

City of Chamblee, Georgia

## **ANALYSIS FINDINGS**

# **STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

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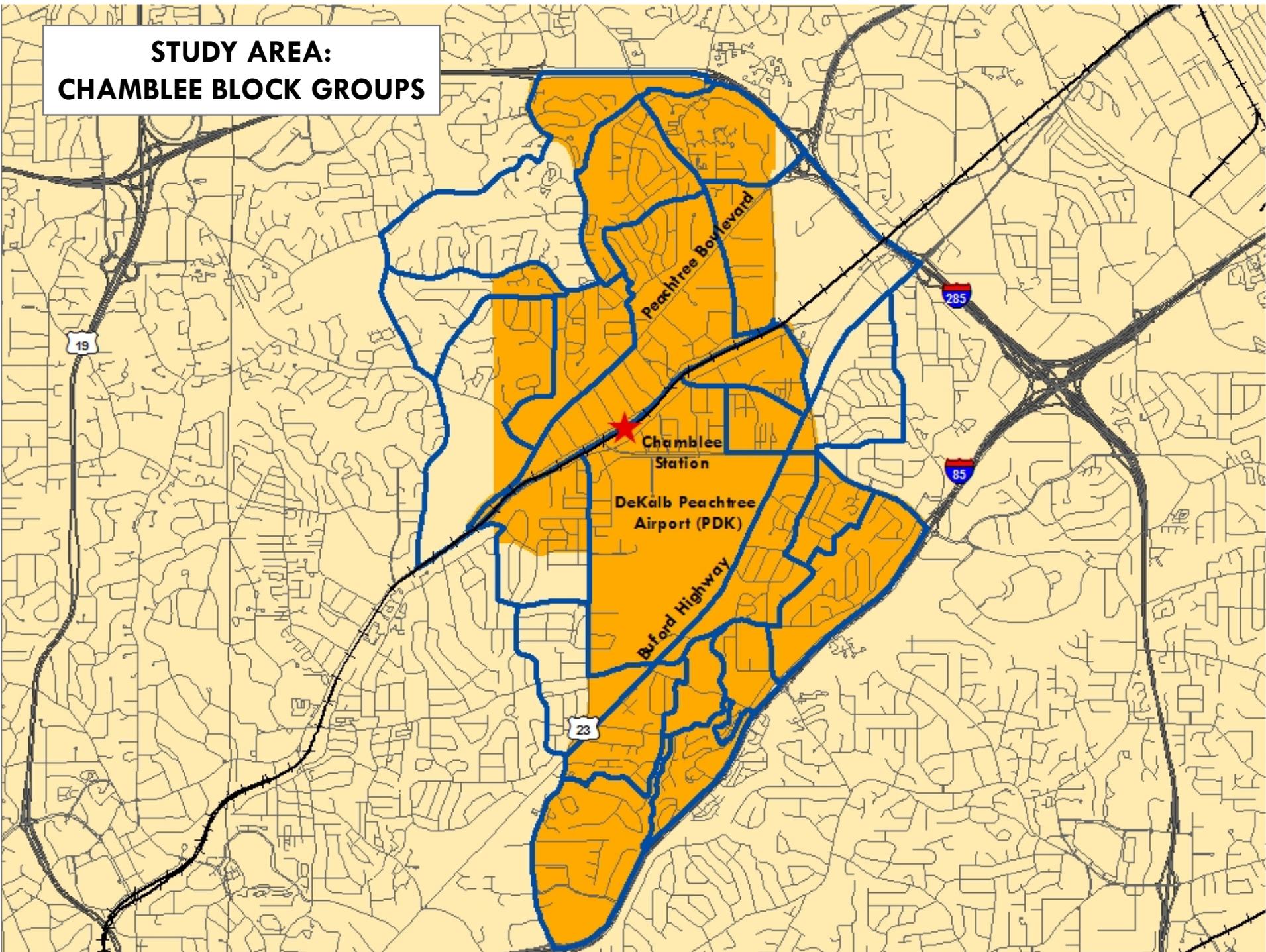
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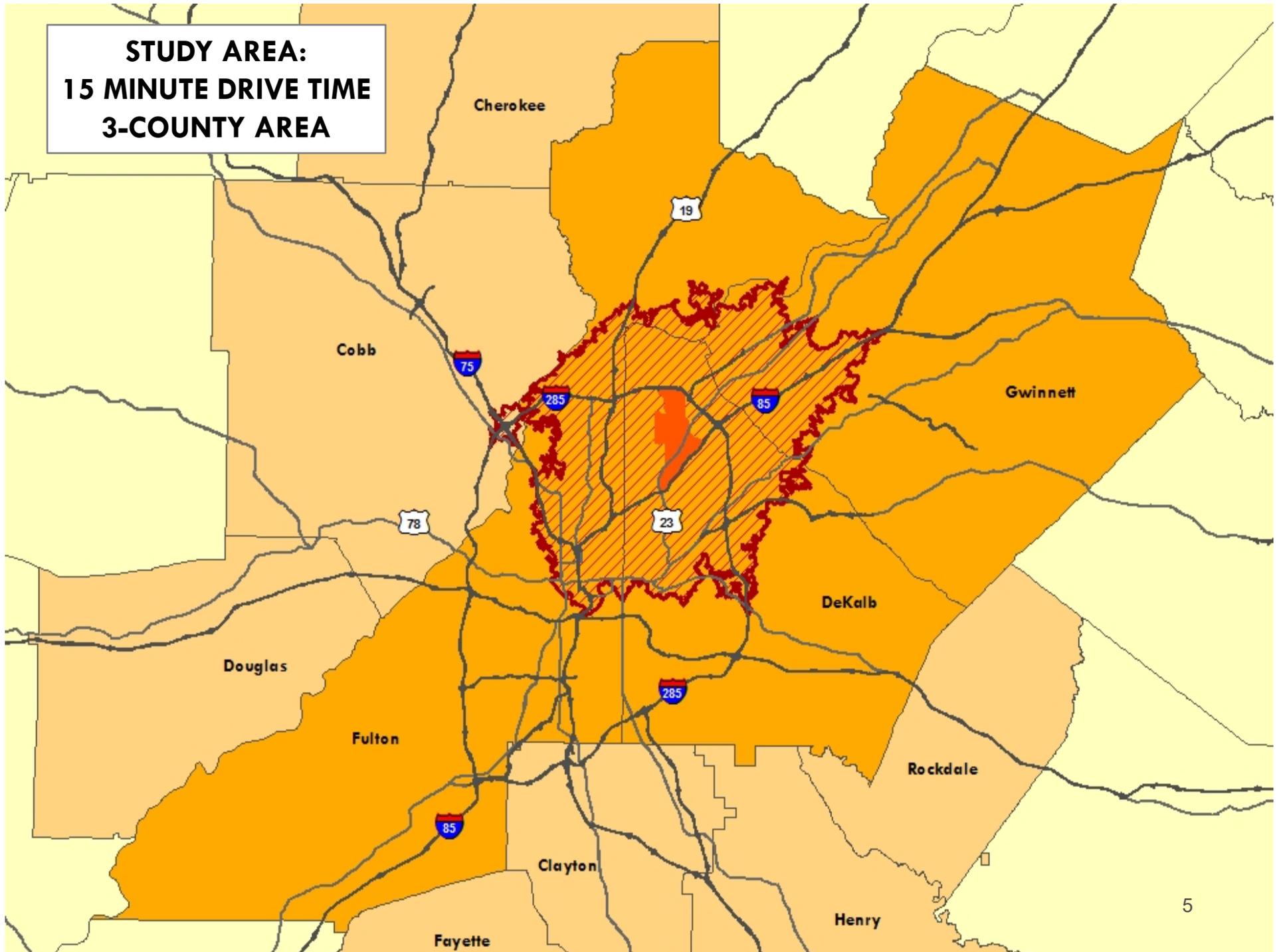
- **Kick-Off meeting**
- **Initial stakeholder interviews**
- **Socioeconomic/Economic Base Analysis**
- **Non-Residential Market Analysis**

# DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

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CHAMBLEE BLOCK GROUPS**

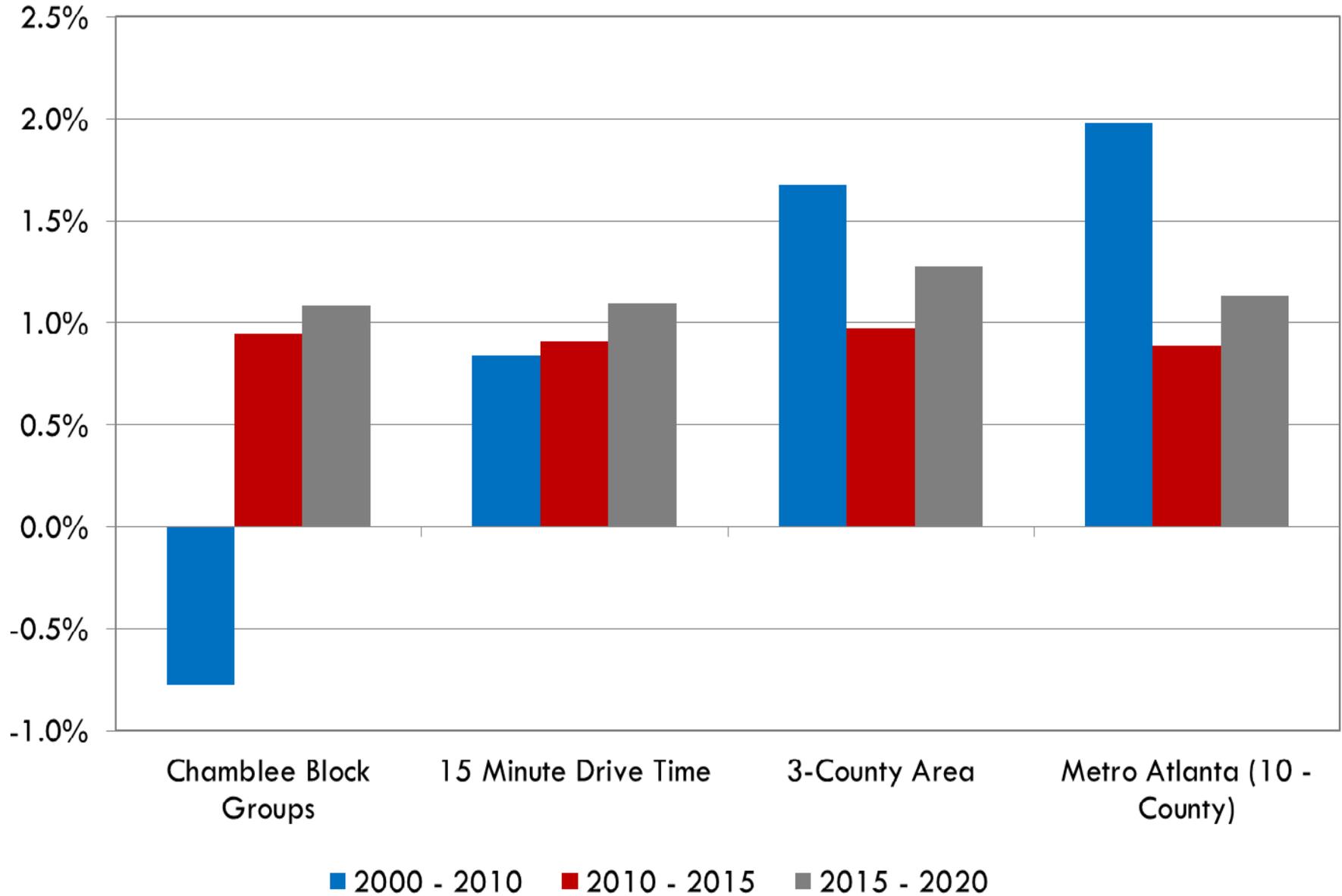


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3-COUNTY AREA**



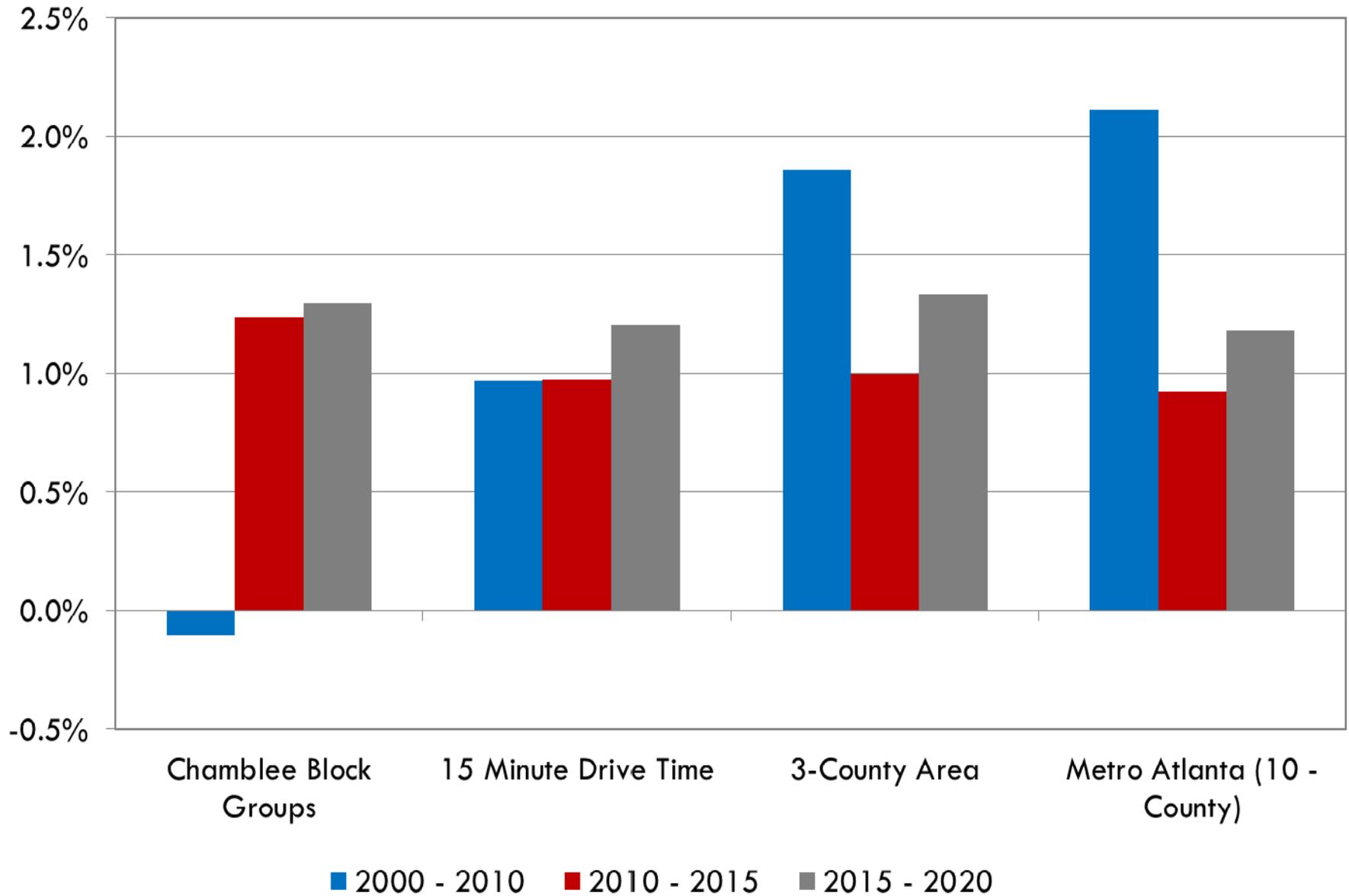
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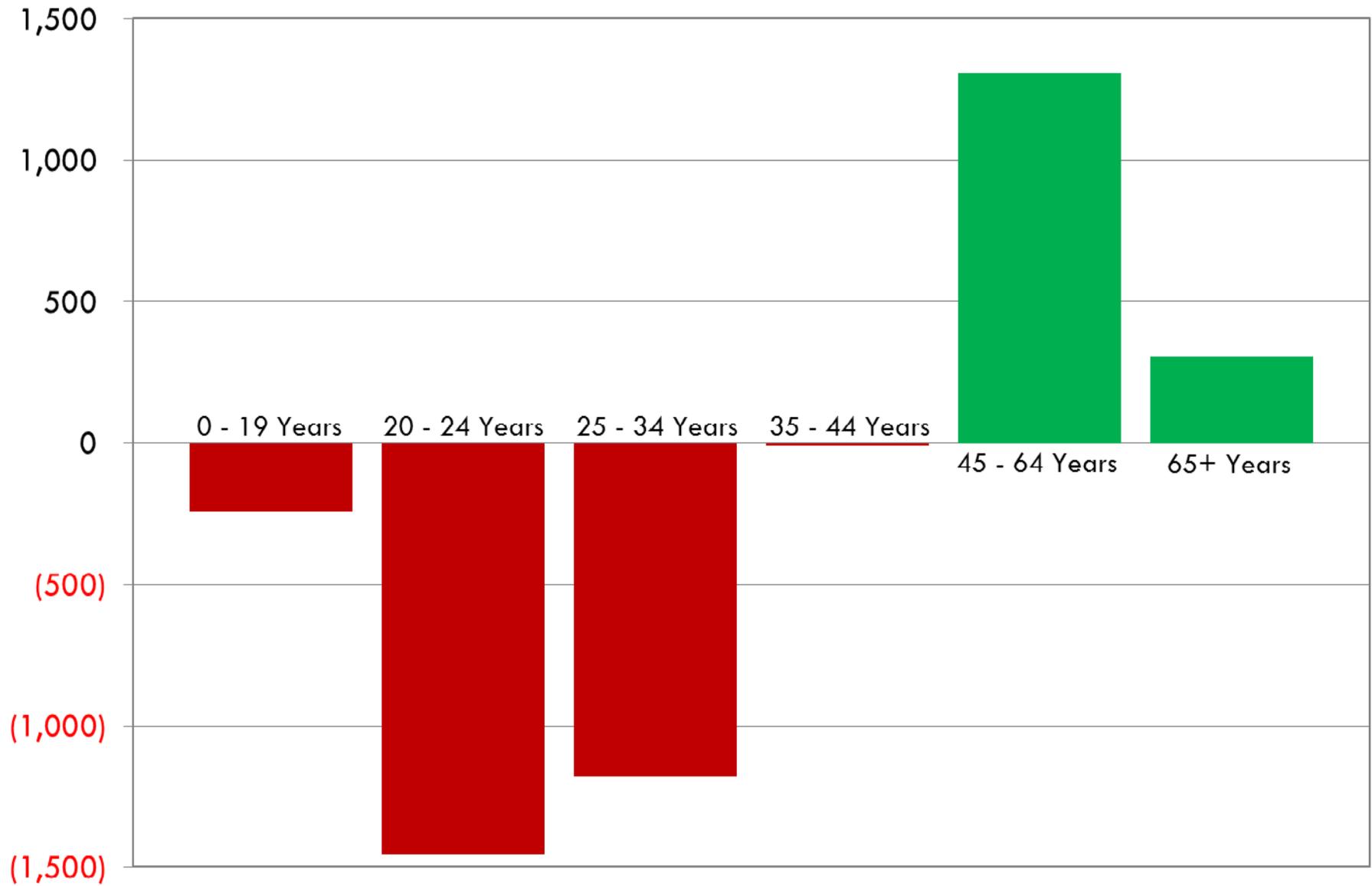
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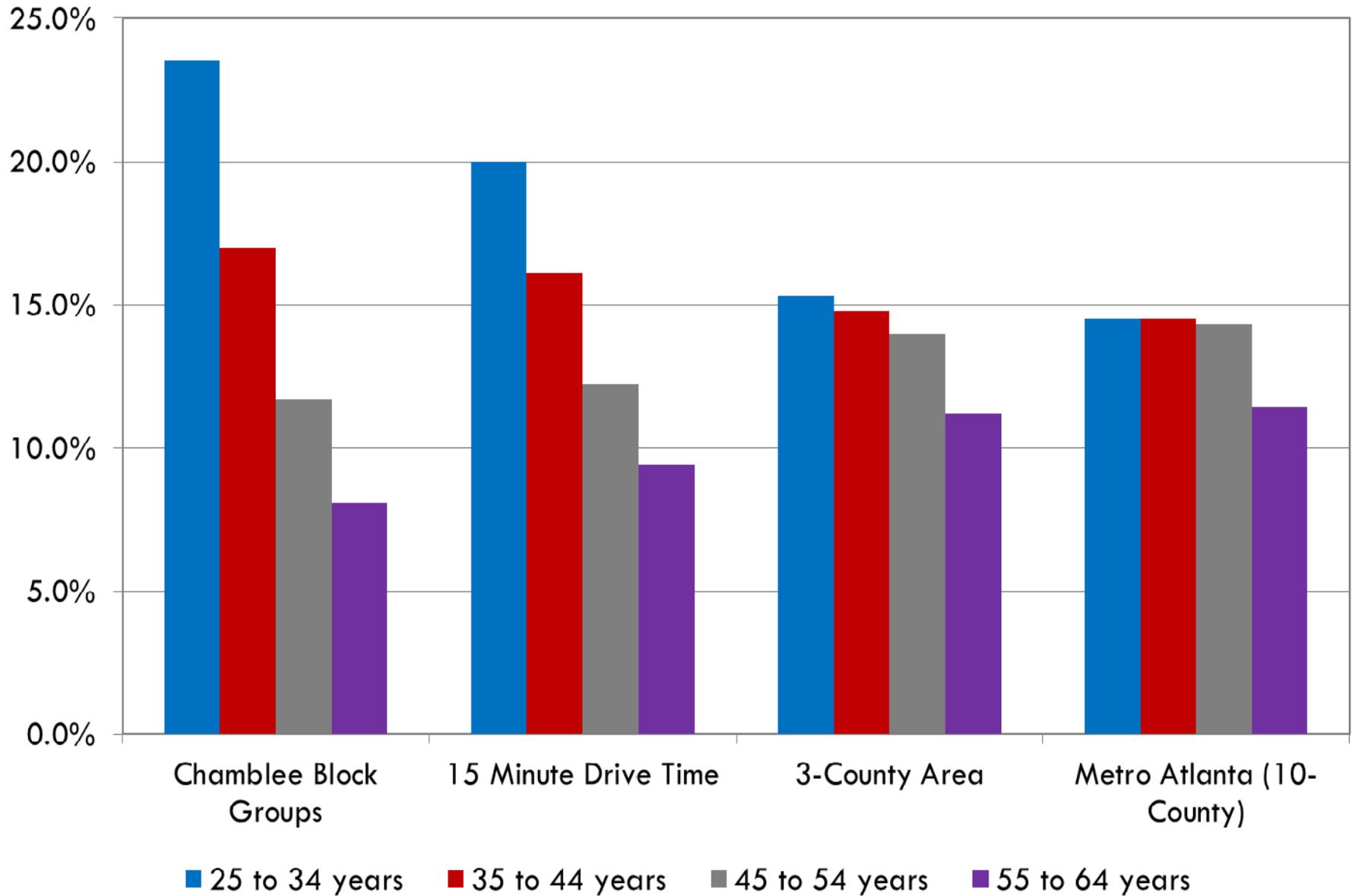
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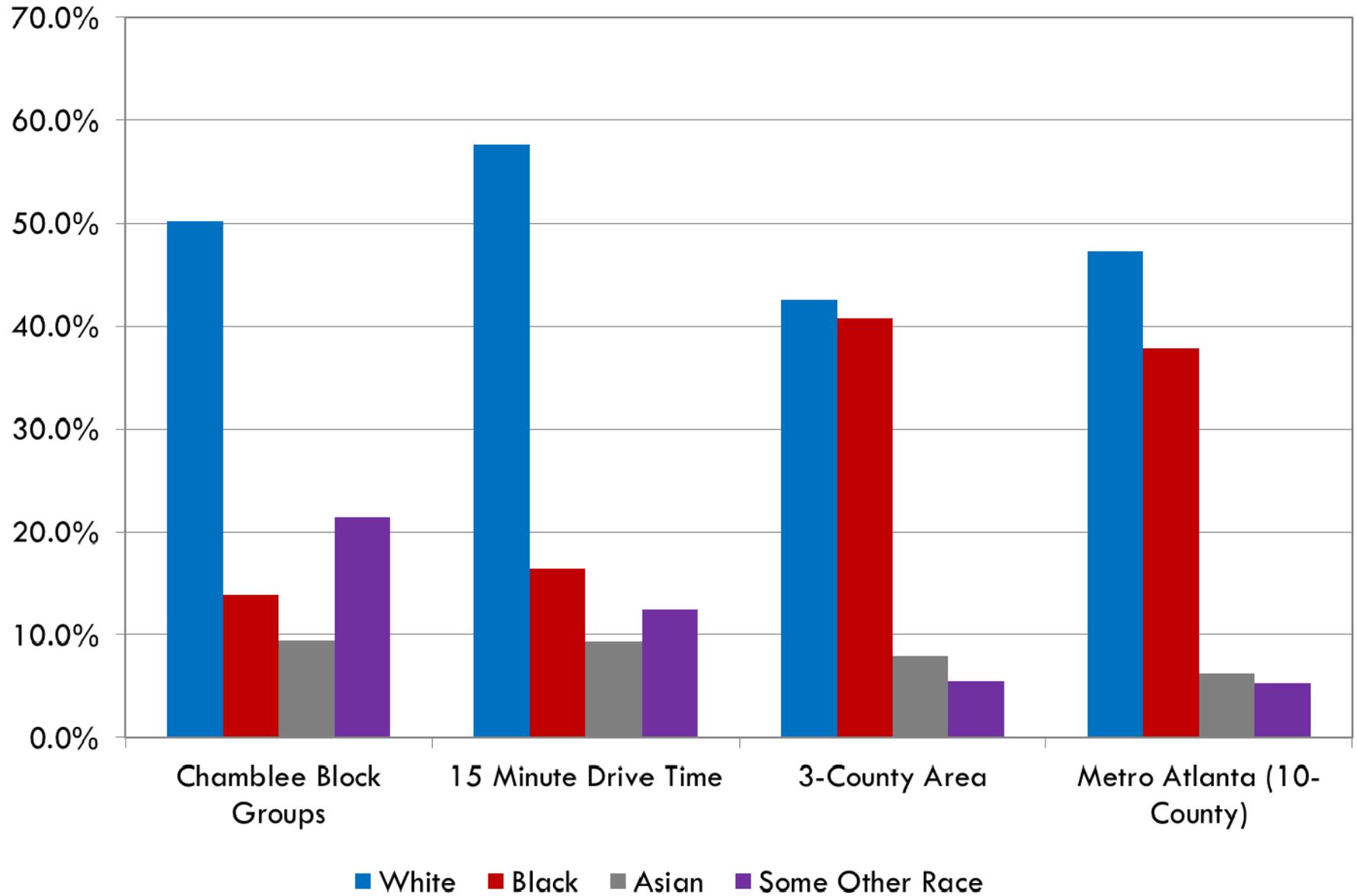
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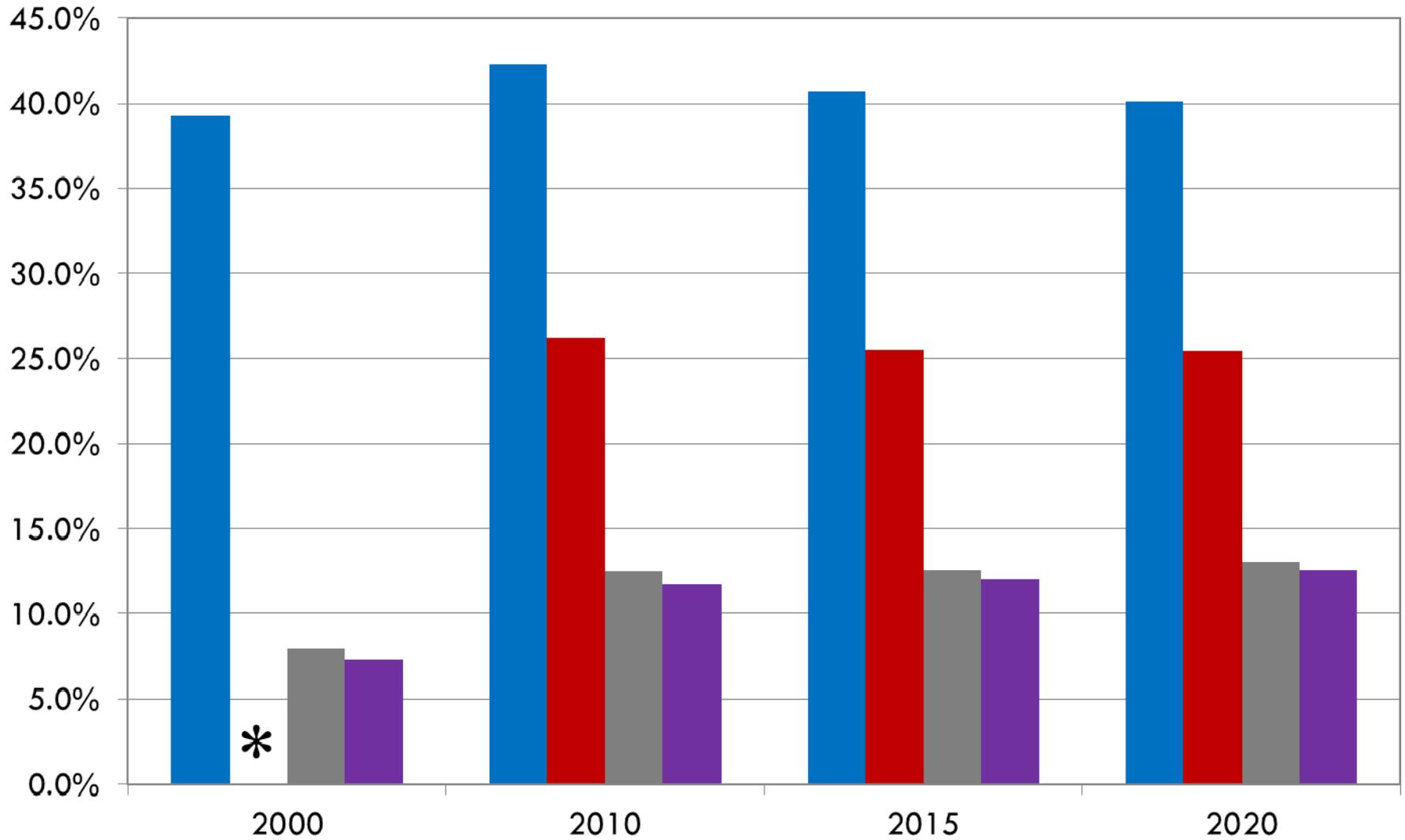
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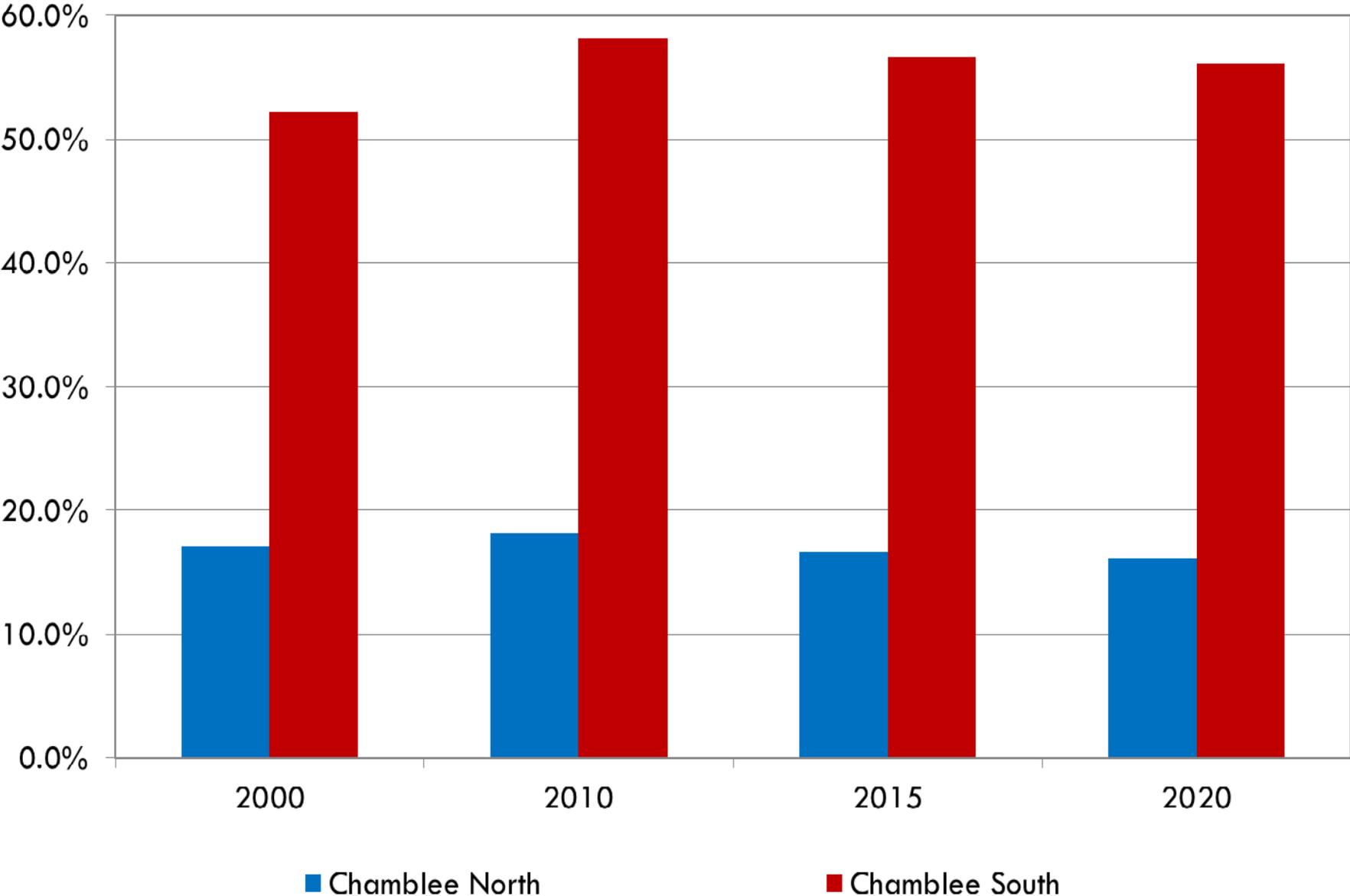


■ Chamblee Block Groups ■ 15 Minute Drive Time ■ 3-County Area ■ Metro Atlanta (10-County)

