



# Population Projections

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Georgia Fiscal Management Council

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# OPB's Role

- **Why**: O.C.G.A. §45-12-171: *“The Office of Planning and Budget shall be...responsible for preparing, maintaining, and furnishing official demographic data for the state”*
- **What**: Produce annual, long-term population projections
- **How**: Contract with the Applied Demography program at UGA's Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG)



# What's Included

- **Who**: Resident Population
- **Geography**: State-wide and county-level
- **Demographics**:
  - Age
  - Sex
  - Race

# Three Components of Population Change

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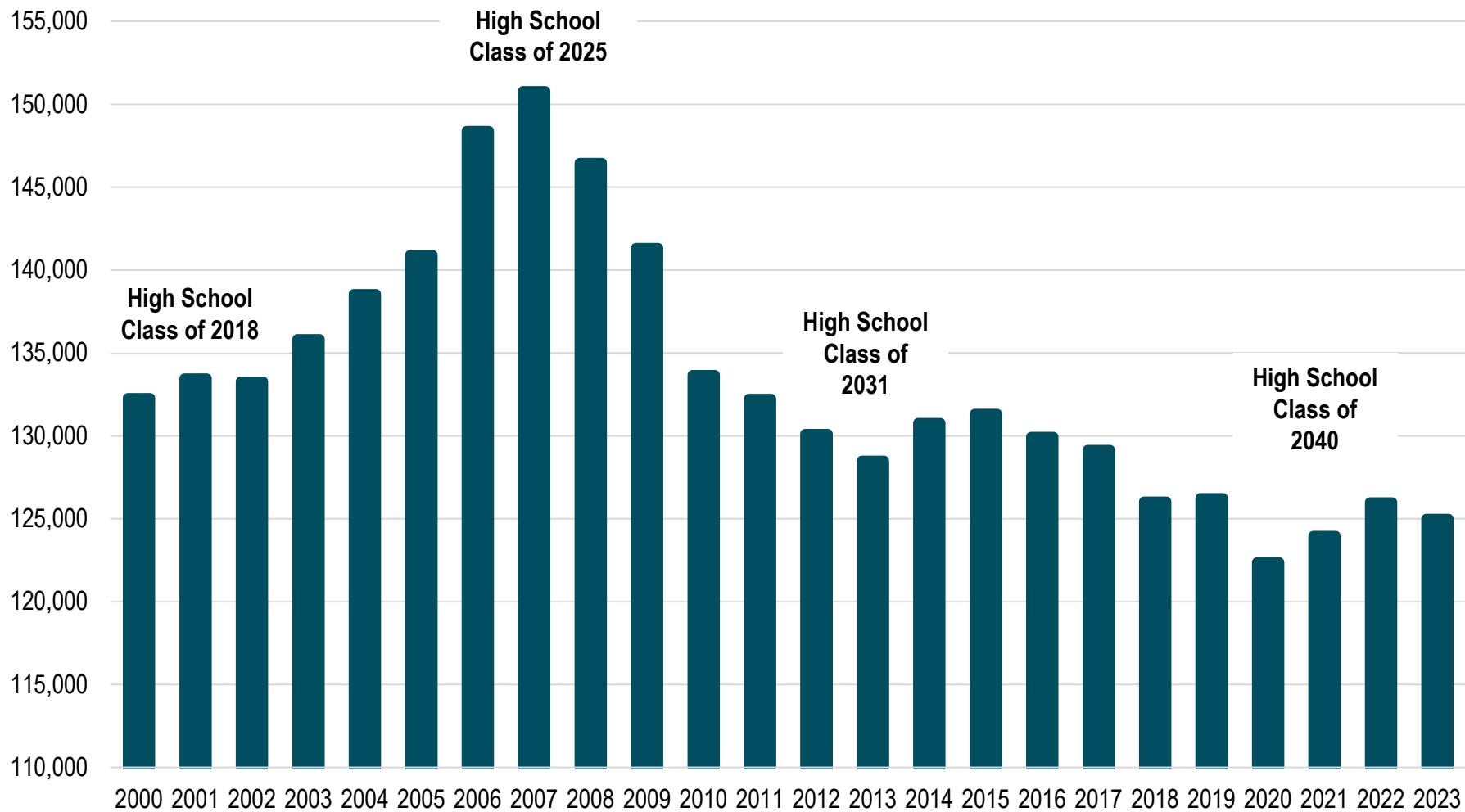
1. Births
2. Deaths
3. Migration

**Population Change =**

**Births - Deaths + Migration + Group Quarters**

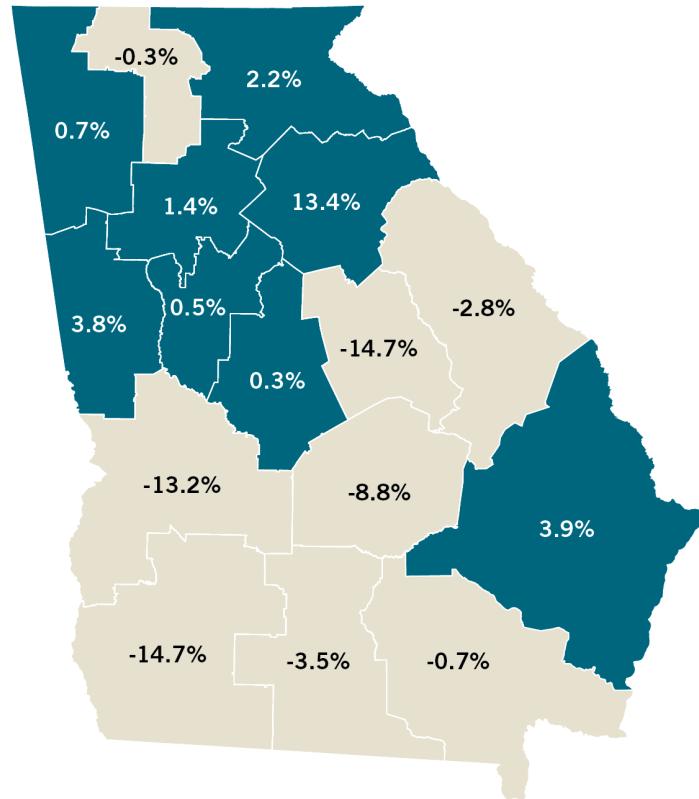


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# Declining number of births already impacting local school systems

- K-12 Enrollments have declined in half of the Regional Education Service Areas (RESAs) over the past ten years (Fall 2013-2023)

