

# *Oconee County Community Profile*

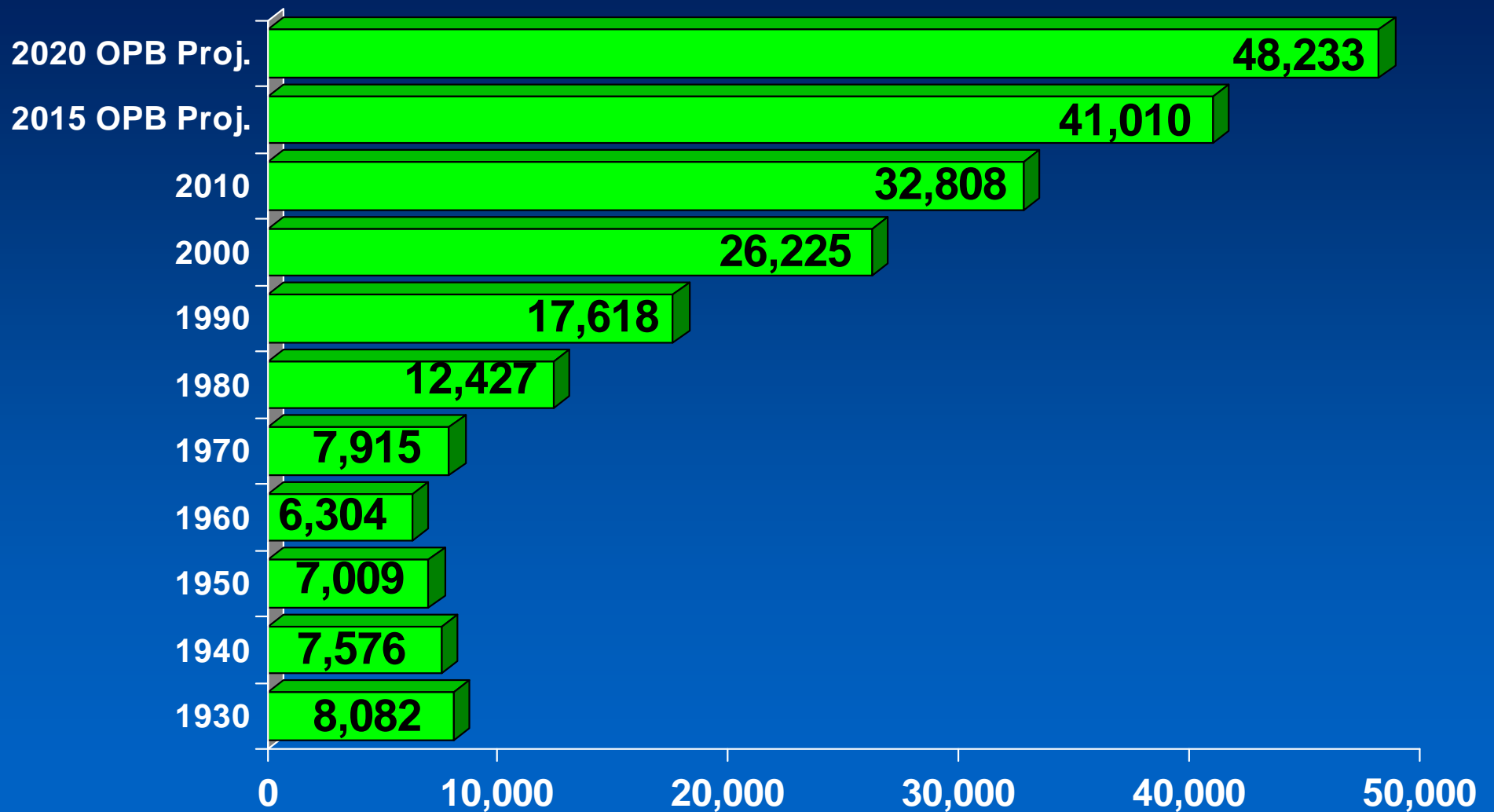


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**137th in order of  
county creation  
February 25, 1875**

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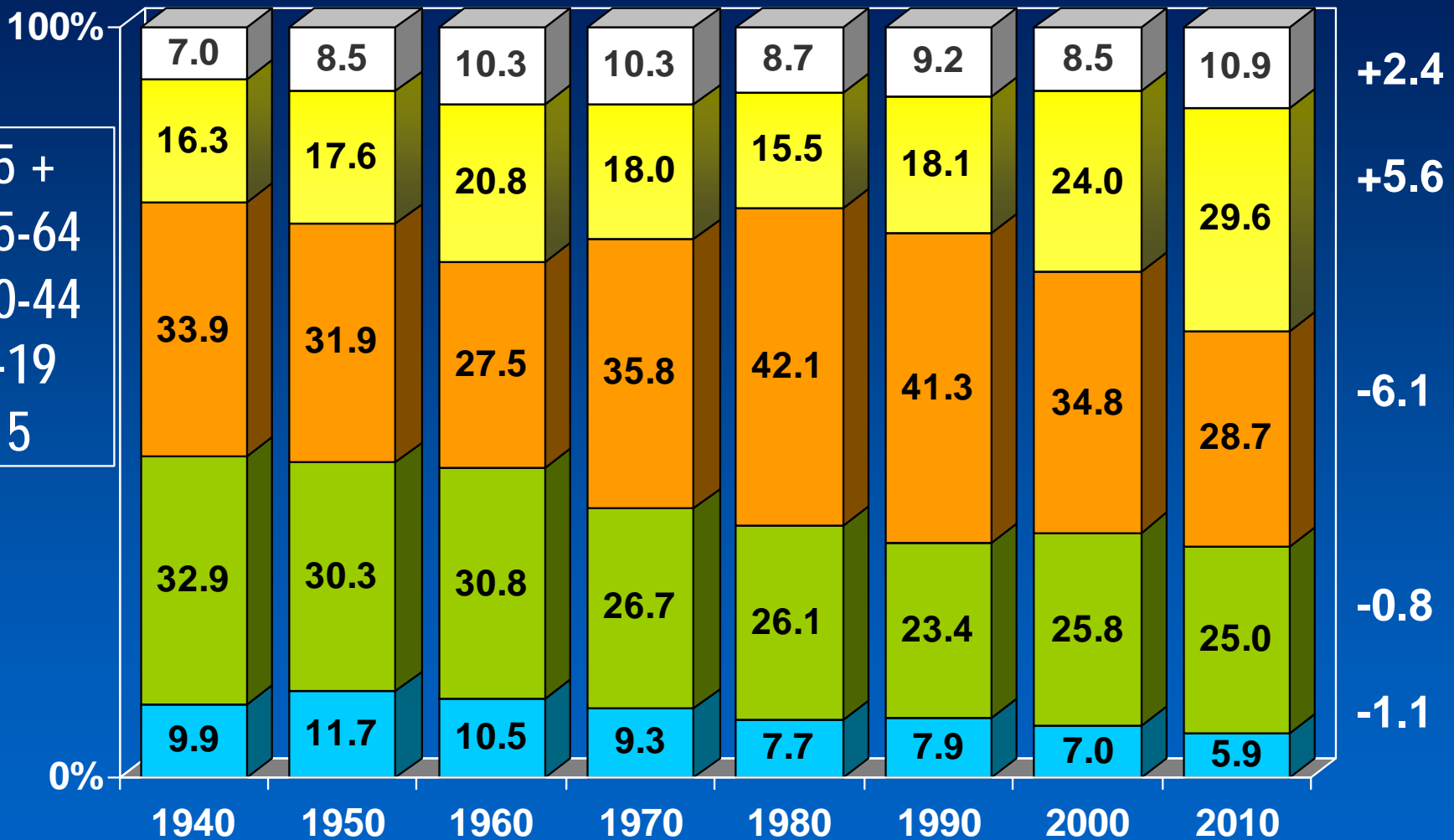
# Total Population Oconee County



Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses; GA Office of Planning & Budget projections.

