



State of Working Georgia

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Welcome and Overview

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Georgia: A Wealthy State, But Not For Everyone

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9th largest population in the nation at 9.7 million

11th largest personal income in the nation at \$354 billion

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11th largest economy in the nation at \$403 billion GDP

Does Georgia's Economy Support its **Low and Middle Income Residents?**

Georgia Ranks Below National Peer States on Poverty and Median Household Income

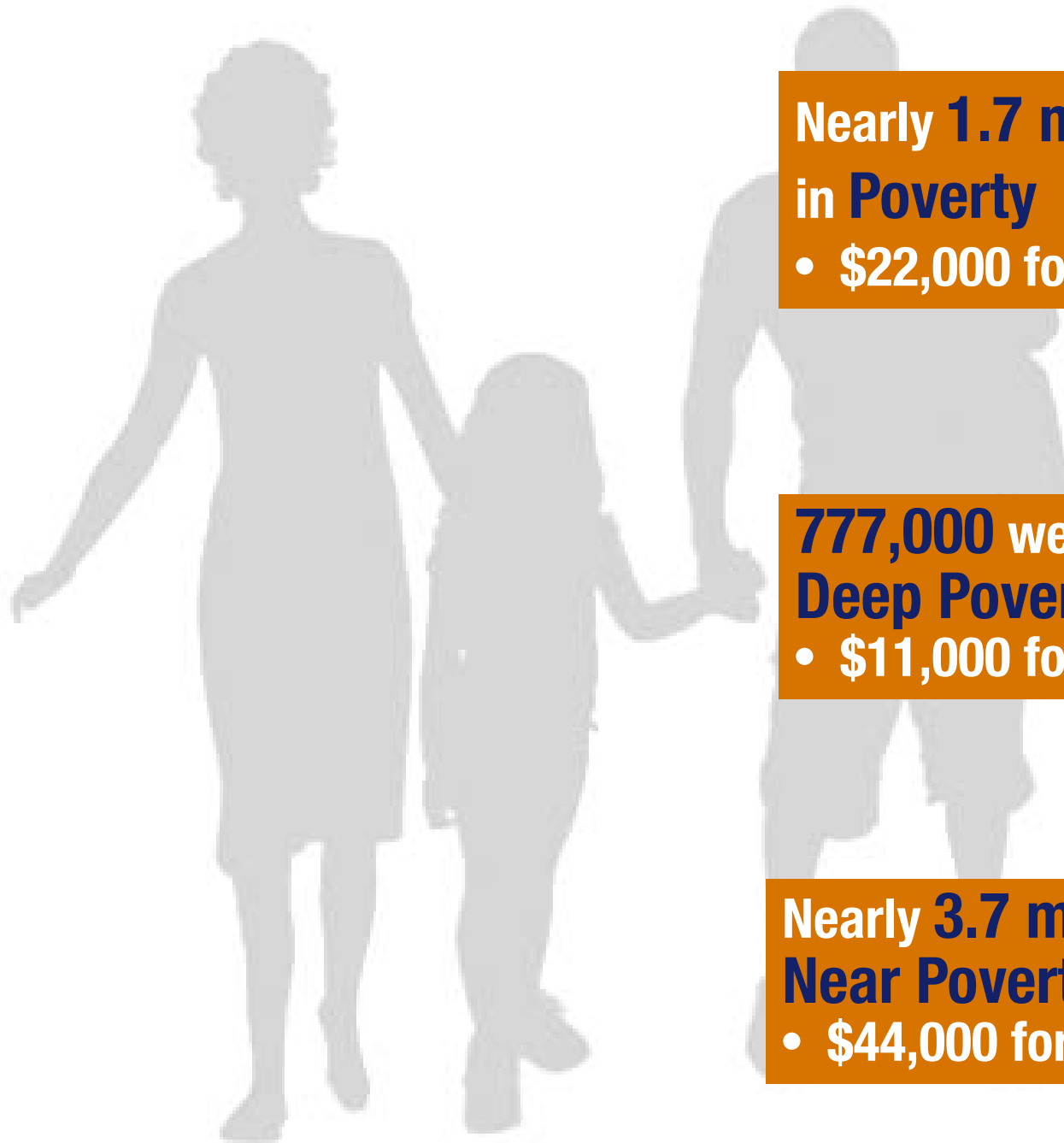
	Median Household Income 2010	Poverty Rate 2010
Peer States	\$53,437	13.8
United States	\$49,445	15.3
Georgia	\$44,108	17.9
Southern States	\$41,652	17.9

	Median Household Income 2010	National Rank	Poverty Rate 2010	National Rank
Maryland	\$64,025	3	9.9	2
New Jersey	\$63,540	4	10.3	5
Massachusetts	\$61,333	5	11.4	9
Virginia	\$60,363	7	11.1	7
Washington	\$56,253	11	13.4	19
Pennsylvania	\$48,460	26	13.4	19
Michigan	\$46,441	31	16.8	36
Ohio	\$46,093	35	15.8	32
Georgia	\$44,108	39	17.9	41
North Carolina	\$43,753	40	17.5	39



