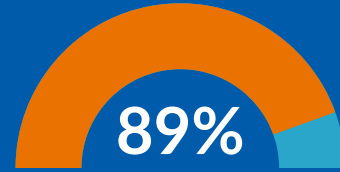


EDUCATION: NORTHEAST GEORGIA

HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION¹



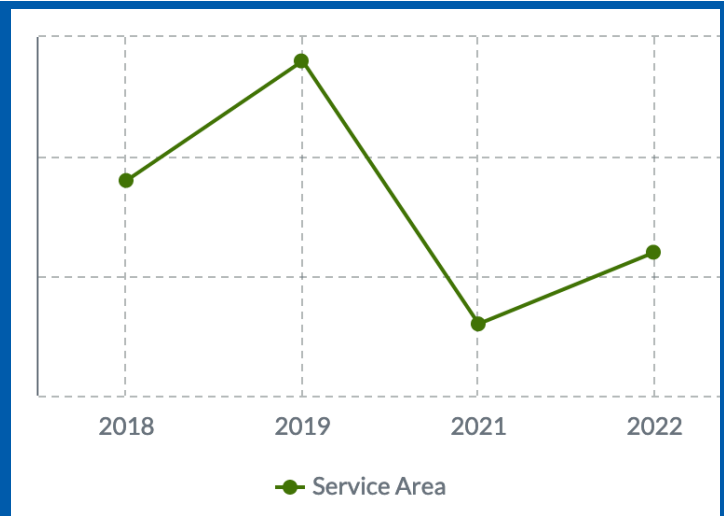
About 85% of the population has completed high school. This is about 4% lower than the state average.

The service area high school's graduate rate was 89% as of 2022. This is about 5% higher than the state average.

THIRD GRADE LITERACY²

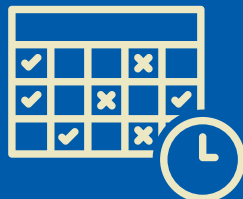
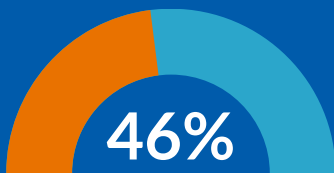
The percentage of third grade students scoring average or above on Milestones English Language Arts assessment has decreased from 44% in 2019 to 33% percent in 2021

Average 3rd grade reading performance level on a 4.0 scale in the service area is currently at 2.98



STUDENT ABSENCES²

The Georgia Department of Education defines truancy as any student who has more than 5 days of unexcused absences during a calendar school year. Missing more than 4 days of school can negatively impact students' grades.



There is a high prevalence of absences in the service area's school systems compared to the state average with 46% of students having acquired between 6-15 absences within the year and 24% acquiring over 15 days absent from school.

8 out of 10

Counties have a higher percentage of absent students between 6-15 days than the state average.

Franklin County has the highest percentage at 50.4%.

6 out of 10

Counties have a higher percentage of absent students for more than 15 days than the state average.

Banks County has the highest percentage at 31.1%.

[1] The Governor's Office of Student Achievement Georgia

[2] Kids Count Data Center