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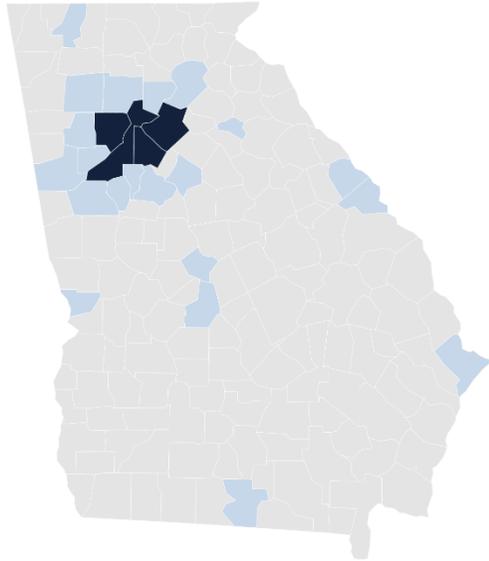
GEORGIA'S DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

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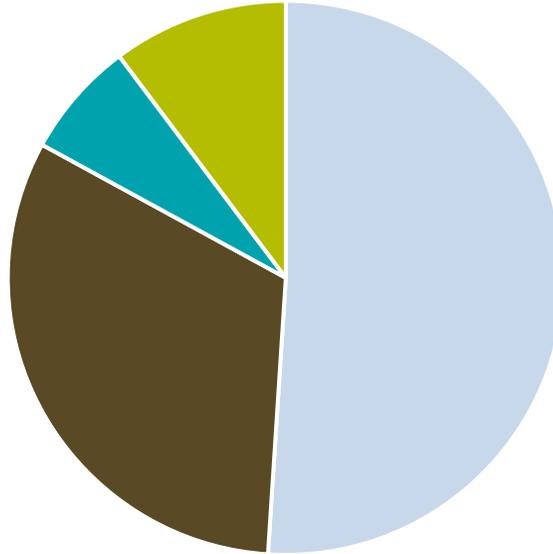
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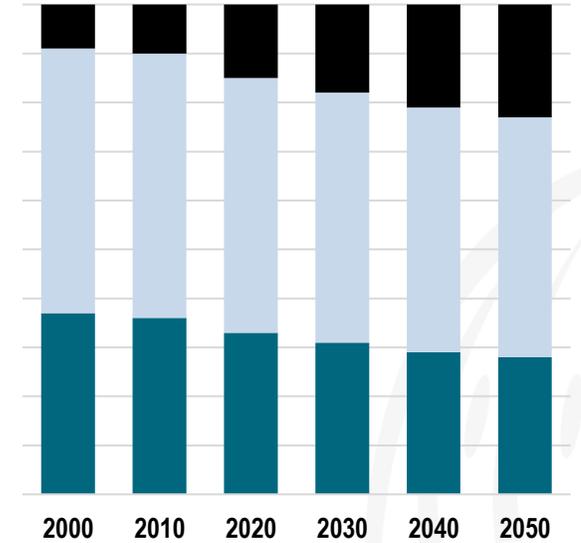




Geographic Concentration



Racial and Ethnic Diversity



Aging Population

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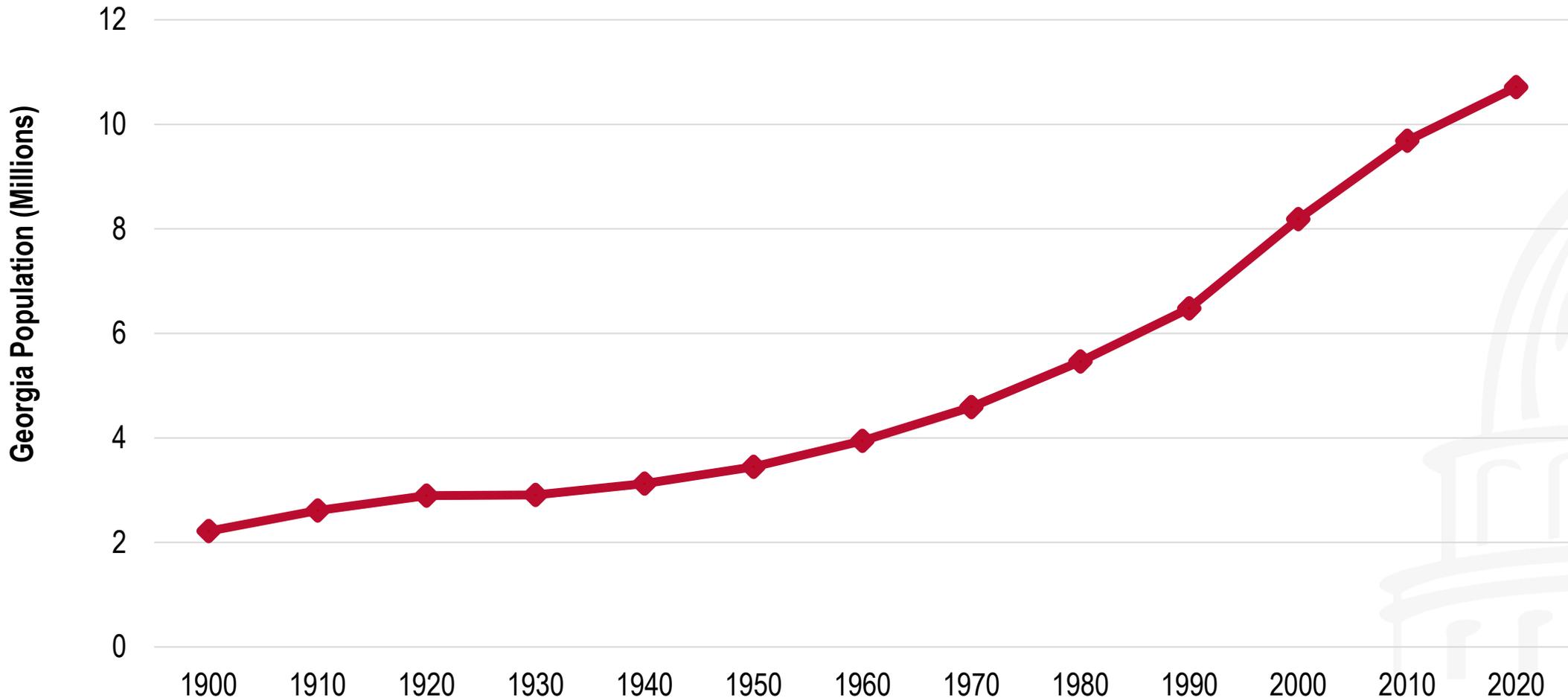
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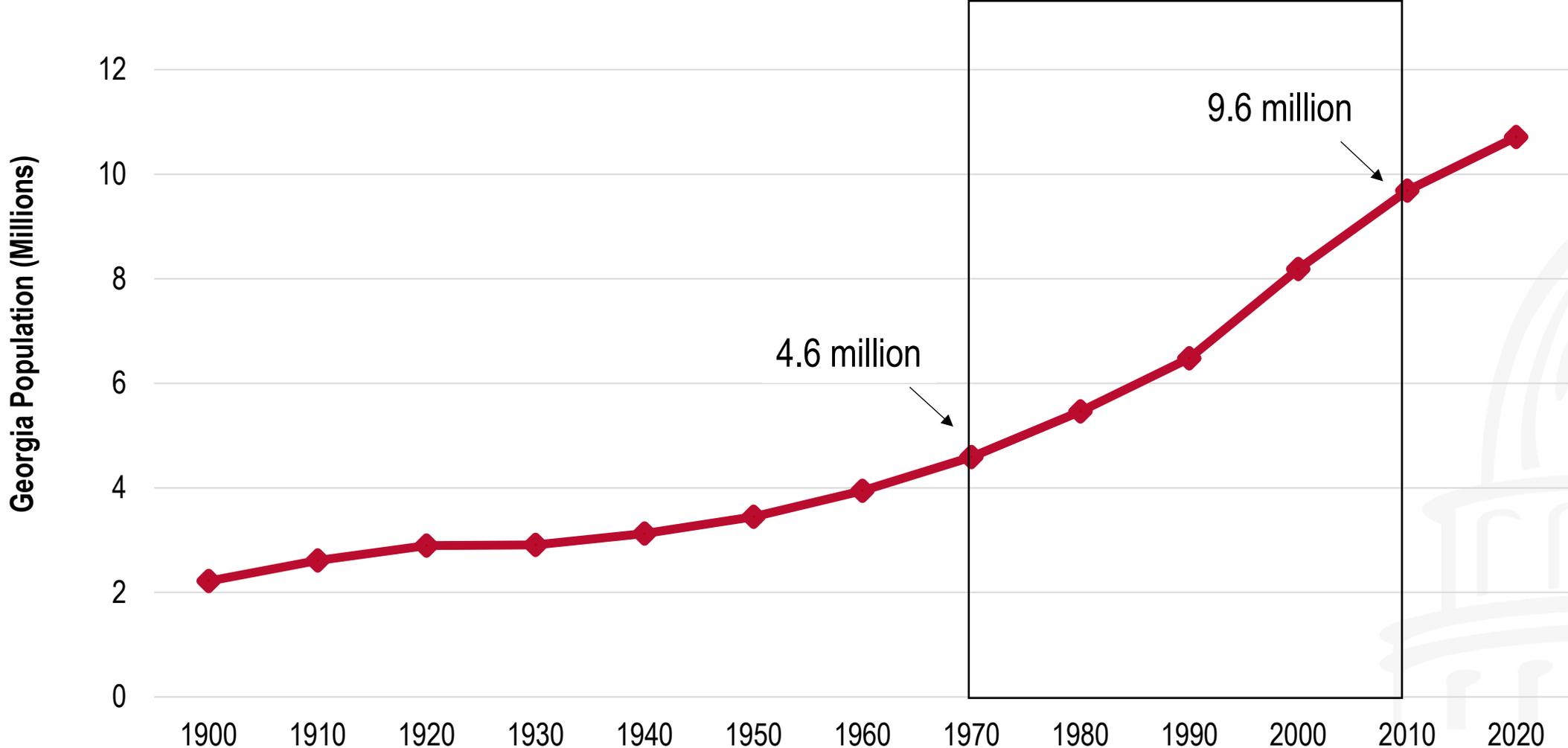
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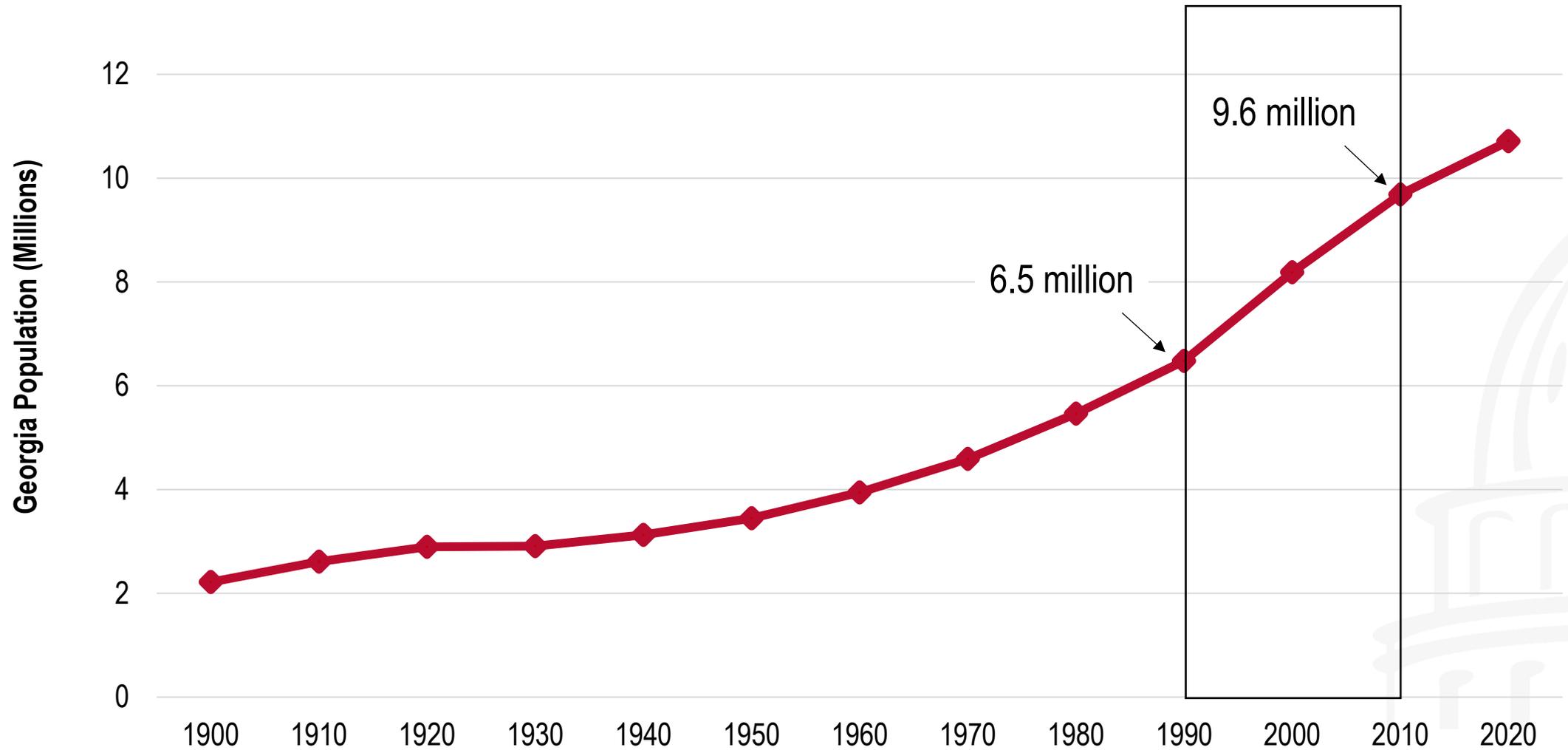
Georgia's Population, 1900-2020



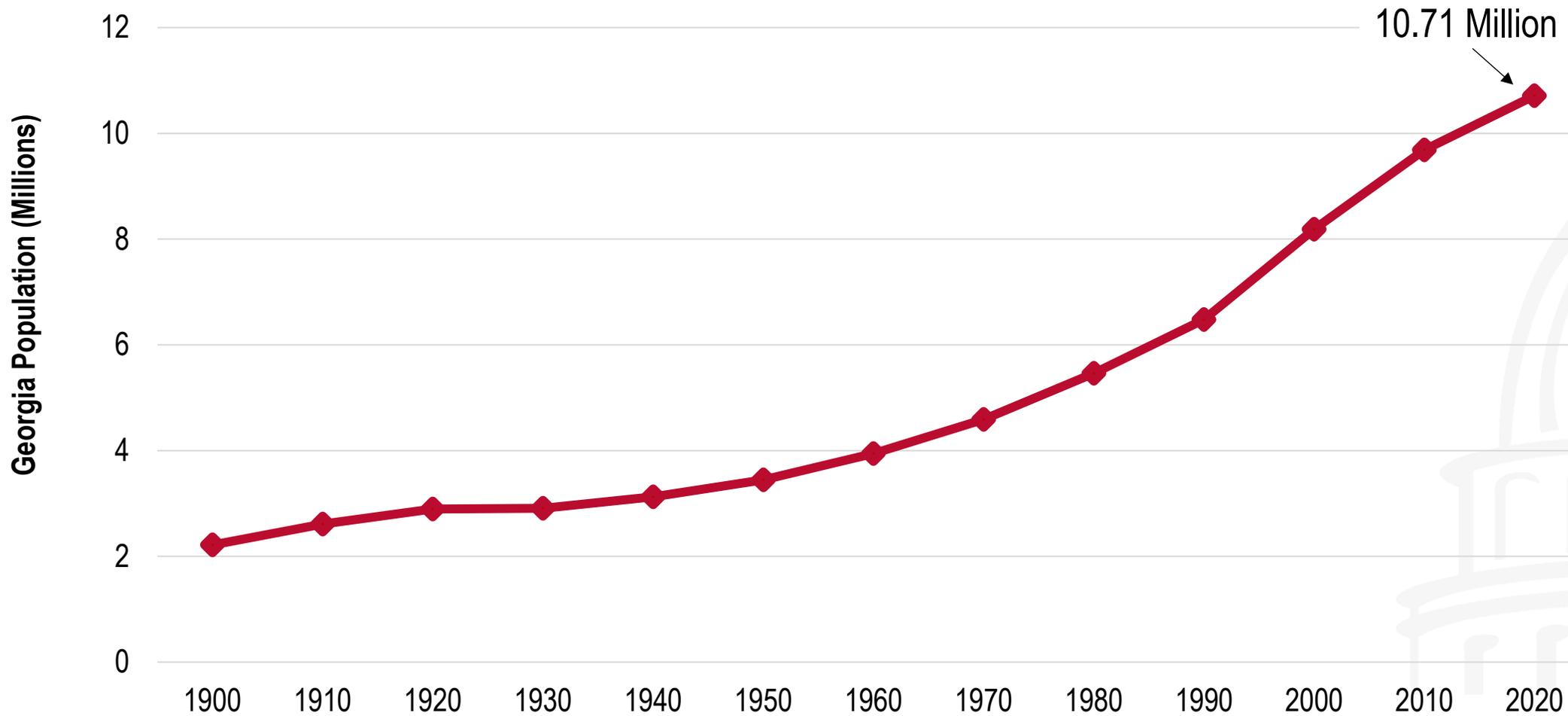
Georgia's Population Doubles in Four Decades



Three Million New Georgians in Two Decades



Georgia's Population Growth Slows in 2010s

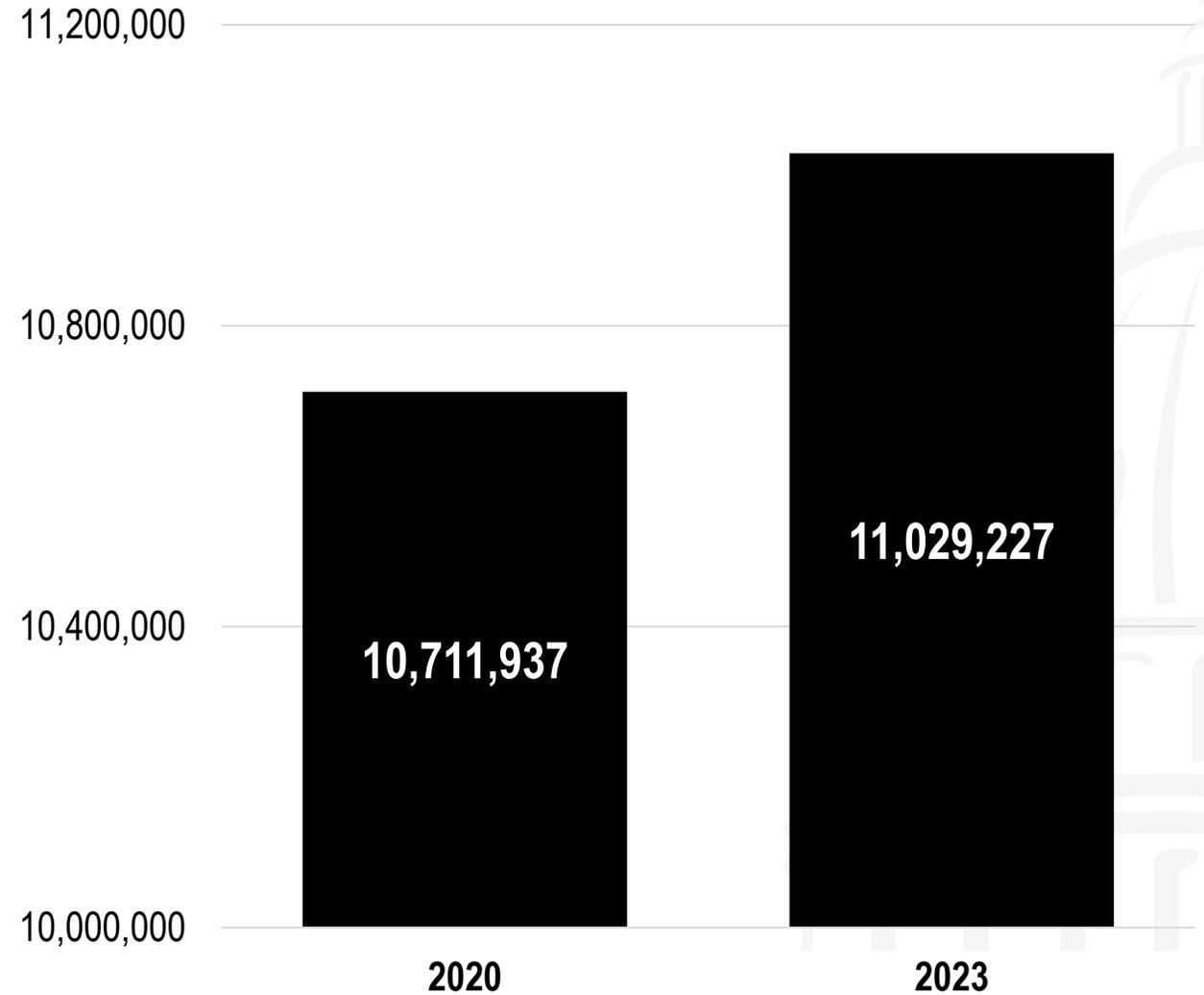


Georgia's population growth slowed in 2010s compared to historical trends, but outpaced other states

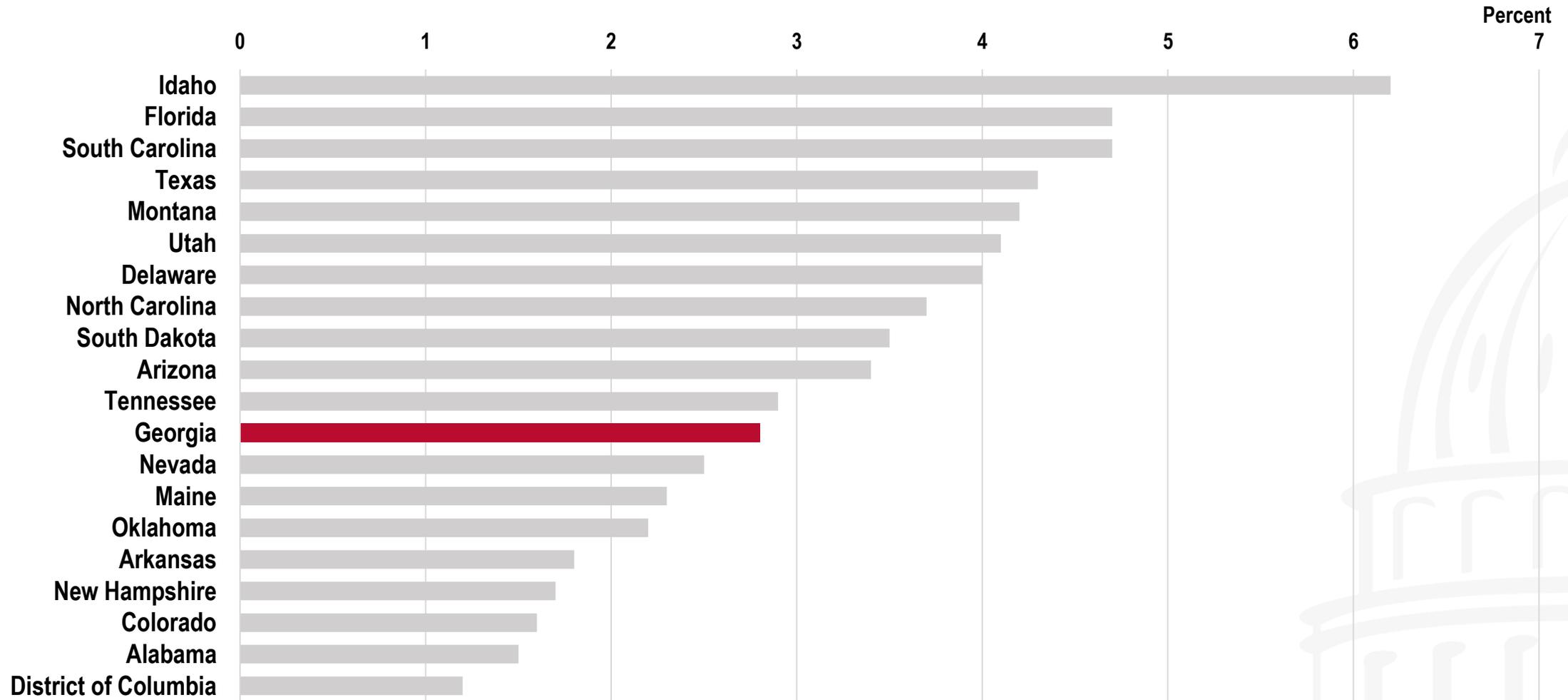
1. Georgia was the 13th fastest growing state
2. Georgia was one of only four states to exhibit a population increase of more than 1 million people

What about since the 2020 Census?

