

RESILIENT GWINNETT

2026

County-Level PACEs Data
Profiles from Resilient
Gwinnett Coalition



Resilient Gwinnett is the Mental and Behavioral Health initiative of the Gwinnett Coalition, bringing together cross-sector partners to strengthen access to mental health and substance use prevention, early intervention, and treatment across Gwinnett County. Through collaboration with schools, healthcare providers, nonprofits, government agencies, and community organizations, the coalition works to improve service coordination, increase awareness of available resources, and address gaps in care for children, youth, and families. Its efforts focus on data-informed planning, community education, and system alignment to ensure residents can access appropriate, timely, and culturally responsive behavioral health supports, while advancing collective strategies that promote well-being and long-term stability.

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- ✓ Goal 1: Increase awareness of mental and behavioral health resources
- ✓ Goal 2: Expand trauma-informed training and practices
- ✓ Goal 3: Improve coordination and alignment among behavioral health providers and partners.
- ✓ Goal 4: Strengthen cross-sector collaboration and partnerships
- ✓ Goal 5: Use data to identify service gaps and guide community solutions

The initiative centers on countywide collaboration to improve access to mental and behavioral health and substance use services through coordinated planning, shared data, and community education. The coalition convenes partners across multiple sectors to strengthen the behavioral health system, connect residents to appropriate resources, and address service gaps so children, youth, and families can obtain timely, effective, and culturally responsive care.



These data profiles have been developed in collaboration with Georgia Essentials for Childhood: Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences Through Data to Action. All data listed in this profile is pulled from the most recently available years on their PACES data mapping tool. Most recent data is between 2023-2024 unless otherwise indicated. Years are indicated within the profile.

What Are ACEs and How Are They Measured In Georgia?

ACEs Data for counties in DFCS Region 13

Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood. These events can have lasting impacts on individual health, well-being, and opportunity.

In Georgia, ACEs data is collected and compiled through the Georgia Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (GA-BRFSS) survey and is broken down by DFCS Region.

Resilient Gwinnett coalition is a part of DFCS Region #13, which includes Clayton, Cobb and Gwinnett counties

	R13		R13
Lived/Living with individual with depression, mental illness, or suicidality	19%	Violence Between Parents	21%
Lived/Living with individual with alcoholism	25%	Physical Abuse	30%
Lived/Living with someone who used drugs	12%	Emotional Abuse	37%
Lived/Living with someone who had been to prison	5%	Touched by someone 5+ years older	13%
Parents divorced	28%	Made to touch someone 5+ years older	8%
		Forced to have sex with someone 5+ years older	5%

Data source: BRFSS Survey conducted by DPH every two years. DFCS Region level currently available on the IPRCE/DPH data tools for 2023

What About PCEs?

Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs) are positive experiences that occur in childhood and encourage positive brain and social-emotional development. PCEs are protective factors that can help protect against increased risk for negative long-term health impacts from adverse childhood experiences.

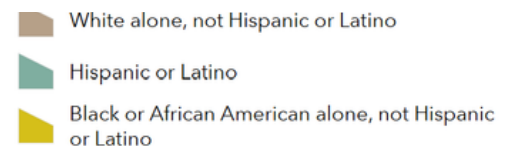
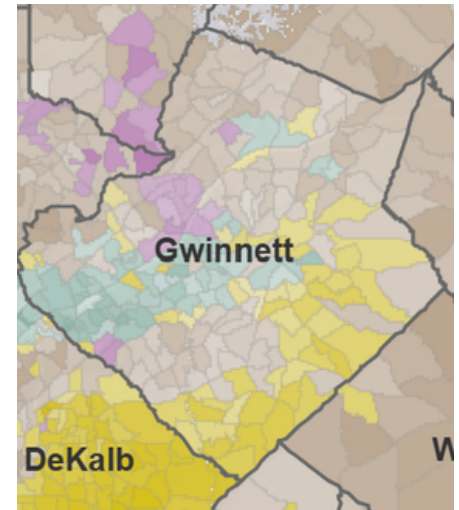
- ✓ Enjoyed community traditions
- ✓ Felt supported by friends
- ✓ Felt sense of belonging in high school
- ✓ Adult made you feel safe and protected
- ✓ Felt able to talk to family
- ✓ Felt family stood by you
- ✓ At least two non-parent adults took an interest

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County-Level PACEs Data Profile

Demographics	County	Georgia
Total Population	1,003,869	11,302,748
Population under 18	25%	23%
Population by Race/Ethnicity	County	Georgia
White	50%	58%
Black	31%	33%
Hispanic	25%	12%
Asian	15%	5%

Population Data Source: Georgia Census (2024)



Social Vulnerability in Gwinnett County

17

Gwinnett County's social vulnerability is at the 17th percentile within Georgia.

