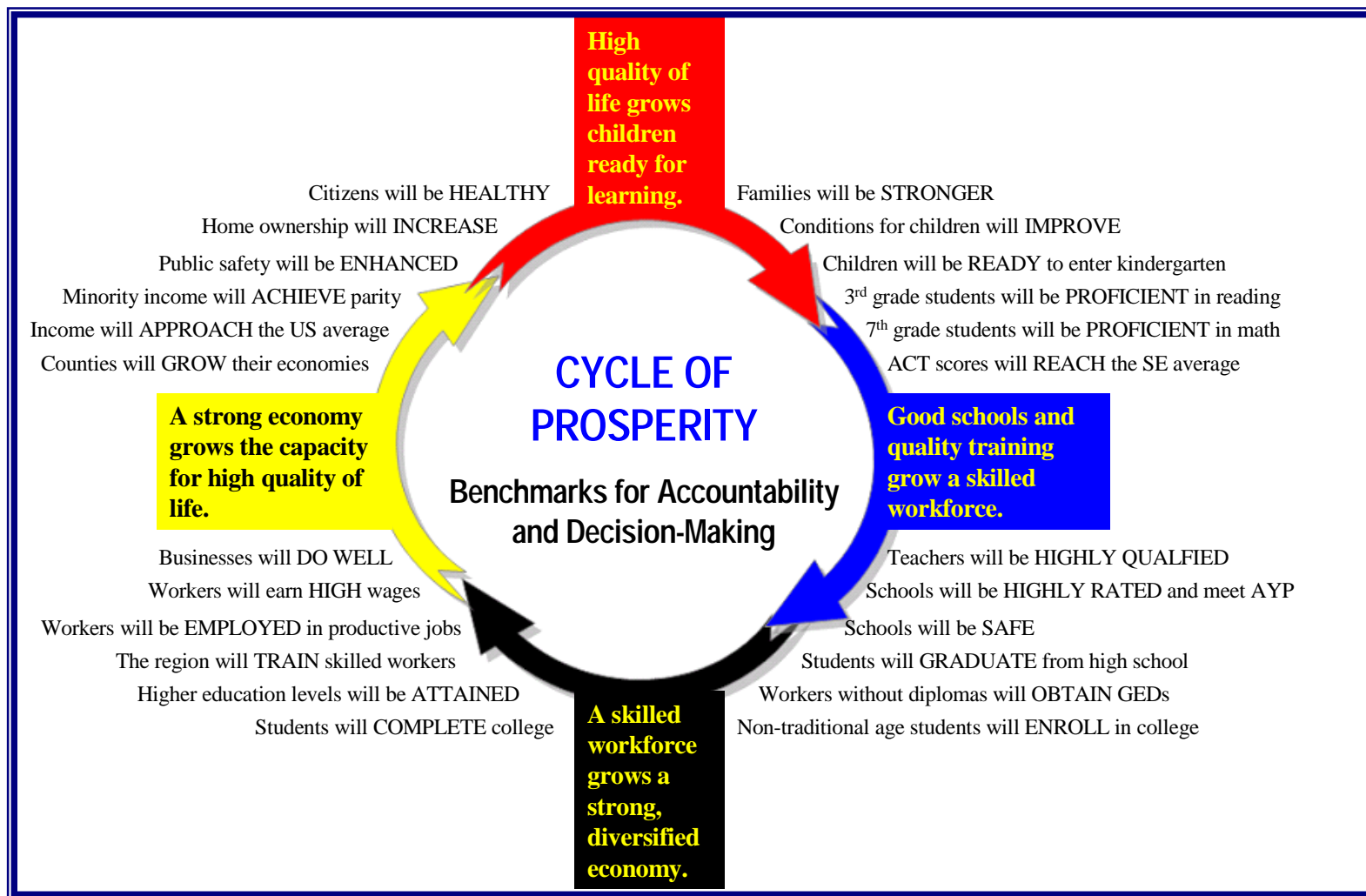


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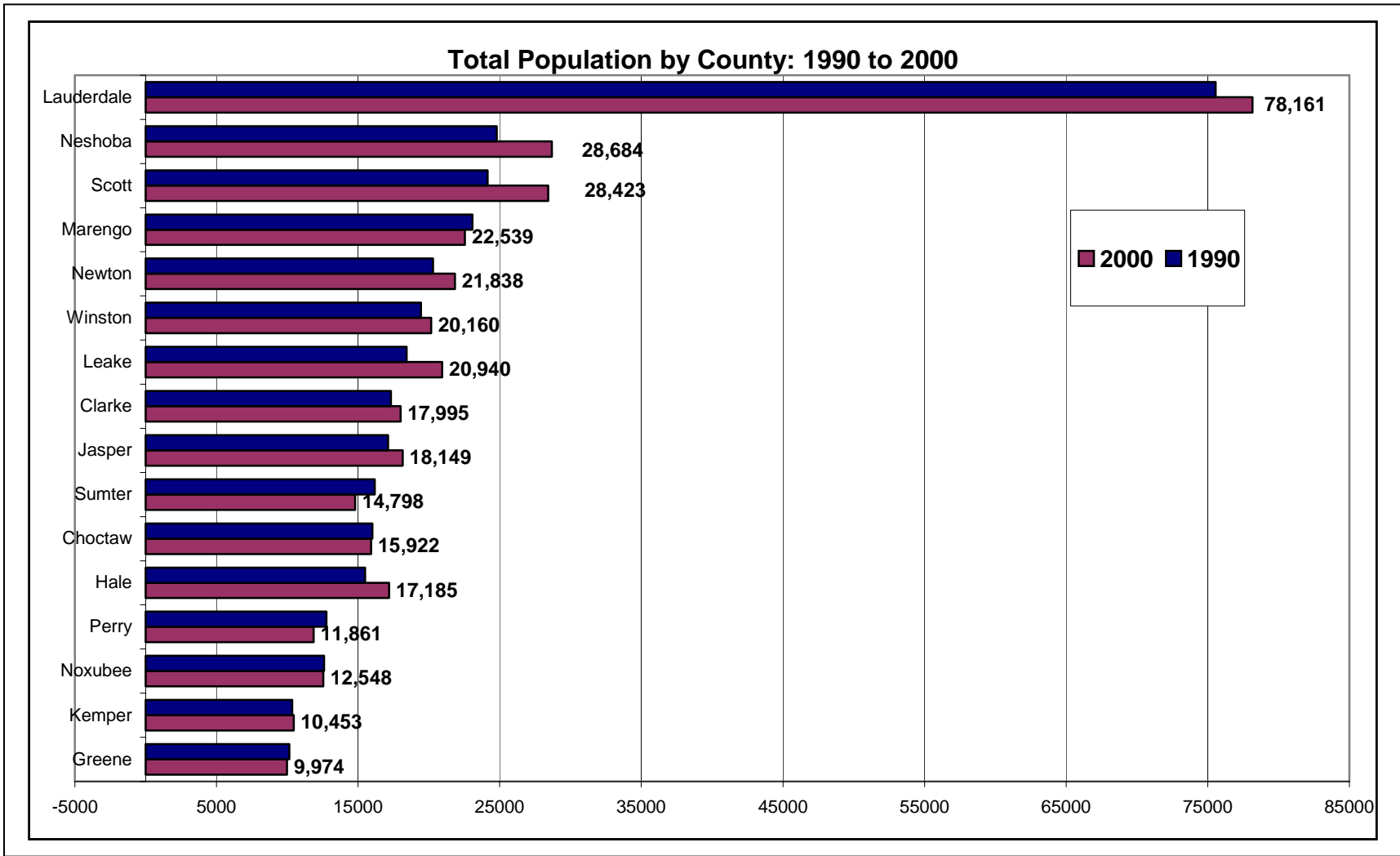
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## REGIONAL POPULATION DATA



