

Lamar County Community Profile



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160th in order of
county creation
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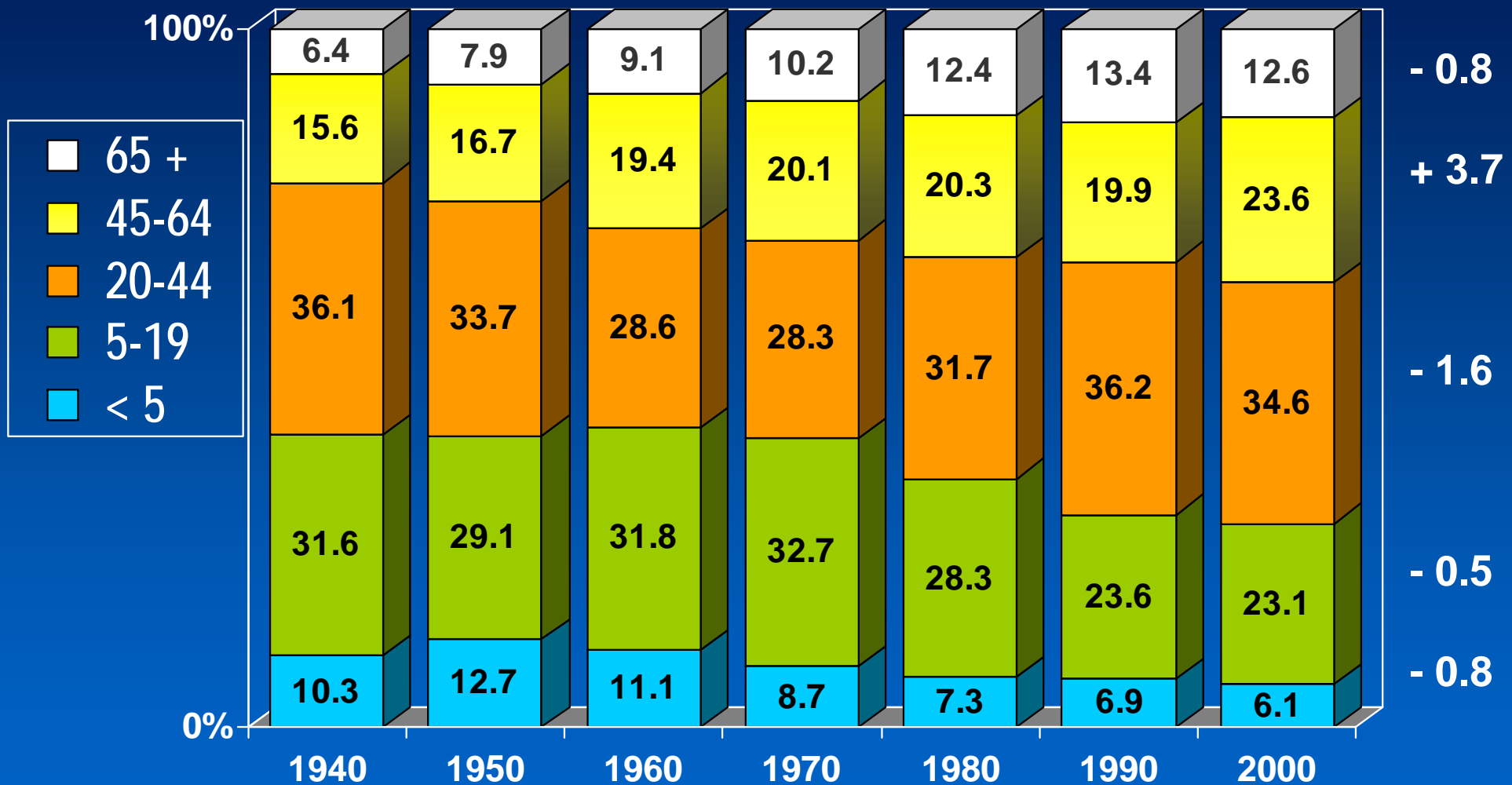
Total Population Lamar County



Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; CAED TREND (Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development 3/10).

Population Composition by Age Lamar County

Change in
proportion
1990-2000



2008 Estimated Median Age

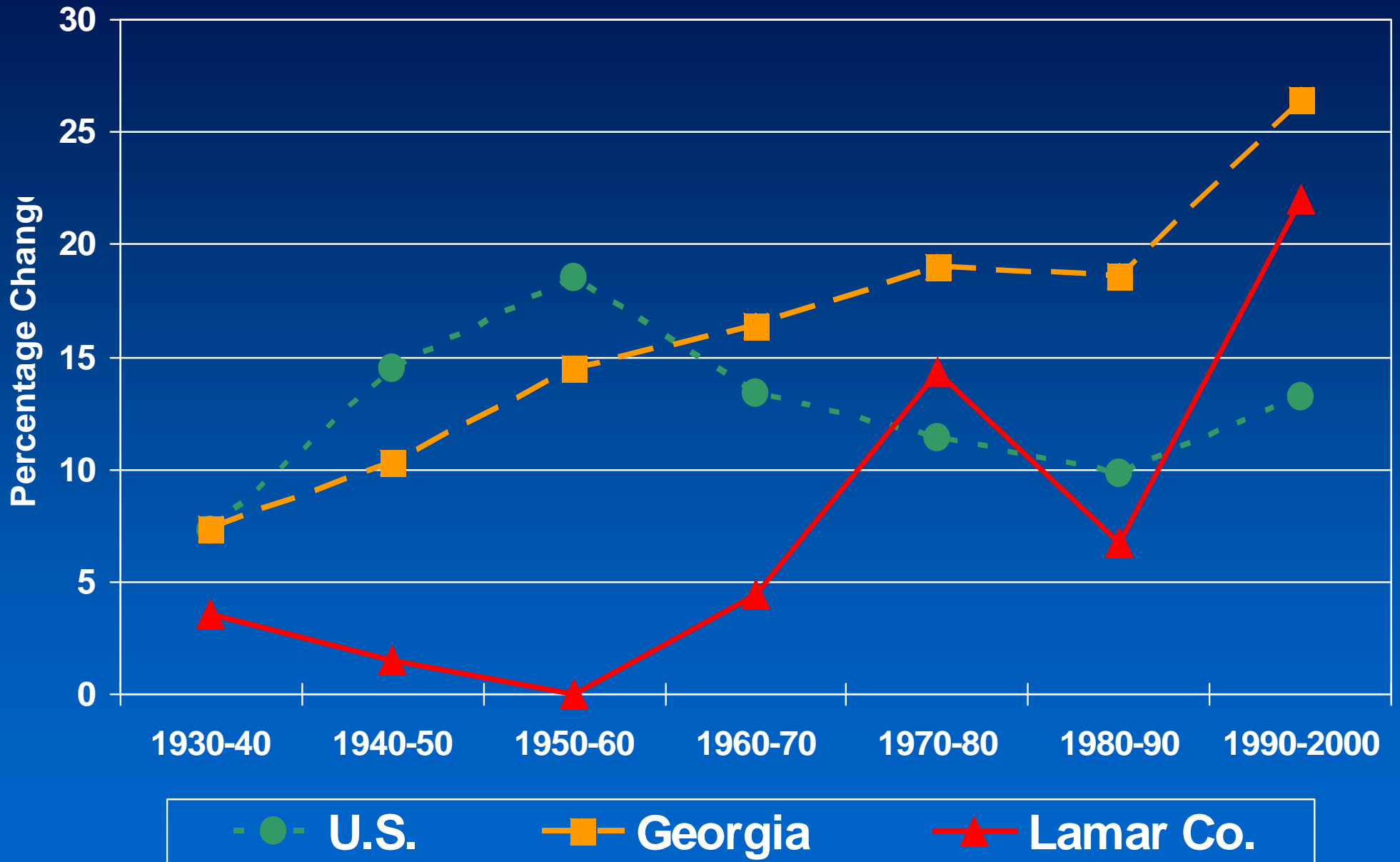
Lamar Co. = 35.8 yrs.

GA = 34.9 yrs.

