Presentation outline

- Purpose of study / methodology
- Overview of counties and people
- Challenges: perception and reality
- Satisfaction with quality of life
- Strengths of the region
- Questions and/or discussion
Purpose of study

- Gaining a better understanding of strengths, challenges, and opportunities in Glynn, Camden, and McIntosh counties
- Using opinion data to understand public perceptions of issues
- Using empirical data to better understand objective reality and relative position within the state and region
Population growth & demographics

Population, percent change, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2008

- Camden County: 9.1%
- Glynn County: 12.3%
- McIntosh County: 5.6%
- Georgia: 18.3%

Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2007

- Camden County: 8.0%
- Glynn County: 7.4%
- McIntosh County: 6.3%
- Georgia: 7.7%

Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2007

- Camden County: 30.1%
- Glynn County: 25.2%
- McIntosh County: 25.6%
- Georgia: 26.5%

Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2007

- Camden County: 7.5%
- Glynn County: 14.3%
- McIntosh County: 14.3%
- Georgia: 9.9%
Demographic Overview

- High poverty rate in McIntosh
- High child poverty rate in Glynn & McIntosh
- Aging population in Glynn & McIntosh
- Relatively lower educational attainment in Camden and McIntosh
Greatest Challenges Perceived

- Education
- Law and vice
- Government
- Economy
- Healthcare
Greatest Challenges for Region

- Poverty, jobs, economy
- Growth: overcrowding and...
- Political corruption, lack of...
- Education
- Crime, drugs, violence
- Taxes, government spending
- Values: lack of values and...
- Real estate, foreclosures &...
- Other

0% 10% 20% 30% 40%

- McIntosh
- Glynn
- Camden
Greatest Challenges for Region

**Education**

- Effectiveness of school system: 3.70
- Appropriate work ethic in our youth: 3.60
- Dropping out of school: 3.55
- Appropriate job skills for our youth: 3.45
- Motivation of our youth: 3.37
- Quality childcare/school: 3.37
- Adult job skills: 3.36
Addressing School Dropouts

Percent responding "Extremely Important"

- Camden: 53%
- Glynn: 67%
- McIntosh: 74%
School Dropout Levels

- Camden County: 11.6%
- Glynn County: 15.3%
- McIntosh County: 14.8%
Educational Attainment

% residents with bachelor’s degree or higher

- United States: 25%
- Georgia: 24%
- Camden County: 19%
- Glynn County: 20%
- McIntosh County: 9%

The chart shows the percentage of residents with a bachelor's degree or higher in the United States, Georgia, Camden County, Glynn County, and McIntosh County from different years.
Greatest Challenges for Region

Law and vice

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Importance of Crime by County

- Camden: 59% Important, 41% Extremely Important
- Glynn: 32% Important, 68% Extremely Important
- McIntosh: 20% Important, 80% Extremely Important
Property Crime Rate (Adult)

Other crime (e.g. burglaries, theft; age 17 or older) per 1,000 residents
Bullying in Schools

% students reporting bullying incident in last 30 days

Camden: 20%
Glynn: 18%
McIntosh: 24%
Greatest Challenges for Region

**Government**
- Responsiveness of public officials: 3.50
- City/County cooperation: 3.46
- Protection by law enforcement: 3.44
Importance of Responsive Government

- Camden: 53%
- Glynn: 60%
- McIntosh: 57%

Red: Important
Blue: Extremely Important
Greatest Challenges for Region

Economy

Lack of jobs  3.52
Financial stability  3.49
Importance of Addressing Lack of Jobs

Camden: 64% Important, 36% Extremely Important
Glynn: 59% Important, 41% Extremely Important
McIntosh: 67% Important, 33% Extremely Important
Unemployment

Monthly rate for 2007-2009

Brunswick MSA

Georgia
Economic Sector Analysis

% of employment

- Retail Trade
- Manufacturing
- Healthcare / Social Assistance
- Accommodations / Food Services
- Admin. / Support / Waste Mgmt.
- Professional, Scientific

