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Demographic Trends in Georgia

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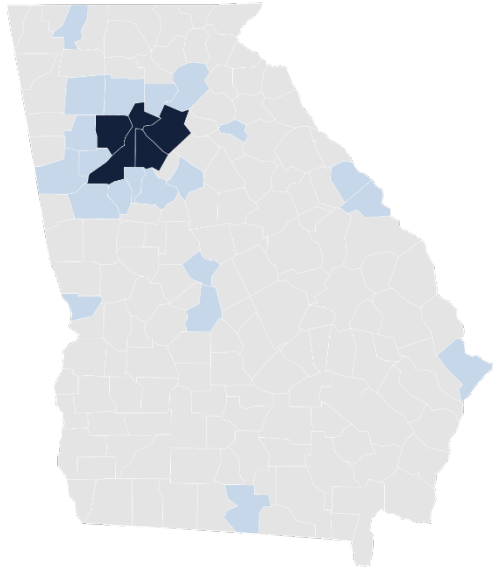
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Georgia's Demographic Transitions

- Geographic Concentration
- Racial and Ethnic Change
- Aging Population
- Summary and Questions

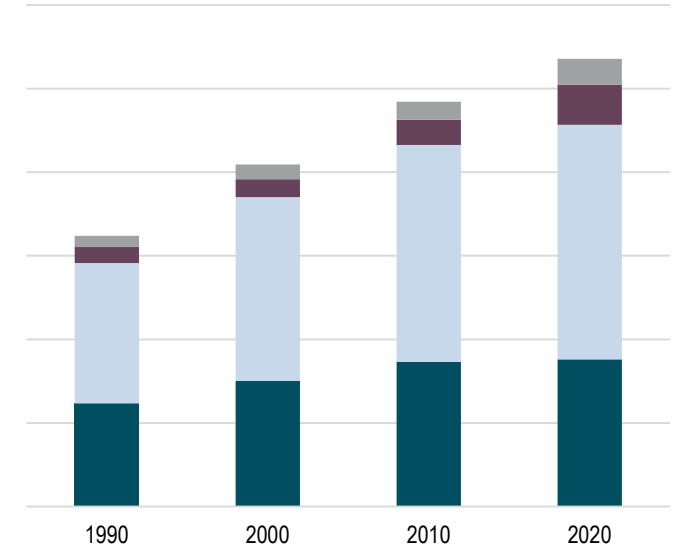




Population
Concentration



Racial and
Ethnic Diversity



Aging
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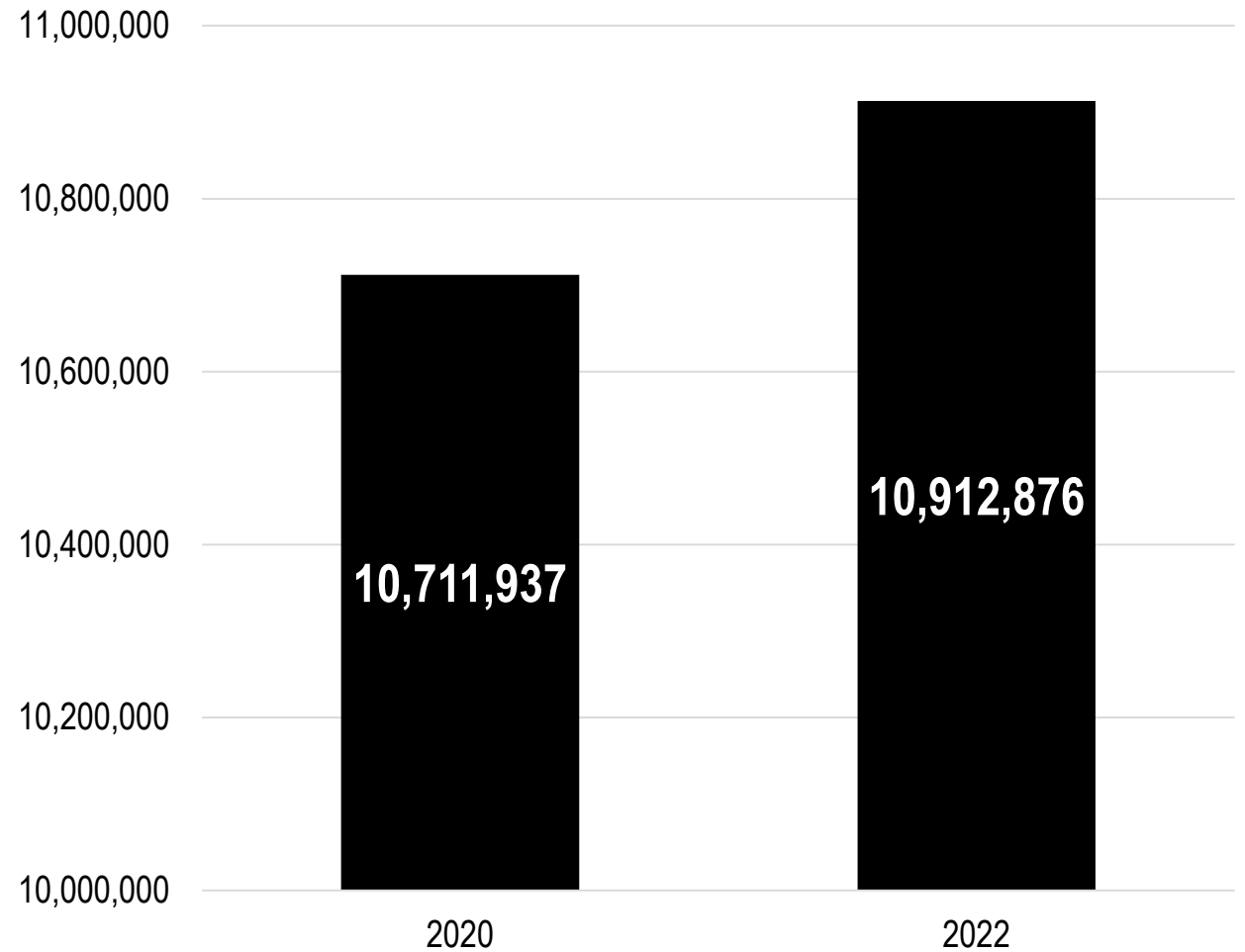


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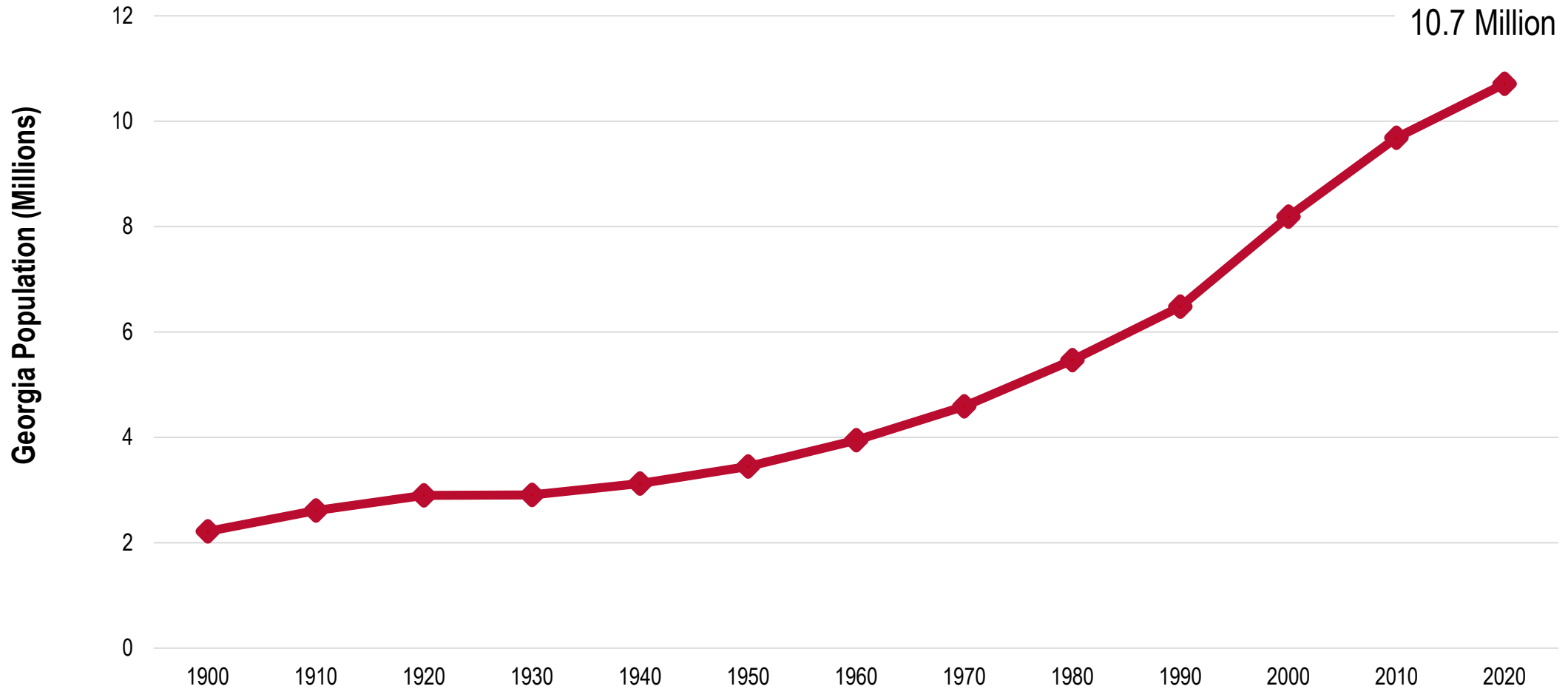
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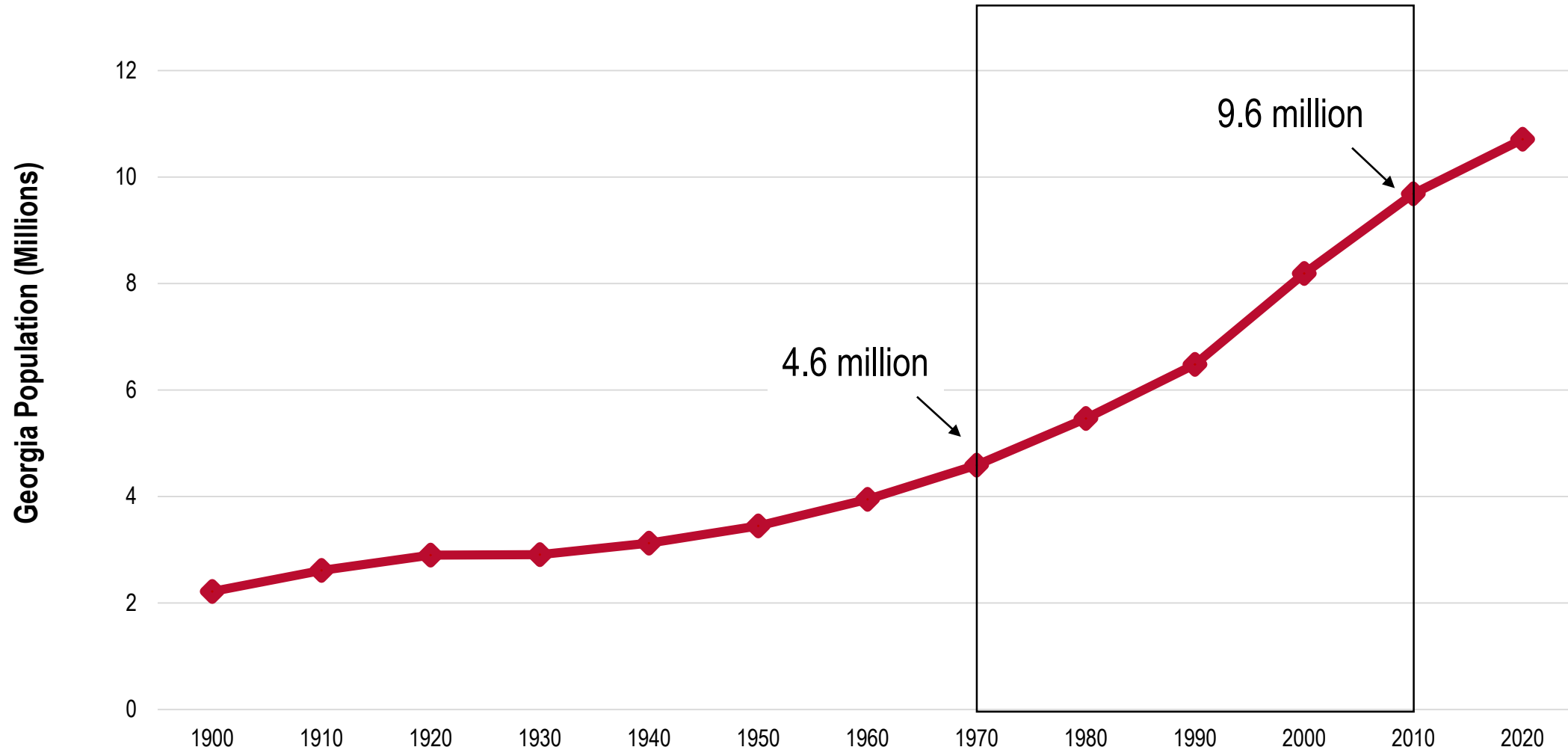
Georgia's Population increased by 200,000 between 2020 Census and 2022 Estimates



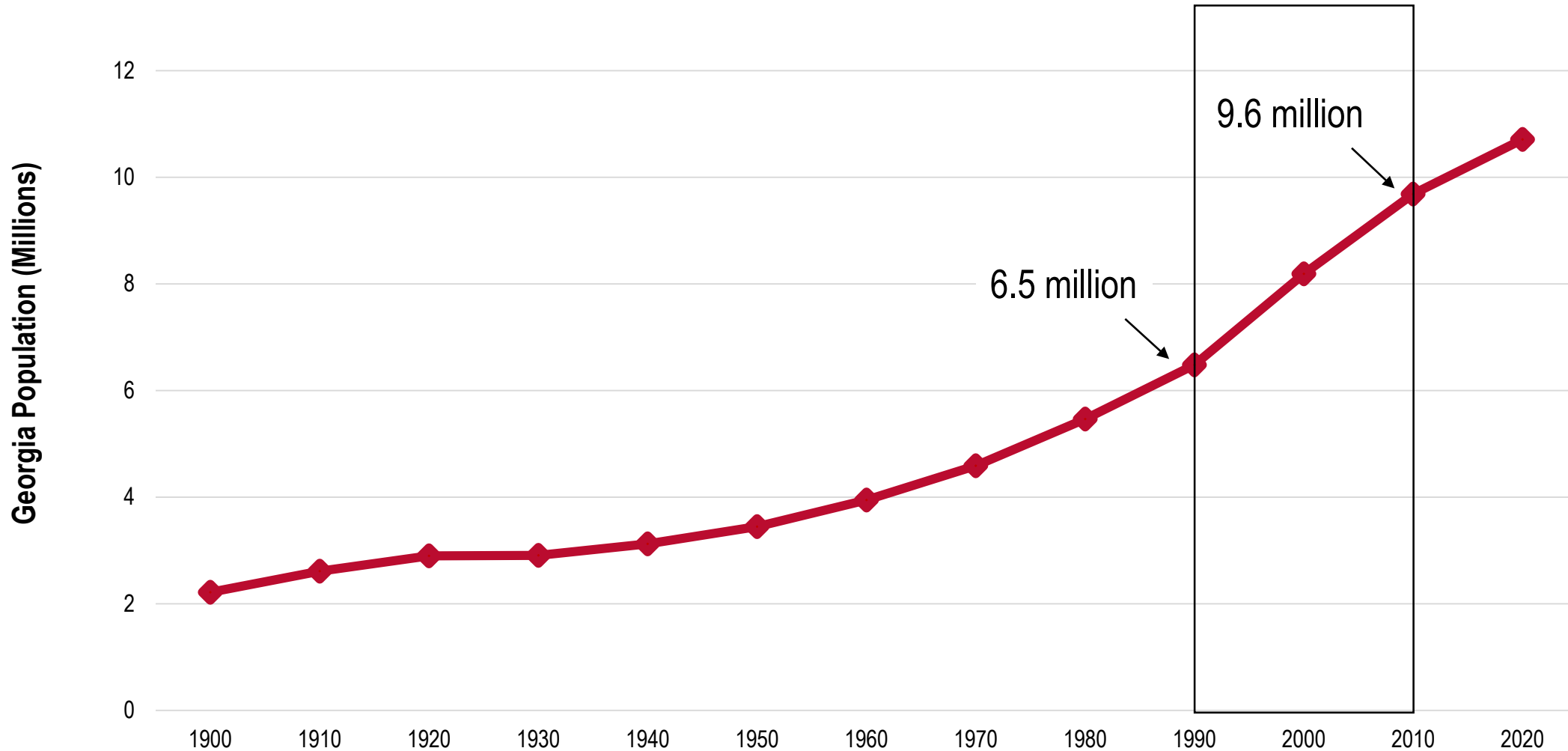
Georgia's Population, 1900-2020



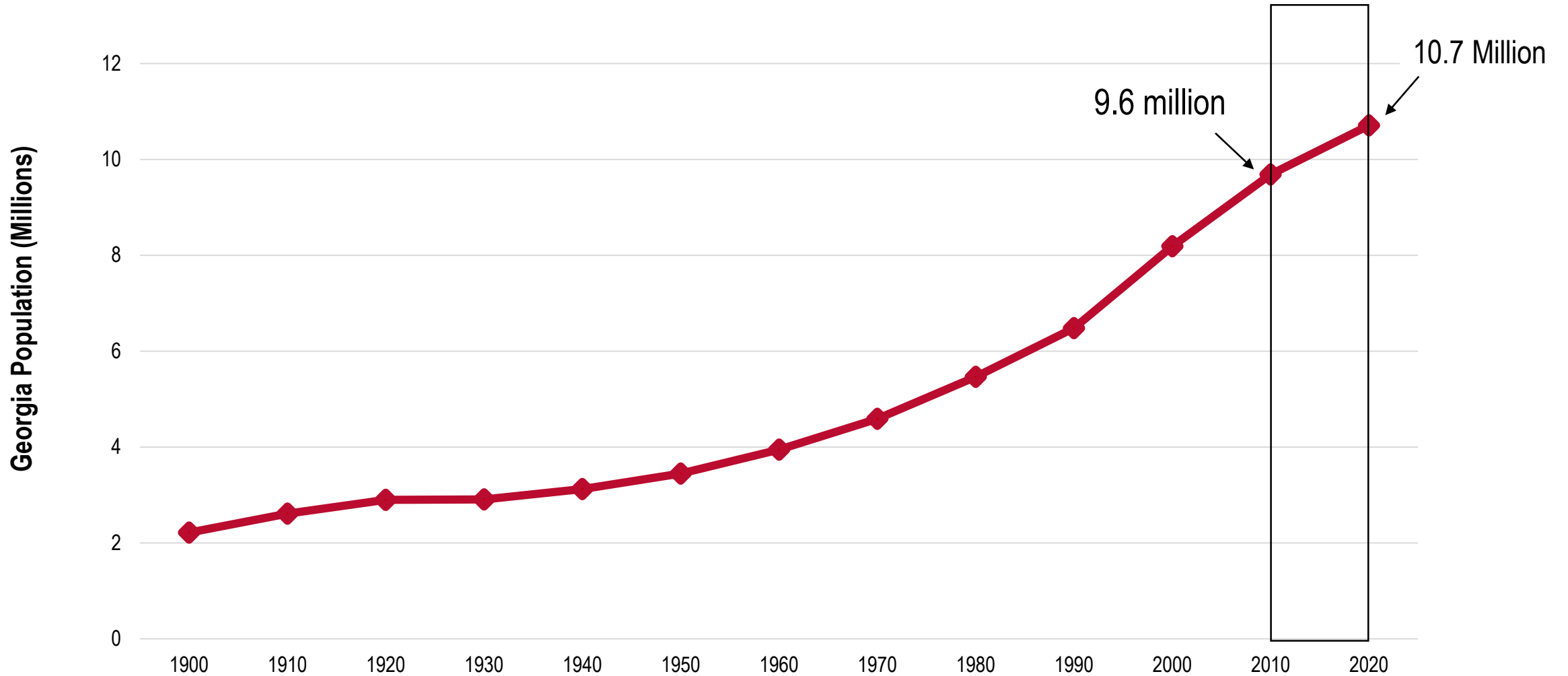
Georgia's Population Doubles in Four Decades



