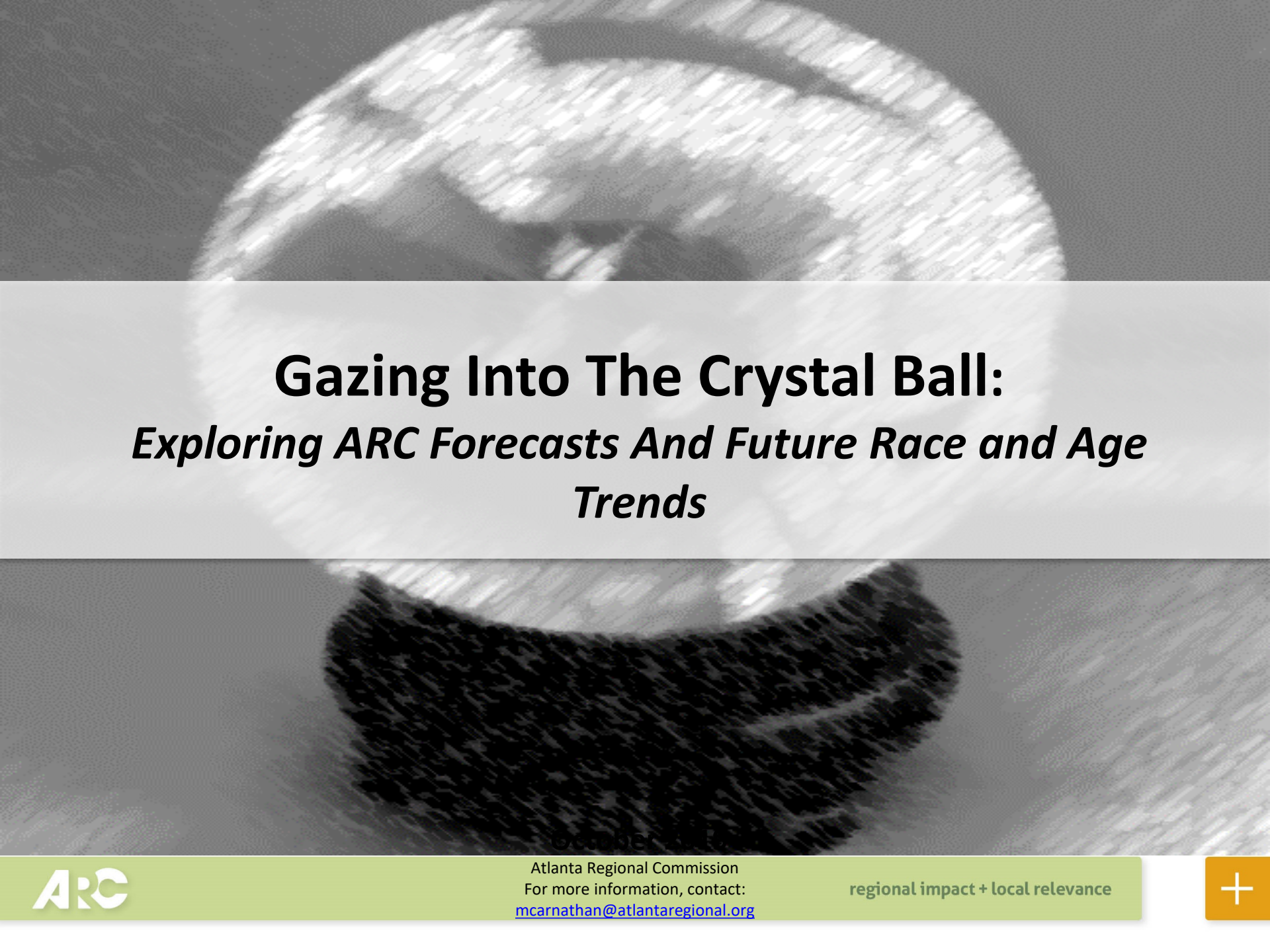




Gazing Into The Crystal Ball:

Exploring ARC Forecasts And Future Race and Age Trends

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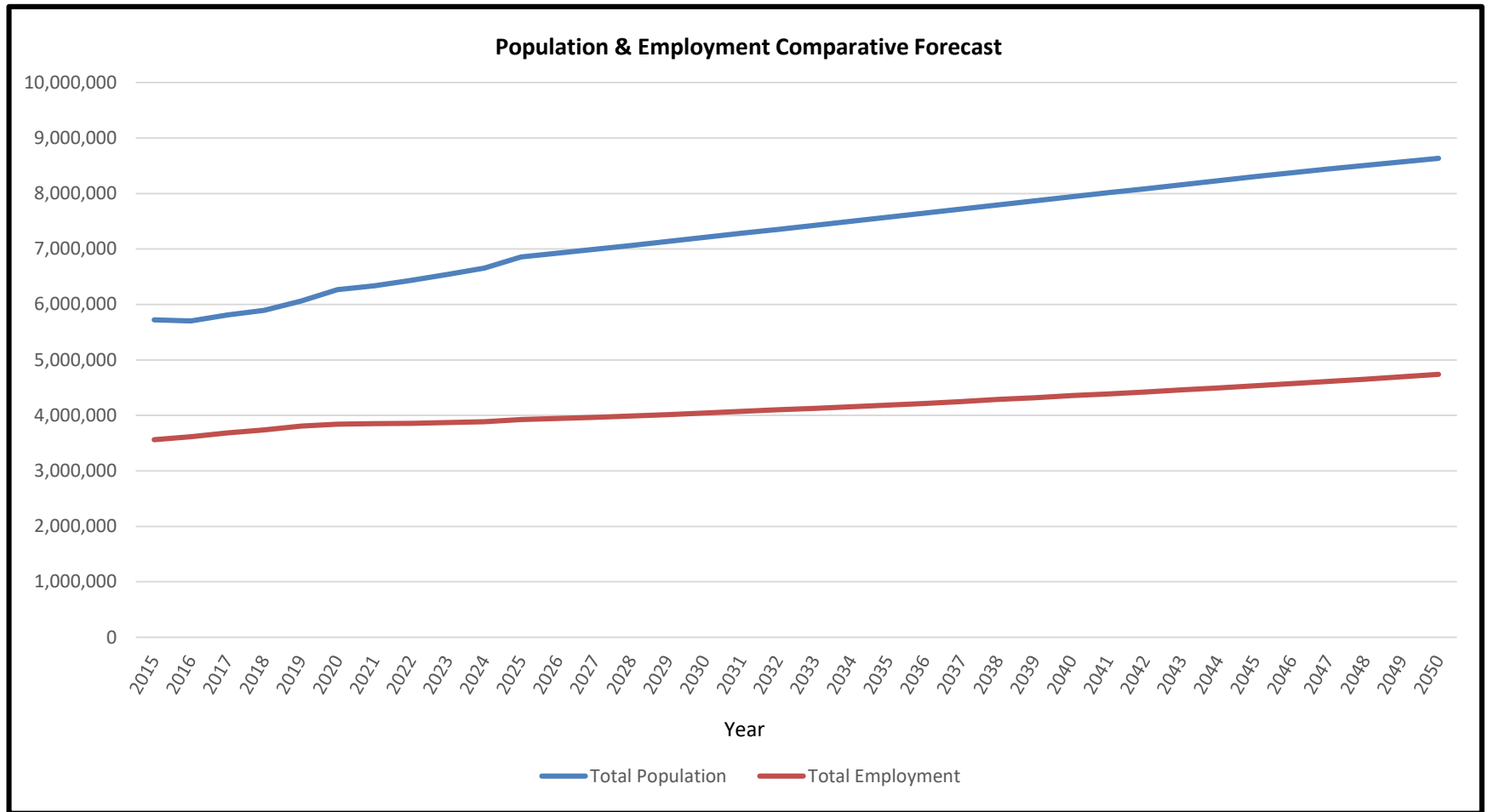


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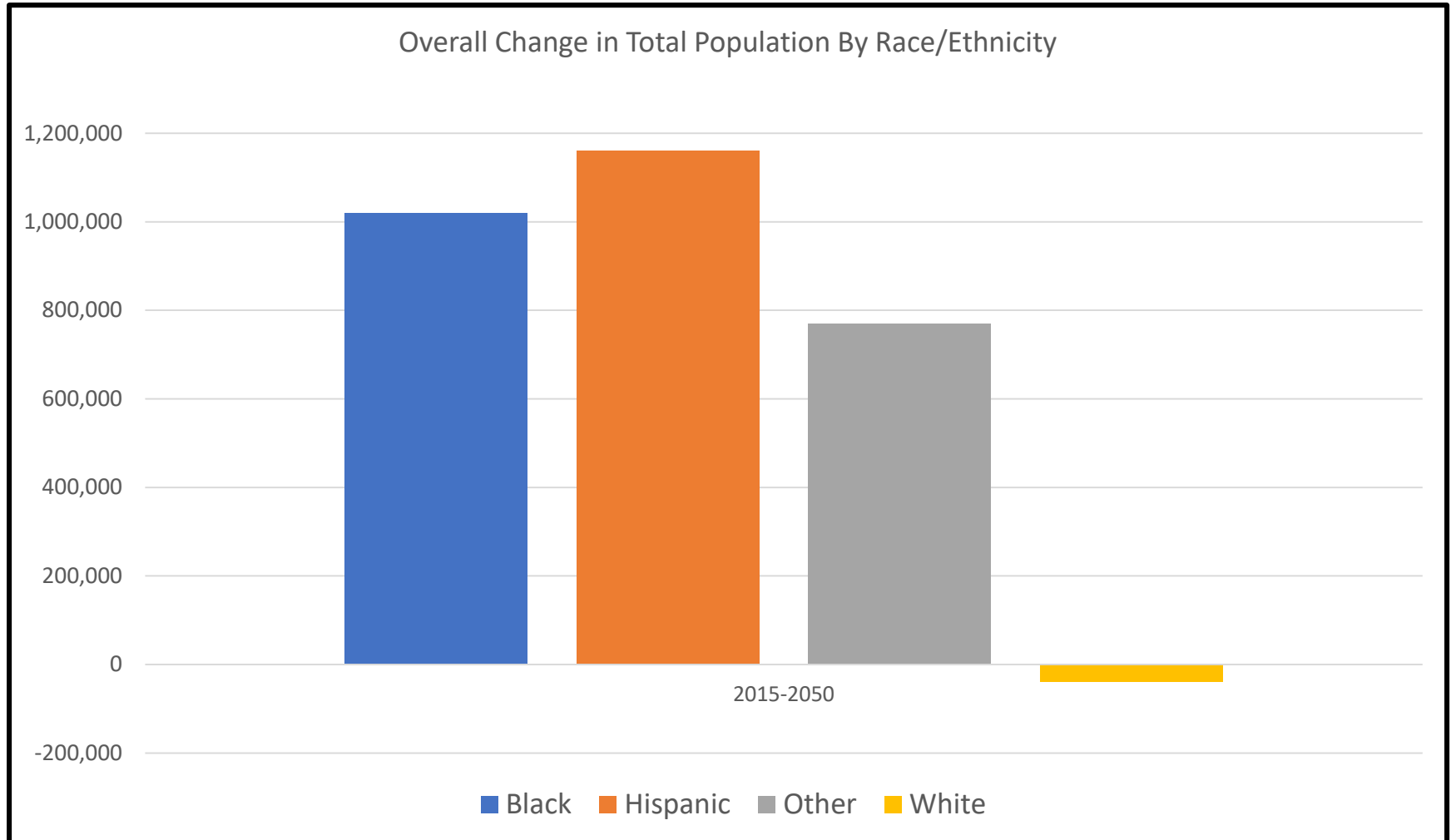
regional impact + local relevance



- ARC forecasts the region to add around 2.9 million new residents between 2015 and 2050, which will bring the 21-county area's total population to 8.6 million by 2050.
- The region's growing diversity will continue. The share of people of color will grow significantly, while the share of White population will decline from around 47 percent today to 31 percent by 2050.
- ARC forecasts that there will be more than a million residents age 75 and older by 2050, making this age cohort the fastest-growing in the region.
- Gwinnett will surpass Fulton as the region's most populous county by 2050.