# Population Composition by Age Oconee County

Change in  
proportion  
2000-2010

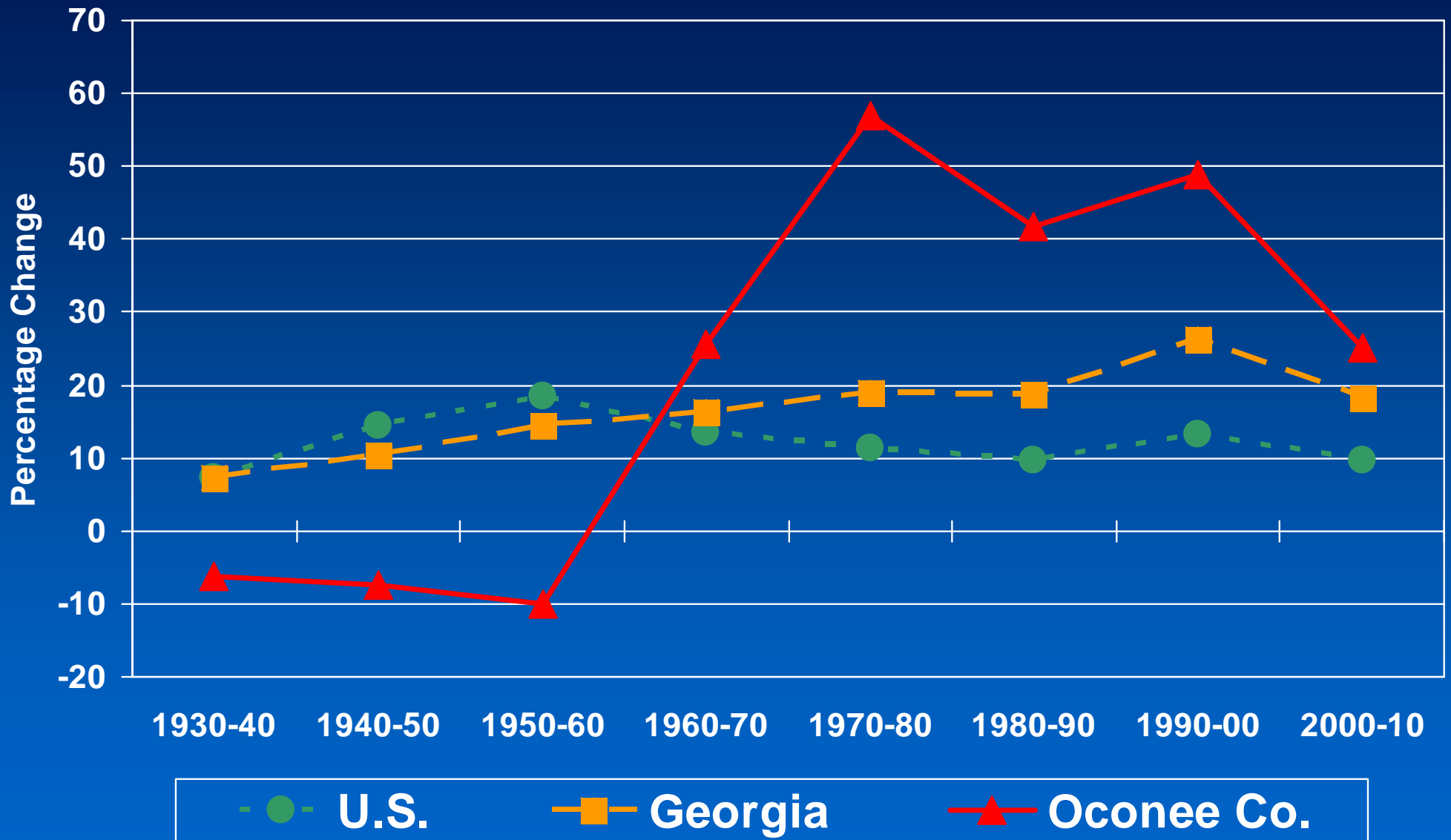


**2010 Median Age Oconee Co. = 39.1 yrs. GA = 35.3 yrs.**

# 2010 County Population Comparisons

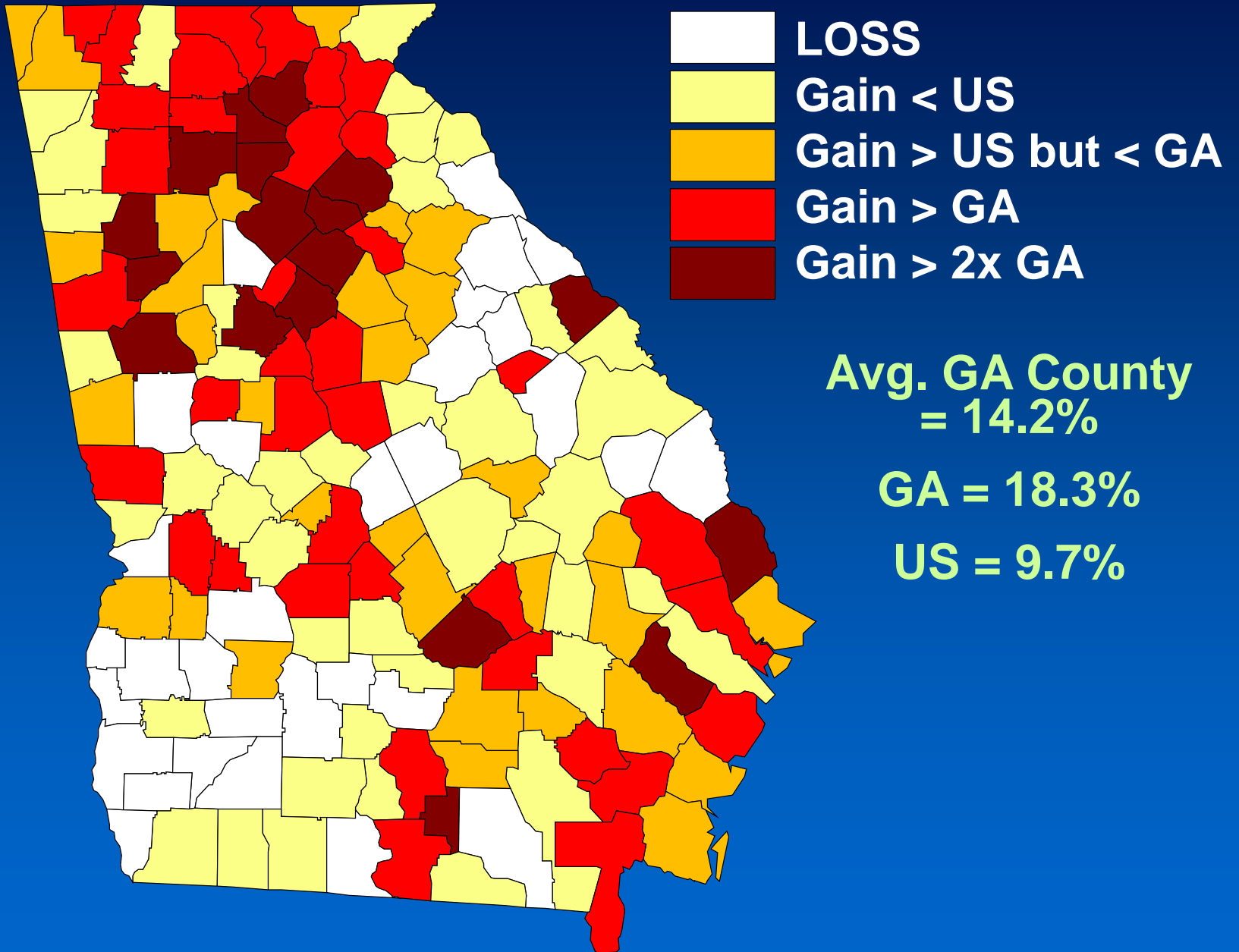
County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2000-10	Rank of % Chg.
OCONEE	32,808	53	179.4	25.1	36
BARROW	69,367	32	445.0	50.3	6
CLARKE	116,714	19	963.2	15.0	66
GREENE	15,994	106	40.5	11.0	82
MORGAN	17,868	98	53.7	15.6	63
OGLETHORPE	14,899	109	32.5	17.9	56
WALTON	83,768	29	265.2	38.0	17

# Population Change: 1930-2010



Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Population Change: 2000-2010