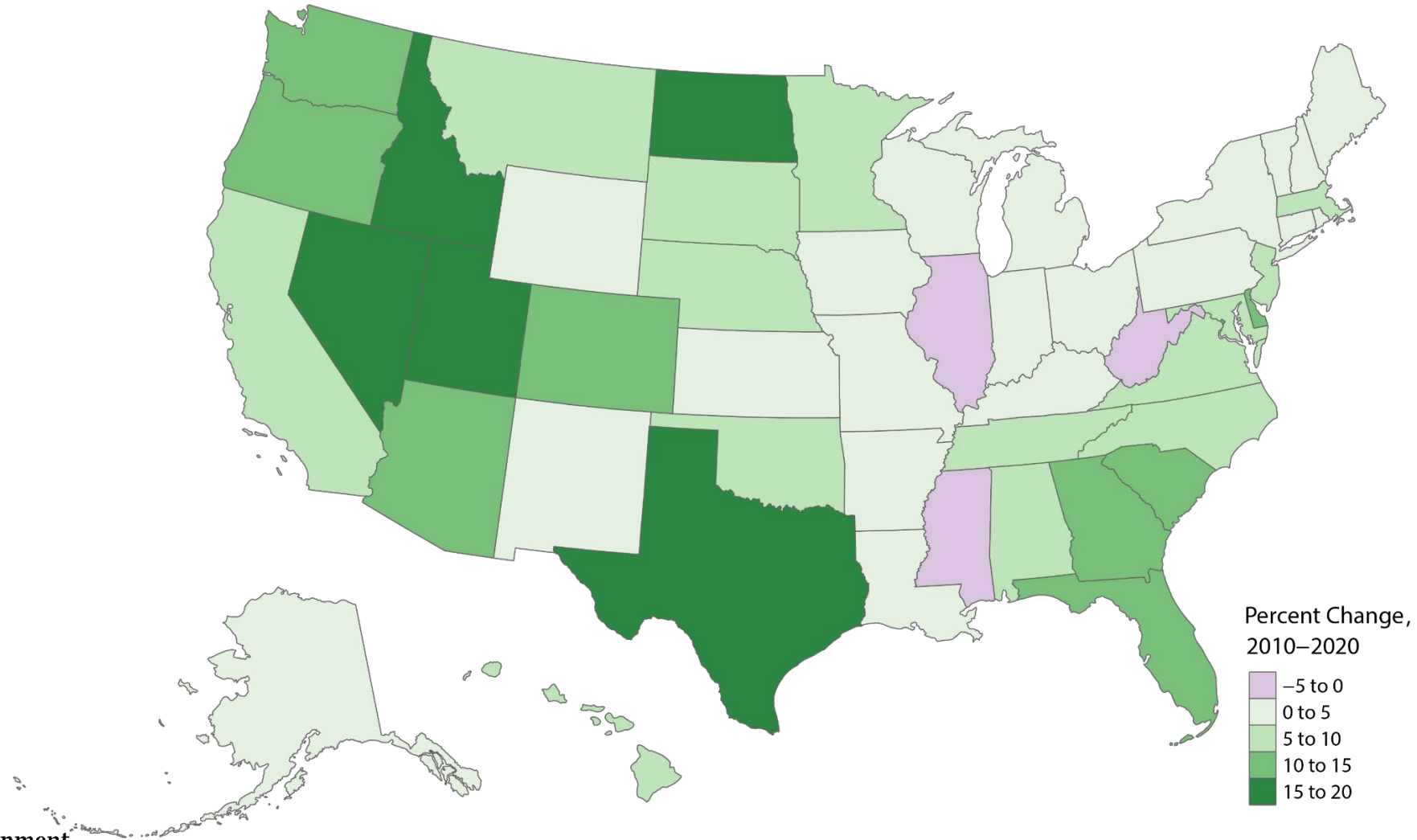
Three Million New Georgians in Two Decades



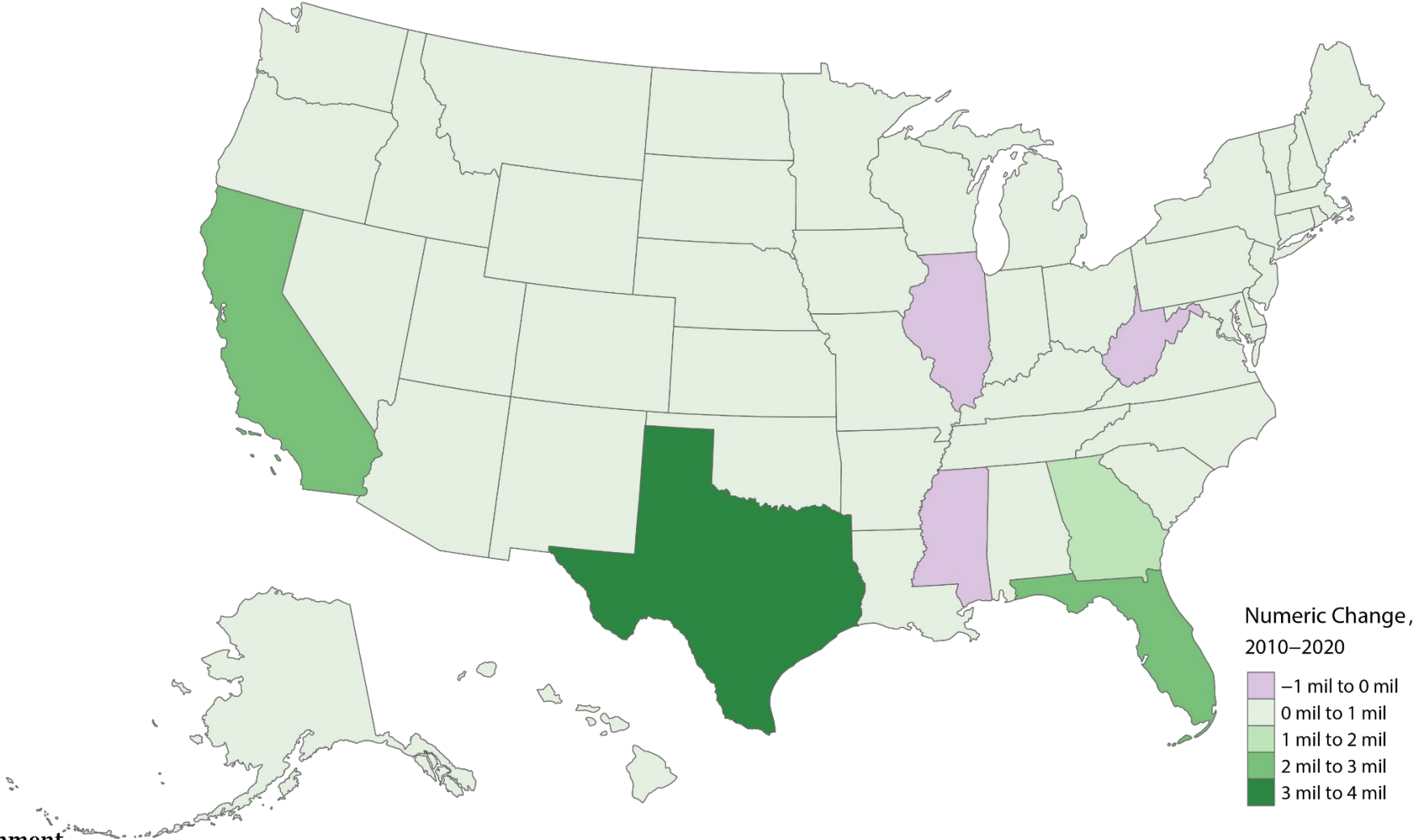
Georgia's Population Growth Slows in 2010s



State's Rate of Growth (10.6%) Exceeds Nation (7.4%)



Georgia Top 4 in Population Increase In 2010s

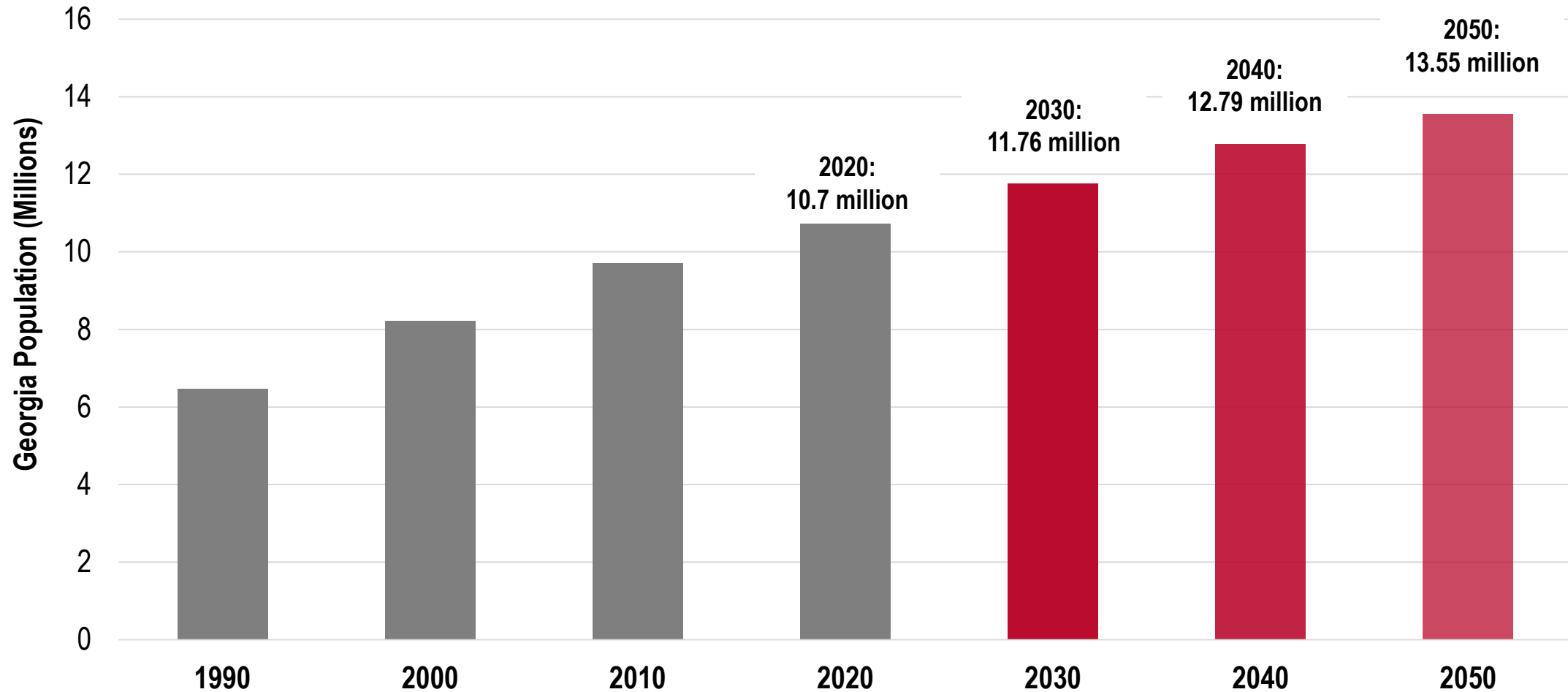


Georgia's growth in 2010s outpaced national average

1. Georgia was the 13th fastest growing state
2. Georgia was one of only four states where the population increased by more than 1 million people



