

Tift County Community Profile

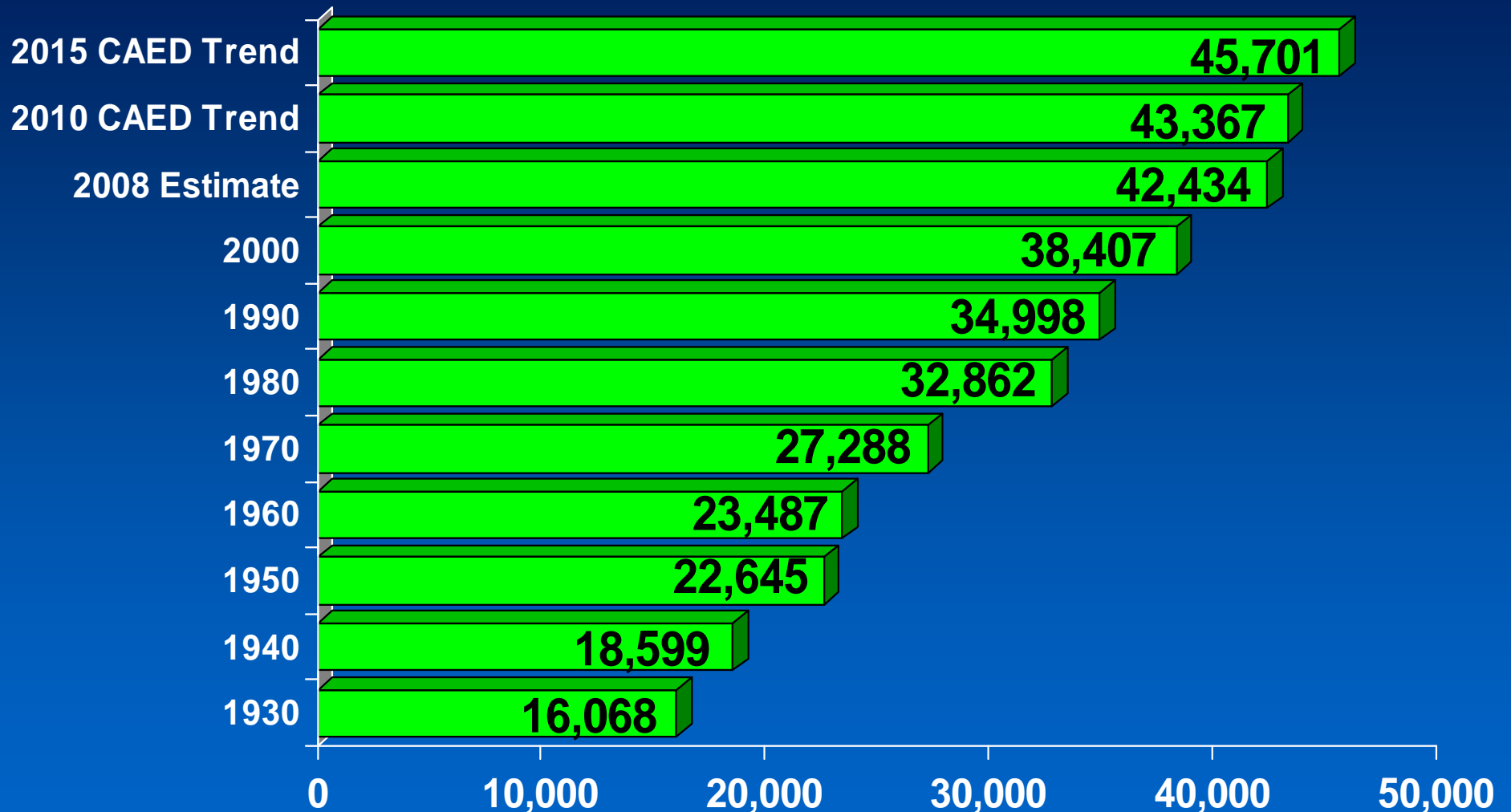


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**141st in order of
county creation
August 17, 1905**

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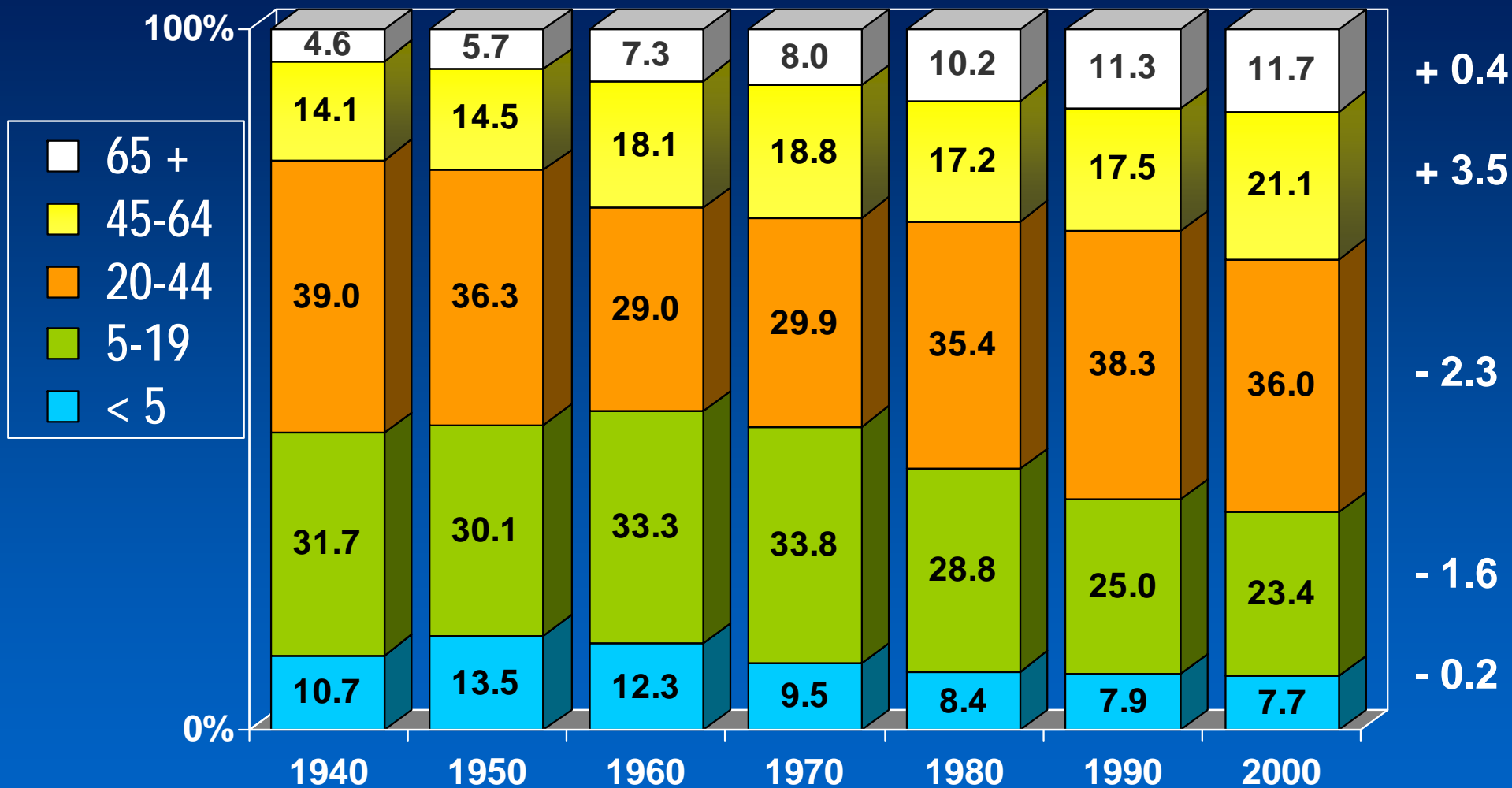
Total Population Tift County



