

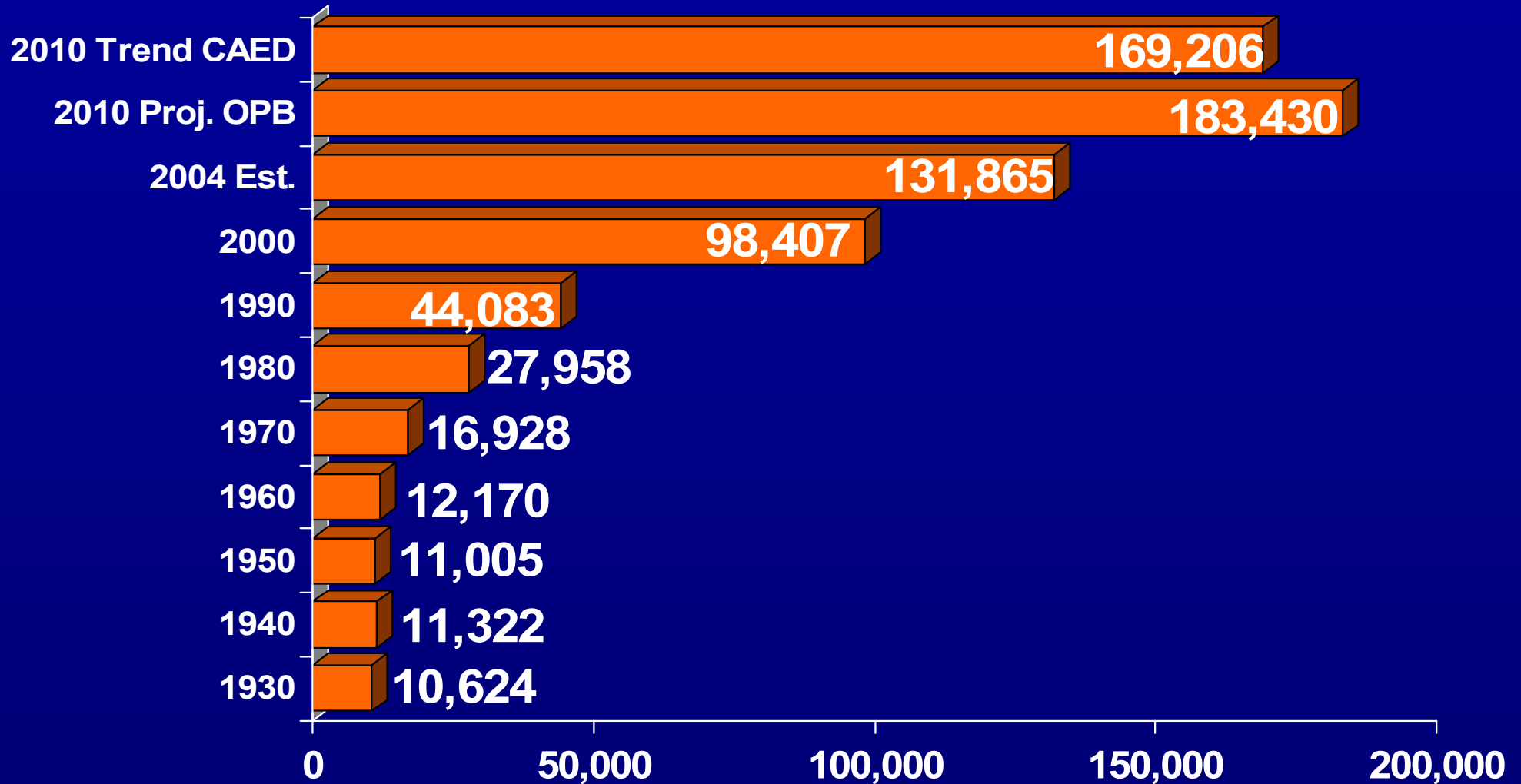
# **Forsyth County Community Profile**



**81<sup>st</sup> in order of  
county creation  
Dec. 3, 1832**

**Prepared for Forsyth County Cooperative Extension  
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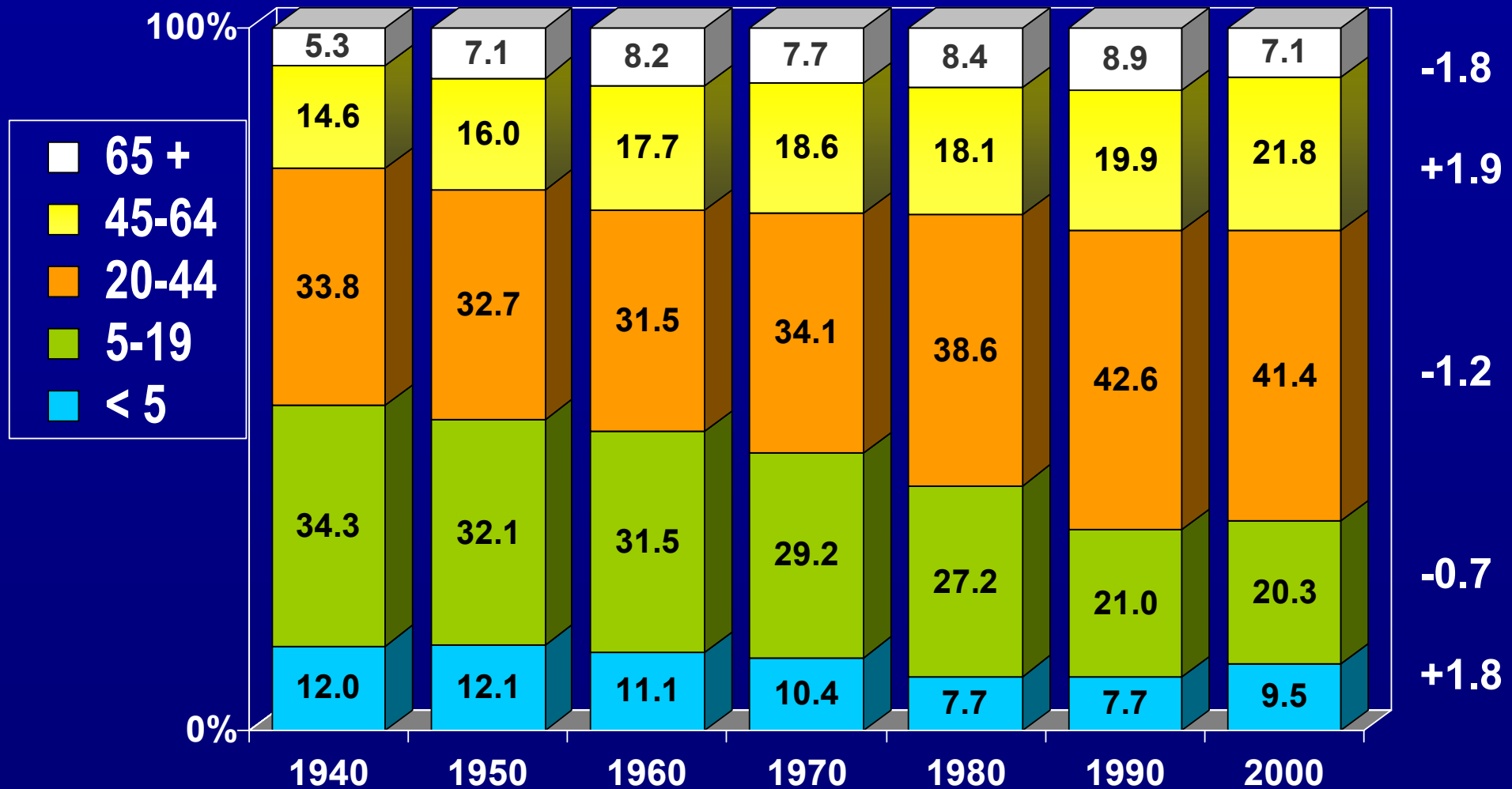
# Total Population Forsyth County



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 Forsyth County

Change in  
proportion  
1990-2000



2004 Estimated Median Age

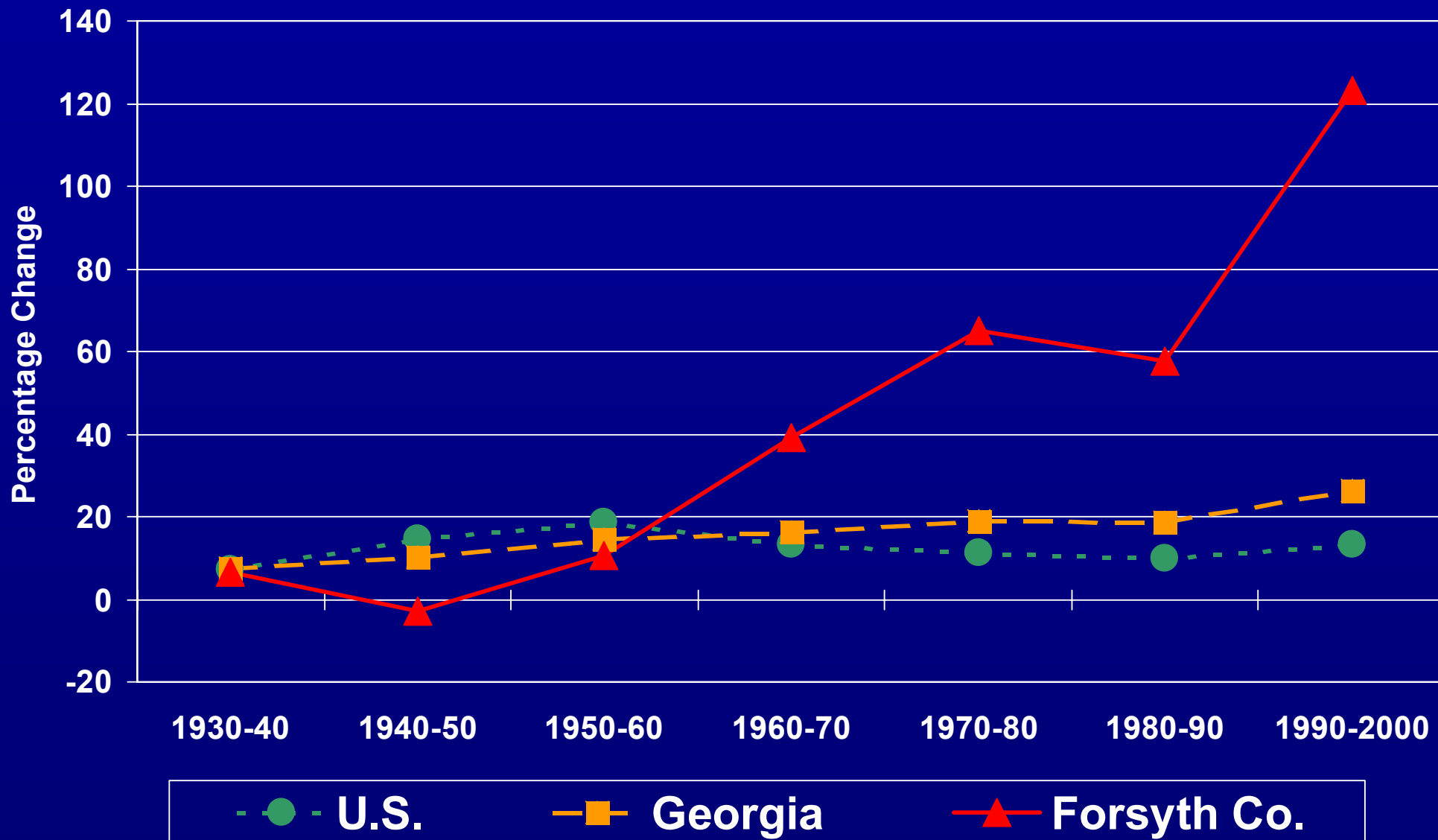
Forsyth Co. = 33.9 yrs.

