

# Georgia's State Water Plan

Updated Population Projections

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- State and County population projections are prepared by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB). <https://opb.georgia.gov/>
- These projections are used throughout the State for multiple purposes: Transportation Planning, Education Funding Allocation, and other Publically Funded Projects.
- Updated population projections will be used in Regional Water Planning.

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## Population Projections Calculations:

$$\text{Future Population} = \text{Base Year Population} + \text{Births} - \text{Deaths} + \text{Net Migration}$$

***While the population projection model has remained the same, the data inputs have changed based on new/updated information.***

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## Updated Data Inputs

### **Base Year Population**

Census Bureau Vintage 2013 Population Estimates (Age x Sex)

### **Births**

GA Dept. of Public Health Fertility Rates 2008-2012 (Age x Sex)

### **Deaths**

GA Dept. of Public Health Survival Rates 2008-2012 (Age x Sex)

### **Net Migration**

Census Bureau Annual Population Estimates & Change Components  
1990-2014

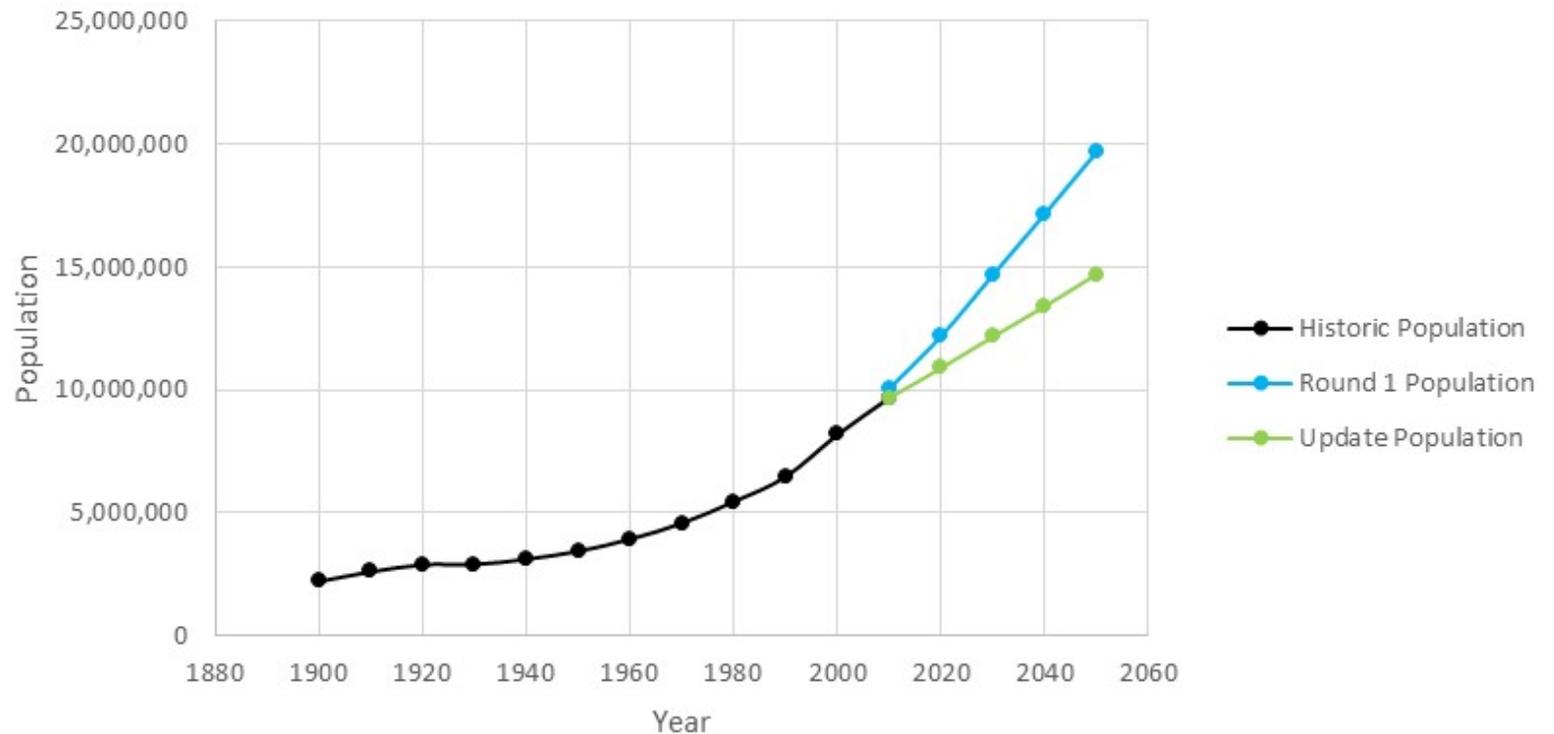
- County Net Migration: 2006-2014

American Community Survey 2006-2010

# Georgia's Historic Population Growth and Projections

**Overall projected growth of the state population is slower than estimated in Round 1 Projections**

Statewide Annual Growth Rate  
Round 1: 1.69%    Update : 1.05%



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## Georgia continues to grow, but current population projections are more in line with historic trends

***Concentrated Growth*** 50% of Georgia's population growth from 2010-2013 occurred in Fulton, Gwinnett, and Cobb Counties

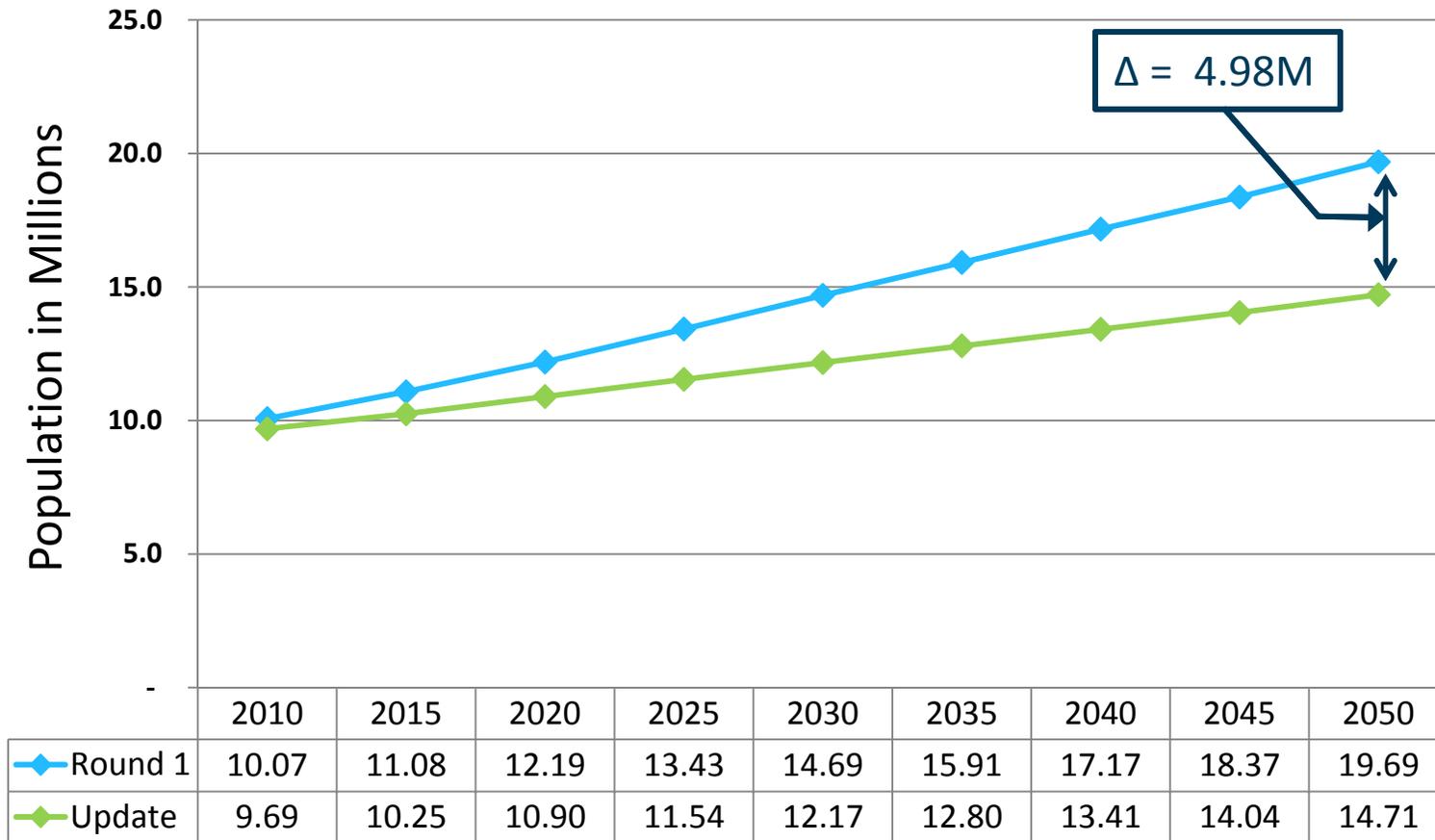
***Migration Patterns*** In migration of people that are retirees and/or have associated low birth rates and tend to experience declining or flat population projections

