



regional snapshot

# ***ARC's 2012 Small –Area Employment Estimates***

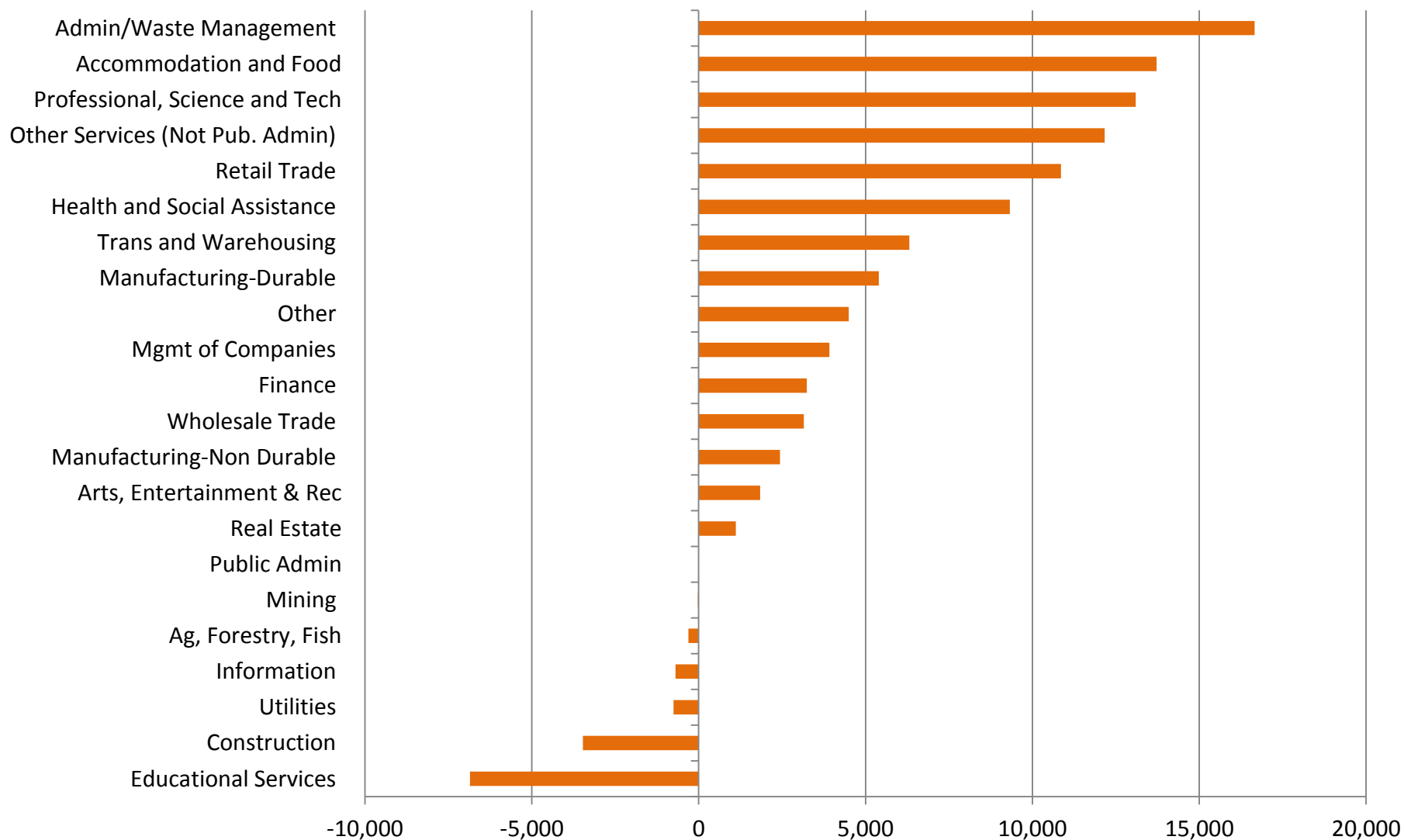
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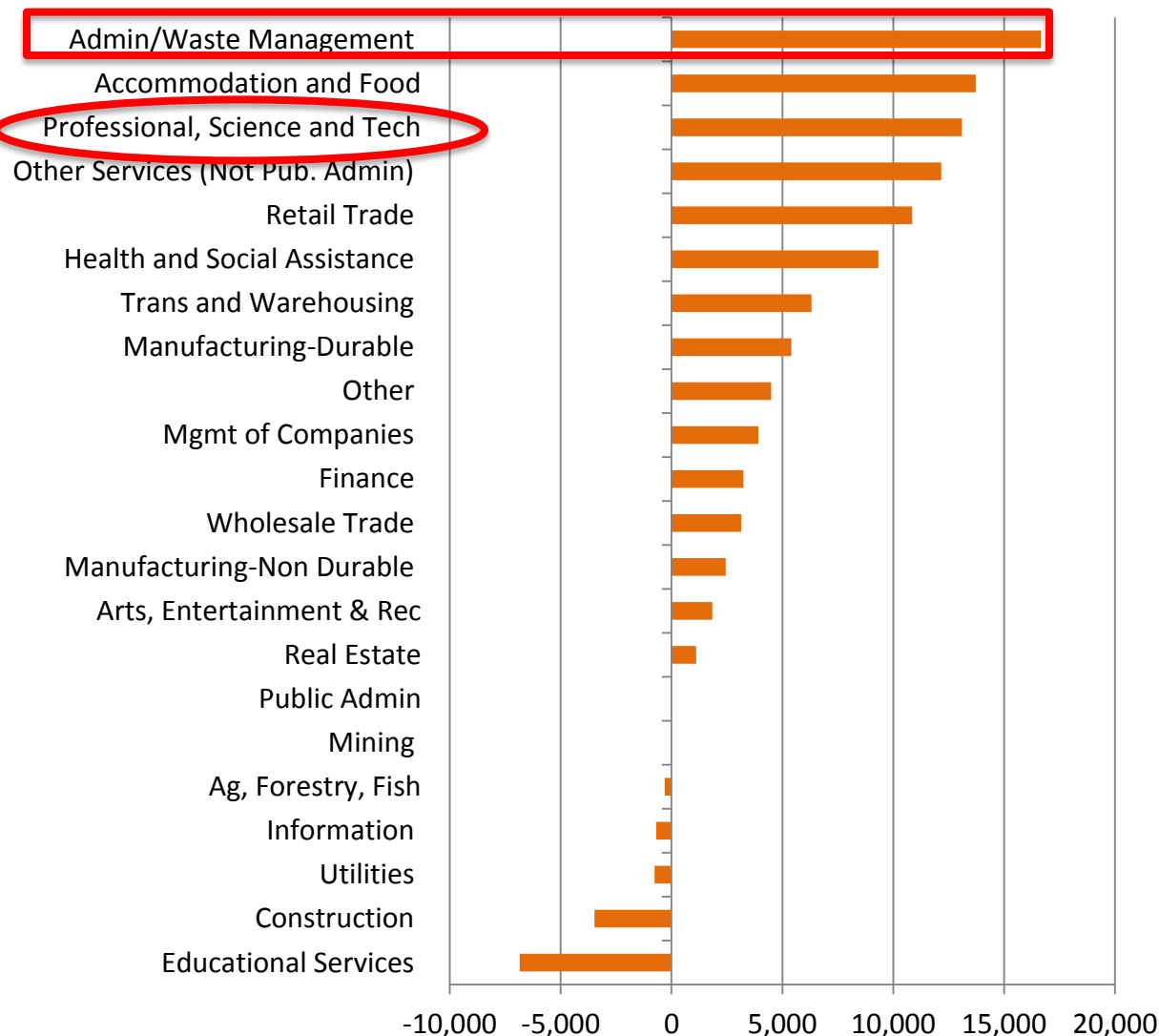
Total Jobs by Sector, 2012



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The [Admin/Waste Management Sector](#), which includes temporary jobs, added the most employment between 2010 & 2012, showing that while employment is improving, employers are still skittish to hire full-time, permanent positions. The Other Services sector also employs a lot of temporary workers. For more information about this phenomenon, read [this](#).