GA = 33.8 yrs.

# 2004 County Population Comparisons

County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2000-04	Rank of % Chg.
<b>FORSYTH</b>	<b>131,865</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>584.0</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>CHEROKEE</b>	<b>174,680</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>412.3</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>DAWSON</b>	<b>19,064</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90.3</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>FULTON</b>	<b>814,438</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,540.6</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>GWINNETT</b>	<b>700,794</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,619.5</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>HALL</b>	<b>160,925</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>408.8</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>PICKENS</b>	<b>27,771</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>7</b>

# Population Change: 1930-2000



Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Components of Population Change: 2000-2004

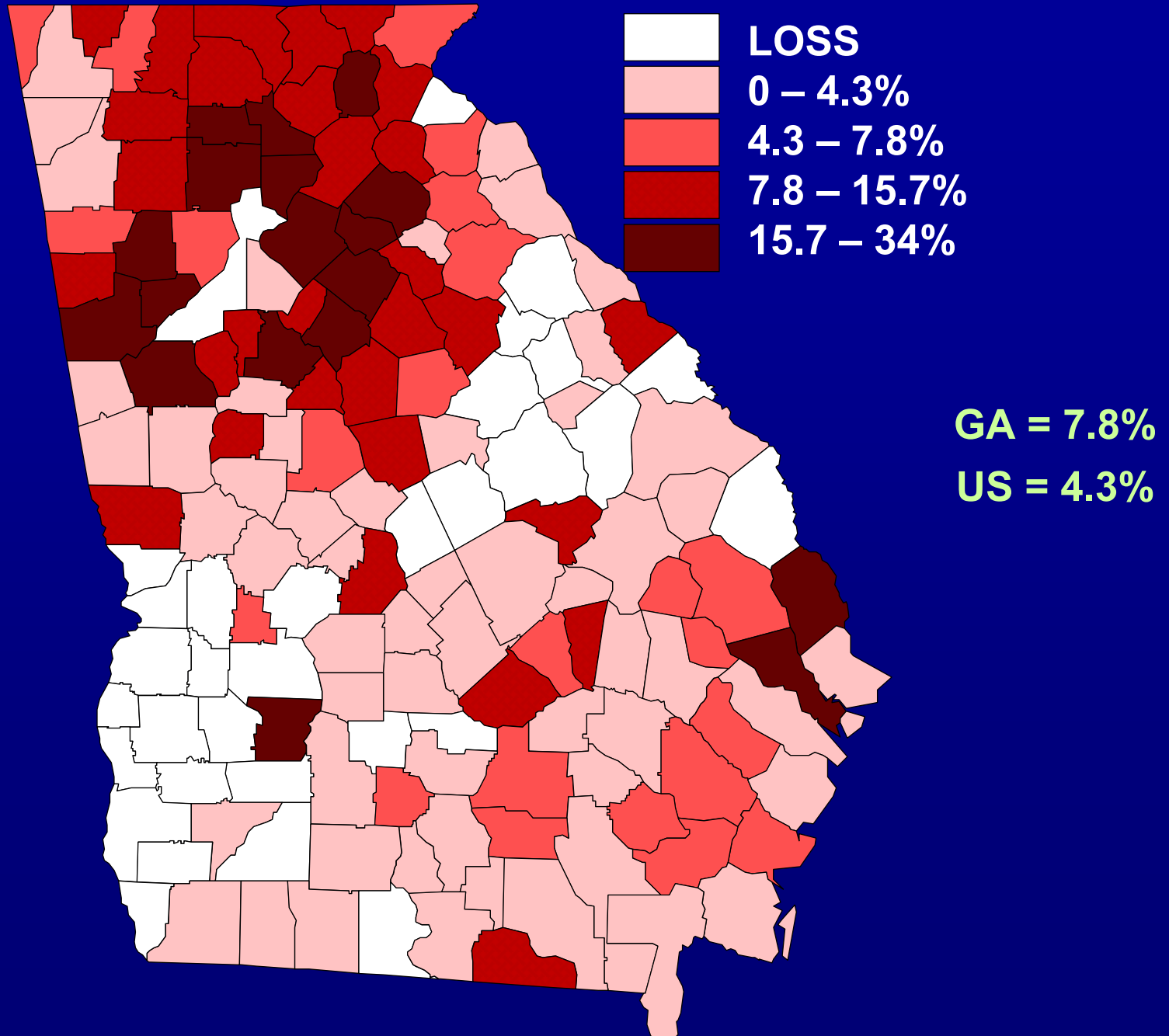
## Natural Increase & Net Migration\*

Area	Numerical Change	# Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)	Rate of Natural Increase	# Net Migration	Rate of Net Migration
<b>FORSYTH</b>	<b>33,458</b>	<b>6,184</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>27,350</b>	<b>55.9</b>
<b>CHEROKEE</b>	<b>32,777</b>	<b>7,696</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>25,175</b>	<b>37.4</b>
<b>DAWSON</b>	<b>3,065</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>2,581</b>	<b>34.6</b>
<b>FULTON</b>	<b>-1,368</b>	<b>31,820</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>-36,062</b>	<b>-10.4</b>
<b>GWINNETT</b>	<b>112346</b>	<b>37,941</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>74,771</b>	<b>27.3</b>
<b>HALL</b>	<b>21,610</b>	<b>7,757</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>13,699</b>	<b>21.5</b>
<b>PICKENS</b>	<b>4,788</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4,341</b>	<b>40.2</b>
<b>Avg. GA Co.</b>	<b>4,041</b>	<b>1,878</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>GEORGIA</b>	<b>642,567</b>	<b>298,562</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>342,818</b>	<b>9.5</b>

