## Gauging the Gaps Between Atlanna \& Notlanna

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## Presentation Agenda, Data Sources \& Methodology

## Presentation Agenda

- 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
- University System of Georgia
- U.S. Internal Revenue Service
- Georgia Department of Human Services
- County Health Rankings \& Roadmap


## Population

## Number of Georgia Counties with More Deaths than Births:

 1994-2009

## Number Georgia Counties with More Deaths than Births: 1994-2022



## Georgia Counties with More Deaths than Births 1994 \& 2022



## Notlanna Births \& Deaths 1994-2022



## Economics

## Georgia PCI as Percent of National Average <br> 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 $38^{\text {th }}$ to a high of $25^{\text {th }}$
- 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 $39^{\text {th }}$ 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 = $2^{\text {nd }}$ Quartile; Salmon = $3^{\text {rd }}$ 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



# Education 

## University System of Georgia Enrollment Trends



- 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's Top and Bottom 3 Counties for

 Educational Attainment, 2017-21| County | \% HS <br> Drop-outs | \% HS <br> Diploma | \% Some <br> College | \% 4-Year <br> Degree | TIGC Ed <br> Attainment <br> Index | National <br> Rank |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Forsyth | $6.4 \%$ | $14.6 \%$ | $23.1 \%$ | $55.9 \%$ | 222.2 | $38^{\text {th }}$ |
| Oconee | $4.0 \%$ | $18.9 \%$ | $25.6 \%$ | $51.6 \%$ | 220.8 | $46^{\text {th }}$ |
| Fulton | $6.8 \%$ | $16.5 \%$ | $20.9 \%$ | $55.9 \%$ | 219.1 | $59^{\text {th }}$ |
| Wheeler | $27.0 \%$ | $49.2 \%$ | $14.6 \%$ | $9.1 \%$ | 78.8 | $3122^{\text {nd }}$ |
| Atkinson | $33.2 \%$ | $33.0 \%$ | $22.9 \%$ | $10.9 \%$ | 78.4 | $3125^{\text {th }}$ |
| Telfair | $29.6 \%$ | $44.6 \%$ | $18.7 \%$ | $7.1 \%$ | 73.7 | $3129^{\text {th }}$ |

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

The Top 3 'States'


| State | \% Adults w/ <br> College <br> Degrees | TIGC <br> Educational <br> Attainment <br> Index |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Colorado | $42.8 \%$ | 199.3 |
| Atlanna | $43.7 \%$ | 195.6 |
| Massachusetts | $45.2 \%$ | 195.5 |

The Bottom 3 'States'


## 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 <br> Domestic Product | 2020 Federal <br> Income Tax Liability | 2020 Medicaid, <br> Peachcare \& SNAP |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Atlanna | $5.15 \mathrm{M}(48 \%)$ | $\$ 382.64 \mathrm{~B}(63.5 \%)$ | $\$ 30.28 \mathrm{~B}(66.7 \%)$ | $\$ 3.91 \mathrm{~B}(32.5 \%)$ |
| Notlanna | $5.58 \mathrm{M}(52 \%)$ | $\$ 219.58 \mathrm{~B}(36.5 \%)$ | $\$ 15.13 \mathrm{~B}(33.3 \%)$ | $\$ 8.12 \mathrm{~B}(67.5 \%)$ |

## Politics

## Georgia's Widening Political Divide



2022 Governor's Race: Kemp v. Abrams

- 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


## Economic deterioration and depopulation of rural Georgia

## Strategic Challenges

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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