2009 County Population Comparisons

County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2000-09	Rank of % Chg.
LAMAR	17,550	96	95.0	10.3	70
BUTTS	24,392	74	130.7	24.7	27
CRAWFORD	12,240	114	37.7	-2.0	134
MONROE	25,425	70	64.3	16.8	44
PIKE	17,721	94	81.1	29.5	20
SPALDING	64,708	34	326.9	10.8	65
UPSON	27,551	65	84.6	-0.2	125

Population Change: 1930-2000



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

Components of Population Change

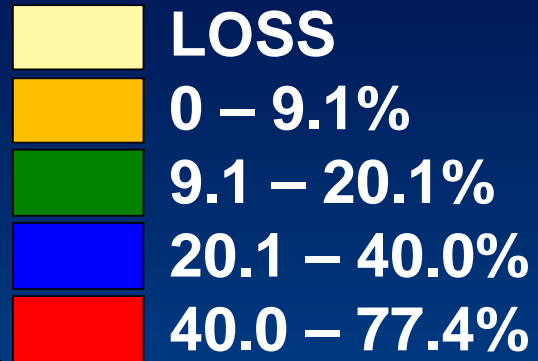
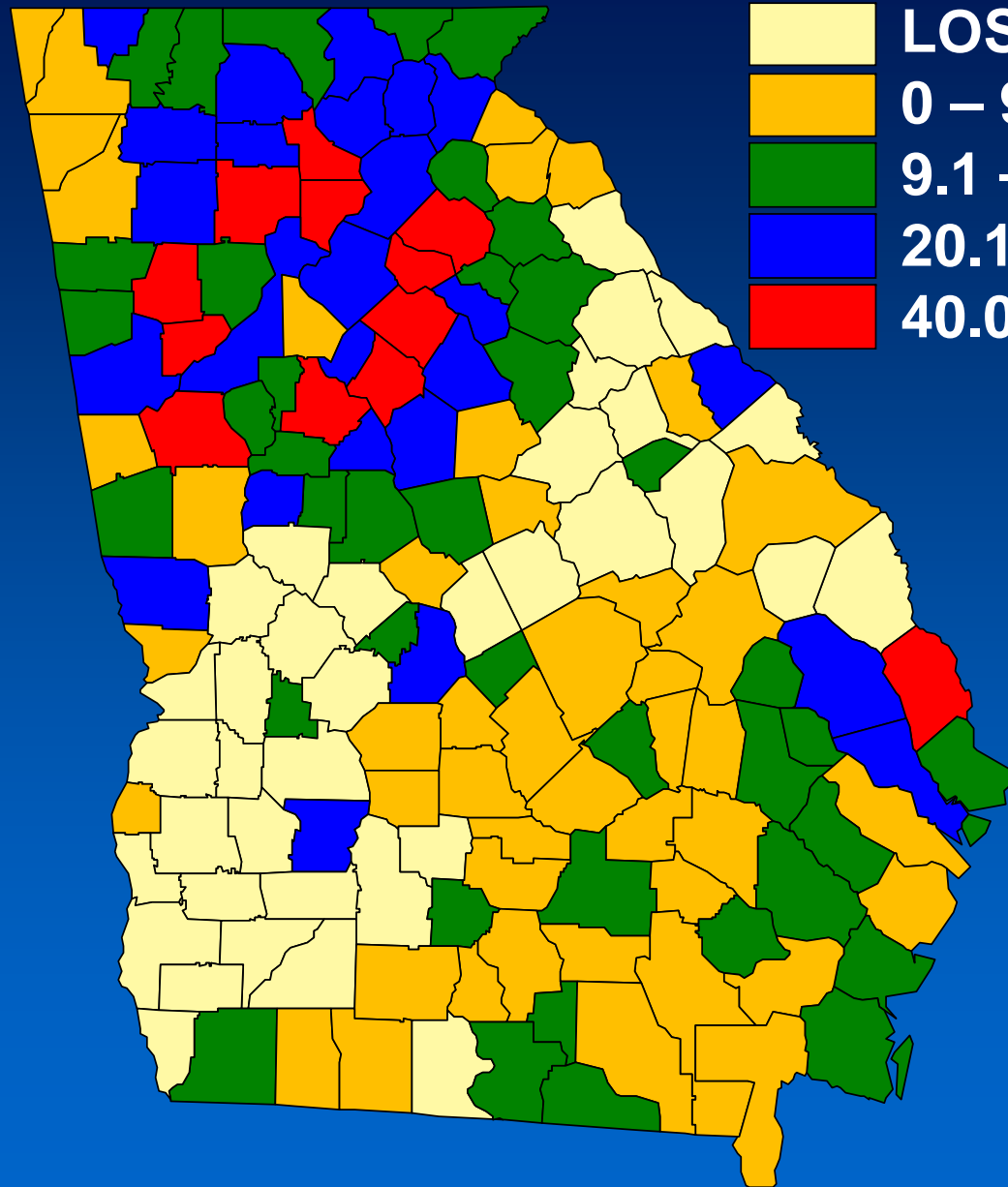
Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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
LAMAR	1,638	303	1,398	2.4	7.9
BUTTS	4,835	944	3,927	3.9	-4.1
CRAWFORD	-255	383	-570	1.5	-27.5
MONROE	3,651	611	3,109	2.2	5.8
PIKE	4,033	571	3,513	5.4	2.9
SPALDING	6,291	3,204	3,400	5.1	4.1
UPSON	-46	-106	227	-1.3	3.9
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.

