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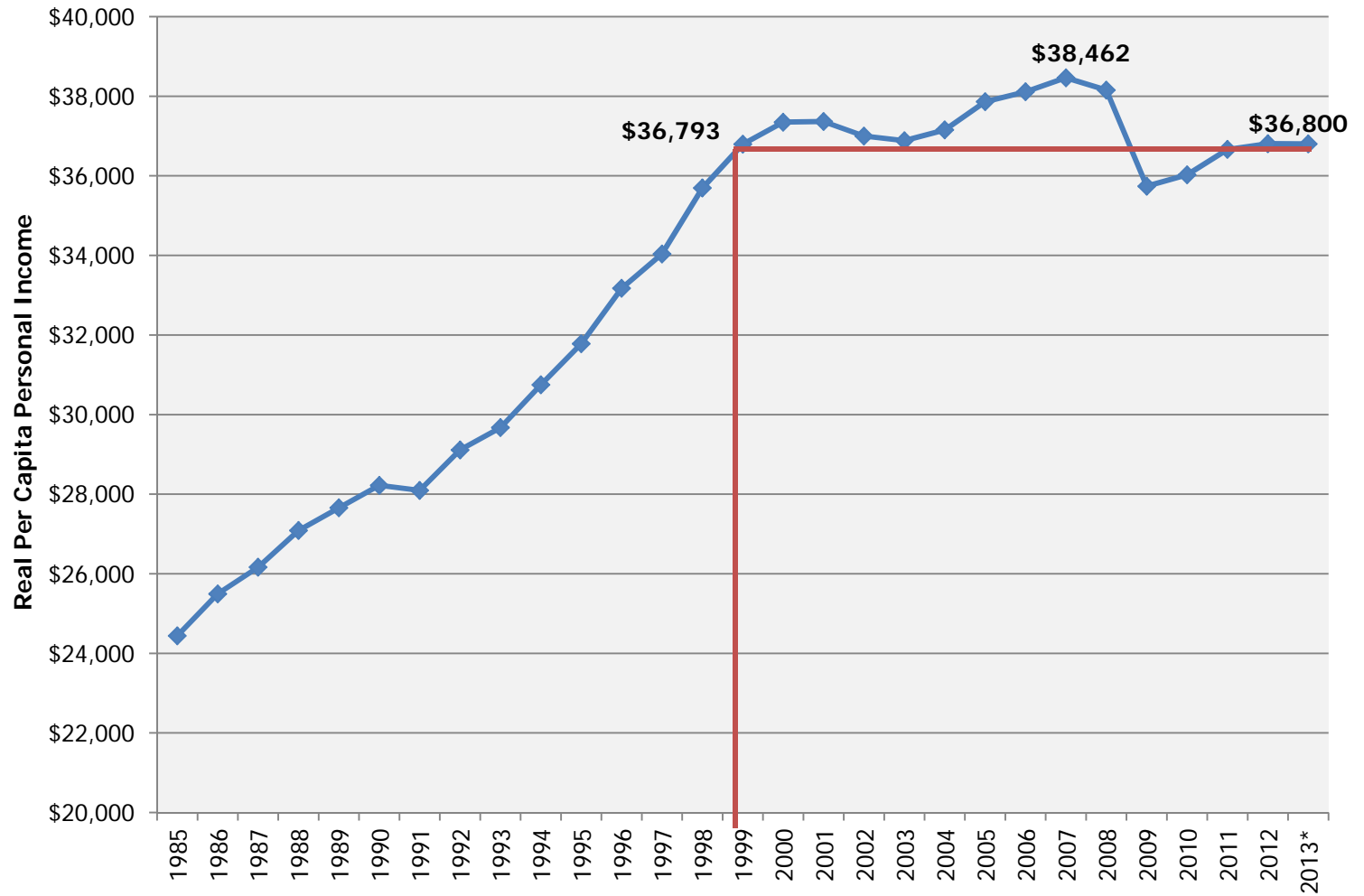
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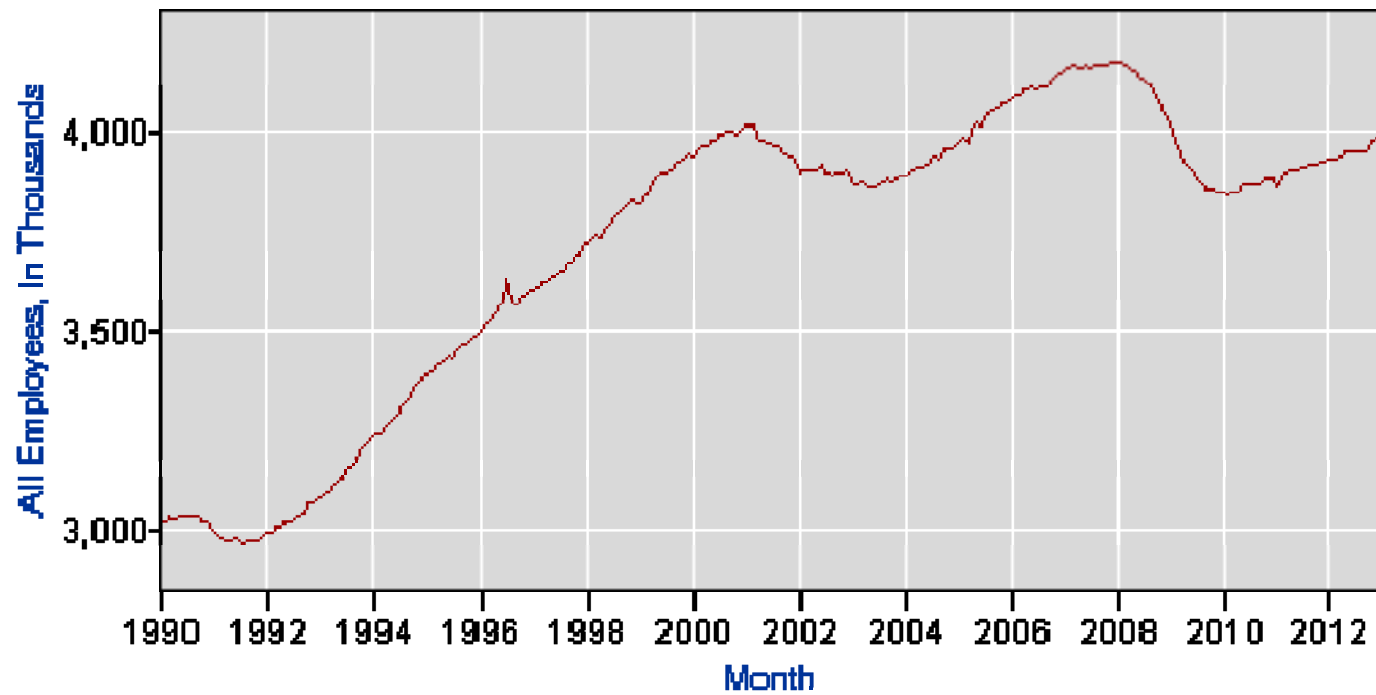
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# Georgia Real Personal Income Per Capita

