



Governor's Office of
PLANNING AND BUDGET
THE STATE OF GEORGIA

Population Projections

Georgia Fiscal Management Council

November 20th, 2025



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

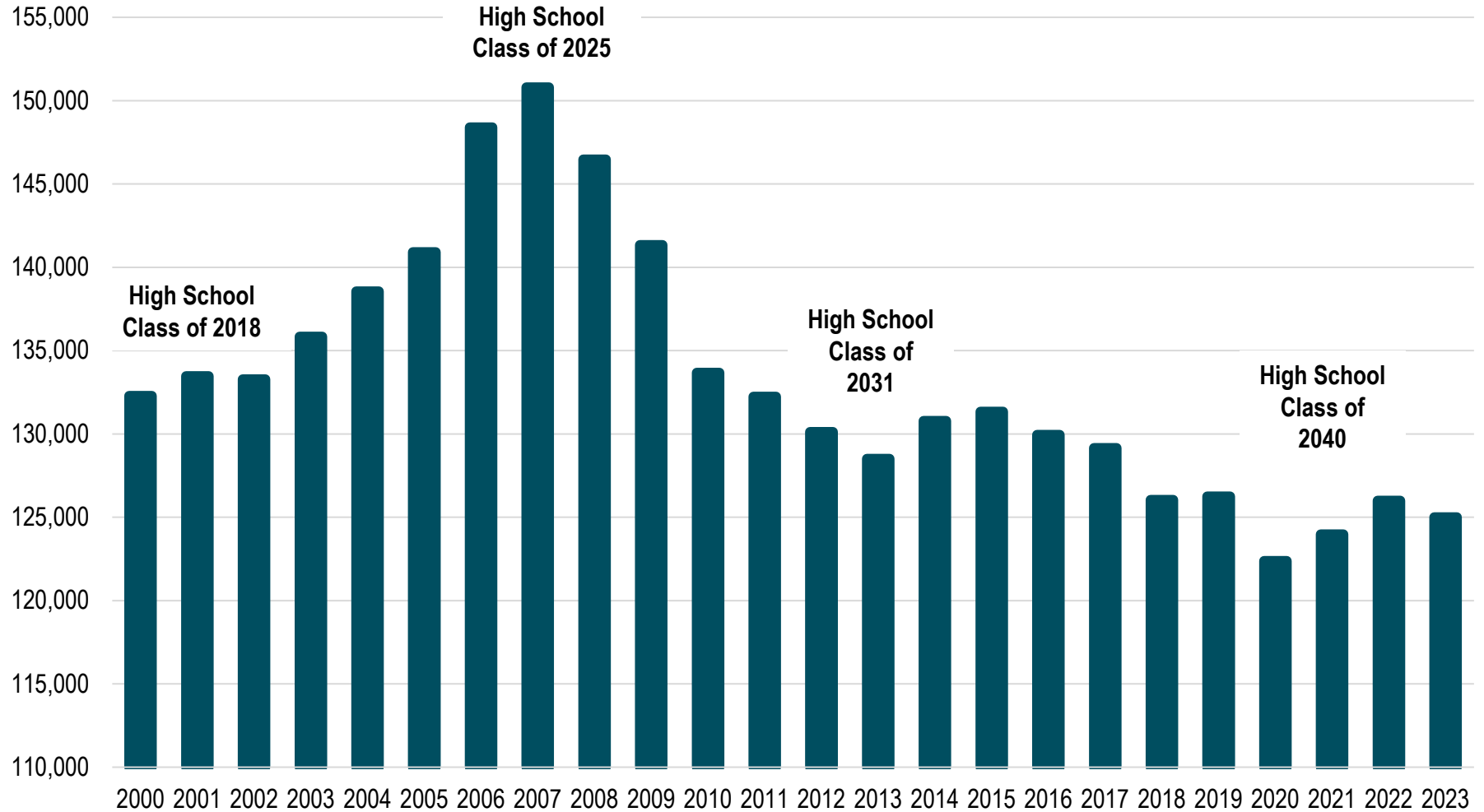
1. Births
2. Deaths
3. Migration



Population Change =

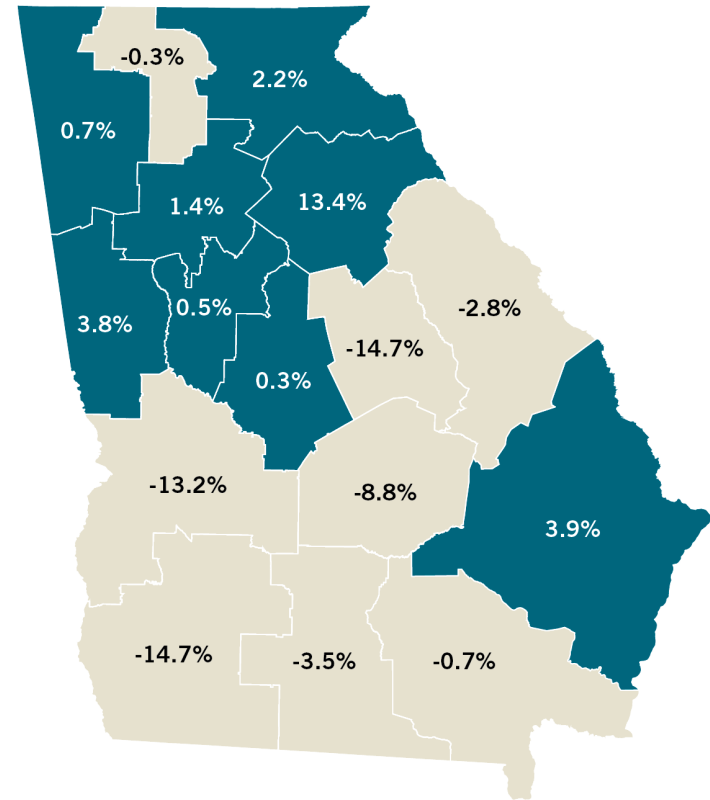
Births – Deaths + Migration + Group Quarters