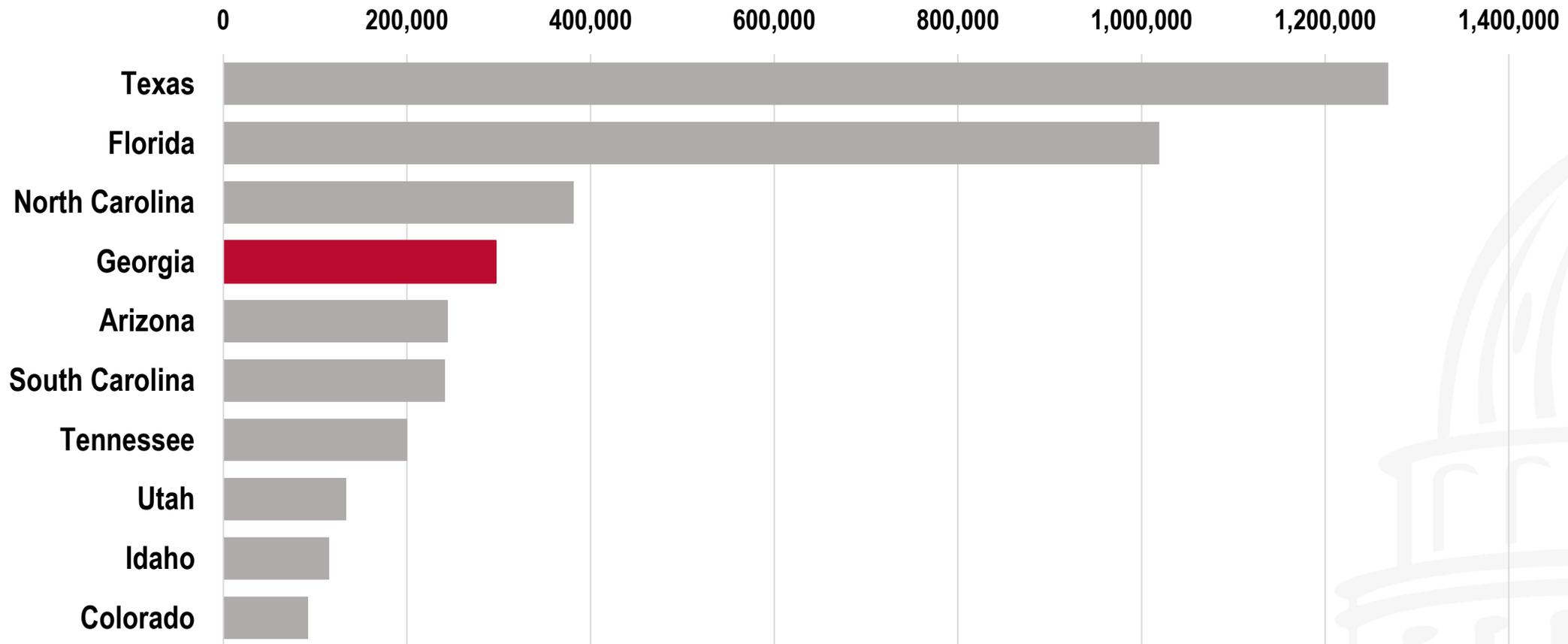
Georgia's Population increased by ~315,000 between 2020 Census and 2023 Estimates



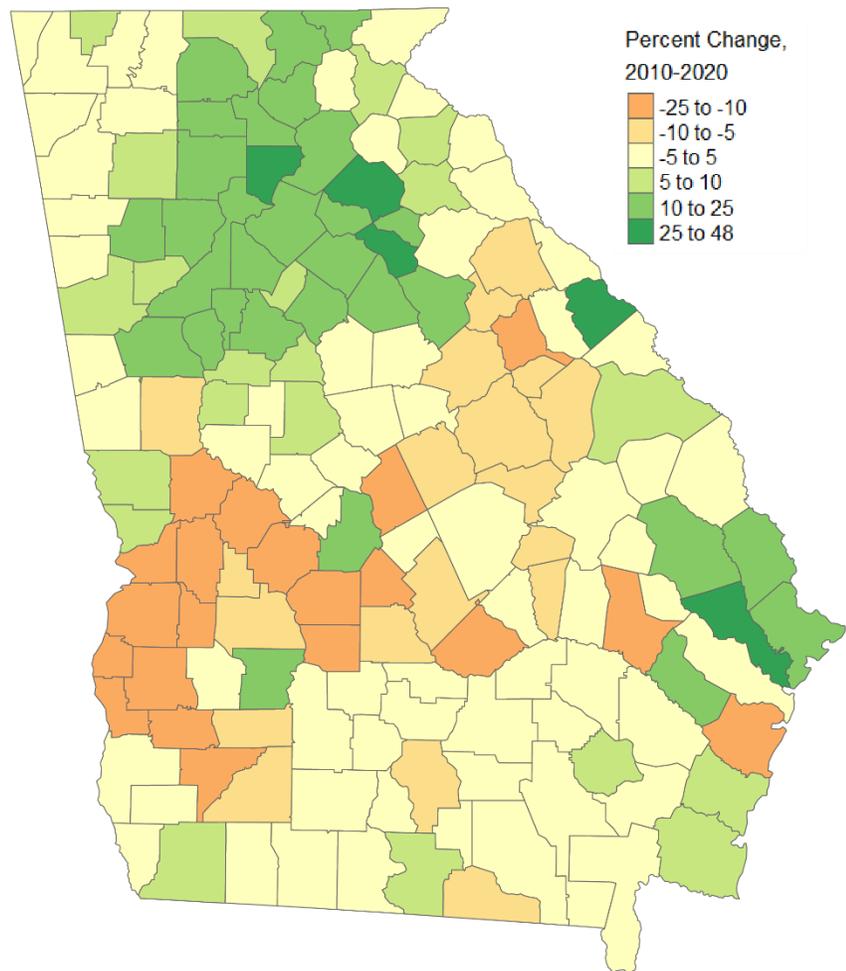
Georgia is the 13th fastest growing state since 2020



Georgia ranks 4th in numeric growth since 2020



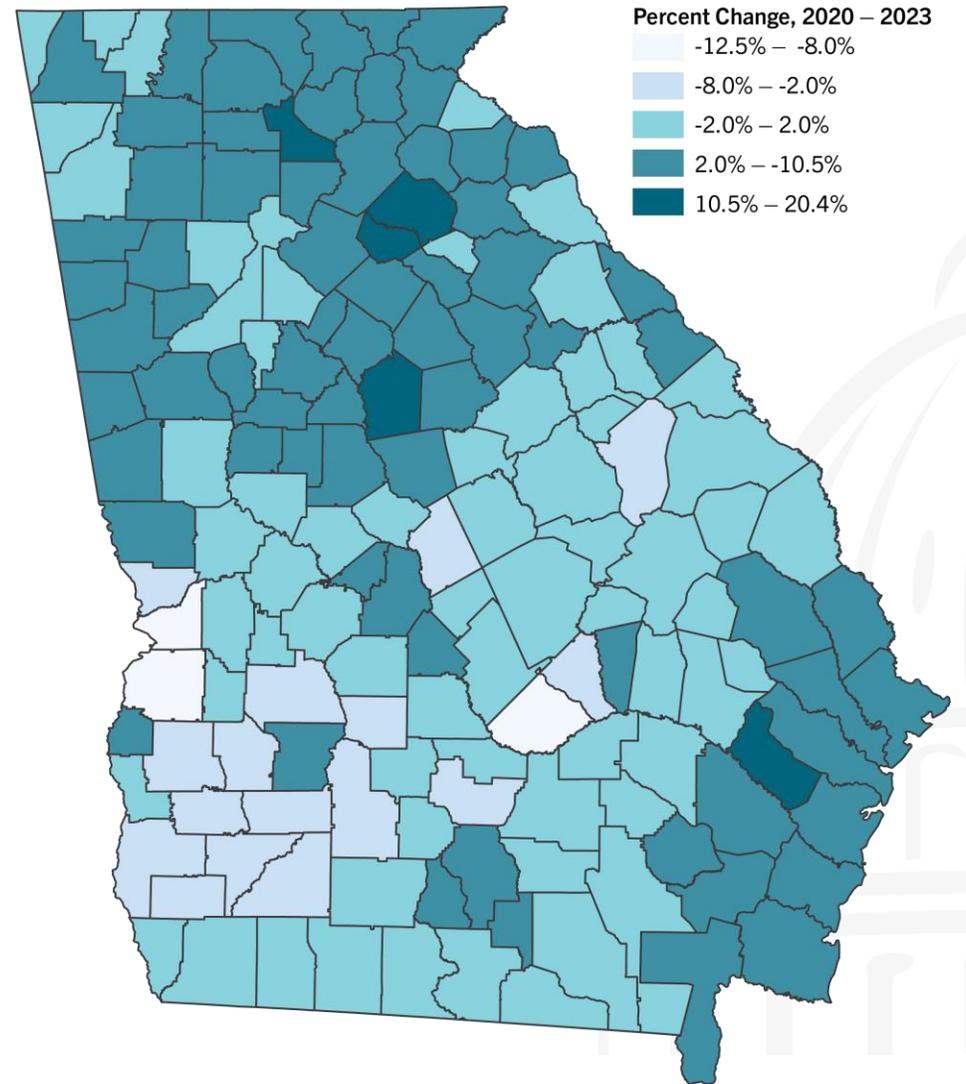
Suburban and Exurban Population Growth in 2010s



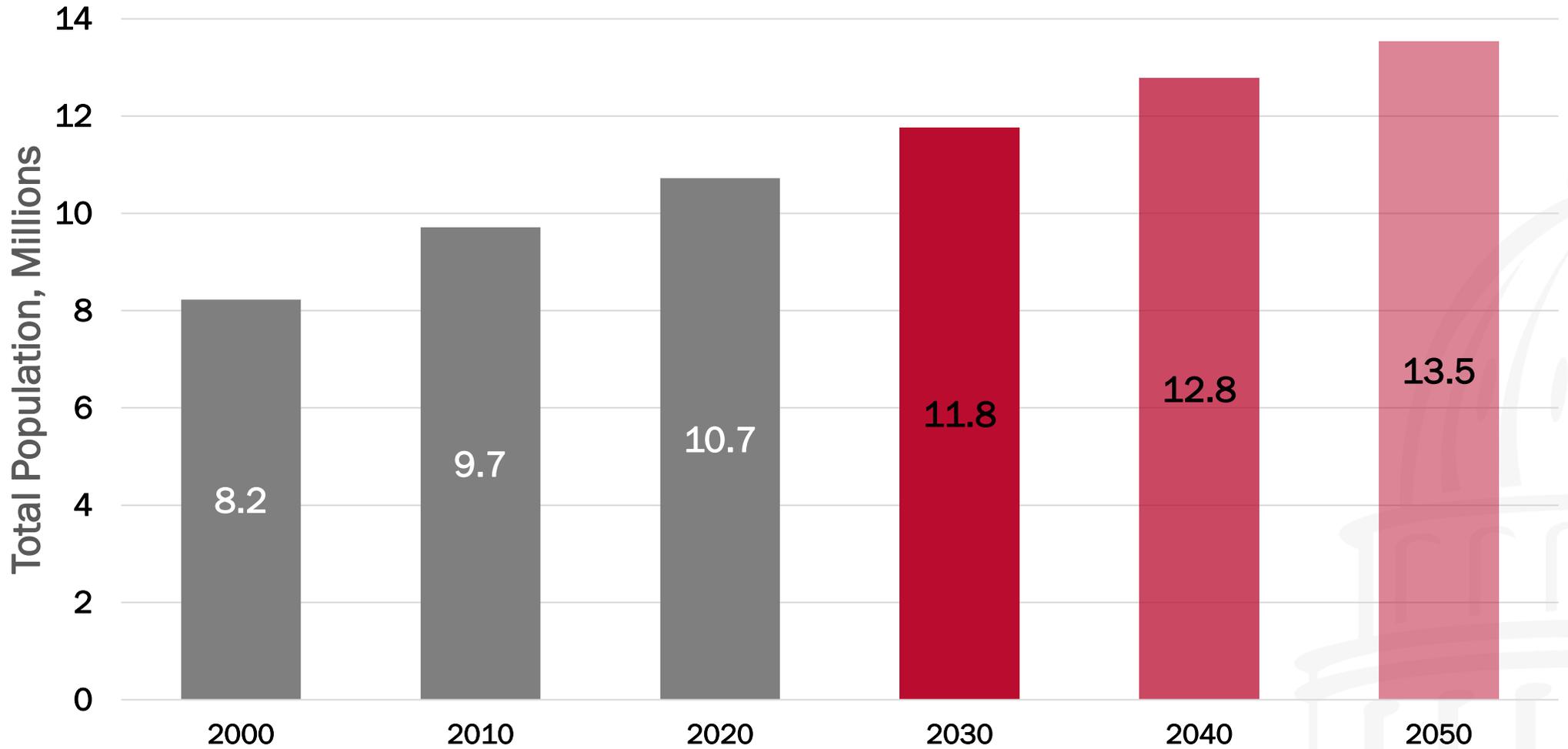
	Fastest Growing	%
1	Bryan County	48.0
2	Forsyth County	43.2
3	Oconee County	27.4
4	Columbia County	25.8
5	Jackson County	25.5
6	Cherokee County	24.4
7	Effingham County	24.0
8	Barrow County	20.4
9	Dawson County	20.0
10	Towns County	19.3

	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

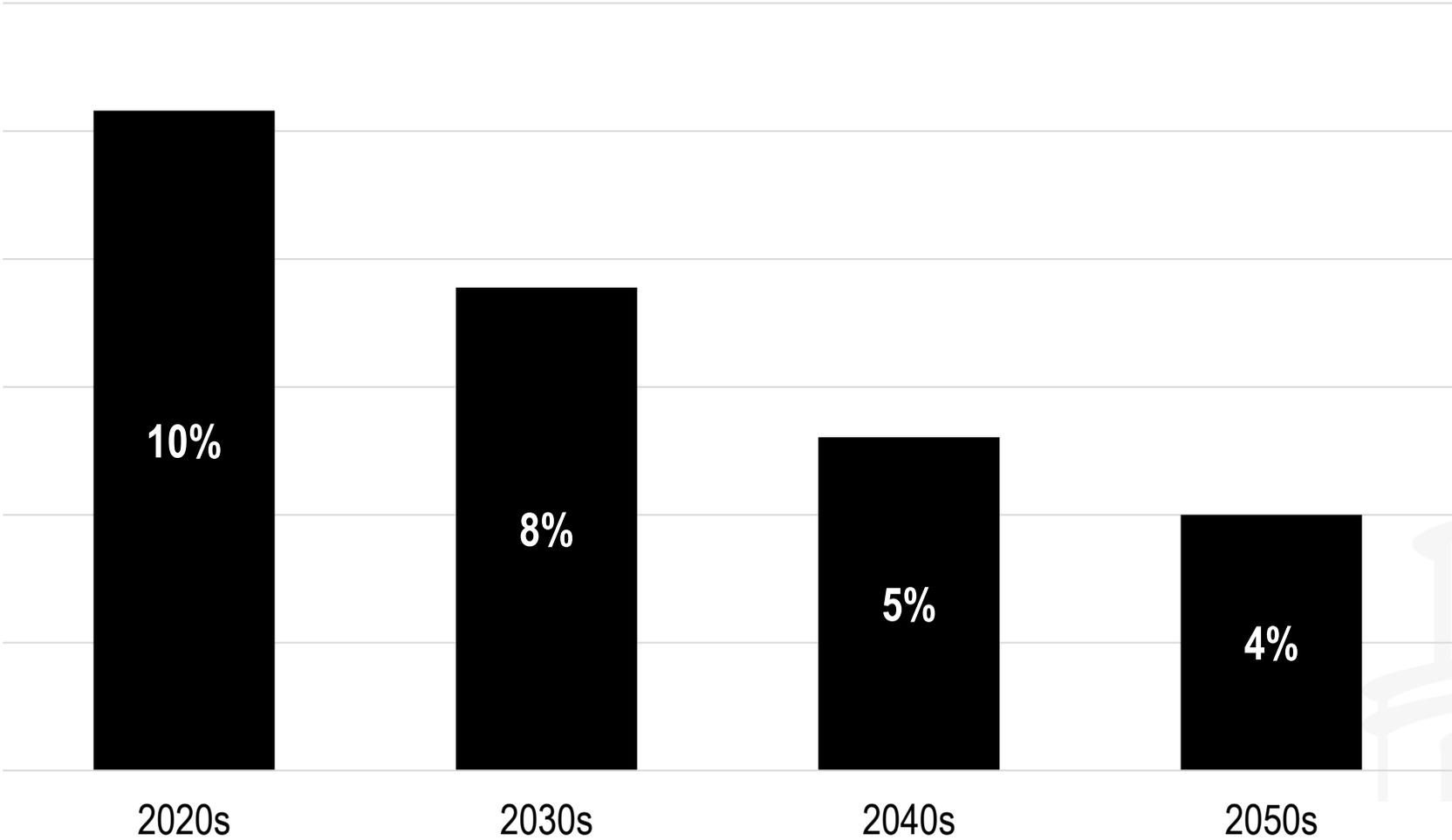
Post-pandemic (2020-2023) population change is similar to pre-pandemic population change



Georgia's Projected Population through 2050

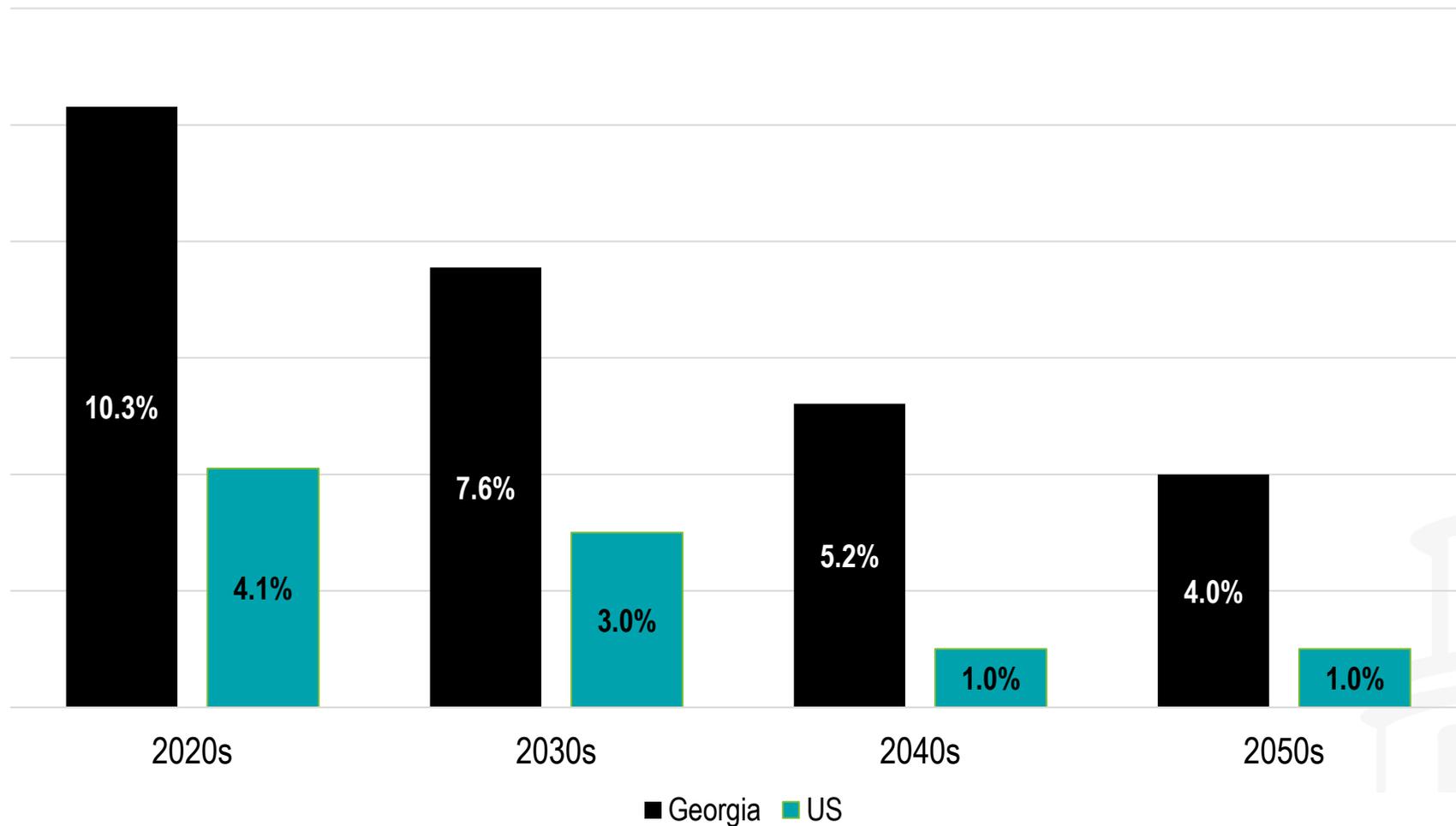


Georgia's Projected Population Growth Rate



Source: Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, 2024 Series Population Projections