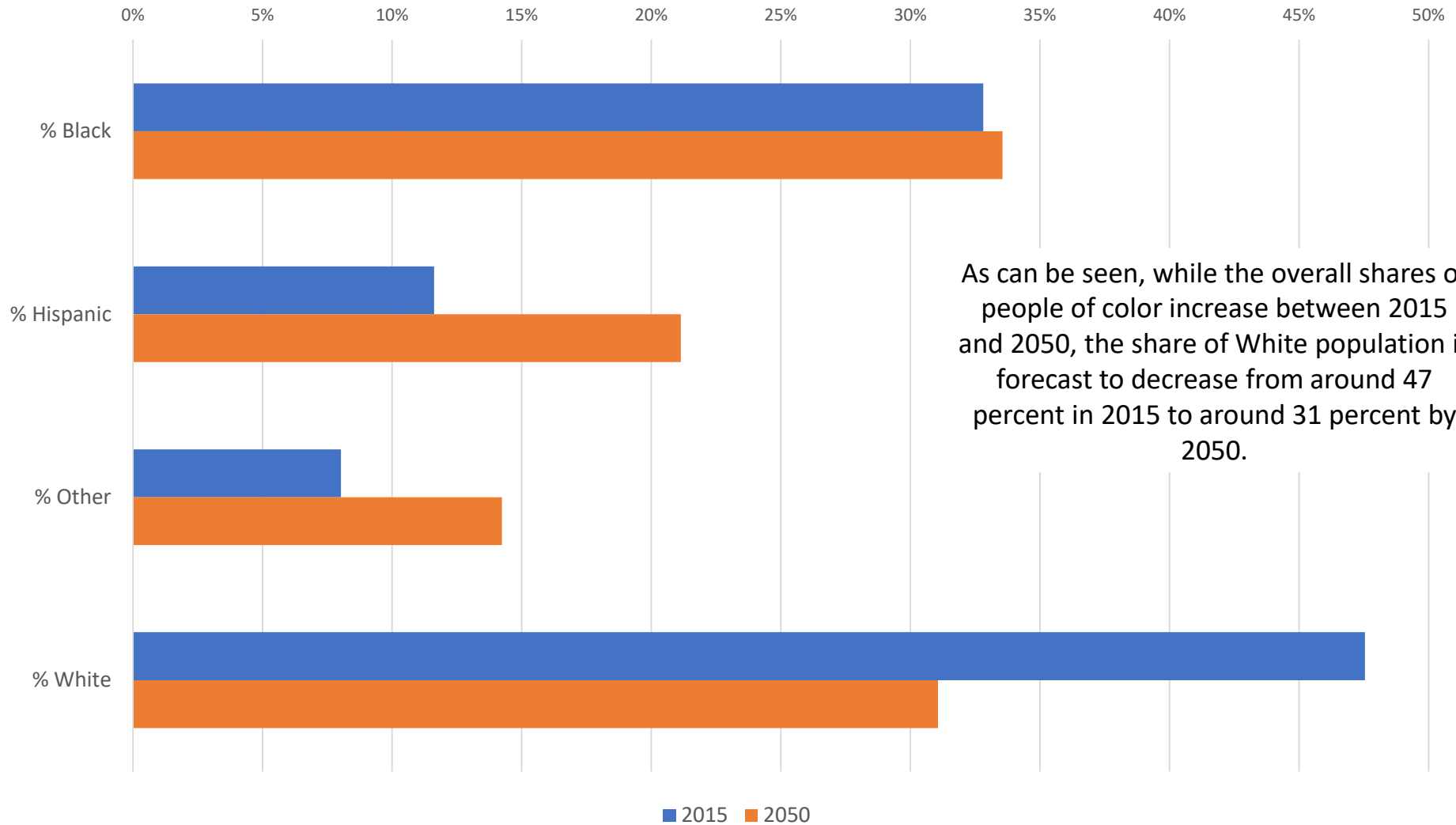


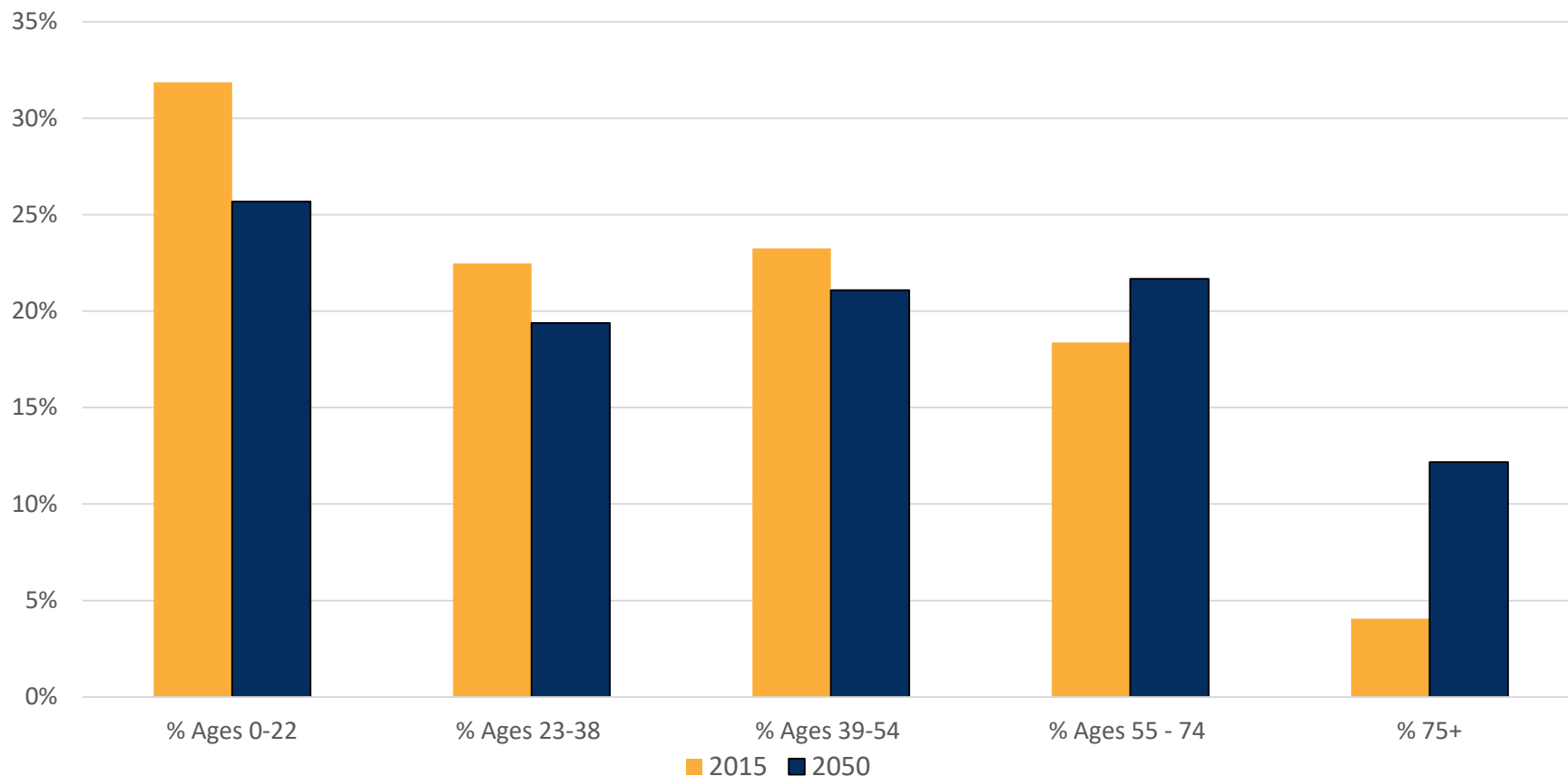
As Metro Atlanta's population increases, employment in the region will also increase. By 2050, the region is projected to be home to more than 8.6 million people and about 4.7 million jobs.



While growth in the White population will be stagnant, growth in Black, Hispanic and Other (which includes Asian) population will grow dramatically between 2015 and 2050.

Shares of Population by Race/Ethnicity



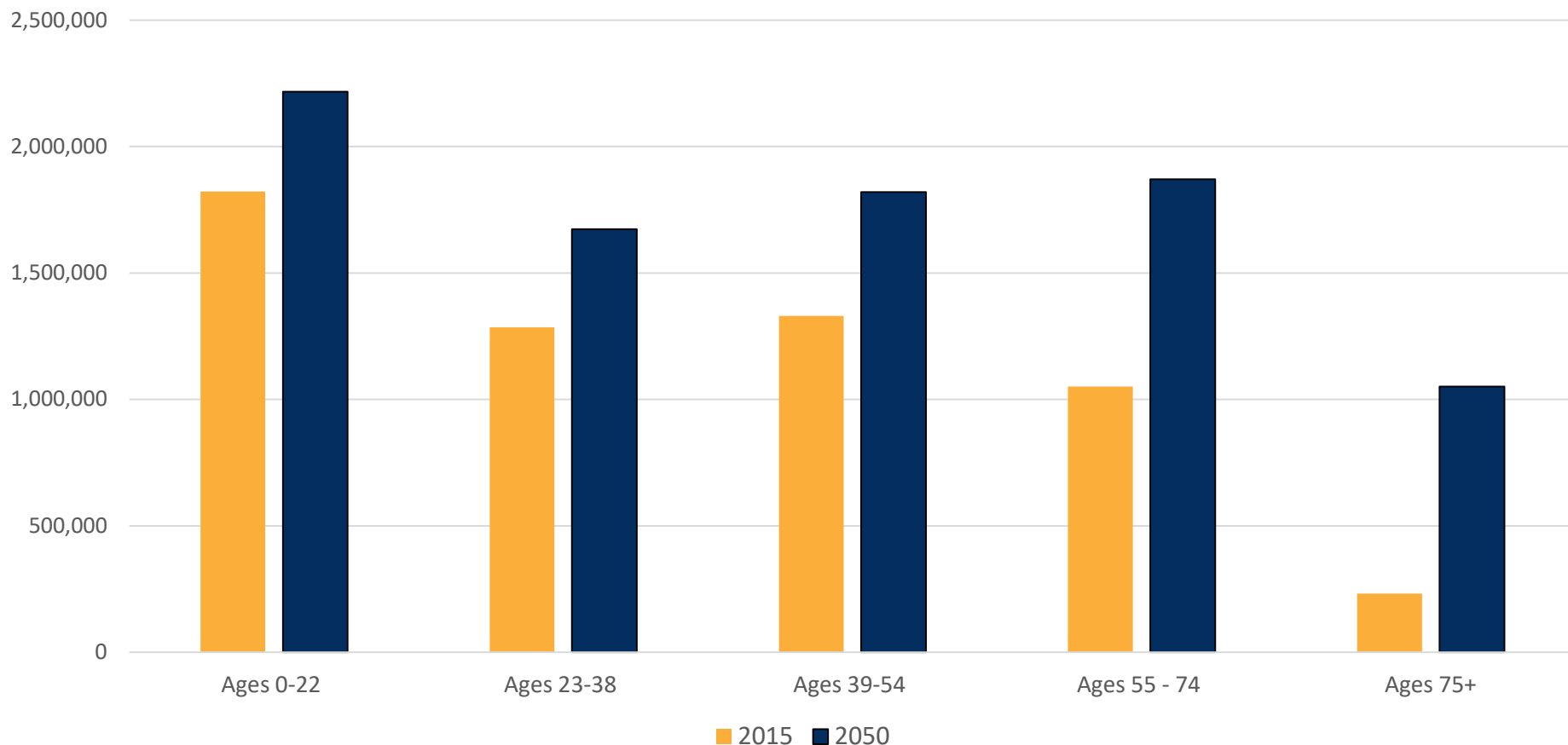


Here we are looking at the change in the shares of particular age cohorts. The age ranges correspond to what we would consider ***today*** the different “generations,” i.e. the 0-22 year olds are Gen Z; 23-38=Millennials, 39-54=Gen X; 55-74=Boomers; and 75+=Silent Generation. As can be seen, the overall share of population is forecast to grow the most in the two oldest age cohorts.

Note: We are not tracking cohorts through time. In other words, the 23-38 age cohort is considered to be Millennials today. By 2050, the Millennial generation will be age 58-73 in our forecast horizon.

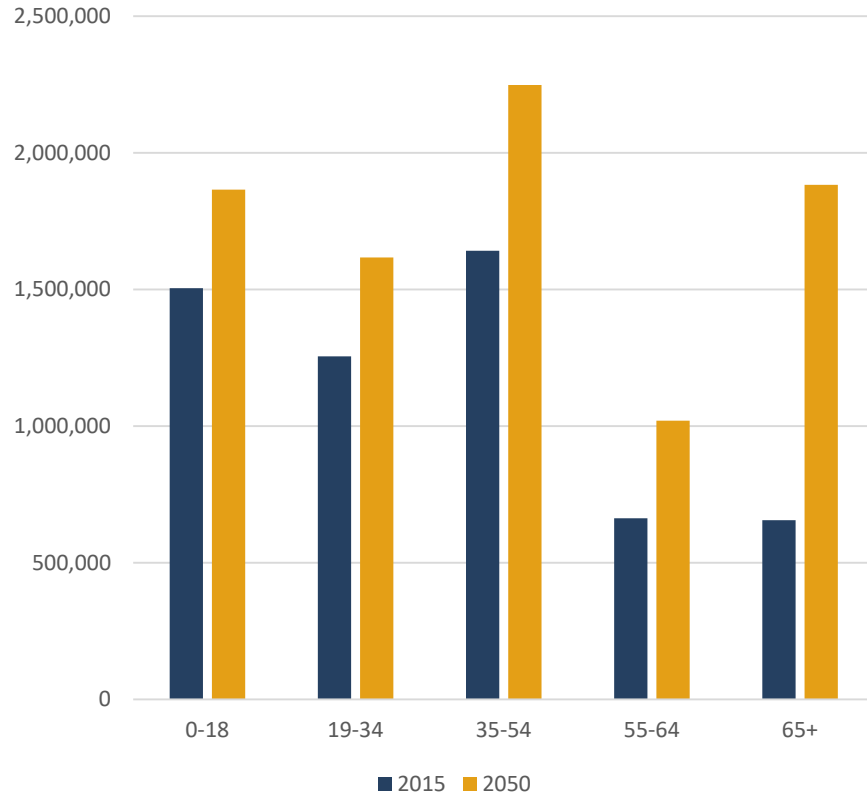
... But All Age Cohorts are Adding Population

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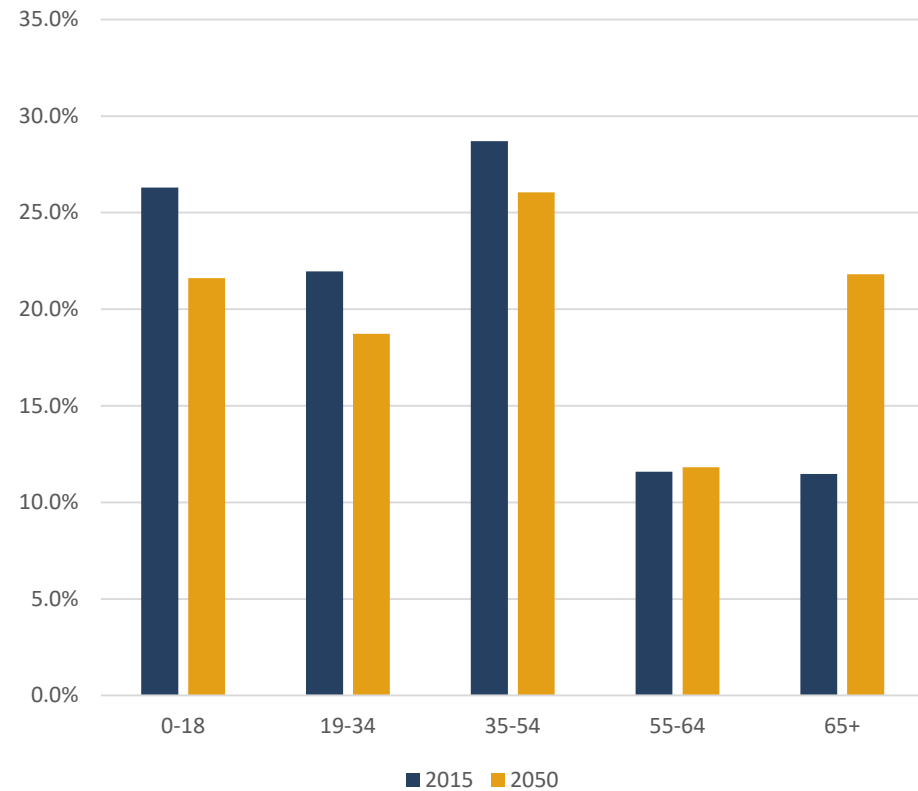


In the previous slide we showed that only the oldest age cohorts are forecast to experience an increase in the share of overall population. As this chart shows, ALL age cohorts are forecast to add population. It is the overall composition of the population that will get older.