24

Gwinnett County is ranked #24 out of 159 counties for Health Outcomes

Social vulnerability percentiles show how at-risk a county is compared to others. When a community has a higher percentile, it faces greater challenges in preparing for, withstanding, or recovering from disasters like floods, hurricanes, or public health emergencies. A lower percentile means the community is more resilient, with better infrastructure, resources, and systems in place to manage risk. This percentile shows the vulnerability ranking compared to other Georgia counties.

High risk for vulnerability is defined by the U.S. Census Bureau's Community Resilience Estimates as having 3 or more of the following risk factors: Income to Poverty ratio; Single or Zero caregiver household; Crowding; Communication barriers; Households without full-time, year-round, employment; Disability; No health insurance; Age 65 years or older; No vehicle access; or no broadband internet access.

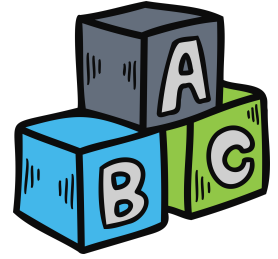
Data Source: National Risk Index (2023)

County rankings are based on health outcome data, including access to healthcare, infrastructure gaps, economic constraints, and workforce shortages. It's important to note that lower rankings in population health and community conditions often reflect structural barriers—not a lack of community strength or county deficits. Data source: University of Georgia Data. Georgiadata.org (2024)

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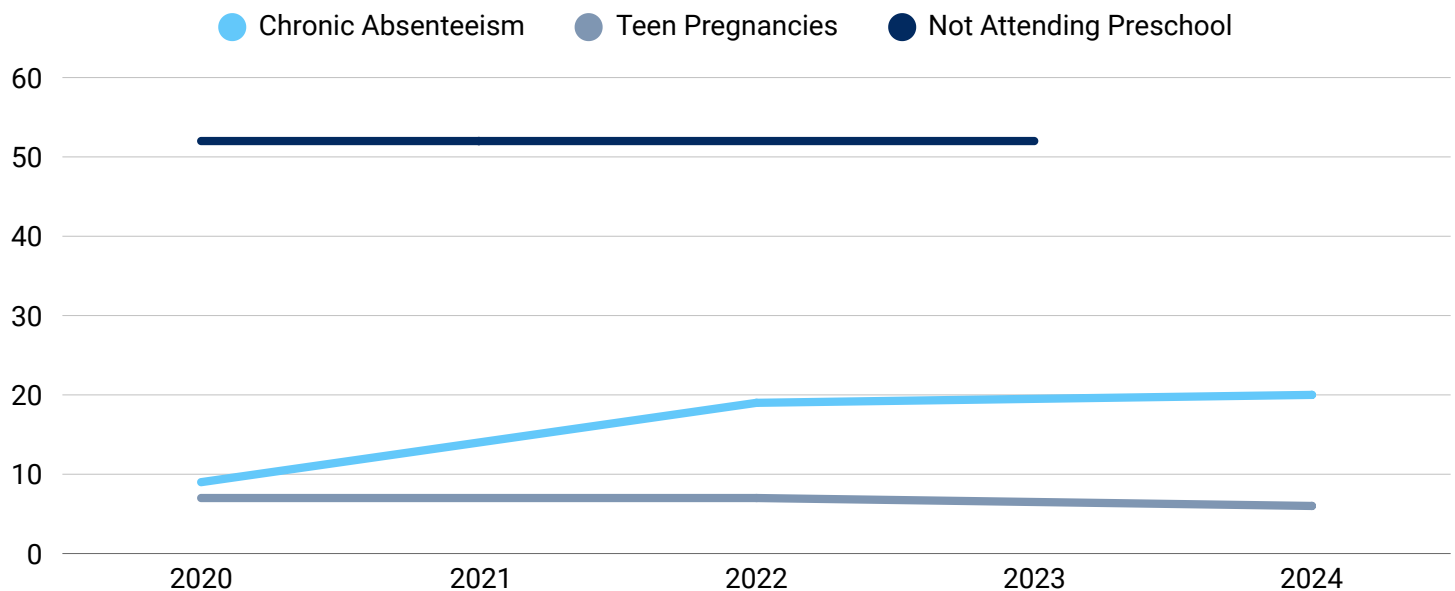
CDC Strategy: Ensure a strong start for children