Georgia's Population Growth Projected to Outpace US



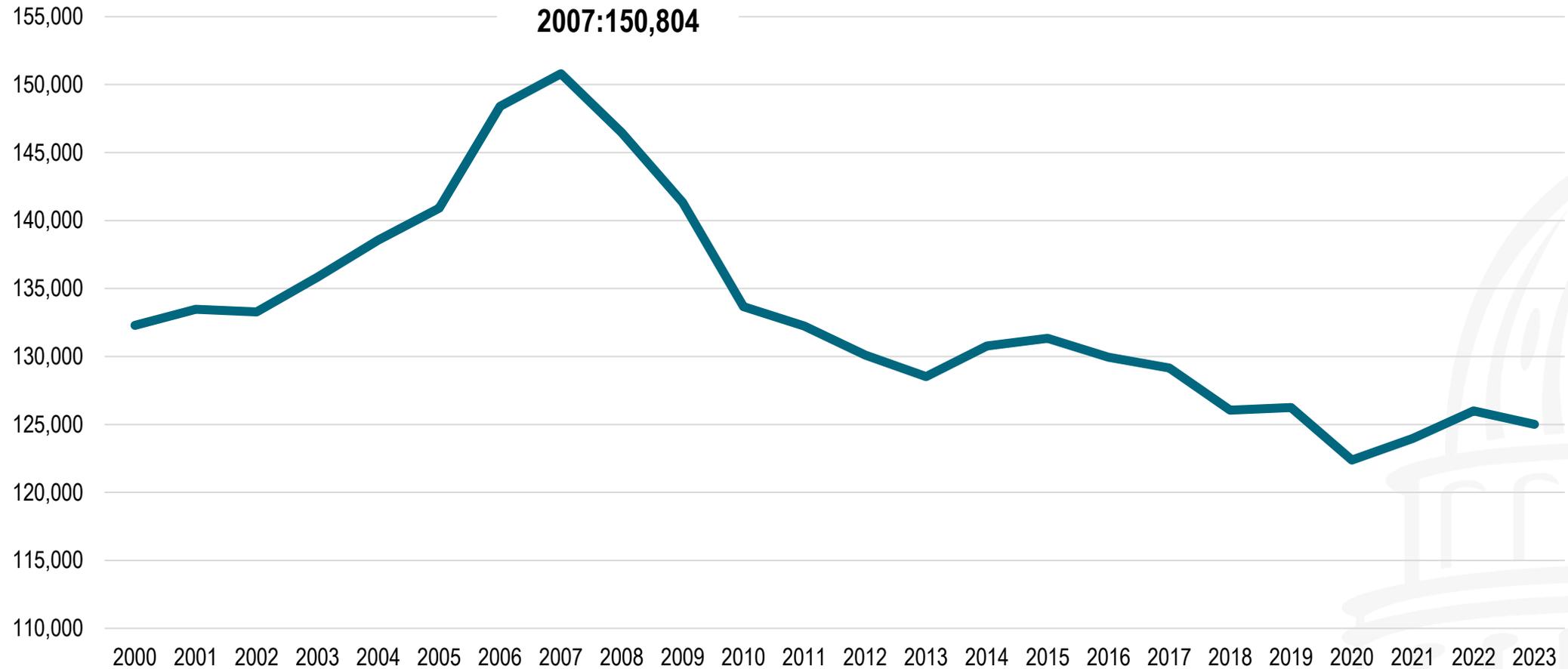
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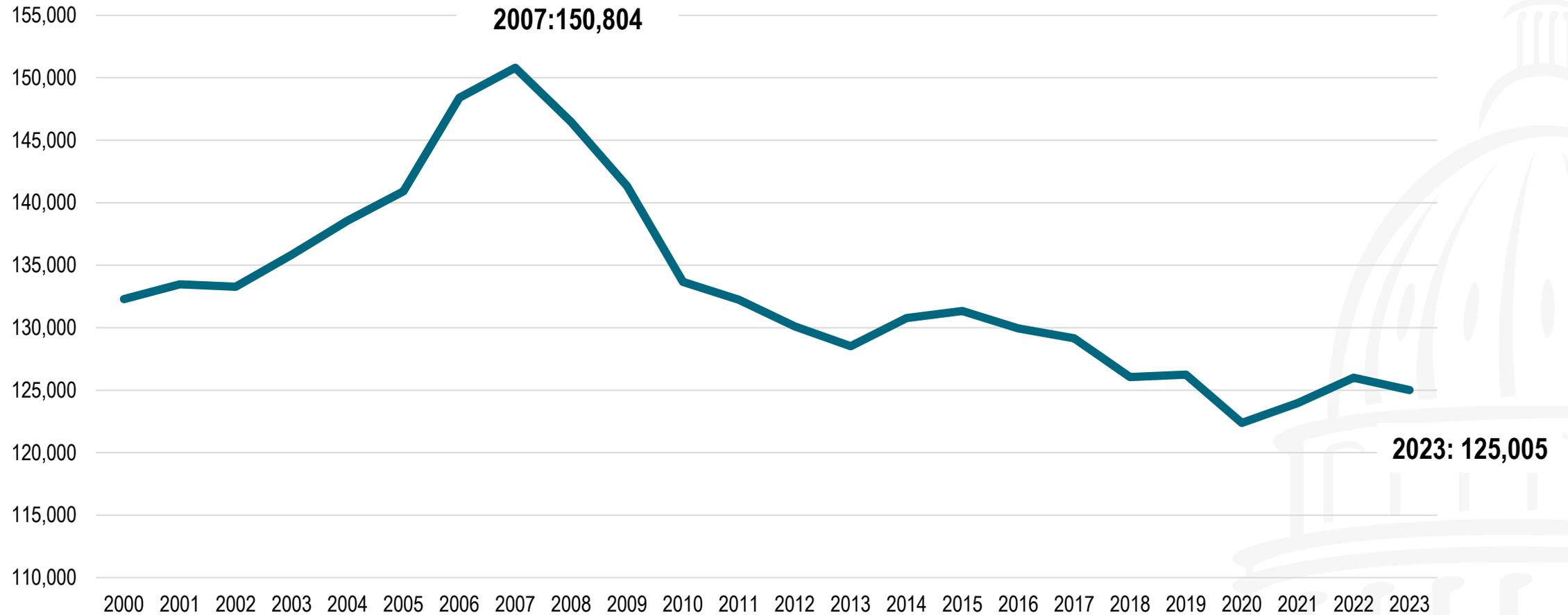
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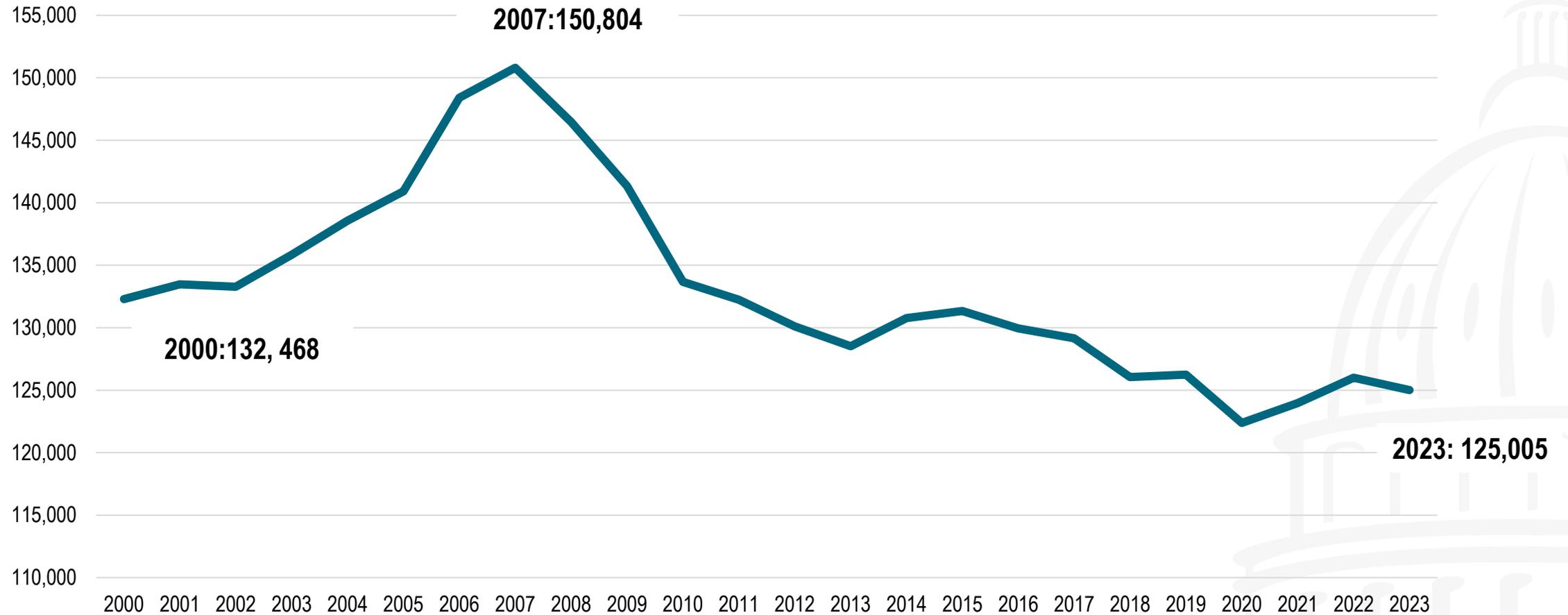
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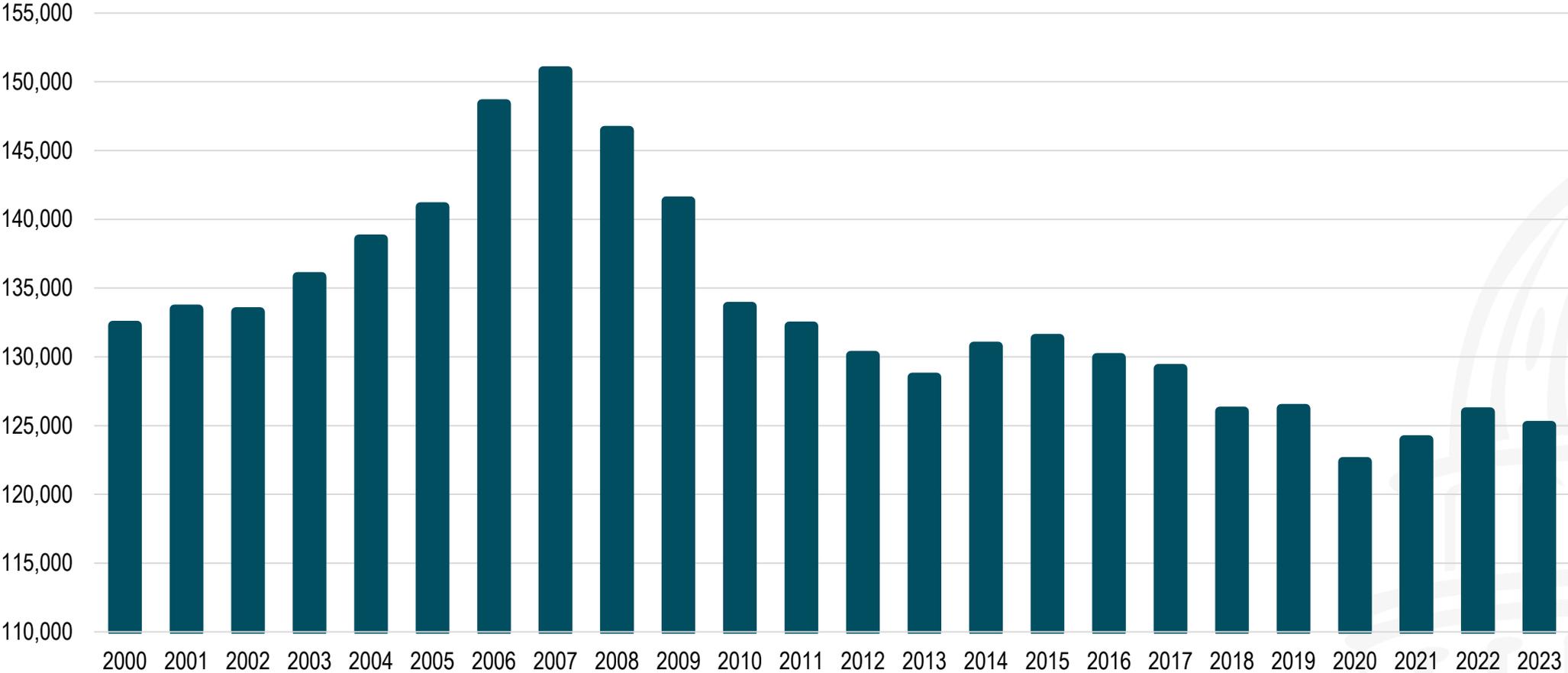
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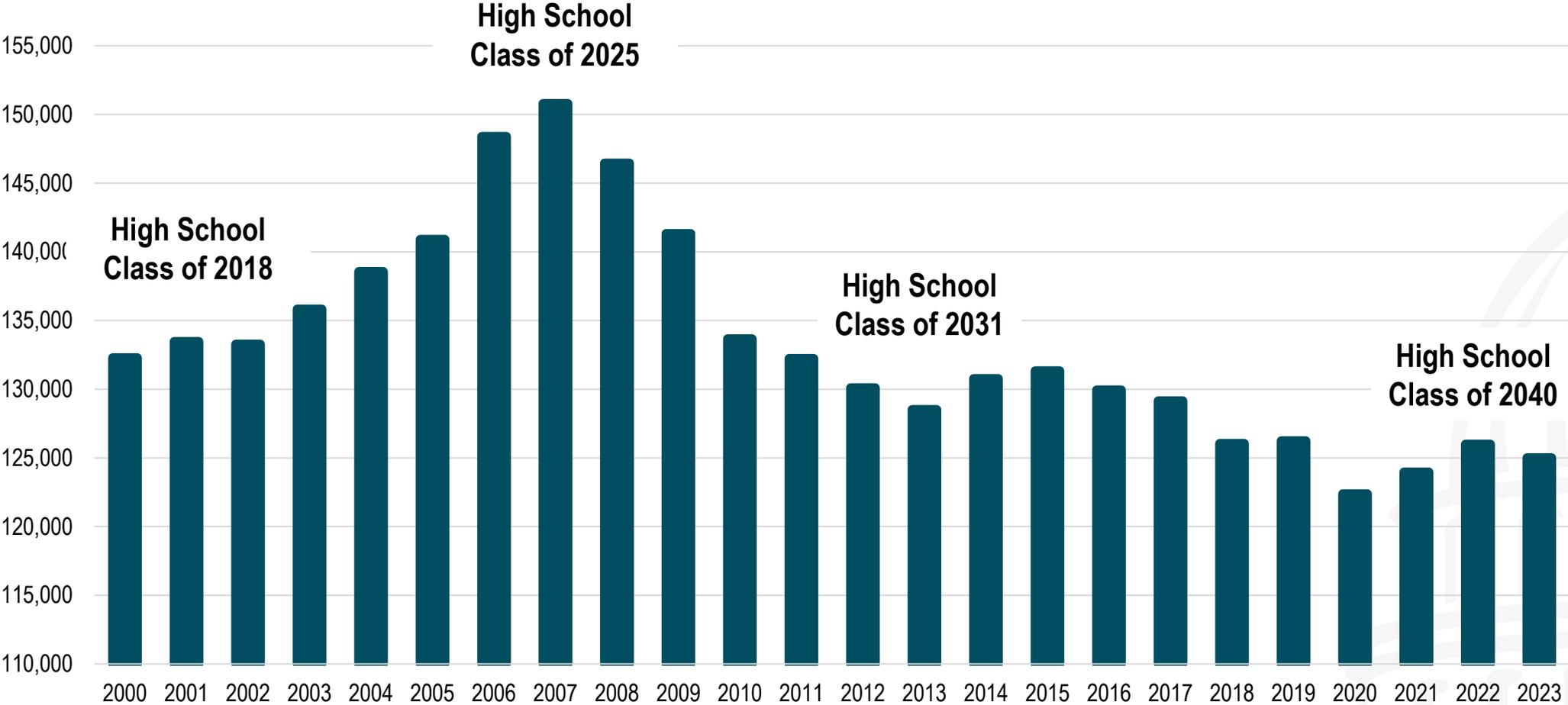
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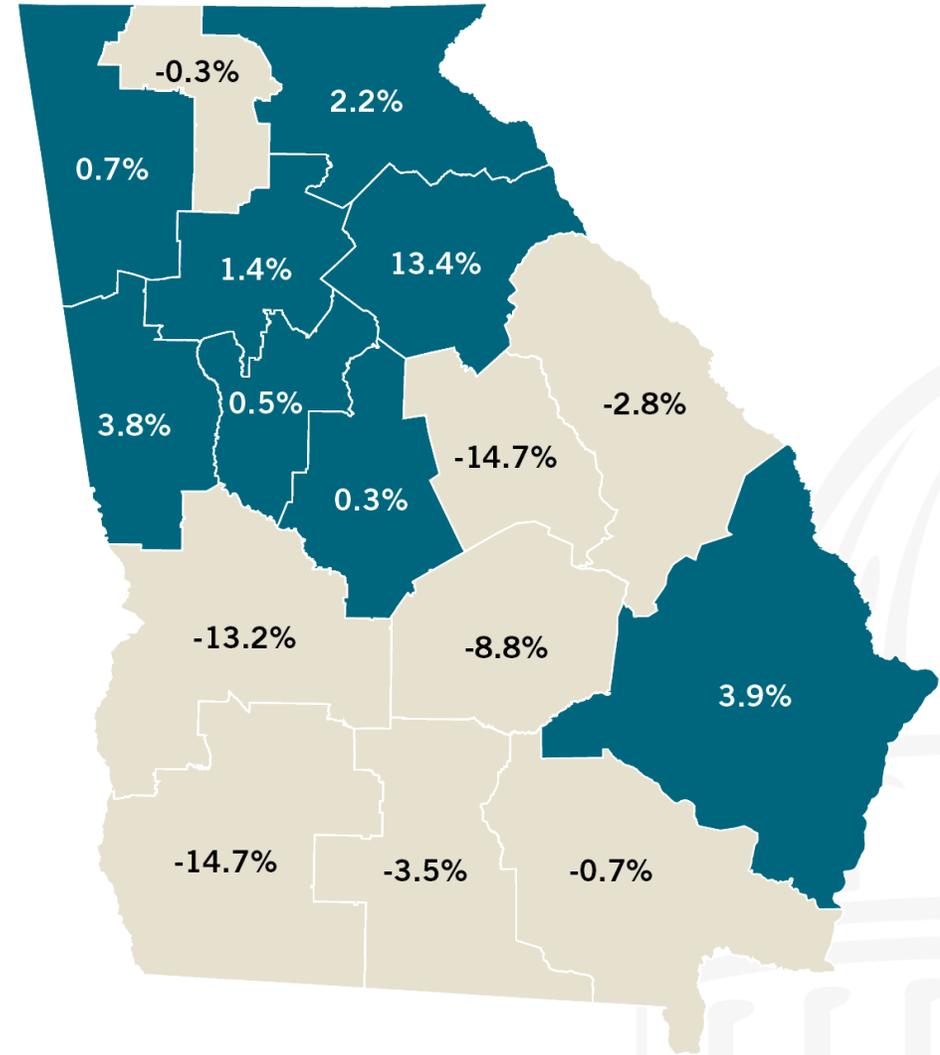


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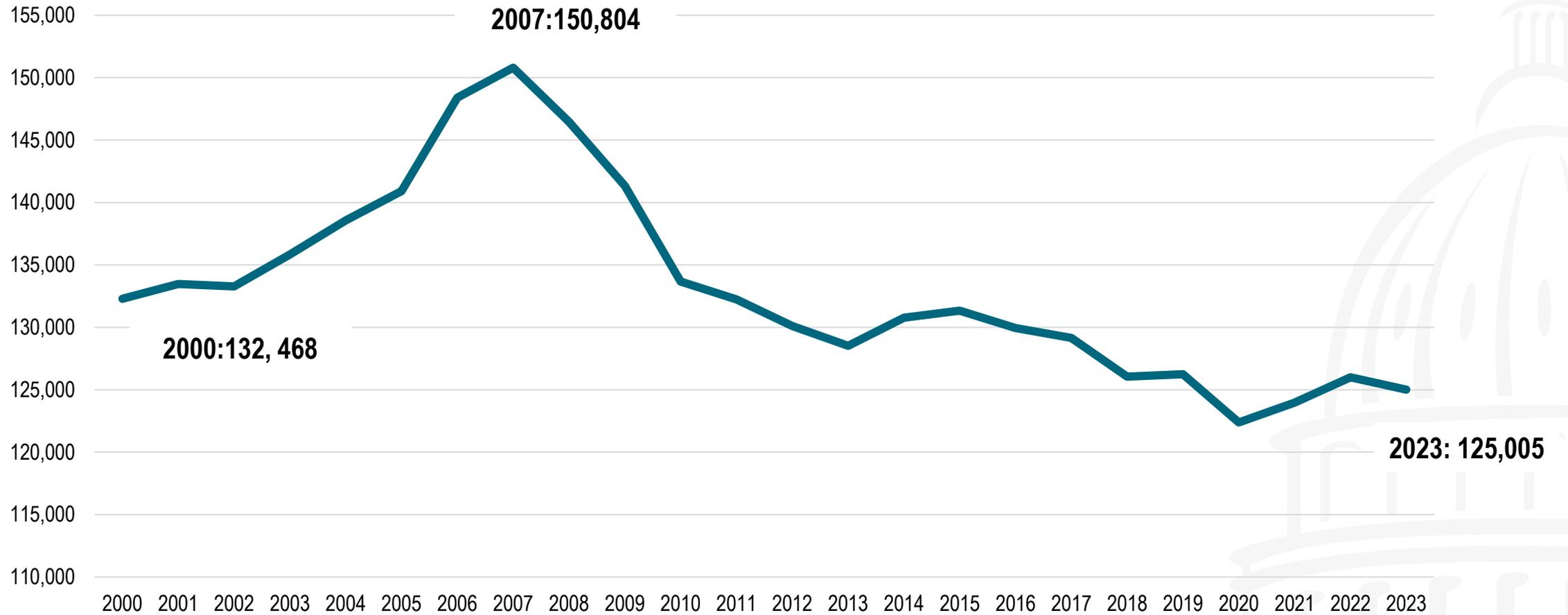