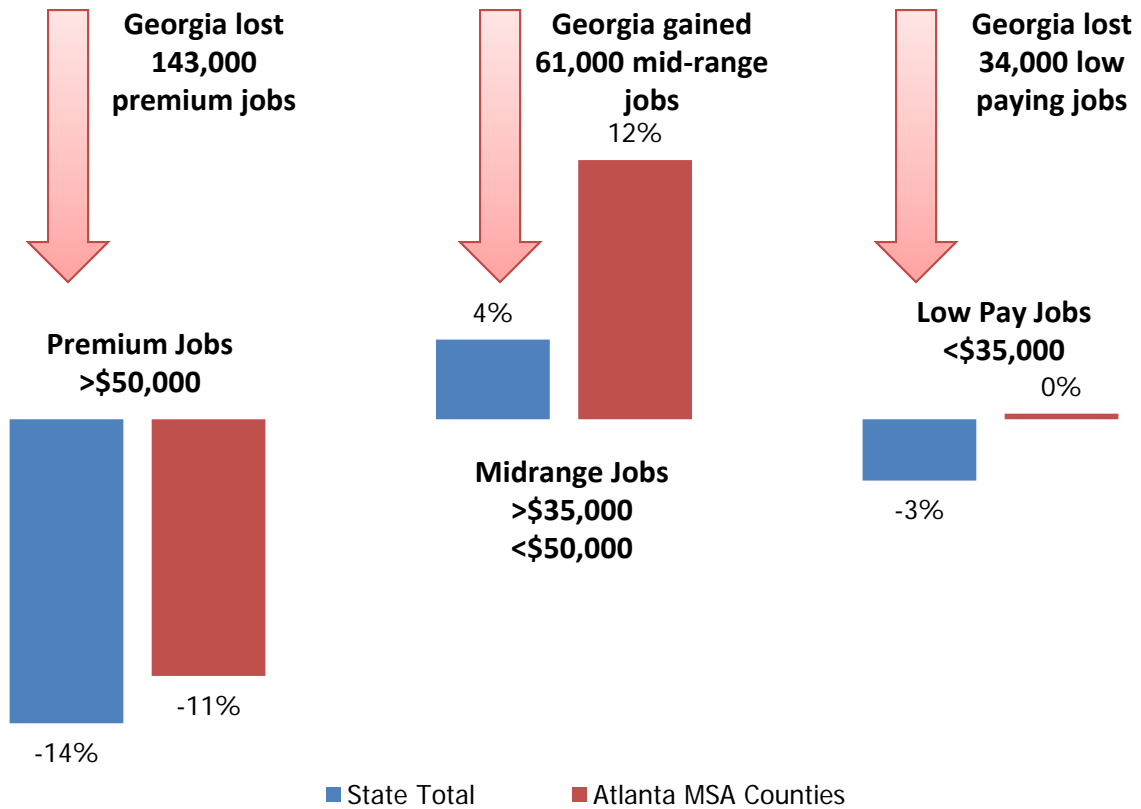


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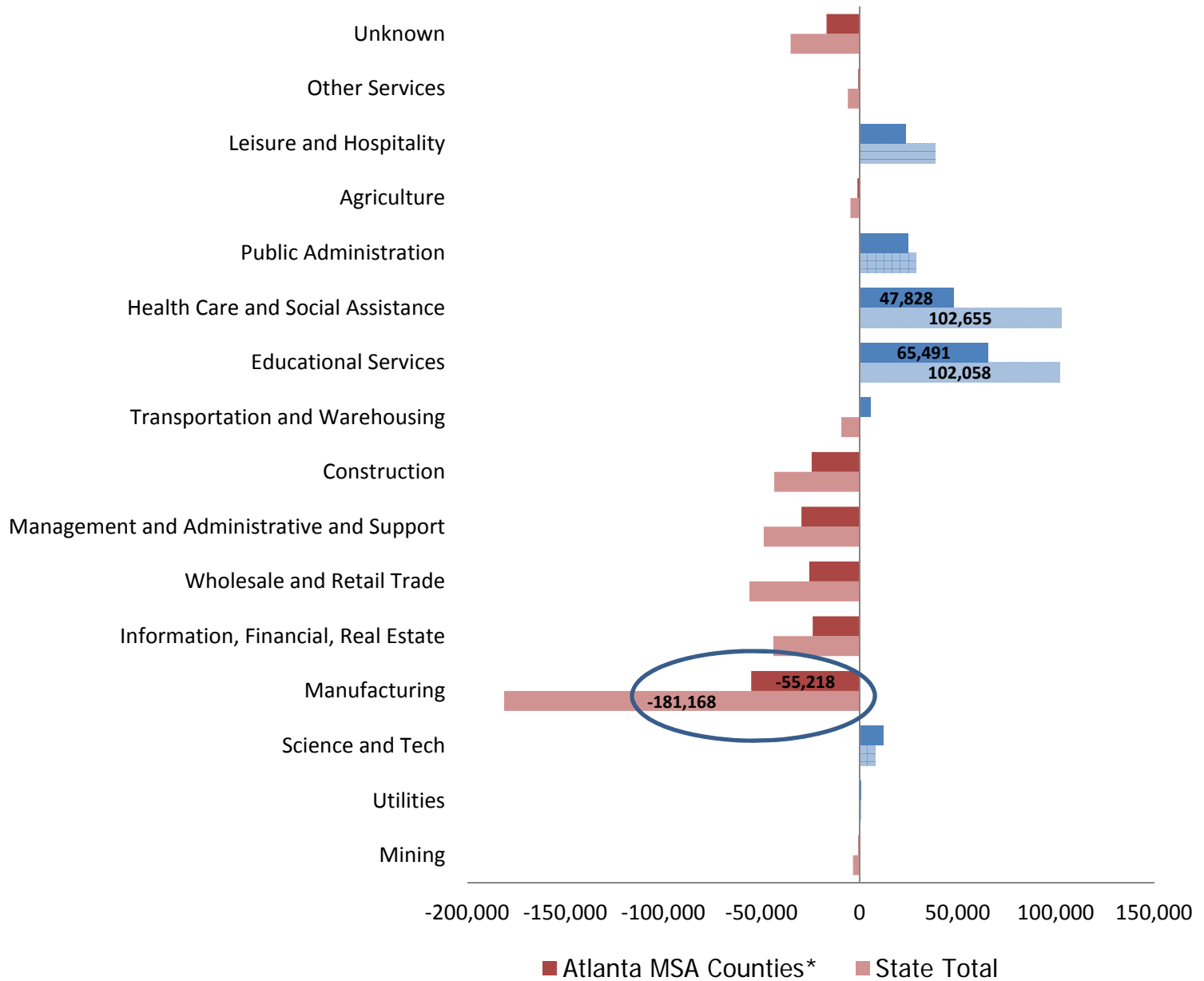
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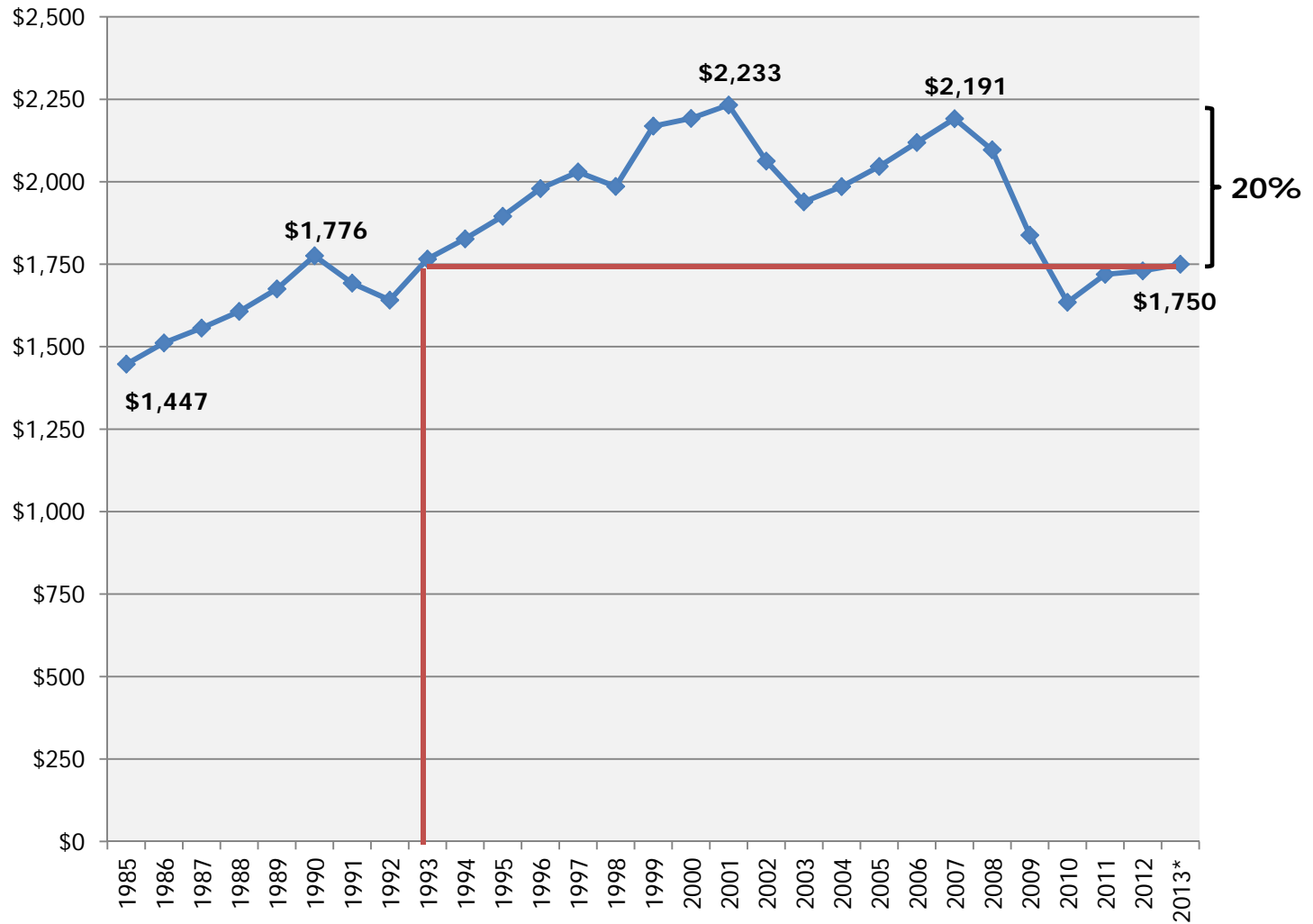
## Job Losses/Gains in Georgia 2000-2009 by Job Type