On the plus side, more than 13,000 Professional, Scientific, Technical jobs were added. These are **generally among the highest-paying jobs in the region** and include legal, accounting, architectural, computing, consulting and other jobs that require high levels of education and expertise.

# Employment Estimates (by County)

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	County	2008	2009	2010	2012	
local relevance	Barrow	15,508	14,867	14,937	15,738	230
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	Carroll	38,704	36,665	35,803	36,439	-2,265
	Cherokee	47,561	44,246	42,310	46,078	-1,483
	Clayton	120,613	114,760	113,036	113,520	-7,093
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	Coweta	33,220	31,374	29,672	31,403	-1,817
	DeKalb	307,116	293,714	280,111	286,444	-20,672
	Douglas	40,698	38,039	36,311	36,845	-3,853
	Fayette	39,677	36,365	34,967	38,548	-1,129
	Forsyth	61,542	59,204	56,381	63,375	1,833
	Fulton	727,740	687,123	679,041	702,611	-25,129
	Gwinnett	322,771	295,327	287,309	302,159	-20,612
	Hall	74,536	68,263	69,034	71,778	-2,758
	Henry	49,986	45,612	46,771	48,811	-1,175
	Newton	21,386	20,004	19,777	20,462	-924
	Paulding	21,236	20,868	20,137	20,347	-889
	Rockdale	31,980	29,151	29,170	30,419	-1,561
	Spalding	22,482	20,982	20,129	21,305	-1,177
	Walton	18,604	17,617	17,411	18,837	233
	20-County Total	2,355,827	2,215,845	2,154,197	2,249,811	-106,016

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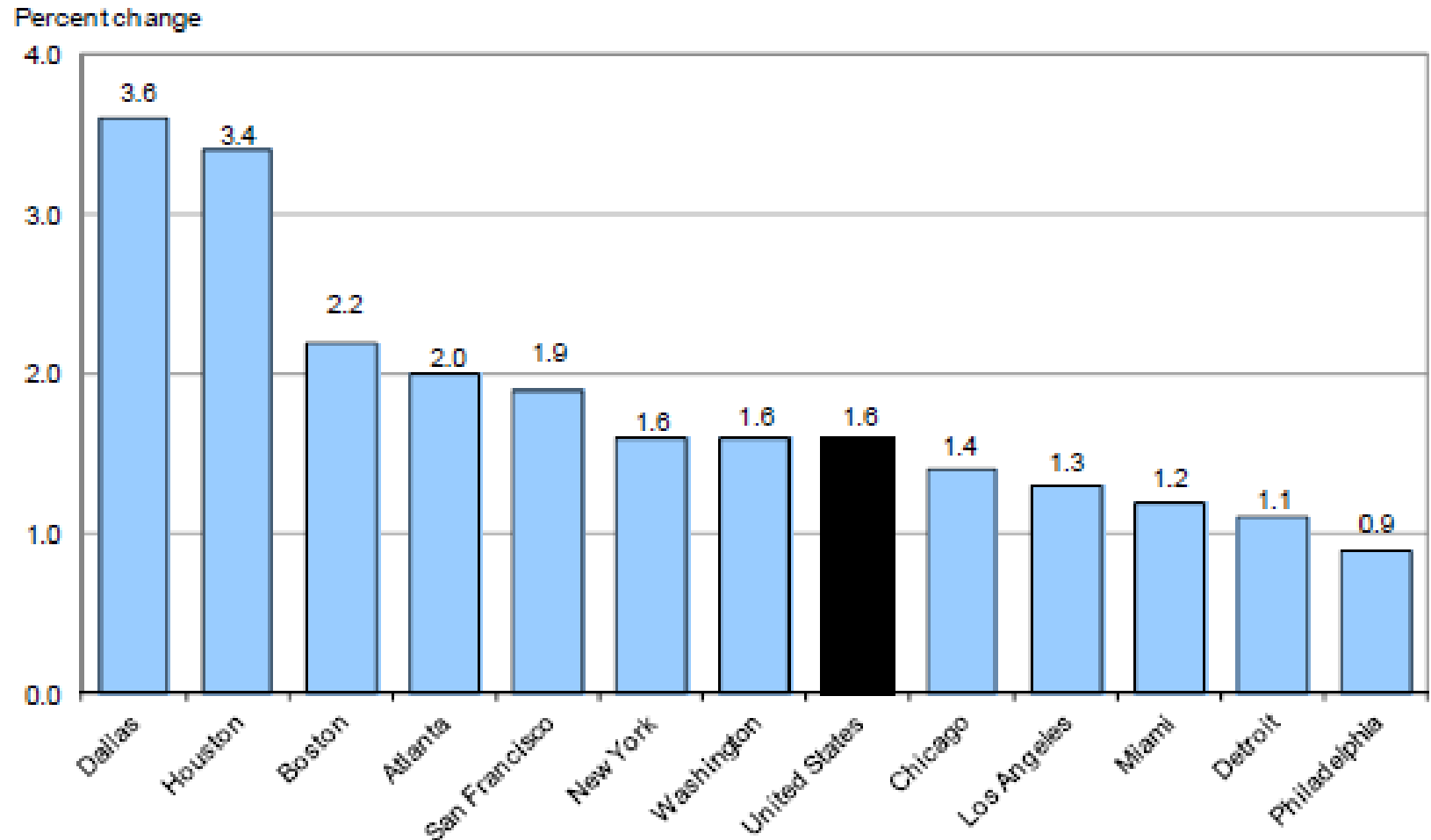
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Clayton	120,613	114,760	113,036	113,520	-7,093	484
Cobb	326,951	311,092	293,198	313,362	-13,589	20,164
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Douglas	40,698	38,039	36,311	36,845	-3,853	534
Fayette	39,677	36,365	34,967	38,548	-1,129	3,581
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Hall	74,536	68,263	69,034	71,778	-2,758	2,744
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20-County Total	2,355,827	2,215,845	2,154,197	2,249,811	-106,016	95,614

**Fulton County** led the region in overall job growth between 2010 and 2012, adding more than 23,500. Next are Cobb (+20,000) and Gwinnett (+15,000).

In looking at overall employment over the four years between 2008 and 2012, there is **good news and bad news**. The good news is that the 20-county Atlanta region **added some 95,000 jobs between 2010 and 2012**. The bad news is that overall employment in the 20-county region **is still about 106,000 jobs lower than what it was in 2008**. Finally, although we didn't call this out specifically, the region lost more than 200,000 jobs between 2008-2010, one of the worst stretches in the region's history.

