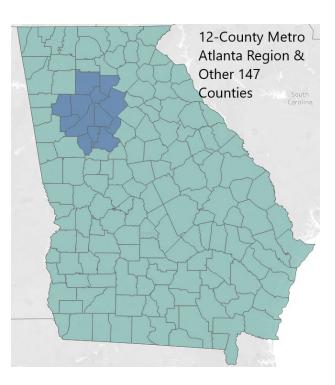
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- Population
- Economics
- Population Health
- Educational Attainment
- Politics
- Strategic Challenges



Data Sources

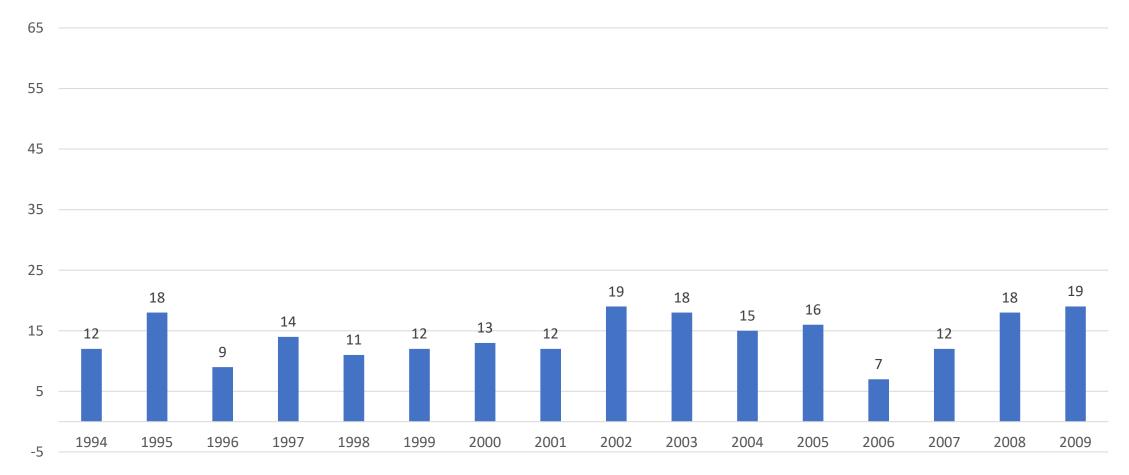
- U.S. Census Bureau/American Community Survey
- U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
- U.S.D.A. Economic Research Service
- Georgia Department of Public Health
- Georgia Secretary of State
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- Georgia Department of Human Services
- County Health Rankings & Roadmap



