

# Twiggs County Community Profile

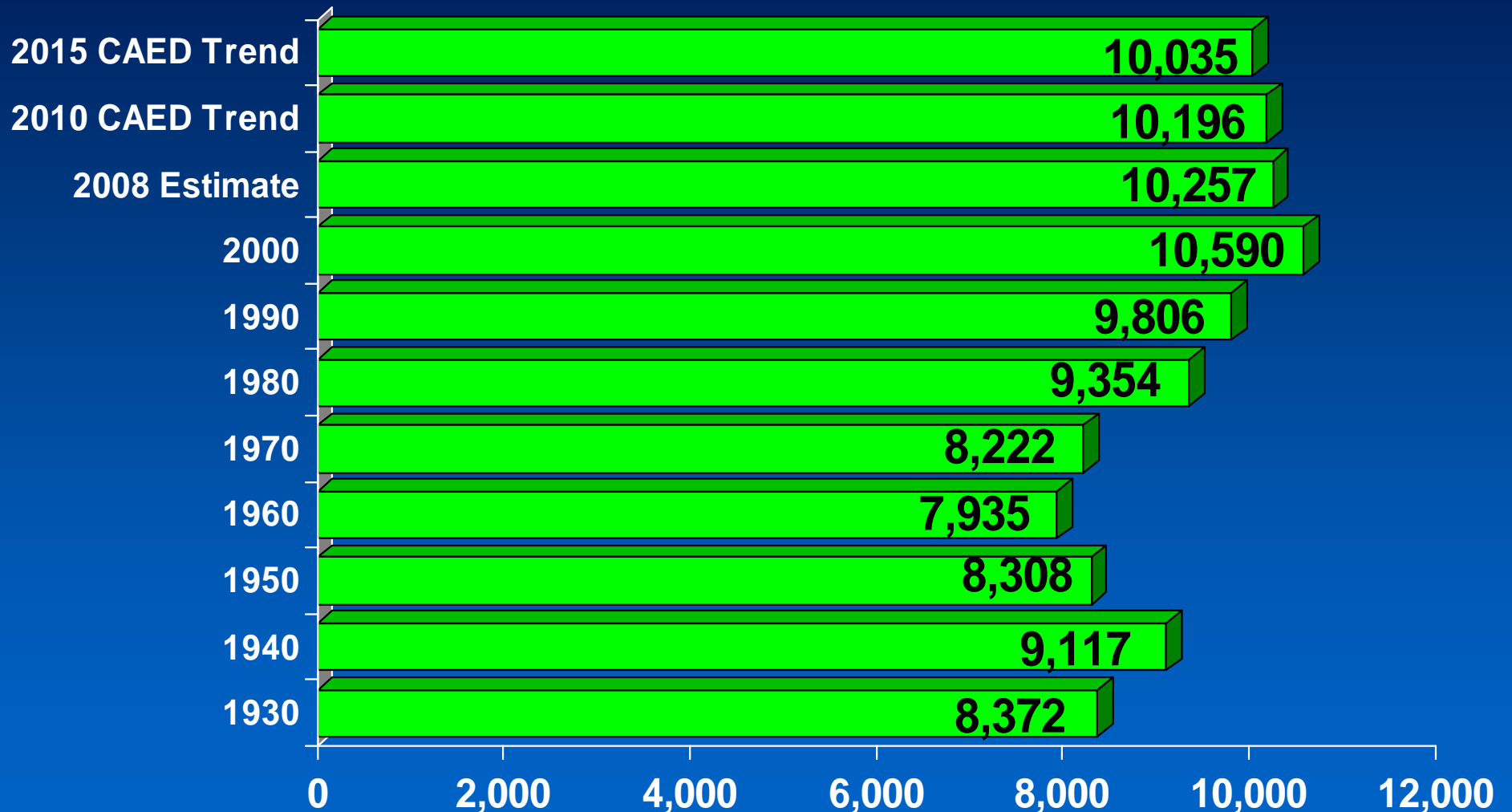


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**37th in order of  
county creation  
December 14, 1809**

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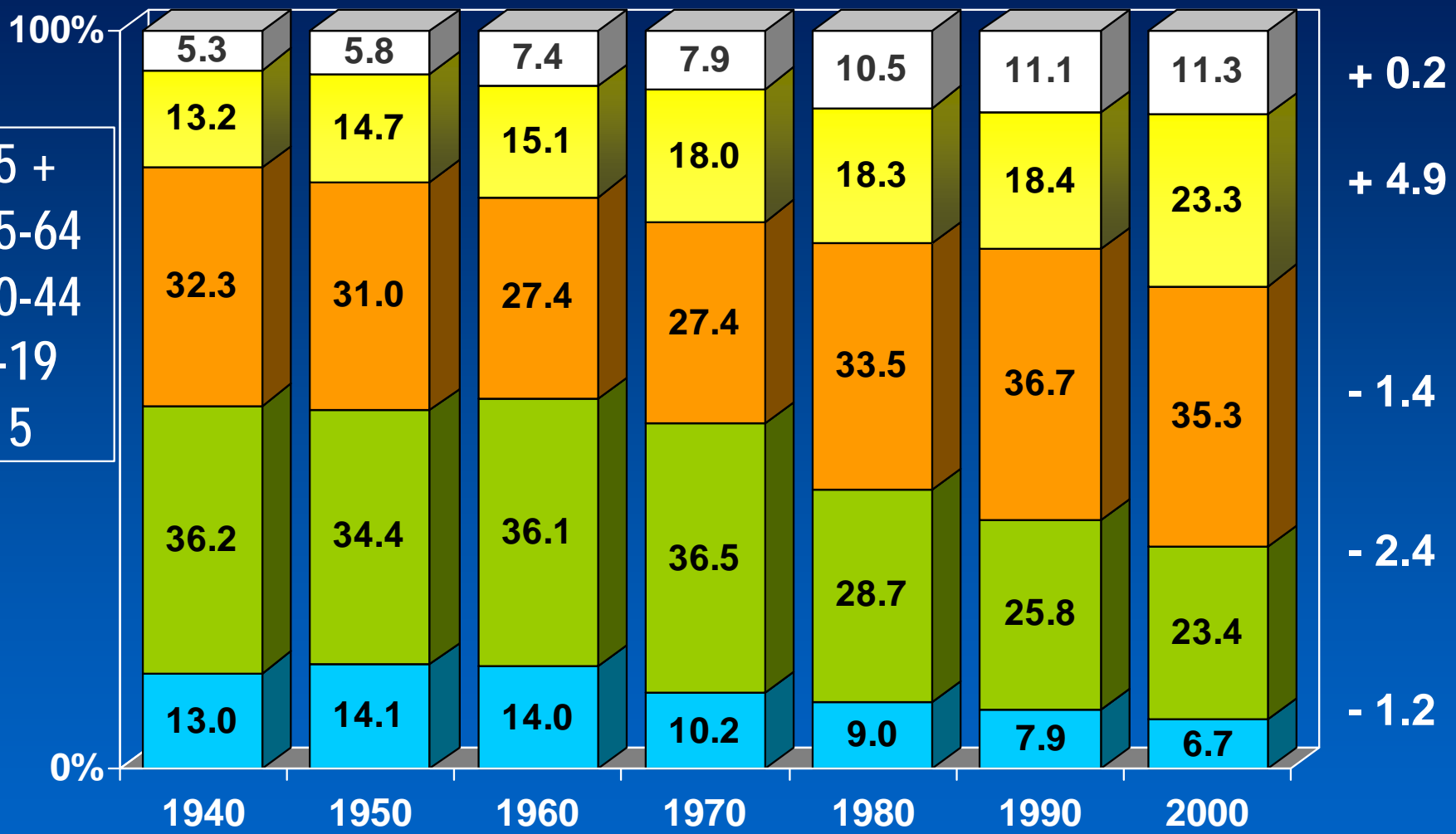
# Total Population Twiggs County



Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; CAED TREND revised 3/09 (Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development).