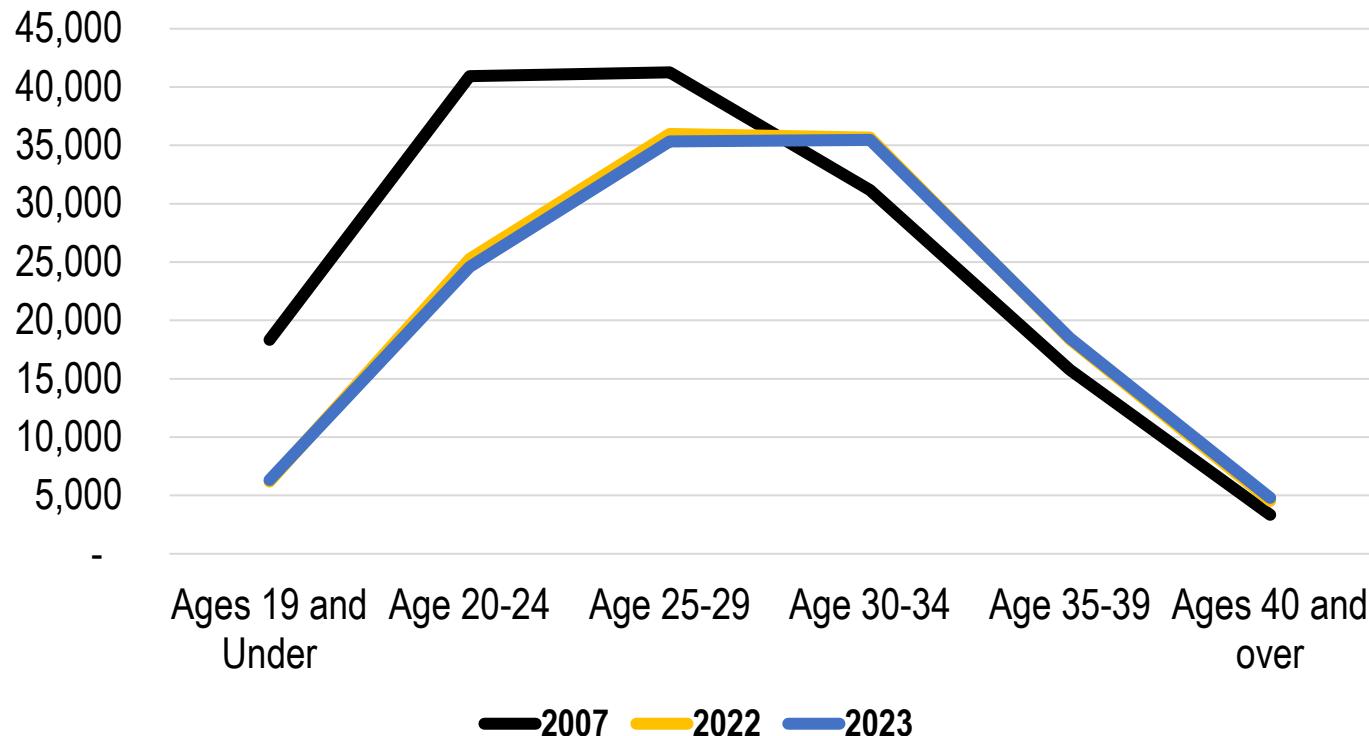


Sources: Georgia Department of Education

Note: totals do not include charter schools or Department of Juvenile Justice enrollments



# Georgia's Shifting Fertility Arc

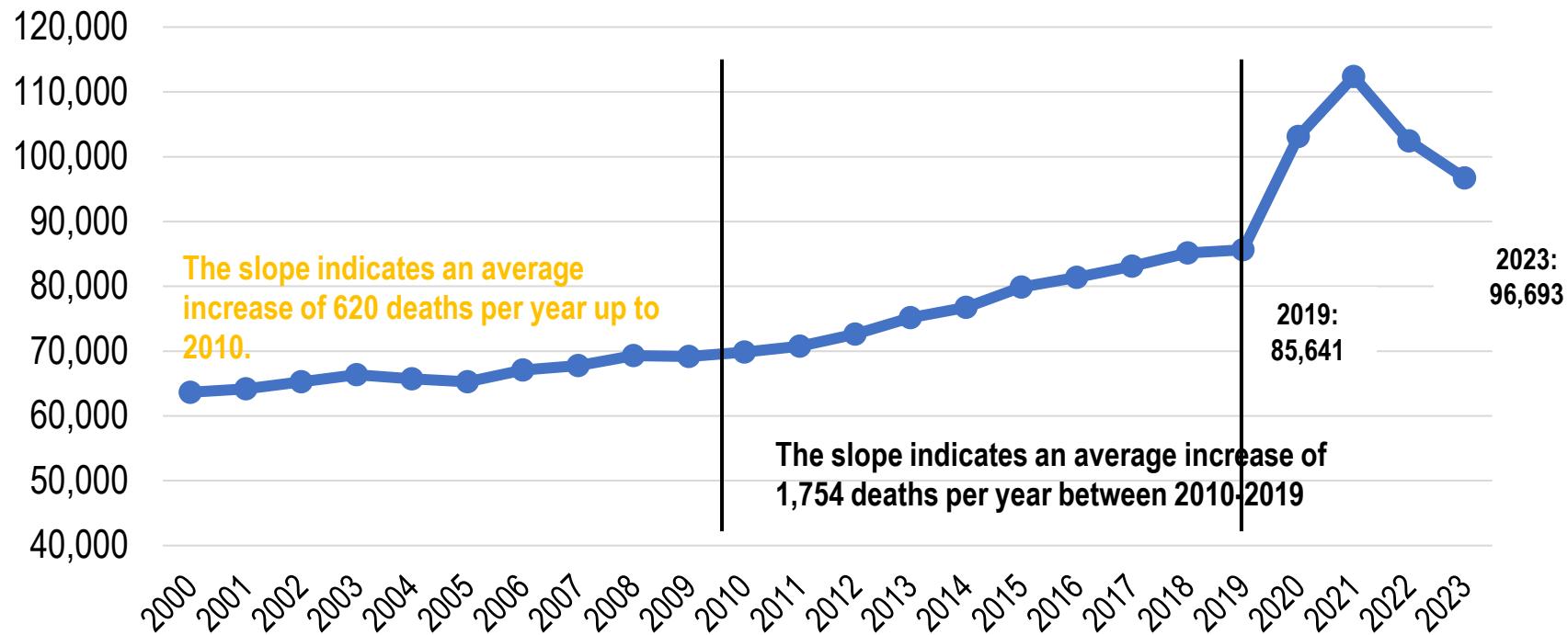


Source: Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Health Indicators for Planning (OHIP)