# Employment: A Quick National Perspective

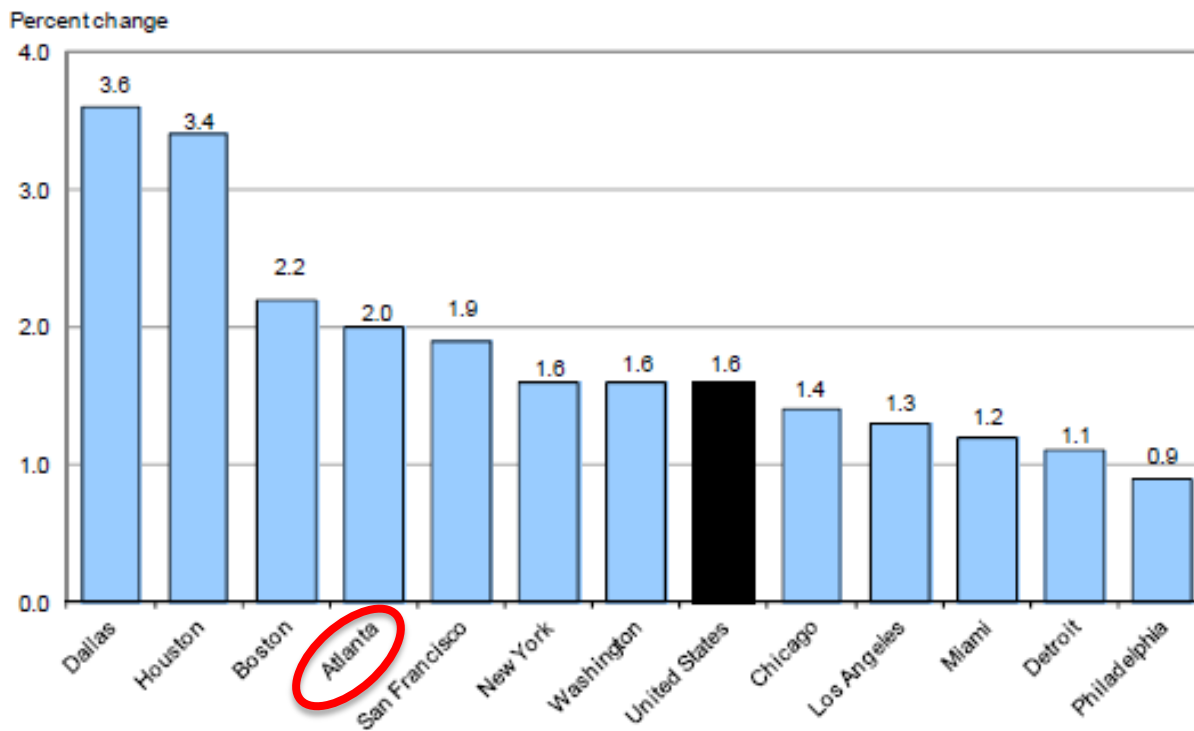
Chart 3. Over-the-year percent change in employment, United States and 12 largest areas, May 2013



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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To provide a **national perspective**, we included this chart from the Bureau of Labor Statistics that shows that metro Atlanta (28-county area) ranks **fourth among the 12 largest metros in year-over-year percent change in employment** between May, 2012 and May, 2013.

Please note that **ARC's employment estimates are different**. We use a different methodology to count jobs; our estimates cover a different geographic scale as well as a different time period. (This looks at change since 2012, our estimates stop at 2012). But as this chart shows, the overall employment picture in metro Atlanta is looking up.



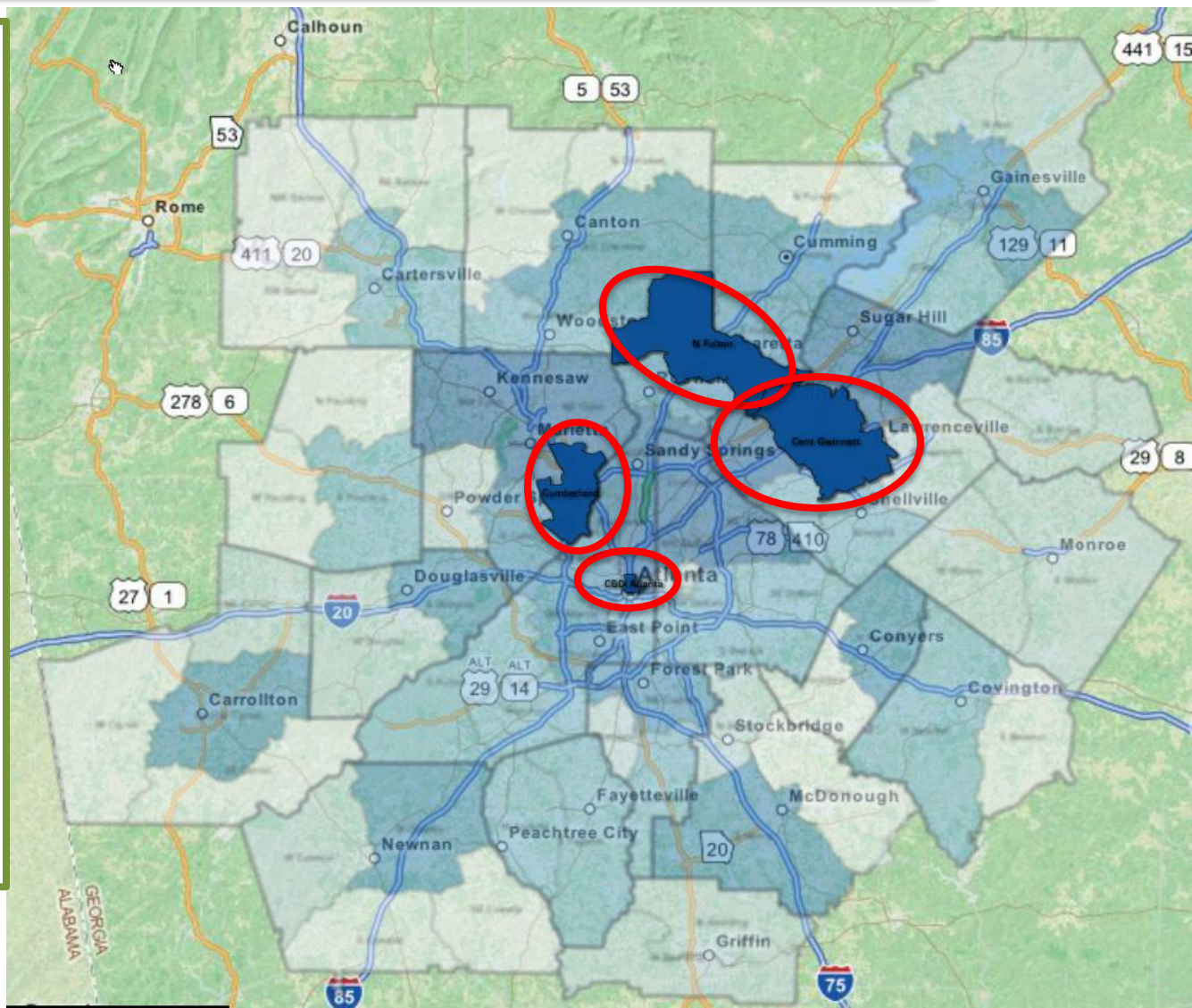




# Total Jobs, 2012: Areas with 100,000+ Jobs

There were four areas (ARC Superdistricts – see below) in the 20-county region with more than 100,000 jobs in 2012: Central Business District, Central Gwinnett, North Fulton and Cumberland. This distribution shows how employment has become much more decentralized in this region, as **three of the four largest employment concentrations are found outside of the I-285 perimeter.**

*The maps are displaying job totals by ARC Superdistrict, which are drawn to mirror “market” areas wherever possible. Overall, there are 78 Superdistricts in the region.*

