

# Early County Community Profile

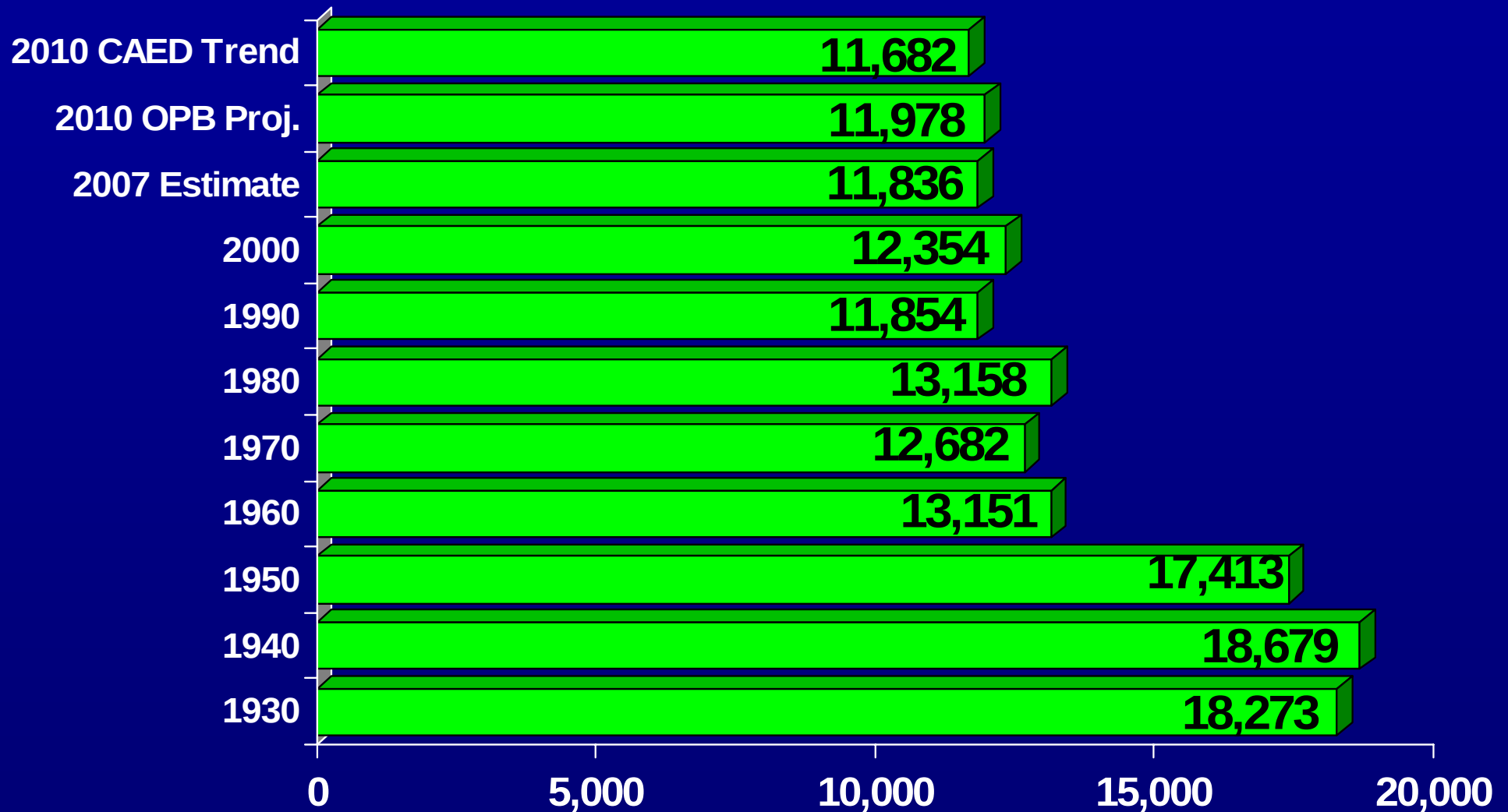


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40th in order of  
county creation  
December 15, 1818

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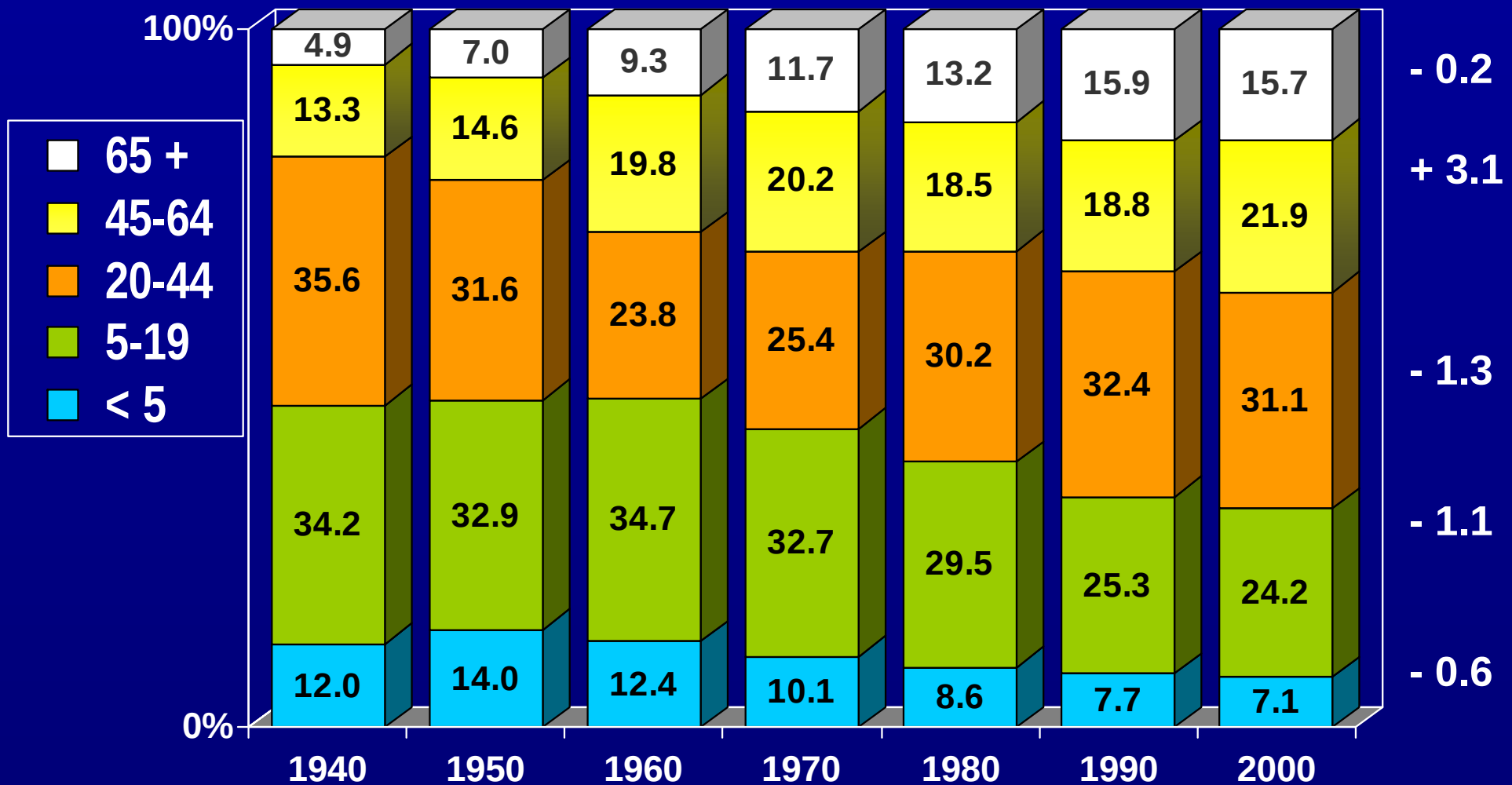
# Total Population Early County



Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; CAED (Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development) 3/08.

# Population Composition by Age Early County

Change in  
proportion  
1990-2000



2006 Estimated Median Age

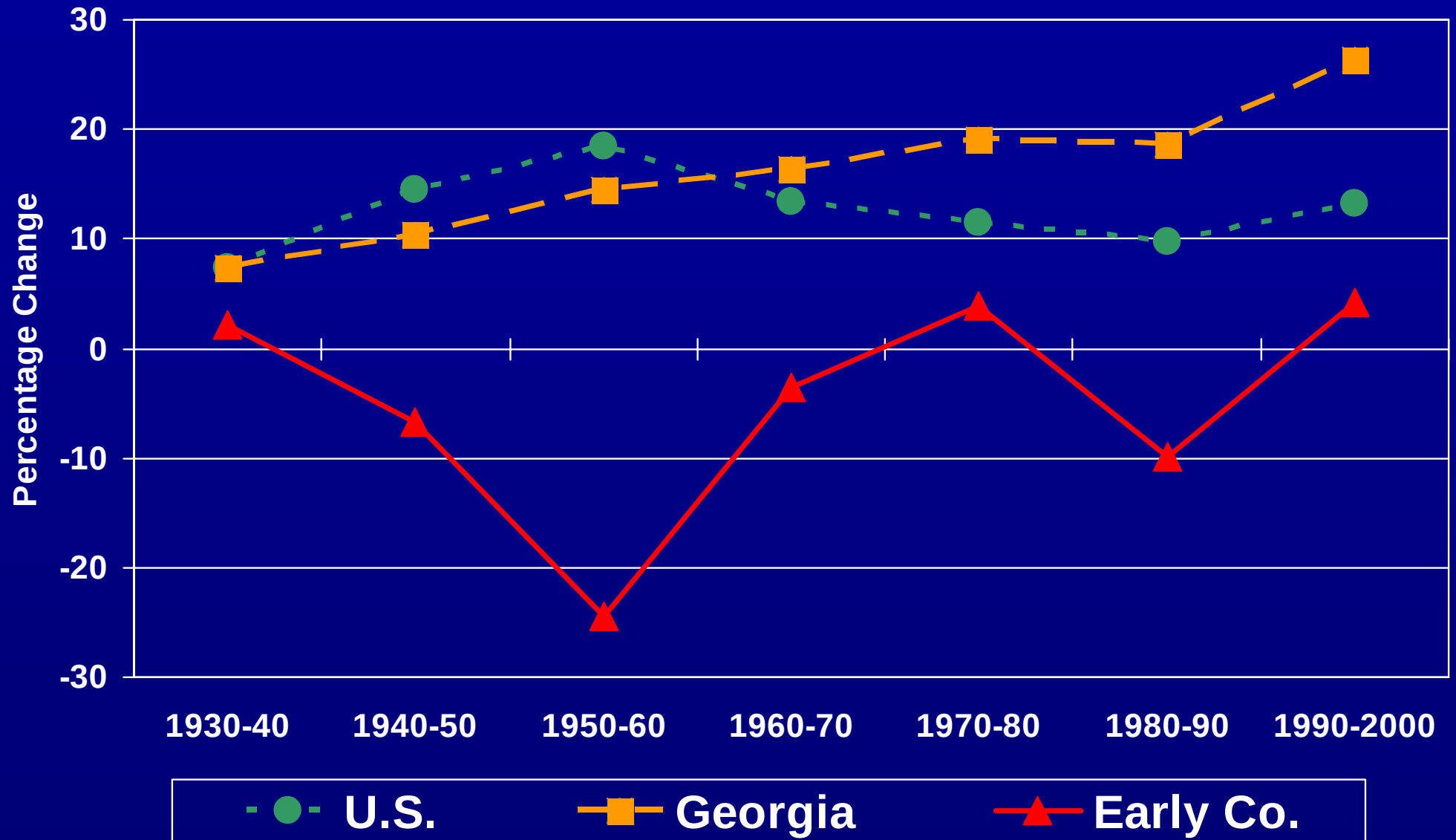
Early Co. = 36.3 yrs.