Population



Number of Georgia Counties with More Deaths than Births: 1994-2009

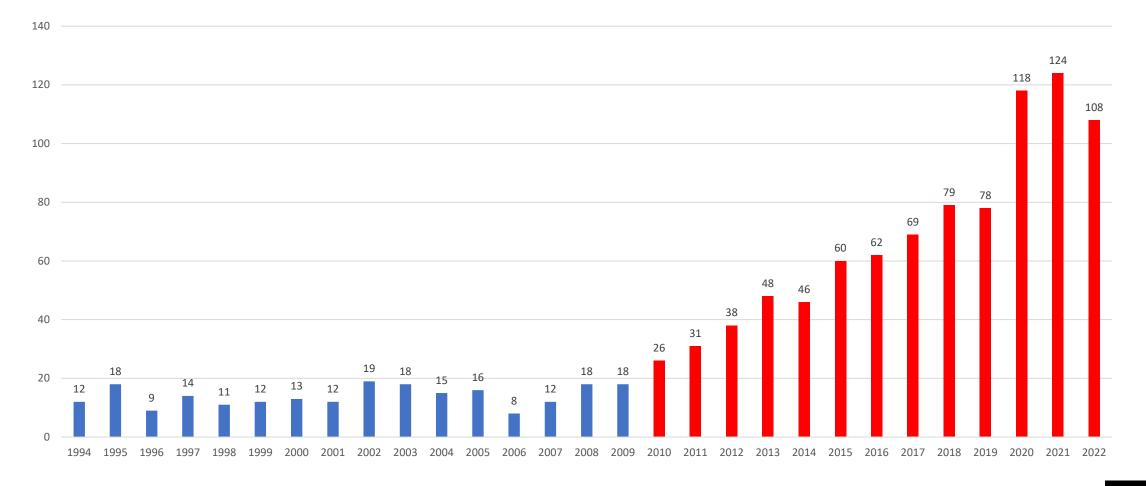


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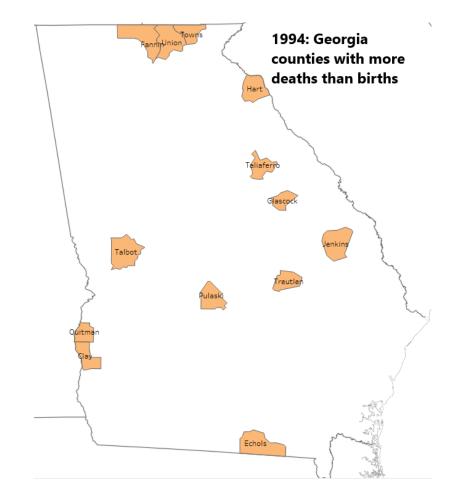


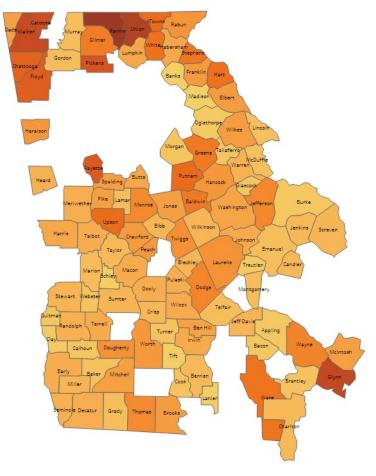
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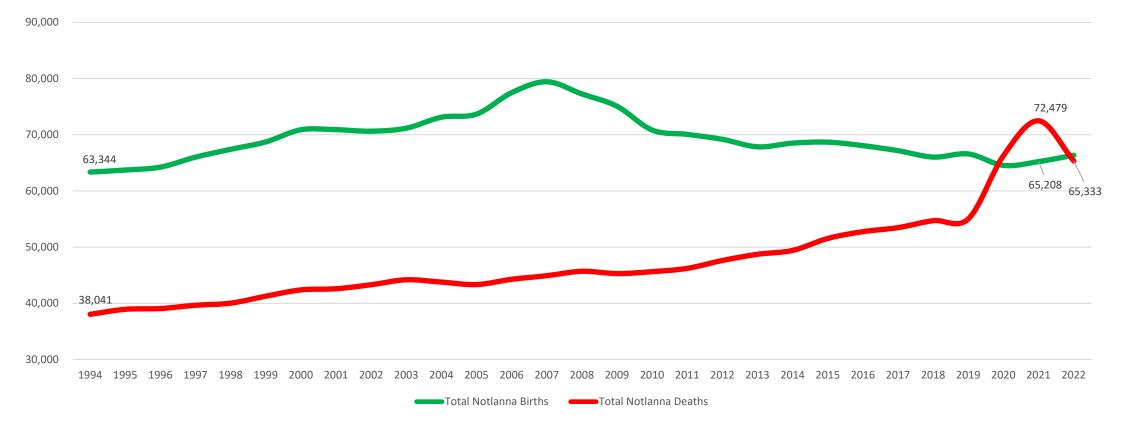




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Notlanna Births & Deaths 1994-2022