# Change by Job Type 2000-2009

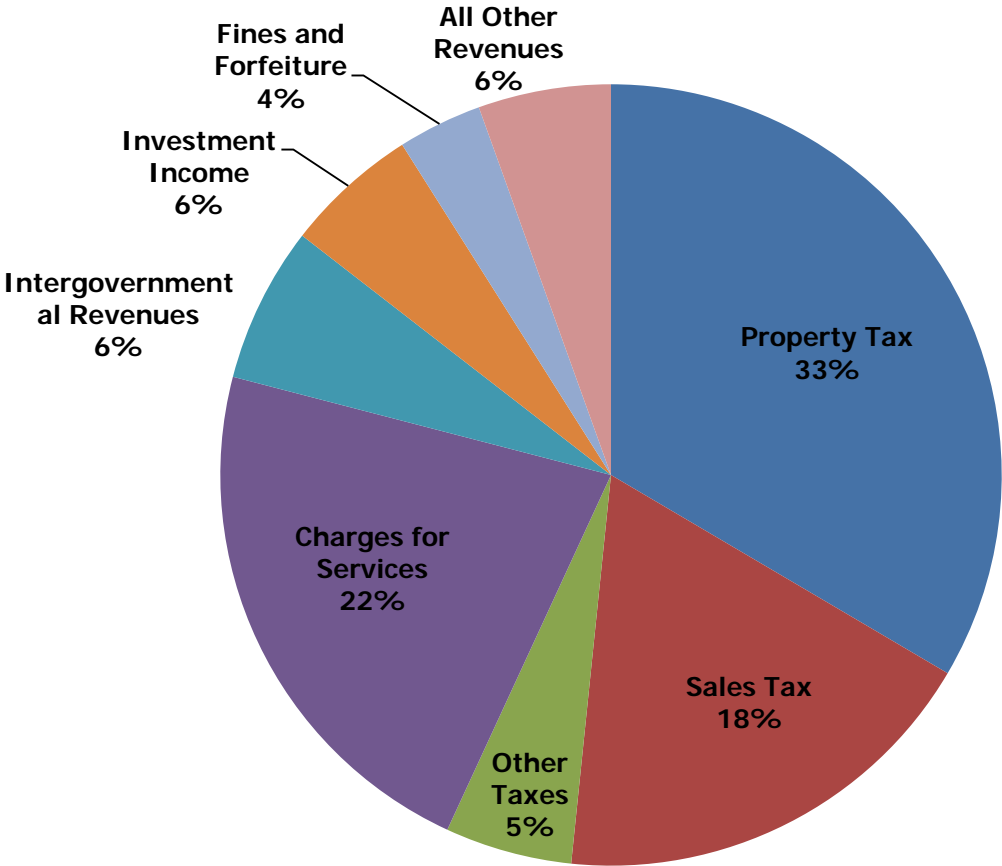


# State Tax Revenues Per Capita (2012 Dollars)



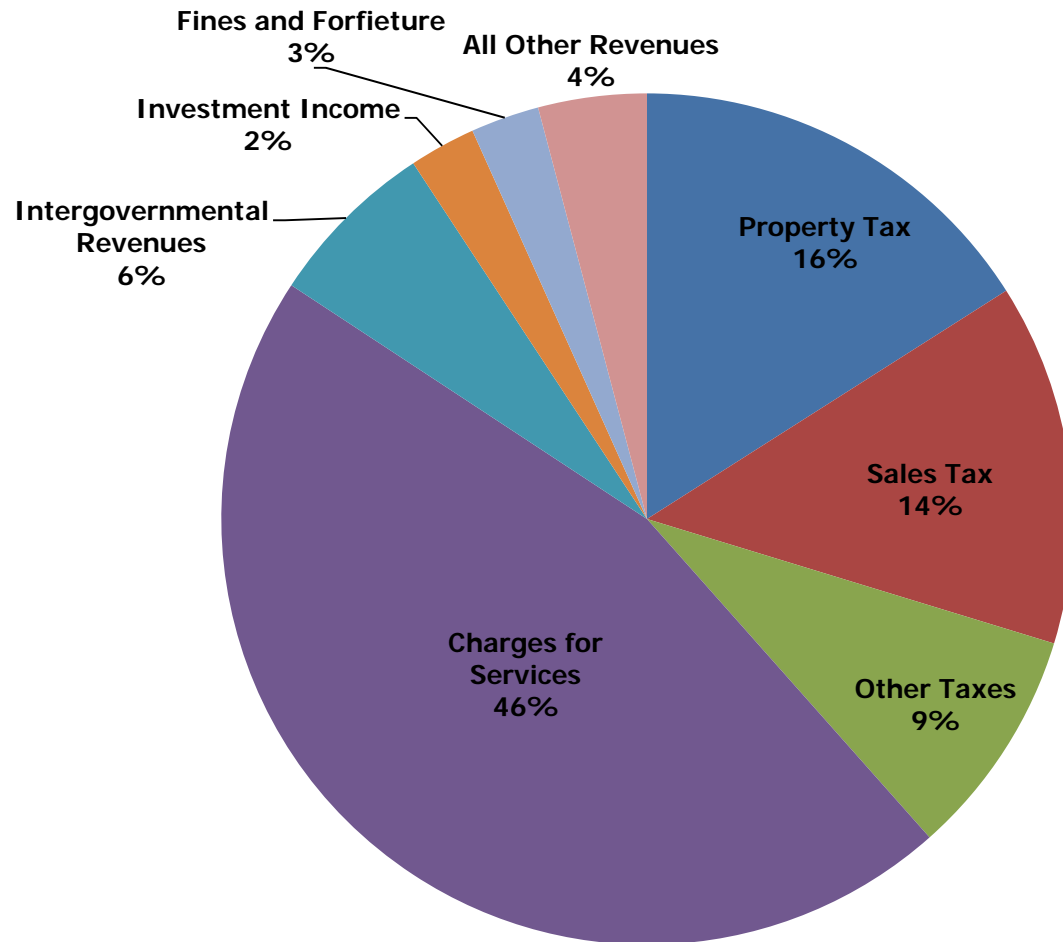
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