Poverty

10th highest poverty rate in the nation at 17.9% in 2010



Nearly **1.7 million** were
in **Poverty**

- **\$22,000** for a family of four

777,000 were in
Deep Poverty

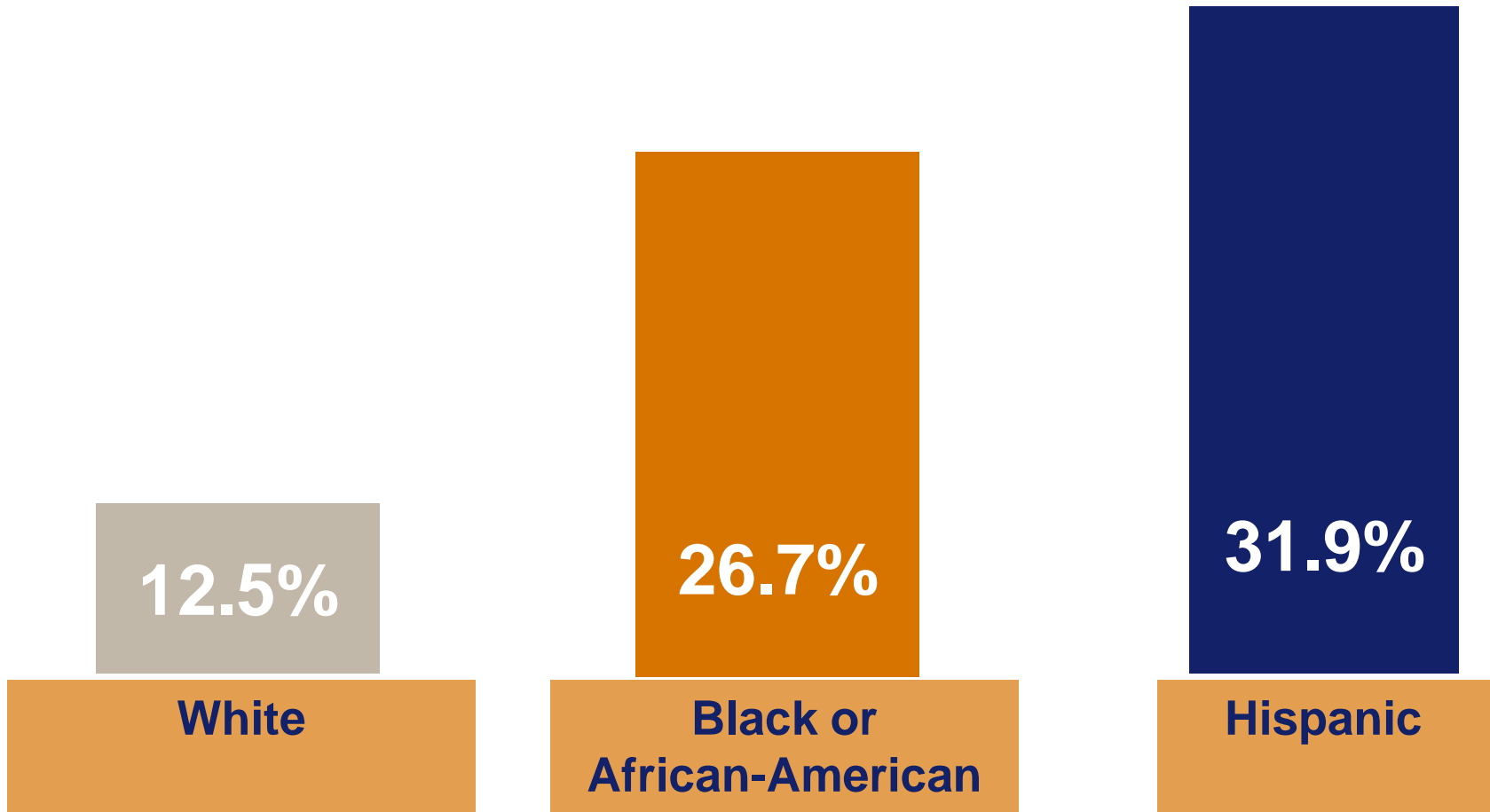
- **\$11,000** for a family of four

Nearly **3.7 million** were
Near Poverty

- **\$44,000** for a family of four

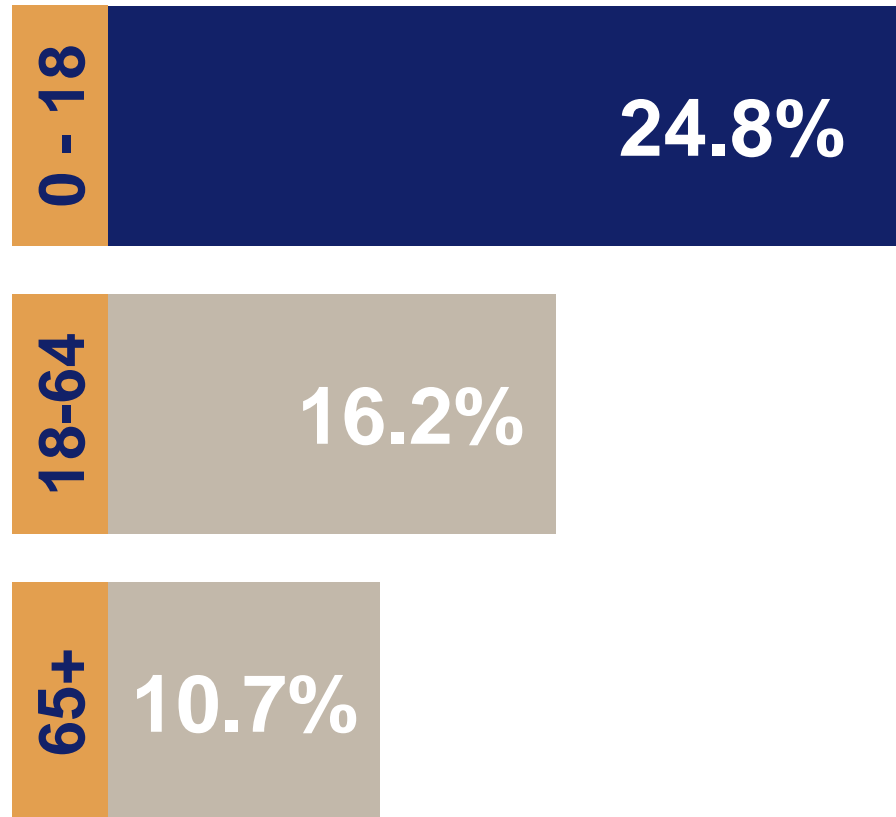
Who Are the **Poor** in Georgia?

Higher Poverty Rate for Hispanics and African-Americans



Poverty Rate for Children and Teenagers Higher Than Other Age Groups

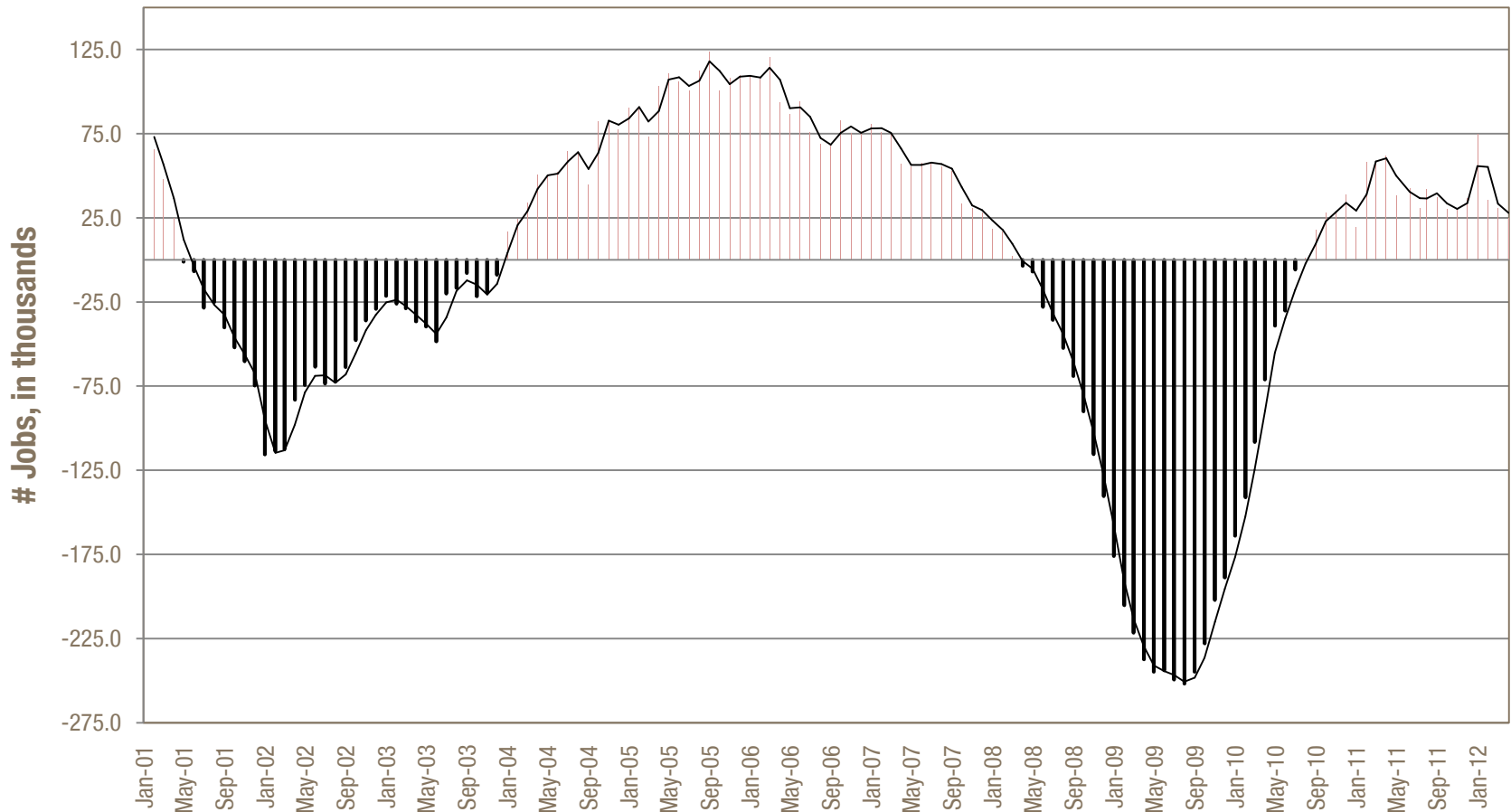
In 2010, nearly **610,000** or **one out of four** in this age group was below the poverty line.



State of Working Georgia Worsened by the "Great Recession" of 2007

Georgia's Job Market Hit by Recession

Year over Year Job Change in Georgia, January 2001 to April 2012

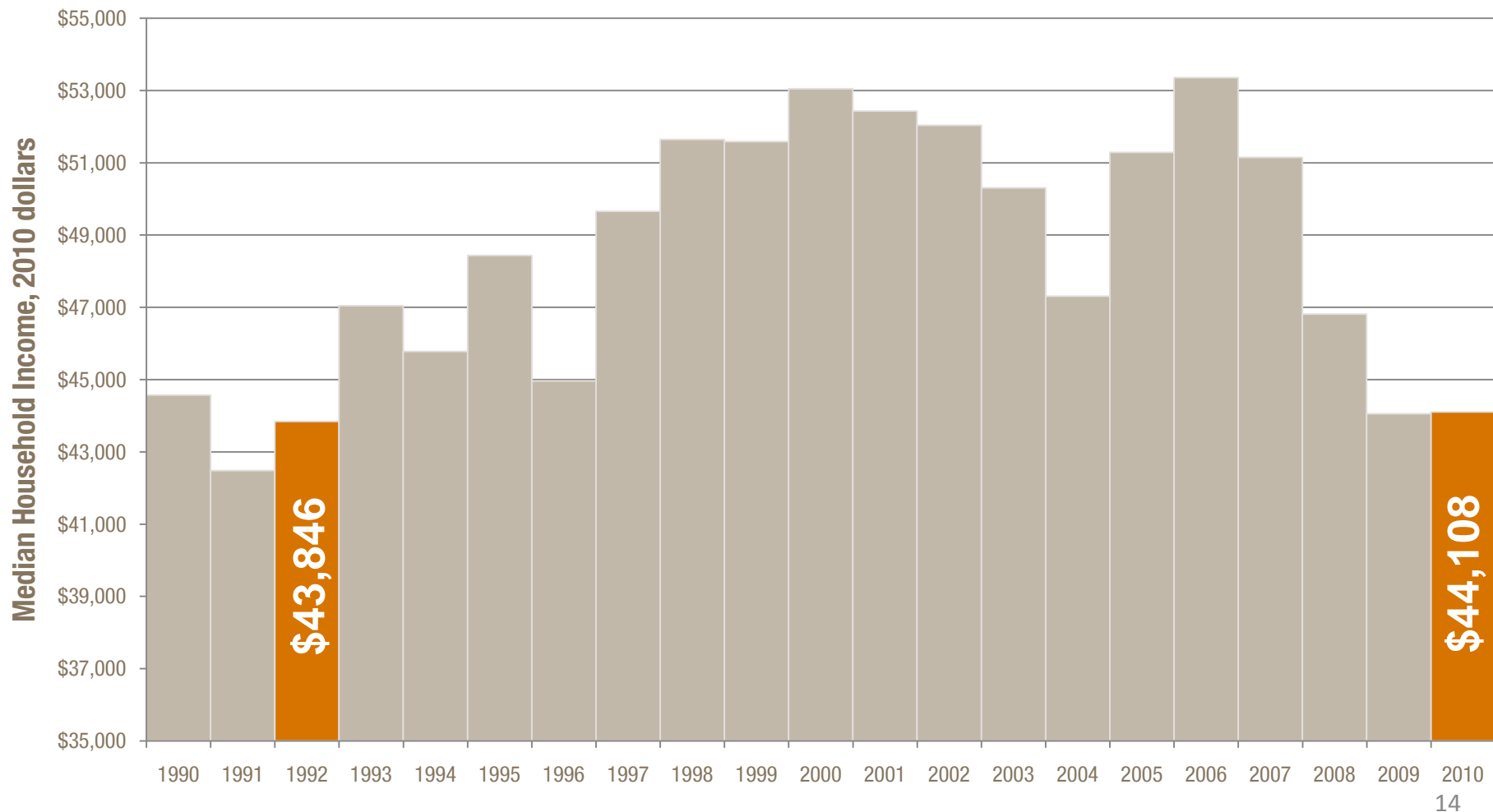


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment peaked at **10.5%** in 2009

