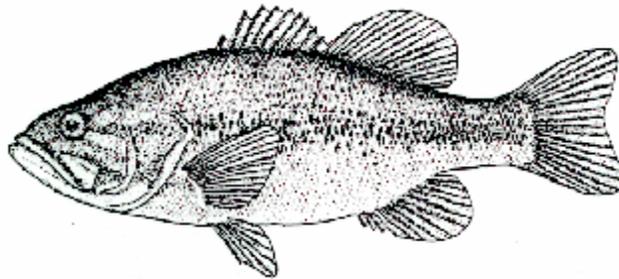


**Georgia Bass Chapter Federation**

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**Tournament Creel Report**



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## GBCF Tournament Report - 2005

In 2005, 102 bass clubs, affiliated with the Georgia Bass Chapter Federation (GBCF), submitted results from 1,101 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 796 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 99,240 hours of effort during the 796 tournaments. The weighed-in average catch rate was 0.244 bass / angler hour. This is slightly better than in 2004 (0.218). The state-wide catch rate has remained fairly constant during the past 28 years, with an average of 0.22 (range 0.19-0.24) bass / angler hour. **Allatoona** had the highest catch rate (0.316 bass / angler hour) and the greatest pounds weighed-in / angler hour (0.468 lbs / angler hour). The lowest percent of unsuccessful anglers (14.8%) was at **West Point**, but the highest percent of anglers with five or more bass was at **Clarks Hill** (25.6%). The greatest average bass weight (2.17 lbs) was at **Walter F. Georgia** and the greatest average largest bass (5.18 lbs) was at **Seminole**. The lowest weighed-in catch rate for 2005 was 0.164; this occurred at **Blackshear**. Thirty-six percent of the anglers were unsuccessful at **Blackshear** tournaments. However, the relatively few bass caught in **Blackshear** tournaments averaged 2.16 lbs, and the average largest bass was 5.04 lbs.

This was the second 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 664 of the 796 tournaments used for this report. Only 258 bass 5.0 lbs or larger were caught during these 664 tournaments. On average, it required 321 angler hours to catch a bass of this size. This is down from 407 hours in 2004. There was a big difference in this value for the 14 reservoirs and two rivers. Whereas it took 1,483 hours at **Richard B. Russell** and 1,207 hours at **Hartwell** to catch a bass  $\geq$  5 lbs, it took only 136 hours at **Seminole** and 151 hours at **Blackshear**. Only at **Seminole** was there an average of one 5 lbs bass caught in each tournament.

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 - 2005

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	Average Largest Bass (lbs.)	Average Bass Weight (lbs.)	Average Winning Weight (lbs.)	Percent Bass as Largemouth	Hours Per ≥ 5 lb Bass
<i>Allatoona</i>	24	2691	0.316	0.468	25.4	15.4	3.74	1.47	9.13	12.3	449
<i>Bartlett's Ferry</i>	16	2202	0.264	0.374	17.5	20.6	4.24	1.43	8.35	48.2	386
<i>Blackshear</i> <sup>a</sup>	25	2832	0.164	0.358	9.2	36.3	5.04	2.16	9.92	97.9	151
<i>Carters</i>	4	706	0.218	0.327	10.0	15.7	4.60	1.47	8.58	15.0	706
<i>Clarks Hill</i>	145	17457	0.285	0.445	25.6	18.1	4.17	1.57	10.53	98.5	352
<i>Hartwell</i>	40	5361	0.244	0.381	19.3	18.3	3.70	1.55	10.49	74.0	1207
<i>Jackson</i>	38	4201	0.223	0.371	9.3	25.7	4.38	1.69	9.07	57.3	184
<i>Lanier</i> <sup>a</sup>	82	9894	0.199	0.397	8.6	28.2	3.94	1.99	9.77	13.2	935
<i>Oconee</i> <sup>a</sup>	85	10978	0.216	0.426	16.9	23.9	4.57	2.02	11.09	98.3	286
<i>R. B. Russell</i>	43	5484	0.246	0.366	17.4	18.4	3.27	1.47	9.70	51.9	1483
<i>Seminole</i>	38	5327	0.232	0.449	16.9	22.4	5.18	2.02	12.10	99.7	136
<i>Sinclair</i>	88	10005	0.271	0.444	20.1	19.5	4.23	1.64	10.03	98.8	368
<i>W. F. George</i> <sup>b</sup>	34	5511	0.195	0.421	14.3	24.1	4.63	2.17	13.29	89.7	344
<i>West Point</i> <sup>b</sup>	55	8395	0.254	0.437	19.5	14.8	4.62	1.75	12.36	38.4	254
<i>Altamaha River</i>	35	3616	0.240	0.400	22.8	29.5	3.98	1.68	9.88	100.0	320
<i>Savannah River</i>	44	4580	0.244	0.395	24.5	22.3	3.95	1.61	8.94	99.1	245
<b>Total</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>99240</b>	<b>0.244</b>	<b>0.417</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>4.23</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>10.43</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>321</b>