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

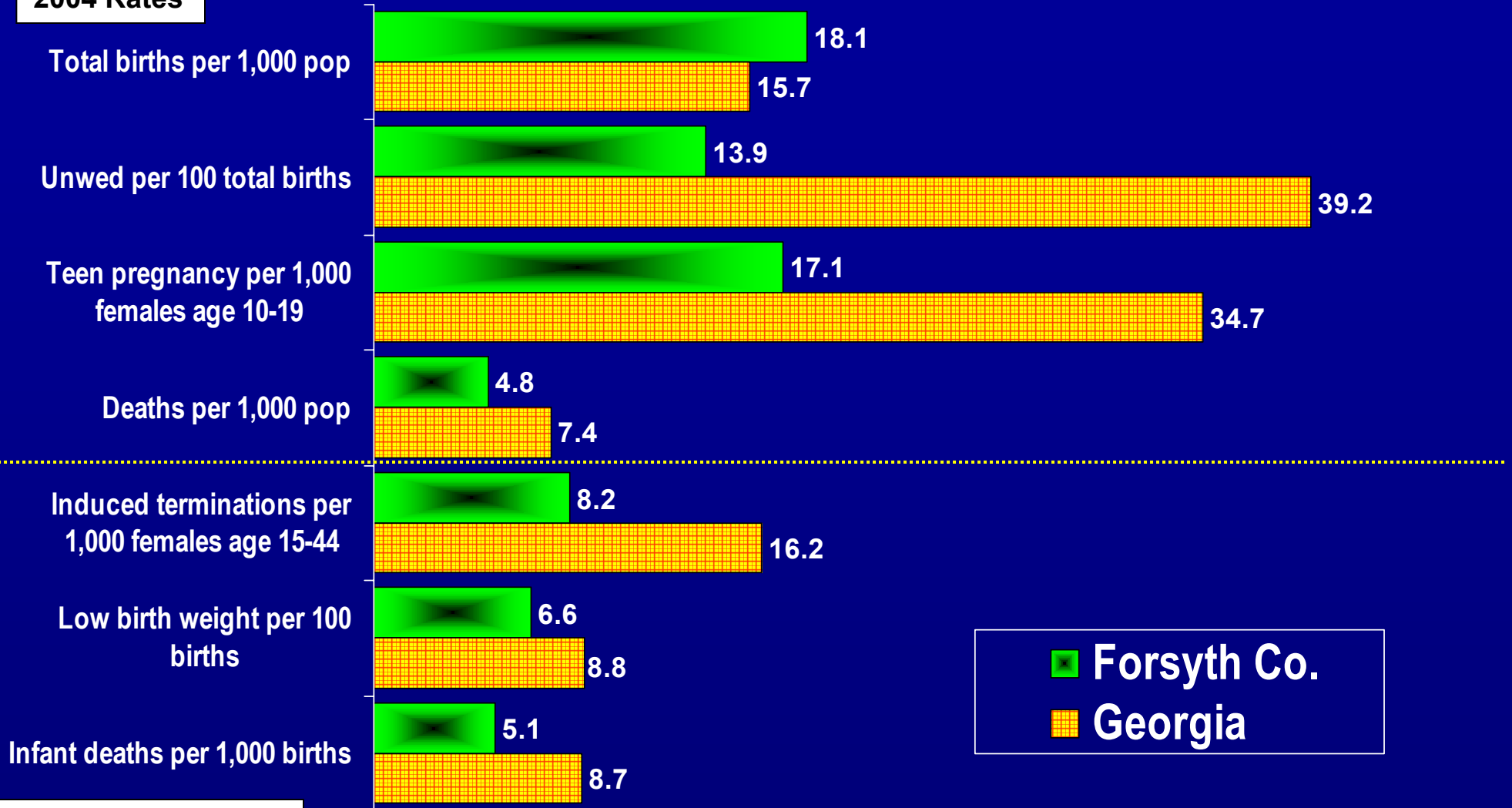
# Population Change: 2000-2004



Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Selected Vital Statistics

## 2004 Rates



## 10-yr. rates 1995-2004

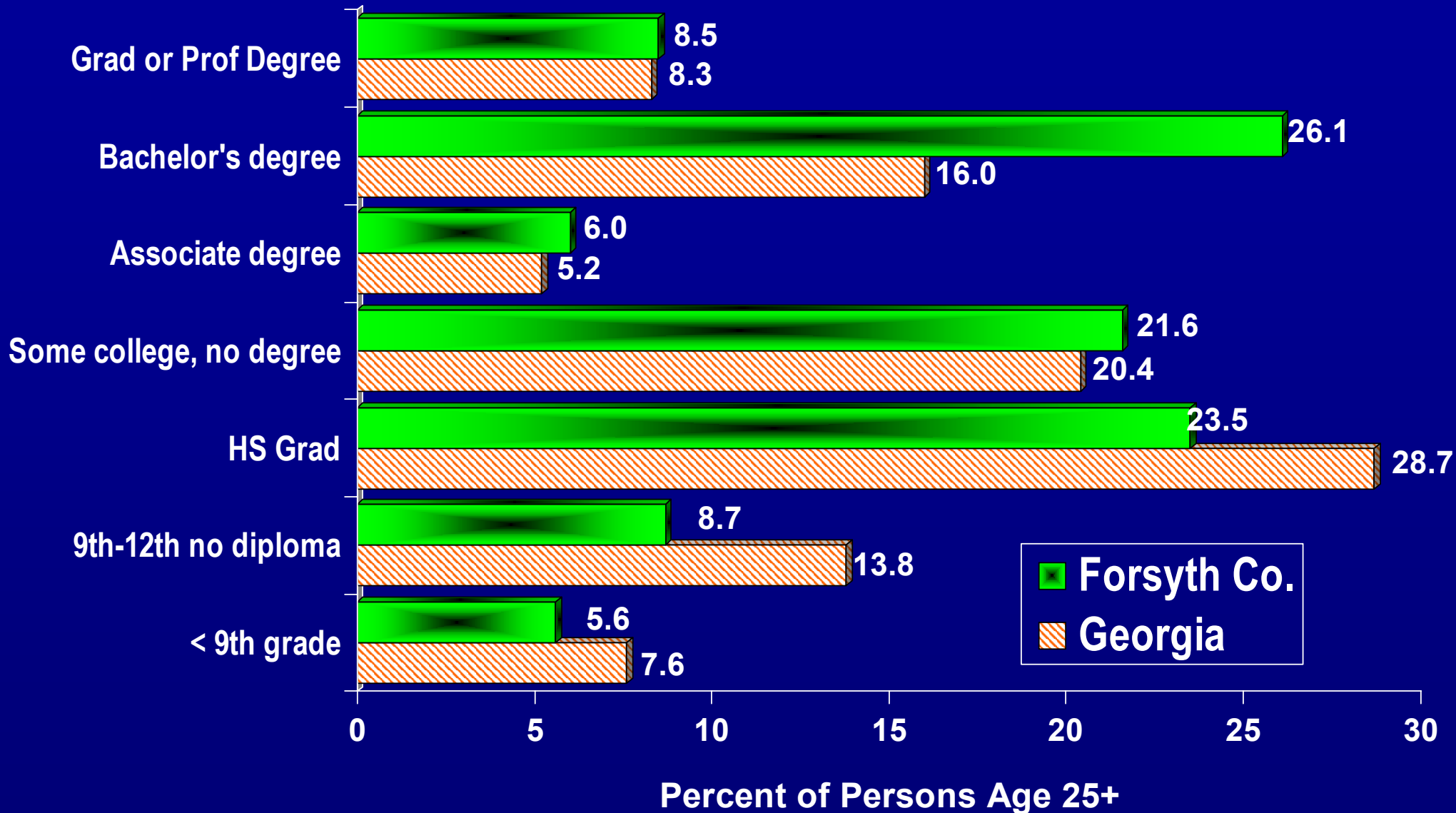
### 2004 Forsyth Co. Natality Data

2,388 total births, 333 unwed births  
 174 induced terminations  
 143 teen pregnancies  
 194 low birth weight babies

### 2004 Forsyth Co. Mortality Data

635 total deaths  
 15 infant deaths

# Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000



**Forsyth Co.**

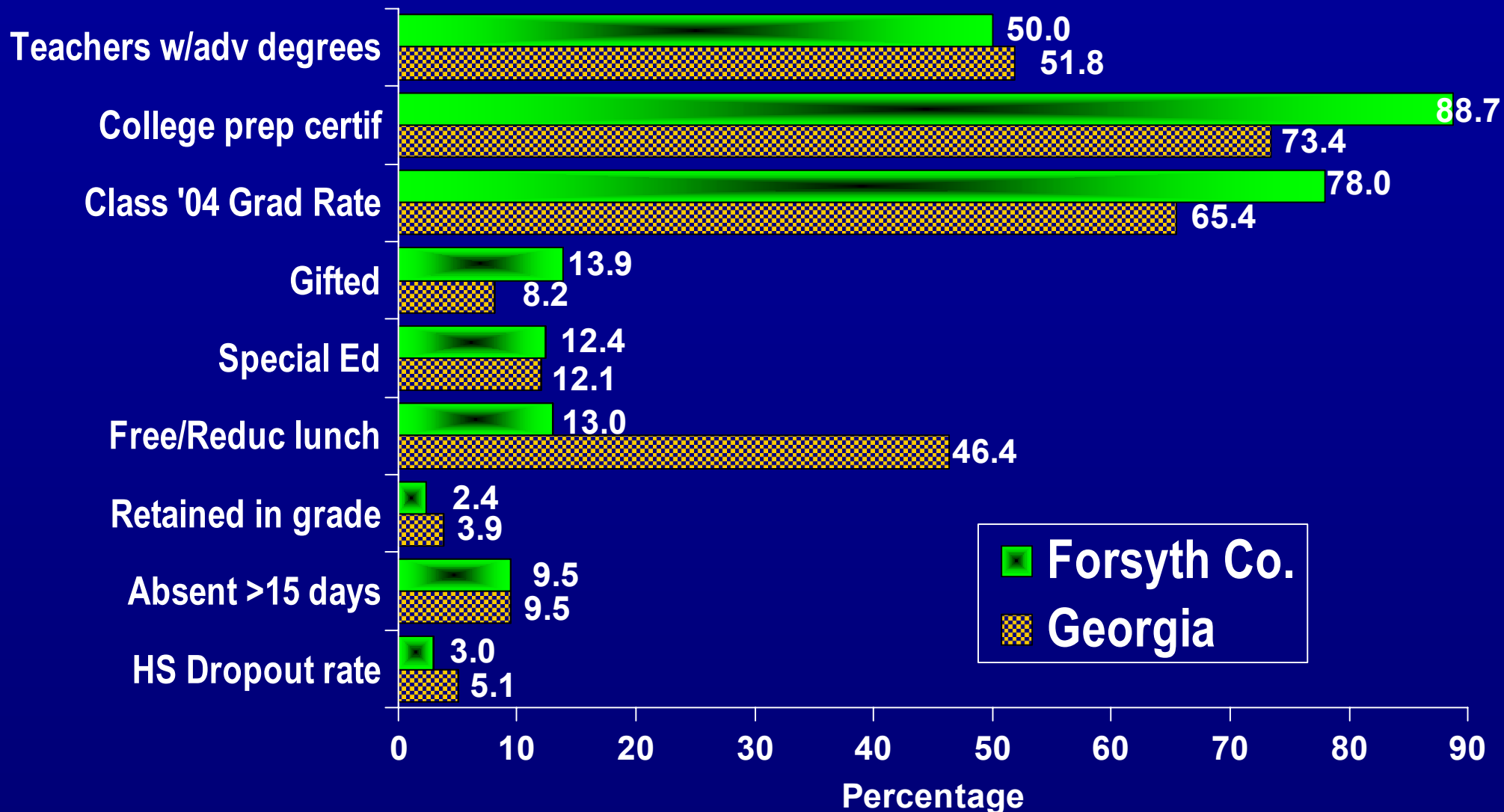
**Not completing HS = 14.3%**

**With a bachelor's + degree = 34.6%**

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Selected Public School Statistics

## School Year 2003-04



■ Forsyth Co.  
■ Georgia

Forsyth Co.