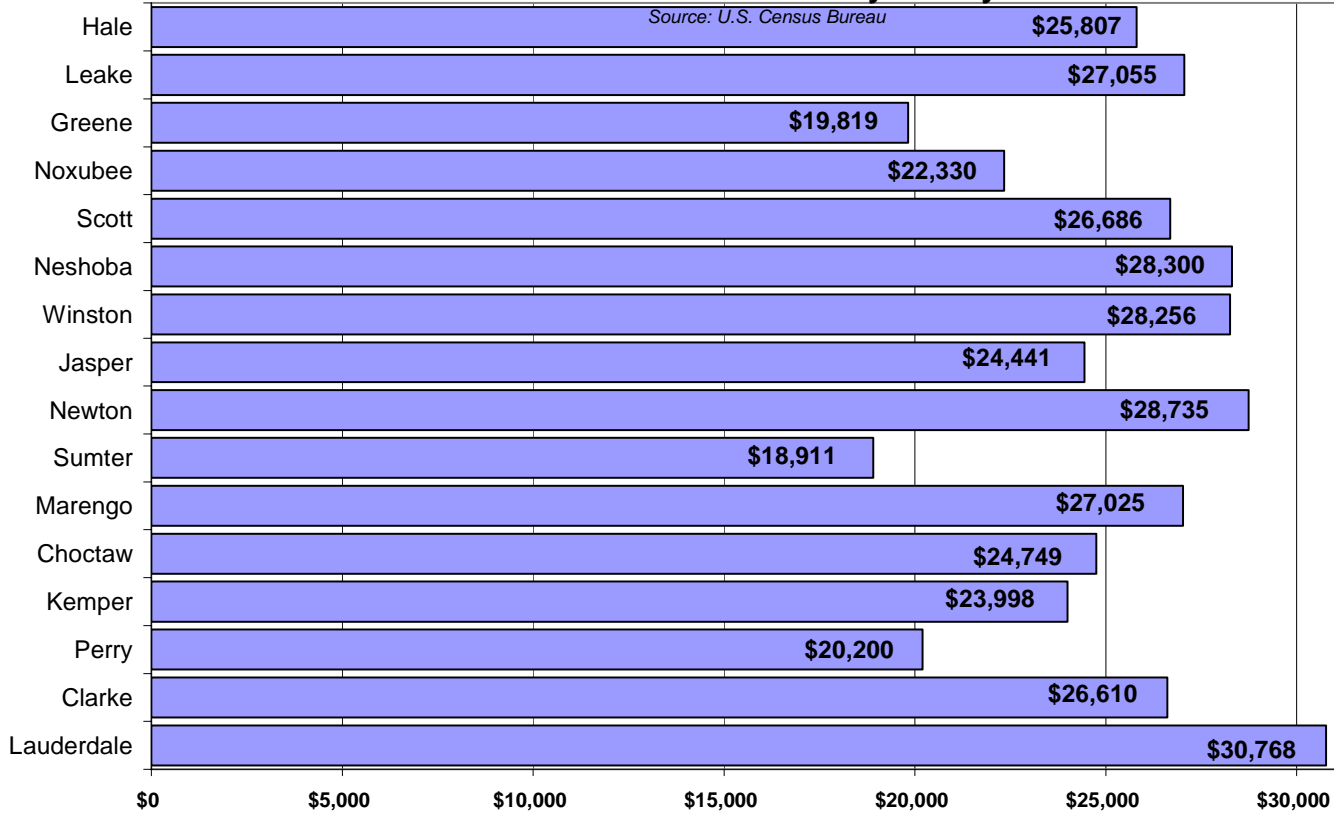
Population	1990	2000	% Growth
16-County Region	333,725	349,630	4.77%
Mississippi	2,575,475	2,844,658	10.45%
Alabama	4,040,389	4,447,100	10.07%

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000*

**BENCHMARK: INCOME WILL APPROACH THE UNITED STATES AVERAGE**

**Median Household Income by County: 2000**

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau*



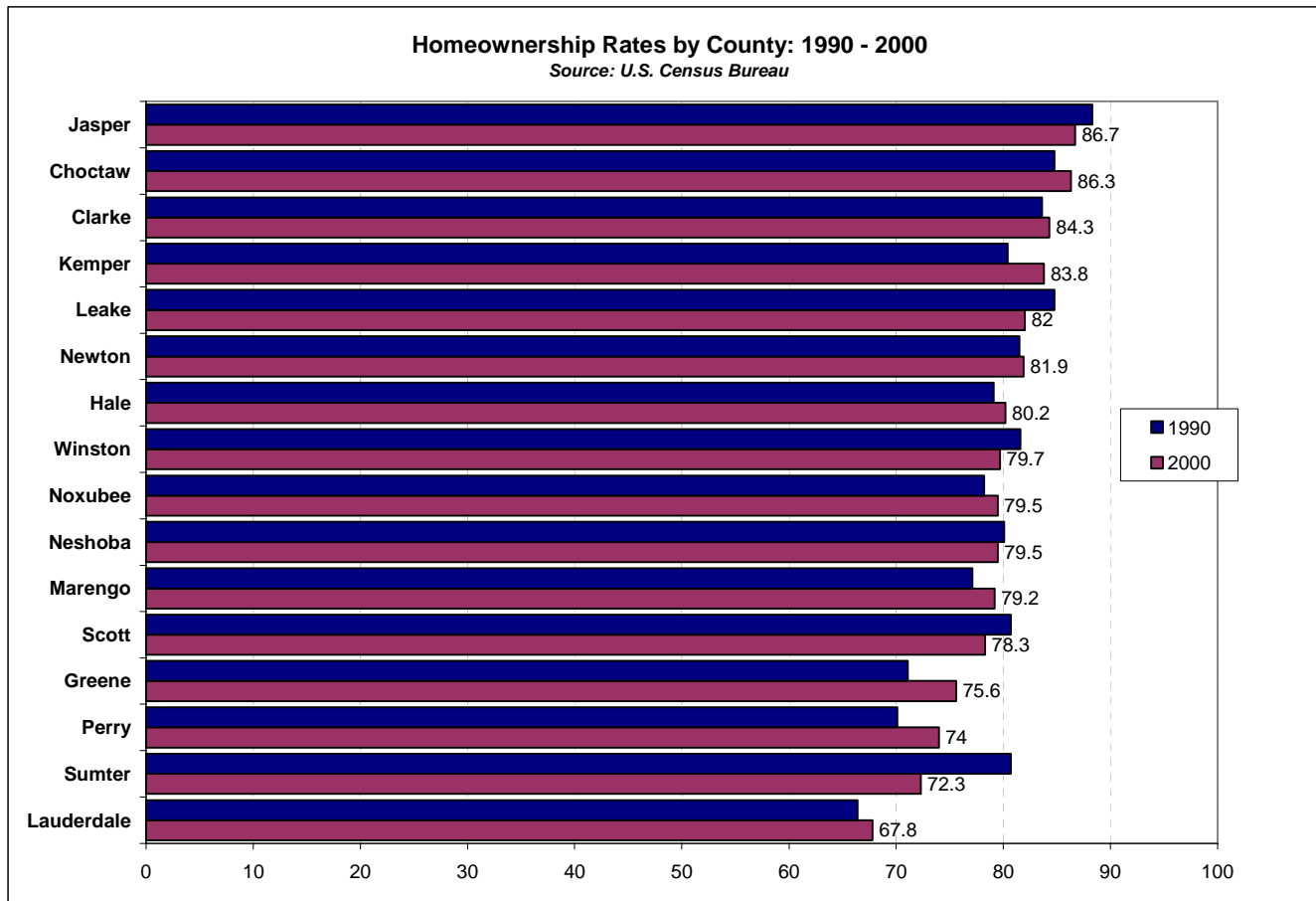
Comparative Median Household Income	2000
United States	\$41,994
Alabama	\$34,135
Mississippi	\$31,330
16-county Region	\$26,209