GA = 34.6 yrs.

# 2007 County Population Comparisons

| County   | Total  | Total Rank | Density per sq.mi. land area | % Chg. 2000-07 | Rank of % Chg. |
|----------|--------|------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| EARLY    | 11,836 | 114        | 23.2                         | -4.2           | 148            |
| BAKER    | 3,781  | 154        | 11.0                         | -7.2           | 156            |
| CALHOUN  | 6,098  | 149        | 21.8                         | -3.5           | 145            |
| CLAY     | 3,207  | 155        | 16.4                         | -4.5           | 149            |
| DECATUR  | 28,544 | 60         | 47.8                         | 1.1            | 113            |
| MILLER   | 6,163  | 148        | 21.8                         | -3.4           | 144            |
| SEMINOLE | 9,081  | 134        | 38.1                         | -3.1           | 142            |

# Population Change: 1930-2000



Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Components of Population Change

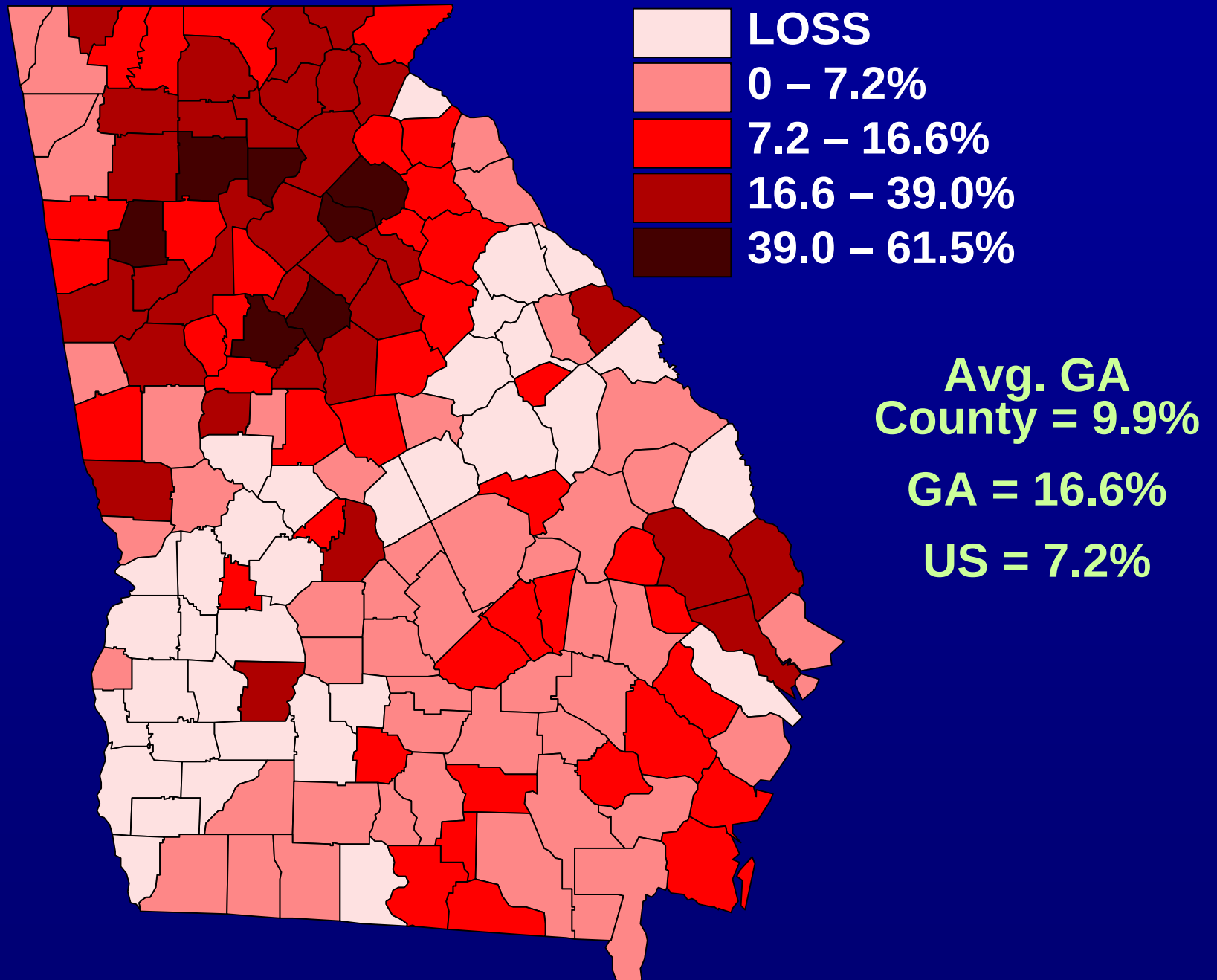
## Natural Increase & Net Migration\*

| Area        | 2000-2007<br>Numerical<br>Change | 2000-2007<br># Natural<br>Increase<br>(Births-Deaths) | 2000-2007<br># Net<br>Migration | 2006-07<br>1-yr Natural<br>Increase<br>Rate | 2006-07<br>1 yr.Net<br>Migration<br>Rate |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| EARLY       | -518                             | 297                                                   | -760                            | 3.9                                         | -16.3                                    |
| BAKER       | -293                             | 25                                                    | -308                            | 6.0                                         | -43.3                                    |
| CALHOUN     | -222                             | 173                                                   | -374                            | 3.4                                         | -9.0                                     |
| CLAY        | -150                             | 38                                                    | -171                            | 8.4                                         | -2.2                                     |
| DECATUR     | 304                              | 778                                                   | -347                            | 3.7                                         | 2.7                                      |
| MILLER      | -220                             | 31                                                    | -226                            | 1.3                                         | 3.6                                      |
| SEMINOLE    | -288                             | 74                                                    | -324                            | 2.5                                         | -3.6                                     |
| Avg. County | 8,540                            | 3,283                                                 | 4,564                           | 5.3                                         | 6.6                                      |
| GEORGIA     | 1,357,934                        | 521,982                                               | 725,733                         | 8.3                                         | 13.3                                     |

\* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

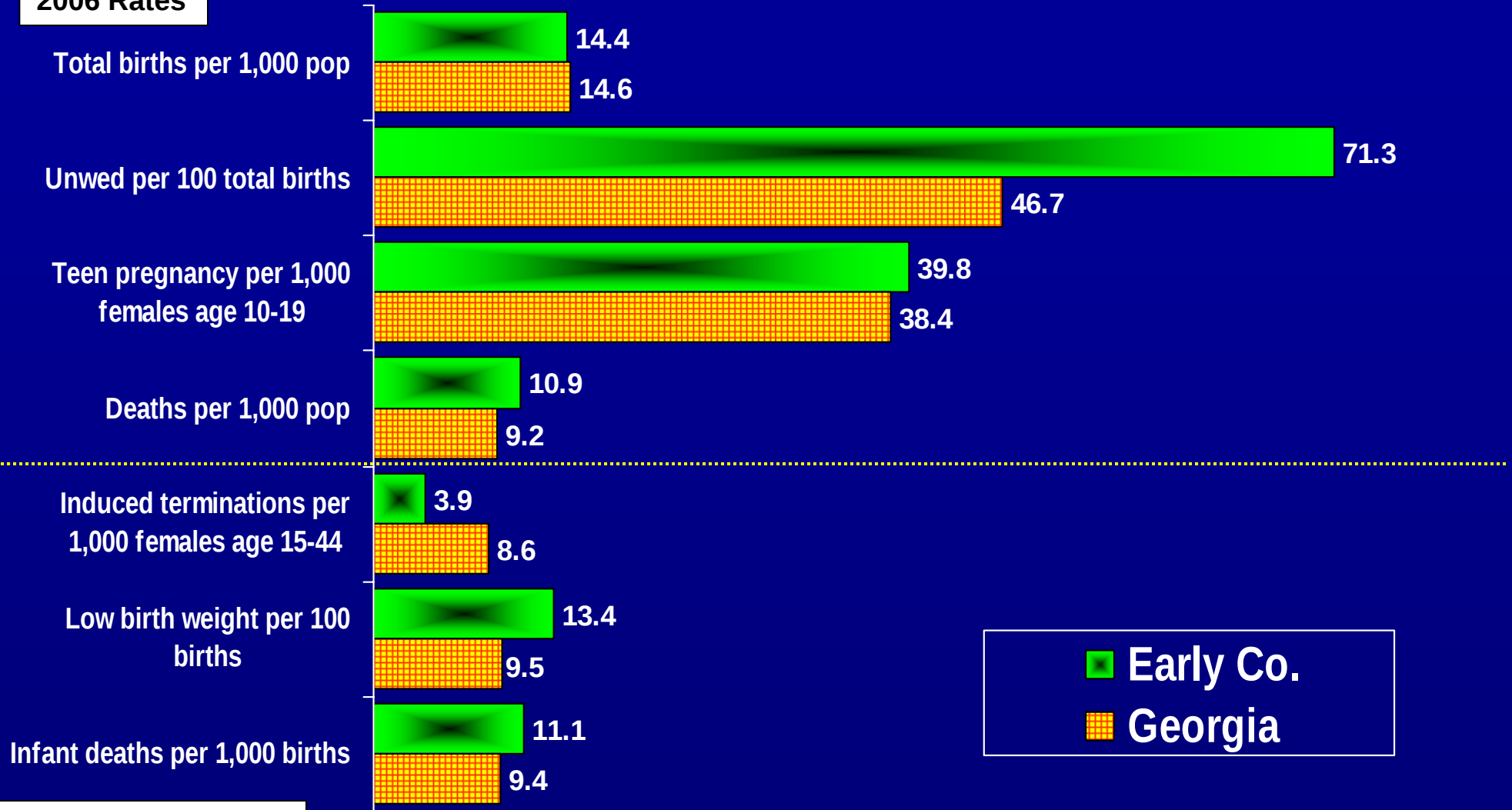
Primary data source:  
U. S. Census Bureau (3/08)