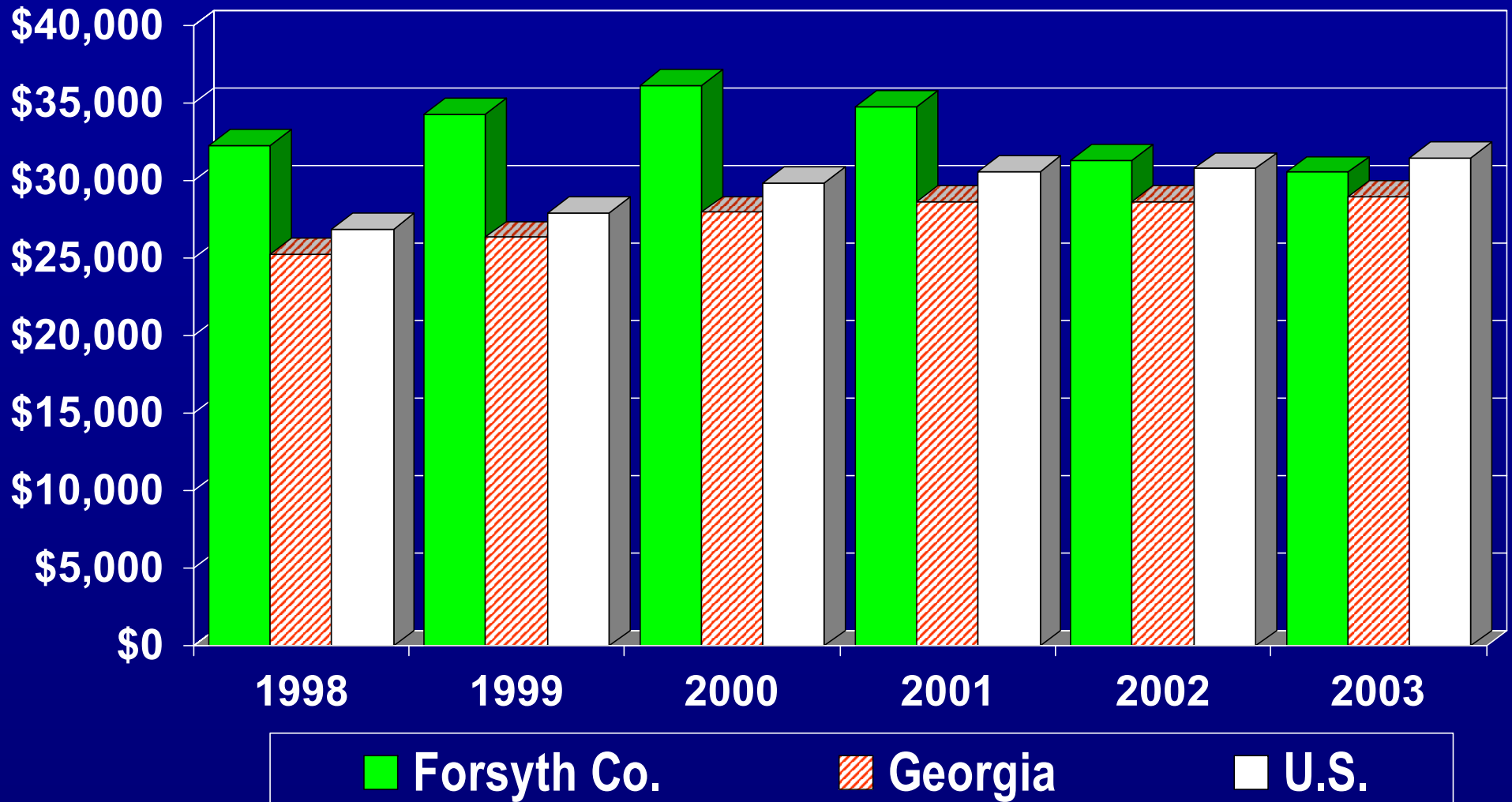
K12 enrollment = 21,907

HS dropouts = 171

General Fund expenditures per pupil = \$6,560

Primary data source:  
 Governor's Office of Student Achievement

# Per Capita Income: 1998-2003

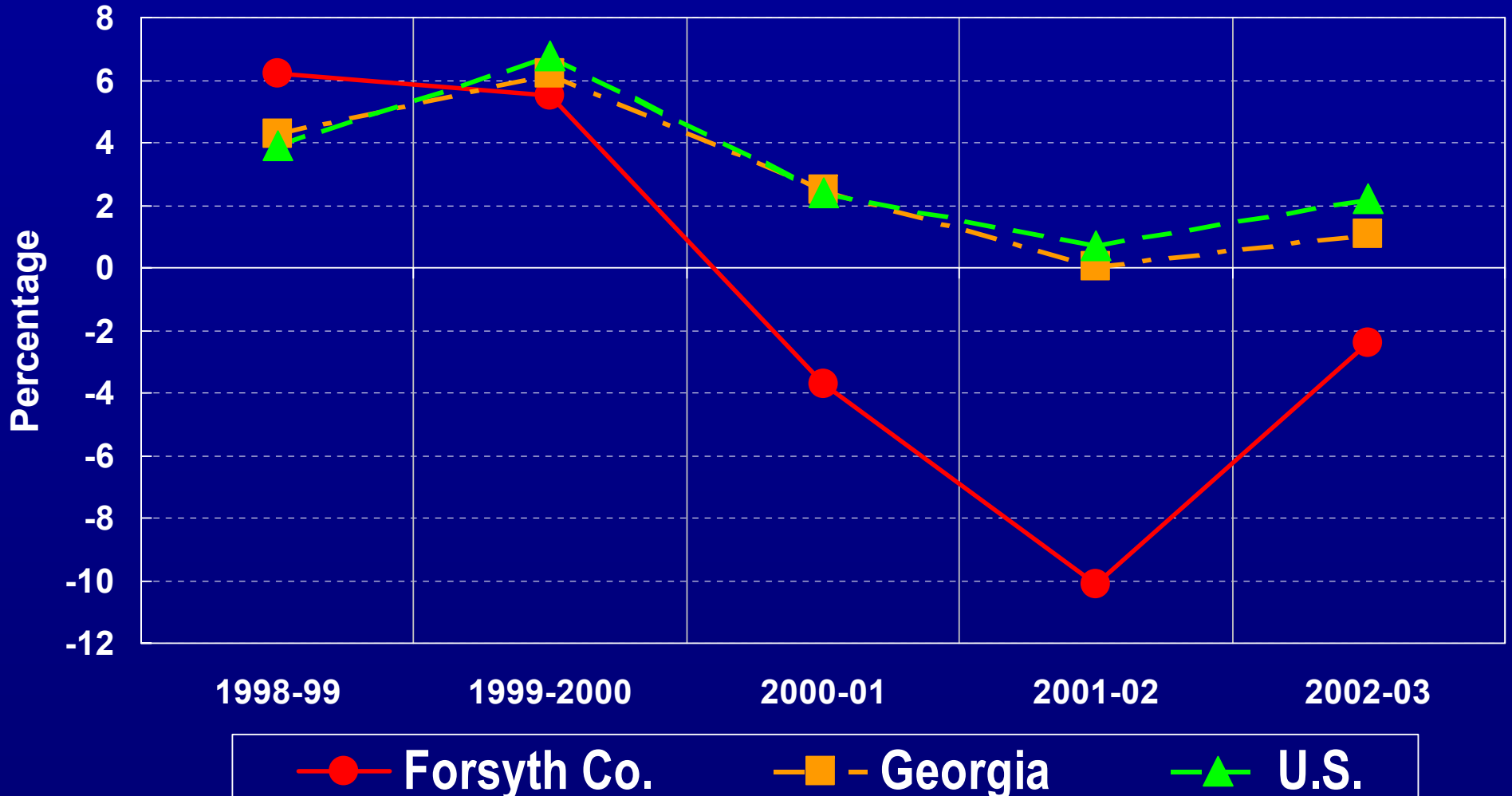


**2003 PCI**  
**Forsyth Co. = \$30,555**

**Georgia = \$29,000**  
**U.S. = \$31,472**

# Per Capita Income: 1998-2003

## Percentage Change



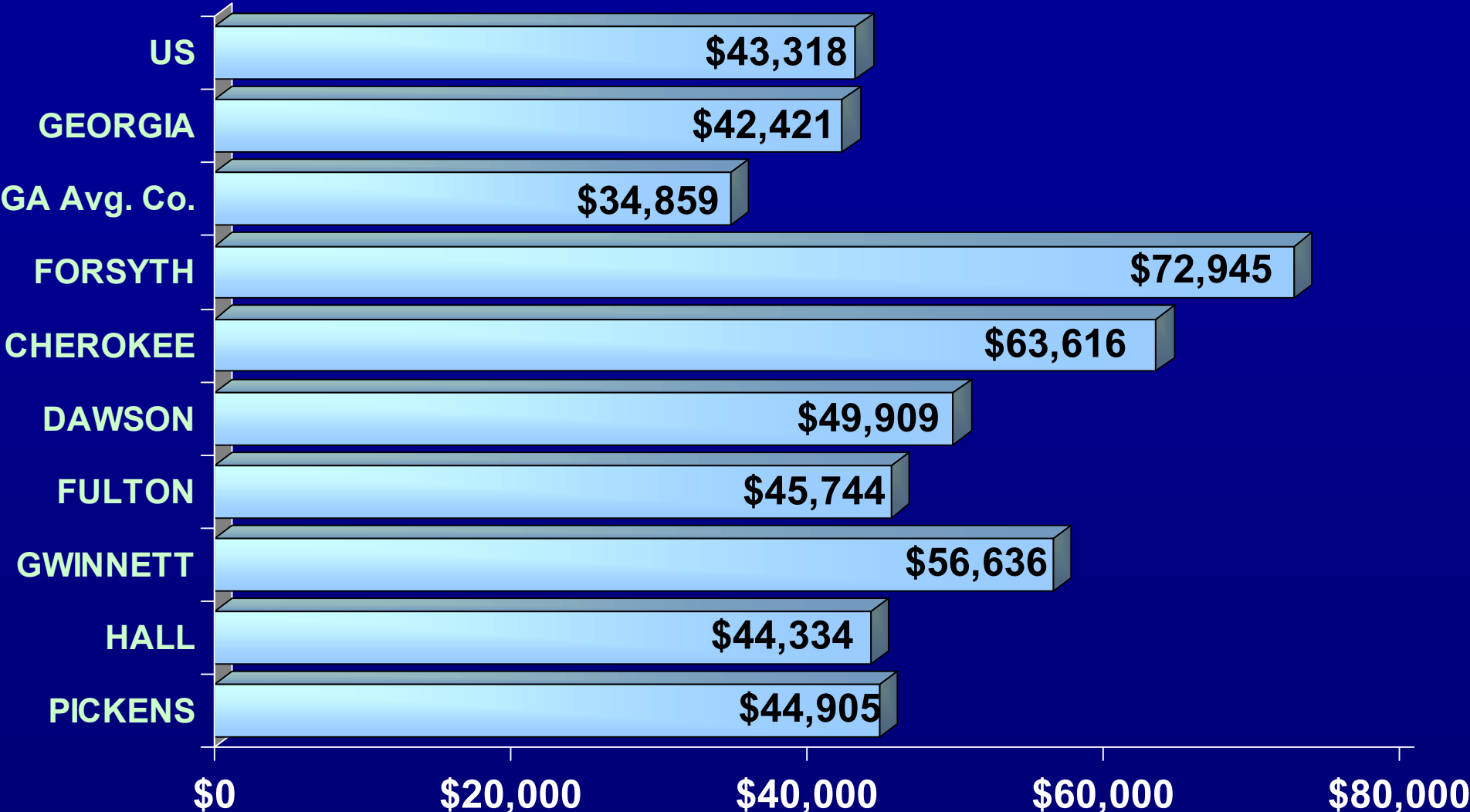
## Per Capita Income: 2003

County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 1998-2003
<b>FORSYTH</b>	<b>\$30,555</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>105.4</b>	<b>-5.4</b>
<b>CHEROKEE</b>	<b>\$30,059</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>103.7</b>	<b>10.3</b>
<b>DAWSON</b>	<b>\$28,010</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>16.7</b>
<b>FULTON</b>	<b>\$48,647</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>167.7</b>	<b>22.9</b>