Median Household Income	1990	2000
Lauderdale	\$29,414	\$30,768
Clarke	\$23,792	\$26,610
Perry	\$16,404	\$20,200
Kemper	\$18,183	\$23,998
Choctaw	\$17,115	\$24,749
Marengo	\$18,663	\$27,025
Sumter	\$12,811	\$18,911
Newton	\$19,302	\$28,735
Jasper	\$16,130	\$24,441
Winston	\$18,320	\$28,256
Neshoba	\$18,237	\$28,300
Scott	\$17,040	\$26,686
Noxubee	\$14,205	\$22,330
Greene	\$11,990	\$19,819
Leake	\$15,975	\$27,055
Hale	\$14,508	\$25,807

**BENCHMARK: HOMEOWNERSHIP WILL INCREASE**

<b>Comparative Homeownership Statistics</b>		
<b>National Average</b>	<b>Homeownership Rates</b>	<b>Median Value Owner-occupied Housing, 2000</b>
State of Mississippi	72.30%	\$71,400
State of Alabama	72.50%	\$85,100
16-County Region	79.40%	\$54,100

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, within the 16-county region there were a total of 151,560 housing units. Of these, 87% are occupied and 13% were vacant. Of the 131,859 occupied units, 77.5% were owner occupied and 22.5% were renter occupied. Of the 19,701 vacant units, 14.2% were for rent and 11.5% were for sale.



<b>Median Value of Owner-occupied Housing</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>
Kemper	\$36,200	\$44,400
Noxubee	\$32,400	\$46,800
Perry	\$29,900	\$47,600
Scott	\$34,400	\$48,200
Jasper	\$34,900	\$51,200
Leake	\$34,500	\$53,000
Clarke	\$37,100	\$53,600
Sumter	\$34,400	\$54,000
Newton	\$37,500	\$54,300
Neshoba	\$37,300	\$55,800
Winston	\$38,800	\$56,700
Greene	\$34,400	\$57,000
Choctaw	\$37,600	\$60,500
Marengo	\$42,000	\$65,900
Hale	\$36,600	\$66,300
Lauderdale	\$47,500	\$67,600

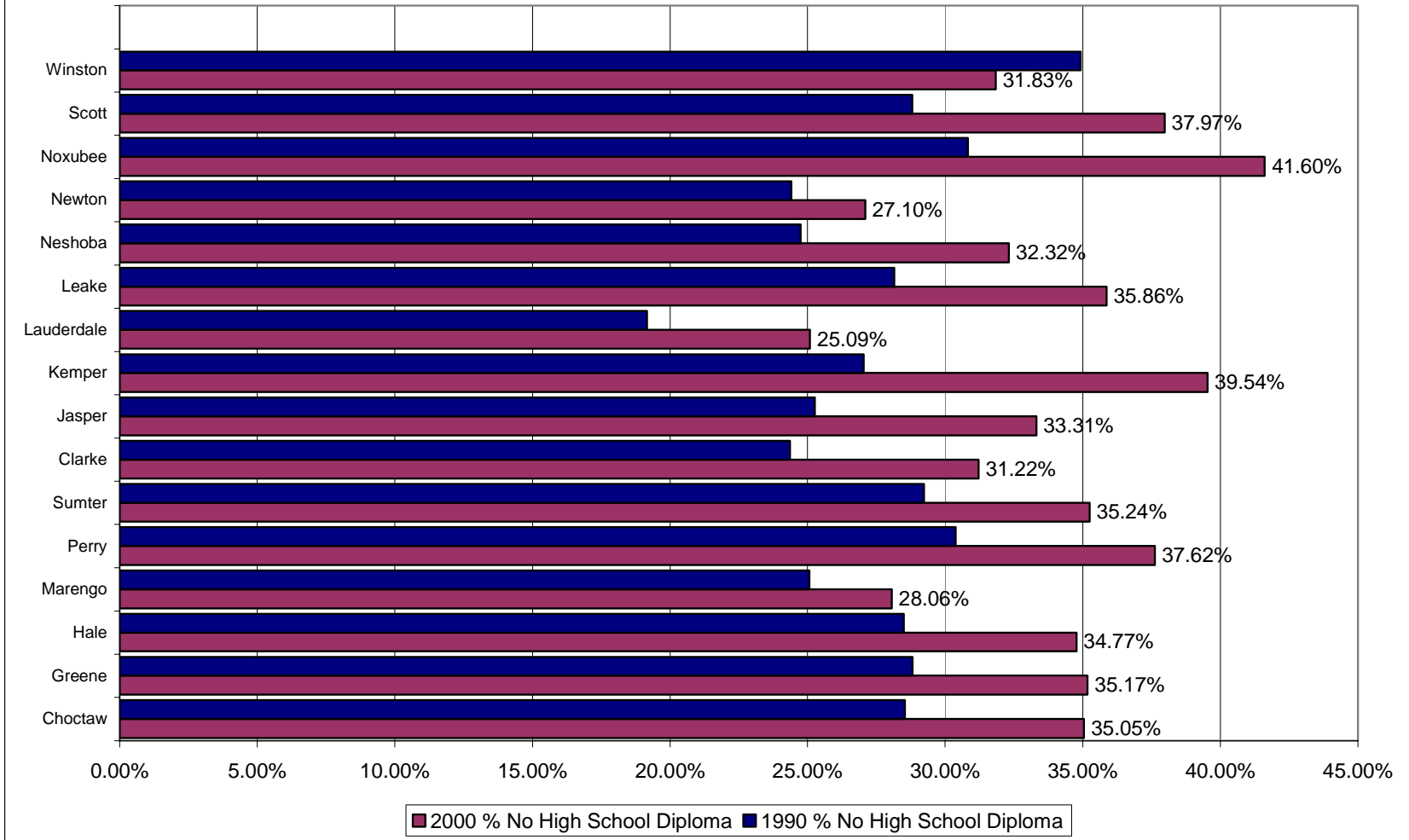
*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000*

*The U.S. Homeownership rate is 66.2% - at the national level, 91% of all units are occupied and 33.8% are vacant.*