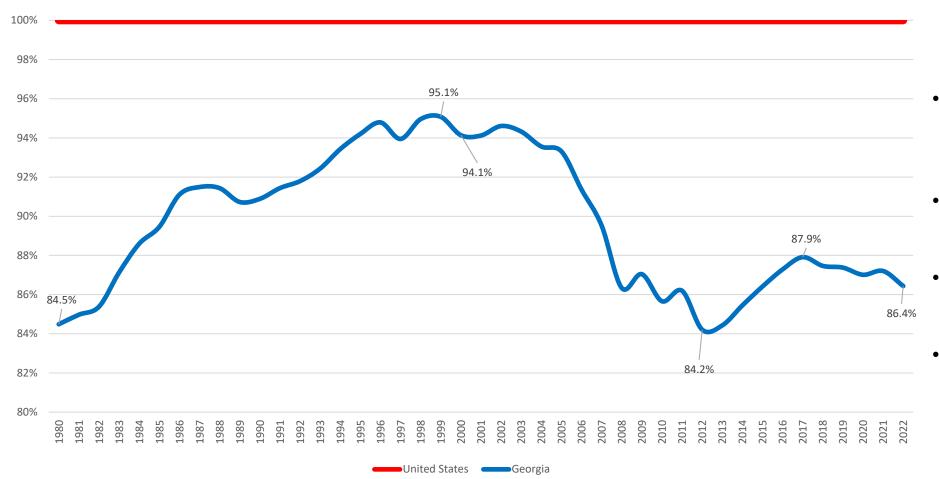


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Economics



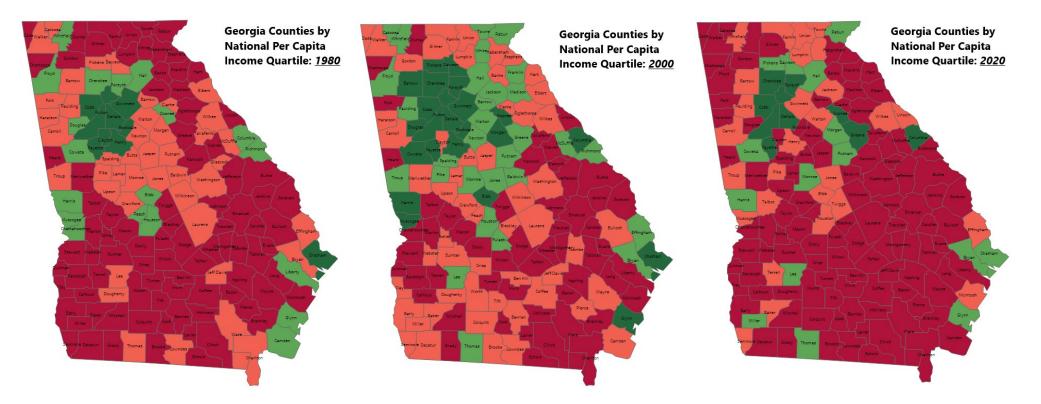
Georgia PCI as Percent of National Average 1980-2022



- Between 1980 and 2000, Georgia's PCI rose from 84.5% of the national average to 94.1% (after peaking at 95.1% in 1999)
- In the process, the state's national ranking rose 13 places from 38th to a high of 25th
- Only New Hampshire did better during that period, rising 14 places
- Since then, Georgia has surrendered nearly all those gains
- Between 2000 and 2020, we dropped 14 spots to 39th place; only Delaware did worse, dropping 16 places

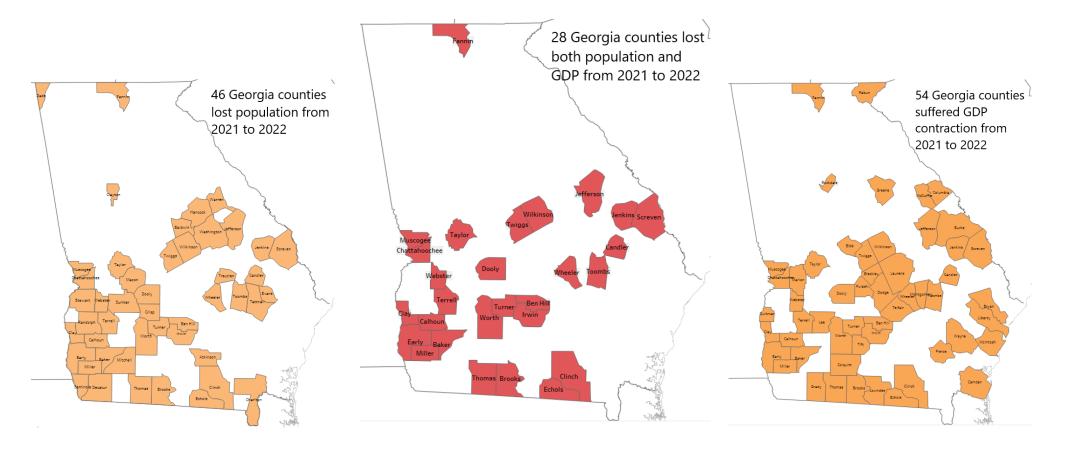


Georgia Counties by National PCI Quartile for 1980, 2000 & 2020



Legend: Dark Green = Top Quartile; Light Green = 2nd Quartile; Salmon = 3rd Quartile; Dark Red = Bottom Quartile. Source: USDA Economic Research Service aggregation of data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau

Depopulation & Economic Contraction: 2021-2022





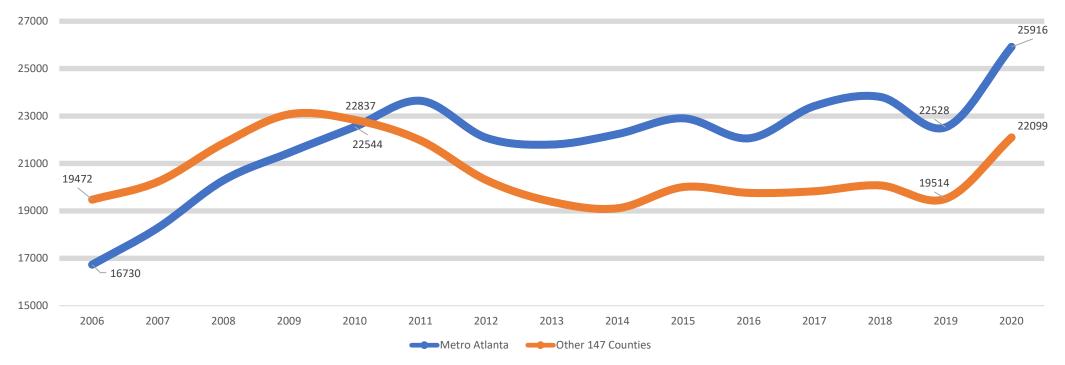
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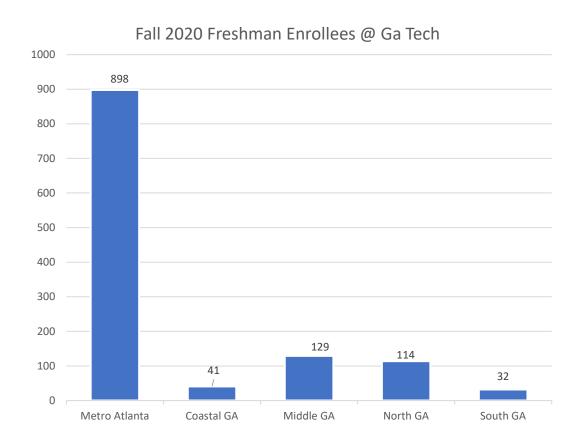
University System of Georgia Enrollment Trends

Freshman Fall Enrollment at University System of Georgia Institutions Atlanna v. Notlanna 2006-2020



 Between 2006 and 2020, the 147 Notlanna counties went from sending about 15% more students to Georgia's public colleges to sending nearly 16% fewer, a swing of roughly 30 points

Fall 2020 enrollment at Georgia Tech





TIGC Educational Attainment Index

- H.S. dropouts valued at -1
- H.S. graduates (only) valued at 1
- Adults with some college/technical degree valued at 2
- Adults with at least four-year degrees valued at 3

(%HS Dropouts*-1)+(%HS Graduates*1)+(%Some College*2)+(%College Graduates*3) = TIGC EA Index



Georgia counties by national TIGC EA quartile for 2017-2021. Dark Green = Top Quartile; Light Green = 2nd Quartile; Salmon = 3rd Quartile; Dark Red = 4th Quartile.

Georgia's Top and Bottom 3 Counties for Educational Attainment, 2017-21

County	% HS Drop-outs	% HS Diploma	% Some College	% 4-Year Degree	TIGC Ed Attainment Index	National Rank
Forsyth	6.4%	14.6%	23.1%	55.9%	222.2	38 th
Oconee	4.0%	18.9%	25.6%	51.6%	220.8	46 th
Fulton	6.8%	16.5%	20.9%	55.9%	219.1	59 th
Wheeler	27.0%	49.2%	14.6%	9.1%	78.8	3122 nd
Atkinson	33.2%	33.0%	22.9%	10.9%	78.4	3125 th
Telfair	29.6%	44.6%	18.7%	7.1%	73.7	3129 th

How the two states of Georgia would rank (Or: Forget the 2 Georgias & Welcome to Massassippi)