<b>GWINNETT</b>	<b>\$30,277</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>4.9</b>
<b>HALL</b>	<b>\$25,132</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>11.7</b>
<b>PICKENS</b>	<b>\$27,730</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>10.1</b>
<b>GA Avg. Co.</b>	<b>\$22,879</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>15.5</b>

Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

# Median Household Income

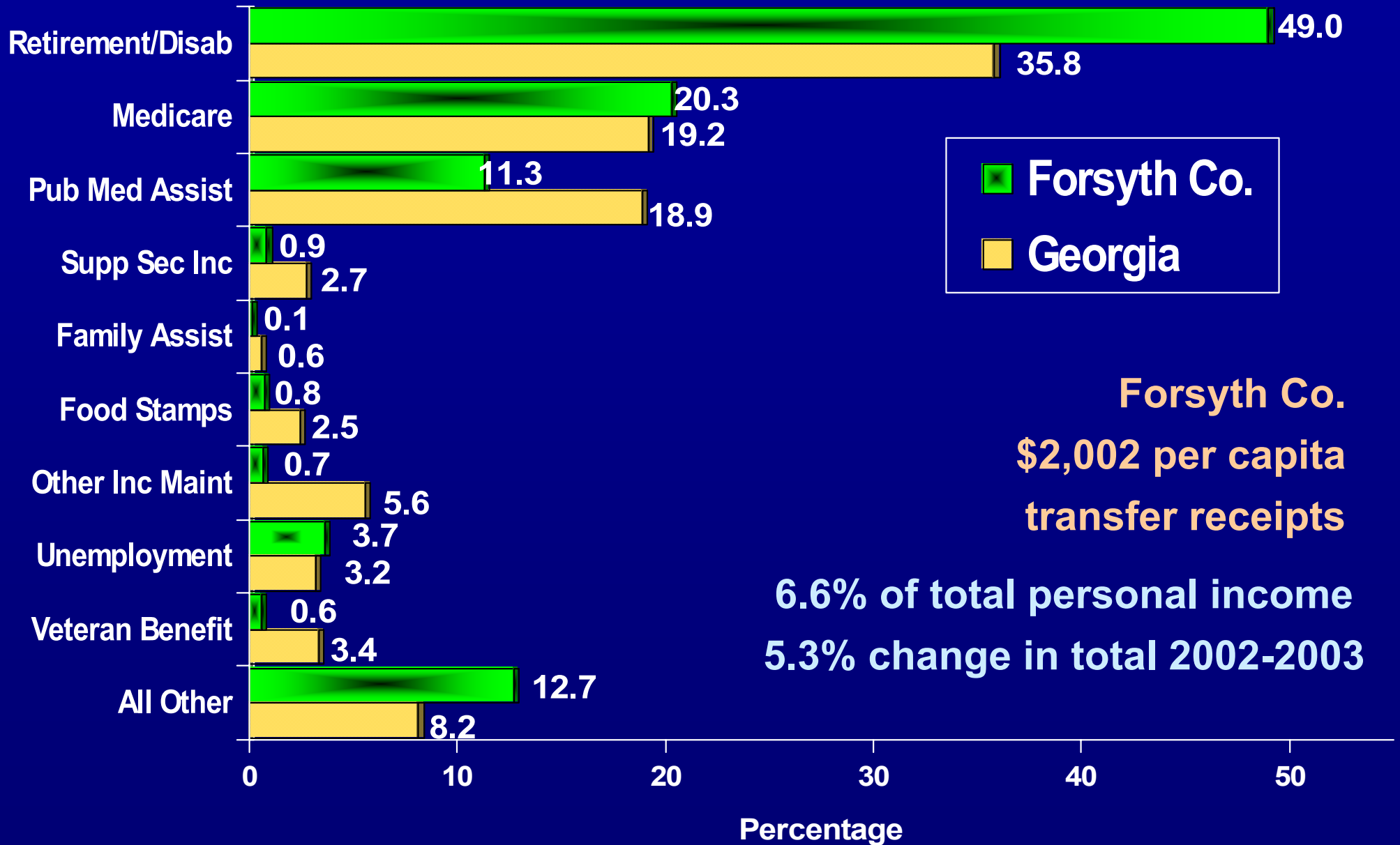
2003 Model-Based Estimates



Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau

# Transfer Receipts: 2003

## Forsyth Co. Total = \$248,613,000



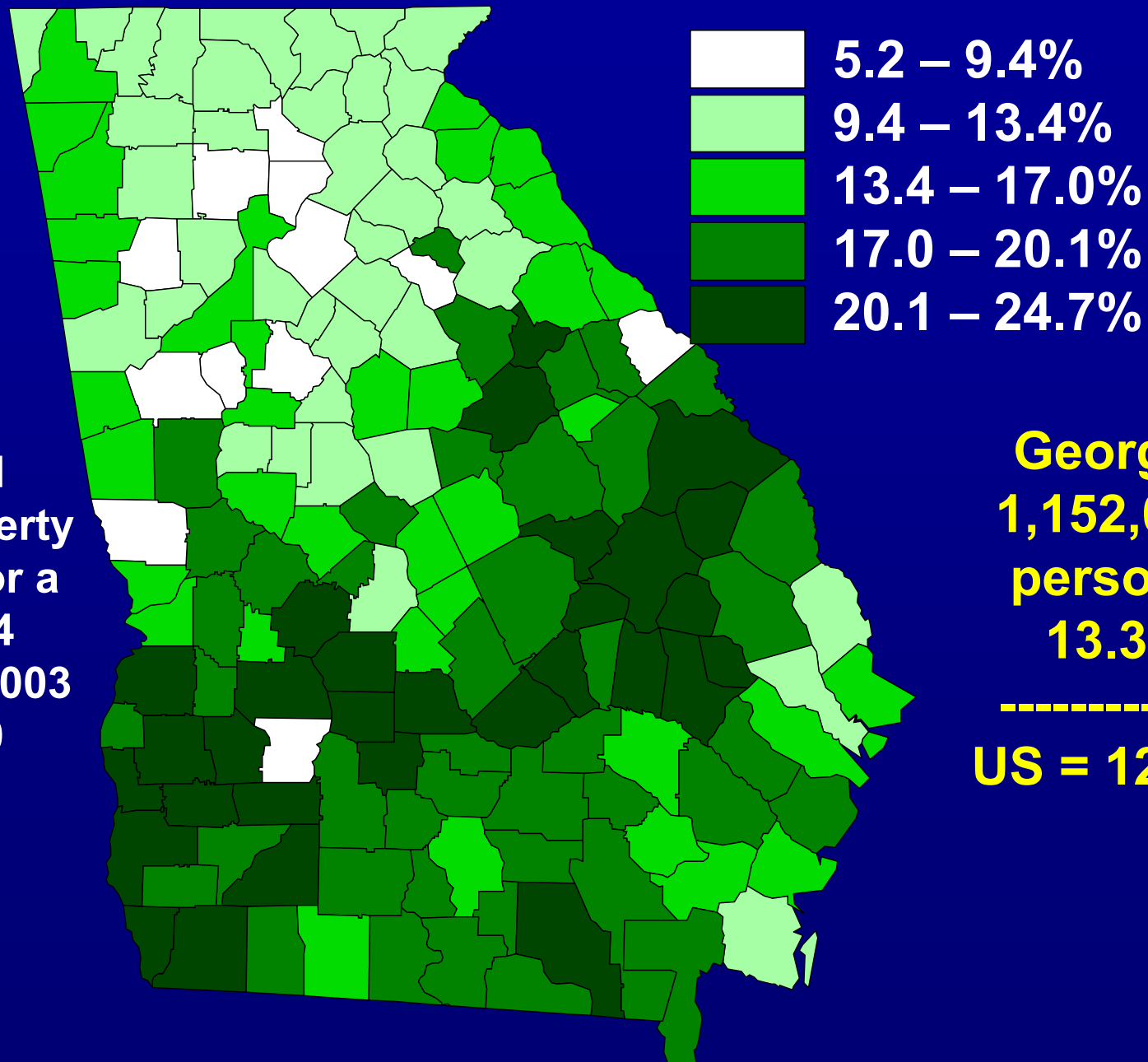
# Persons Living Below Poverty Level

2003 Model-Based Estimates

County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
FORSYTH	7,500	5.7	2
CHEROKEE	11,212	6.4	3
DAWSON	1,750	9.2	11
FULTON	128,398	16.2	75
GWINNETT	57,163	8.2	8
HALL	19,069	12.0	31
PICKENS	2,811	10.2	18
GA Avg. Co.	7,246	16.0	--