# Population Change: 2000-2007



# Selected Vital Statistics

## 2006 Rates



## 10-yr. rates 1997-2006

### 2006 Early Co. Natality Data

174 total births, 124 unwed births

9 induced terminations

36 teen pregnancies

39 low birth weight babies

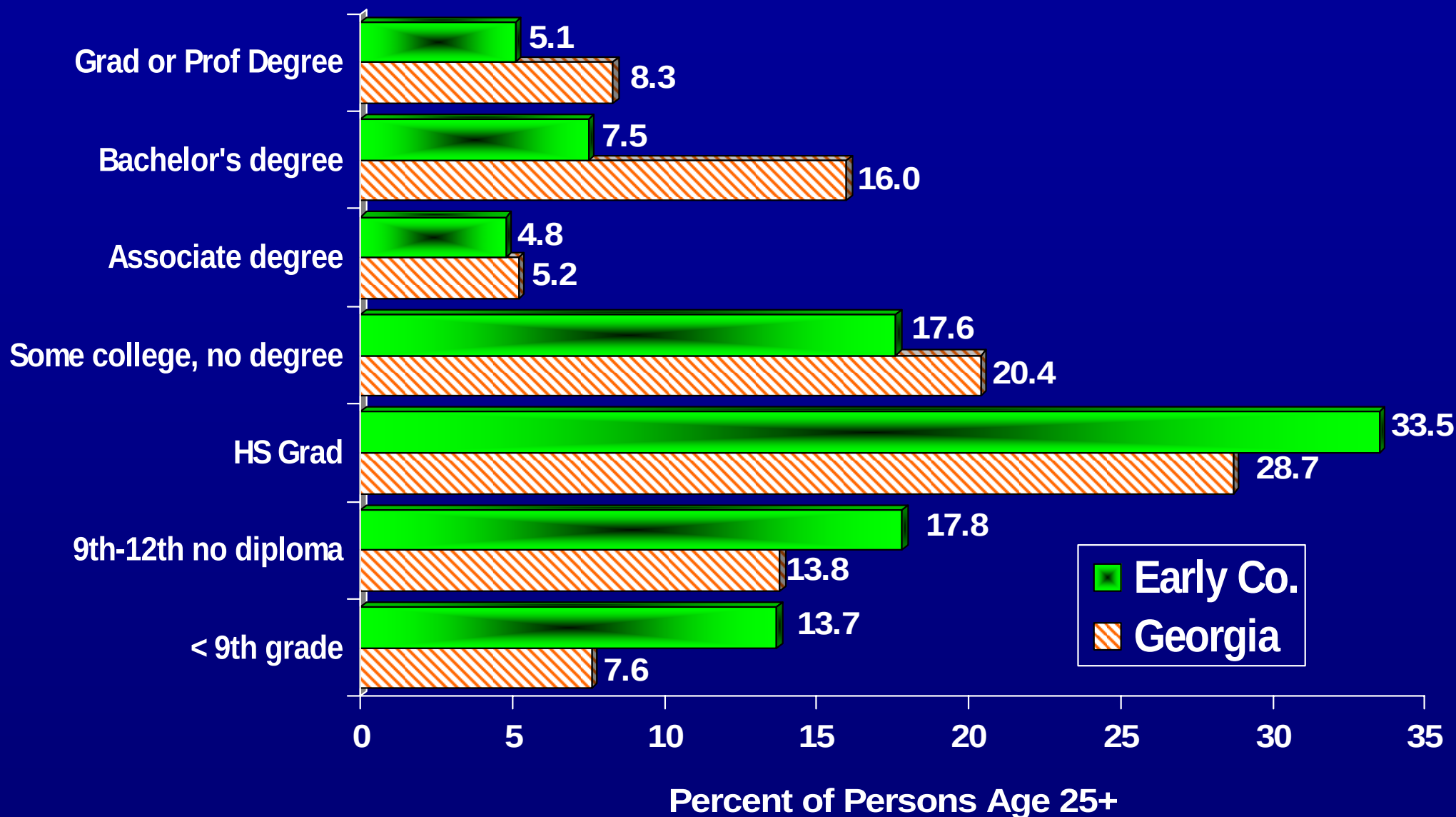
### 2006 Early Co. Mortality Data

131 total deaths

2 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS

# Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000



Early Co.

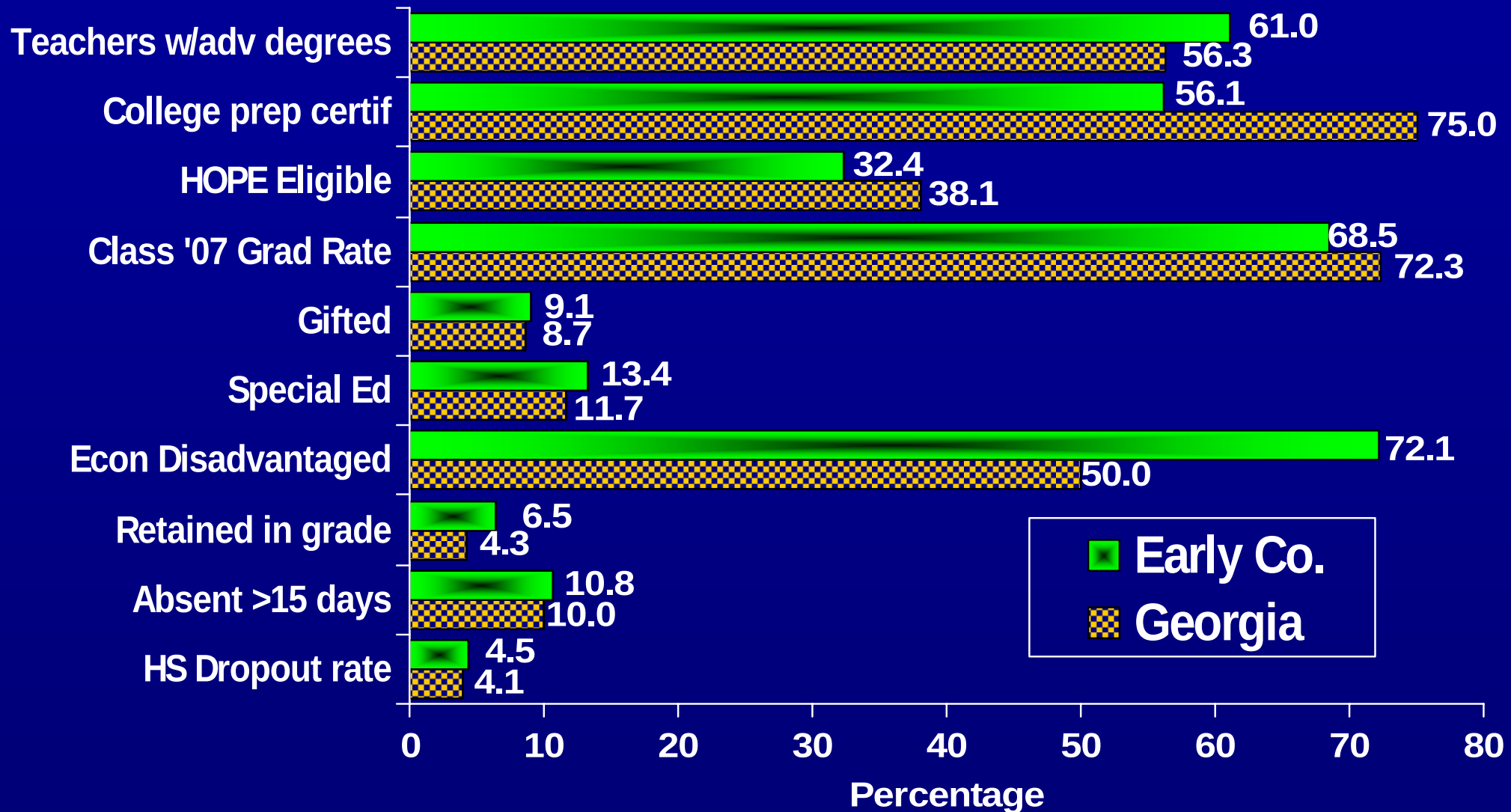
Not completing HS = 31.6%

With a bachelor's + degree = 12.6%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Selected Public School Statistics

## School Year 2006-07



Early Co.