Declining number of births already impacting local school systems

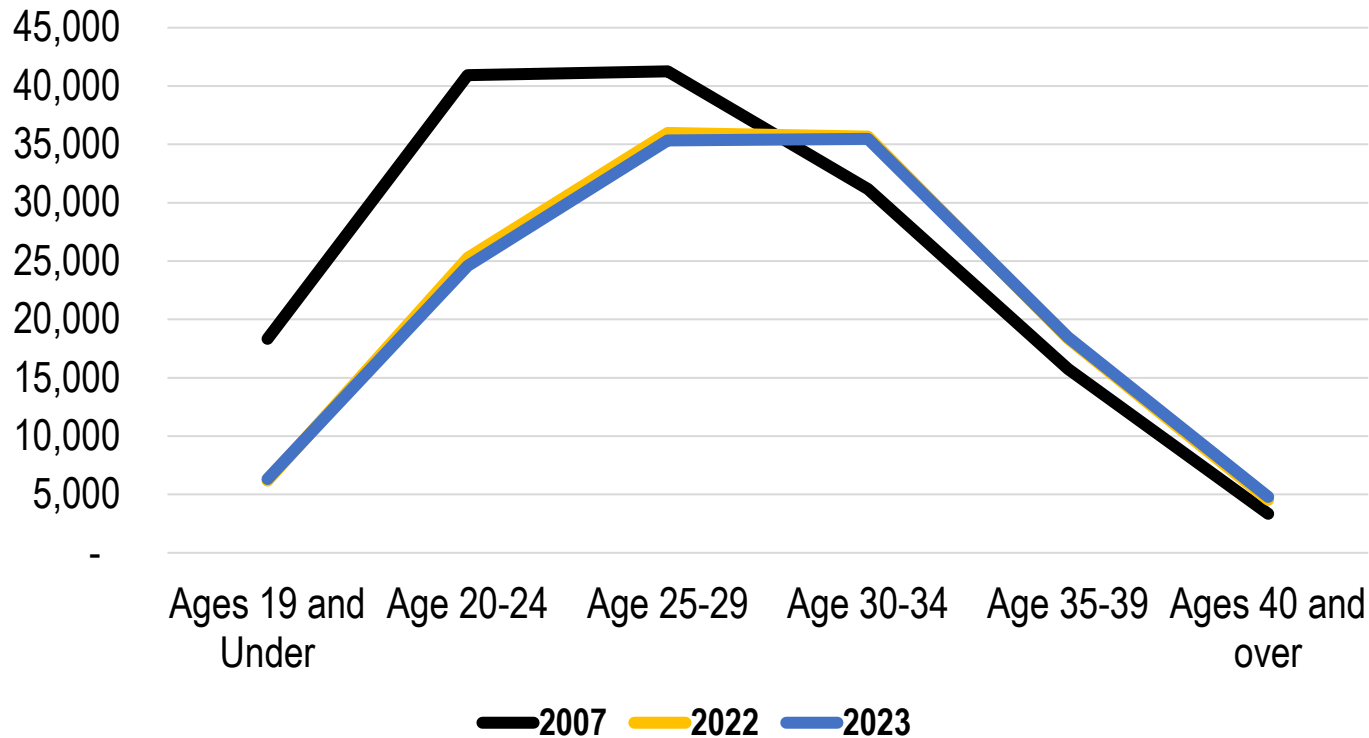
- K-12 Enrollments have declined in half of the Regional Education Service Areas (RESAs) over the past ten years (Fall 2013-2023)



