

CHATHAM COMMUNITY BLUEPRINT 2022 STATUS REPORT



2022-2023 COASTAL GEORGIA INDICATORS COALITION EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

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Dear Community Members,

Thank you for the incredible support and involvement we've received from all corners of our community. Over the past year, the Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition (CGIC) has been an essential driving force propelling us toward a culture of health and equity. We've achieved remarkable milestones, and it's with gladness that I share some of our accomplishments with you. CGIC has provided invaluable access to over 200 community-level indicators across Bryan, Chatham, Effingham, and Liberty counties.

Beyond data accessibility, our coalition has been instrumental in various initiatives. We've played a crucial role in:

- Continued formation and funding of the Behavioral Health Unit within the Savannah Police Department,
- Assisted in the development of a county-wide Community Data Platform,
- Worked with Healthy Savannah to secure the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health Grant,
- Continued the implementation of the Chatham Community Blueprint Document,
- Strategically increased jurisdictional participation for Handle with Care, and
- Expanded ACEs prevention and trauma-responsive practices through Resilient Coastal Georgia.


Additionally, we conducted a comprehensive social connections survey in collaboration with Georgia Tech's Smart Cities Grant.

While grant funding has been crucial, it's the collective effort of our Partners and Sponsors that truly fuels our progress. Each partnership tier offers unique benefits, ranging from active participation in project teams focusing on Economy, Education, Health, and Quality of Life, to receiving specialized training and assistance in generating reports. I invite you to consider becoming a partner today to enable CGIC to sustain its impactful work within our community. By joining us, Level One Partners will have the opportunity to serve on both the CGIC Board and the CGIC Executive Leadership Committee, while Level Two Partners will be invited to have their company leaders serve on the CGIC Board.

For those interested or seeking more information, please reach out to Lizann Roberts at director.cgic@gmail.com. Your support and partnership are invaluable as we continue to make a tangible difference in the lives of those in Coastal Georgia.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey towards a healthier, more equitable community.

Warm regards,


Melanie Wilson, Board Chair
Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition (CGIC)



ABOUT US

Convening

- Public and private stakeholders
- Community organizations
- Residents

Data Measurement

- Local, regional and national indicators

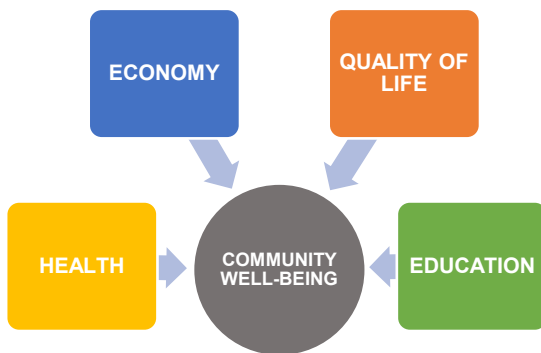
Partnerships

- Sponsors
- Public, private and government resources

Strategic Alignment

- Community Blueprint
- Healthy People 2030 Framework
- Plan 2040

Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition, Inc. (CGIC) is a group of community members and advocates working together for a comprehensive, coordinated approach to planning and accountability. The goal of CGIC is to improve community well-being by engaging and leading the public, civic and private sectors to work collectively in development of strategic priorities that guide policy, programs and resource allocation. The Coalition addresses the growing need to better assess the position and progress of our community's well-being using community-level indicators and performance measures in four priority areas as outline in the *Chatham Community Blueprint*: Economy, Education, Health, and Quality of Life. CGIC serves as the responsible organization for the development, implementation, and evaluation of the *Blueprint* which includes timelines for short, mid- and long-term work to drive future action of the commission and other boards and councils operating in the community. The *Blueprint* strategically moves the community towards the accomplishment of specified goals within the four priority areas.



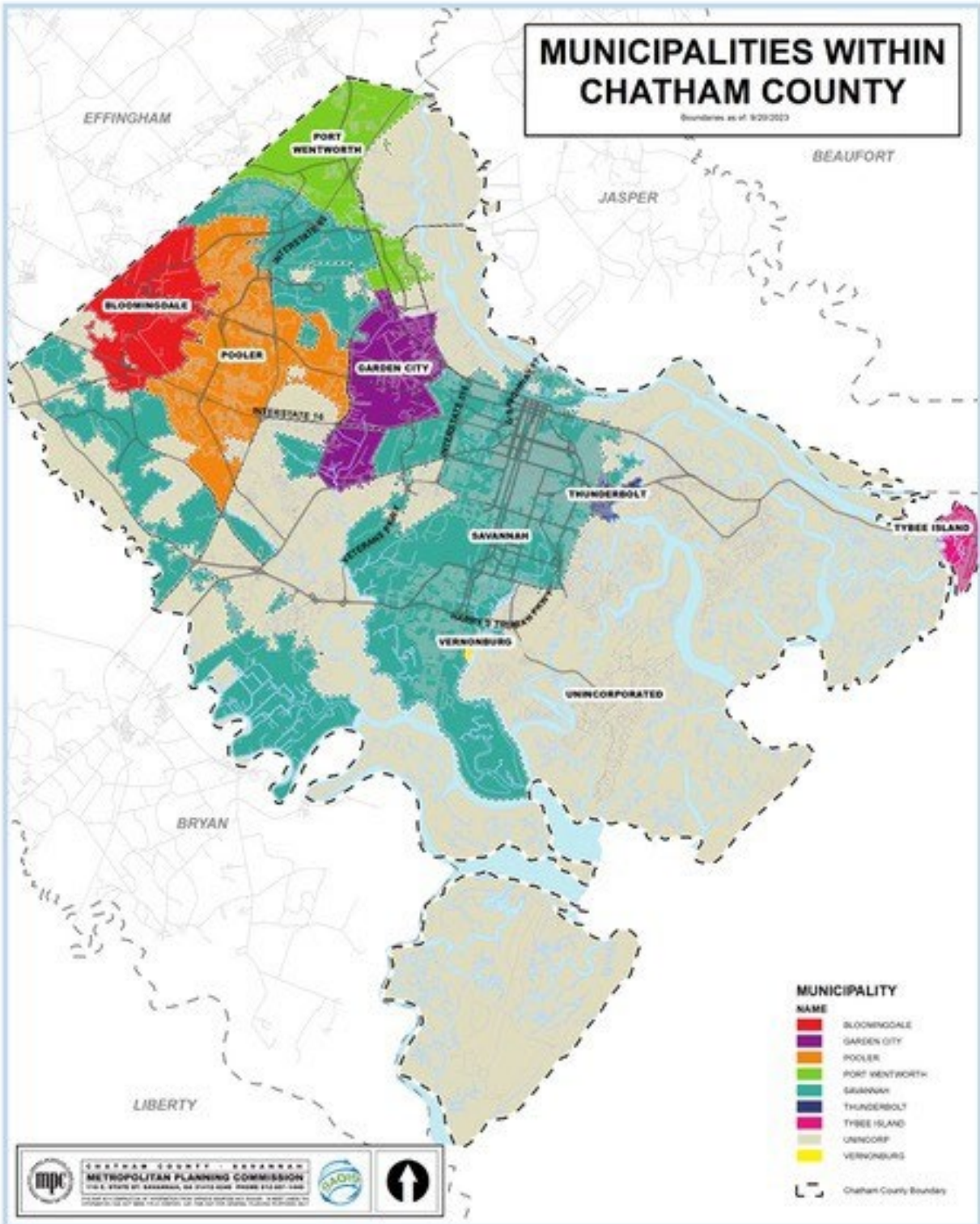
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