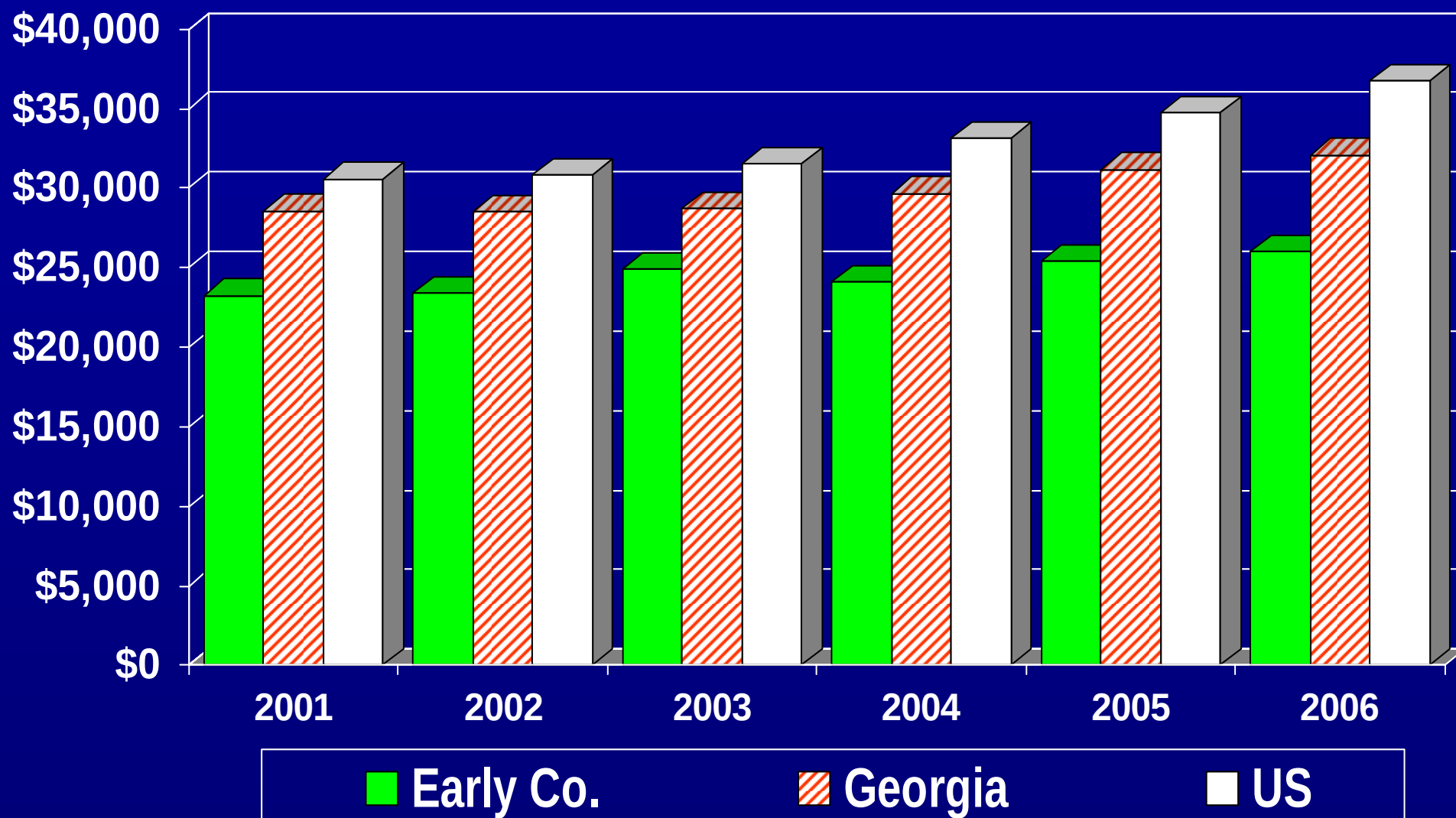
K12 enrollment = 2,372

HS dropouts = 36

Primary data source:  
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$7,724