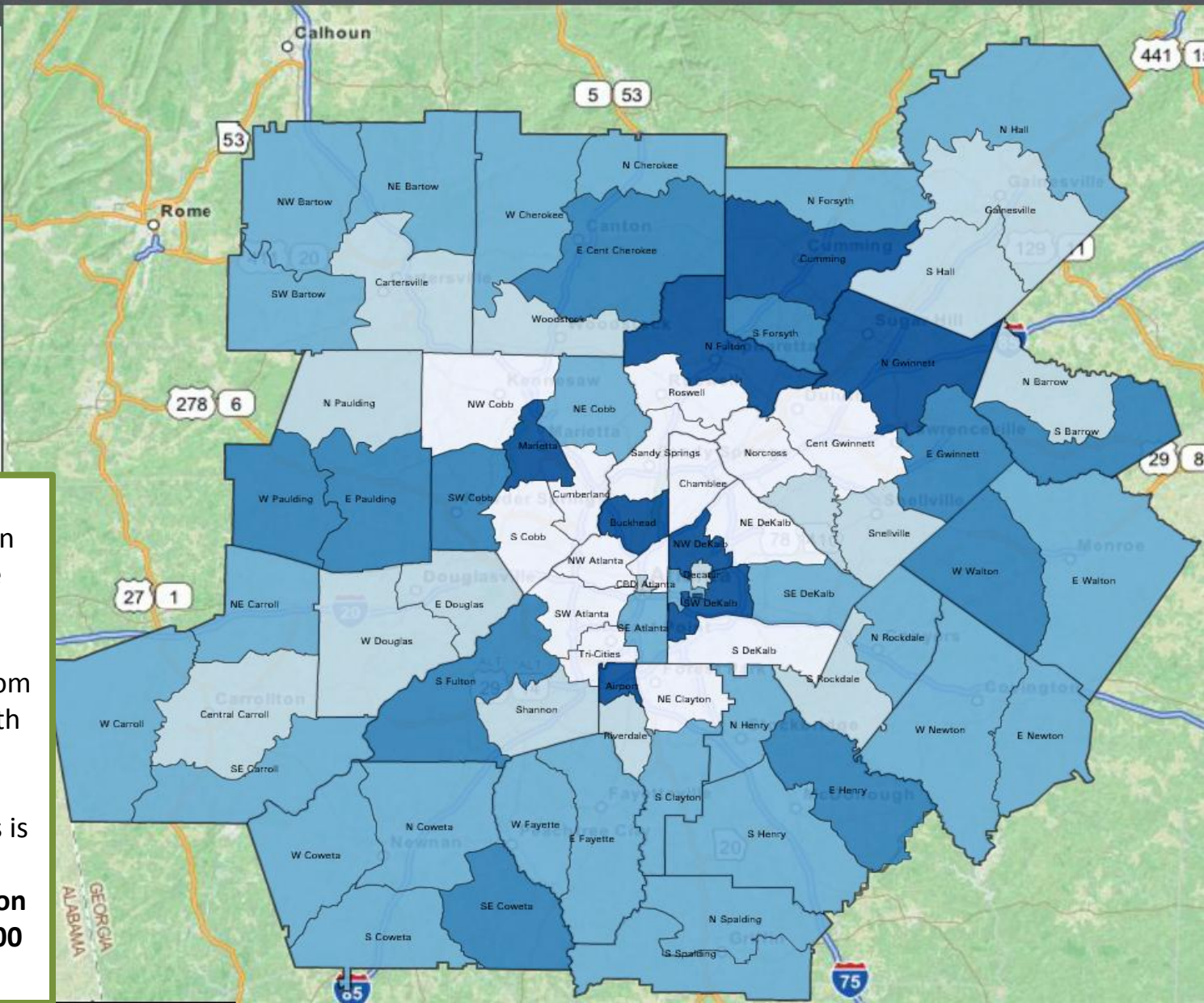
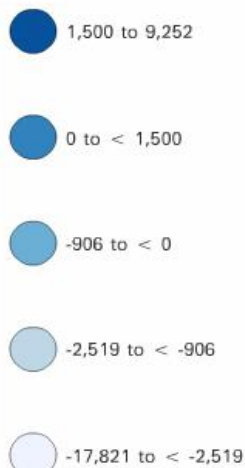




# Total Job Change, 2008 - 2012: Which Areas Gained The Most Jobs?

Map of Change of Total Jobs, 2008-2012  
Color Legend

Change of Total Jobs, 2008-2012



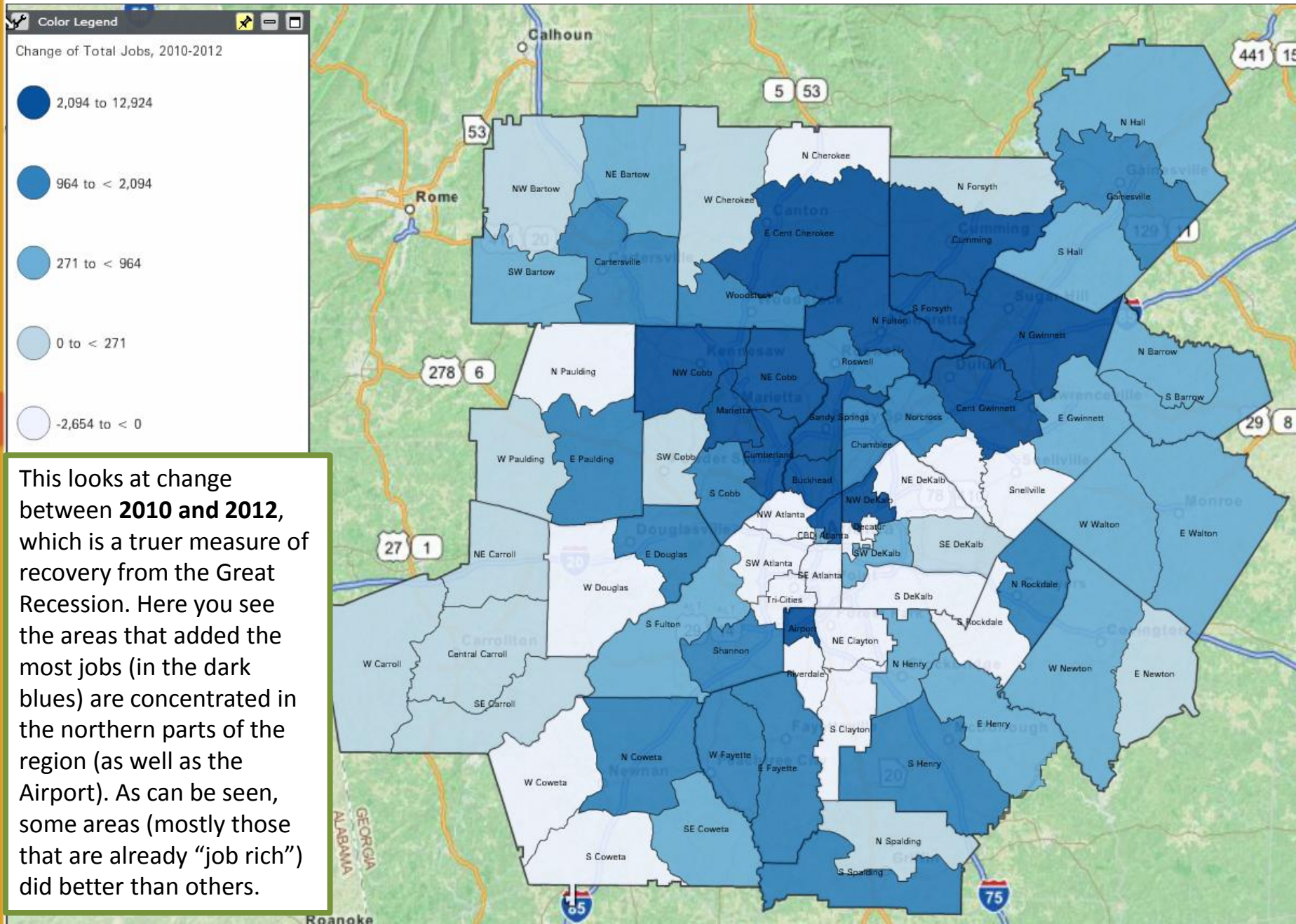
The areas that added the most jobs between 2008 and 2012 (in the dark blues) are scattered throughout the region, ranging from the Airport down south up to the Cumming Superdistrict in the north. Remember this is from **2008 to 2012**, a period when the region lost more than 106,000 jobs overall.