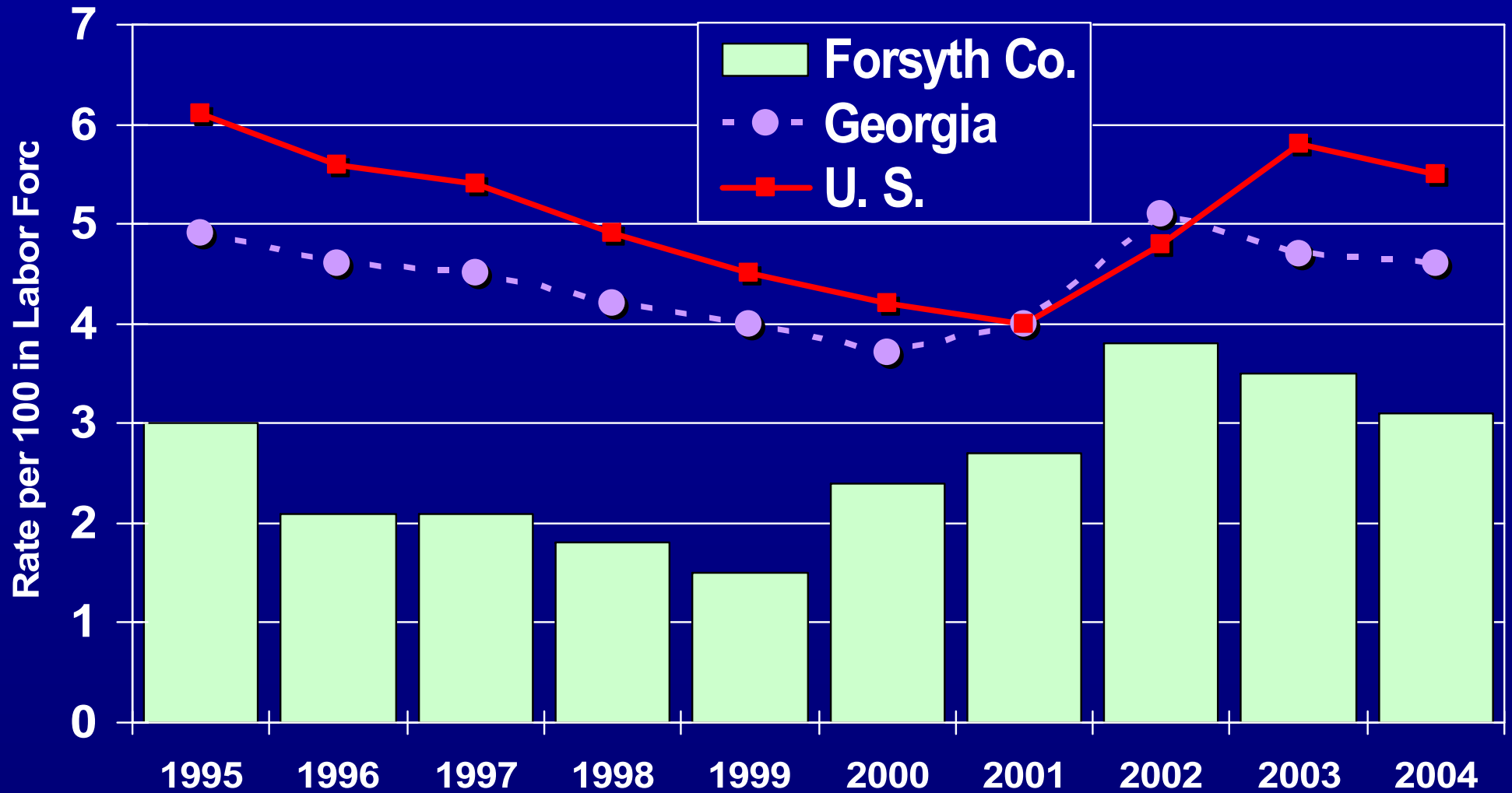
# Persons Living Below the Poverty Level

## 2003 Model-Based Estimates



Weighted  
average poverty  
threshold for a  
family of 4  
persons in 2003  
= \$18,810