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



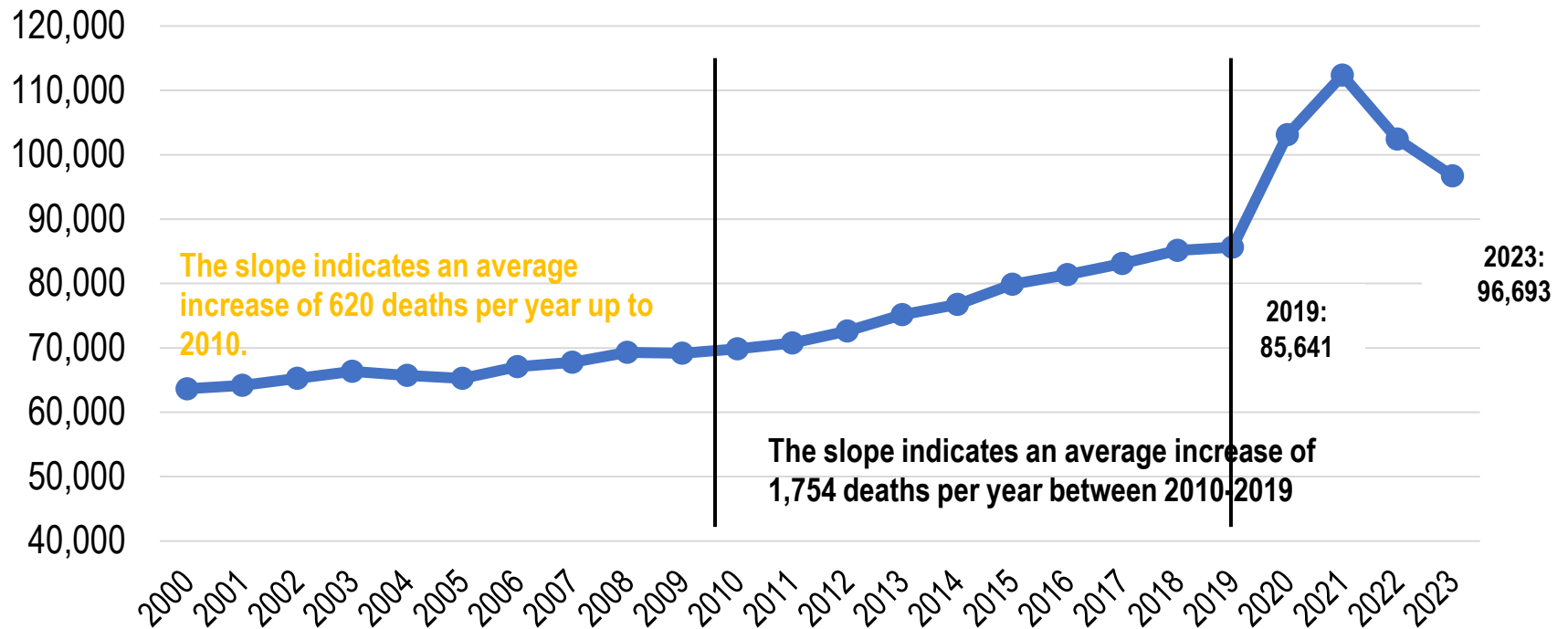
Georgia's Shifting Fertility Arc



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



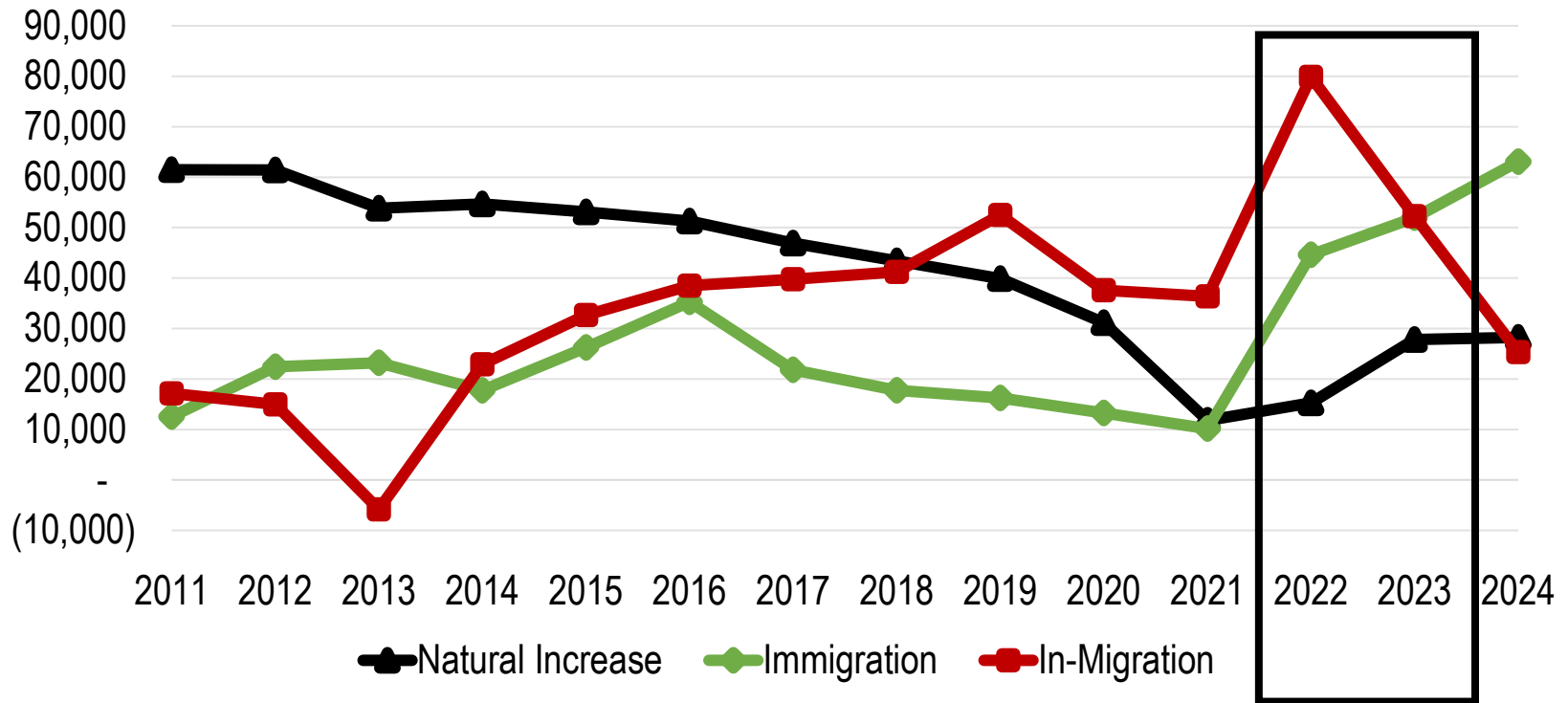
Deaths were increasing prior to 2021



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



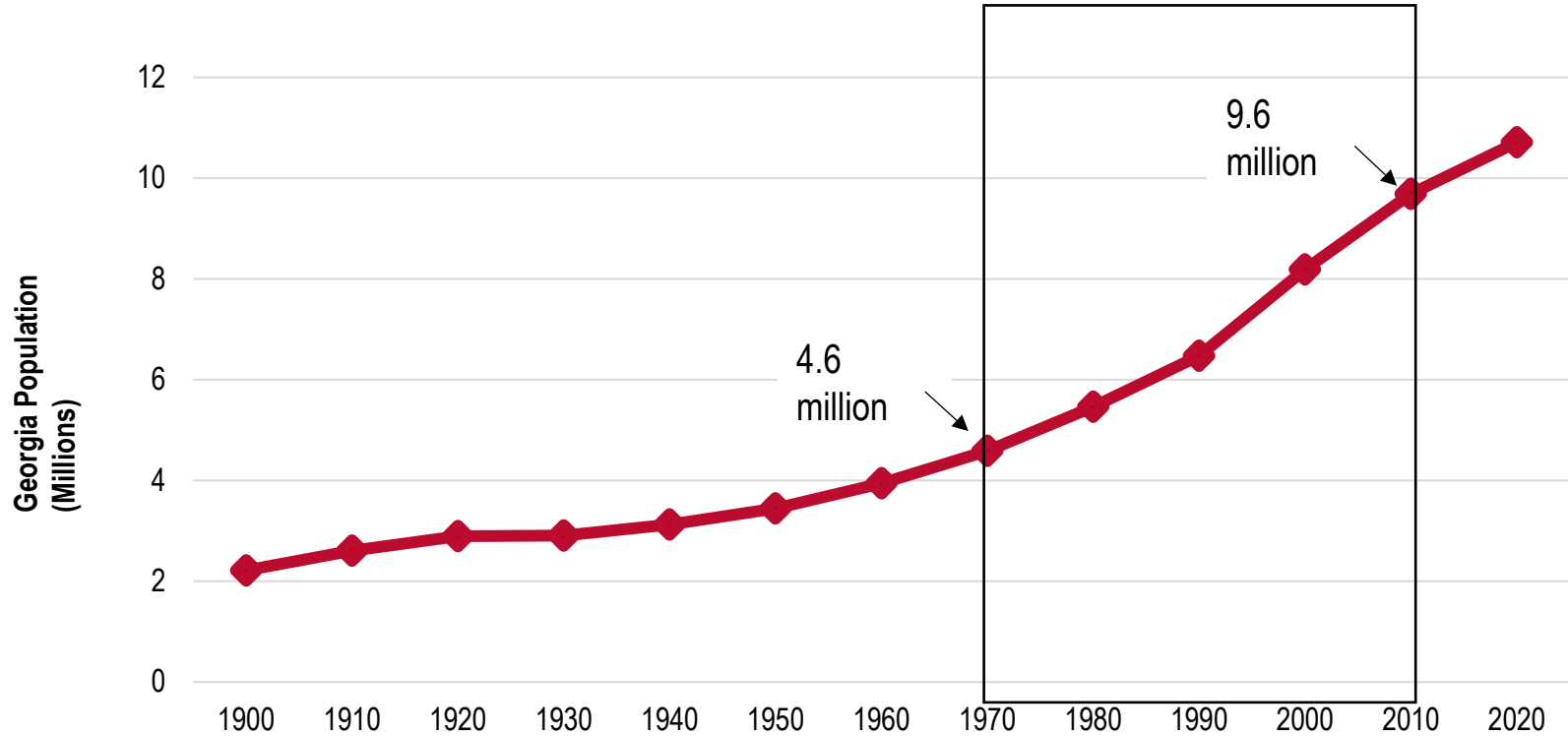
International Migration Outpaced Domestic Migration in 2024