# Components of Population Change

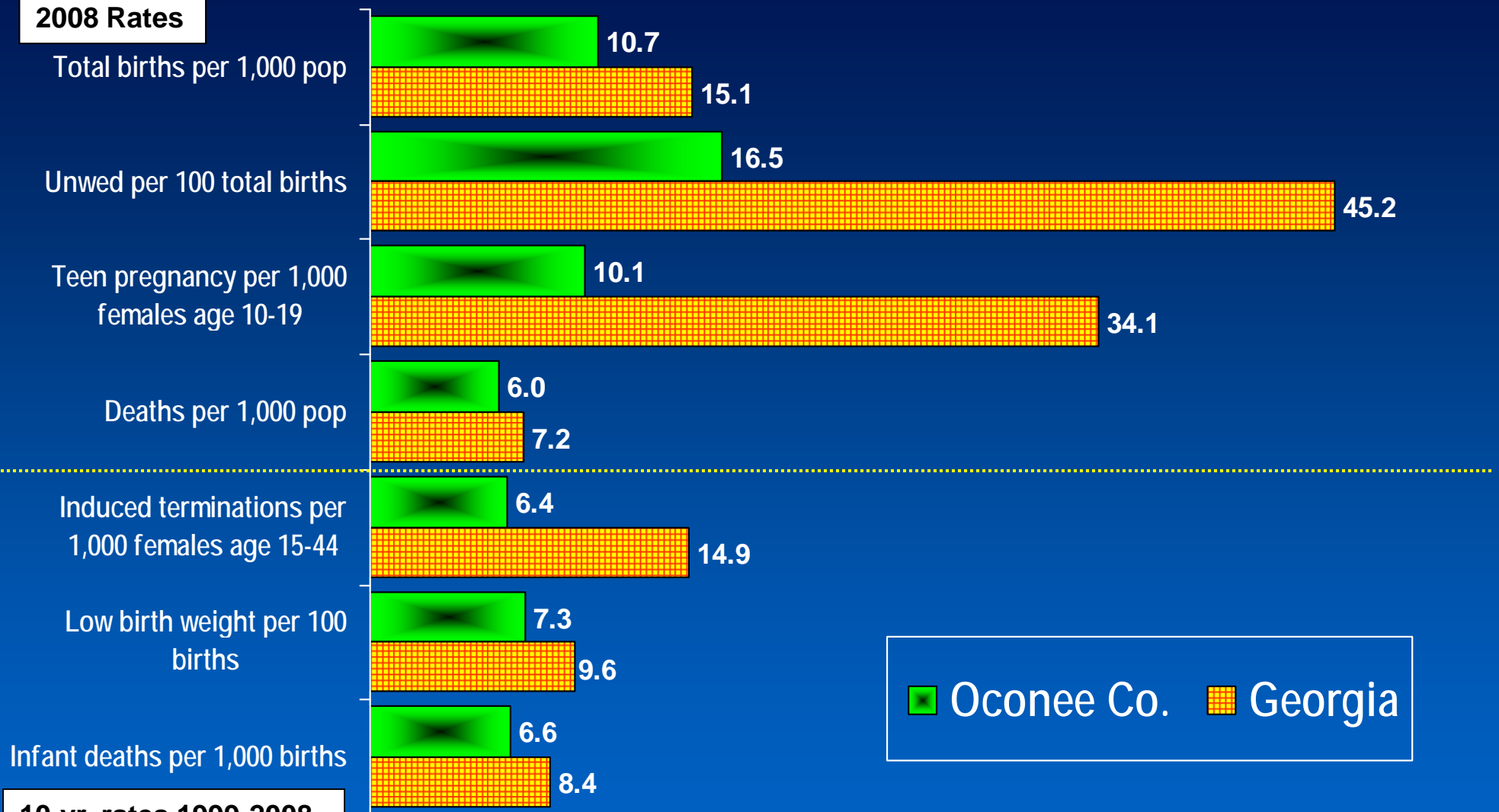
## Natural Increase & Net Migration\*

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
OCONEE	7,097	1,688	5,503	6.4	17.5
BARROW	26,014	5,763	20,291	11.2	15.1
CLARKE	14,855	7,744	7,777	8.2	1.9
GREENE	1,337	255	1,169	0.2	-1.7
MORGAN	3,304	677	2,696	4.7	4.0
OGLETHORPE	1,693	413	1,355	3.0	3.8
WALTON	26,622	5,118	21,634	6.8	9.3
Avg. County	10,330	4,305	5,340	4.8	1.0
GEORGIA	1,642,430	684,445	849,133	7.8	5.5

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

# Selected Vital Statistics

## 2008 Rates



■ Oconee Co.
 ■ Georgia

## 10-yr. rates 1999-2008

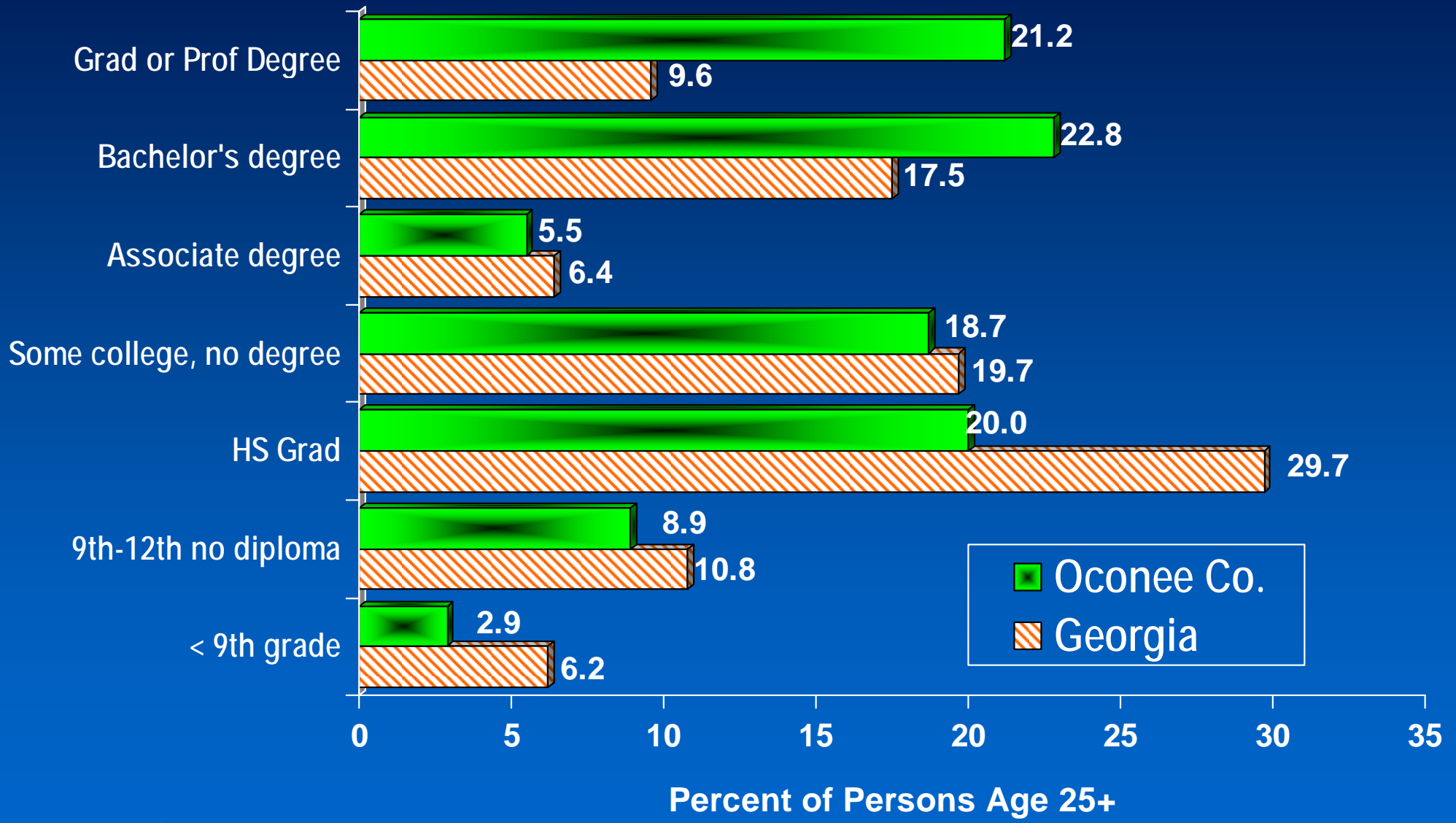
**2008 Oconee Co. Natality Data**  
 346 total births, 57 unwed births  
 46 induced terminations  
 24 teen pregnancies  
 42 low birth weight babies