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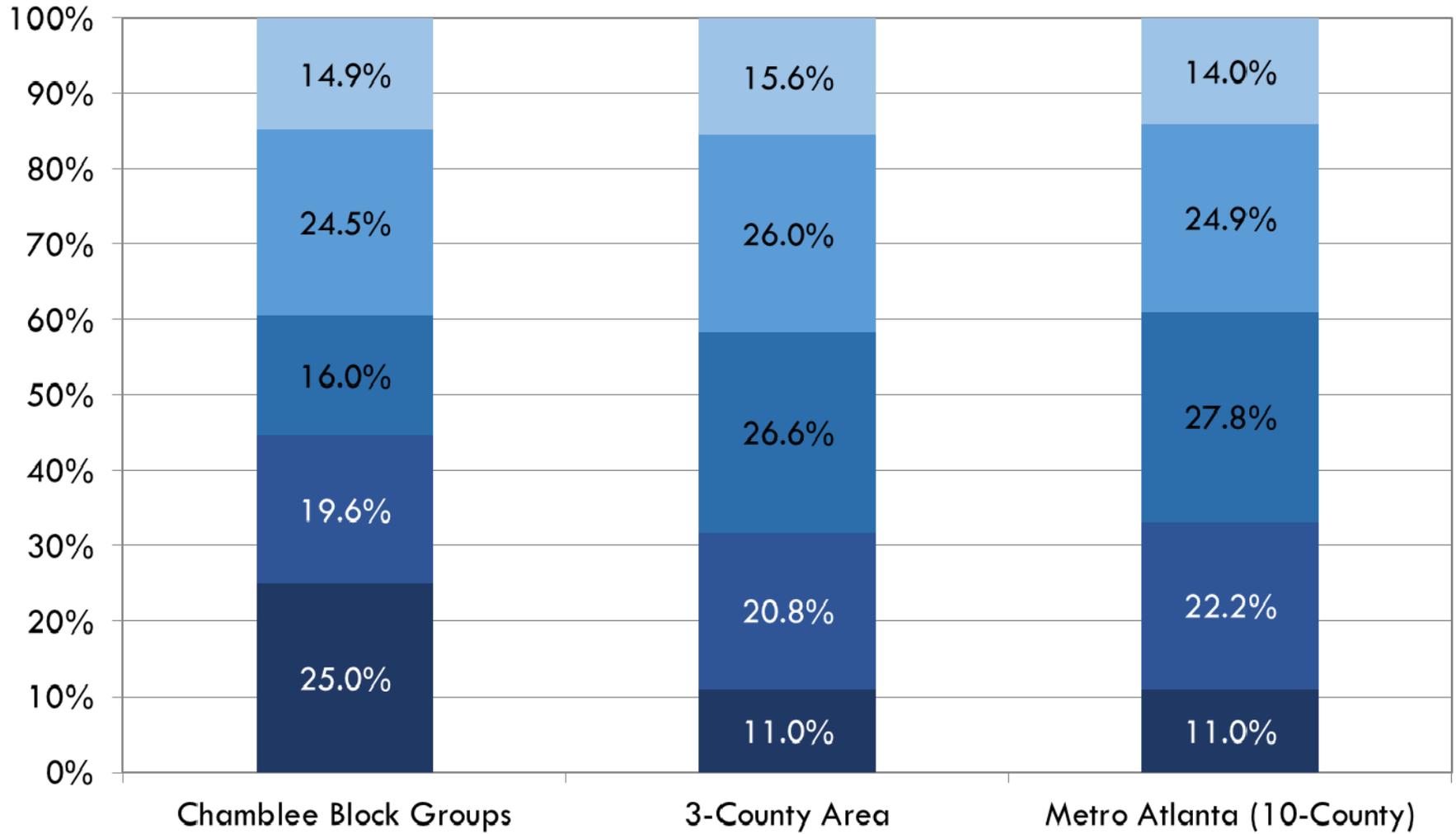
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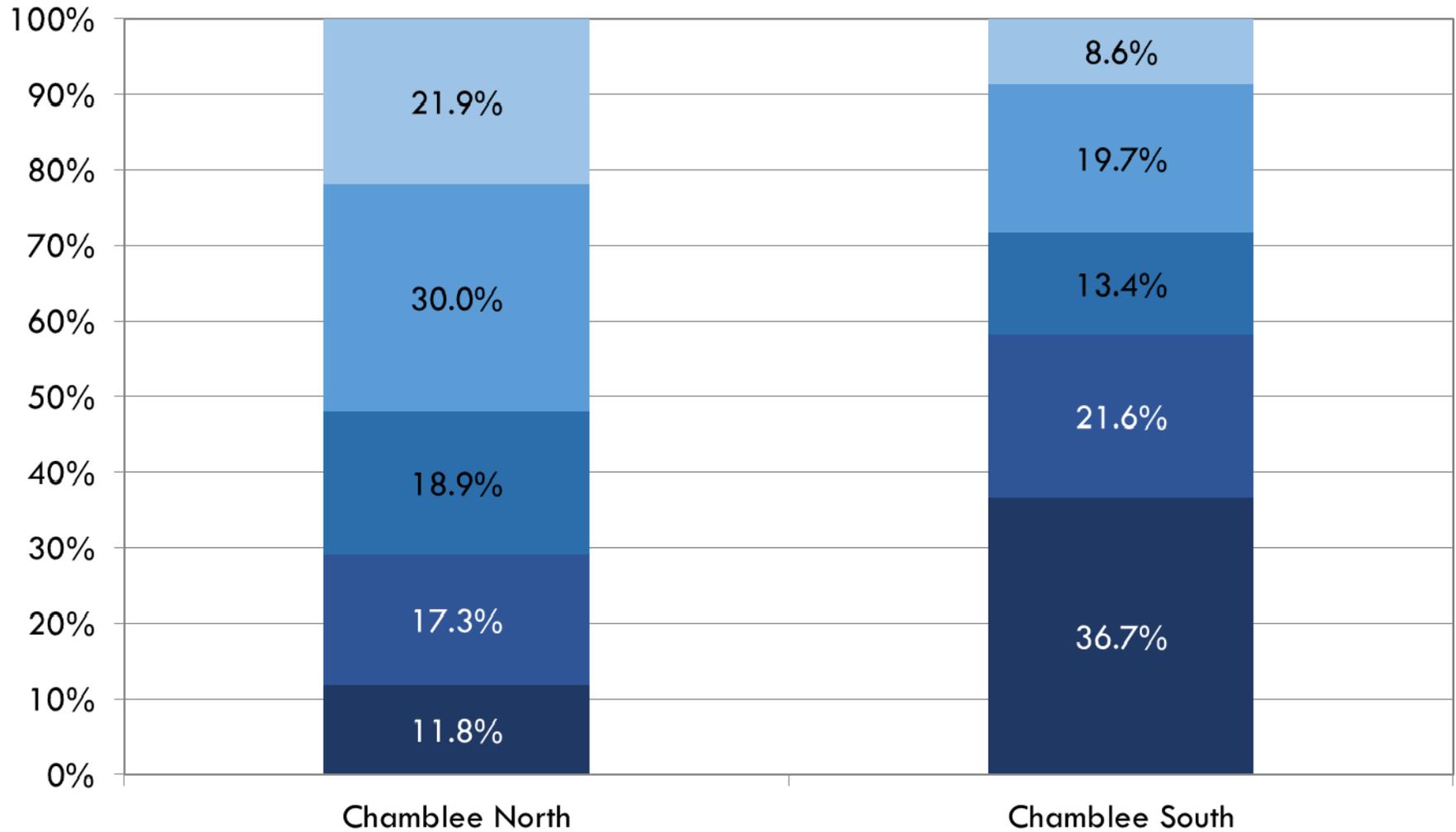


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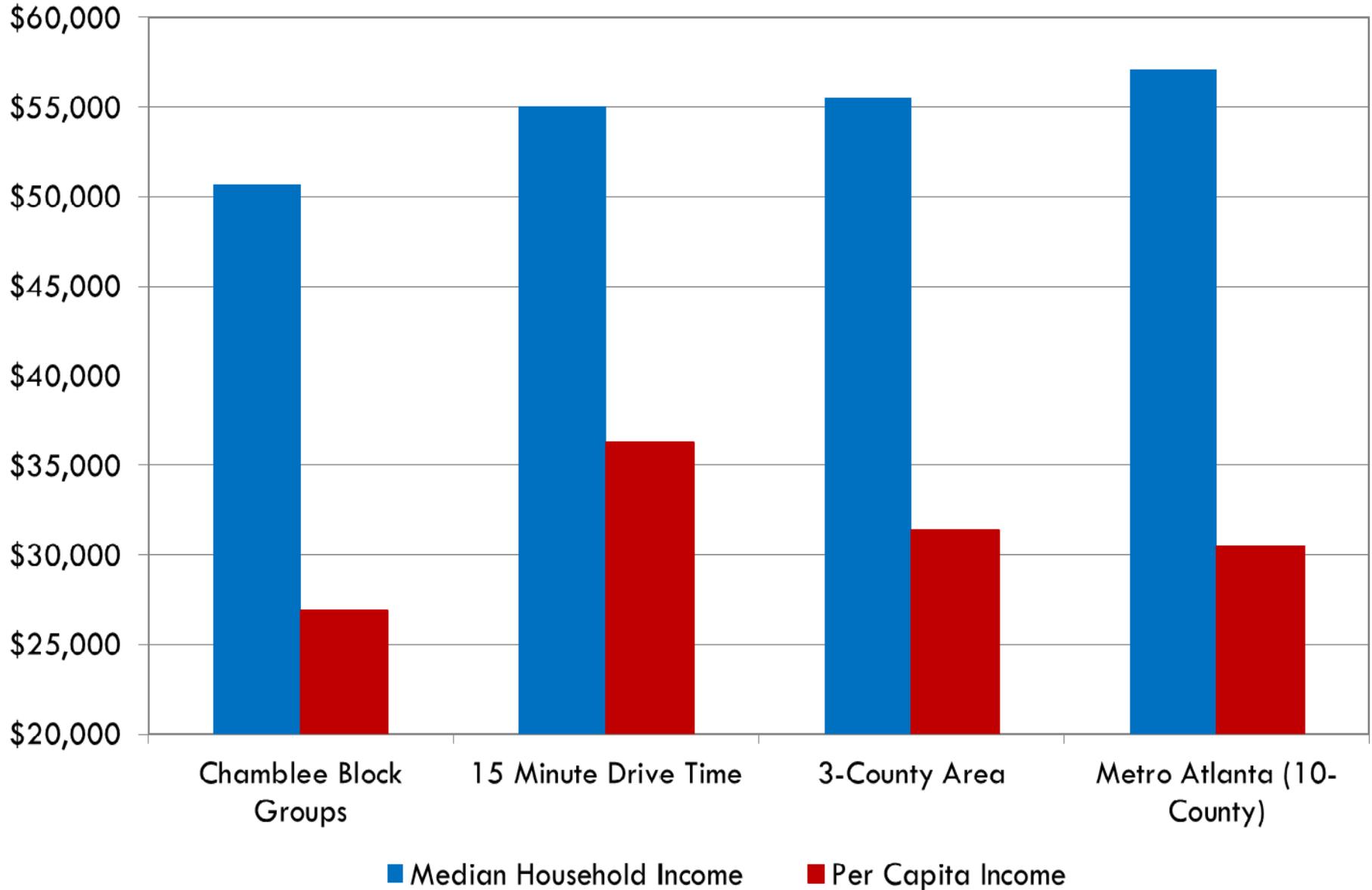


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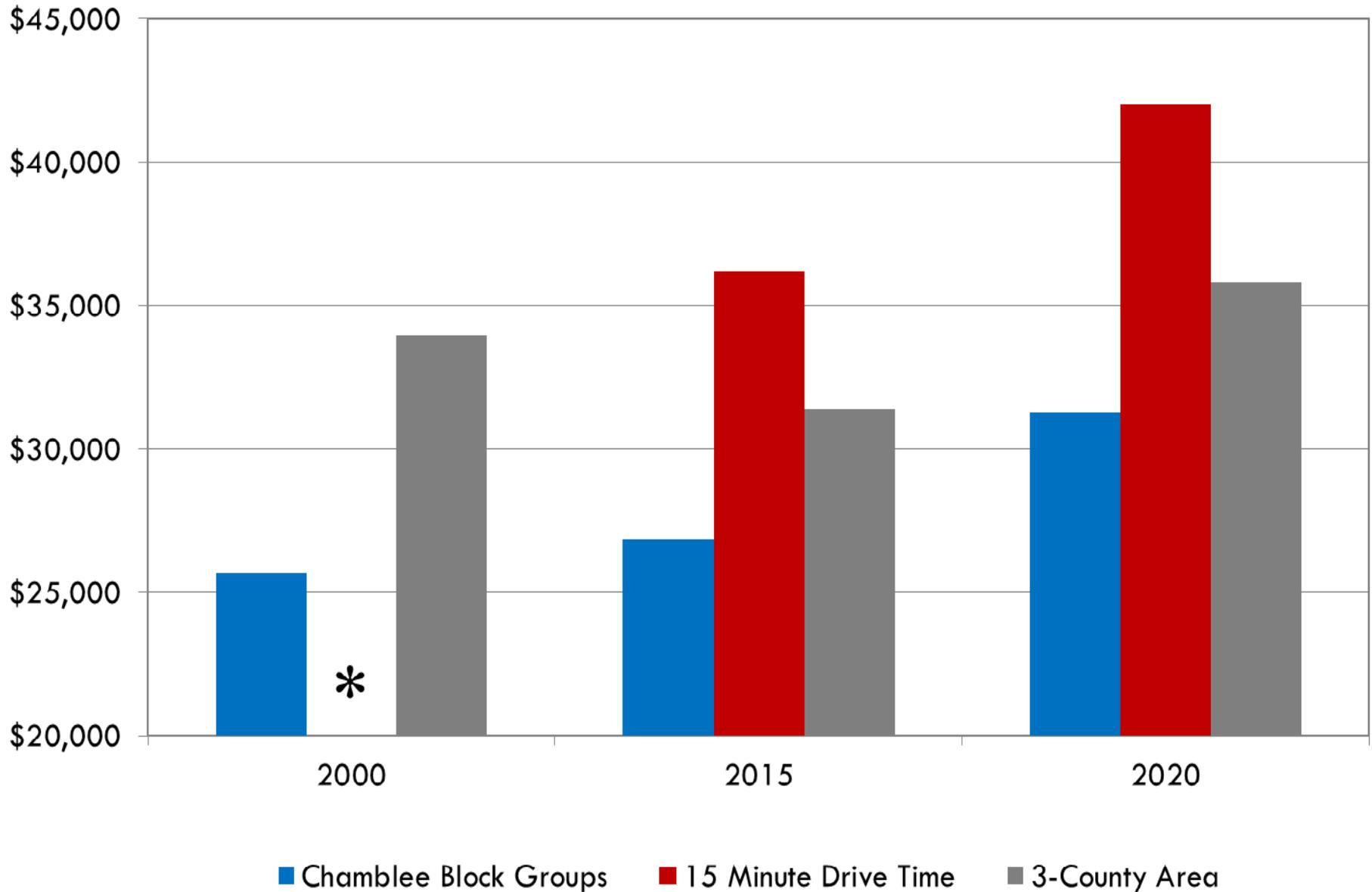
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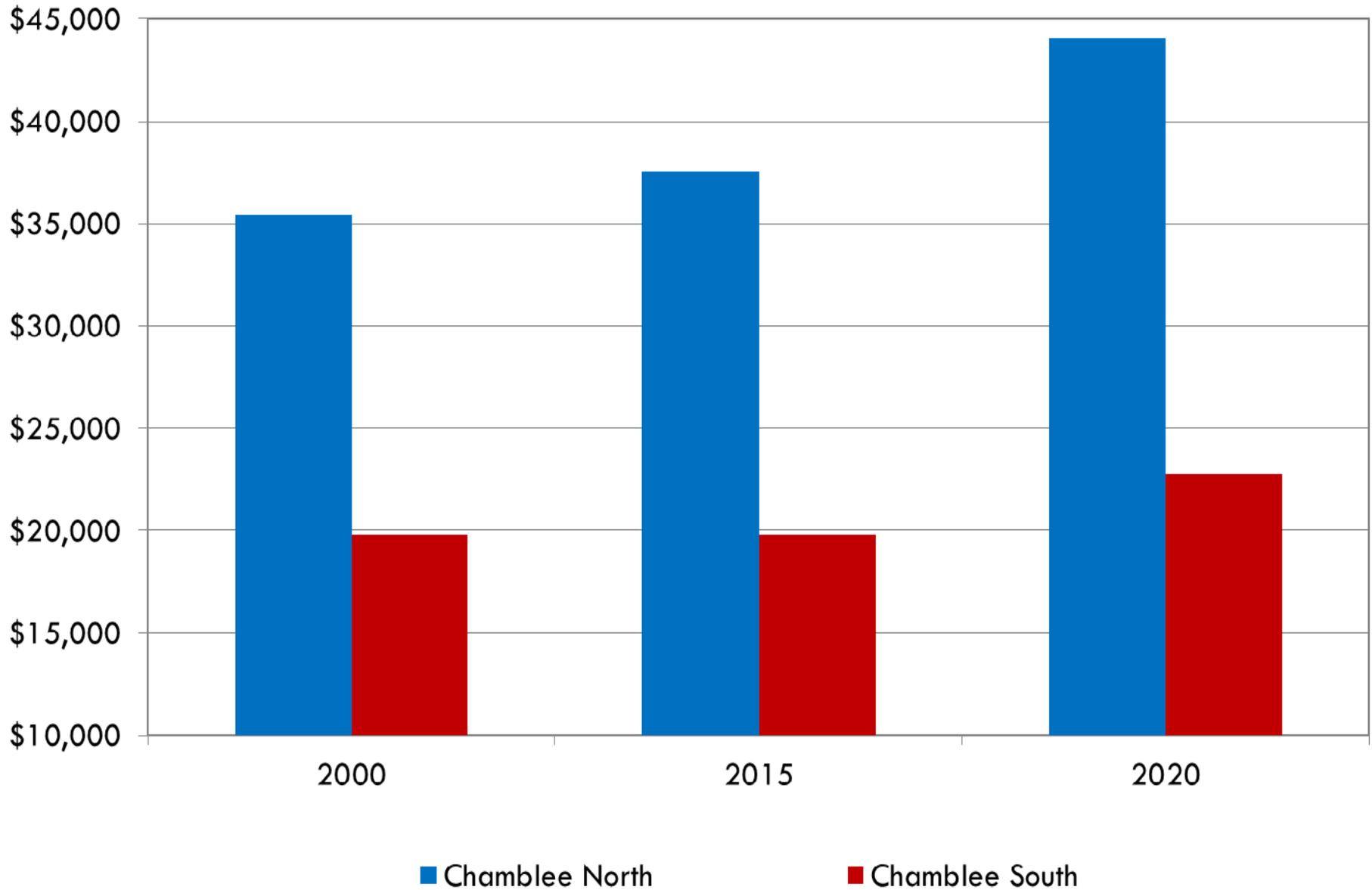
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# DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS IMPLICATIONS

- **Chamblee is a tale of two cities; very divergent with much different economic bases**
  - Population
  - Income
  - Education
- **The City's demographic has been changing in 'both halves'**
  - Getting older – Baby Boomers
  - Getting wealthier – development/investment
  - Getting more diverse - community
- **Economic development strategy will need to focus on each side to be most effective**
  - Cannot have a 'single' strategy and benefit all residents