Declining number of births already impacting local school systems

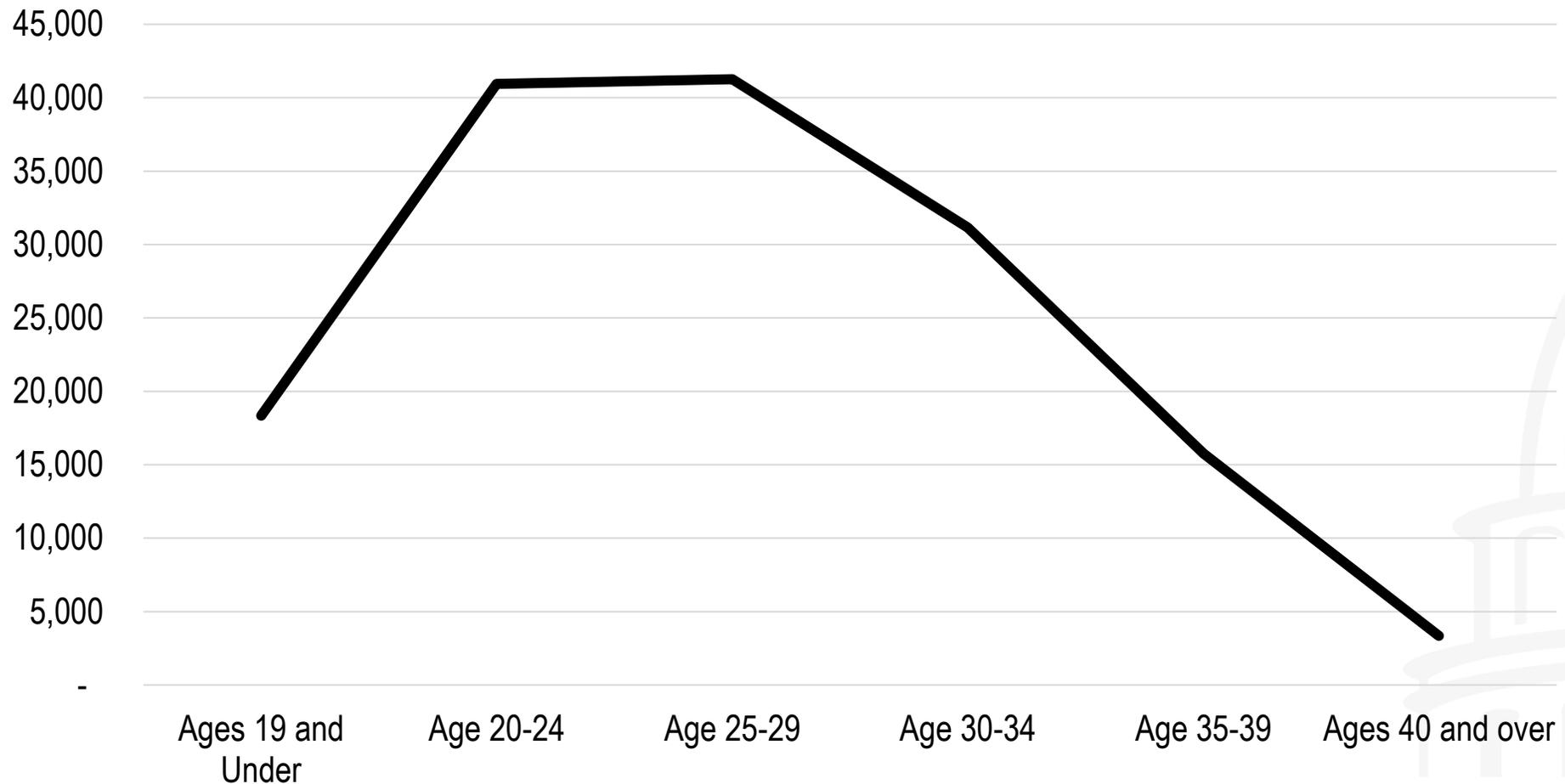
- K-12 Enrollments have declined in half of the Regional Education Service Areas (RESAs) over the past ten years



Why?



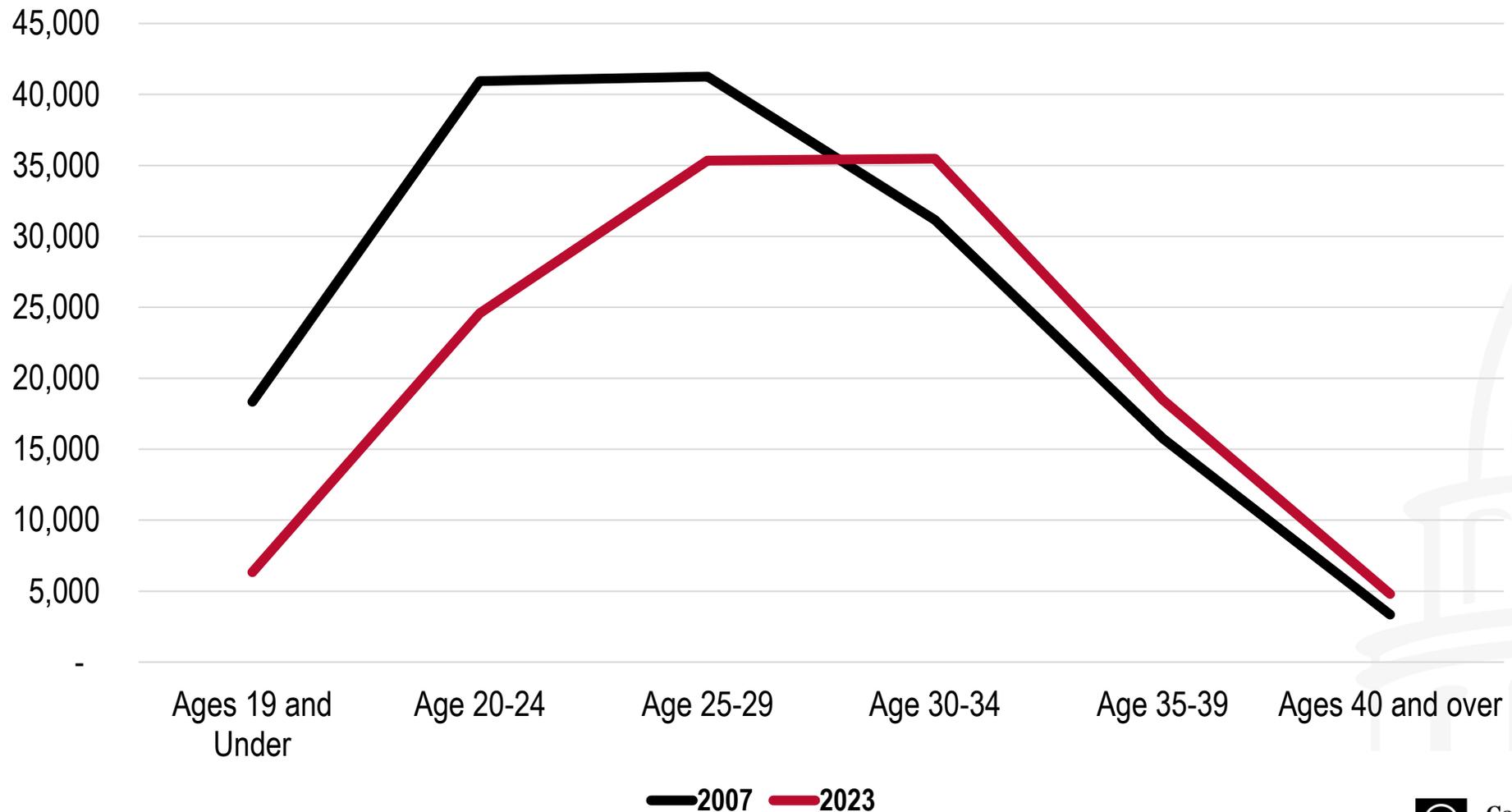
Georgia's Shifting Fertility Arc



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

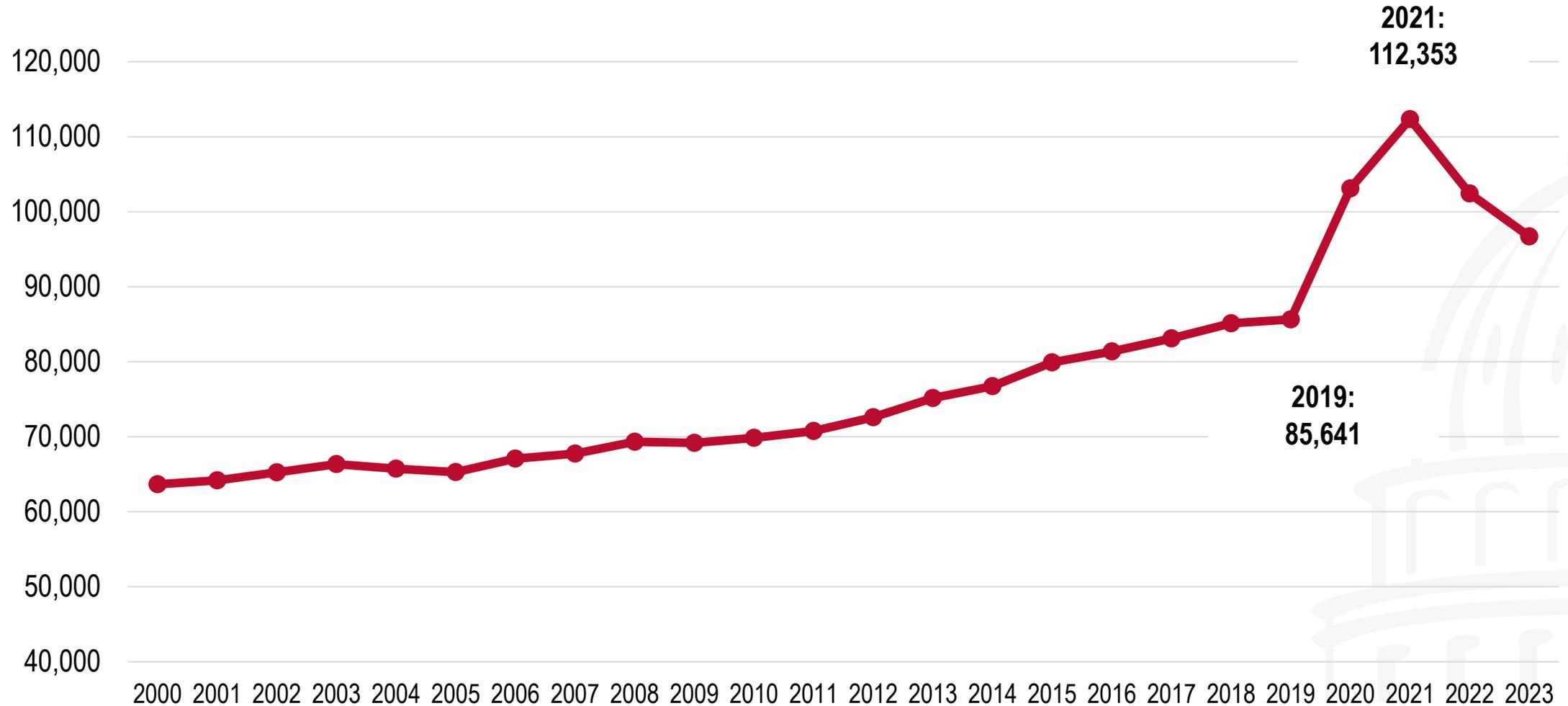
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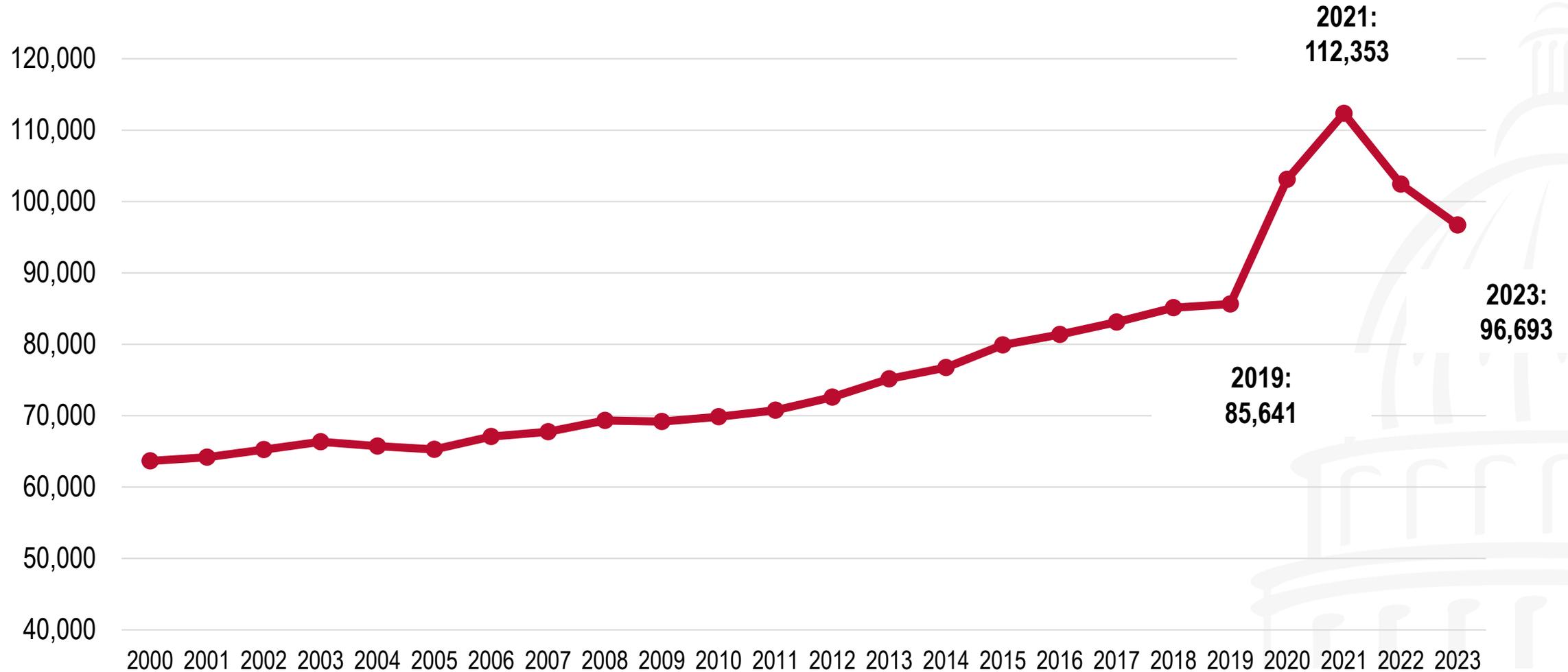
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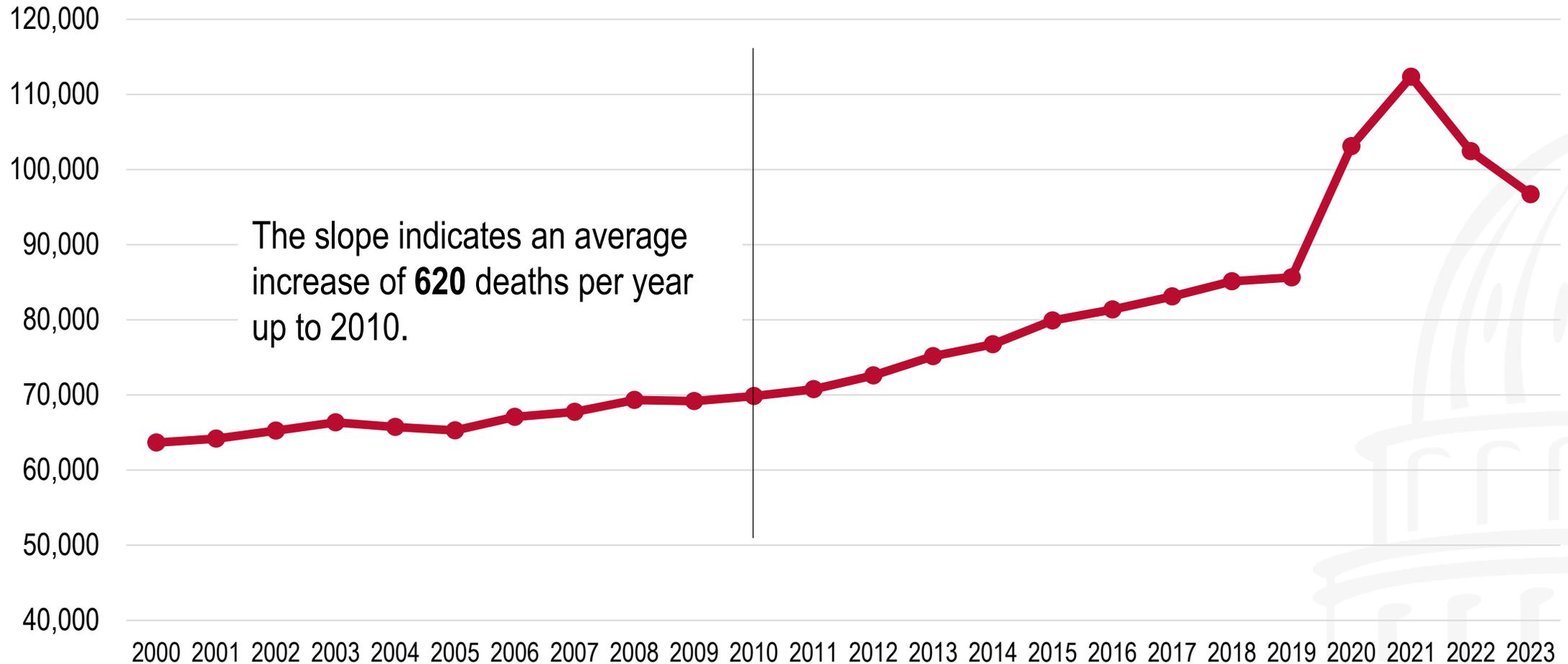
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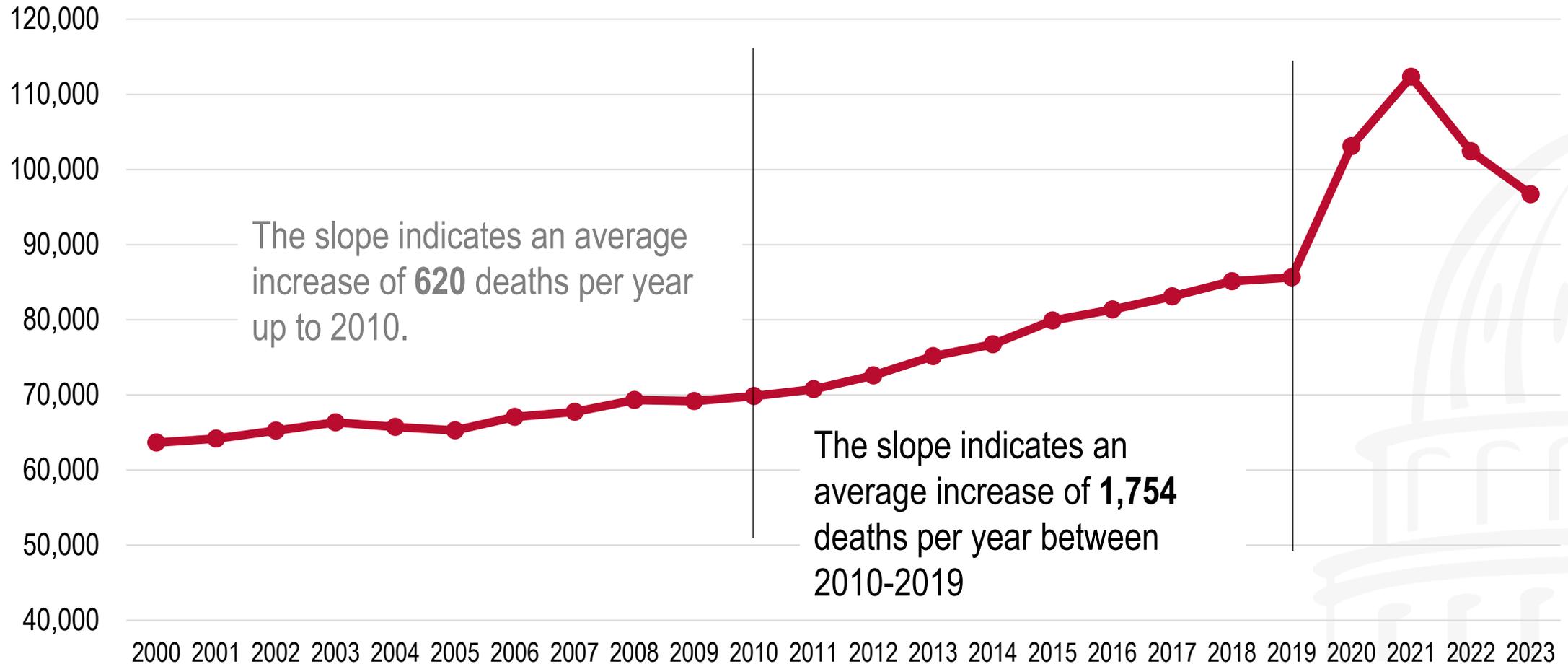
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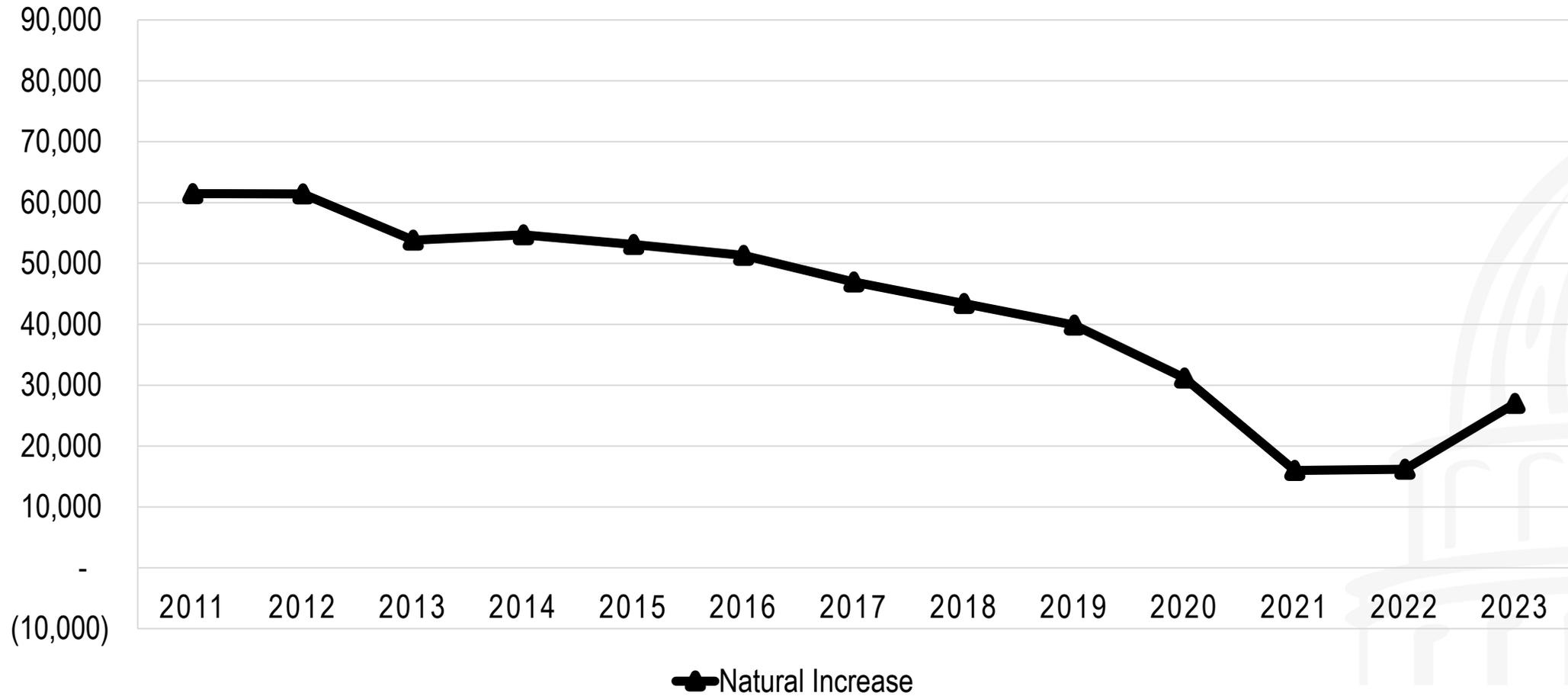
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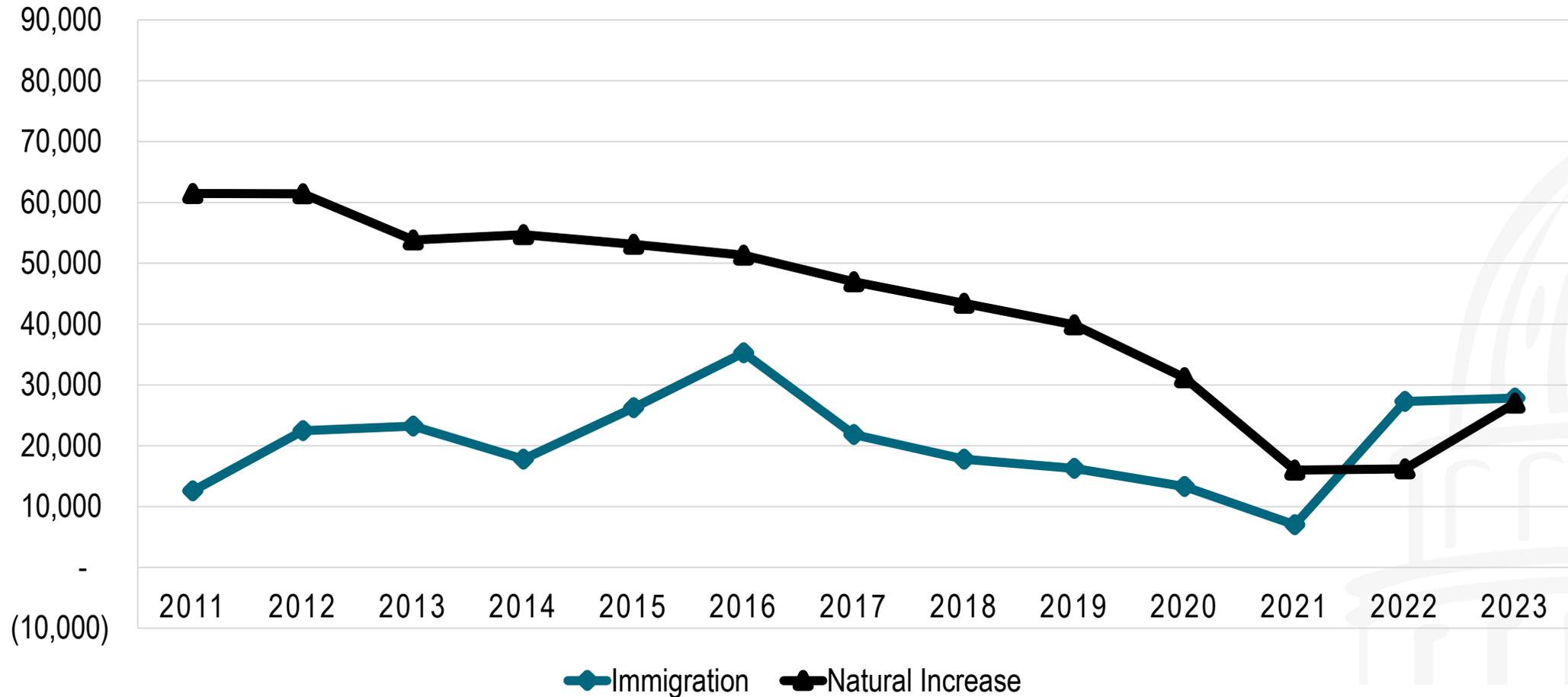
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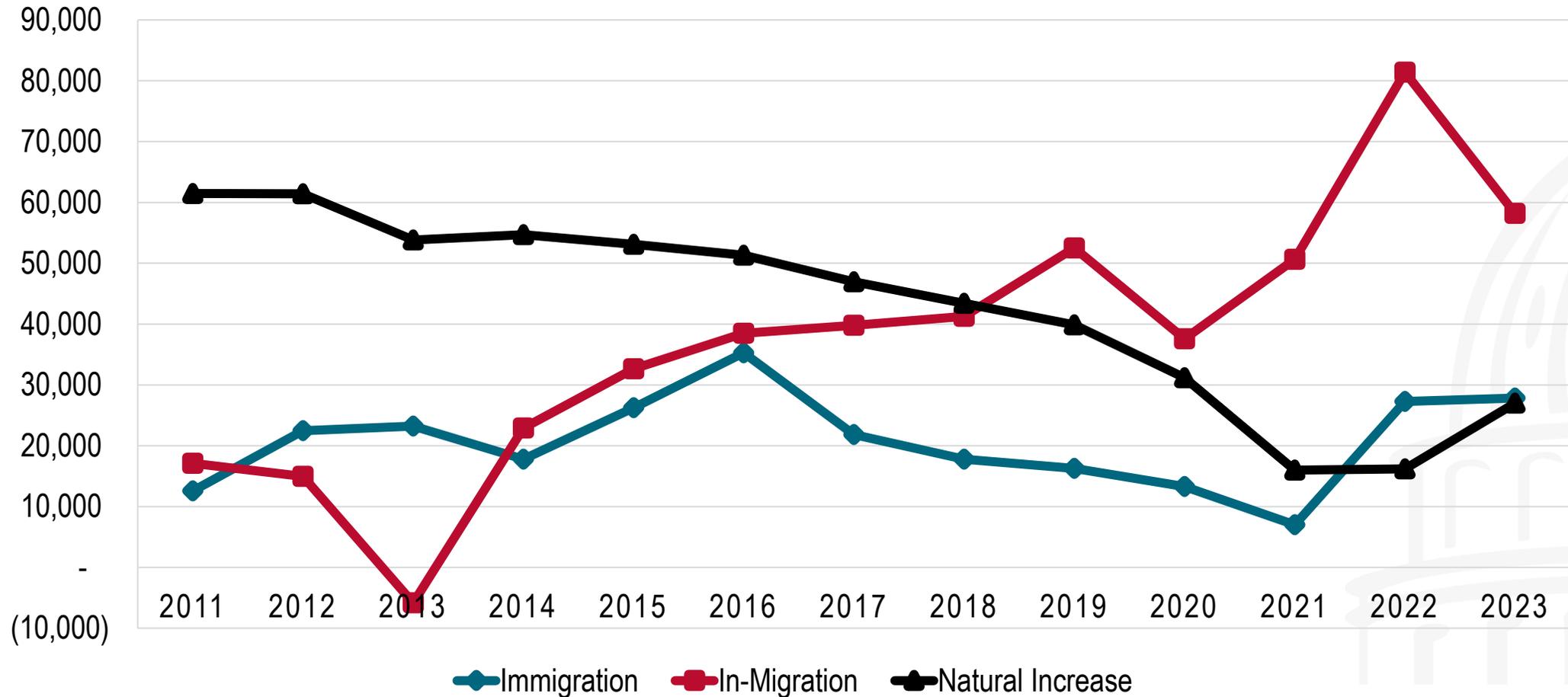
Natural Increase Declines in Georgia