# Per Capita Income: 2001-2006

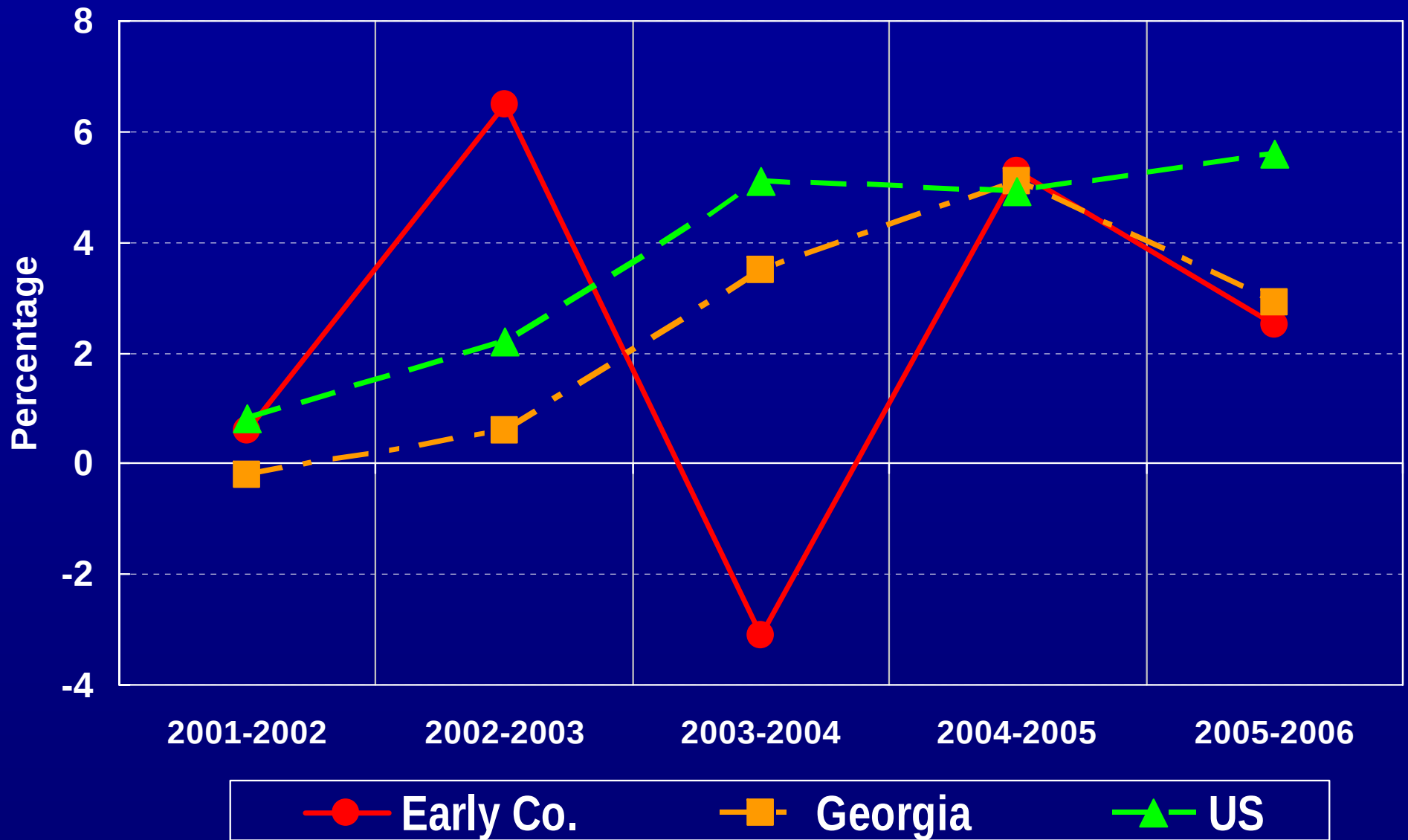


**2006 PCI**  
**Early Co. = \$26,052**

**Georgia = \$32,095**  
**US = \$36,714**

# Per Capita Income: 2001-2006

## Percentage Change

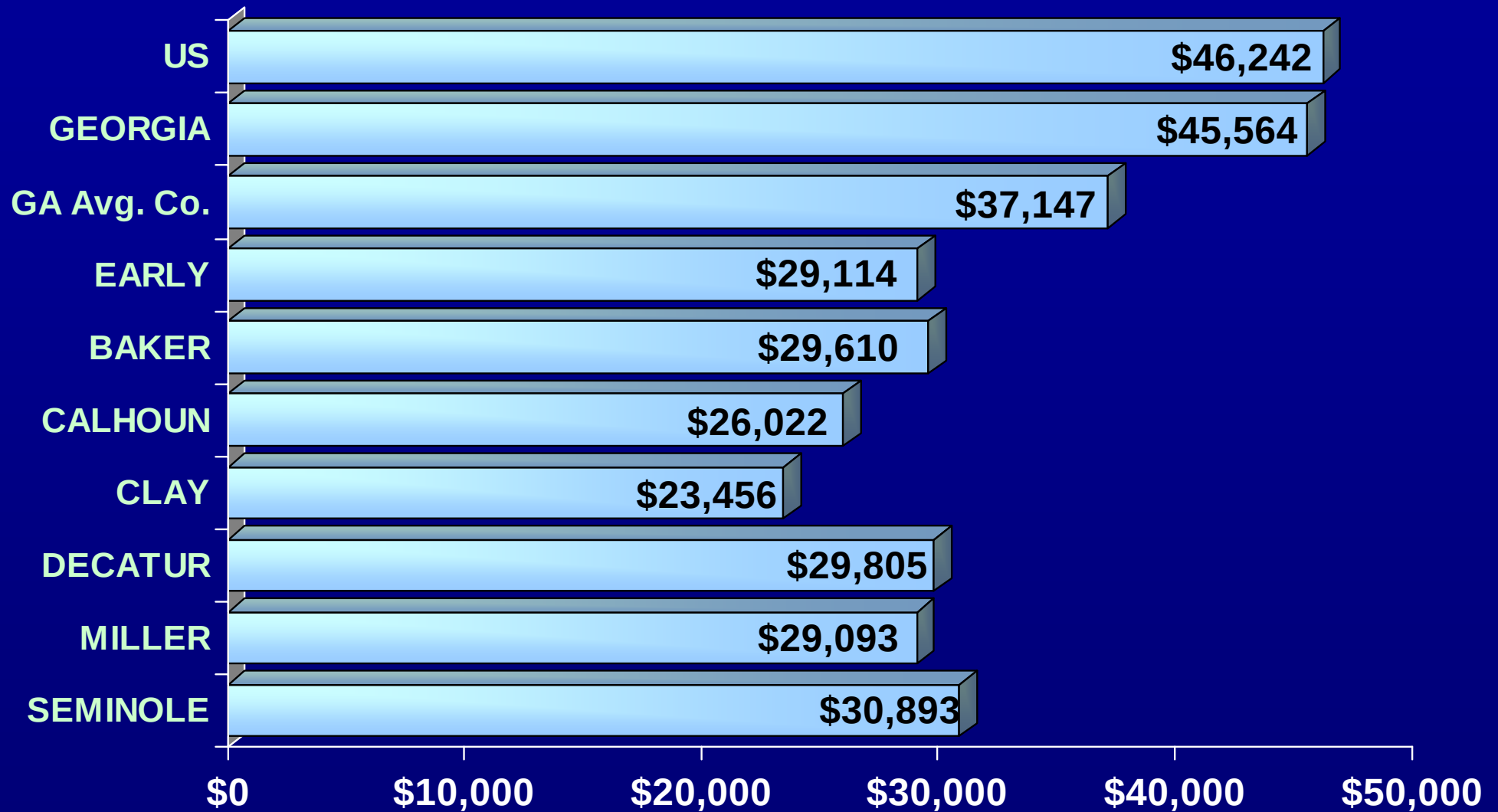


# Per Capita Income: 2006

| County      | PCI      | Rank of PCI | % PCI of GA Total | % Change in PCI 2001-2006 |
|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| EARLY       | \$26,052 | 56          | 81.2              | 12.1                      |
| BAKER       | \$21,164 | 137         | 65.9              | 8.3                       |
| CALHOUN     | \$18,606 | 156         | 58.0              | 3.7                       |
| CLAY        | \$25,539 | 63          | 79.6              | 17.1                      |
| DECATUR     | \$22,940 | 104         | 71.5              | 10.4                      |
| MILLER      | \$25,464 | 64          | 79.3              | 17.6                      |
| SEMINOLE    | \$24,089 | 93          | 75.1              | 2.6                       |
| GA Avg. Co. | \$25,483 | --          | 79.4              | 14.5                      |

