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GEORGIA'S CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS

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Agenda

- Georgia Population Overview
- Key Population Trends
- 2020 Census
- Summary



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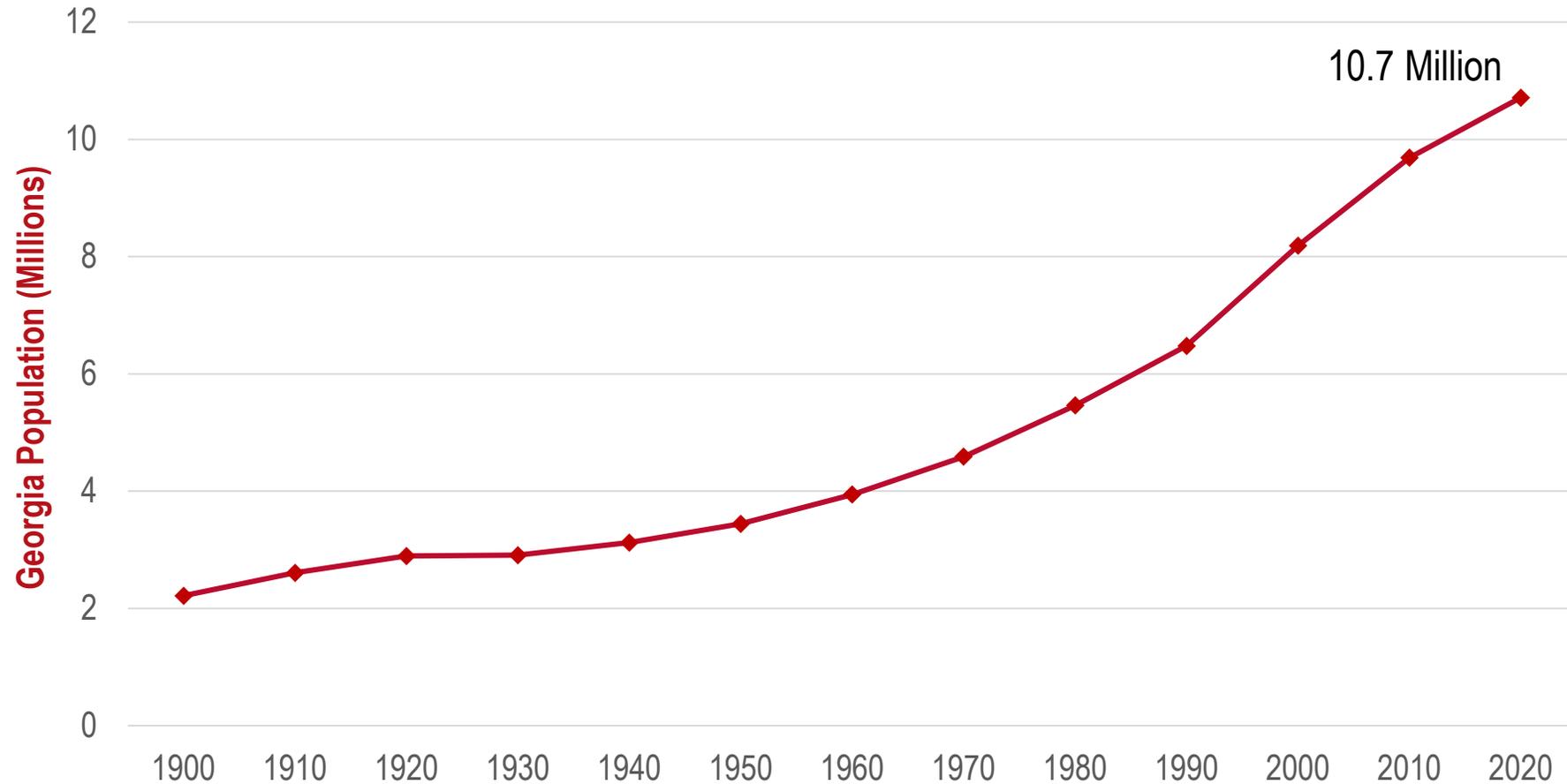


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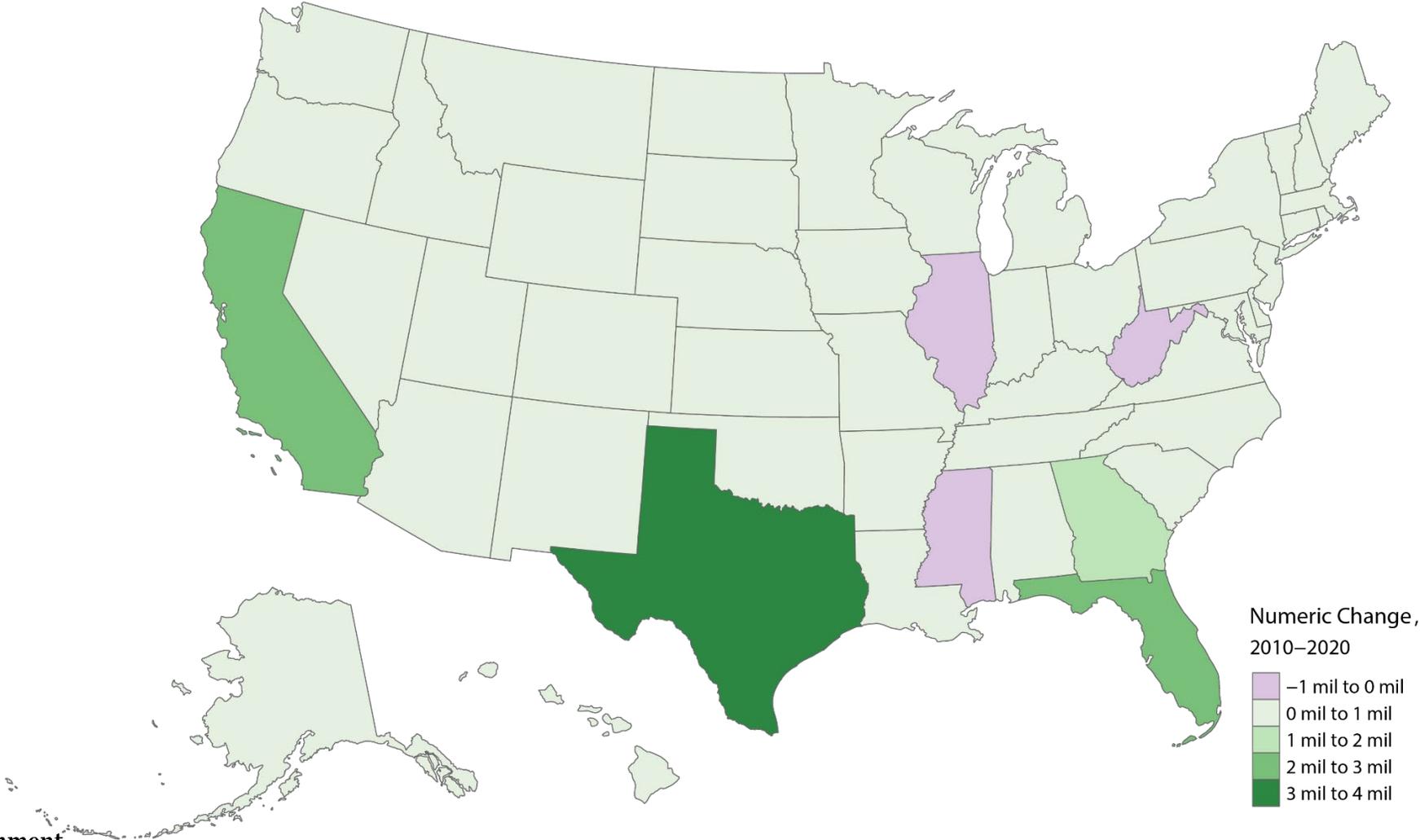
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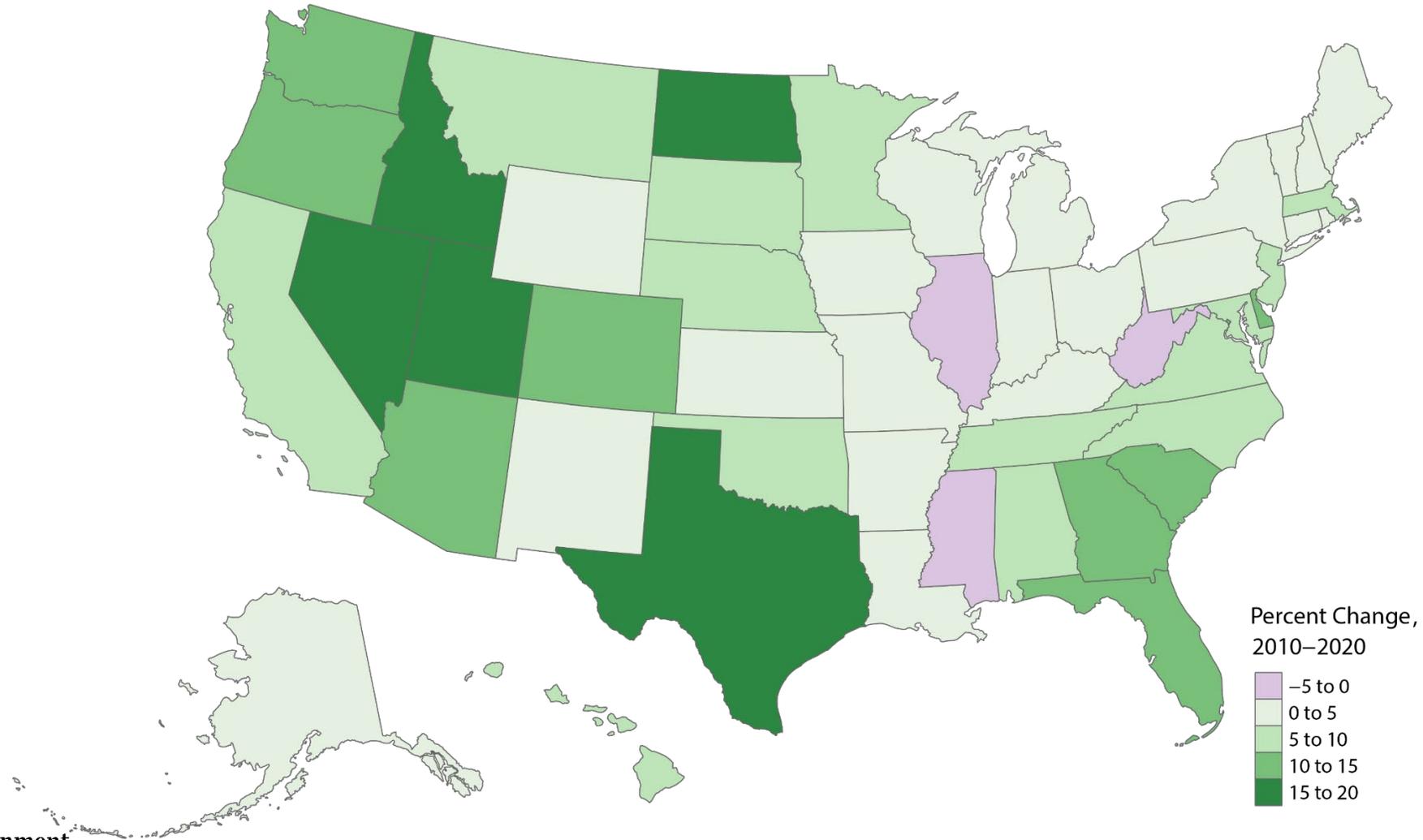
Four Million New Georgians since 1990