International Migration Steady to Georgia

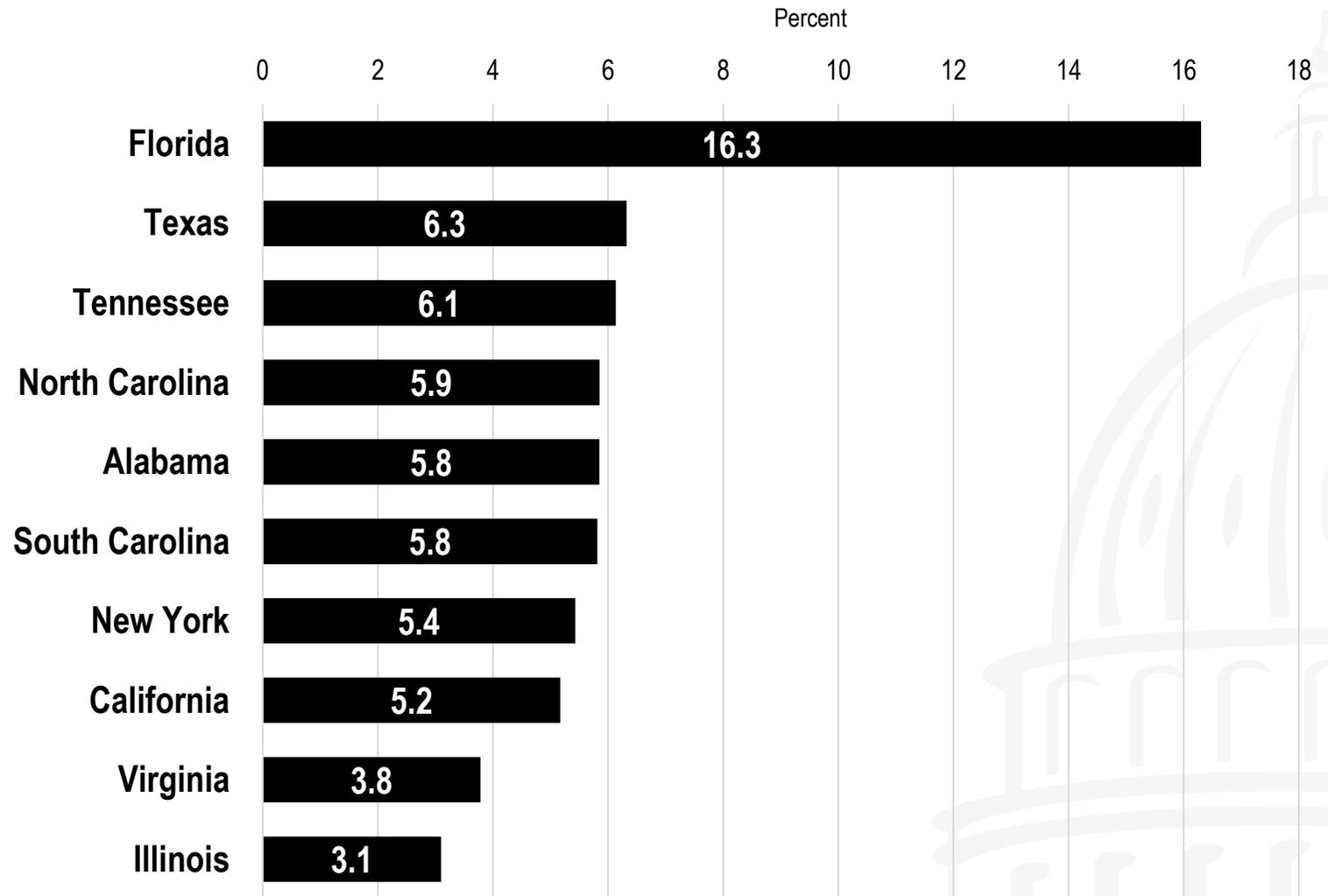


Domestic Migration Leads Georgia's Growth



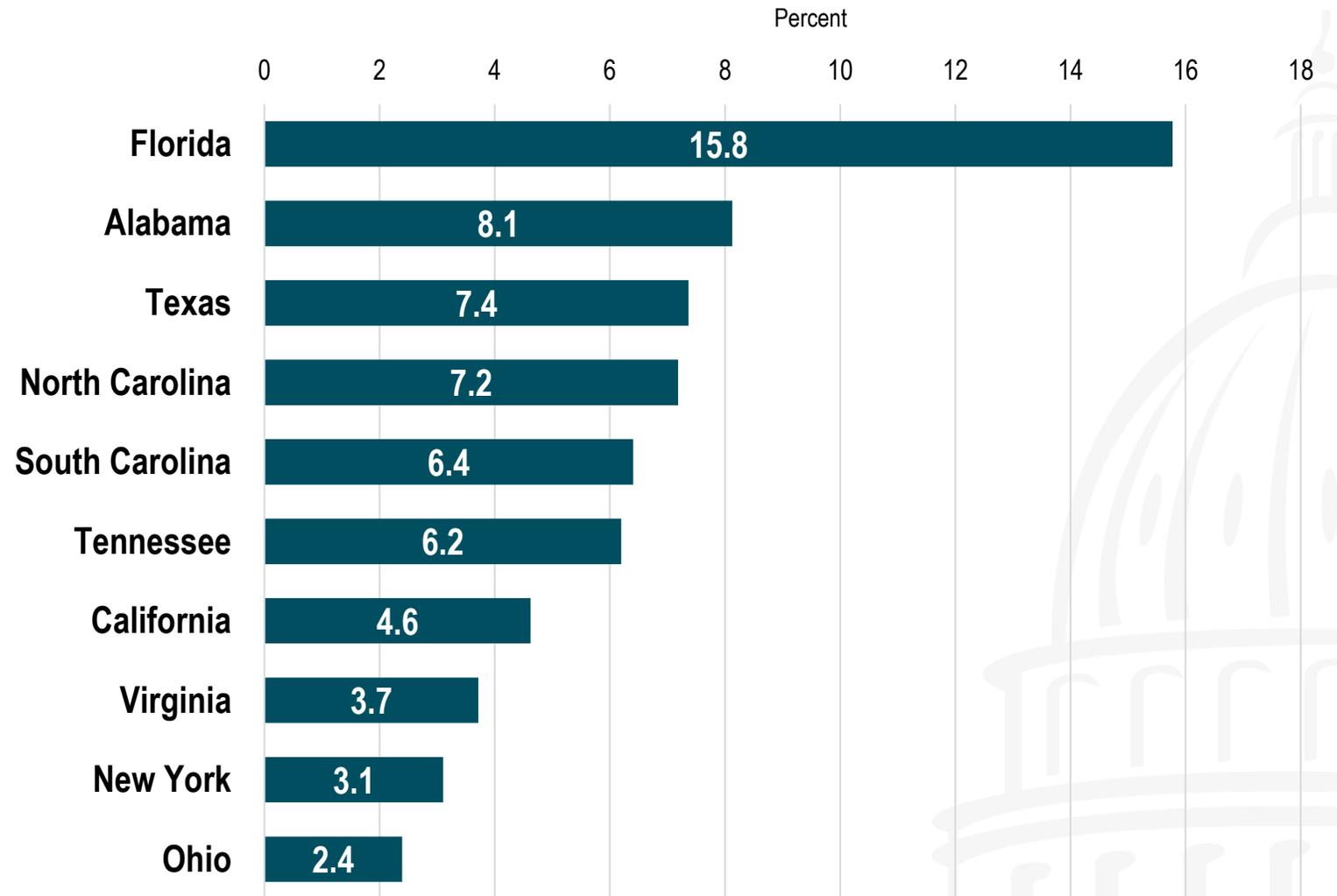
What states do people move from?

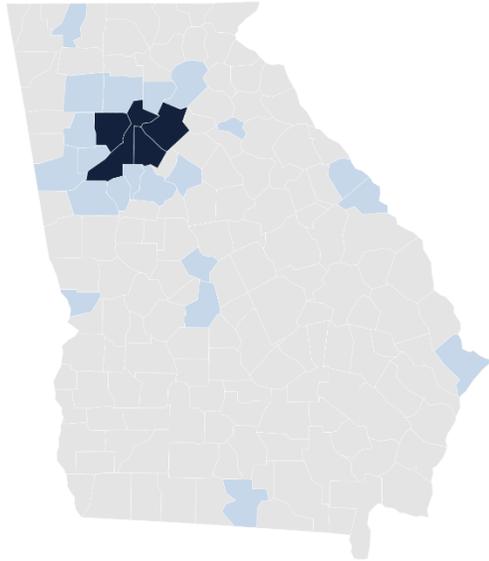
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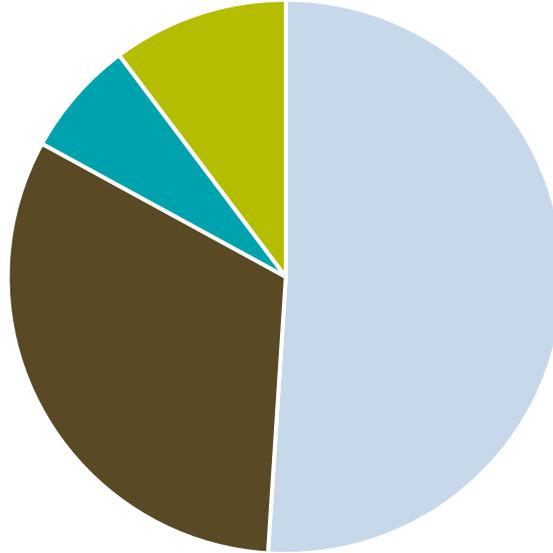
Where do Georgians go?