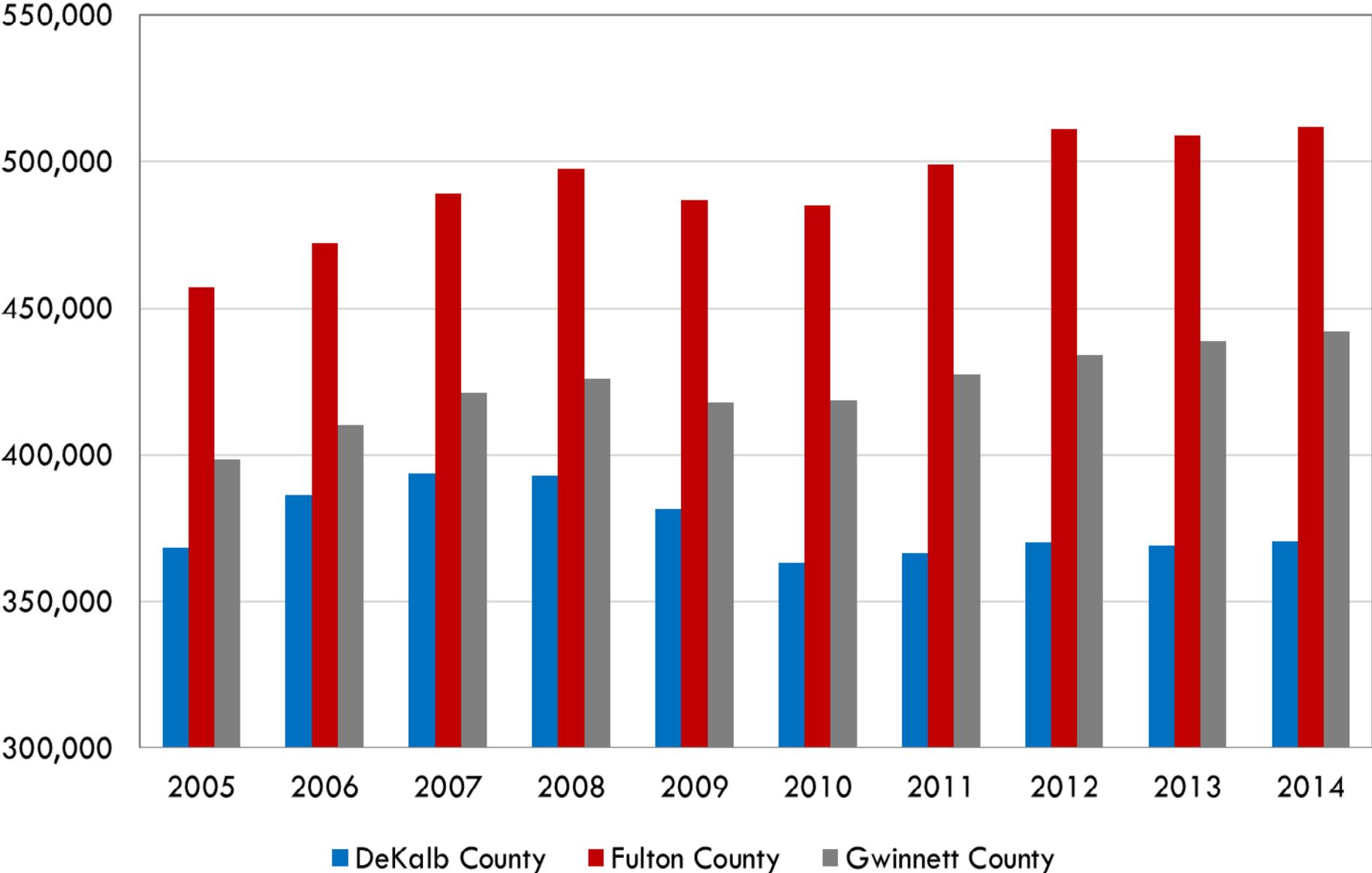
# DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS IMPLICATIONS

- **Changing demographics (growth of 45+ persons) can impact economic development potential**
  - Small business and entrepreneurial growth
  - Medical services
- **Chamblee's large Asian and Hispanic populations are an asset**
  - Attracting and developing culturally-influenced business
  - Advancing niche marketplaces
- **The larger lower-educated adult population offers opportunities and challenges**
  - Workforce education
  - Job training
  - Labor supply

# ECONOMIC BASE ANALYSIS

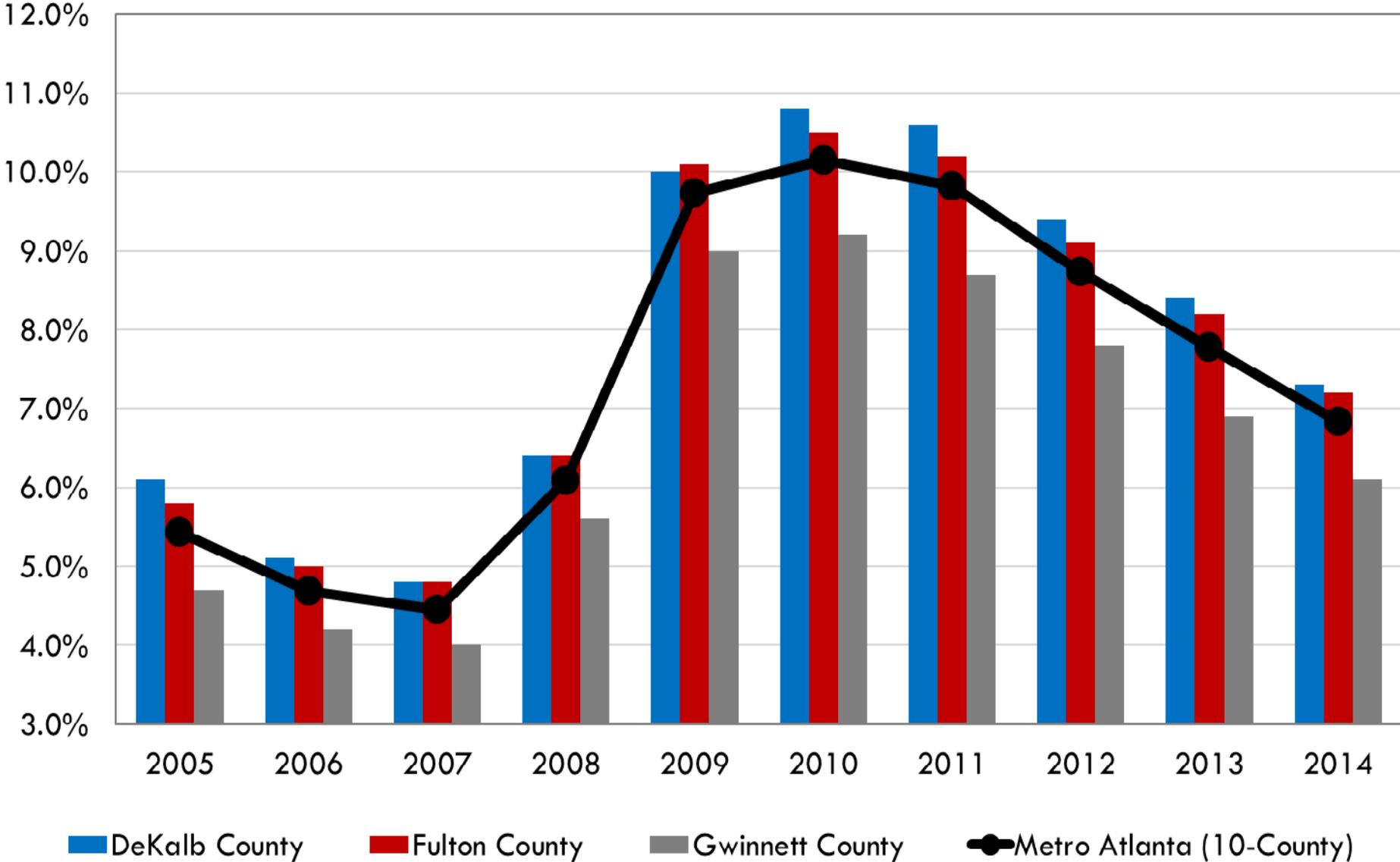
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Comparative Analysis; 2005 - 2014

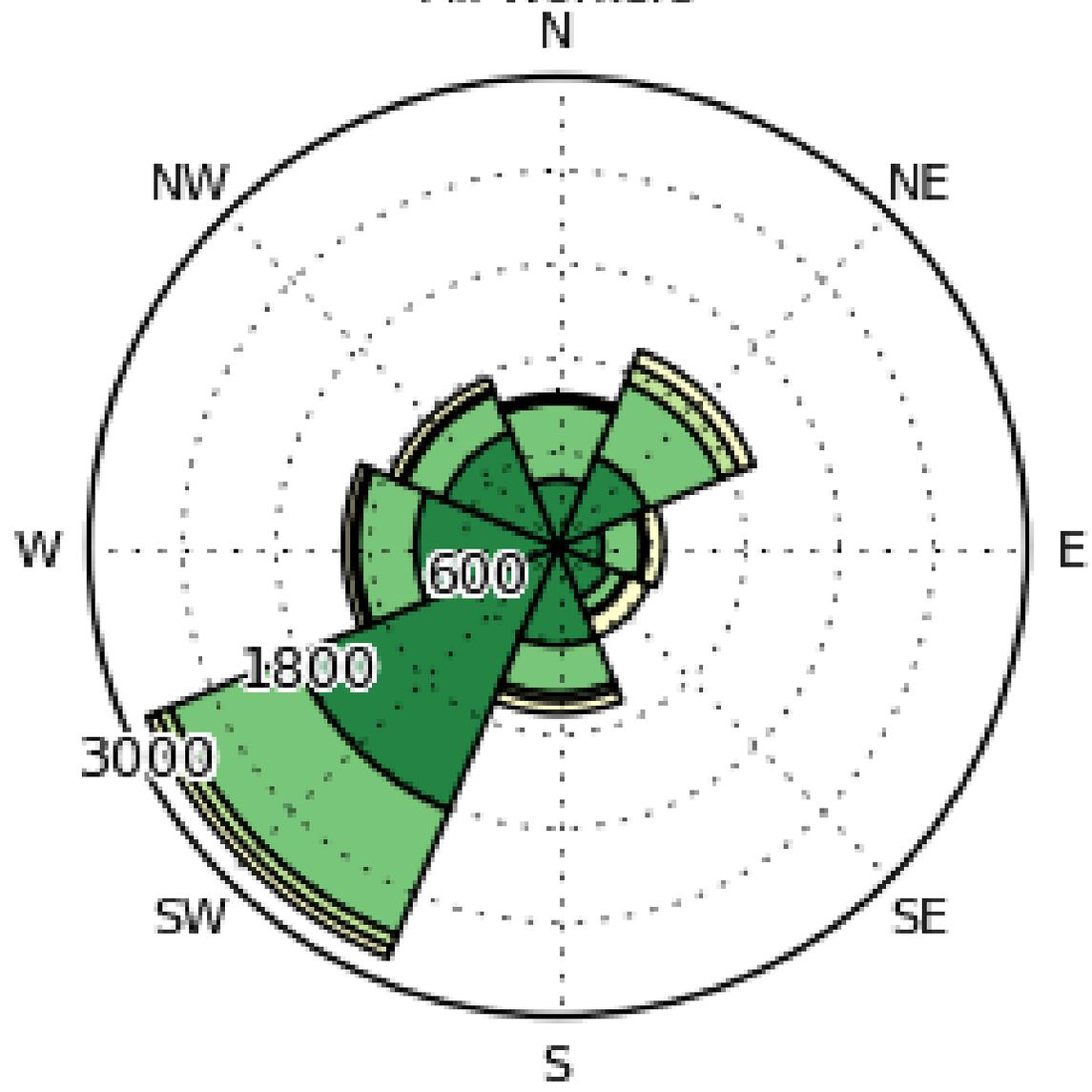


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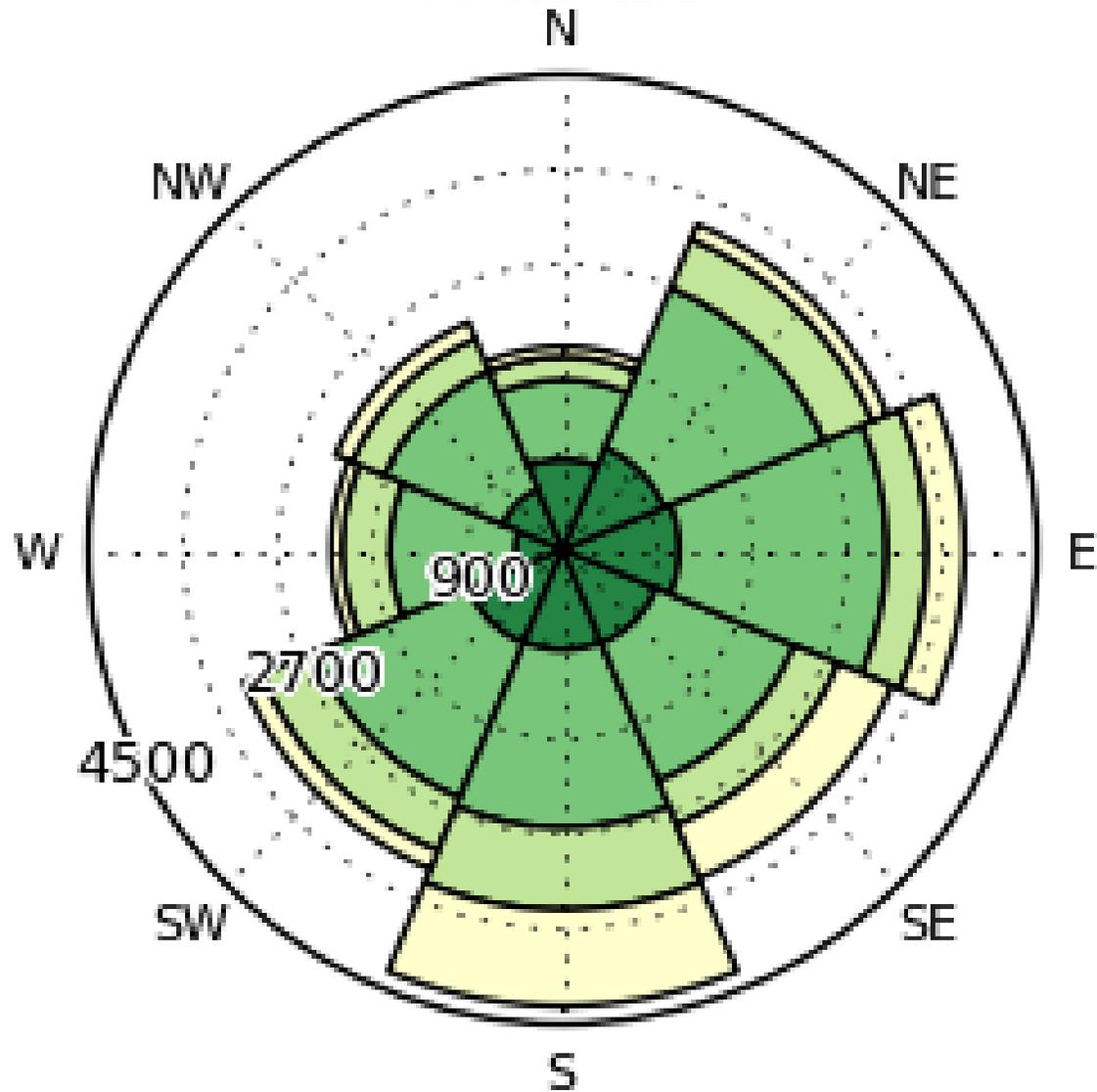
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**COMMUTING PATTERNS: CHAMBLEE RESIDENTS**  
Job Counts by Distance/Direction in 2014  
All Workers



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**Resident Work Destinations by Distance  
Chamblee, Georgia, 2002 - 2014**

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2014</b>
Less than 10 miles	61.1%	56.4%	58.1%
10 to 24 miles	30.7%	31.8%	31.6%
25 to 50 miles	3.7%	4.7%	3.9%
Greater than 50 miles	4.5%	7.2%	6.5%
Total Jobs	9,508	8,728	10,069

**Workforce Home Destinations by Distance  
Chamblee, Georgia, 2002 - 2014**

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2014</b>
Less than 10 miles	33.5%	30.3%	28.3%
10 to 24 miles	48.2%	48.4%	46.5%
25 to 50 miles	11.7%	13.9%	14.9%
Greater than 50 miles	6.6%	7.3%	10.3%
Total Jobs	25,111	24,075	24,573

# EMPLOYMENT TRENDS: 3-COUNTY AREA

## ■ Top Industry Sectors:

- Health Care and Social Assistance (138,759)
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (136,170)
- Accommodation and Food Service (130,001)
- Retail Trade (123,014)

## ■ Major Growth Sectors (2009 – 2013):

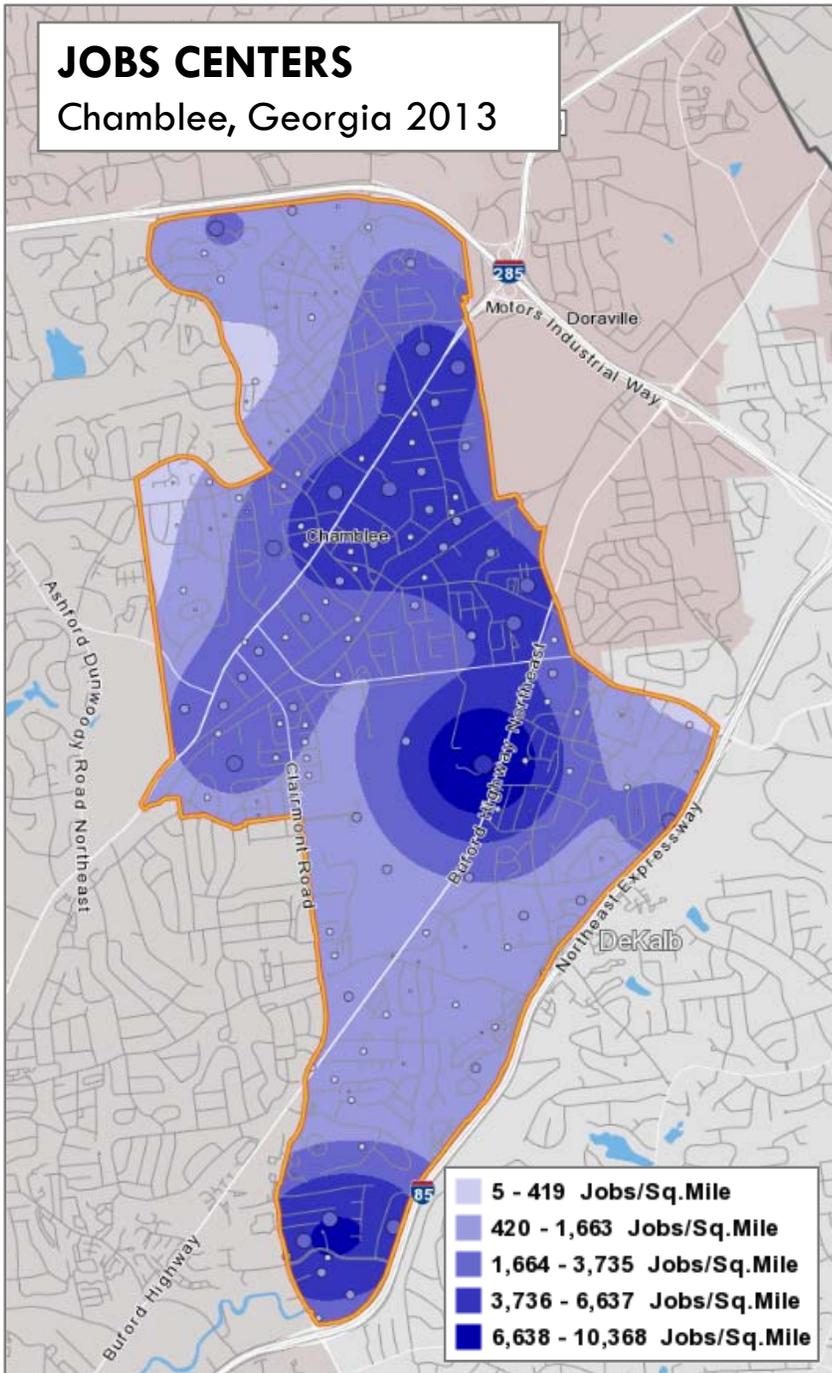
- Accommodation and Food Service (12,200)
- Information (8,400)
- Health Care and Social Assistance (6,211)