**BENCHMARK: HIGHER EDUCATION LEVELS WILL BE ATTAINED**

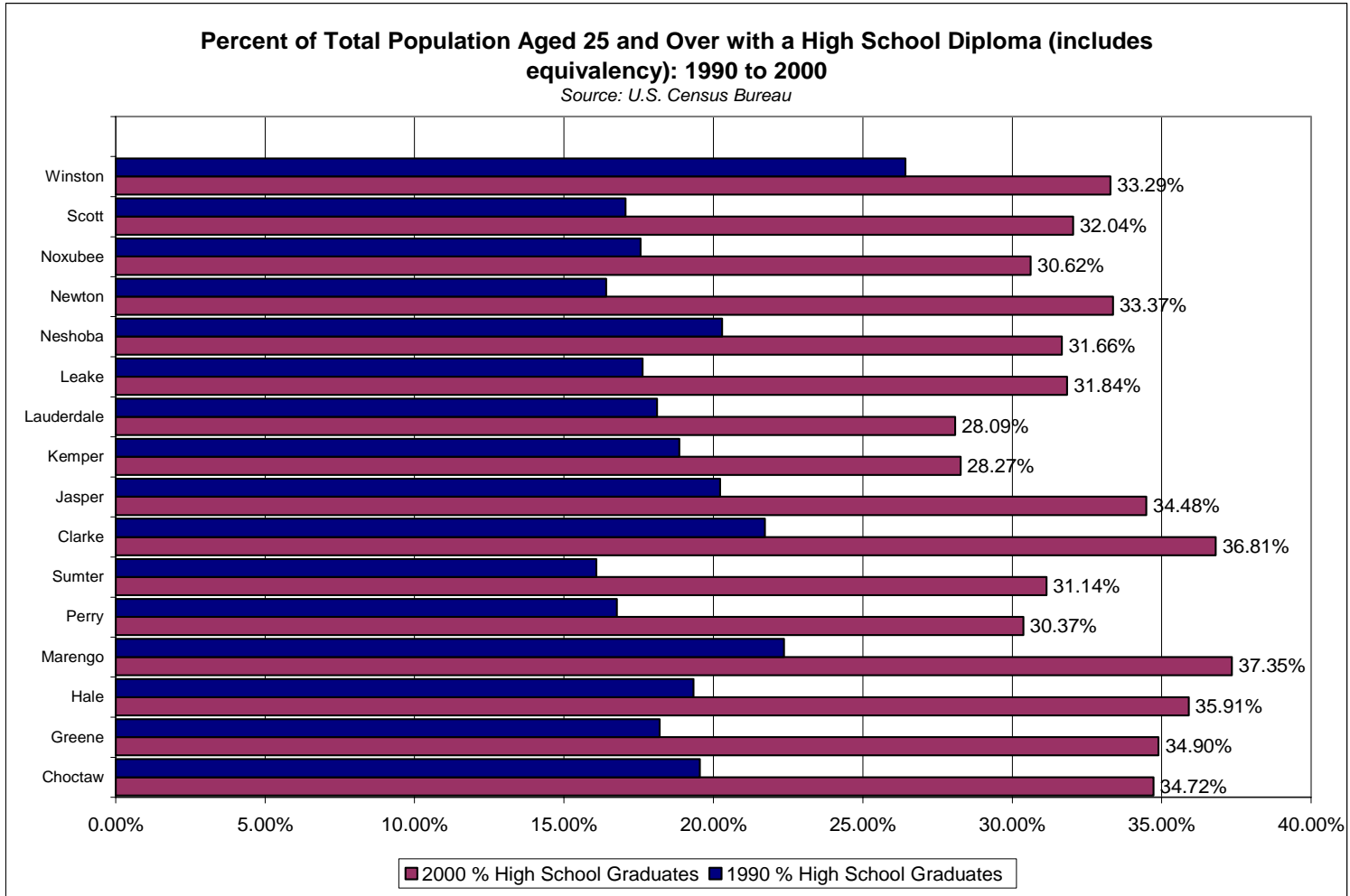
**Percent of Total Population 25 and Over with No High School Diploma: 1990 to 2000**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



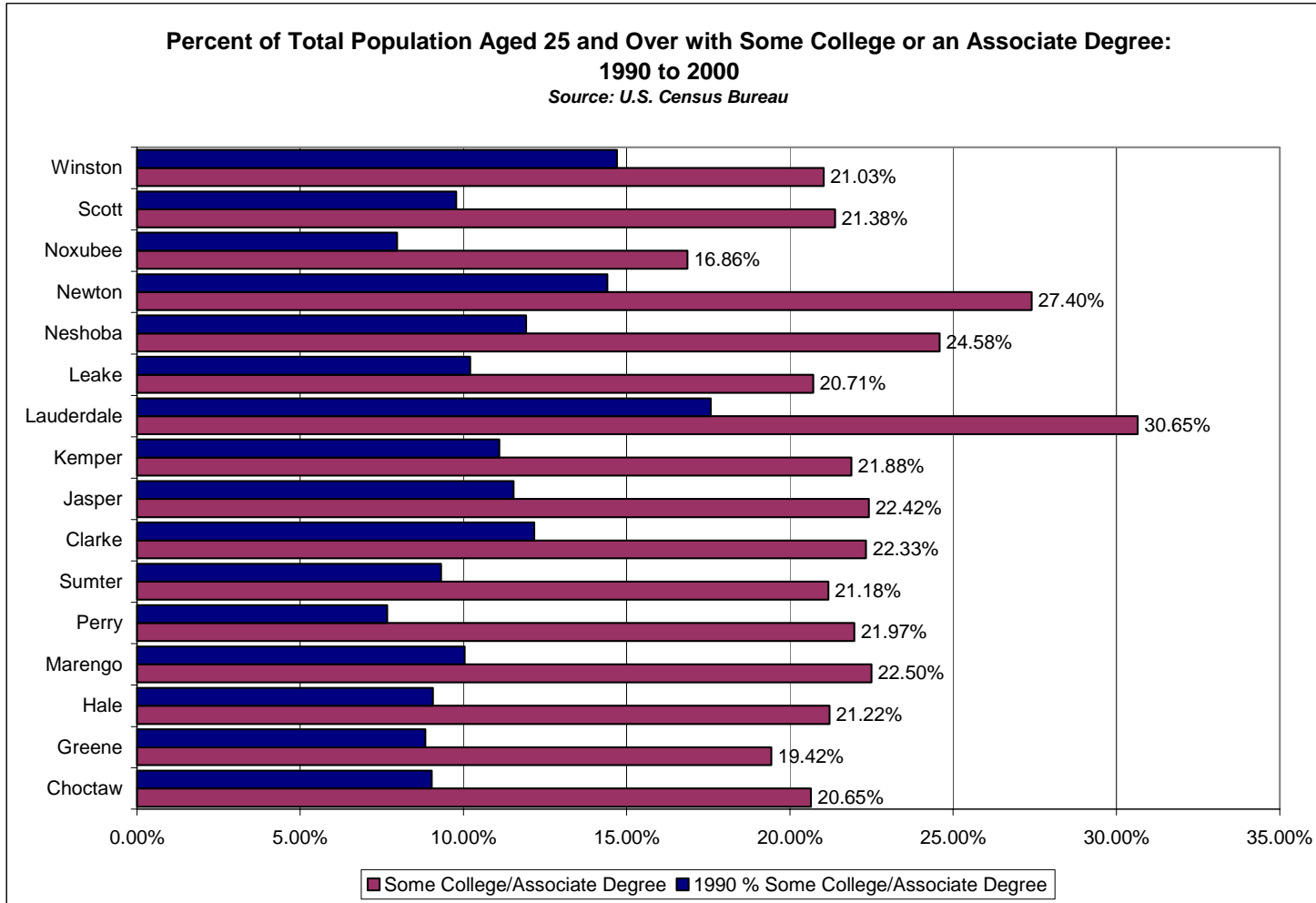
Educational Attainment, 2000	United States	Alabama	Mississippi	16-county region
No High School Diploma	19.6%	24.7%	27.1%	33.9%

## High School Graduates and Equivalency



Educational Attainment, 2000	United States	Alabama	Mississippi	16-county region
High School Diplomas and Equivalency	28.6%	30.4%	29.4%	32.8%