Alignment with RG Strategy: Build Equitable Access to Early Prevention and Treatment



Indicator	State Average	County Average
Chronic Absenteeism	23%	20%
Teen Pregnancies, ages 15-17 (per 1000)	10	6
Children aged 3-4 years not attending Preschool	52%	52%

4-Year Trend



Data Source: Kids Count Data Center (2024) (Children aged 3-4 years not attending Preschool is an average of 2019-2023)

Chronic Absenteeism: Governor's Office of Student Achievement. The data is available on the GOSA Georgia Report Card dashboard and on the DPH/IPRCE PACEs data tools (2024).

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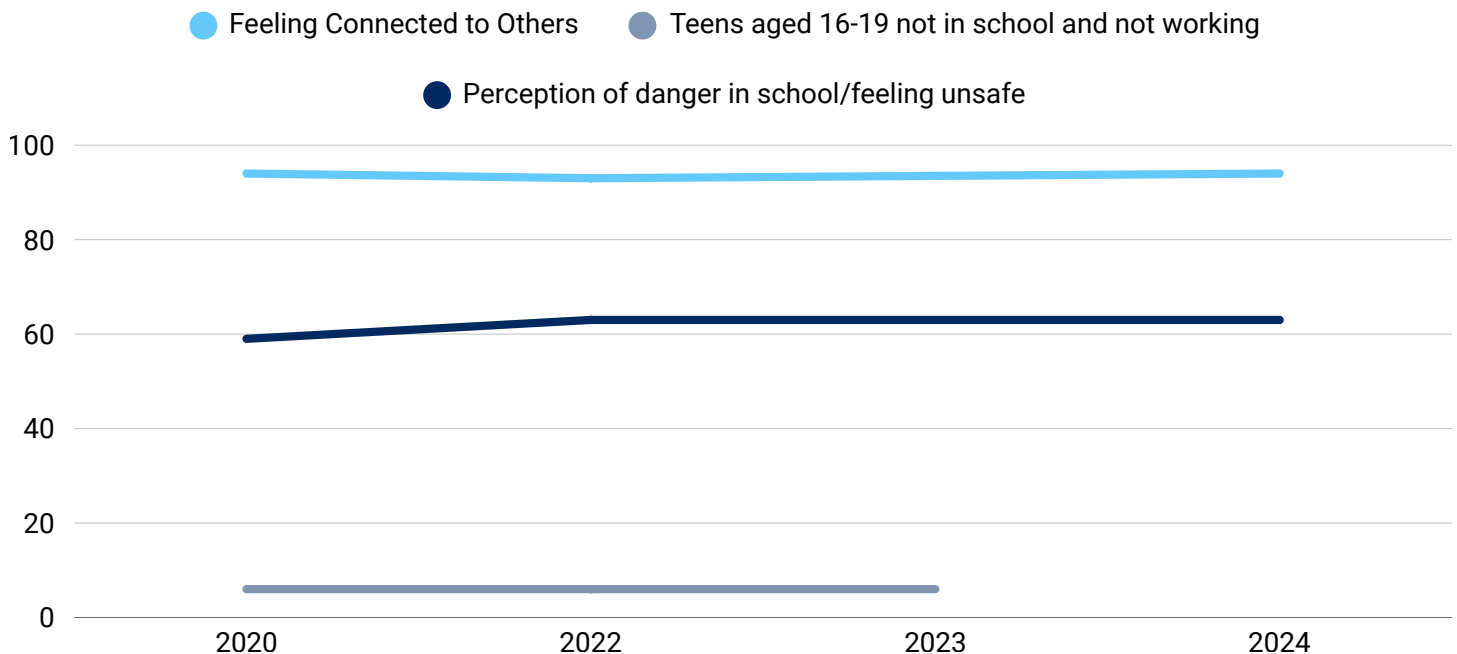
CDC Strategy: Promote social norms that protect against violence and adversity