Georgia Top 4 in Population Increase Over Past Decade



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



Three Components of Population Change

1. Births
2. Deaths
3. Migration



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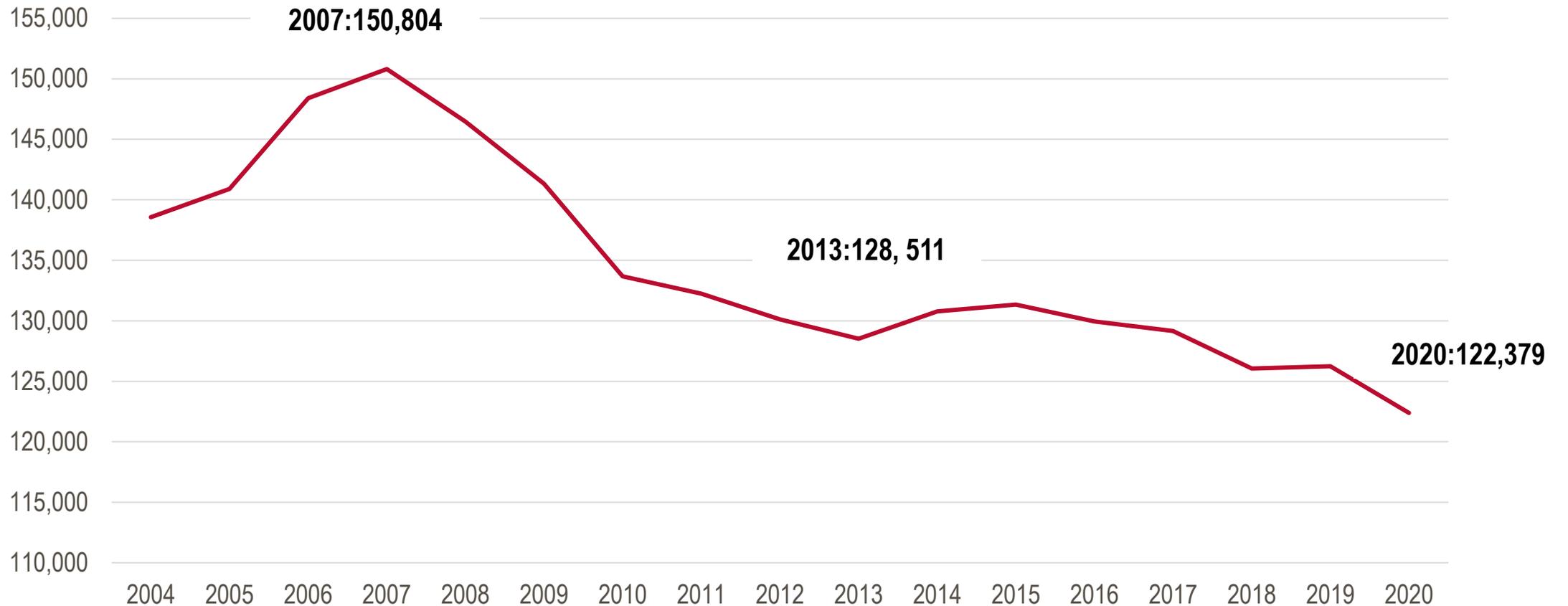
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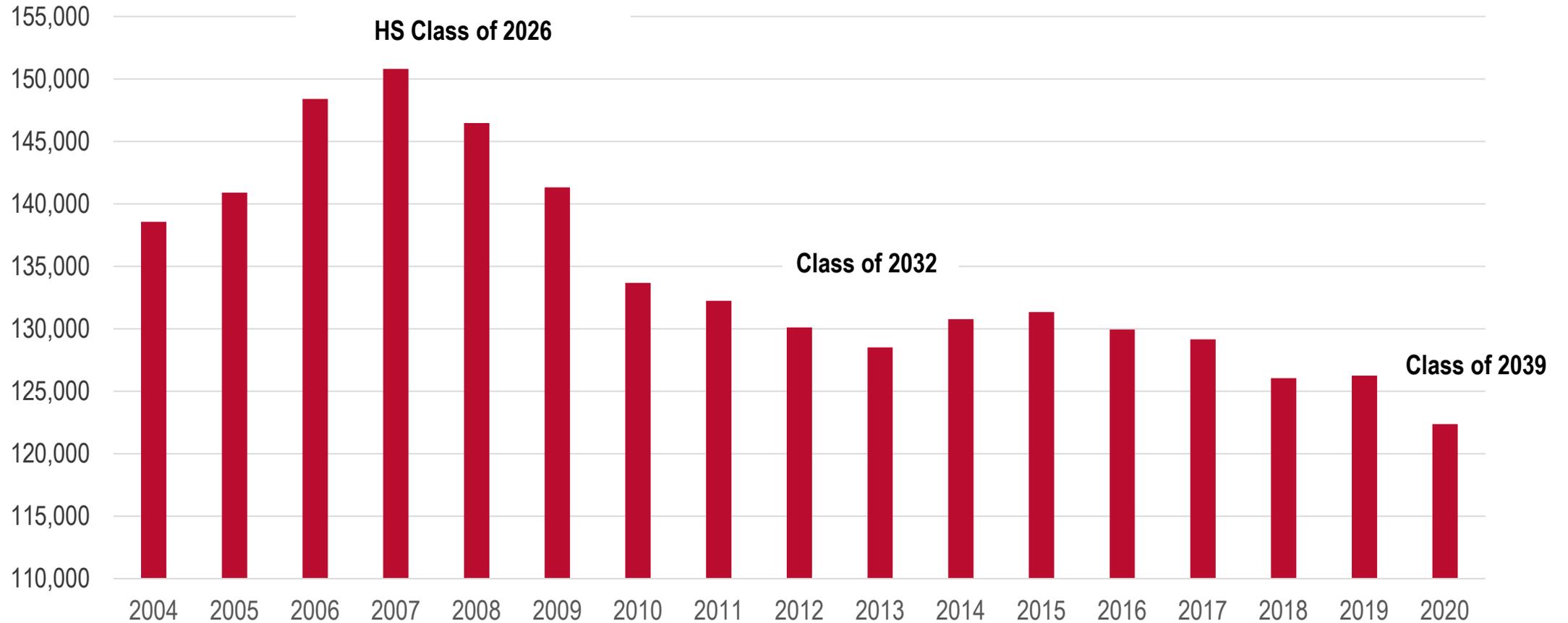
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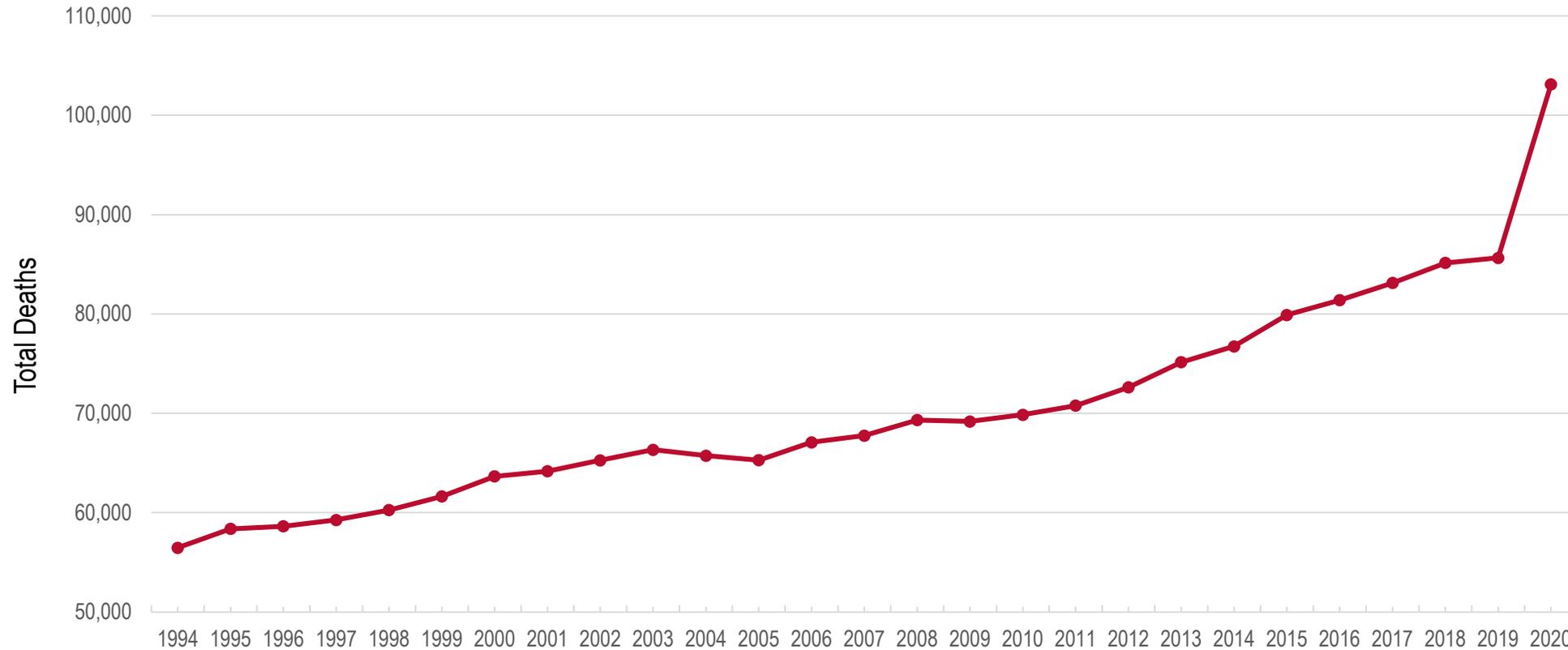
Number of Births are Falling in Georgia