## Some College or Associate Degree



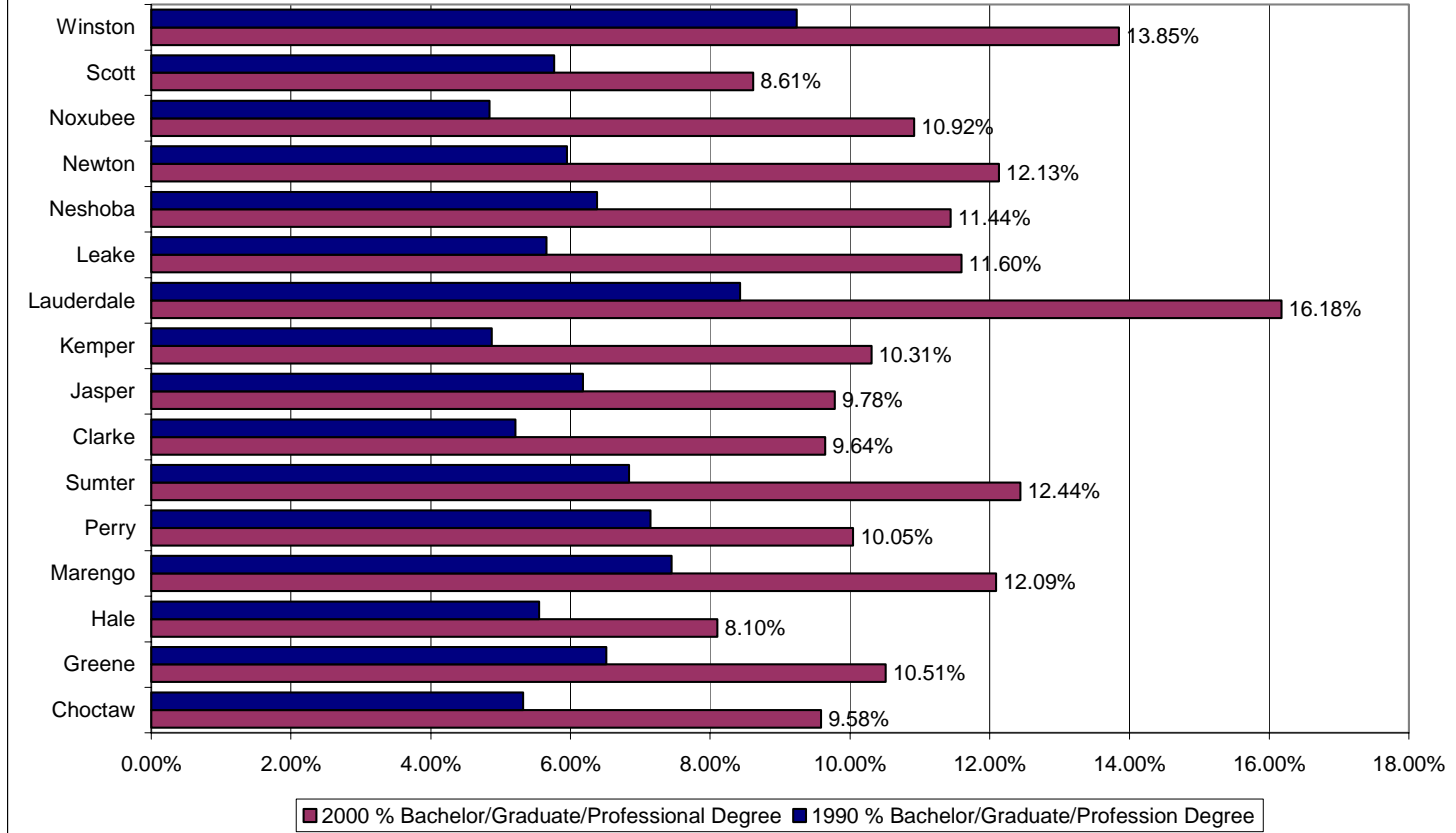
Educational Attainment, 2000	United States	Alabama	Mississippi	16-county region
Some College or Associate Degree	27.4%	25.9%	26.6%	22.3%



## Bachelor's Degree or Higher

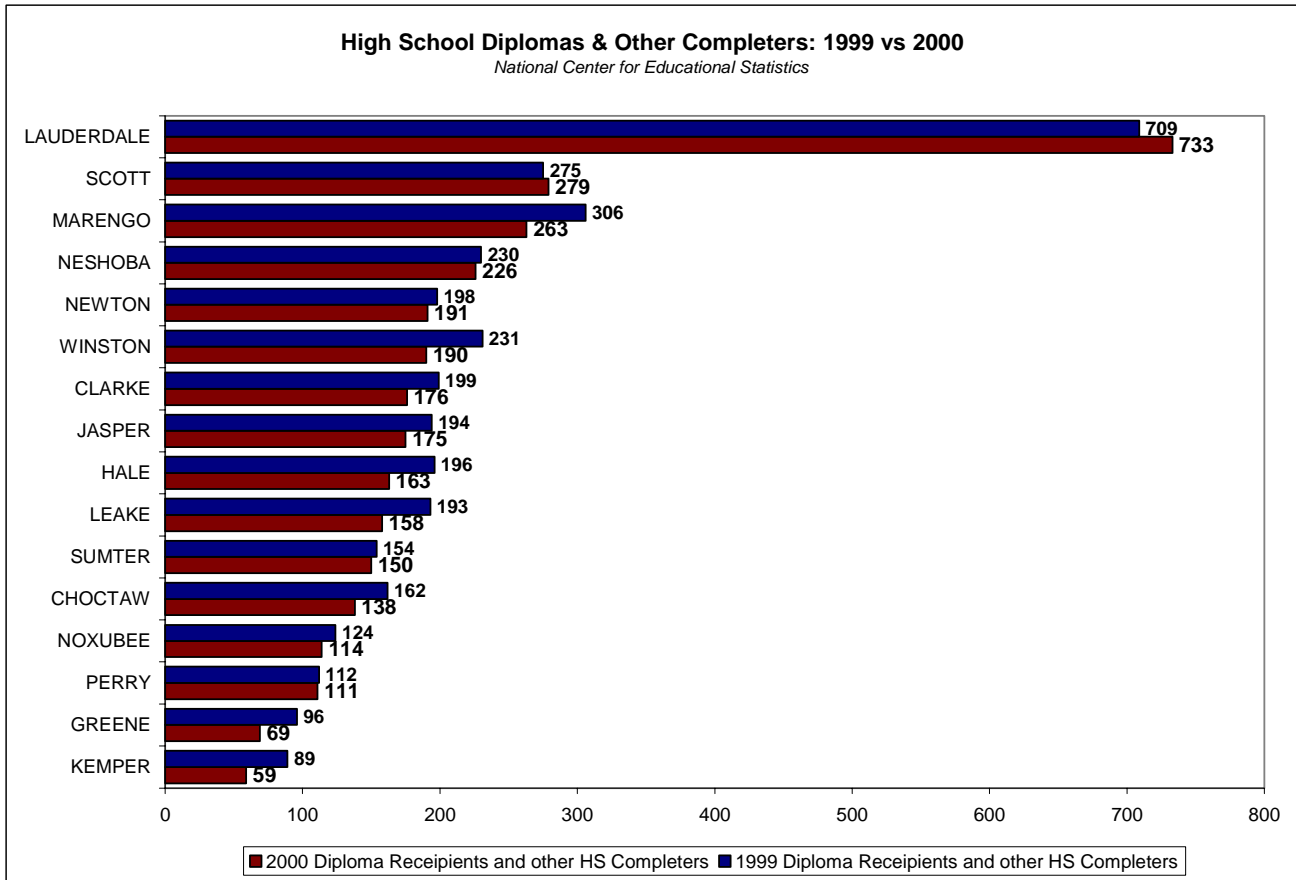
**Percent of Total Population 25 or Over with Bachelor's, Graduate, or Professional Degree:  
1990 to 2000**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



Educational Attainment, 2000	United States	Alabama	Mississippi	16-county region
Bachelor's Degree or higher	24.4%	19.0%	16.9%	11.1%