Alignment with RG Strategy: Build Awareness and a Common Language



Indicator	State Average	County Average
Feeling connected to others at school	93%	94%
Teens ages 16-19 not in school and not working	6%	6%
Perception of danger in school/feeling unsafe	52%	63%

4-Year Trend



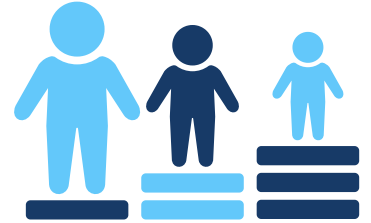
Feeling connected to others at school and **Perception of danger in school/feeling unsafe** is sourced by the Georgia Student Health Survey (2024)

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CDC Strategy: Strengthening Economic Supports to Families

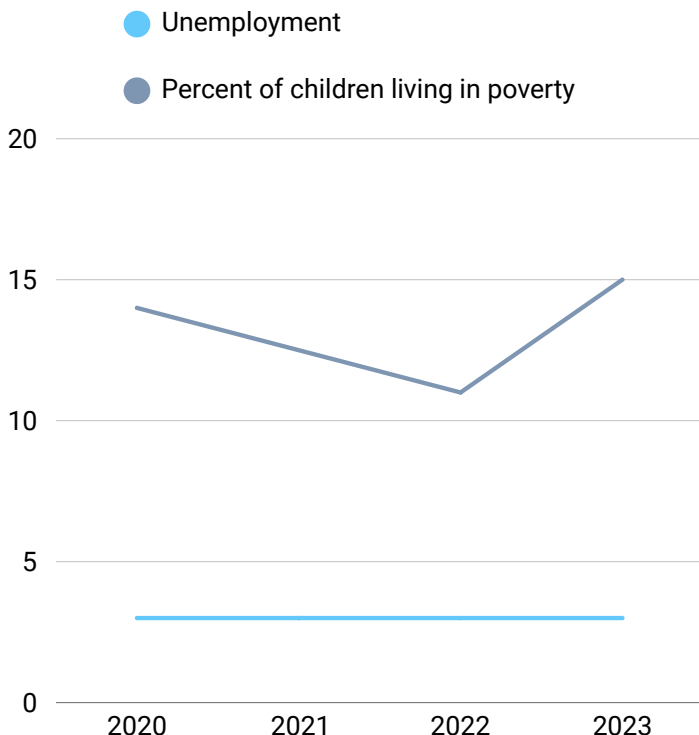
Alignment with RG Strategy: Address Health Equity Across All Populations That Experience Health Disparities



Indicator	State Average	County Average
Unemployment	4%	3%
Percent of children living in poverty	19%	15%
Housing Costs	25%	30%

**Housing costs are defined by the percent of individuals whose monthly mortgage is $\frac{1}{3}$ or more of their monthly income;
'Unemployment' is presented as an average between 2019-2023

4-Year Trend



Data source:
American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau (2023)

ALICE

ALICE refers to people who are Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed – earning more than the Federal Poverty Level, but not enough to afford the basics where they live. Learn more at [United Way for ALICE](#)

47%

Of households in Gwinnett County fall below the ALICE Threshold, making less than the basic cost of living for the county

79%

Of Single Female Headed Households with children are ALICE Households



70%

Of Single Male headed Households with children are ALICE Households

Data Source: Georgia United For ALICE (2023)