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# Deaths were increasing prior to 2021

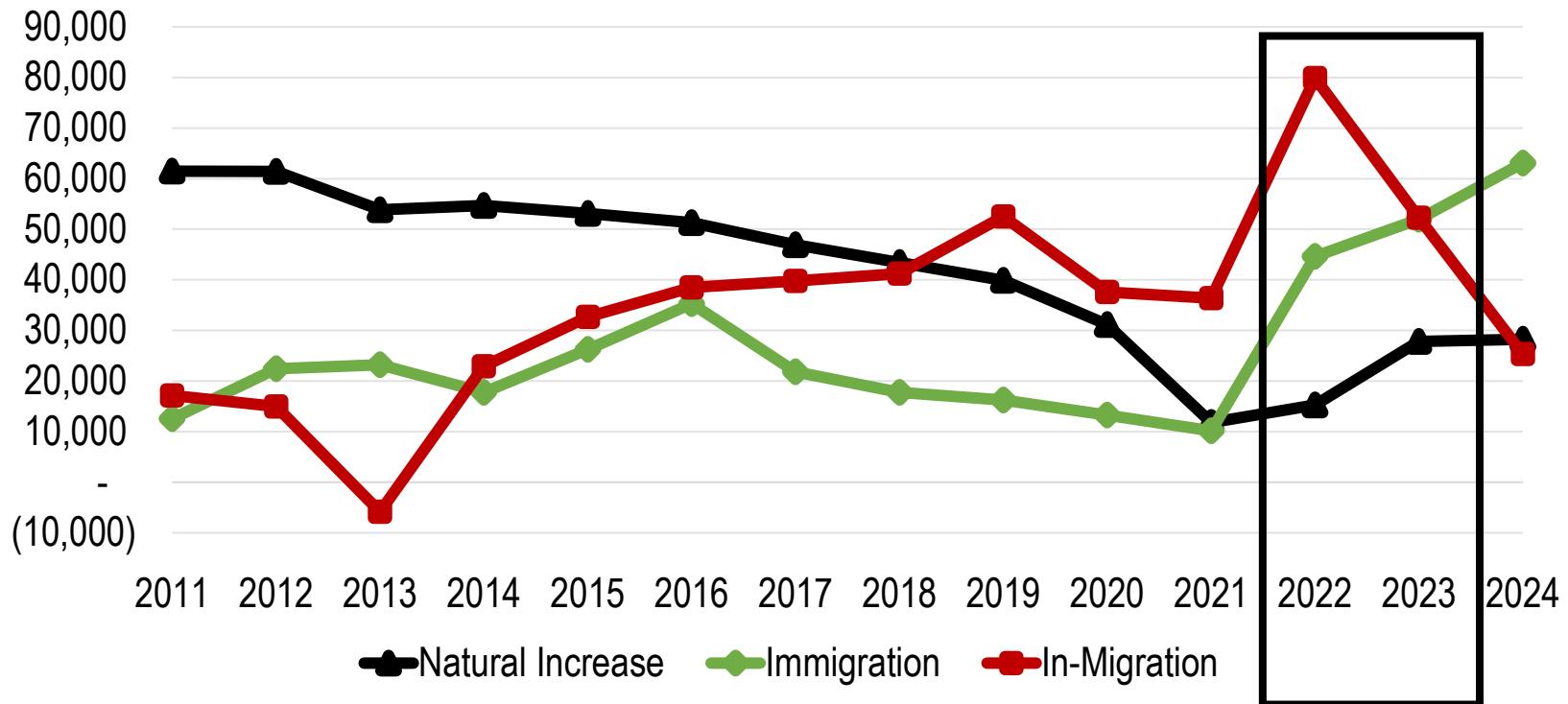


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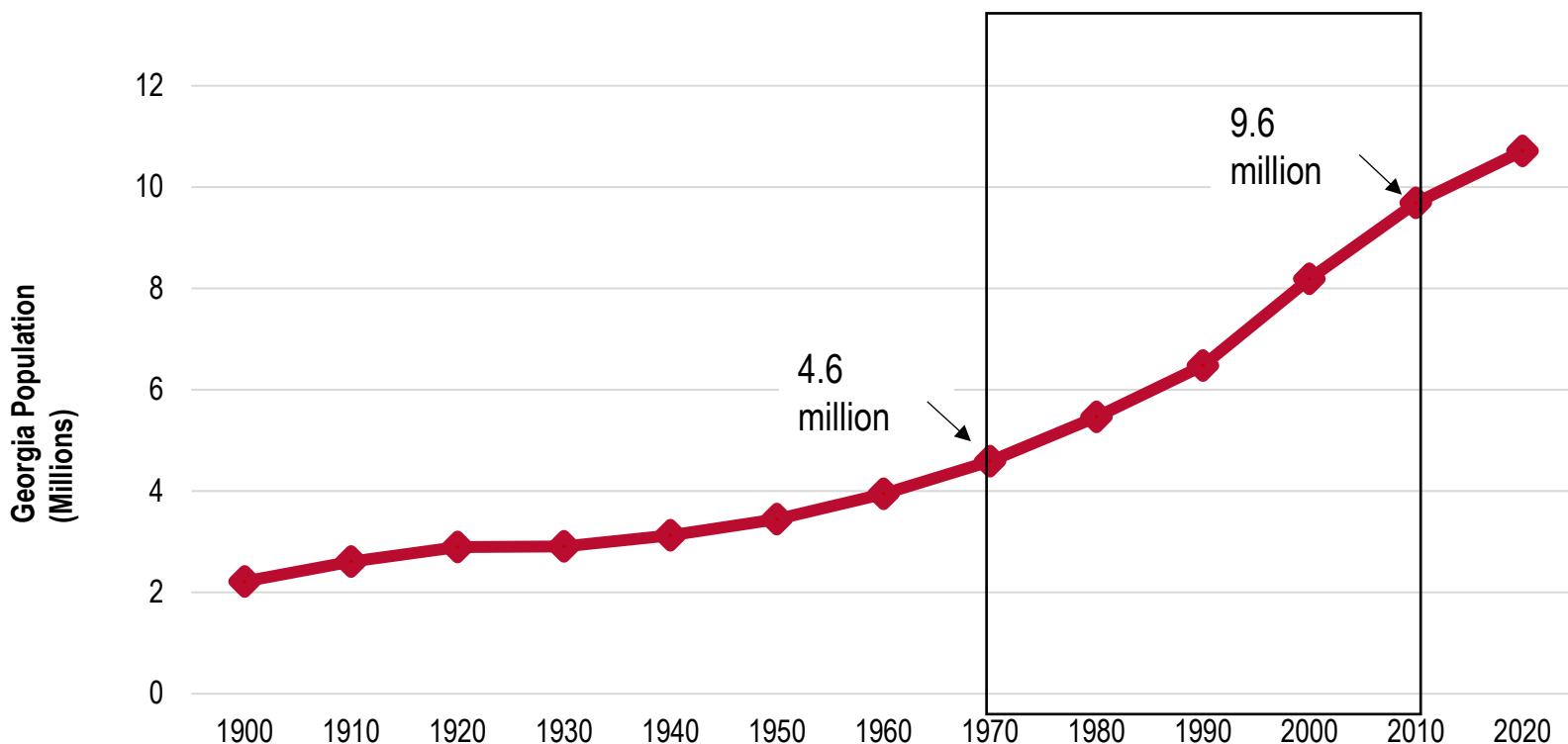
# International Migration Outpaced Domestic Migration in 2024