Note: Year ends July 1
Source: US Census Bureau Vintage 2024 Population Estimates



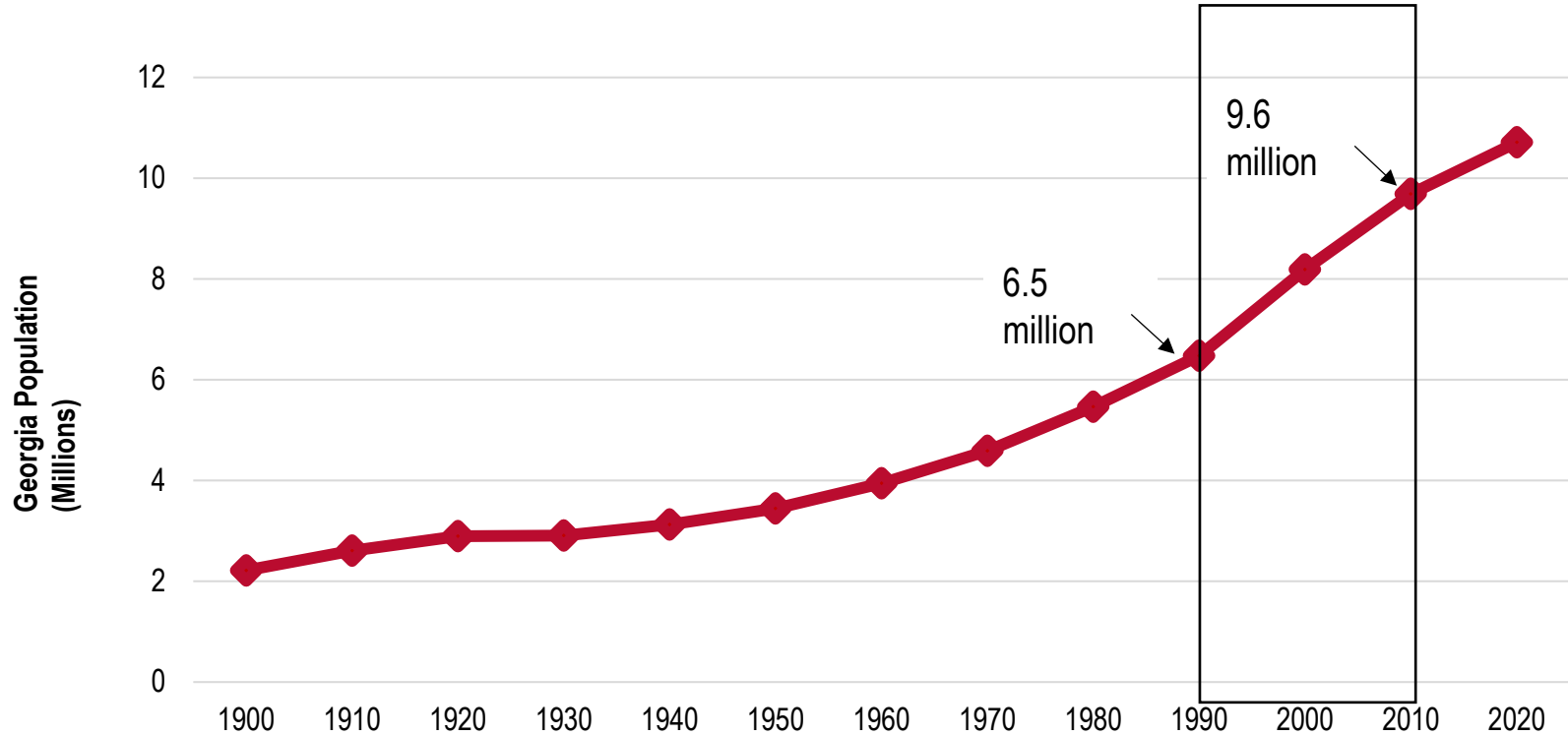
Georgia's Population Doubles in Four Decades