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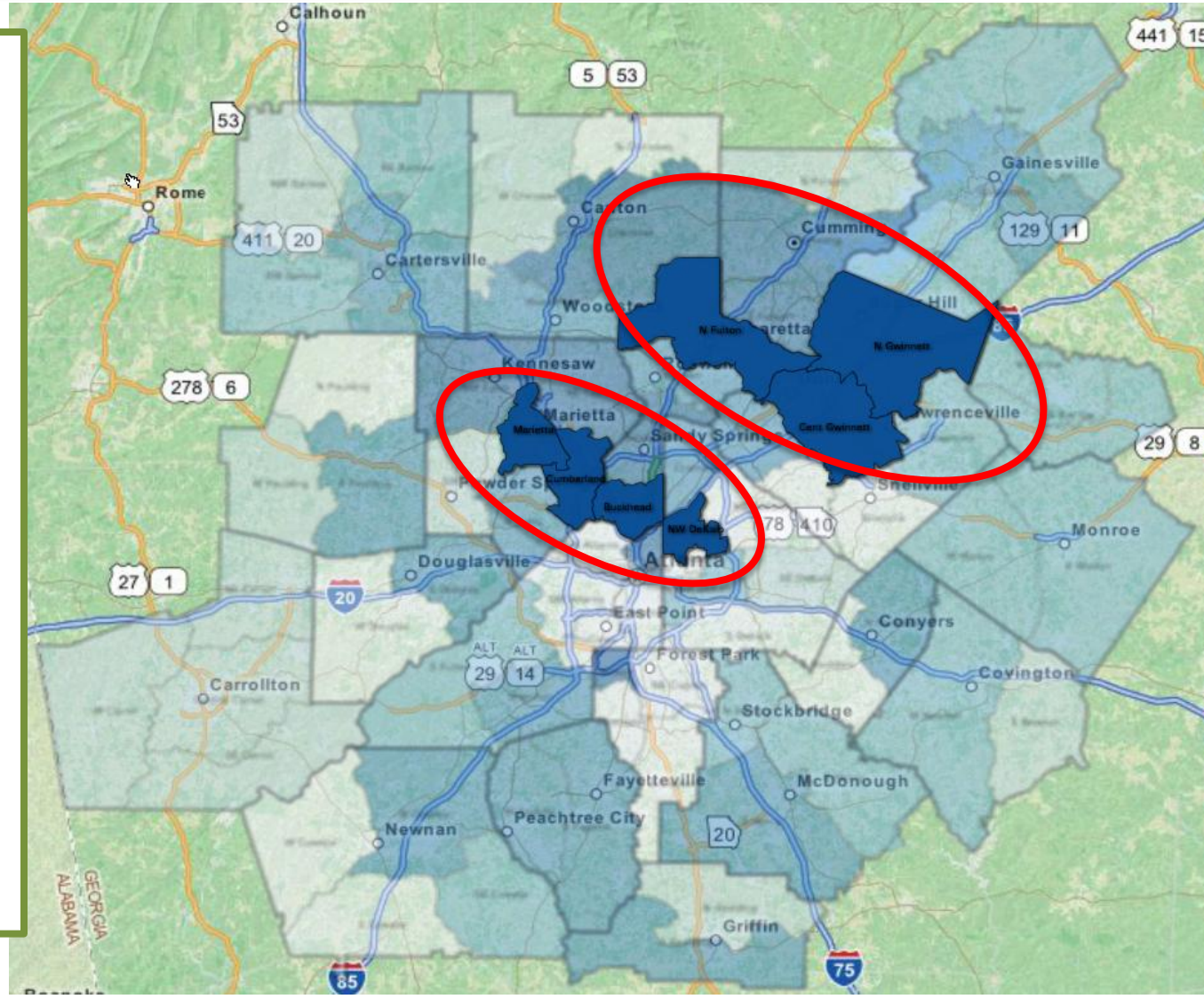


This looks at change between **2010 and 2012**, which is a truer measure of recovery from the Great Recession. Here you see the areas that added the most jobs (in the dark blues) are concentrated in the northern parts of the region (as well as the Airport). As can be seen, some areas (mostly those that are already “job rich”) did better than others.



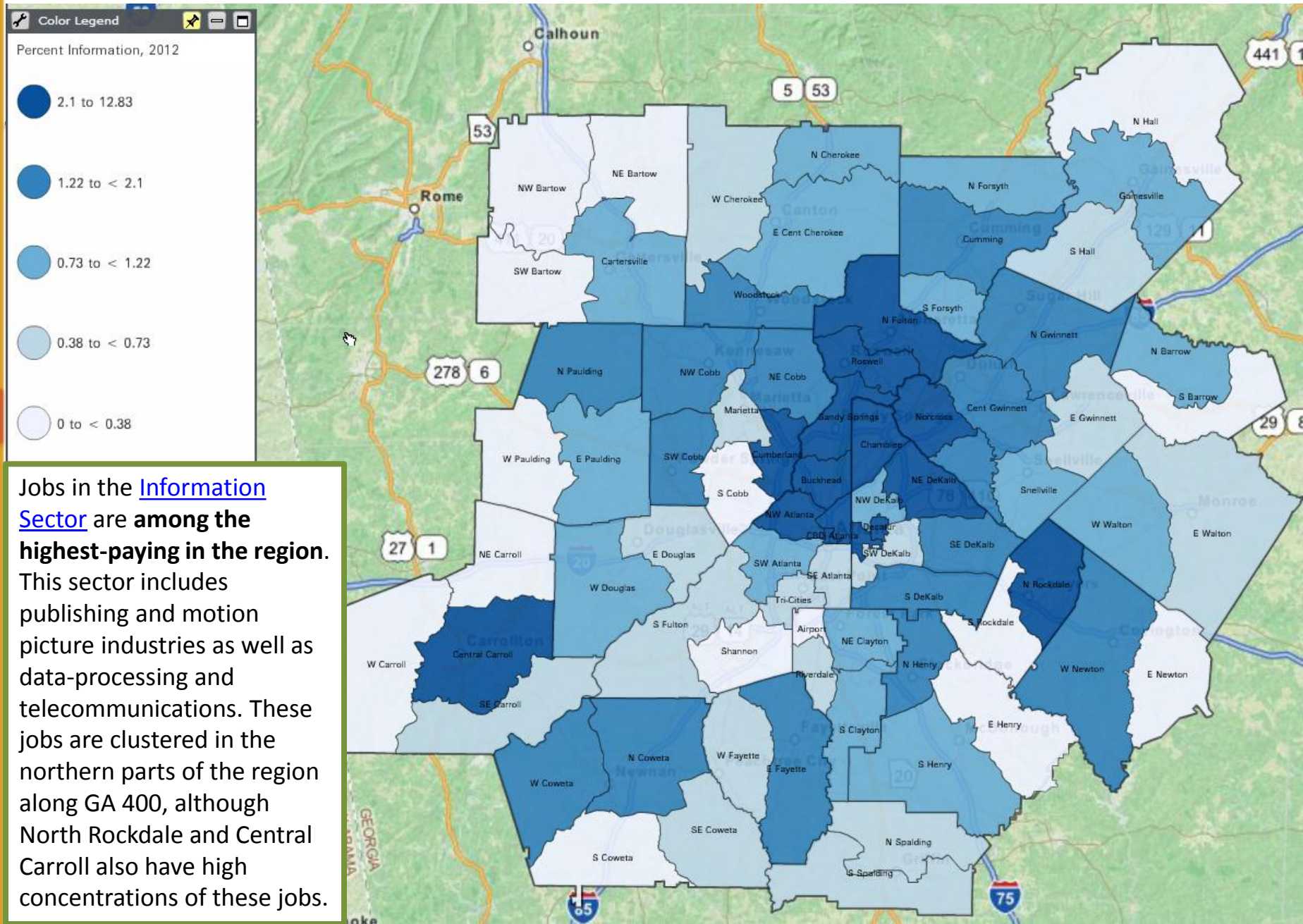
# Total Job Change, 2010 - 2012: Areas That Gained At Least 5,000 Jobs