Georgia's Projected Population through 2050

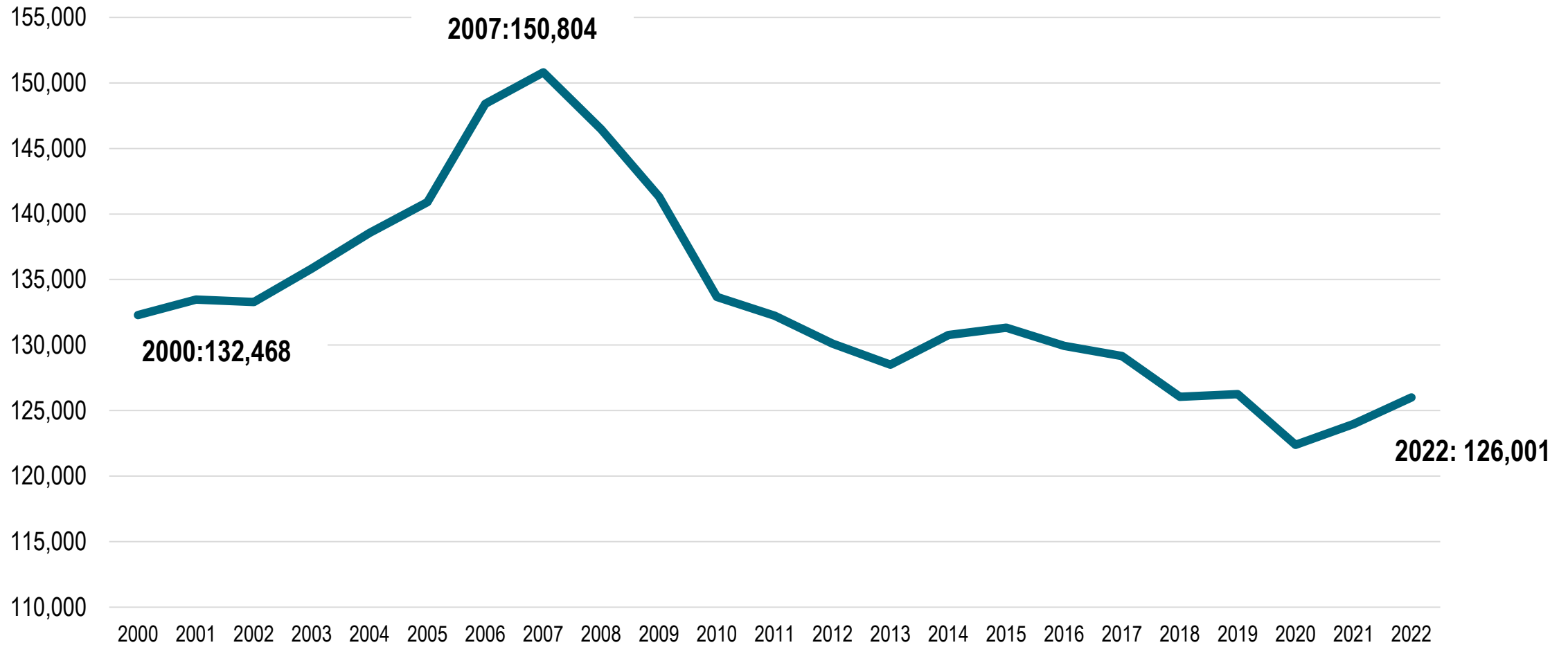


Three Components of Population Change

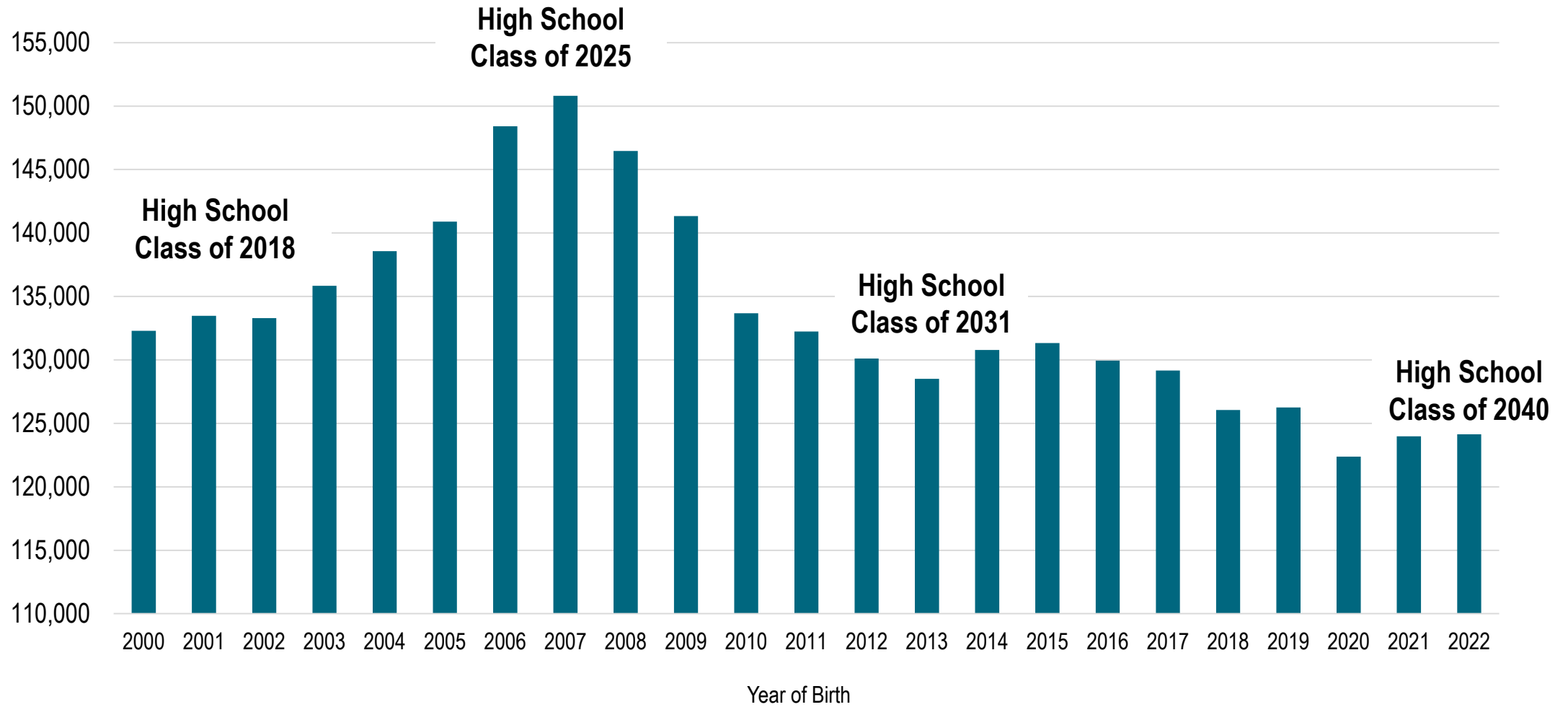
1. Births
2. Deaths
3. Migration



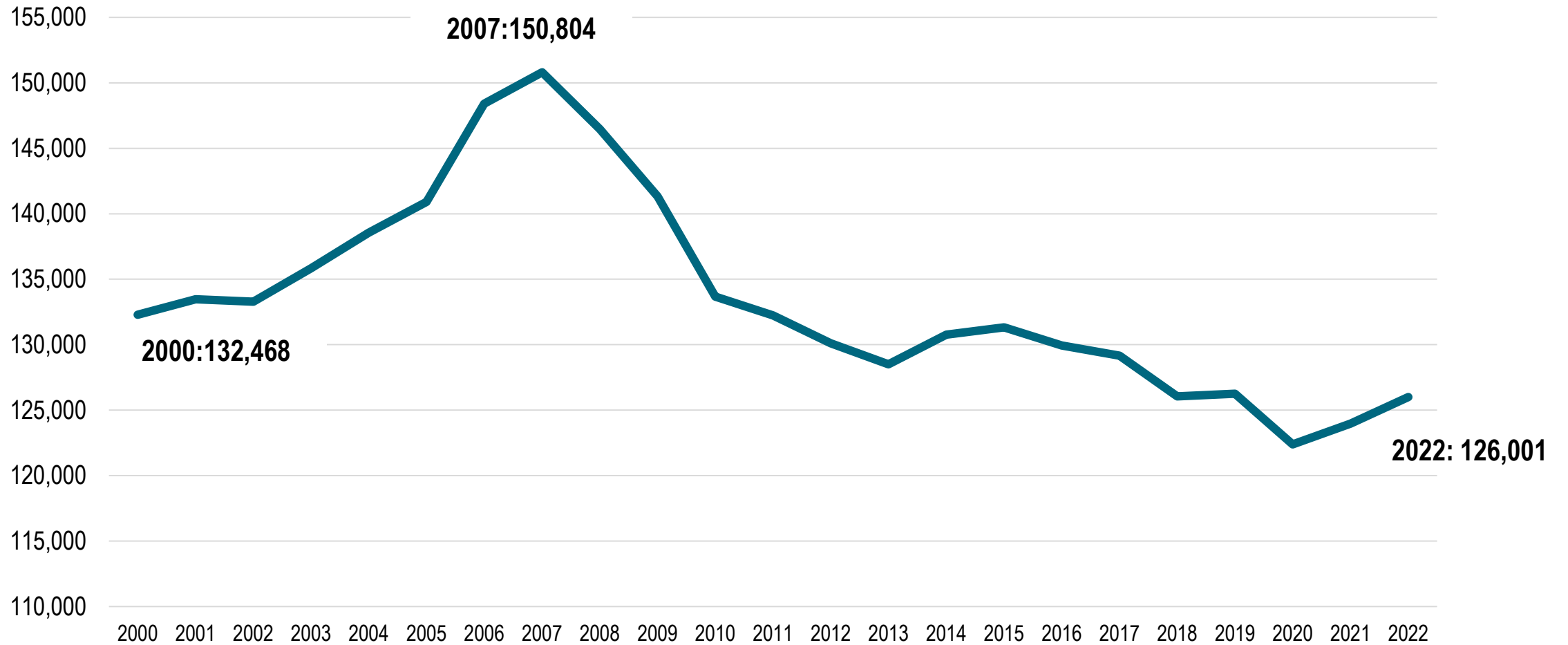
Number of Births are Falling in Georgia



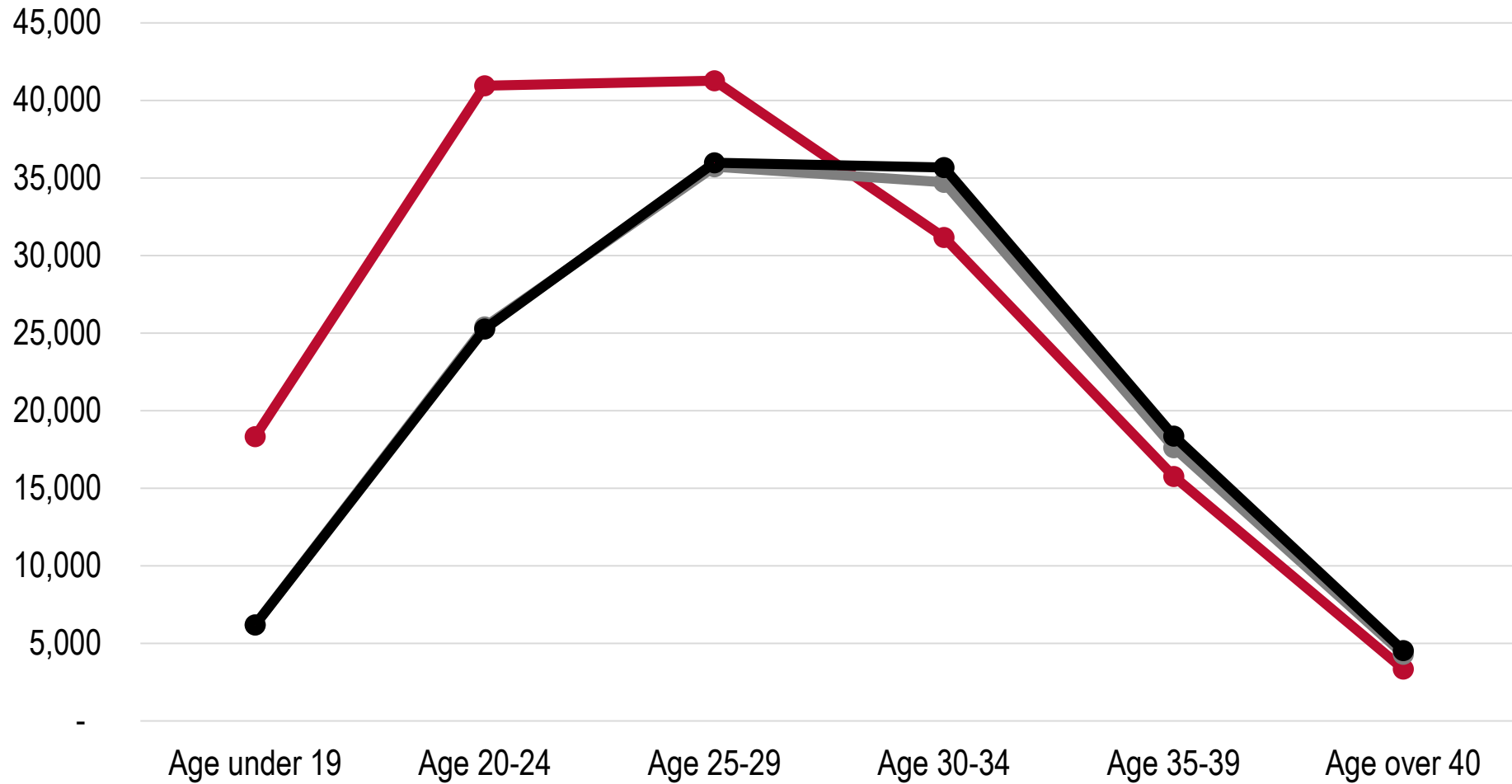
Fewer Births Impacts Education System



Why?



Georgia's Shifting Fertility Arc



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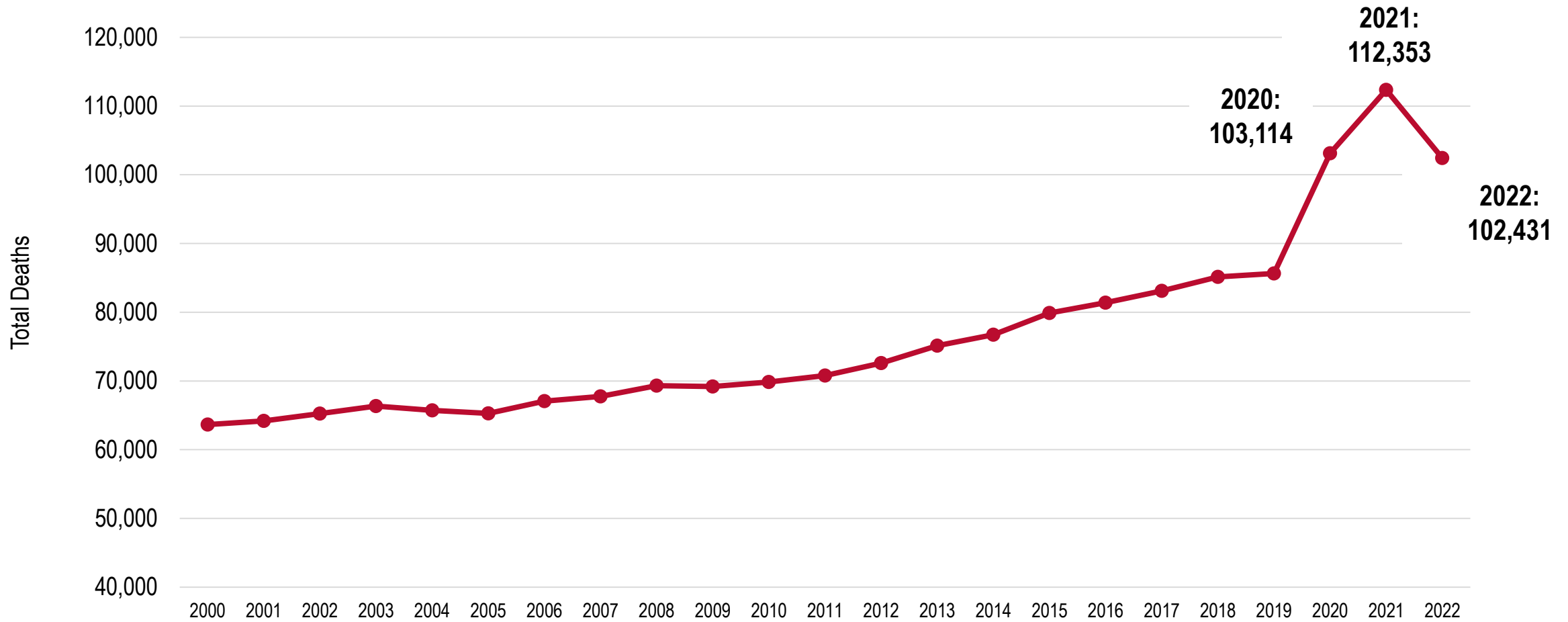
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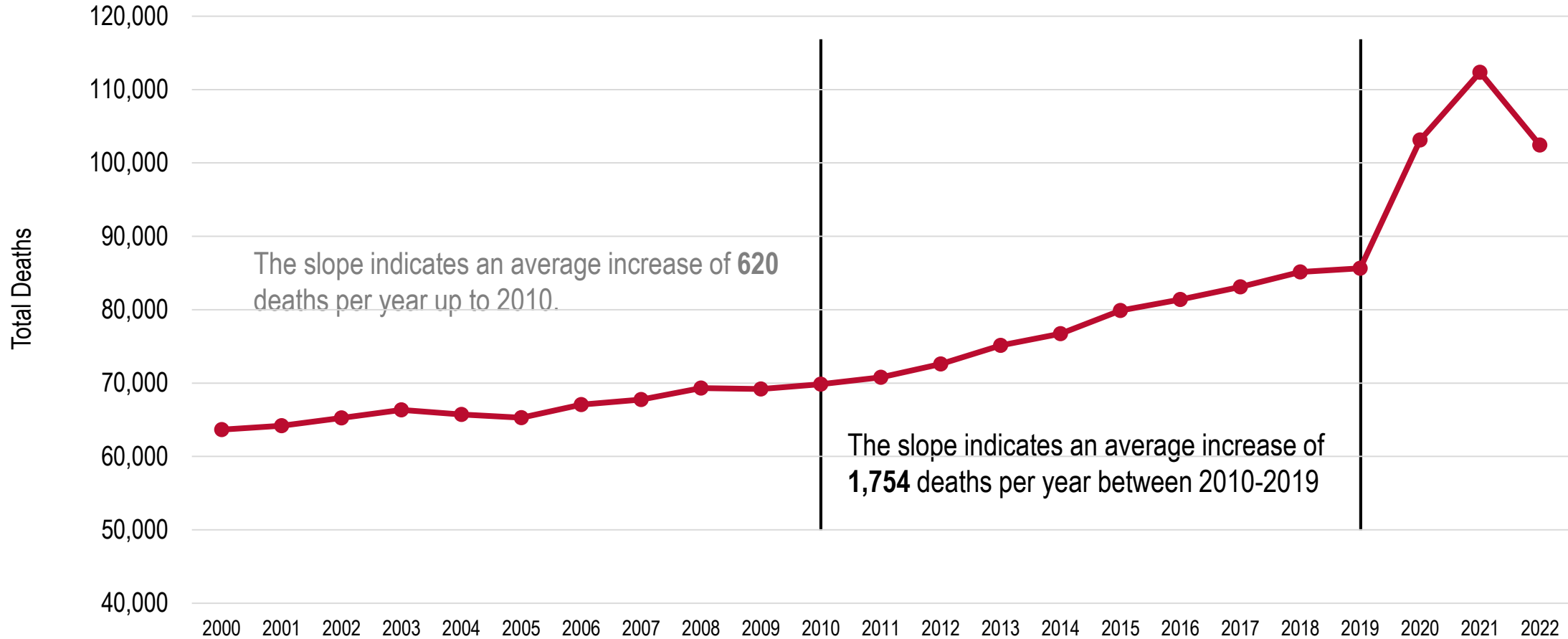
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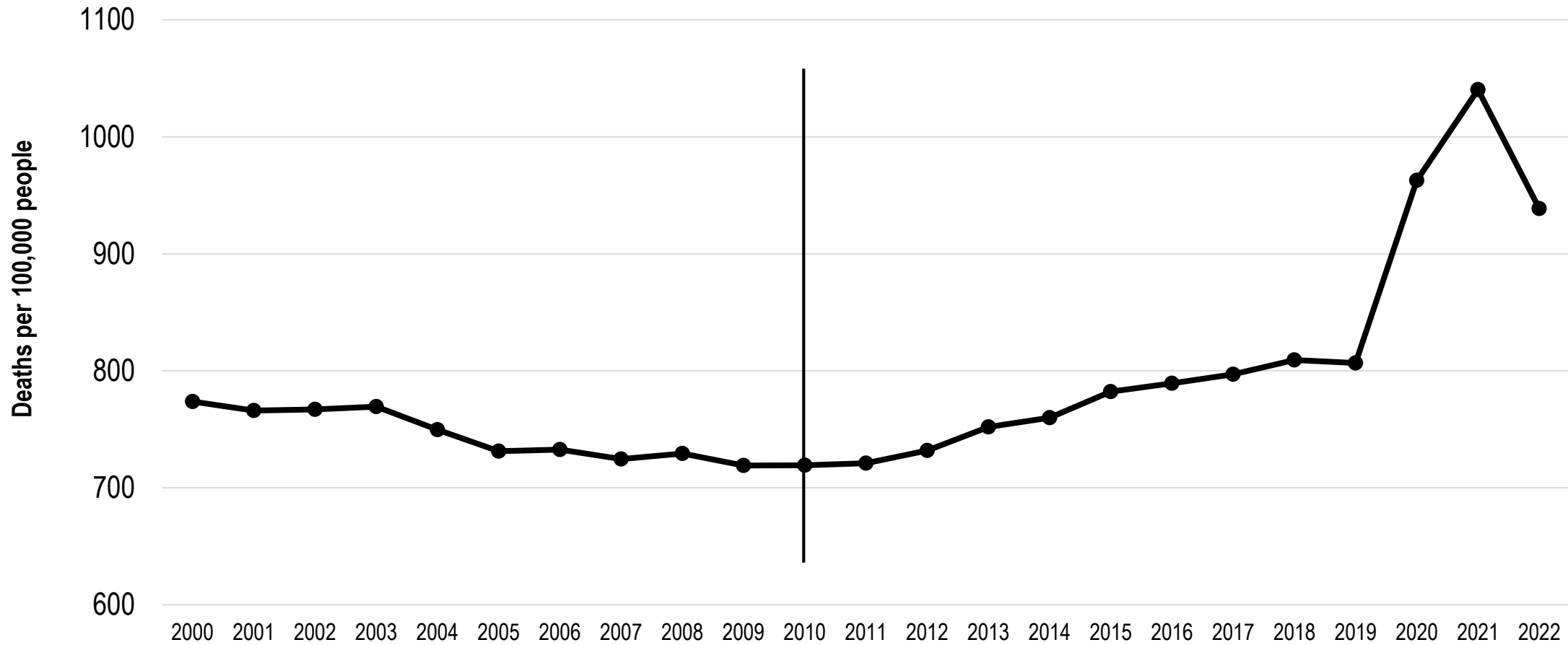
Deaths (hopefully) peaked in 2021 Covid-19



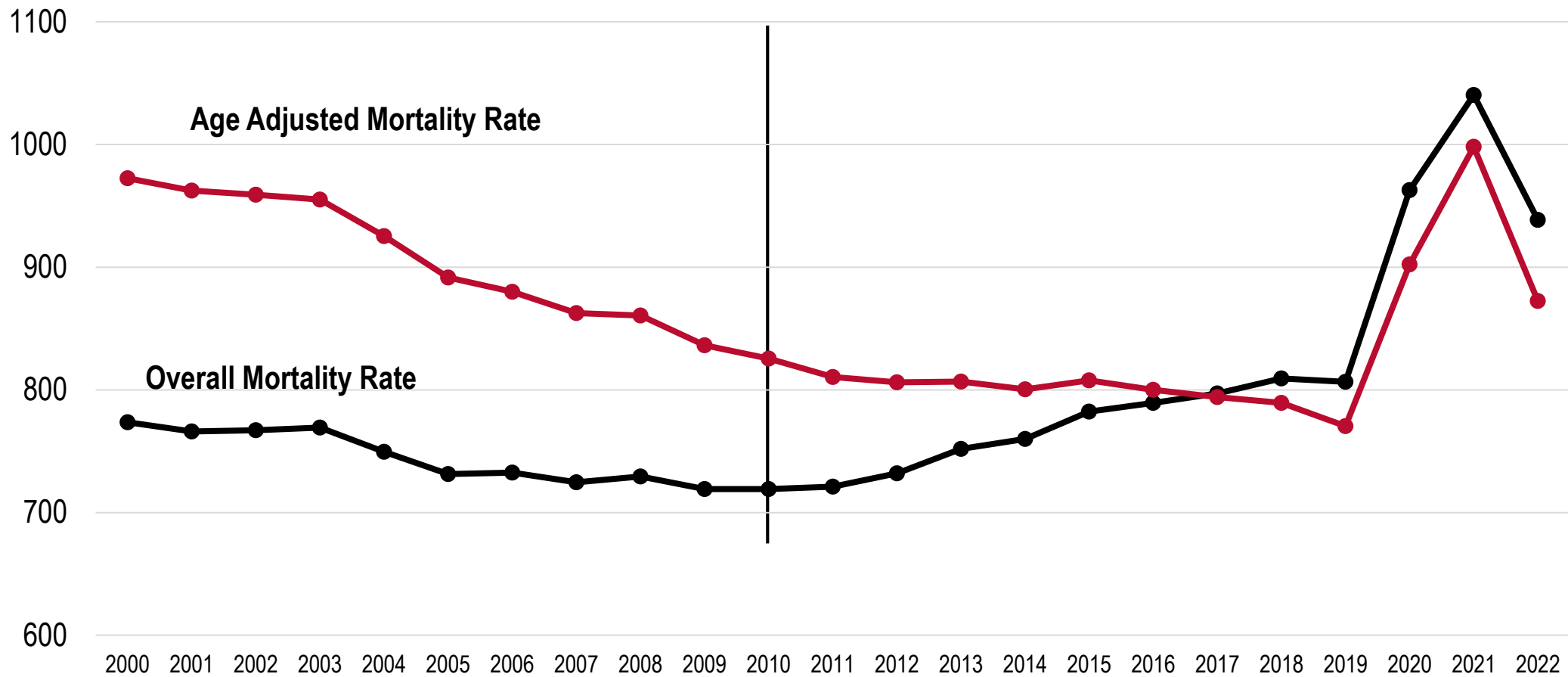
Deaths were increasing prior to Covid-19