Source: US Census Bureau, NHGIS



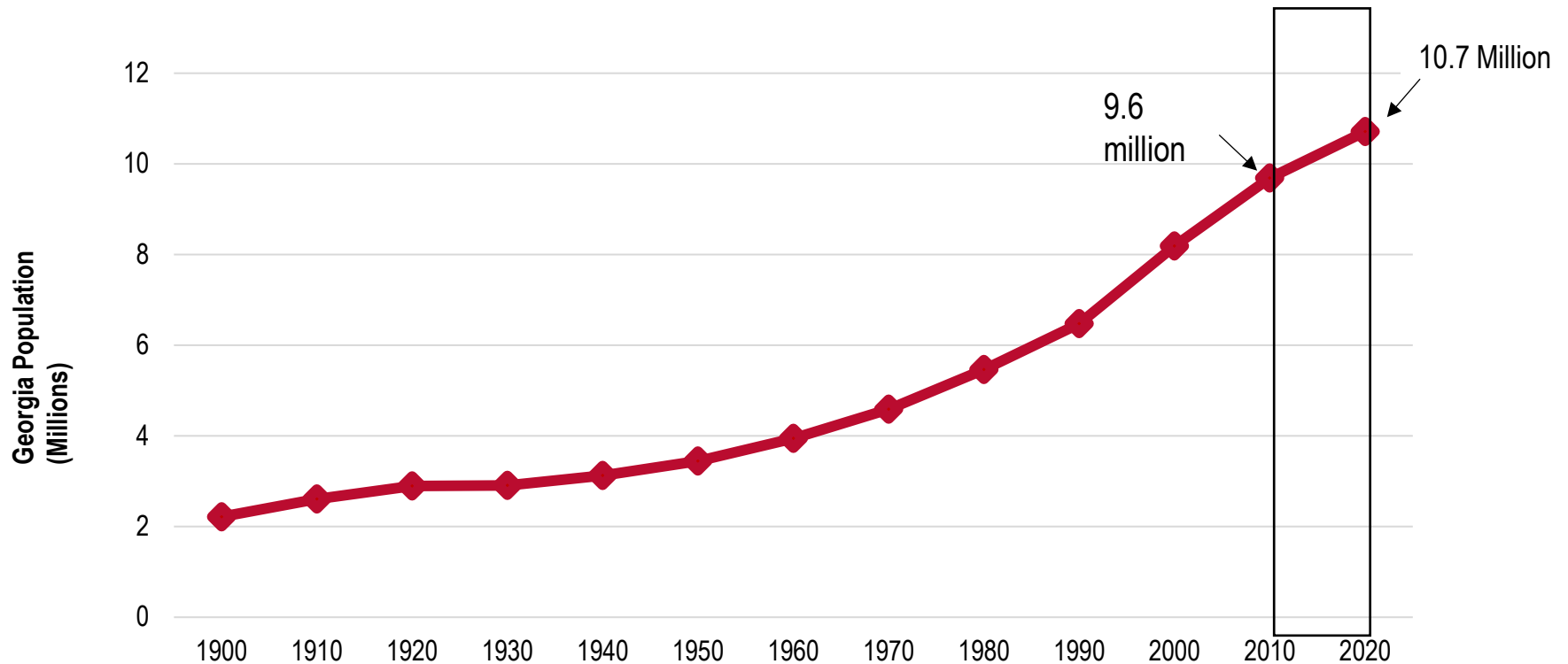
Three Million New Georgians in Two Decades