Population Totals by Age



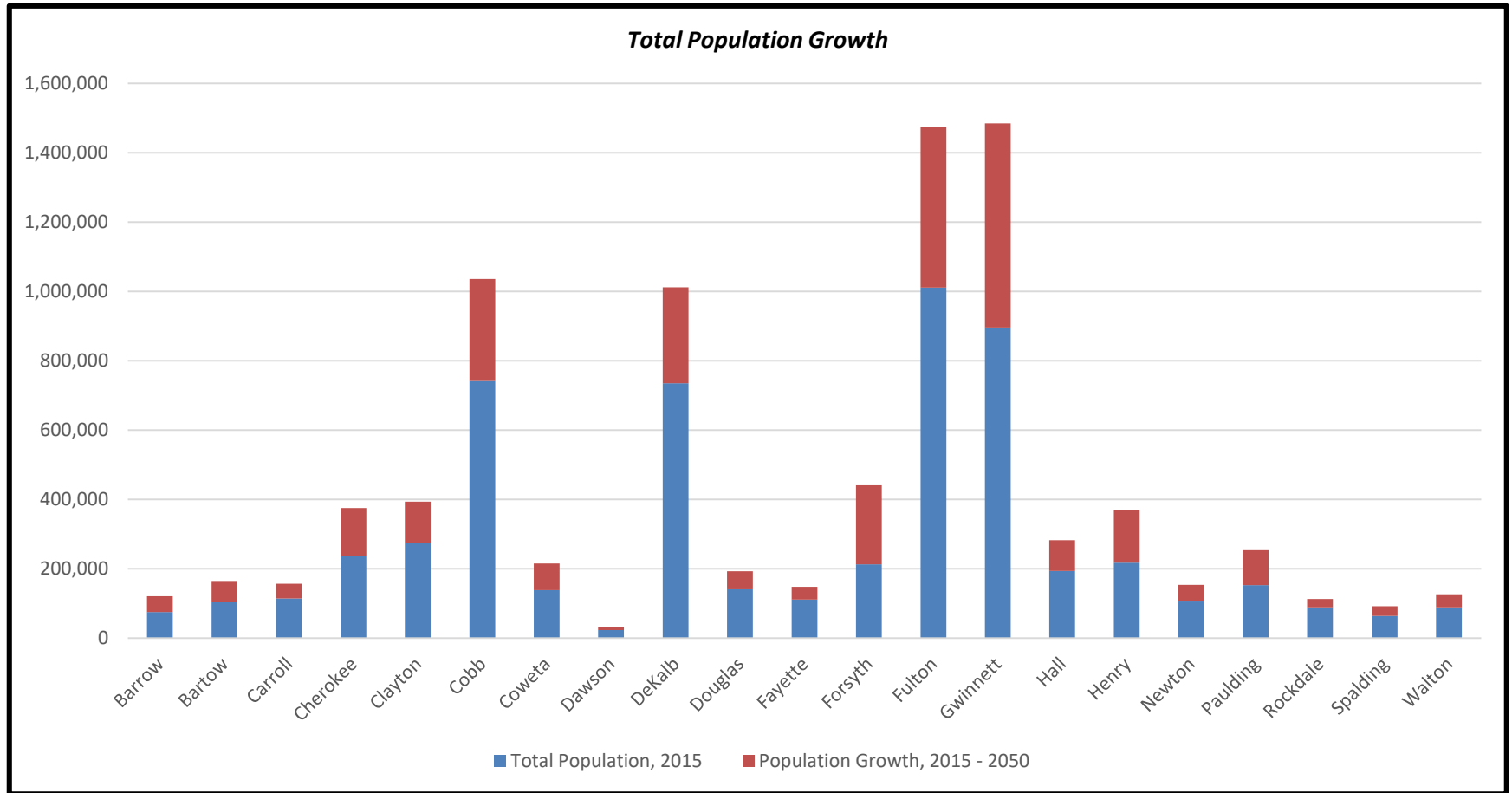
Population Shares by Age



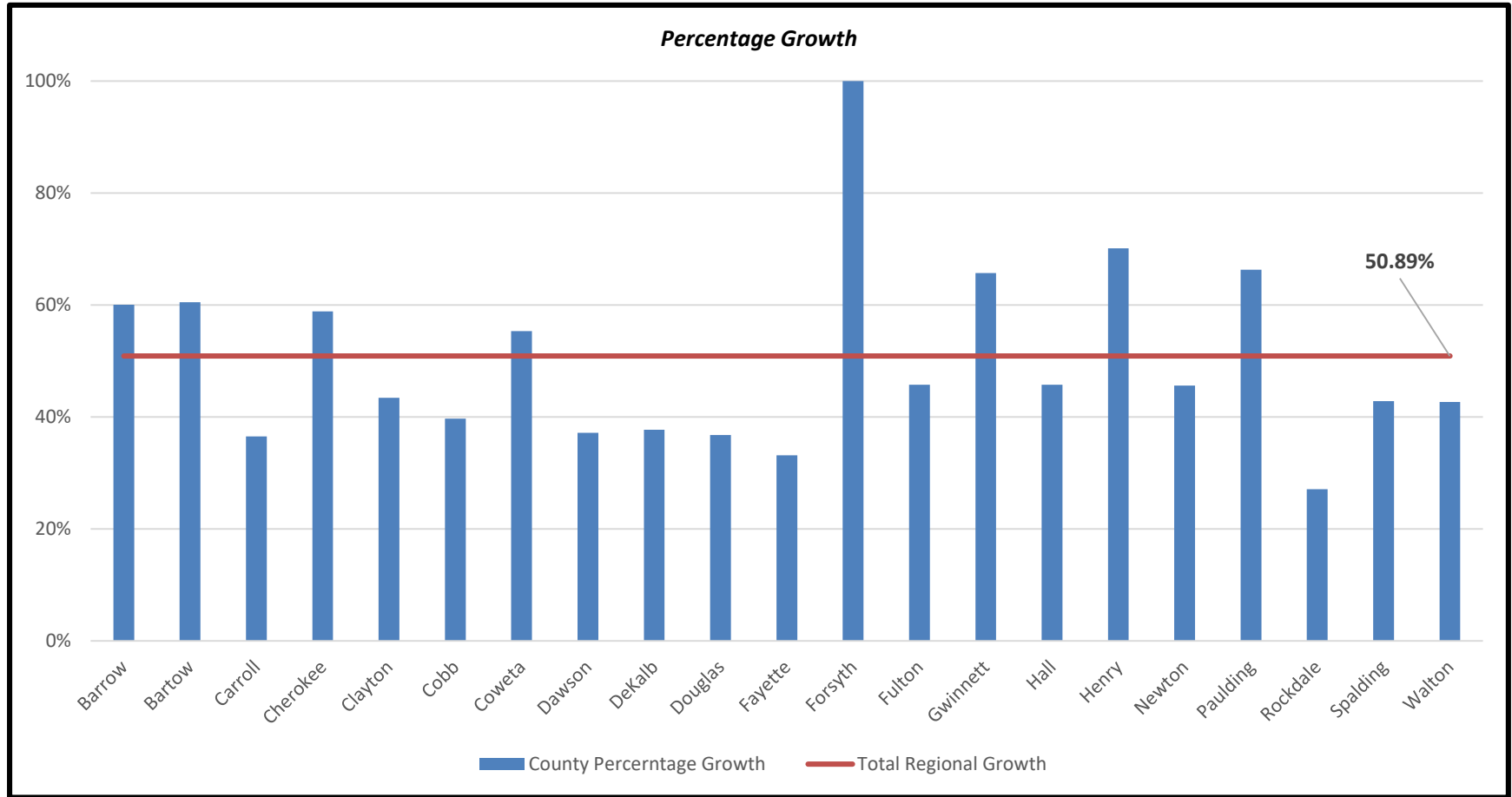
These charts simply show a more traditional grouping of age cohorts to tell the same story - we are getting older. The 65+ age cohort will almost triple between 2015 and 2050, with almost 1.9 million residents being older than 65 in the 21 county region by 2050.

County	2015	2050				
	(From the Forecast Model)	ARC Scenario 1: Slower Regional Growth	ARC Scenario 2: Higher Regional Growth	ARC Scenario 3: The Preferred Scenario	Other Forecasts: GA Office of Planning and Budget	Other Forecasts: Woods and Poole
Barrow	75,400	115,206	128,193	120,600	156,132	140,889
Bartow	102,700	138,635	153,540	164,900	132,050	134,704
Carroll	114,500	149,671	165,565	156,400	155,840	163,533
Cherokee	235,900	357,950	400,426	374,800	430,047	456,974
Clayton	274,000	383,786	405,143	393,000	454,670	365,207
Cobb	741,300	1,108,929	1,192,977	1,035,800	956,370	1,243,853
Coweta	138,400	205,073	228,760	215,000	215,851	236,722
Dawson	23,300	30,314	34,225	32,000	37,334	48,868
DeKalb	734,900	1,043,994	1,136,144	1,012,000	874,221	854,309
Douglas	140,700	185,312	202,557	192,500	230,150	252,948
Fayette	110,700	141,736	155,555	147,400	147,721	220,108
Forsyth	212,400	403,949	441,769	440,400	542,479	477,205
Fulton	1,010,600	1,450,518	1,578,299	1,473,300	1,368,783	1,250,579
Gwinnett	895,800	1,331,977	1,448,358	1,484,700	1,448,350	1,885,749
Hall	193,500	270,921	297,414	282,100	282,030	286,460
Henry	217,700	296,864	329,316	370,400	424,550	545,716
Newton	105,500	148,165	161,052	153,600	169,547	152,861
Paulding	152,200	243,231	267,163	253,200	276,134	365,547
Rockdale	88,900	109,255	118,315	112,900	136,858	127,099
Spalding	64,100	87,641	96,716	91,500	82,325	76,021
Walton	88,400	119,767	134,878	126,100	140,803	137,008
21-County Total	5,721,000	8,322,894	9,076,365	8,632,700	8,662,245	9,422,360

2015 – 2050 Population Forecasts by County



Every county is forecast to add population by 2050 (the growth is represented by the red bar), with Gwinnett forecast to be the largest county.



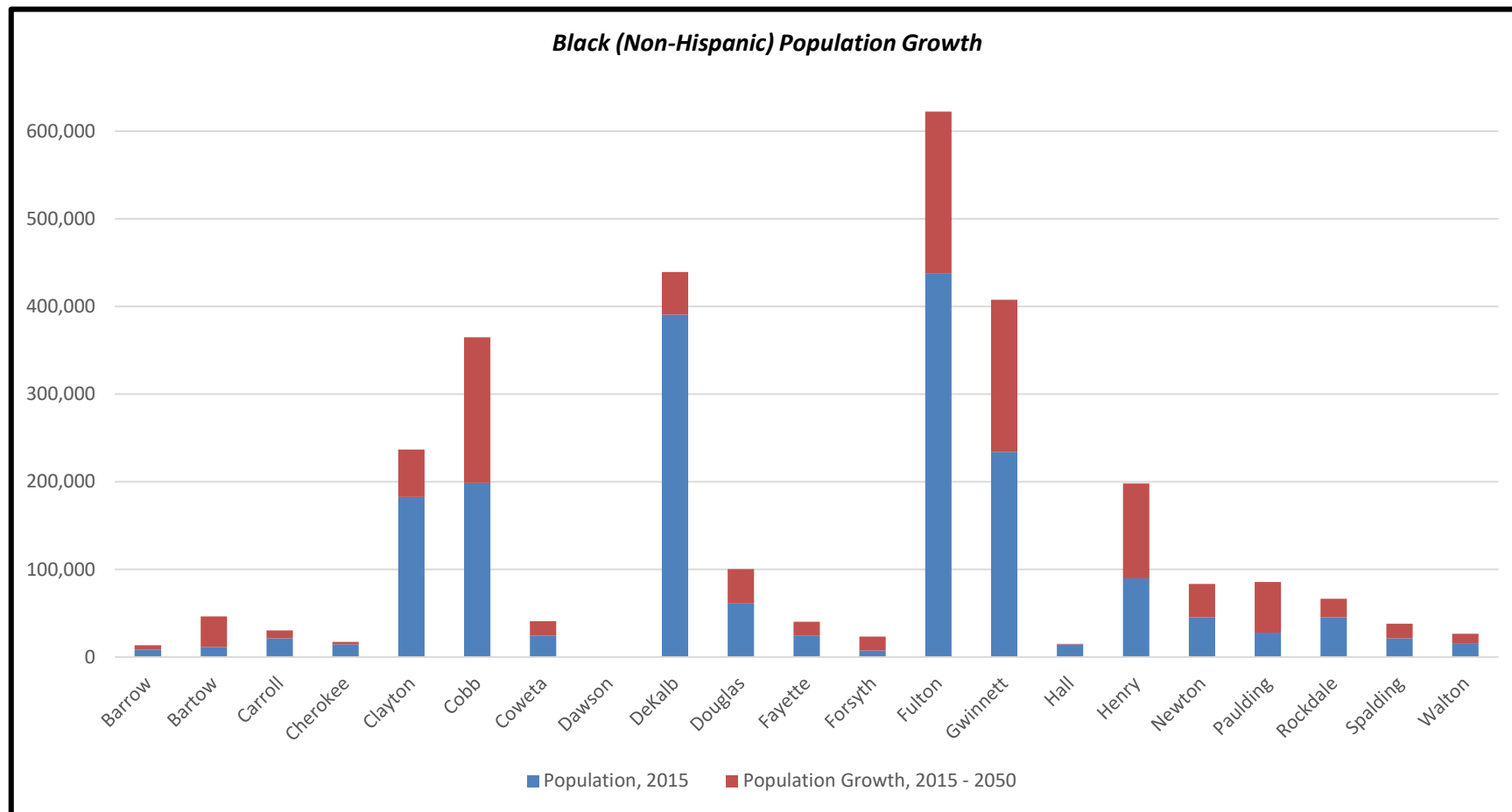
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Population Forecasts by Race

Race/Ethnicity Trends: Black Populations Draft

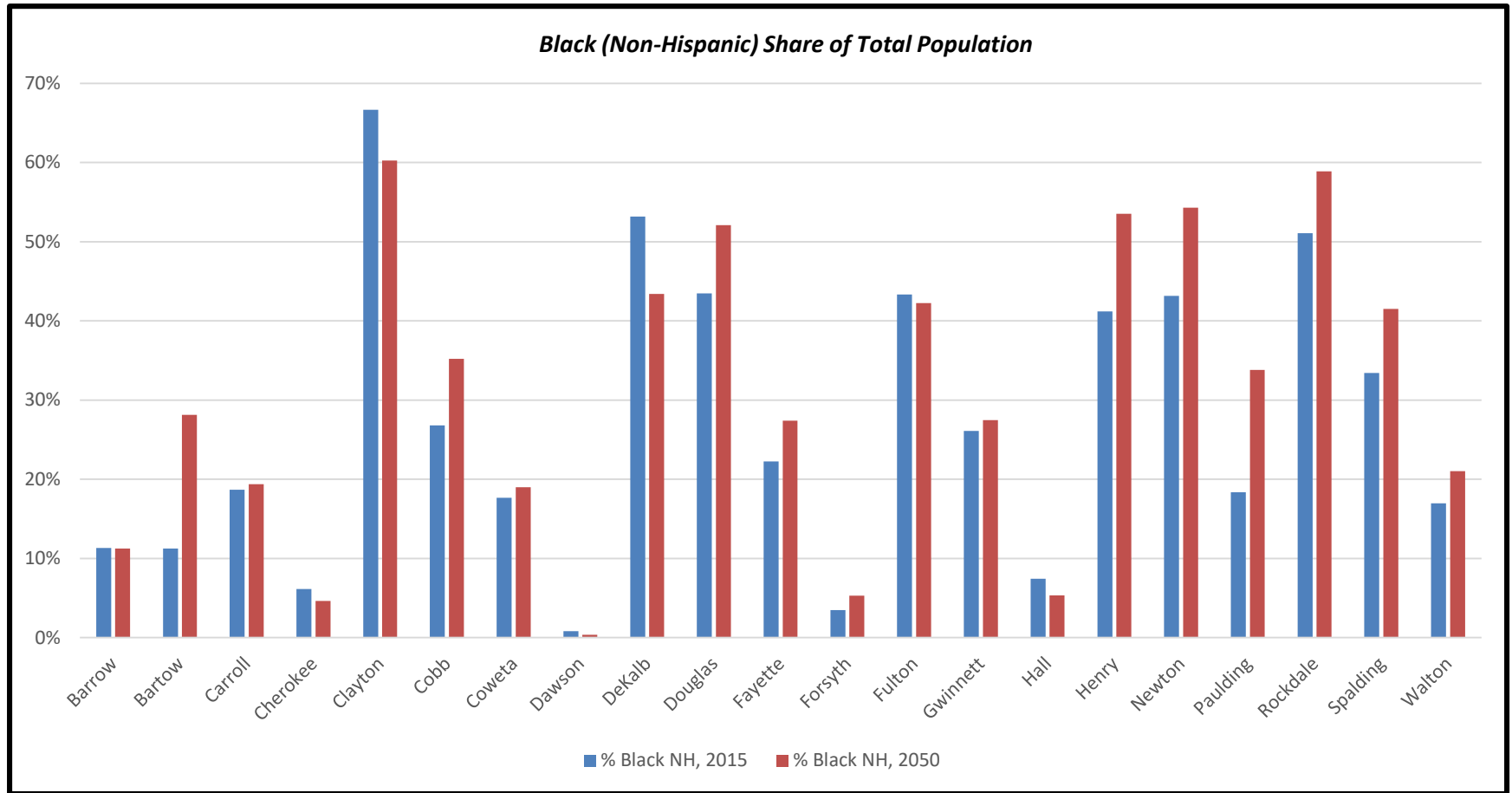
(Total Change)



Black populations in Cobb, Gwinnett, and Henry counties are projected to grow faster than those in all other counties between now and 2050. Within the next 30 years, Cobb is projected to add about 166,000 Black residents and Gwinnett is slated to add another 174,000, while Henry is forecast add another 108,000 Black residents.