Mortality Rate Increasing since 2010, too



Mortality Rate vs. Age Adjusted Mortality Rate

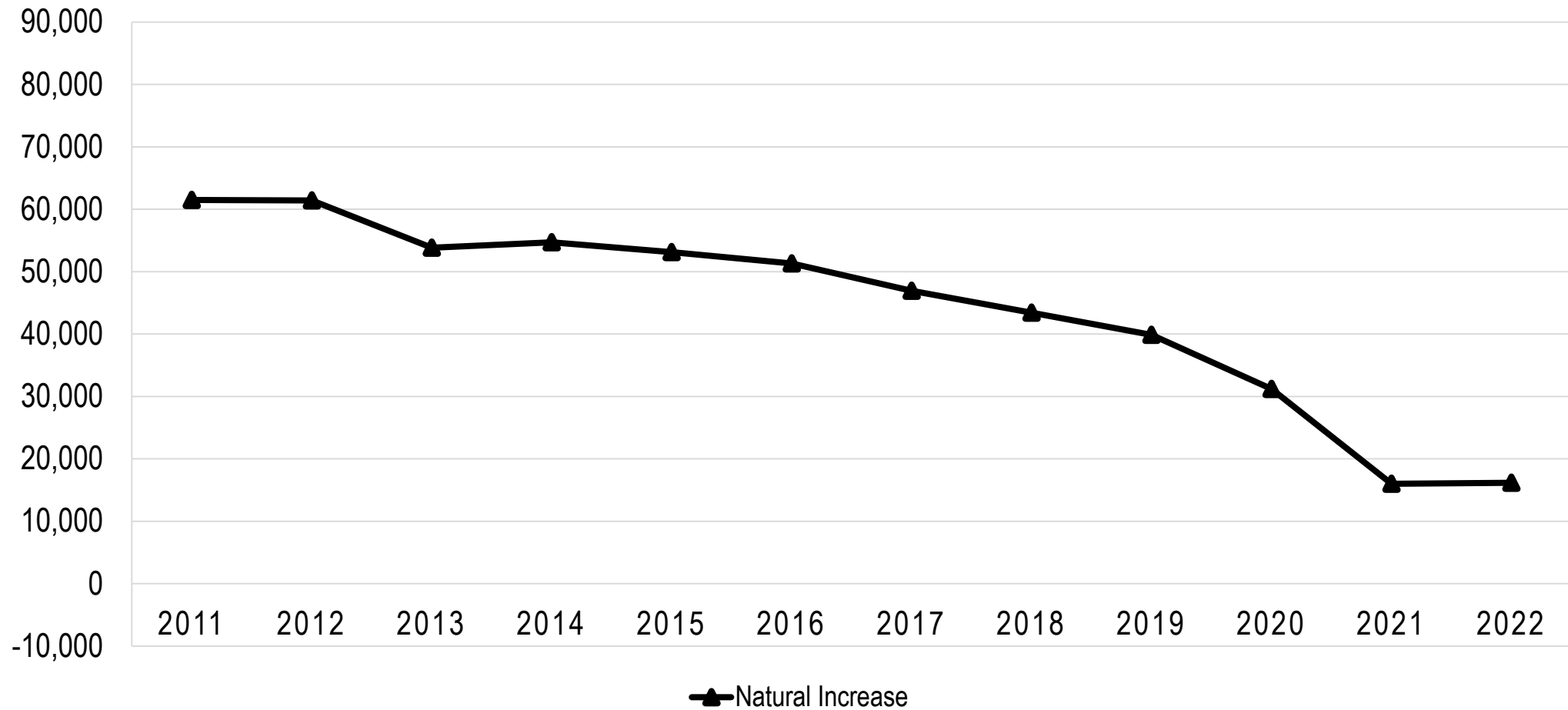


Natural Change = Births - Deaths

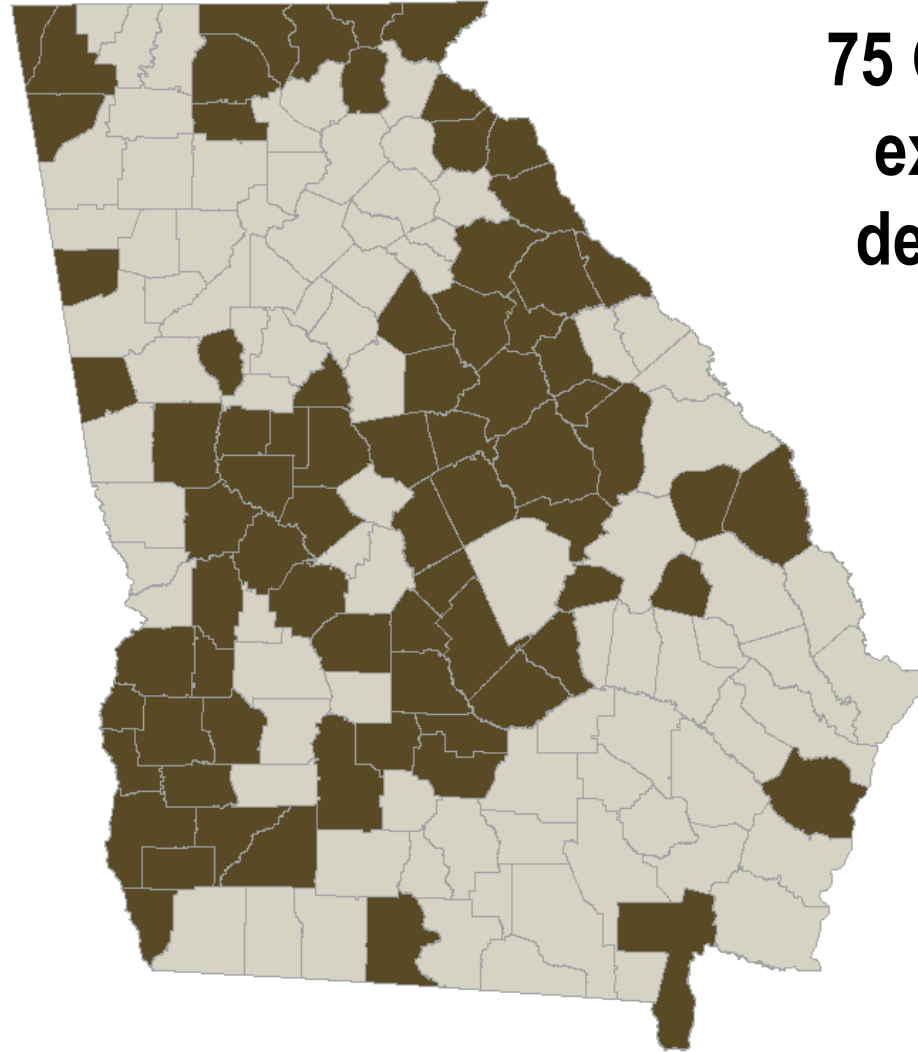
Components of
of Population Change



Natural Increase Slows in Georgia



**75 Georgia counties
exhibited natural
decrease between
2011-2021**



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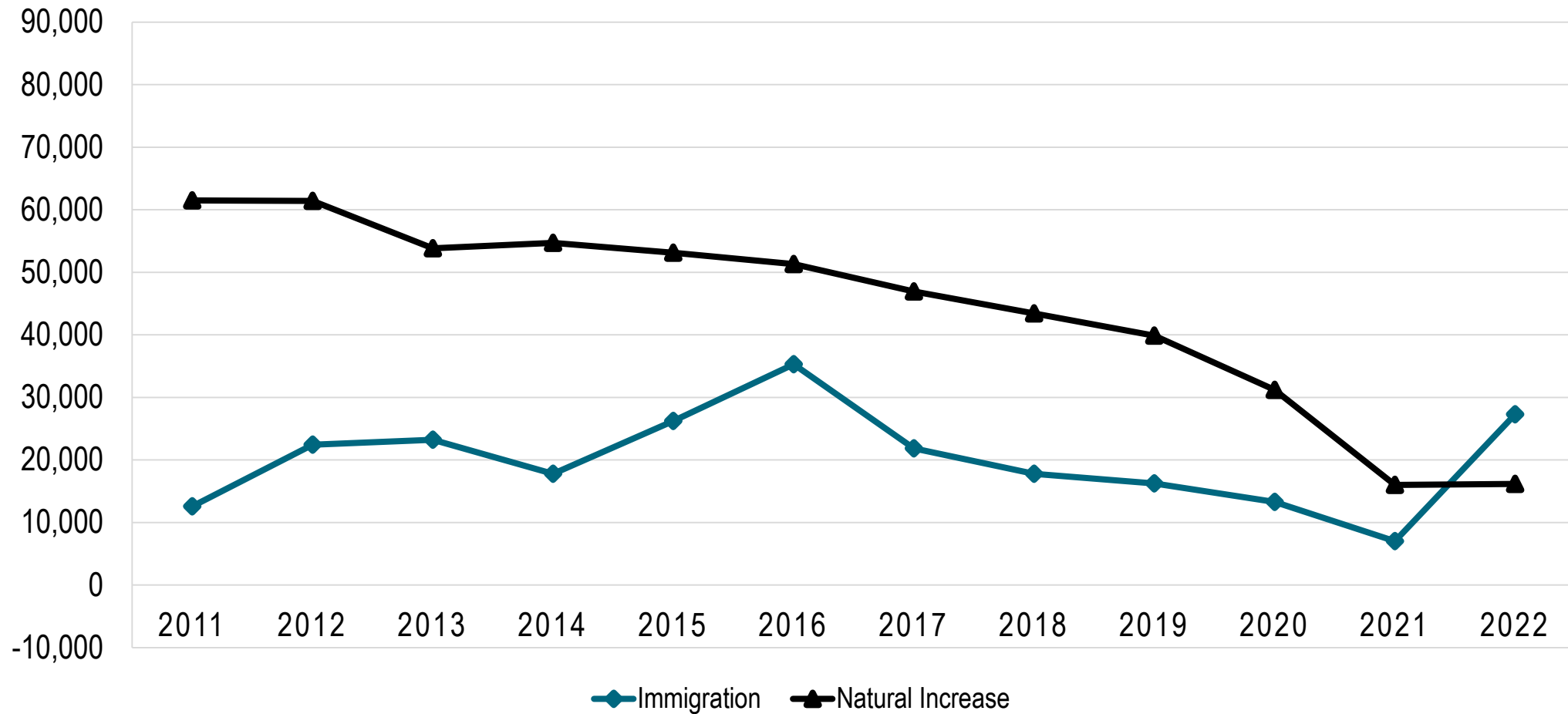
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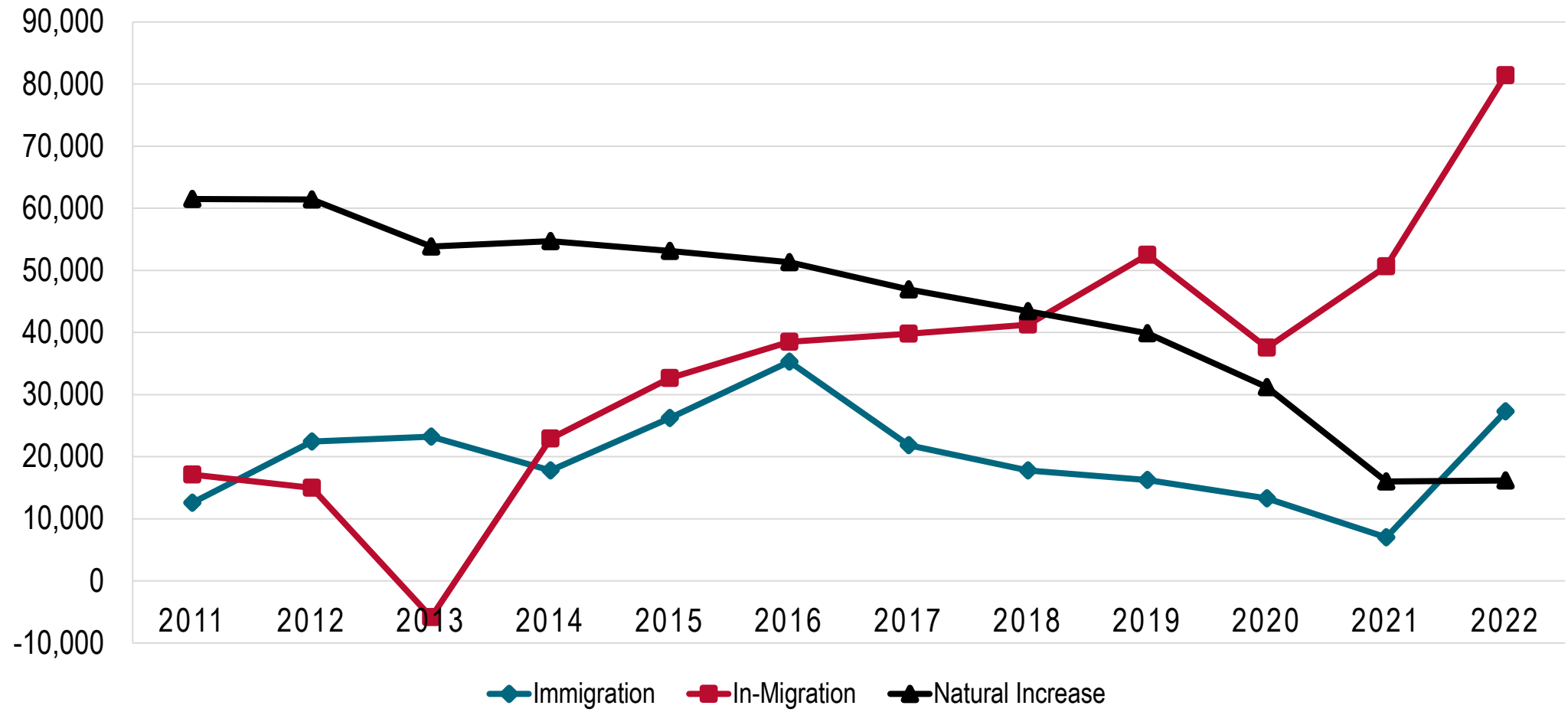
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International Migration to Georgia

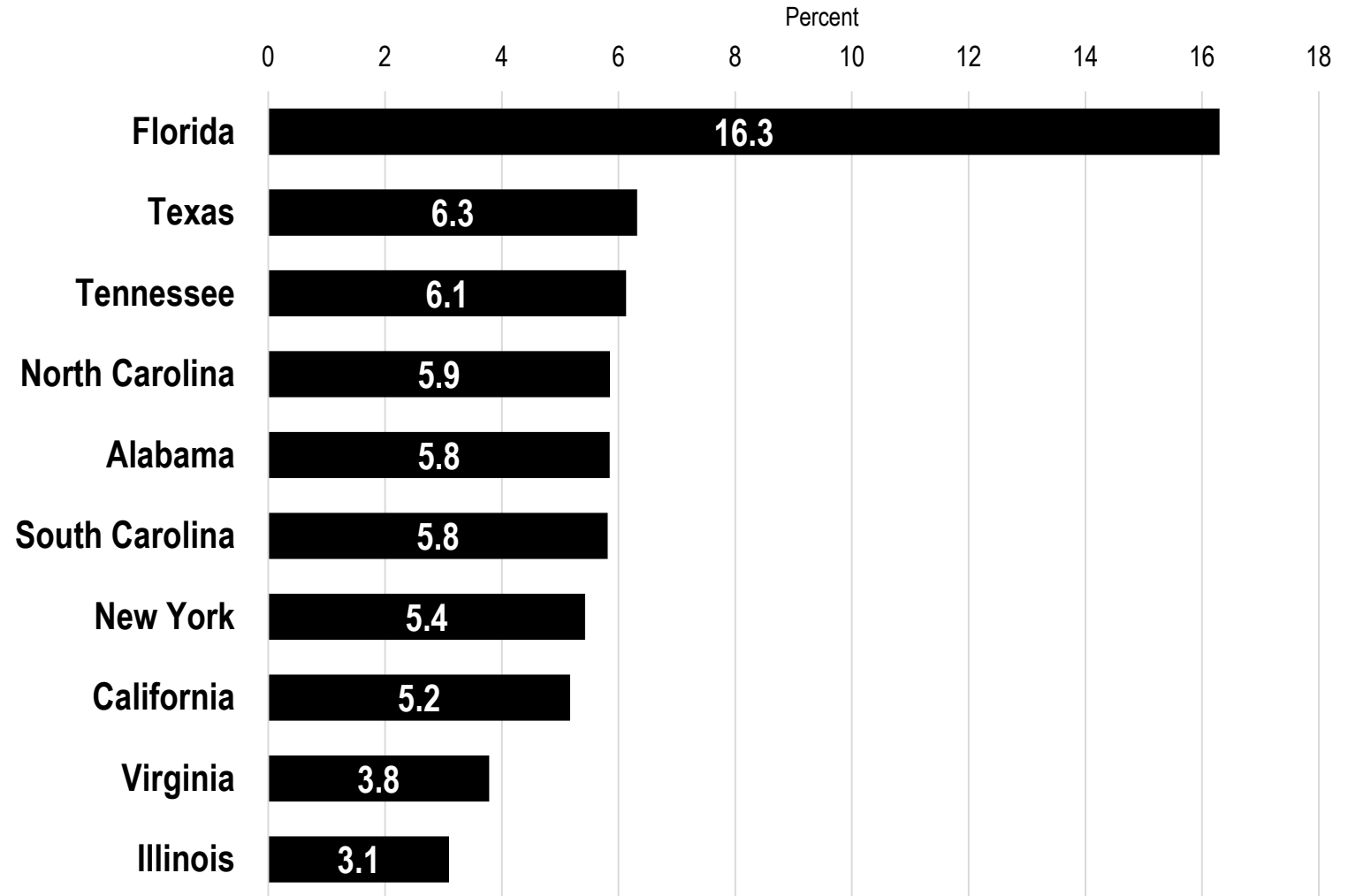


Domestic Migration Leads Georgia's Growth



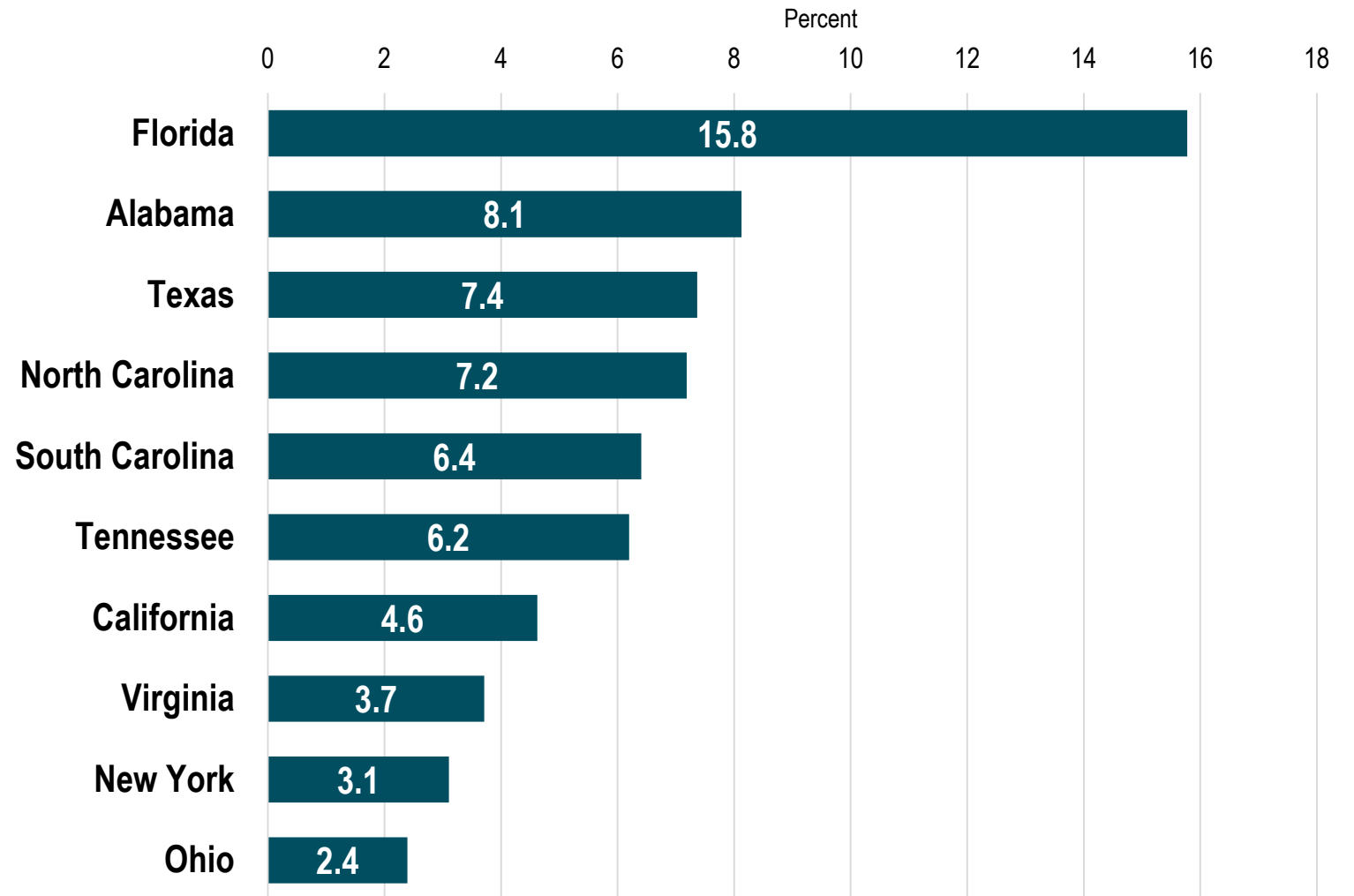
What states do people move from?