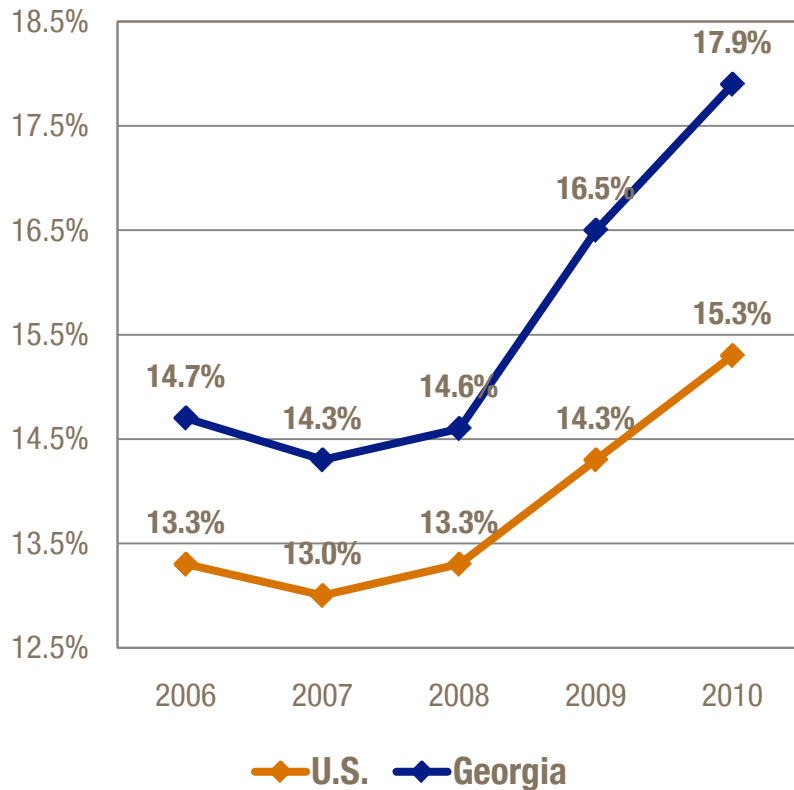
Unemployment is now **8.9%**, up from **5.1%** in December 2007

Georgia's Median Household Income Falls to Early-'90s Levels

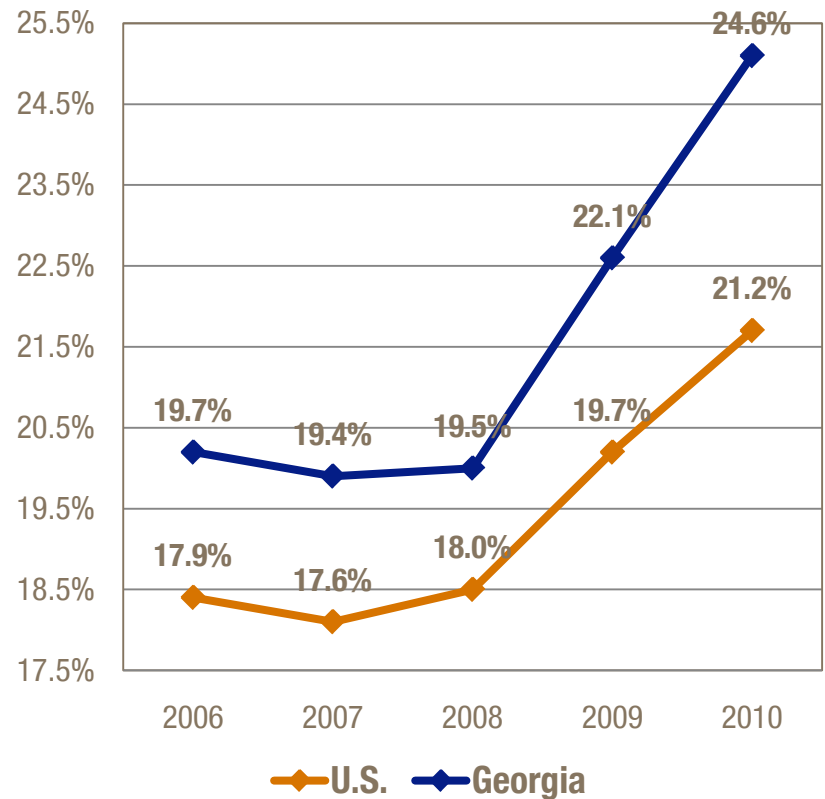


Spike in Number of Georgians Living in Poverty Since 2008

Poverty in Georgia Higher than U.S. and Rising



Child Poverty in Georgia Higher than U.S. and Rising



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Safety Net Not Keeping Pace in Georgia

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Safety Net Programs - Different Funding Streams Produce Different Results

