Girls’ Well-Being: Georgia vs. the United States
The State of Girls 2017

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This profile summarizes recent trends in the well-being of girls living in Georgia, compared with girls living in the U.S.

**Education**

- **Girls ages 16-19 who are high school dropouts:** Georgia 4%, United States 3%
- **Girls ages 3-4 who are not enrolled in preschool:** Georgia 46%, United States 53%
- **Fourth-grade girls who are not proficient in reading:** Georgia 63%, United States 61%
- **Eighth-grade girls who are not proficient in math:** Georgia 72%, United States 67%

**Georgia State Ranking**

44th

The state ranking is based on 13 national measures of girls’ well-being.*

**Extracurricular and Out-of-School Activities**

- **Girls ages 12-17 not involved in any community service or volunteer work:** Georgia 19%, United States 17%
- **Girls ages 6-17 who do not participate in any organized activities:** Georgia 23%, United States 18%
- **Girls ages 6-17 who watch TV or play video games 3+ hours per day:** Georgia 22%, United States 20%

**Top ranked states for girls’ well-being:**

1. New Hampshire
2. Utah
3. Minnesota
4. Vermont
5. South Dakota
6. Massachusetts
7. Nebraska
8. Connecticut
9. Maine
10. North Dakota
Physical and Emotional Health

- **Girls ages 6-17 with any emotional behavioral or developmental issues:** Georgia 10%, United States 9%
- **Girls ages 6-17 who do not feel safe at school:** Georgia 10%, United States 7%
- **Girls ages 10-17 who are overweight or obese:** Georgia 36%, United States 28%
- **Girls ages 6-17 who exercise less than four days per week:** Georgia 37%, United States 38%

Economic Well-Being

- **Girls ages 5-17 living in poverty:** Georgia 25%, United States 19%
- **Girls ages 5-17 in single-parent families:** Georgia 37%, United States 34%

Girls’ Race/Ethnicity

- **White:** Georgia 46%, United States 51%
- **Latina:** Georgia 13%, United States 25%
- **Multiracial:** Georgia 3%, United States 4%
- **American Indian:** Georgia 0%, United States 1%
- **Asian:** Georgia 4%, United States 5%
- **Black:** Georgia 34%, United States 14%

Girls’ Immigrant Status

- **Girls ages 5-17 living in immigrant families:** Georgia 21%, United States 26%

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Source: PRB analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (ACS), U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates, National Survey of Children’s Health (NSCH), and National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). ACS, NSCH, and NAEP estimates are based on surveys of the population and are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. These measures represent the most recent data gathered from national and government sources for the period 2012-2015.

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Girls’ Well-Being in Georgia: 2007 – Present

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This profile summarizes recent trends in the well-being of the 898,267 girls ages 5 to 17 living in Georgia across two time points: before and after the Great Recession, which took place from 2007 to 2009.

Education

- Girls ages 3-4 who are not enrolled in preschool: 49% (2007) vs. 46% (2014-2015)
- Girls ages 6-17 who are not proficient in reading: 69% (2007) vs. 72% (2014-2015)
- Girls ages 16-19 who are high school dropouts: 8% (2007) vs. 4% (2014-2015)
- Eighth-grade girls who are not proficient in math: 77% (2007) vs. 72% (2014-2015)

The population of girls living in Georgia rose to 898,267 in 2014 from 861,865 in 2007.

Extracurricular and Out-of-School Activities

- Girls ages 12-17 not involved in any community service or volunteer work: 19% (2007) vs. 19% (2012)
- Girls ages 6-17 who do not participate in any organized activities: 16% (2007) vs. 23% (2012)
- Girls ages 6-17 who watch TV or play video games 3+ hours per day: 20% (2007) vs. 22% (2012)

Top ranked states for girls’ well-being:

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Physical and Emotional Health

- Girls ages 6-17 with any emotional, behavioral or developmental issues: 7% in 2007, 10% in 2012.
- Girls ages 6-17 who do not feel safe at school: 8% in 2007, 10% in 2012.
- Girls ages 10-17 who are overweight or obese: 35% in 2007, 36% in 2012.
- Girls ages 6-17 who exercise less than four days per week: 42% in 2007, 37% in 2012.

Economic Well-Being

- Girls ages 5-17 in single-parent families: 35% in 2007, 37% in 2014.

Girls’ Race/Ethnicity

- White: 52% in 2007, 46% in 2014.
- Multiracial: 2% in 2007, 3% in 2014.
- American Indian: 0% in 2007, 0% in 2014.
- Asian: 3% in 2007, 4% in 2014.
- Black: 34% in 2007, 34% in 2014.

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