<sup>a</sup> 14-inch size limit. <sup>b</sup> 12-inch size limit on spotted bass and 14-inch size limit on largemouth bass.

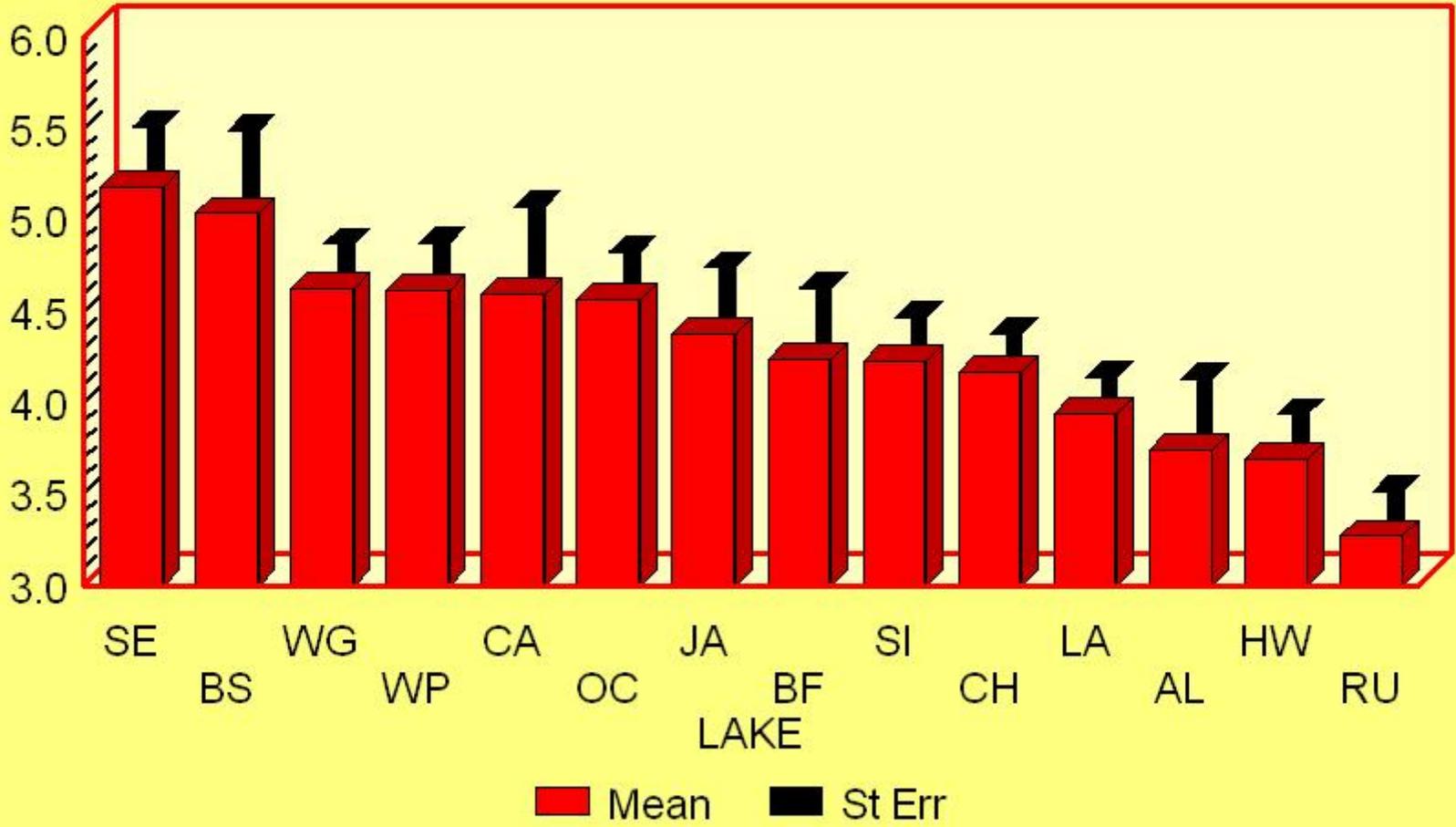
Note: Only tournaments with six or more anglers and five of more hours in length were analyzed.