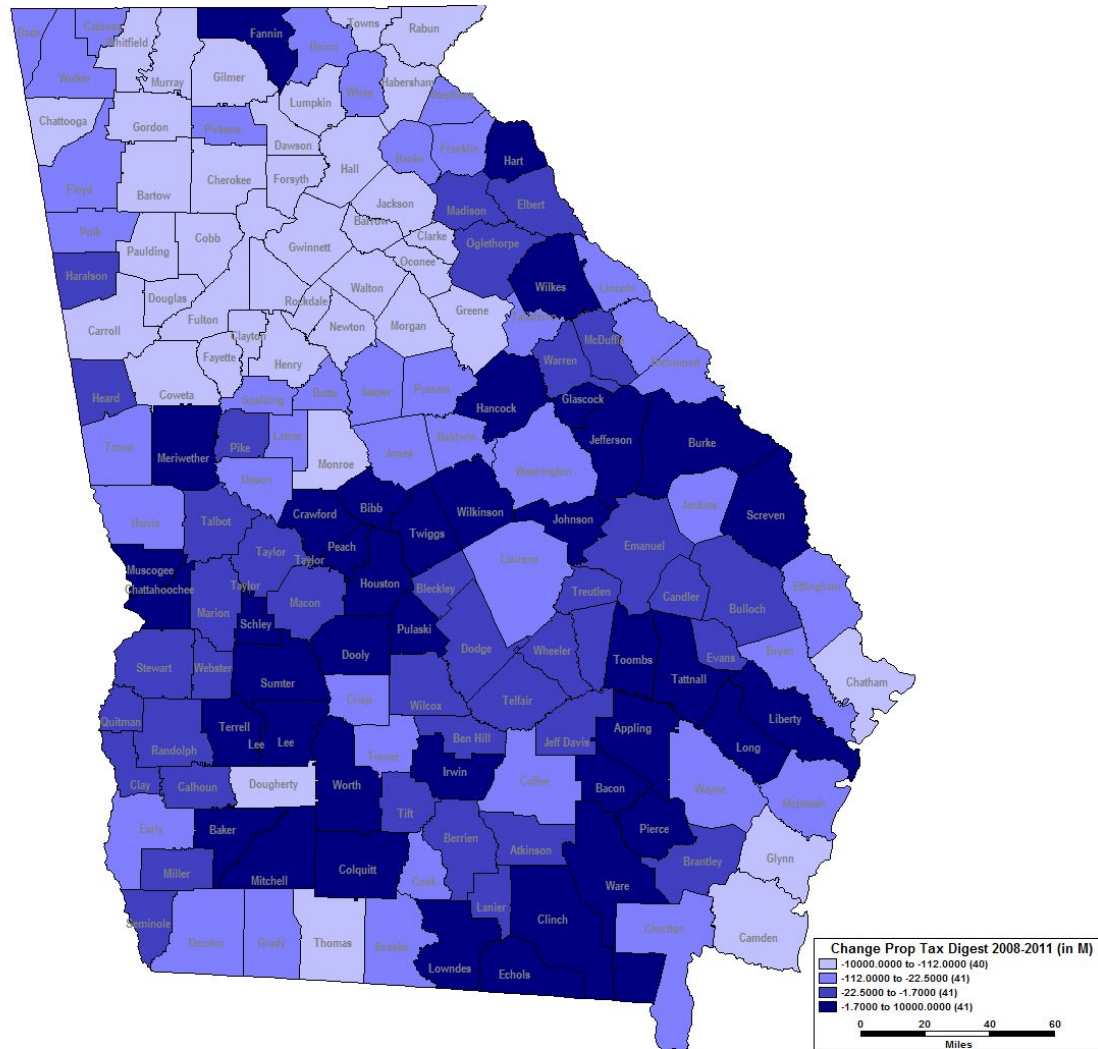
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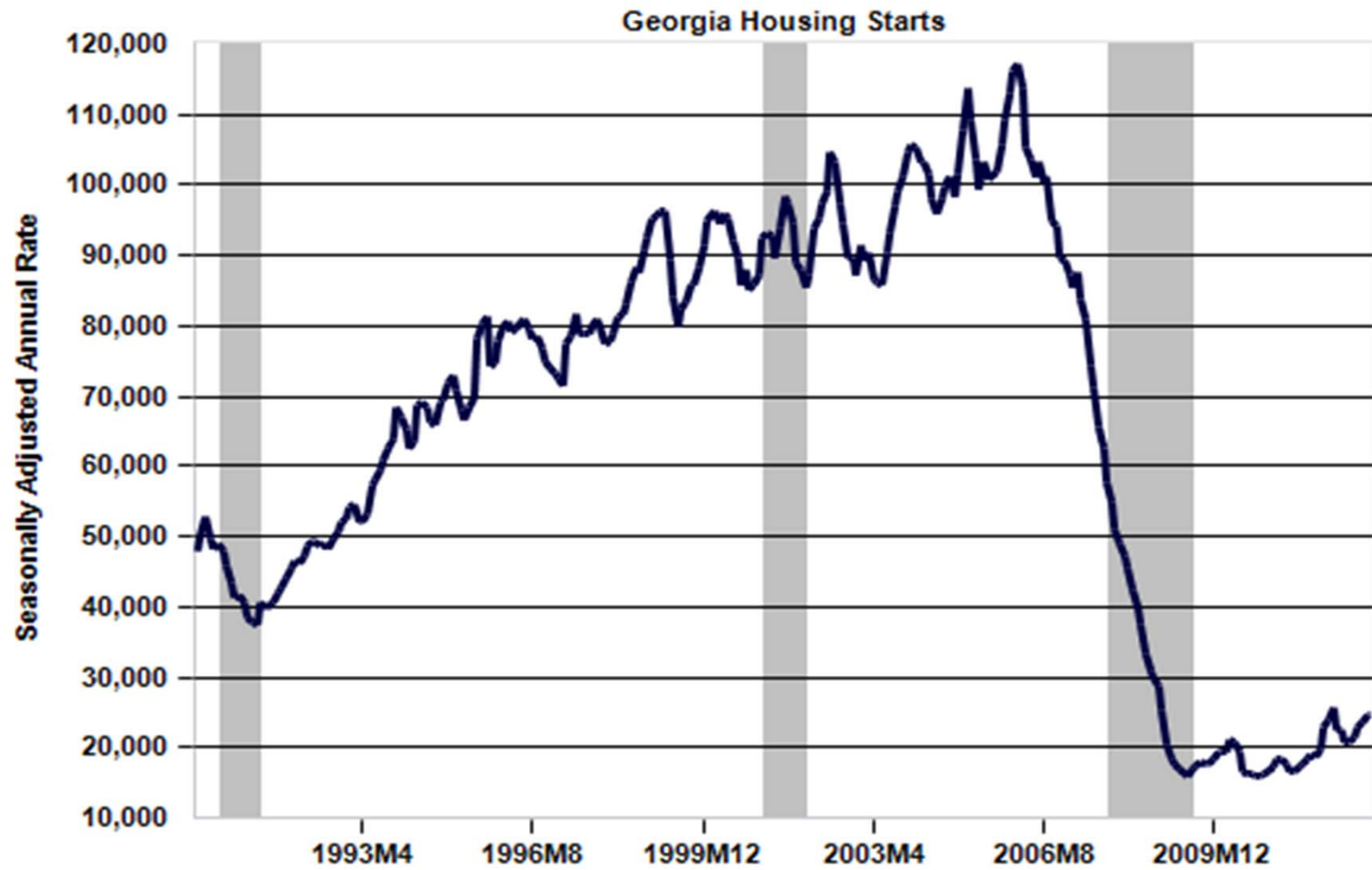
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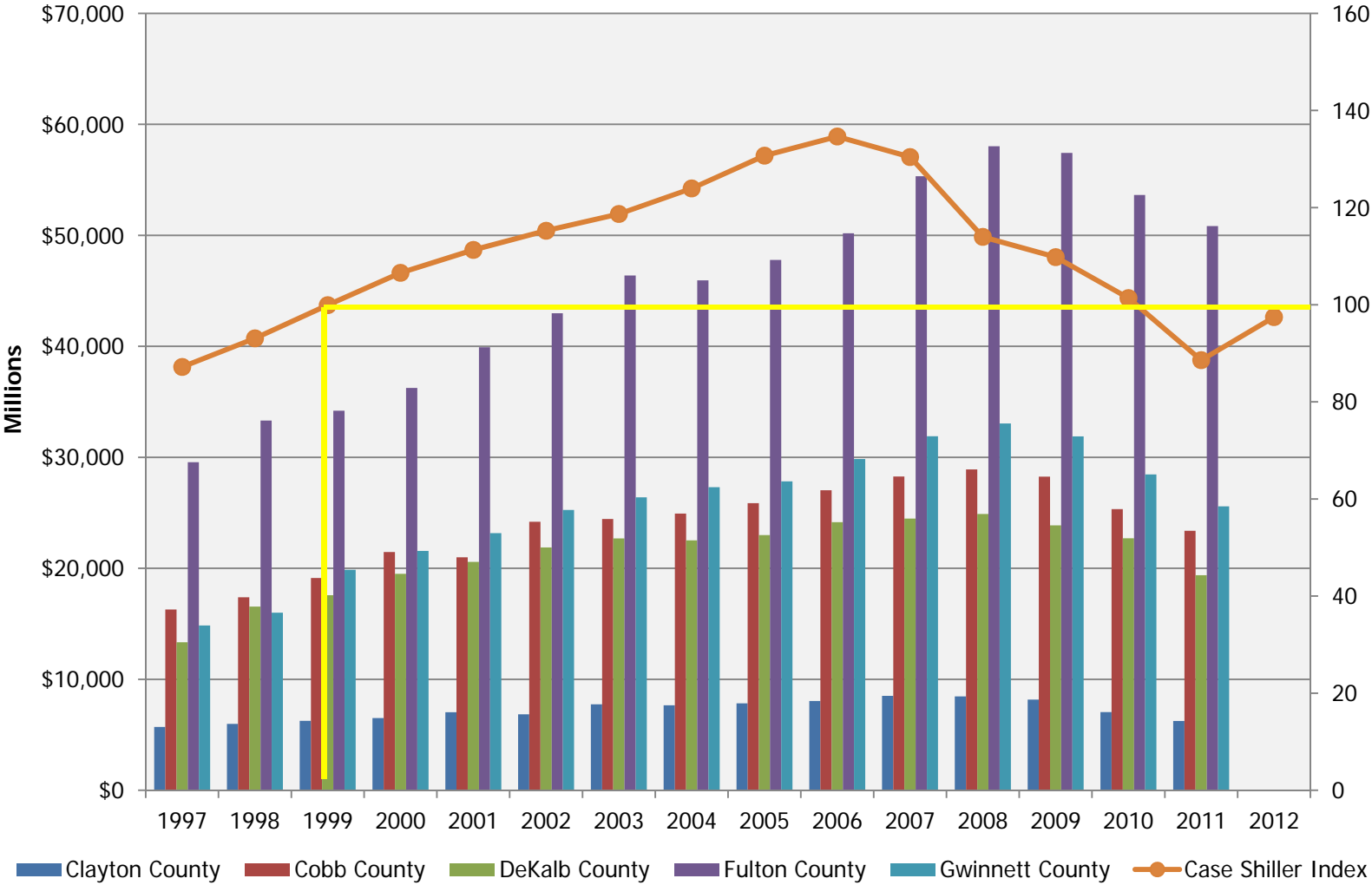