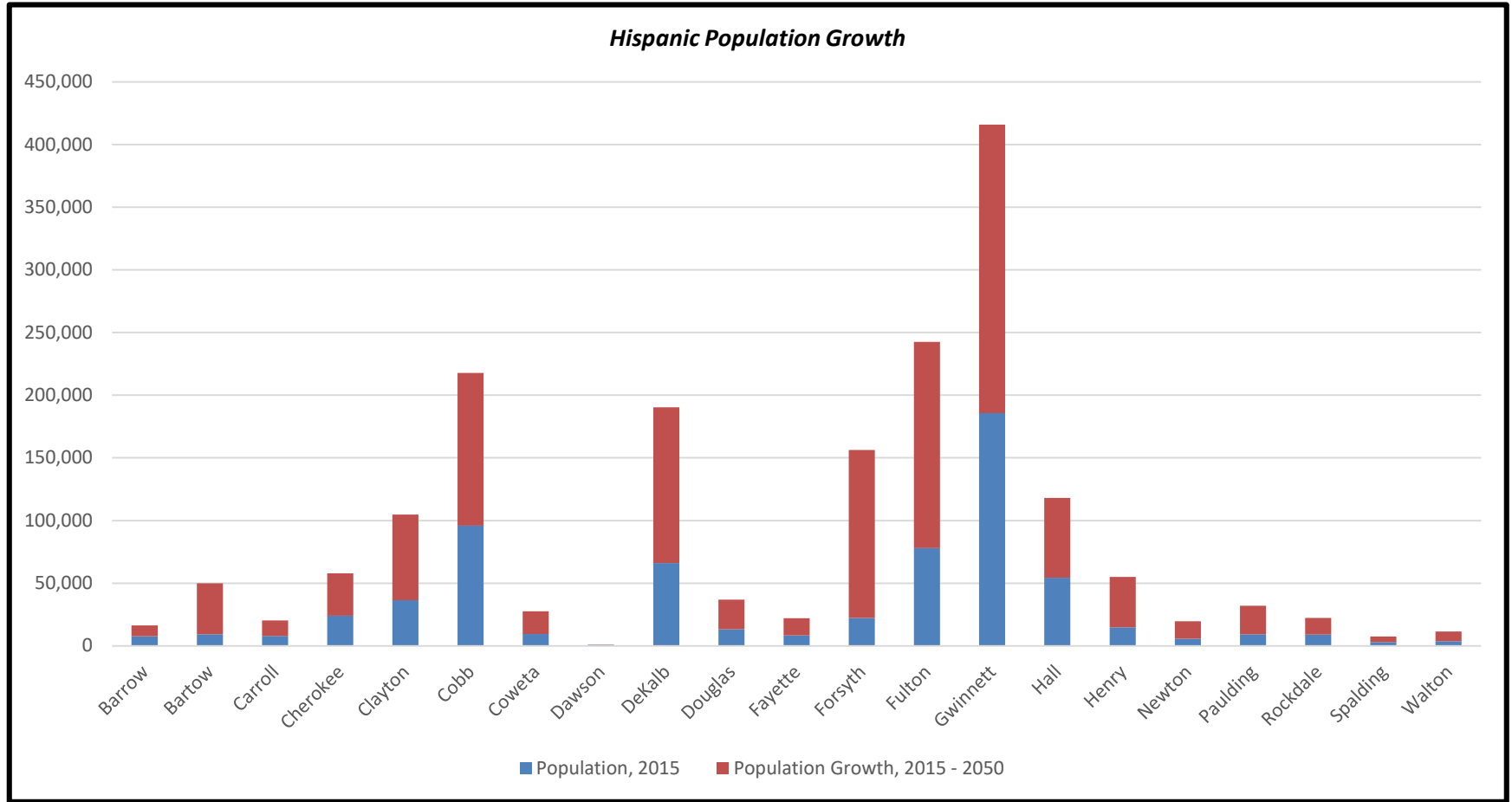
Race/Ethnicity Trends: Black Populations Draft

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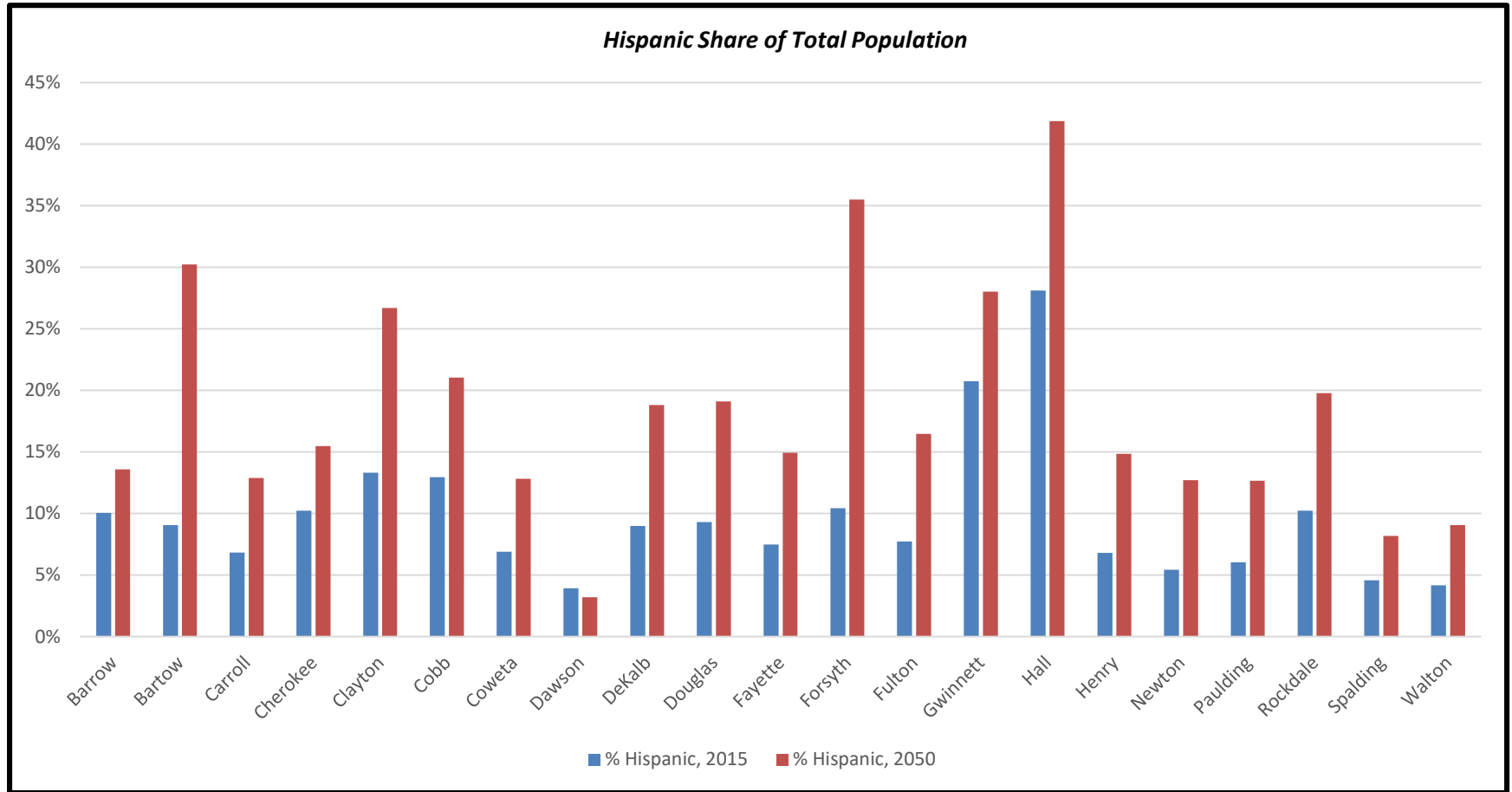
This chart shows how the share of Black population in each county is forecast to change, with most counties forecast to experience an increase in the share of Black population by 2050.

Race/Ethnicity Trends: Hispanic Populations (Total Change) Draft



Hispanic populations are forecast to increase faster than any other racial/ethnic group throughout the next 35 years. Five counties – Cobb, DeKalb, Forsyth, Fulton, and Gwinnett – are each forecast to add over 100,000 Hispanic residents by 2050.

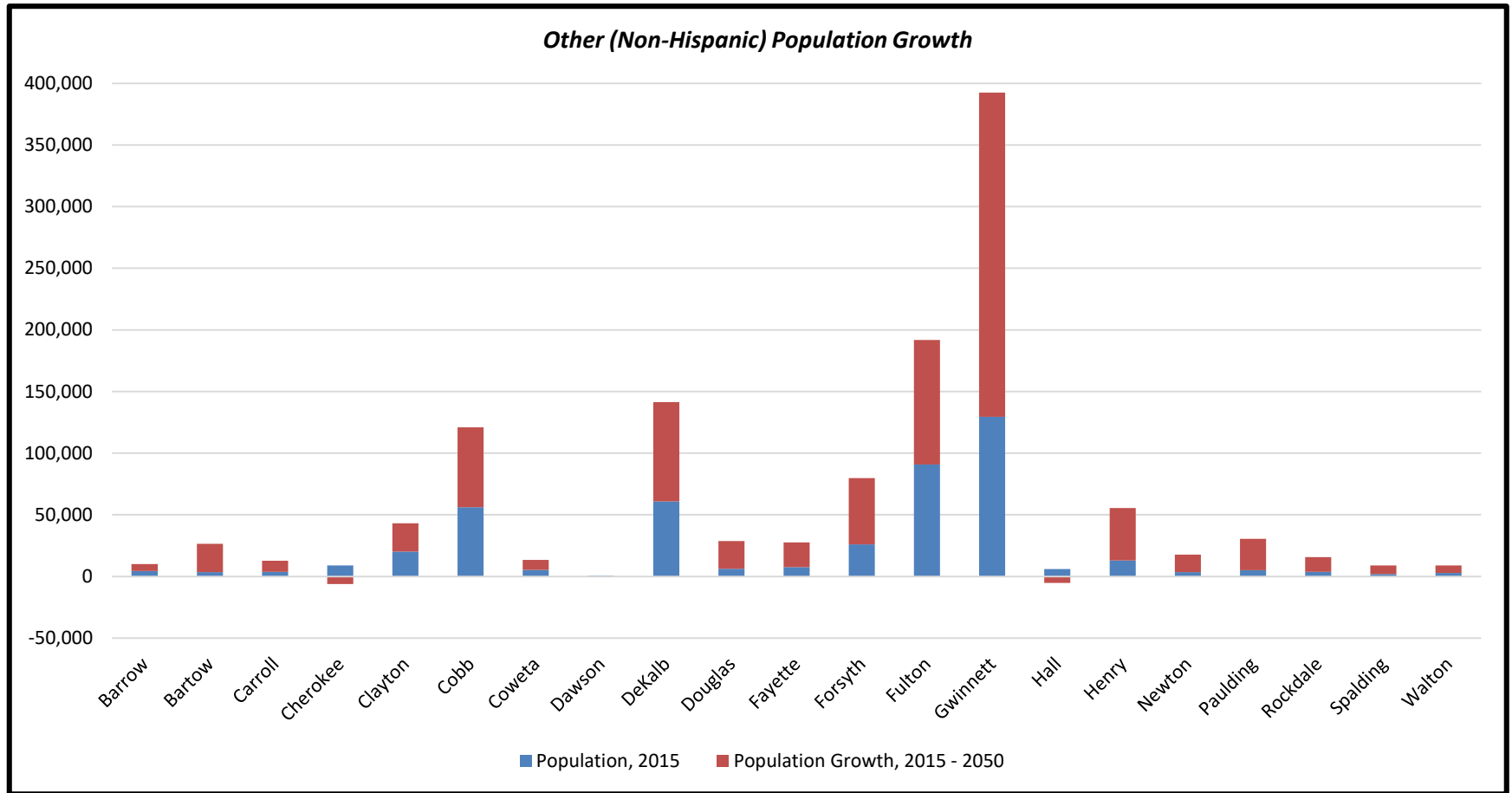
Race/Ethnicity Trends: Hispanic Populations (Share Change) Draft



This chart shows how the share of Hispanic population in each county is forecast to change, with almost all counties forecast to experience an increase in the share of Hispanic population by 2050.