**2008 Oconee Co. Mortality Data**  
 192 total deaths  
 1 infant death

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS

# Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2005-2009

## 5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey



**Oconee Co.**

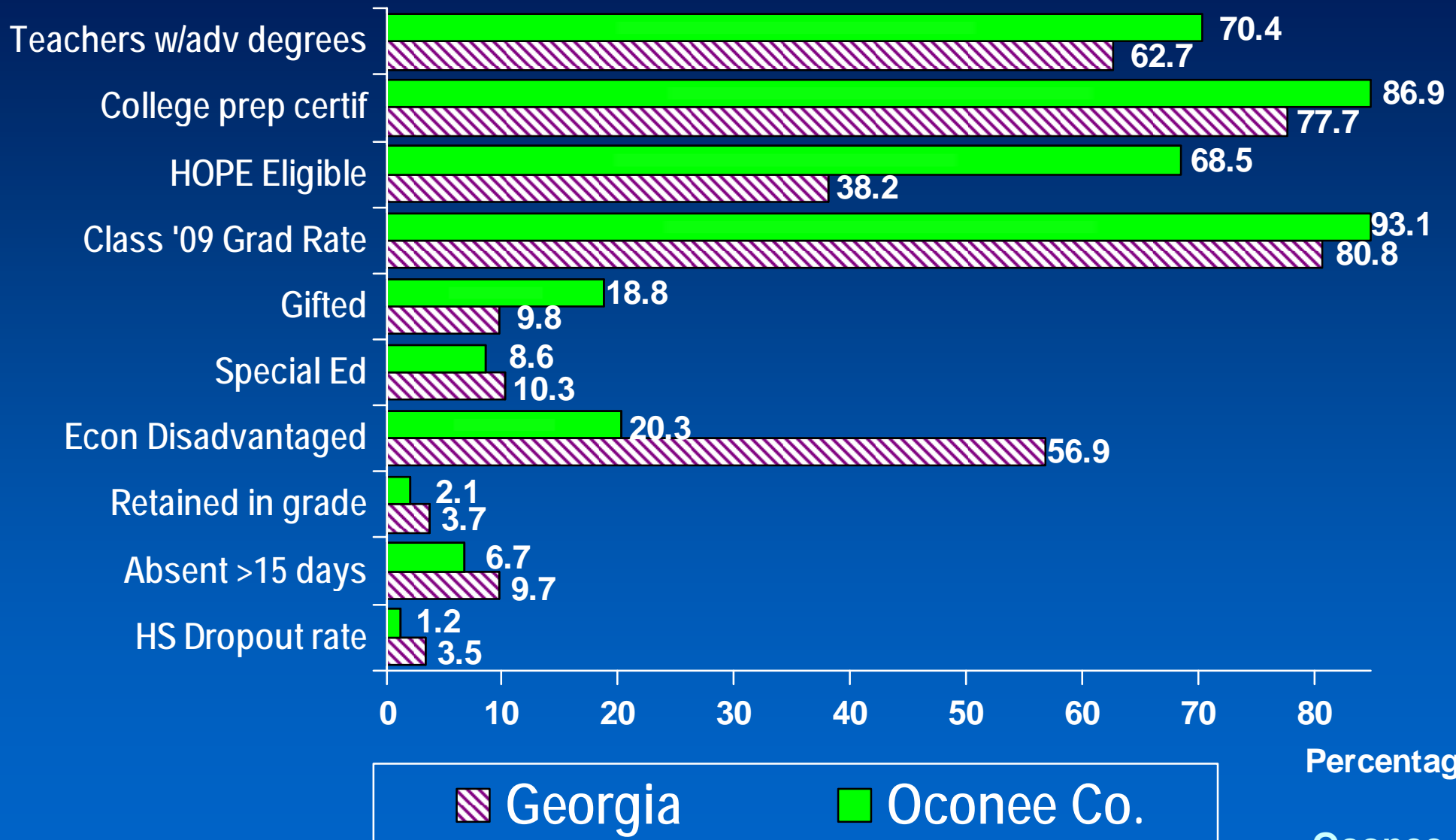
**Not completing HS = 11.8%**

**With a bachelor's + degree = 44.0%**

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Selected Public School Statistics

## School Year 2008-09



Percentage

Oconee Co.

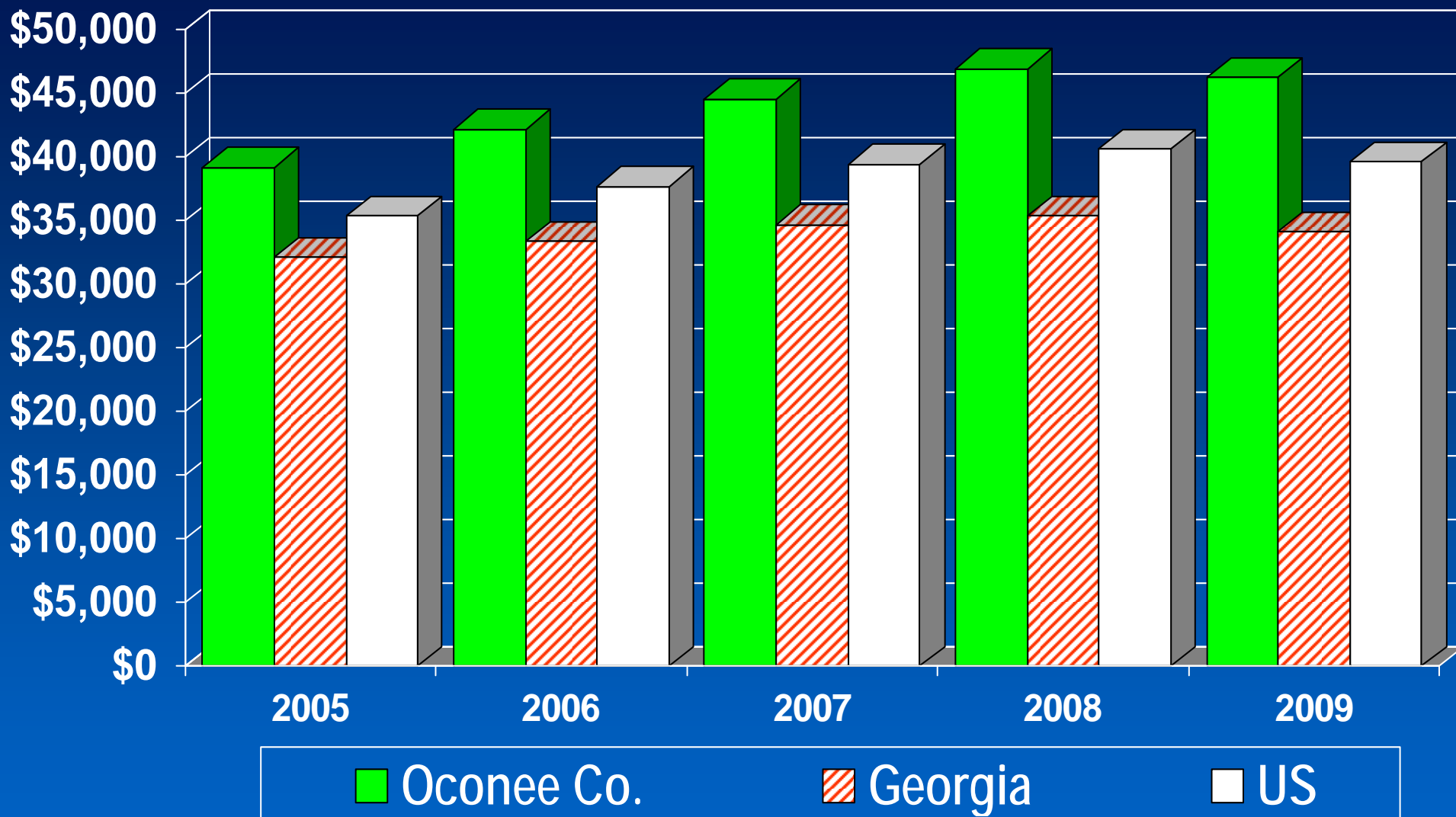
K12 enrollment = 6,421

HS dropouts = 26

General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$8,227

Primary data source:  
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

# Per Capita Income: 2005-2009

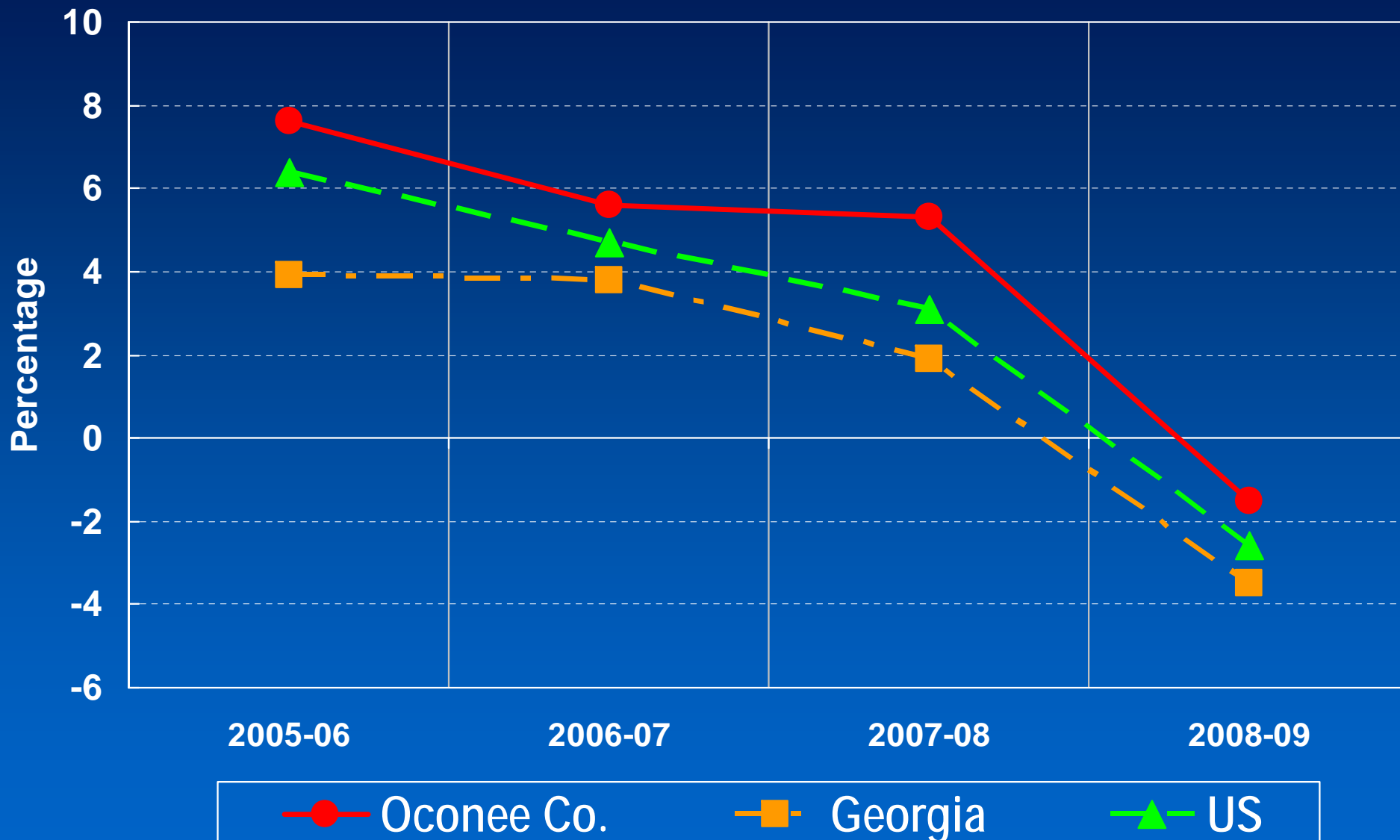


**2009 PCI**  
**Oconee Co. = \$46,233**

**Georgia = \$34,129**  
**US = \$39,635**

# Per Capita Income: 2005-2009

## Percentage Change



# Per Capita Income: 2009

County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 2005-2009
OCONEE	\$46,233	2	135.5	17.9
BARROW	\$27,855	78	81.6	6.8
CLARKE	\$25,222	123	73.9	4.7
GREENE	\$36,831	12	107.9	25.4
MORGAN	\$33,494	19	98.1	7.0
OGLETHORPE	\$29,755	48	87.2	9.5
WALTON	\$30,947	34	90.7	11.5
GA Avg. Co.	\$28,581	--	83.7	16.6