McIntosh
Glynn
Camden
Georgia
Percent Living Below Federal Poverty Level

- Camden: 11% (1990), 10% (2000), 12% (2007)
- McIntosh: 22% (1990), 19% (2000), 18% (2007)
Child Poverty Rates

- U.S.: 18% (1990), 17% (2000), 18% (2006-2008)
- Georgia: 20% (1990), 17% (2000), 20% (2006-2008)
- Camden County: 14% (1990), 12% (2000), 14% (2006-2008)
- Glynn County: 22% (1990), 23% (2000), 25% (2006-2008)
- McIntosh County: 28% (1990), 25% (2000), 25% (2006-2008)
**Greatest Challenges**

**Healthcare**
- Affordable healthcare: 3.52
- Quality of healthcare: 3.48
- Access to healthcare: 3.47
- Access to preventative care: 3.33
Importance of Health Care Affordability

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Addressing Teen Pregnancy

- **Camden**
- **Glynn**
- **McIntosh**

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Teen pregnancy

Ages 15-17 per 1,000 females

- Camden County
- Glynn County
- McIntosh County
- Georgia
Cancer Incident Rates

- Glynn and McIntosh had among the highest cancer incident rates in the state.
- Glynn rate appeared not to be attributable to race.
- Camden, with one of the lowest overall cancer incident rates in the state, had one of the highest cancer incident rates in the state for children aged 1-4.
Quality of Life

Satisfaction with quality of life, by county

The bar chart shows the percentage of people satisfied with their quality of life, categorized by county. The categories are 'Very satisfied', 'Somewhat satisfied', 'Somewhat dissatisfied', and 'Very dissatisfied'. The counties are Camden, Glynn, and McIntosh. The chart indicates that Glynn County has the highest percentage of people who are 'Somewhat satisfied' with their quality of life.
Quality of Life

Satisfaction with quality of life, by race

- Very satisfied: 37% (White), 13% (African American)
- Somewhat satisfied: 52% (White), 50% (African American)
- Somewhat dissatisfied: 9% (White), 29% (African American)
- Very dissatisfied: 2% (White), 8% (African American)
Importance of Addressing Discrimination

Importance of leaders addressing discrimination, by race

- Extremely Important: 73% (African American), 23% (White)
- Important: 23% (African American), 39% (White)
- Not Too Important: 4% (African American), 29% (White)
- Not At All Important: 7% (African American), 0% (White)
Quality of Life

Satisfaction with quality of life, by education level

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<td>Post-graduate degree</td>
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# Top Reasons to Stay in Counties

## Camden
- Your job or other sources of income: 3.19
- Your house or residence: 3.08

## Glynn
- Your job or other sources of income: 3.26
- The natural environment: 3.21

## McIntosh
- The natural environment: 3.51
- Your house or residence: 3.44
Addressing Environmental Protection

Extremely Important
- Camden: 23%
- Glynn: 37%
- McIntosh: 49%

Important
- Camden: 55%
- Glynn: 47%
- McIntosh: 40%

Not Too Important
- Camden: 18%
- Glynn: 14%
- McIntosh: 9%

Not At All Important
- Camden: 3%
- Glynn: 2%
- McIntosh: 1%
Sources of News About the Community

- Newspaper: 67% McIntosh, 63% Glynn, 53% Camden
- Jacksonville or Savannah television station: 20% McIntosh, 21% Glynn, 36% Camden
- Radio station: 4% McIntosh, 6% Glynn, 12% Camden
- I don't follow what is going on generally: 7% McIntosh, 3% Glynn, 5% Camden

Percent
“I believe the greatest strength is our diverse population and the number of skilled and educated retirees who live on the islands.”

“The Port, we are the closest port to the ocean on the east coast. Any other port on the coast has 10 miles of rivers to navigate while ours is about 2-3 miles from open water.”
Here’s what you say ...

“It is a close knit community that works together to support positive initiatives.”

“The fact that people are moving here as permanent residents, whether with their jobs, as retirees or a good place to raise a family.”

“We have the friendliest folks!”
Thank you!

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