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Federal Block Grant

4,278 Adult Cases

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) / Food Stamps

Federal Entitlement

1,870,781 Recipients

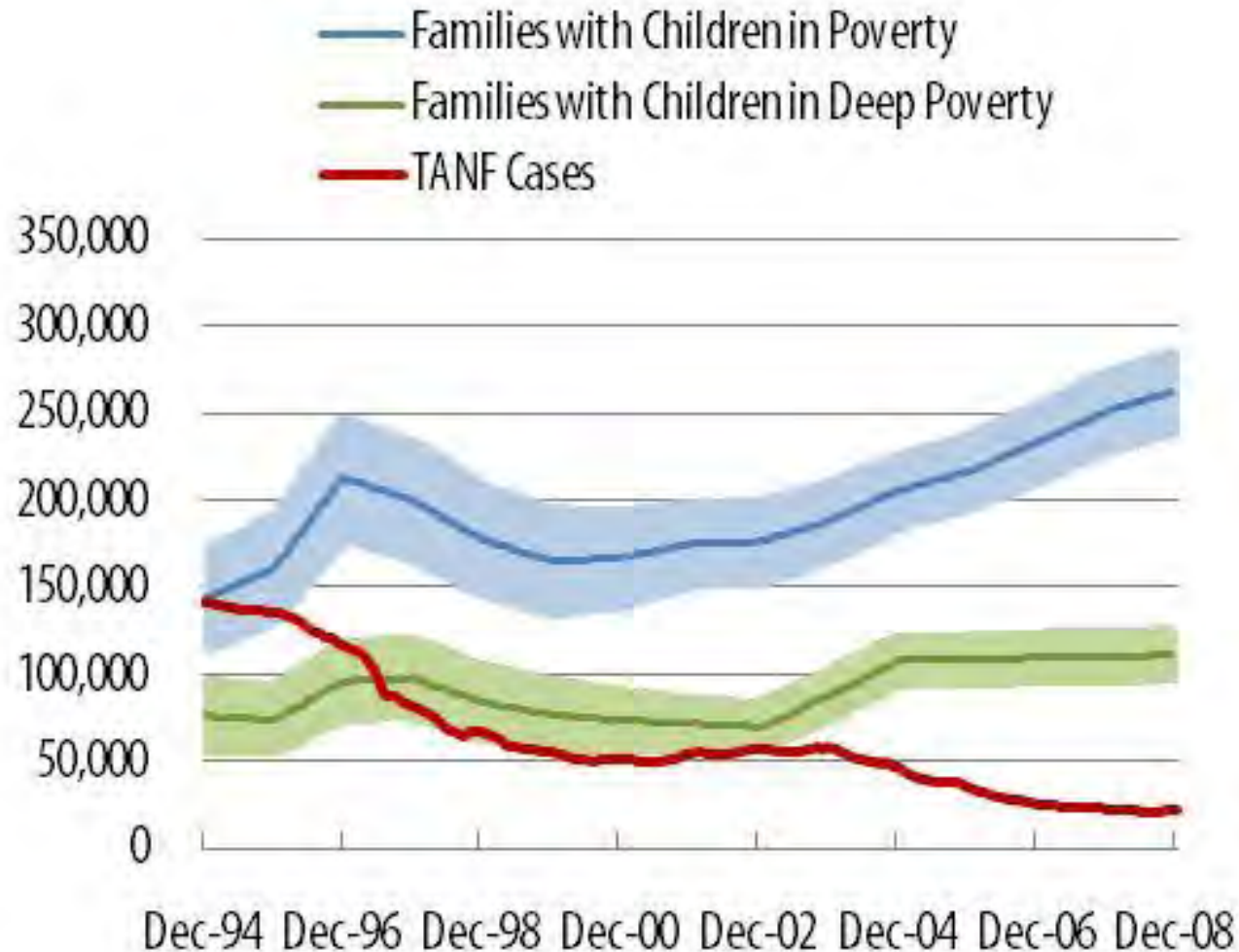
Unemployment Benefits

Employer Funded

262,426 Recipients

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Caseload is Decreasing

TANF Not Keeping Pace With Rise in Poverty in Georgia

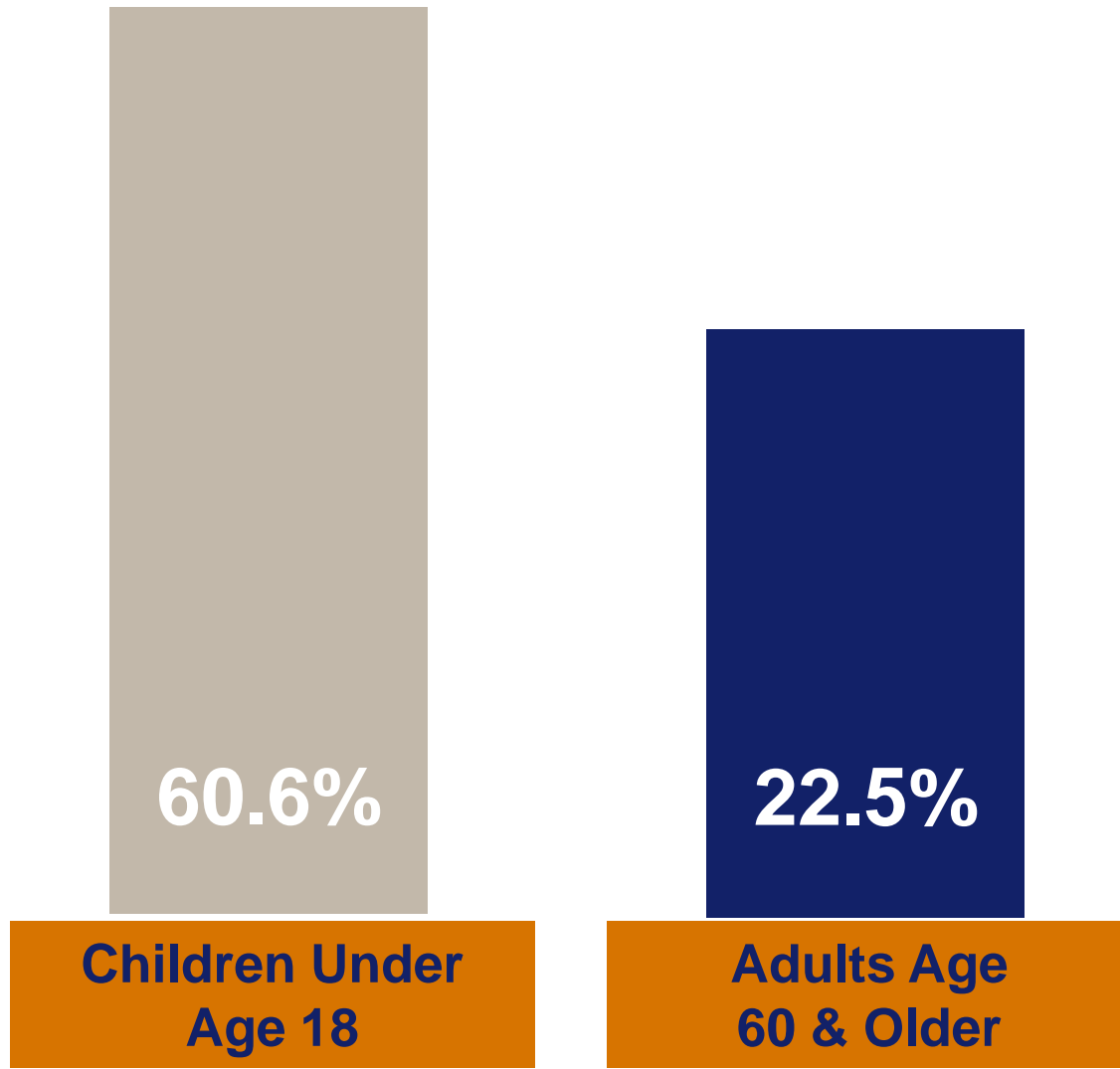


SNAP Food Stamp Program Is More Responsive

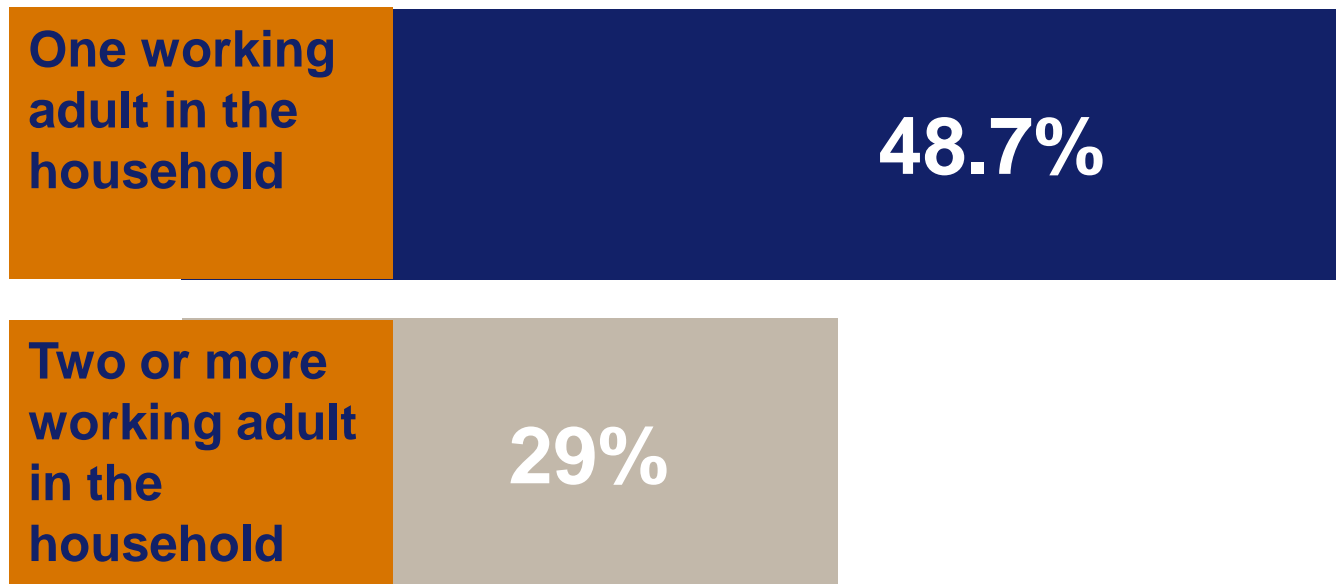
Food Stamps More Responsive to Needs

	2002	2011	% Change
Persons Below Poverty	1,053,057	1,688,932	60%
TANF Adult Cases	32,352	4,278	-87%
TANF Child Cases	102,994	26,678	-74%
Food Stamp Cases	591,608	1,870,781	216%

Food Stamp Recipients in Georgia



Most Food Stamp Recipient Families Included a Worker Within the Past 12 Months



State Unemployment Insurance (UI) in Georgia Moving in the Wrong Direction

The background of the slide features a grayscale image of several people's silhouettes in a job center. They are standing in front of a board of 'Wanted' signs. One sign clearly shows '5100 Computer' and another shows 'General'.

State Unemployment Insurance in Georgia

Employers contribute to state fund from which state UI benefits are paid

Low Unemployment Insurance Taxes
Ranks **48th** in the nation

Low Unemployment Insurance Benefits
Ranks **49th** in the nation

Unemployment Insurance Cuts

Employer tax cuts drained **billions**
from state fund

Georgia owes Federal Government
\$746.8 million

New Law:

- Permanently **reduces** maximum weeks of **UI benefits** to lowest in the country
- Gives employers a **permanent cut** in their UI obligations

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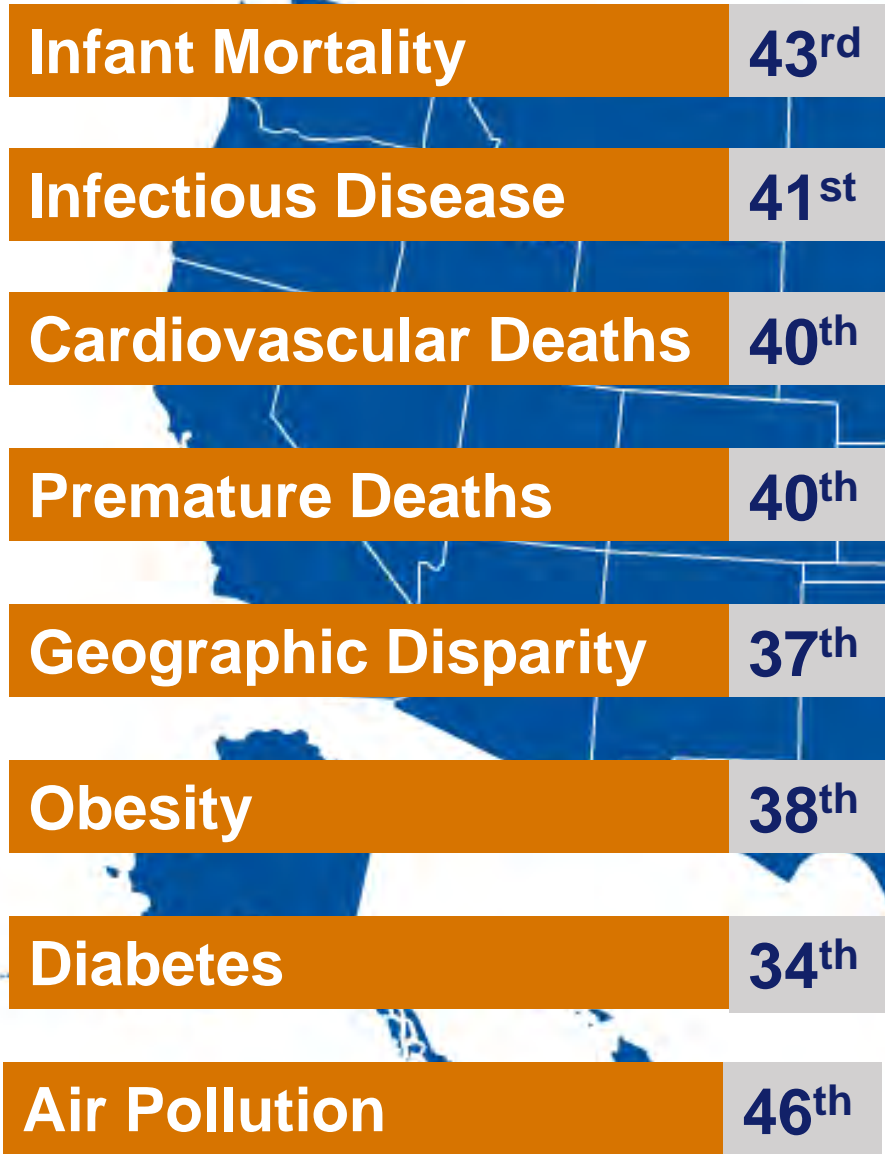
Georgia's Health Care System

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Georgia Faces Many New Health Challenges



With 1.9 million residents without health insurance, Georgia has the 5th highest uninsured rate in the nation.

Georgia has Limited Medical Providers Throughout the State



87% of counties have at least one Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area

93% of counties have Medically Underserved Areas/Populations

16 counties have either no doctors' offices or no primary care providers

5 counties have neither doctors' offices nor primary care providers

How are Georgians Insured?