Remember, we are now looking at the period between 2010 and 2012, when the 20-county region added 95,000 jobs. And, since jobs tend to attract other jobs (the clustering effect), the areas that were already job-rich were the areas that added the most new jobs between 2010 and 2012. There were seven areas (Superdistricts highlighted on the map) in the 20-county region that added more than 5,000 jobs between 2010 and 2012. They are (in order): N Fulton, NW DeKalb, Buckhead, N Gwinnett, Central Gwinnett, Marietta and Cumberland.



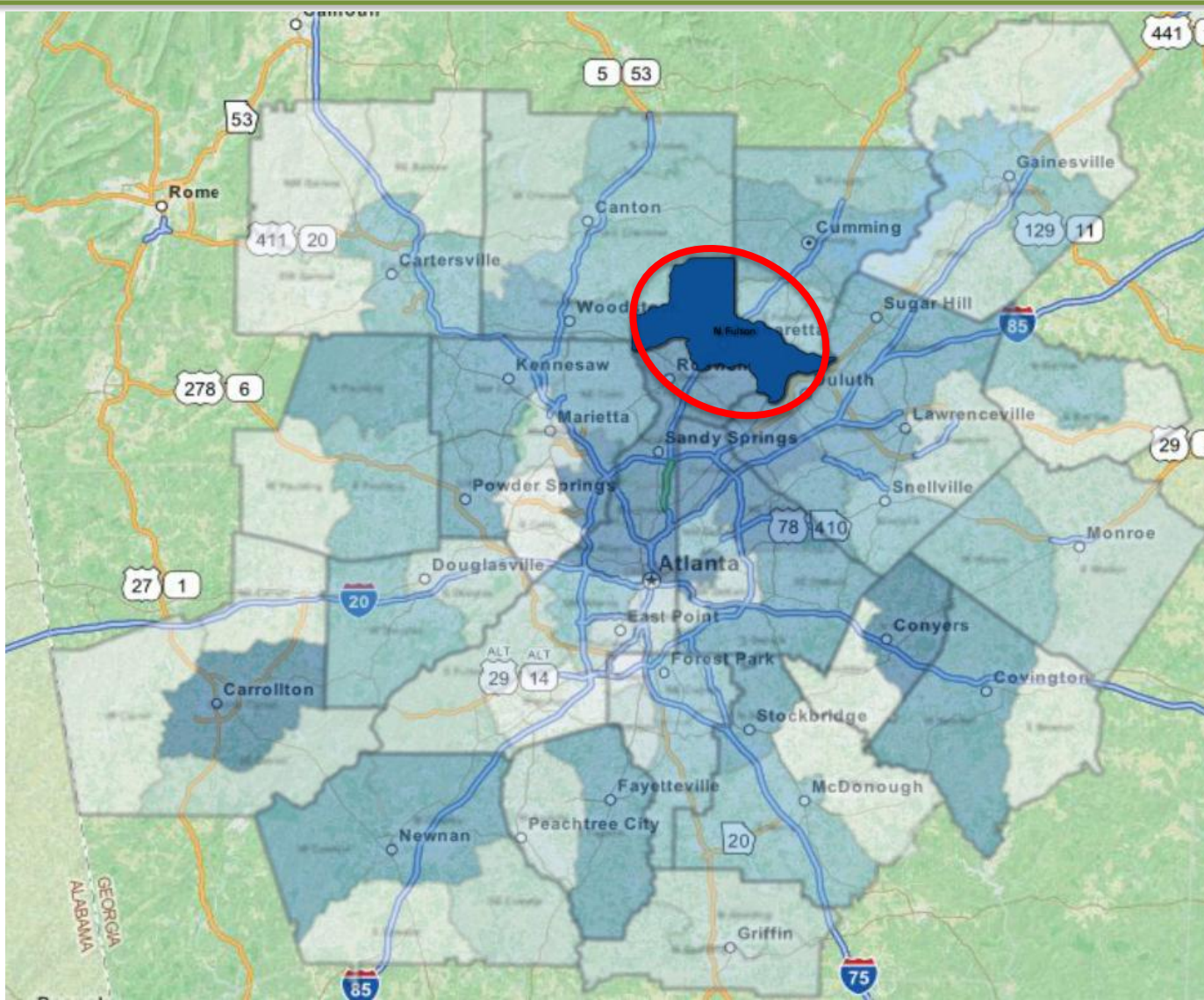


# Information Jobs, 2012: A Look At Where These Jobs Cluster





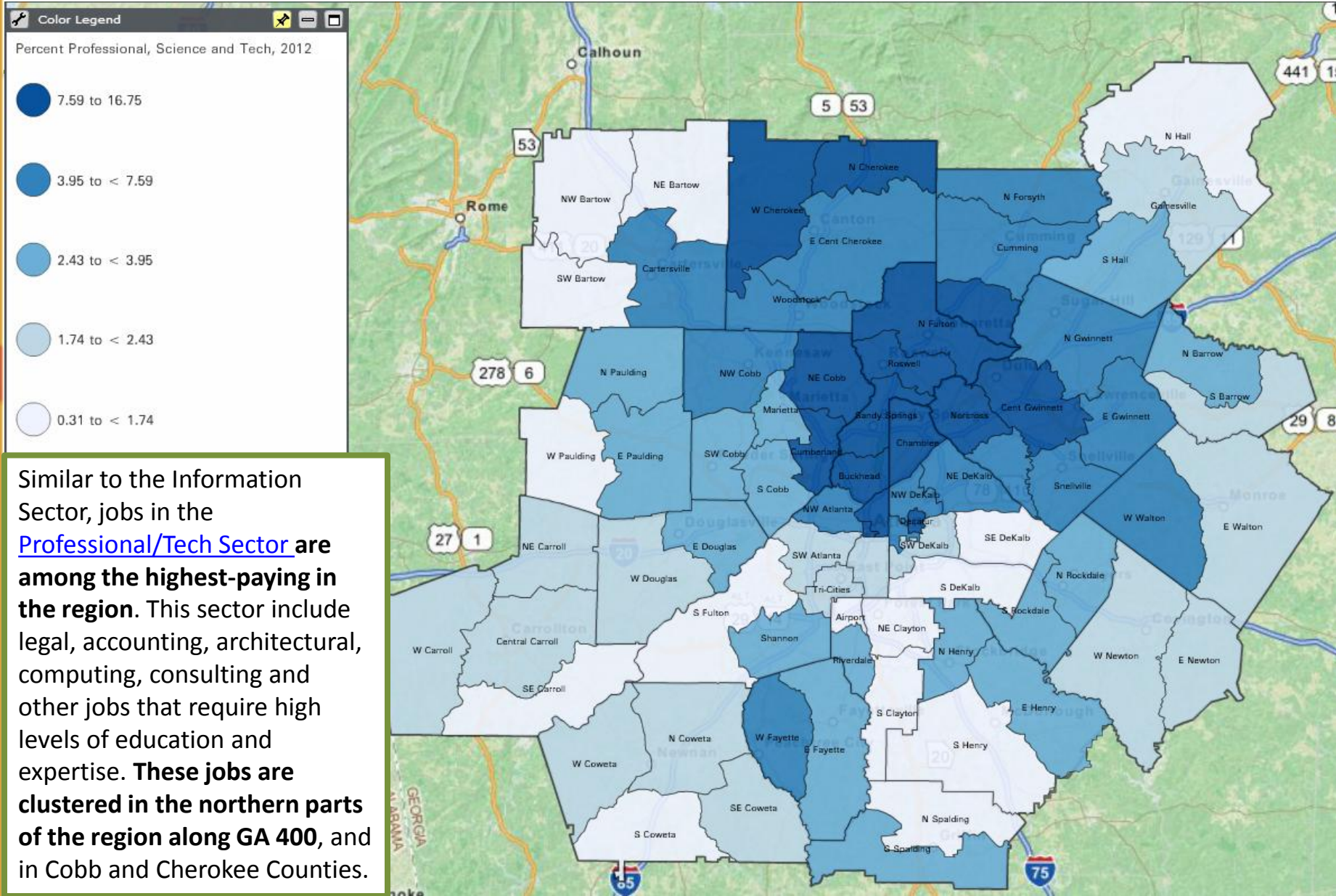
# Information Jobs, 2012: North Fulton Has Heaviest Concentration of Jobs in the Information Sector



Almost **13 percent** of all jobs in the **North Fulton Superdistrict** are in the Information Sector. Other areas with high Information job concentrations include the Chamblee Superdistrict (8.2%), the Central Business District (7.8%) and Sandy Springs (7.8%).