- 63% of migrants in to Georgia come from ten states

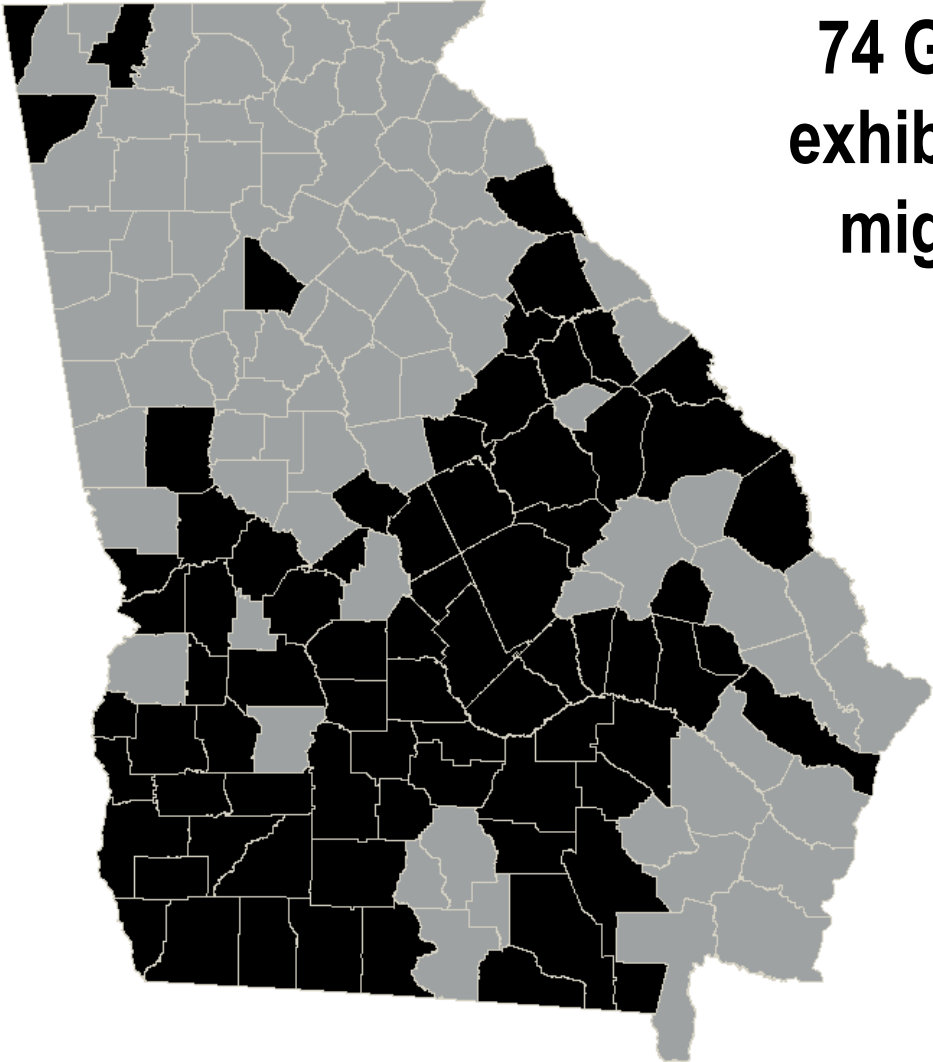


Where do Georgians go?

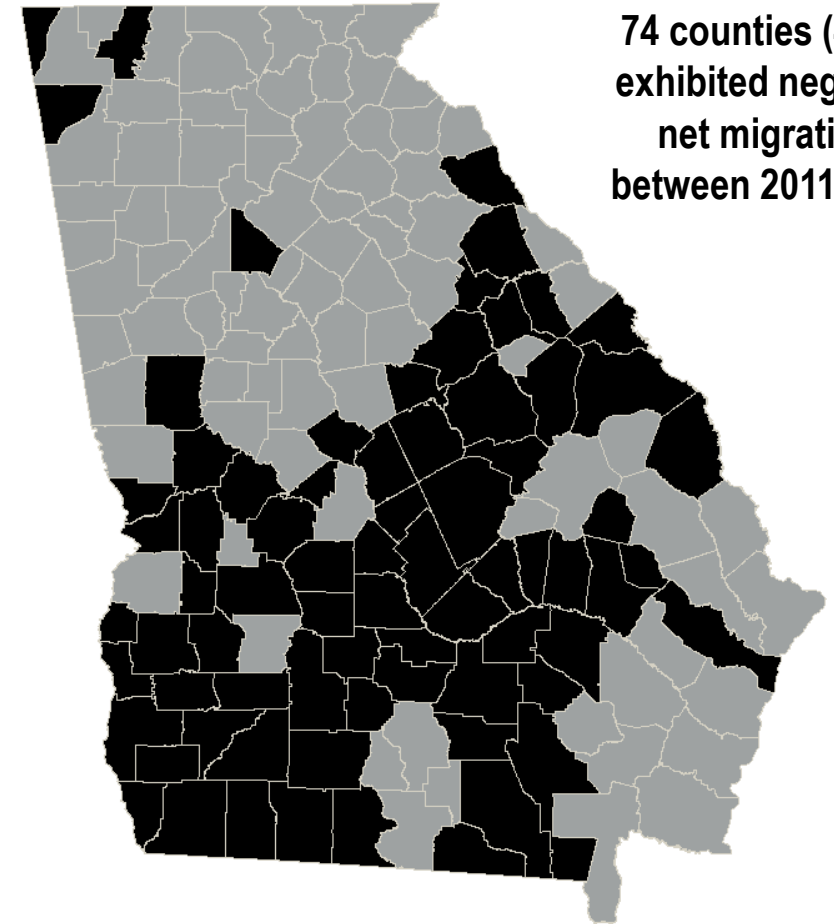
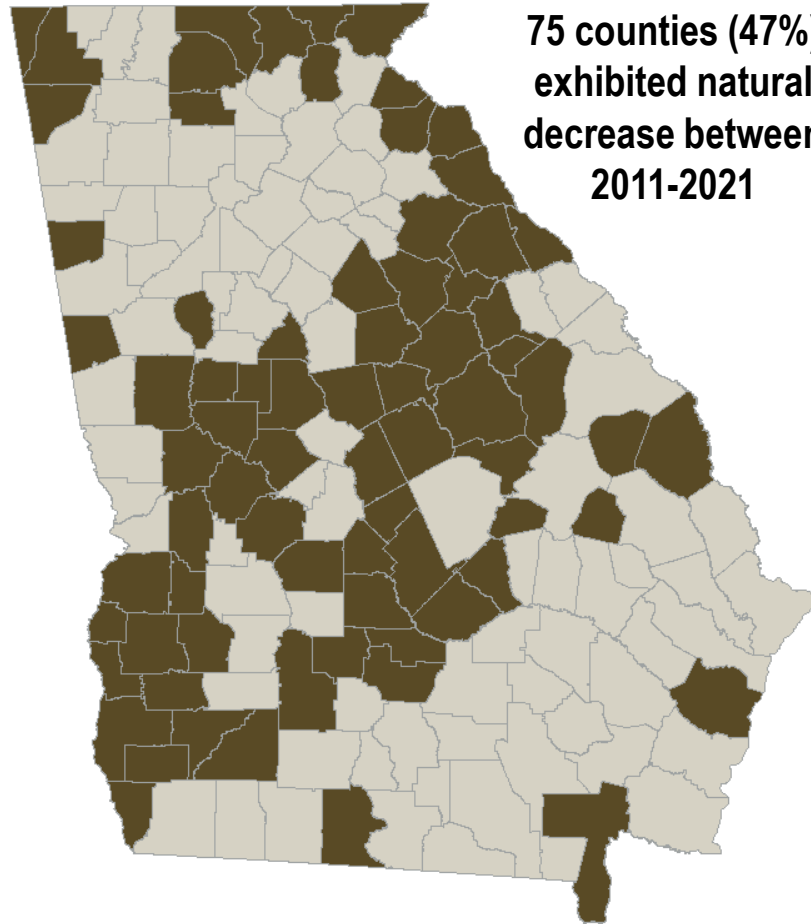
- 64% of migrants out of Georgia move to one of ten states



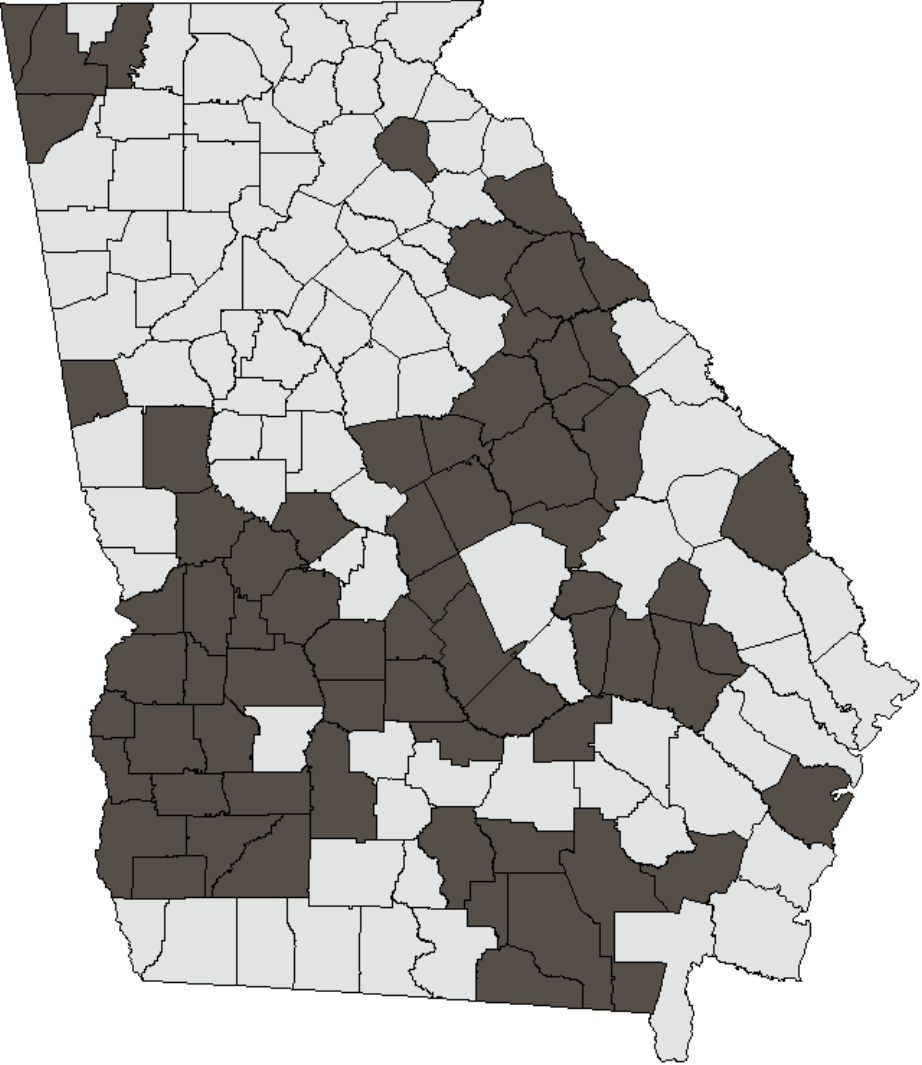
**74 Georgia counties
exhibited negative net
migration between
2011-2022**



Mapping the Components of Population Change

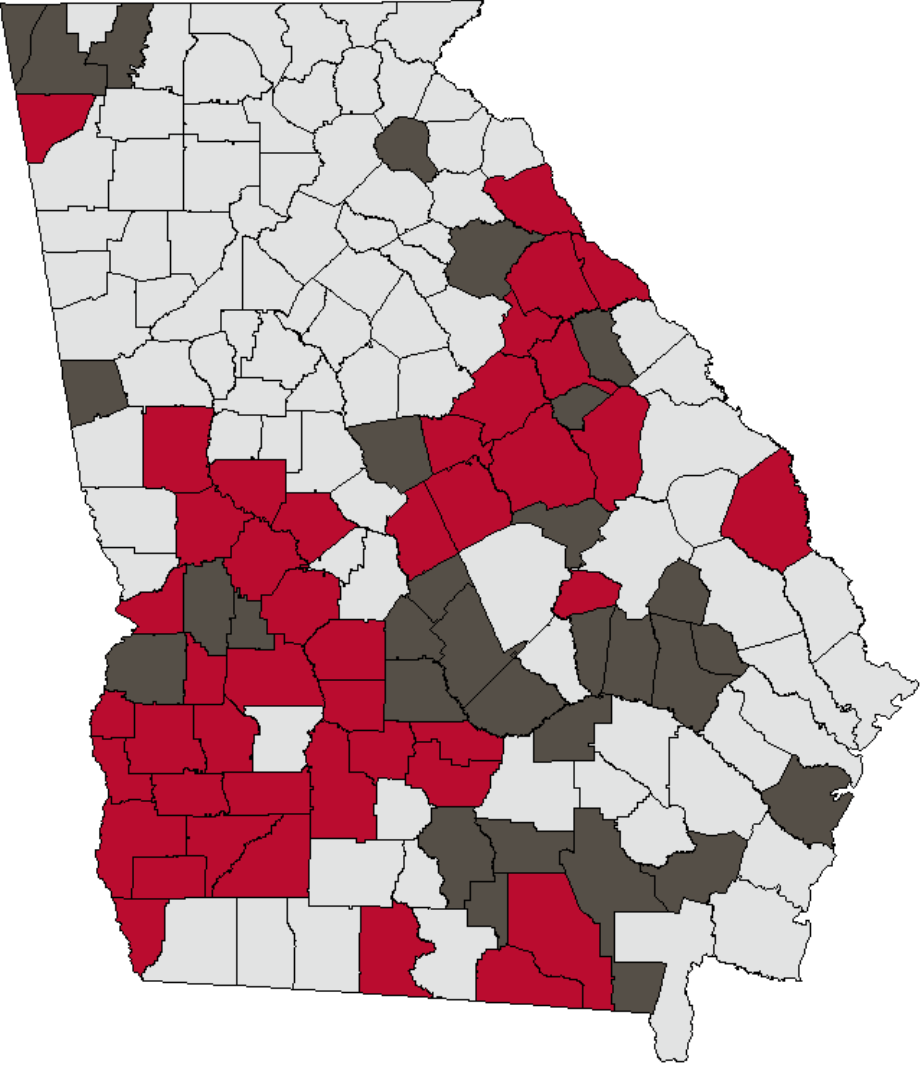


68 counties lost population between 2010 and 2020

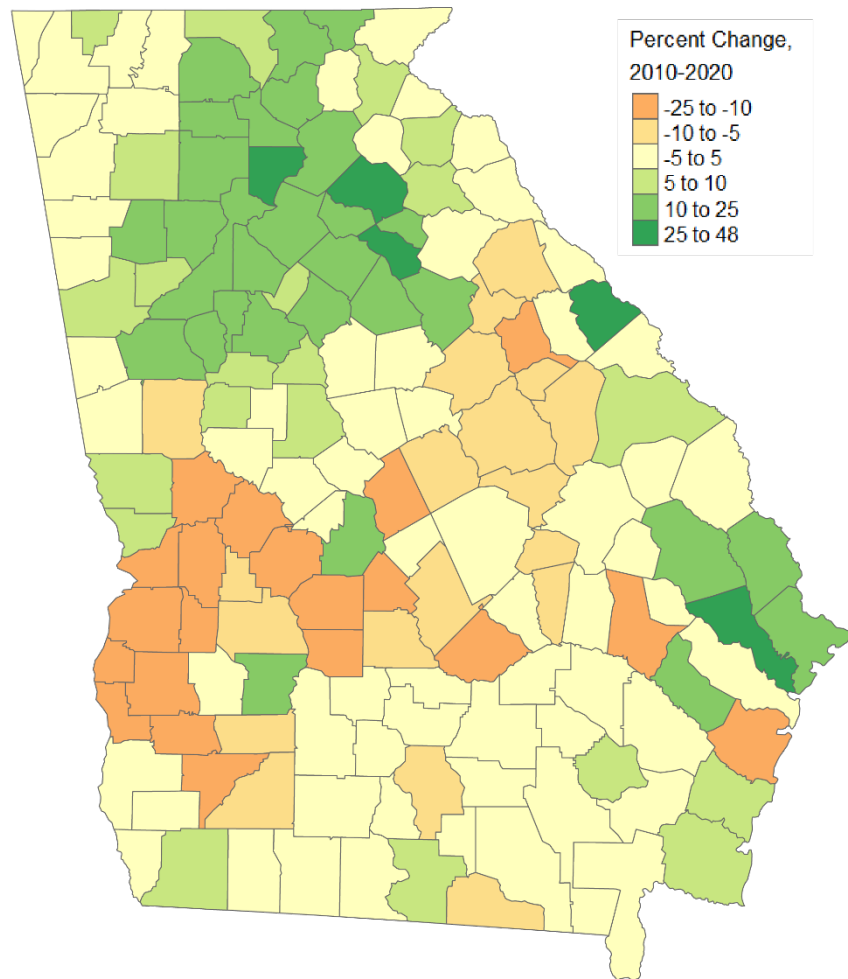


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43 counties have fewer people in 2020 than in 2000



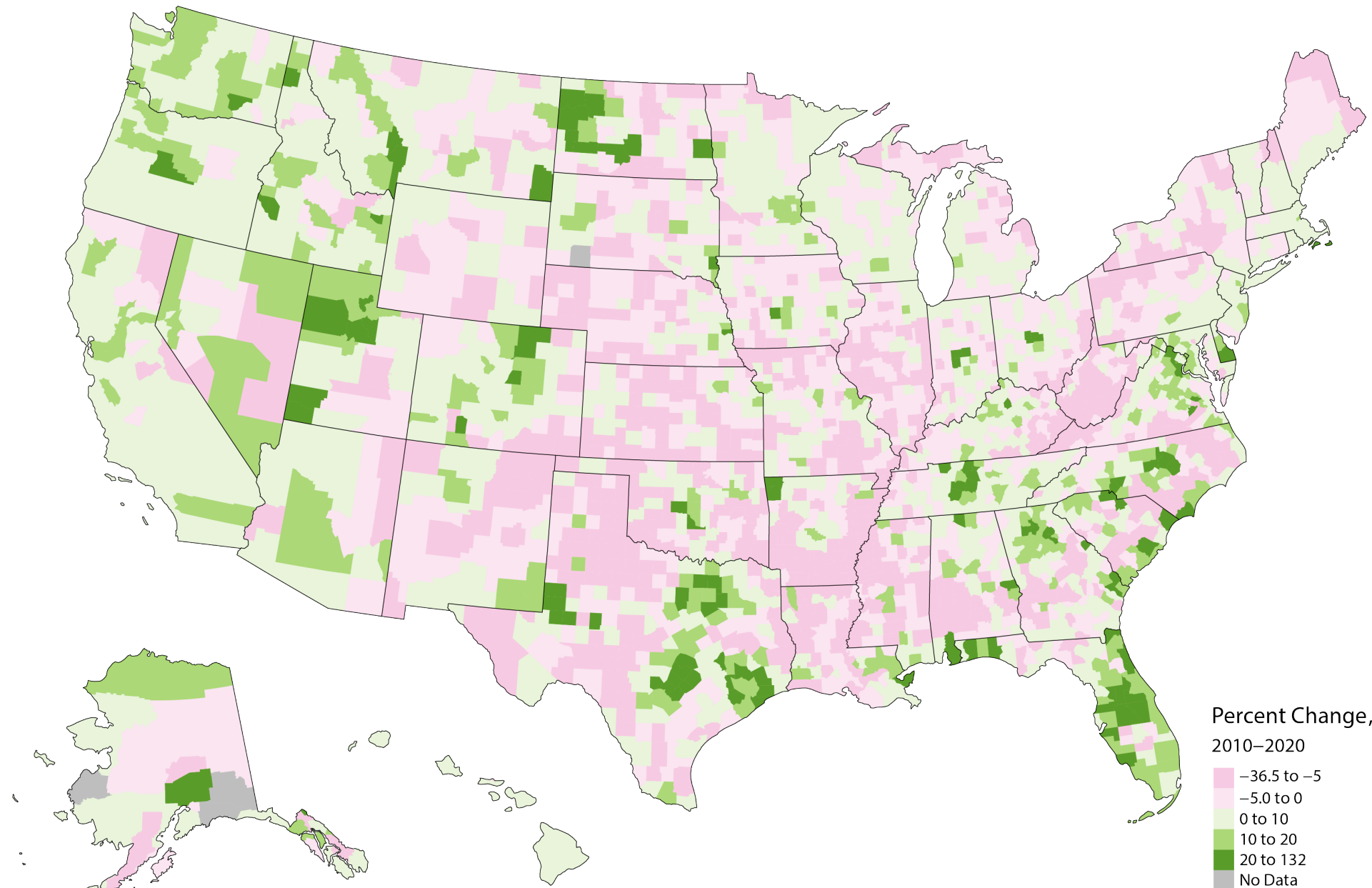
Suburban and Exurban Population Growth



	Fastest Growing	%
1	Bryan County	48.0
2	Forsyth County	43.2
3	Oconee County	27.4
4	Columbia County	25.8
5	Jackson County	25.5
6	Cherokee County	24.4
7	Effingham County	24.0
8	Barrow County	20.4
9	Dawson County	20.0
10	Towns County	19.3