## ■ Sectors With the Largest Employment Declines (2009 – 2013):

- Construction (11,954)
- Wholesale Trade (3,067)
- Manufacturing (2,836)

## JOBS CENTERS

Chamblee, Georgia 2013

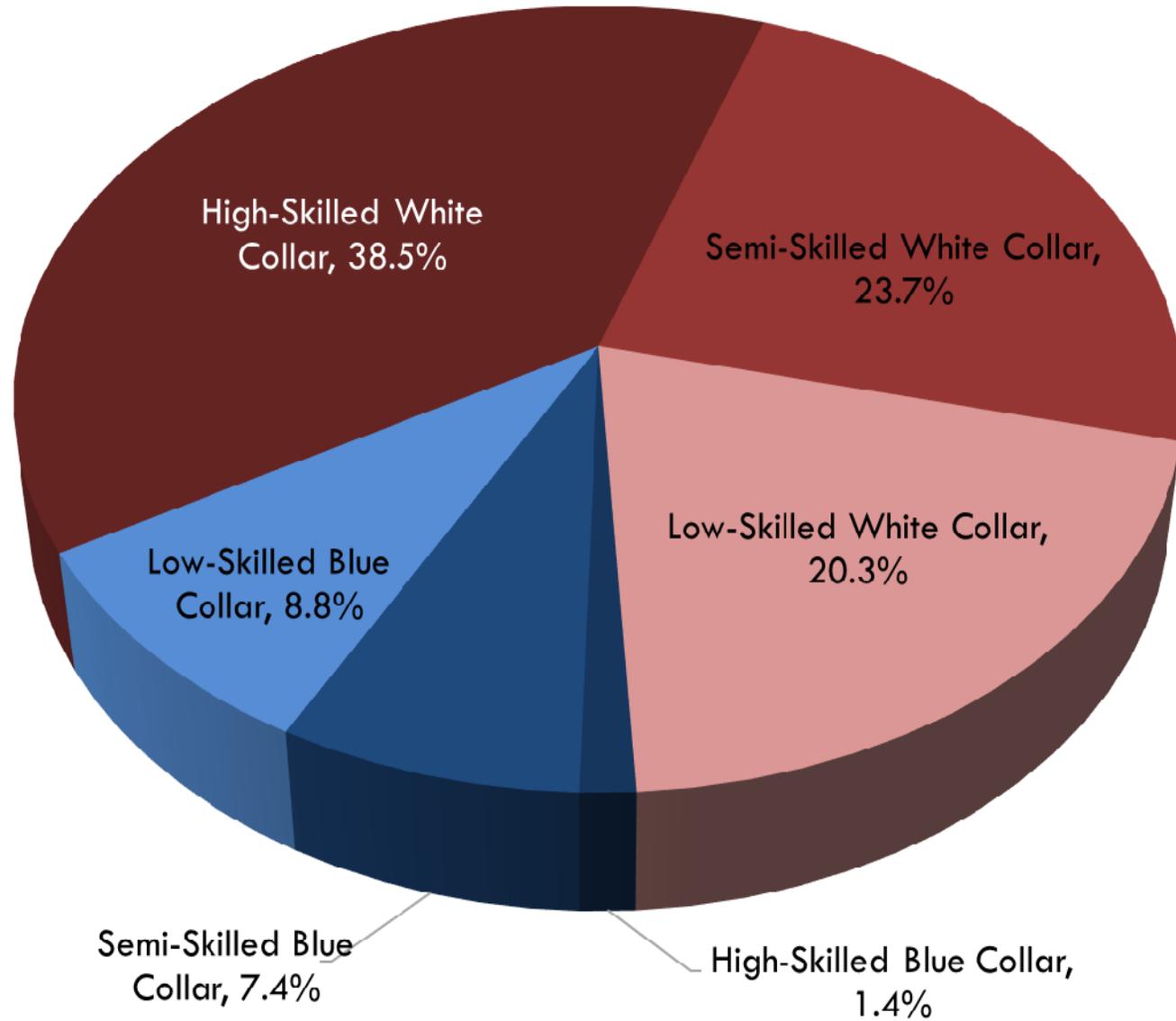


### ■ Largest Employers

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (3,400)
- Internal Revenue Service (2,600)
- Wal-Mart Super Center (374)
- Jim Ellis Volkswagen, Inc. (249)
- RR Donnelley (197)
- UniHealth Post-Acute Care of Brookhaven (193)
- Rollins, Inc. (189)
- Curry Cars, LLC (178)
- Sam's Club (174)
- Jim Ellis Atlanta, Inc. (162)

# OCCUPATIONAL SKILL LEVEL

Workforce Investment Area 5, Dekalb County, Georgia, 2013



**Average Annual Wage, May 2014**  
**Top 10 Occupations by Employment**  
**Atlanta - Sandy Springs - Marietta, GA MSA**

<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Average Annual Wage</b>
<b>All Occupations</b>	<b>2,387,970</b>	<b>\$48,750</b>
Office and Administrative Support	391,540	\$35,750
Sales and Related	265,740	\$41,610
Food Preparation and Serving Related	214,020	\$20,320
Transportation and Material Moving	204,650	\$37,090
Business and Financial Operations	157,610	\$73,840
Management	149,020	\$117,160
Education Training and Library	139,720	\$47,850
Production	131,230	\$32,450
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	118,260	\$77,630
Computer and Mathematical	97,810	\$83,270

## Select Occupations

### Average Annual Wage Ranges, May 2014

#### Atlanta - Sandy Springs - Marietta, Georgia MSA

	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Management Occupations	\$30,090	\$198,280
Business & Financial Operations Occupations	\$45,730	\$117,410
Community & Social Service Occupations	\$28,040	\$84,090
Education Training & Library Occupations	\$19,960	\$116,130
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Occupations	\$24,990	\$260,110
Healthcare Support Occupations	\$19,950	\$56,940
Food Preparation & Serving Related Occupations	\$17,930	\$29,670
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance Occupations	\$19,210	\$45,640
Personal Care & Service Occupations	\$18,310	\$51,370
Sales & Related Occupations	\$19,400	\$113,790
Office & Administrative Support Occupations	\$20,150	\$56,830
Production Occupations	\$20,080	\$74,540
Transportation & Material Moving Occupations	\$20,340	\$145,310

Note: Data based on occupations for which information was available.

# ECONOMIC BASE IMPLICATIONS

- **Fulton, Gwinnett, and DeKalb economies perform similarly, but not the same**
  - Labor force
  - Employment
  - Business climate
- **Fulton and Gwinnett are recovering faster than DeKalb from Recession**
  - Labor force participation
  - Unemployment rate
- **Chamblee a microcosm of this difference, sitting at the intersection of the three Counties**
  - North/South of MARTA strong example

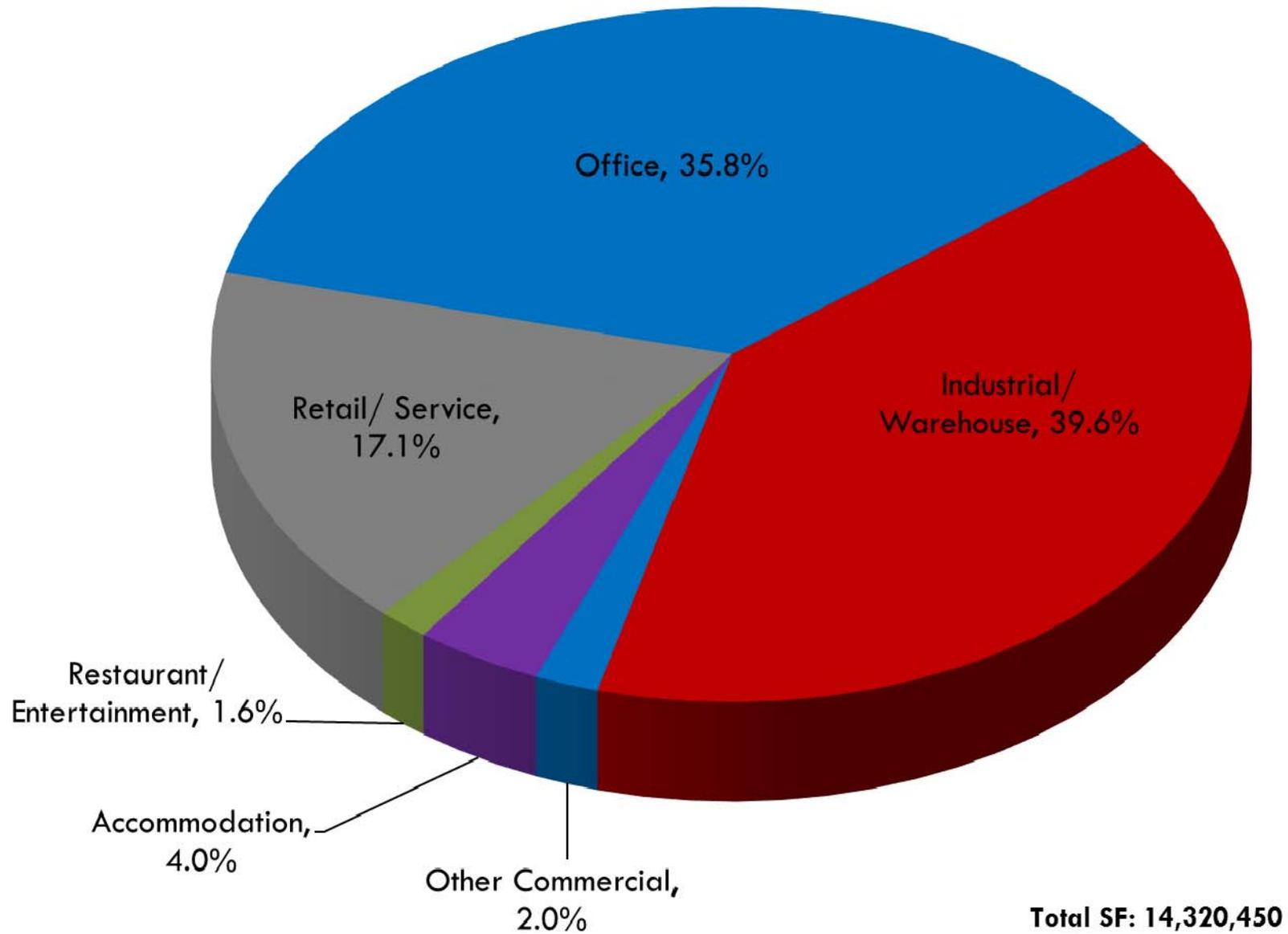
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- **Economic development opportunities will vary based on local/regional focus**
  - Different strengths based on location
  - Regional opportunities 'blind' to local context
  - PDK
  - Changing the economic base could upset local balance
- **Local workforce earns less than the MSA average annual wage (per capita income comparison)**
  - Workforce development and job training efforts
  - Entrepreneurial assistance

# NON-RESIDENTIAL MARKET ANALYSIS

# NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (SQUARE FOOTAGE)

Chamblee, Georgia, 2015



**Non-Residential Development (Square Feet)  
Chamblee, Georgia, 2000 - 2014**

	<b>2000 - 2004</b>	<b>2005 - 2009</b>	<b>2010 - 2014</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Accommodation</b>	40,475	0	0	40,475
<b>Automotive</b>	126,860	0	152,588	279,448
<b>Commercial Conversion</b>	0	2,564	0	2,564
<b>Department Store</b>	144,829	282,782	0	427,611
<b>Grocery/ Market</b>	5,072	16,566	0	21,638
<b>Manufacturing/ Warehouse</b>	482,209	78,950	0	561,159
<b>Office</b>	240,313	357,181	0	597,494
<b>Restaurant</b>	0	19,977	8,562	28,539
<b>Retail/Service</b>	33,019	78,982	13,965	125,966
<b>Shopping Center</b>	32,710	143,155	0	175,865
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,105,487</b>	<b>980,157</b>	<b>175,115</b>	<b>2,260,759</b>

**Apartment Development (Units)  
Chamblee, Georgia, 2000 - 2015**

	<b>2000 - 2004</b>	<b>2005 - 2009</b>	<b>2010 - 2015</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Garden (1-3 Stories)</b>	634	600	24	1,258
<b>High Rise (4+ Stores)</b>	0	1,284	0	1,284
<b>Total</b>	634	1,884	24	2,542

<b>PLANNED</b>		<b>UNDER CONSIDERATION</b>	
Chamblee Plaza 2161 Irvingdale Dr - 3519 Broad St Downtown Plan 3453 Pierce Dr City Life Brown Auto Century Center 3051 - 3077 Clairmont Rd	<b>Retail: 178,000 SF</b> <b>Office: 70,000 SF</b> <b>General Comm.: 30,000 SF</b> <b>Multi-Family: 830 Units</b>	Patillo Offices/MARTA Parking Lot Nissan Dealership 5251 Peachtree Blvd	<b>Retail: 20,000 SF</b> <b>Office: 80,000 SF</b> <b>Multi-Family: 455 Units</b>
<b>APPROVED</b>		<b>UNDER CONSTRUCTION</b>	
5018 Buford Highway 4900 Buford Highway Parkview (5090 - 5170 Peachtree Blvd) 4251 N. Peachtree Rd	<b>Retail/Office: 25,000 SF</b> <b>General Comm.: 79,000 SF</b> <b>Multi-Family: 200 Units</b> <b>Townhouse: 6 Units</b>	2215 & 4250 Perimeter Park Peachtree Crossing (5001 Peachtree Blvd) 5000 Peachtree Blvd Mercy Care (5134 Peachtree Rd) 5000 Buford Highway Parkview (5090 - 5170 Peachtree Blvd) Olmstead (Chamblee Tucker Rd & Peachtree Blvd) 3588 Broad St	<b>Retail: 202,000 SF</b> <b>Office: 53,470 SF</b> <b>General Comm.: 55,000 SF</b> <b>Multi-Family: 630 Units</b> <b>Townhouse: 117 Units</b> <b>Single Family: 33 Units</b>

# CHAMBLEE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

- **Mix of non-residential development reveals City's industrial past/ITP influence**
  - Highest concentrations of office and industrial
  - Limited retail, dining, entertainment focus
  - Mix of housing uses
- **Redevelopment was strong prior to Recession**
  - Retail, office, multifamily
  - Repurposing of land assets to maximize value/opportunity
- **Recovery from downturn has been slow**
  - Only 175k SF in last 5 years compared to 1M SF in two previous 5-year periods

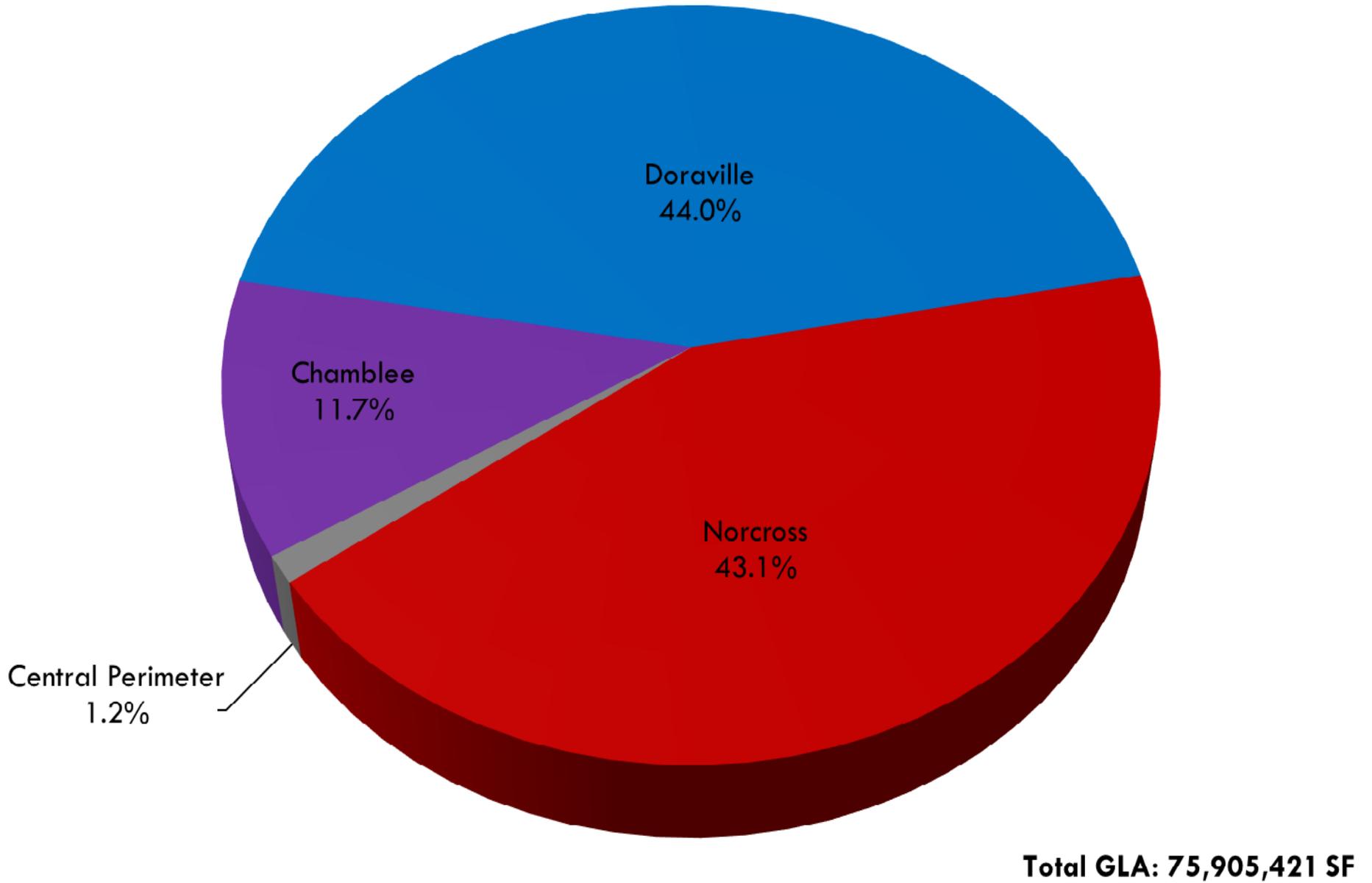
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- **Project pipeline reveals market ready to reverse recent lull**
  - 425k of SF retail
  - 203k SF office
  - 164k SF general commercial
  - 2,115 apartments; 123 townhomes ; 33 single family homes
- **Integrating existing/proposed land uses into a cohesive economic vision will be important through this effort**
  - Marketing/recruitment
  - Retention/expansion
  - Future land use decisions