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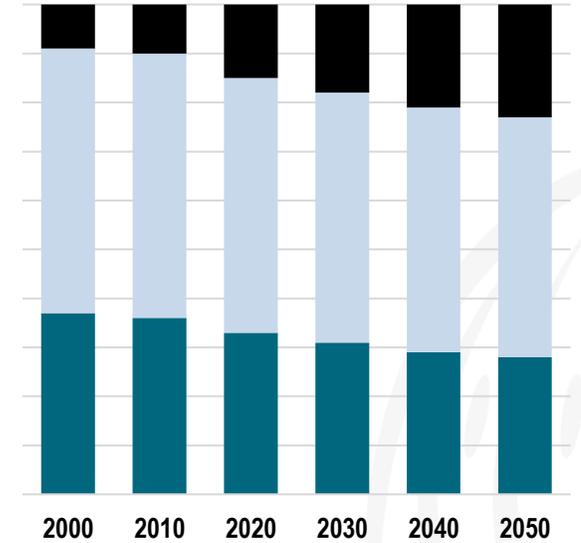




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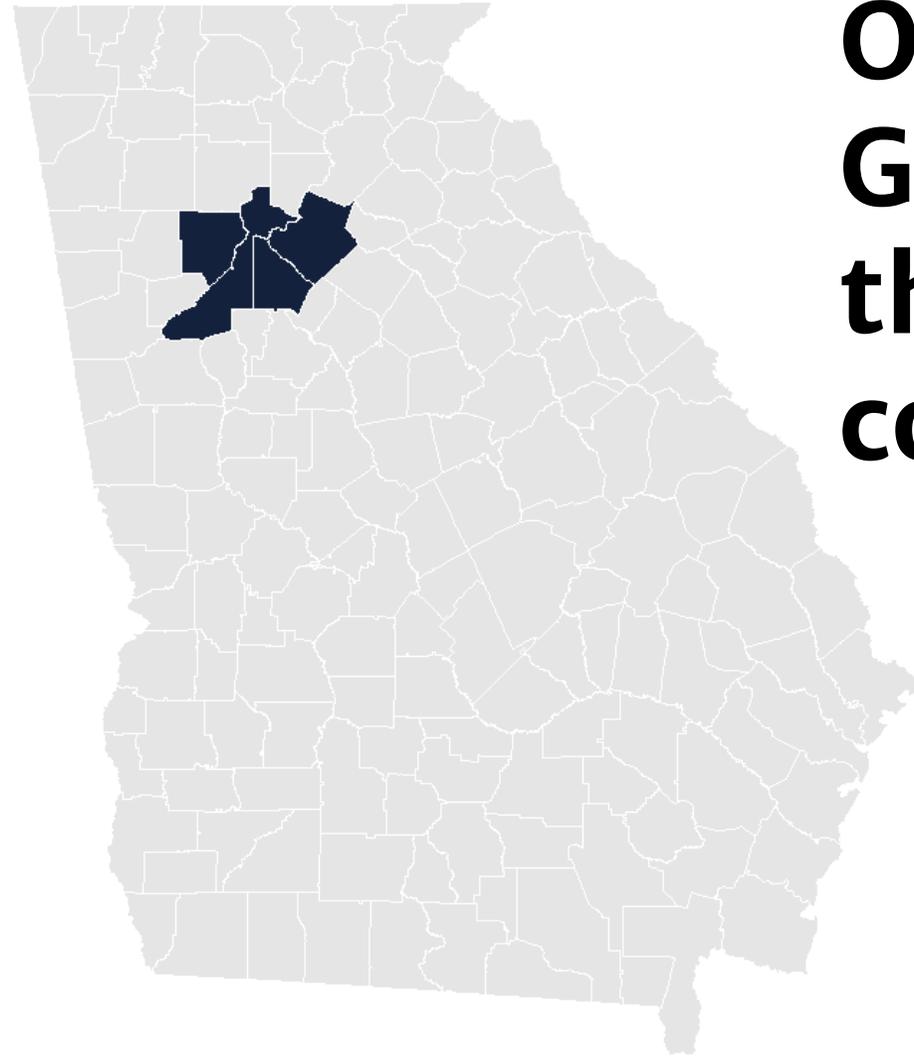


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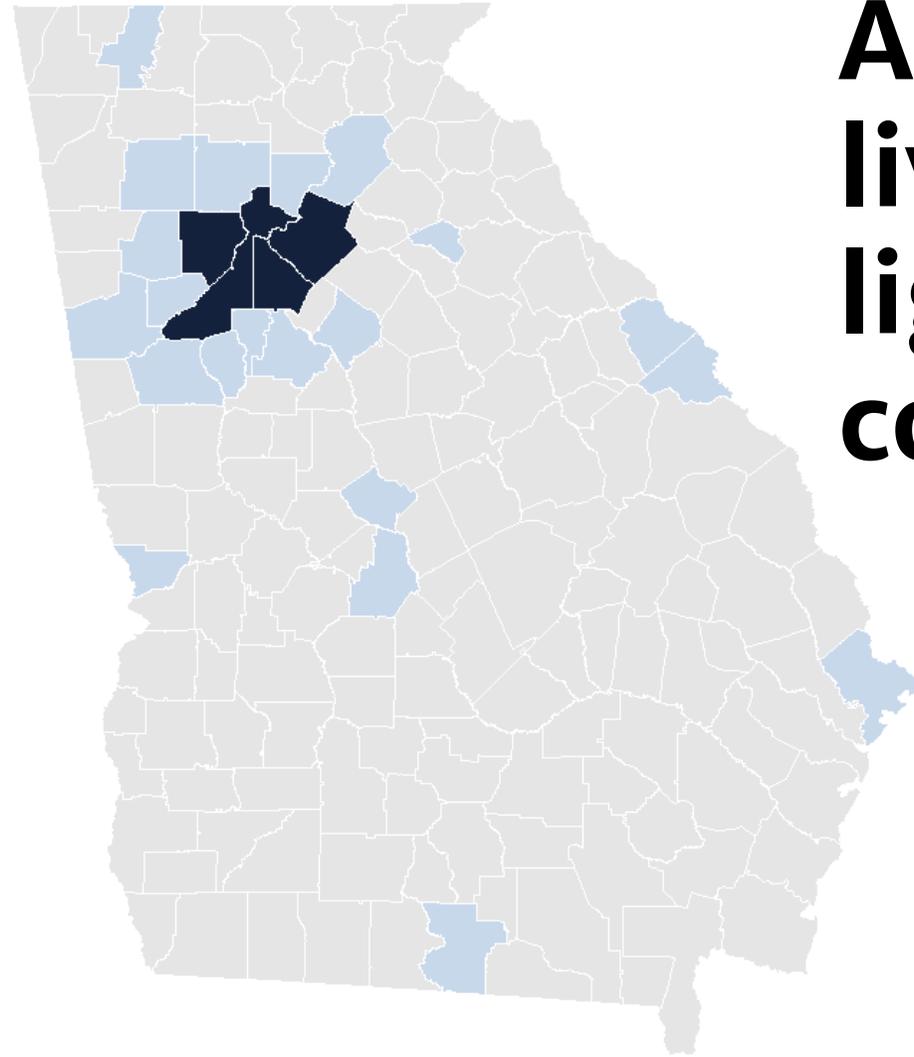


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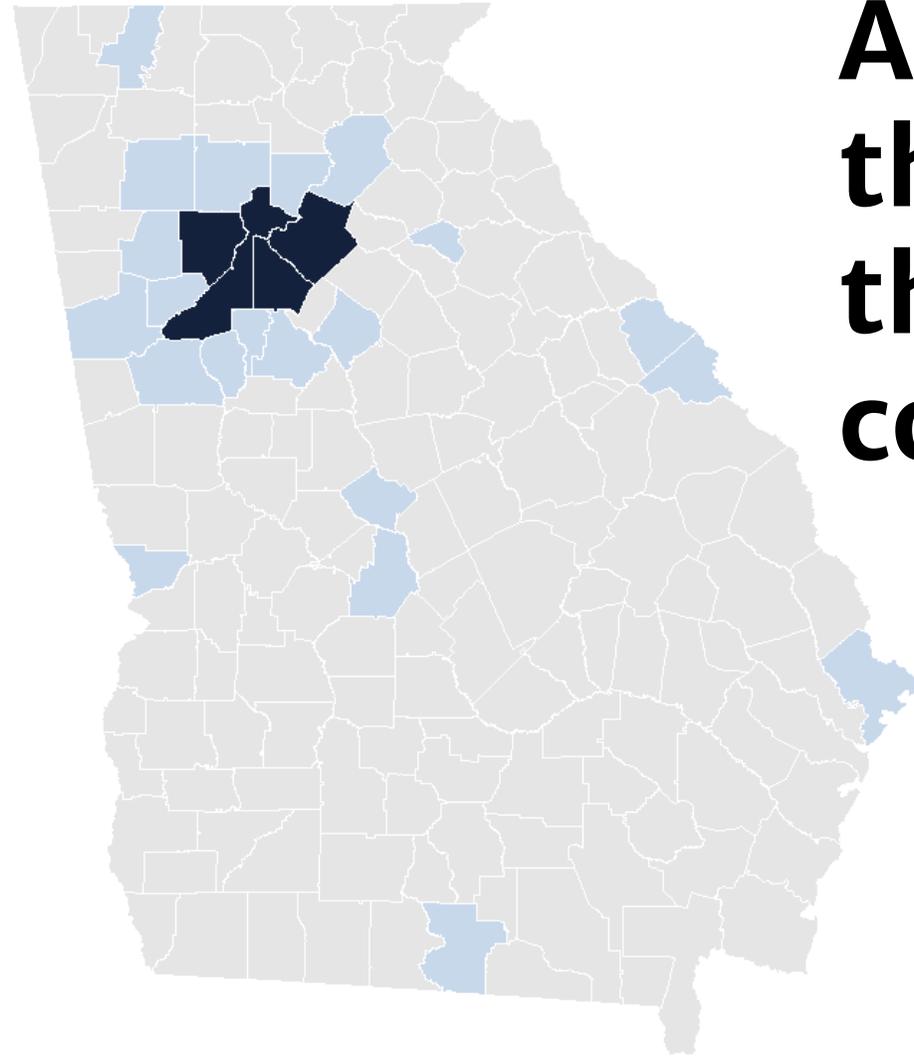
One of three Georgians live in these four counties



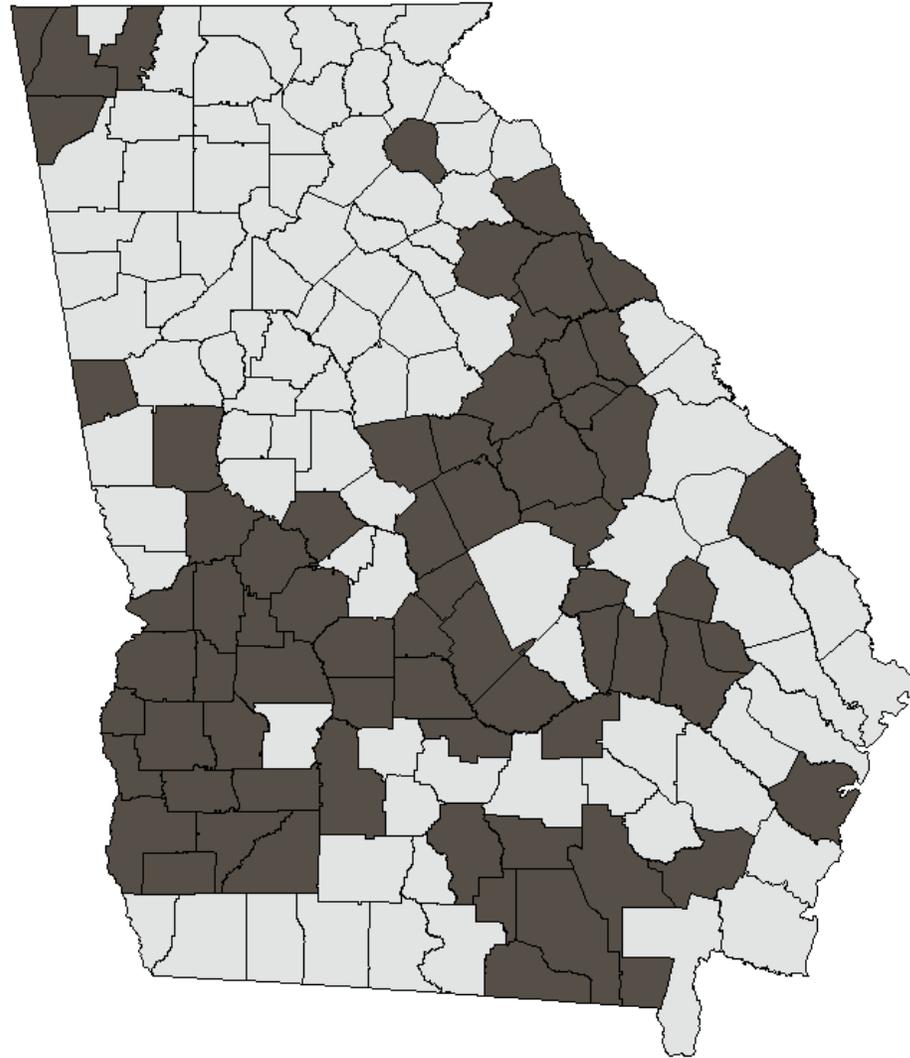
Another third lives in the light blue counties



And another third lives in the gray counties

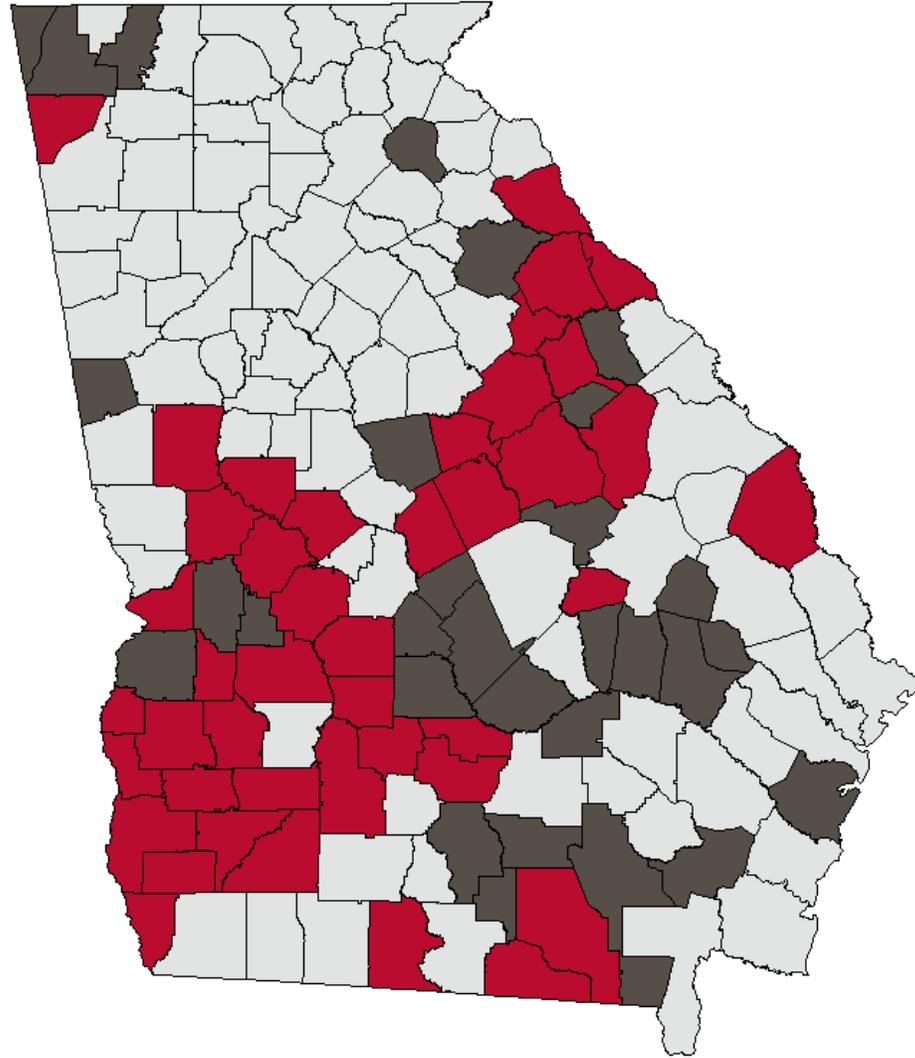


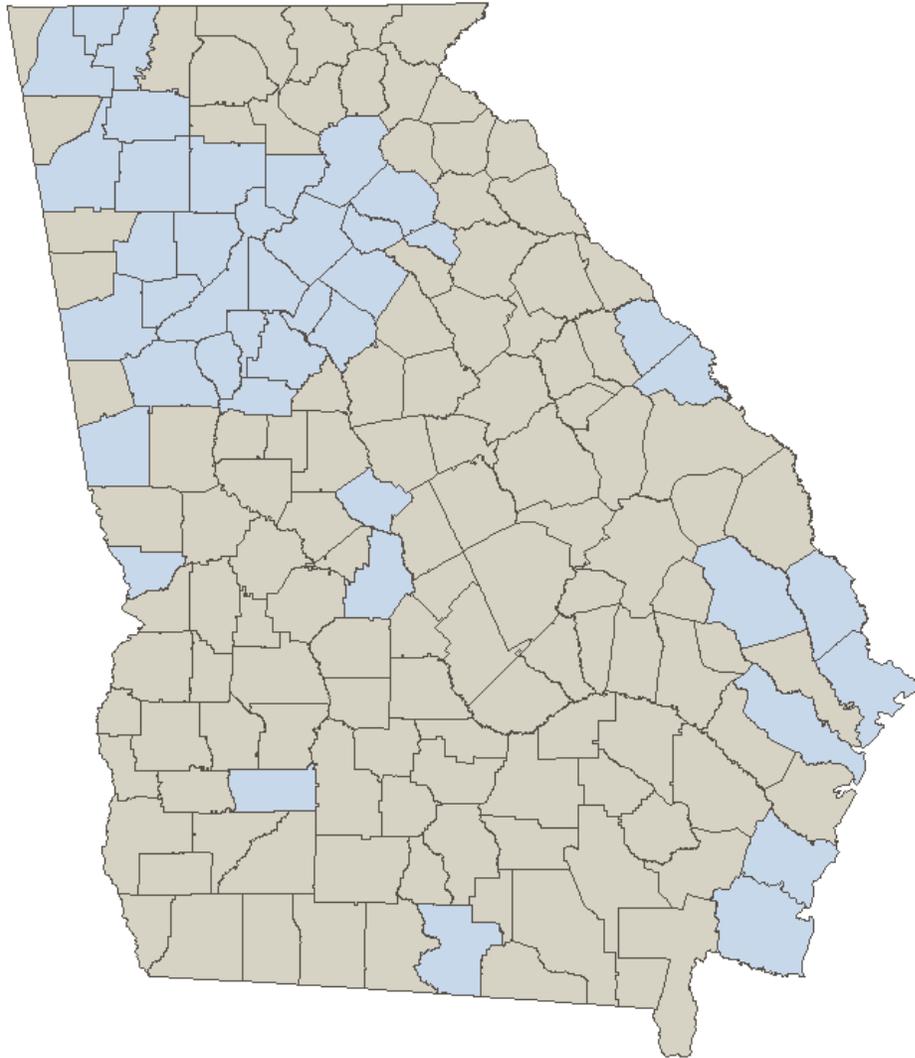
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43 counties have
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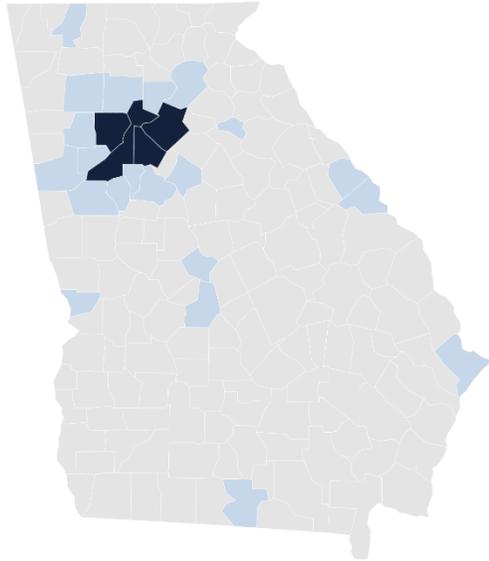
41 Urban Counties

**79% of population
in 2020**

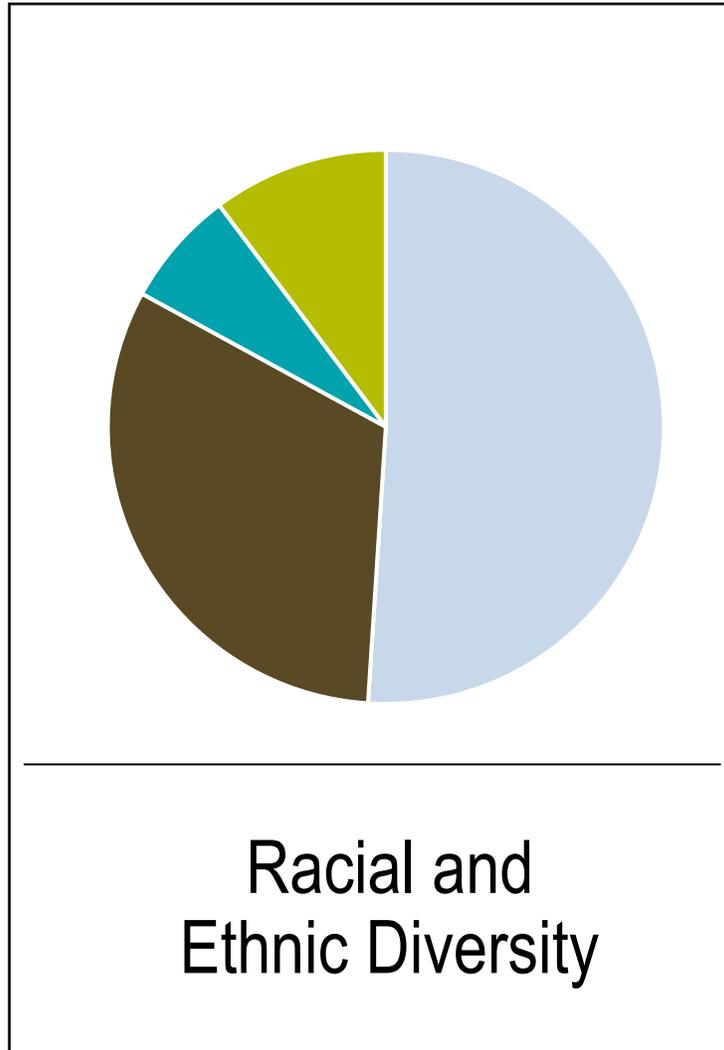
118 Rural Counties

**21% of population
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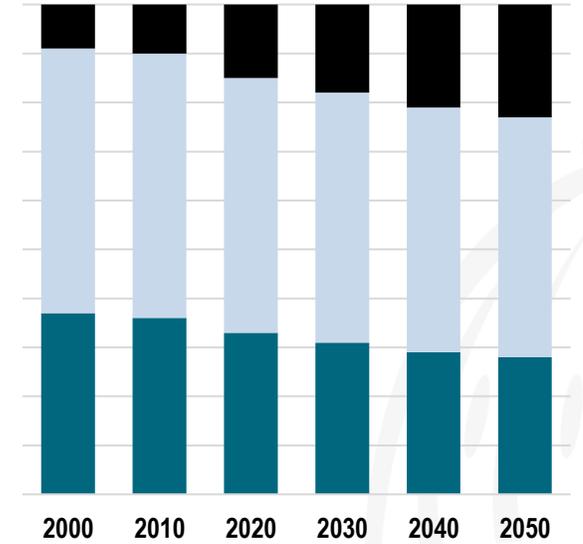
*Rural Counties defined as those with
less than 50,000 people*



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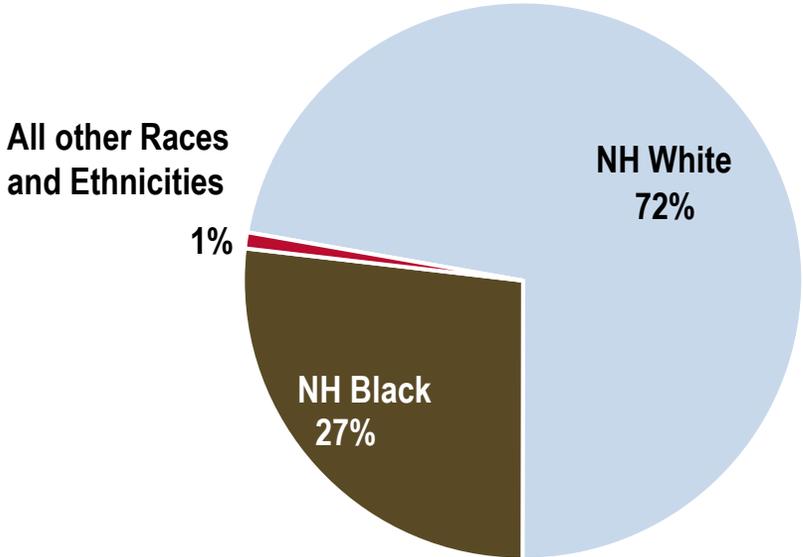