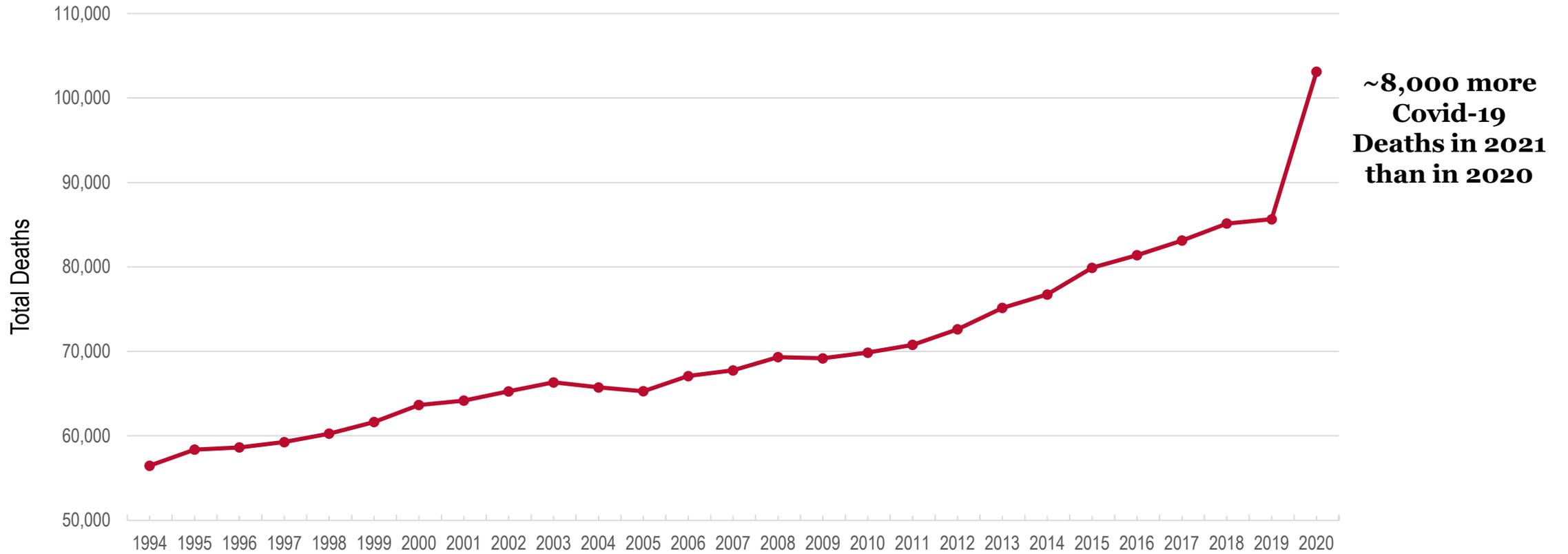
Declining Births Impacts Education System



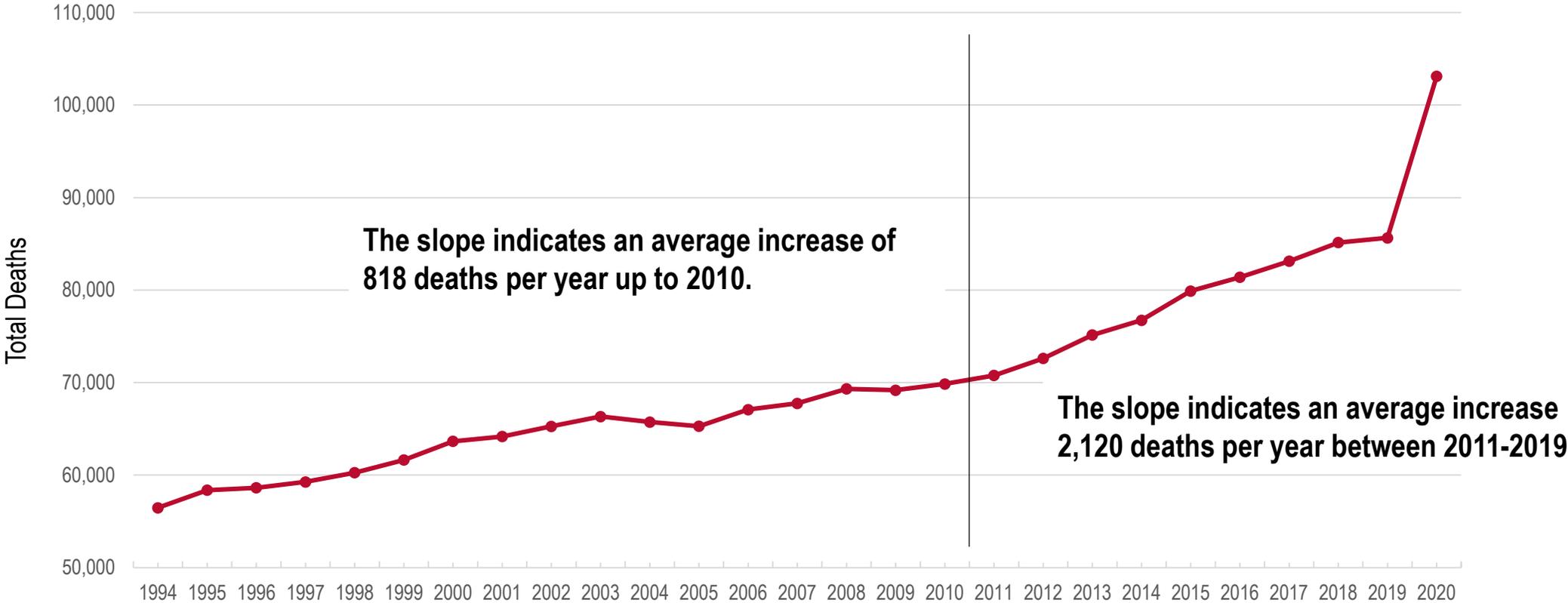
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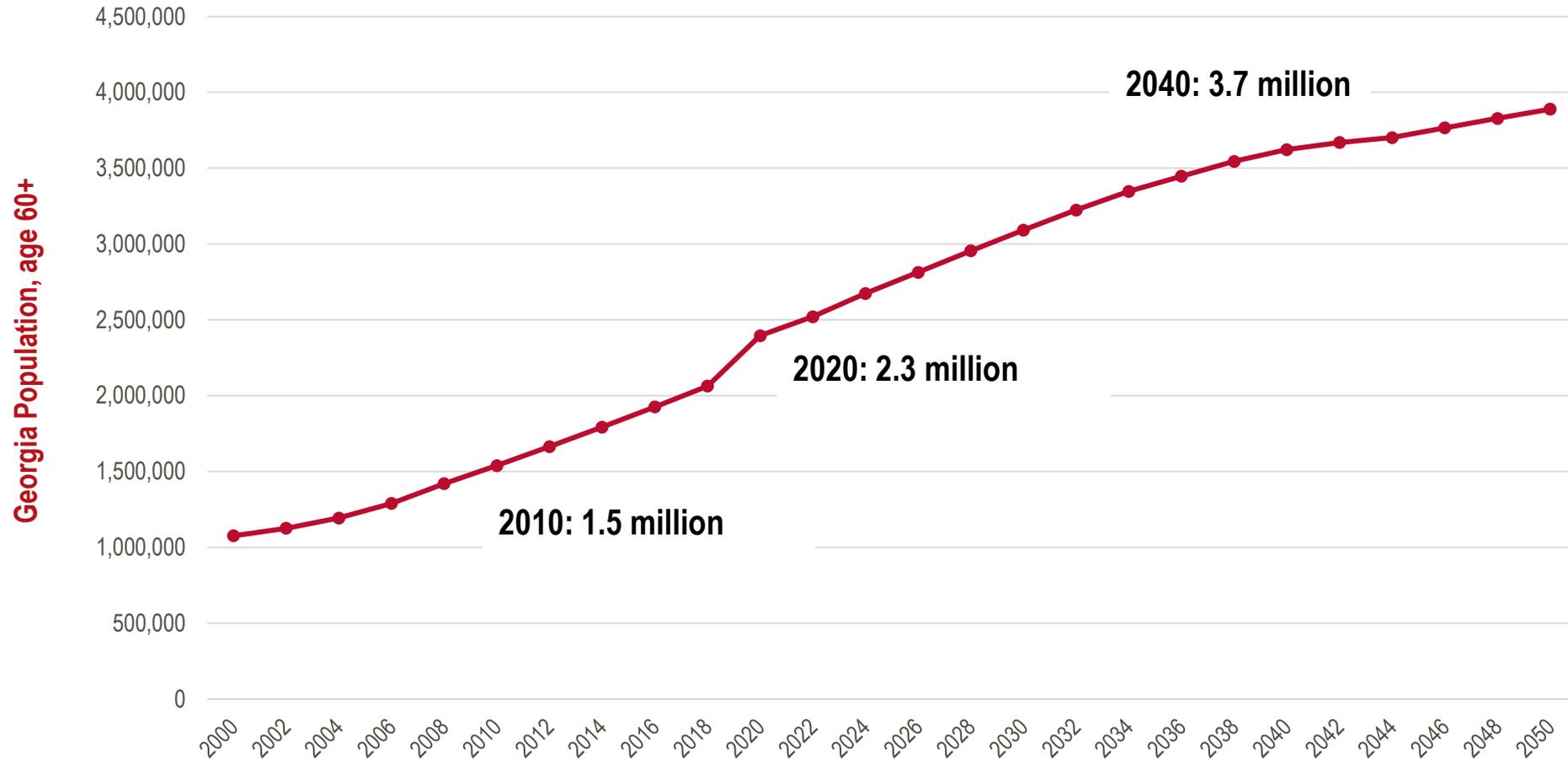
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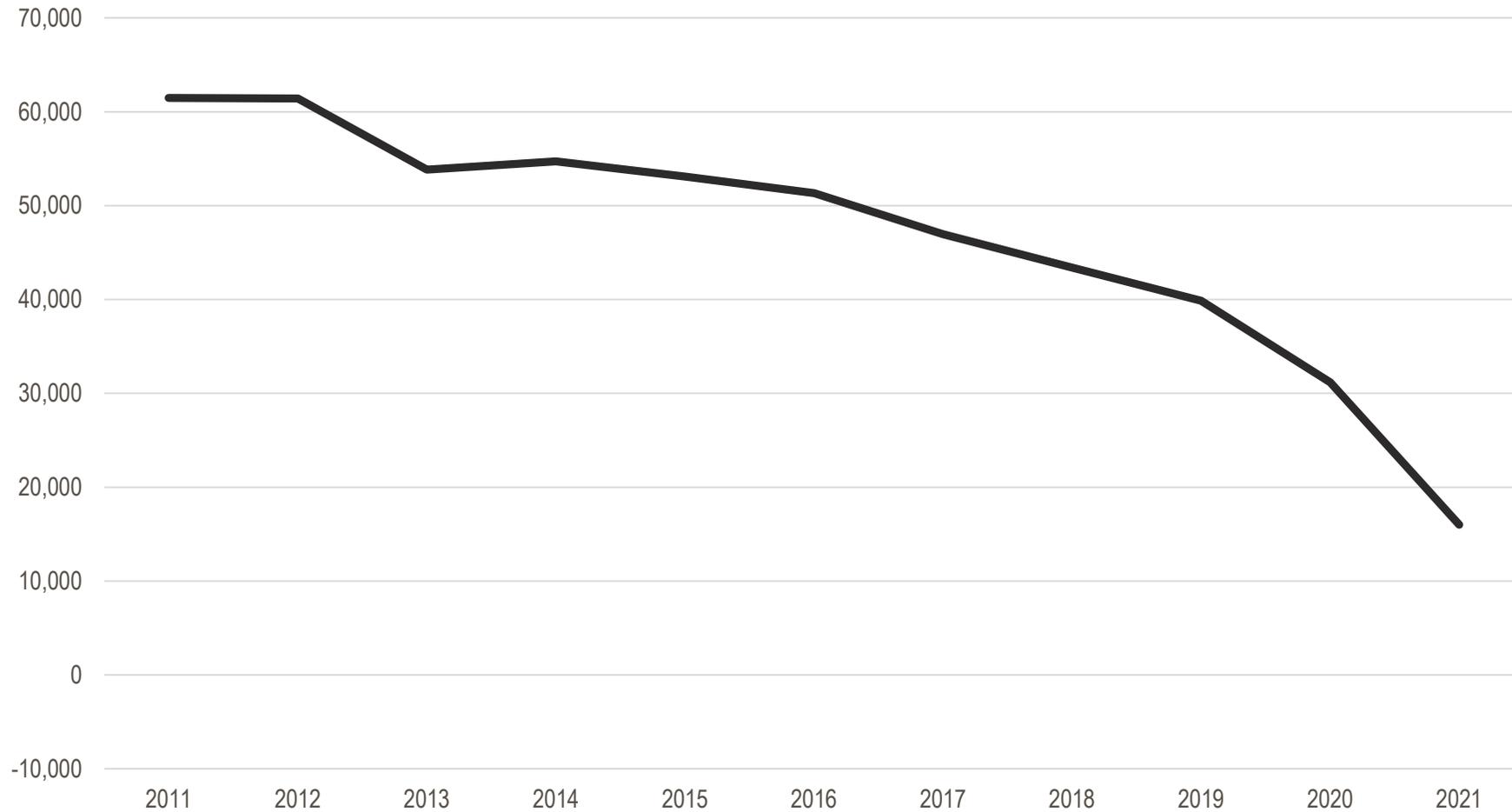
Mortality Trend was Increasing prior to Covid-19