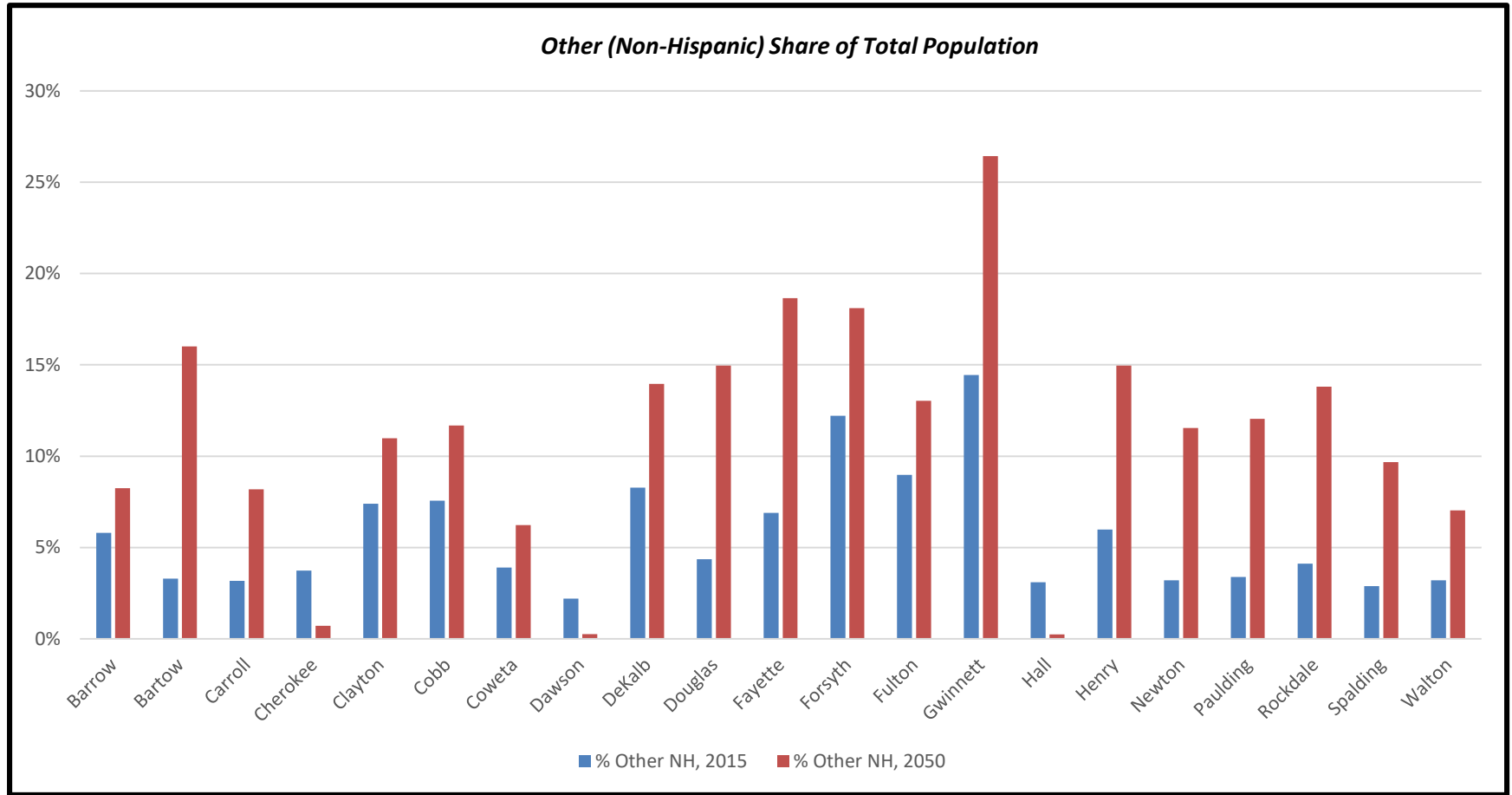
Race/Ethnicity Trends: “Other” Populations Draft

(Total Change)



The region’s population that is identified as Other (two or more races, Asian, Native American, Alaskan/Pacific Islander) in our forecasting model is projected to grow fastest in Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett. In Gwinnett county, the population that identifies as “Other” is projected to more than triple within the next 30 years, growing from 129,000 to over 392,000.

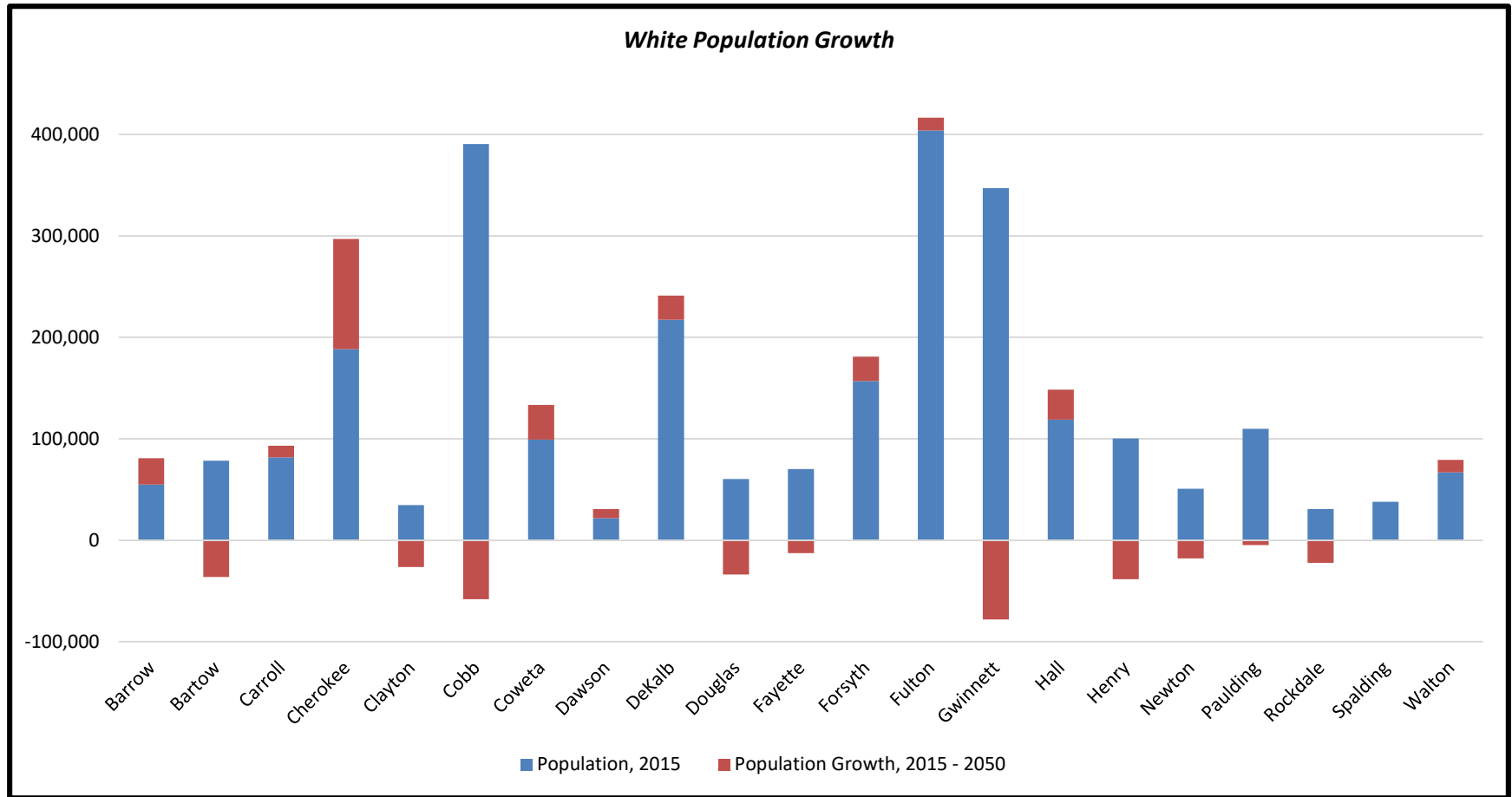
Race/Ethnicity Trends: “Other” Populations Draft (Share Change)



This chart shows how the share of Other (two or more races, Asian, Native American, Alaskan/Pacific Islander) population in each county is forecast to change, with almost all counties forecast to experience an increase in the share of this population by 2050.

Race/Ethnicity Trends: White Populations Draft

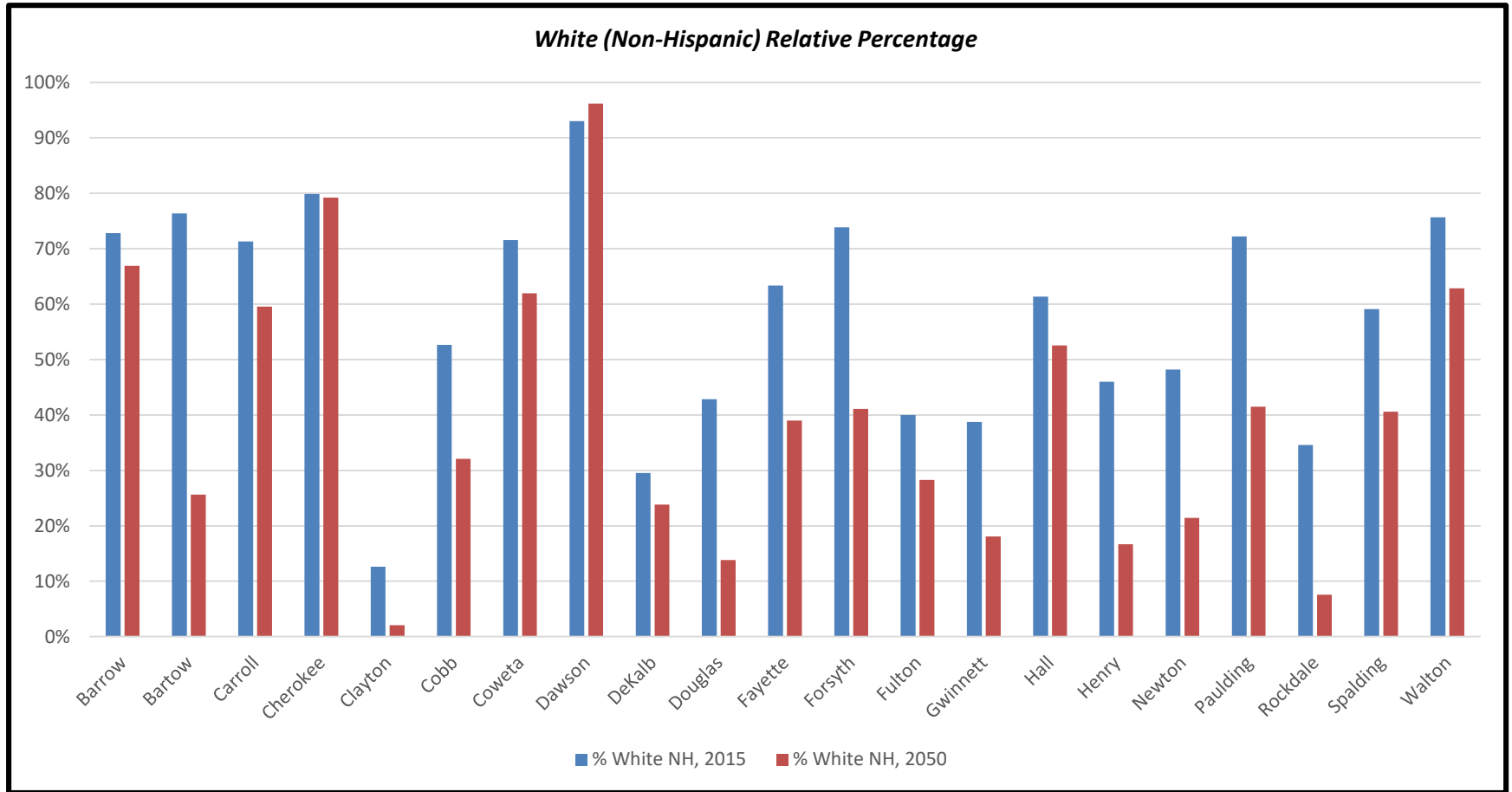
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Roughly half of the region's counties will experience a decline in overall White population between 2015 and 2050, which is a continuation of a trend over the past decade or so.

Race/Ethnicity Trends: White Populations Draft

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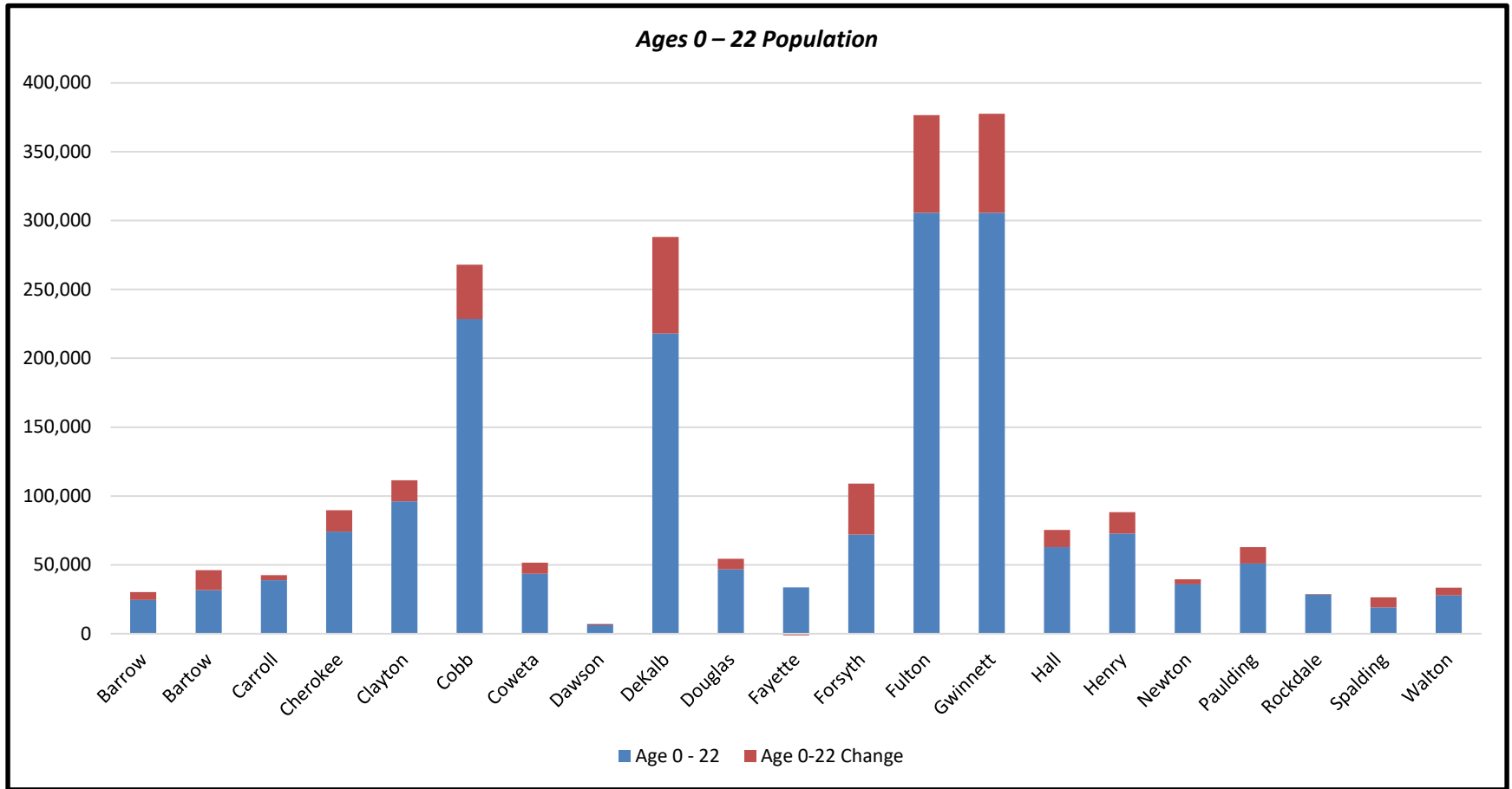


This chart shows how the share of White population in each county is forecast to change, with almost all counties forecast to experience a decrease in the share of this population by 2050.