# PROPERTY TAX REVENUES

# Georgia Housing Starts 1990-2013



# Property Tax Digest 1997-2011 & Tracking with Case Shiller Index (2010\$)



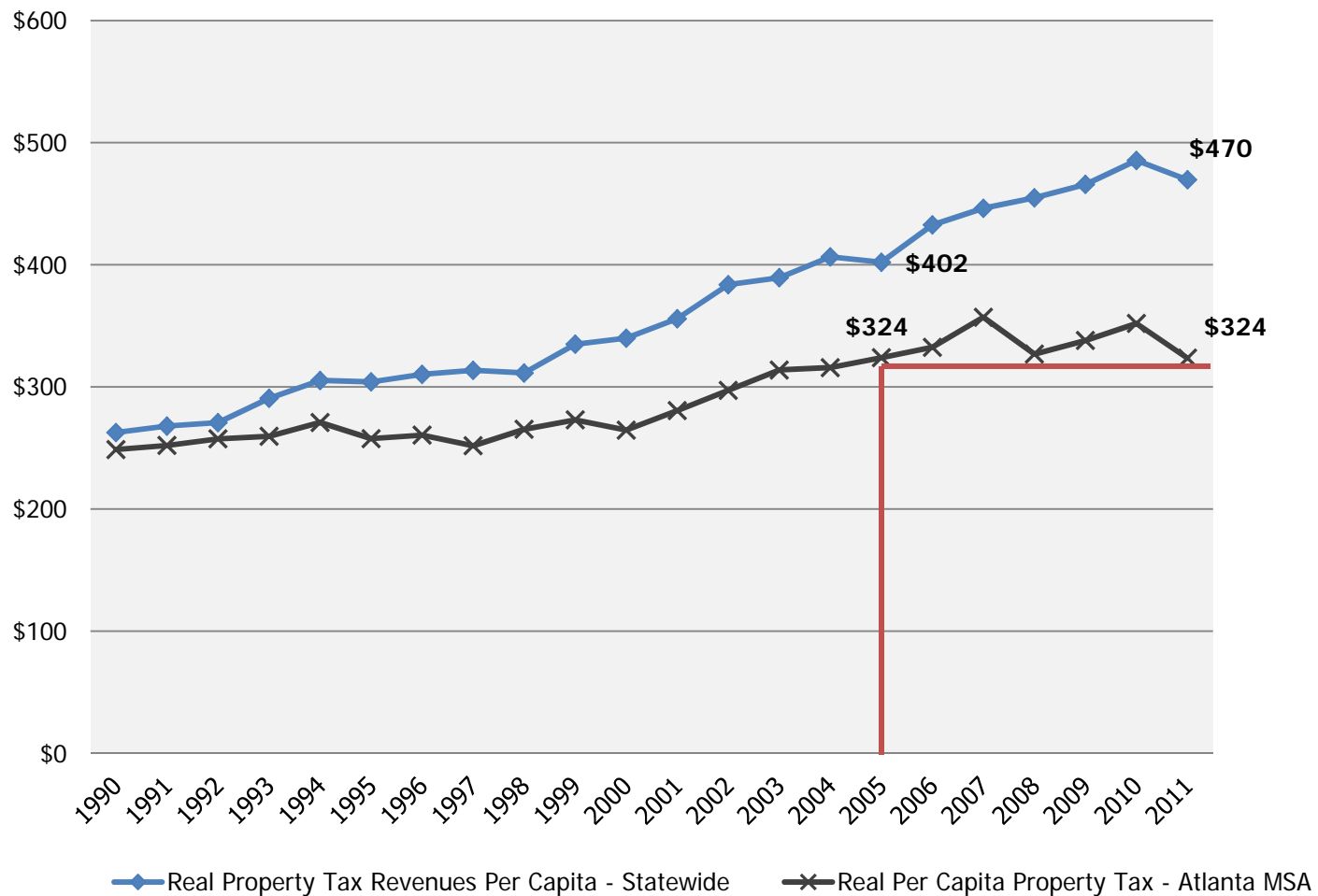
# Changes in Digest

Real Digest per Capita (2010\$)				
	2008	2011	Decline in Digest	% Decline
<b>Clayton County</b>	32,466	24,054	(8,412)	-26%
<b>Cobb County</b>	43,113	33,891	(9,223)	-21%
<b>DeKalb County</b>	36,562	27,967	(8,595)	-24%
<b>Fulton County</b>	66,747	54,891	(11,857)	-18%
<b>Gwinnett County</b>	43,250	31,628	(11,622)	-27%
Real Digest (2010\$)				
	2008	2011	Decline in Digest	% Decline
<b>Clayton County</b>	8,455,409,486	6,244,857,417	(2,210,552,068)	-26%
<b>Cobb County</b>	28,904,792,755	23,386,580,238	(5,518,212,517)	-19%
<b>DeKalb County</b>	24,897,340,114	19,378,367,011	(5,518,973,104)	-22%
<b>Fulton County</b>	58,025,419,830	50,839,624,690	(7,185,795,140)	-12%
<b>Gwinnett County</b>	33,048,845,359	25,578,518,809	(7,470,326,550)	-23%
Nominal Digest				
	2008	2011	Decline in Digest	% Decline
<b>Clayton County</b>	8,269,774,696	6,378,022,383	(1,891,752,313)	-23%
<b>Cobb County</b>	28,270,200,766	23,885,274,274	(4,384,926,492)	-16%
<b>DeKalb County</b>	24,350,729,982	19,791,590,148	(4,559,139,834)	-19%
<b>Fulton County</b>	56,751,497,305	51,923,725,802	(4,827,771,503)	-9%
<b>Gwinnett County</b>	32,323,272,521	26,123,953,612	(6,199,318,909)	-19%

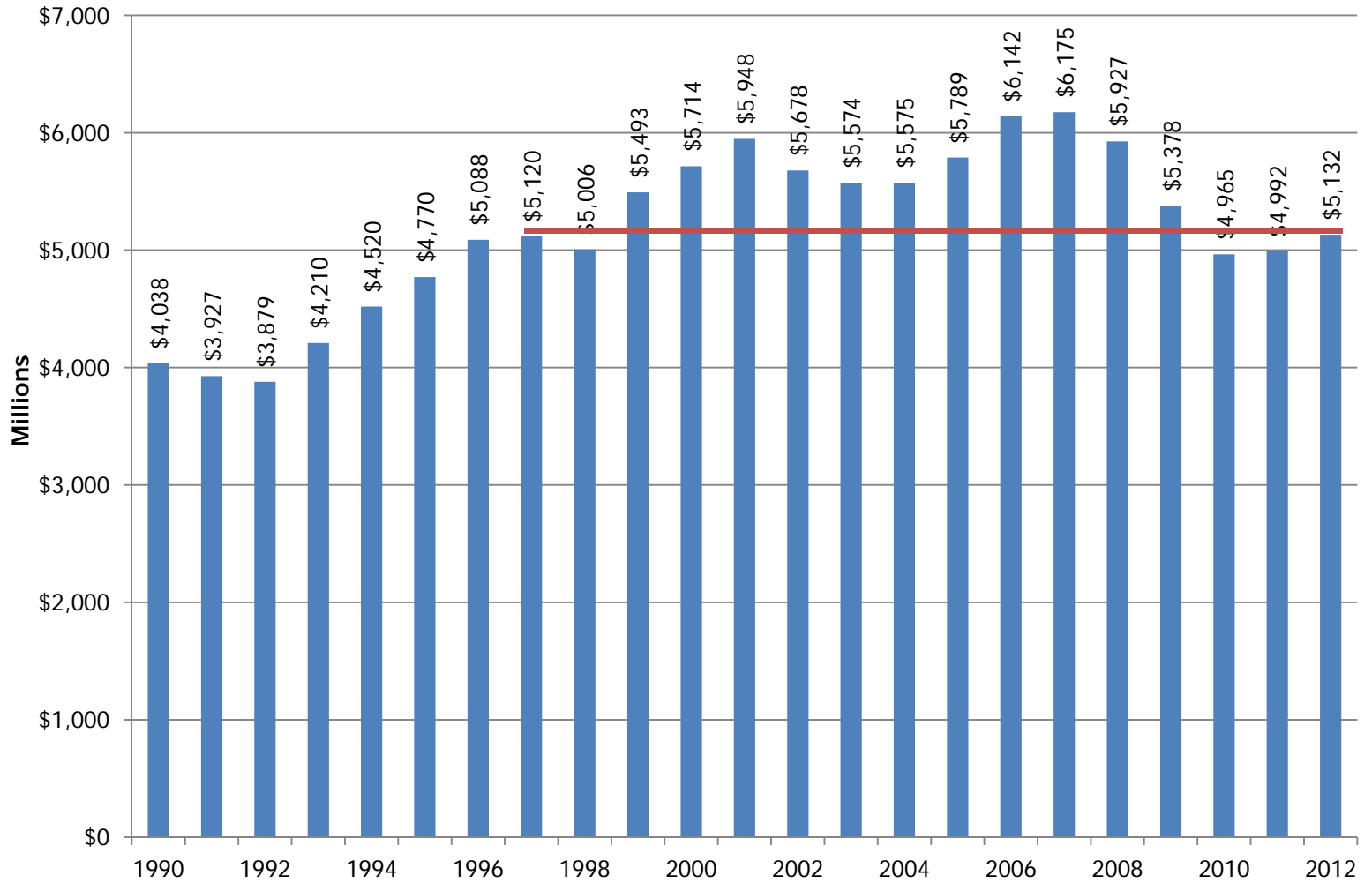
# Changes in Millage Rates

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	2008	2011	Change	% Change
<b>Clayton County</b>	8.962	15.813	6.851	76%
<b>Cobb County</b>	6.82	7.72	0.9	13%
<b>DeKalb County</b>	7.99	19.4	11.41	143%
<b>Fulton County</b>	10.281	10.281	0	0%
<b>Gwinnett County</b>	9.72	11.78	2.06	21%
<b>Rockdale</b>	14.53	16.91	2.38	16%
<b>Atlanta</b>	7.12	10.24	3.12	44%
<b>Conyers</b>	9.41	9.9	0.49	5%
<b>Doraville</b>	7.5	9	1.5	20%
<b>Dunwoody*</b>		2.7	2.7	
<b>Rome</b>	8.48	8.7	0.22	3%
<b>Sandy Springs</b>	4.731	4.731	0	0%