***Rural Counties*** Since the 2010 Census, approximately half of Georgia's counties have experienced a decline in population and those are primarily rural counties

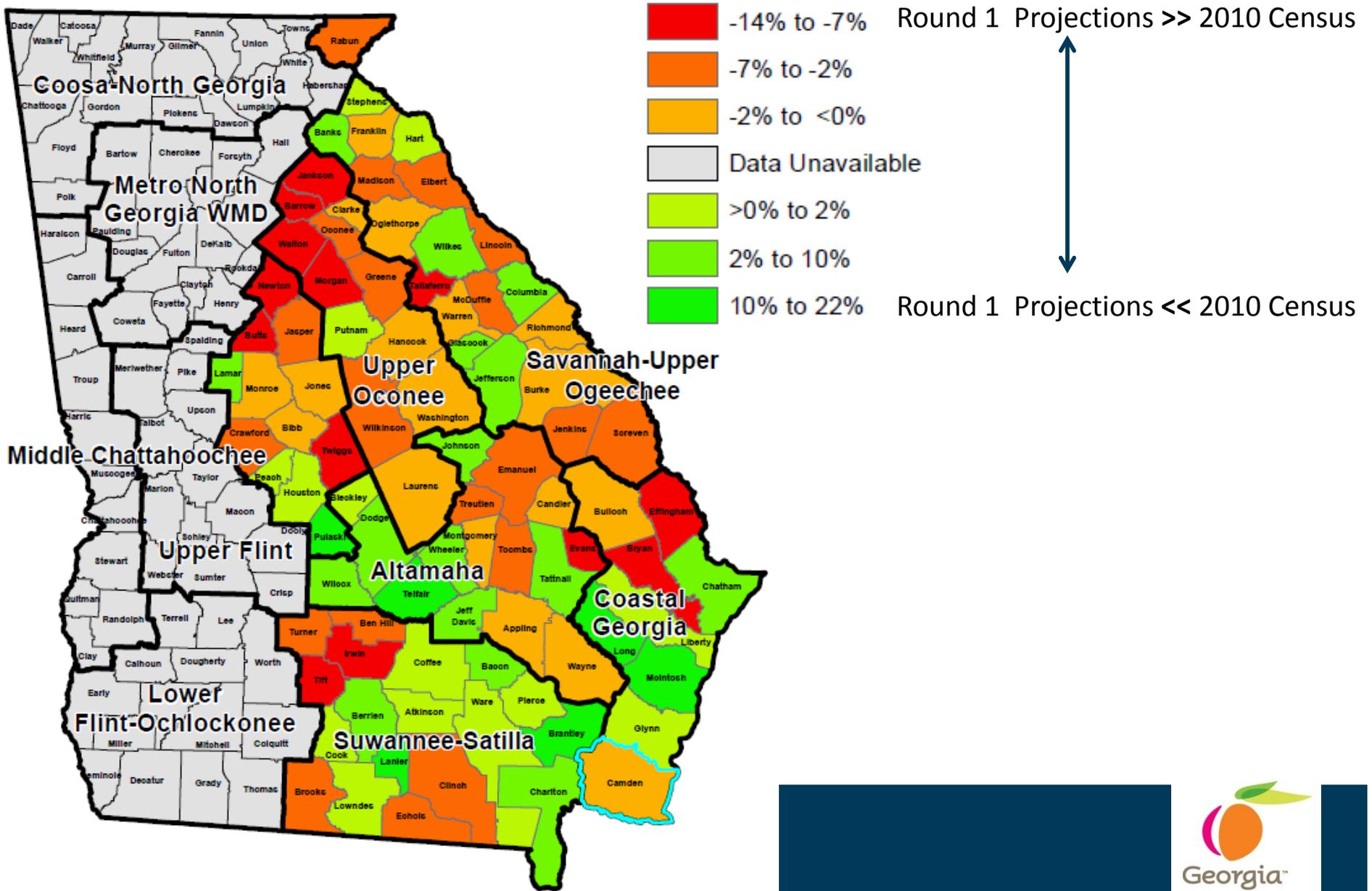
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**This update and future revisions are needed to appropriately plan for Georgia's water needs.**