# Population Composition by Age Twiggs County

Change in  
proportion  
1990-2000



2008 Estimated Median Age

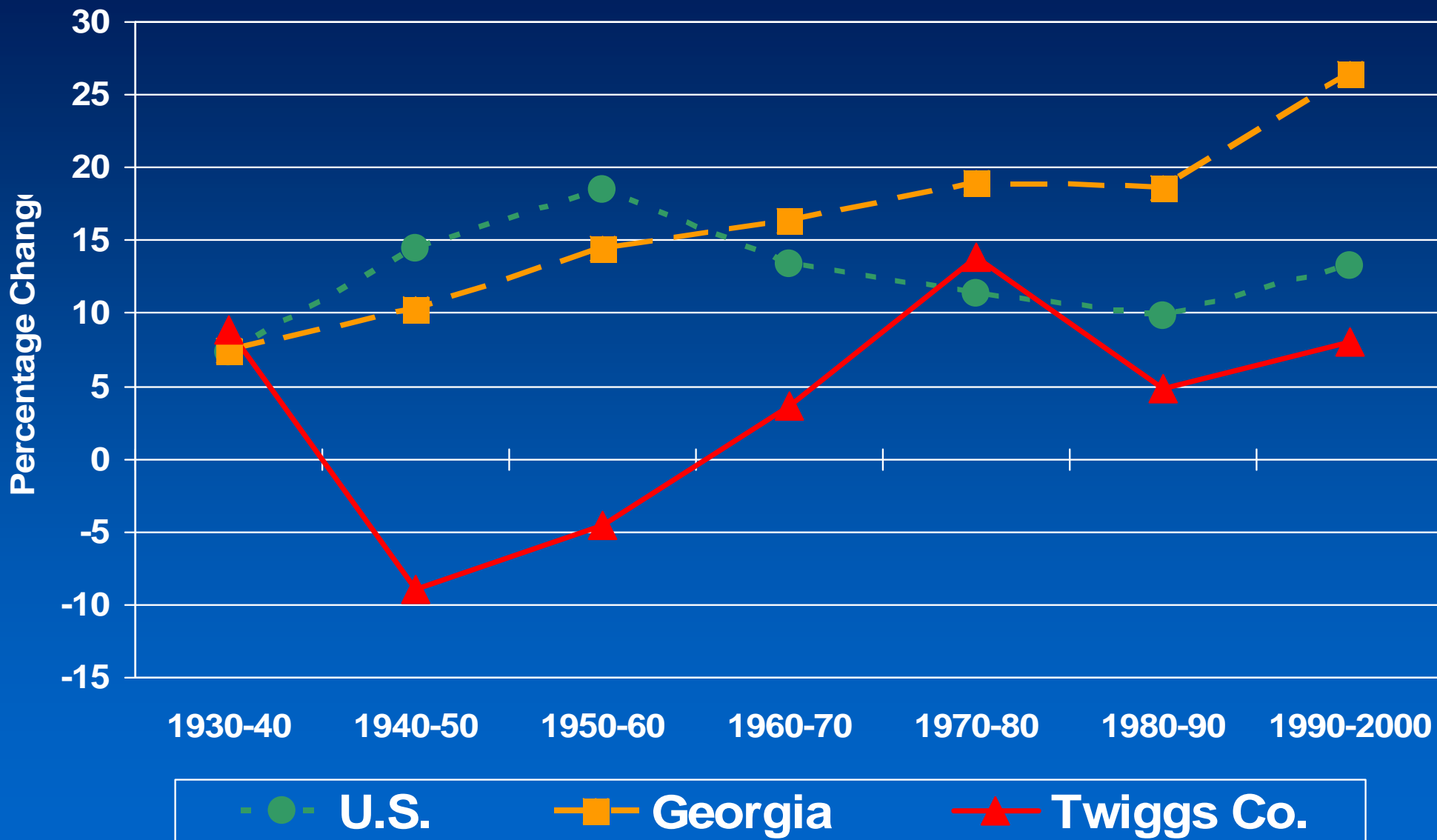
Twiggs Co. = 38.9 yrs.

GA = 34.9 yrs.

# 2008 County Population Comparisons

County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2000-08	Rank of % Chg.
TWIGGS	10,257	127	28.5	-3.1	142
BIBB	155,216	13	621.0	0.9	118
BLECKLEY	12,683	113	58.3	8.7	73
HOUSTON	133,161	14	353.4	20.2	32
JONES	27,542	64	69.9	16.5	40
LAURENS	47,848	41	58.9	6.6	86
WILKINSON	10,026	129	22.5	-1.9	136

# Population Change: 1930-2000



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

# Components of Population Change

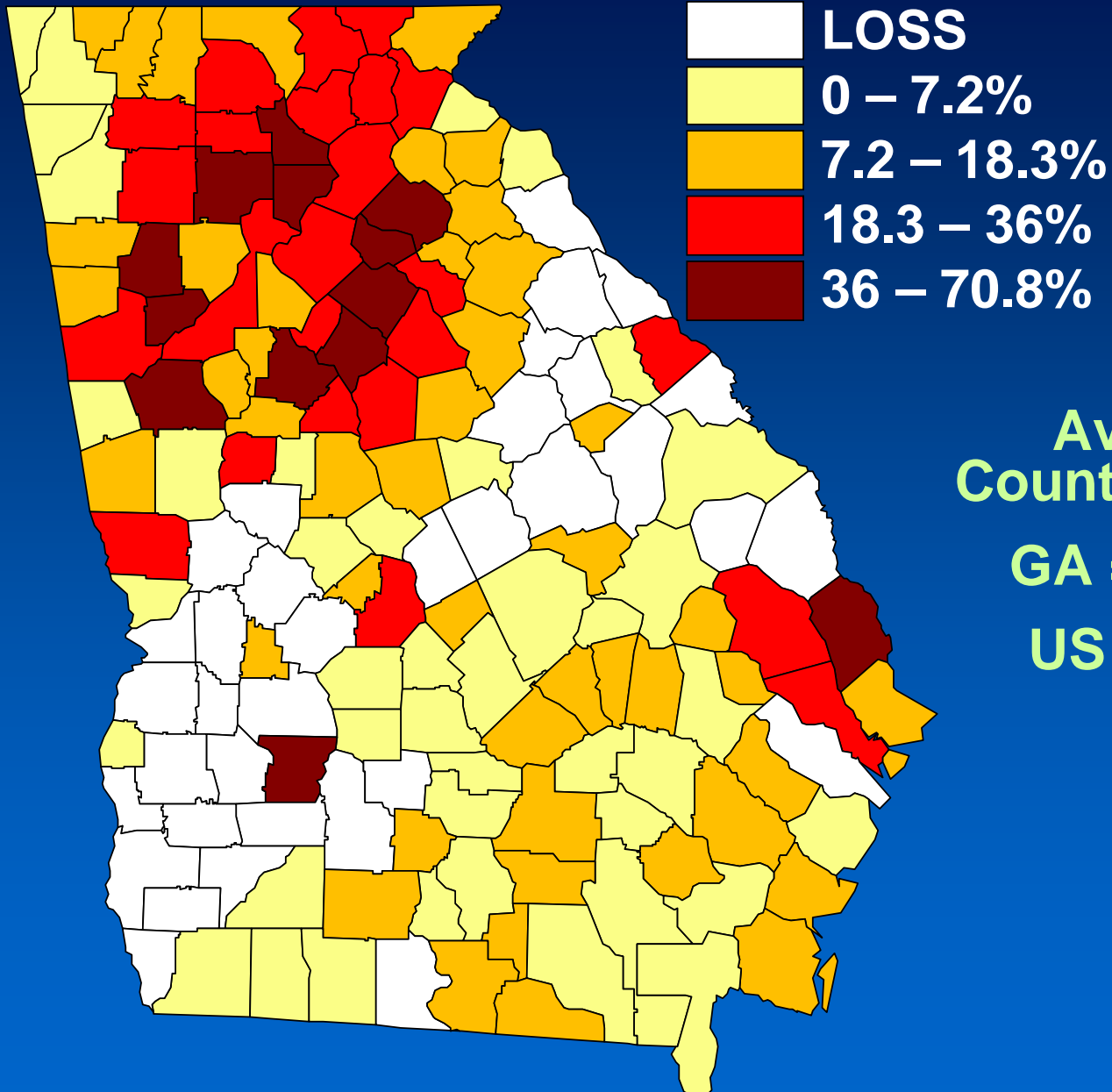
## Natural Increase & Net Migration\*

Area	2000-2008 Numerical Change*	2000-2008 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)	2000-2008 # Net Migration	2007-08 1-yr Natural Increase Rate	2007-08 1 yr Net Migration Rate
TWIGGS	-333	168	-454	1.4	-2.0
BIBB	1,329	6,946	-4,976	6.1	-4.0
BLECKLEY	1,017	200	908	3.1	2.3
HOUSTON	22,396	8,232	14,524	8.2	8.3
JONES	3,903	963	3,015	2.3	11.2
LAURENS	2,974	1,726	1,473	4.6	4.9
WILKINSON	-194	455	-611	6.9	-11.0
Avg. County	9,427	3,806	4,941	5.3	5.9
GEORGIA	1,498,932	605,129	785,691	8.3	8.7