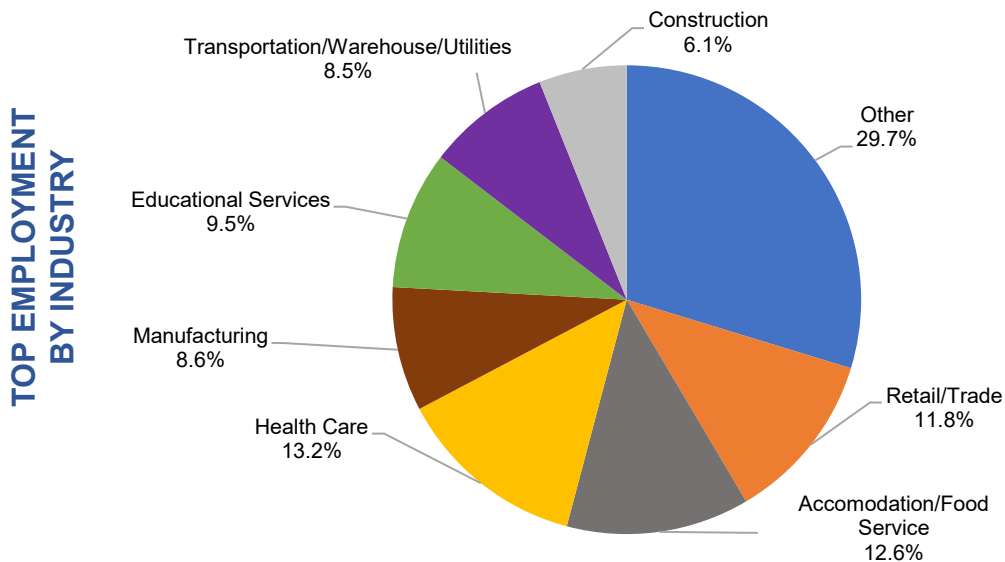
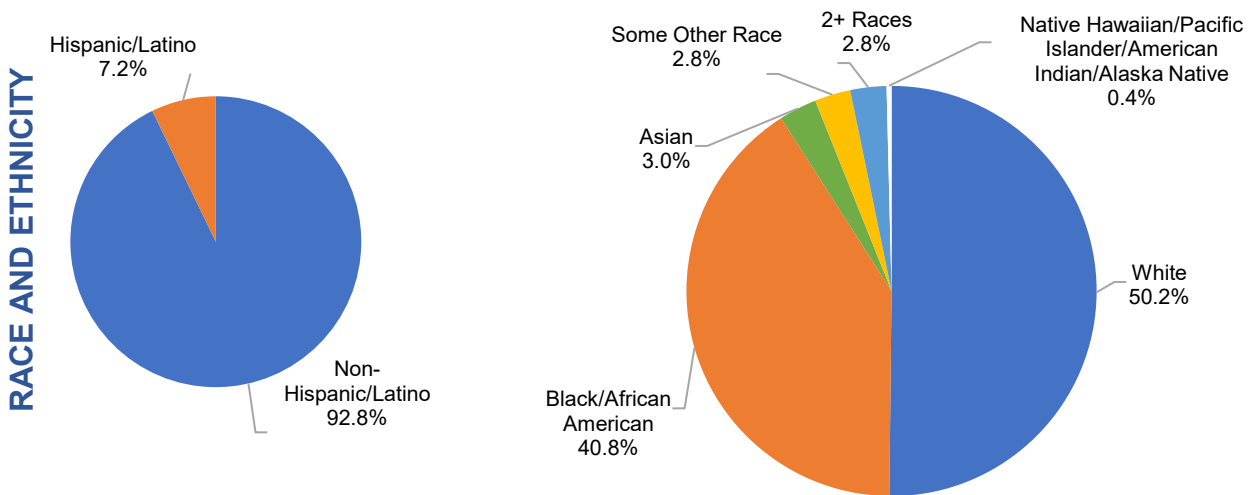
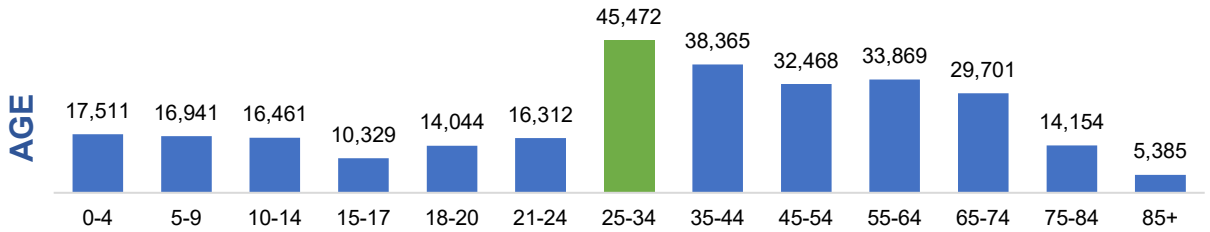
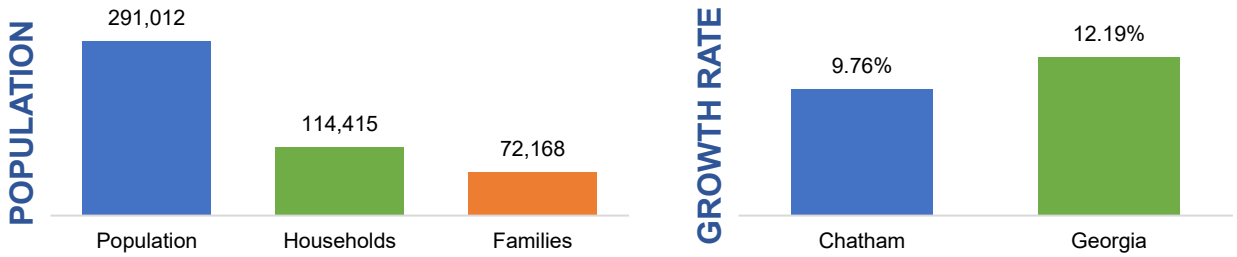
CHATHAM COUNTY

MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN CHATHAM COUNTY

Boundaries as of 9/29/2023



DEMOGRAPHICS DASHBOARD



Priority Area: Economy

VISION

Chatham County anchors a thriving, business-friendly, regional economy in which all workers are prepared for quality jobs and residents feel empowered to attain a high quality of life.

GOAL 1 Using accurate and reliable data, link current and projected needs of employers through the development of apprenticeship and vocational programs for the placement of individuals with quality employment leading to self-sufficiency.

GOAL 2 Increase economic mobility by reducing barriers and creating opportunities for quality employment for young adults, the economically disadvantaged, justice involved, and individuals with behavioral health needs.

GOAL 3 Implement outreach and programming that leads to economically inclusive entrepreneurial growth and innovation through the enhanced presence of small business support services and collaboration among local businesses.

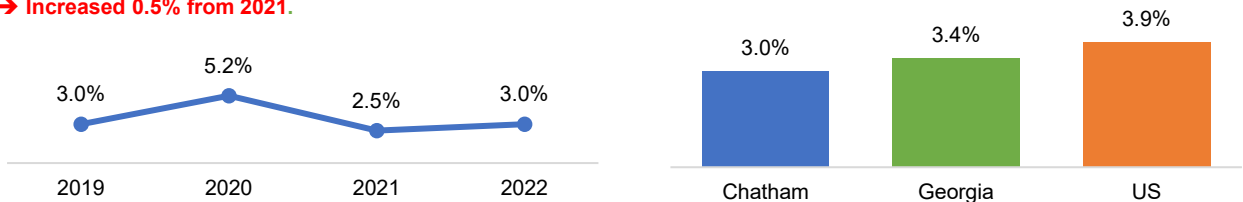
Economy Indicators

KEY INDICATOR A (PART A): UNEMPLOYED WORKERS IN CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SOURCE: BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

As of October 2022, 3.0% of civilians, 16 years of age and over, are unemployed in the Chatham County labor force.

→ Increased 0.5% from 2021.