# Average Real Per Capita County Property Tax Revenues (2011 Dollars)

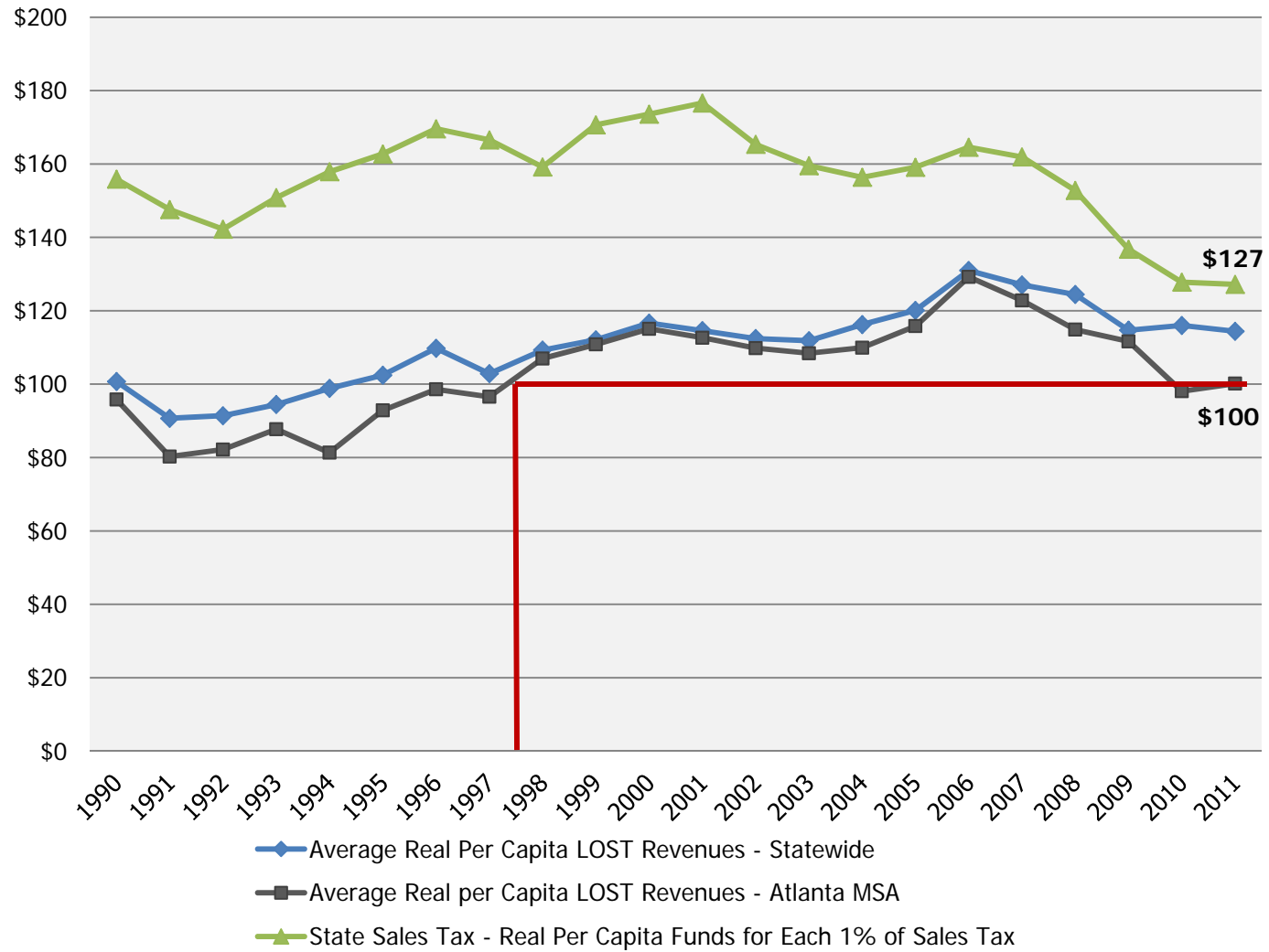


# Real State Sales Tax Revenues

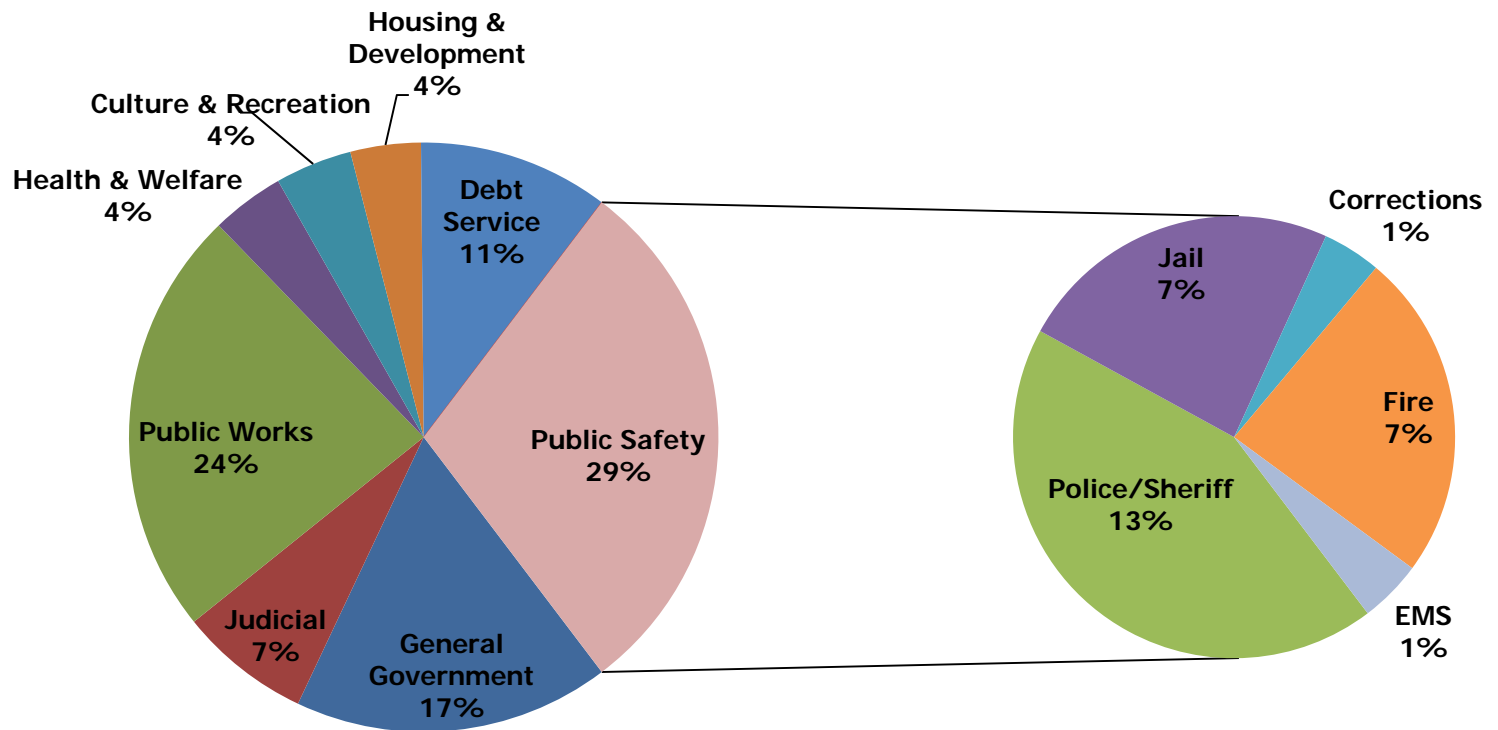