**BENCHMARK: STUDENTS WILL GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL**



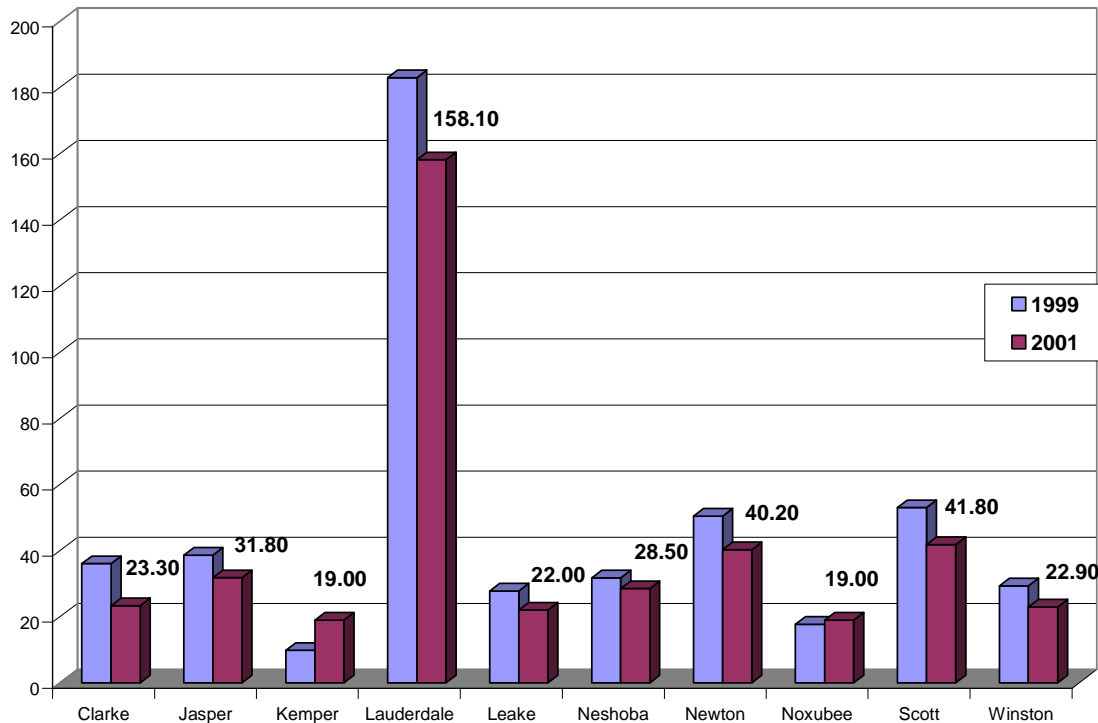
COUNTY NAME (DISTRICT)	12TH Grade 1998	12th Grade 2001	Change in Number of Students Enrolled in 12th Grade	COUNTY NAME (DISTRICT)	12TH Grade 1998	12th Grade 2001	Change in Number of Students Enrolled in 12th Grade
CHOCTAW	168	119	-49	LEAKE	193	179	-14
CLARKE	197	155	-42	MARENGO	325	268	-57
GREENE	130	123	-7	NESHOBA	252	204	-48
WINSTON	221	197	-24	NEWTON	209	202	-7
HALE	215	213	-2	NOXUBEE	142	134	-8
JASPER	182	181	-1	PERRY	131	142	11
KEMPER	78	69	-9	SCOTT	273	243	-30
LAUDERDALE	674	717	43	SUMTER	183	160	-23

Source: National Center for Education Statistics, Report 134269494

## BENCHMARK: TEACHERS WILL BE HIGHLY QUALIFIED

**Ungraded Teachers in District: 1999 to 2001**

*Source: National Center for Education Statistics*



### Districts with No Ungraded Teachers 2001

Choctaw  
Greene  
Hale  
Marengo  
Perry  
Sumter

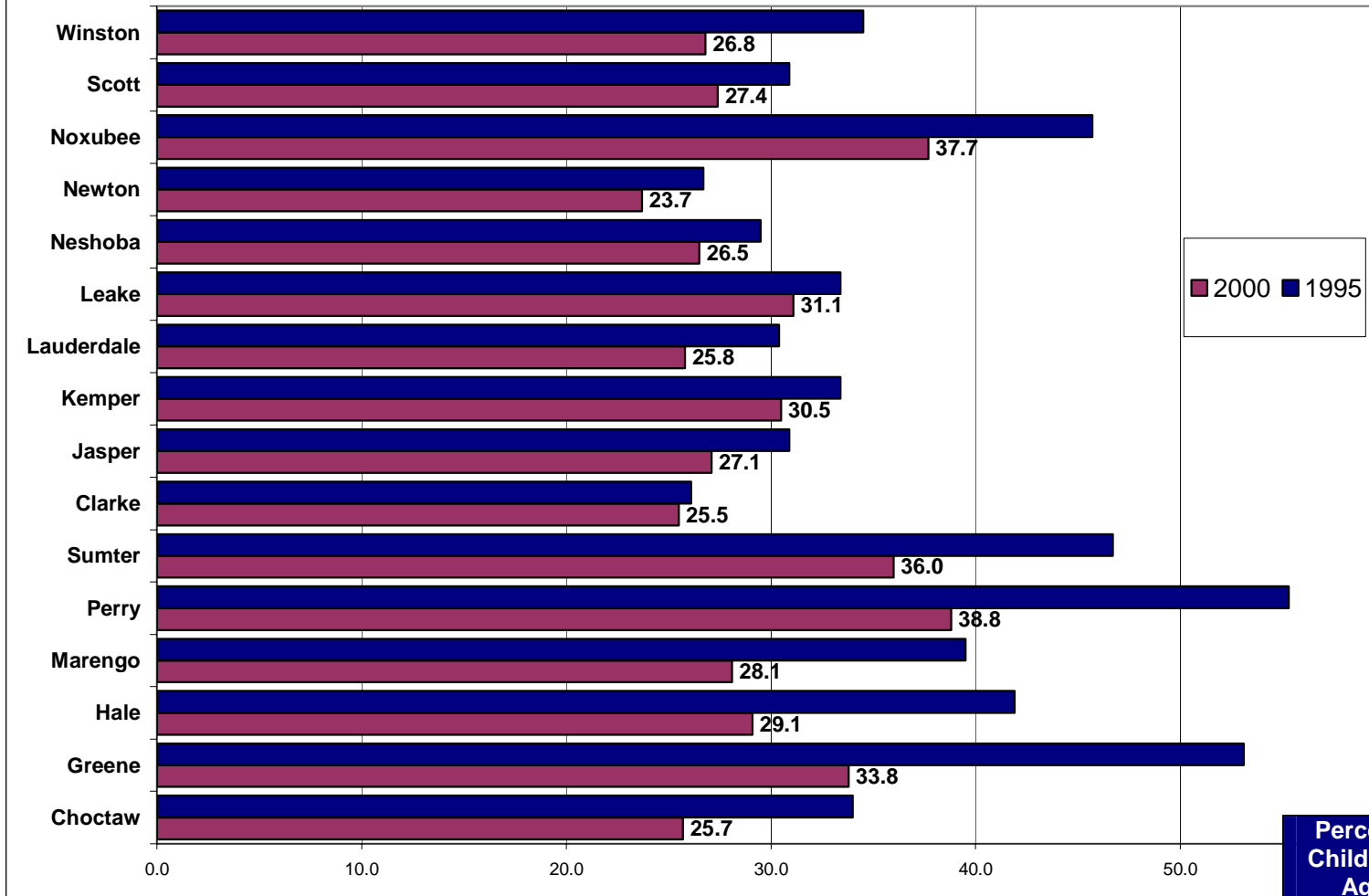
Pupil Teacher Ratios	1999	2001
Clarke	16.1	15.8
Jasper	15.4	15.1
Kemper	15.8	12.2
Lauderdale	15.8	15.3
Leake	16	16.4
Neshoba	16.6	14.3
Newton	15.5	16
Noxubee	17.2	16.8
Scott	16.7	16.7
Winston	15.2	14.8
Choctaw	14.7	14.6
Greene	13.5	14.4
Hale	15	15.1
Marengo	15	15.7
Perry	15.8	16.2
Sumter	15.4	16.1

*Source: National Center for Education Statistics*

## BENCHMARK: CONDITIONS FOR CHILDREN WILL IMPROVE

**Percentage of Children Under the Age of 18 in Poverty: 1995 vs 2000**

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Table B00-00*



*In 2000, there were 28,500 children under the age of 18 living in poverty within the 16-county region.*

Percentage of Children Under Age 18 in Poverty	1995	2000
State of Alabama	26.5	20.5
State of Mississippi	31.0	24.9
United States	20.8	16.2
16-county Region	31.6	26.8