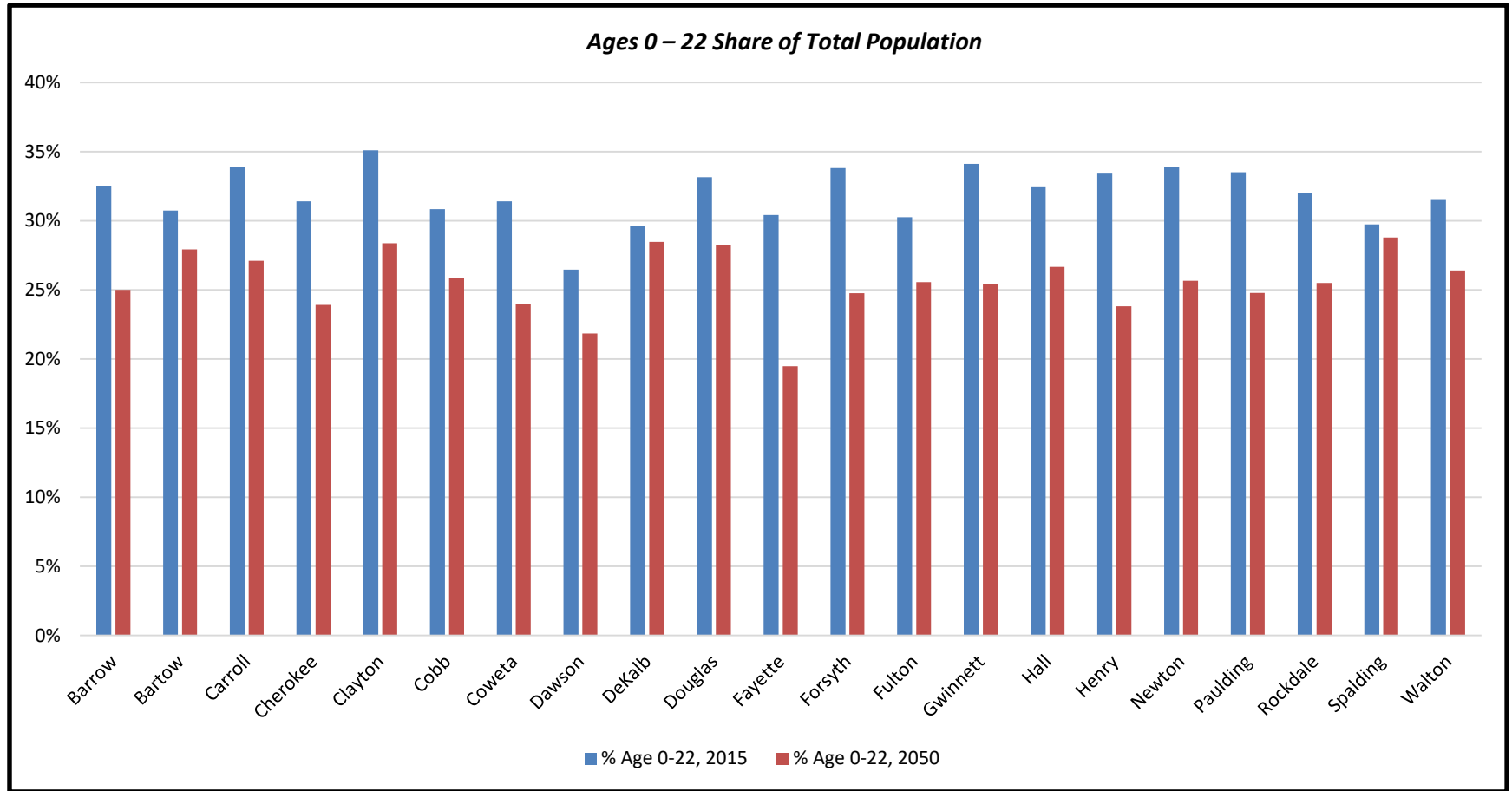
Population Forecasts by Age Cohort

Age Trends: Ages 0-22 (Total Change)



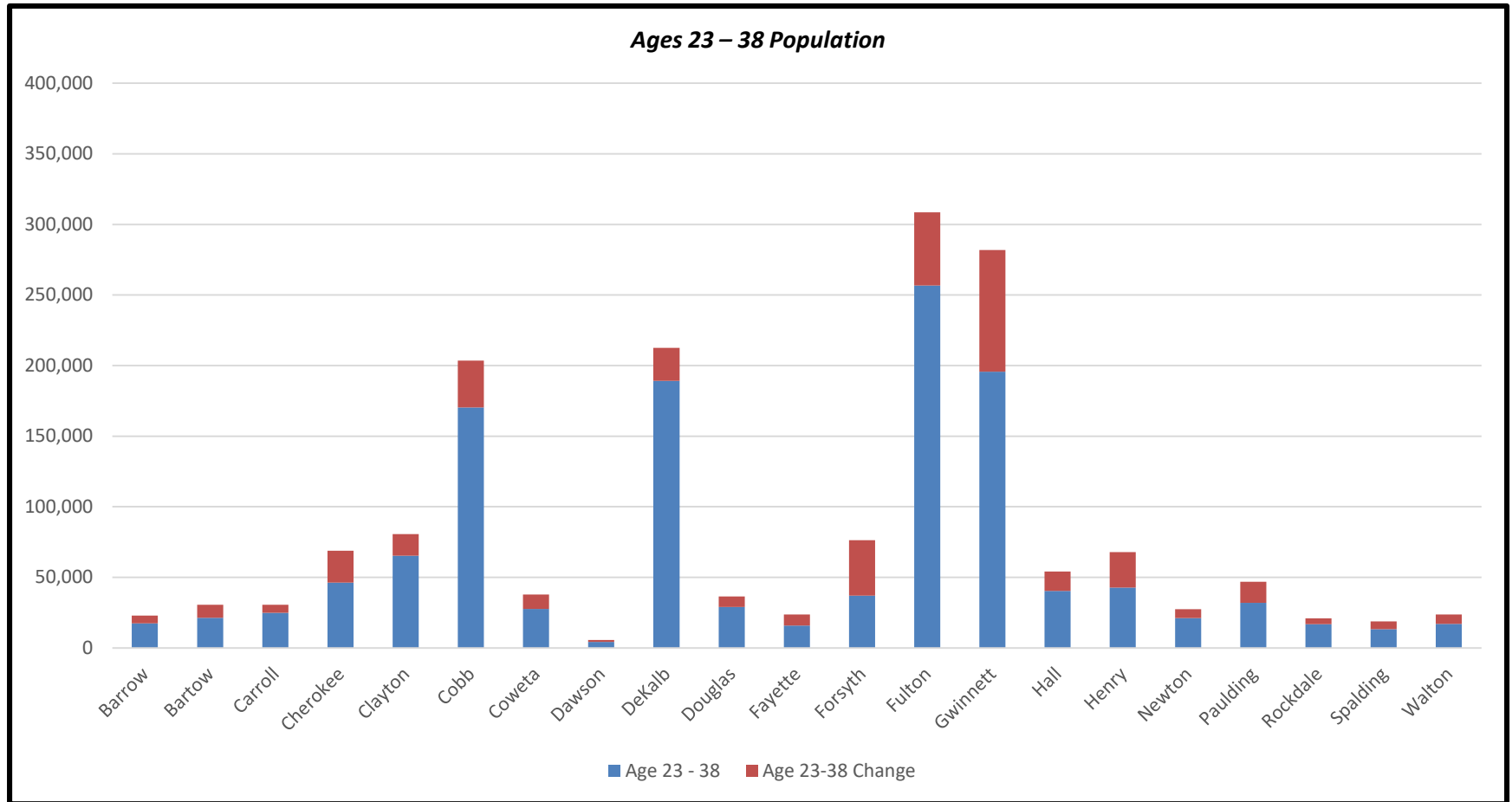
Between now and 2050, all counties will welcome more young people (ages 0 to 22). The more diverse counties of the urban core— Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett – will experience the greatest increases.

Age Trends: Ages 0-22 (Share Change)



This chart shows how the share of the 0-22 age cohort in each county is forecast to change, with all counties forecast to experience a decrease in the share of this age cohort by 2050.

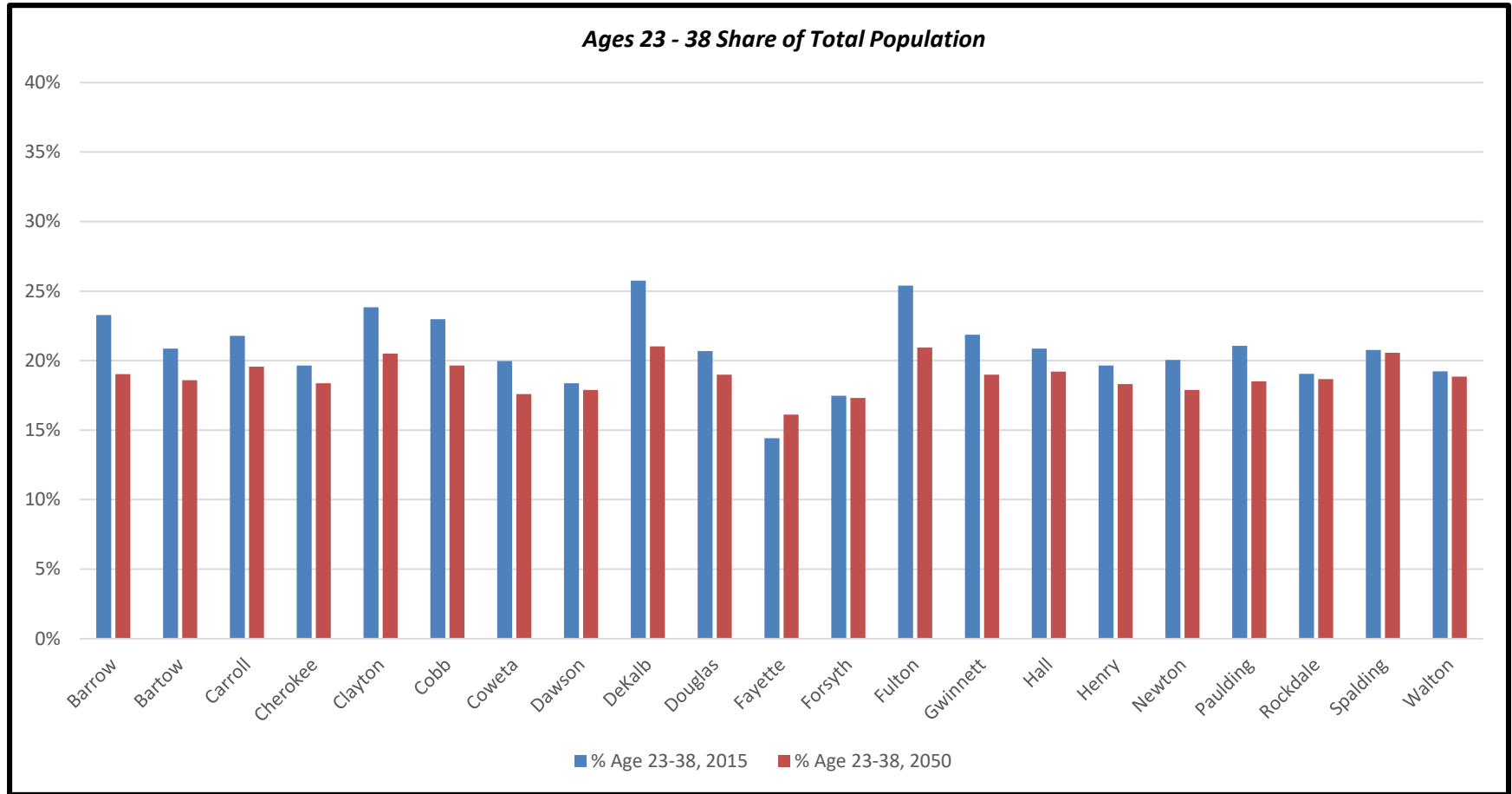
Age Trends: Ages 23-38 (Total Change)



Similarly to the young population in the metro Atlanta region, population growth for the region’s young adults (ages 23 to 38) will increase in every county.

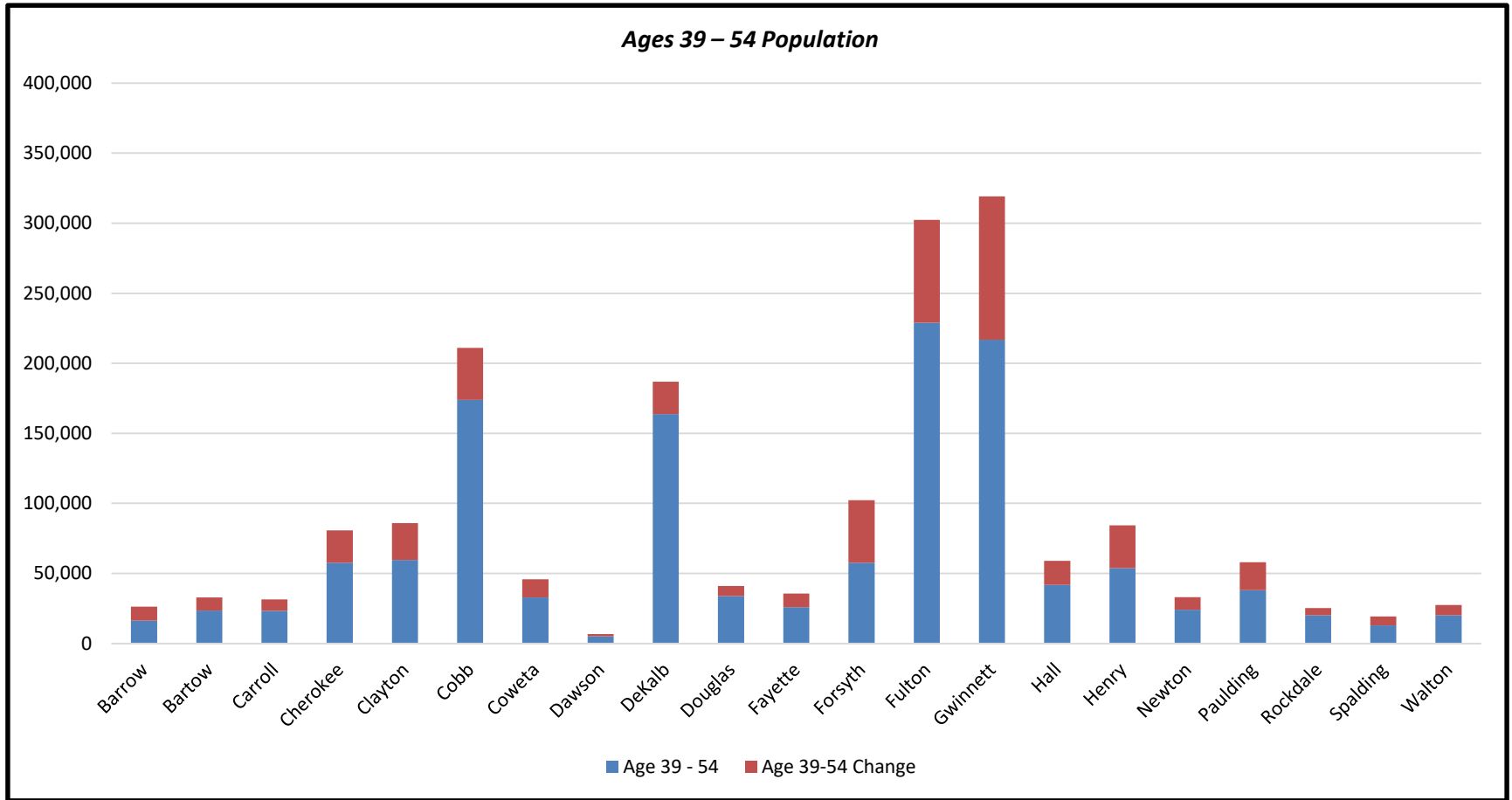
Age Trends: Ages 23-38 (Share Change)

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This chart shows how the share of the 23-38 age cohort in each county is forecast to change, with almost all counties forecast to experience a decrease in the share of this age cohort by 2050. Fayette County, which has the oldest median age today among the region, is the only county forecast to experience an increase in the share of this age cohort.