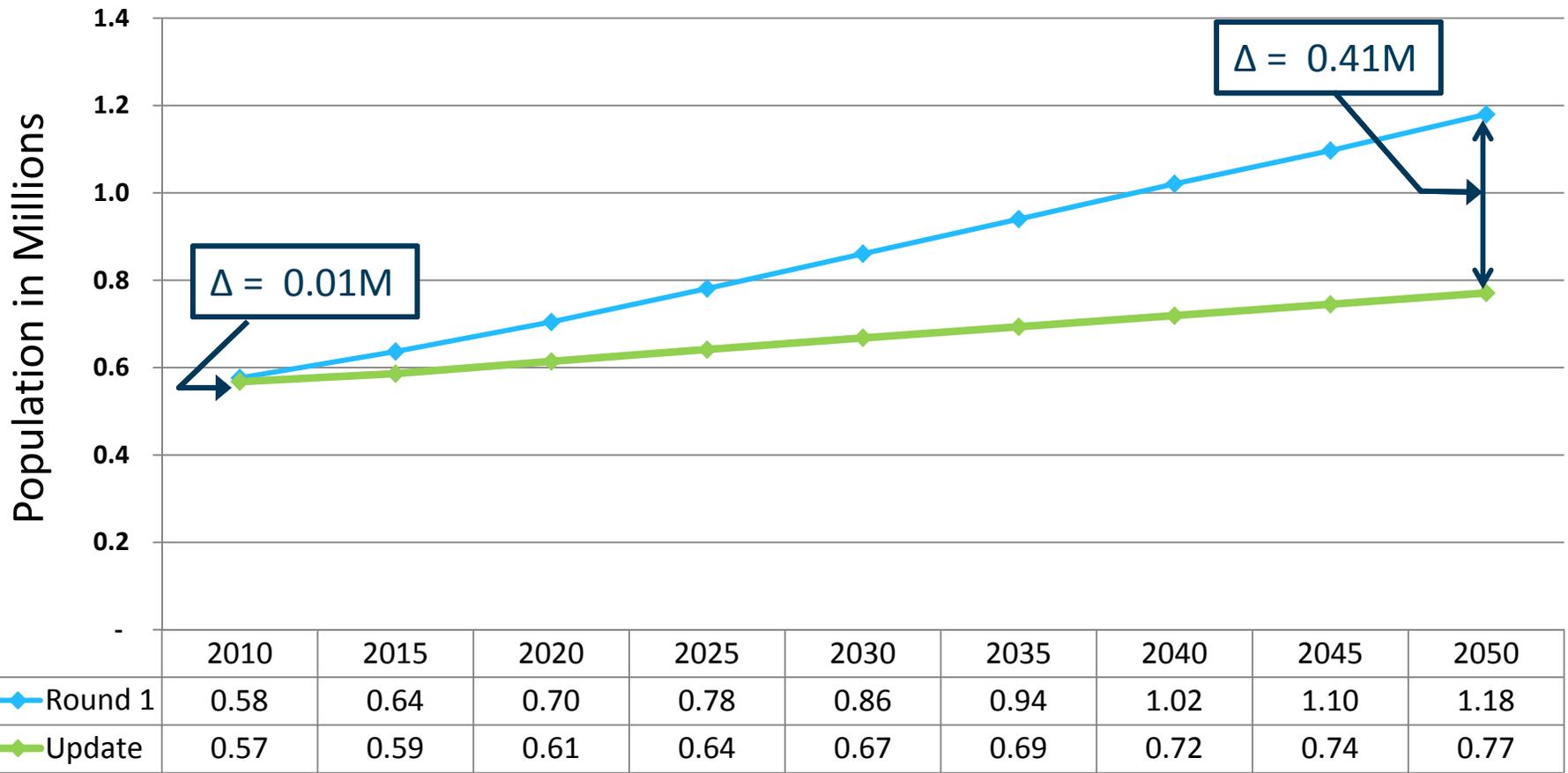
# State Population Projections



# Georgia 2010 Population Projection Change



# Middle Ocmulgee Population Projections



# Questions & Discussion

# Round 1: Population Projections

## Round 1 of RWP (re: 2000 census)

County	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
<b>Bibb</b>	156,678	161,301	166,118	170,910	175,447	179,718	183,839	188,005	192,368
<b>Butts</b>	25,857	29,897	34,274	39,210	44,811	51,193	58,443	66,699	76,147
<b>Crawford</b>	12,924	14,282	15,594	16,948	18,257	19,451	20,683	21,937	23,264
<b>Houston</b>	137,958	149,875	162,609	176,199	189,897	203,134	216,985	231,450	246,718
<b>Jasper</b>	14,731	17,344	20,237	23,572	27,065	30,505	34,079	37,620	41,499
<b>Jones</b>	28,931	32,905	37,004	41,534	45,743	49,037	52,089	54,433	56,784
<b>Lamar</b>	17,621	19,473	21,392	23,474	25,727	28,176	30,832	33,714	36,859
<b>Monroe</b>	26,537	30,251	34,204	38,586	43,094	47,532	51,895	55,719	59,840
<b>Newton</b>	107,048	129,789	157,414	191,000	227,537	265,180	302,887	335,391	371,631
<b>Peach</b>	27,635	29,962	32,514	35,299	37,974	40,284	42,745	45,366	48,118
<b>Pulaski</b>	9,997	10,639	11,213	11,728	12,210	12,631	12,979	13,291	13,573
<b>Twiggs</b>	10,434	11,187	11,866	12,547	13,041	13,236	13,318	13,232	13,165