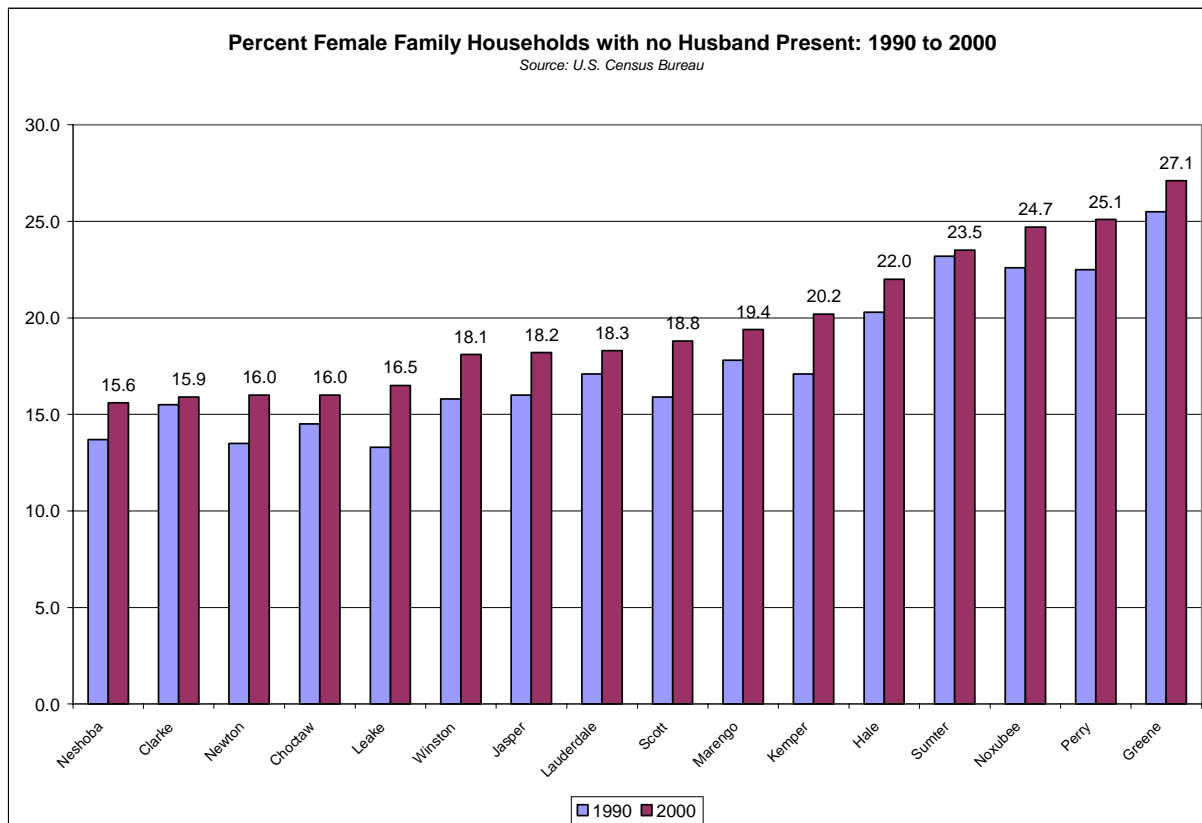
*Source: U.S. Census Bureau*

## BENCHMARK: FAMILIES WILL BE STRONGER

### Percentage Married Couple Households, 2000

Choctaw	52.0
Clarke	52.0
Greene	36.4
Hale	45.6
Jasper	50.9
Kemper	46.7
Lauderdale	46.7
Leake	52.2
Marengo	48.4
Neshoba	52.5
Newton	53.0
Noxubee	43.0
Perry	40.4
Scott	49.8
Sumter	36.7
Winston	49.9
State of Alabama	52.2
State of Mississippi	49.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



### Mississippi

#### Births to Single Teens

	2001	1997
State of Mississippi	14.7	16.7
Clarke	14.2	18.8
Jasper	14.0	17.8
Kemper	15.4	18.8
Lauderdale	14.0	14.0
Leake	12.4	11.9
Neshoba	14.1	14.9
Newton	9.8	10.7
Noxubee	19.1	23.0
Scott	17.2	18.5
Winston	16.6	15.4

Source: Mississippi Department of Health

Note: DO NOT COMPARE MISSISSIPPI RATES WITH ALABAMA RATES. Mississippi rates are reported as a percentage of All Births

### Alabama

#### Teenage Pregnancy Rate

	2002	2000
State of Alabama	39.3	46.1
Choctaw	43.4	39.2
Greene	68.7	62.7
Hale	46	51.6
Marengo	36.1	49.2
Perry	30.6	49.3
Sumter	39.5	49.5

Source: Alabama Center for Health Statistics

Note: DO NOT COMPARE ALABAMA RATES WITH MISSISSIPPI RATES. Alabama rates are reported as a pregnancy rate per 1,000 females aged 10 to 19 and

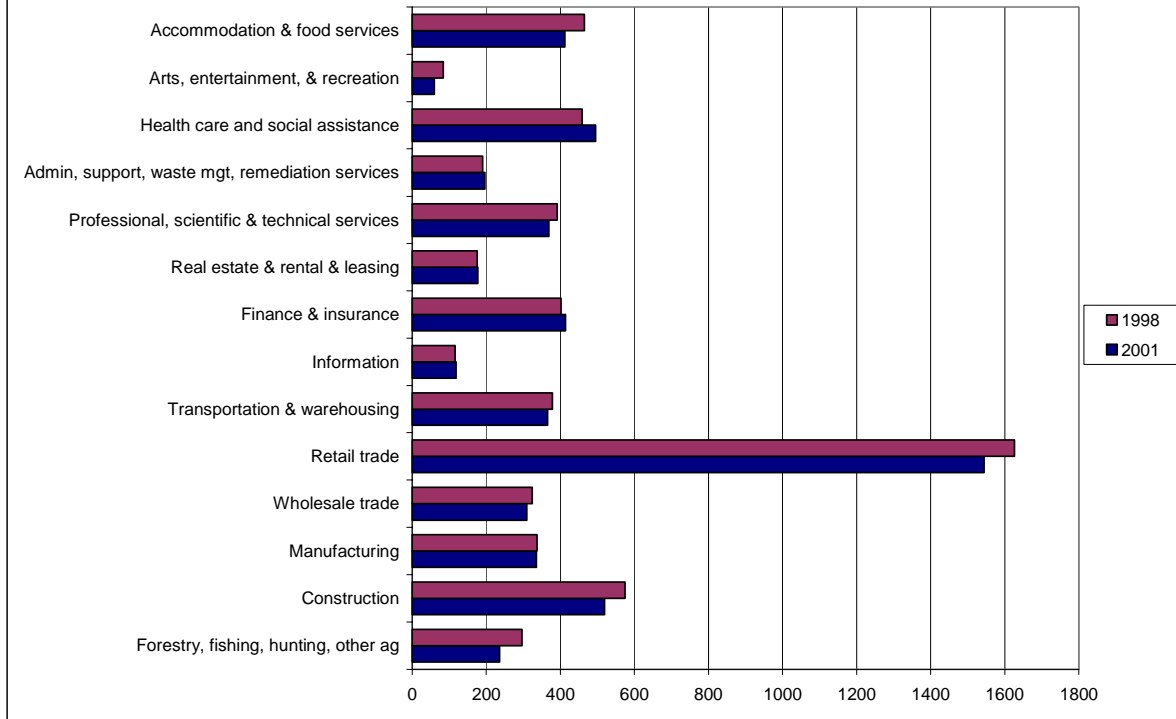
Female Householder, No Husband Present	1990	2000
Mississippi	15.9	17.9
Alabama	13.4	14.2
16-county Region	17.8	19.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## BENCHMARK: BUSINESSES WILL DO WELL

**Change in Number of Establishments 16-county Region (selected categories): 1998 to 2001**

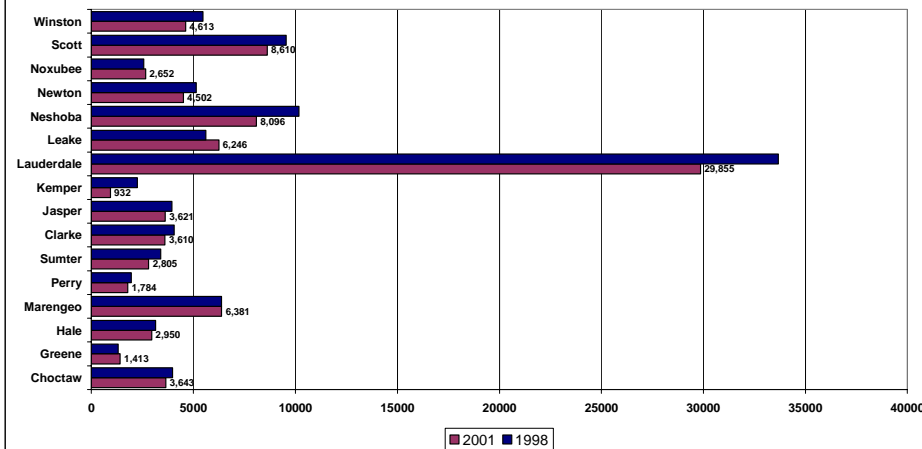
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis



