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GEORGIA RANKINGS

The following table lists Georgia’s rank among the 50 states in various economic and social characteristics. This comparison includes income, taxes, health, developmental disabilities, status of children, K-12 education and higher education. The rankings are from highest to lowest unless otherwise noted.

	<u>State Ranking</u>
<u>Population</u>	
Total Population (2005)	9
Population Growth (2005)	5
<i>United States Census Bureau</i>	
<u>Income</u>	
Per Capita Personal Income (2005)	35
Three Year Average of Median Household Income (2002-2004)	28
Three Year Average Poverty Rate (2002-2004)	21
<i>United States Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis</i>	
<u>Taxes</u>	
State Taxes as Percent of Personal Income (2004)	43
State and Local Taxes as Percent of Personal Income (2004)	39
<i>Calculations based on data from US Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis</i>	
<u>Health</u>	
State Health Ranking (2005)	43
Percent without Health Insurance (2005)	43 (lowest to highest)
Infant Mortality (2005)	44 (lowest to highest)
Cardiovascular Deaths (2005)	41 (lowest to highest)
Total Mortality (2005)	41 (lowest to highest)
Premature Death (2005)	41 (lowest to highest)
Per Capita Public Health Spending (2005)	28

Rankings are from the United Health Foundation “America’s Health: State Health Rankings 2005”.

Developmental Disabilities

State Ranking

Spending per \$1,000 of Statewide Personal Income for MR/DD services (2004)	47
Per Capita Spending on Home and Community Based Services Waiver for MR/DD Participants (2004)	40
Utilization Rate by Persons with MR/DD of Community Residential Settings (2004)	50

American Association on Mental Retardation "The State of the States in Developmental Disabilities 2005"

Status of Children

Overall Status of Children	44
Percent Low Birthweight Babies	41 (lowest to highest)
Infant Mortality Rate	43 (lowest to highest)
Percent Teens High School Dropouts	48 (lowest to highest)
Percent Children in Poverty	36 (lowest to highest)

The Annie E. Casey Foundation "Kids Count 2006".

K-12 Education

Total Expenditures per Student in K-12 (2004-2005)	24
Average Salaries of Public School Teachers (2004-2005)	18
Morgan Quitno Smartest State	40
Proficiency in 8 th Grade Math (2003)	41
Proficiency in 8 th Grade Reading (2003)	38
Public High School Graduation Rate (2002)	49

Expenditures and Salaries are from the National Education Association "Rankings and Estimates Fall 2005". Other rankings are from the Morgan Quitno Education State Rankings 2005-2006".

Higher Education

State and Local Funding for Higher Education per \$1,000 of Personal Income (2005)	16
Total Appropriations per Full-Time Equivalent Student (2005)	9
Average Salary for Faculty at Four-Year Public Institutions (2004-2005)	32
Total Revenues per FTE (2005)	35
Retention Rate from Freshman to Sophomore Year (2002)	19

Salary information is from the National Education Association "2006 Almanac of Higher Education". Other rankings are from the National Information Center for Higher Education Policy Making and Analysis.

MEDICAID (Rankings compare 16 states of Southern Legislative Conference)

Medicaid Expenditures Per Capita (FFY 04)	6 (lowest to highest)
Average Payment per Recipient (FFY 04)	1 (lowest to highest)
Medicaid Recipients per 100,000 Population (FFY 04)	8 (lowest to highest)

Rankings from the Southern Legislative Conference Comparative Data Report on Medicaid 2005.