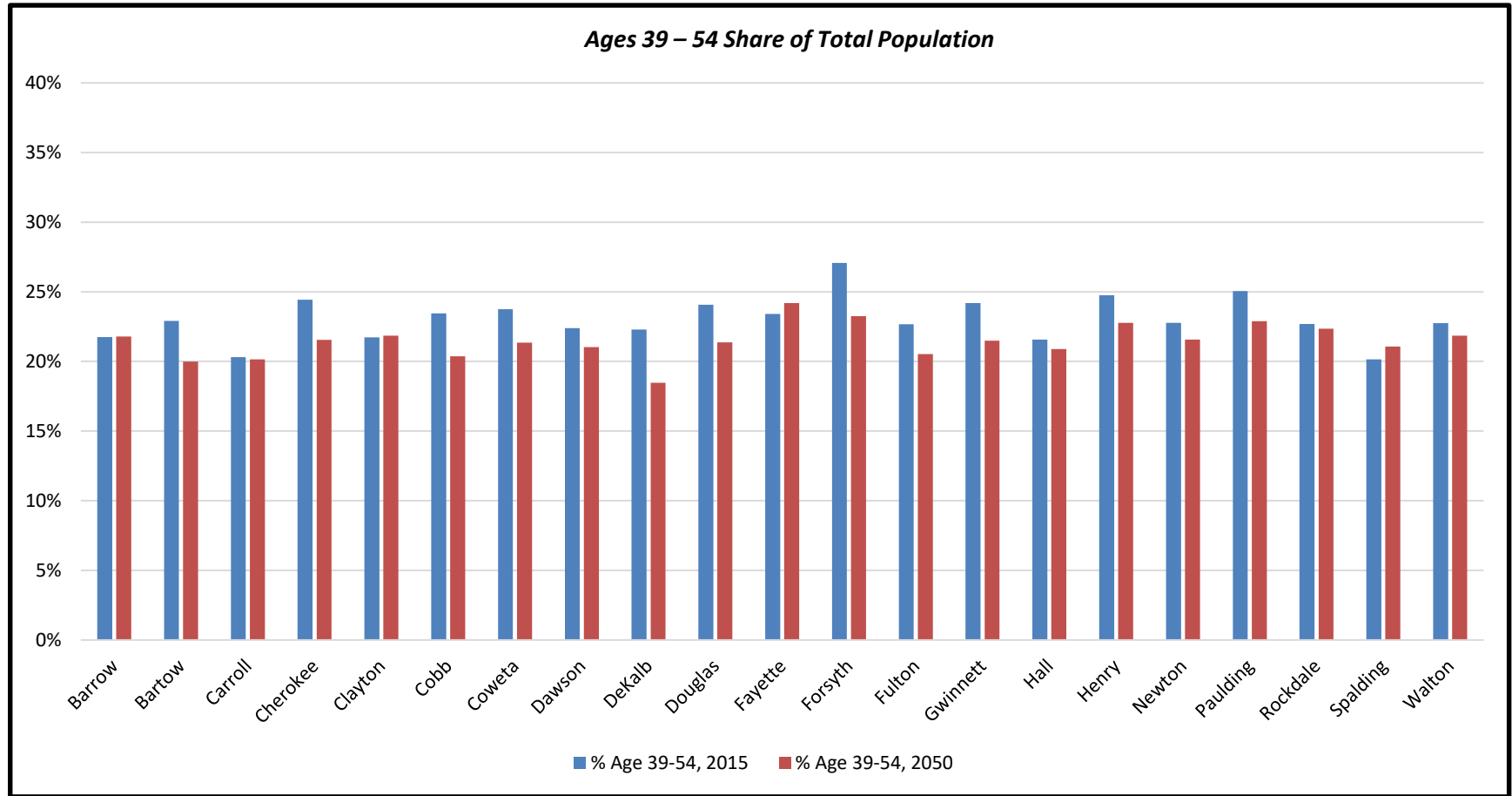
Age Trends: Ages 39-54 (Total Change)



Metro Atlanta’s middle-aged population (ages 39 to 54) is projected to increase in all counties between now and 2050. Forsyth, Fulton, and Gwinnett are each projected to welcome more than 40,000 people in this prime working-age group between now and 2050 to their respective counties.

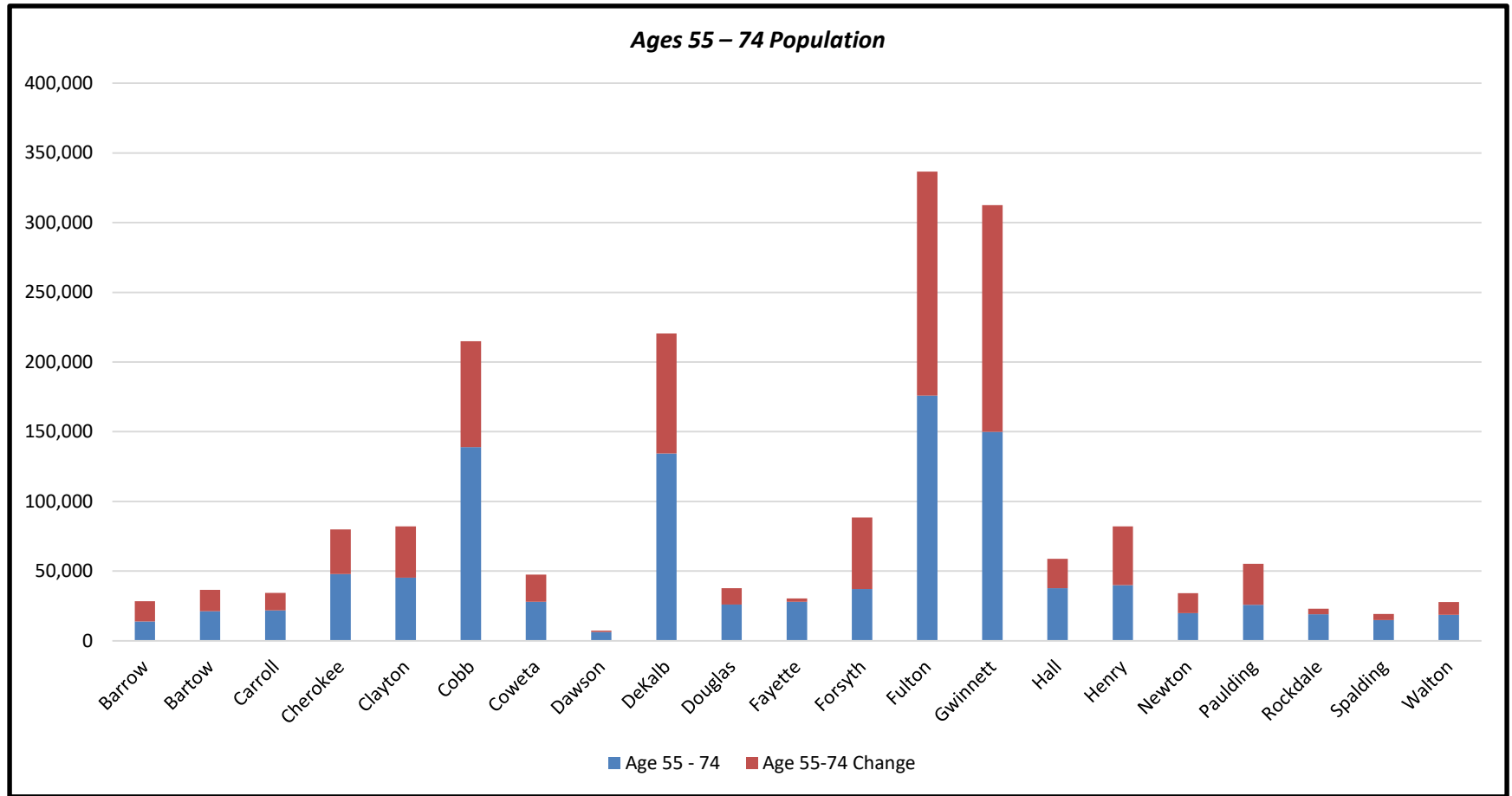
Age Trends: Ages 39-54 (Share Change)

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This chart shows how the share of the 39-54 age cohort in each county is forecast to change, with almost all counties forecast to experience a slight decrease in the share of this age cohort by 2050. Again, Fayette, along with Spalding (which are the two oldest counties today), are bucking this overall trend and are forecast to experience an increase in the share of this cohort.

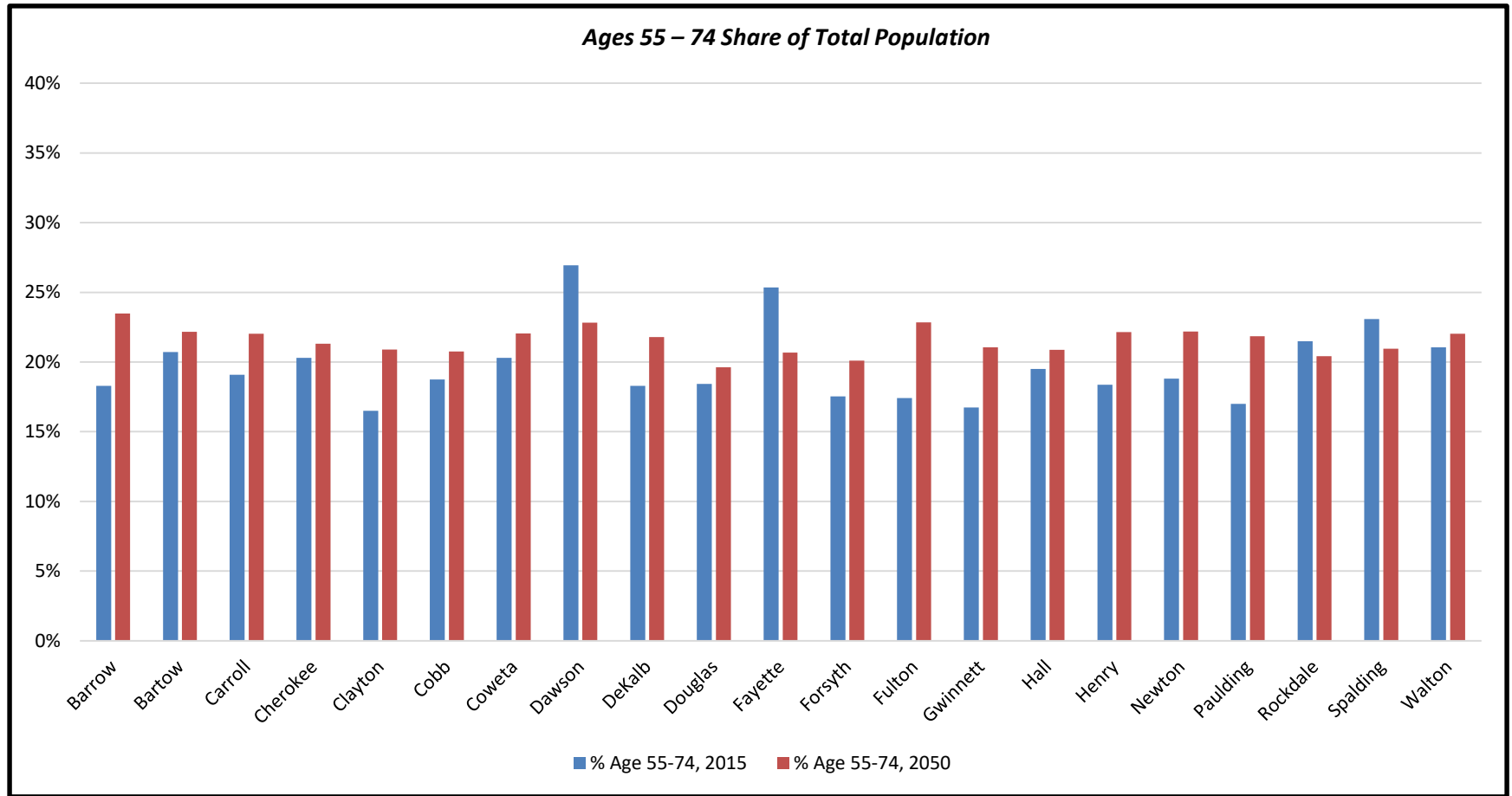
Age Trends: Ages 55-74 (Total Change)



Population growth will be significant for the region's older adults (ages 55 to 74), especially in Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett. Between now and 2050, the region's four fastest-growing counties – Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett – are projected to collectively add about 485,000 older adults to the region within the next 30 years.