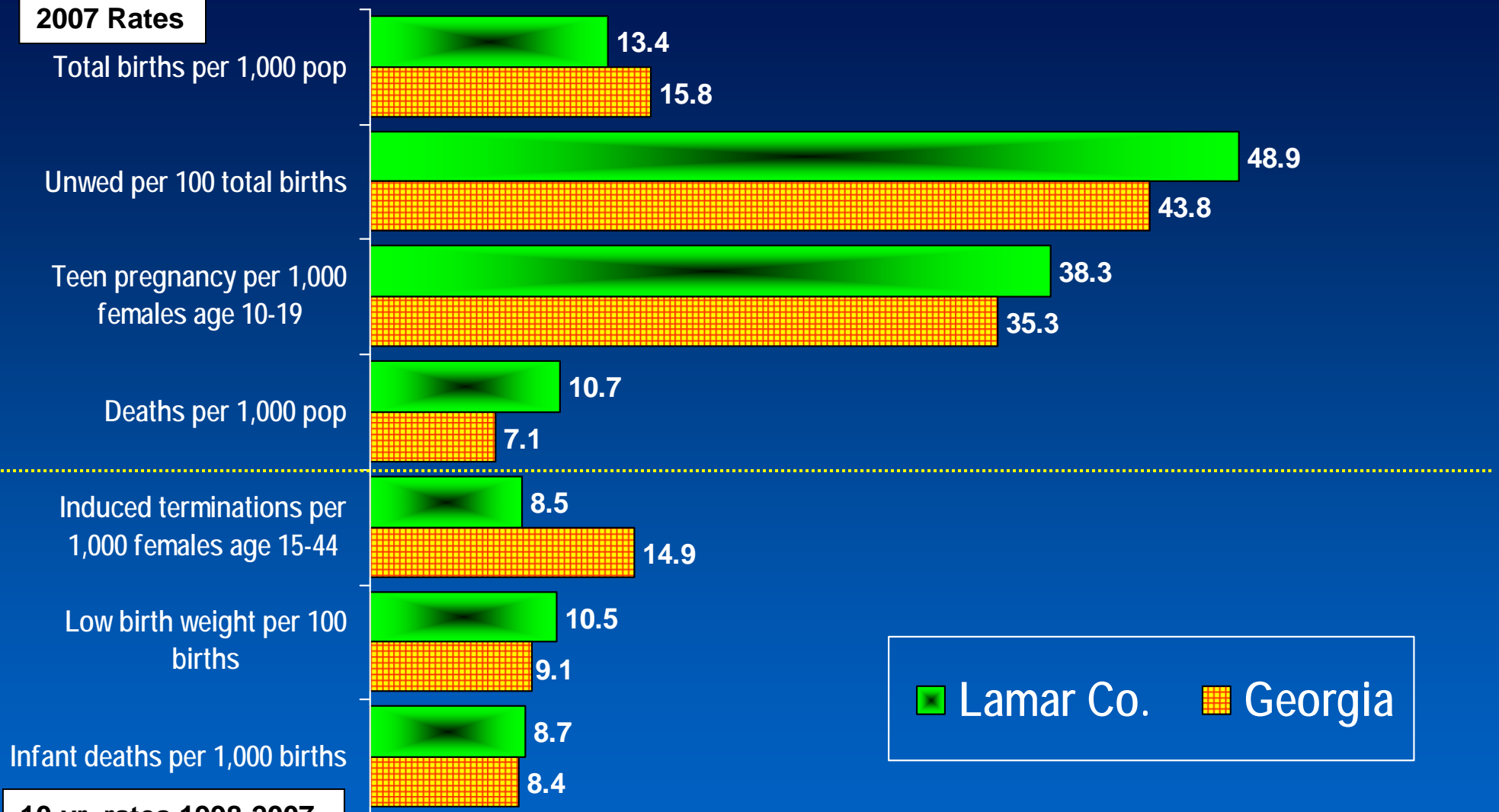
Population Change: 2000-2009



Avg. GA
County = 12.0%
GA = 20.1%
US = 9.1%

Selected Vital Statistics

2007 Rates



10-yr. rates 1998-2007

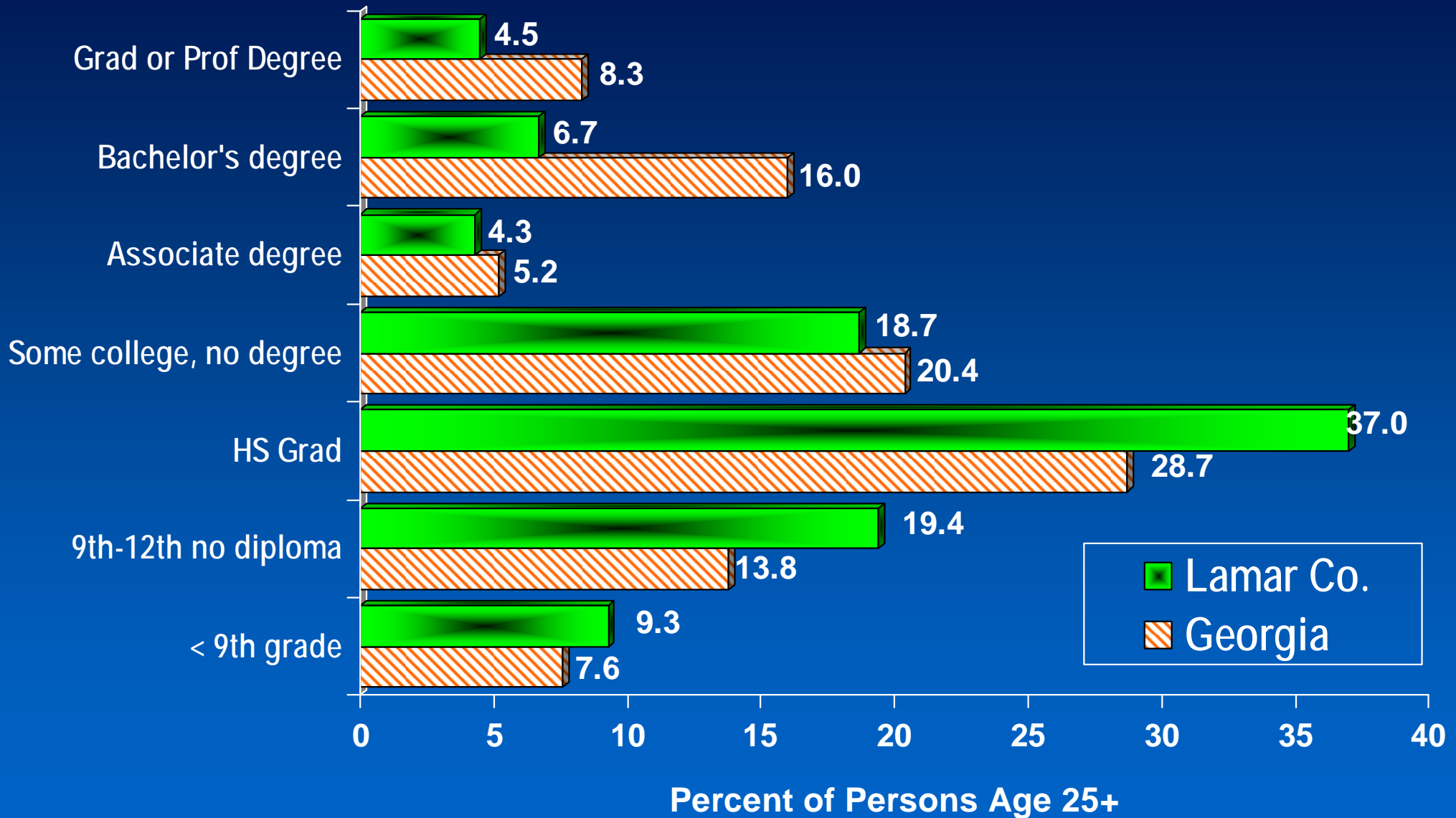
2007 Lamar Co. Natality Data

227 total births, 111 unwed births
 35 induced terminations
 50 teen pregnancies
 29 low birth weight babies

2007 Lamar Co. Mortality Data

181 total deaths
 2 infant deaths

Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000



Lamar Co.

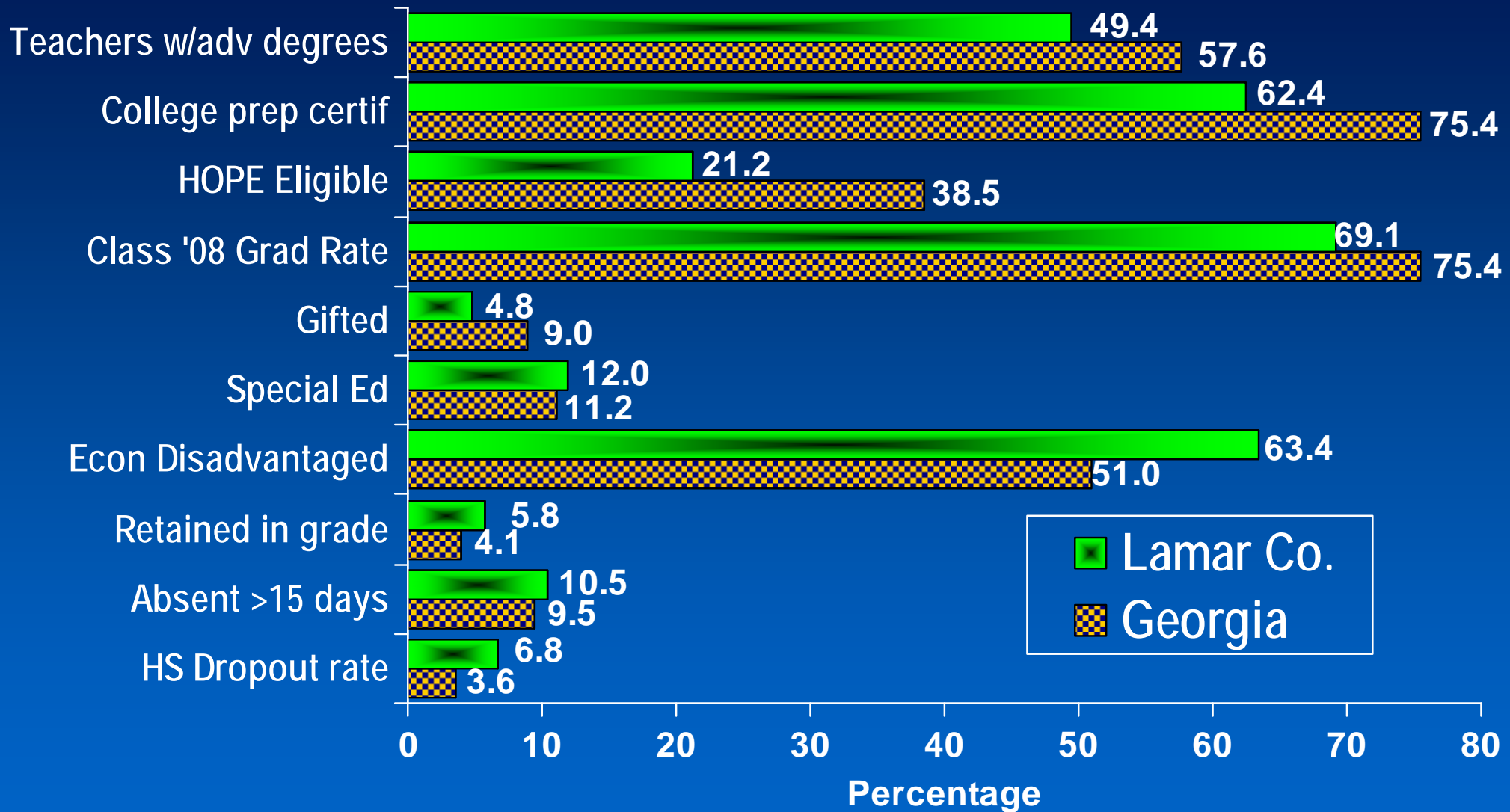
Not completing HS = 28.7%

With a bachelor's + degree = 11.3%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Selected Public School Statistics

School Year 2007-08



Lamar Co.