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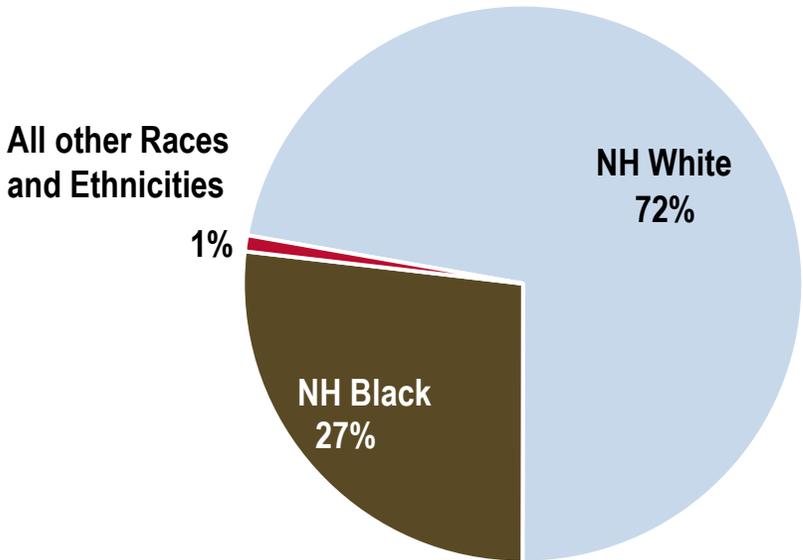
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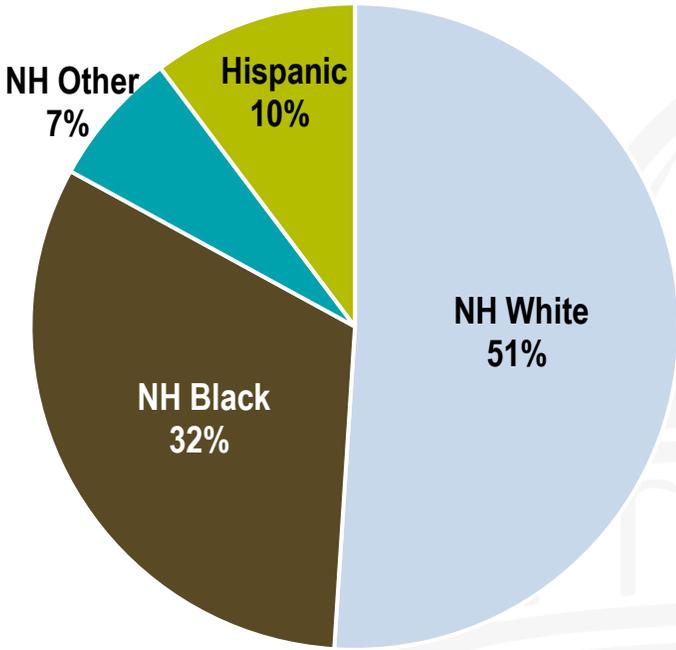
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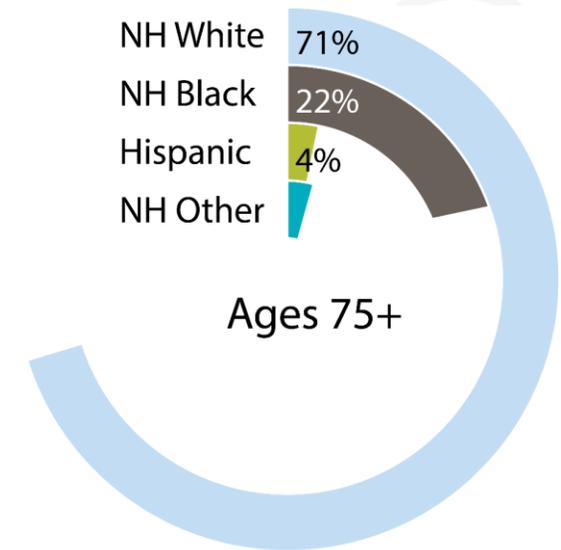


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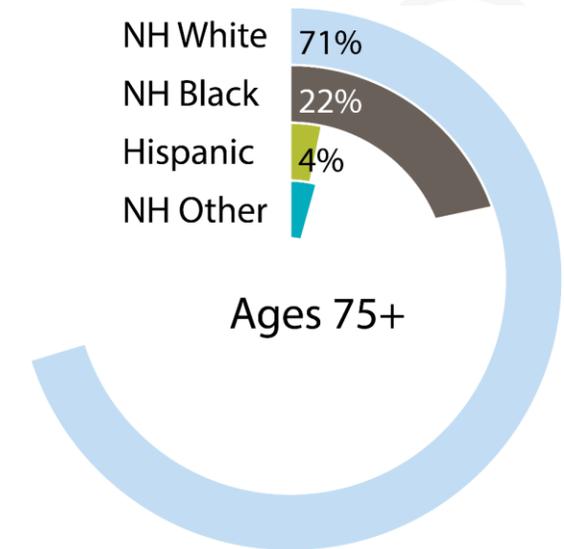
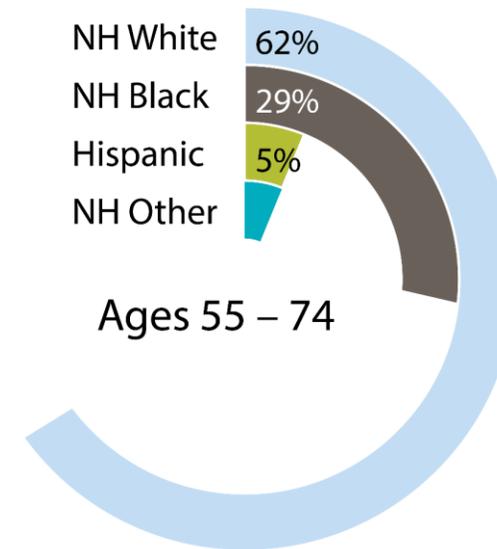


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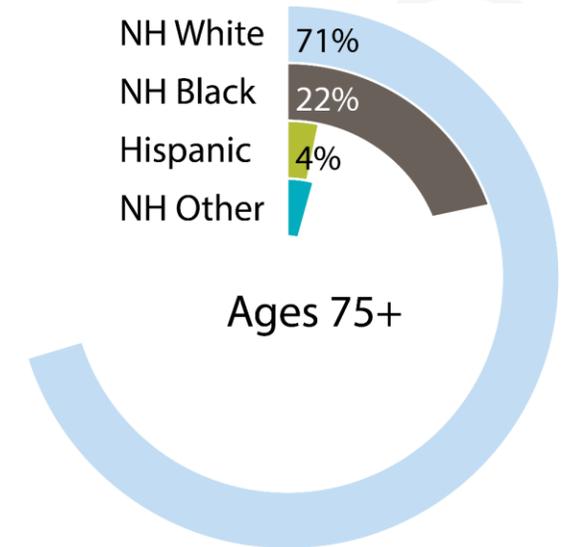
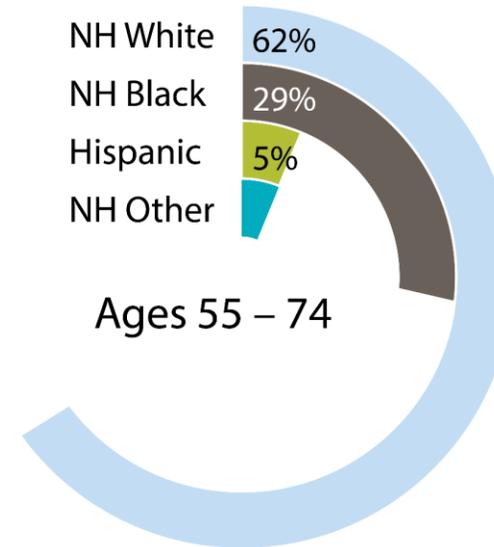
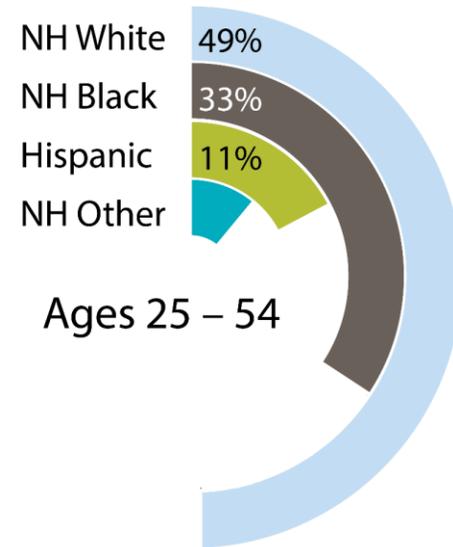
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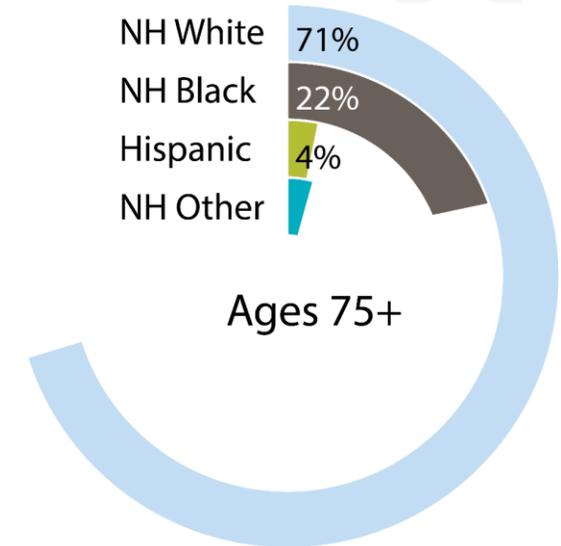
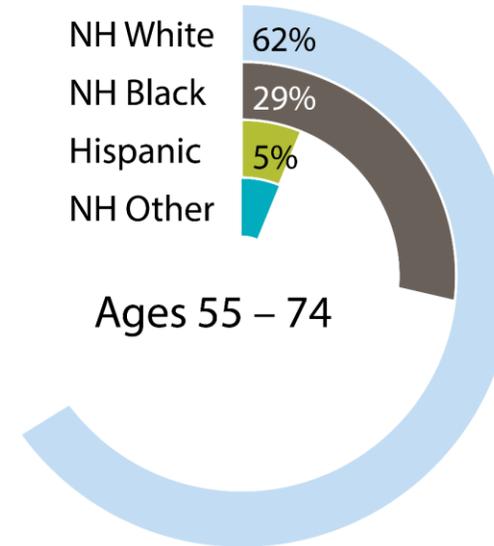
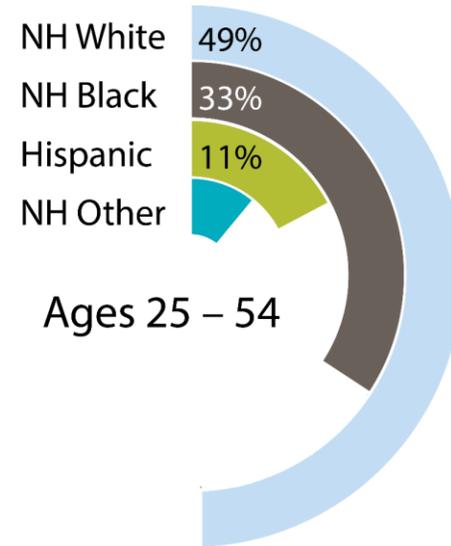
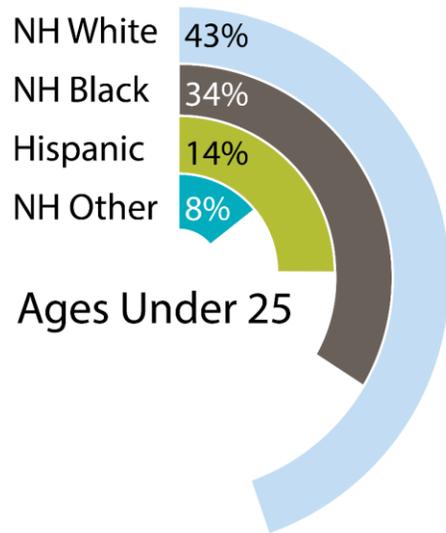
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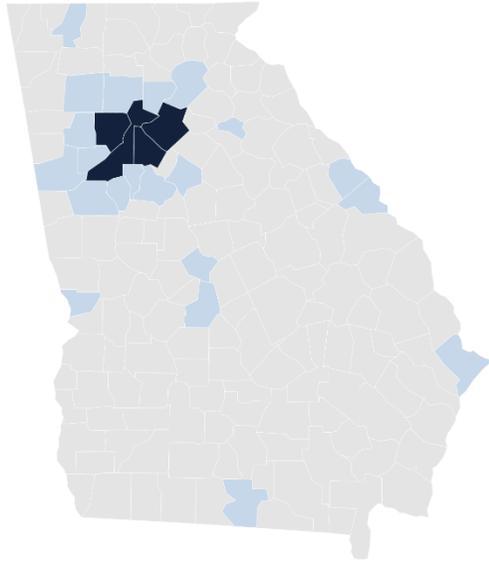


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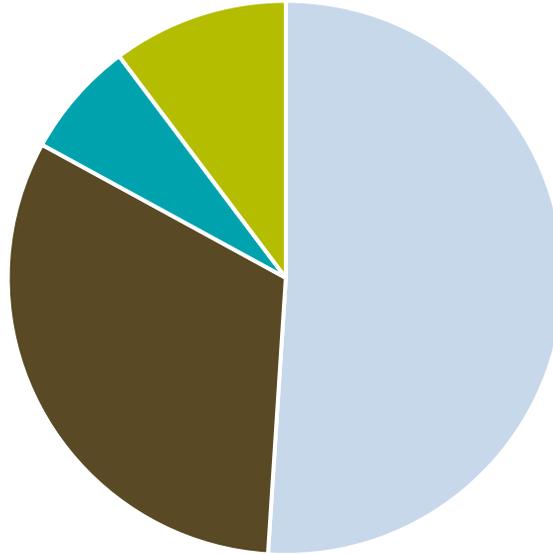


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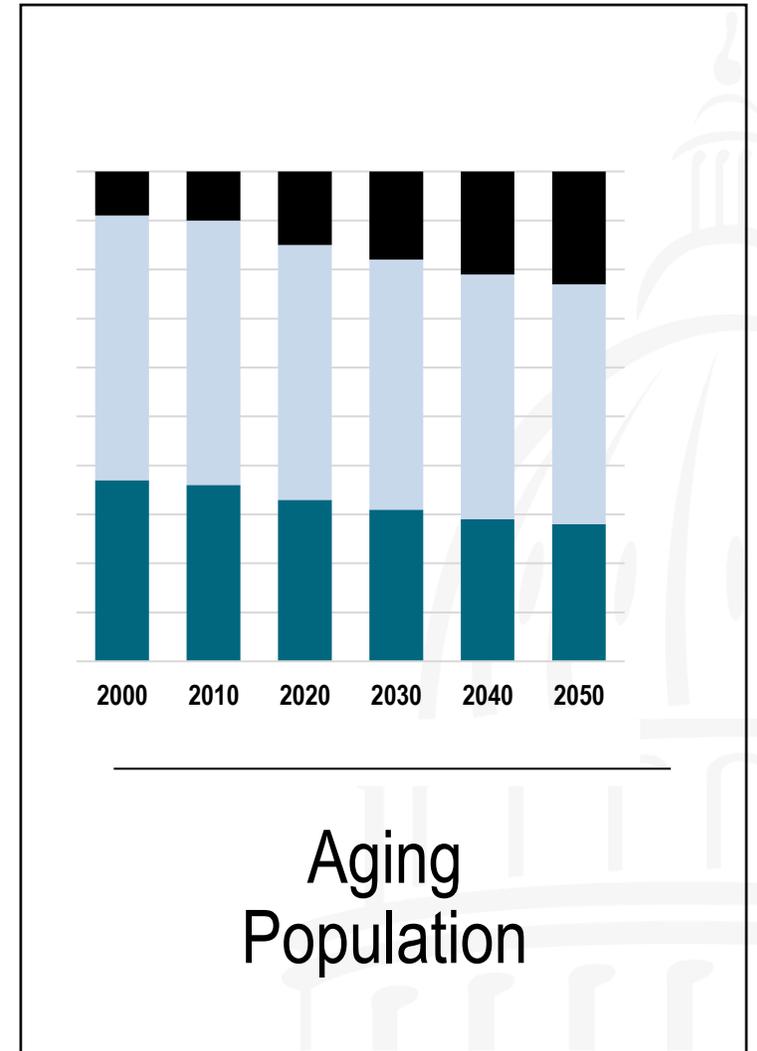




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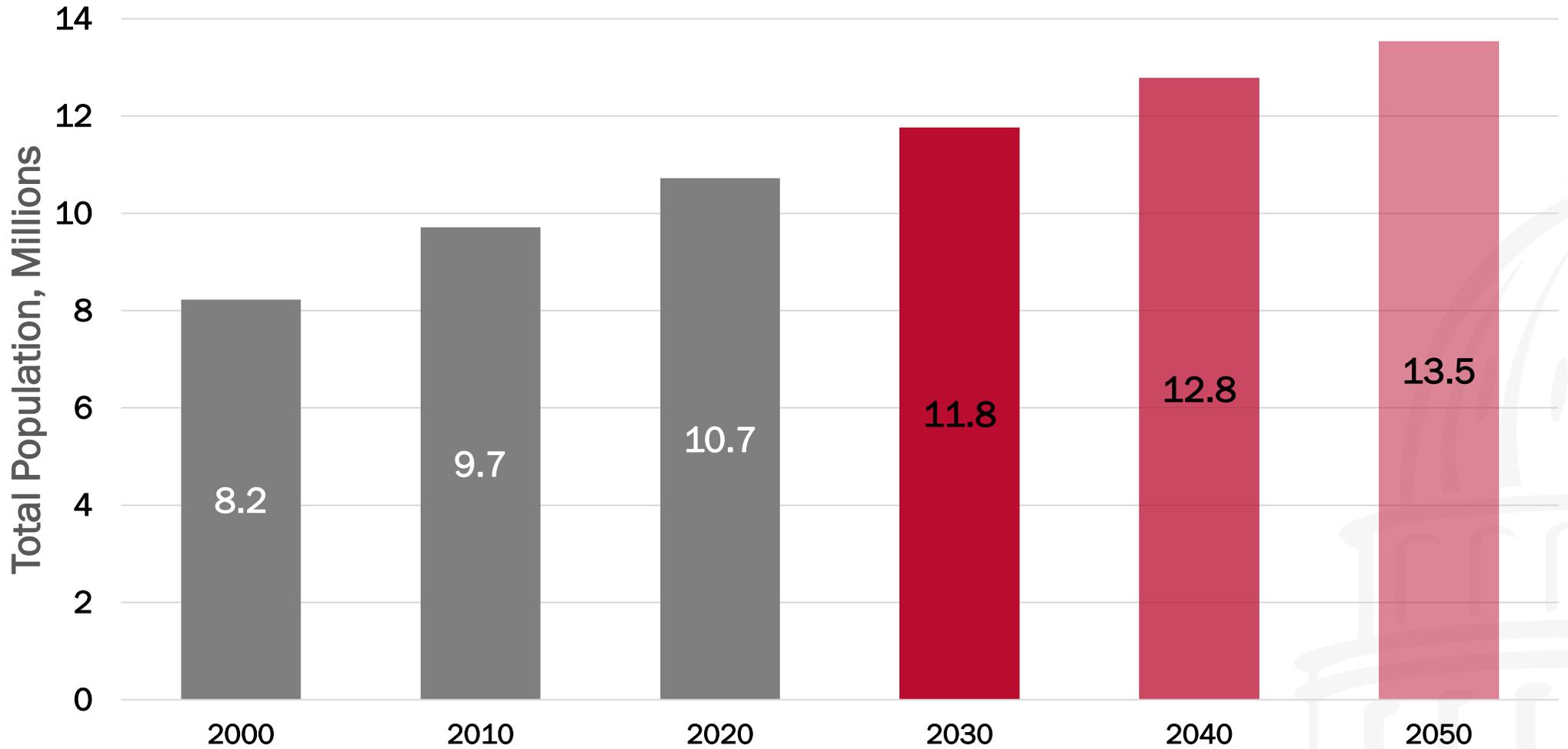


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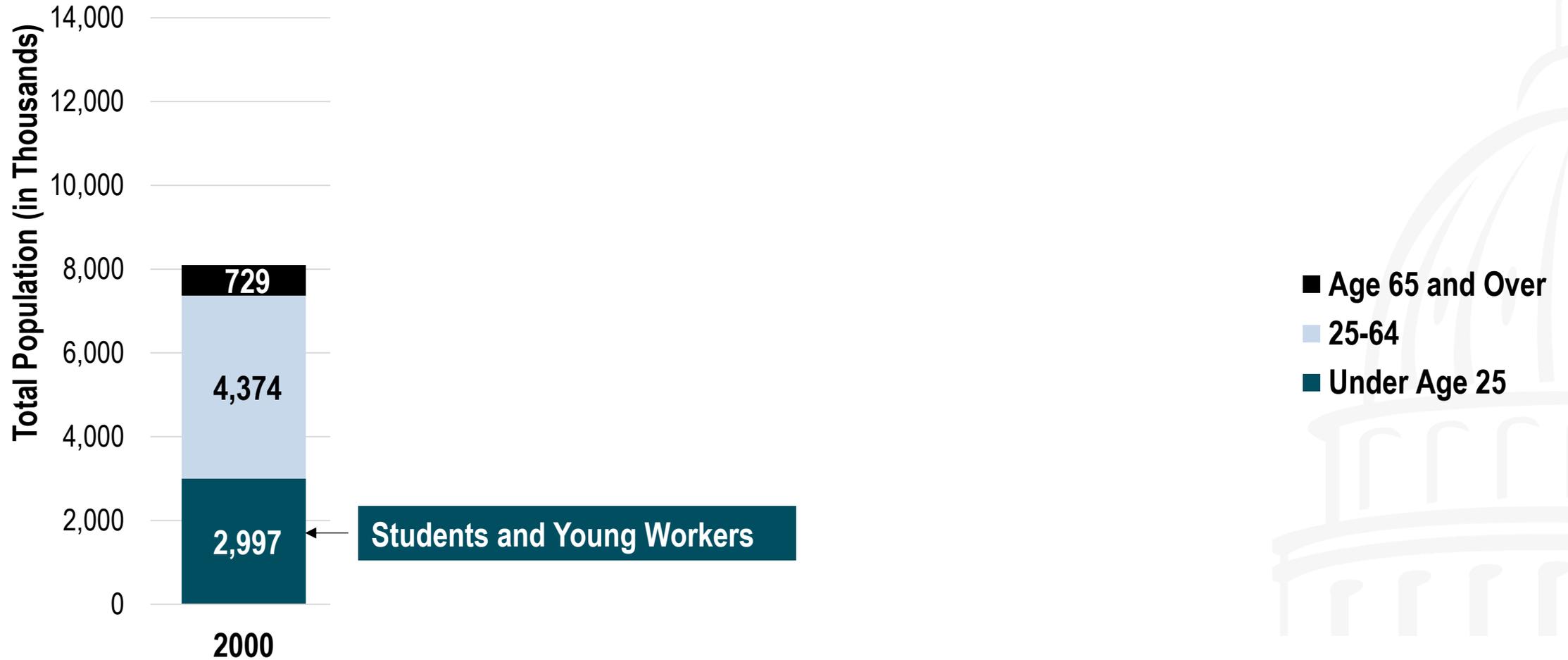