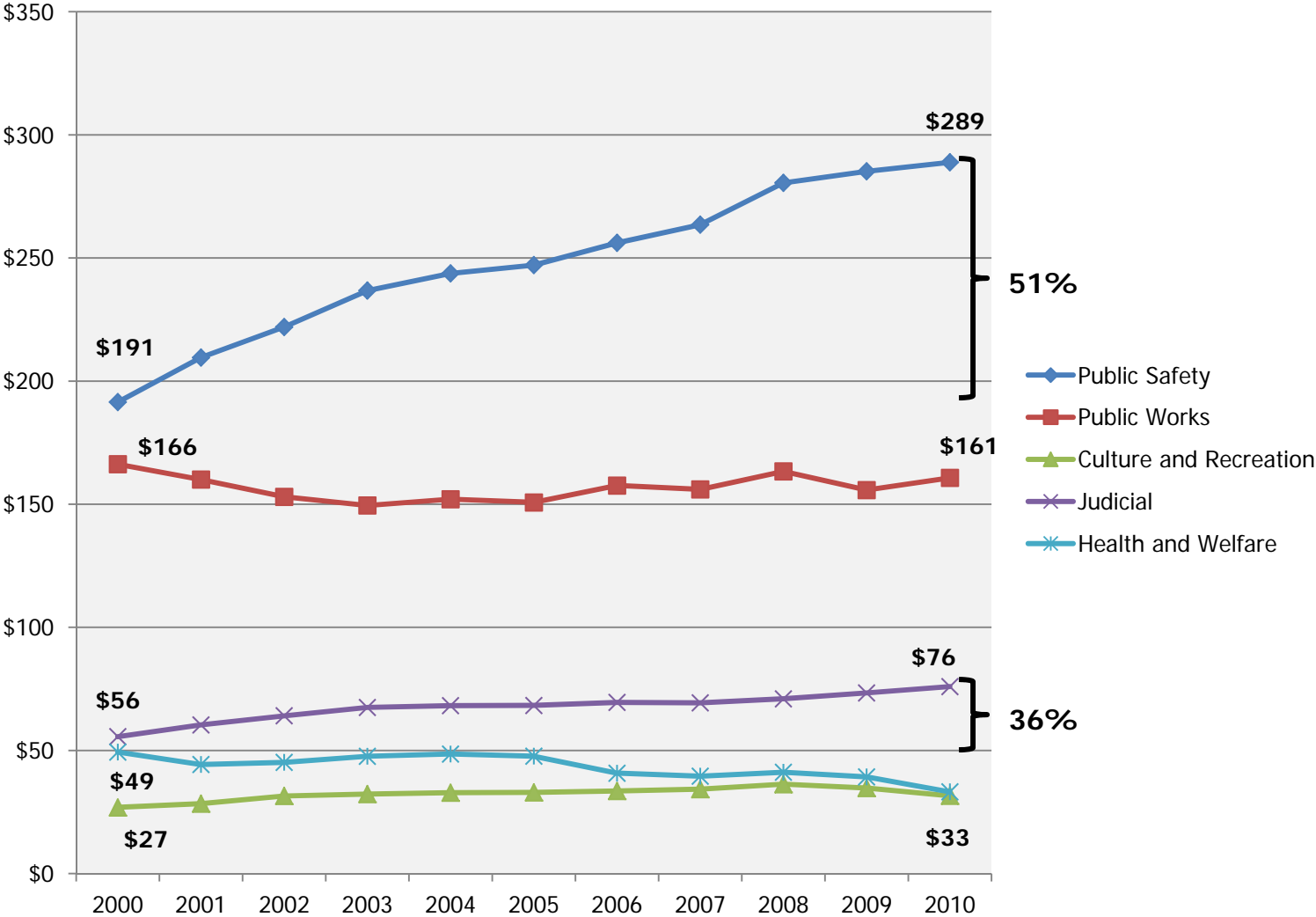
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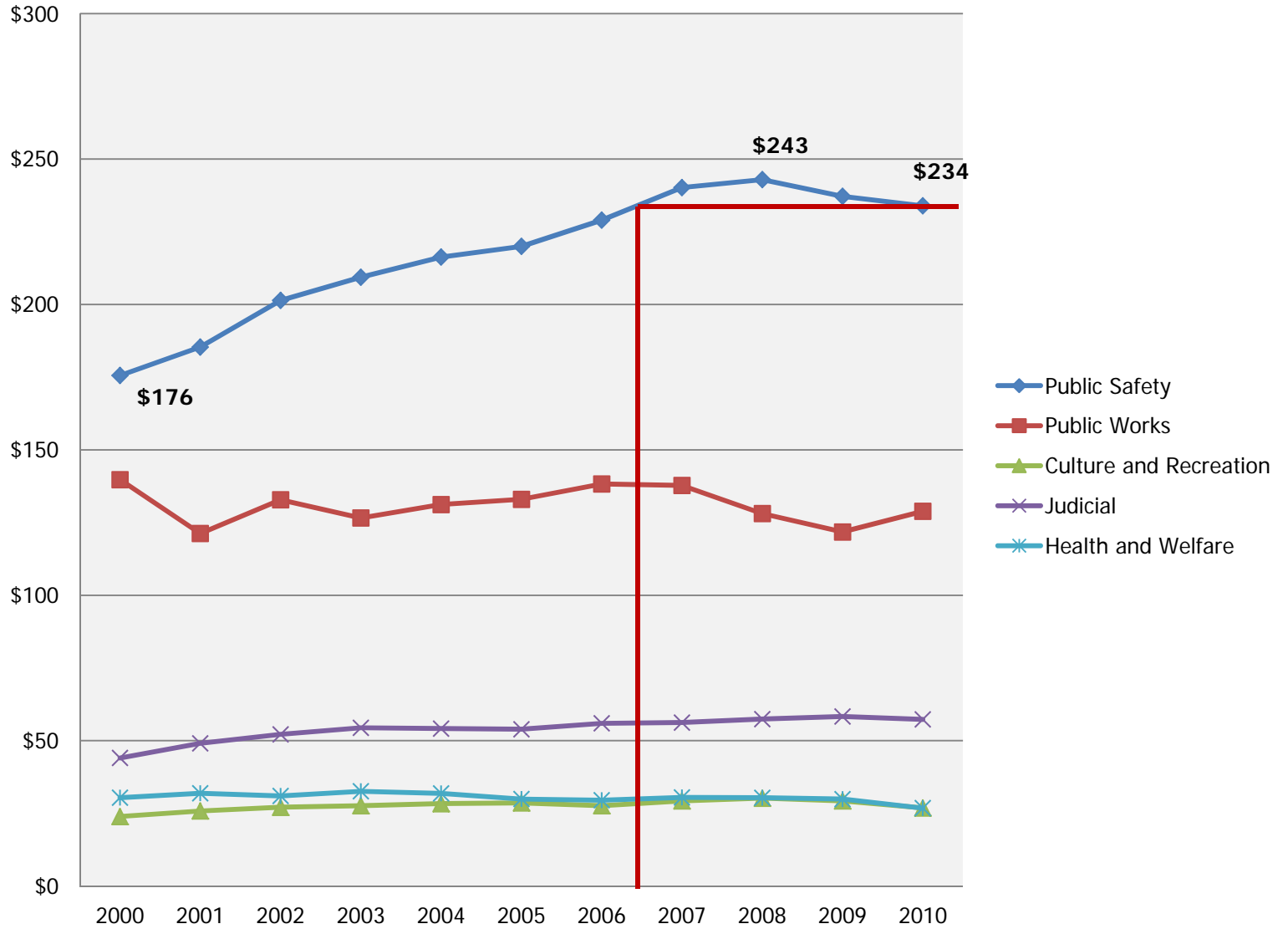
# County Govt. Expenditures in GA in 2011