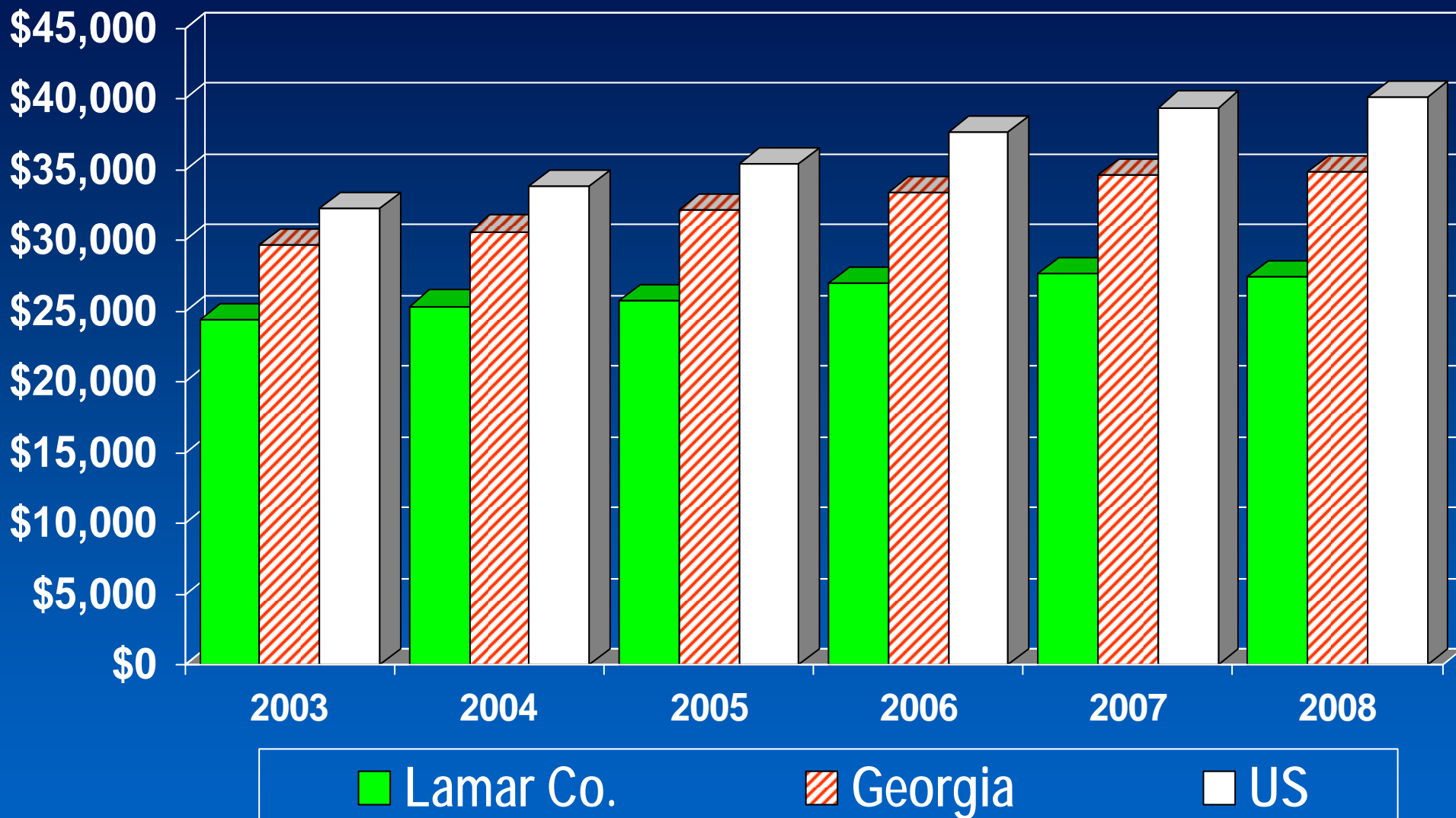
K12 enrollment = 2,400

HS dropouts = 56

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$7,647

Per Capita Income: 2003-2008

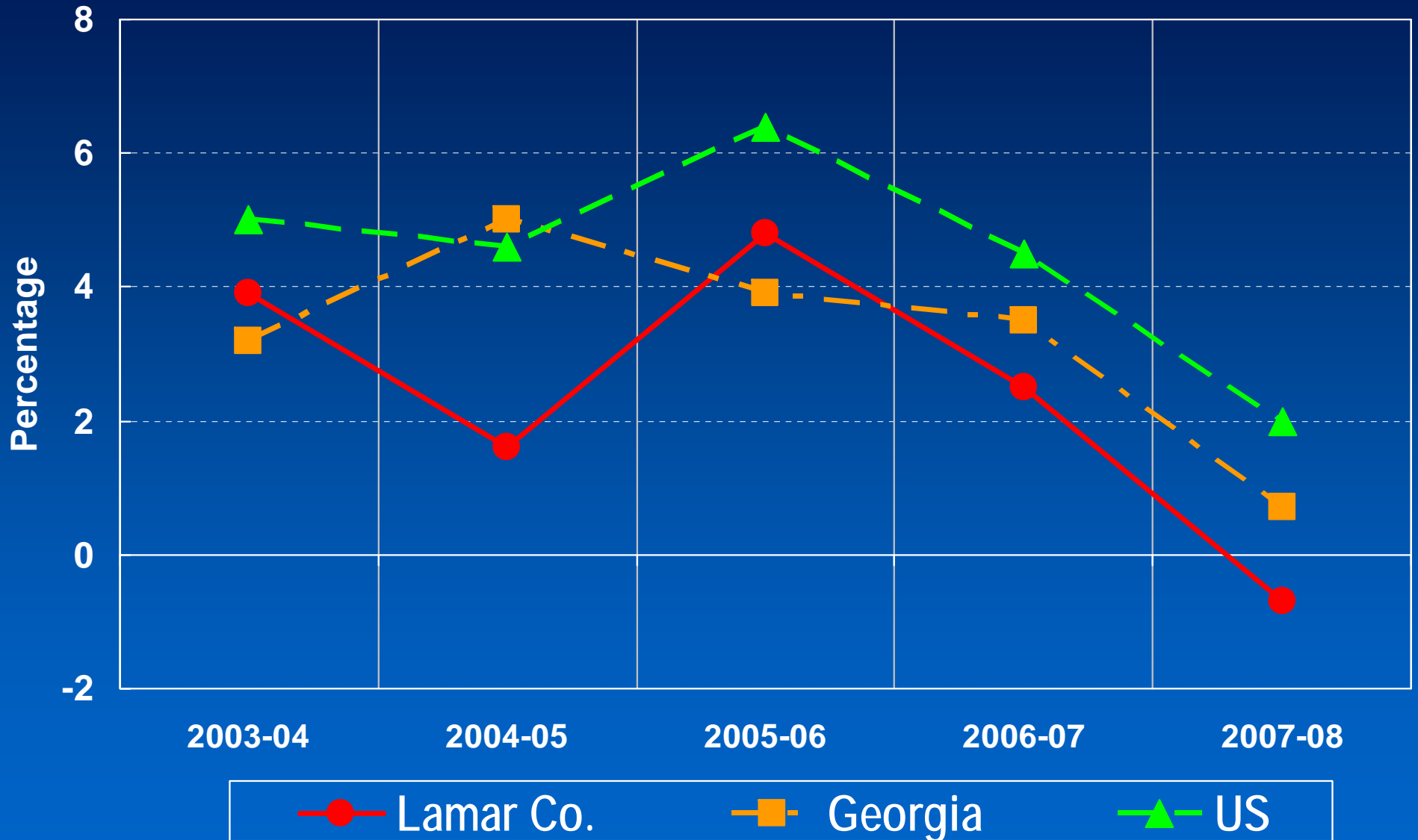


2008 PCI
Lamar Co. = \$27,473

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

Per Capita Income: 2003-2008

Percentage Change

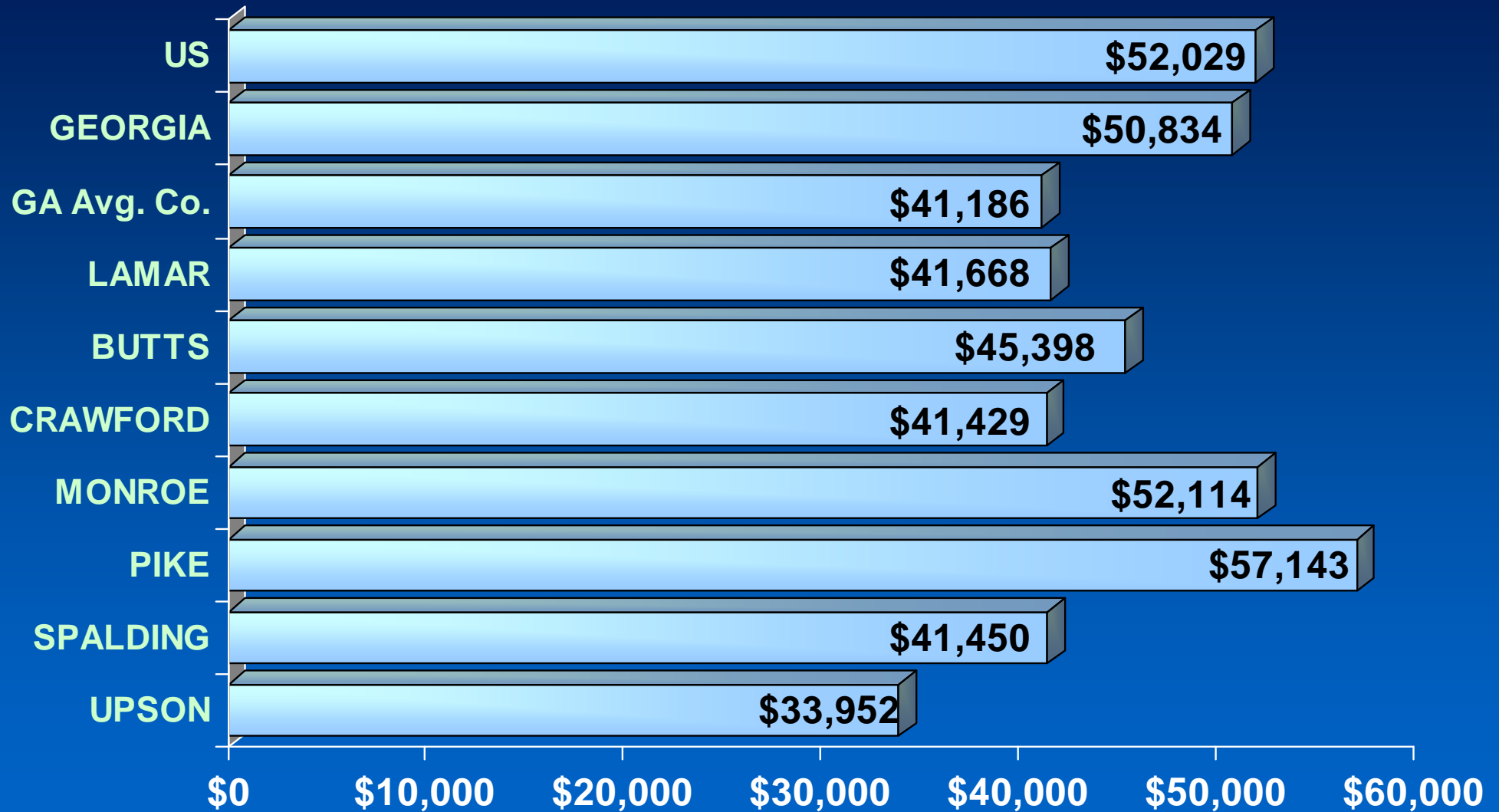


Per Capita Income: 2008

County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 2003-2008
LAMAR	\$27,473	84	78.8	12.6
BUTTS	\$25,219	116	72.4	9.3
CRAWFORD	\$28,810	61	82.7	21.9
MONROE	\$35,501	13	101.9	35.2