Note: Year ends July 1

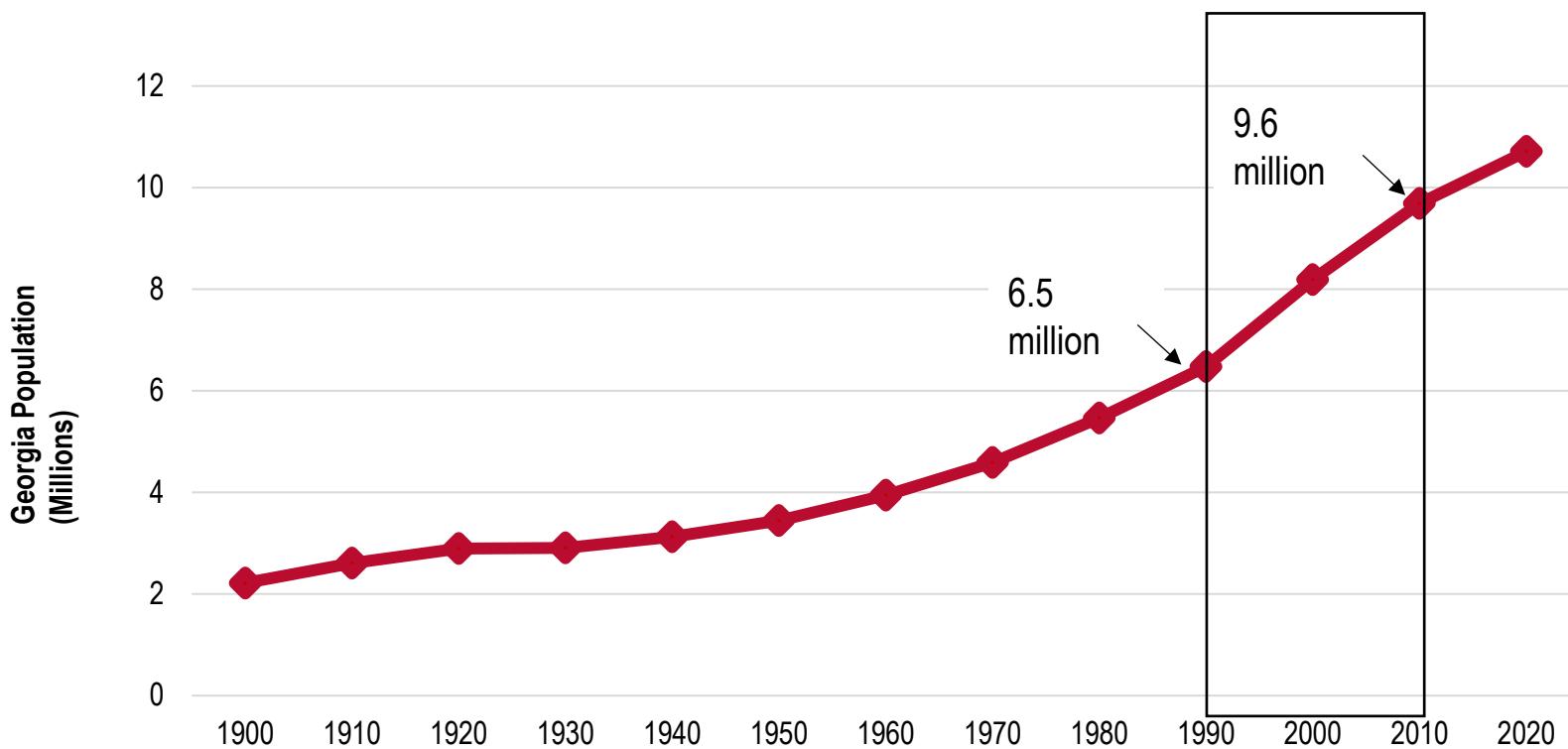
Source: US Census Bureau Vintage 2024 Population Estimates