Employer-sponsored Insurance
Dominant method of private health coverage where employers and workers share the costs

52.4%
5.8 million

Individual Insurance
More costly method of private health insurance

8.0%
782,600

Medicare
Federally funded public program, serves Americans over 65

11.0%
1.1 million

Medicaid
State and federally funded program, serves low-income kids, pregnant women, individuals with disabilities, very low-income adults

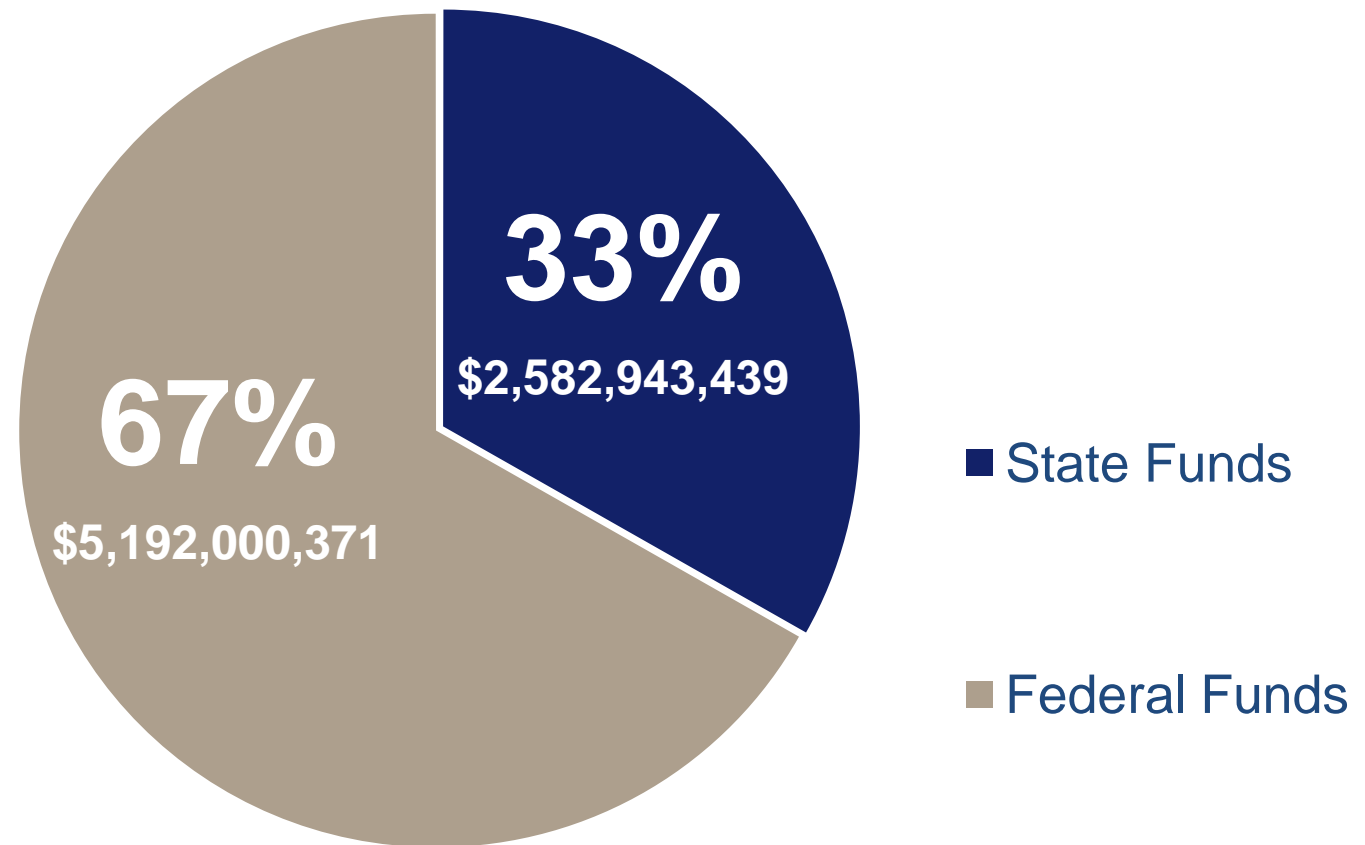
13.7%
1.3 million

No Insurance Coverage

19.6%
1.9 million

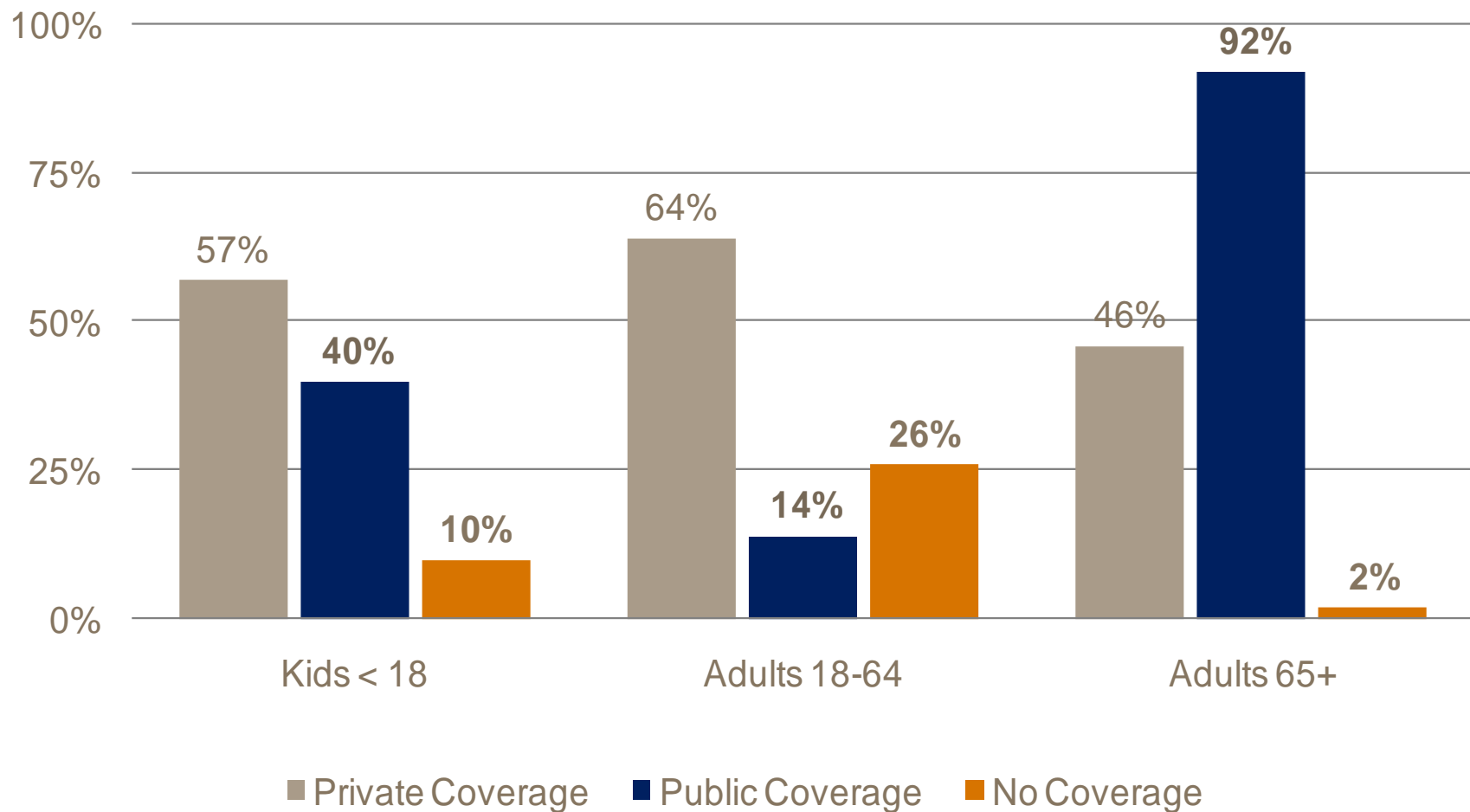
How is Medicaid funded?

