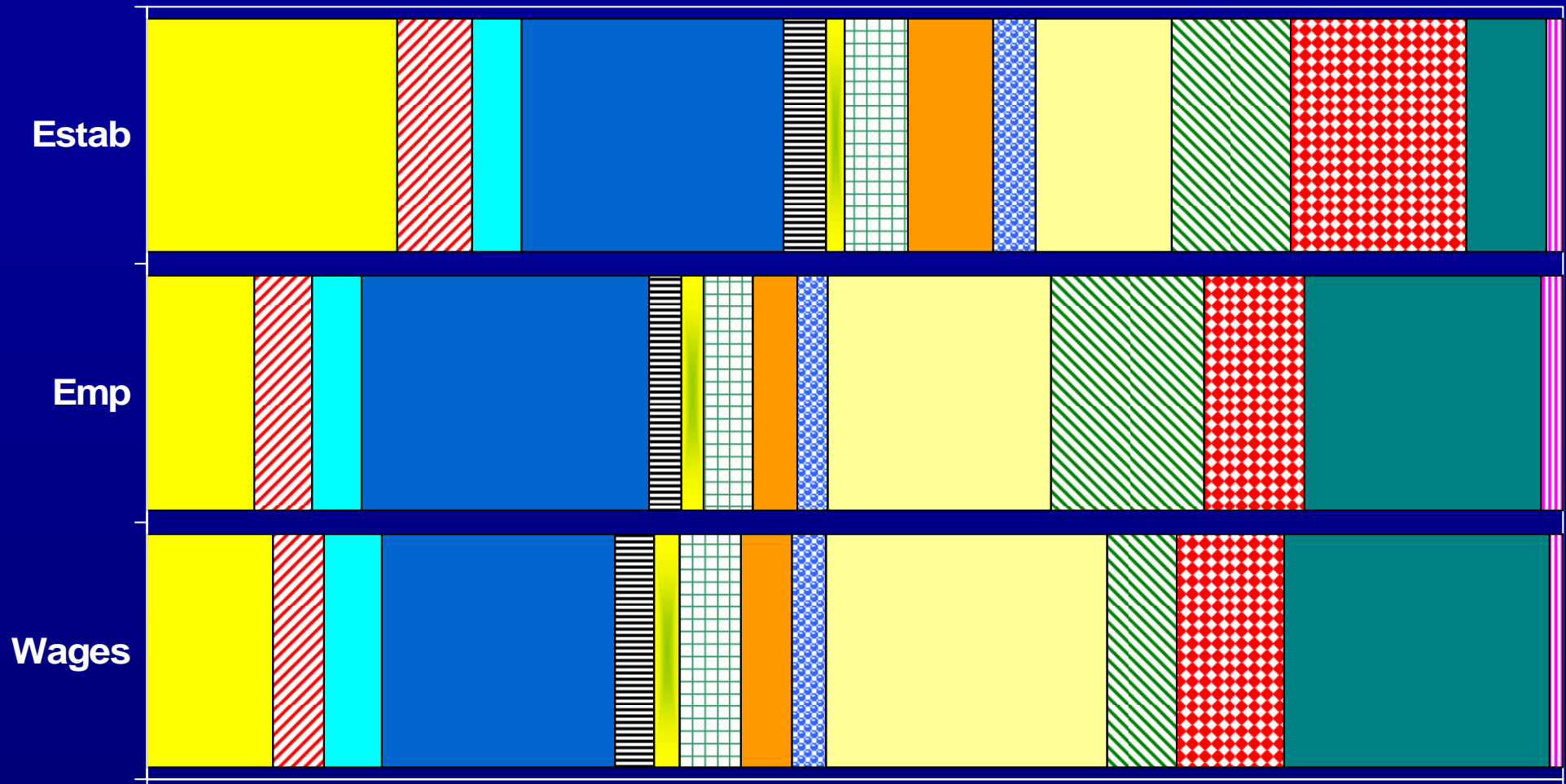
Fannin Co. = 4.0

GA = 4.6

US = 4.6

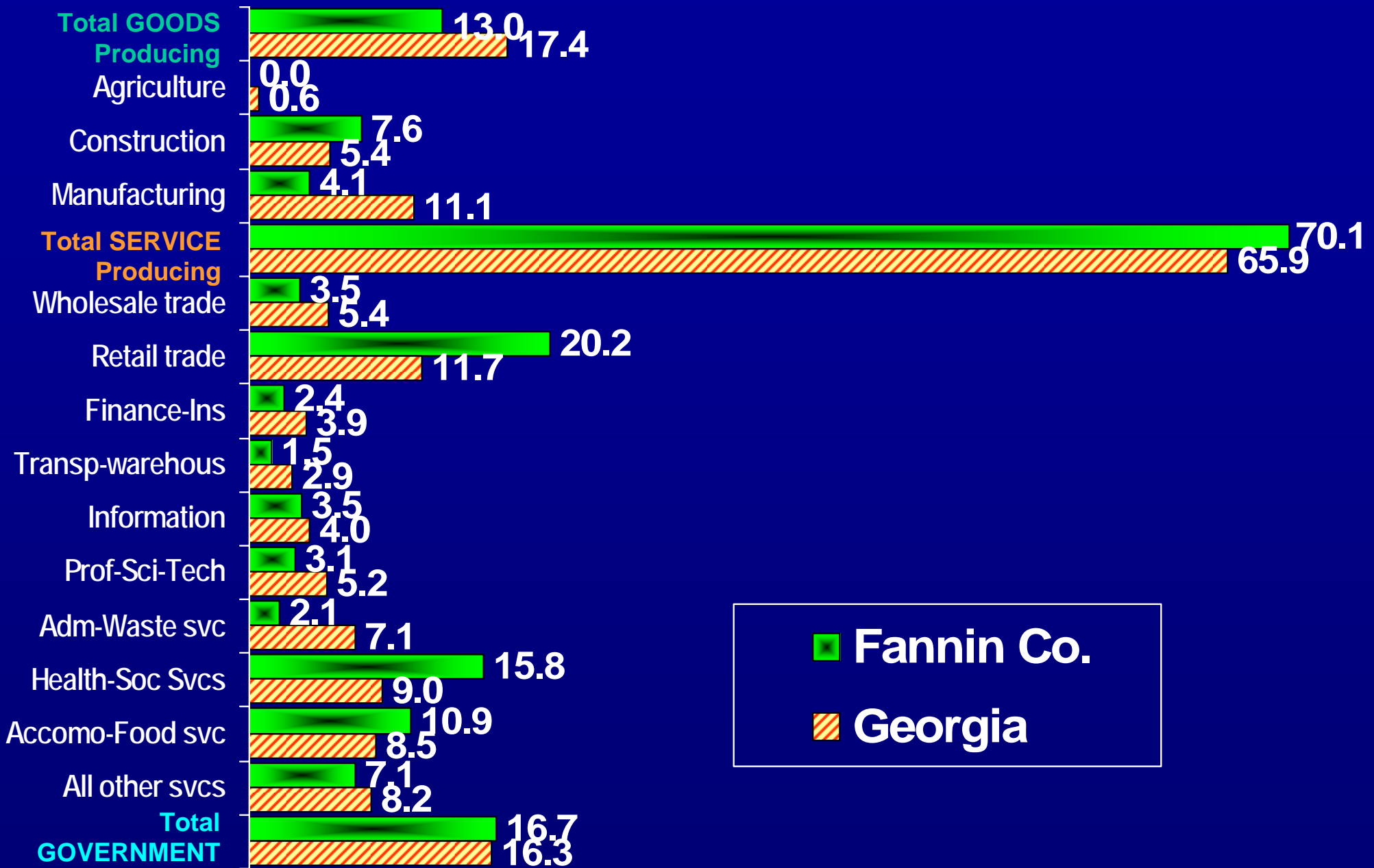