County	Change in Total Payroll 1998 to 2001 (in \$1,000)	Change in Number of Employees for week including March 12: 1998 to 2001
Choctaw	\$13,812	-341
Greene	\$56,577	104
Hale	\$7,488	-190
Marengo	\$4,662	6
Perry	-\$1,390	-179
Sumter	-\$8,286	-597
Clarke	-\$7,525	-443
Jasper	-\$346	-327
Kemper	-\$18,097	-1322
Lauderdale	-\$11,127	-3819
Leake	\$16,049	641
Neshoba	\$25,466	-2072
Newton	-\$2,819	-642
Noxubee	\$3,801	89
Scott	\$7,986	-928
Winston	-\$20,862	-844
<b>Total 16-county Region</b>	<b>\$65,389,000</b>	<b>-10,864</b>

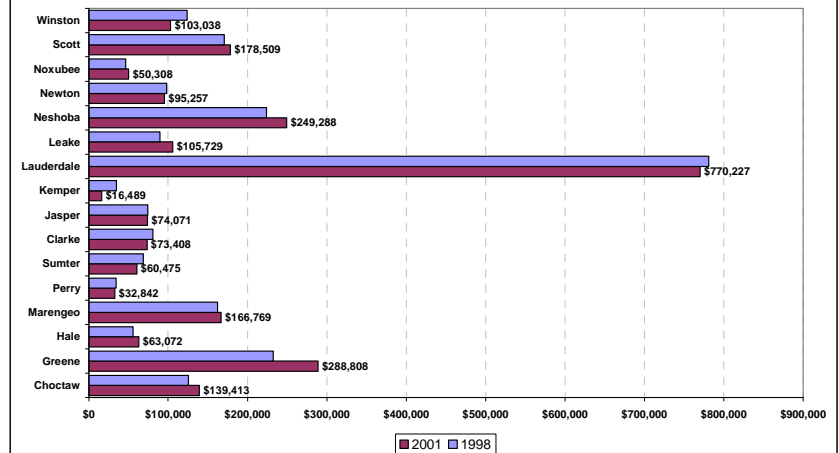
**Number of Employees: 1998 to 2001**

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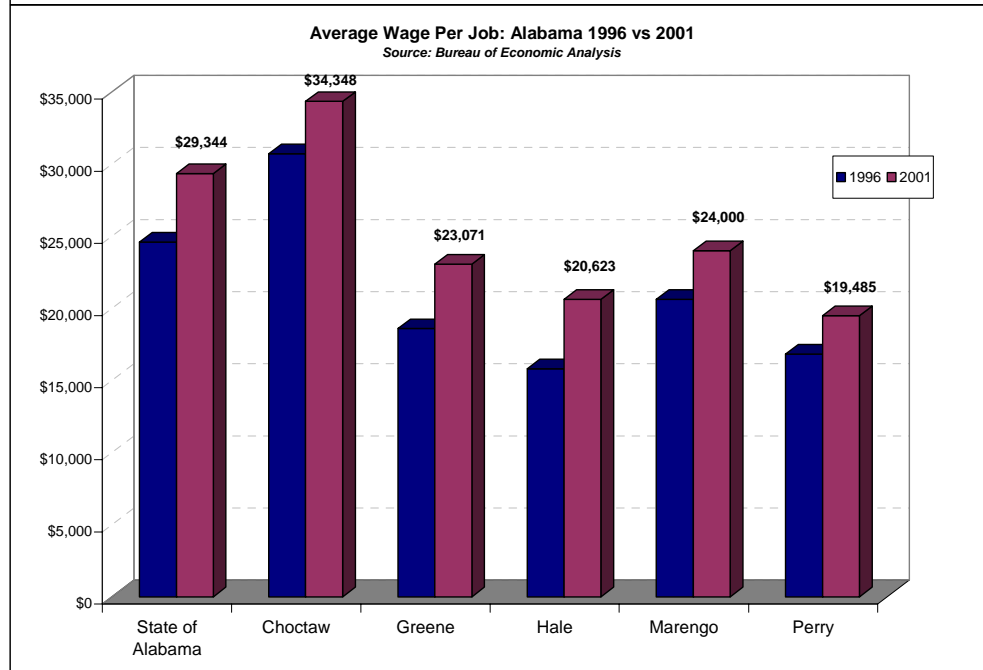
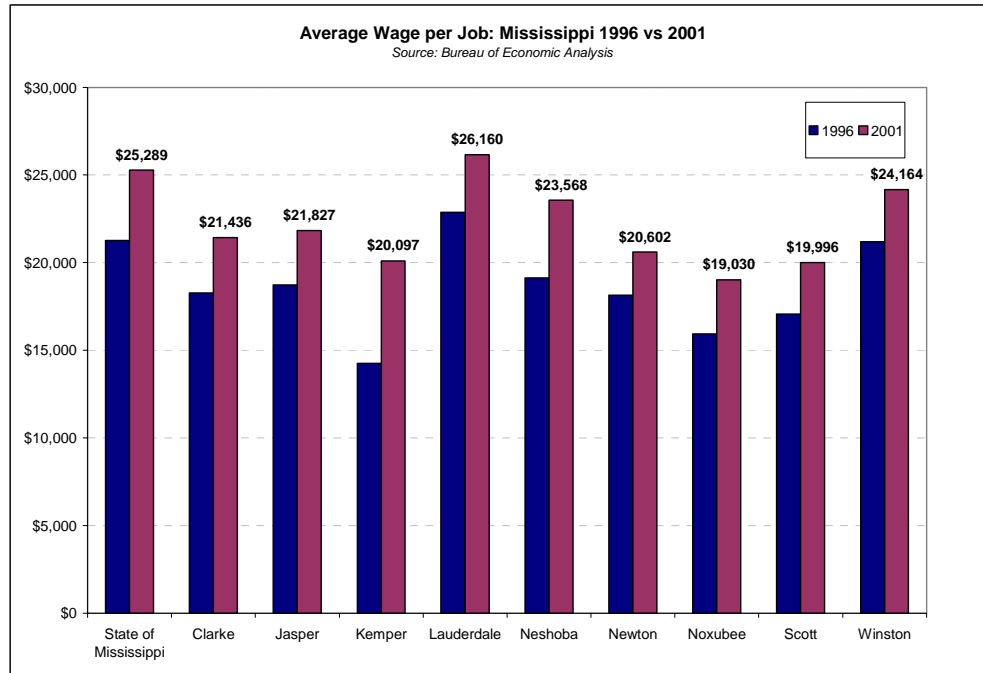


**Total Annual Payroll (in \$1,000): Comparison 1998 to 2001**

Source Data: Bureau of Economic Analysis



## BENCHMARK: COUNTIES WILL GROW THEIR ECONOMIES



State and County	Percent Change in Total and Full-time Employment: 1996 to 2001
<b>State of Alabama</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
Choctaw	-8.8%
Greene	-5.7%
Hale	3.8%
Marengo	2.8%
Perry	-6.9%
Sumter	-14.5%
<b>State of Mississippi</b>	<b>5.3%</b>
Clarke	-2.1%
Jasper	-0.4%
Kemper	-6.3%
Lauderdale	0.7%
Leake	10.7%
Neshoba	-0.6%
Newton	-3.8%
Noxubee	6.9%
Scott	-3.6%
Winston	-6.3%

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