# Unemployment Rates



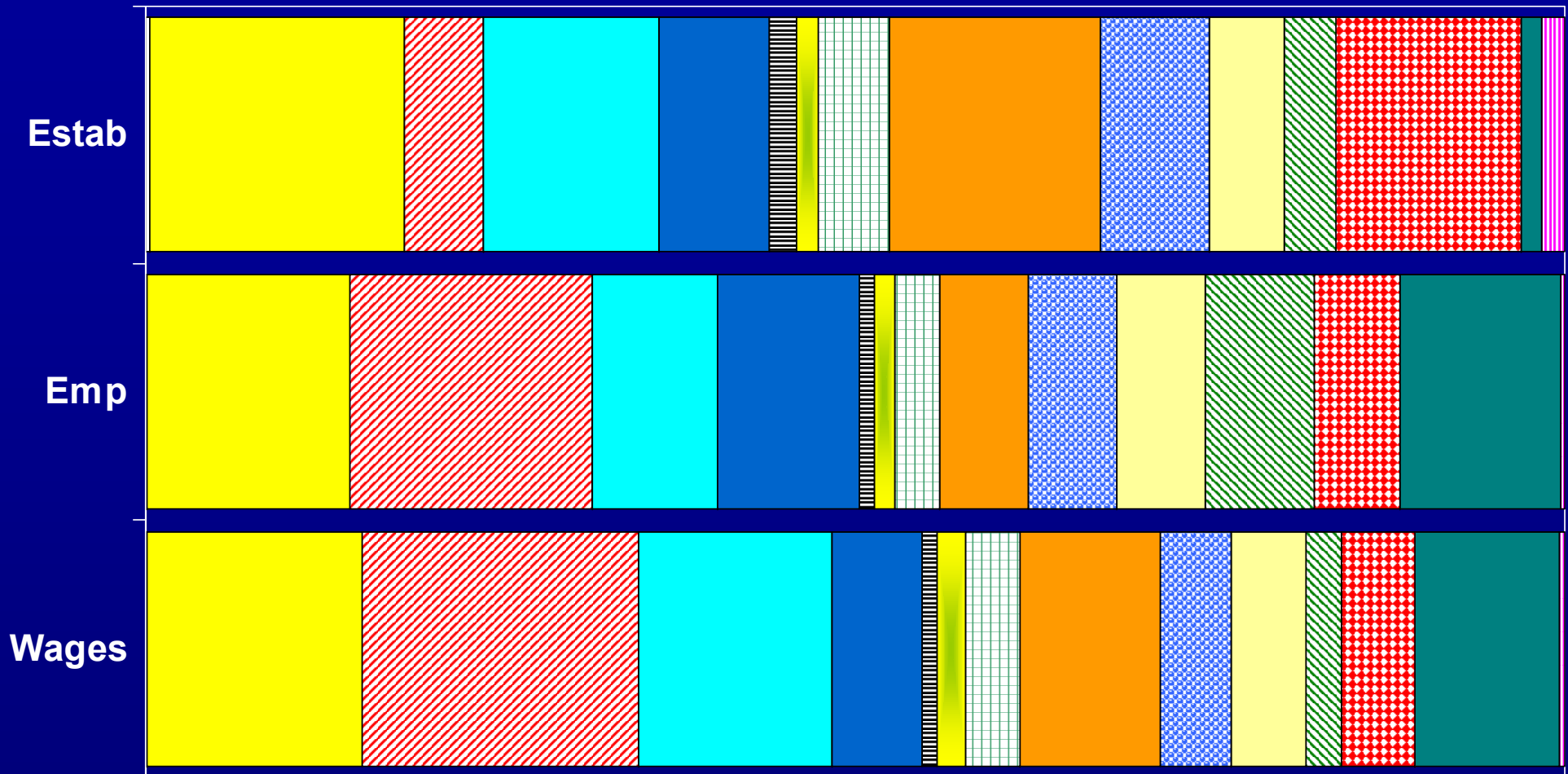
**2004 Rates**

**Forsyth Co. = 3.1**

**GA = 4.6**

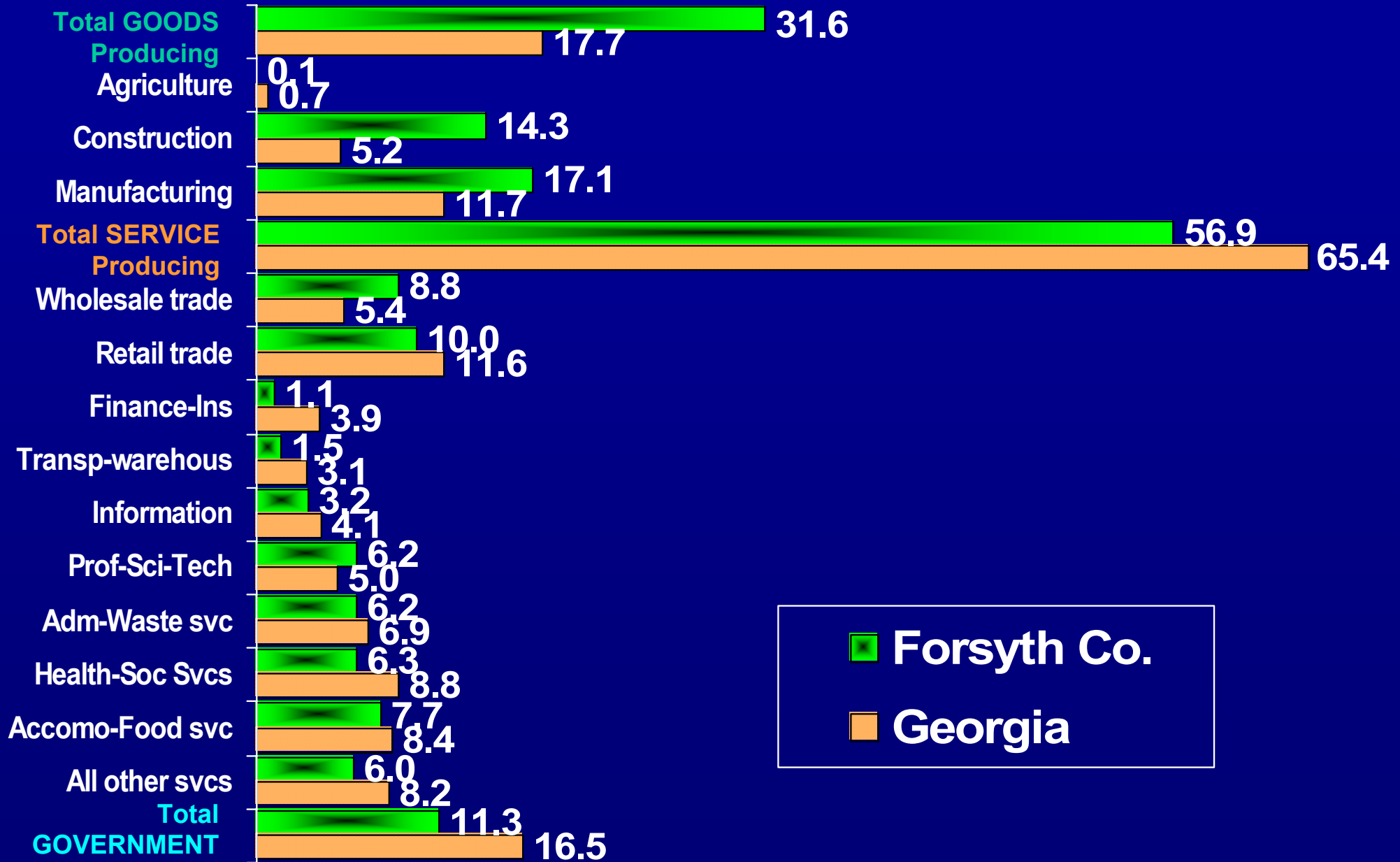
**US = 5.5**

# Business Establishments, Employment and Wages Forsyth County 2004 Annual Averages, % of Total



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

# Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2004

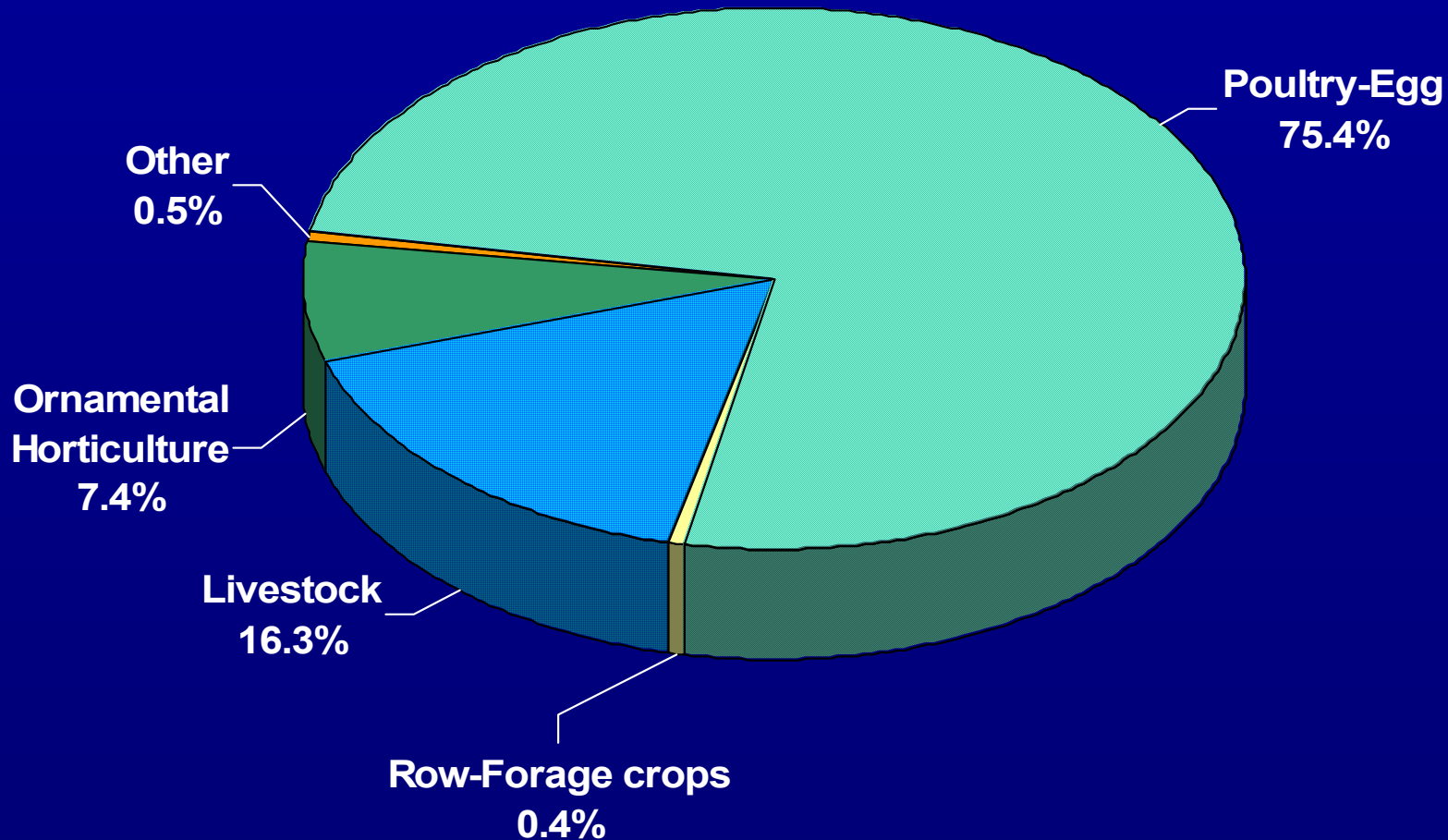


Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor

# Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2004

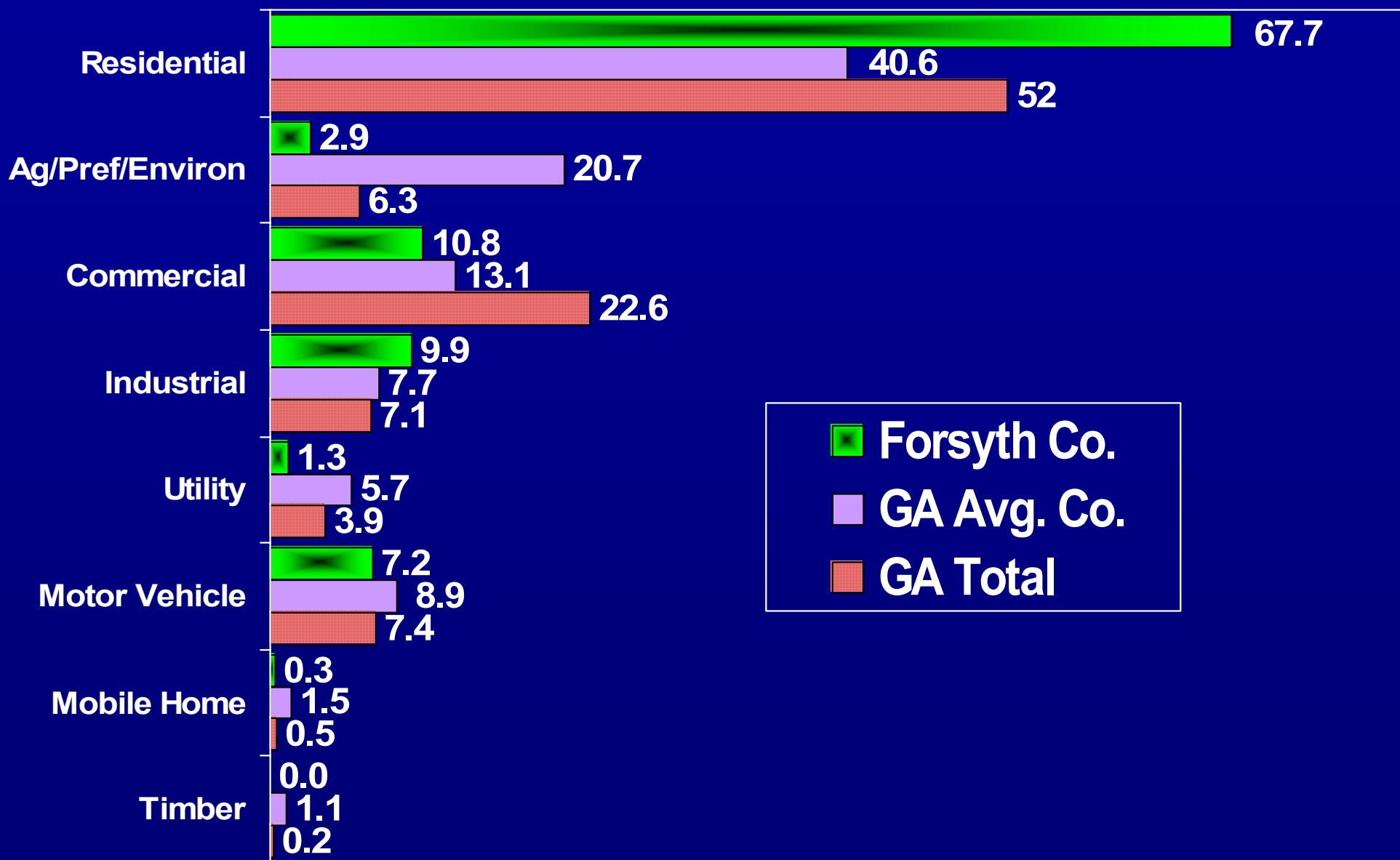
## Forsyth Co. Total Value = \$71,713,870