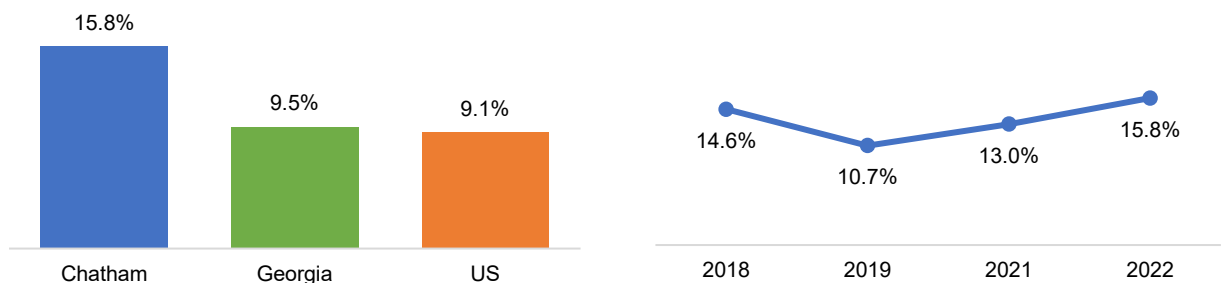


KEY INDICATOR A (PART B): YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, 2021 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY 1-YEAR ESTIMATES

In 2022, 15.8% of civilian youth, ages 16-24, were unemployed in the Chatham County labor force.

→ Increased 2.8% from 2021.



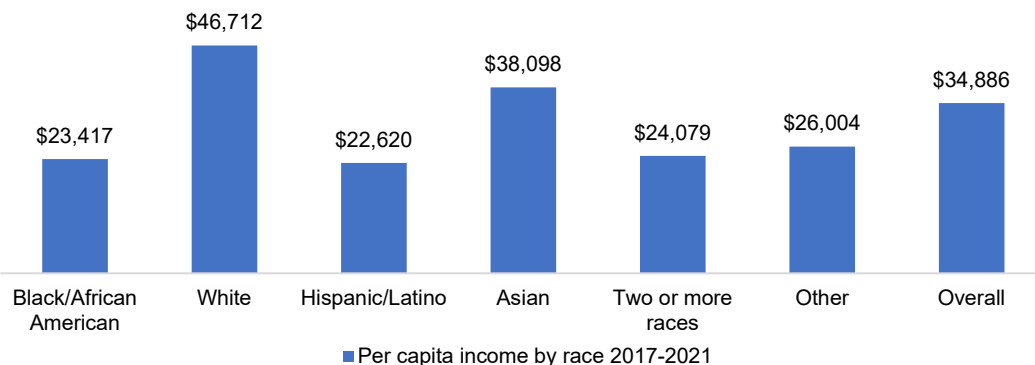
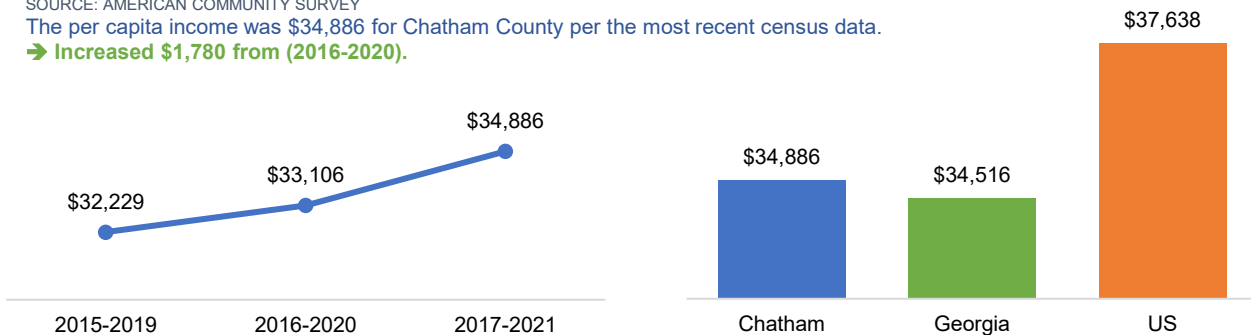
Economy Indicators

KEY INDICATOR B: PER CAPITA INCOME

SOURCE: AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

The per capita income was \$34,886 for Chatham County per the most recent census data.

➔ Increased \$1,780 from (2016-2020).

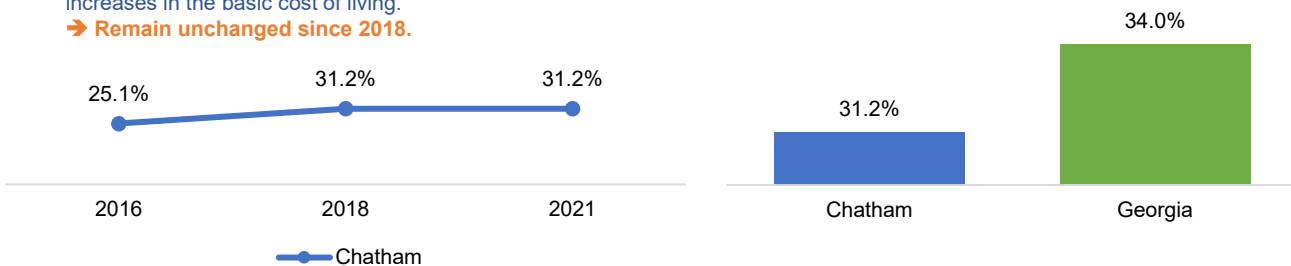


ALICE (ASSET LIMITED, INCOME CONSTRAINED, EMPLOYED)

SOURCE: UNITED FOR ALICE

ALICE households represent men and women of all ages and races who are working but unable to afford the basic necessities of housing, food, childcare, health care, and transportation due to the lack of jobs that can support basic necessities and increases in the basic cost of living.

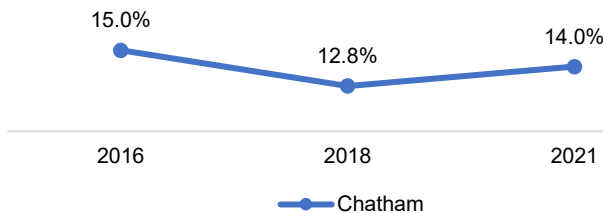
➔ Remain unchanged since 2018.



HOUSEHOLDS LIVING BELOW POVERTY LEVEL

SOURCE: UNITED FOR ALICE

This indicator shows the percentage of households with annual incomes below the federal poverty level. ➔ Increased 1.2% since 2018.