	Largest Decrease	%
150	Webster County	-16.1
151	Talbot County	-16.5
152	Baker County	-16.7
153	Calhoun County	-16.7
154	Randolph County	-16.8
155	Pulaski County	-17.9
156	Macon County	-18.0
157	McIntosh County	-23.4
158	Telfair County	-24.4
159	Dooly County	-24.9





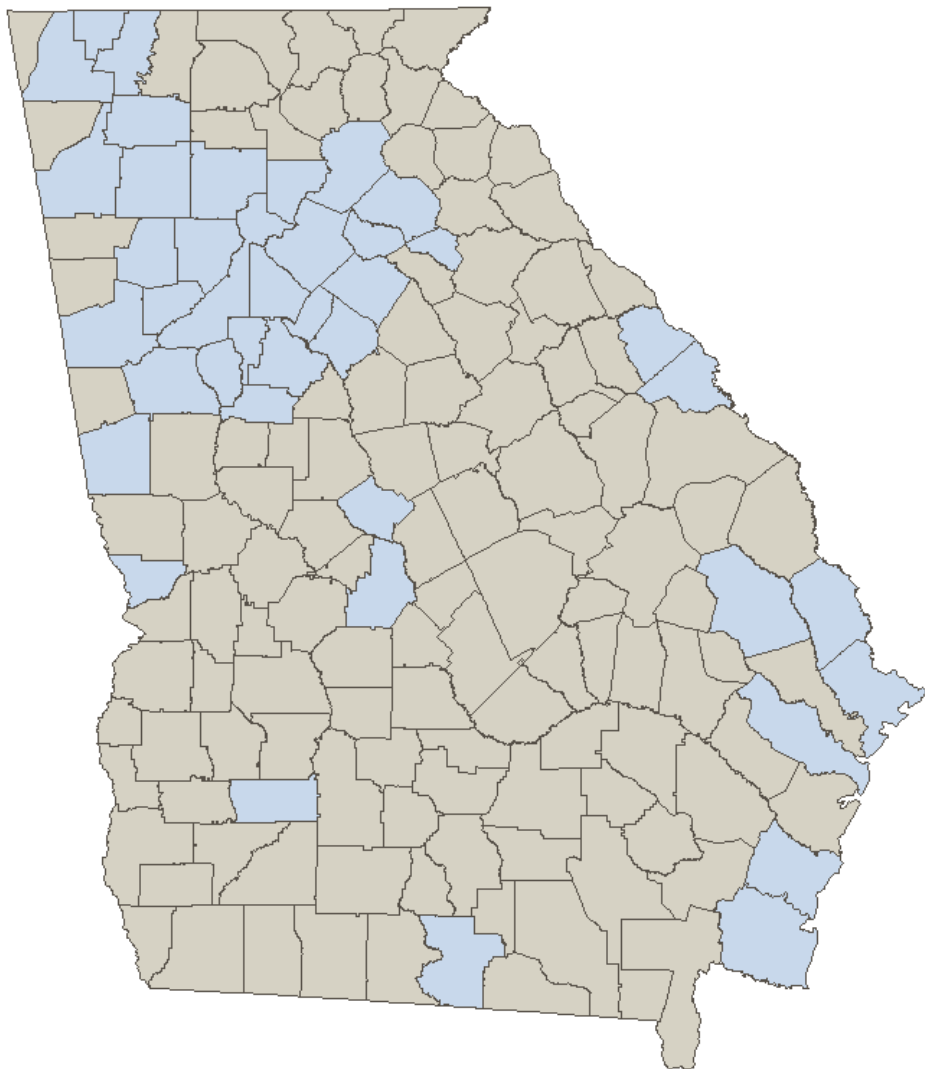
Percent Change,
2010–2020

- 36.5 to -5
- 5.0 to 0
- 0 to 10
- 10 to 20
- 20 to 132
- No Data

Georgia's Population Concentration



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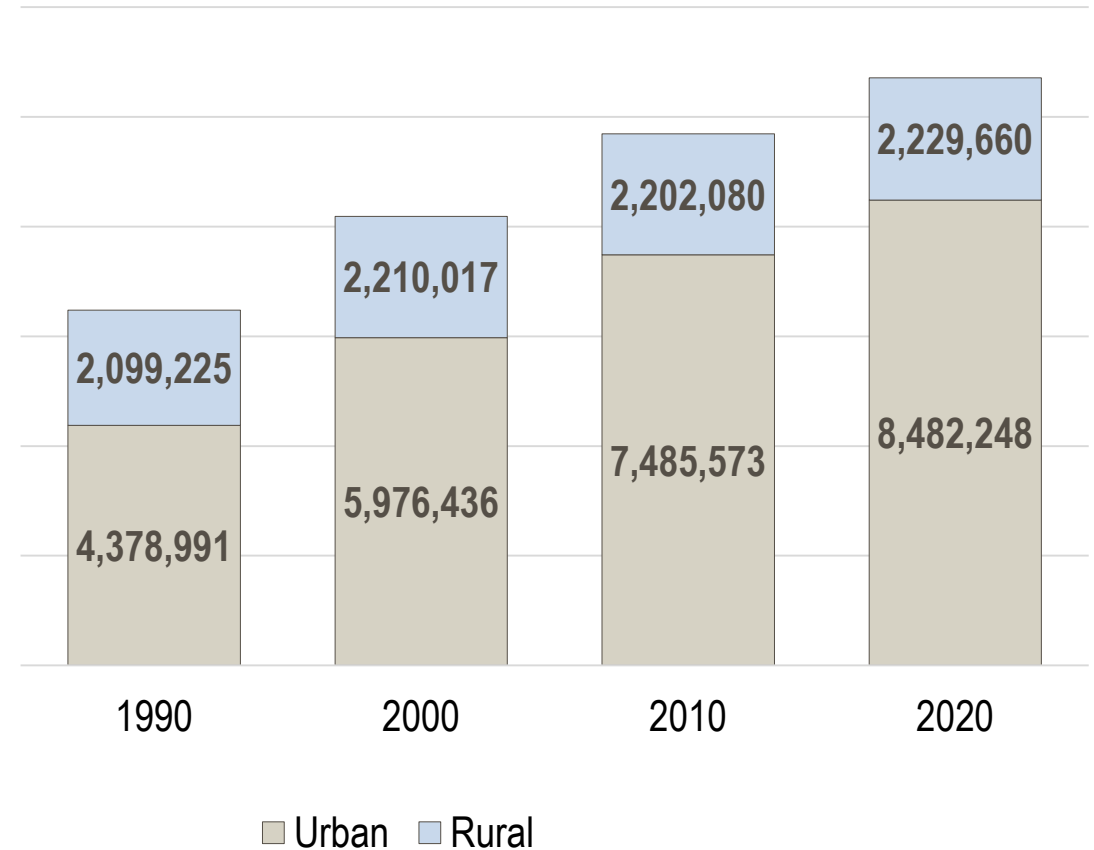
41 Urban Counties
79% of population in 2020

118 Rural Counties
21% of population in 2020

*Rural Counties defined as those with
less than 50,000 people*

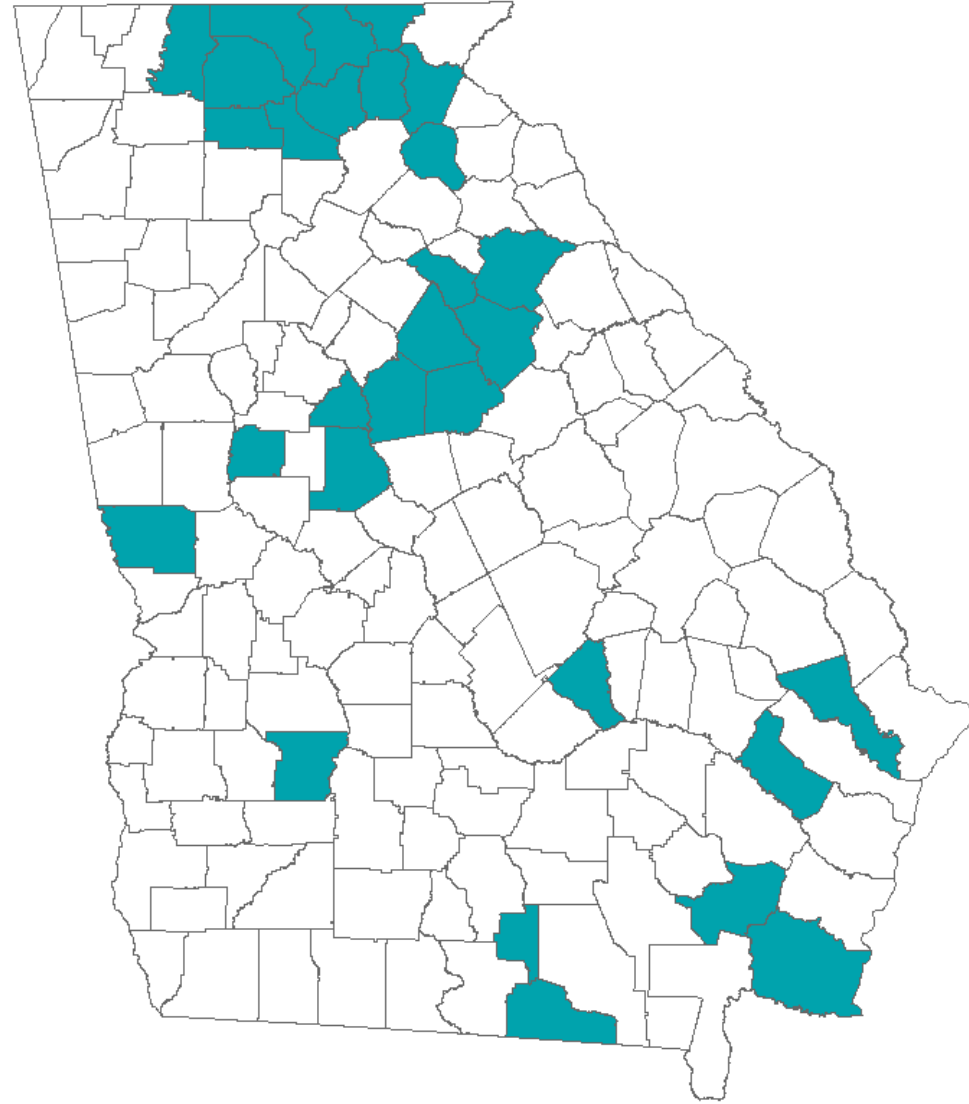
Three Decades of Urban Growth in Georgia

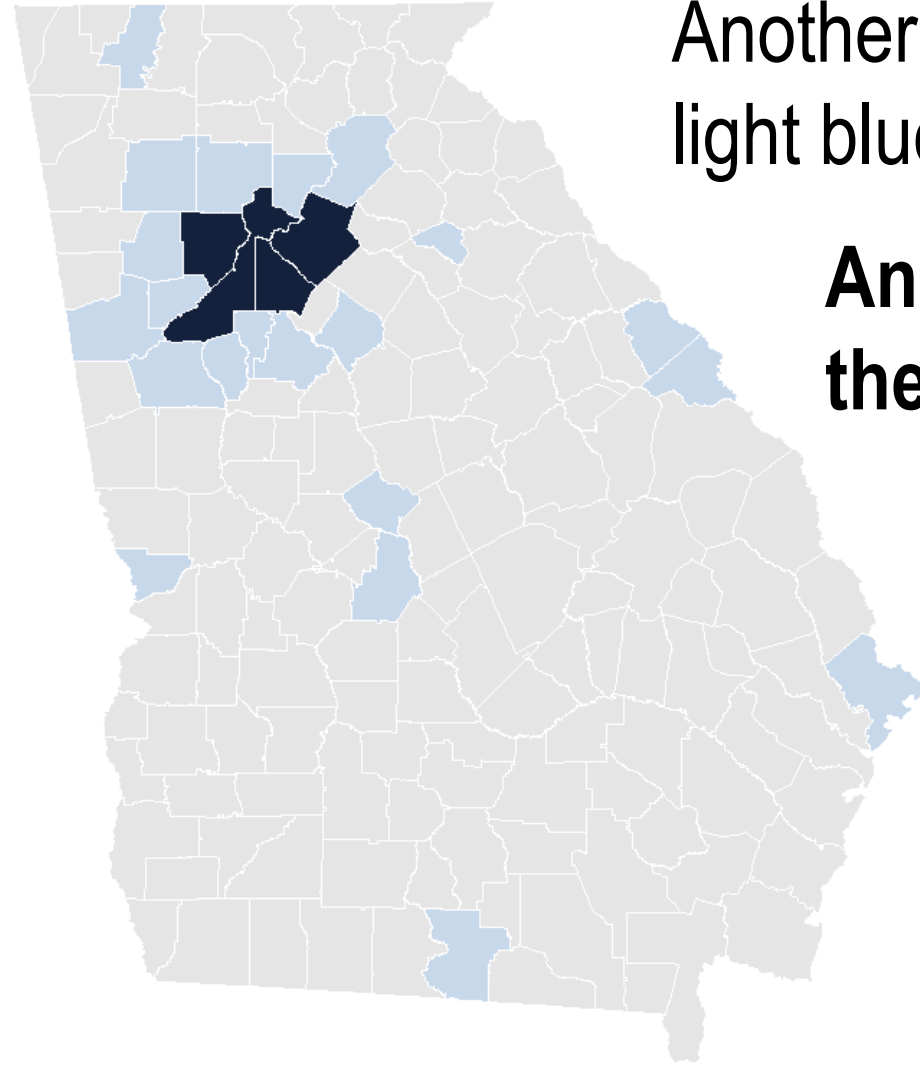
- Urban population grew by ~4.1 million
- Rural Population increased by ~130,000
 - Decline in 2000s
 - Recent growth concentrated in only a few counties



Georgia's Rural Growth

Population increase of more than 50% since 1990 in 29 counties





Another third lives in the
light blue counties

**And another third lives in
the gray counties**

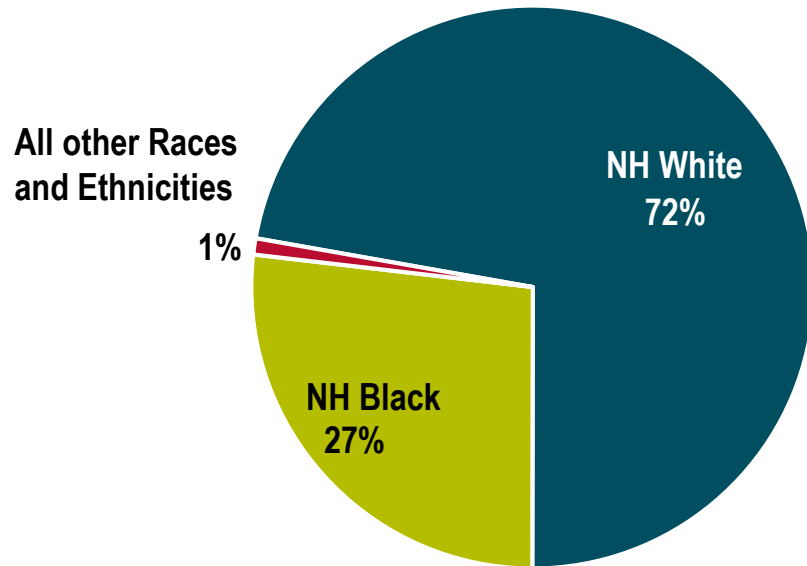


Racial and Ethnic Transition

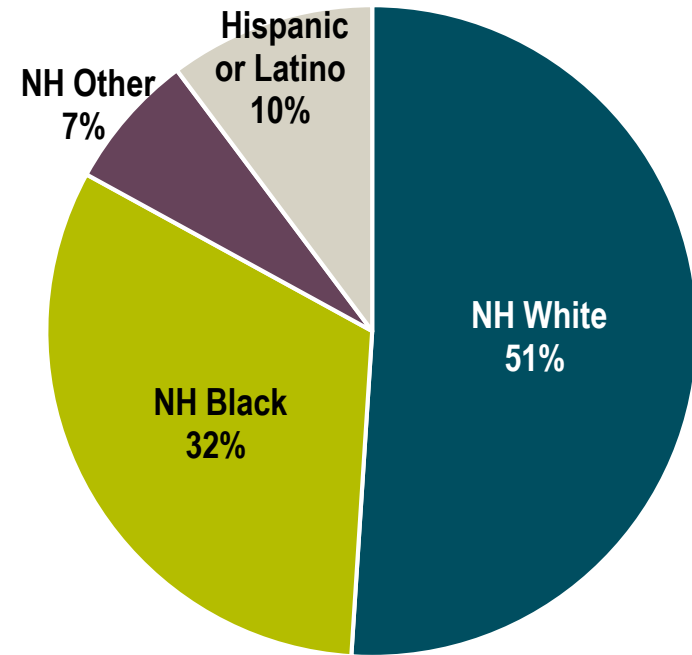


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Georgia's Racial and Ethnic Demographic Trends



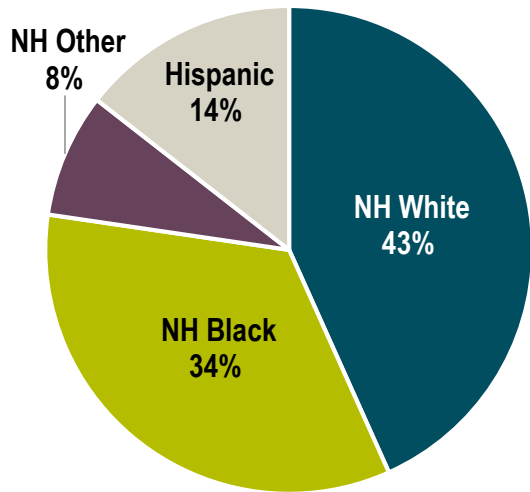
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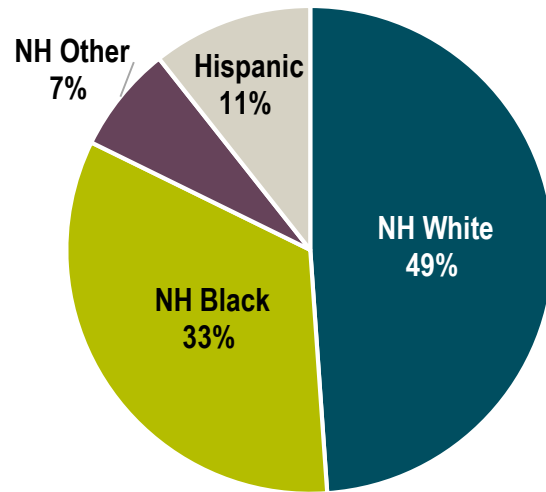
2021