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

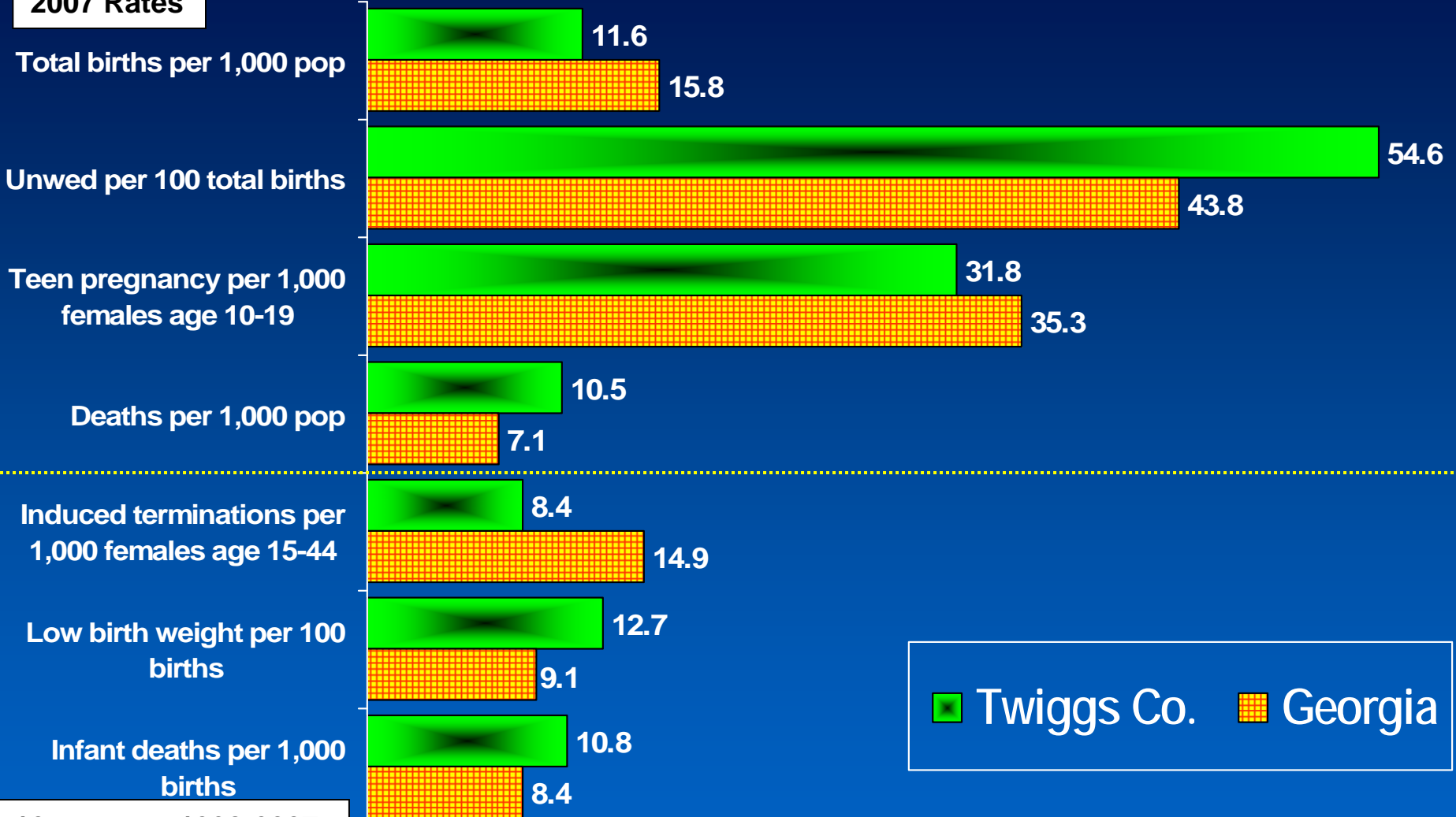
Primary data source:  
U. S. Census Bureau (3/09)

# Population Change: 2000-2008



# Selected Vital Statistics

## 2007 Rates



■ Twiggs Co.   
 ■ Georgia

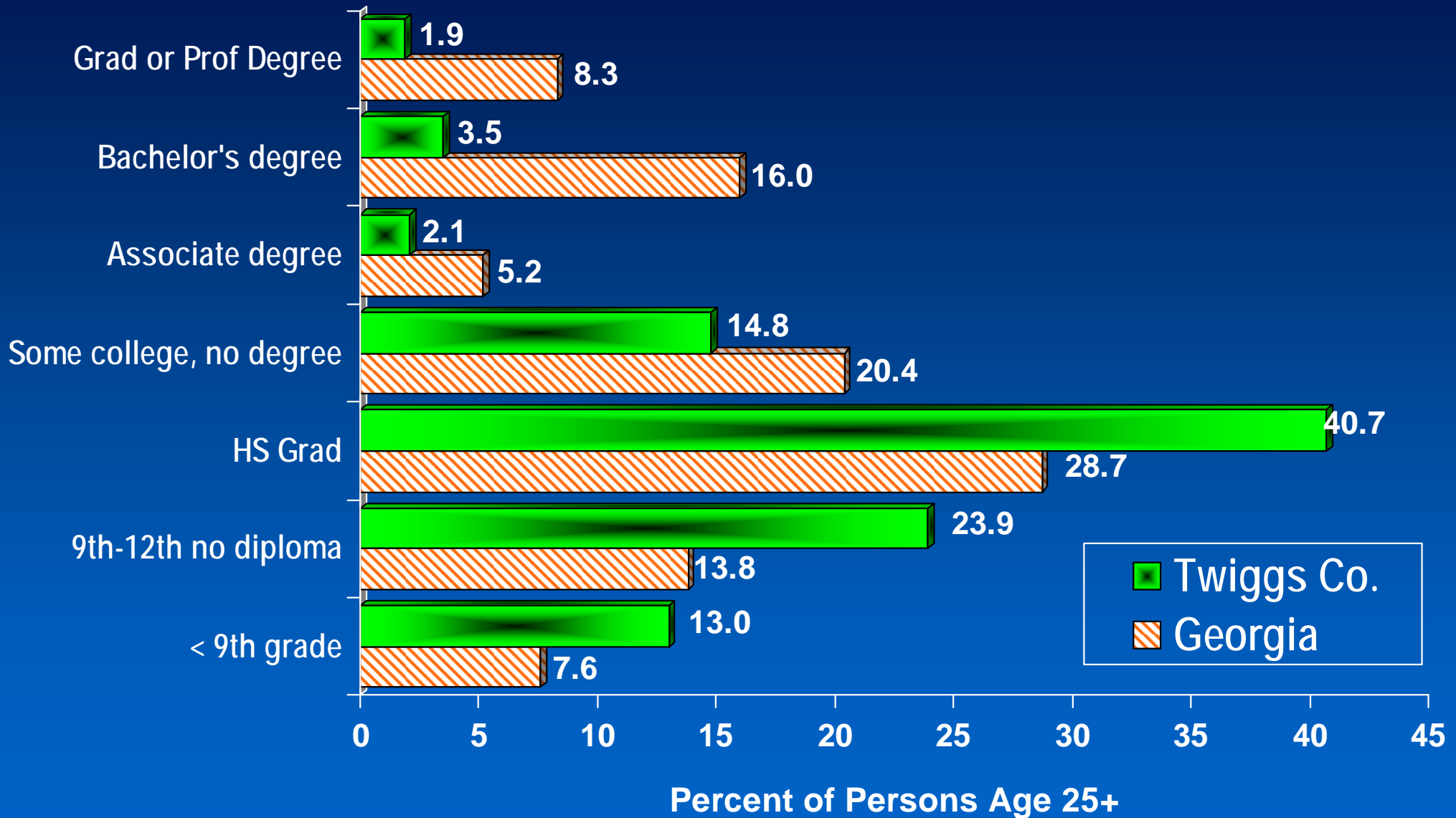
## 10-yr. rates 1998-2007

2007 Twiggs Co. Natality Data  
 119 total births, 65 unwed births  
 17 induced terminations  
 22 teen pregnancies  
 11 low birth weight babies