PIKE	\$29,159	56	83.7	18.3
SPALDING	\$28,045	76	80.5	14.4
UPSON	\$25,594	109	73.4	22.4
GA Avg. Co.	\$28,543	--	81.9	20.1

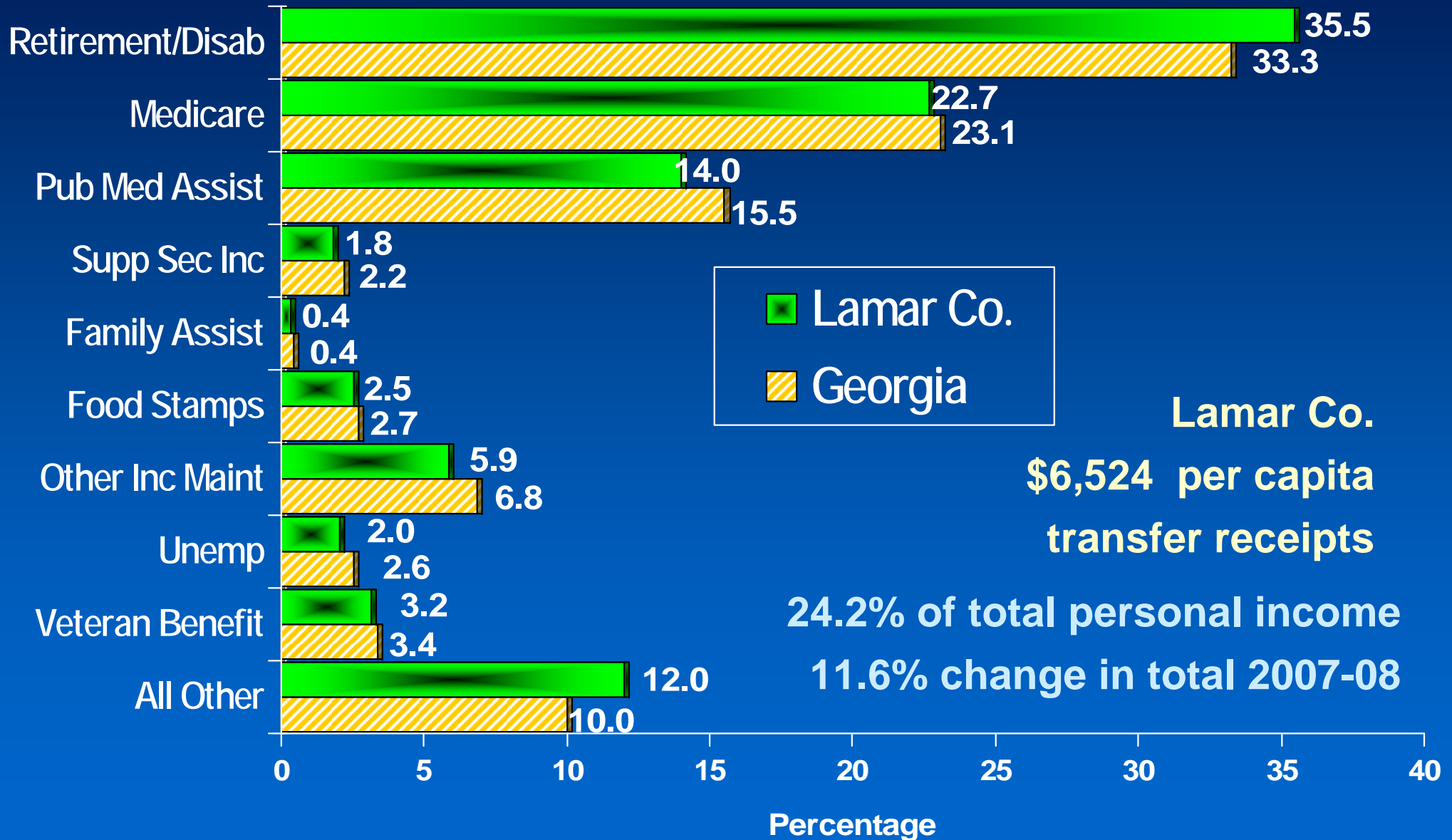
Median Household Income

2008 Model-Based Estimates



Transfer Receipts: 2008

Lamar Co. Total = \$113,277,000



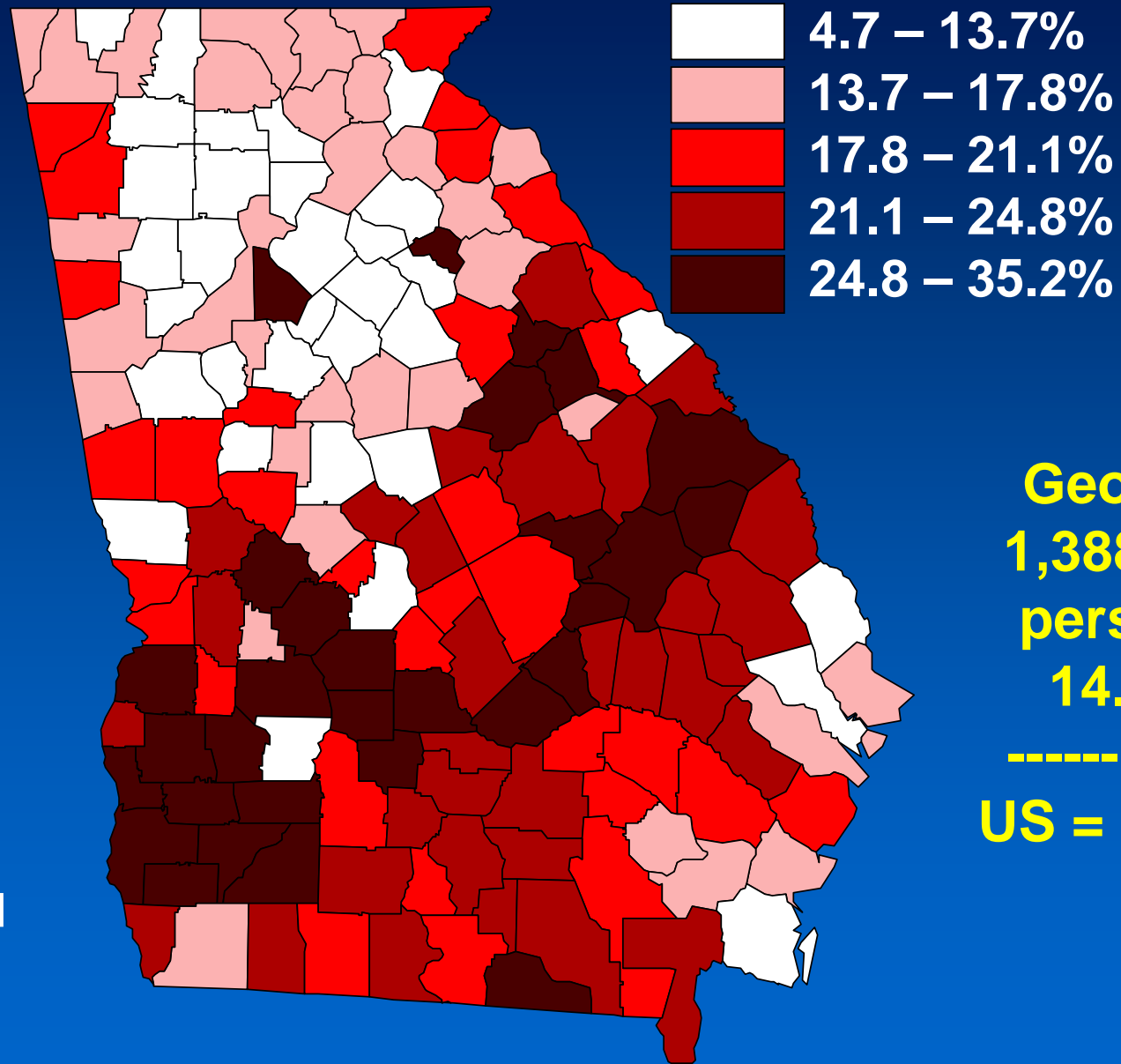
Persons Living Below Poverty Level

2008 Model-Based Estimates

County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
LAMAR	2,512	15.5	49
BUTTS	3,440	15.6	50
CRAWFORD	2,193	17.8	65
MONROE	3,328	13.7	33
PIKE	1,821	10.6	16
SPALDING	11,167	17.9	68
UPSON	5,014	18.6	76
GA Avg. Co.	8,736	19.1	--