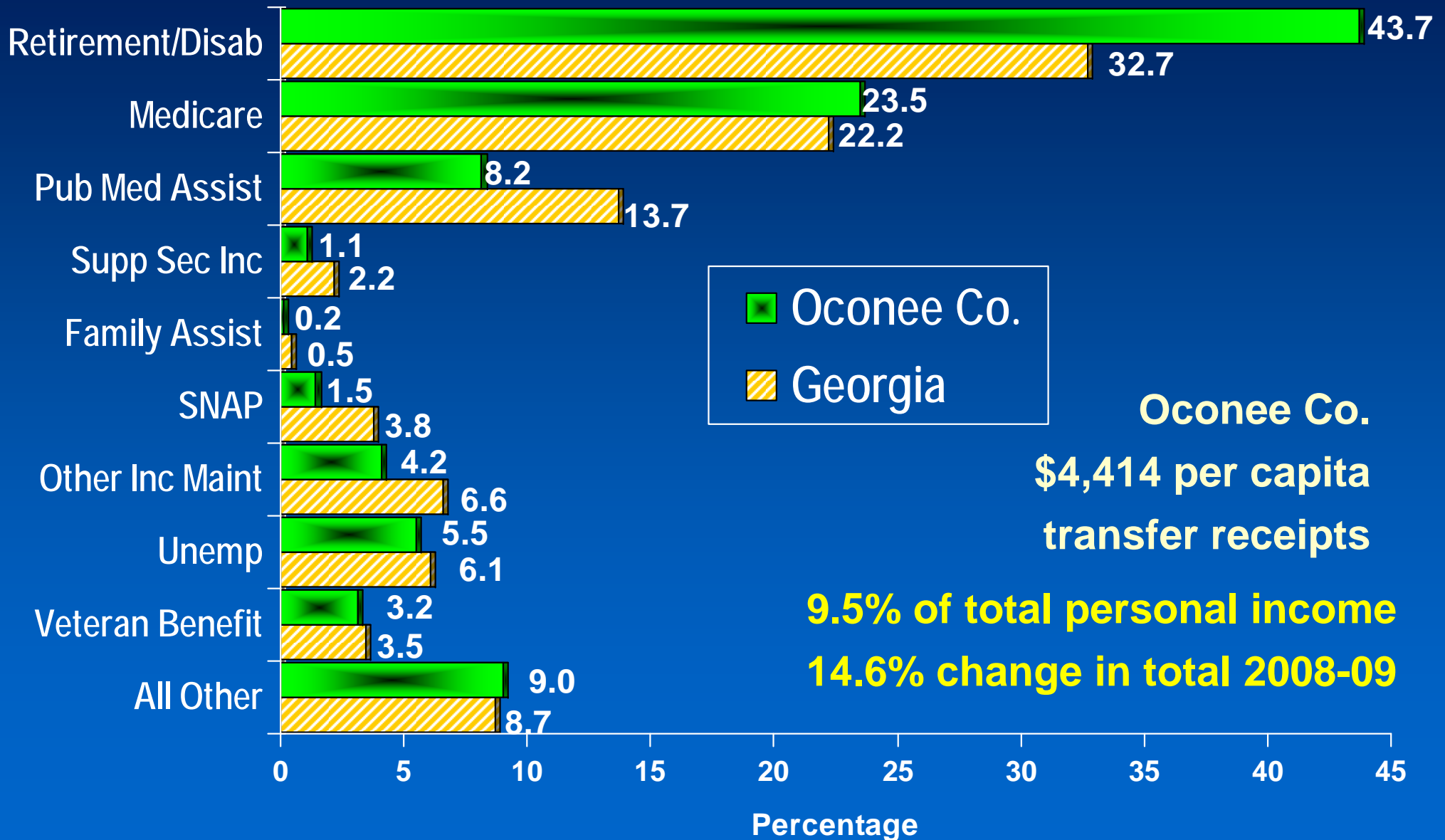
# Median Household Income

## 2009 Model-Based Estimates



# Transfer Receipts: 2009

## Oconee Co. Total = \$147,063,000



Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/11)

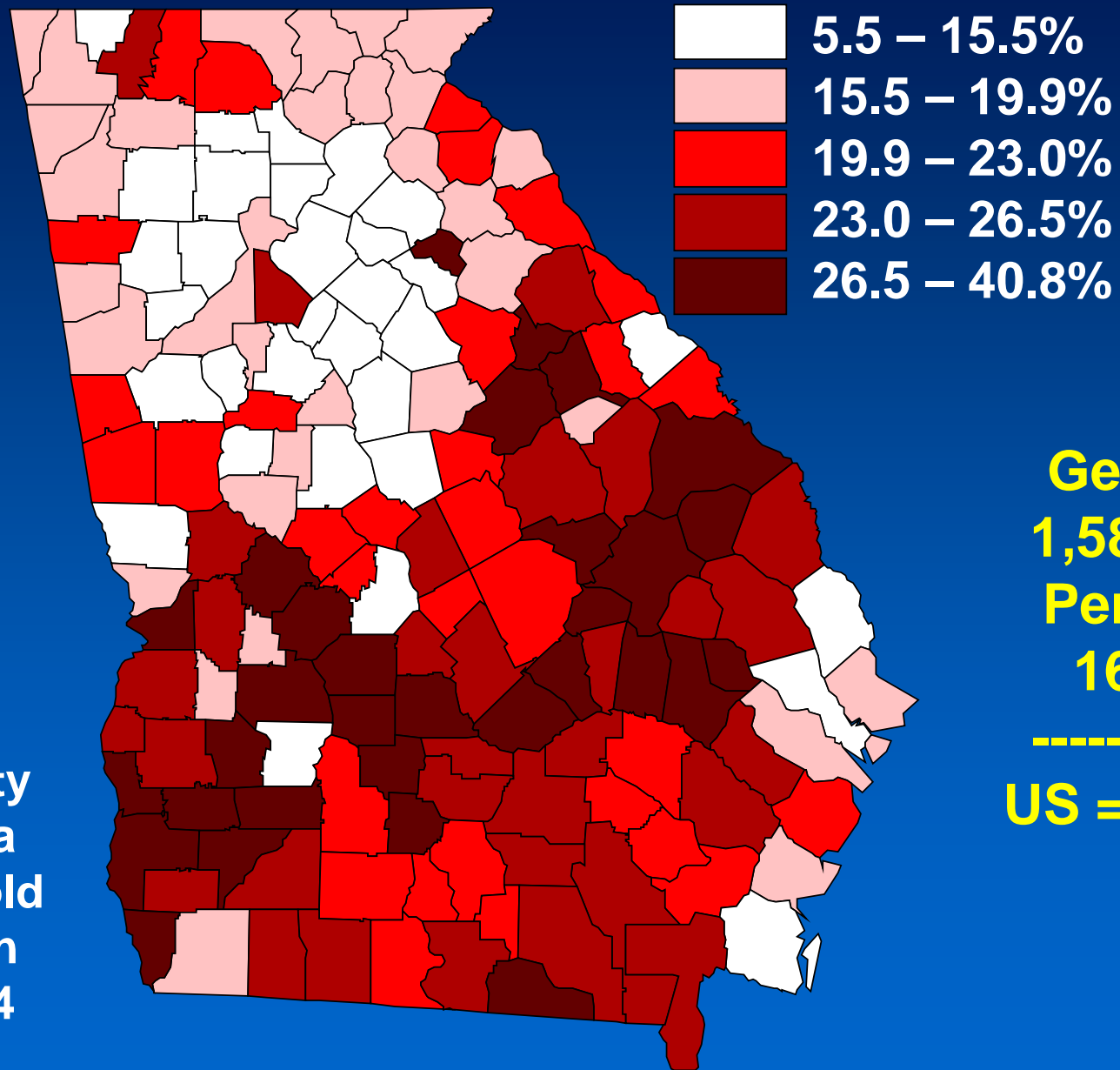
# Persons Living Below Poverty Level

## 2009 Model-Based Estimates

County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
OCONEE	2,780	8.4	7
BARROW	8,724	12.2	17
CLARKE	38,764	36.3	158
GREENE	3,079	19.9	66
MORGAN	2,863	15.5	31
OGLETHORPE	2,238	15.8	33
WALTON	10,784	12.5	19
GA Avg. Co.	9,969	21.0	--

