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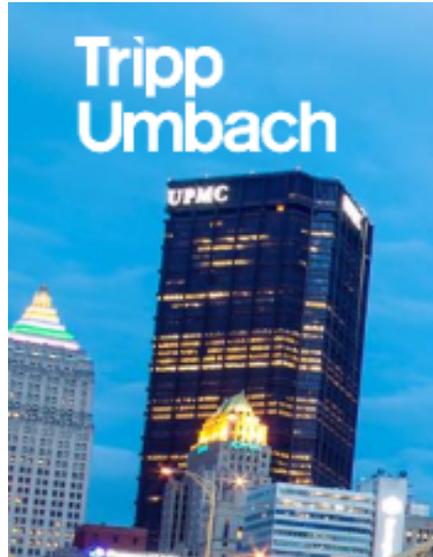
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Oh, the places we can go!

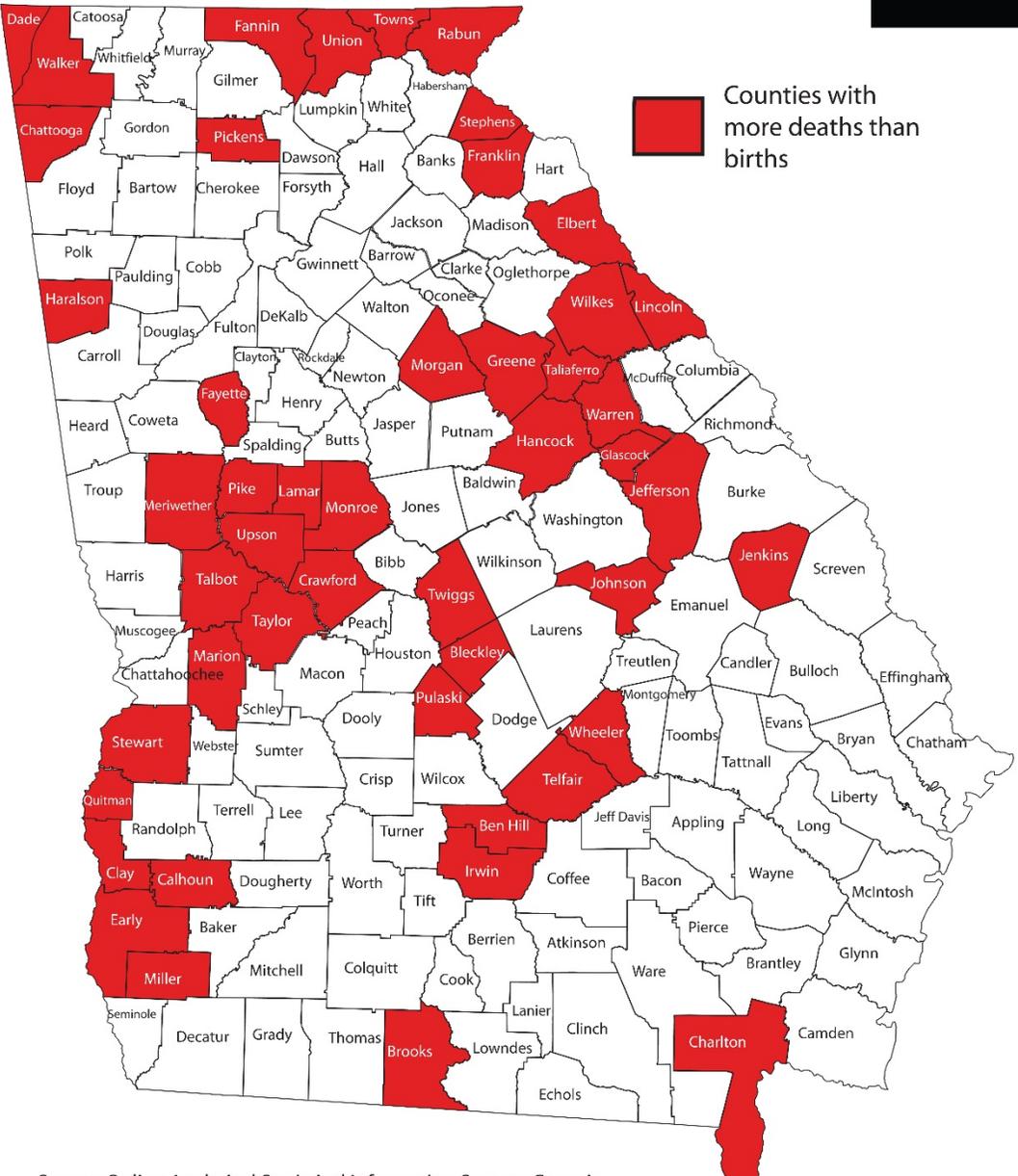
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Georgia Counties with More Deaths than Births: 2013