<b>Total</b>	<b>576,351</b>	<b>636,905</b>	<b>704,439</b>	<b>781,007</b>	<b>860,803</b>	<b>940,077</b>	<b>1,020,774</b>	<b>1,096,857</b>	<b>1,179,966</b>

# Round 2: Population Projections

## Round 2 of RWP

County	2010 Census	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
<b>Bibb</b>	155,547	155,778	158,072	159,289	160,506	160,516	160,526	159,825	159,124
<b>Butts</b>	23,655	23,718	24,600	25,337	26,073	26,554	27,034	27,458	27,881
<b>Crawford</b>	12,630	12,453	12,285	11,957	11,629	11,109	10,589	9,998	9,408
<b>Houston</b>	139,900	152,213	163,444	174,230	185,016	195,140	205,265	214,852	224,438
<b>Jasper</b>	13,900	13,759	14,144	14,454	14,764	14,929	15,093	15,277	15,460
<b>Jones</b>	28,669	29,024	30,141	31,112	32,084	32,673	33,262	33,761	34,259
<b>Lamar</b>	18,317	18,233	18,908	19,652	20,395	21,258	22,121	23,141	24,161
<b>Monroe</b>	26,424	27,516	28,888	30,306	31,725	33,071	34,417	35,935	37,452
<b>Newton</b>	99,958	106,470	116,855	128,475	140,095	153,004	165,913	180,616	195,320
<b>Peach</b>	27,695	27,214	27,611	27,850	28,090	28,287	28,484	28,611	28,738
<b>Pulaski</b>	12,010	11,475	11,304	11,104	10,903	10,655	10,406	10,227	10,049
<b>Twiggs</b>	9,023	8,337	7,953	7,455	6,957	6,364	5,771	5,222	4,672
<b>Total</b>	<b>567,728</b>	<b>586,189</b>	<b>614,206</b>	<b>641,222</b>	<b>668,237</b>	<b>693,559</b>	<b>718,881</b>	<b>744,922</b>	<b>770,963</b>