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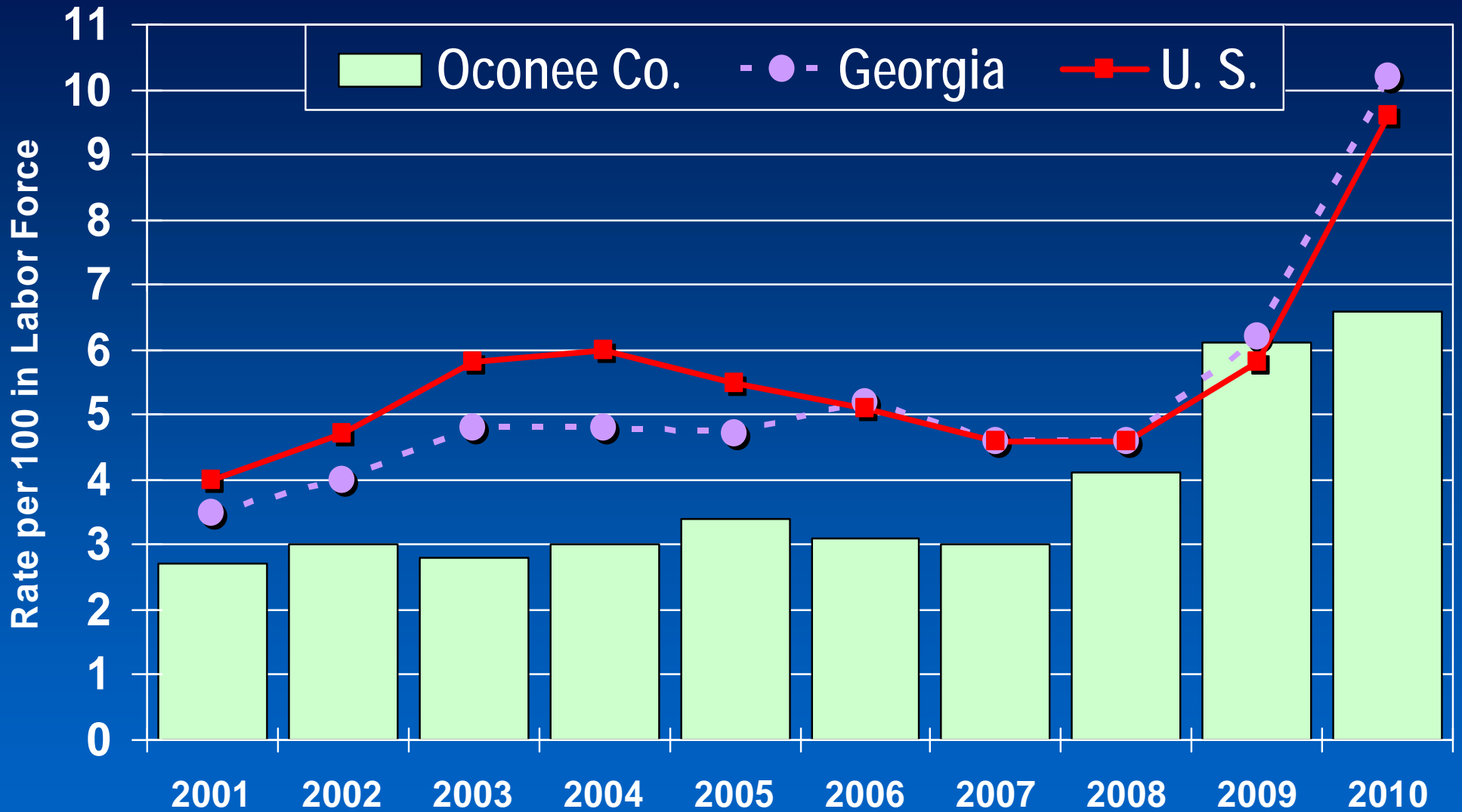


**Georgia**  
**1,585,116**  
**Persons**  
**16.6%**

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**US = 14.3%**

Weighted  
average poverty  
threshold for a  
family household  
of 4 persons in  
2009 = \$21,954

# Average Annual Unemployment Rates



**2010 Rates**

**Oconee Co. = 6.6**

**GA = 10.2**

**US = 9.6**

**Avg. GA County = 11.1**

# Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2010 Averages

<b>Oconee County</b>	<b>Avg. # Establishments</b>	<b>Avg. Monthly Employment</b>	<b>Avg. Wage Weekly</b>
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	<b>184</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>\$710</b>
Ag, forestry, fishing	<b>13</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>\$551</b>
Construction	<b>134</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>\$705</b>
Manufacturing	<b>36</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>\$744</b>
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	<b>725</b>	<b>5,235</b>	<b>\$624</b>
Wholesale trade	<b>63</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>\$781</b>
Retail trade	<b>83</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>\$432</b>
Transp/Warehousing	<b>23</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>\$494</b>
Finance/Insurance	<b>54</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>\$1,102</b>
Professional/Sci/Tech	<b>126</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>\$704</b>
Admin/Suppt/WasteMgmt/Remediation	<b>69</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>\$696</b>
Health care/Soc Svcs	<b>80</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>\$795</b>
Accommodations/Food Svc	<b>41</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>\$229</b>
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	<b>42</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>\$688</b>
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	<b>1,000</b>	<b>7,775</b>	<b>\$649</b>

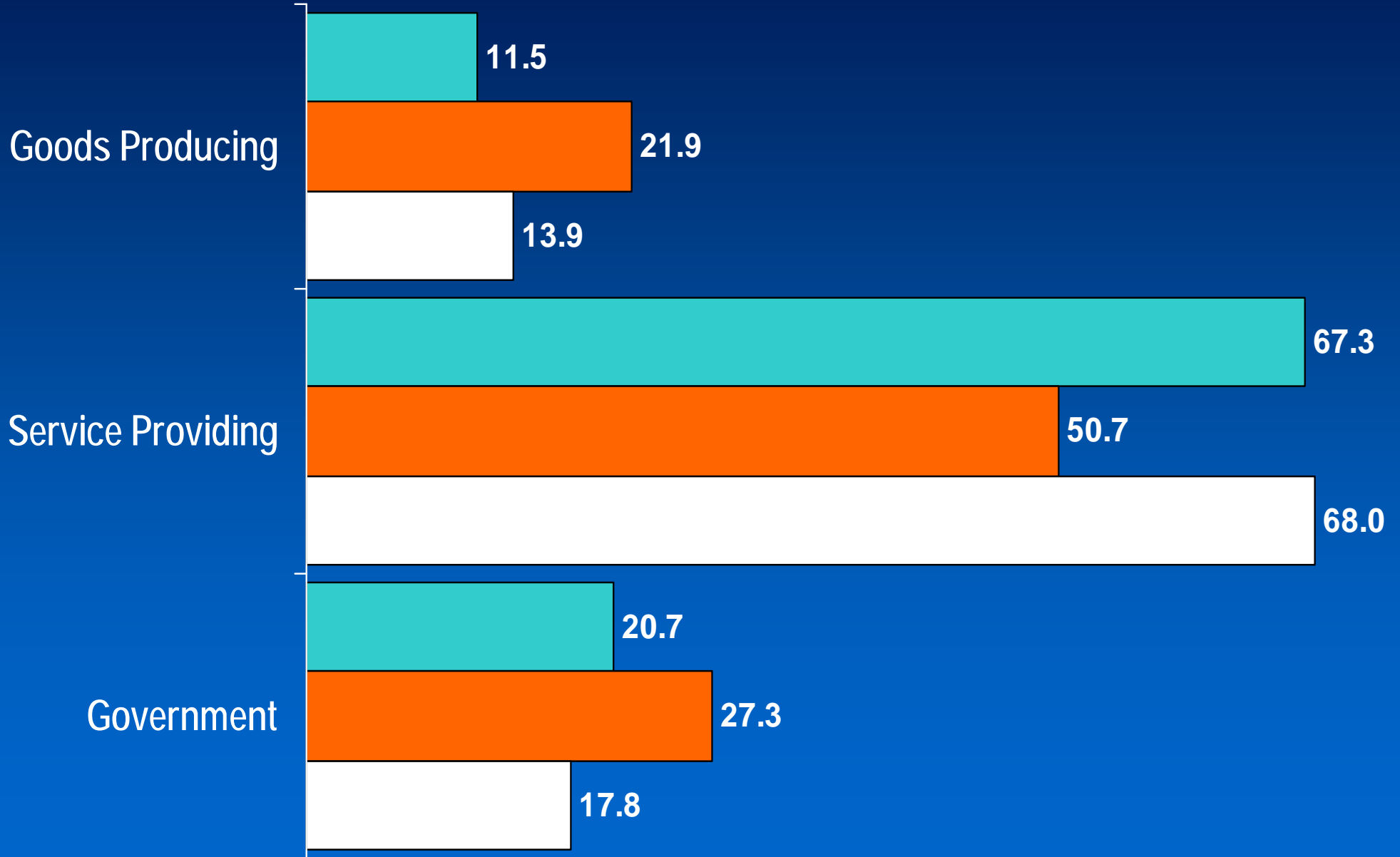
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# Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2010

■ Oconee Co.