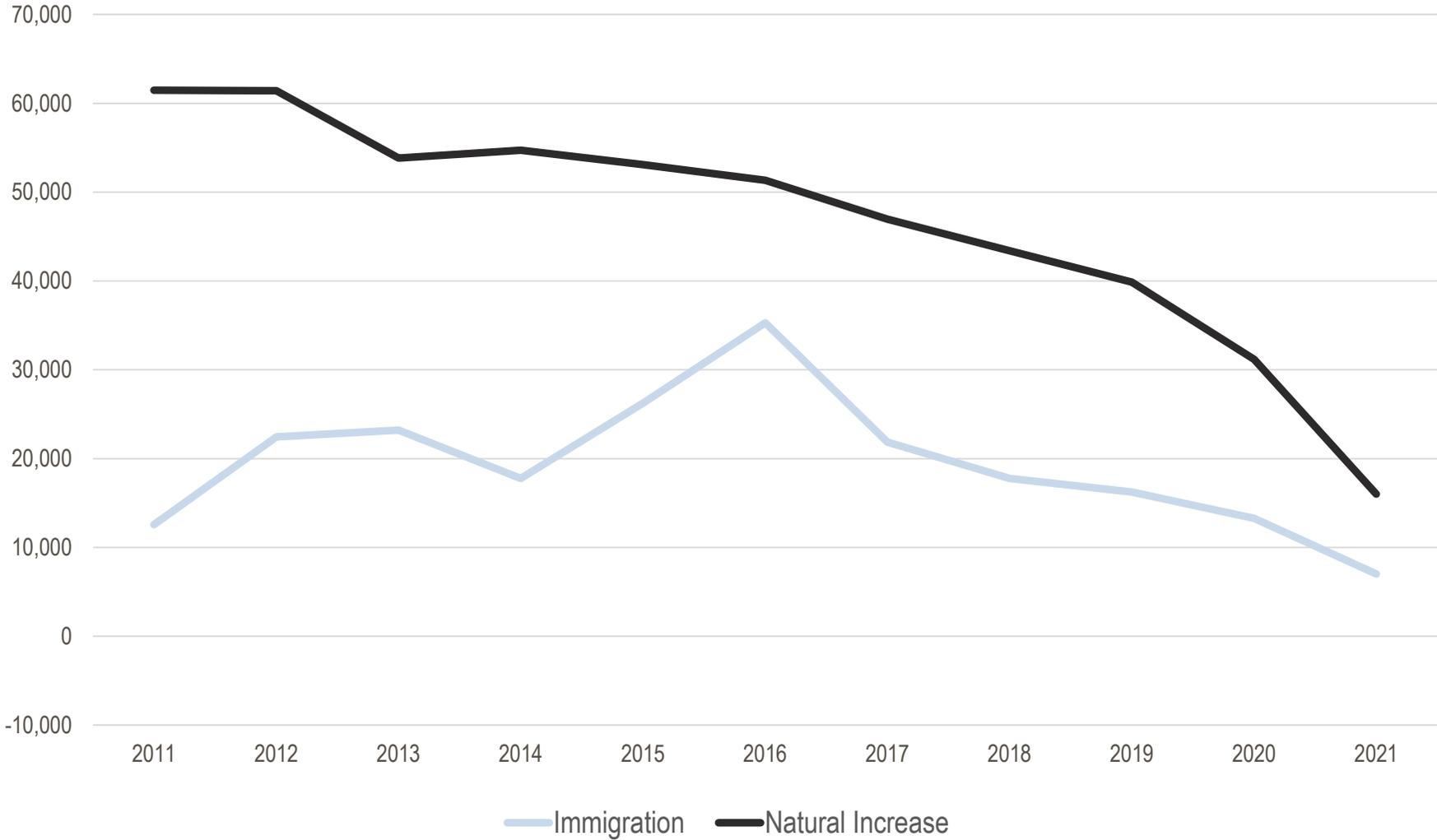
Georgia's Growing Population over Age 60