Georgia Relies on Federal Dollars to Fund Medicaid and PeachCare Benefits



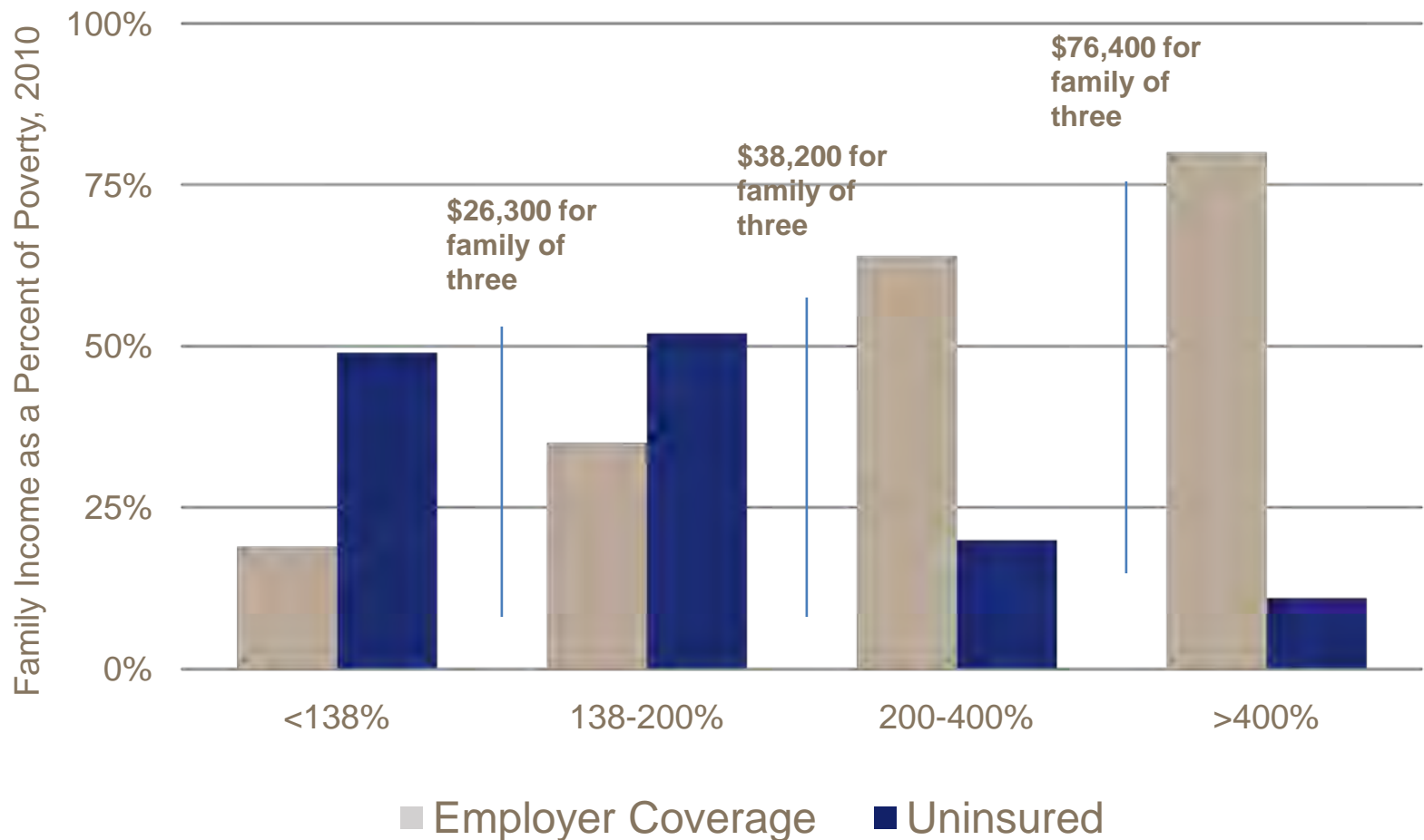
Are Georgia's **Most Vulnerable Populations** Supported by Public Health Programs?

Public Programs Reduce Uninsured for Children and Elderly



Working Age Adults Depend on Private Coverage More than other Age Group Groups

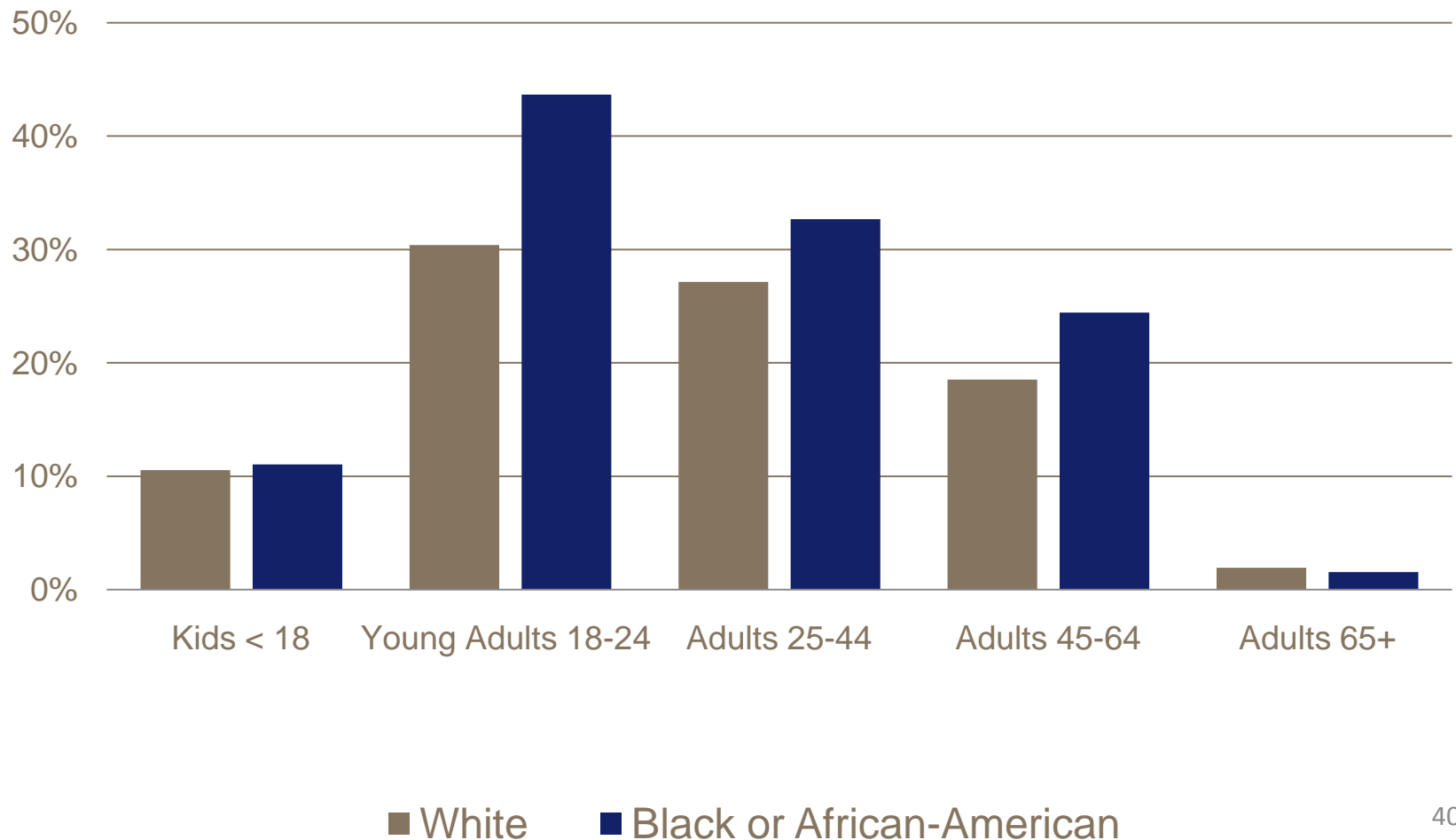
Low-Income Adults Often Uninsured



Racial Disparities in Health Care Coverage

Higher Percentage of African-Americans are Uninsured

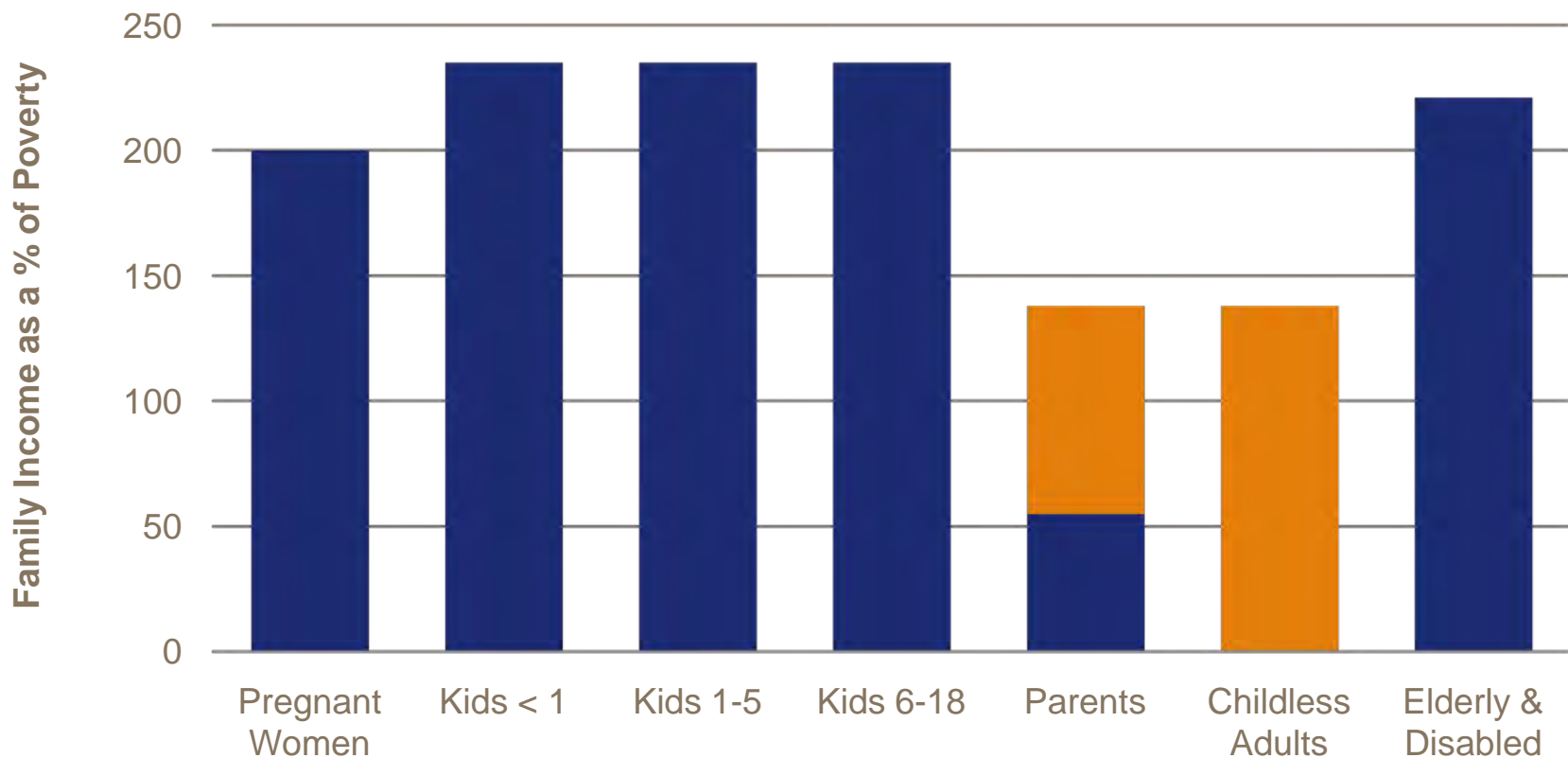
Uninsured Rate (Georgia) by Age, 2009-2010



National Health Reform

National Health Reform Expands Public Coverage for Adults at/near Poverty

(Poverty = \$11,200 for individual, \$19,100 for family of three)



■ Affordable Care Act (New Coverage) ■ Existing Programs

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Public Education in Georgia

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THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS, RESPONSIBLE POLICY

How Does Public Education Fare in Georgia?

