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# Trends in Academic Performance in Gordon County, Georgia

VERSION 2025.1

This report summarizes district-level educational outcomes using data from the Stanford Education Data Archive (SEDA) from 2009-2025. Figures may contain gaps where source data are unavailable.

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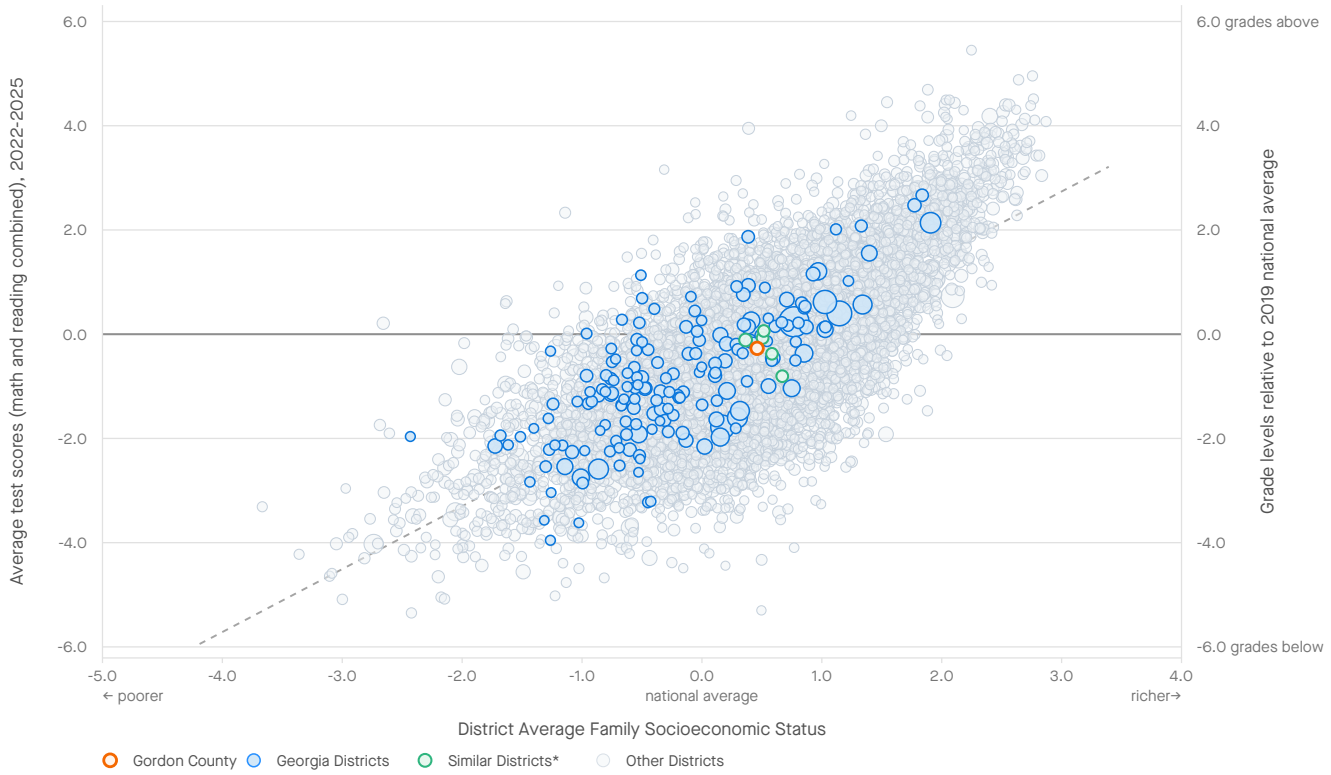
## Average Grade 3-8 Test Scores, 2022-2025, by District Socioeconomic Status

Average test scores in grades 3-8 reflect the set of educational opportunities available to students in the district, including those provided by their families, preschools, neighborhoods, and elementary and middle schools.

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## Average Test Scores and Trends, 2022-2025

### ALL STUDENTS

| | 2022-2025 Average Scores | 2022-2025 Trend in Test Scores |
|---|---|---|
| **Gordon County** | -0.27 | -0.08 |
| **Similar Districts Avg.*** | -0.24 | -0.07 |
| **Georgia** | -0.49 | 0.02 |

Test scores are reported in grade level units, relative to the 2019 national average. For example, the first row above reads: "Students in Gordon County performed 0.27 grade levels below the 2019 national average. Test scores in Gordon County have been changing at a rate of -0.08 grade levels/year since 2022."

