Economic Vitality and Education in the South (EVES)
The South’s Pre-Pandemic Position
Georgia, 2019

Poverty and Food Insecurity

Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch

60%

People living in poverty

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Children living in food insecure households

10%

Median Household Income

Black: $47,096
Hispanic: $52,661
White: $71,790

On average, people of color were paid less than White people.

Childcare and Early Childhood Education

Children under 6 with all caretakers in the workforce

68%

Families who lived in childcare deserts

44%

Four-year-olds enrolled in a public ECE program in 2020

61%

Annual childcare expenses should cost just 7% of a family's income, but infant care for one child cost

18% of the average Black household's income
16% of the average Hispanic household's income
12% of the average White household's income

If infant care cost 7% of the region's median income,

just 17 of every 100 families could afford it.

*according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Performance on NAEP*

Below the Proficient Level in 4th Grade

Reading

Black 83%
Hispanic 77%
White 52%
Low-Income 80%

Math

Black 81%
Hispanic 75%
White 47%
Low-Income 78%

Below the Proficient Level in 8th Grade

Reading

Black 82%
Hispanic 75%
White 56%
Low-Income 79%

Math

Black 86%
Hispanic 75%
White 56%
Low-Income 83%

*National Assessment of Educational Progress
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Attainment and the Workforce

- **Adults 25+ with a high school diploma or less**
  - Black: 43%
  - Hispanic: 61%
  - White: 36%

- **Adults 25+ with a Bachelor’s degree or more**
  - Black: 25%
  - Hispanic: 19%
  - White: 37%

- **Adults 25-64 facing unemployment**
  - Black: 6.9%
  - Hispanic: 3.2%
  - White: 3.8%

Adults 25-64 with higher attainment have a higher employment-to-population ratio — they are more likely to be in the labor force.

- **No high school credential**: 54%
- **High school or equivalent**: 67%
- **Some college or associate degree**: 75%
- **Bachelor’s degree or higher**: 84%

Adults 25+ with lower attainment earn less.

- **No high school credential**: $25,479
- **High school or equivalent**: $31,184
- **Some college or associate degree**: $35,846
- **Bachelor’s degree**: $53,662
- **Graduate or professional degree**: $70,027

Adults 25+ living in poverty

- **No high school credential**: 24%
- **High school or equivalent**: 15%
- **Some college or associate degree**: 9%
- **Bachelor’s degree or higher**: 4%

Adults 25-64 facing unemployment

- **No high school credential**: 7.2%
- **High school or equivalent**: 4.9%
- **Some college or associate degree**: 3.9%
- **Bachelor’s degree or higher**: 2.3%

2017-2018 School Discipline

**Students who were suspended, by race:**

- **In-school suspension**
  - Black: 13%
  - Hispanic: 7%
  - White: 7%

- **Out-of-school suspension**
  - Black: 12%
  - Hispanic: 4%
  - White: 3%

**School enrollments in the school year:**

- 37% were Black
- 16% were Hispanic
- 40% were White

Of those who were referred to law enforcement,

- 56% were Black
- 10% were Hispanic
- 30% were White

Of the students who had a school-related arrest,

- 58% were Black
- 12% were Hispanic
- 25% were White

The SEF Region includes AL, AR, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, MO, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV

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