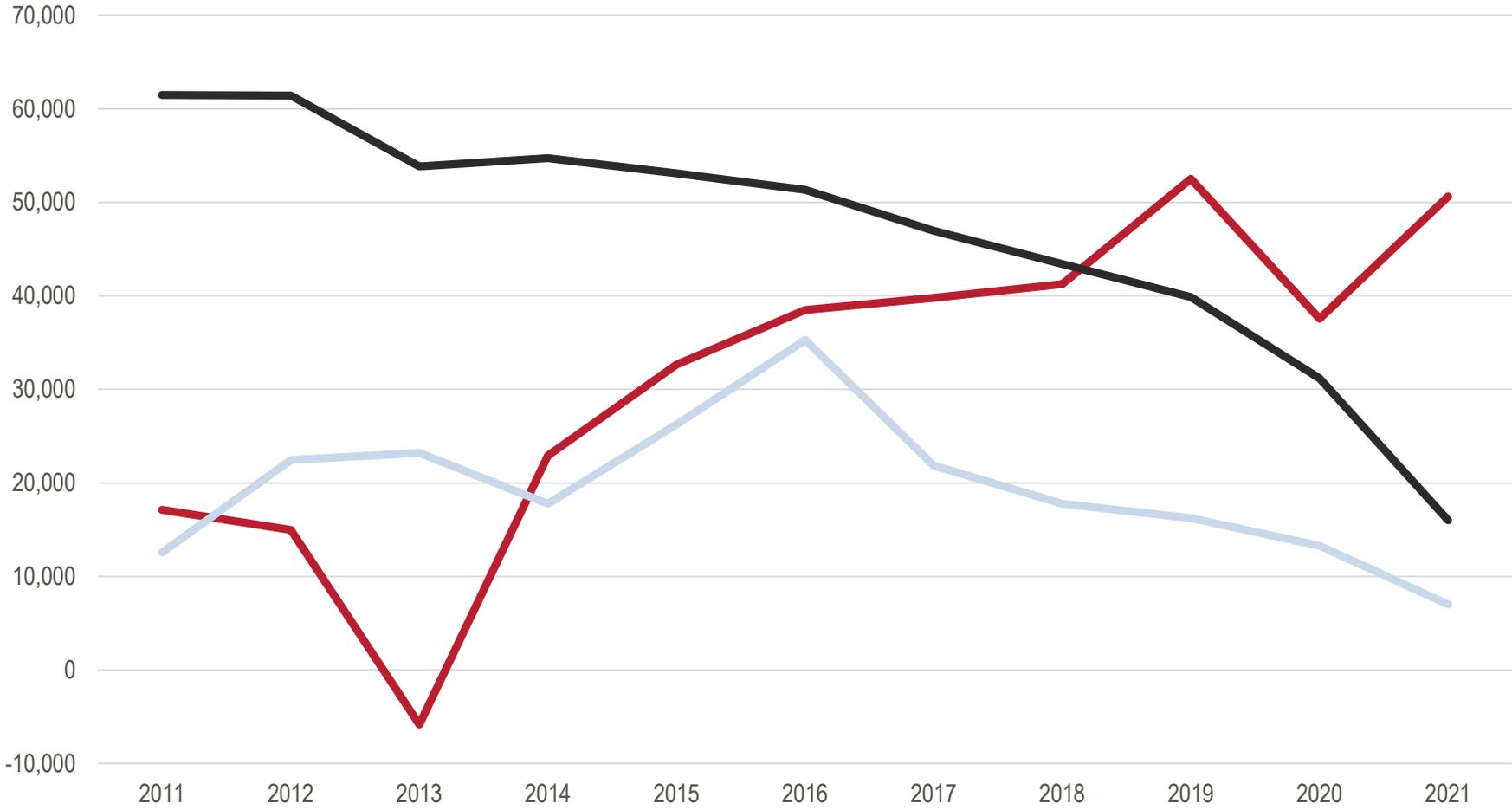
Slower Natural Increase



International Migration Stable Component of Growth



Domestic Migration Propels Georgia Growth

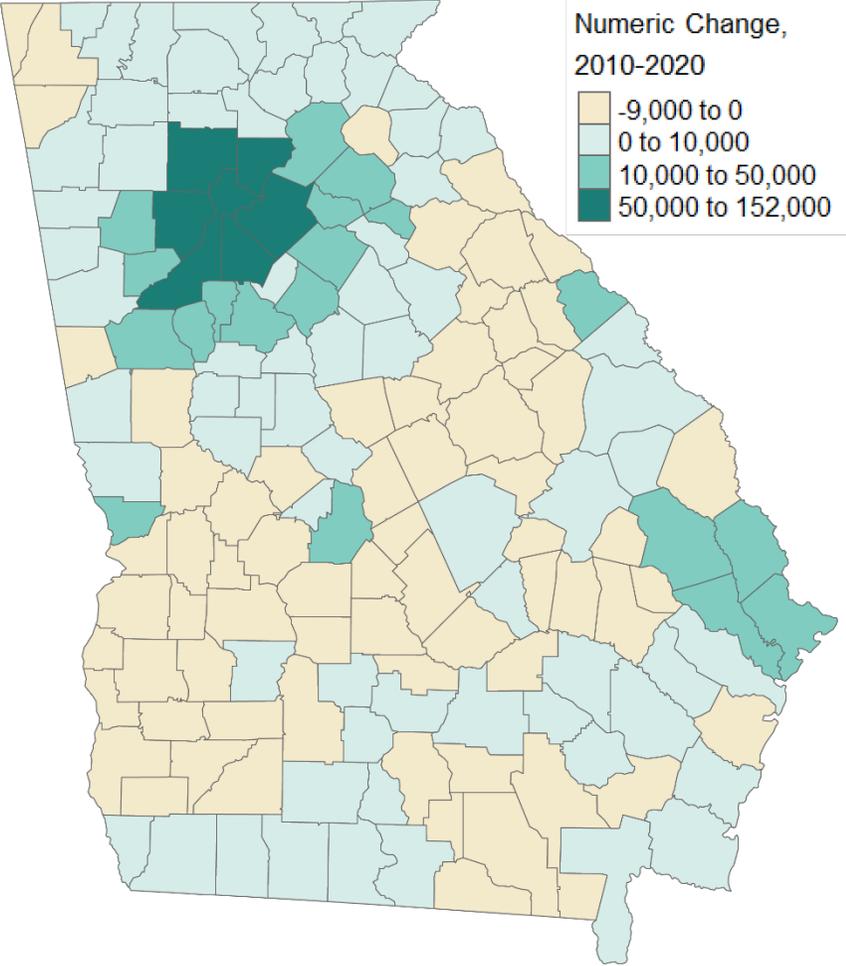


REGIONAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

Census 2020



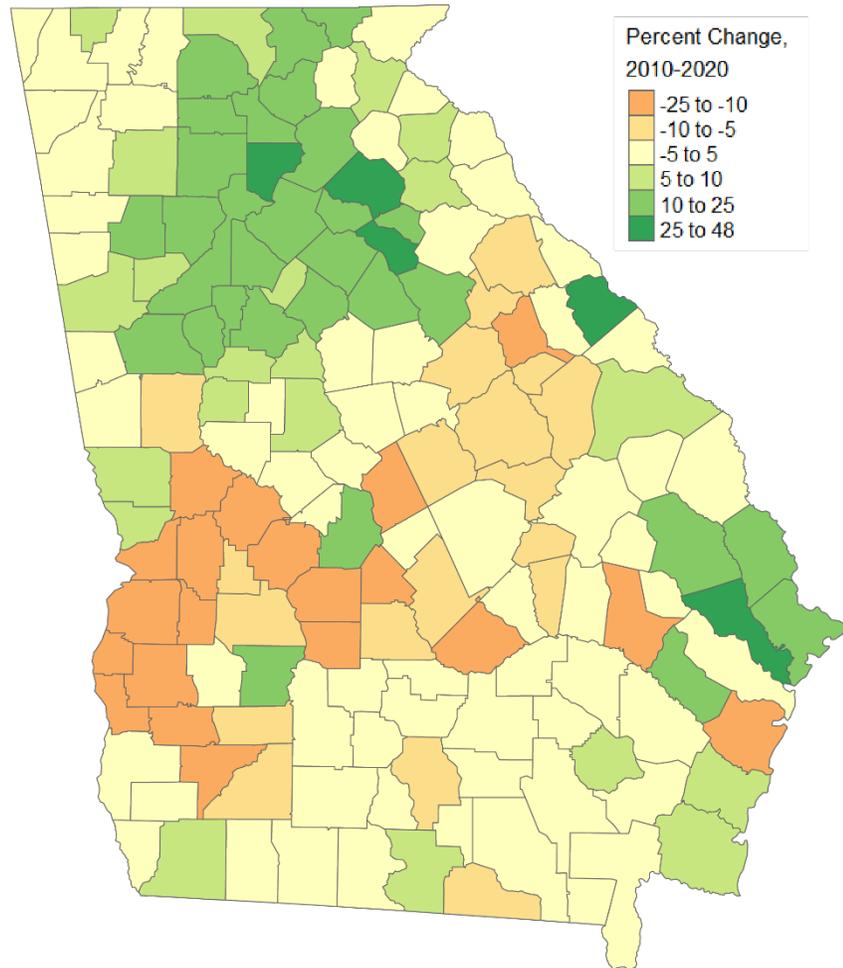
Population Growth Concentrated in Population Centers



	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
6	Cherokee County	52,274
7	Clayton County	38,171
8	Henry County	36,790
9	Columbia County	31,957
10	Chatham County	30,163

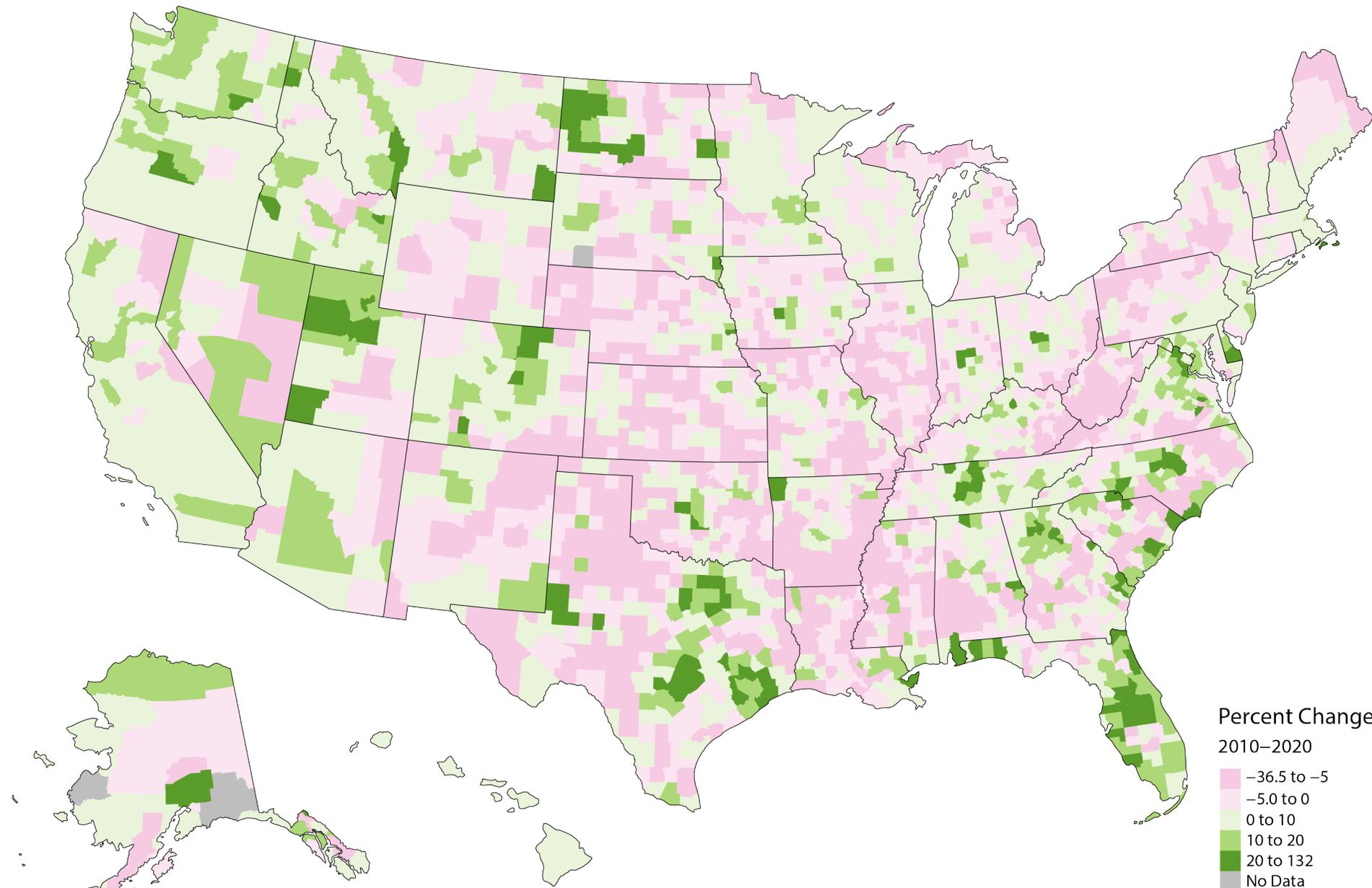
	Largest Numeric Decrease	#
150	Baldwin County	-1,921
151	Pulaski County	-2,155
152	Macon County	-2,658
153	Tattnall County	-2,678
154	Sumter County	-3,203
155	Crisp County	-3,311
156	McIntosh County	-3,358
157	Dooly County	-3,710
158	Telfair County	-4,023
159	Dougherty County	-8,775

