

Welcome to the School-Based Behavioral Health Interactive Map.

The purpose of this map is to provide a visual landscape of the existing supports and services addressing youth behavioral health in Georgia. Specific demographic levels were selected so users can identify resources for vulnerable populations and organizations addressing community needs can identify geographical gaps in programming and services. This mapping tool is designed for the simultaneous exploration of behavioral health programs and services, youth demographics, and student wellness. The map levels are divided into five groups:

1. Statewide Boundaries
2. Prevention programming
3. County Behavioral Health Programs
4. Student Wellness Data
5. Demographics

Statewide Boundaries

This group consists of layers that represent the geographical boundaries Georgia is organized into, including counties, school districts, census(?), and House and Senate jurisdictions. These layers can be used to visualize which parts of the state where resources are concentrated, sparse, or non-existent.

Prevention Programming

This group consists of a few of the Tier 1 programming initiatives in Georgia that serve youth. Tier 1 refers to the prevention efforts in a multi-tiered system approach. This type of programming includes behavioral health literacy training, awareness efforts, and family engagement efforts.

County Behavioral Health Programs

This group consists of a few of the Tier 2 and 3 programming initiatives in Georgia that serve youth. Tiers 2 and 3 are early intervention and direct services in a multi-tiered system approach. Direct services and early intervention are provided by several entities, some of which collaborate while others do not.

Student Wellness Data

The group "Student Wellness Data" consists of data from the Georgia Student Health Survey (GSHS). The GSHS is an anonymous, statewide survey instrument created by the Georgia Department of Education in collaboration with other state partners. The GSHS is administered online each year to students in grades 3-12. The survey captures data around safety, climate, and health issues that impact student achievement. This data is intended to guide school prevention and intervention strategies. To learn more about the GSHS, visit the Georgia Department of Education's [website](#).


Demographics

This group includes data from the US Census American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates (2017-2021), The Georgia Office of Student Achievement, and County Health Rankings (<https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/>). This group can be used as a background layer to give context to the other data points.

Example of the Use:

Organization ABC is looking to expand their prevention programming to an additional school district in Georgia. Their primary focus is suicide prevention in families that English is not their first language. They have an idea of which school district they would like to work in but want to be sure they consider other school districts that have a high need. Organization ABC uses this map to identify districts with the highest percent of the population that speaks a language other than English at home and with the highest rates of suicide ideation among public school students.

User Guide:

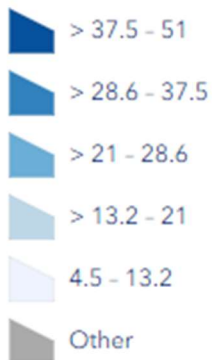
Start by expanding the group you are interested in by clicking on the "arrow"  in the "Level Selection" column. The "GA School Districts" level is turned on by default as this layer is the most common data point. Continue by clicking on the check box next to the level you wish to view on the map .



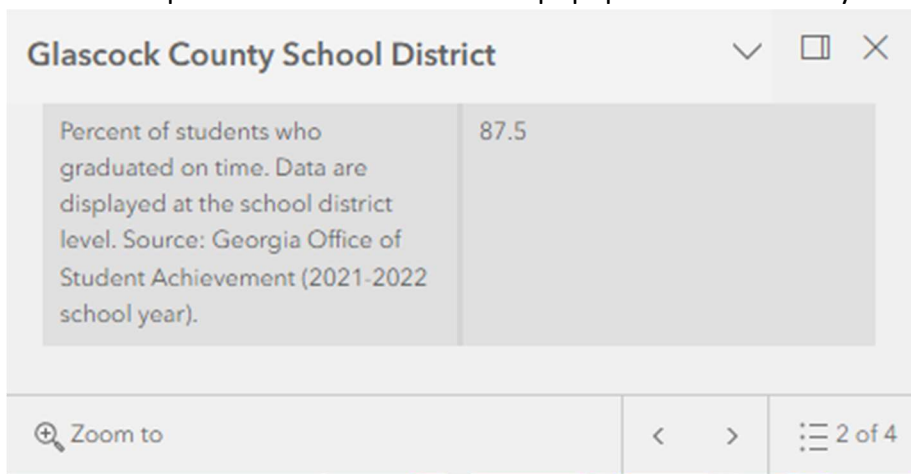
Each level selected will appear in the left hand "Legend" to describe how the data is displayed.

Children in Poverty

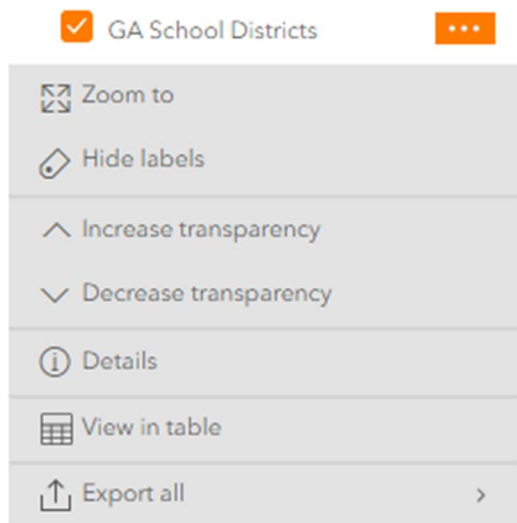
Percent of Children (under 18 years) whose income in the past 12 months is below poverty level



Clicking on the map will reveal a "popup" of information for the layer that is turned on. In some cases there will be multiple levels turned on and the popup will have to be cycled using the bottom right arrows:



The raw data for a level can be viewed in a table or exported to a CSV by clicking on the three dots next to the level name.



The user can search for any School District or County they are interested in by using the search bar.