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2008 Model-Based Estimates



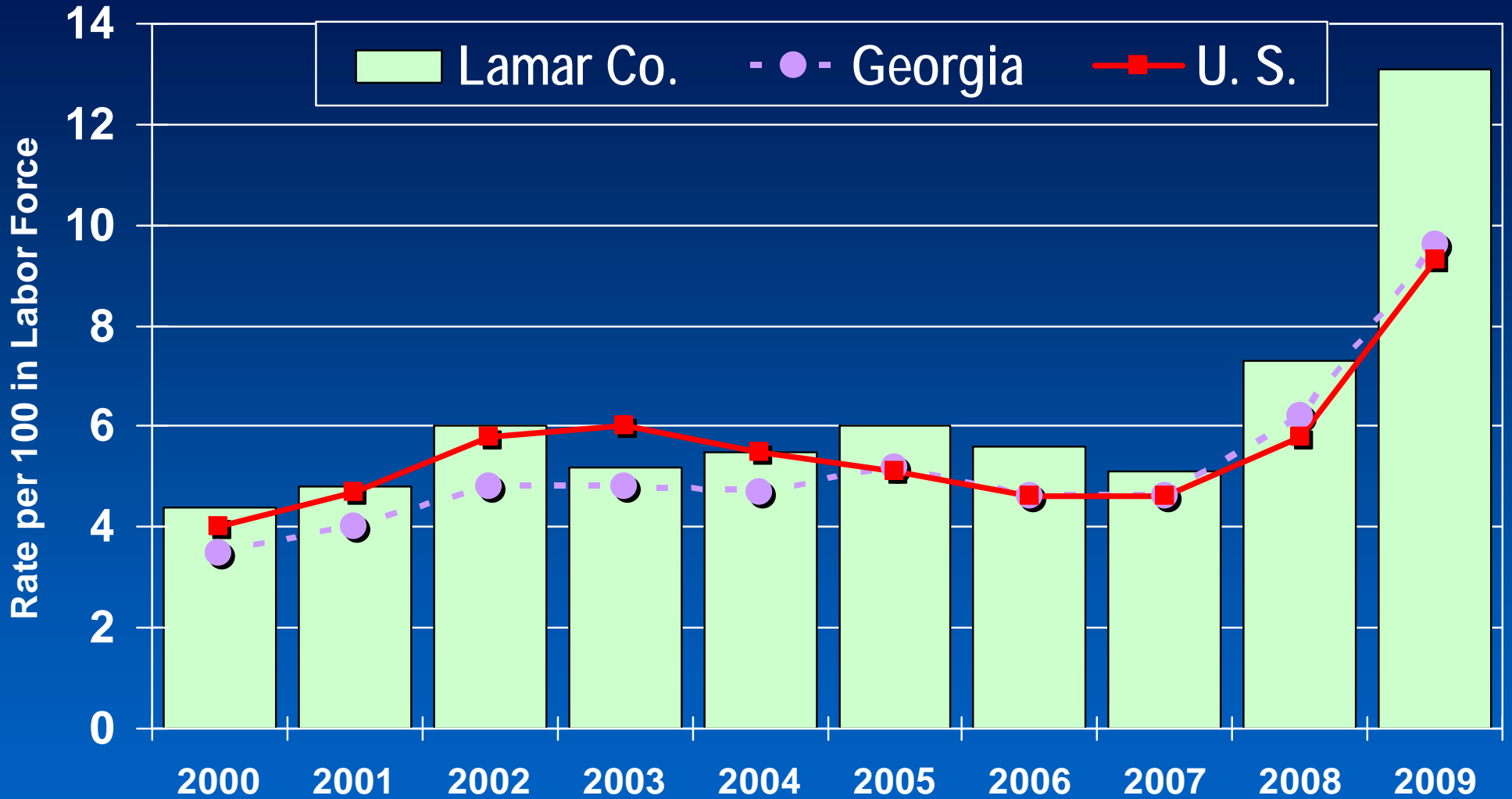
Georgia
1,388,959
persons
14.7%

US = 13.2%

Weighted
average poverty
threshold for a
family household
of 4 persons in
2008 = \$22,025

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (11/09)

Annual Average Unemployment Rates



2009 Rates

Lamar Co. = 13.1

GA = 9.6

US = 9.3

Avg. GA County = 10.5

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



Goods Producing
 Service Providing
 Government

**Agriculture, Mining,
Construction,
Manufacturing**

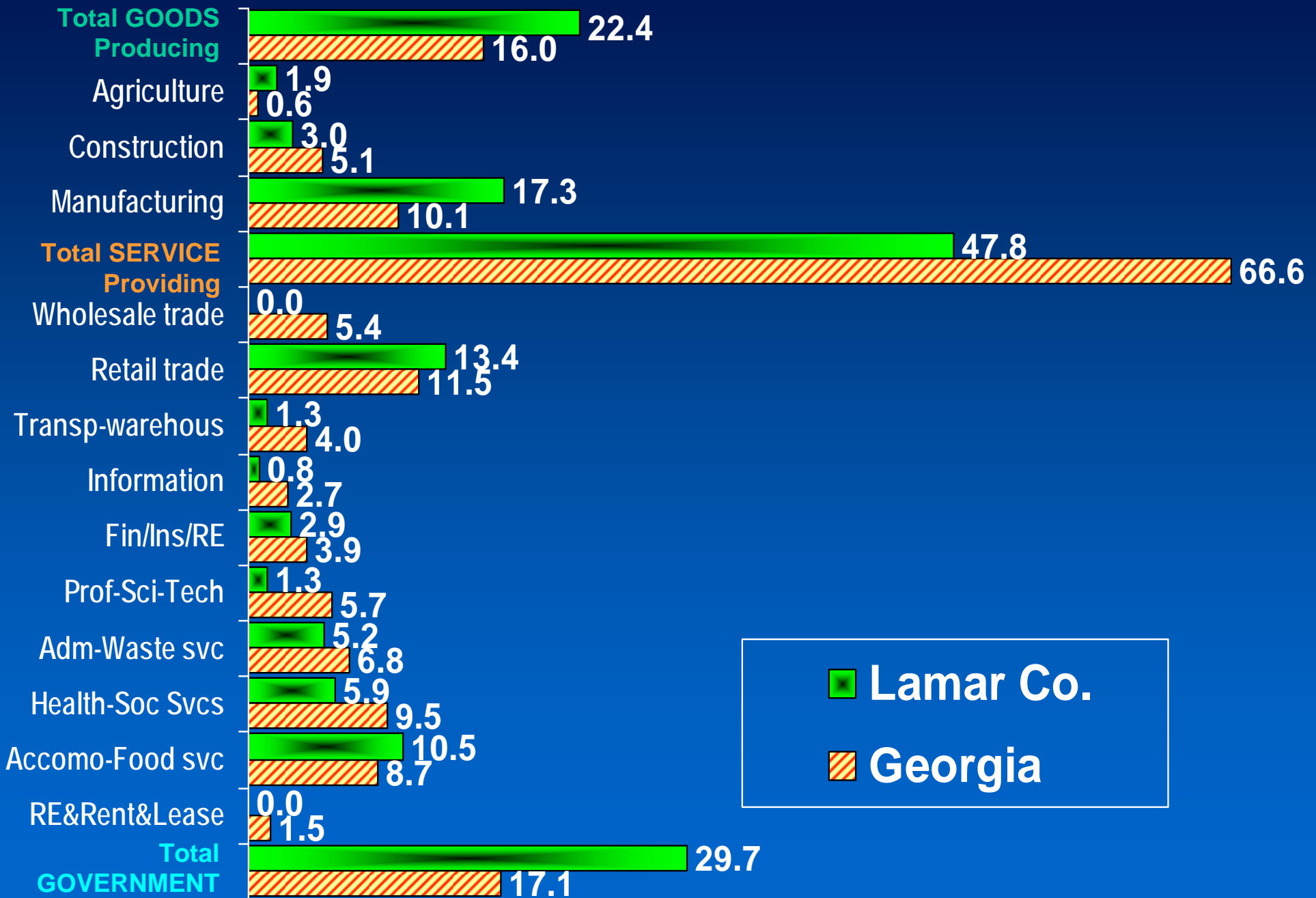
Retail-Wholesale Trade, Transportation-Warehousing,
Information, Finance-Insurance-Real Estate,
Professional-SciTech Serv., Admin-Waste Serv., Health-
Social Serv., Accommodation-Food Serv., & others