2007 Twiggs Co. Mortality Data  
 108 total deaths  
 2 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS

# Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000



**Twiggs Co.**

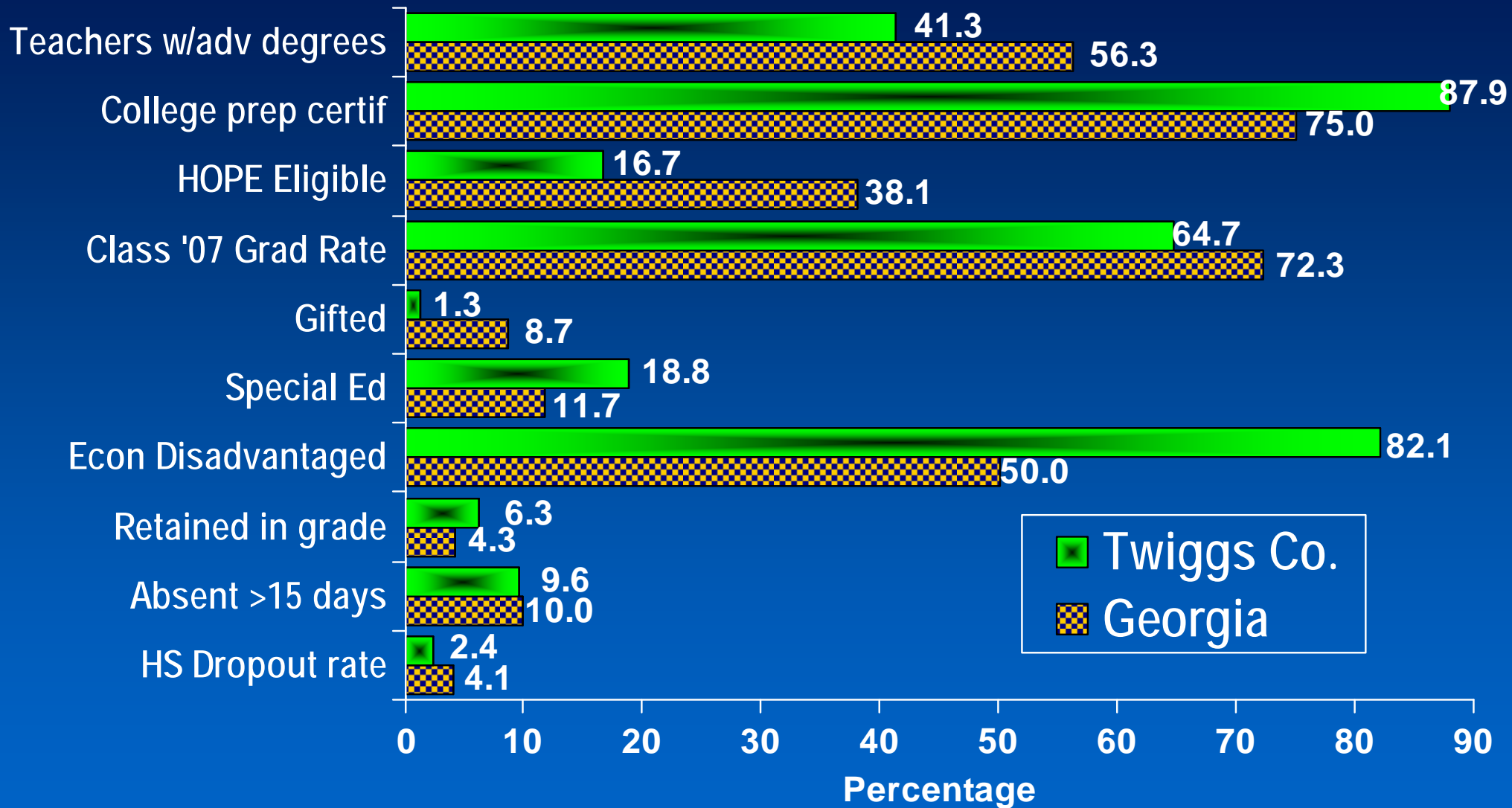
**Not completing HS = 36.8%**

**With a bachelor's + degree = 5.4%**

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Selected Public School Statistics

## School Year 2006-07



■ Twigg's Co.  
■ Georgia

Twigg's Co.

