Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 11.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 51.3%

2-Year Colleges

- Low-income share of students: 22.9%
- Low-income student success rate: 49.1%

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*: Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 2% Gordon County, 32% GA, 14% United States
- Percent Hispanic: 10% Gordon County, 17% GA, 9% United States
- Percent over age 65: 11.6% Gordon County, 13.0% GA, 19% United States
- Percent college grad: 12% Gordon County, 19% GA, 19% United States
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 65 Gordon County, 76 GA, 84 United States
- Life expectancy (years): 81.4 Gordon County, 82.4 GA, 83.2 United States
- Opioid deaths (deaths per 10K residents): 13 Gordon County, 10 GA, 15 United States

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Definitions and Sources

The Local Economy
- Unemployment rate (August 2018, BLS)
- Poverty rate (2012-2016 ACS)
- Median family income (2016 ACS)
- Manufacturing share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Farming share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (BLS LAUS)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out
- Percent graduating any college (2-yr or 4-yr, Tax Data 2, N/A for some counties)
- Percent reaching upper middle-class (top 20% of the U.S. income distribution, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent achieving American Dream (share of local low-income kids—i.e. those with 25th-income-percentile parents—who reach the top 20% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent (of local female kids) giving birth as a teen (Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent landing in jail (percent of local kids in jail on 1 April 2010, Tax Data 1 and 2010 Census, N/A for some counties)
- Local school expenditure per student (in public schools, NCES, N/A for some counties)

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- Low-income share of students (share of age-18-22 students with bottom-20% parents, Tax Data 2)
- Low-income student success rate (share of low-income age-18-22 students who reach the top 40% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 2)

Local Demographics
- Percent Black (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent Hispanic (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent over age 65 (2010 Census)
- Percent college grad (4-yr college, 2012-2016 ACS)
- Crime rate (serious violent and property arrests per 10,000 residents, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, N/A for some counties)
- Life expectancy (at age 40, Tax Data 3, N/A for some counties)
- Opioid deaths (per 10,000 residents in 2017, CDC, N/A for some counties and some counties report population weighted commuting zone average)

Sources Legend
- ACS: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Surveys, 2012-2016
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database.
- Census: U.S. Census Bureau