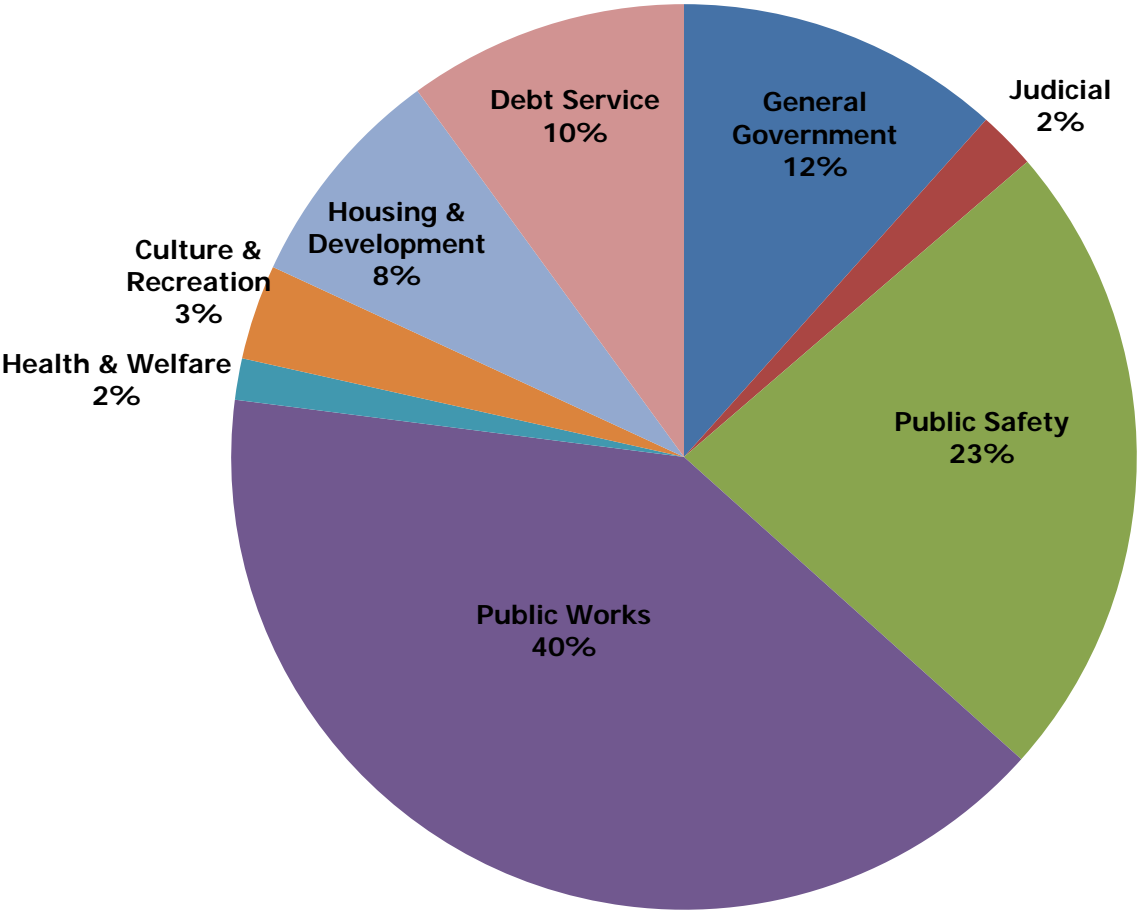
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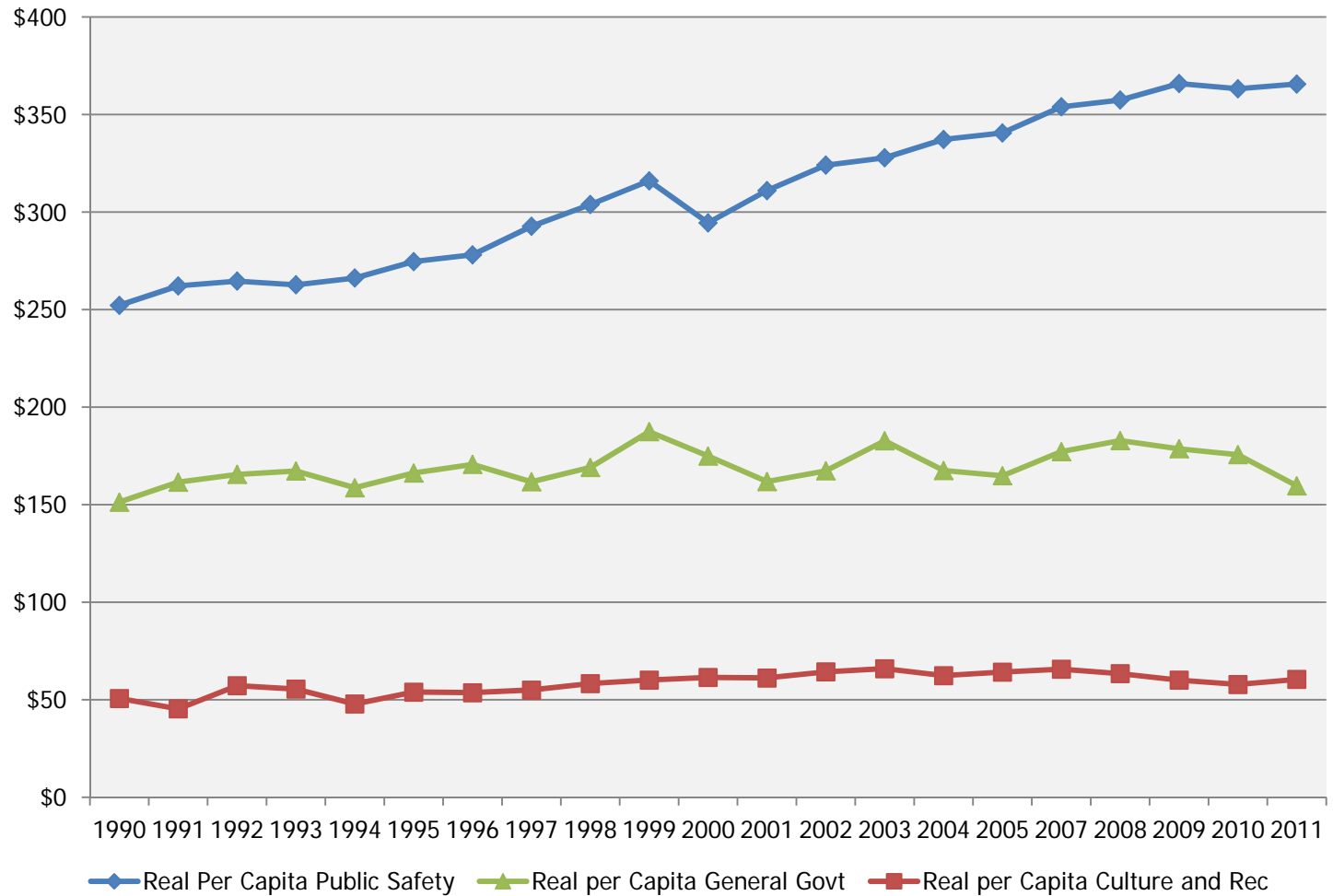
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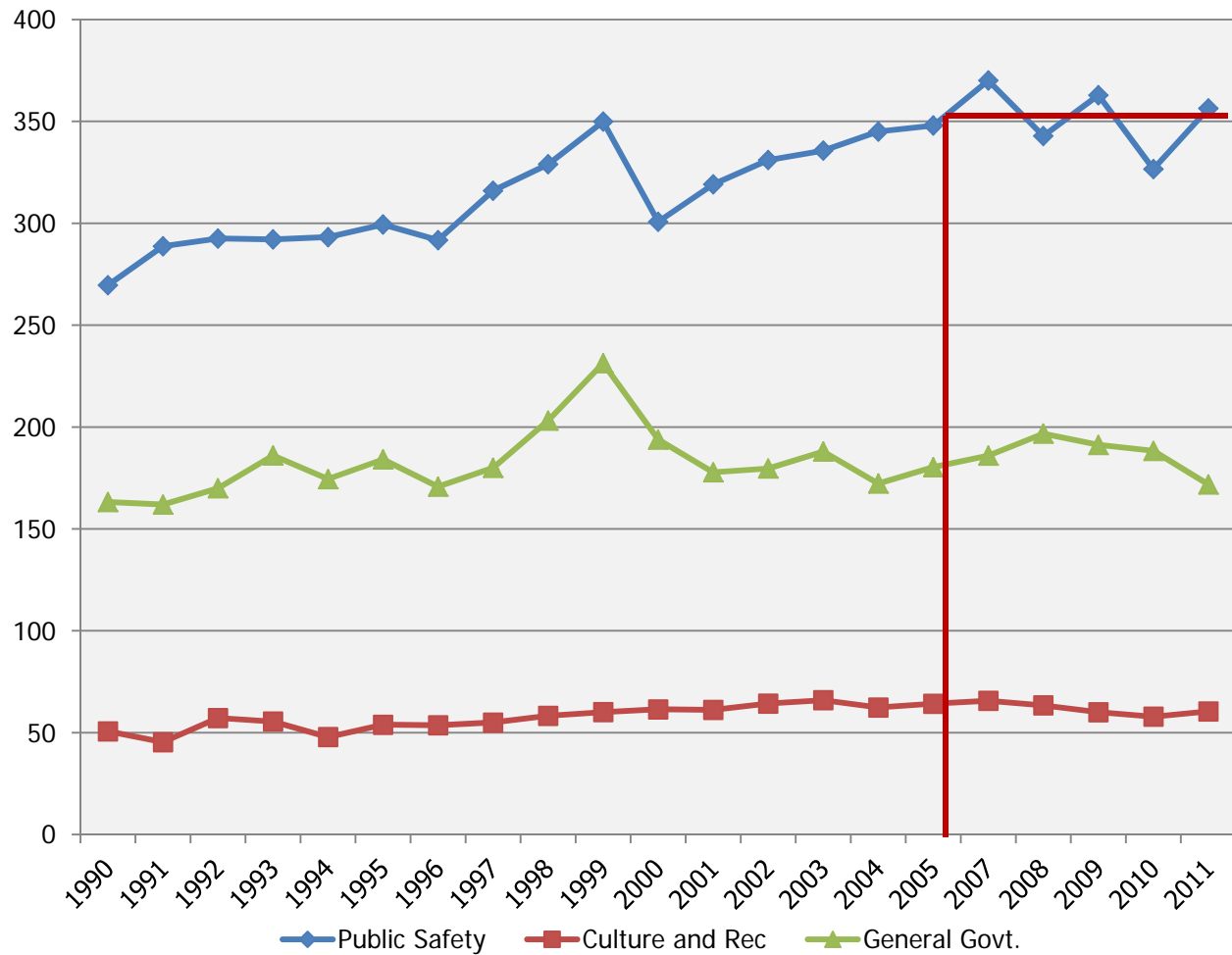
# City Govt. Expenditures in GA for 2011



# Average Real Per Capita Spending Trends by Service Area – Cities Over 10,000 Pop



# Average Real Per Capita Spending Trends by Service Area – Cities Over 10,000 Pop (Atlanta MSA)





## Take Away

- GA's economy has never recovered from the loss of manufacturing in the early 2000s.
- The state is now funding its operations at 1993 levels on a real per capita basis.
- The Atlanta region has been hit hard by the real estate collapse of the current recession and this is visible in the decline in property tax digest in the region.
  - The full impact of the recession has not yet been absorbed in the property tax digest: there is likely more fiscal stress to come.
  - On a positive note, it looks like the region has hit the bottom and once the digest has stabilized, there will be some growth going forward.
- In the Atlanta MSA, public safety budgets have flattened on a real per capita basis since 2008, but do not yet fully reflect the economic “reset” that has occurred in the state.