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 Tift County

Change in proportion
1990-2000



2008 Estimated Median Age

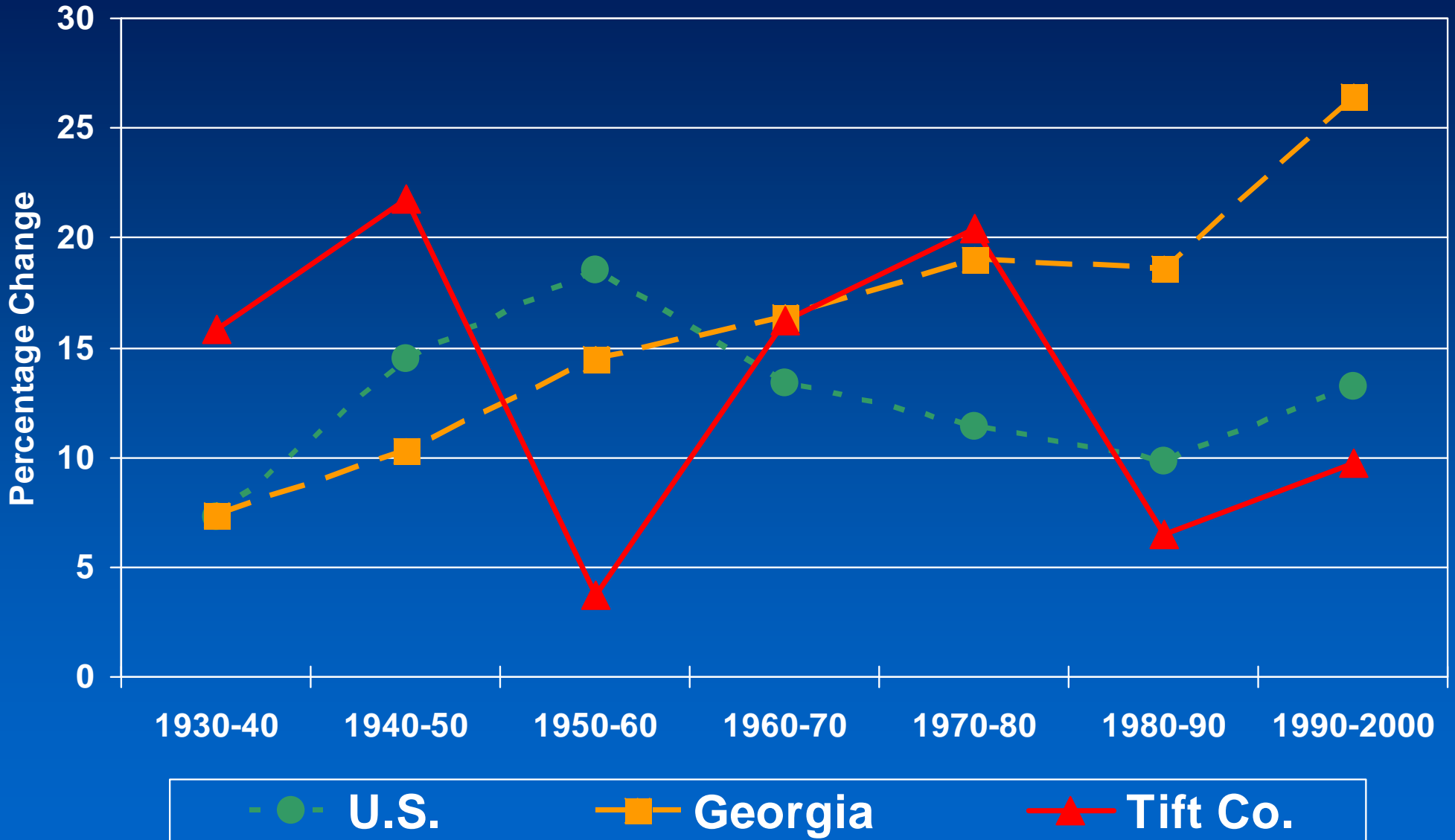
Tift Co. = 33.2 yrs.

GA = 34.9 yrs.

2008 County Population Comparisons

County	Total	Total Rank	Density per sq.mi. land area	% Chg. 2000-08	Rank of % Chg.
TIFT	42,434	47	160.1	10.5	63
BERRIEN	17,058	96	37.7	5.1	99
COLQUITT	45,279	45	82.0	7.7	81
COOK	16,608	99	72.5	5.3	96
IRWIN	10,231	128	28.7	3.0	108
TURNER	9,228	133	32.3	-2.9	139
WORTH	21,306	86	37.4	-3.2	143

Population Change: 1930-2000



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

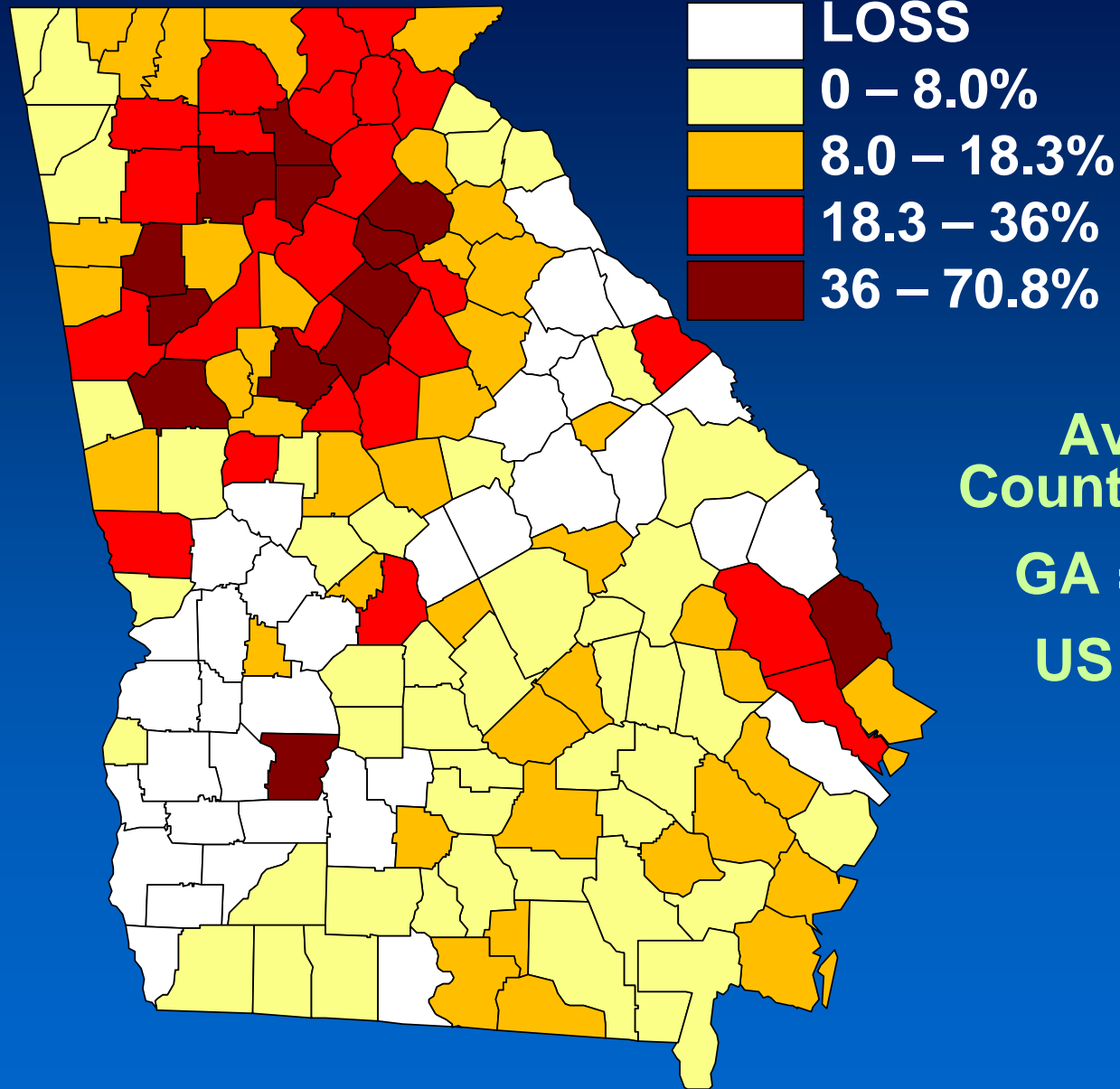
Components of Population Change

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
TIFT	4,044	2,461	1,825	7.7	3.0
BERRIEN	823	687	241	6.3	16.1
COLQUITT	3,241	2,236	1,246	6.3	7.8
COOK	837	633	297	5.3	6.1
IRWIN	300	111	240	1.8	30.6
TURNER	-276	399	-623	5.5	-10.7
WORTH	-694	541	-1,123	1.4	1.1
Avg. County	9,427	3,806	4,941	5.3	5.9
GEORGIA	1,498,932	605,129	785,691	8.3	8.7

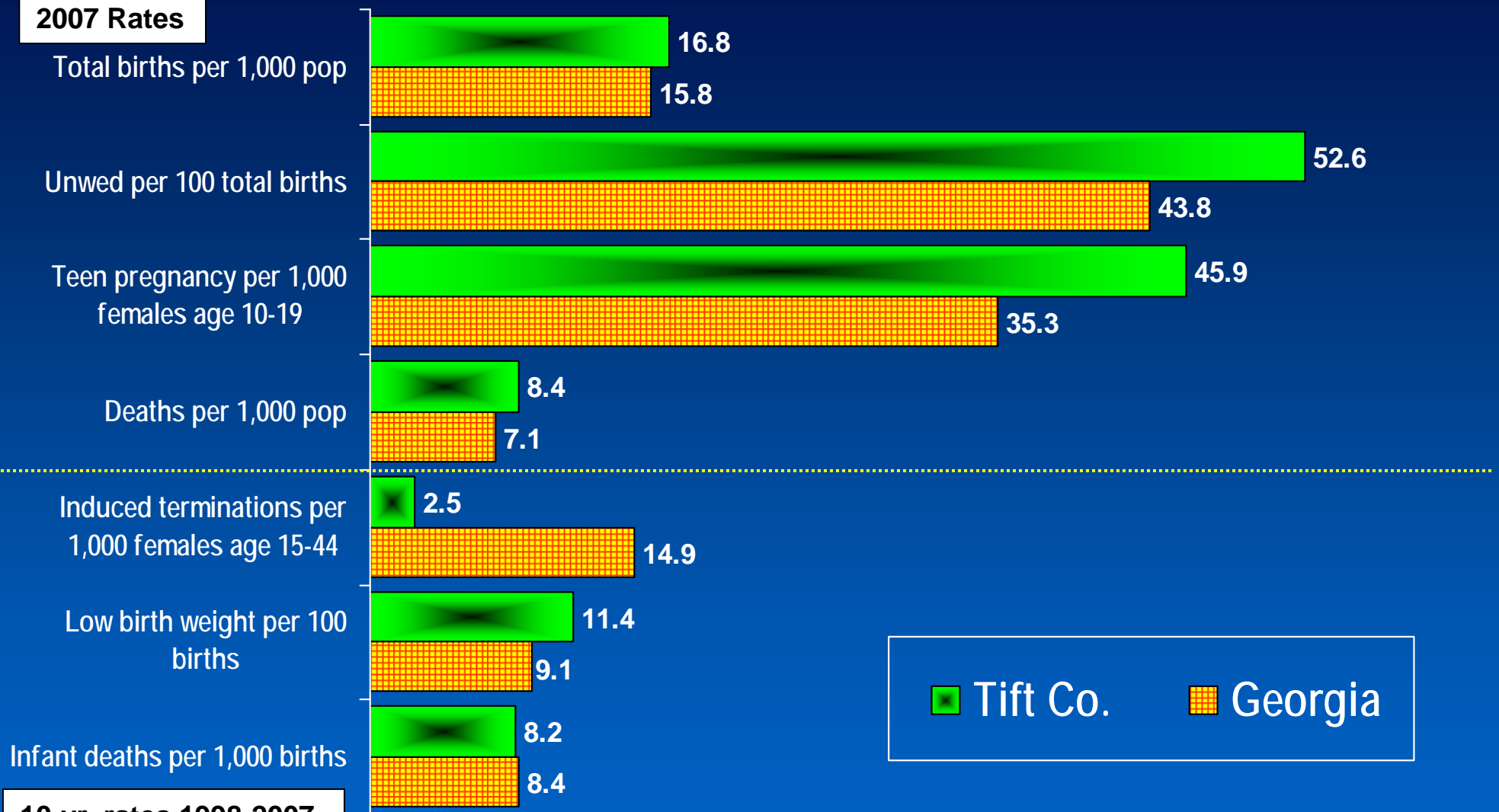
* Numerical change includes "residual" not represented in either NI or NM.