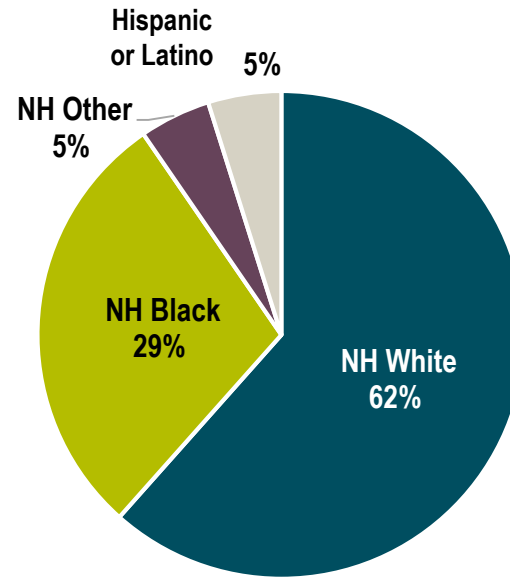
Race and Ethnicity by Age in 2021



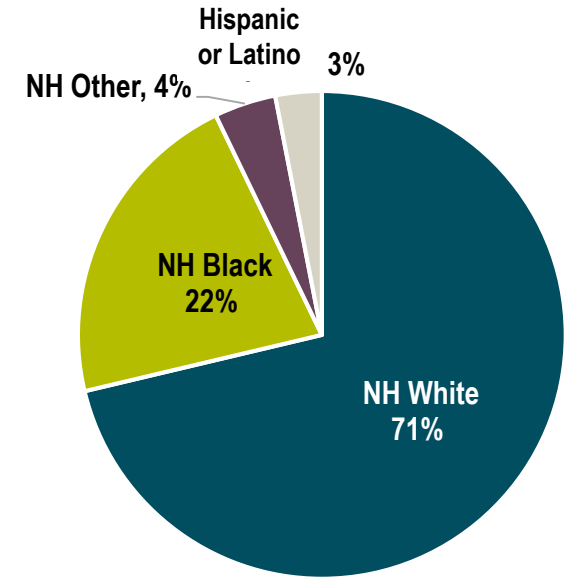
Under Age 25



Age 25-54



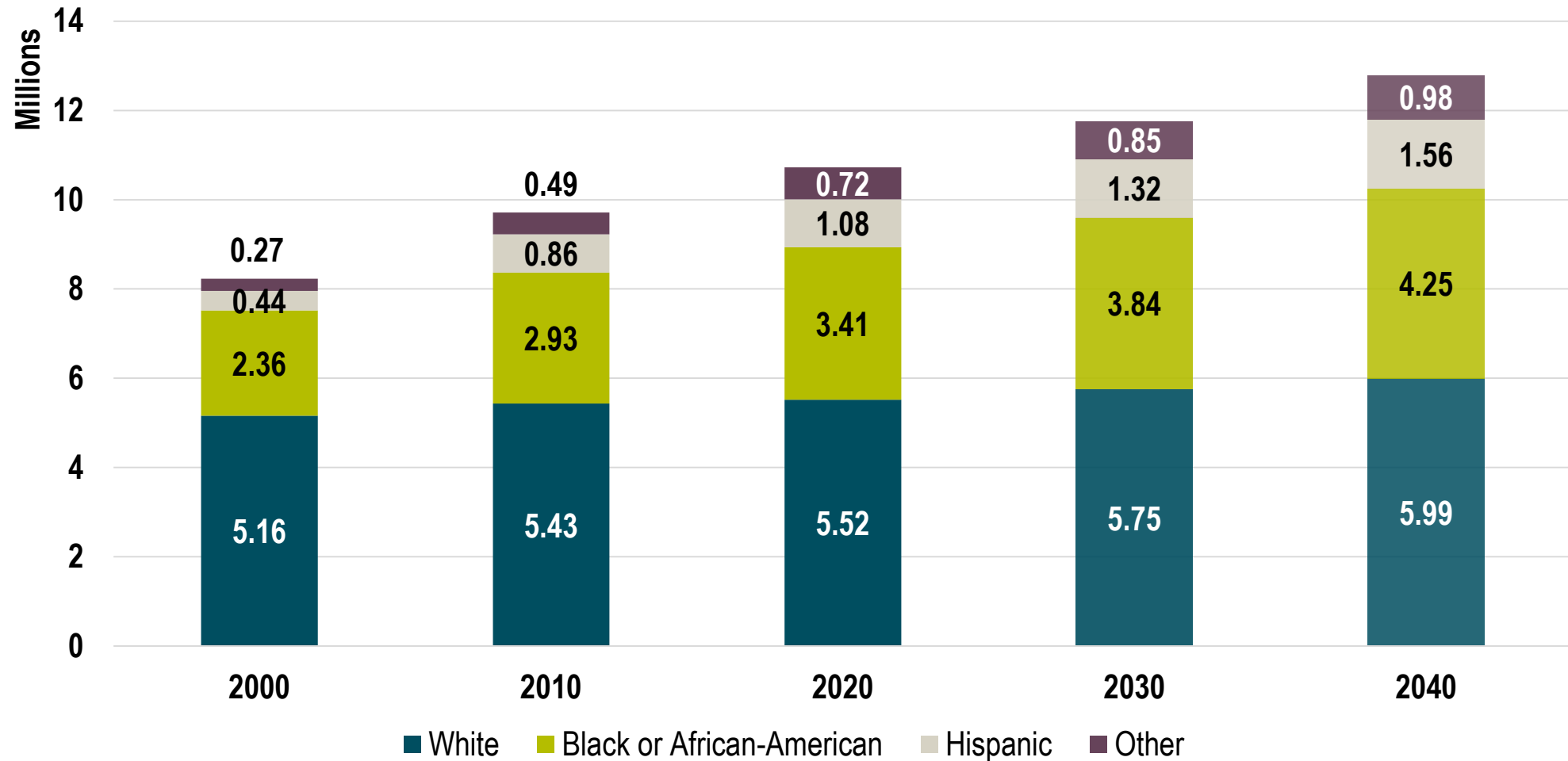
Age 55-74



Over Age 75



Georgia's Future Racial and Ethnic Composition

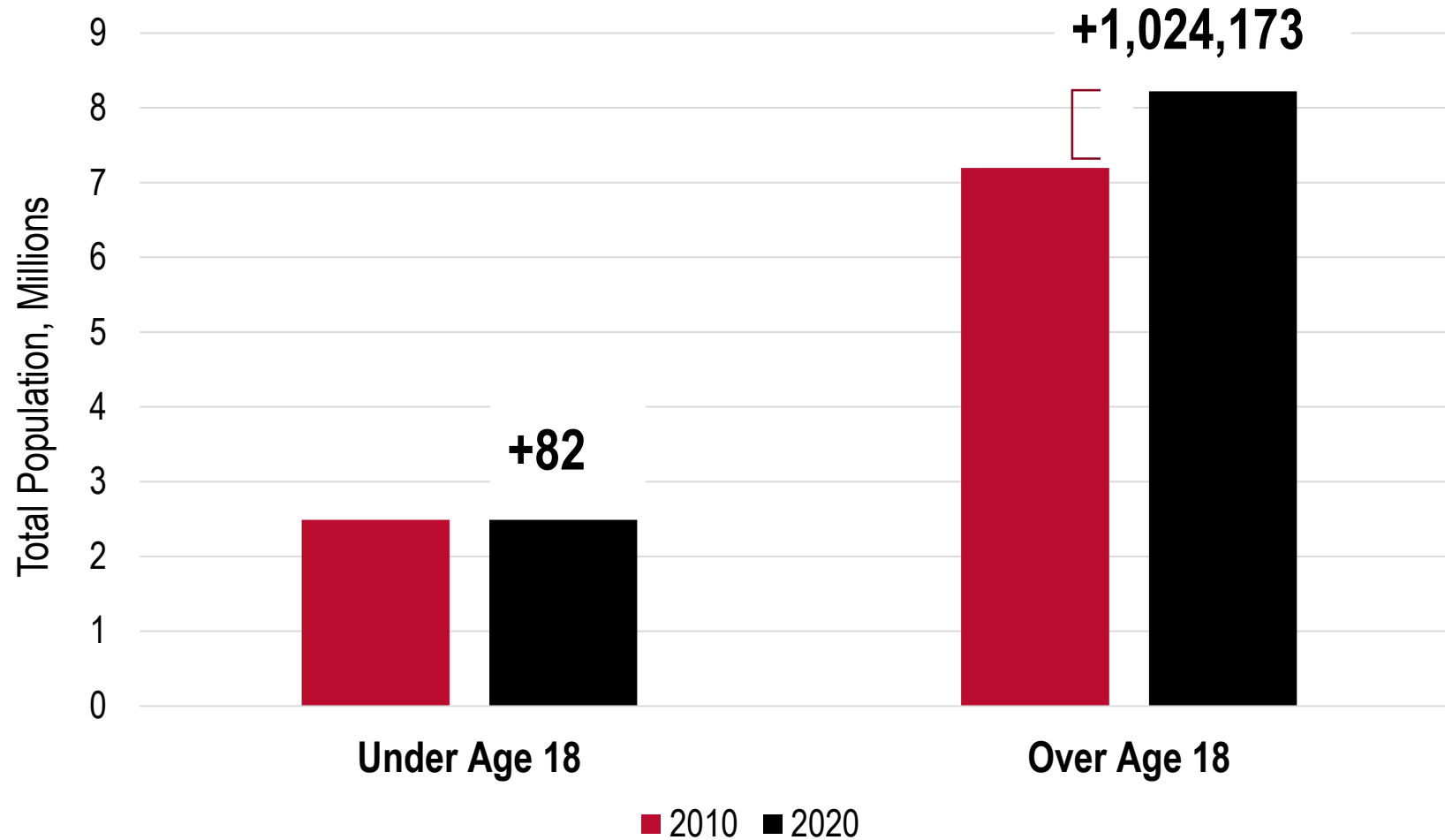


Georgia's is Getting Older

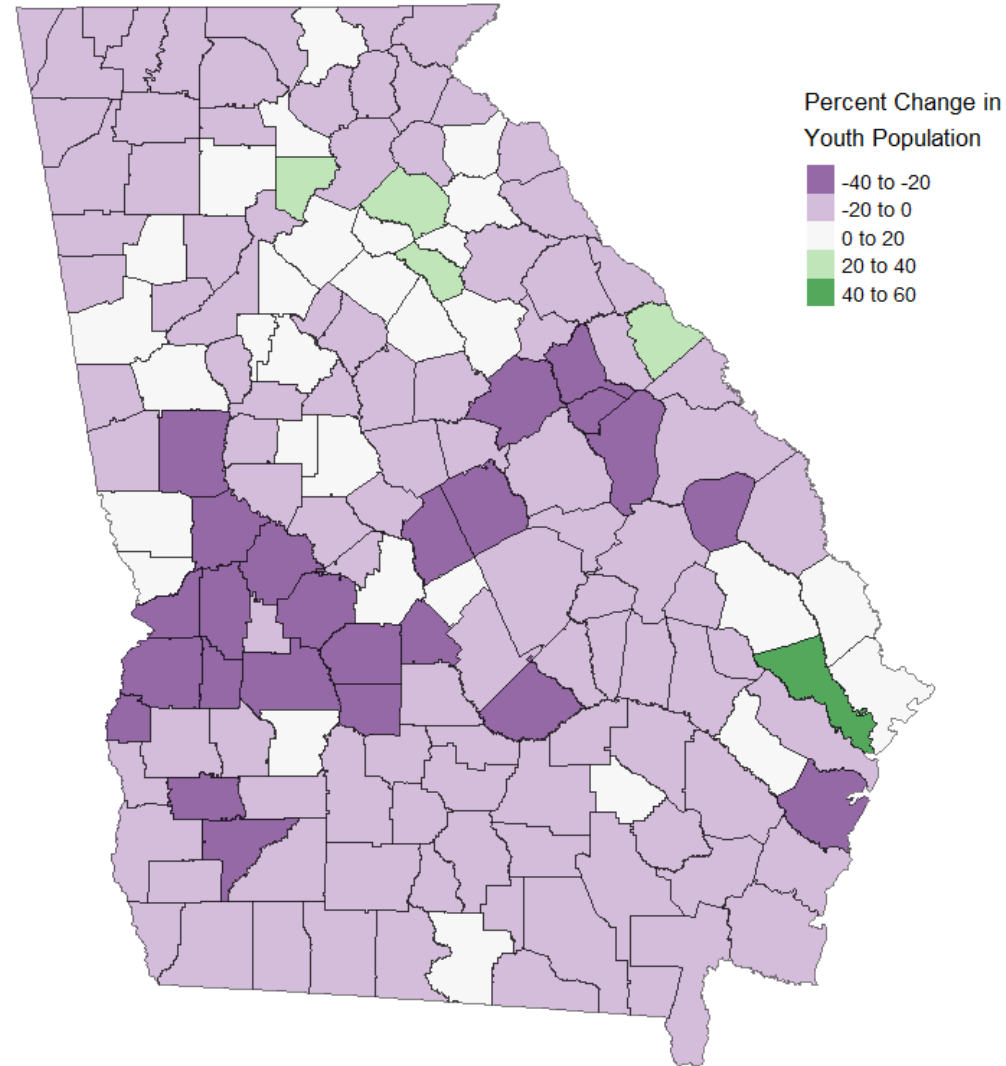


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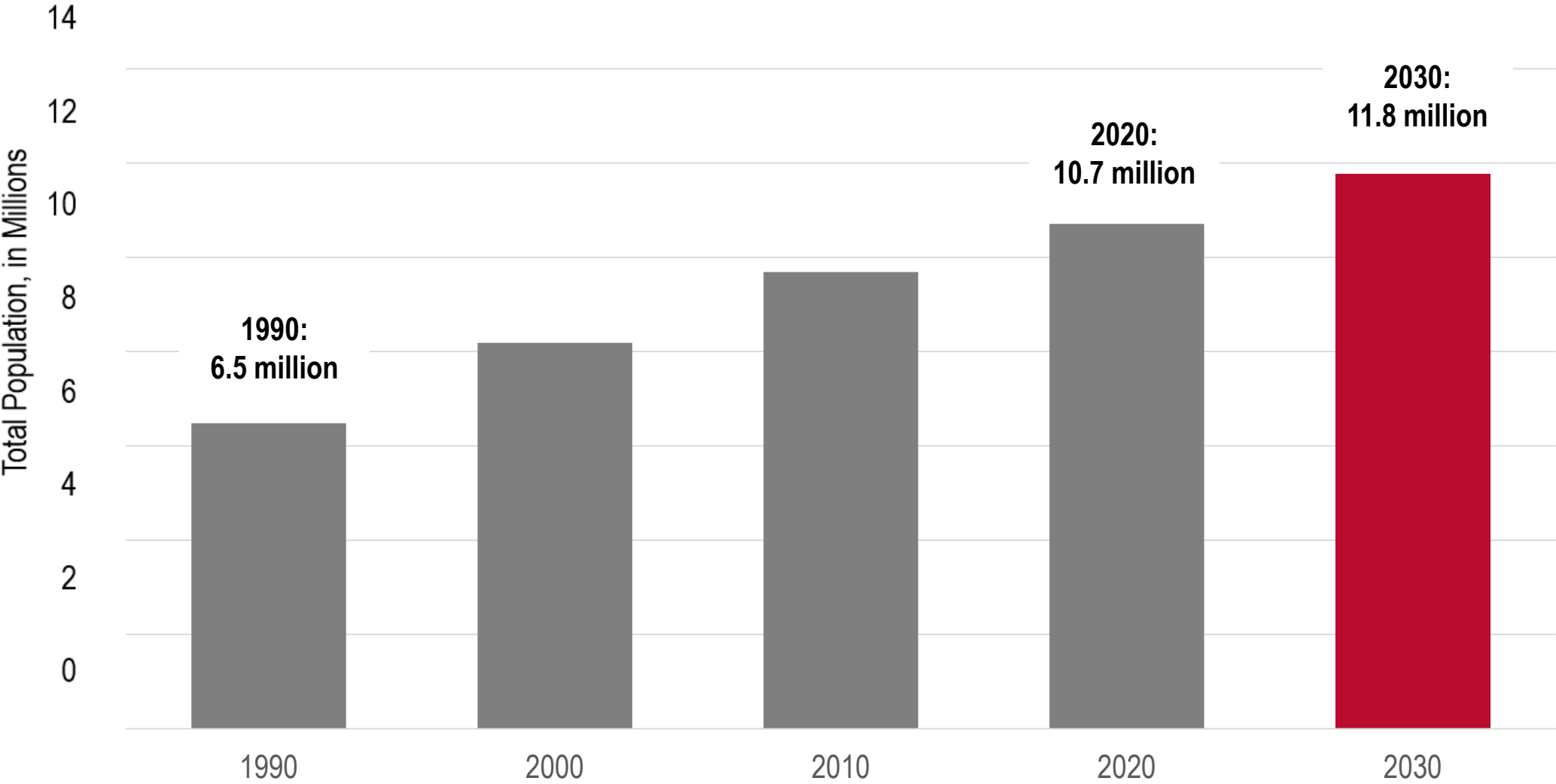
Georgia's Population Growth in 2010s was Adult Population Growth



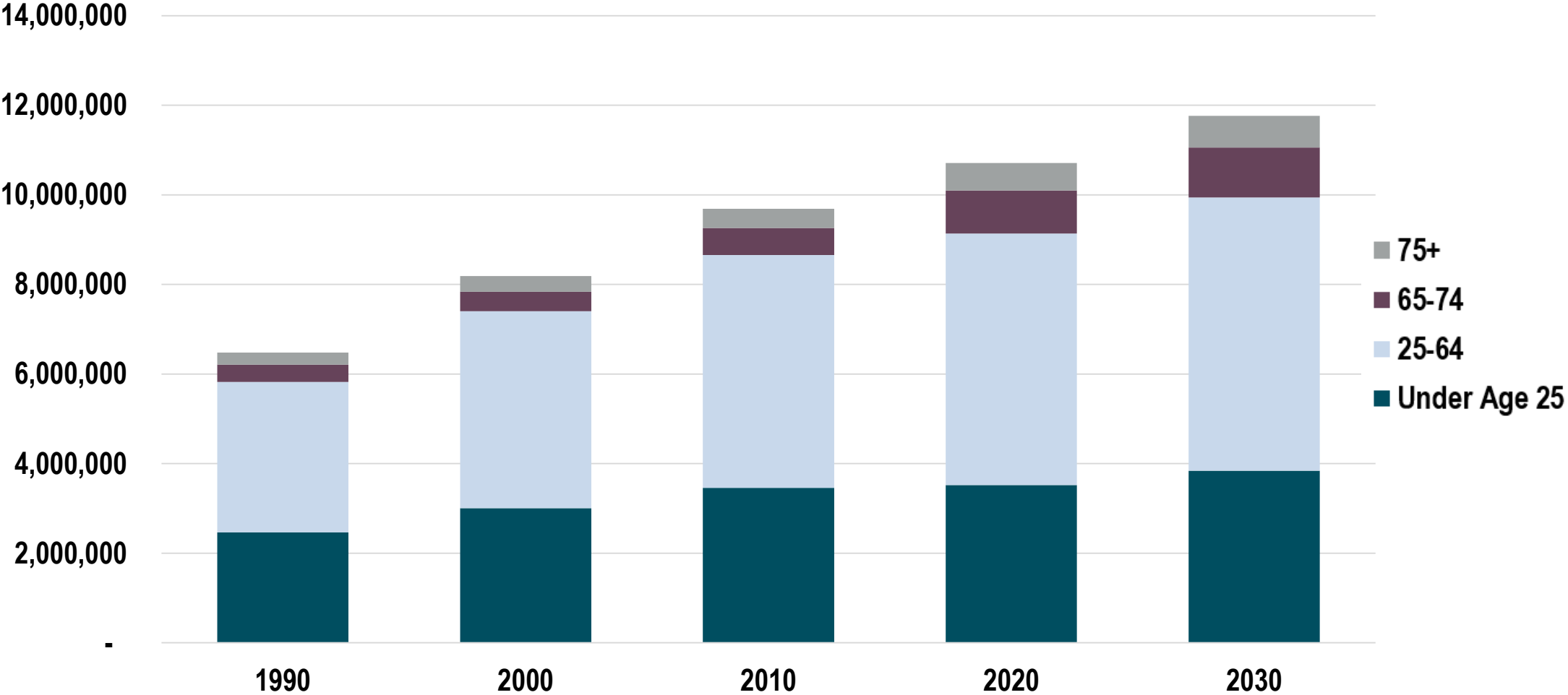
Only 35 counties had a net gain in the Under Age 18 Population