Source: US Census Bureau, NHGIS



Georgia's Population Increases ~1 million in 2010s

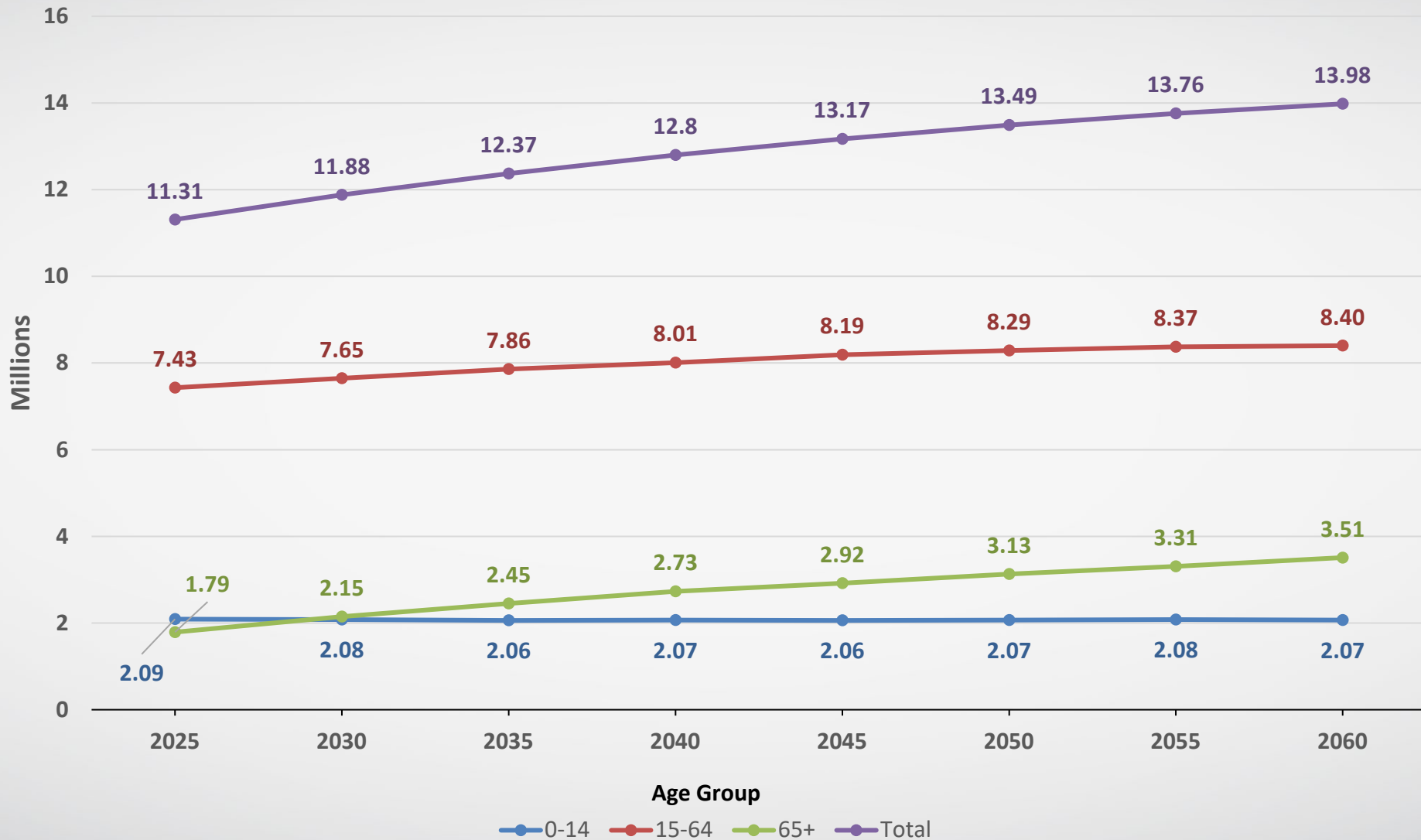


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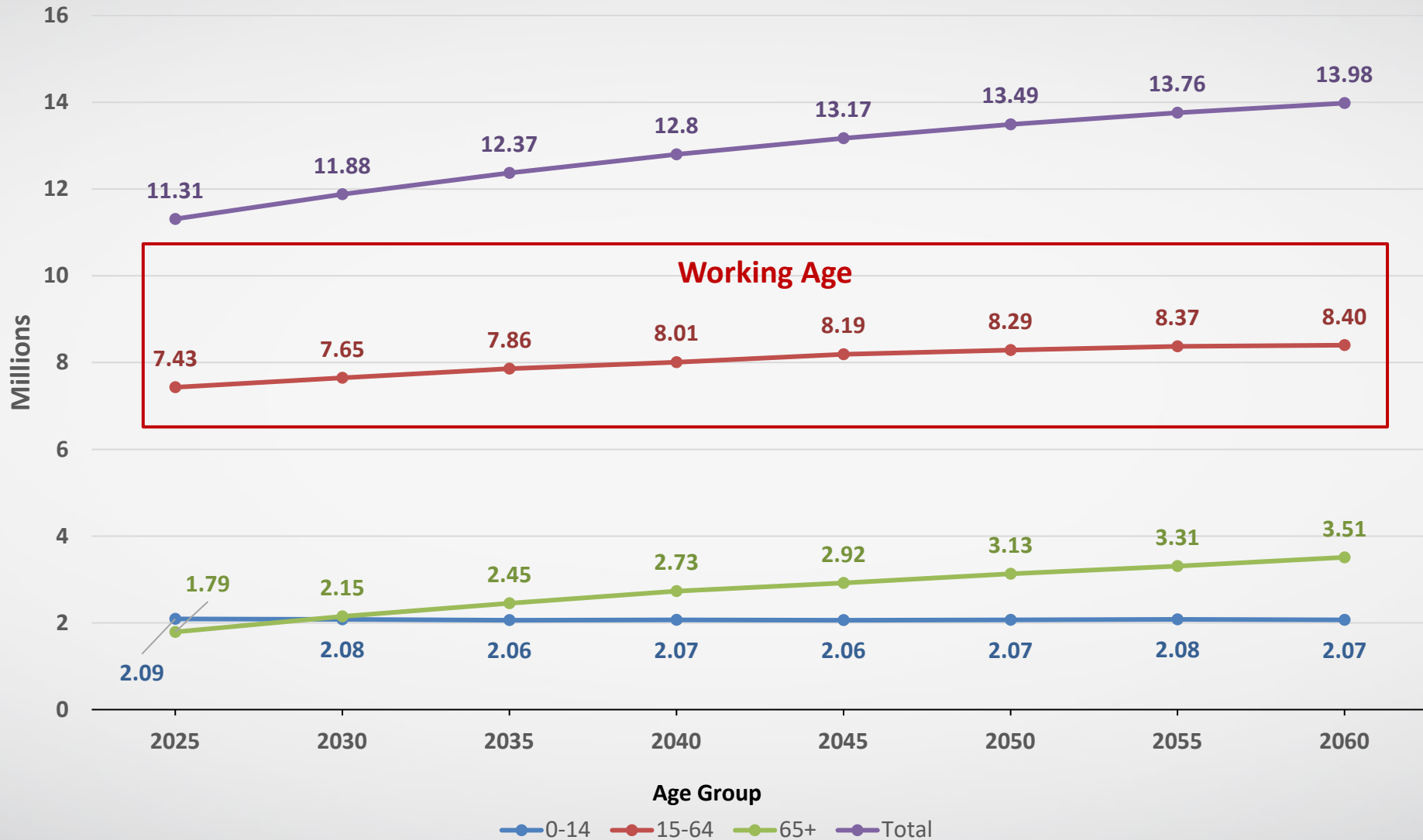


Projected Population Growth





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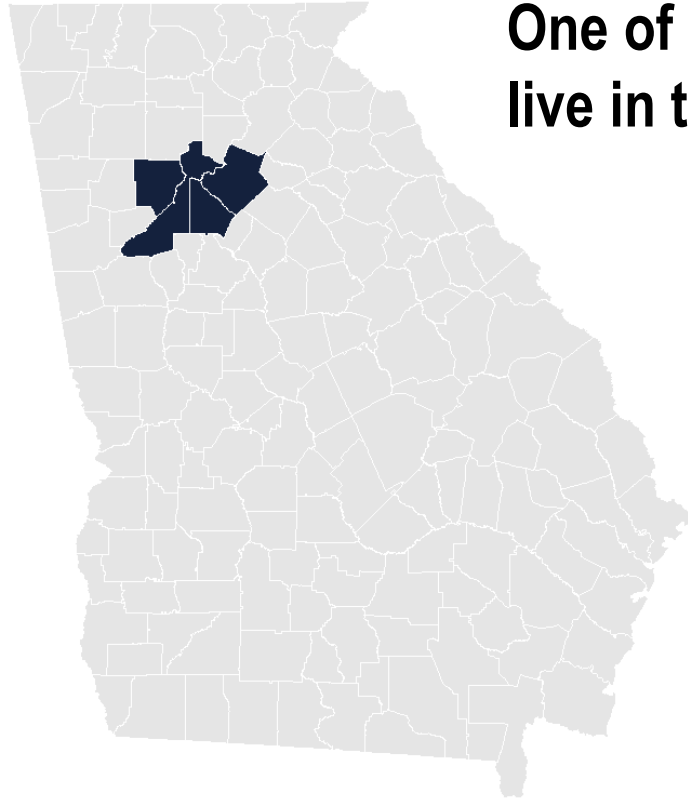


Geography of Georgia's Population



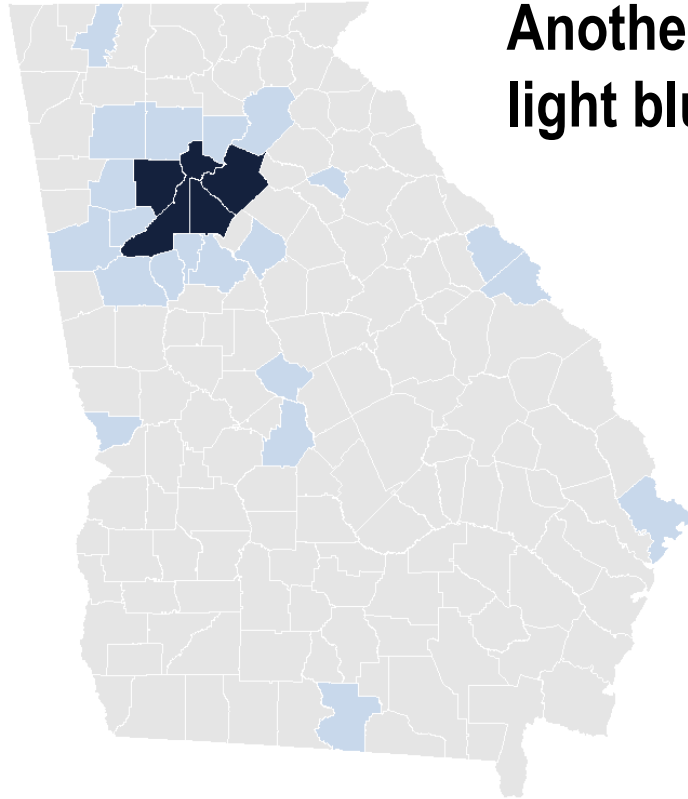
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**One of three Georgians
live in these four counties**