Avg. GA County = 5.0

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



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

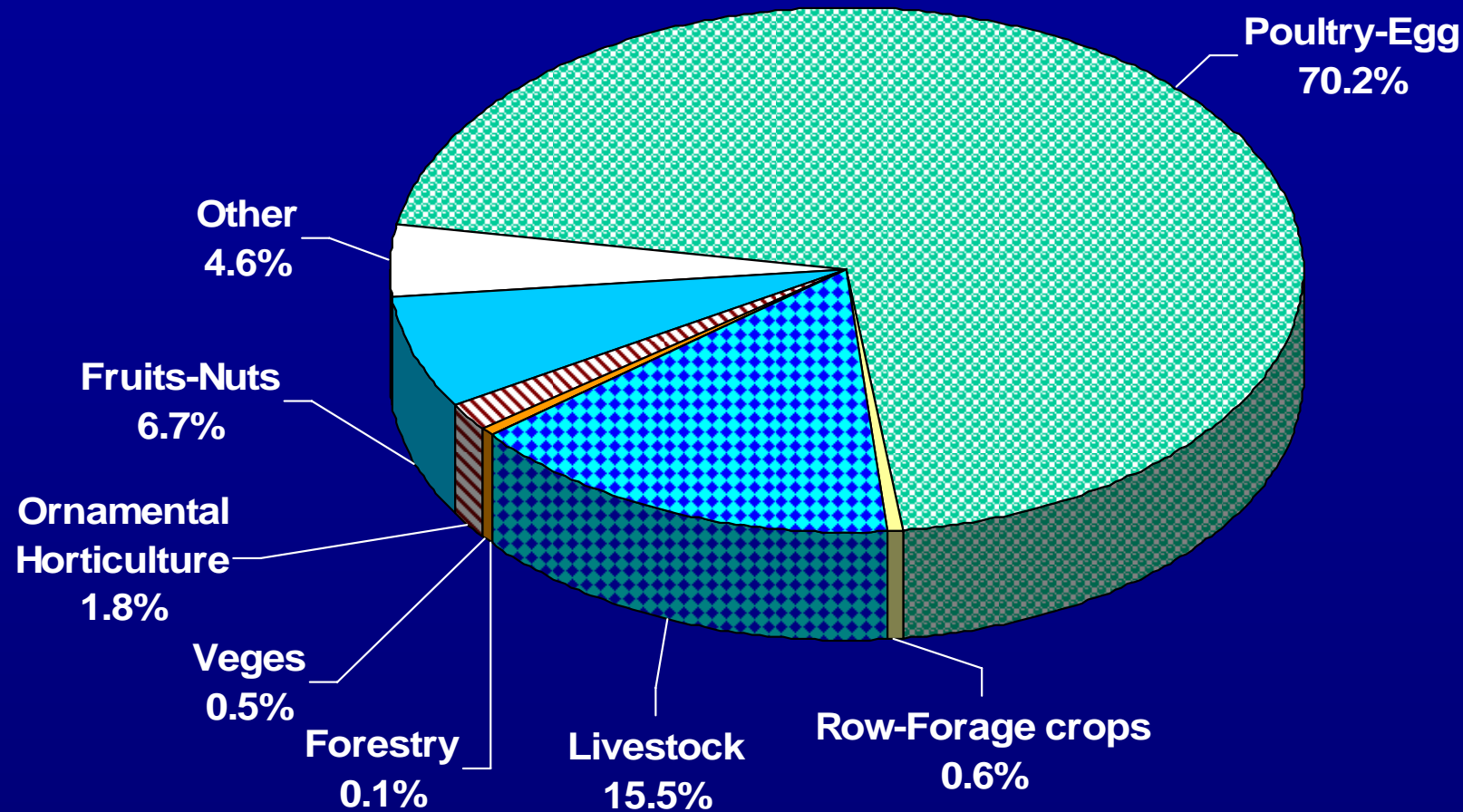
Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2006



Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor

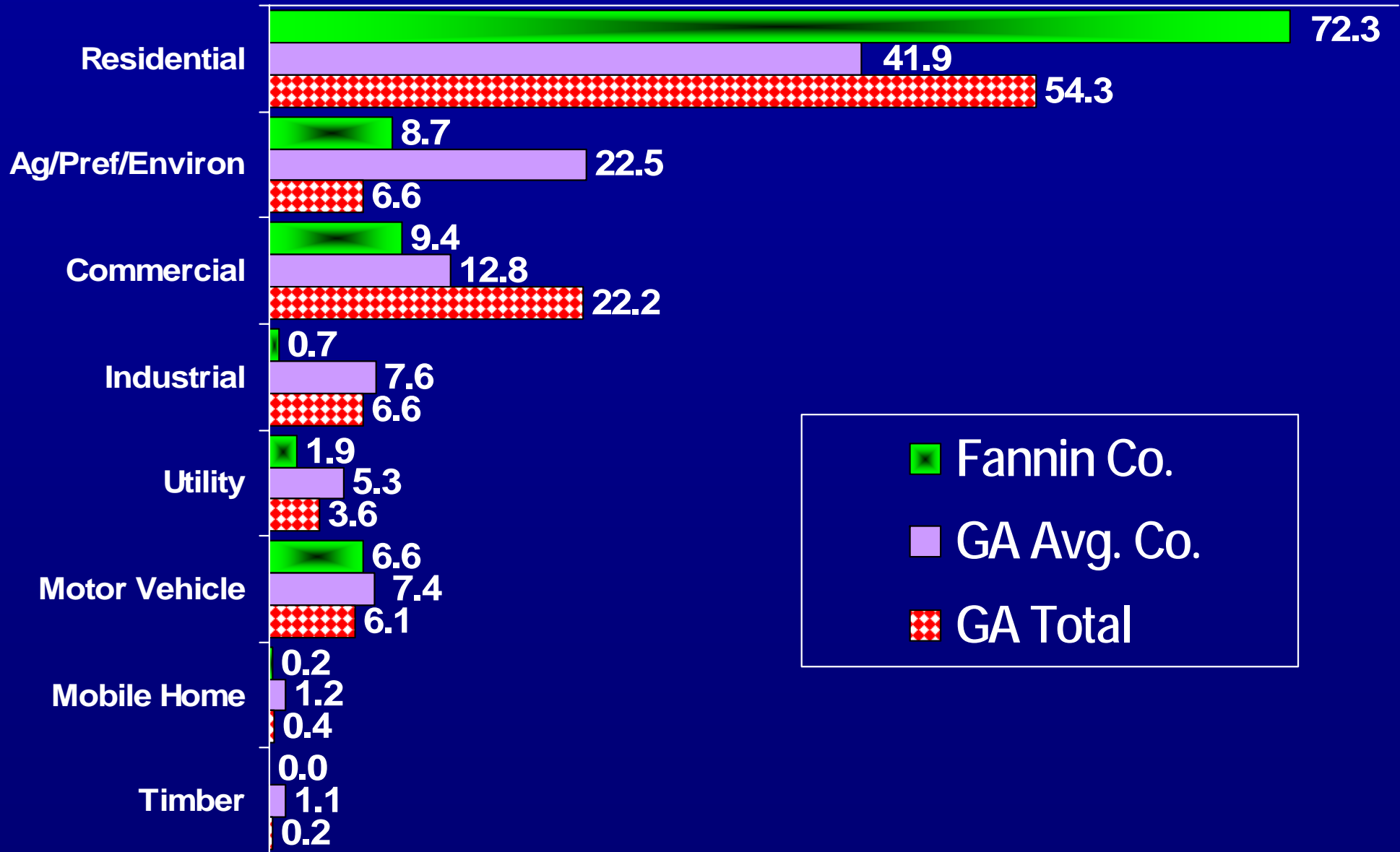
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2006

Fannin Co. Total Value = \$27,313,196



Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2006

Fannin Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = \$944,335,240



Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue

County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2006

| County | % Residential | % Agricultural | % Commercial | % Industrial | % Motor Vehicle | % Other |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|---------|
| FANNIN | 72.3 | 8.7 | 9.4 | 0.7 | 6.6 | 2.2 |
| DAWSON | 62.4 | 16.8 | 14.2 | 0.3 | 4.7 | 1.6 |
| GILMER | 55.8 | 24.5 | 10.0 | 2.0 | 4.9 | 2.8 |
| 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 |
| UNION | 70.4 | 13.7 | 9.1 | 0.7 | 4.5 | 1.6 |
| Avg. GA Co. | 41.9 | 22.5 | 12.8 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 7.7 |