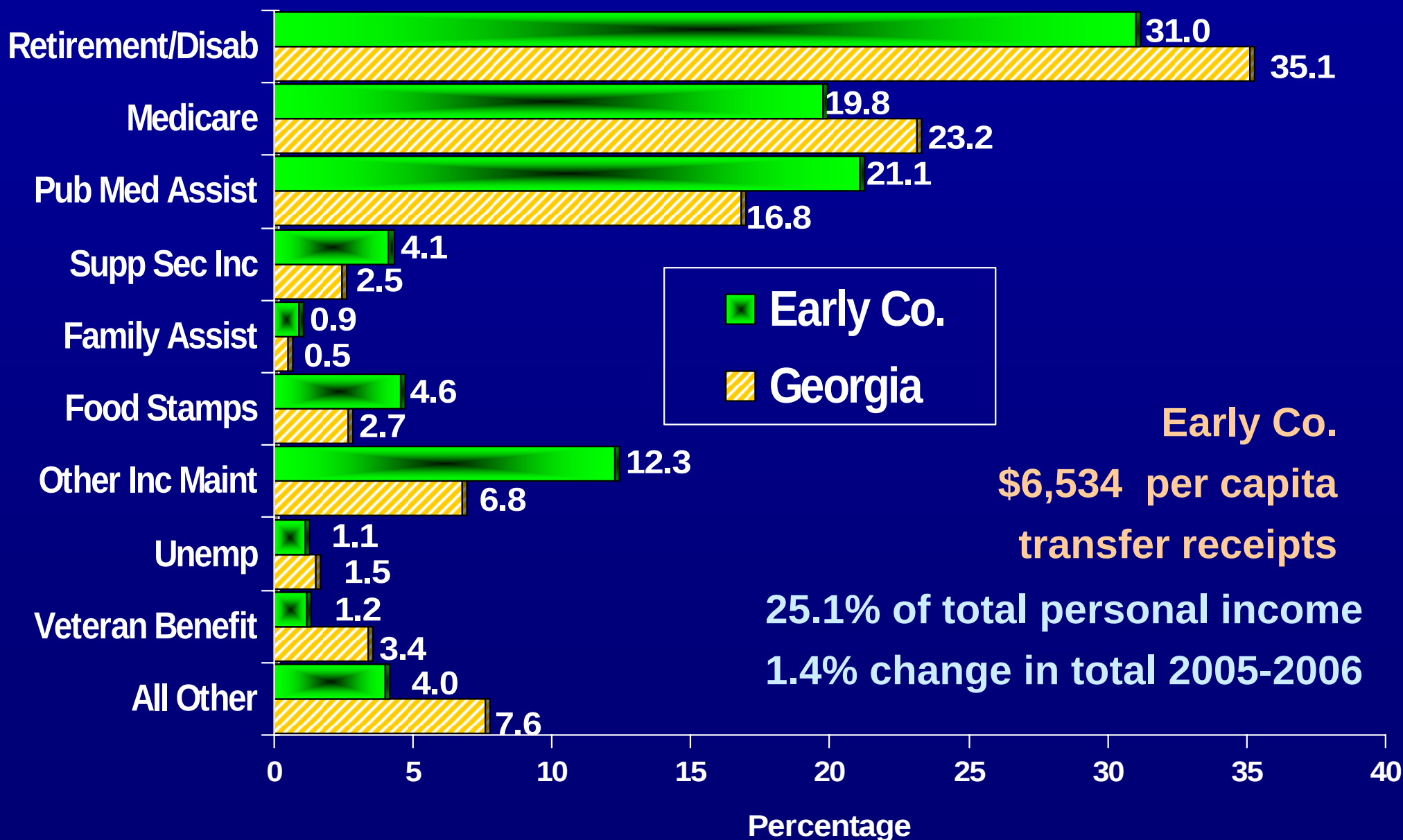
# Median Household Income

## 2005 Model-Based Estimates



# Transfer Receipts: 2006

## Early Co. Total = \$78,272,000



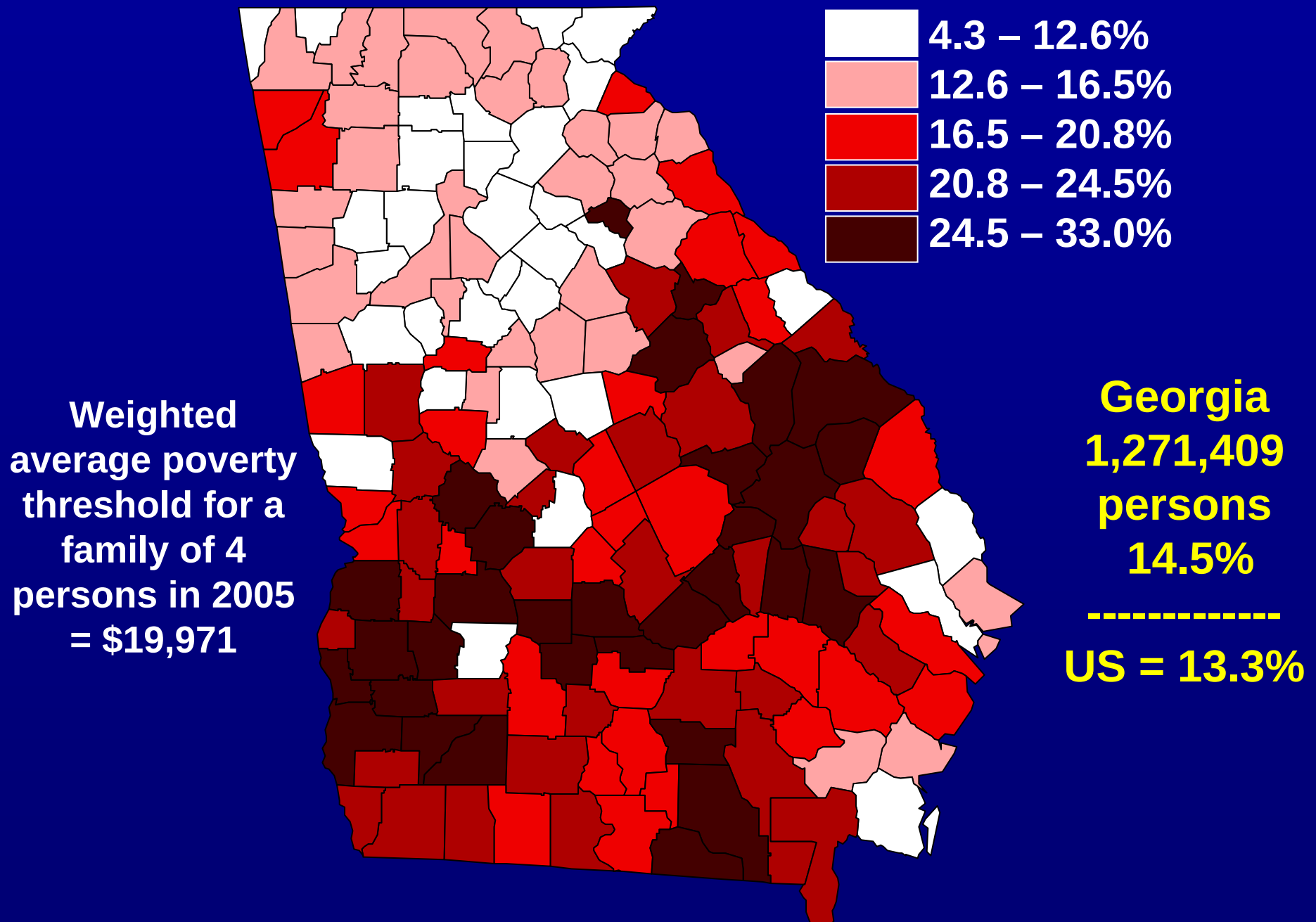
# Persons Living Below Poverty Level

## 2005 Model-Based Estimates

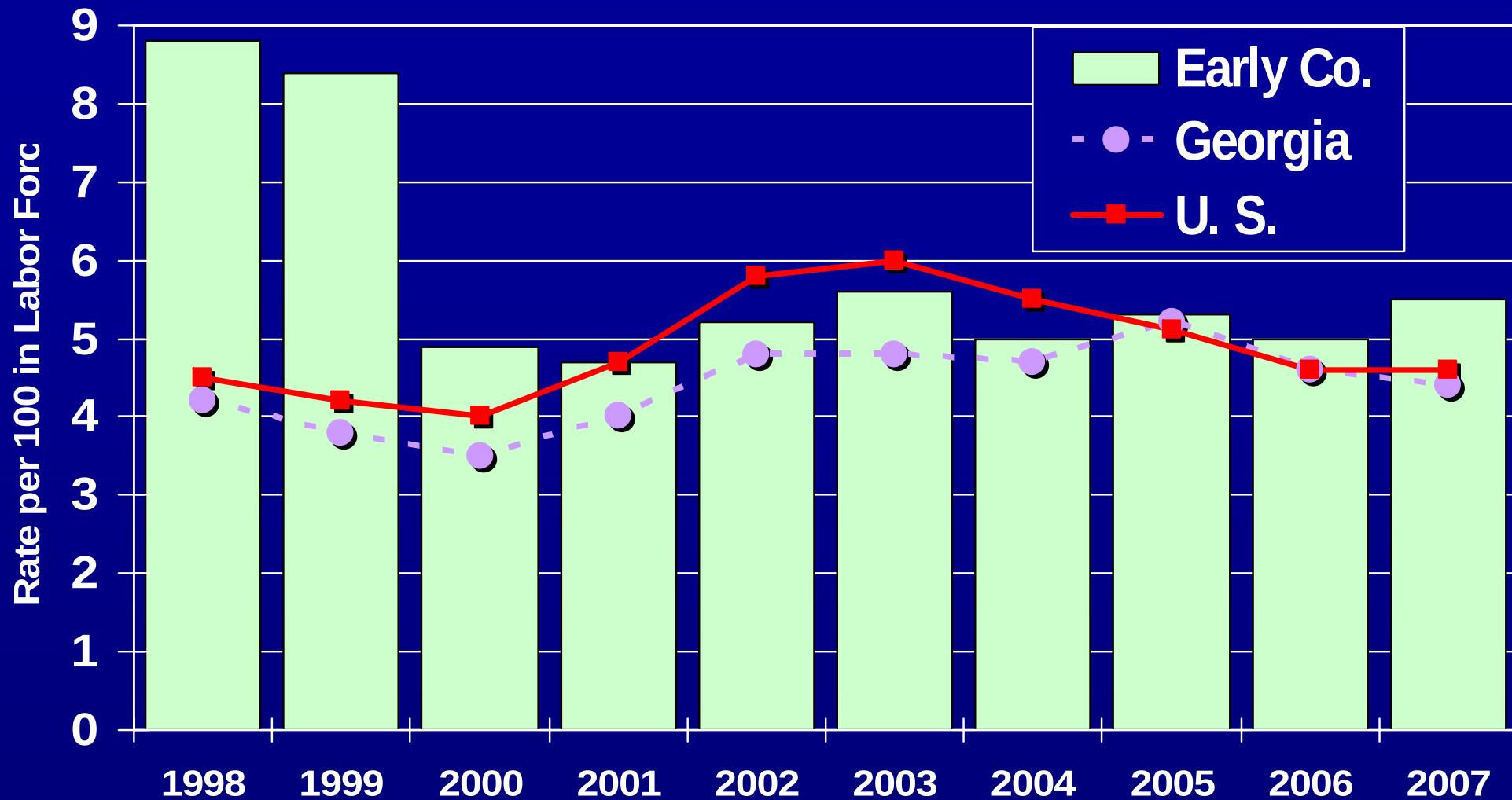
| County      | # of Persons | % of all Persons | Rank of % |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|-----------|
| EARLY       | 3,310        | 28.1             | 143       |
| BAKER       | 1,062        | 25.8             | 132       |
| CALHOUN     | 1,453        | 31.4             | 158       |
| CLAY        | 1,045        | 33.0             | 159       |
| DECATUR     | 6,262        | 22.6             | 114       |
| MILLER      | 1,363        | 22.5             | 112       |
| SEMINOLE    | 1,903        | 21.4             | 104       |
| GA Avg. Co. | 7,996        | 18.7             | --        |