Population Change: 2000-2008



Selected Vital Statistics

2007 Rates



10-yr. rates 1998-2007

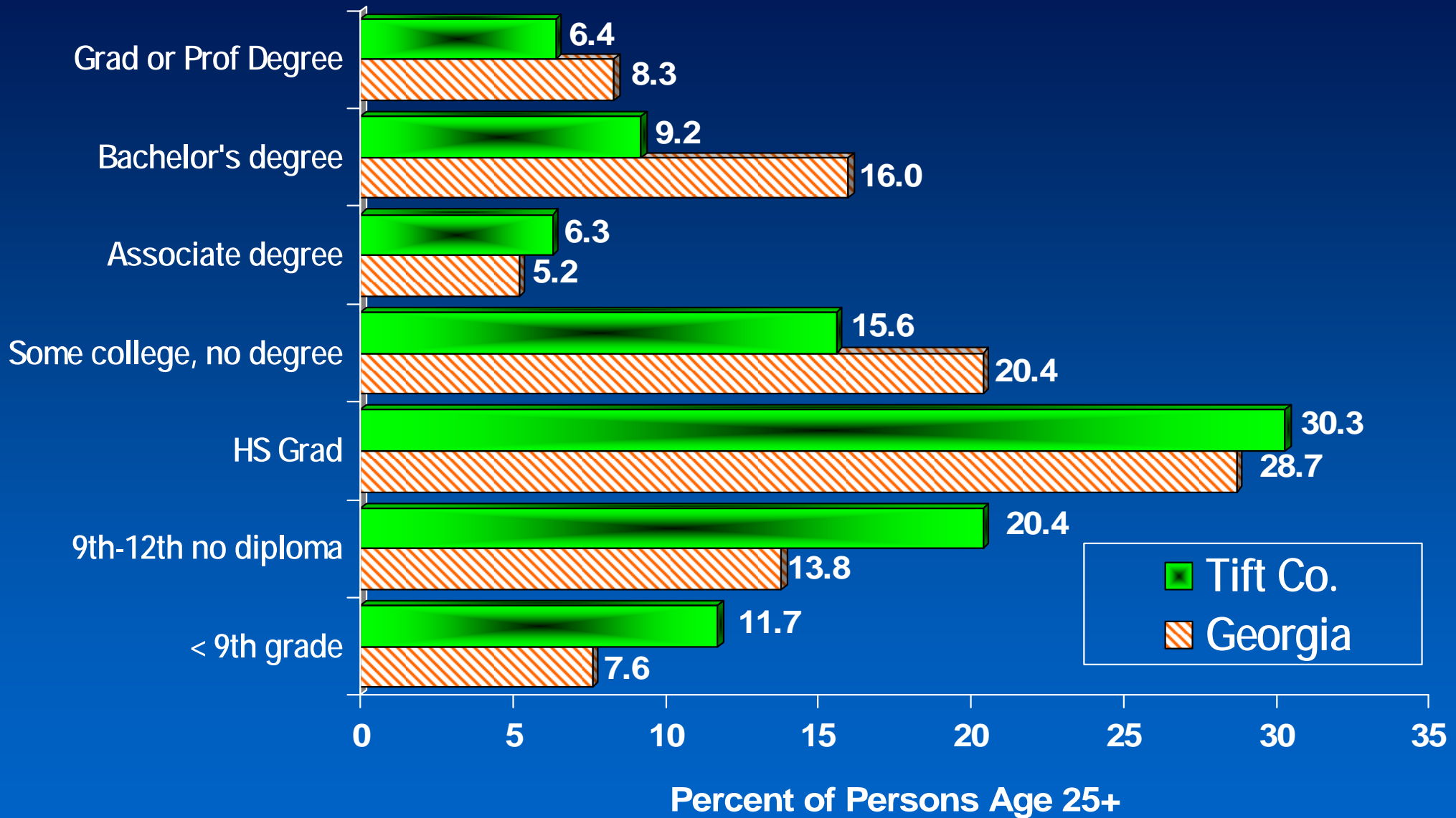
2007 Tift Co. Natality Data

701 total births, 367 unwed births
 16 induced terminations
 140 teen pregnancies
 79 low birth weight babies

2007 Tift Co. Mortality Data

350 total deaths
 6 infant deaths

Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000



Tift Co.

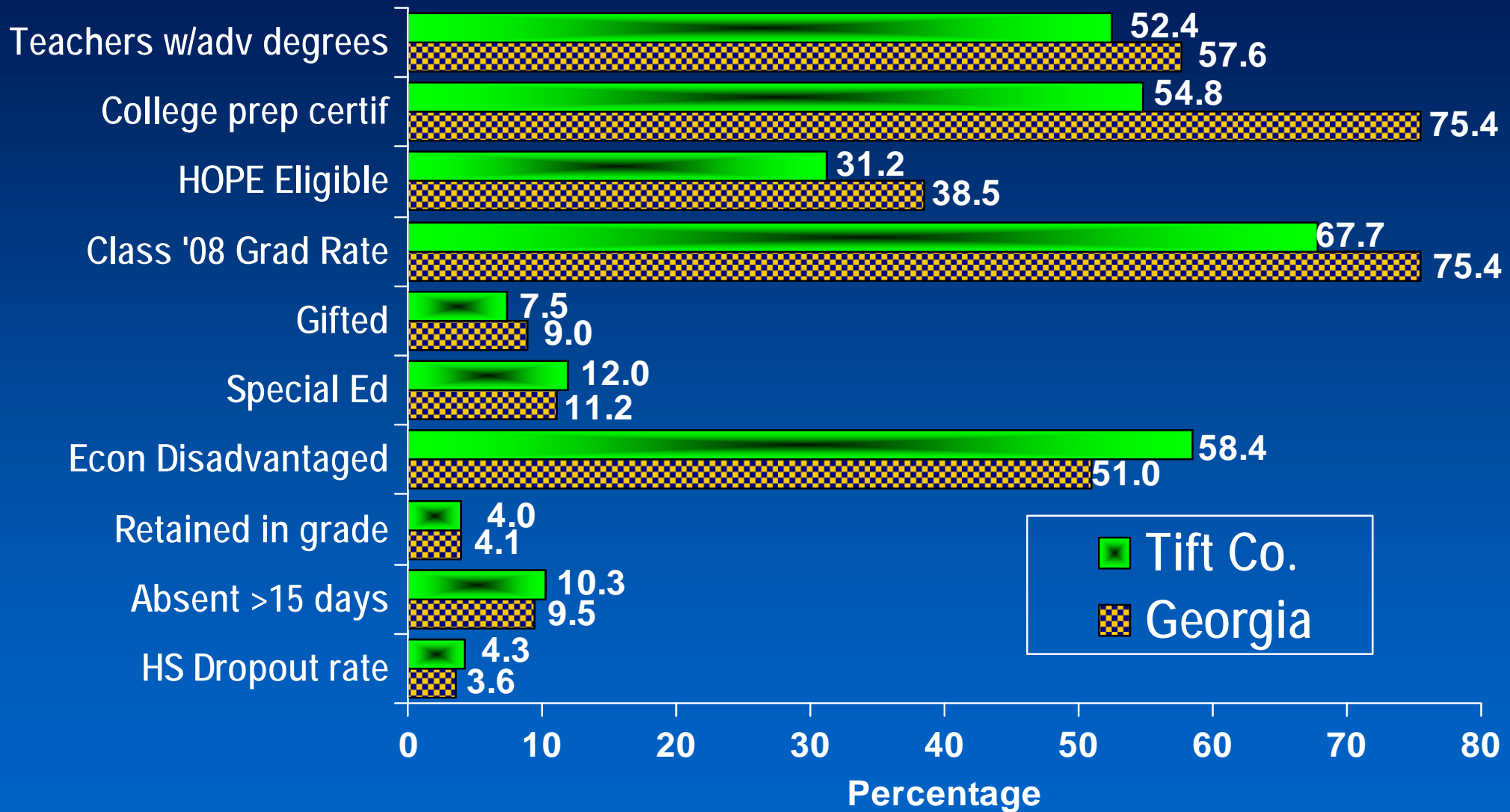
Not completing HS = 32.1%

With a bachelor's + degree = 15.6%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau

Selected Public School Statistics

School Year 2007-08



Tift Co.