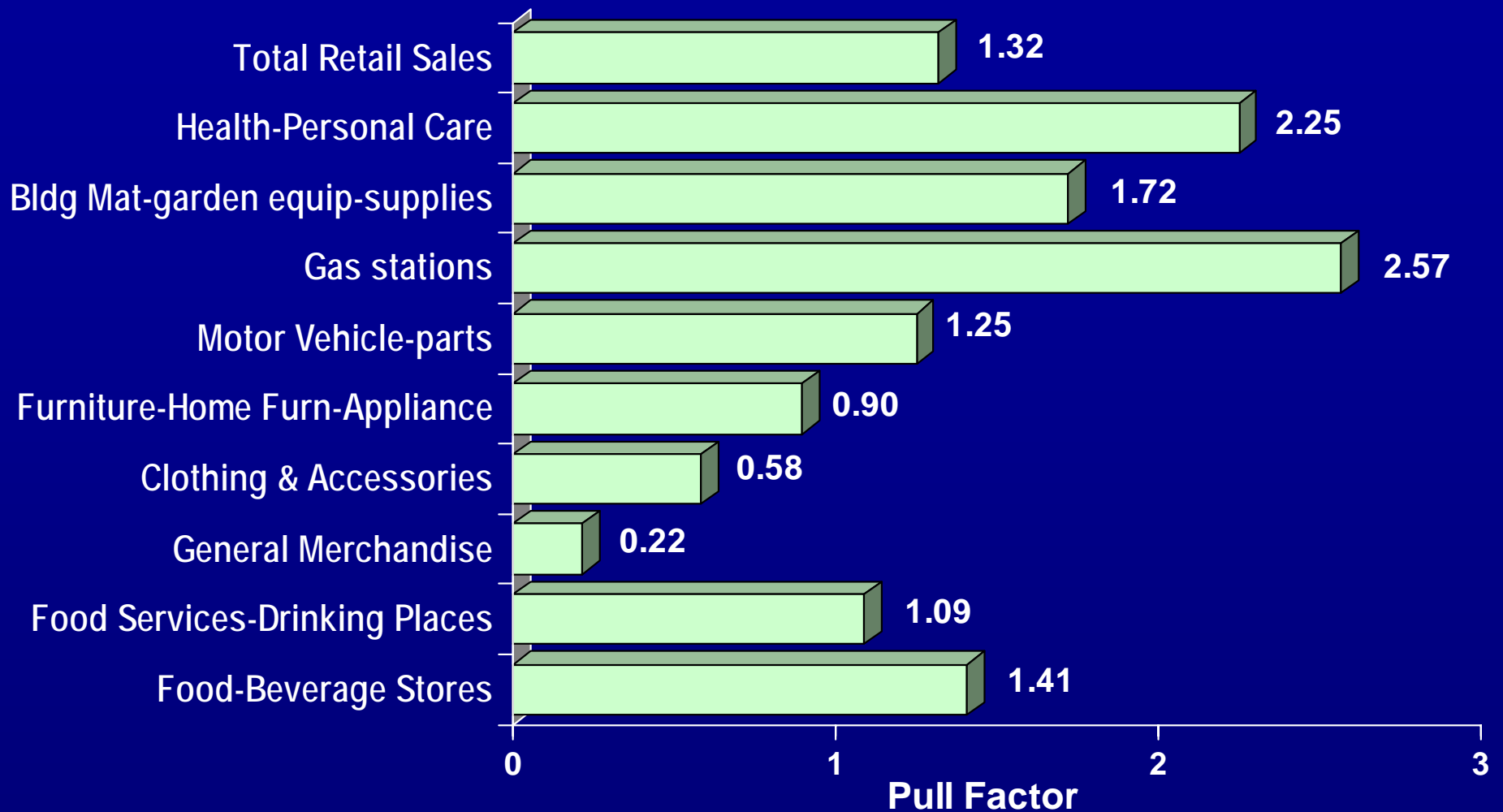
Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax

| 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 |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| FANNIN | 19.919 | 13.950 | \$15,668 | 7 | LSE |
| DAWSON | 22.184 | 13.646 | \$23,823 | 7 | LSE |
| GILMER | 21.413 | 15.400 | \$22,028 | 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 |
| UNION | 14.000 | 8.950 | \$12,597 | 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