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# Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2004

## Forsyth Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = \$6,449,062,732



Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue

# County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2004

County	% Residential	% Agricultural	% Commercial	% Industrial	% Motor Vehicle	% Other
<b>FORSYTH</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>CHEROKEE</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>DAWSON</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>FULTON</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>GWINNETT</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>HALL</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>PICKENS</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>Avg. GA Co.</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>8.4</b>

# Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax

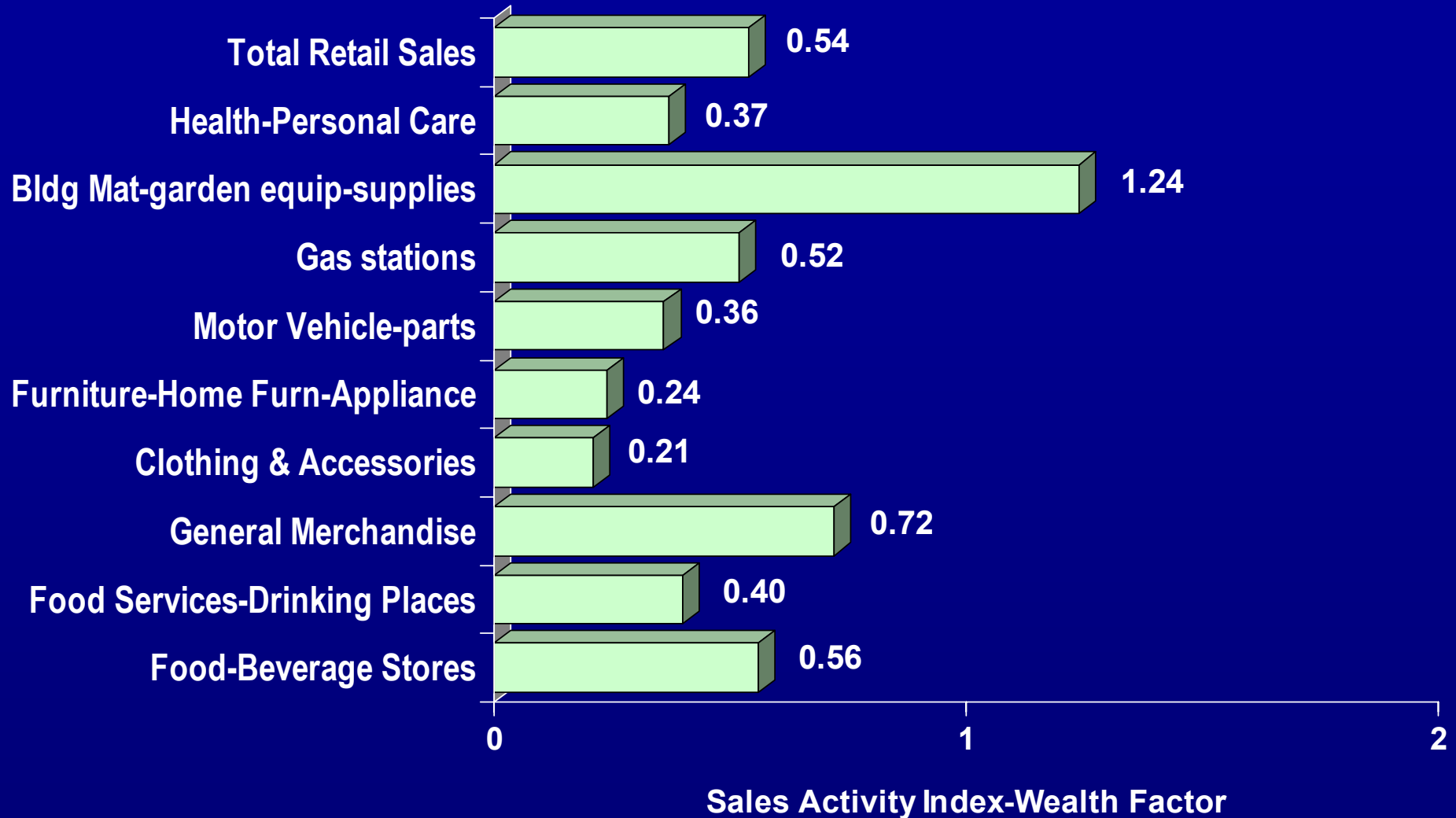
County	'05 County-wide Millage*	'05 School Millage*	'04 Taxes Levied* (\$000)	Sales Tax Rate as of 1/06	LOST Type* as of 1/06
FORSYTH	22.633	14.708	\$141,365	7	LSE
CHEROKEE	26.590	18.450	\$155,898	6	SE
DAWSON	22.184	13.646	\$22,660	7	LSE
FULTON	34.483	17.825	\$1,570,084	7	MLE
GWINNETT	32.020	19.250	\$789,715	6	SE
HALL	24.410	16.300	\$126,111	7	LSE
PICKENS	21.280	15.120	\$22,287	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, M=MARTA

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue

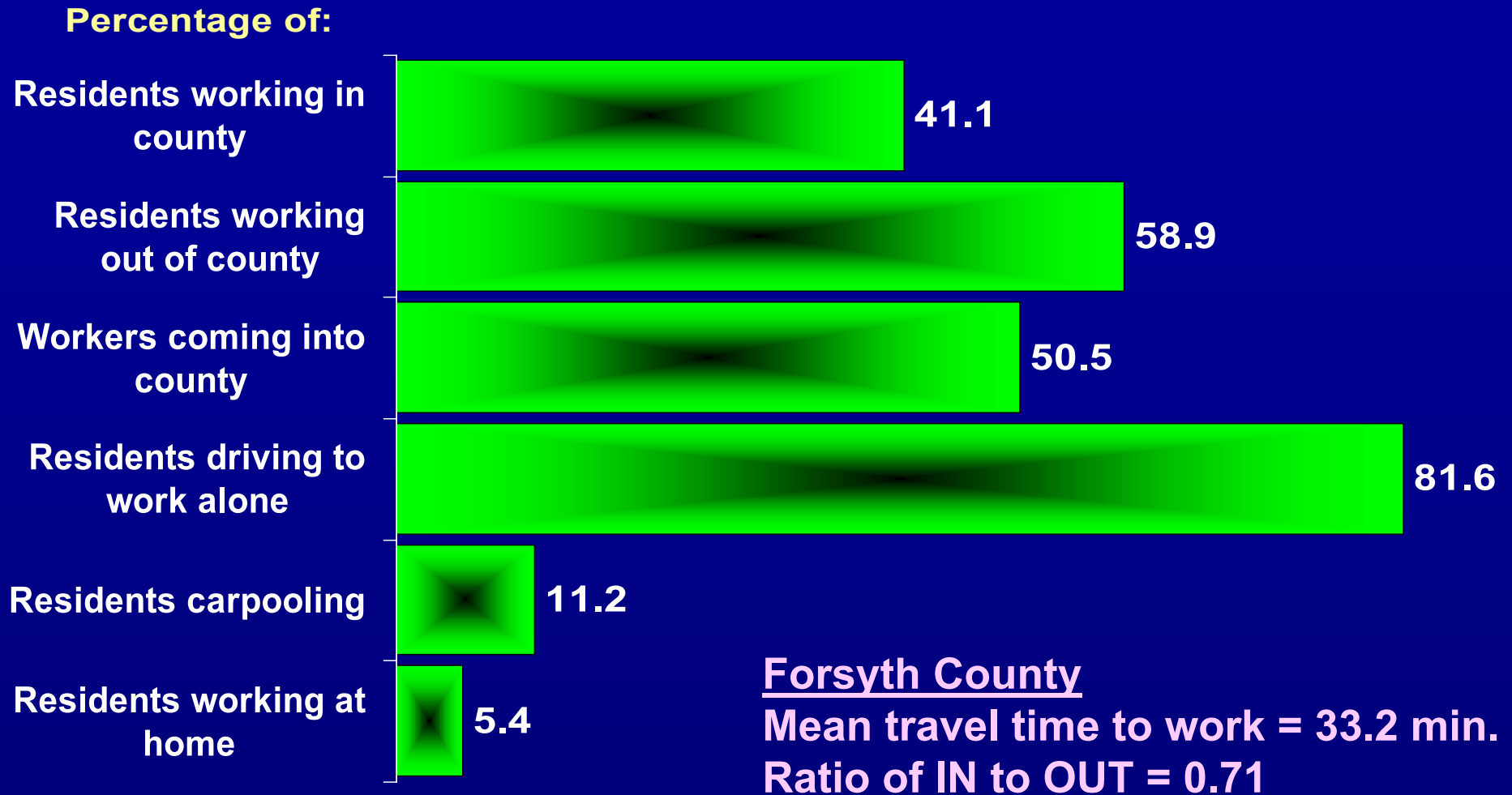
# Retail Sales Analysis: 2004

## Forsyth Co. Total Retail Sales = \$1,381,319,000



**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.**

# Commuting to Work: 2000



Resident workers 16+ = 51,224

Residents working in county = 21,039

Residents working out of county = 30,185

Total working in county = 42,509

Workers commuting into county = 21,470

*This study was developed  
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