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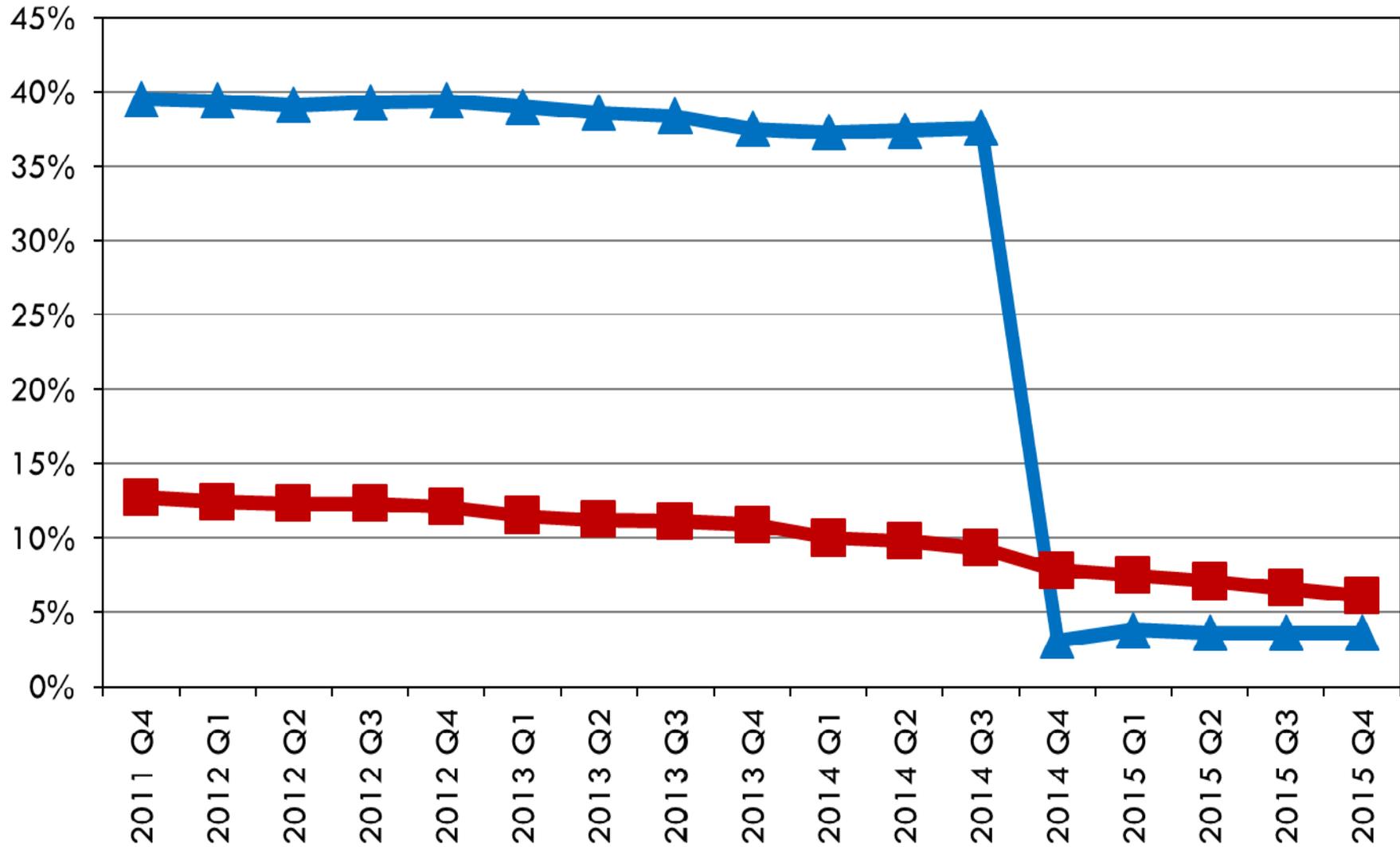
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Comparative Market Area, Year End 2015



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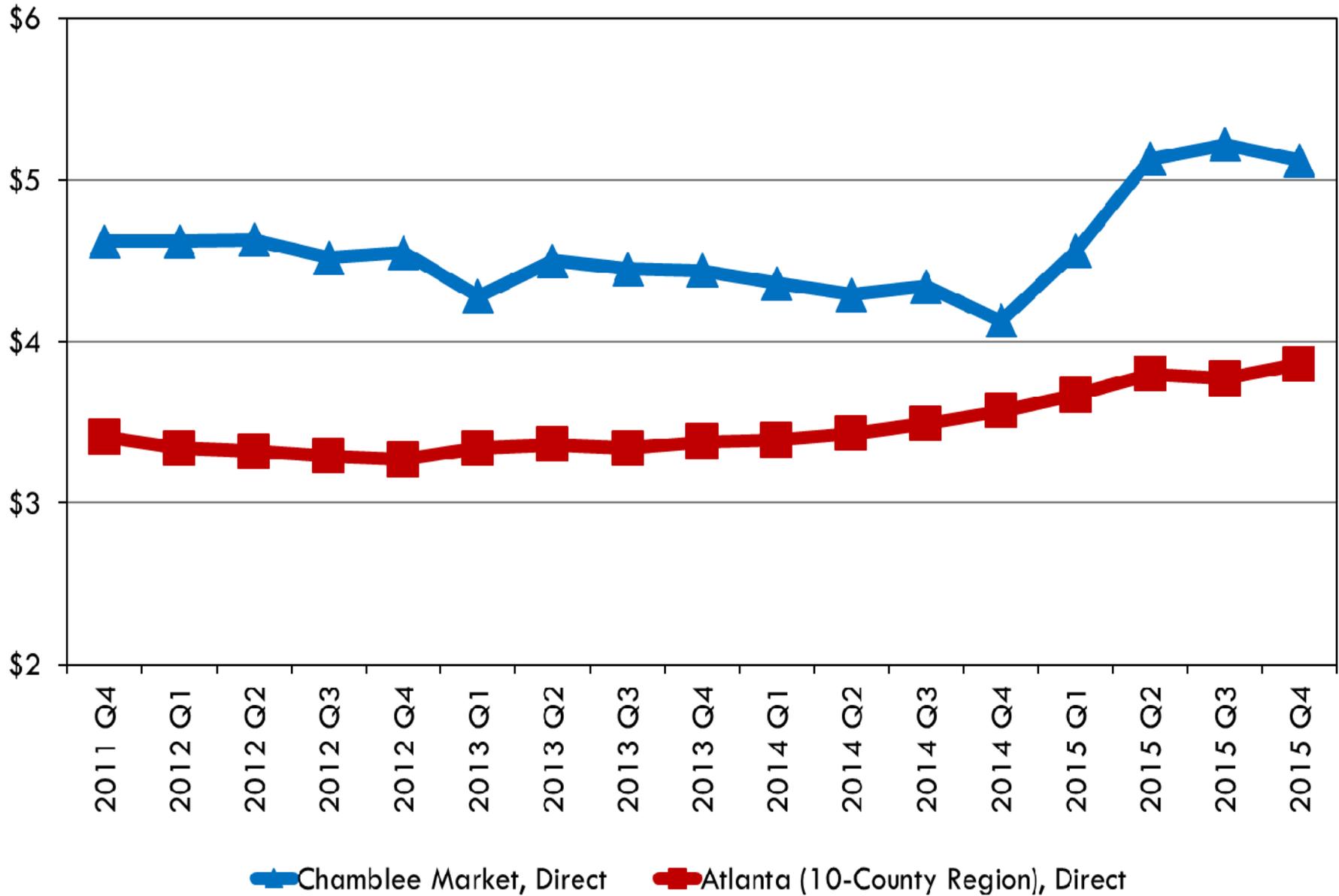
Chamblee Market & Metro Atlanta; 2011 Q4 to 2015 Q4



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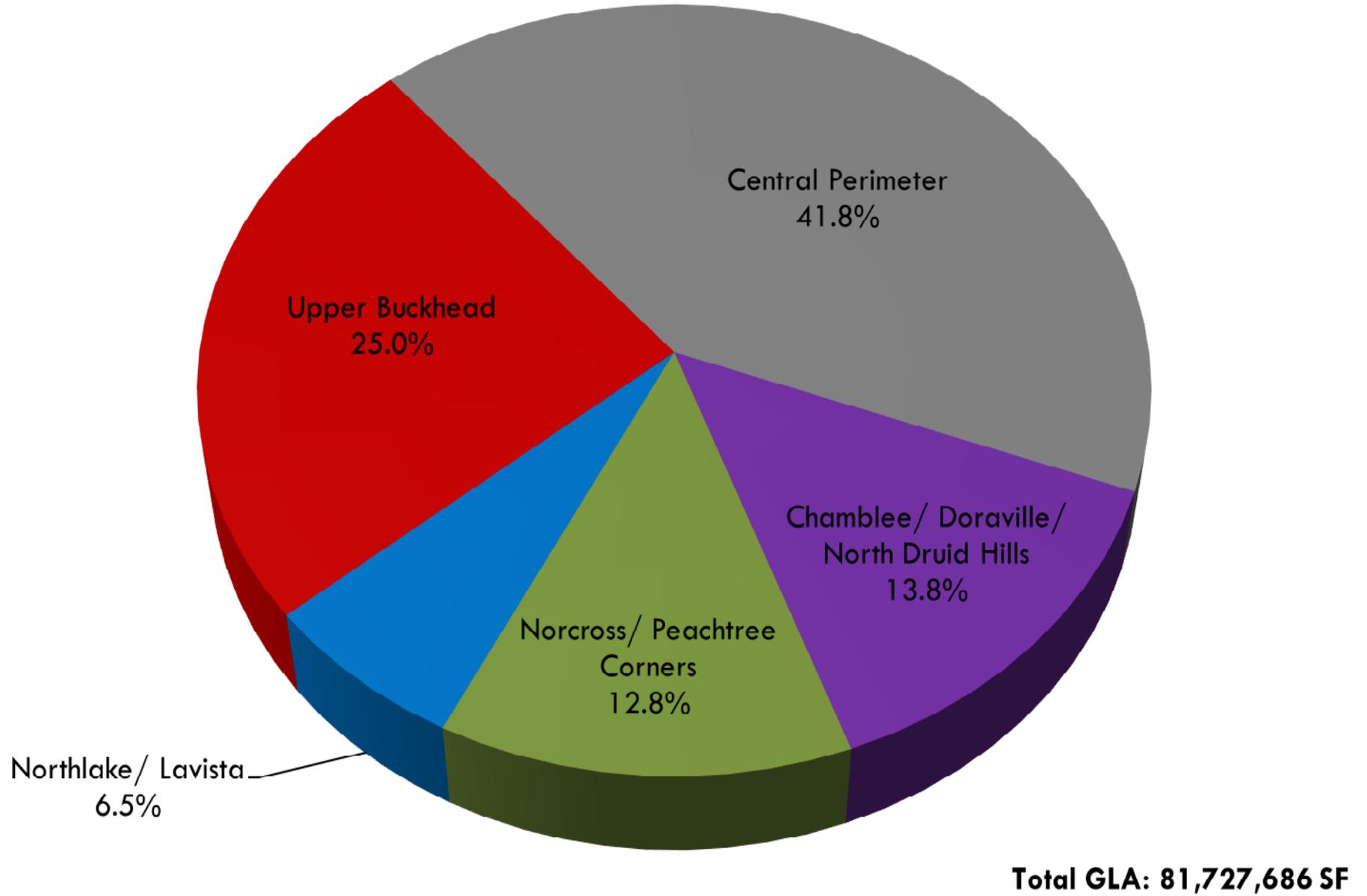
# INDUSTRIAL MARKET IMPLICATIONS

- Chamblee market is comparatively small component of the industrial market north of Atlanta
- The removal of the GM plant from marketing efforts exposed how tight the local market is
  - Low vacancy
  - Rising rent rates
- Market for additional small-scale and logistics-based industrial is strong
  - I-85, I-285
  - ITP
- Balance market opportunity with economic development goals

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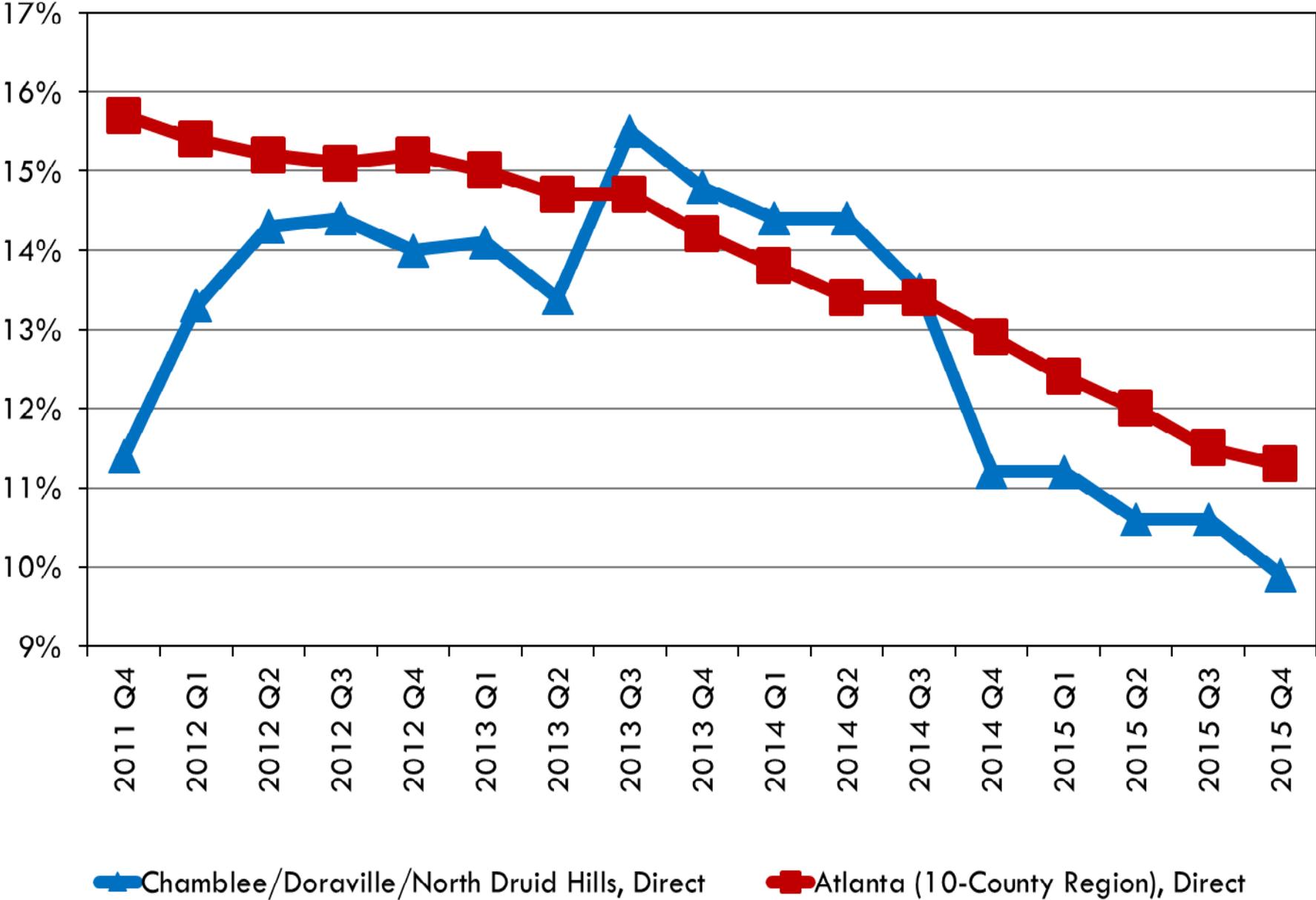
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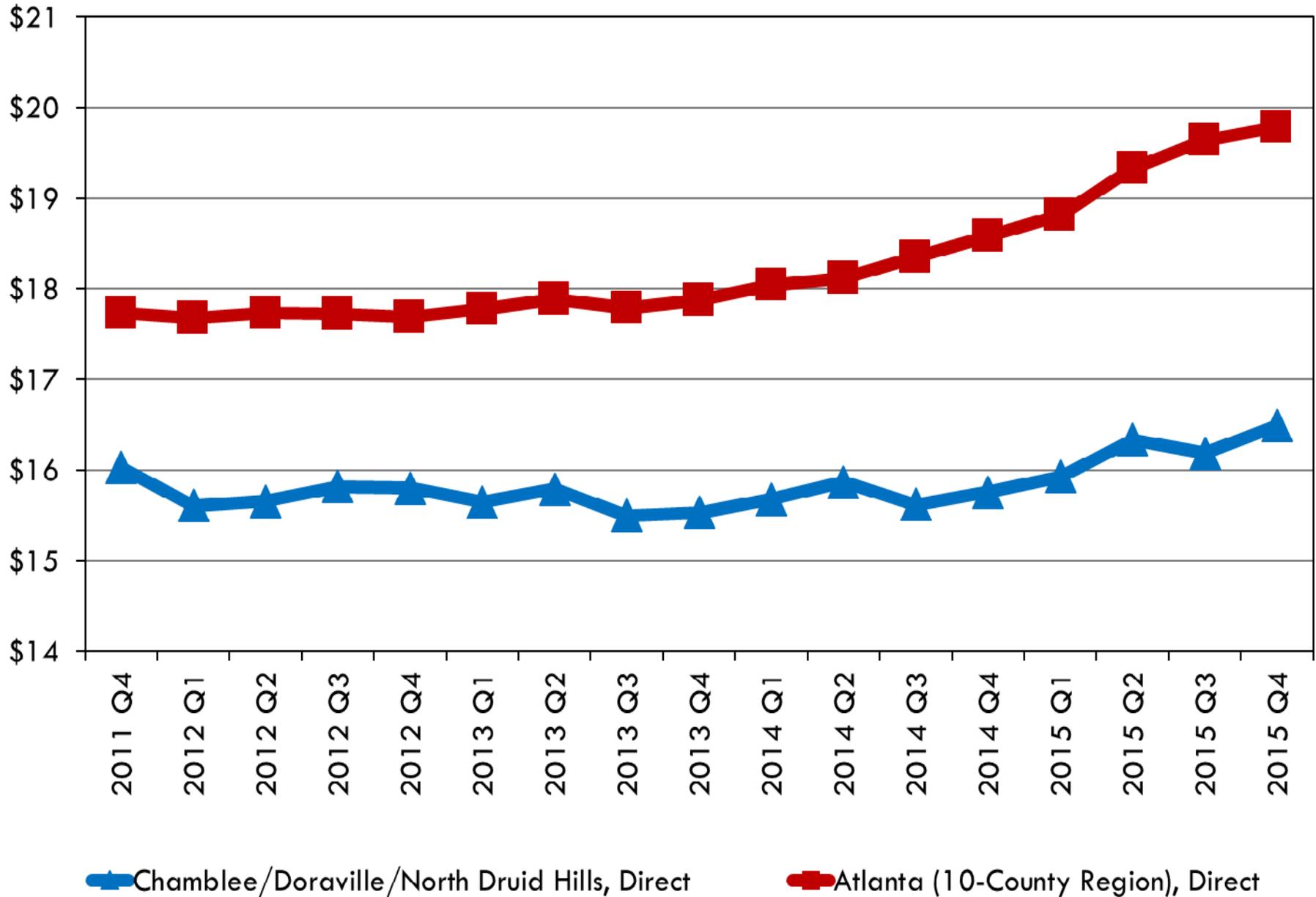
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Chamblee/Doraville/North Druid Hills & Metro Atlanta; 2011 Q4 to 2015 Q4