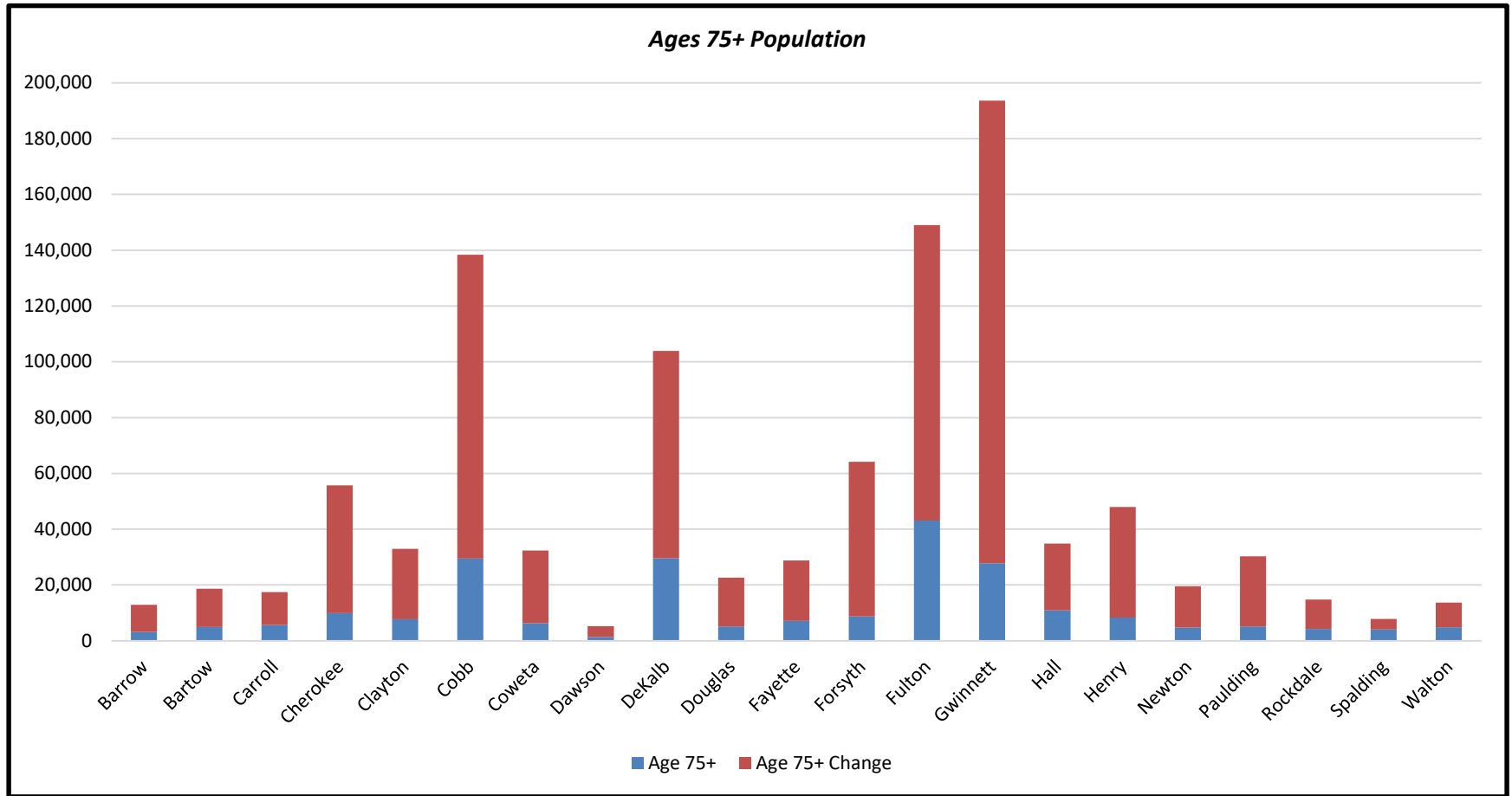
Age Trends: Ages 55-74 (Share Change)

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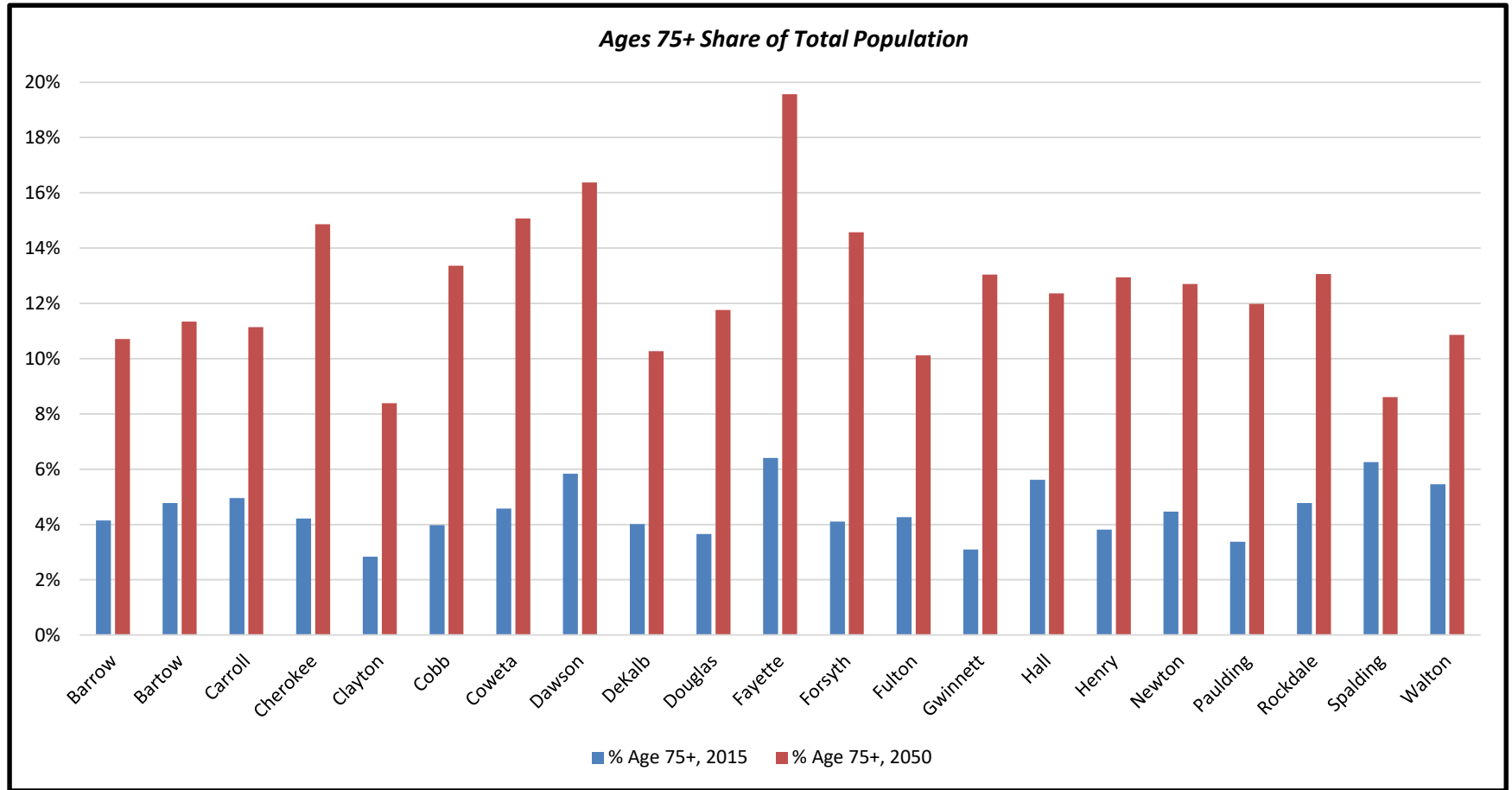
This chart shows how the share of the 55-74 age cohort in each county is forecast to change, with all counties forecast to experience an increase in the share of this age cohort by 2050.

Age Trends: Ages 75+ (Total Change)



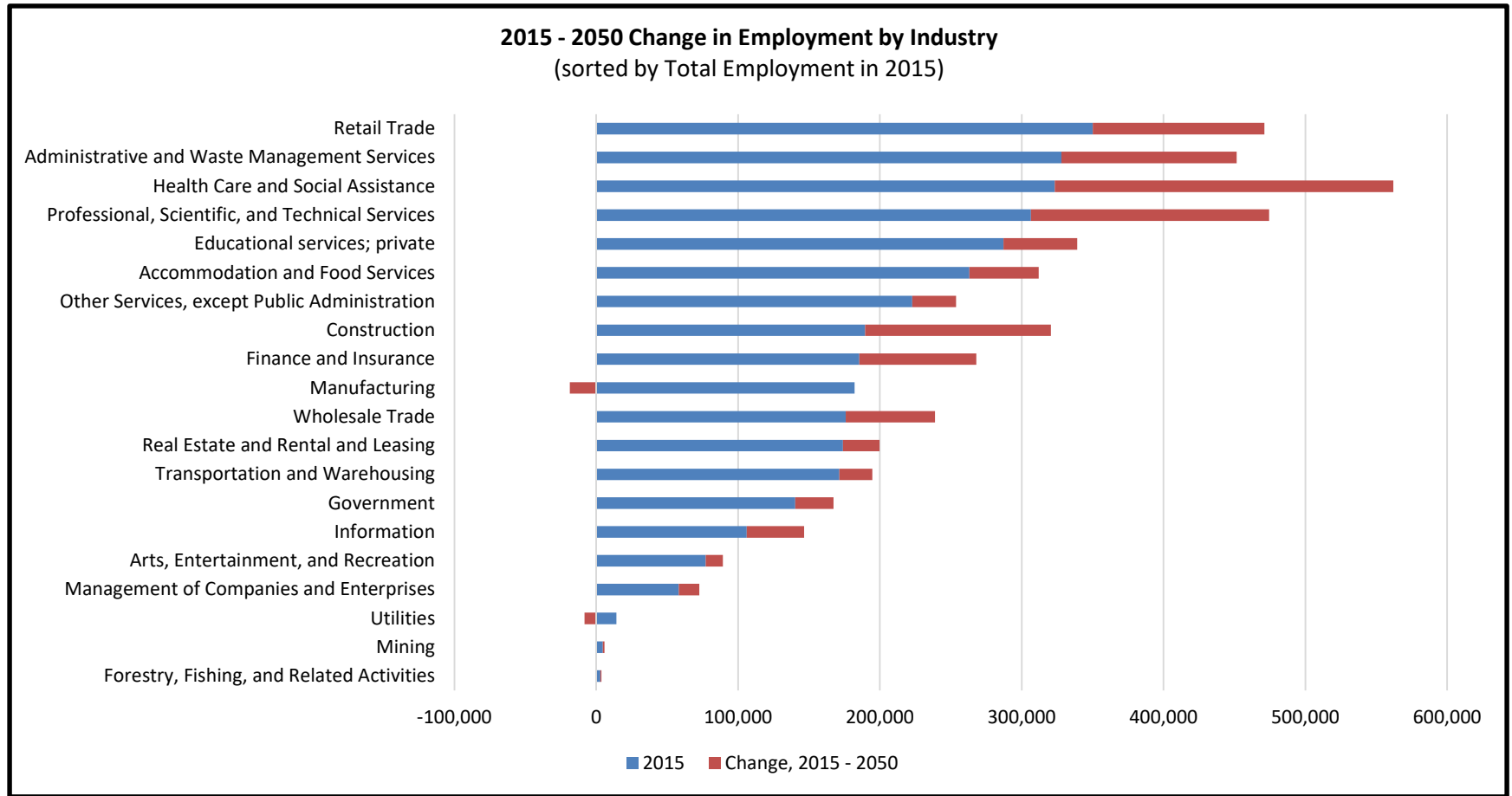
Between now and 2050, all of metro Atlanta's counties are projected to experience tremendous increases in their senior populations (ages 75+). All counties are projected to add between 2 to 6 times their current senior populations within the next 30 years, with most of the population growth most likely concentrated in Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett counties.

Age Trends: Ages 75+ (Share Change)

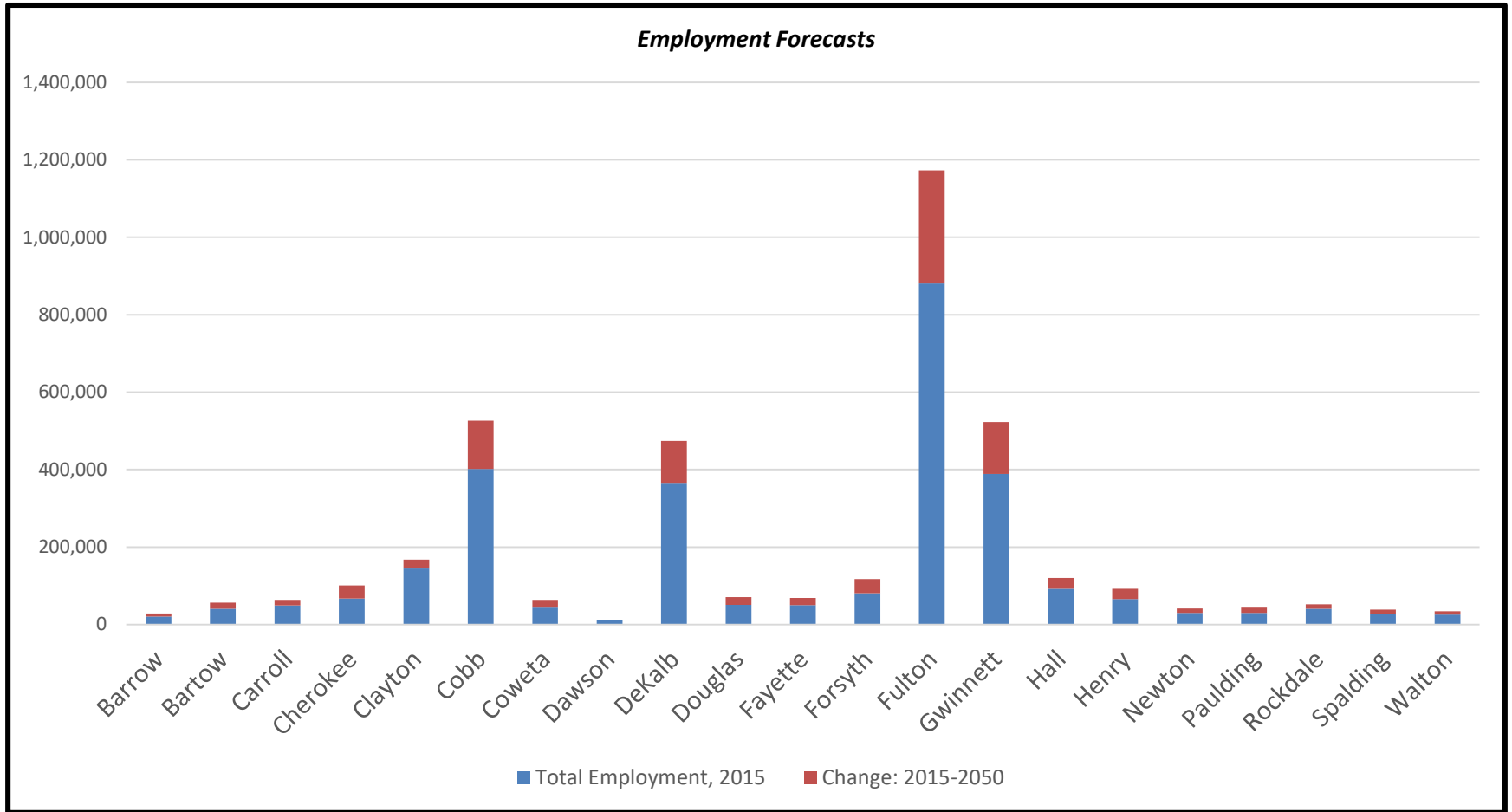


This chart shows how the share of the 75+ age cohort in each county is forecast to change, with all counties forecast to experience substantial increase in the share of this age cohort by 2050.

Employment Forecasts by Sector



As the region ages, it should come as no surprise that the healthcare sector is forecast to grow the most, surpassing the retail sector as the largest by 2050



In looking at total employment at the county level, the above chart shows that Fulton will continue to be the epicenter of employment for the region, nearing 1.2 million jobs by 2050.

Note: When looking at county-level and even smaller area trends for employment, we remove the self-employed from the totals because those jobs are difficult to put in a specific location. However, at the regional level, we leave the self-employed in the totals. Thus, summing the county totals will not equal the regional total.