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

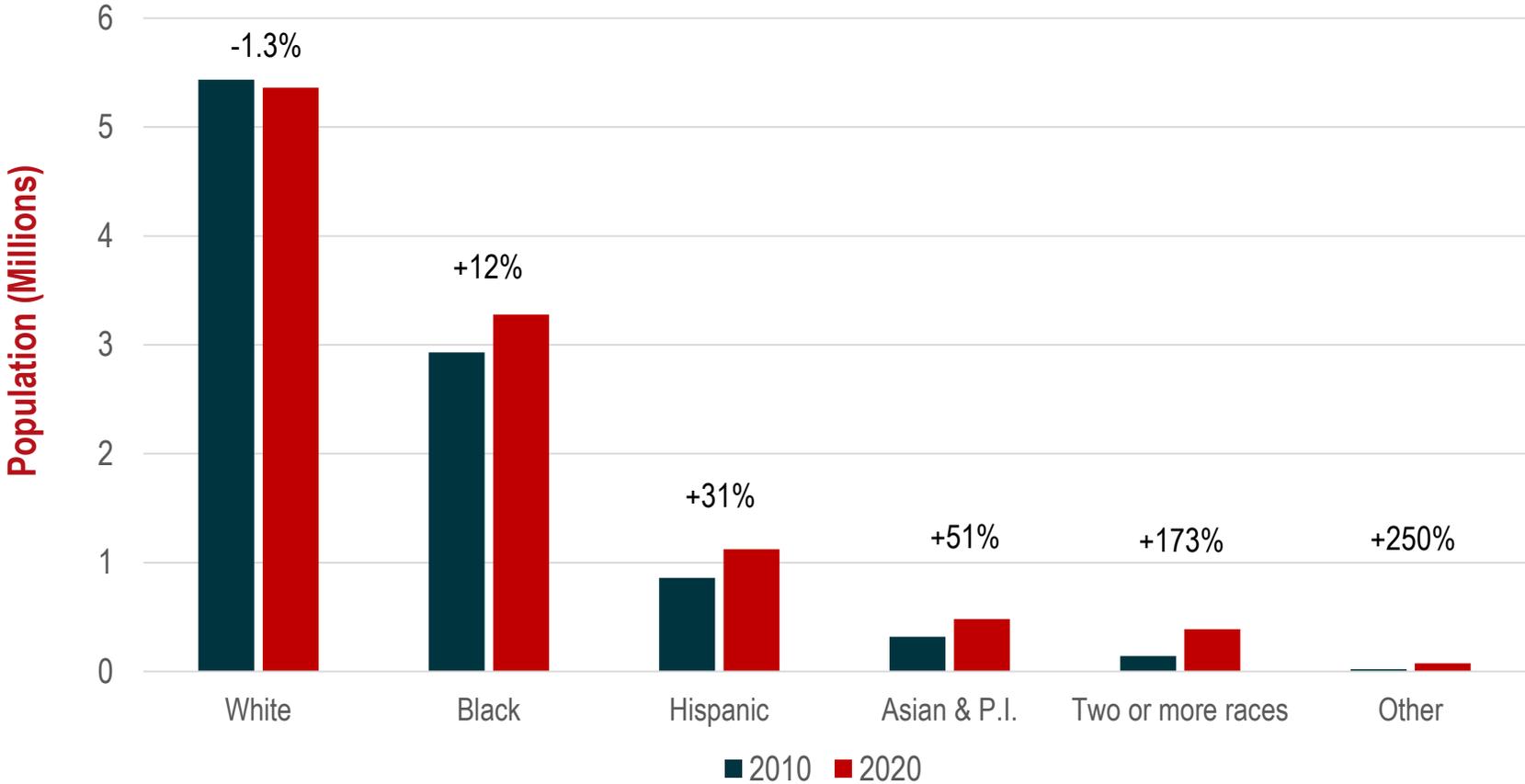
	Largest Decrease	%
150	Webster County	-16.1
151	Talbot County	-16.5
152	Baker County	-16.7
153	Calhoun County	-16.7
154	Randolph County	-16.8
155	Pulaski County	-17.9
156	Macon County	-18.0
157	McIntosh County	-23.4
158	Telfair County	-24.4
159	Dooly County	-24.9



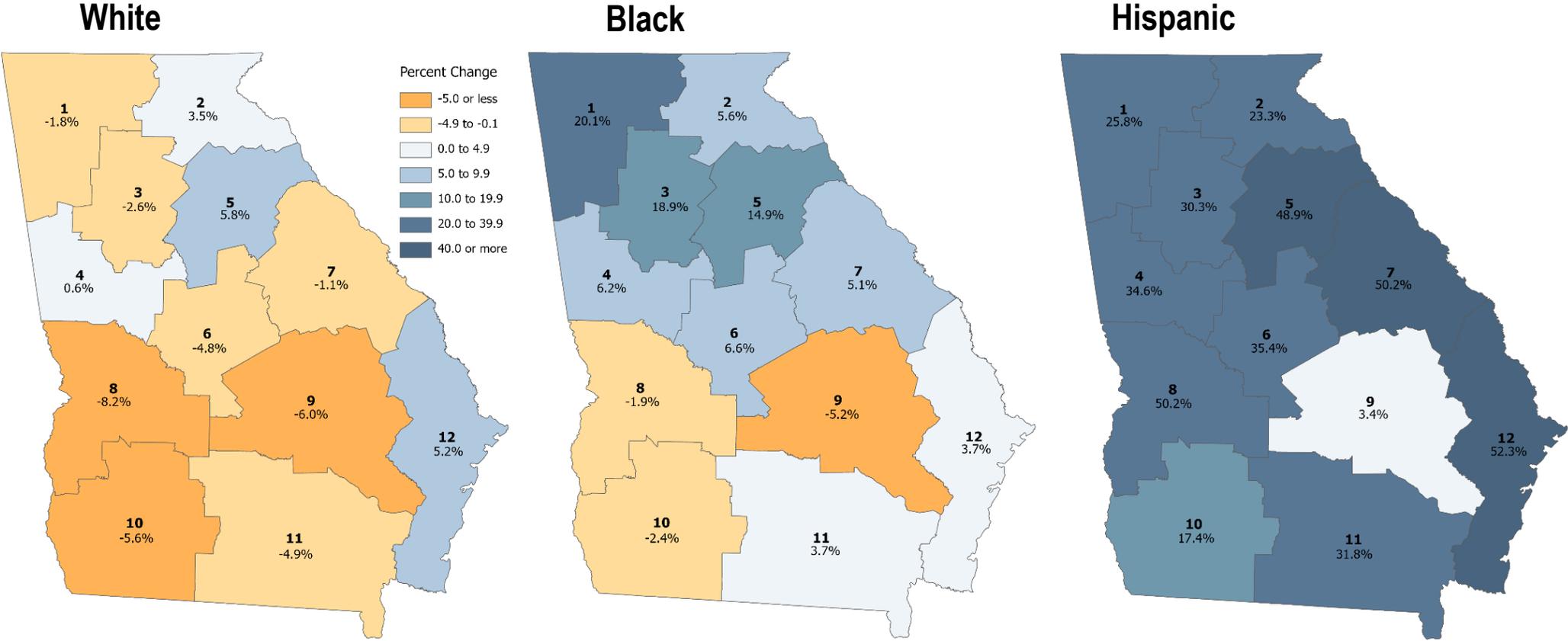
Percent Change,
2010–2020

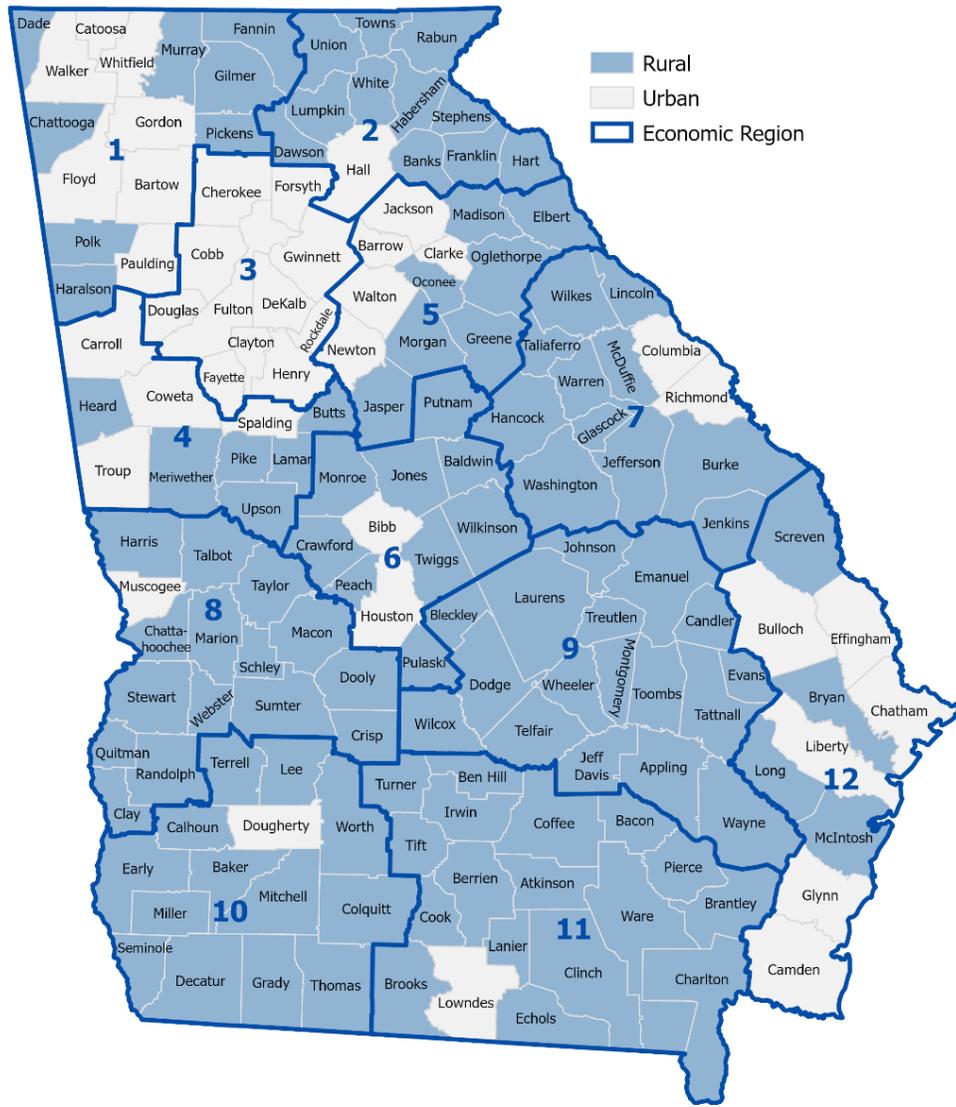
- 36.5 to –5
- 5.0 to 0
- 0 to 10
- 10 to 20
- 20 to 132
- No Data