Economy Indicators

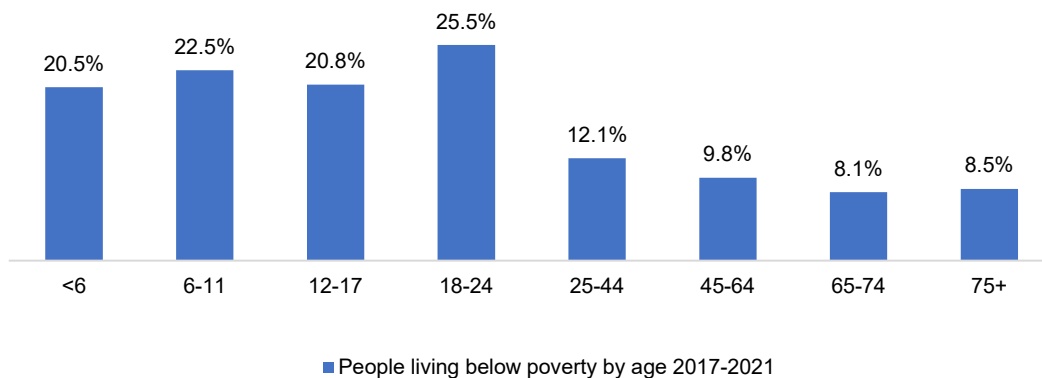
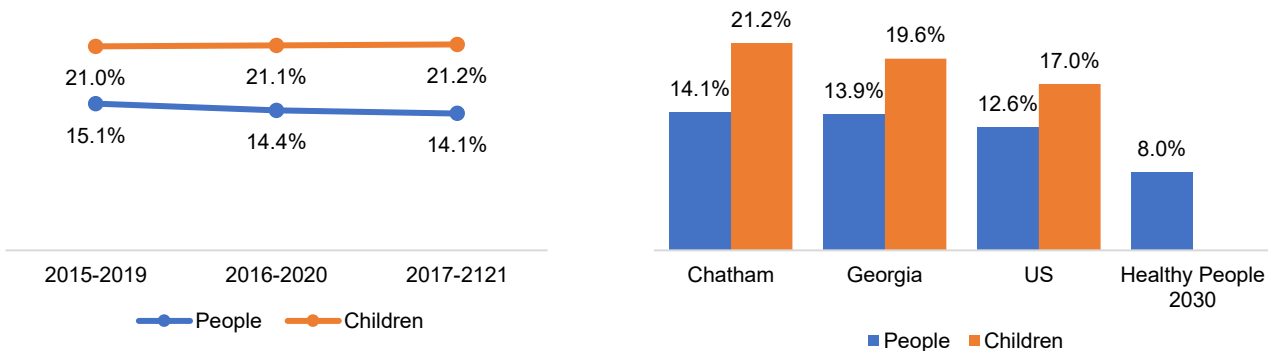
KEY INDICATOR C : LIVING BELOW POVERTY LEVEL

SOURCE: AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Chatham County rate for people living below the poverty level was 14.1% per the most recent census data. The rate for children under the age of 18 living below the poverty level was 21.2%

→ People living below poverty level decreased 0.3% from (2016-2020).

→ Children living below poverty level increased 0.1% from (2016-2020).

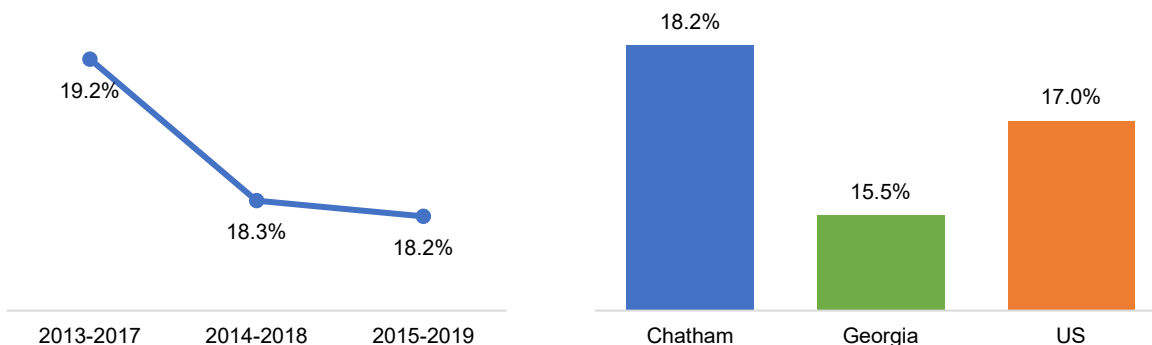


KEY INDICATOR D: SEVERE HOUSING PROBLEM

SOURCE: COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS

Chatham County had 18.2% of residents living in conditions with an increased exposure to mold, mildew, pest infestation and other environmental hazards per the most recent County Health Rankings data.

→ Decreased 0.1% from (2014-2018).



Priority Area: Education

VISION

From early childhood education through post-secondary achievement, Chatham County's innovative and inclusive educational systems are a model of academic excellence that enable students to have the knowledge, skills and ability to succeed at their chosen pathways.

GOAL 1 Ensure equitable access of critical life skills including financial, social, and conflict resolution skills are available to parents/legal guardians and taught to all students through the use of technology, community partnerships, and counseling.

GOAL 2 Implement career track, internship, and mentorship programs between employers and students; while increasing leadership development programs between community organizations, businesses, and public schools to prepare students for employment and promote upward mobility.

GOAL 3 Promote parental involvement in schools by teaching parents to advocate for their child(ren), facilitating better communication between parents and school leadership, and eliminating barriers to parent engagement.

GOAL 4 Ensure families and community members have the ability to promote and reinforce literacy and numeracy instruction that takes place in a student's learning environment.

Education Indicators

ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN AGED 0-5 IN EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

SOURCE: GEORGIA'S CROSS AGENCY CHILD DATA SYSTEM

Information from Georgia's Cross Agency Child Data System (GA CACDS) summarizes participation for children ages 0-5 in early childhood services at state and county levels. The system identifies service gaps, creates opportunities for analysis and research, and provides an aligned and integrated approach to demonstrate how the state is meeting the needs of its youngest learners. All data has been updated from previous years.

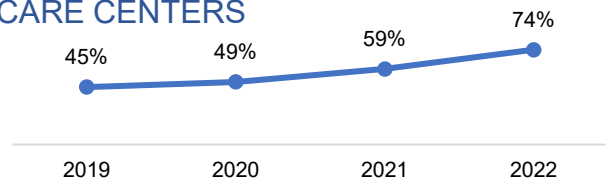
CHATHAM COUNTY	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Babies Can't Wait	3.4%	3.5%	3.4%
Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS)	15.2%	17.4%	19.2%
Children 1st	27.3%	28.8%	28.9%
Georgia's Pre-K	5.6%	5.1%	4.6%
Georgia's Rising Kindergarten	0.1%	0%	0.1%
Home Visiting	0.4%	0.5%	0.7%
Preschool Special Education	3.7%	3.6%	3.1%
Quality Rated Subsidy Grant	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%

Education Indicators

Due to COVID-19, the 2019-2020 in-person school year ended early, and remote learning began. In addition, the 2020-2021 school year included combinations of remote learning, hybrid learning and in-person instruction. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic into school year 2020-21, certain previously reported testing measures were unavailable.

KEY INDICATOR A: QUALITY RATED CHILDCARE CENTERS

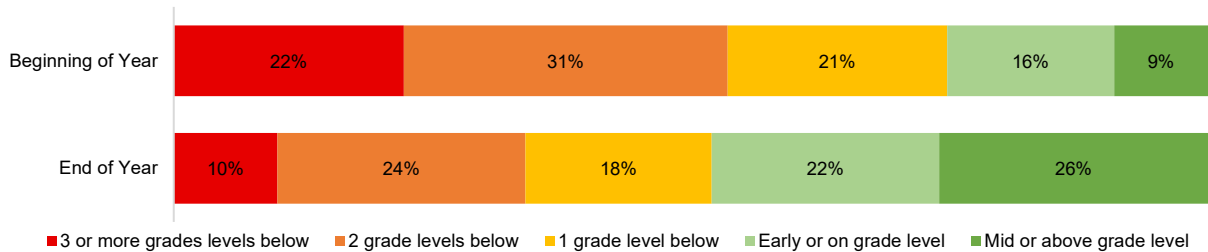
SOURCE: THE ANNIE E CASEY FOUNDATION'S KIDS COUNT DATA CENTER
 In Chatham County, 74% of out-of-home child-care settings were Quality Rated in 2022. → Increased 15% from 2021.