# Georgia's Population Doubles in Four Decades



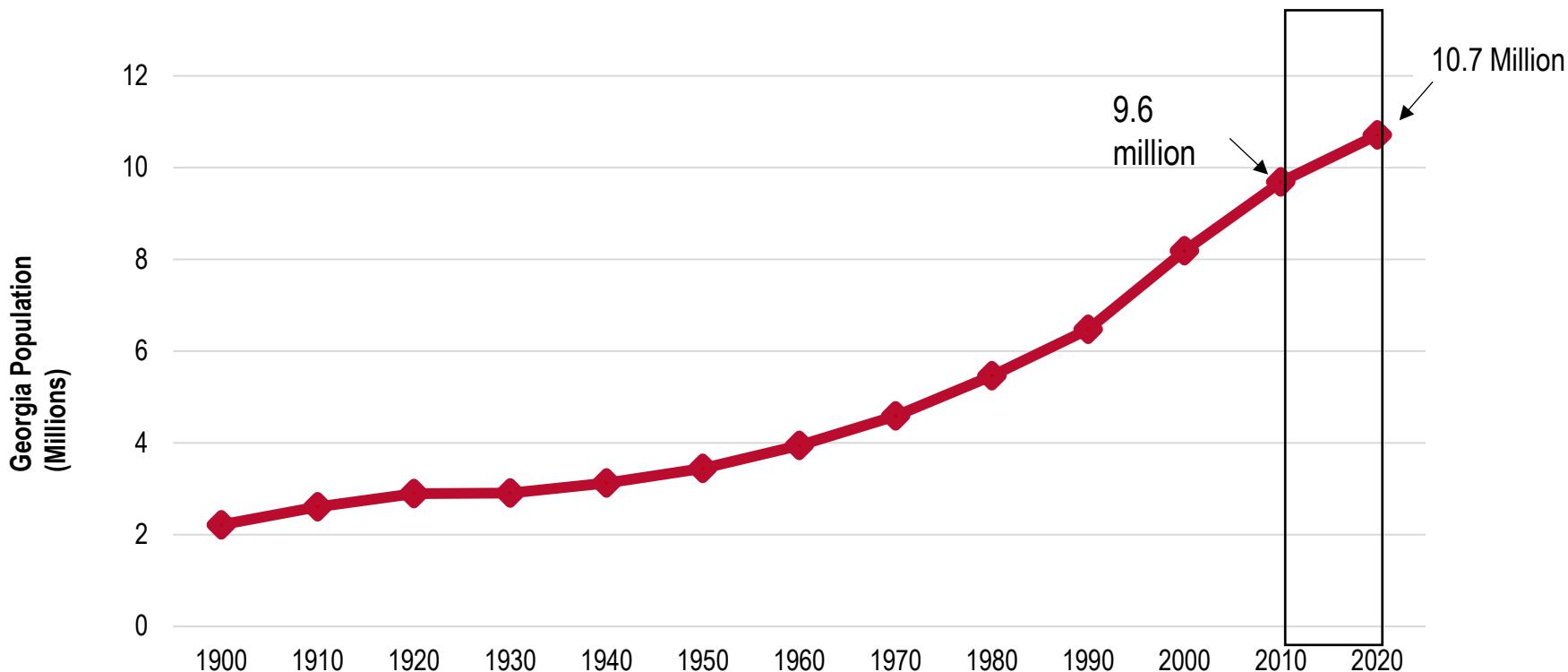
Source: US Census Bureau, NHGIS

# Three Million New Georgians in Two Decades



Source: US Census Bureau, NHGIS

# Georgia's Population Increases ~1 million in 2010s



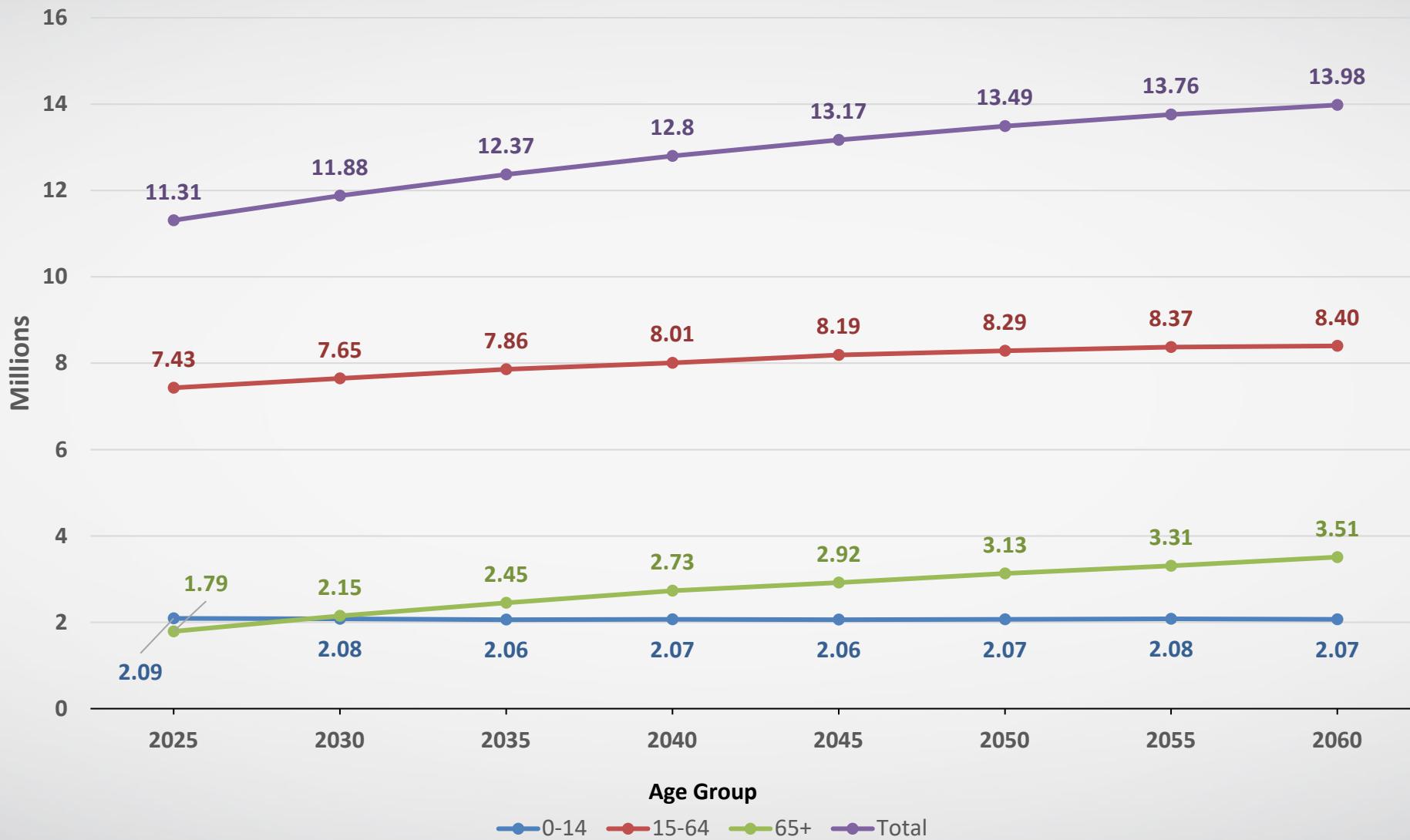
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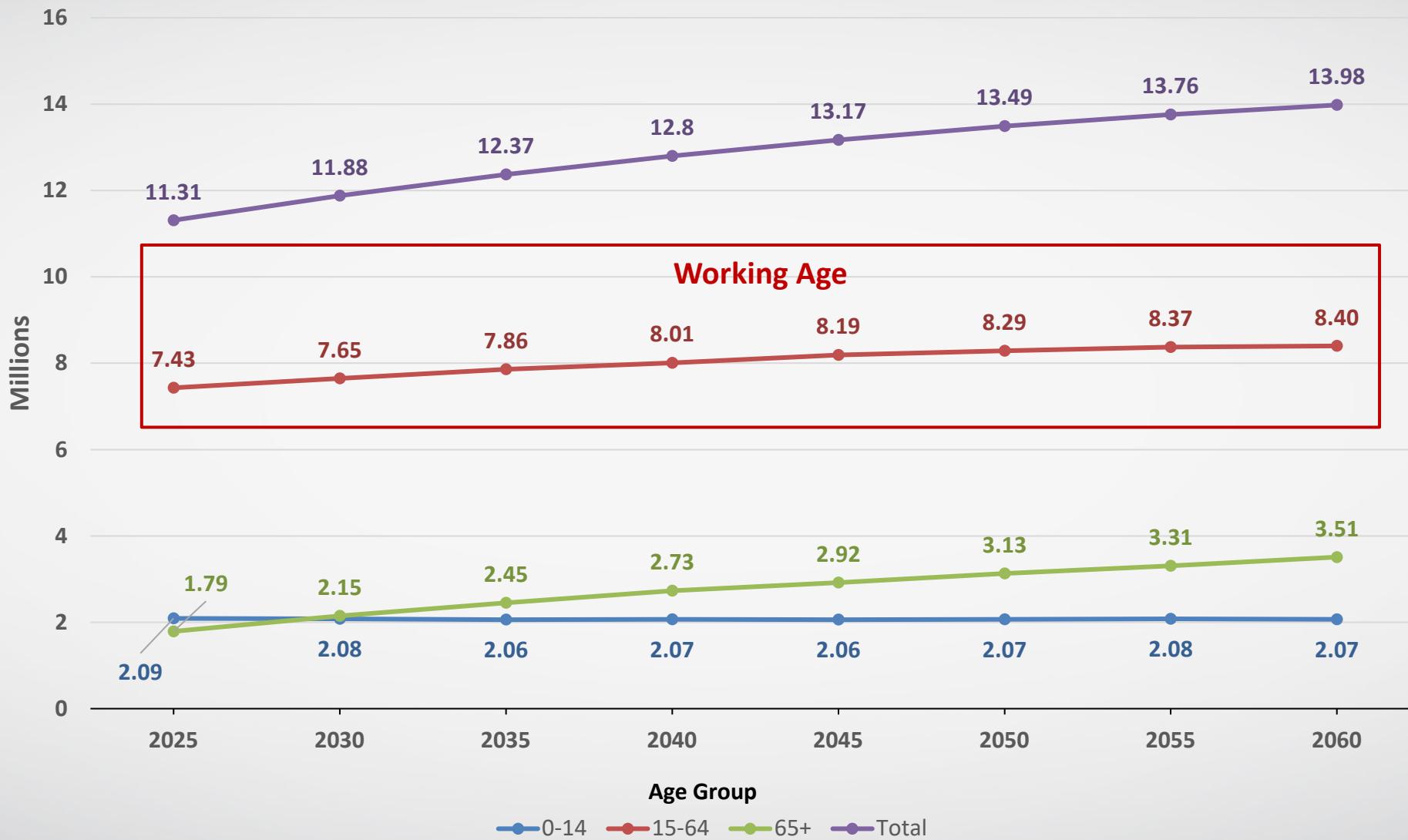