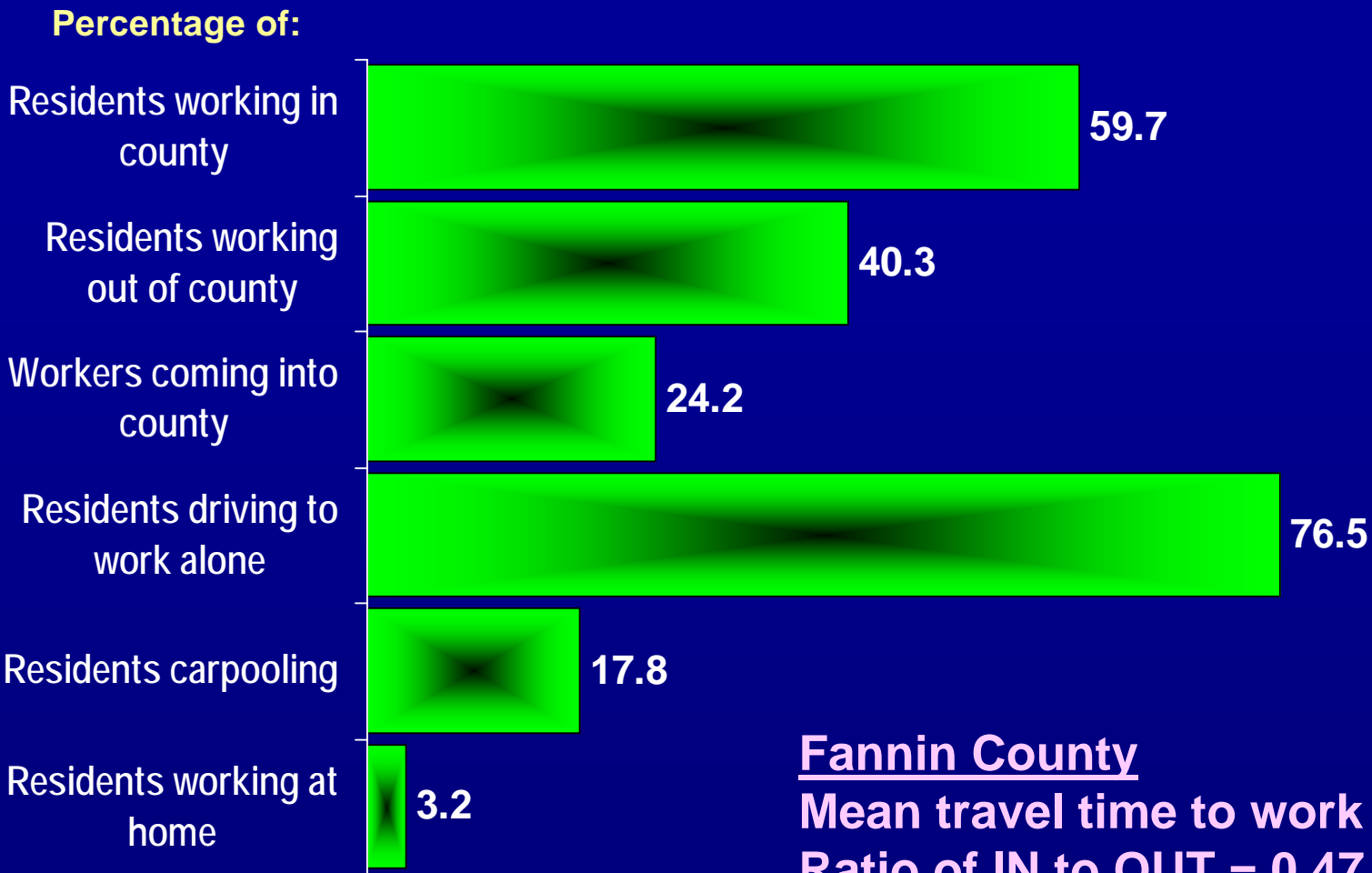
Fannin Co. Total Retail Sales = \$325,486,000



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



Fannin County

Mean travel time to work = 31.8 min.

Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.47

Resident workers 16+ = 8,105

Residents working in county = 4,837

Residents working out of county = 3,268

Total working in county = 6,380

Workers commuting into county = 1,543

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

Special Area Report

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