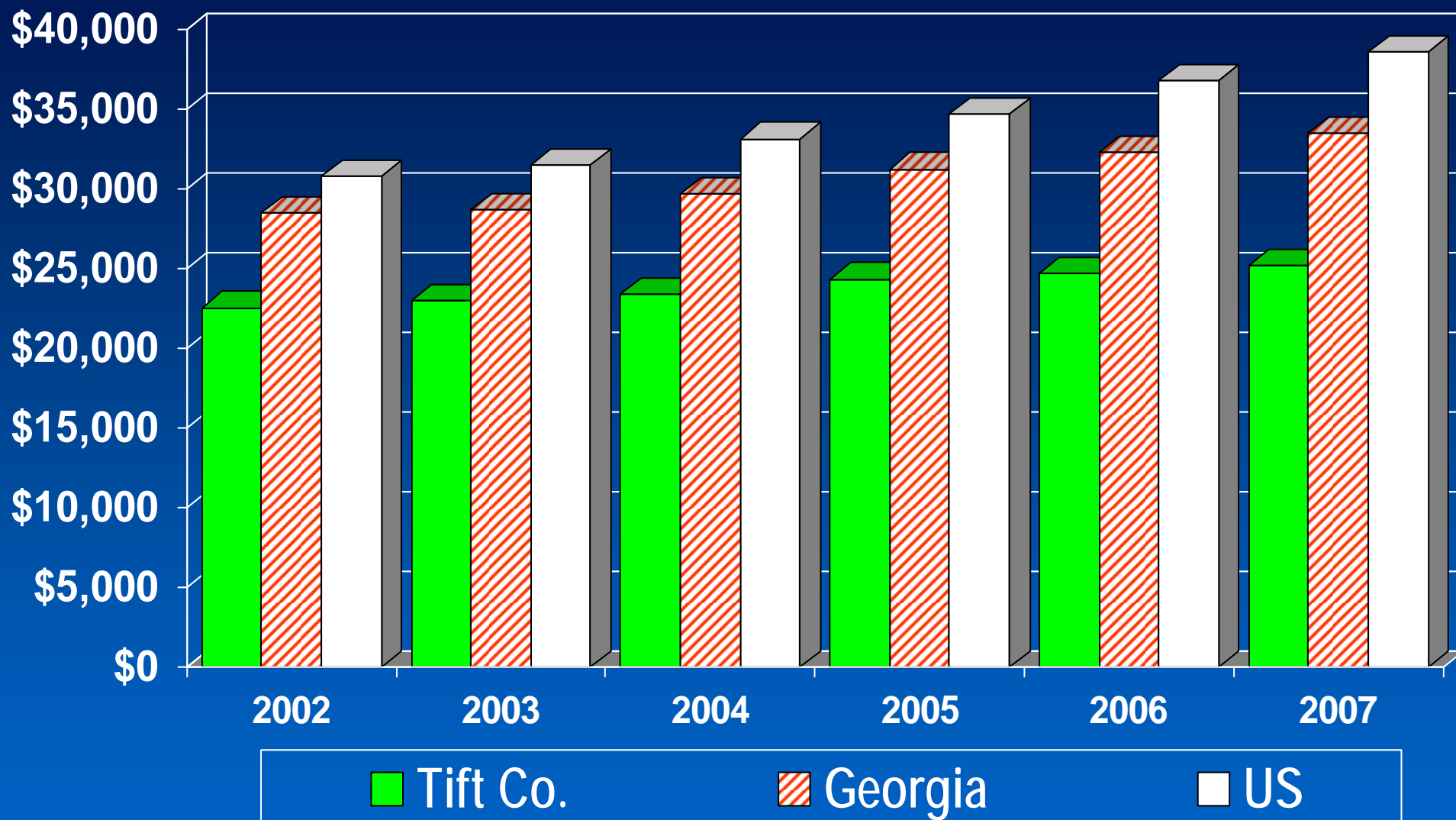
K12 enrollment = 7,400

HS dropouts = 94

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

General Fund Expenditures per FTE = \$7,361

Per Capita Income: 2002-2007

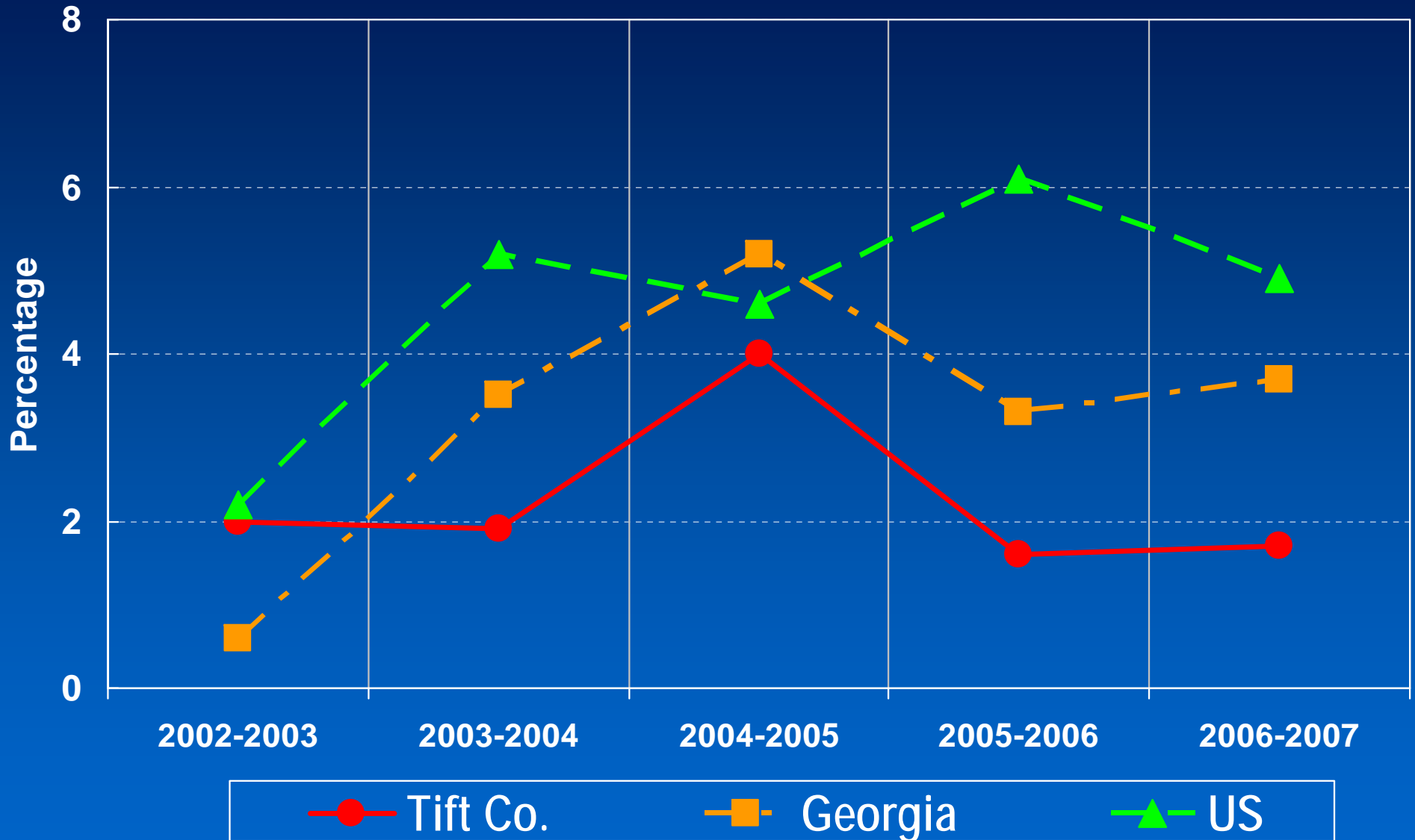


2007 PCI
Tift Co. = \$25,168

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

Per Capita Income: 2002-2007

Percentage Change

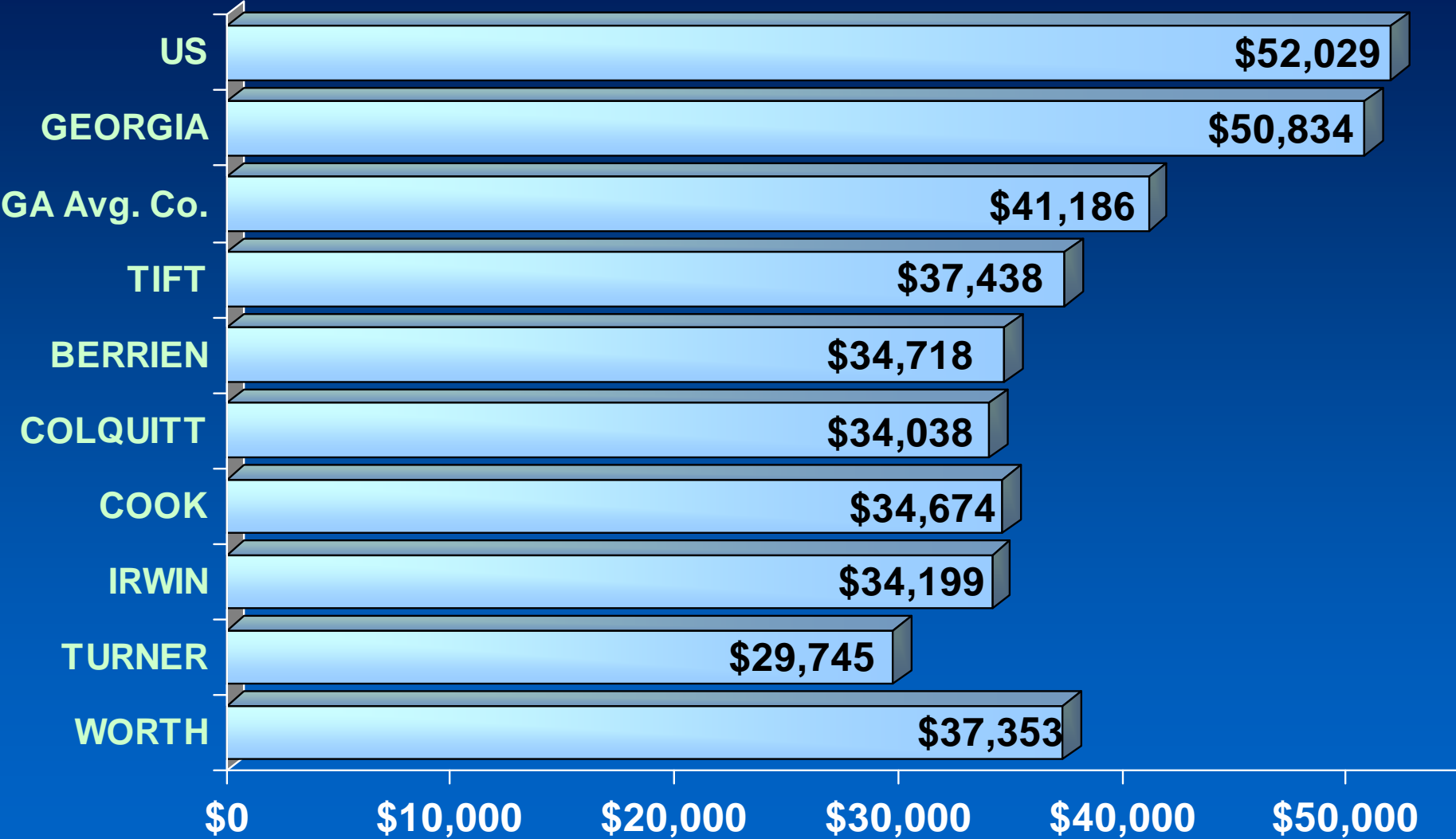


Per Capita Income: 2007

County	PCI	Rank of PCI	% PCI of GA Total	% Change in PCI 2002-2007
TIFT	\$25,168	85	75.1	11.6
BERRIEN	\$25,214	84	75.3	14.1
COLQUITT	\$23,119	113	69.0	17.2
COOK	\$20,586	148	61.5	9.8
IRWIN	\$21,460	139	64.1	5.0
