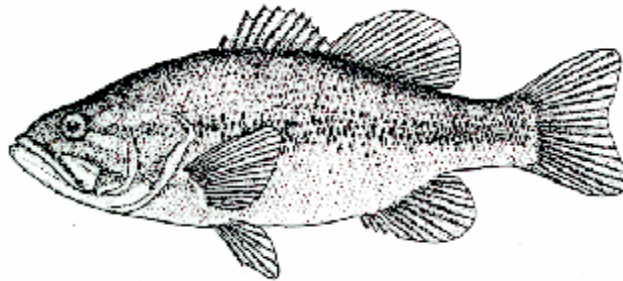


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Tournament Creel Report



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GBCF Tournament Report - 2004

In 2004, 102 bass clubs, affiliated with the Georgia B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation (GBCF), submitted results from 1,114 tournaments. Several of these tournaments were not analyzed because they involved less than six anglers or lasted less than five hours. The data from tournaments held outside of Georgia were not analyzed. Data from tournaments held at Alabama reservoirs were sent to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and became part of their annual tournament data analysis. Data from 824 tournaments on 14 Georgia reservoirs and two rivers were analyzed for this report.

Fishing success at Georgia reservoirs and rivers are compared on the attached table and figures. Bass anglers spent 108,241 hours of effort during the 824 tournaments. The weighed-in average catch rate was 0.218 bass / angler hour. This is about the same as in 2003 (0.214). Surprisingly, the state-wide catch rate has not statistically changed during the past 27 years. **Allatoona** and **R.B. Russell** tied for the highest catch rate (0.290 bass / angler hour). The greatest pounds weighed-in / angler hour was at **R. B. Russell** (0.446 lbs). The lowest percent of unsuccessful anglers (15.1%) was at **Allatoona**, but the highest percent of anglers with five or more bass (23.4%) was at **R.B. Russell**. The greatest average bass weight (2.31 lbs) and the greatest average largest bass (5.21 lbs) was at **Seminole**. The lowest weighed-in catch rate for 2004 was 0.125; this occurred at **Blackshear**. Forty-five percent of the anglers were unsuccessful at **Blackshear** tournaments.

This was the first year that clubs were asked to indicate how many bass 5.0 lbs or larger were caught during each tournament. This information was given for 497 of the 824 tournaments used for this report. Only 161 bass 5.0 lbs or larger were caught during these 497 tournaments. On average, it required 407 angler hours to catch a bass of this size. There was a big difference in this value for the 14 reservoirs and two rivers. Whereas it took 985 hours at **Sinclair**, 941 hours at **Clarks Hill**, and 907 hours at **Allatoona** to catch a bass ≥ 5 lbs, it took only 134 hours at **Seminole**. Although this information was provided for 56 of the 74 tournaments at **Lanier**, there was not even one bass ≥ 5 lbs caught during these tournaments.

The reservoir abbreviations on the attached figures are **AL** (Allatoona), **BF** (Bartlett's Ferry), **BS** (Blackshear), **CA** (Carters), **CH** (Clarks Hill), **HW** (Hartwell), **JA** (Jackson), **LA** (Lanier), **OC** (Oconee), **RU** (R. B. Russell), **SE** (Seminole), **SI** (Sinclair), **WG** (W. F. George), **WP** (West Point).

GBCF TOURNAMENT RESULTS FOR GEORGIA RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS - 2004