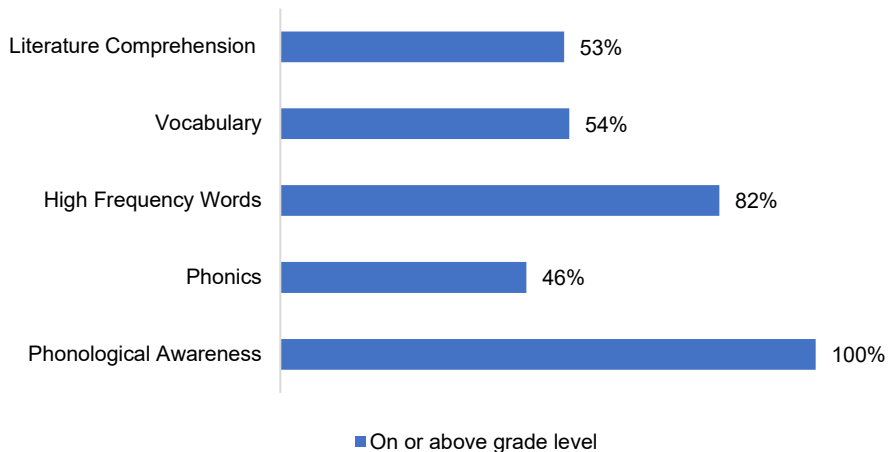
I-READY READING STATUS INDICATOR

SOURCE: SAVANNAH CHATHAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Scores approximate Lexile measures/ranges and measure student performance on Phonological Awareness, Phonics, High-Frequency Words, Vocabulary, Comprehension: Literature, & Comprehension: Informational Text domains. This data is from the 2021-2022 school year. (N=2,298 3rd grade students test at both beginning of year and end of year)



I-Ready scores were reported for individual domains. The following table shows 3rd grade reading performance measured going into the beginning of SY 2022-2023.

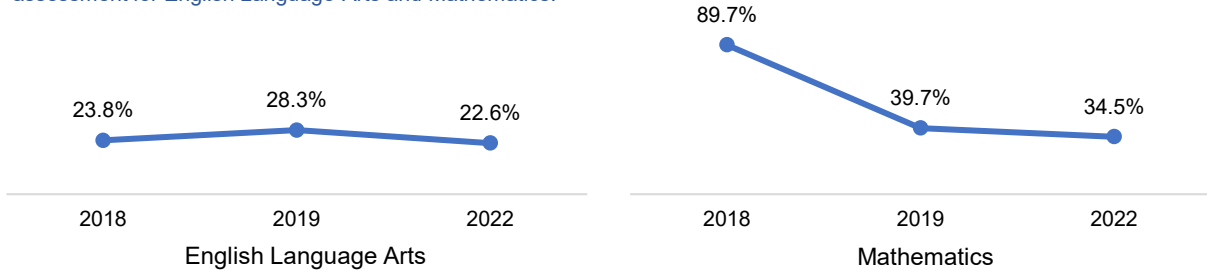


Education Indicators

3rd GRADE GEORGIA MILESTONES LEARNING ASSESSMENT

SOURCE: GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

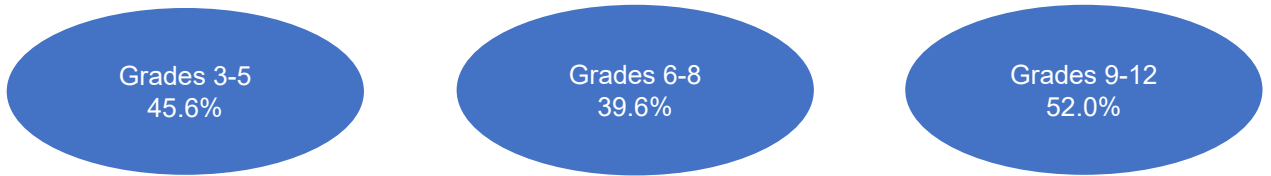
This indicator displays the percent of 3rd grade students performing at Proficient and above level on the Georgia Milestones assessment for English Language Arts and Mathematics.



CONTENT MASTERY

SOURCE: SCCPSS DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

Content Mastery shows the percentage of SCCPSS students achieving at the level necessary to be prepared for the next grade, college, or career. These measures are for the 2021-2022 school year.

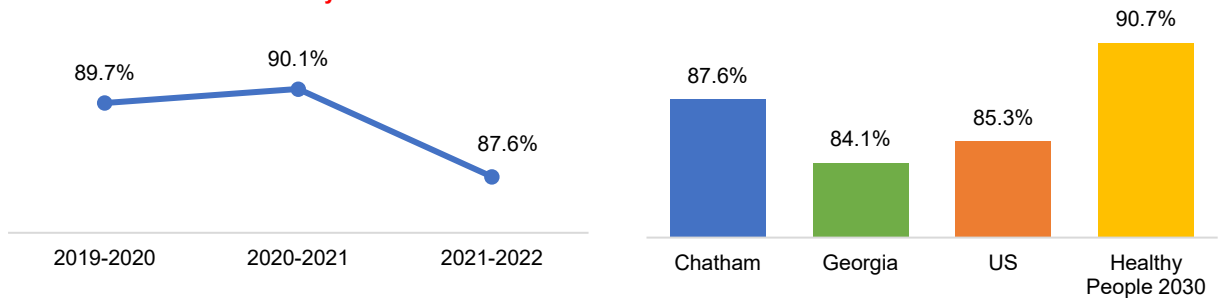


KEY INDICATOR E: GRADUATION RATE

SOURCE: SCCPSS DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

87.6% of SCCPSS students graduated from high school in school year 2021-2022. This includes data from the 4-year cohort.

➔ **Decreased 2.5% from school year 2020-2021.**

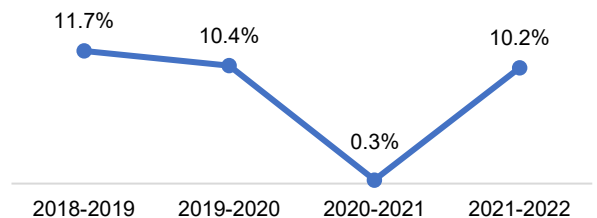


PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WITH BEHAVIOR INCIDENTS

SOURCE: GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

This indicator shows the percent of students with a discipline incident. Incidents may result in In School Suspension, Out of School Suspension, or Expulsion.

➔ **Increased 9.9% from school year 2021-2021. (Public schools were not attended in person or were hybrid during the 2020-2021 school year.)**



Priority Area: Health

VISION

Chatham County has a culture of health including equal access to quality and affordable healthcare, chronic disease prevention, health inclusive policies, and environmental design.

GOAL 1 Effectively address mental health by educating the public and reducing stigma, increasing early intervention programs, removing gaps and barriers, and increasing access to treatment including returning and detained residents, children, adolescents, and the homeless.

GOAL 2 Invest in community-based and employer-based health resources to increase health equality by providing access to preventive health services, health education and strategies to encourage individuals and families to adopt healthy behaviors.

GOAL 3 Instill healthy practices in schools by providing comprehensive health education, nutrient-rich foods, opportunities for physical activity, and prevention education including resiliency skills (emotional intelligence) towards behavioral health.

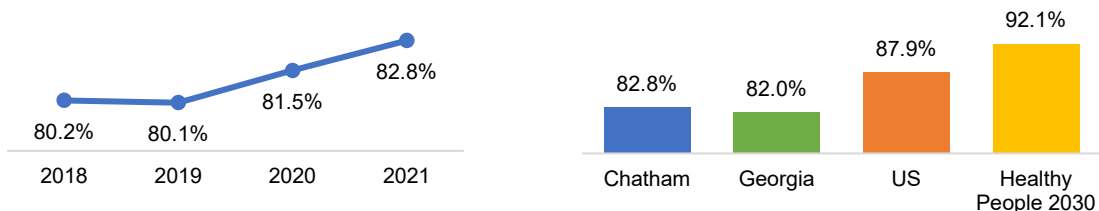
GOAL 4 Increase access to healthy food for populations that are most likely to be food-insecure such as older adults, children, those in poverty, and those that live in food apartheid areas.