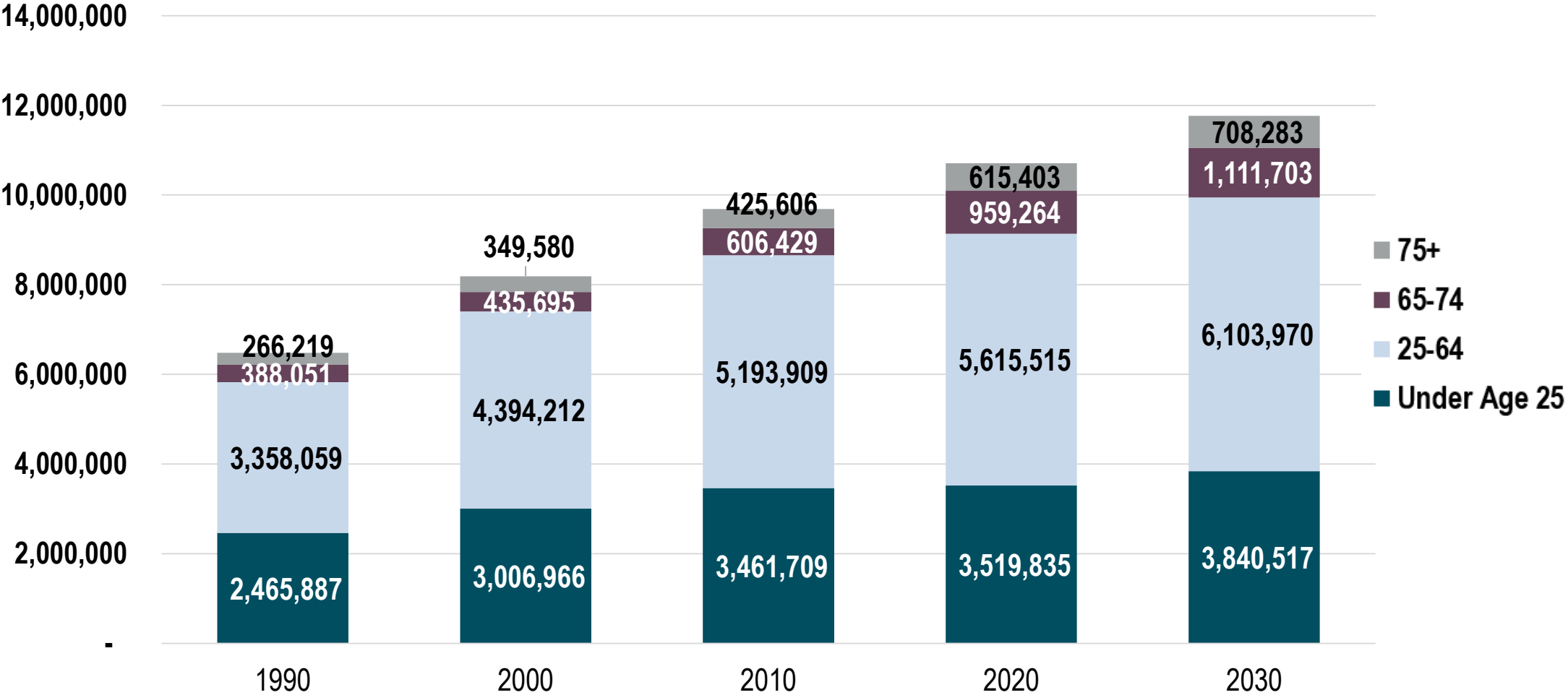
Georgia's Growing and Aging Population



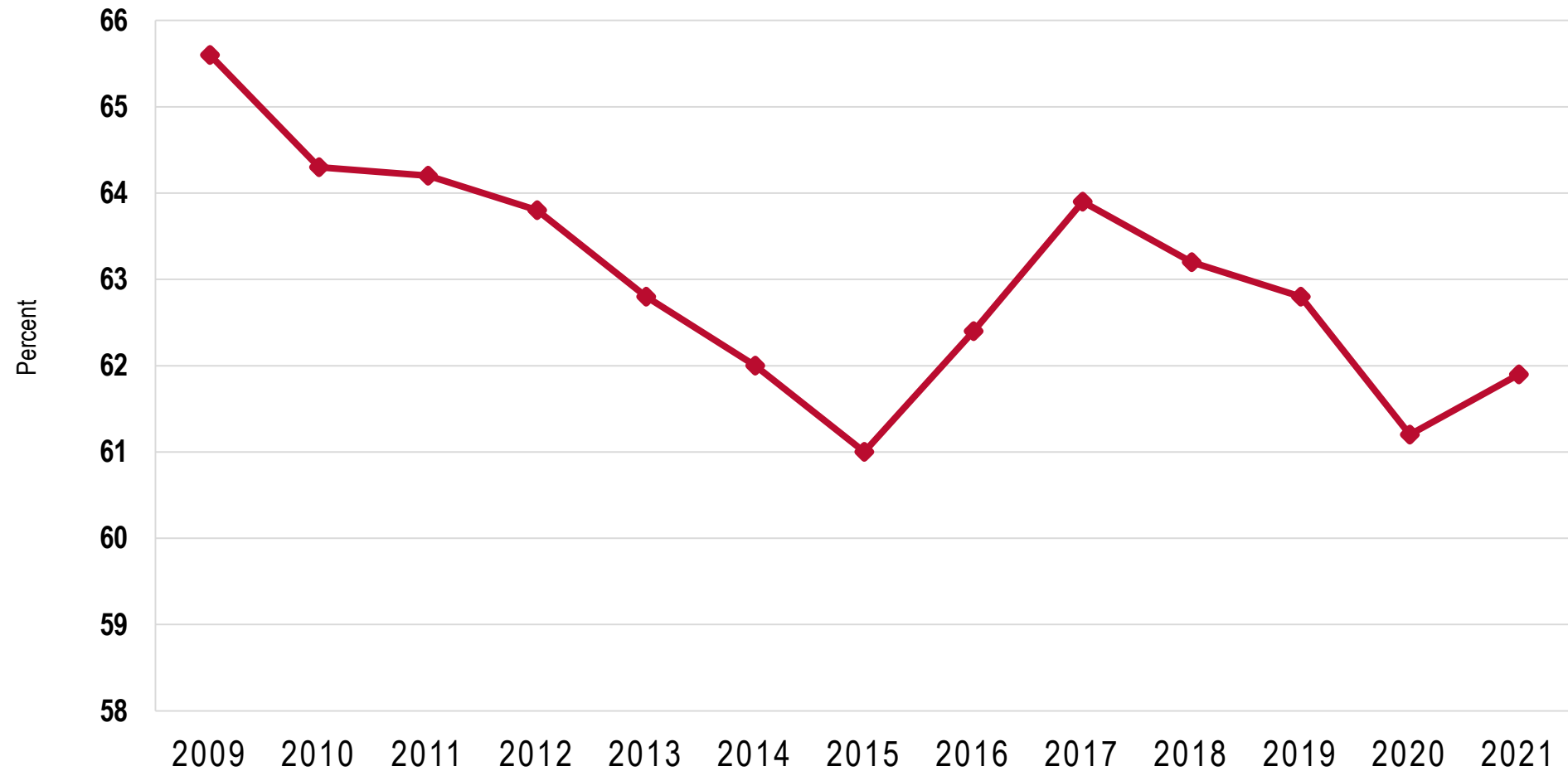
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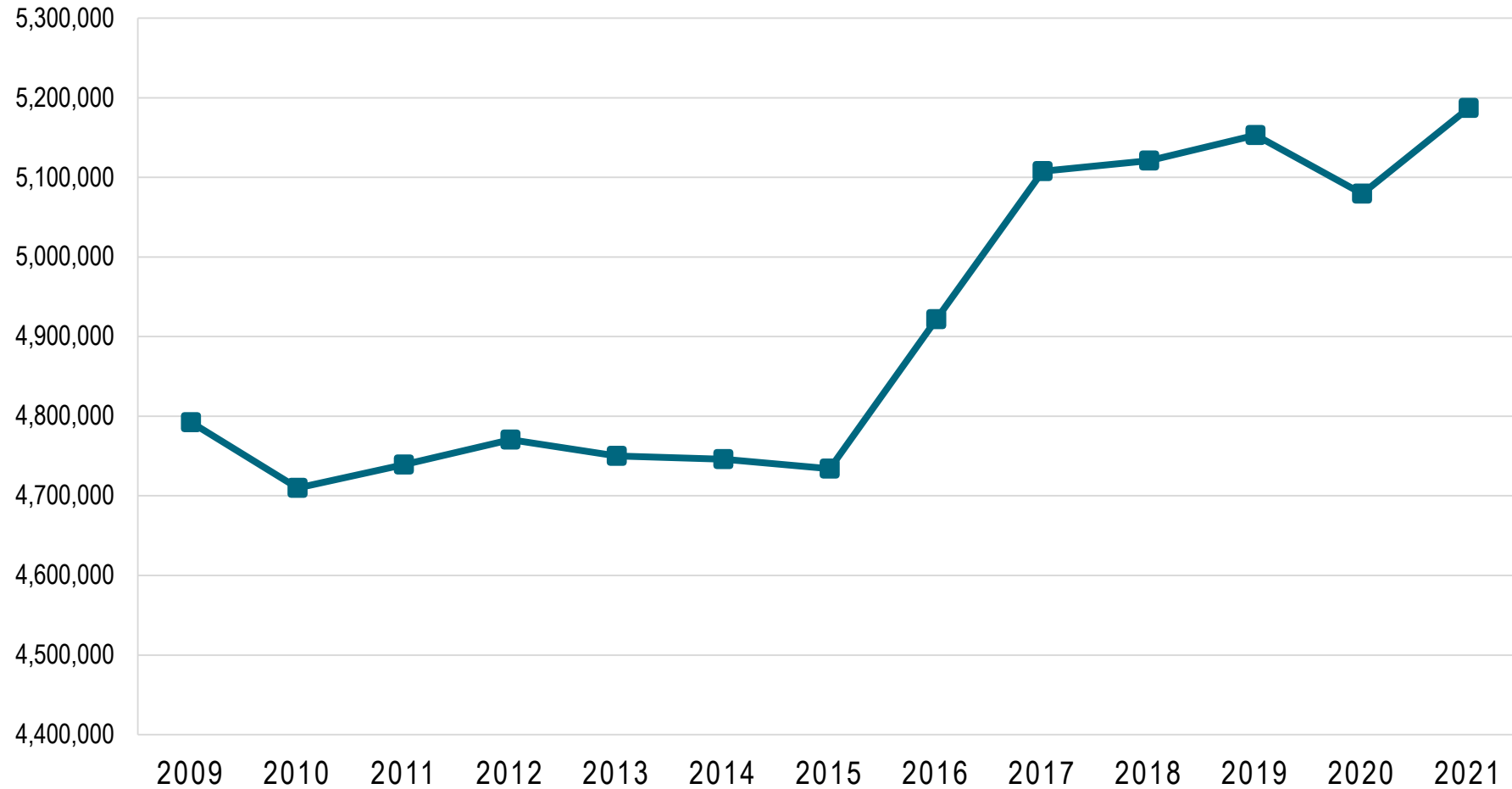
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Labor Force Participation Rate



Total Population in Labor Force



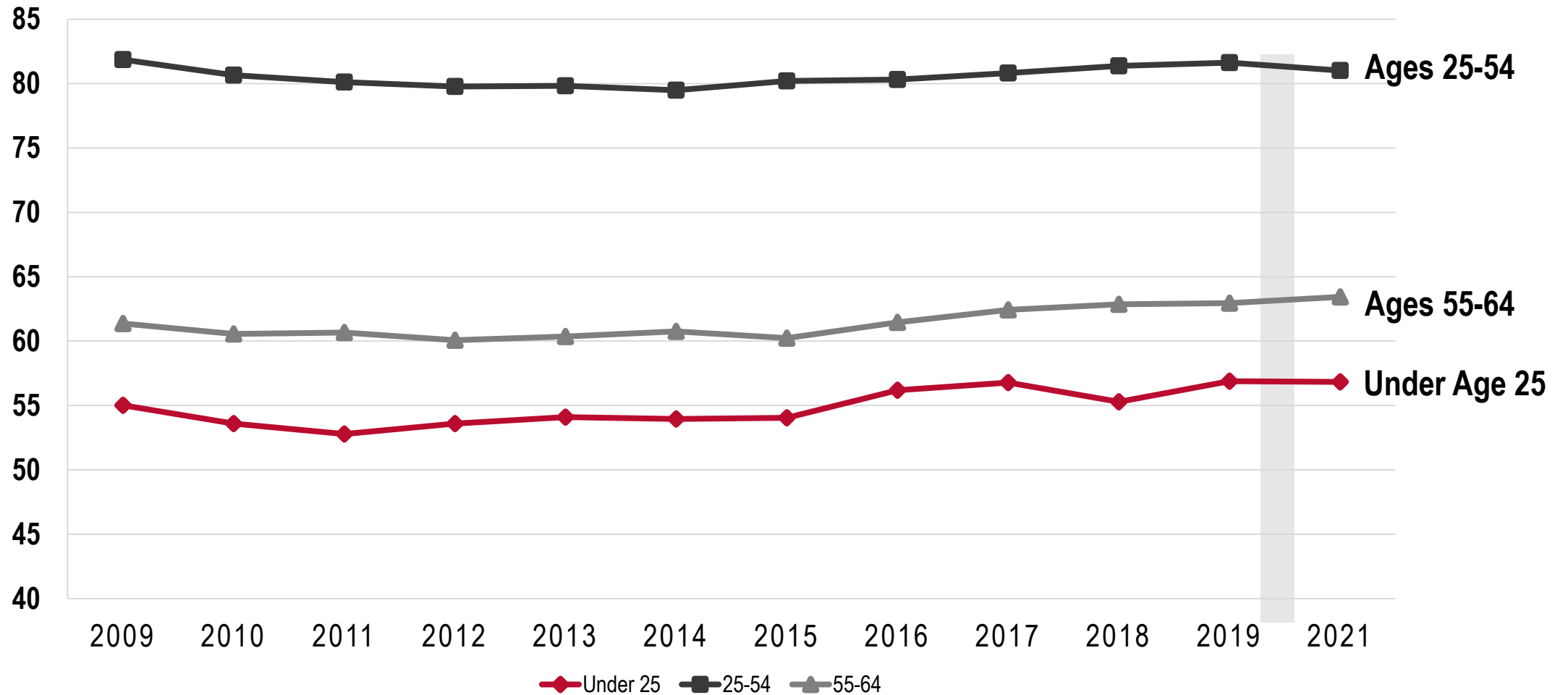
Calculating the Labor Force Participation Rate

People in the Labor Force

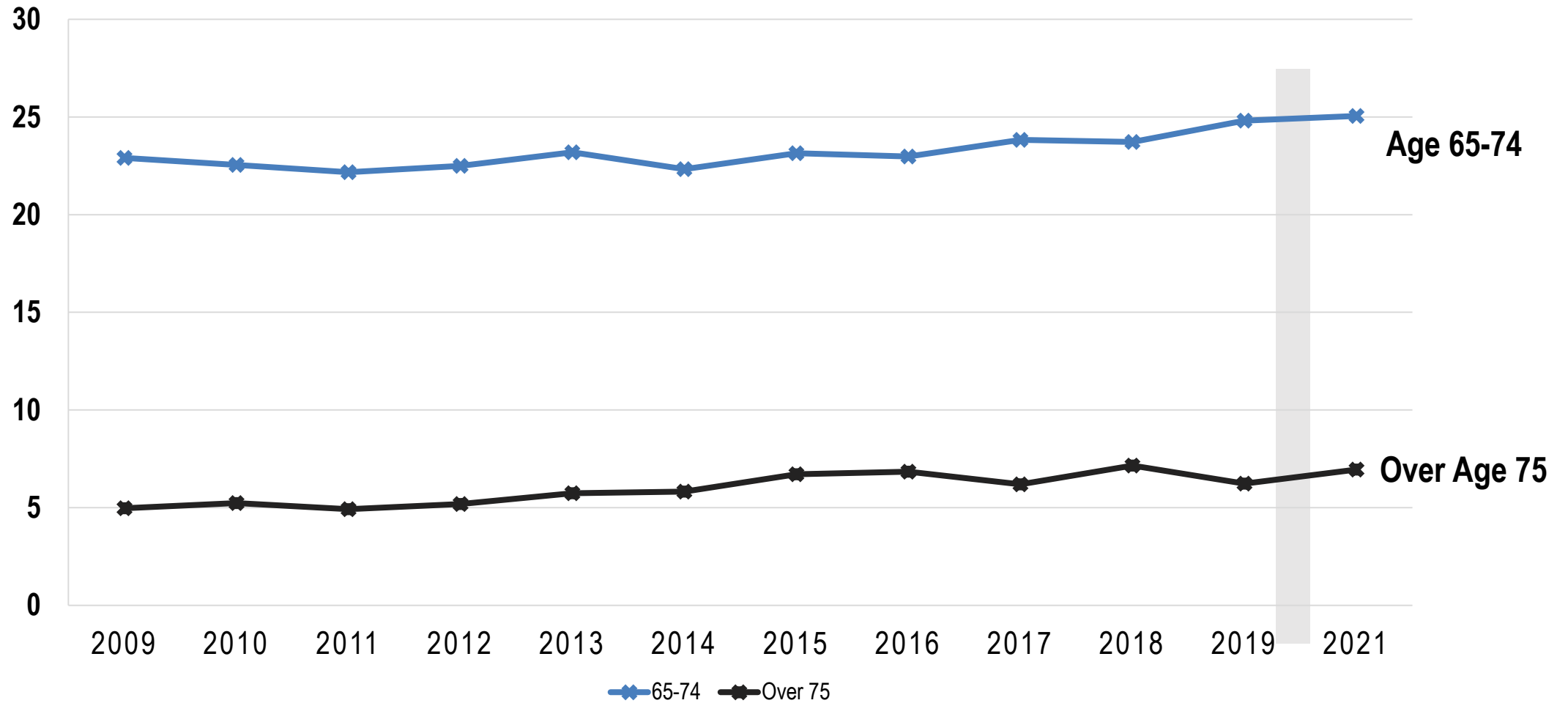
Civilian Population (over age 16)



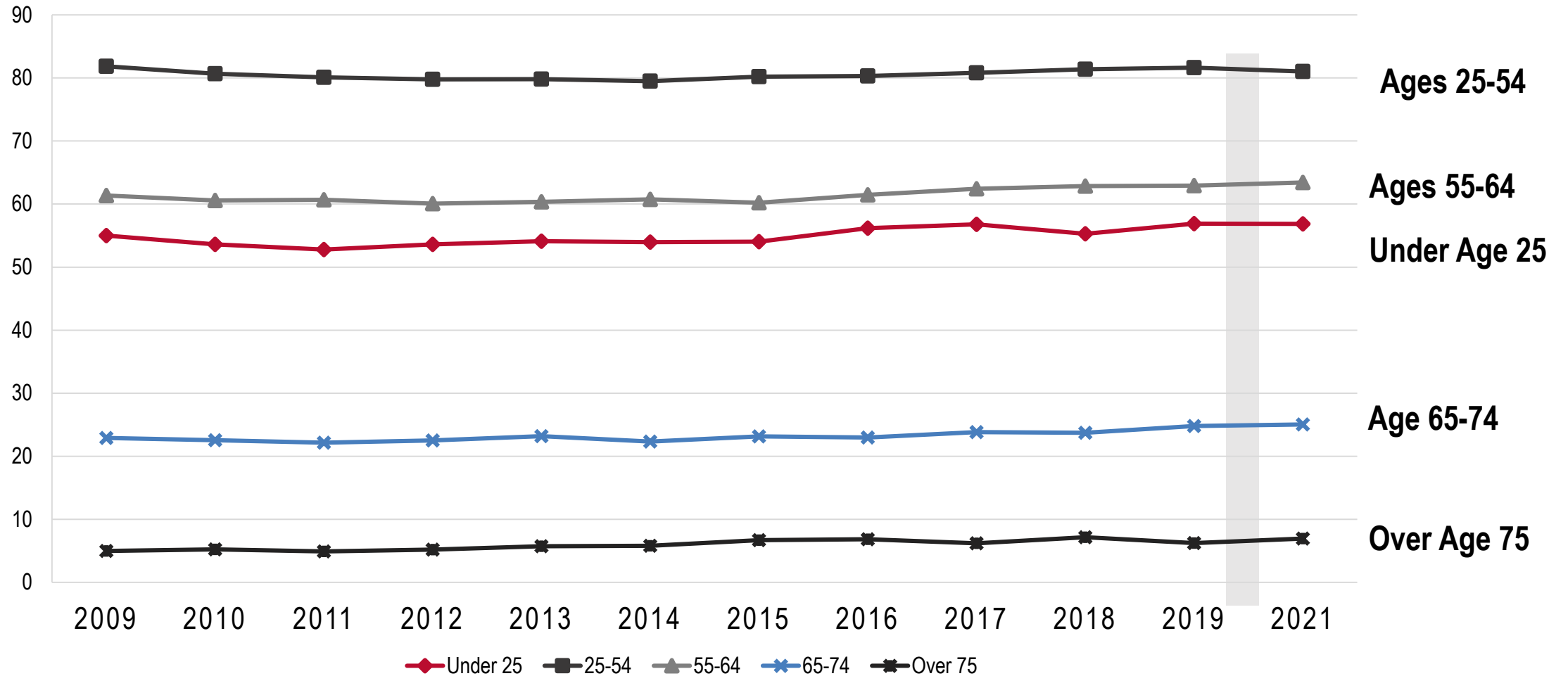
Labor Force Participation Rate, by Age Group



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Georgia Demographics in Summary

- Georgia's Population is growing from the outside
 - Georgia is among fastest and largest growing states in the country
 - Domestic Migration is critical to Georgia's population growth
- Suburban and Exurban Population Growth
- Racial and Ethnic Transition
 - Especially Among Younger Generations
- Aging Population
 - Under Age 18 Population growth stagnates
 - Over Age 65 Population is growing faster than rest of state



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