Reservoir or River	Number of Tournaments Analyzed	Number of Angler Hours	Bass Weighed-in /Angler Hour	Lbs. Weighed-in/Angler Hour	Percent Anglers with Five or More Bass	Percent Anglers with Zero Bass	Percent Anglers with Only One Bass	Average Largest Bass (lbs.)	Average Bass Weight (lbs.)	Average Winning Weight (lbs.)	Percent Bass as Largemouth	Hours Per ≥ 5 lb Bass
<i>Allatoona</i>	17	2203	0.290	0.361	19.7	15.1	18.0	3.30	1.32	8.00	23.3	907
<i>Bartlett's Ferry</i>	19	2516	0.224	0.293	13.5	26.8	22.3	3.32	1.36	8.06	54.7	794
<i>Blackshear</i> ^a	20	2220	0.125	0.277	3.1	45.2	27.3	4.60	2.20	8.46	97.9	389
<i>Carters</i>	5	581	0.155	0.226	3.1	38.1	25.9	3.88	1.49	5.82	5.9	-----
<i>Clarks Hill</i>	146	17578	0.259	0.395	19.2	19.5	19.8	3.91	1.54	9.98	95.7	941
<i>Hartwell</i>	35	5166	0.242	0.392	17.7	19.4	20.8	4.13	1.62	11.17	78.4	885
<i>Jackson</i>	41	4695	0.210	0.331	11.5	29.3	23.8	3.91	1.69	8.73	55.4	344
<i>Lanier</i> ^a	74	9687	0.160	0.307	6.0	34.8	26.8	3.72	1.95	8.90	8.1	-----
<i>Oconee</i> ^a	95	12930	0.200	0.394	9.7	25.1	24.6	4.36	2.01	10.09	97.9	318
<i>R. B. Russell</i>	36	4460	0.290	0.446	23.4	19.1	19.7	3.33	2.20	10.22	63.8	273
<i>Seminole</i>	34	4345	0.189	0.424	13.2	31.0	27.5	5.21	2.31	12.24	98.8	134
<i>Sinclair</i>	99	12880	0.233	0.366	16.2	25.4	19.7	3.86	1.61	9.11	98.2	985
<i>W. F. George</i> ^b	66	11425	0.146	0.319	8.1	34.1	25.2	4.78	2.20	12.60	88.7	216
<i>West Point</i> ^b	66	9365	0.207	0.327	13.7	27.1	22.2	4.52	1.67	9.81	39.1	206
<i>Altamaha River</i>	29	3129	0.255	0.408	21.2	26.1	15.6	3.65	1.60	9.23	100.0	370
<i>Savannah River</i>	42	5061	0.263	0.417	18.1	21.1	17.7	4.06	1.58	9.65	99.1	516
Total	824	108241	0.218	0.367	14.2	26.1	22.2	4.09	1.76	9.90	76.7	407

^a 14-inch size limit. ^b 12-inch size limit on spotted bass and 14-inch size limit on largemouth bass.

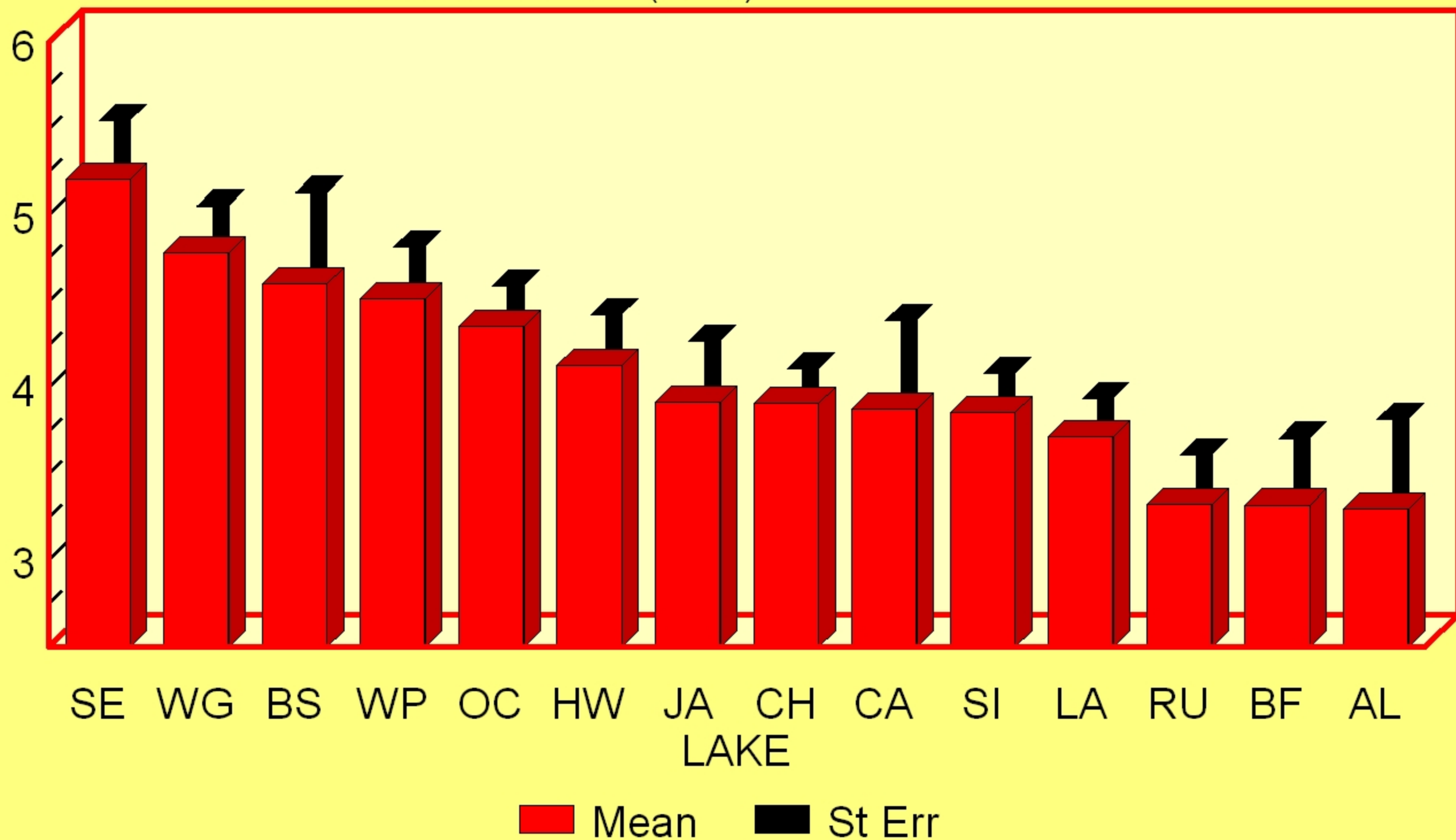
Note: Only tournaments with six or more anglers and five of more hours in length were analyzed.