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### STUDENT SUBGROUPS

| | 2022-2025 Average Scores | 2022-2025 Trend in Test Scores |
|---|---|---|
| **White** | -0.21 | -0.05 |
| **Black** | -1.97 | N/A |
| **Hispanic** | -0.48 | -0.16 |
| **Asian** | N/A | N/A |
| **Poor** | -0.76 | 0.10 |
| **Non-Poor** | 0.84 | 0.31 |
| **Female** | -0.20 | -0.10 |
| **Male** | -0.33 | -0.06 |

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## Trends in Average Grade 3-8 Test Scores, 2009-2025, by Subject and Student Subgroup

Trends in test scores may reflect changes in school quality, changes in demographics, and/or changes in out-of-school educational opportunities.

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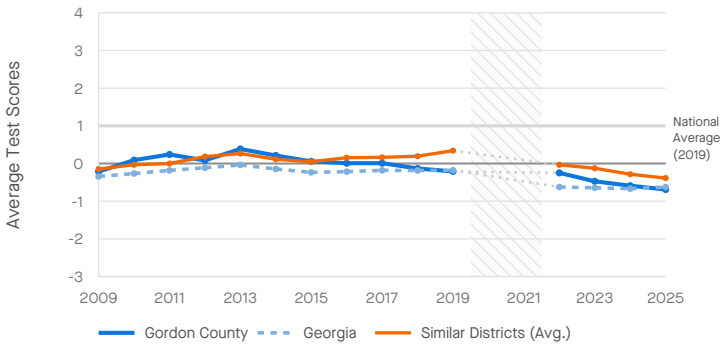


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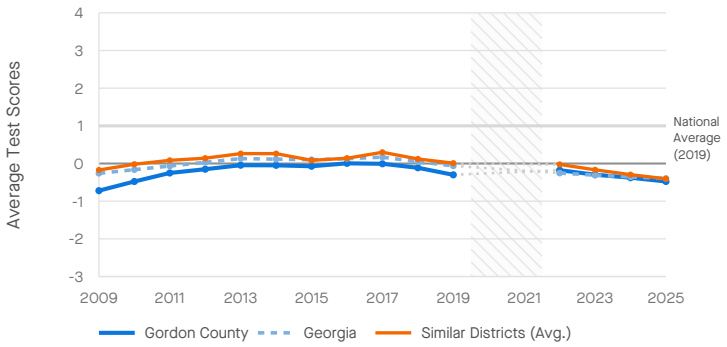


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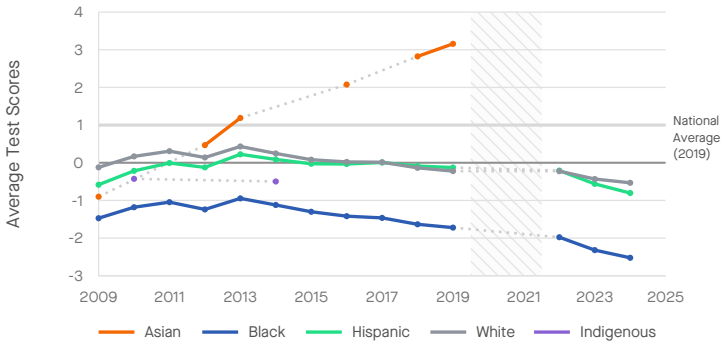


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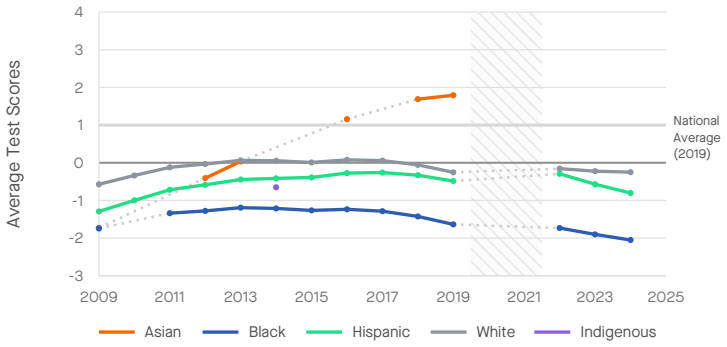