Georgia's Changing Racial Composition, 2010-2020



Racial Change by Regional Commission, 2010-2020





Urban Counties
41
75% of population in 2010

Urban Counties
41
79% of population in 2020

Rural Counties
118
25% of population in 2010

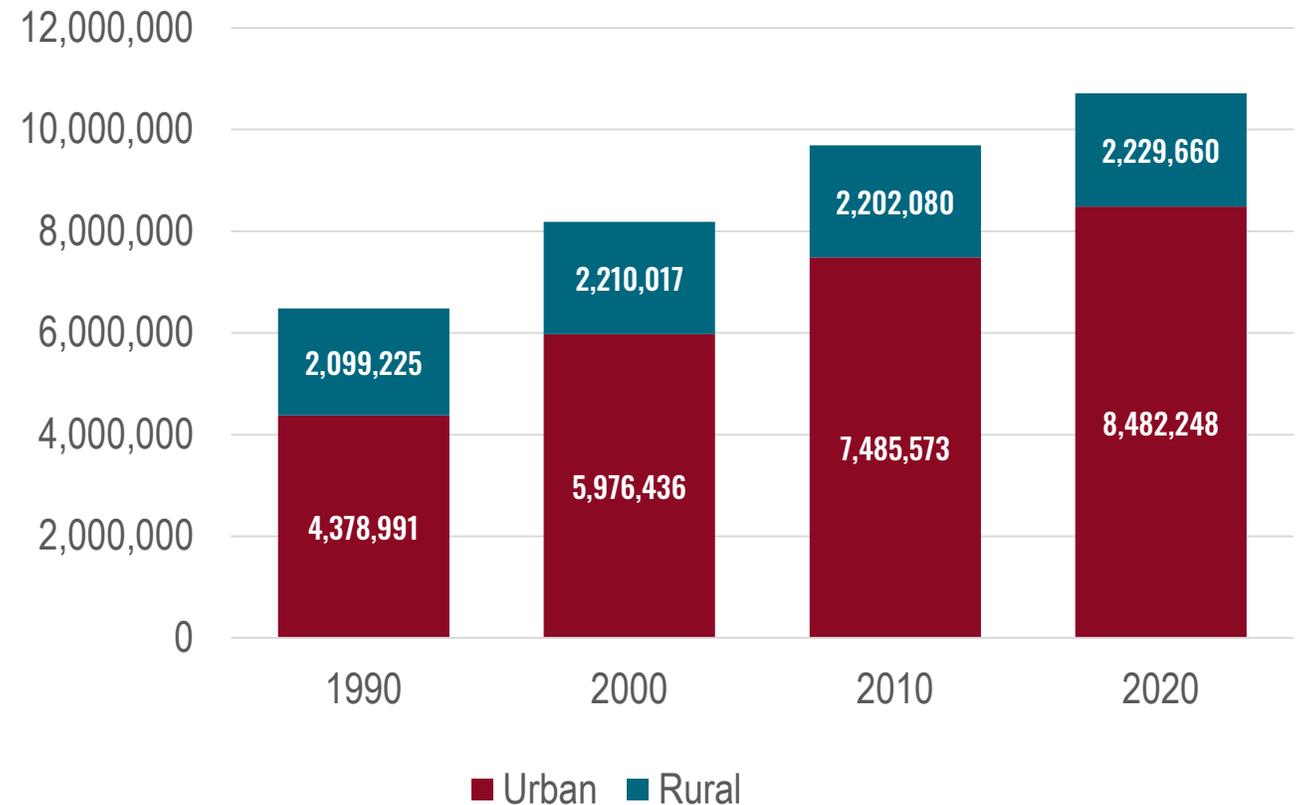
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21% of population in 2020

Rural Counties are those with populations below 50,000



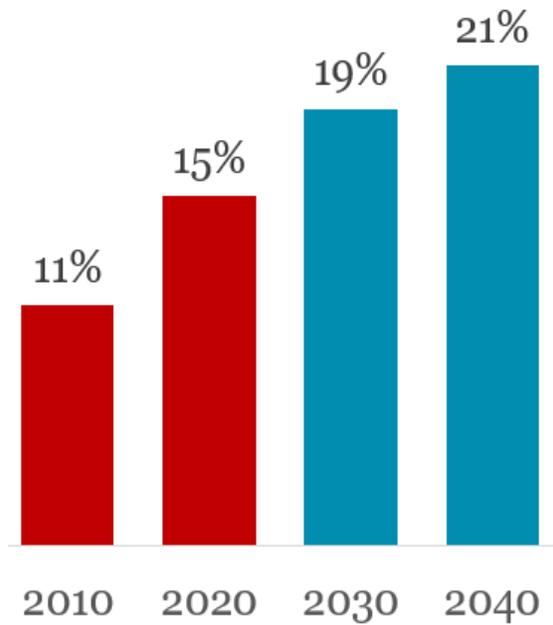
Three Decades of Urban Growth

- Urban population grew by ~4.1 million
- Rural Population increased by ~120,000
 - Decline in 2000s
 - Recent rural population uptick, in aggregate