Health Indicators

KEY INDICATOR A (PART A): ADULTS WITH HEALTH INSURANCE

SOURCE: SMALL AREA HEALTH INSURANCE ESTIMATES

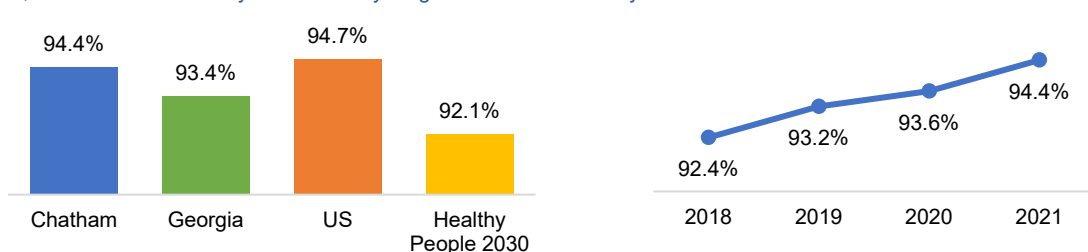
In 2021, 82.8% of adults aged 18-64 years old in Chatham County have health insurance. → Increased 1.3% from 2020.



KEY INDICATOR A (PART B): CHILDREN WITH HEALTH INSURANCE

SOURCE: SMALL AREA HEALTH INSURANCE ESTIMATES

In 2021, 94.4% of children 18 years old and younger in Chatham County have health insurance. → Increased 0.8% from 2020.



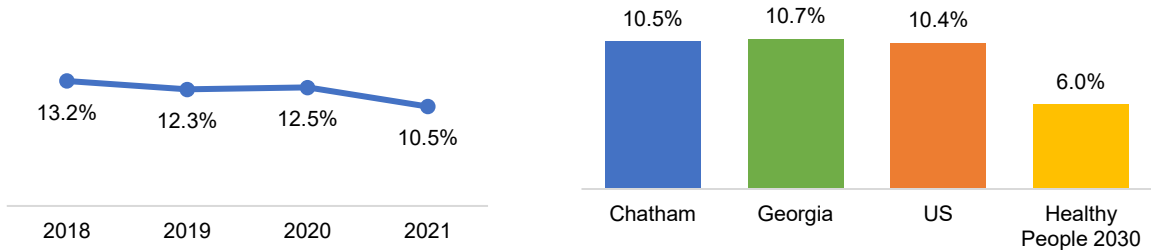
Health Indicators

KEY INDICATOR B: FOOD INSECURITY RATE

SOURCE: FEEDING AMERICA

10.5% of Chatham County residents are food insecure in 2020.

→ Decreased 2% from 2020.

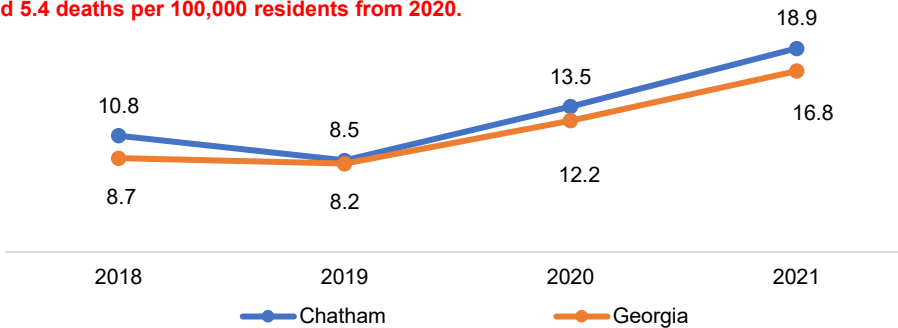


AGE ADJUSTED DEATH DUE TO OPIOID OVERDOSE

SOURCE: GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

In 2010, 18.9 deaths from opioid overdose occurred per 100,000 residents in Chatham County. A total of 56 deaths related to opioid overdose were reported in Chatham County in 2021, making the county tied for 5th in Georgia for the highest number of opioid overdose related deaths. (Figures have been updated for previous year based on DPH data.)

→ Increased 5.4 deaths per 100,000 residents from 2020.

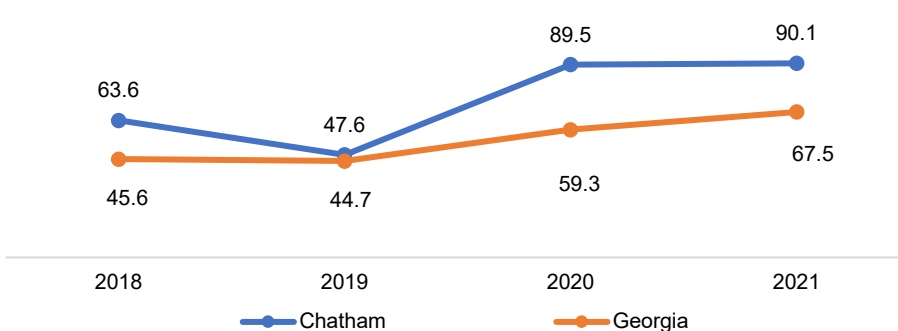


AGE ADJUSTED ER RATE DUE TO OPIOID OVERDOSE

SOURCE: GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

In 2021, the ER rate due to opioid overdose rose to 90.1 visits per 100,000 residents. The rate in Chatham County has been consistently higher each year than the rate for the state of Georgia.

→ Increased 0.6 ER visits per 100,000 residents from 2020.



Health Indicators

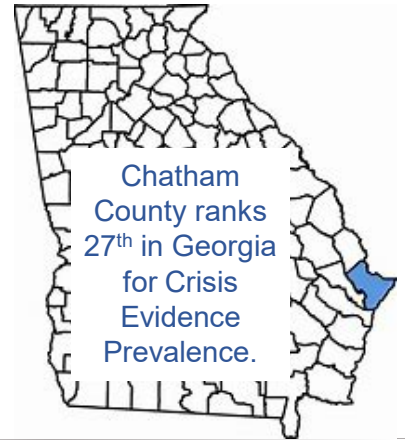
988 SUICIDE CRISIS LINE

SOURCE: 988 CRISIS LINE

The 988 Suicide Crisis Life established in July 2022 to improve access to crisis services in a way that meets our country's growing suicide and mental health-related crisis care needs. 988 provides easier access to the Lifeline network and related crisis resources .

Jul-Dec 2022
2,161 crisis episodes
from Chatham County

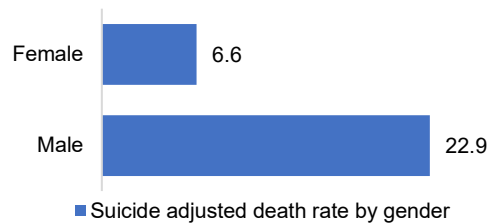
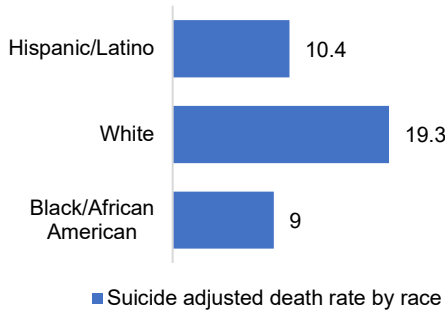
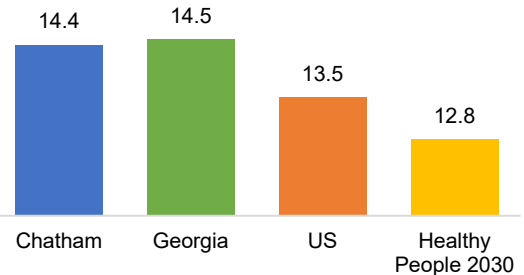
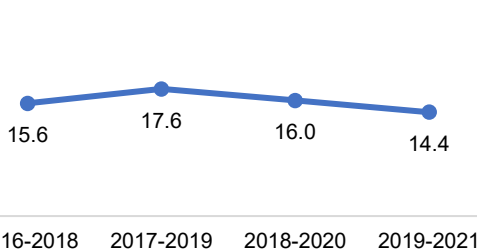
Jul-Dec 2022
3.2% of statewide crisis
episodes were from
Chatham County