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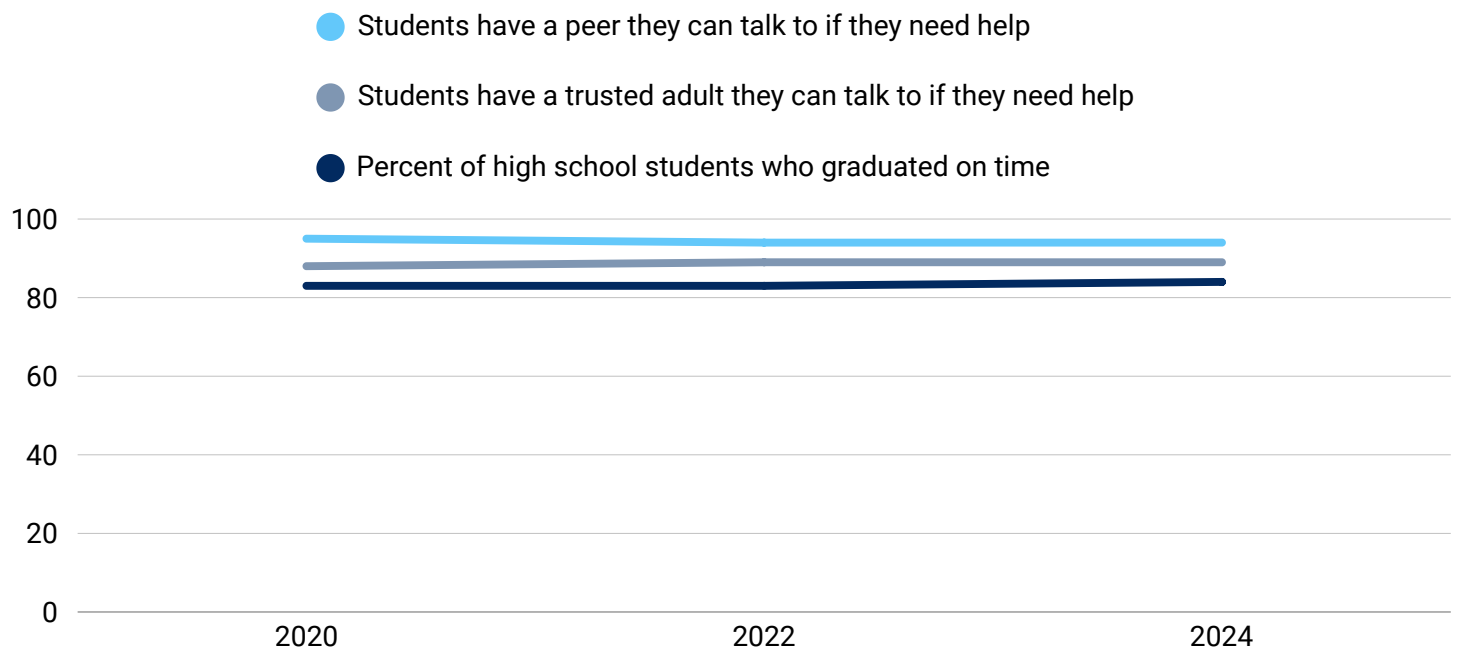
CDC Strategy: Teach Skills; Connect Youth to Caring Adults and Activities

Alignment with RG Strategy: Advance Workforce through Recruitment, Retention, Education, and Development



Indicator	State Average	County Average
Students have a peer they can talk to if they need help	92%	94%
Students have a trusted adult they can talk to if they need help	87%	89%
Percent of high school students who graduated on time	84%	84%
Population 25 years and over whose highest education completed is bachelor's degree or higher	34%	39%