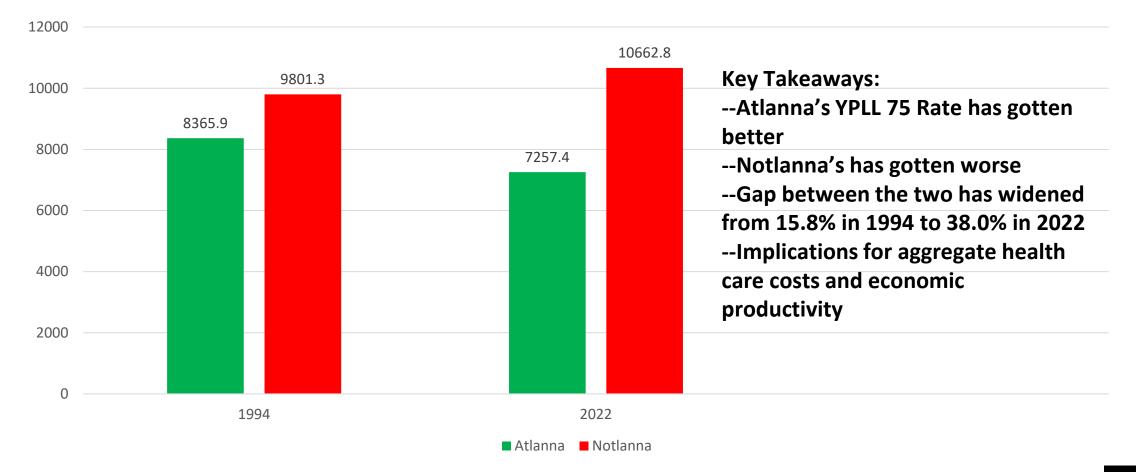
The Top 3 'States' The Bottom 3 'States' The State of the % Adults w/ State TIGC State % Adults w/ TIGC Educational Educational College College Attainment Degrees Attainment Degrees Index Index Colorado 199.3 23.2% 150.4 42.8% Mississippi Atlanna 43.7% 195.6 Notlanna 23.2% 147.5 195.5 **Massachusetts** 45.2% West Virginia 21.8% 145.9



Population Health

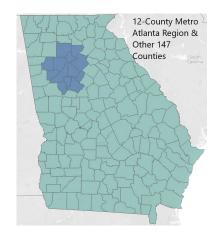


Premature Death Rates: Atlanna v. Notlanna 1994 & 2022



Costs & Consequences:

Tax Contribution & Social Service Consumption: Metro Atlanta & the Other 147 Counties

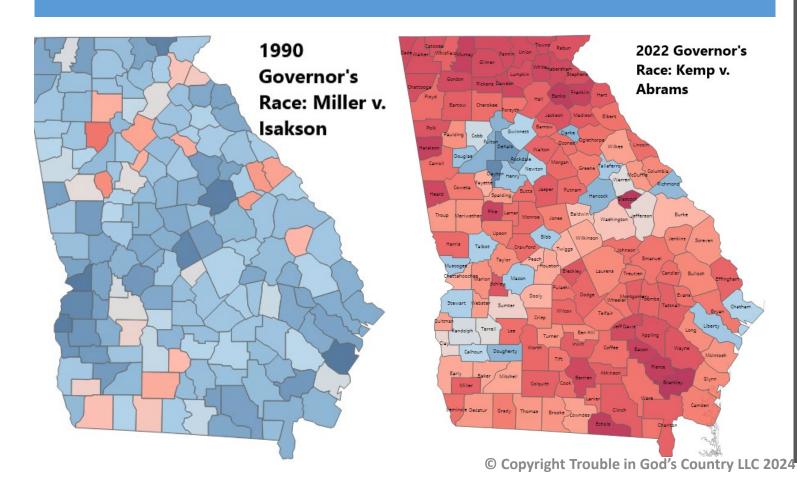


Region	2020 Population	2020 Gross Domestic Product	2020 Federal Income Tax Liability	2020 Medicaid, Peachcare & SNAP
Atlanna	5.15M (48%)	\$382.64B (63.5%)	\$30.28B (66.7%)	\$3.91B (32.5%)
Notlanna	5.58M (52%)	\$219.58B (36.5%)	\$15.13B (33.3%)	\$8.12B (67.5%)



Politics

Georgia's Widening Political Divide



• 1990:

- Miller won 54%-46%
- 7 counties went >70% for Miller; none for Isakson
- 37 counties decided by <10 points
- Miller's home county (Towns County) went 73.5% for him
- 2022
 - Kemp won 54%-46%
 - 86 counties went >70% for Kemp; 3 for Abrams
 - 10 counties decided by <10 points
 - Towns County went 82.5% for Kemp

Strategic Challenges

Economic deterioration and depopulation of rural Georgia

Decline of regional hub cities and smaller cities

Political and cultural divisions between Atlanna and Notlanna

Economic, education and population health aftershocks from Covid



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