# Persons Living Below the Poverty Level

## 2005 Model-Based Estimates



# Unemployment Rates



**2007 Rates**

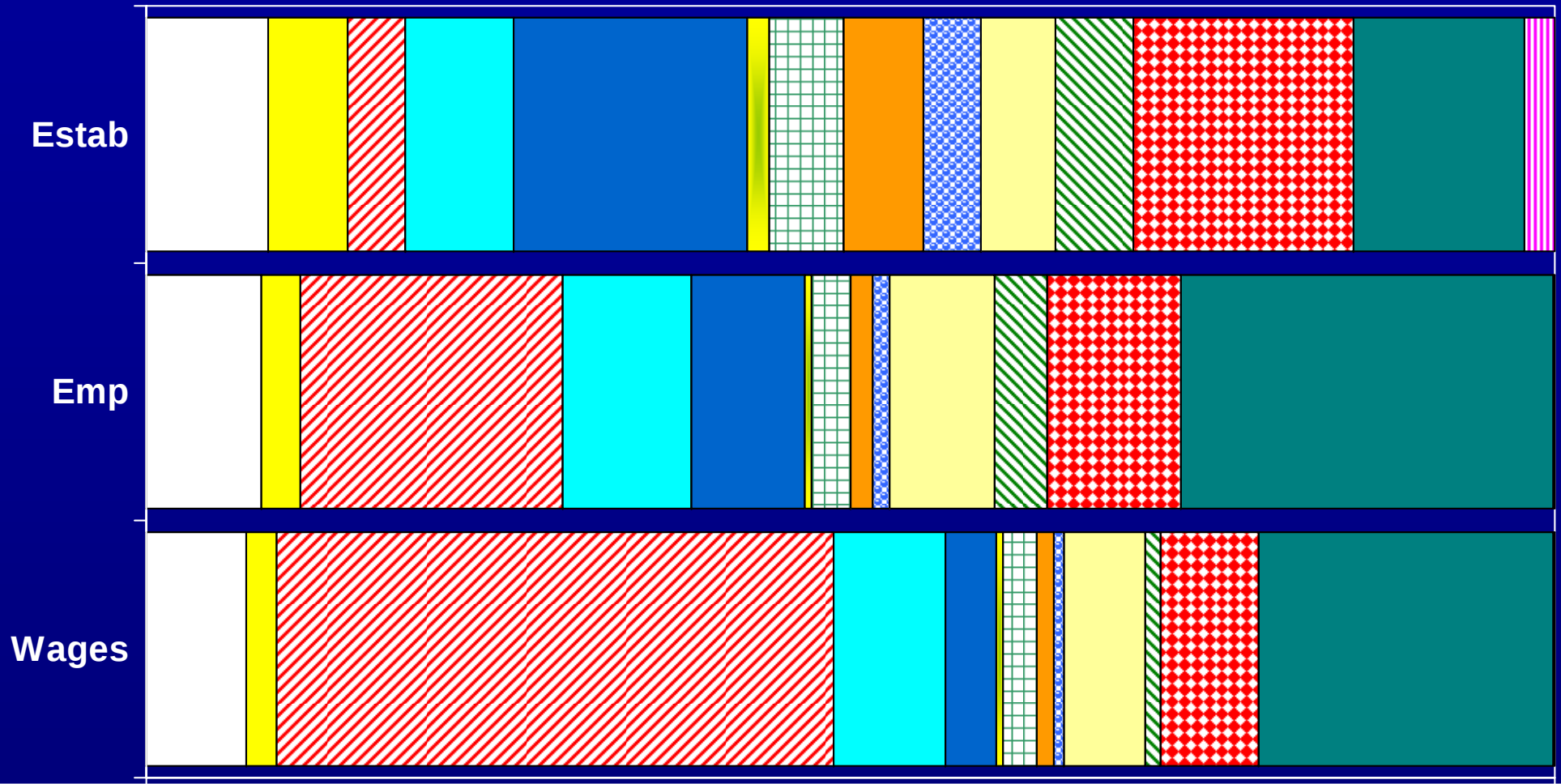
**Early Co. = 5.5**

**GA = 4.4**

**US = 4.6**

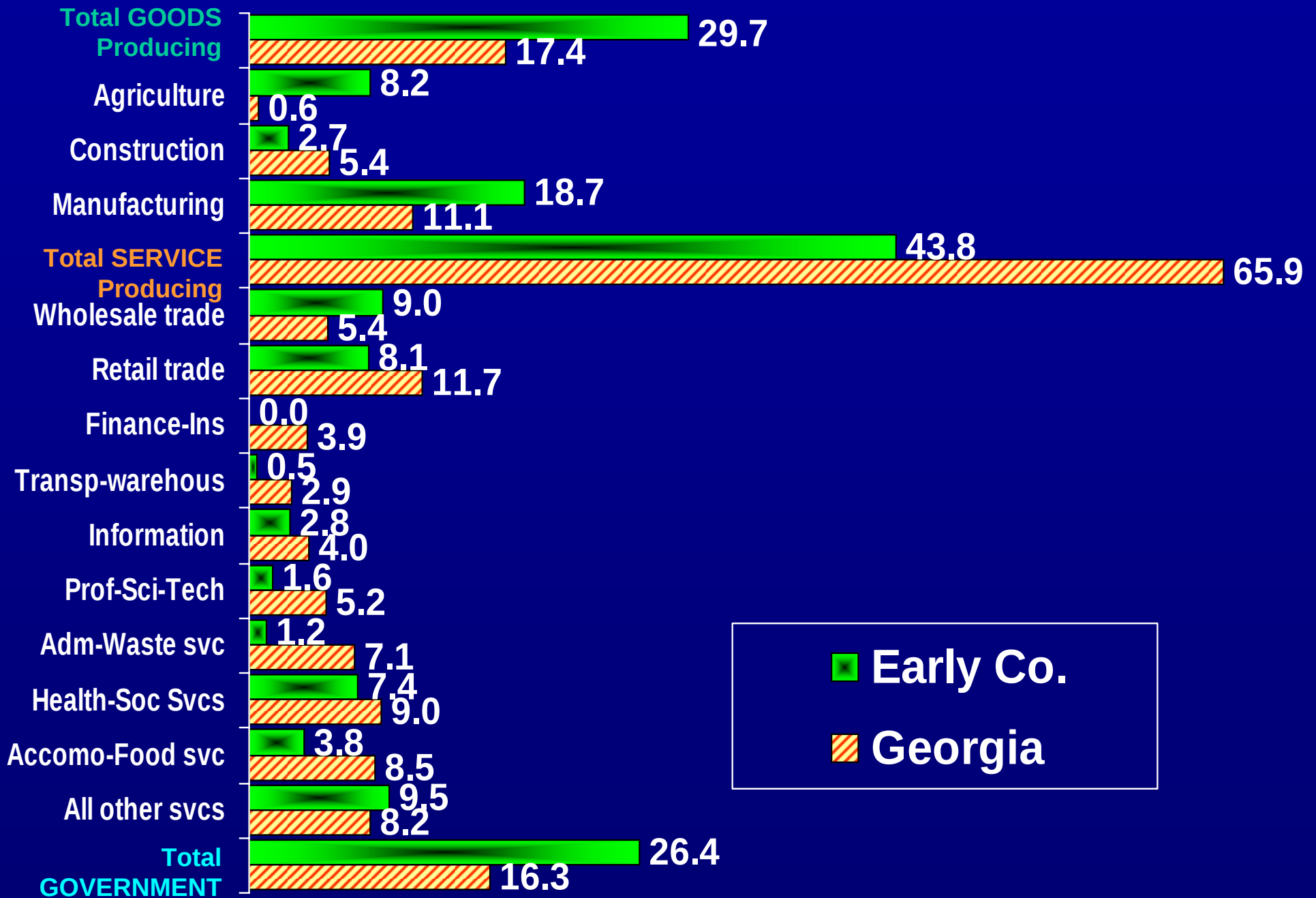
**Avg. GA County = 4.9**

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



- |                     |                                    |                   |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| ■ Agriculture       | ■ Construction                     | ■ Manufacturing   |
| ■ Wholesale trade   | ■ Retail trade                     | ■ Information     |
| ■ Finance/Insurance | ■ Professional-Scientific-Tech Svc | ■ Admin-waste svc |
| ■ Health svc        | ■ Accom/Food Svc                   | ■ All other svc   |
| ■ Govt              | ■ All Other                        |                   |

# Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2006

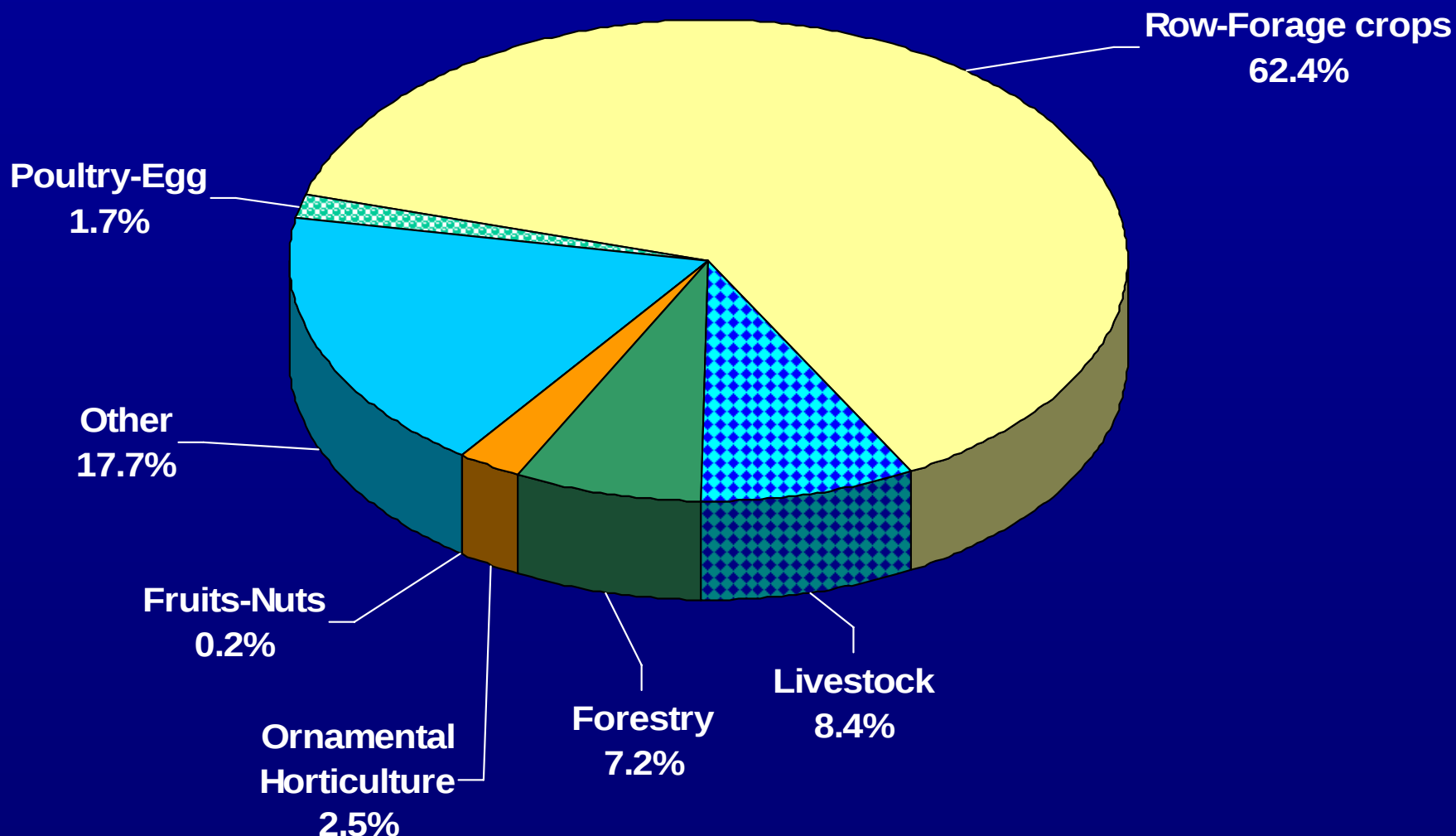


Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor

# Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2007

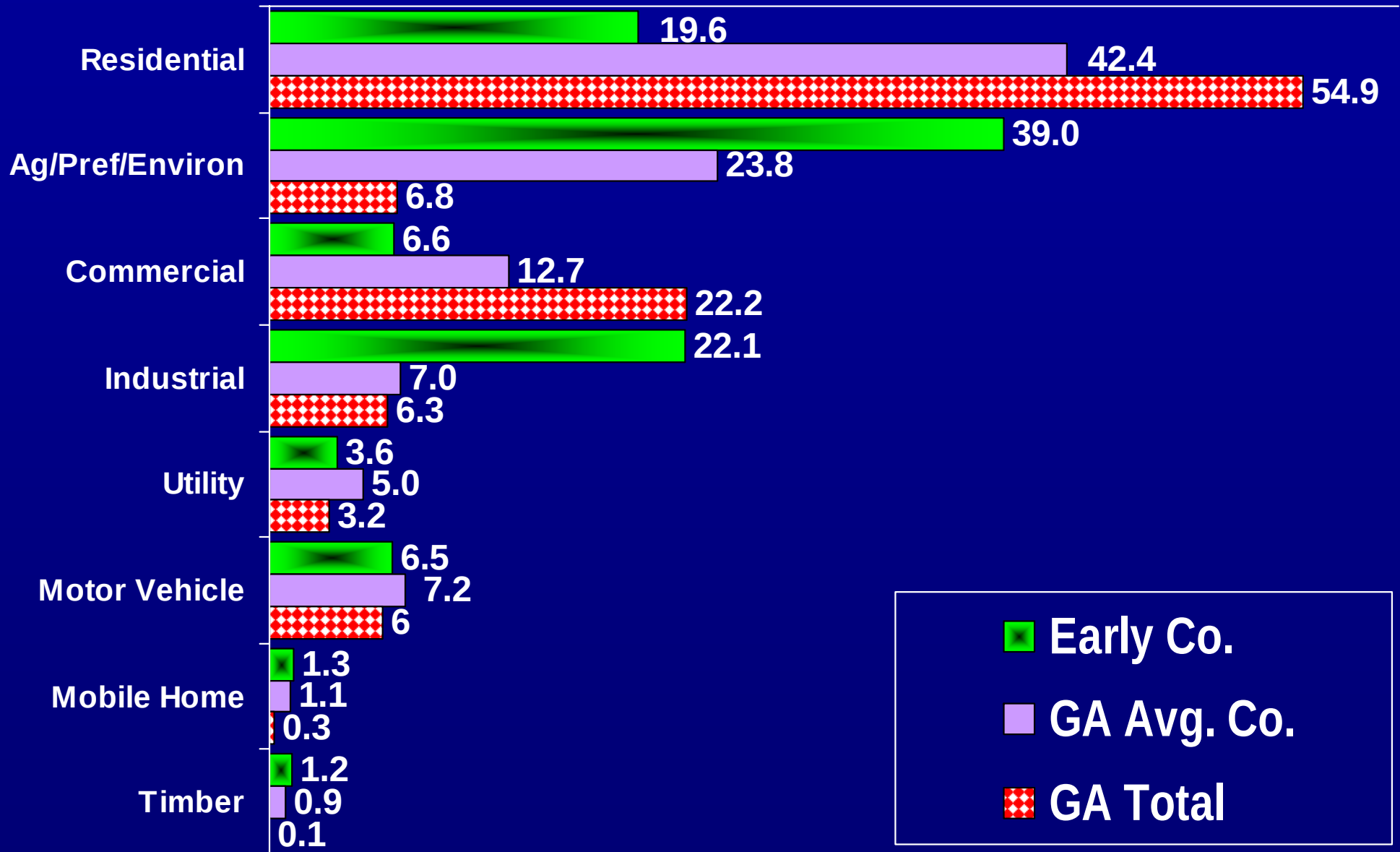
## Early Co. Total Value = \$88,973,708

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# Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2007