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# AVERAGE LARGEST BASS - 2005

## GBCF TOURNAMENTS ON GEORGIA LAKES

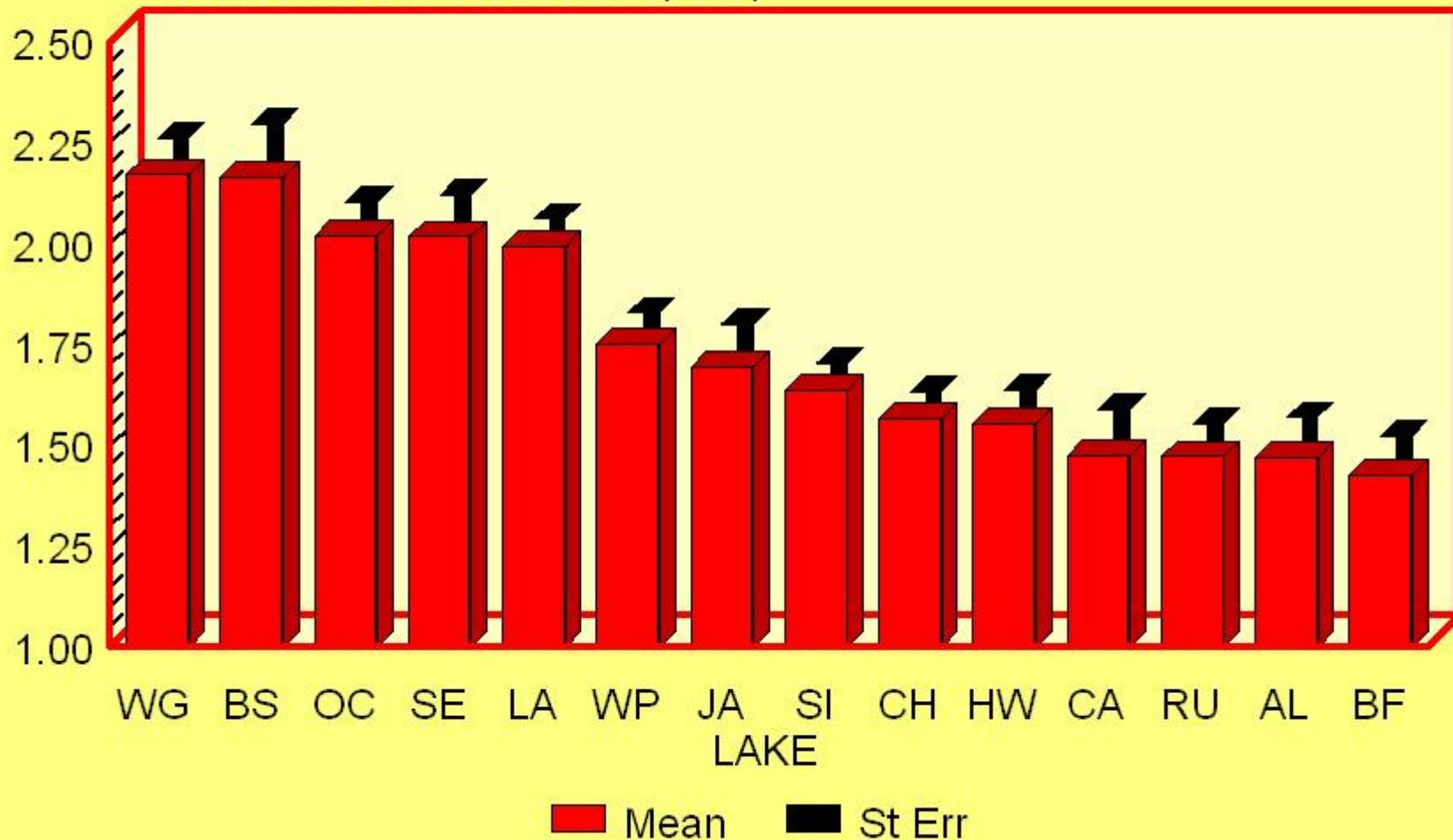
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