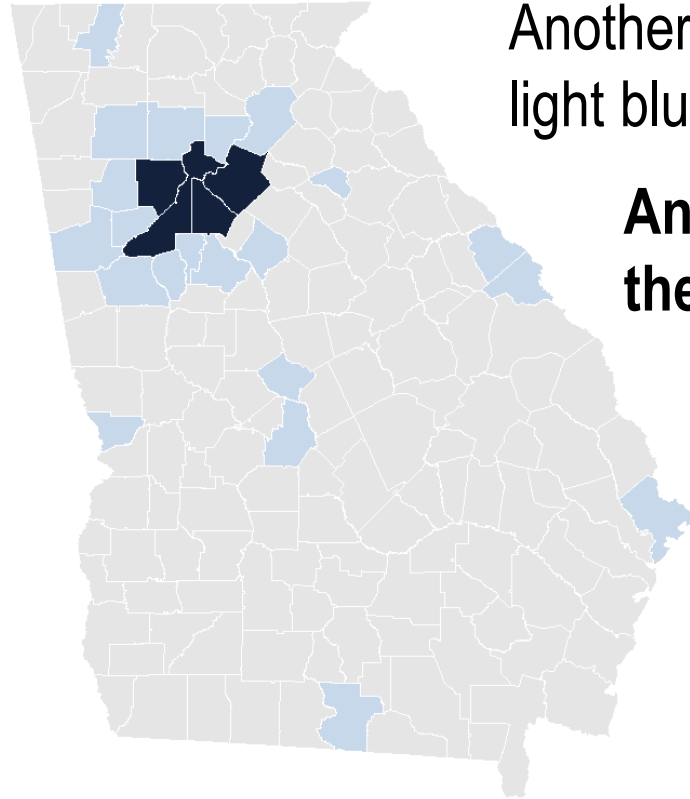


Source: US Census Bureau, 2020 Redistricting files

**Another third lives in the
light blue counties**



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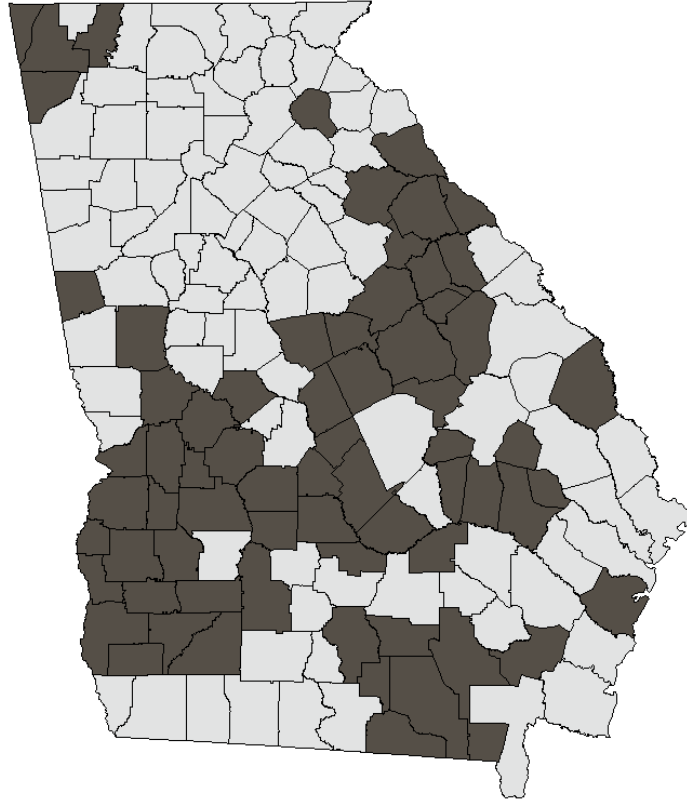


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**And another third lives in
the gray counties**