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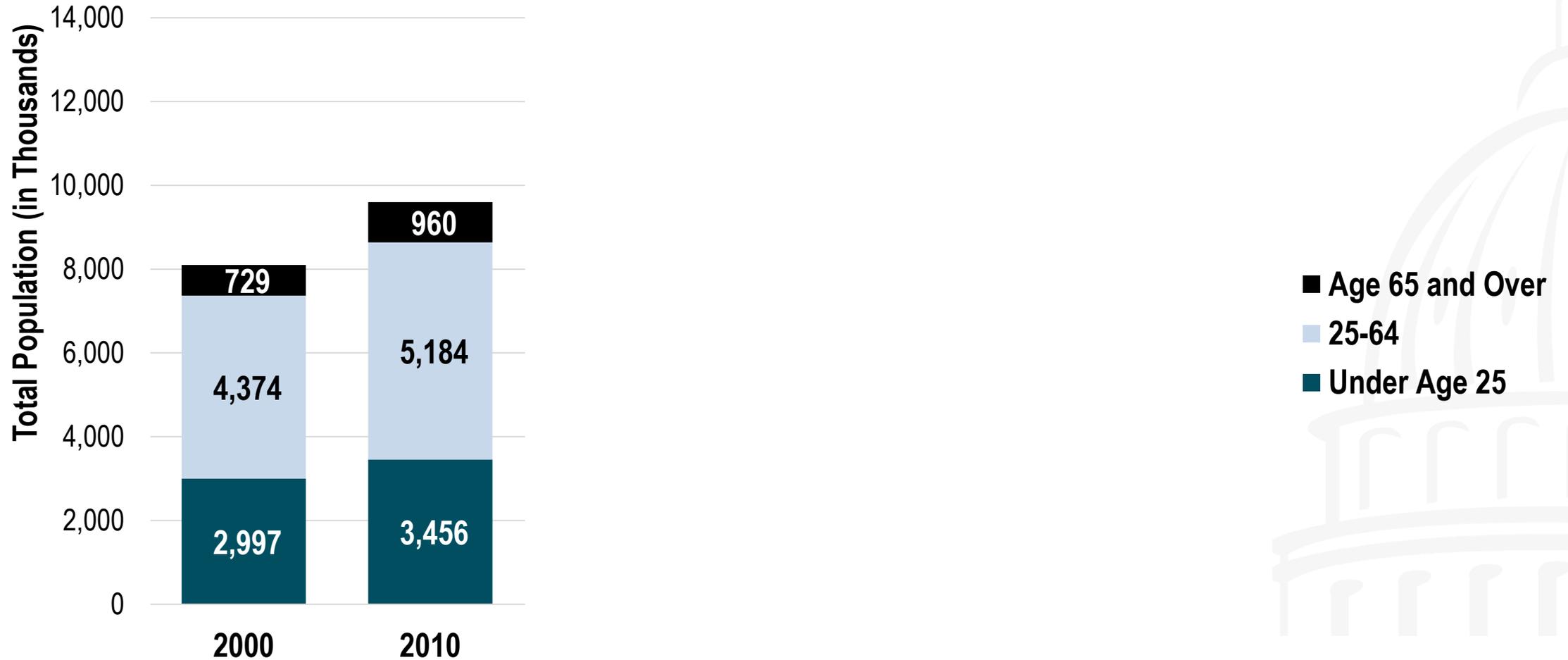
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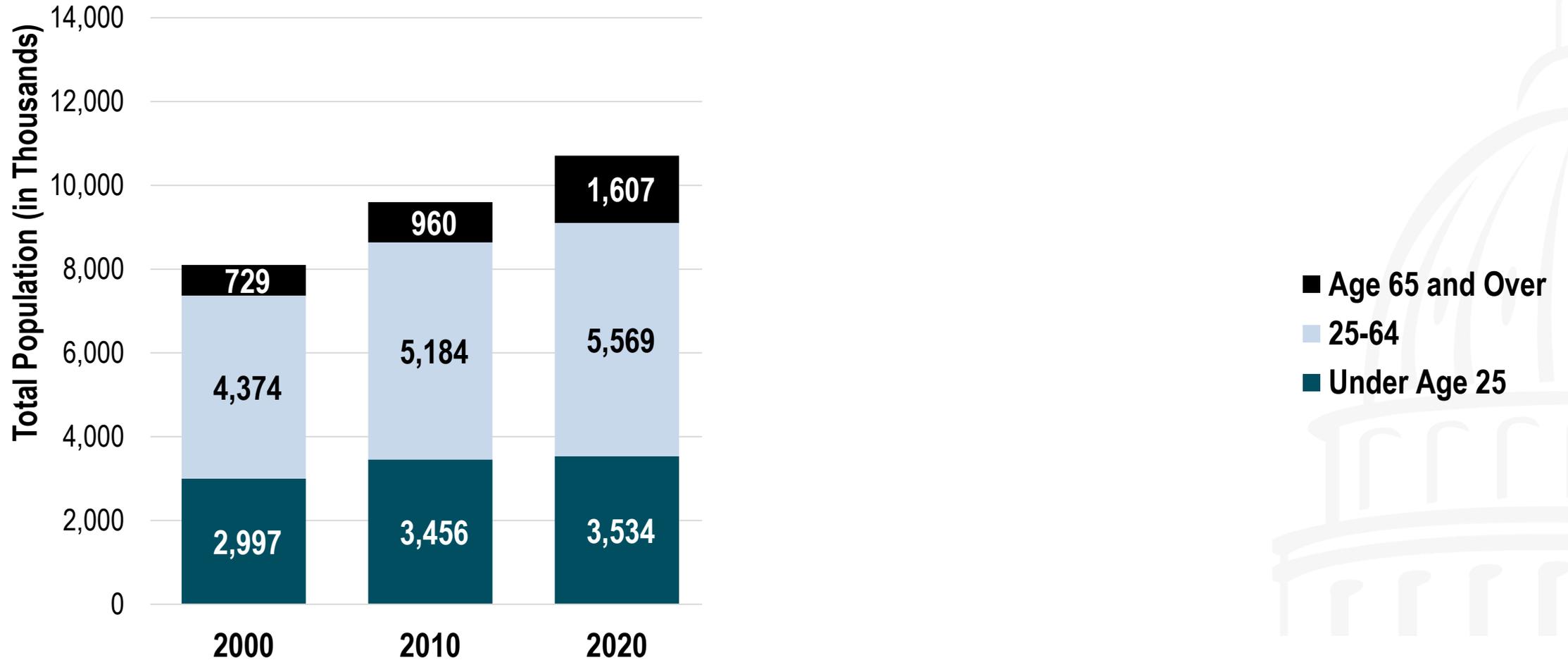
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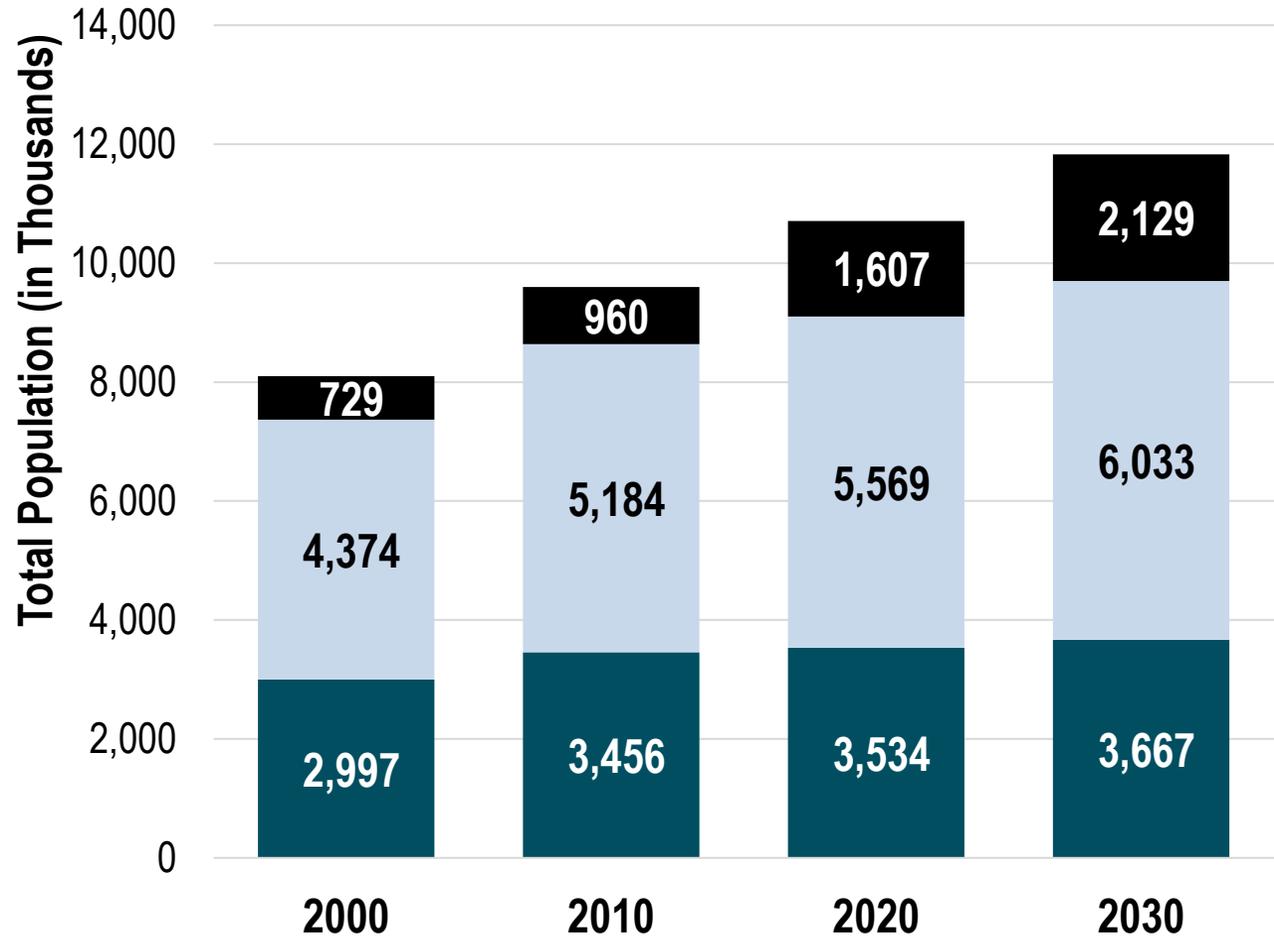
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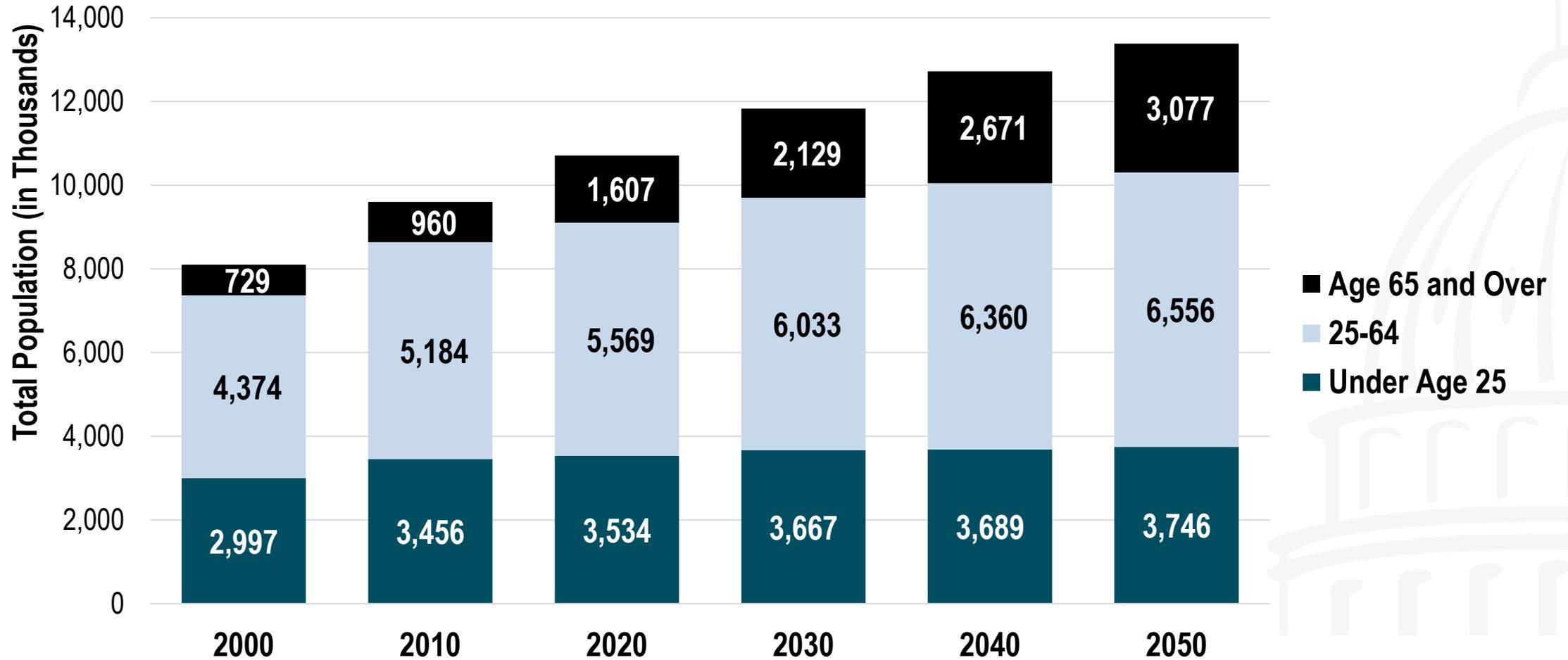
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- Age 65 and Over
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- Under Age 25

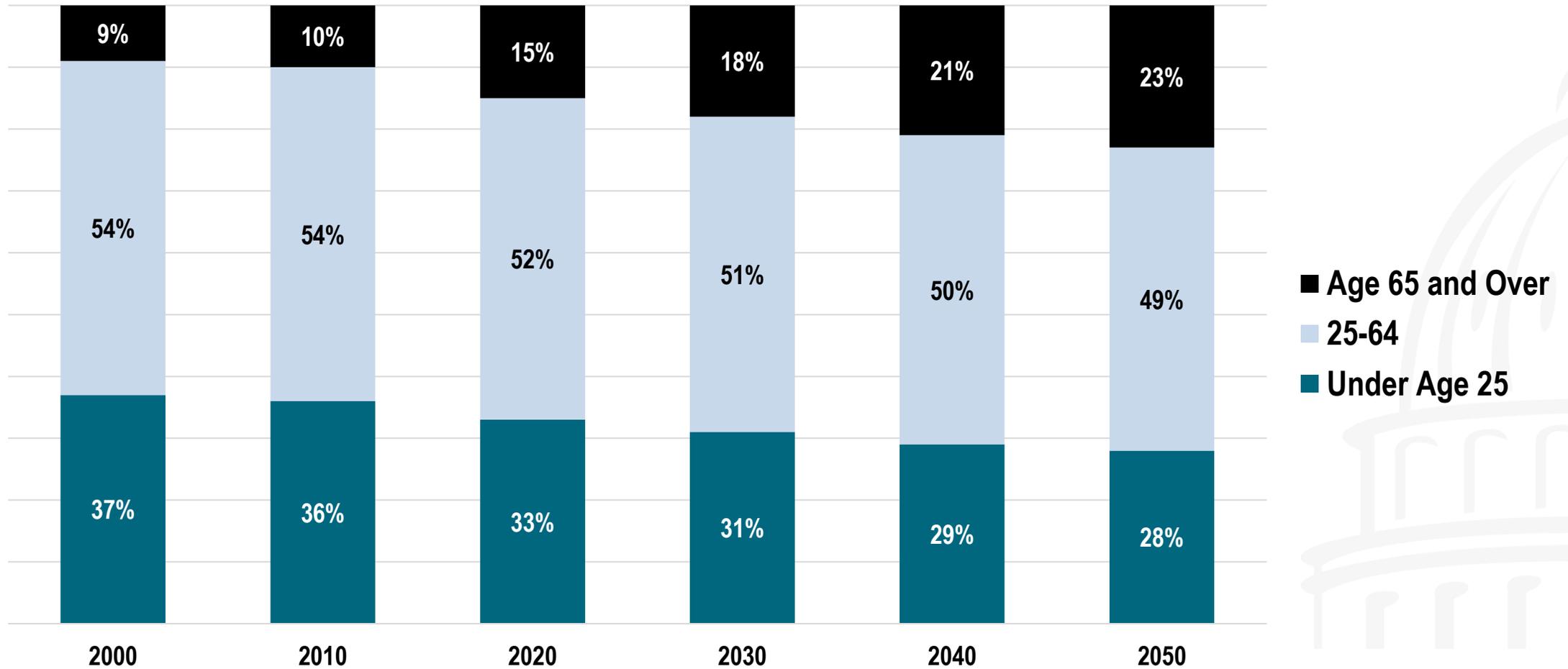
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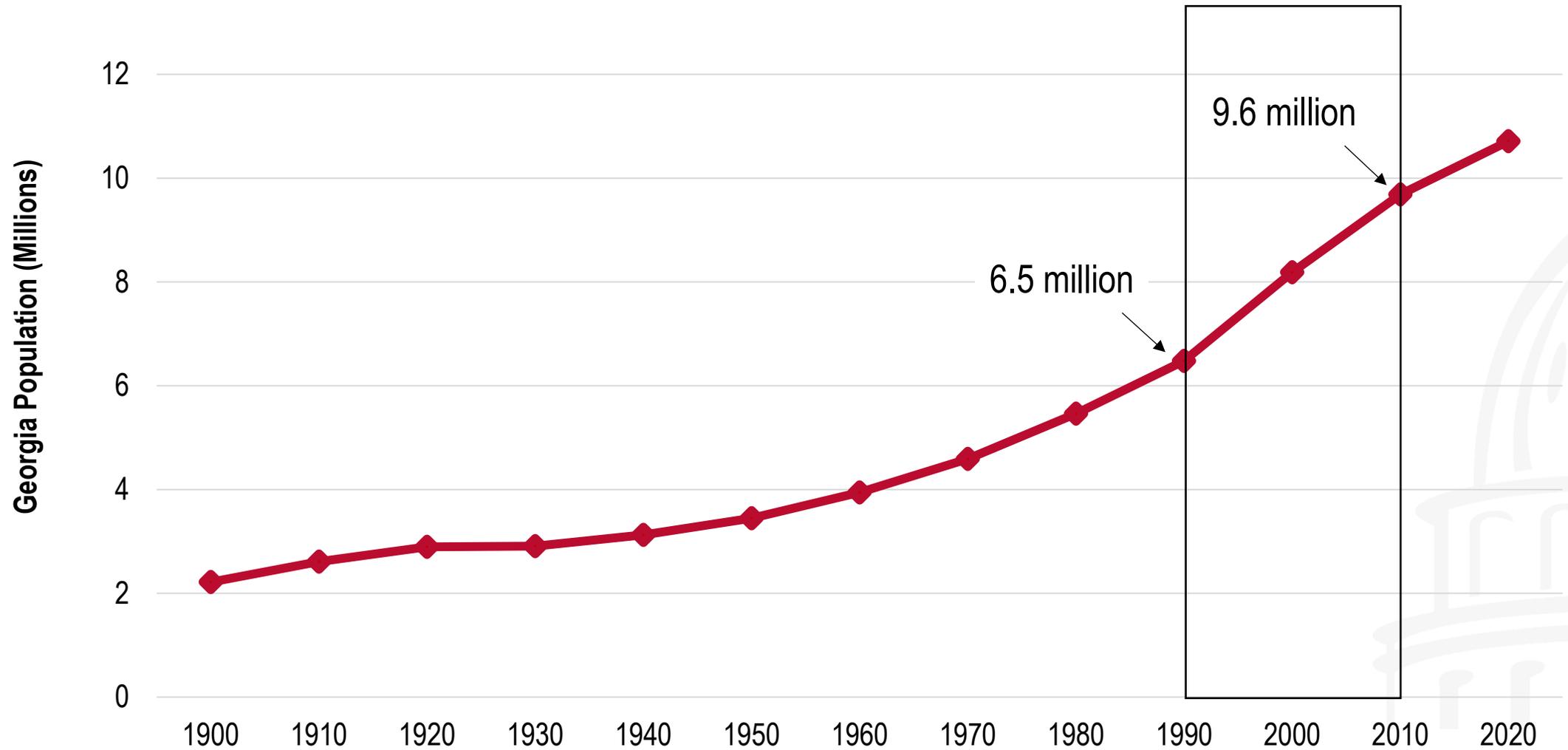
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Georgia's Changing Age Distribution



Why is Georgia's population aging?

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Georgia's Demographic Trends, In Summary

- Georgia's Population Growth has slowed
 - Remains among fastest and largest growing states in the country
 - Domestic migration drives Georgia's population growth
- Georgia's Demographics are Attractive to Economic Development
 - Georgia has the 10th youngest median age
- Aging Population
 - Over age 65 population is growing faster than rest of state
- Racial and Ethnic Transition
 - Especially among younger generations
- Suburban and Exurban areas projected to experience fastest growth in next 20 years

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