SUICIDE ADJUSTED DEATH RATE

SOURCE: GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OASIS

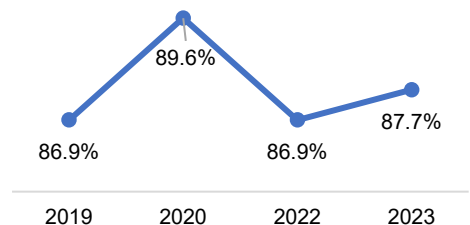
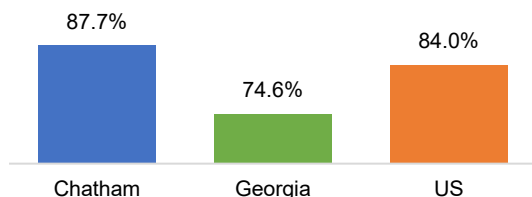
Per the most recent OASIS data, there were 16.0 deaths per 100,000 residents of Chatham County. → **Decreased 1.6 deaths per 100,000 from (2018-2020).**



KEY INDICATOR D: ACCESS TO EXERCISE OPPORTUNITIES

SOURCE: COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS

87.7% of Chatham County residents have some access to exercise opportunities per the most recent County Health Rankings data. → **Increased 0.8% from 2022.**



Resilient Coastal Georgia



Accomplishments in 2022:

- 21 CRM training sessions for 592 individuals
- 445 toolkits for individual and families distributed
- 20 Mindfulness Zones set up in schools and learning centers
- 42 Handle with Care referrals
- 411 individuals trained in ASIST or SuicideTALK
- 1,251 individuals trained in Mindful Self Compassion

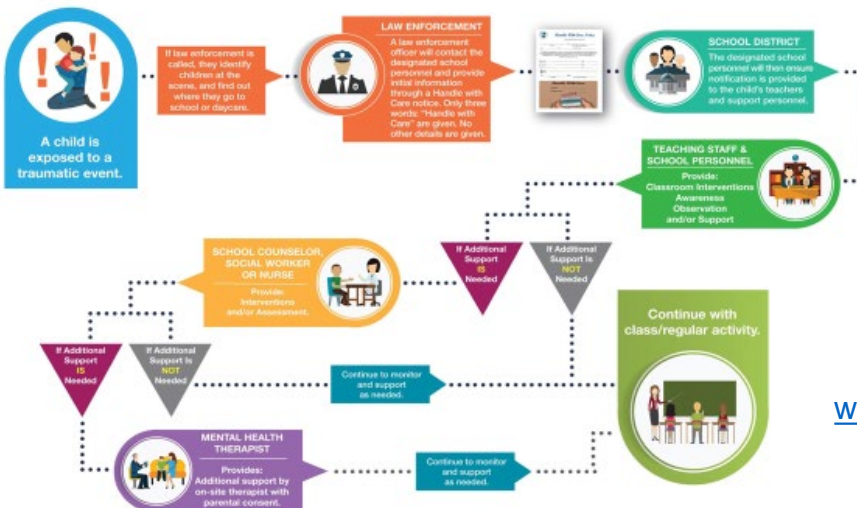
Collective Impact Framework

GOAL: Build trauma-resilient communities, working together to prevent and heal childhood adversity

We aim to build resilience and trauma informed practice across Chatham County. Organizations coming together include the public school system, youth serving organizations, faith communities, libraries, first responders, judicial systems, and behavioral health providers.



HANDLE WITH CARE Process Flow Chart



Handle with Care is one of the system change strategies implemented through Resilient Coastal Georgia to assist children impacted by trauma. In 2022 there were 165 Handle with Care referrals from first responders to the public school system.

www.resilientcoastalga.org

Priority Area: Quality of Life

VISION

Chatham County citizens achieve a superior quality of life within a safe, active and healthy environment inclusive of the area's history, natural resources, public mobility and efficient government.

GOAL 1 Ensure better quality of life through multifaceted strategies of public safety. The strategies include: reducing crime by focusing on asset building; meeting community needs; expanding visibility and capacity of resources and programs provided by first responders ; and building trust between law enforcement and residents.

GOAL 2 Promote and provide equitable neighborhood connectivity and build environments that encourage active and healthy lifestyles through the strategic placement of bicycle and pedestrian pathways, public parks, enforcement of road regulations, and education about health benefits.

GOAL 3 Develop local and regional collaboration among organizations to improve the delivery of social services and to expand resources including but not limited to behavioral health and public health services.

GOAL 4 Provide effective and efficient government services while ensuring that processes and procedures are planned and executed with transparency.

GOAL 5 Natural Resource Goals: Conserve and protect our natural resources from impacts of climate change, to plan for the conservation and protection of our natural resources, and to ensure that planning considers land use and development impacts to our community's natural resources and built environment.

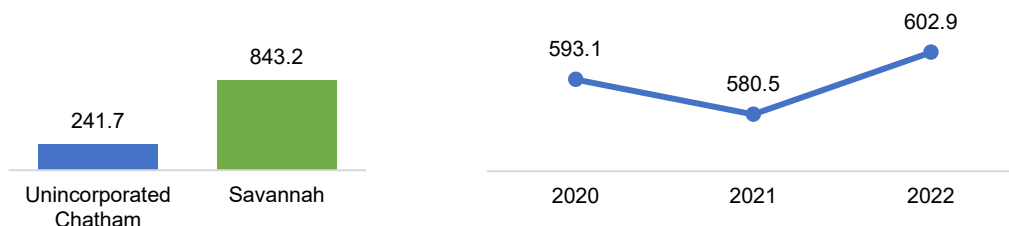
Quality of Life Indicators

KEY INDICATOR A: VIOLENT CRIME RATE PER 100,000 RESIDENTS

SOURCE: THE SAVANNAH AND CHATHAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENTS

In 2022, 241.7 violent crimes occurred per 100,000 residents of unincorporated Chatham County and 843.2 violent crimes occurred per 100,000 residents of City of Savannah. A combined rate of 578.7 violent crimes occurred per 100,000 residents of the two jurisdictions. Violent crimes include murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assaults.

→ Increased 3.7% from 2021.



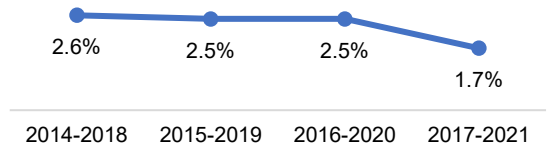
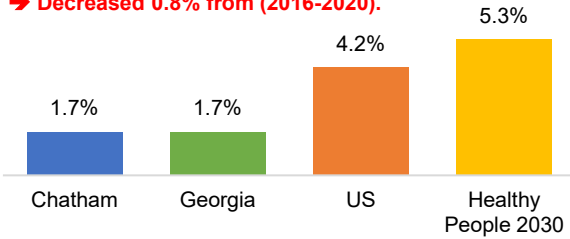
Quality of Life Indicators

KEY INDICATOR B: WORKERS COMMUTING BY PUBLIC TRANSIT

SOURCE: AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

1.7% of Chatham County's workers aged 16 years and older commute to work by public transportation.