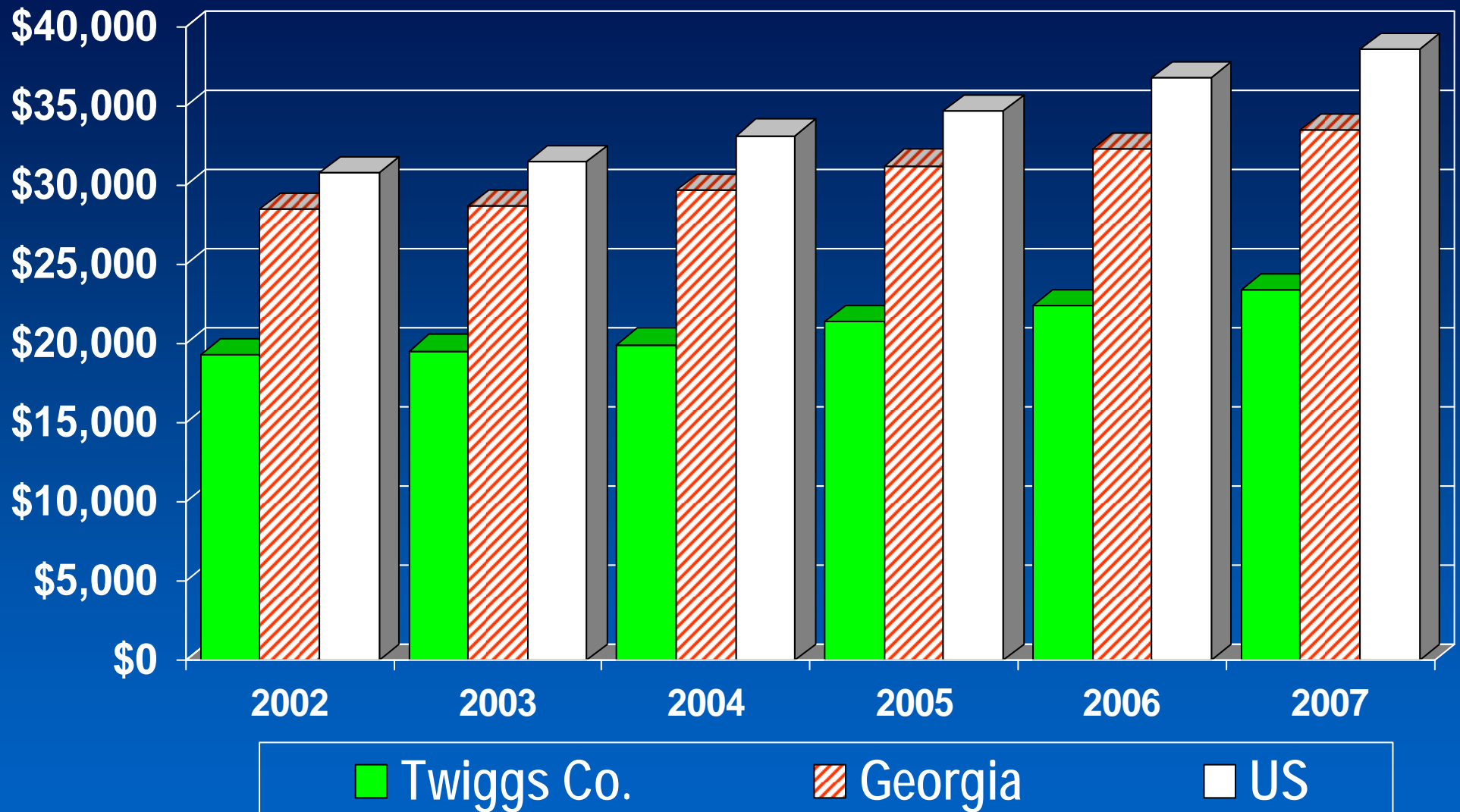
K12 enrollment = 1,152

HS dropouts = 10

Primary data source:  
 Governor's Office of Student Achievement

General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$8,365

# Per Capita Income: 2002-2007

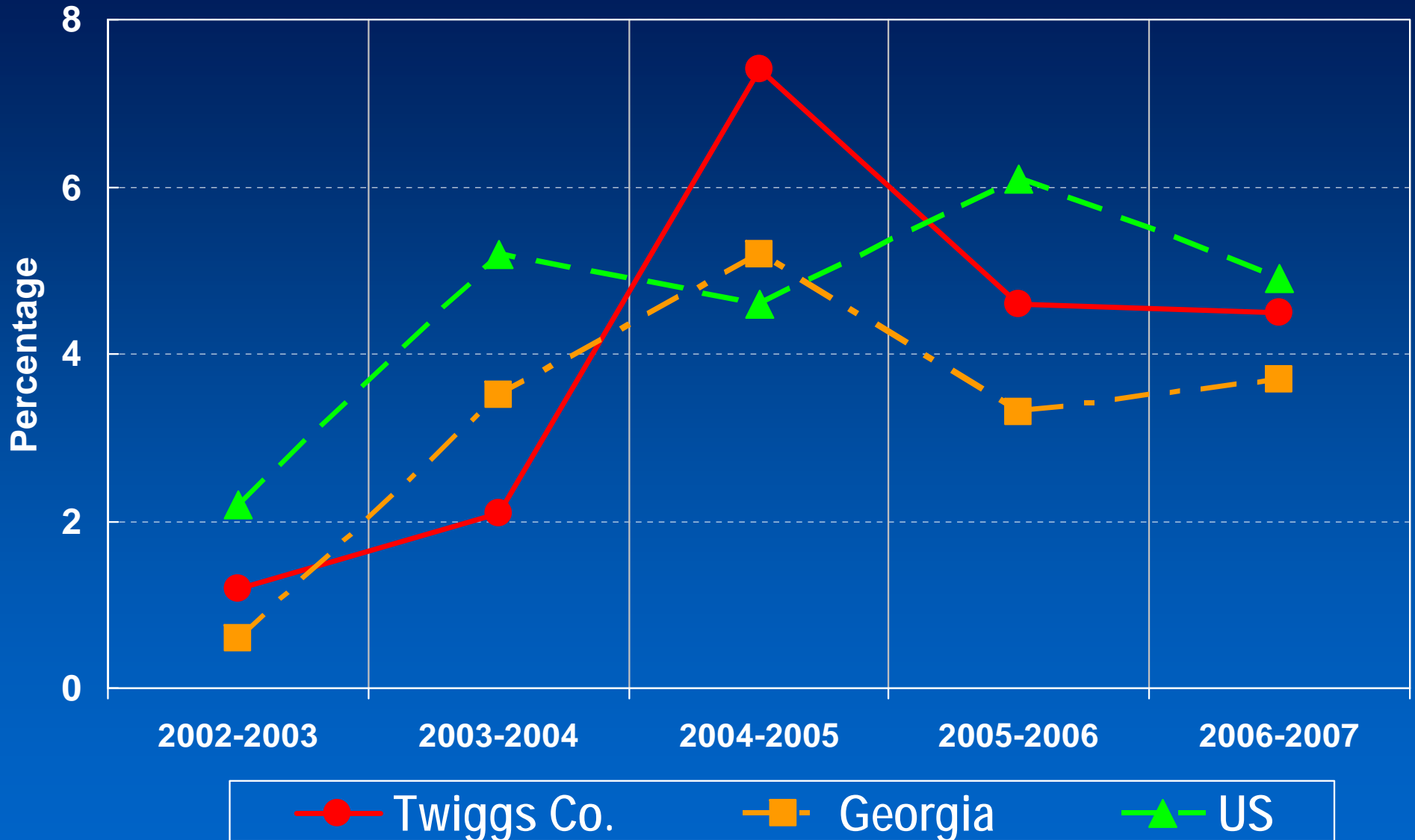


**2007 PCI**  
**Twiggs Co. = \$23,432**

**Georgia = \$33,499**  
**US = \$38,615**

# Per Capita Income: 2002-2007

## Percentage Change

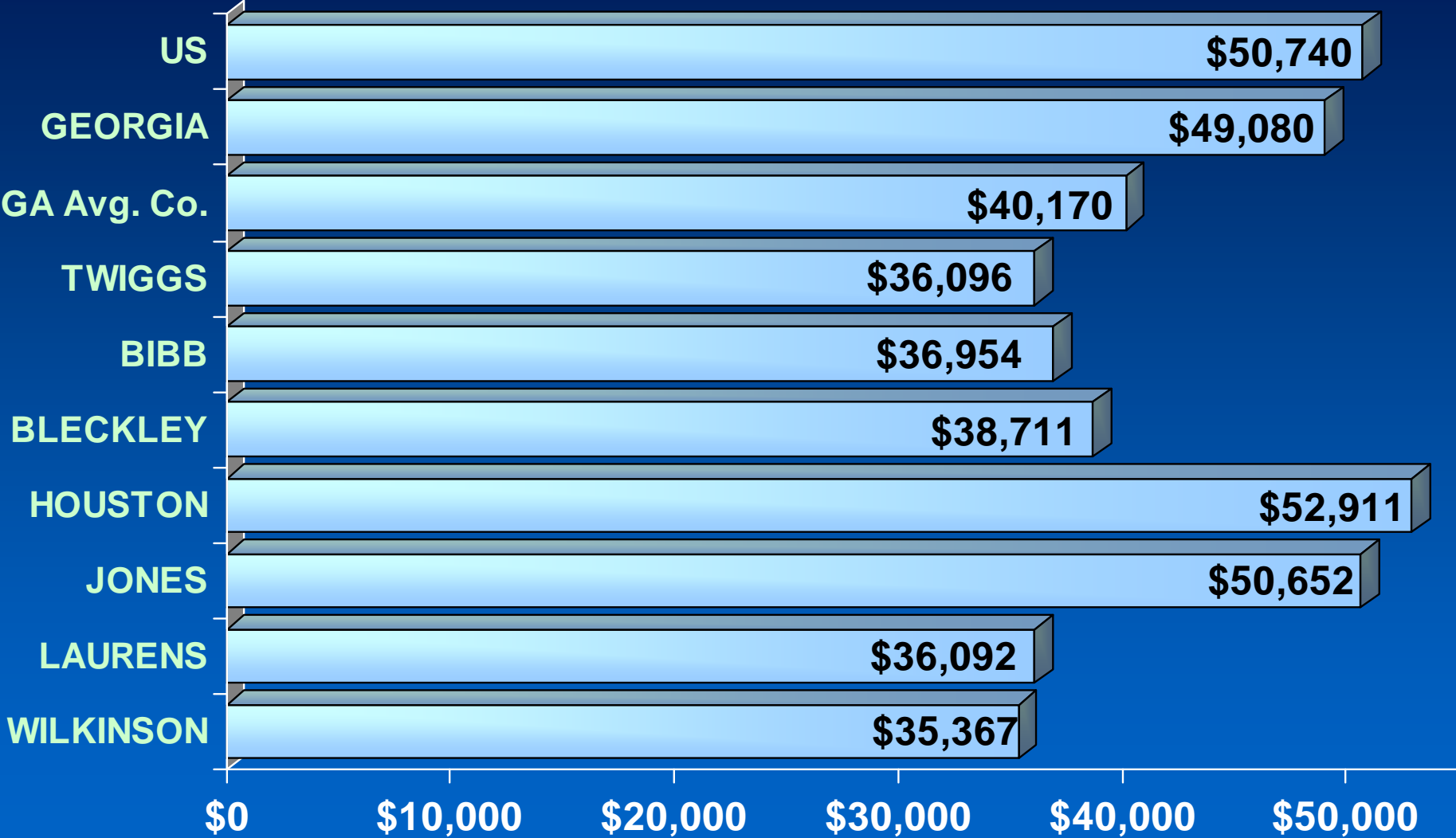


# Per Capita Income: 2007

County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 2002-2007
TWIGGS	\$23,432	109	69.9	21.3
BIBB	\$32,701	16	97.6	10.5
BLECKLEY	\$25,472	77	76.0	7.8
HOUSTON	\$30,572	26	91.3	15.6
JONES	\$29,354	30	87.6	23.5
LAURENS	\$26,487	60	79.1	17.2
WILKINSON	\$23,491	107	70.1	13.7
GA Avg. Co.	\$26,299	--	78.5	17.1

# Median Household Income

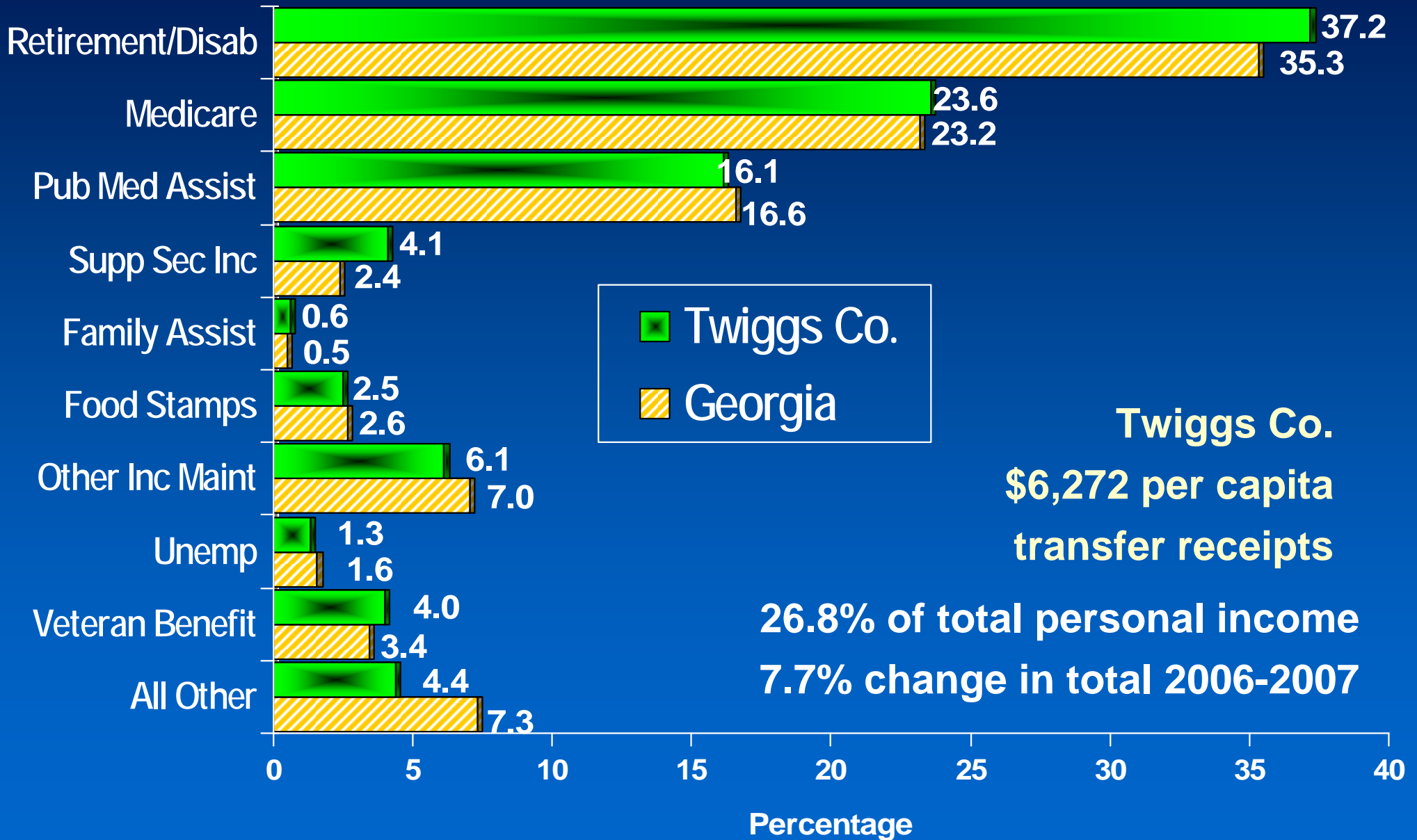
## 2007 Model-Based Estimates



Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/08)