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AVERAGE LARGEST BASS - 2004

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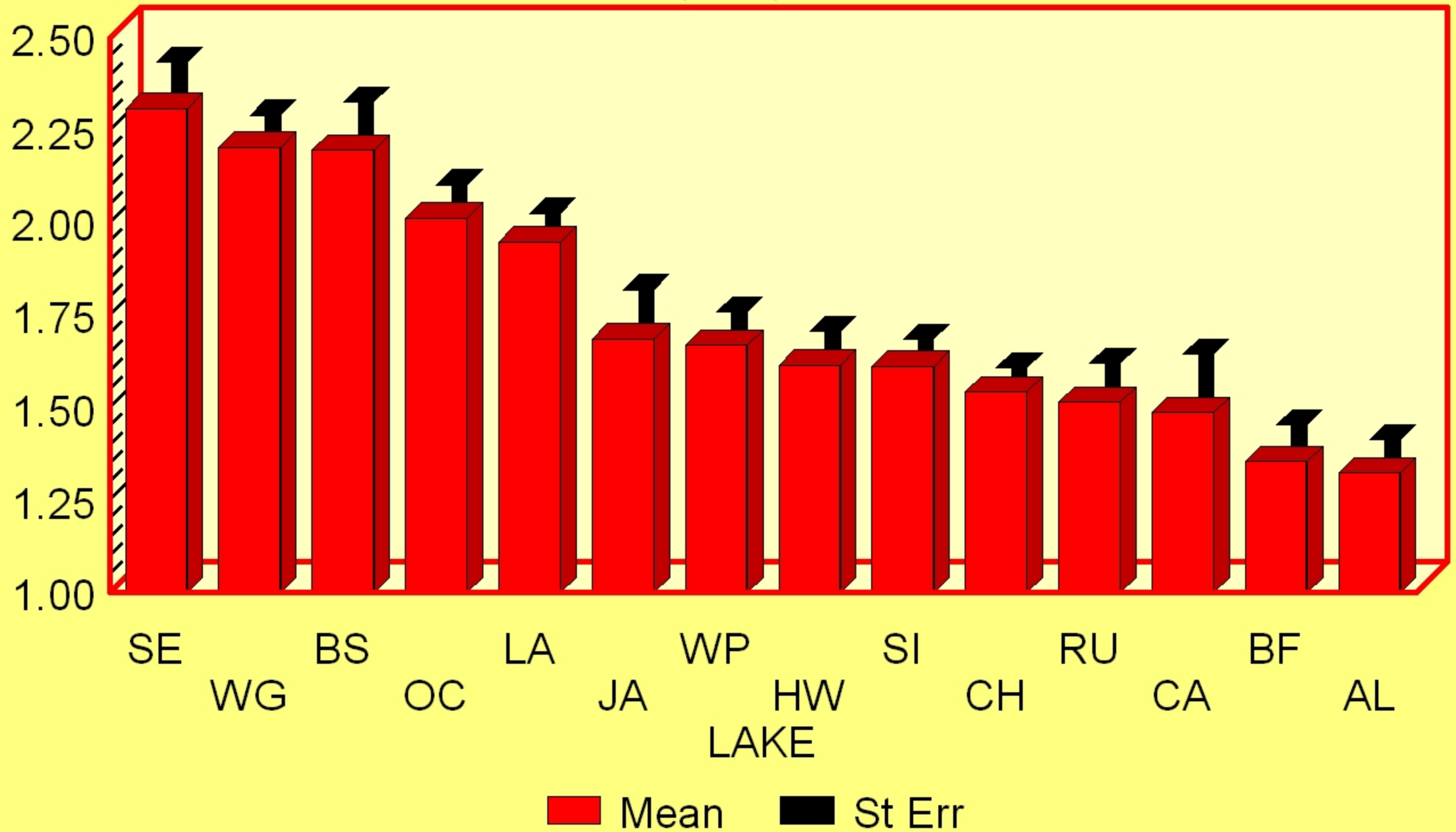
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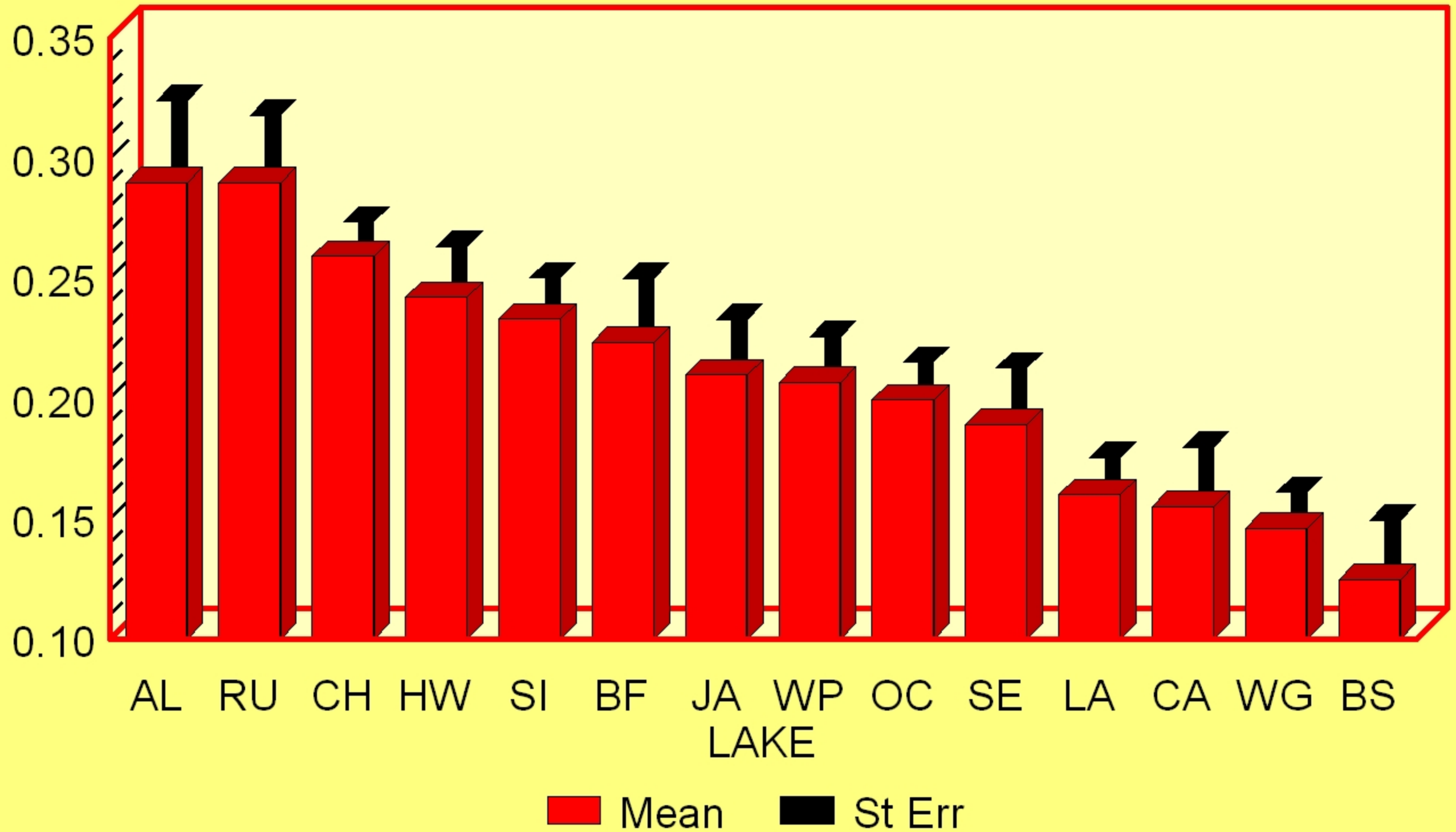
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BASS / ANGLER HOUR - 2004

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PERCENT UNSUCCESSFUL ANGLERS - 2004 GBCF TOURNAMENTS ON GEORGIA LAKES

% ANGLERS WITH ZERO BASS