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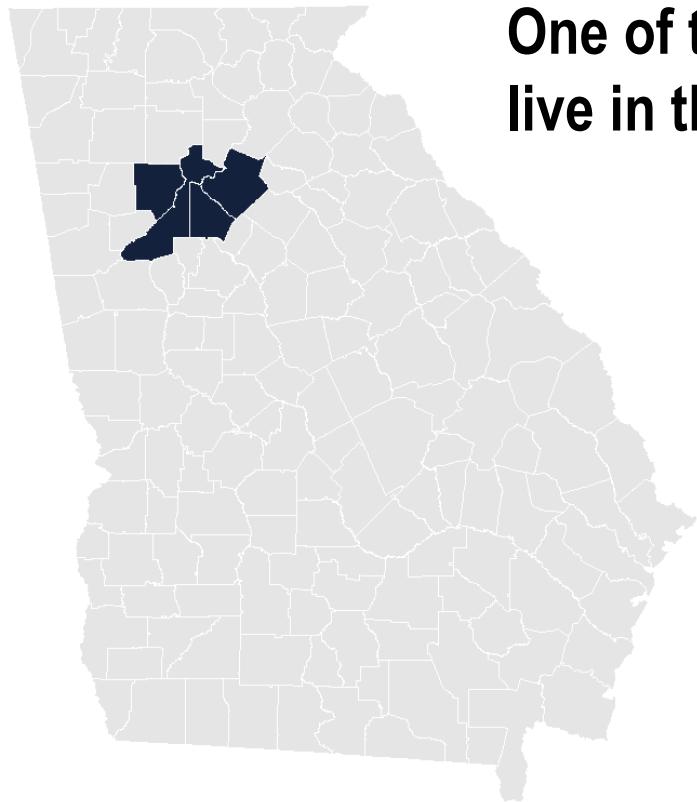


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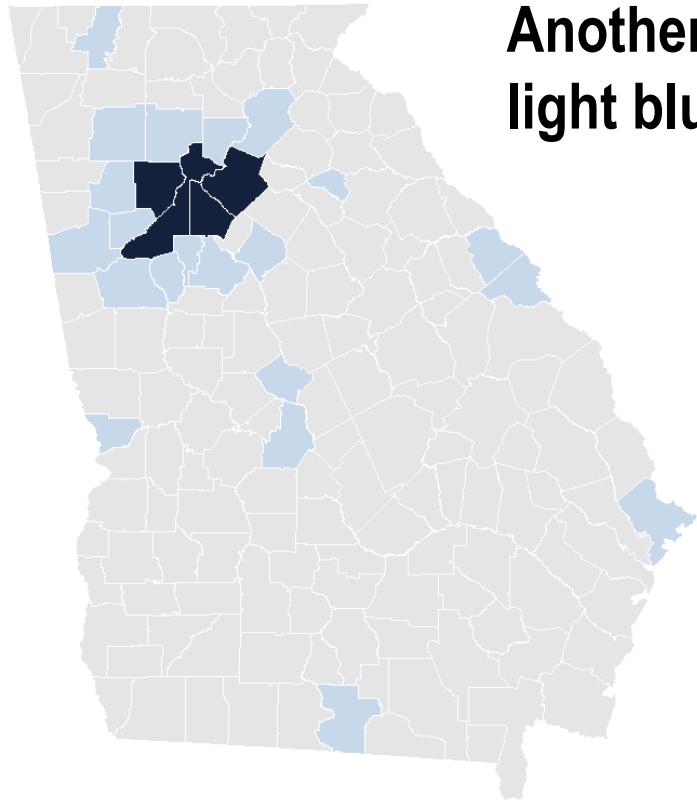
# Geography of Georgia's Population