TURNER	\$22,114	129	66.0	12.0
WORTH	\$25,820	72	77.1	18.1
GA Avg. Co.	\$26,299	--	78.5	17.1

Median Household Income

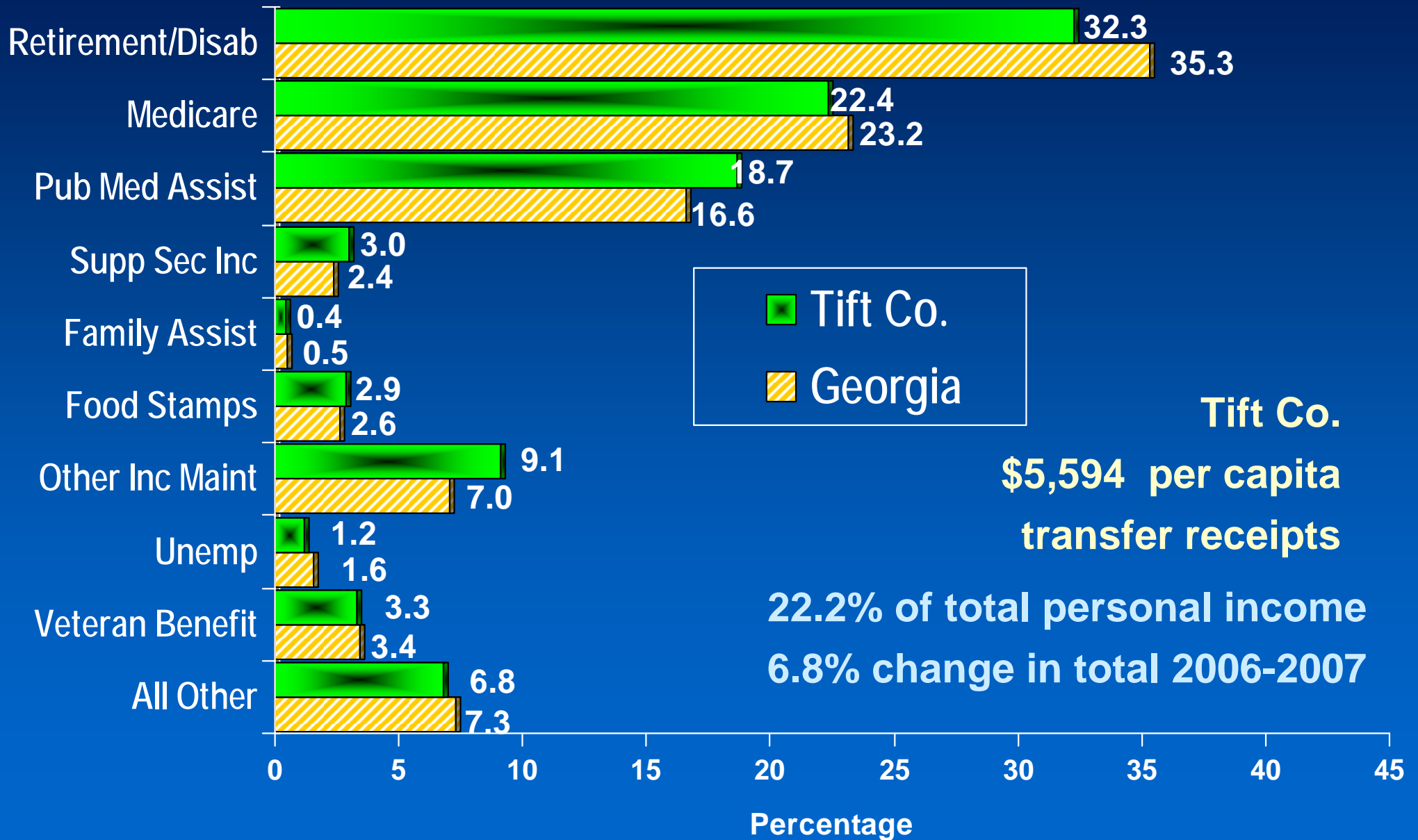
2008 Model-Based Estimates



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

Transfer Receipts: 2007

Tift Co. Total = \$234,861,000



Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/09)

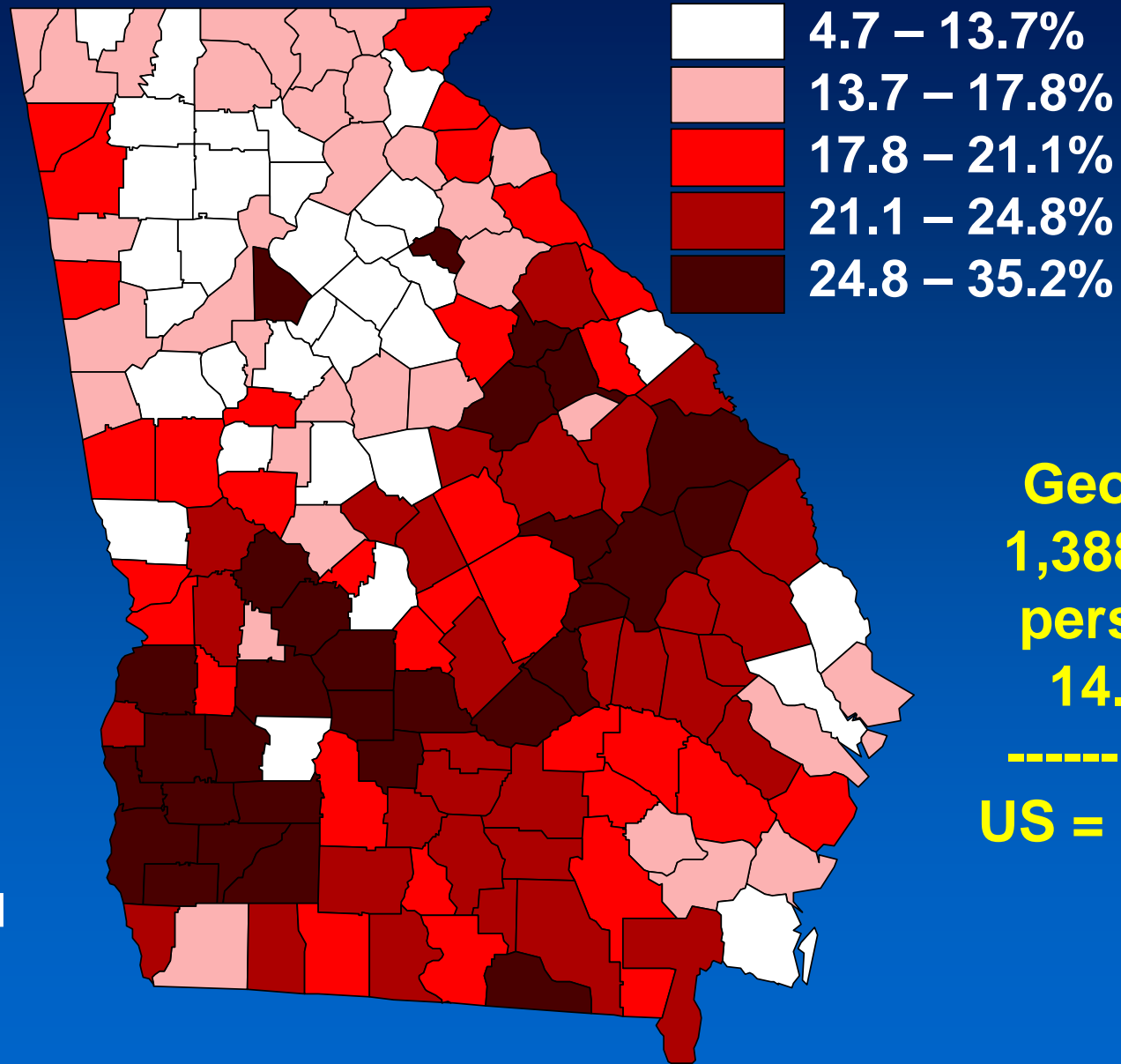
Persons Living Below Poverty Level

2008 Model-Based Estimates

County	# of Persons	% of all Persons	Rank of %
TIFT	8,605	21.3	99
BERRIEN	3,679	21.9	105
COLQUITT	10,011	22.6	112
COOK	3,411	20.8	95
IRWIN	2,071	22.3	108
TURNER	2,592	28.6	149
WORTH	4,467	21.1	97
GA Avg. Co.	8,736	19.1	--