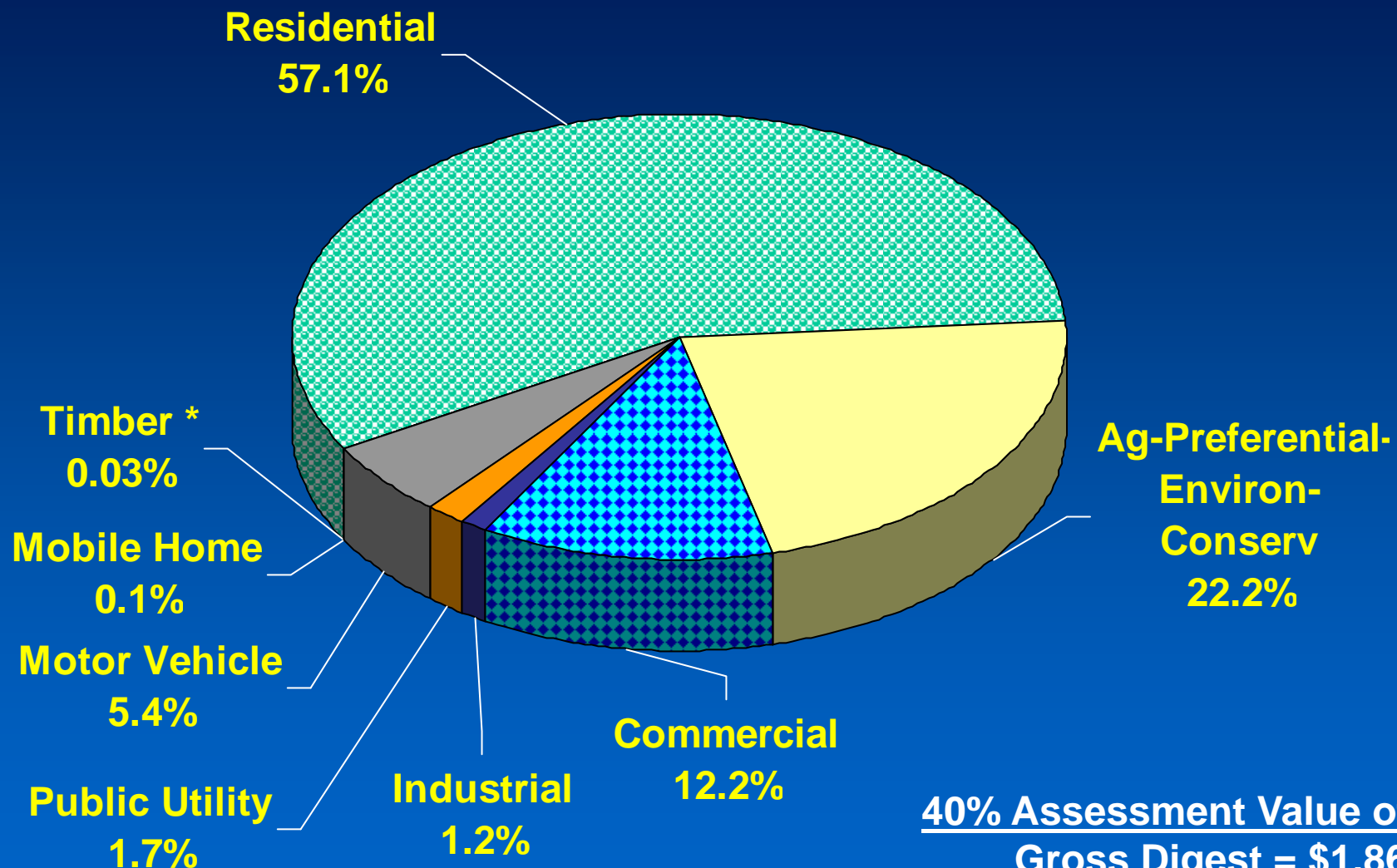
■ Avg. GA County

■ Georgia



Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/11)

# Components of 2010 Property Tax Gross Digest Oconee County



40% Assessment Value of Property

Gross Digest = \$1,866,756,420

Homestead & Property Exemptions = \$320,952,398

Net M&O Digest = \$1,545,804,022

Value of exempt property = \$140,748,364

\* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

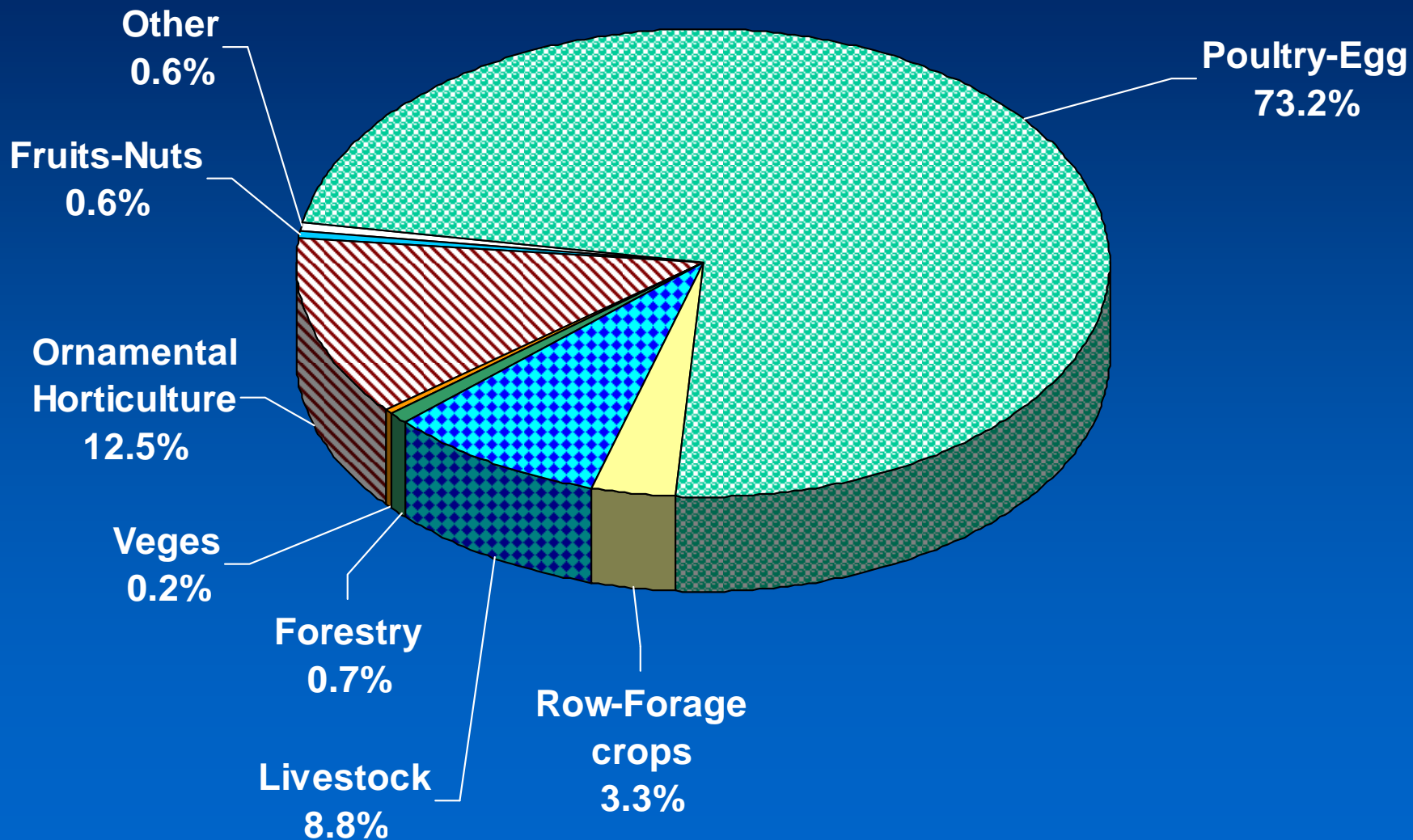
# Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

County	2010 County-wide Millage*	2009 Taxes Levied* (\$000)	Sales Tax Rate as of 10/2011	LOST Type* as of 10/2011
OCONEE	24.436	\$40,217	3	LSE
BARROW	29.088	\$51,938	3	LSE
CLARKE	33.950	\$121,179	3	LSE
GREENE	16.170	\$28,738	3	LSE
MORGAN	22.393	\$22,129	3	LSE
OGLETHORPE	27.302	\$11,356	3	LSE
WALTON	32.082	\$89,627	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