**Federal,
State,
Local**

2008 Averages

Establishments = 284 Monthly Employment = 3,743 Weekly Wage = \$563

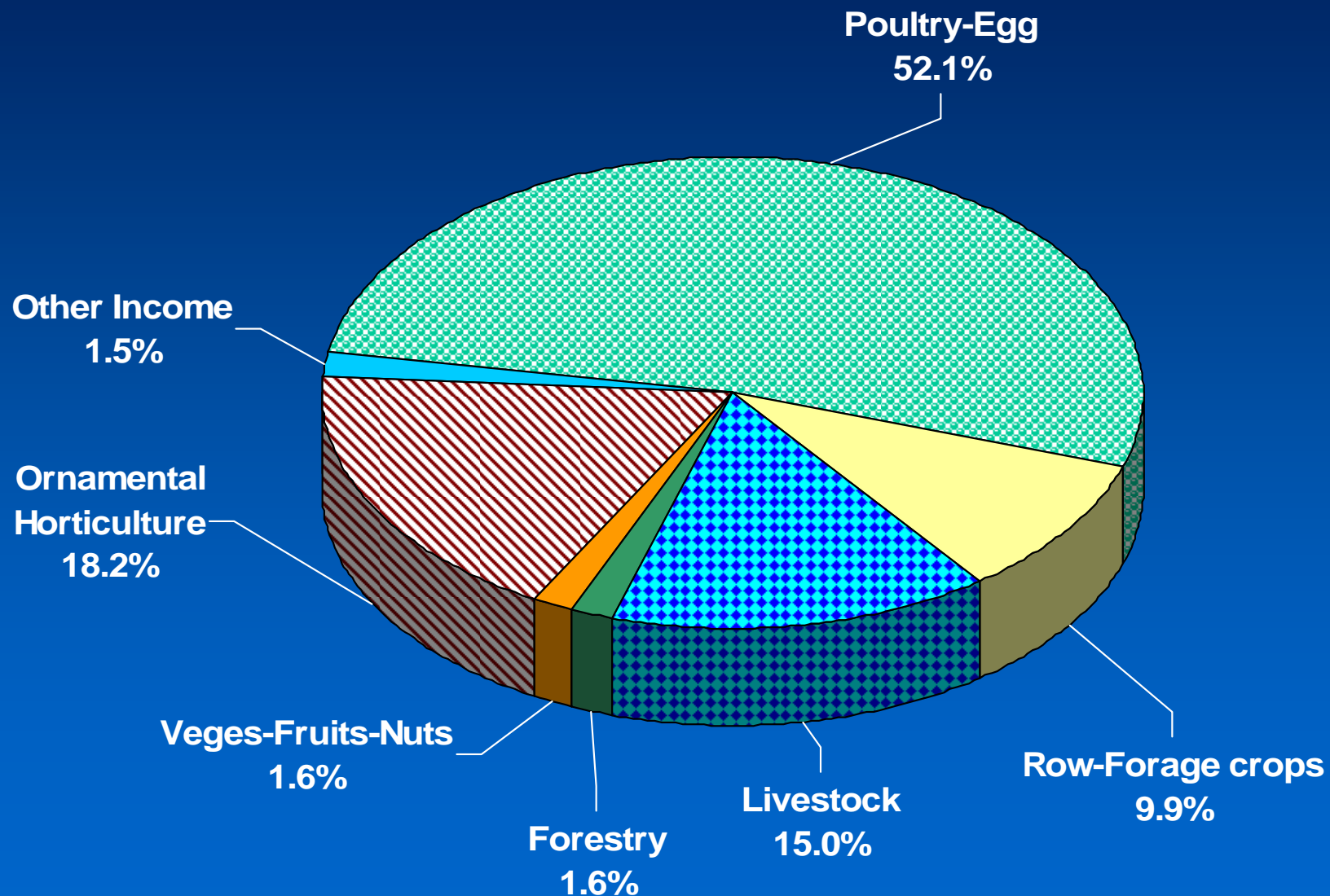
Selected Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2008



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

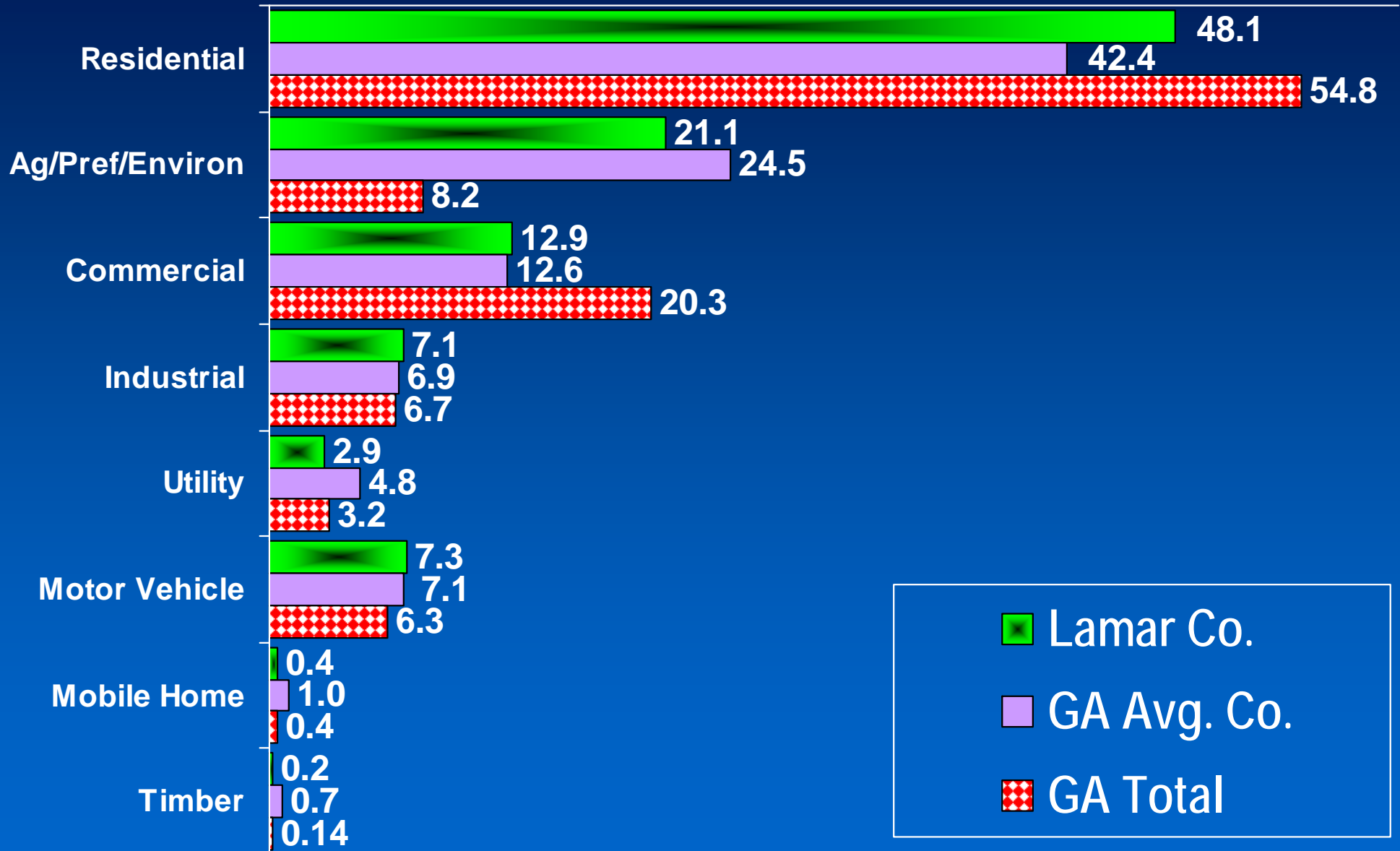
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2009

Lamar Co. Total Value = \$40,829,743



Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2008

Lamar Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = \$572,435,336



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
LAMAR	48.1	21.1	12.9	7.1	2.9	7.3	0.4	0.16
BUTTS	47.6	23.9	10.9	2.6	6.3	8.5	0.1	0.10
CRAWFORD	43.8	33.2	3.6	3.3	4.0	10.1	1.2	0.85
MONROE	37.0	19.2	5.5	1.2	31.6	4.7	0.4	0.16
PIKE	55.9	25.4	5.3	2.1	1.5	9.1	0.3	0.17
SPALDING	44.9	14.1	18.3	13.2	1.7	7.6	0.1	0.03
UPSON	37.1	24.4	12.7	14.2	3.7	7.0	0.6	0.29
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)