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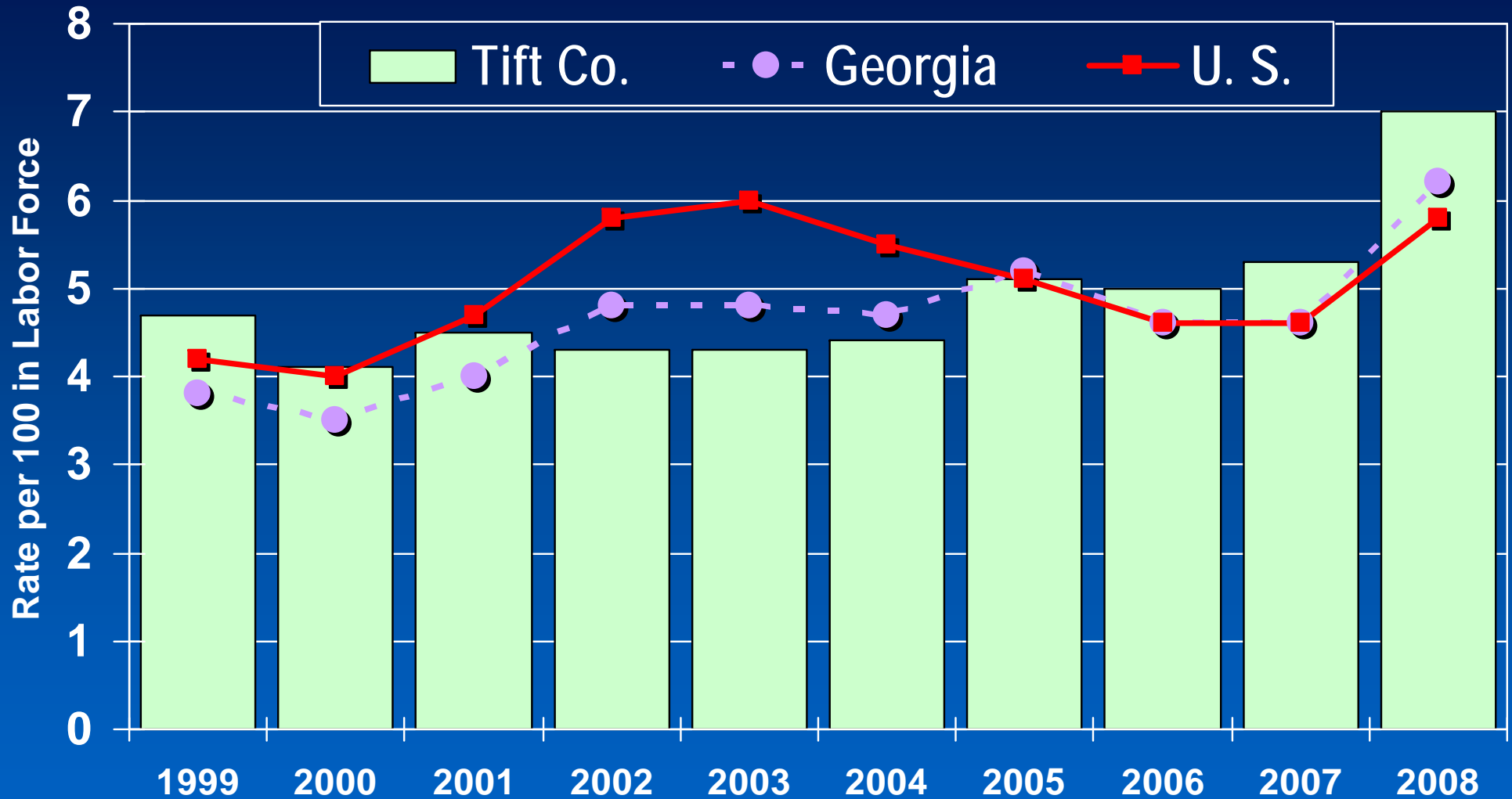
Georgia
1,388,959
persons
14.7%

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)

Unemployment Rates



2008 Rates

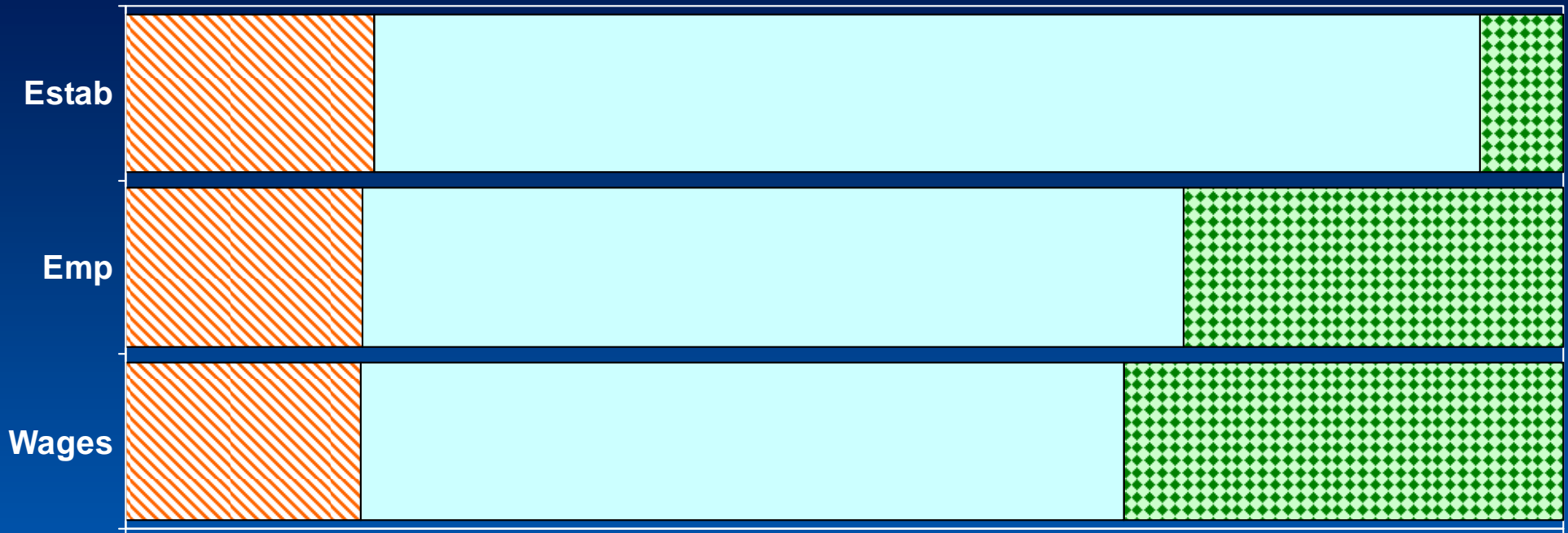
Tift Co. = 7.0

GA = 6.2

US = 5.8

Avg. GA County = 6.9

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



Goods Producing
 Service Providing
 Government

**Agriculture, Mining,
Construction,
Manufacturing**

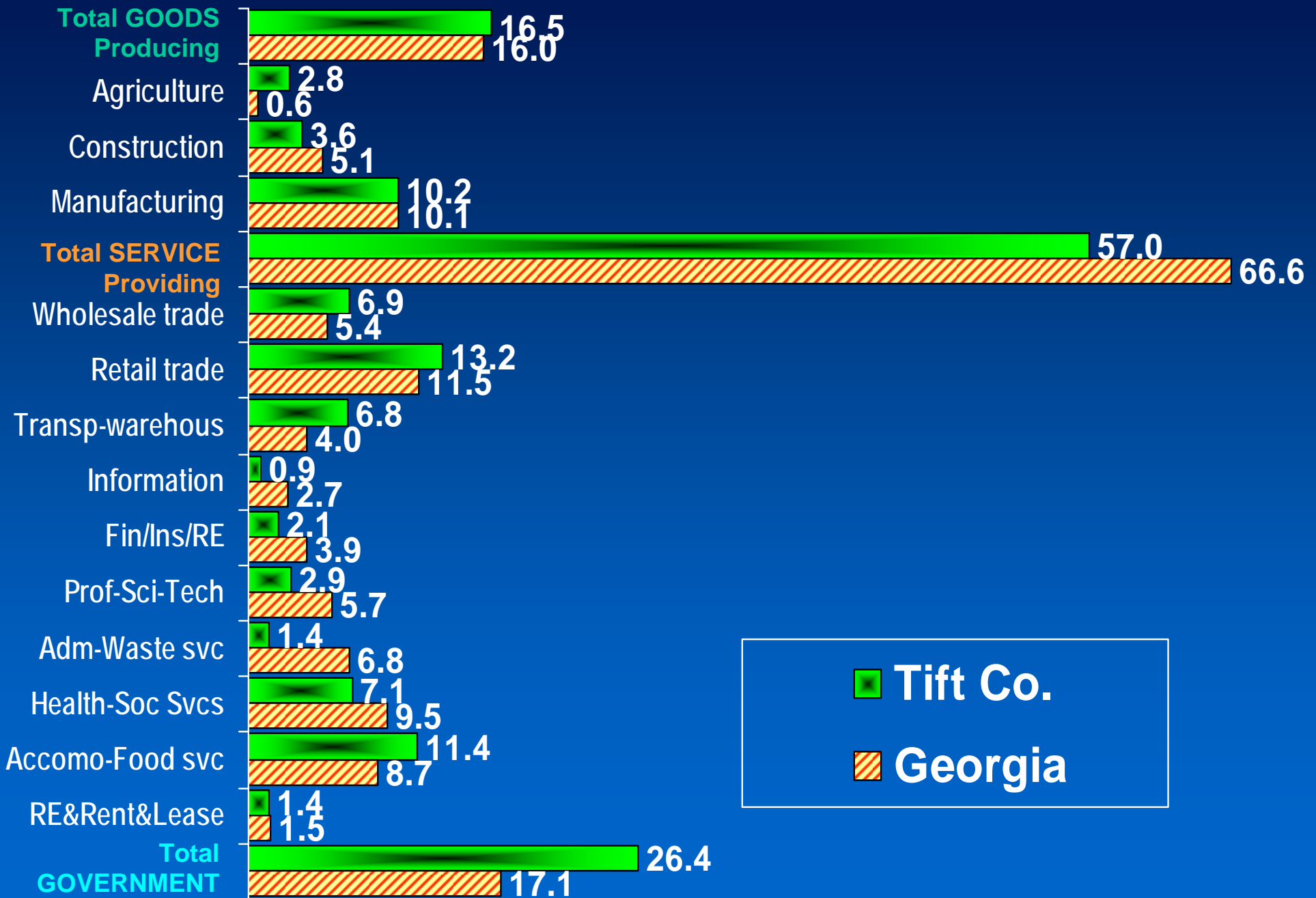
Retail-Wholesale Trade, Transportation-Warehousing,
Information, Finance-Insurance-Real Estate,
Professional-SciTech Serv., Admin-Waste Serv., Health-
Social Serv., Accommodation-Food Serv., & others