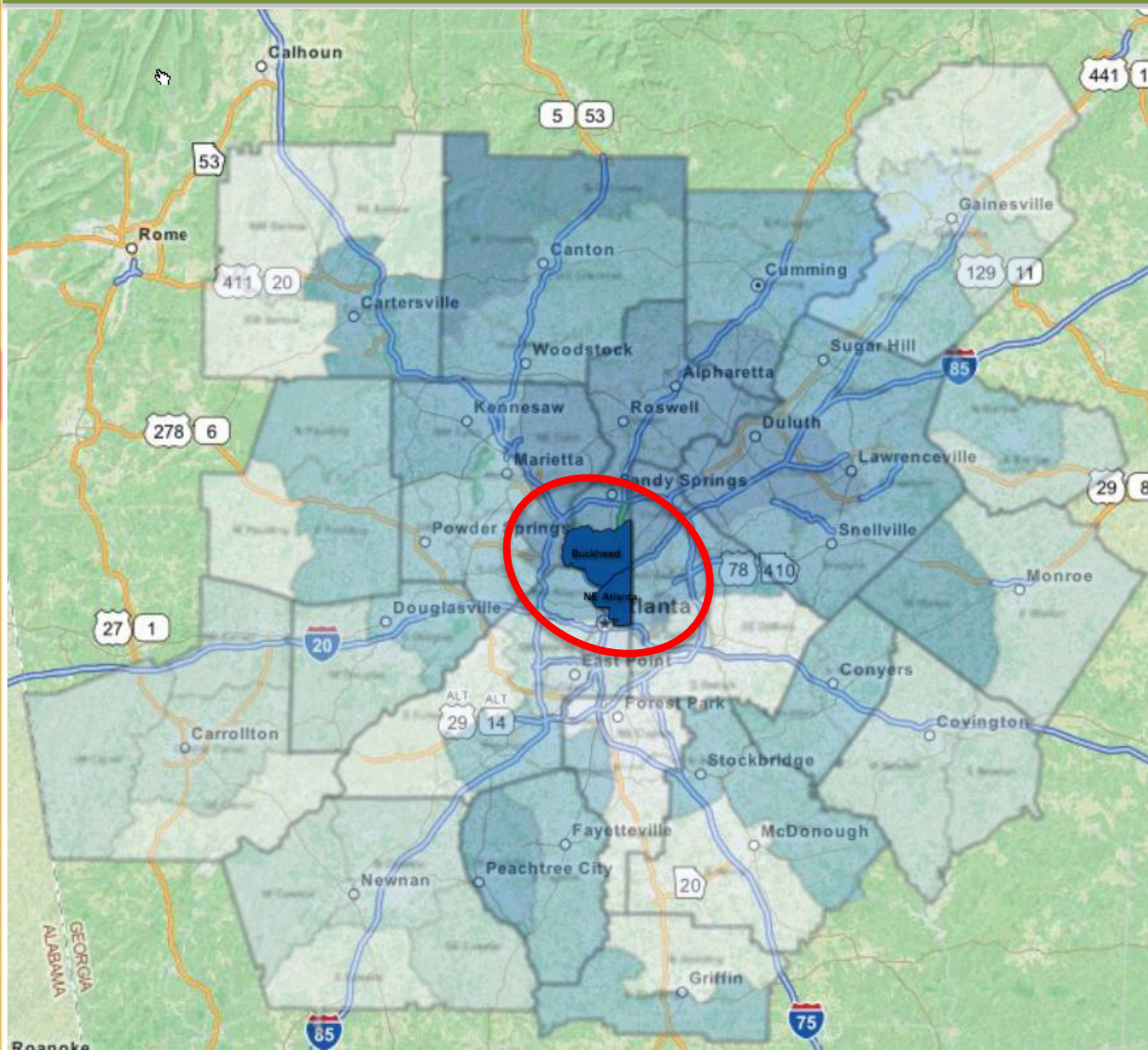


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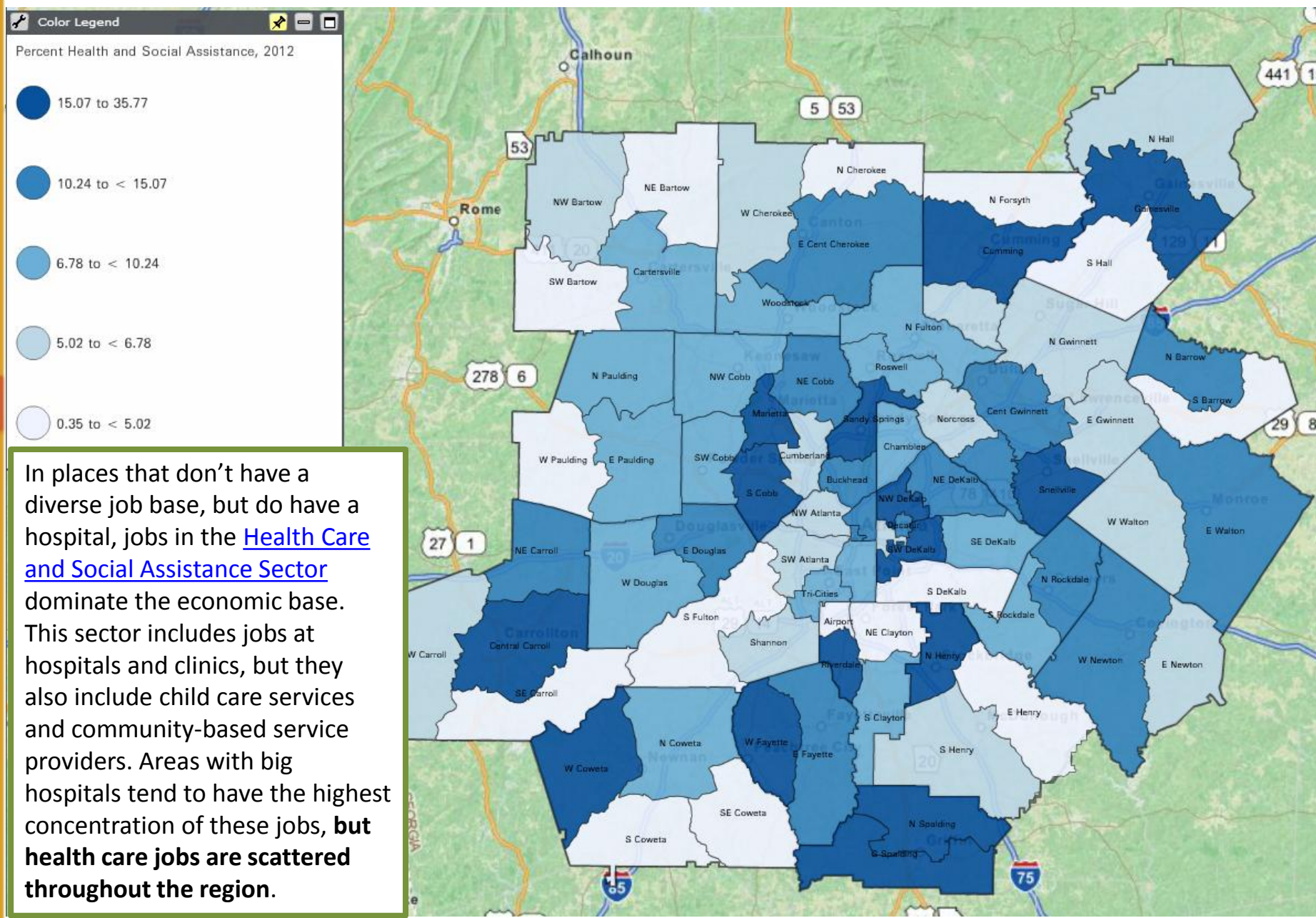
# Professional, Science & Technical Jobs, 2012: Buckhead and Midtown Have Heaviest Concentration of Jobs in the Professional, Science & Technical Sector



Almost **17 percent** of all jobs in the **Buckhead and Midtown (NE Atlanta) Superdistricts** are in the Professional/Tech Sector. Other areas with high Professional/Technical job concentrations include the Cumberland Superdistrict (15%), Sandy Springs (14%), and North Fulton (13.5%).