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live in these four counties**

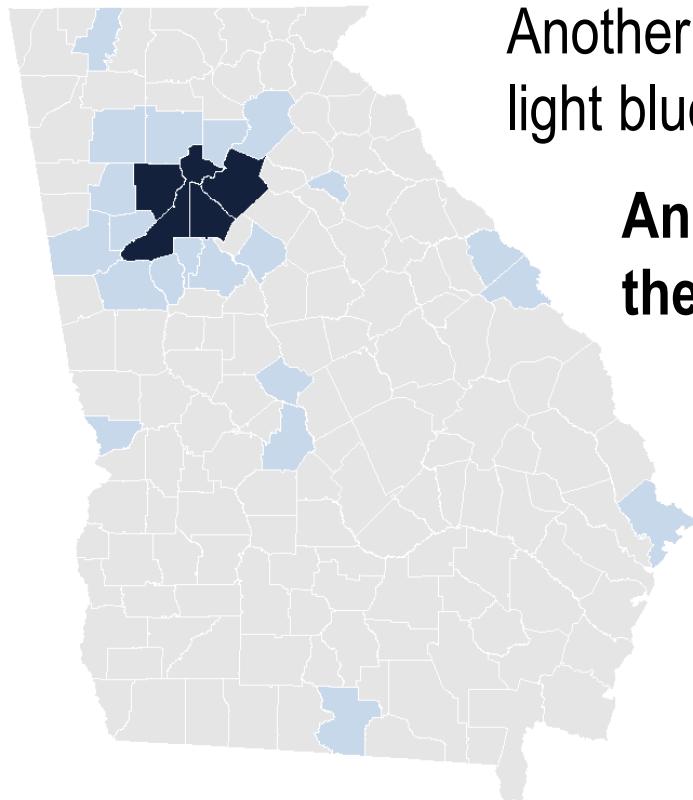


*Source: US Census Bureau, 2020 Redistricting files*

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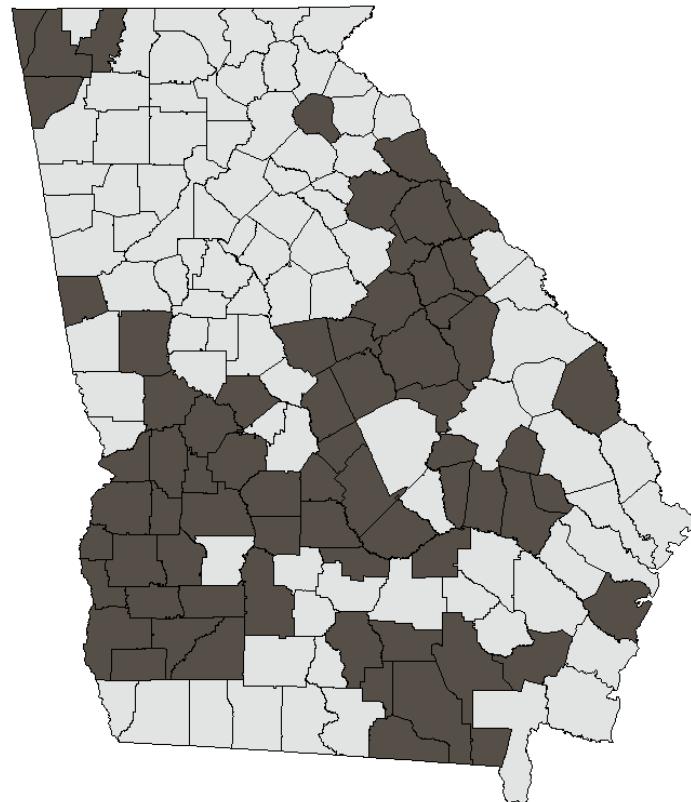


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**And another third lives in  
the gray counties**

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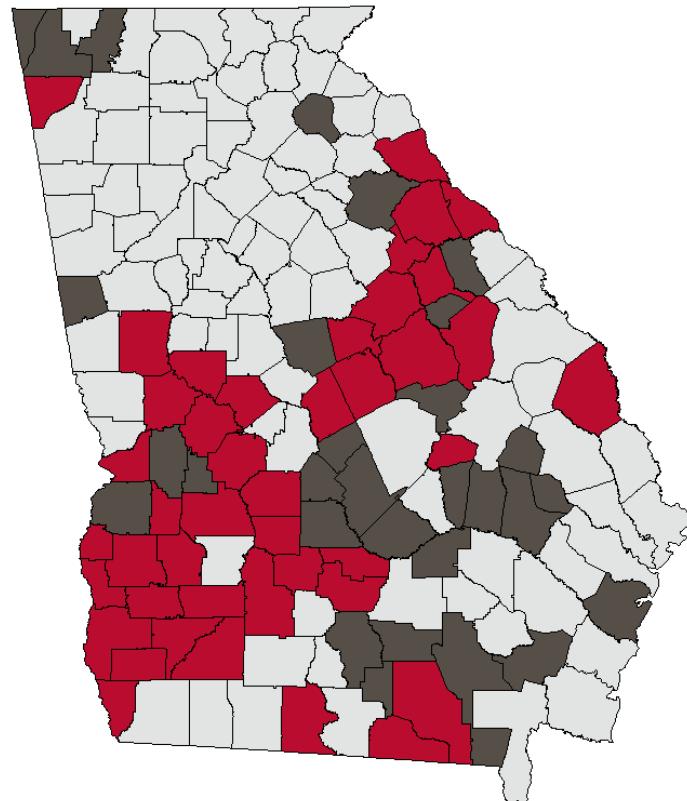
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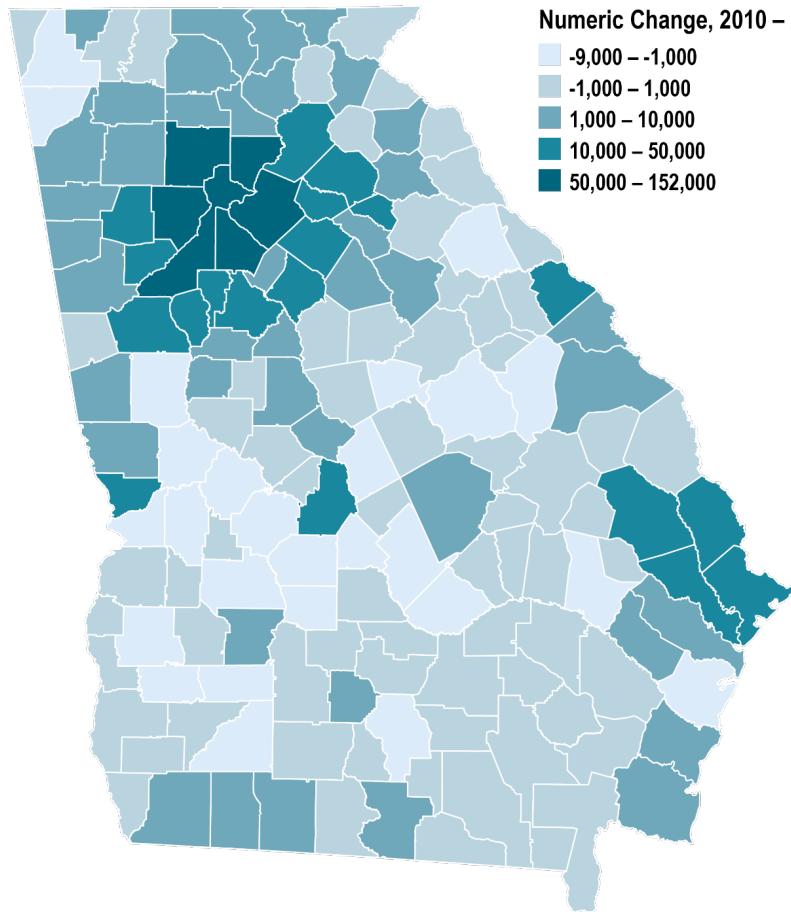
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**43 counties have  
fewer people in 2020  
than in 2000**