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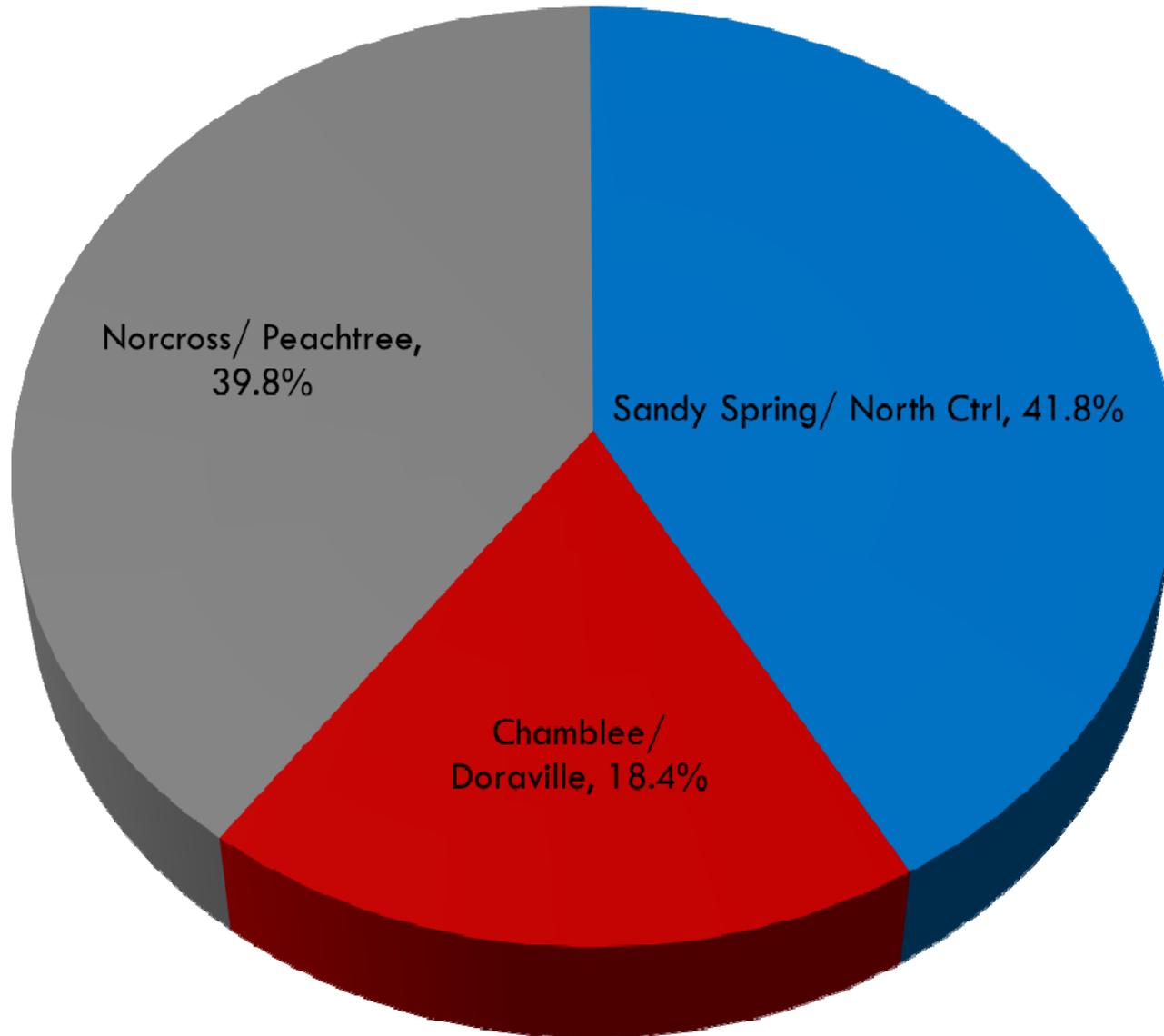


# OFFICE MARKET IMPLICATIONS

- **Chamblee/Doraville space older, less competitive in regional market**
  - Value alternative
  - Location vs quality
- **Low vacancy rates over the last year indicate the potential/interest for additional office development**
  - Evident in proposed development
  - Target industries could influence preferred type/location of space
  - Market conducive for small and mid-scale users
  - Influence of PDK, MARTA, GM

# RETAIL MARKET ANALYSIS

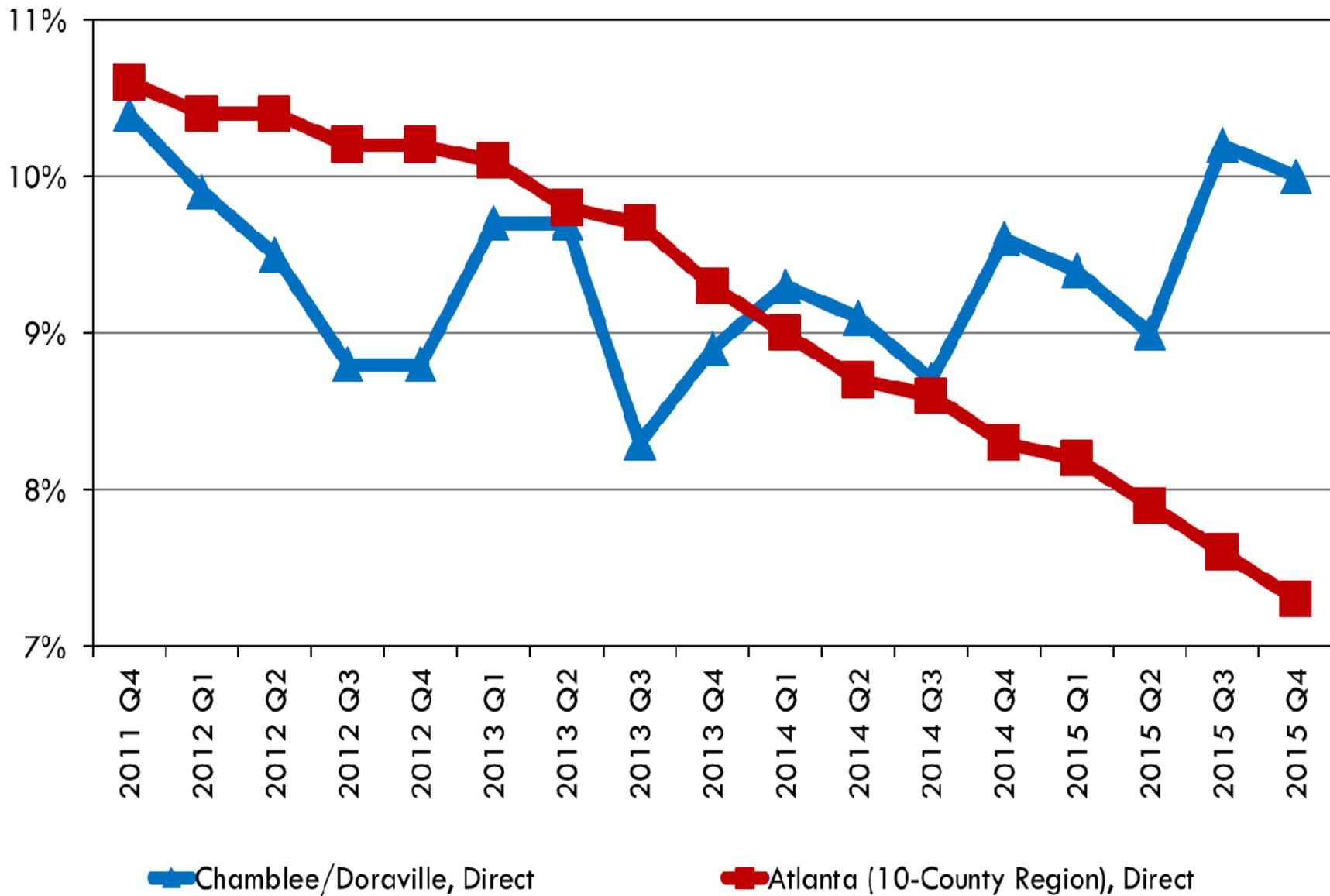
**RETAIL INVENTORY (GLA)**  
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**Total GLA: 26,317,538 SF**

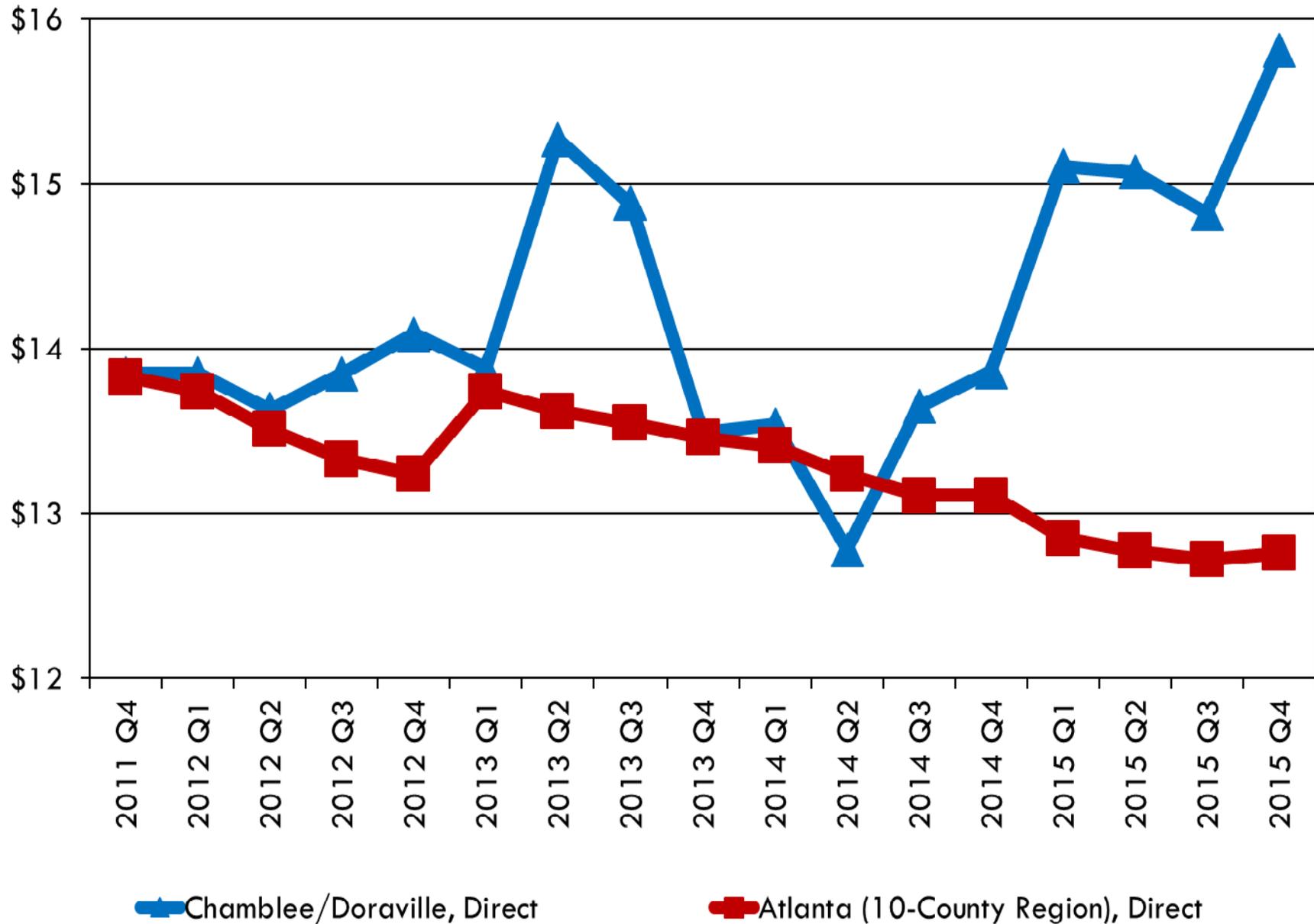
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Chamblee/Doraville & Metro Atlanta; 2011 Q4 to 2015 Q4



# RETAIL AVERAGE RENT RATE (NNN)

Chamblee/Doraville & Metro Atlanta; 2011 Q4 to 2015 Q4



**Supportable Square Footage  
Chamblee North Trade Areas, 2015**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Aggressive</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,076</b>	<b>6,152</b>	<b>9,227</b>
Lawn & Garden Equip & Supply Stores	273	545	818
Grocery Stores	1,170	2,341	3,511
Specialty Food Stores	11	22	34
Clothing Stores	121	242	363
Shoe Stores	318	636	954
Jewelry, Luggage & Leather Goods Stores	93	187	280
Sporting Goods/Hobby/Musical Instr Stores	117	233	350
Book, Periodical & Music Stores	86	172	257
Other General Merchandise Stores	725	1,450	2,176
Other Miscellaneous Store Retailers	34	68	103
Special Food Services	58	116	174
Drinking Places - Alcoholic Beverages	69	139	208

**Supportable Square Footage  
Chamblee South Trade Areas, 2015**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Aggressive</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,728</b>	<b>5,455</b>	<b>8,183</b>
Lawn & Garden Equip & Supply Stores	57	115	172
Health & Personal Care Stores	176	353	529
Book, Periodical & Music Stores	4	8	12
Department Stores Excluding Leased Depts.	1,943	3,886	5,829
Florists	16	31	47
Office Supplies, Stationery & Gift Stores	9	19	28
Limited-Service Eating Places	522	1,044	1,567