PK-12 Education

Higher Education

Enrollment

1.7 million
Students

500,000+
Students

Completion

67%
Statewide graduation rate

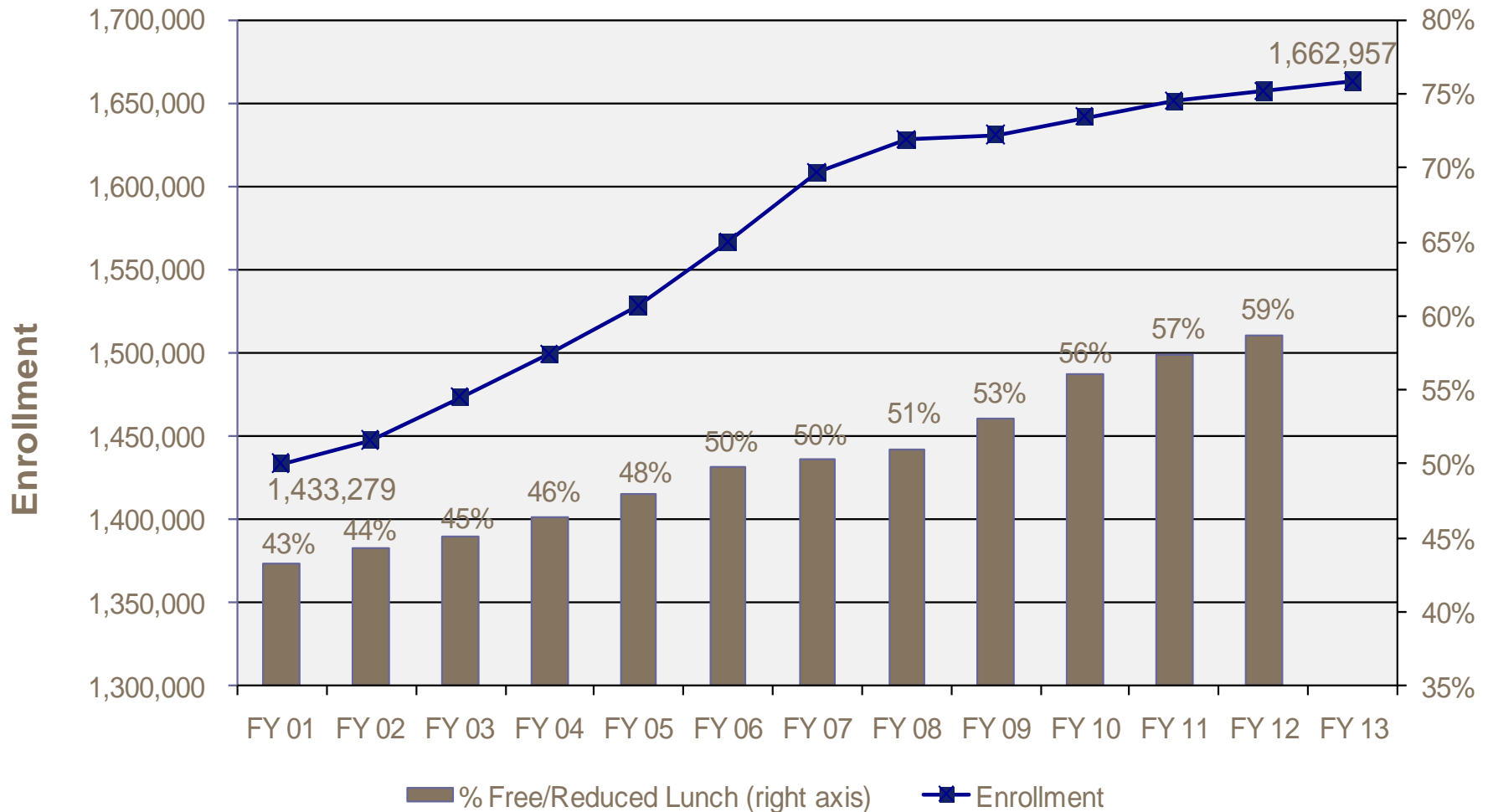
36%
Georgians with
college degree

State Funding

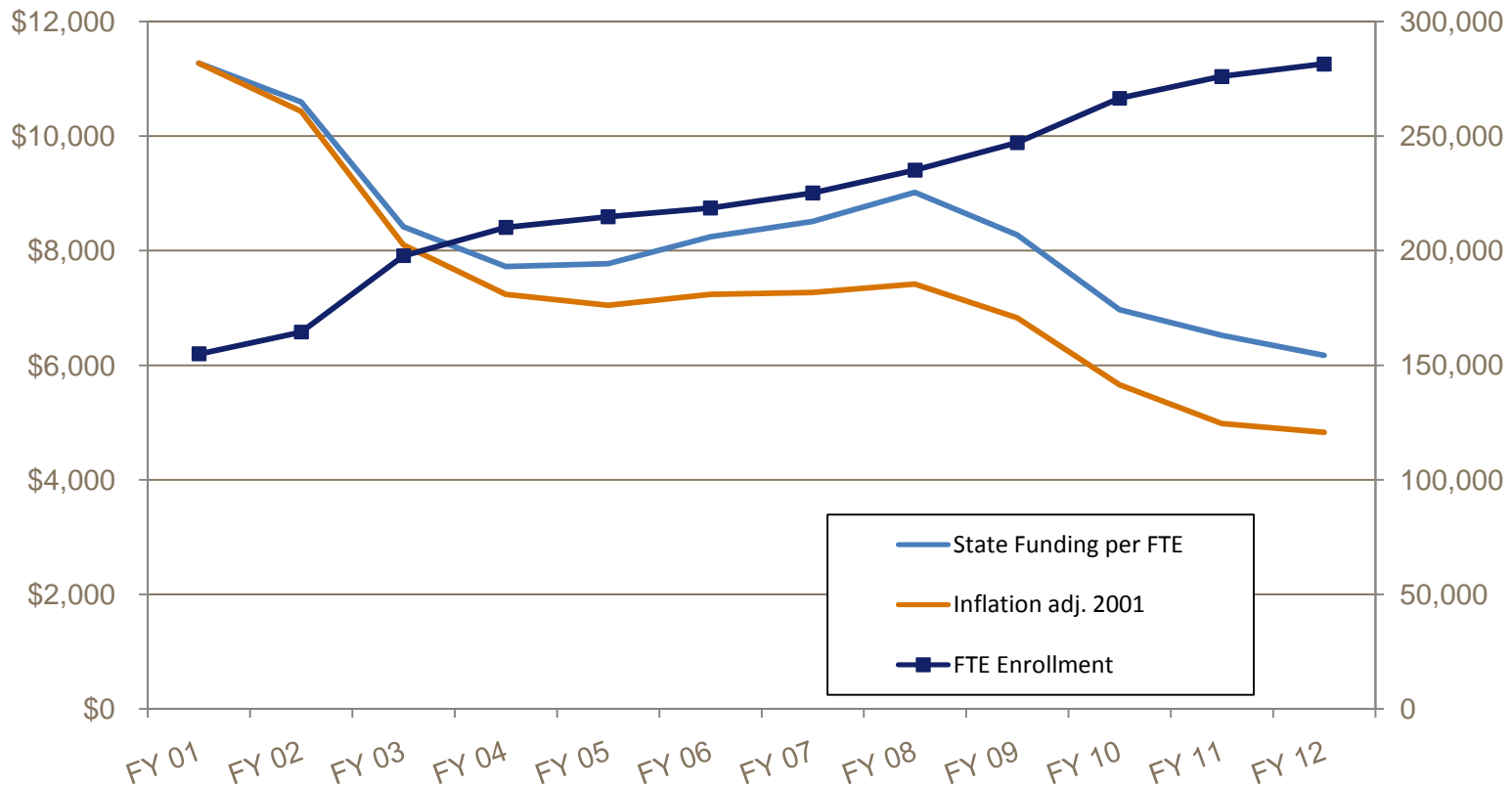
-17%
Per pupil funding
cut since FY 2001

-46%
Per pupil funding
cut since FY 2001

K-12 Education Student Enrollment



University System State Funding Allocations per Full-Time Equivalent Student



A map of the United States where the state of Georgia is highlighted in orange. Three text boxes provide information about Georgia's performance in reading, math, and SAT scores.