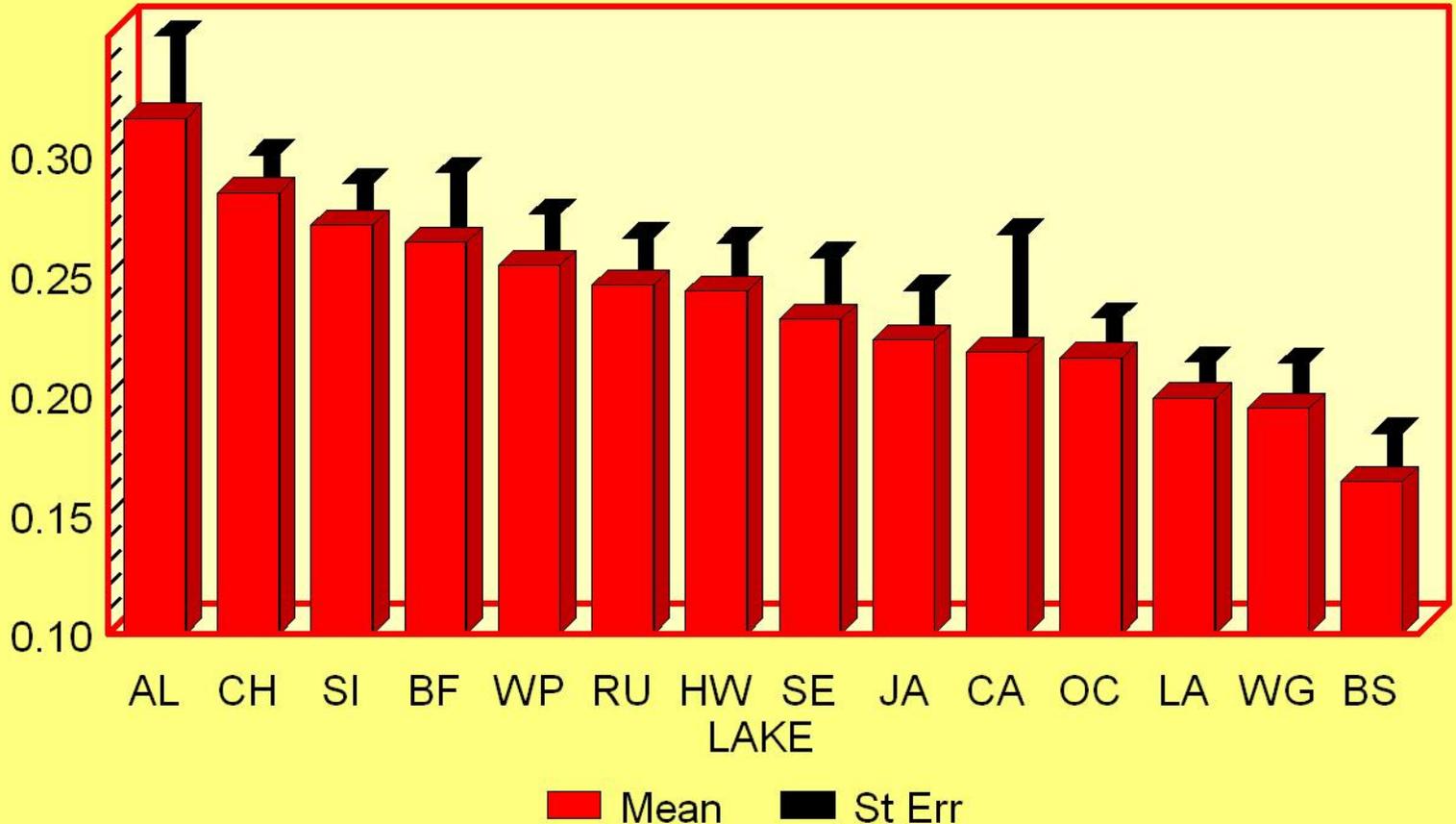
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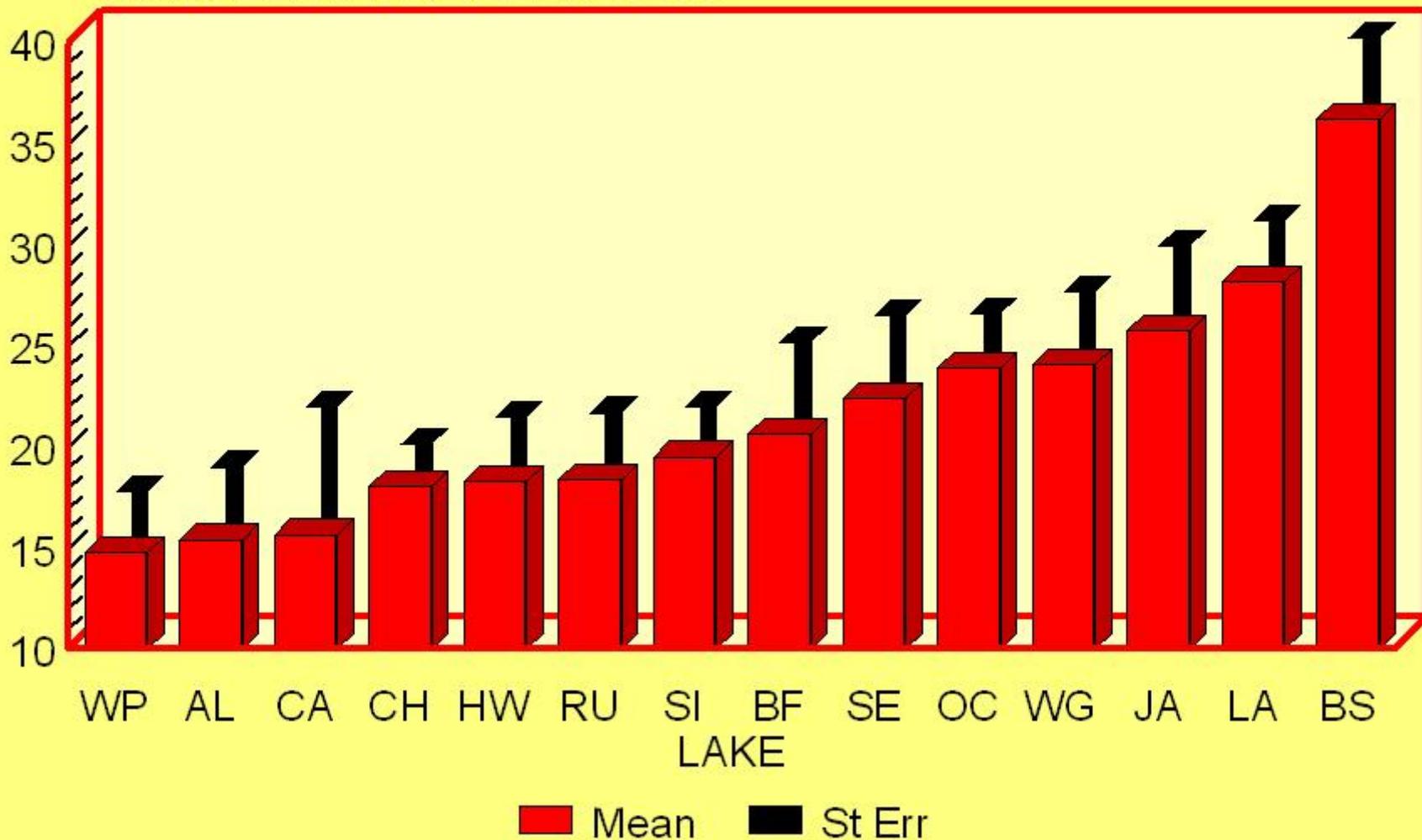
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# PERCENT UNSUCCESSFUL ANGLERS - 2005 GBCF TOURNAMENTS ON GEORGIA LAKES

% ANGLERS WITH ZERO BASS



# NUMBER OF 5 LB BASS / TOURNAMENT - 2005 GBCF TOURNAMENTS ON GEORGIA LAKES

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