**Federal,
State,
Local**

2008 Averages

Establishments = 1,232 Monthly Employment = 19,028 Weekly Wage = \$602

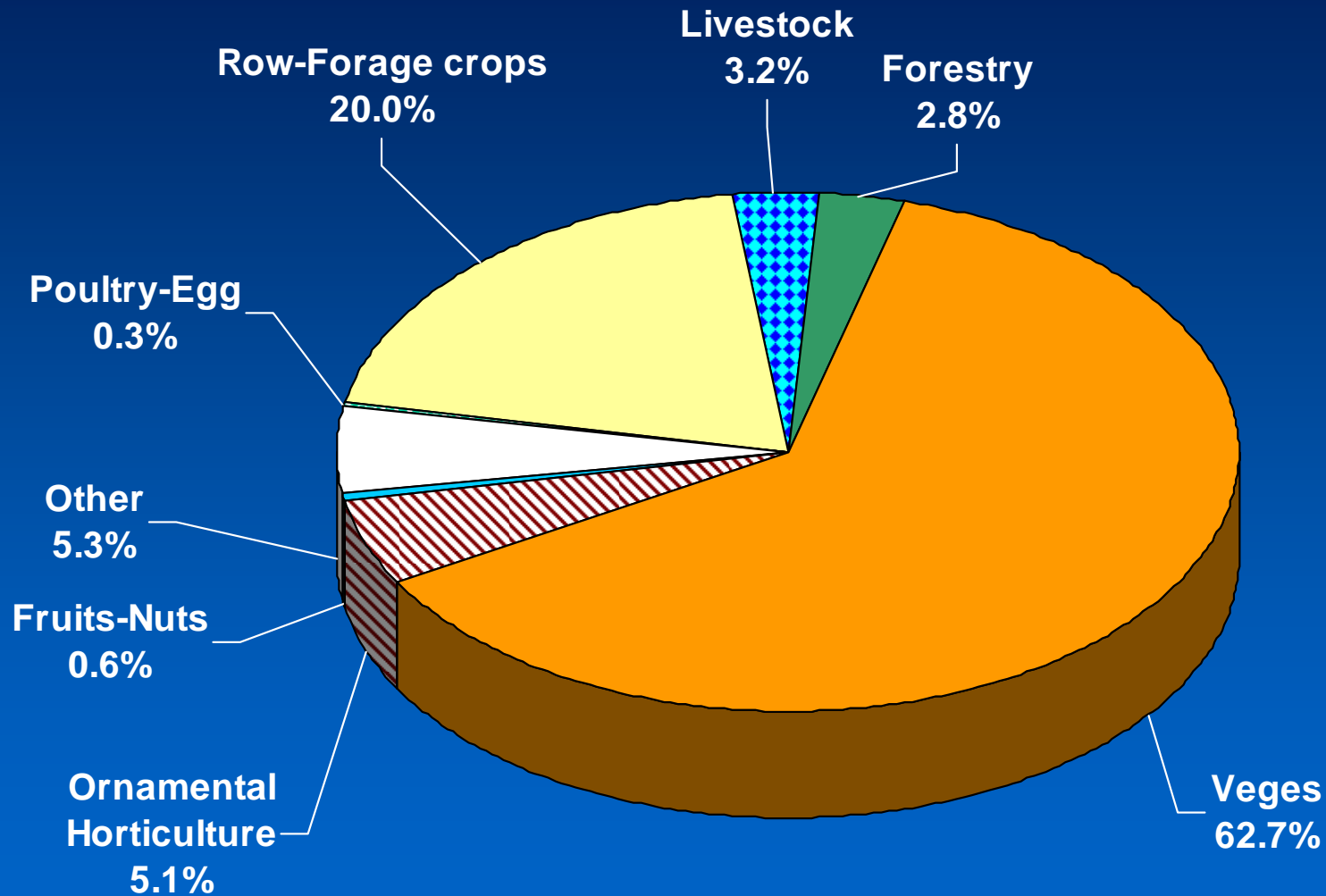
Selected Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2008



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

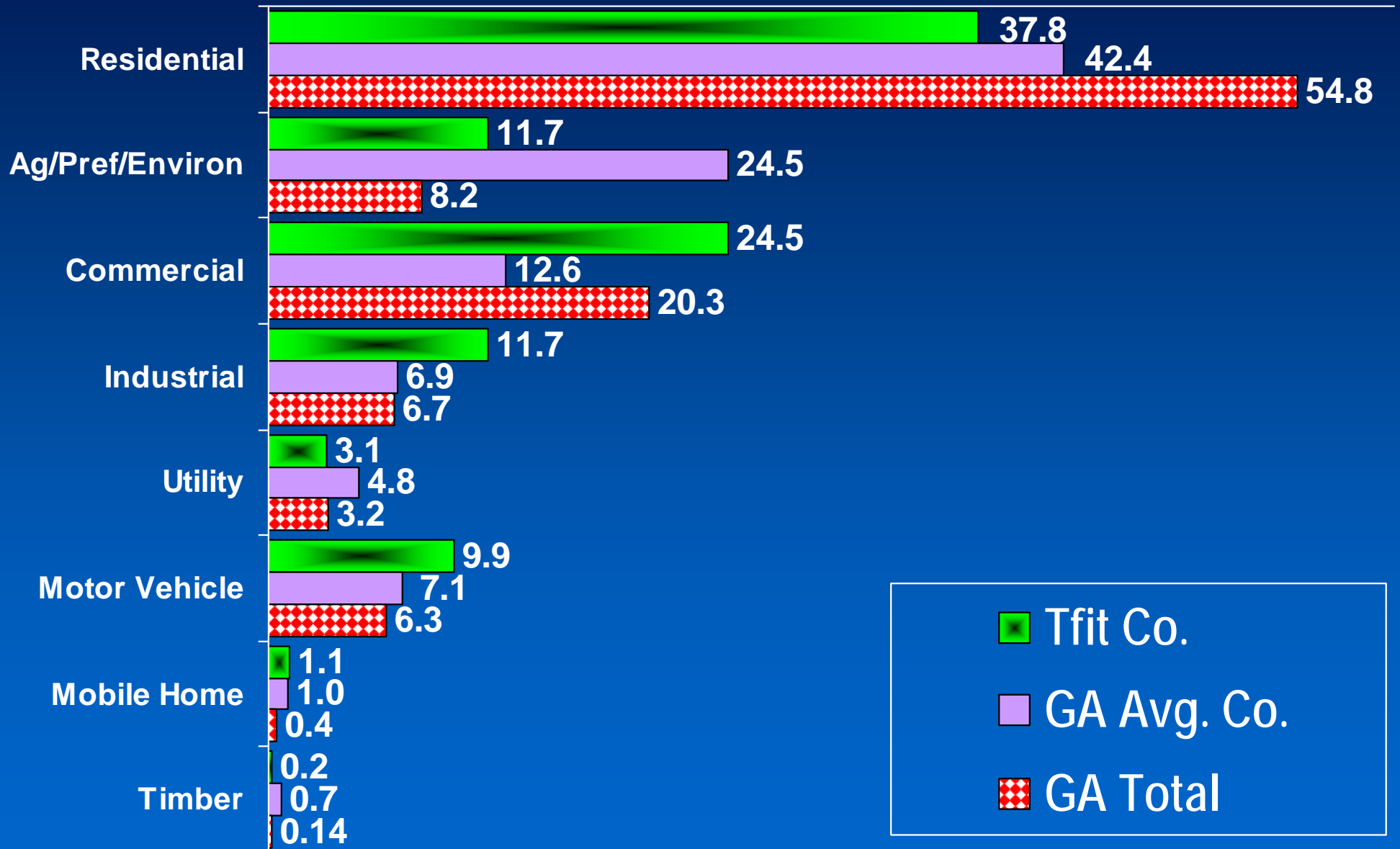
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2008

Tift Co. Total Value = \$169,121,978



Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2008

Tift Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = \$1,161,515,120



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
TIFT	37.8	11.7	24.5	11.7	3.1	9.9	1.1	0.16
BERRIEN	29.7	38.1	14.9	1.8	3.4	9.3	1.8	0.93
COLQUITT	36.6	27.4	18.4	3.4	3.1	8.9	1.9	0.32
COOK	33.2	26.4	21.3	4.9	3.5	8.4	1.7	0.47
IRWIN	25.0	48.1	7.1	4.0	5.6	7.8	1.5	0.87
TURNER	21.8	45.7	16.6	3.3	4.6	6.0	0.7	1.23
WORTH	33.3	36.7	10.5	2.6	3.5	9.7	2.8	0.92
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)