Lags the nation in reading & math scores in 4th & 8th grades

Lags Southern States in reading & math in 4th & 8th grades

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Lags the nation in SAT score by 85 points

Georgia Lags the Nation in Various Post-Secondary Benchmarks

Percent of Adults with College Degrees

United States	38%
Georgia	36%

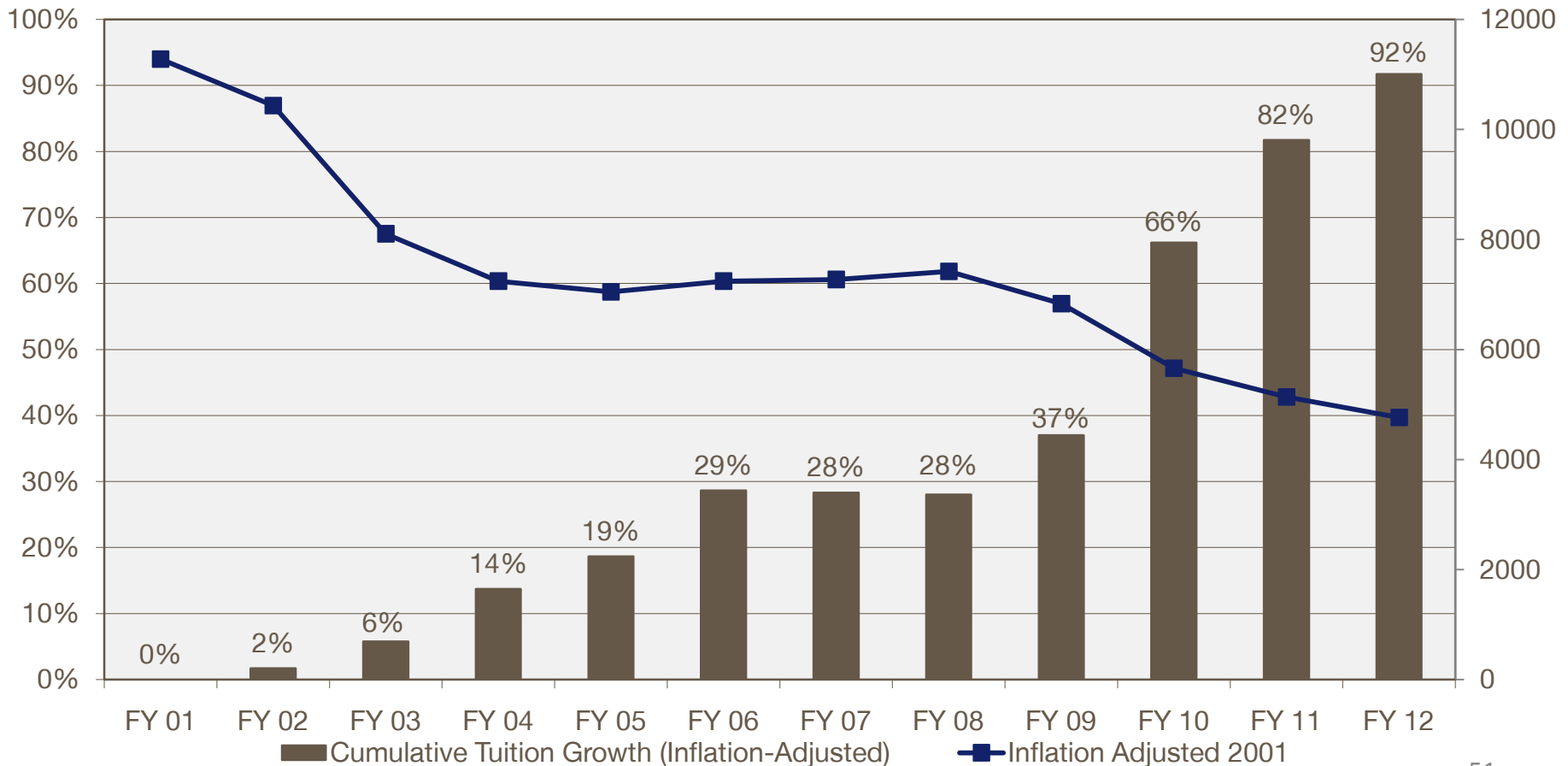
Percent of 18 to 24 Year Olds Enrolled in College

United States	36%
Georgia	30%

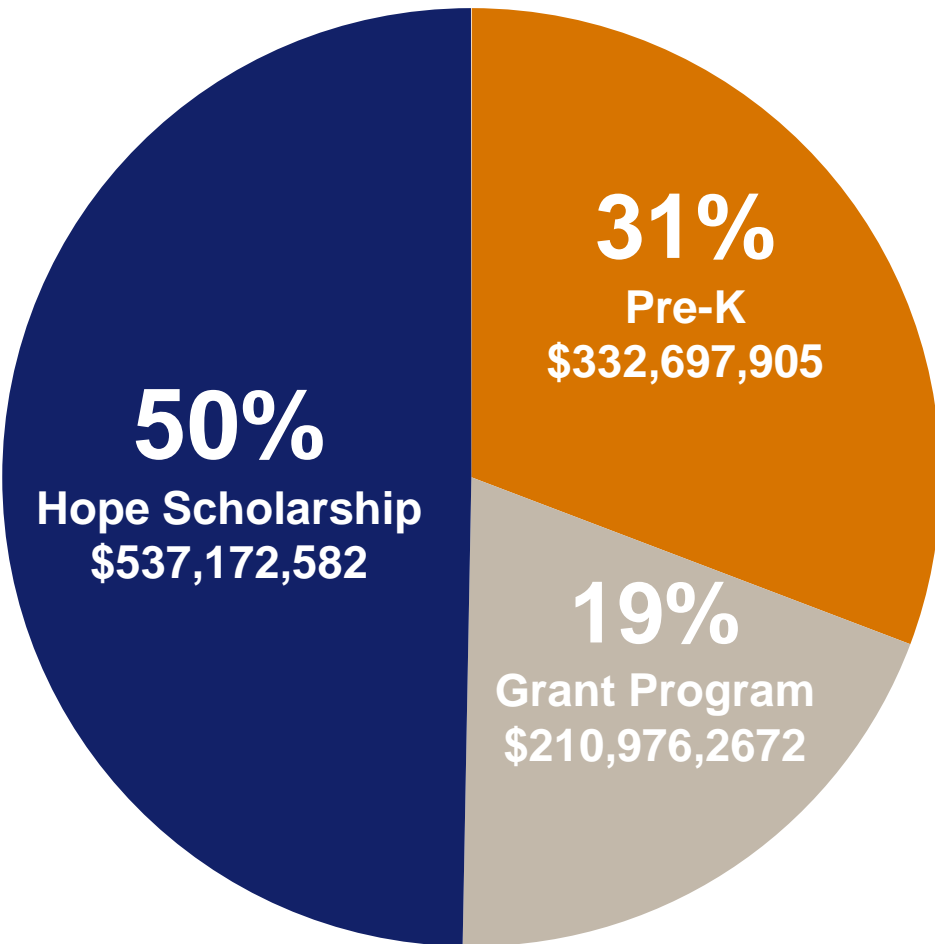
Percent of First-time College Freshmen Who Complete a Program of Study Within Six Years

United States	56%
Georgia	47%

Cumulative Tuition and State Funding per Full-Time Equivalent Student



Lottery-funded Education Programs



Early Education

- Universal Pre-K program (4-year olds)
- 84,300 slots (2011)

Postsecondary Education

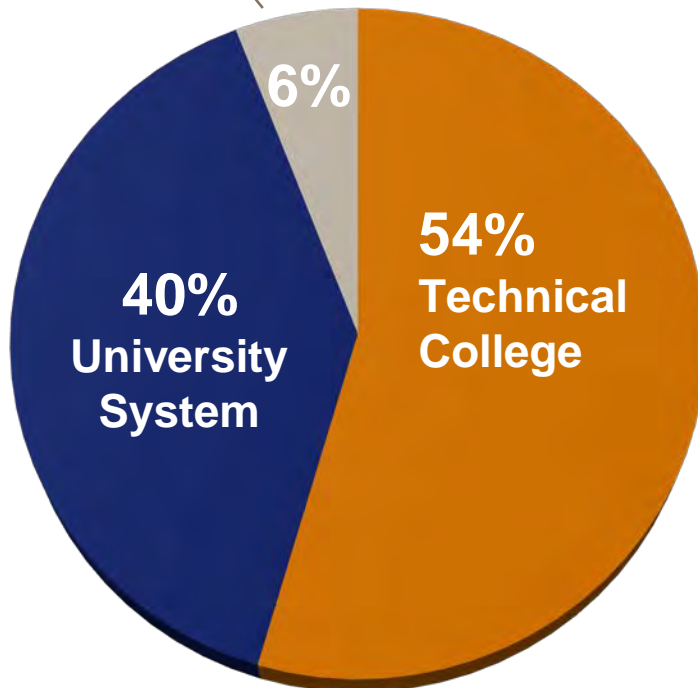
- Scholarships for students within university system (merit-based)
- Grants for students attending technical colleges
- 257,834 total awards (2011)

\$1.08 billion in lottery expenditures (2011)

Allocation of Lottery Education Funding

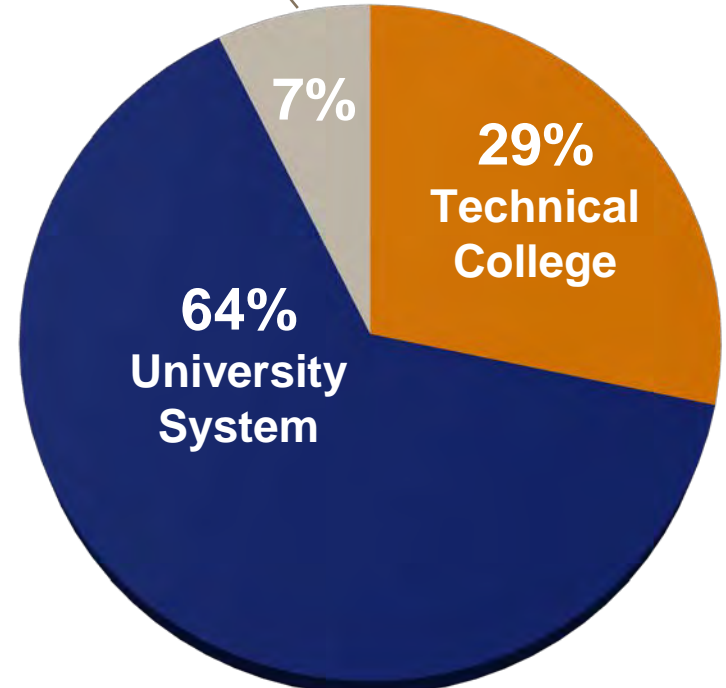
Awards by Institution Type

Private, Private Proprietary
College and Universities



Lottery Dollars by Institution Type

Private, Private Proprietary
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Closing/Q&A

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