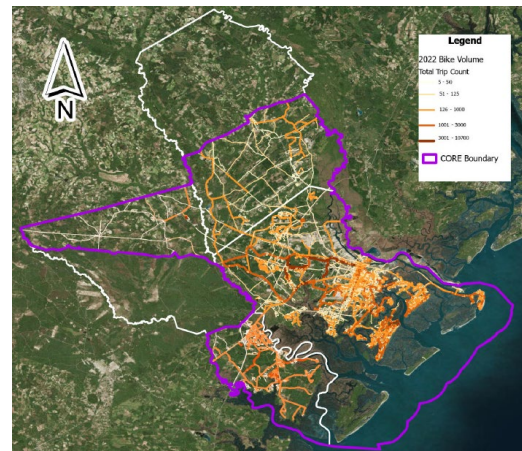
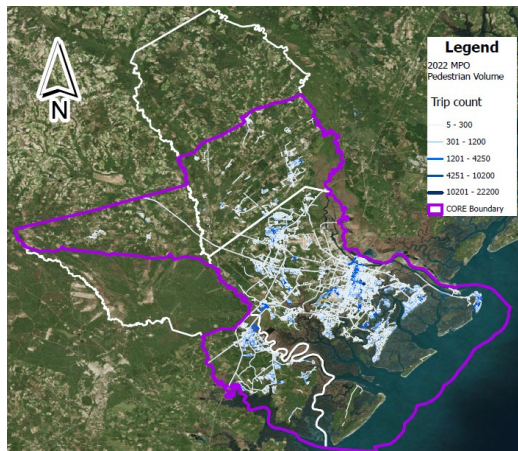
→ Decreased 0.8% from (2016-2020).



KEY INDICATOR C: MILES OF SAFE, PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION

SOURCE: CHATHAM-SAVANNAH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

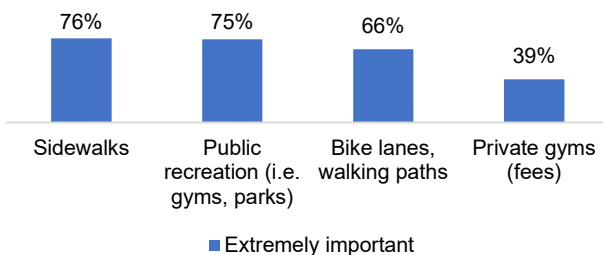
CGIC is working with Chatham-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission on a study to measure miles of safe, pedestrian-friendly transportation, including bike lanes, sidewalks, and shared use paths within the county. This indicator will be reported upon completion of that study. These maps show the volume of pedestrian and bike volume within the county, concentrated in more densely populated areas. Continuing this measure will show growth and help officials in planning for future improvements.



IMPORTANCE OF ACTIVE SPACES

SOURCE: HEALTHY SAVANNAH

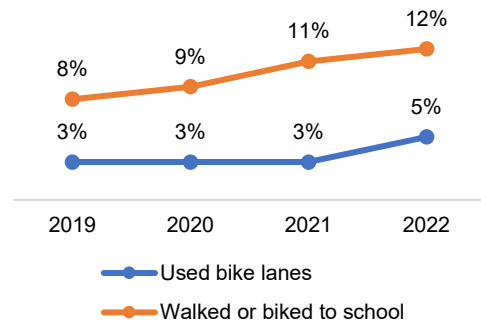
A majority of community members feel active spaces are extremely important. Public (free) spaces are considered more important than private (cost associative) spaces. This indicator is from year 2022 surveys of 583 residents.



USE OF BIKE LANES

SOURCE: HEALTHY SAVANNAH

Bike lane usage has increased over a four-year period in Savannah. The percentage of residents who walk or bike to school has also increased.

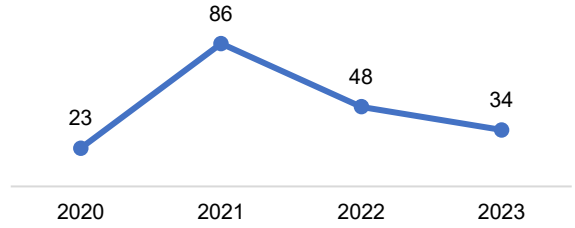


Quality of Life Indicators

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT RANKINGS

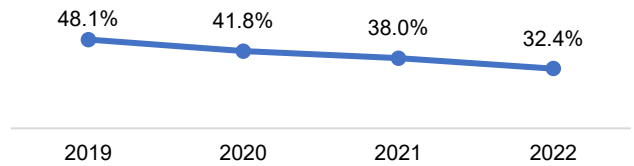
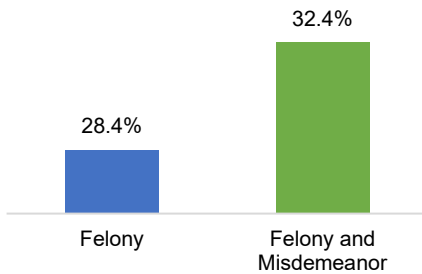
SOURCE: COUNTY HEALTH RANKING

The 2023 Physical Environmental Ranking for Chatham County is 34. The ranking is based on a summary composite score calculated from the following measures: daily fine particulate matter, drinking water violations, severe housing problems, driving alone to work, and long commute while driving alone. → **Decreased 14 points from 2022.**



The value for Georgia is based on the best 50th percentile of a distribution of 159 GA Counties. Technical note: Counties (or county equivalents) are ranked relative to the health of other counties in the same state on a variety of health measures. Those having high ranks, e.g. 1 or 2, are considered the "healthiest." Use caution when comparing current ranking to previous time periods as ranking criteria may have changed.

KEY INDICATOR D (PART A): RECIDIVISM RATE FOR ADULT OFFENDERS

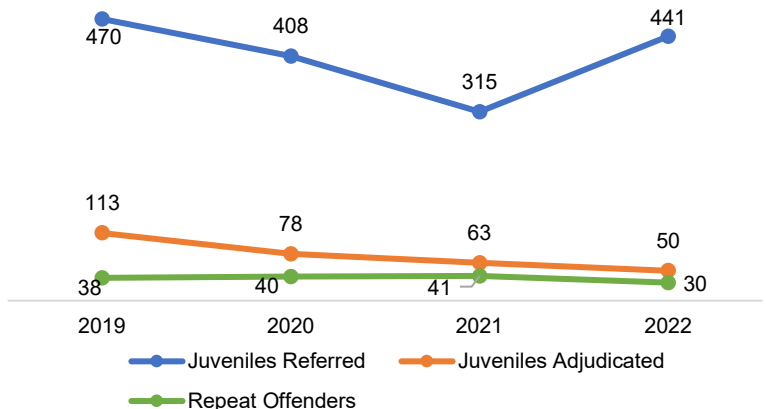
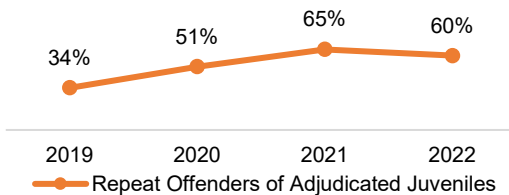
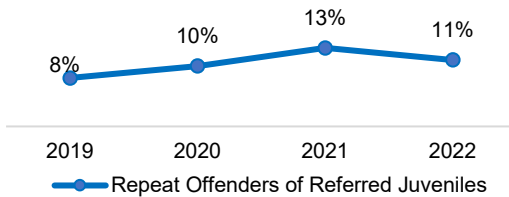


In 2022, the rate of recidivism in Chatham County shows that 28.4% of adults have been rearrested with a felony charge within the last 3 years. → **Decreased 5.6% since 2021.**

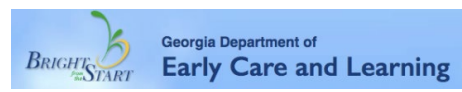
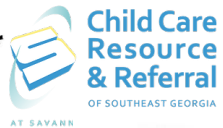
KEY INDICATOR D (PART B): RECIDIVISM RATE FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS

SOURCE: CHATHAM COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

NOTE: The recidivism rate for referred juveniles in 2022 was 11% (50 of 441 youth). The percentage of all adjudicated juveniles who re-offended was 60% (30 of 50 youth). These are juveniles who reoffended (or re-engaged) in criminal behavior within the previous 3 years. The number of referrals for delinquency increased in 2022 to 441 as compared to 315 in 2021. This was an increase of 28.6%. Recidivism is defined by the number of referrals, the number of previous adjudications within the same time period, and the number of repeat offenders in the last 3 years. → **Decreased 2% from 2021.**



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