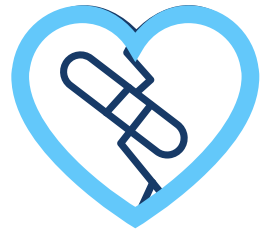
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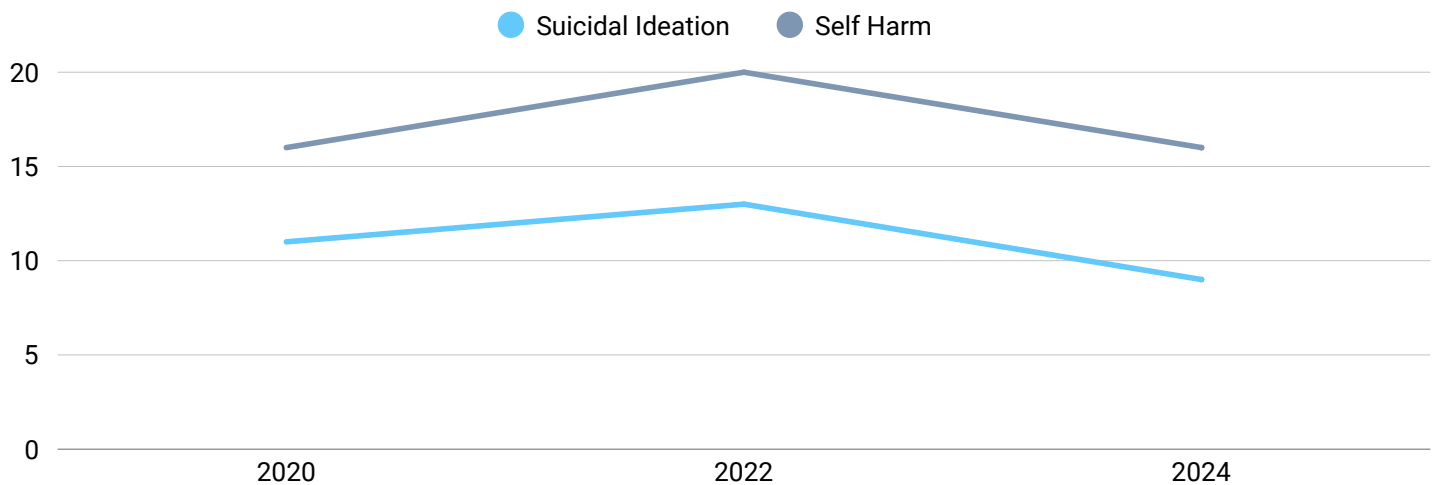
CDC Strategy: Intervene to lessen immediate and long-term harms



Alignment with RG Strategy: Develop and Implement Coordinated Trauma-Informed Practices Across Systems

Indicator	State Average	County Average
Children Subjected to Maltreatment Investigations per 10,000 children	11	5
Suicidal ideation on 1 or more occasions in past 30 days	11%	9%
Considered Self harm on 1 or more occasions in past 30 days	11%	16%

4-Year Trend



Data sources: Georgia Student Health Survey (2024)

Child Maltreatment Investigations is sourced from the DFCS reports and the data are obtained from Fostering Court Improvement (2020-2021)

SUMMARY

Demographics

Population under 18: Gwinnett 25% | Georgia 23%
White: Gwinnett 50% | Georgia 58%
Black: Gwinnett 31% | Georgia 33%
Hispanic: Gwinnett 25% | Georgia 12%
Asian: Gwinnett 15% | Georgia 5%
Social vulnerability: Gwinnett 17th percentile
Health outcomes rank: Gwinnett #24 of 159 counties

Early Childhood & Education

Chronic absenteeism: Gwinnett 20% | Georgia 23%
Teen pregnancies (ages 15–17): Gwinnett 6 | Georgia 10 per 1,000
Not attending preschool: Gwinnett 52% | Georgia 52%

School Climate & Youth Connection

Feeling connected to others: Gwinnett 94% | Georgia 93%
Not in school and not working (ages 16–19): Gwinnett 6% | Georgia 6%
Perception of danger at school: Gwinnett 63% | Georgia 52%

Economic Indicators

Unemployment: Gwinnett 3% | Georgia 4%
Children in poverty: Gwinnett 15% | Georgia 19%
Housing cost burden: Gwinnett 30% | Georgia 25%
Households below ALICE threshold: Gwinnett 47%
ALICE (single male-headed households): Gwinnett 70%
ALICE (single female-headed households): Gwinnett 79%

Protective Factors & Education

Trusted peer: Gwinnett 94% | Georgia 92%
Trusted adult: Gwinnett 89% | Georgia 87%
On-time graduation: Gwinnett 84% | Georgia 84%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+): Gwinnett 39% | Georgia 34%

Mental Health & Safety

Child maltreatment investigations: Gwinnett 5 | Georgia 11 per 10,000
Suicidal ideation (past 30 days): Gwinnett 9% | Georgia 11%
Self-harm (past 30 days): Gwinnett 16% | Georgia 11%