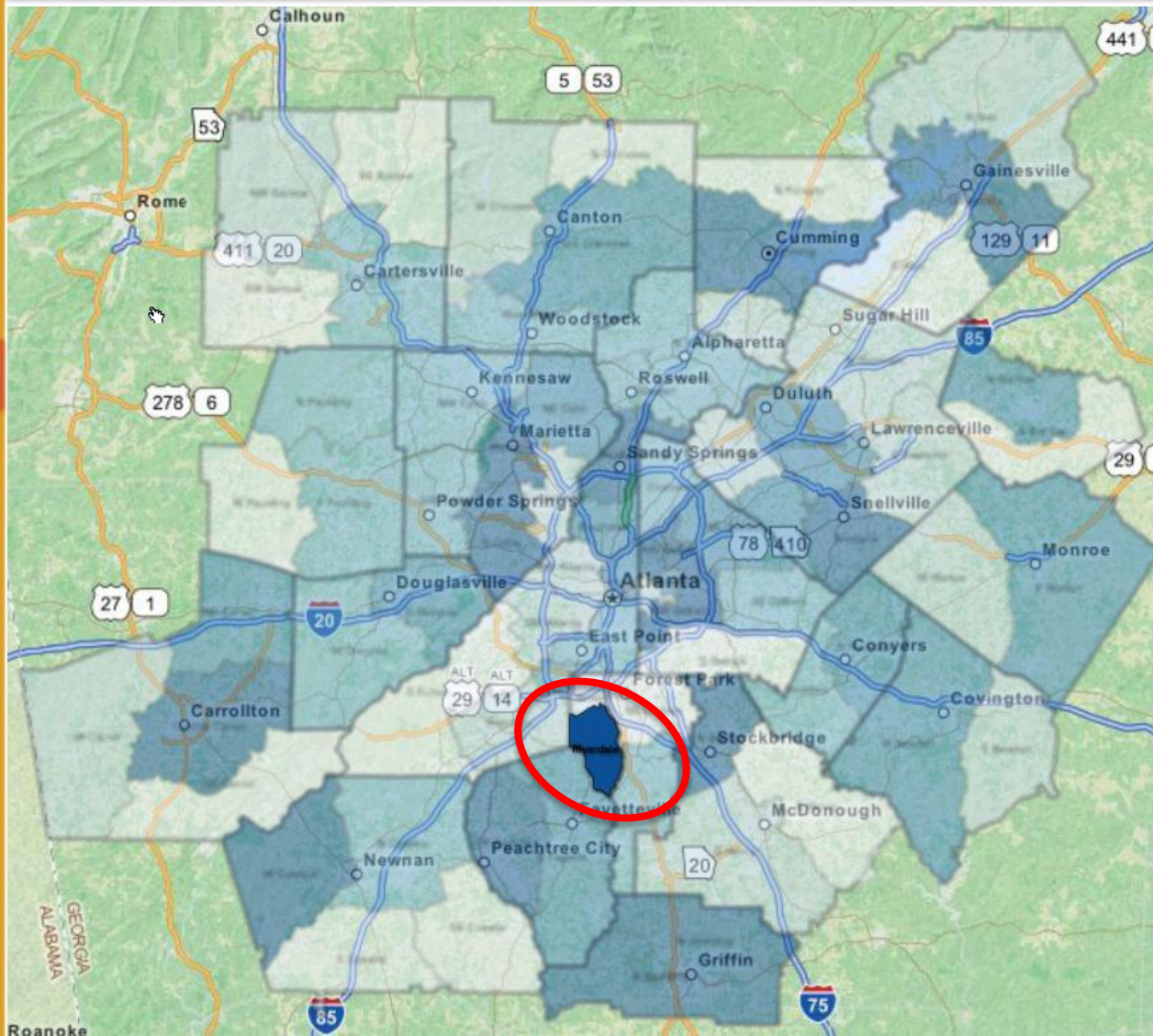


# Health Care Jobs, 2012: A Look At Where These Jobs Cluster





# Health Care & Social Assistance, 2012: Riverdale Superdistrict has Heaviest Concentration of Jobs in the Health Care & Social Assistance Sector



**Bolstered by the Southern Regional Medical Center, the Riverdale Superdistrict** has more than 35 percent of its jobs in the Health Care and Social Assistance Sector, the highest share in the region. Other areas with high concentrations of Health Care jobs include the NW DeKalb (30%), West Coweta (29%) and North Henry (26%).