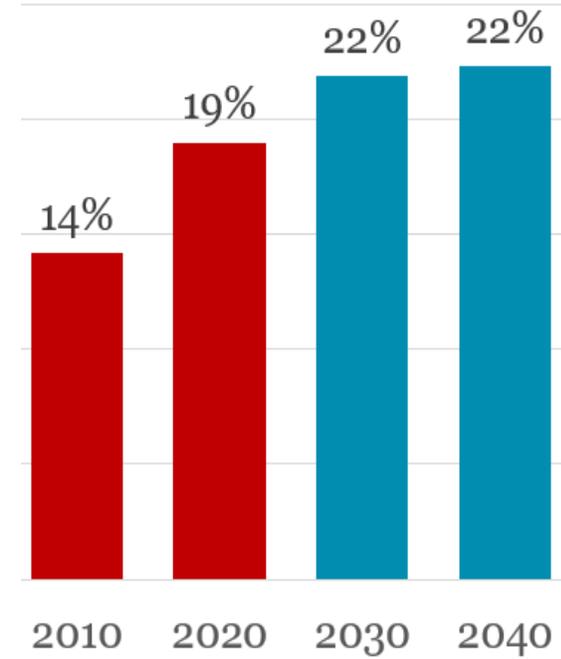


Share of Senior Population Projected to Grow Faster in Rural Areas

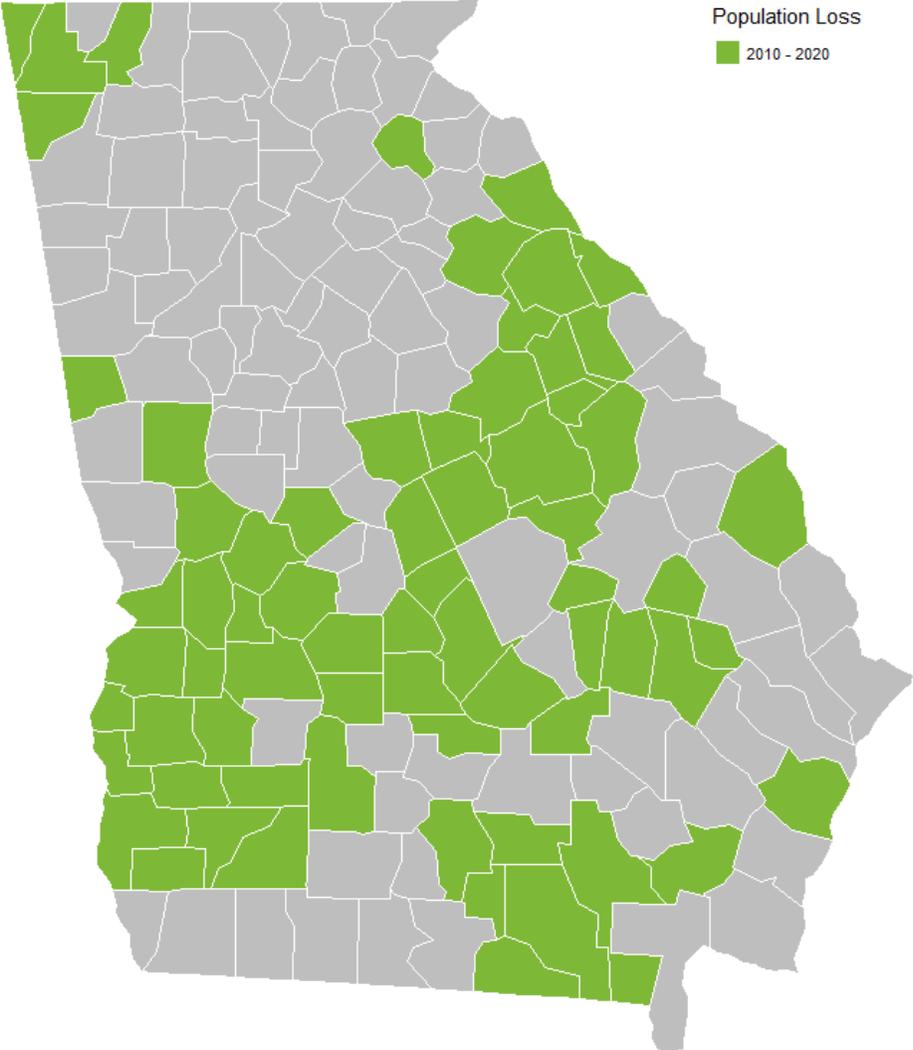
Georgians Over 65 or Older



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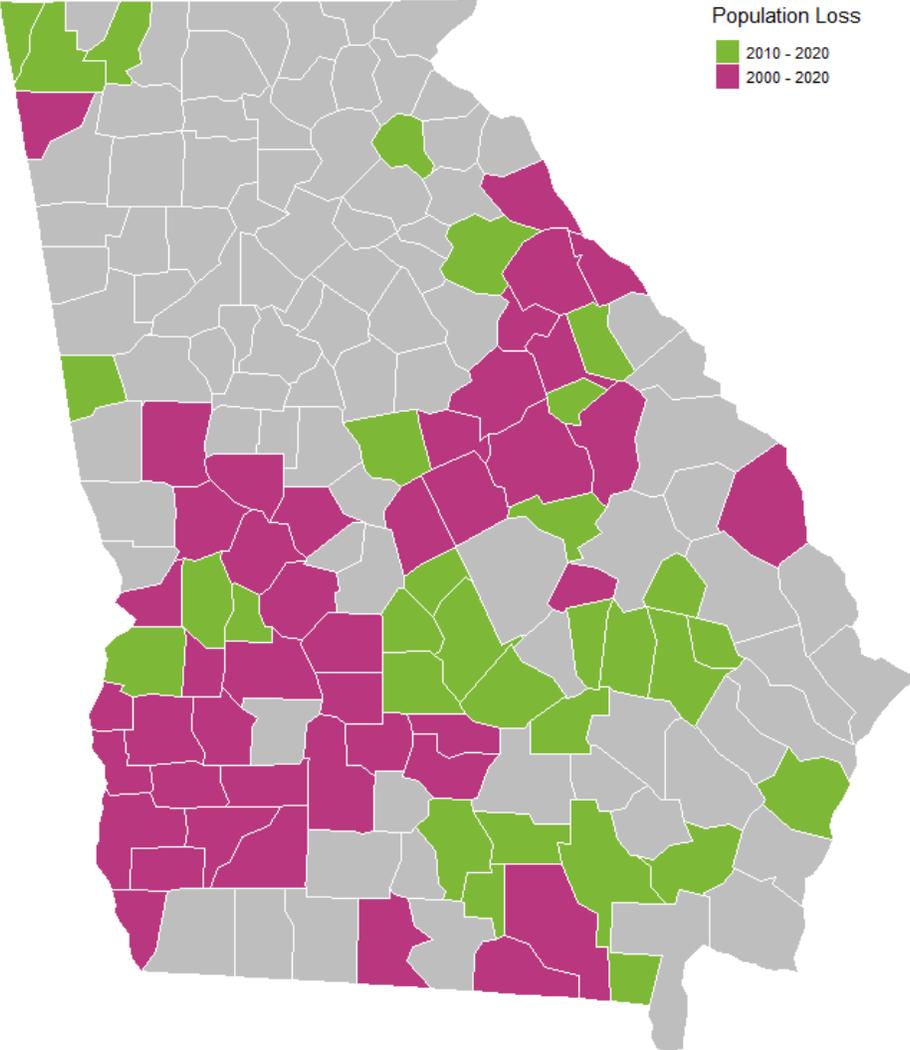


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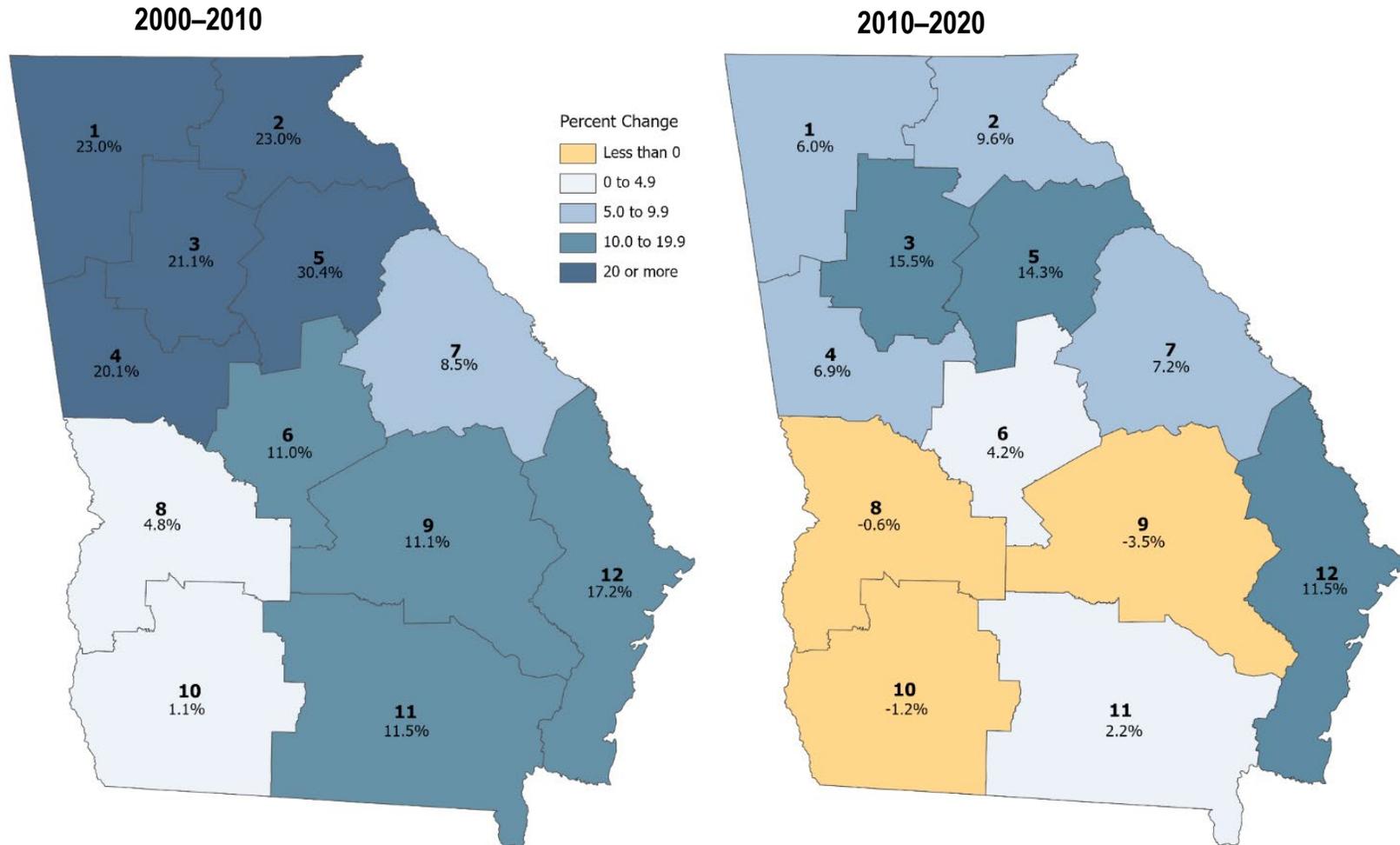


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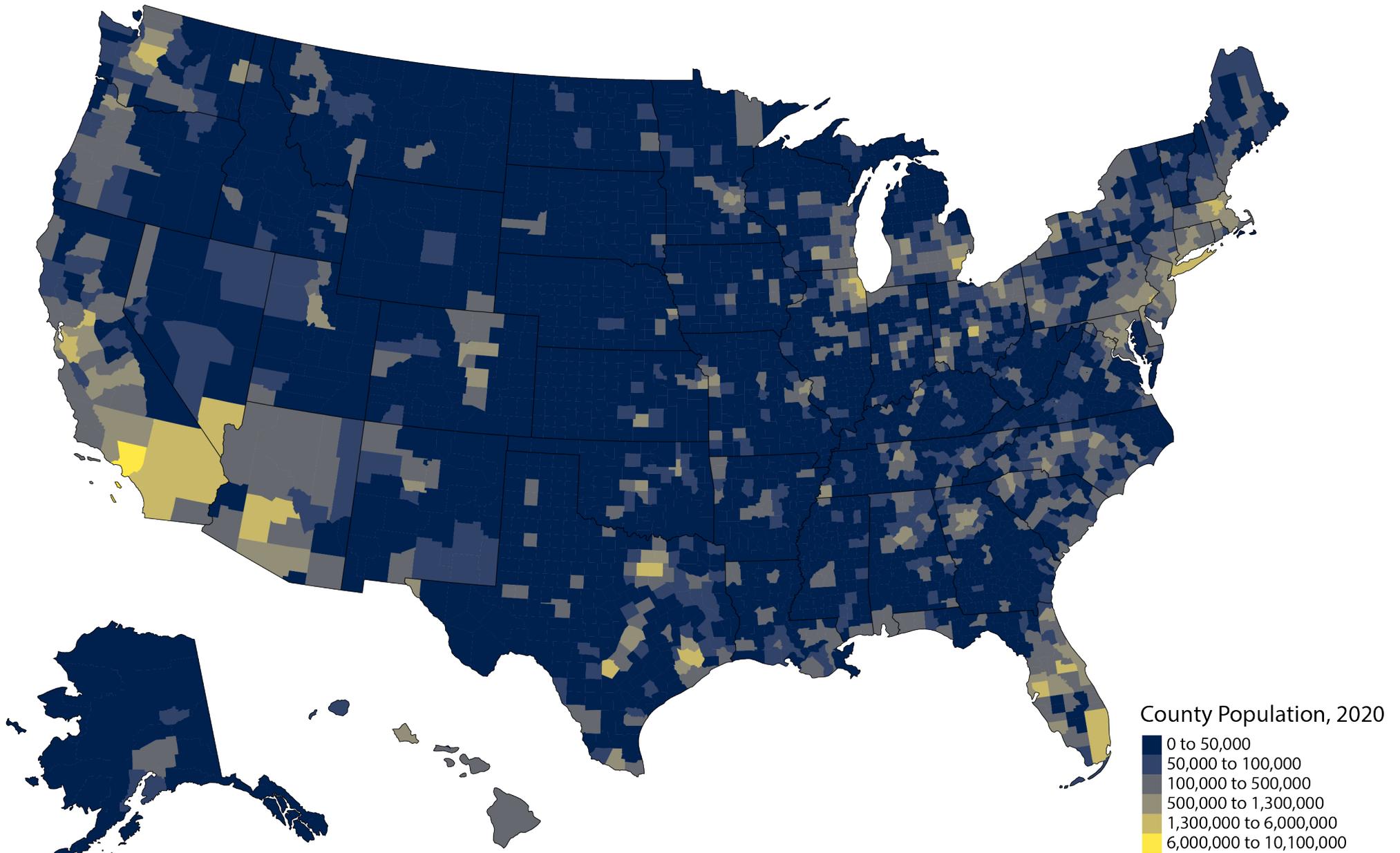
43 counties have fewer people in 2020 than in 2000



Population Change by Regional Commission



- Atlanta Regional Commission accounted for 1/2 of population growth from 2000–10 and 2/3 from 2010–20
- Population Declines in Three Regions over past decade



Georgia Demographics in Summary

- Georgia is a growing state
 - Positive net in-migration fuels Georgia's growth
 - Declining Birth Rates
 - Aging Population
- Share of non-white population is growing
- Regionally Uneven Population Trends
 - Growth Concentrated in Metropolitan Atlanta, Mountains, and Coastal Areas
 - Population loss in central and southwest Georgia



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