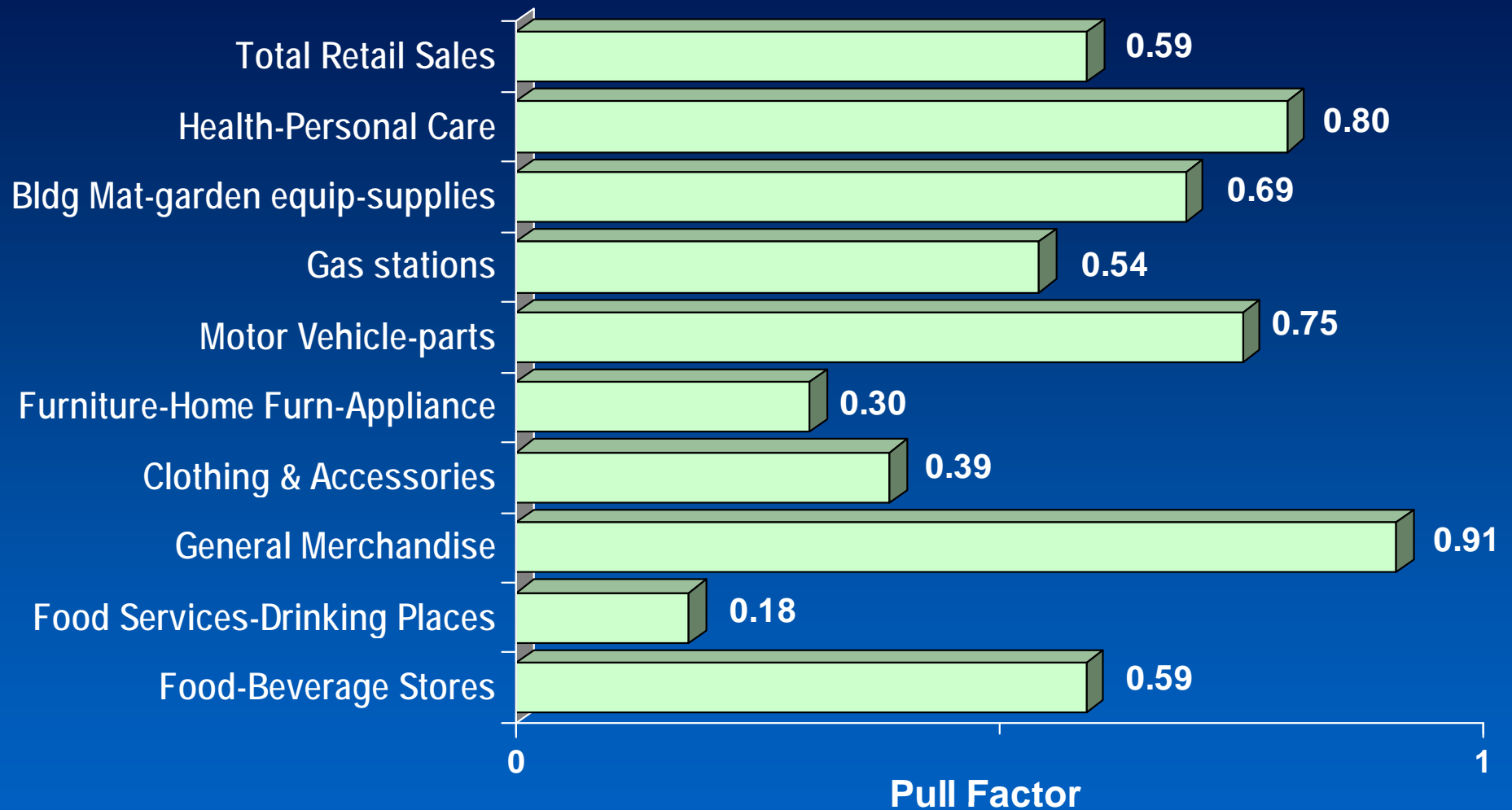
# Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2009

## Oconee Co. Total Value = \$112,311,013



# Retail Sales Analysis: 2008

Oconee Co. Total Retail Sales = \$397,644,000

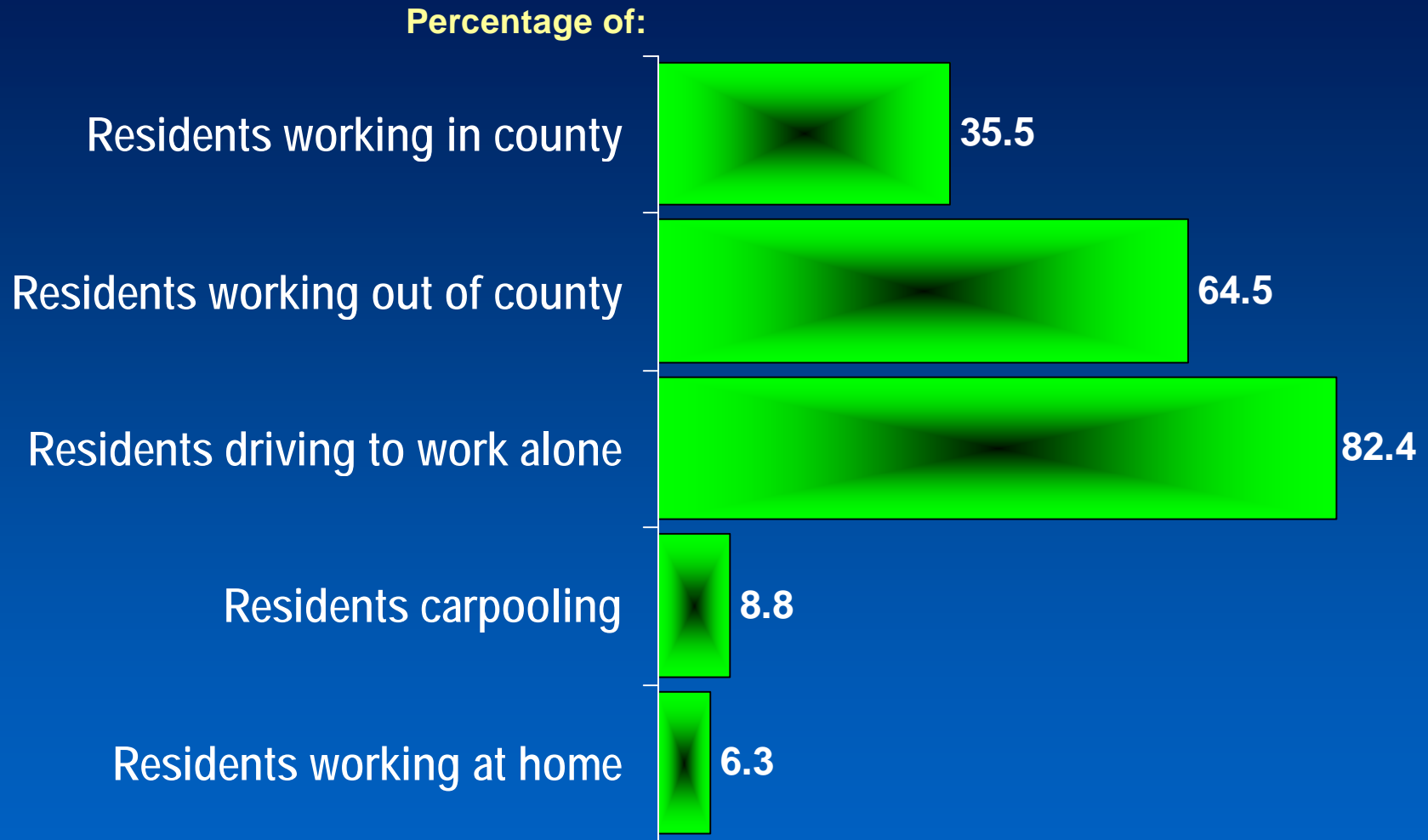


A “pull factor” of 1.0 means that the county’s sales are what would be expected based upon the number of residents and their relative wealth.

Primary data sources: “Demographics USA, County Edition, 2008;” pull factor calculations by Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development.

# Commuting to Work: 2005-2009

## 5 Yr. Average – American Community Survey



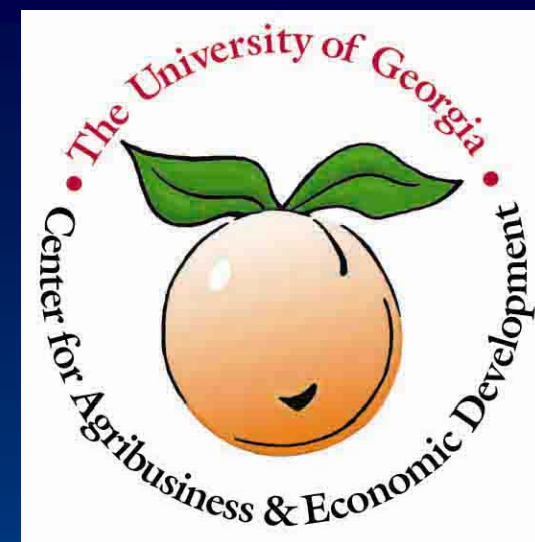
**Resident workers 16+ = 15,241**  
**Residents working in county = 5,408**  
**Residents working out of county = 9,833**

**Travel time to work for residents not working at home:**  
**< 20 min. = 53.2%**  
**20-44 min. = 37.2%**  
**45+ min. = 9.7%**

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

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