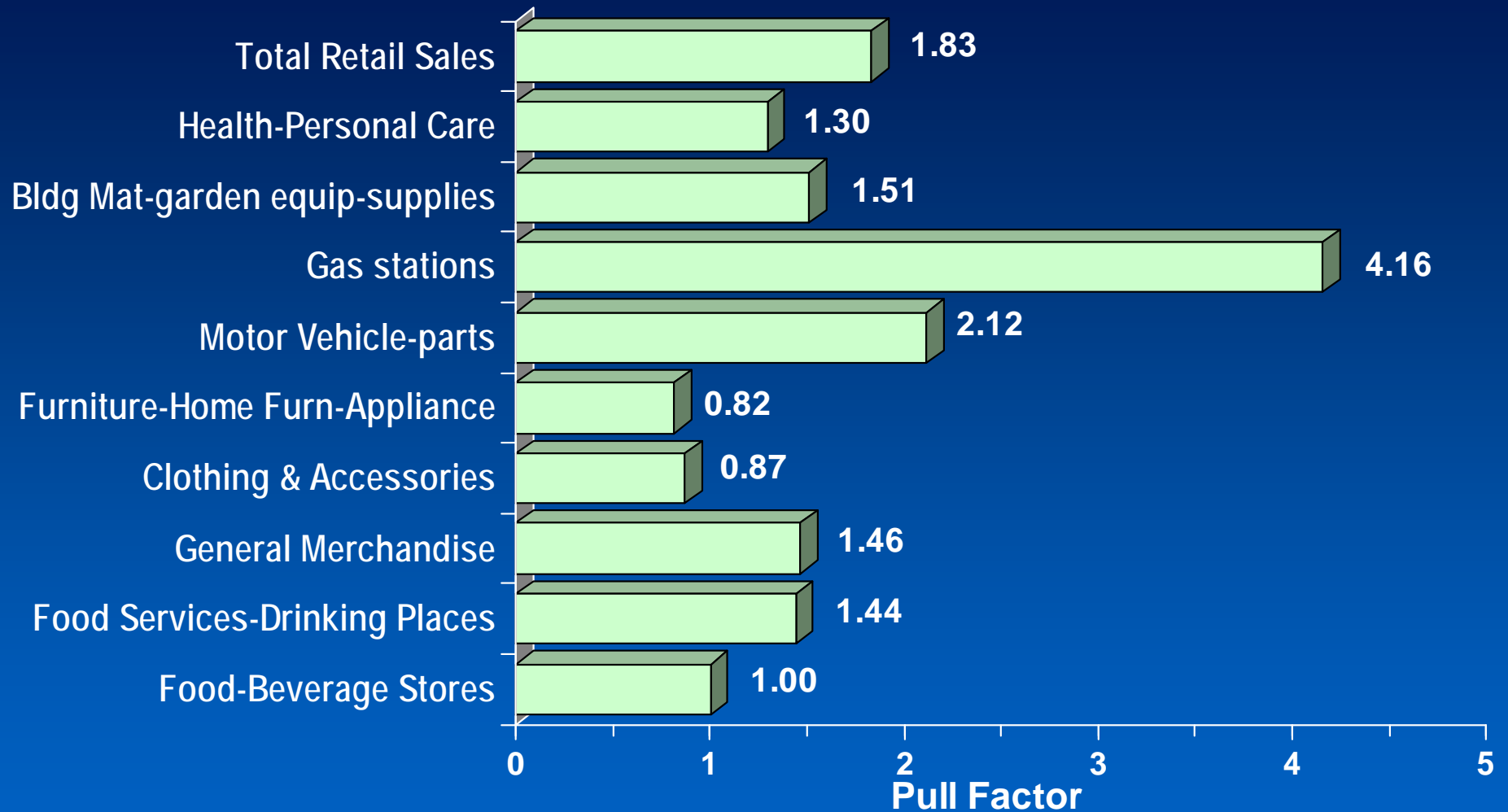
Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

County	'08 County-wide Millage*	'08 School Millage*	'08 Taxes Levied* (\$000)	Sales Tax Rate as of 10/09	LOST Type* as of 10/09
TIFT	28.37	14.96	\$29,034	3	LSE
BERRIEN	37.95	14.00	\$10,812	3	LSE
COLQUITT	34.13	8.46	\$24,699	3	LSE
COOK	31.46	16.15	\$10,190	3	LSE
IRWIN	36.82	15.69	\$6,830	3	LSE
TURNER	41.15	14.00	\$7,457	3	LSE
WORTH	31.64	15.00	\$12,688	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

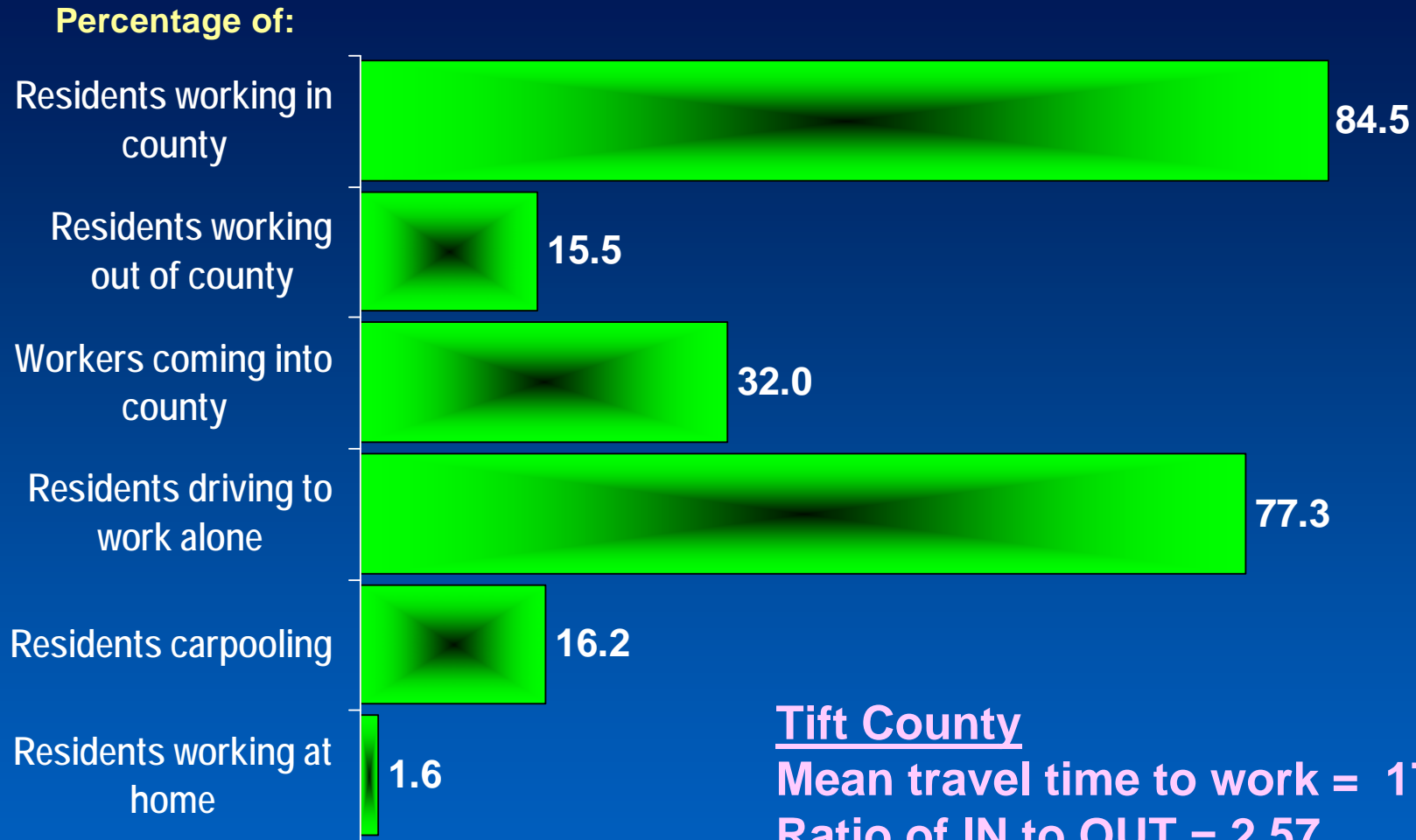
Tift Co. Total Retail Sales = \$998,884,000



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



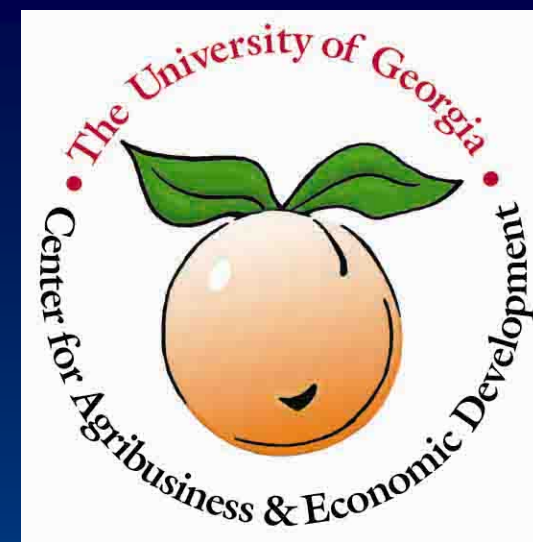
Resident workers 16+ = 16,912
Residents working in county = 14,291
Residents working out of county = 2,621
Total working in county = 21,019
Workers commuting into county = 6,728

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

Special Area Report

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