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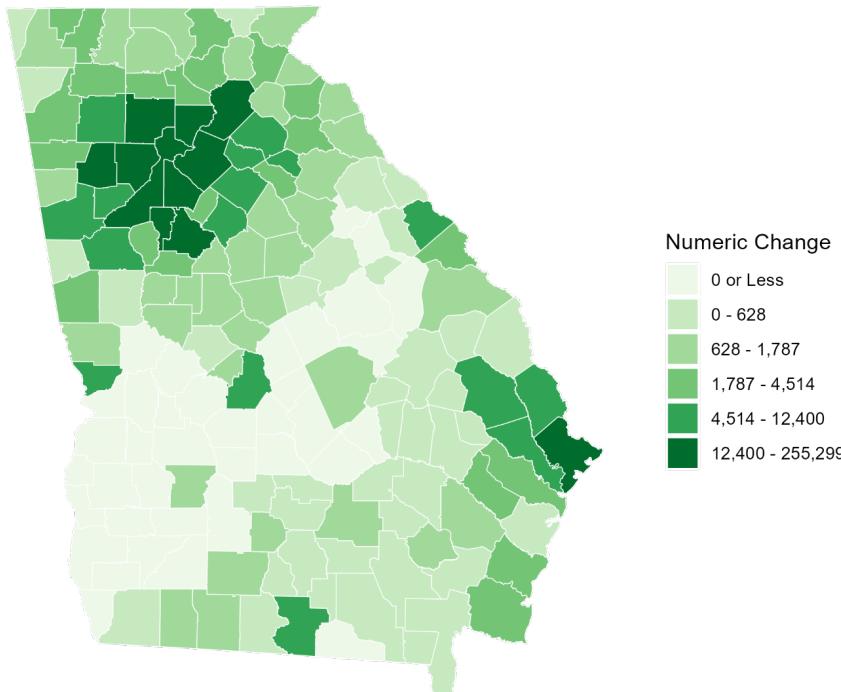
# Population Growth was Concentrated in Population Centers during the 2010s

	Numeric Increase	#		Numeric Decrease	#
1	Gwinnett County	151,741		Dougherty County	-8,775
2	Fulton County	146,129		Telfair County	-4,023
3	Cobb County	78,071		Dooly County	-3,710
4	Forsyth County	75,772		McIntosh County	-3,358
5	DeKalb County	72,489		Crisp County	-3,311

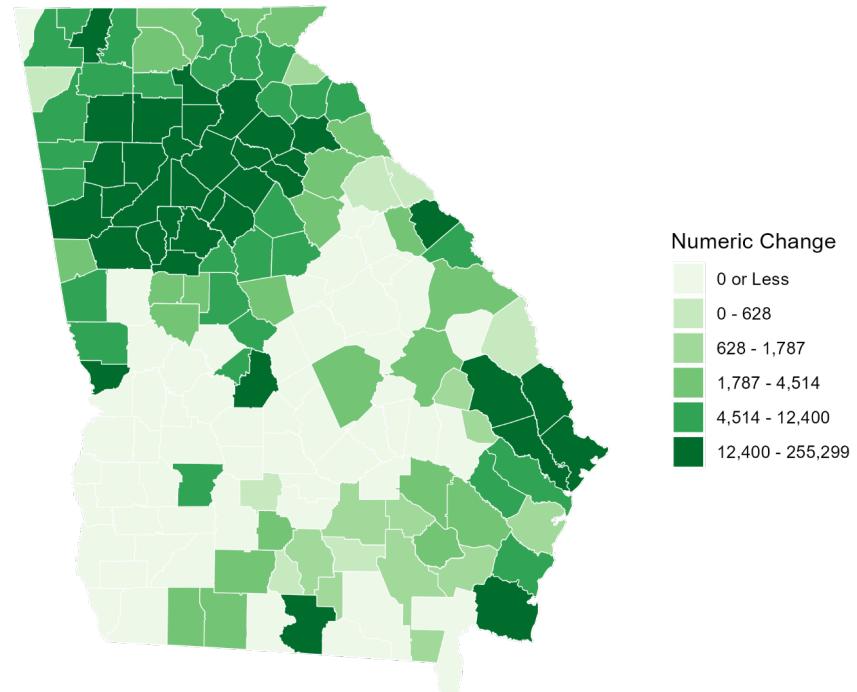
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# Projected Numeric Growth

County Numeric Change From 2025 - 2030



County Numeric Change From 2025 - 2060



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Governor's Office of Planning and Budget 2025 Population Projections (In Review)



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# In Summary

- Georgia's Population Growth is Slowing
  - Remains among fastest and largest growing states in the country
  - State's growth is contingent on continued migration
- Suburban and Exurban areas expected to experience fastest growth over next 20 years
- Increasing racial diversity
- Over Age 65 Population is growing faster than rest of the state.





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# Questions?

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