# Is Rural Georgia Dying? Literally?

*by Charles Hayslett on August 17, 2015*

- Birthrate,
- Death rate, and
- Net export
  - HS grads leave
  - Young families don't move in!

## Why?

Source: Online Analytical Statistical Information System, Georgia Department of Public Health.



- Perceived lack of business, job, or financial opportunity,
- Concerns about quality of education for their family, and
- Lack of access to basic healthcare needs.

Three reasons!

A large, light gray silhouette of a water tower is positioned on the left side of the page. It features a cylindrical tank with a lattice-like structure and a conical roof with a small finial.

# MISSION

Georgia's Rural Center exists to **RECONNECT** the state's rural and urban people and places, **REDISCOVERING** all that is unique and extraordinary in the state's less populated areas, and reminding all Georgians of the power and potential present in small towns and crossroads communities.

We work to recognize successful businesses and efforts and help other communities **RECREATE** those models throughout the state.

Believing that people are Georgia's most valuable asset, we **REINVEST** human capital in the state's rural fringes through internship placement and innovative projects.

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The work of the Center and its staff will be guided by a view that we must,

- **Remind** all Georgians of the vital role that rural people and places play in statewide success and that,
- When we find ideas that are working in rural Georgia, we should **recreate** them in other communities throughout the state and that,
- An essential step in **rediscovering, reconnecting,** and **recreating** rural Georgia is to **reinvest** in people by infusing inspired, educated, and energetic human capital in small towns and rural communities.

Essence = values and vision



Finding a path to prosperity!

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- **Access**
- **Affordability**
- **Workforce**
- **Cost of delivery**
- **Cost recovery**
- **Specialization**

**Warning! Health at risk!**

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*“The process of relying on the collective creative spirit of a diverse team to develop, scale, and apply ideas to solve existing challenges in Georgia’s rural communities in a way that contributes to their prosperity.”*

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# Regional Health Technology Center

- Educators need technology,
- Clinical providers need technology,
- Costly,
- Short life cycle/rapid obsolescence, and
- Opportunity for efficiency and profit!

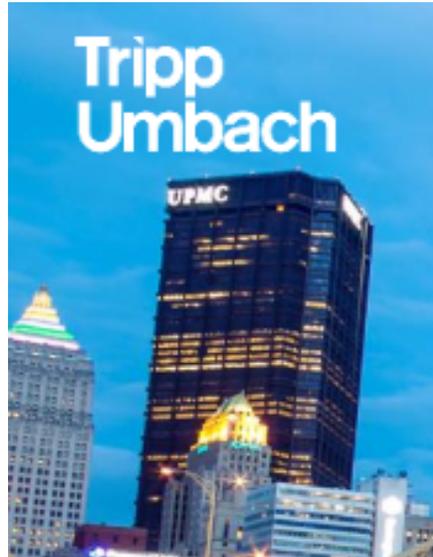
## Our project...

- Determine need,
- Determine feasibility,
- Coerce team play,
- Win!

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Sit back, enjoy, learn, and  
prepare to go to work!

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