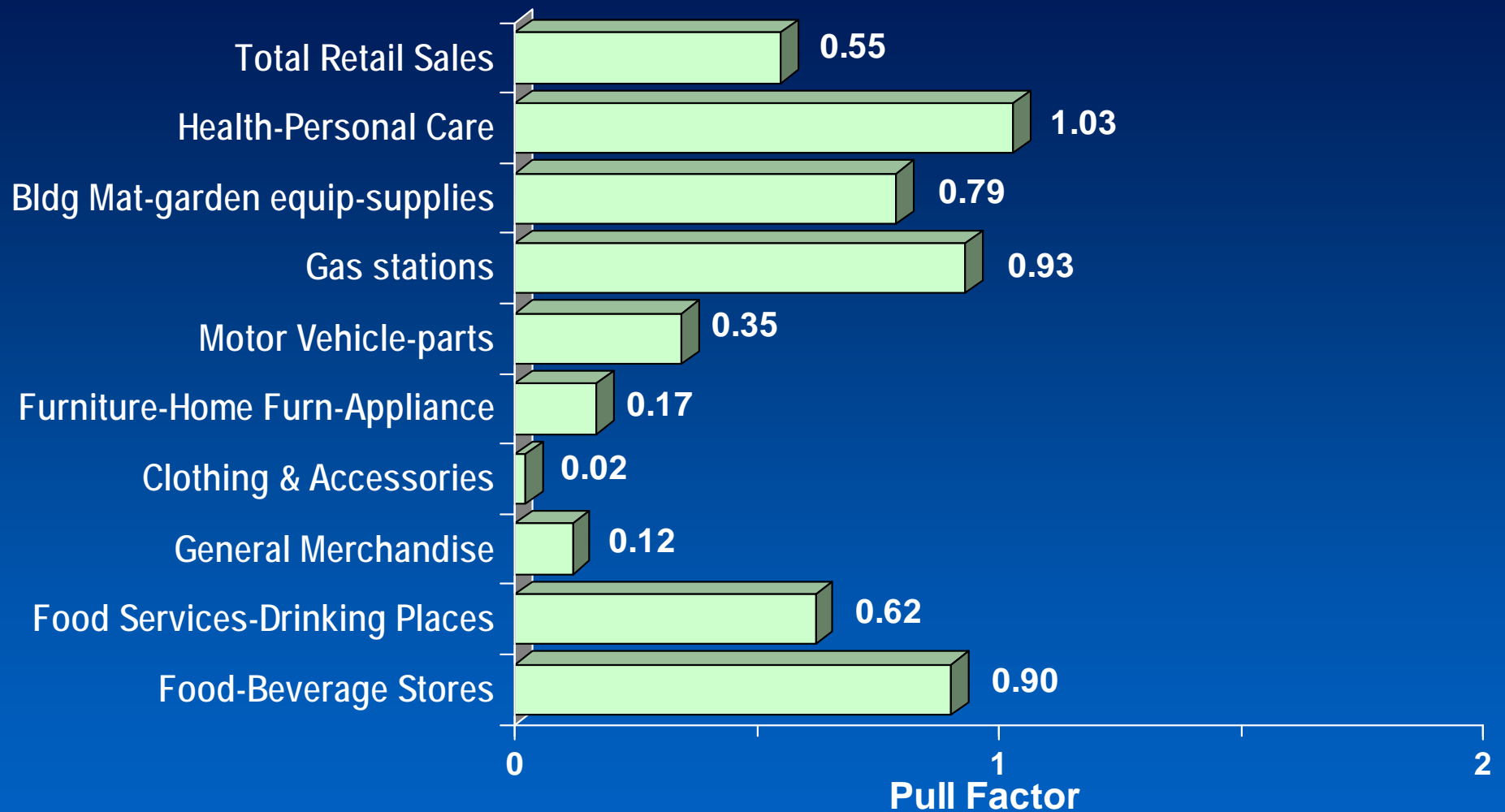
Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

County	'08 County-wide Millage*	'08 School Millage*	'08 Taxes Levied* (\$000)	Sales Tax Rate as of 4/1/10	LOST Type* as of 4/1/10
LAMAR	27.67	15.80	\$12,883	3	LSE
BUTTS	33.23	17.51	\$22,653	3	LSE
CRAWFORD	28.72	12.37	\$7,487	3	LSE
MONROE	27.27	13.10	\$32,653	3	LSE
PIKE	31.73	14.52	\$14,039	3	LSE
SPALDING	38.19	18.80	\$56,247	3	LSE
UPSON	29.22	14.30	\$19,021	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.

Retail Sales Analysis: 2008

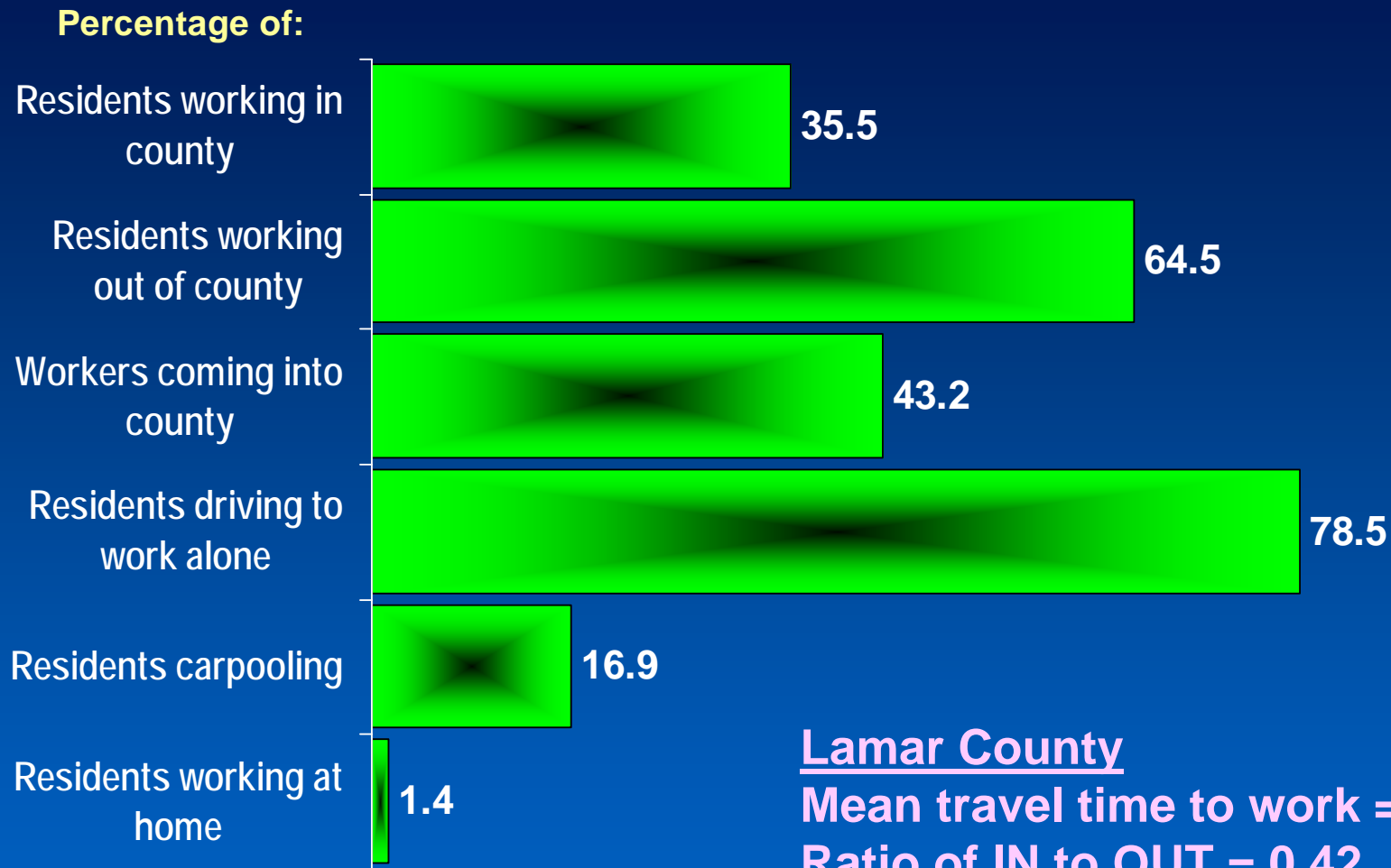
Lamar Co. Total Retail Sales = \$132,461,000



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



Lamar County

Mean travel time to work = 28.1 min.

Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.42

Resident workers 16+ = 7,026

Residents working in county = 2,493

Residents working out of county = 4,533

Total working in county = 4,392

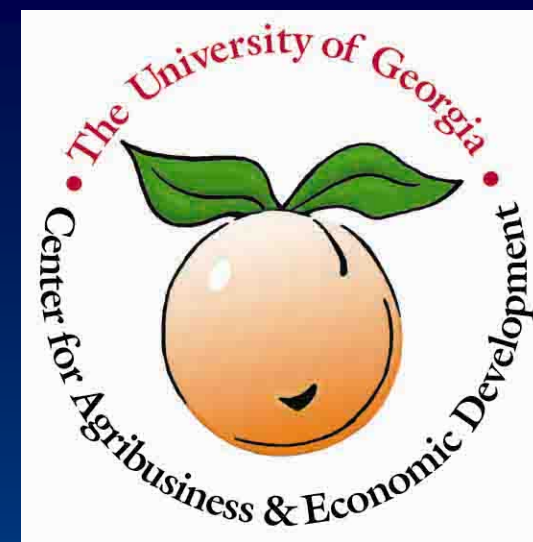
Workers commuting into county = 1,899

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

Special Area Report

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