## Early Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = \$520,103,332



# County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2007

| County      | % Residential | % Agricultural | % Commercial | % Industrial | % Motor Vehicle | % Other |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|---------|
| EARLY       | 19.6          | 39.0           | 6.6          | 22.1         | 6.5             | 6.2     |
| BAKER       | 14.7          | 67.0           | 2.9          | 0.3          | 6.3             | 8.8     |
| CALHOUN     | 14.9          | 62.3           | 8.1          | 0.0          | 8.1             | 6.6     |
| CLAY        | 37.5          | 45.2           | 4.6          | 0.2          | 5.6             | 7.0     |
| DECATUR     | 37.4          | 18.8           | 15.4         | 14.6         | 7.7             | 6.1     |
| MILLER      | 29.0          | 41.7           | 8.2          | 6.9          | 8.6             | 5.5     |
| SEMINOLE    | 41.9          | 27.5           | 11.7         | 5.5          | 8.2             | 5.2     |
| Avg. GA Co. | 42.4          | 23.8           | 12.7         | 7.0          | 7.2             | 7.0     |

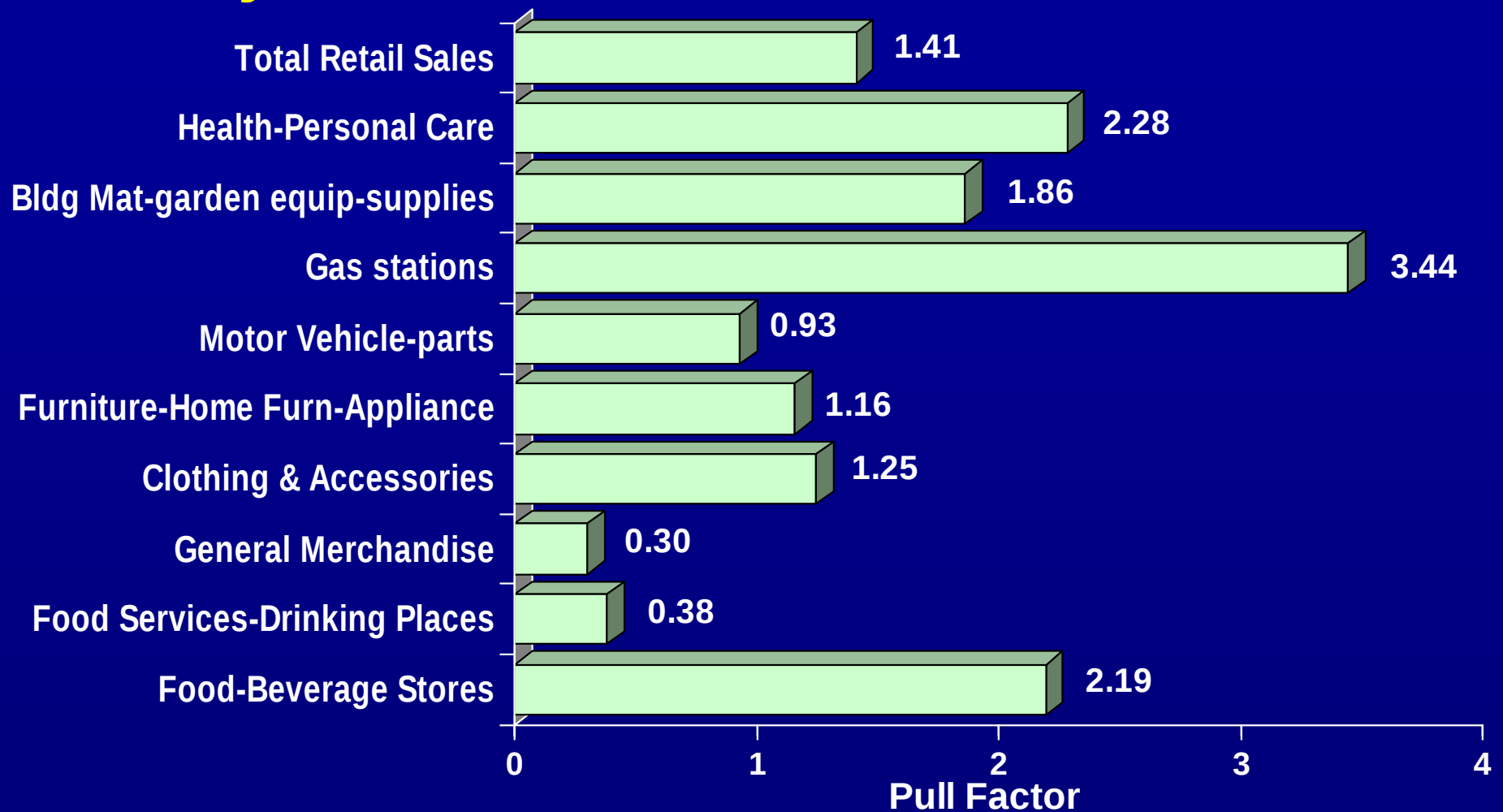
# Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax

| County   | '07 County-wide Millage* | '07 School Millage* | '07 Taxes Levied* (\$000) | Sales Tax Rate as of 4/08 | LOST Type* as of 4/08 |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| EARLY    | 22.800                   | 13.500              | \$10,318                  | 7                         | LSE                   |
| BAKER    | 24.610                   | 14.580              | \$3,013                   | 7                         | LSE                   |
| CALHOUN  | 25.345                   | 13.885              | \$4,052                   | 7                         | LSE                   |
| CLAY     | 30.076                   | 12.000              | \$2,771                   | 7                         | LSE                   |
| DECATUR  | 21.650                   | 12.840              | \$17,482                  | 7                         | LSE                   |
| MILLER   | 34.521                   | 14.240              | \$5,760                   | 7                         | LSE                   |
| SEMINOLE | 27.140                   | 12.447              | \$6,932                   | 7                         | LSE                   |

\*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: 2006

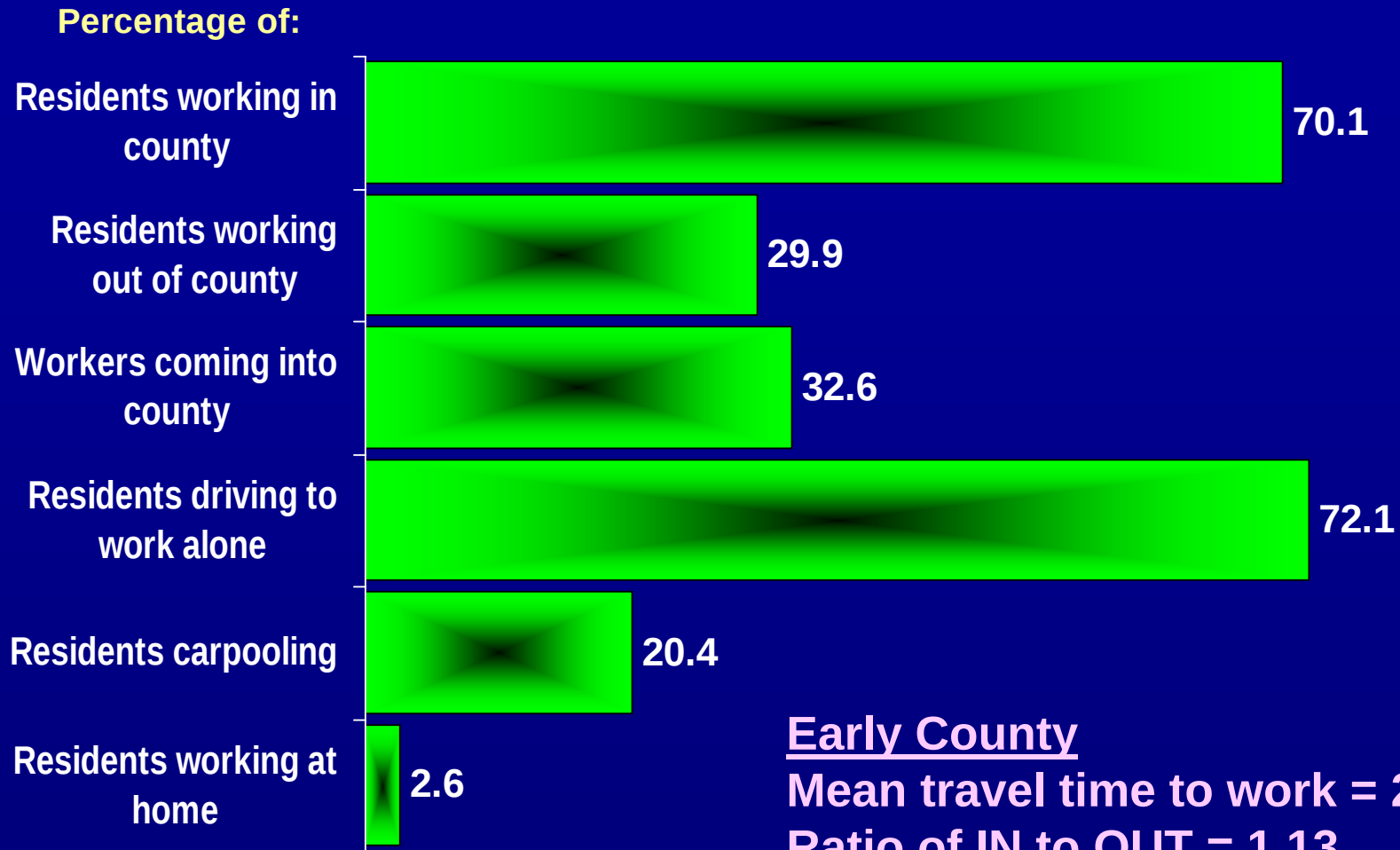
## Early Co. Total Retail Sales = \$165,137,000



**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



Resident workers 16+ = 4,818

Residents working in county = 3,379

Residents working out of county = 1,439

Total working in county = 5,012

Workers commuting into county = 1,633

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

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