# Transfer Receipts: 2007

## Twiggs Co. Total = \$64,355,000



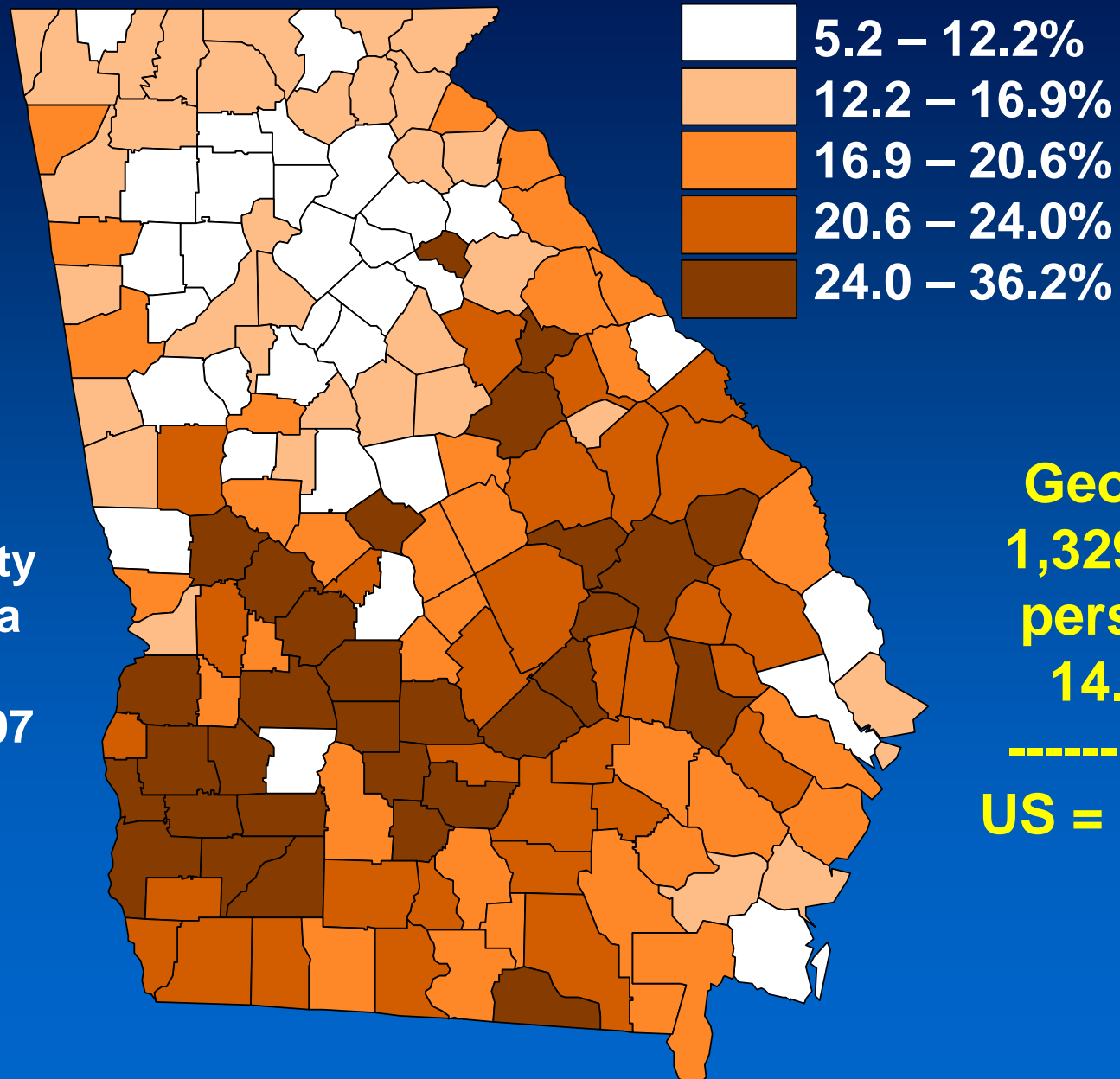
# Persons Living Below Poverty Level

## 2007 Model-Based Estimates

County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
TWIGGS	1,965	19.5	88
BIBB	36,034	24.2	129
BLECKLEY	1,996	18.0	75
HOUSTON	14,497	11.3	22
JONES	3,267	12.2	32
LAURENS	10,565	23.0	119
WILKINSON	1,783	17.9	73
GA Avg. Co.	8,359	18.6	--

# Persons Living Below the Poverty Level

## 2007 Model-Based Estimates



Weighted  
average poverty  
threshold for a  
family of 4  
persons in 2007  
= \$21,203

**Georgia**  
**1,329,161**  
**persons**  
**14.3%**  
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**US = 13.0%**

# Unemployment Rates



**2008 Rates**

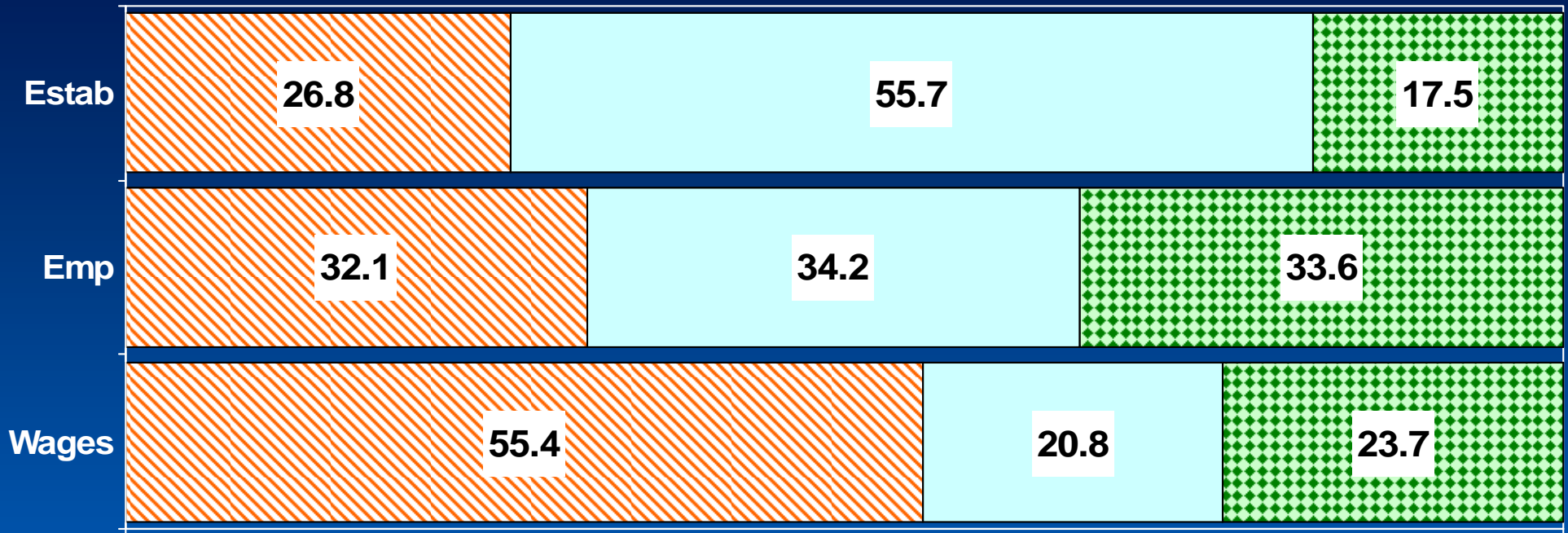
**Twiggs Co. = 6.9**

**GA = 6.2**

**US = 5.8**

**Avg. GA County = 6.9**

# Business Establishments, Employment and Wages Twiggs 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 = 97    Monthly Employment = 1,073    Weekly Wage = \$696