Source: US Census Bureau, 2020 Redistricting files

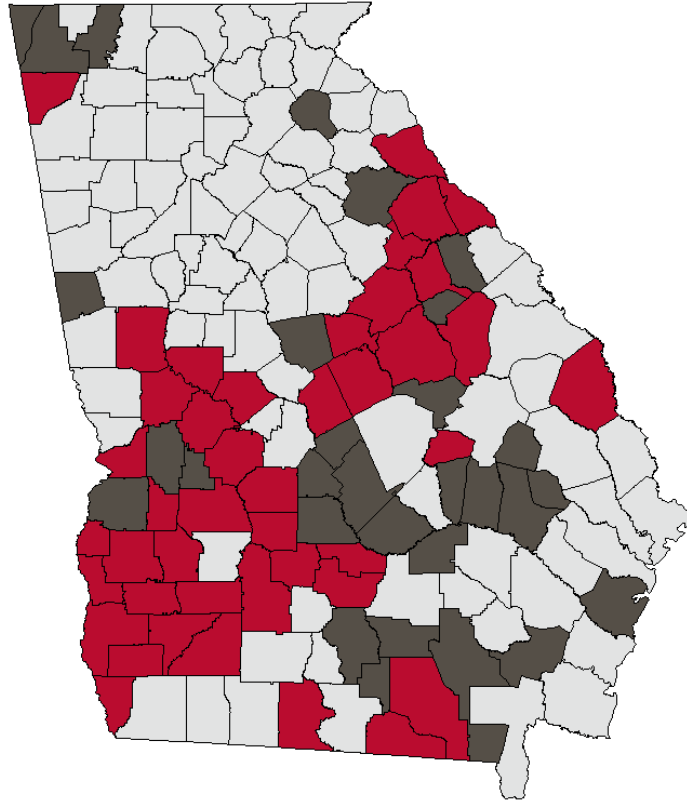
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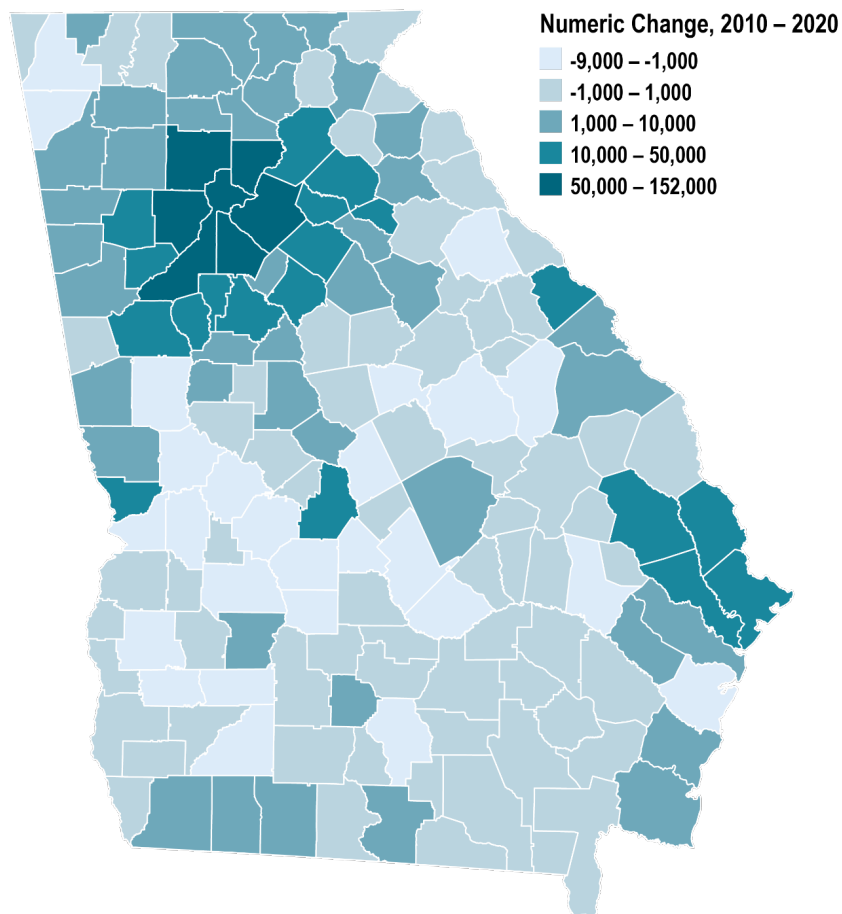
Source: US Census Bureau, 2020 and 2010 Redistricting files

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



Source: US Census Bureau, 2020 and 2010 Redistricting files



Population Growth was Concentrated in Population Centers during the 2010s

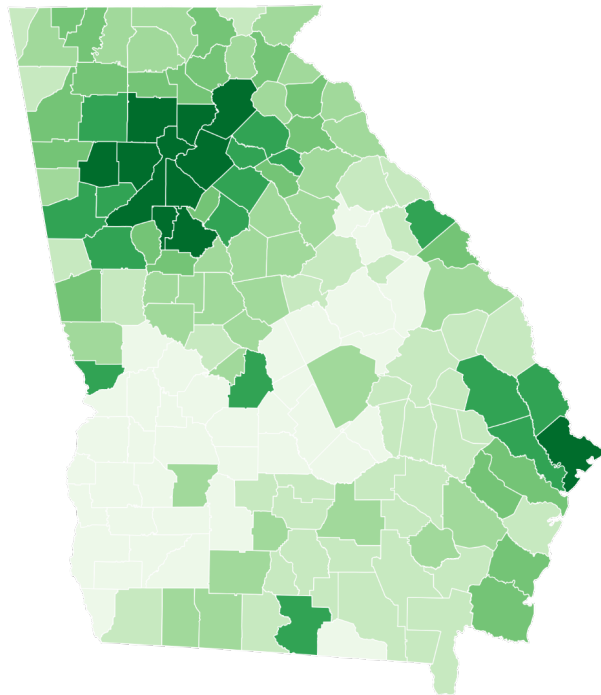
	Numeric Increase	#
1	Gwinnett County	151,741
2	Fulton County	146,129
3	Cobb County	78,071
4	Forsyth County	75,772
5	DeKalb County	72,489

	Numeric Decrease	#
	Dougherty County	-8,775
	Telfair County	-4,023
	Dooly County	-3,710
	McIntosh County	-3,358
	Crisp County	-3,311

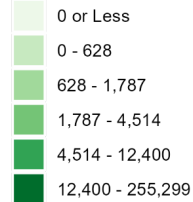
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Projected Numeric Growth

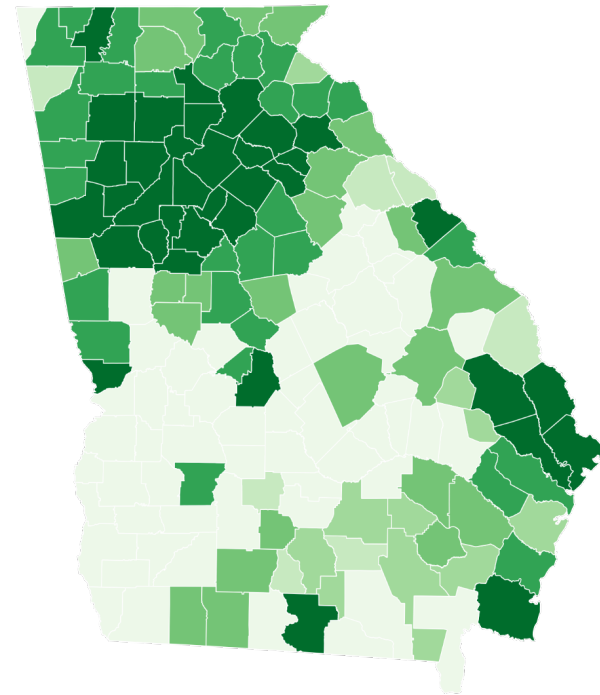
County Numeric Change From 2025 - 2030



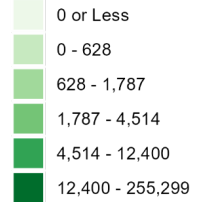
Numeric Change



County Numeric Change From 2025 - 2060



Numeric Change



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



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?