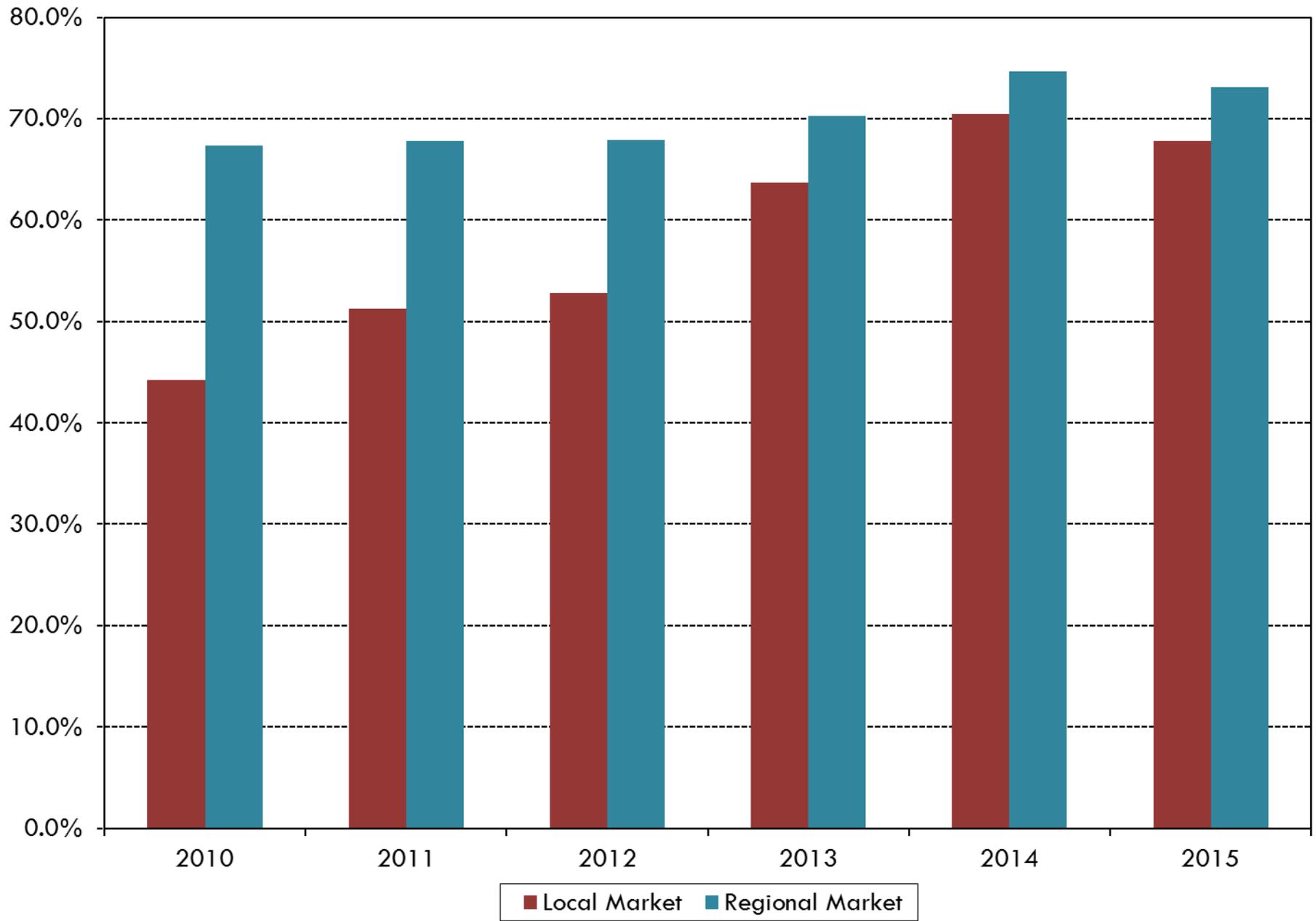
# RETAIL MARKET IMPLICATIONS

- **Retail vacancy rates since 2011 may generate interest to develop additional retail**
  - 425,000 SF in pipeline
- **Current available space may not be as competitive when compared to surrounding markets, particularly at higher price points**
  - Redevelopment potential as new space comes online
- **New development is focused on capturing regional needs, as local needs are generally met**
  - Type of retailer
  - Ethnic community needs/opportunities

# HOTEL MARKET ANALYSIS

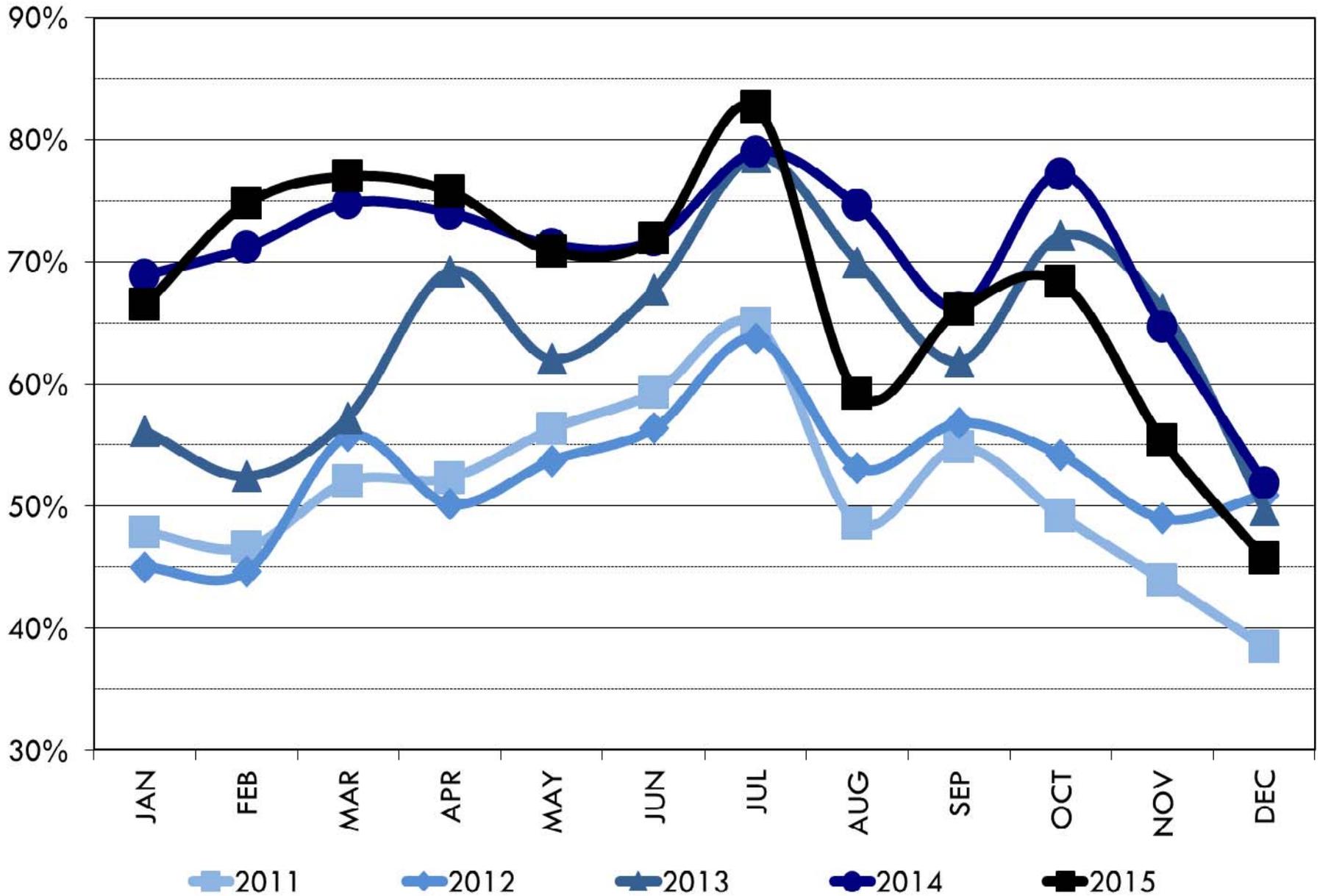
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Chamblee, Georgia 2010-2015



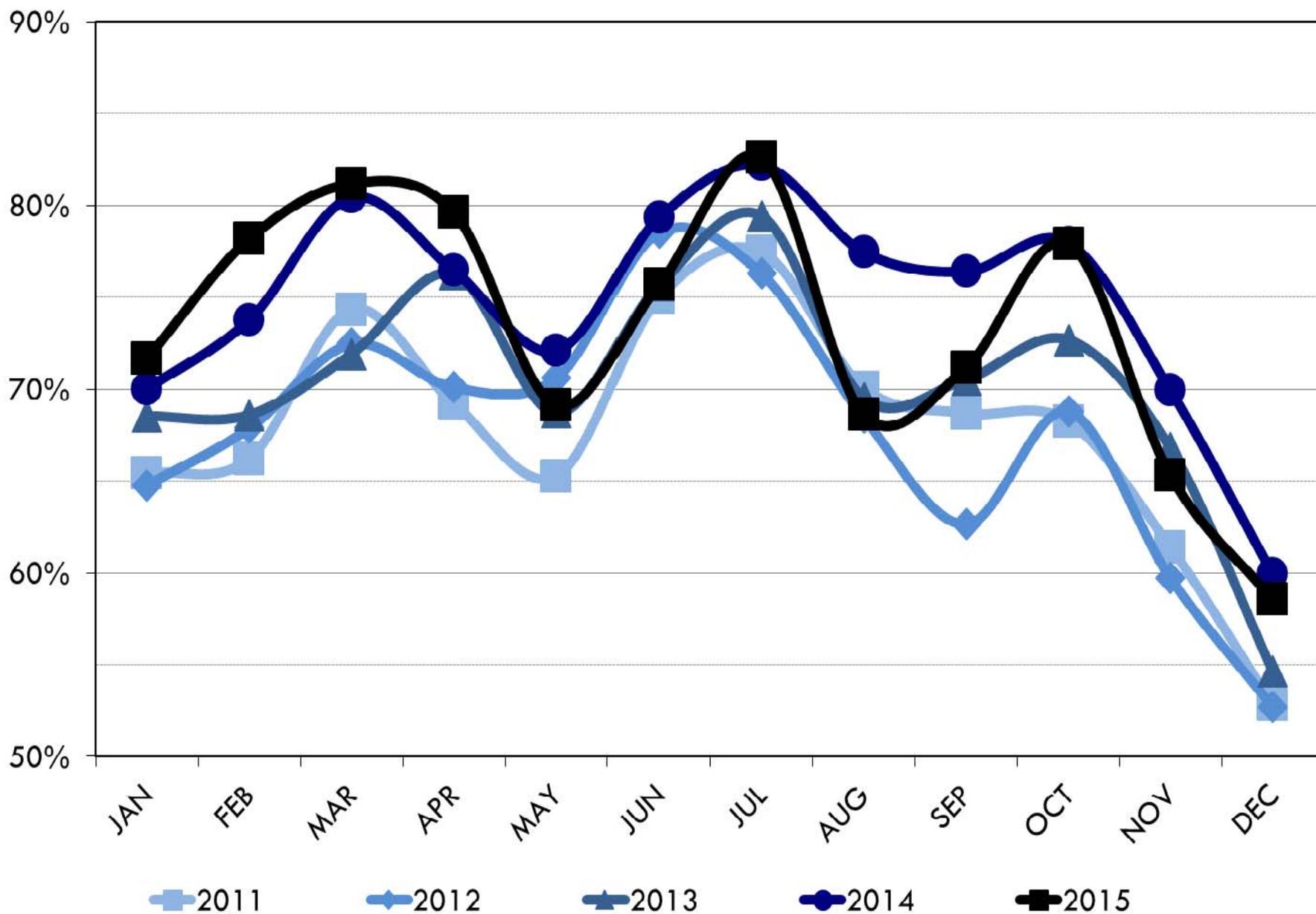
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Local Market Area; 2011-2015



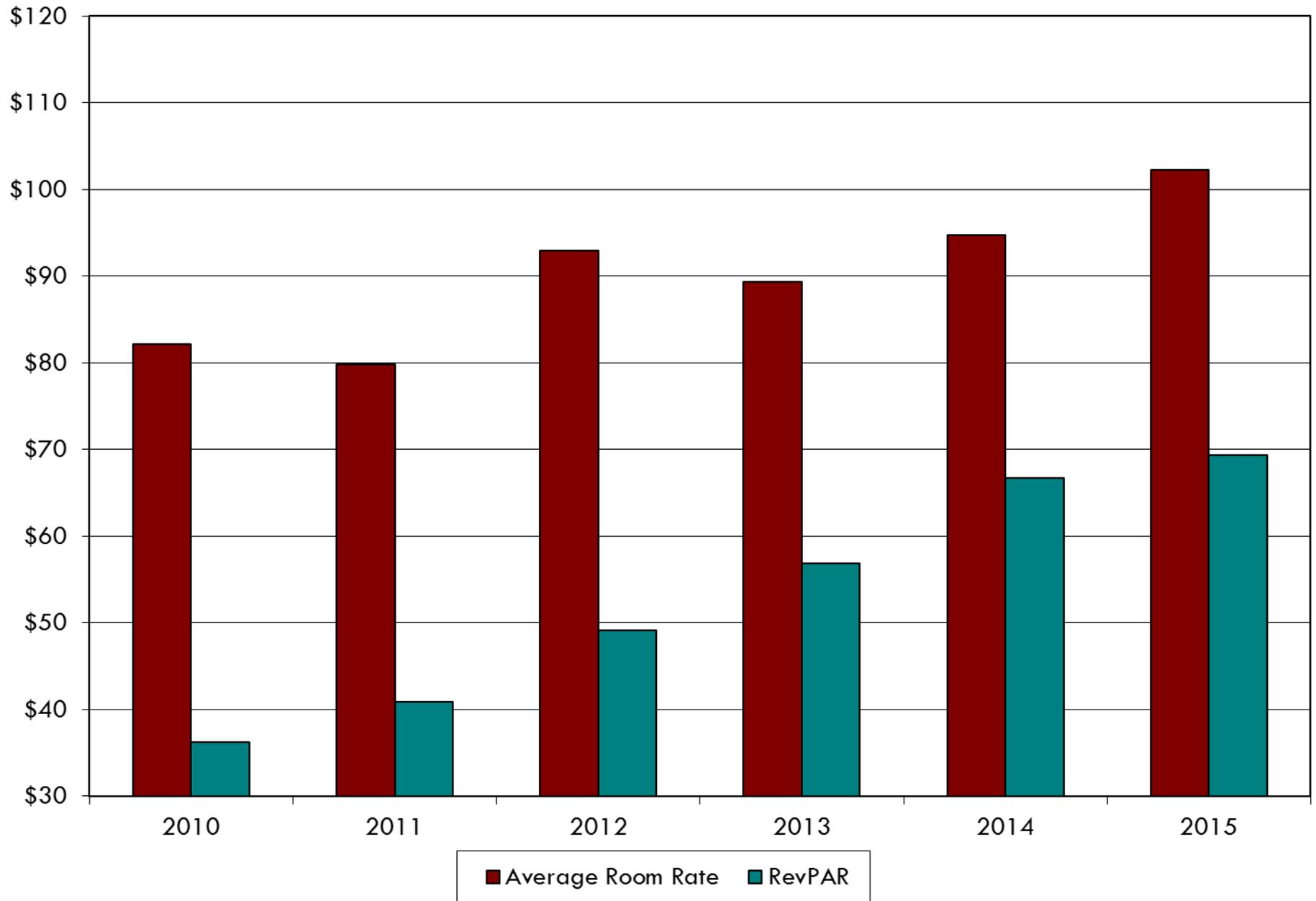
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Regional Market Area; 2011-2015



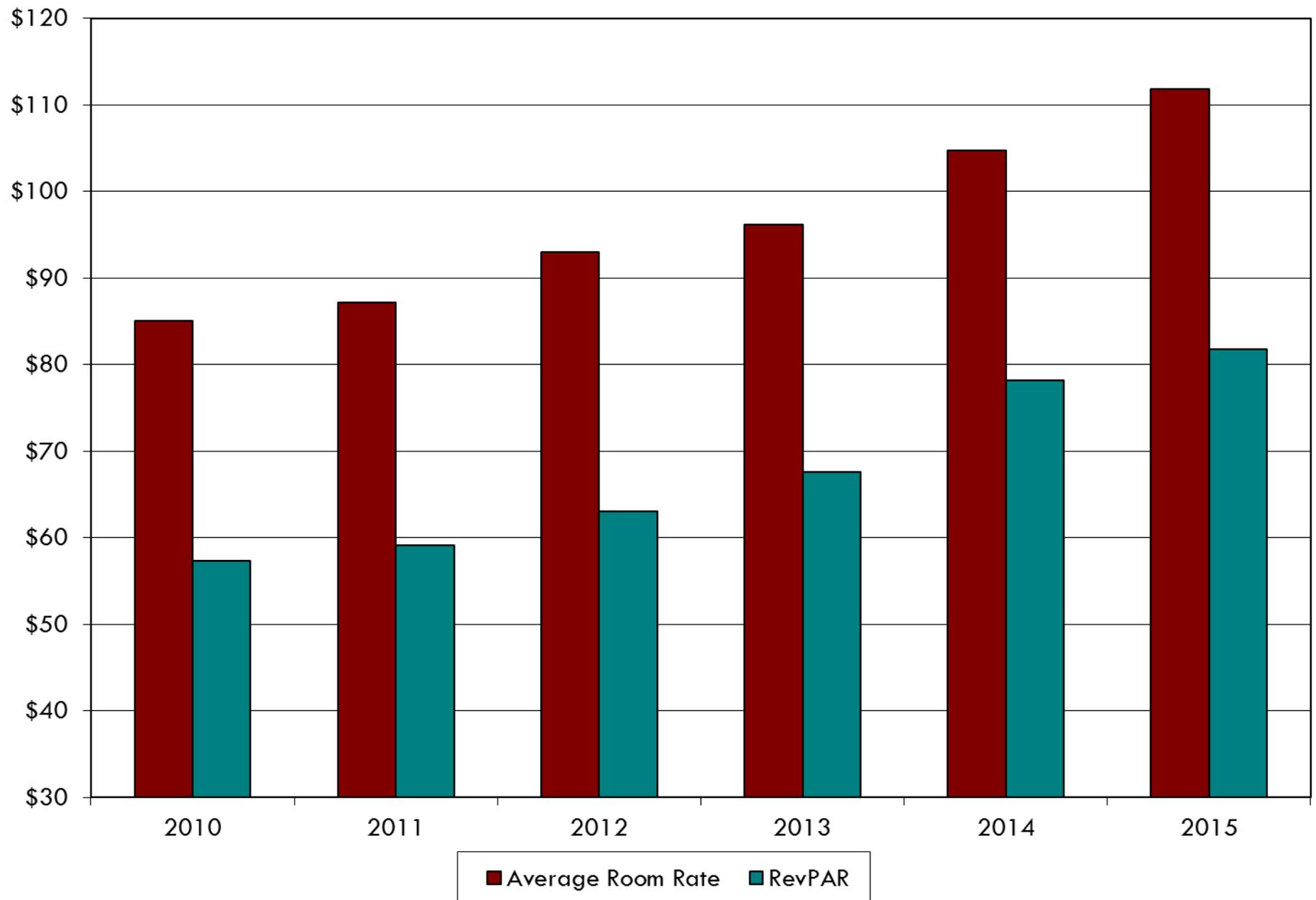
# ROOM RATE/REVPAR TRENDS

Local Market Area; 2010-2015



# ROOM RATE/REVPAR TRENDS

Regional Study Area; 2010-2015



# HOTEL MARKET IMPLICATIONS

- **Notably high occupancy rates for both Chamblee and the Region in recent years indicates that there is strong potential for additional hotel development**
- **Hotel development in Chamblee will need to be scaled to the local market and avoid directly competing with regional accommodation clusters**
- **A known brand and unique concept will be necessary to compete with the well-located regional competition**