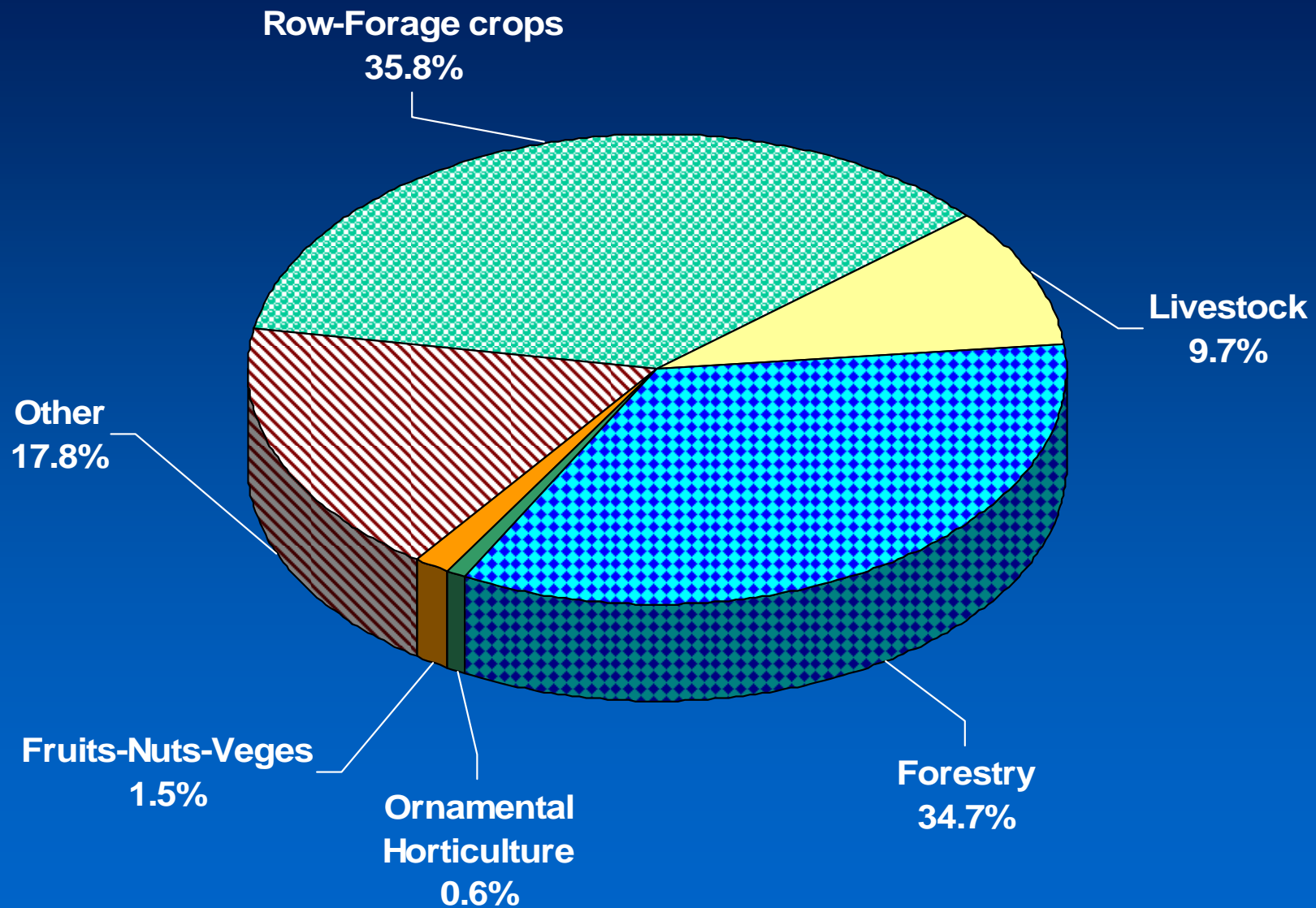
# Selected Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2008



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

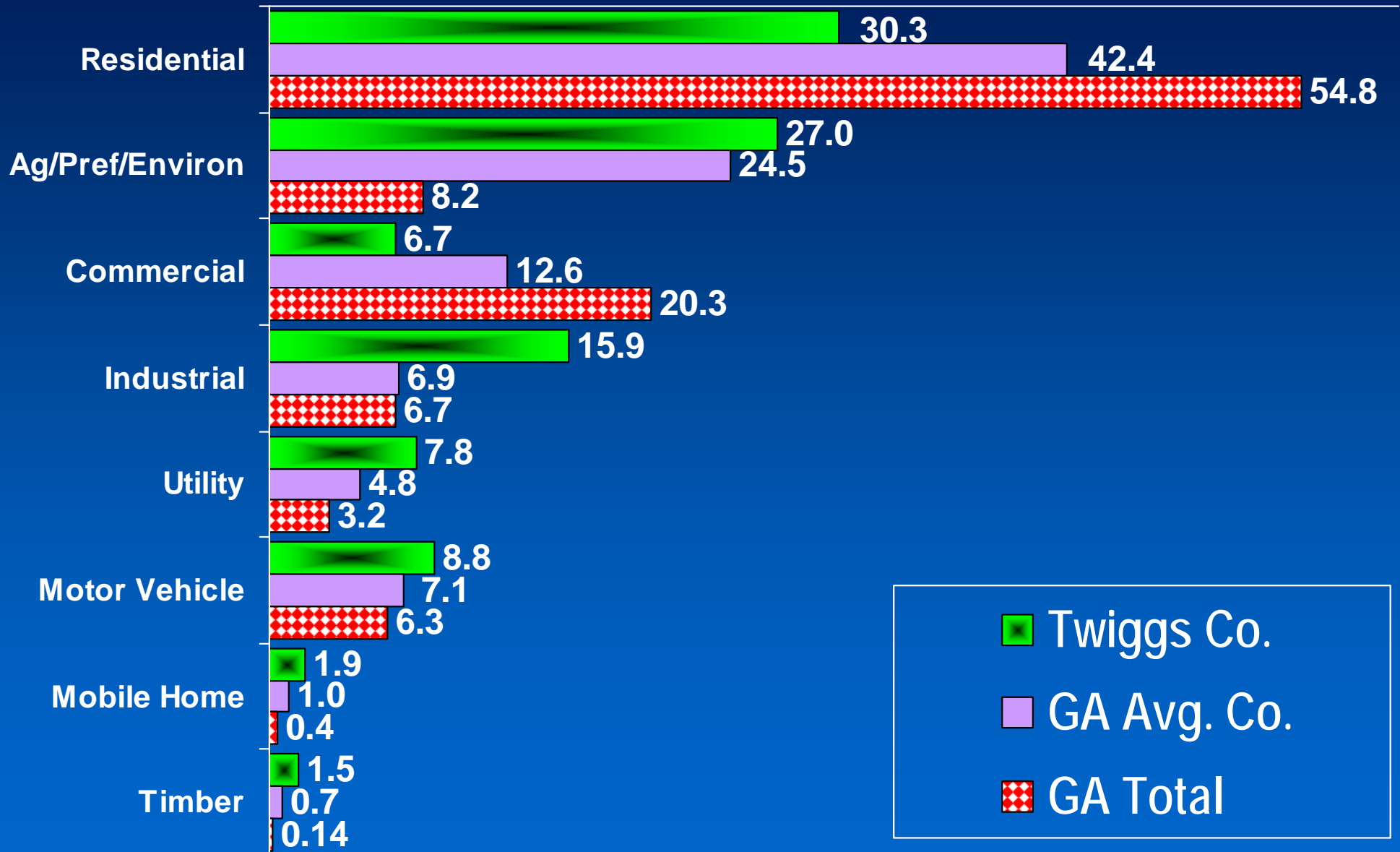
# Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2008

## Twiggs Co. Total Value = \$15,466,392



# Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2008

## Twiggs Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = \$221,053,156



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
TWIGGS	30.3	27.0	6.7	15.9	7.8	8.8	1.9	1.5
BIBB	46.2	1.3	31.8	9.7	2.7	8.1	0.1	0.02
BLECKLEY	43.4	27.7	11.5	3.1	2.9	9.1	1.8	0.5
HOUSTON	59.2	5.4	21.0	3.4	2.4	8.1	0.4	0.05
JONES	54.7	19.4	8.7	1.7	5.4	8.8	0.7	0.5
LAURENS	35.0	16.2	18.4	16.9	3.1	8.3	0.8	0.9
WILKINSON	16.8	24.0	4.9	37.3	5.7	8.2	1.2	1.9
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)

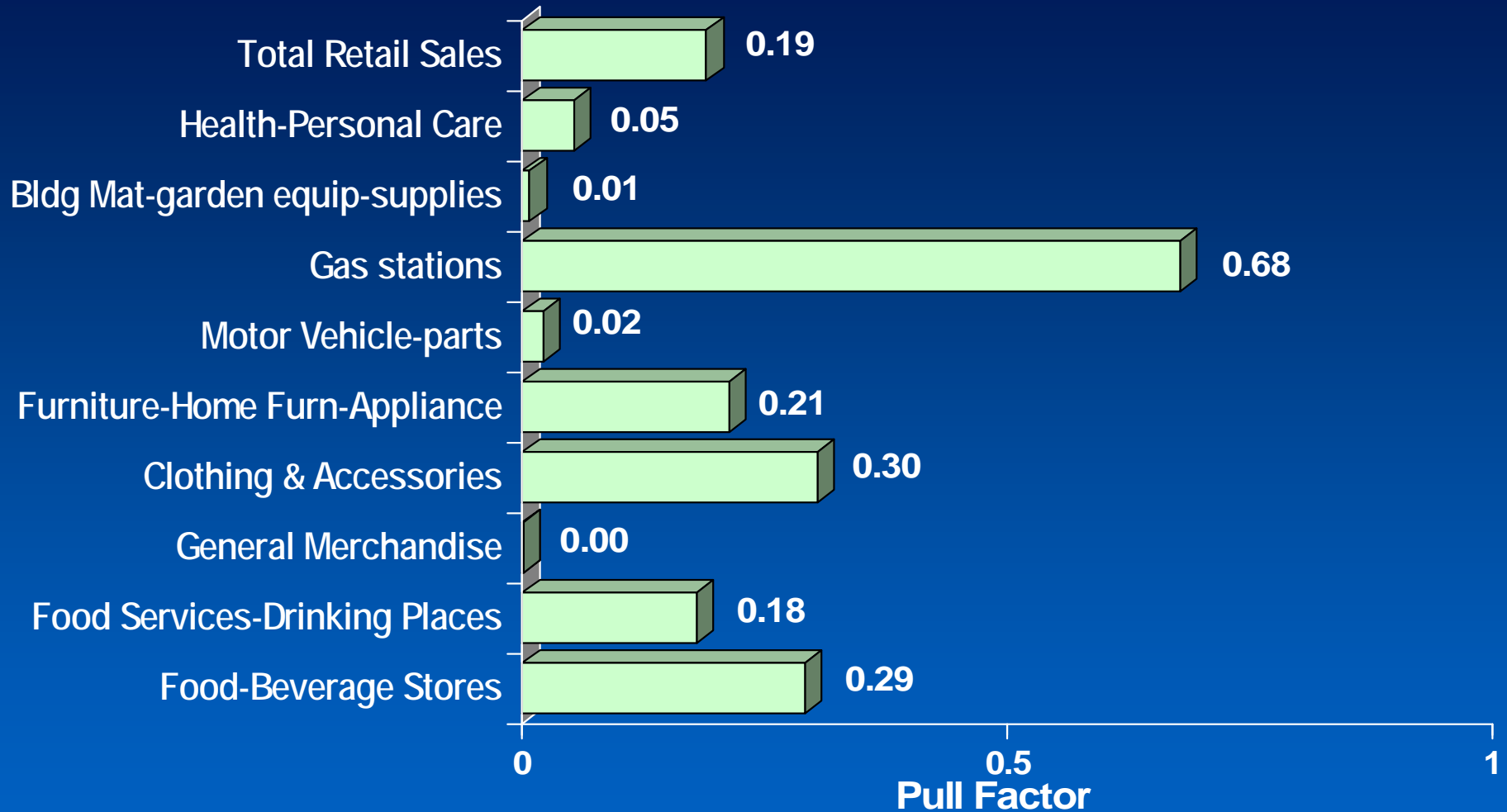
# Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

County	'08 County-wide Millage*	'08 School Millage*	'07 Taxes Levied* (\$000)	Sales Tax Rate as of 7/09	LOST Type* as of 7/09
TWIGGS	39.60	20.00	\$6,916	3	LSE
BIBB	39.13	19.80	\$148,311	2	LE
BLECKLEY	31.45	11.50	\$6,648	3	LSE
HOUSTON	24.56	12.47	\$95,534	3	LSE
JONES	35.67	16.04	\$23,403	3	LSE
LAURENS	22.68	11.94	\$27,561	3	LSE
WILKINSON	34.76	19.32	\$11,639	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

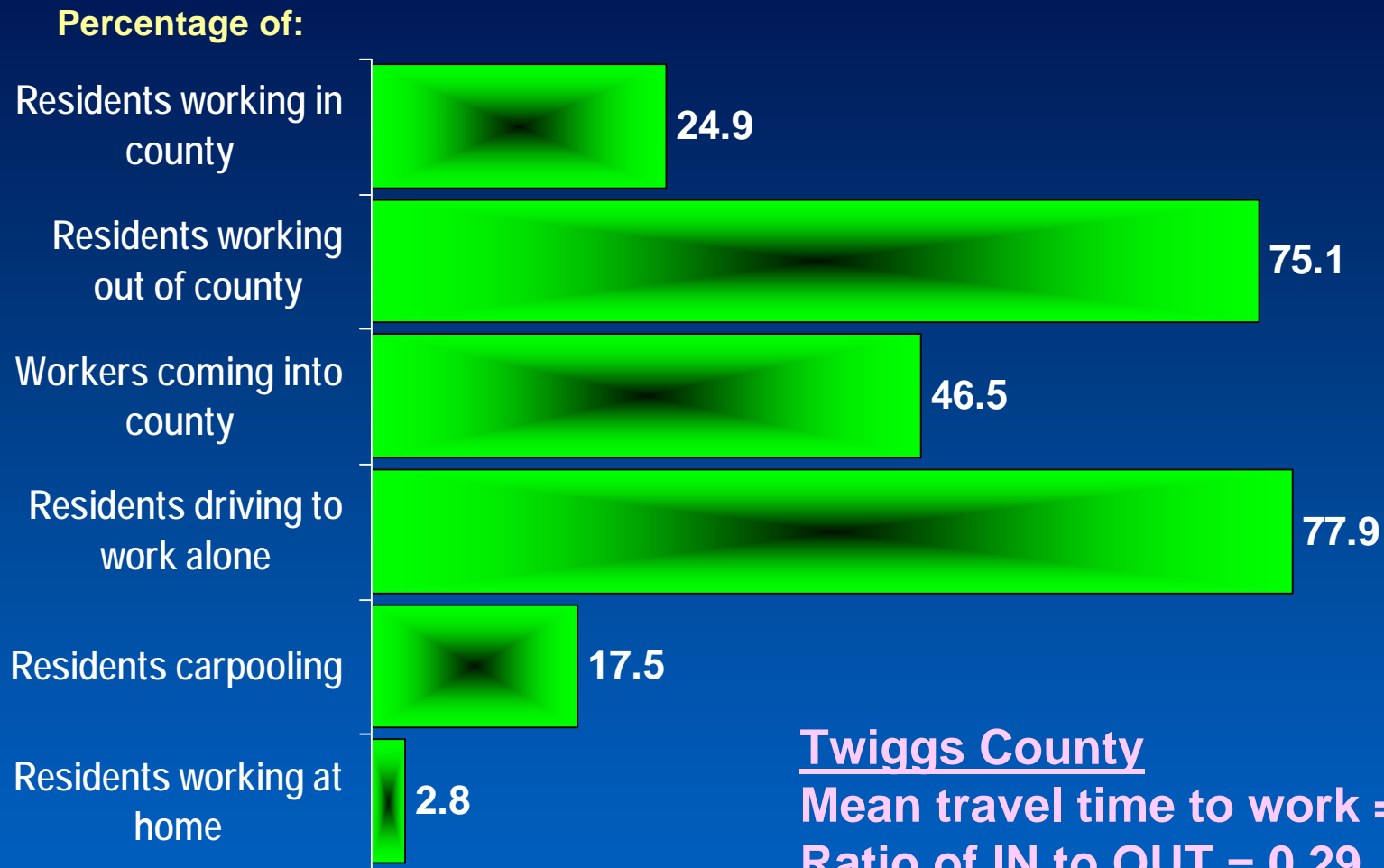
## Twiggs Co. Total Retail Sales = \$24,391,000



**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



## Twiggs County

Mean travel time to work = 29.3 min.

Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.29

Resident workers 16+ = 4,086

Residents working in county = 1,019

Residents working out of county = 3,067

Total working in county = 1,906

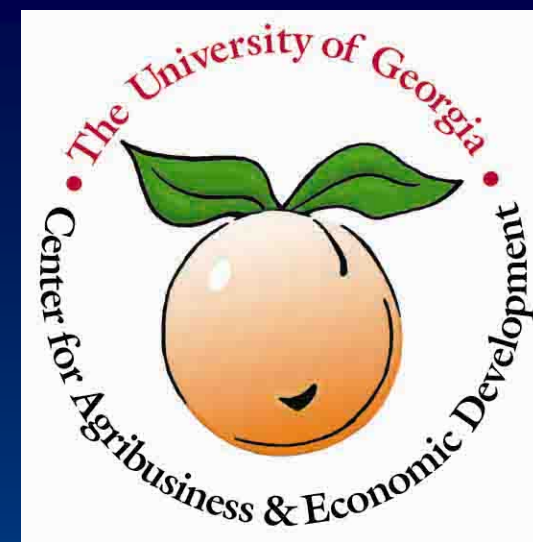
Workers commuting into county = 887

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

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