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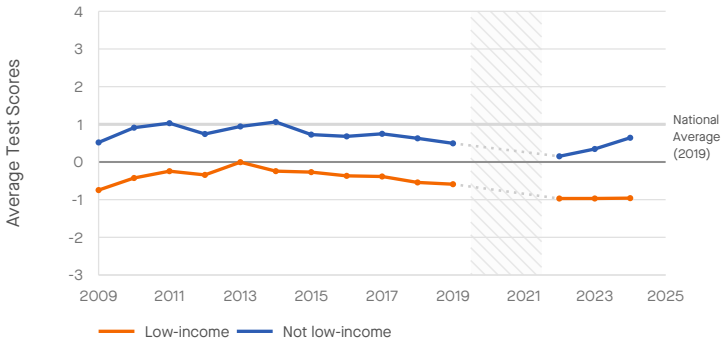


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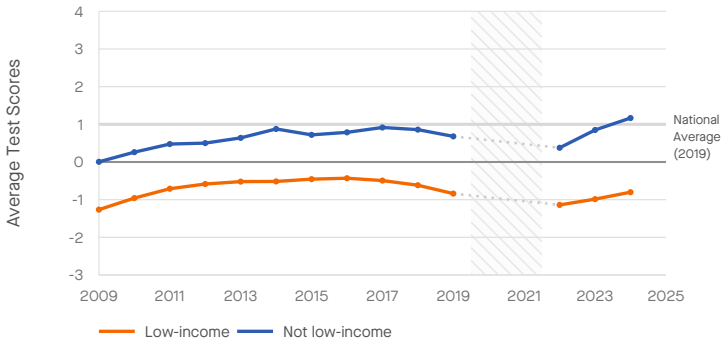


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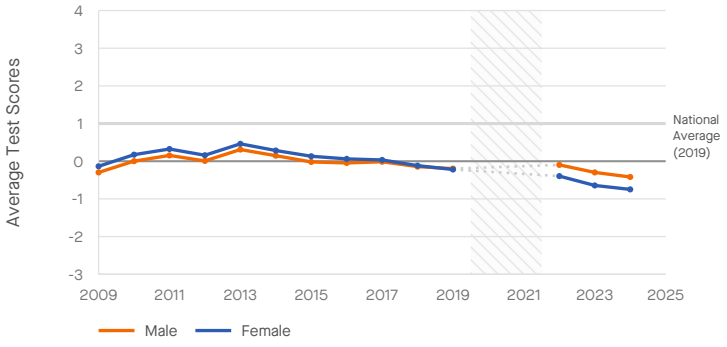


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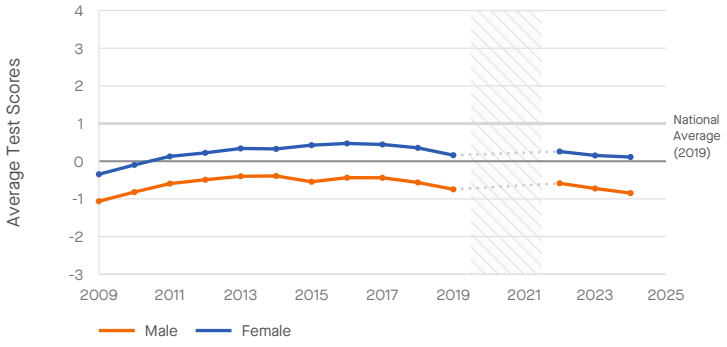

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## Academic Performance Rankings, 2022-2025, Relative to Other Districts in the U.S.

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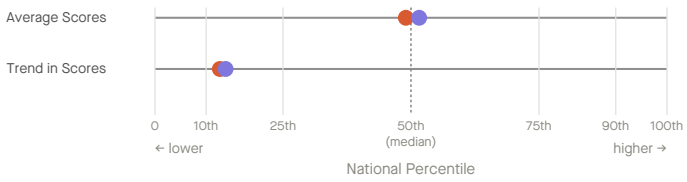
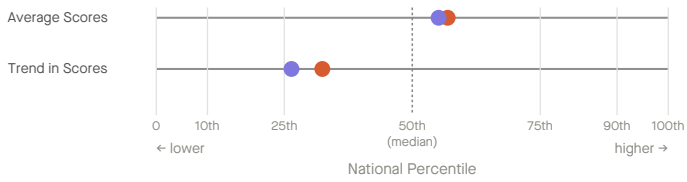



| | Average | Trend |
|---|---|---|
| Gordon County | 5,205 / 10,205 (49th pct) | 4,775 / 5,468 (13th pct) |
| Similar Districts Avg. | 4,940 / 10,205 (52nd pct) | 4,714 / 5,468 (14th pct) |

Gordon County ranked higher than 49% of districts nationwide in average math performance during the 2022-25 school years (5,205th of 10,205 districts with available data).

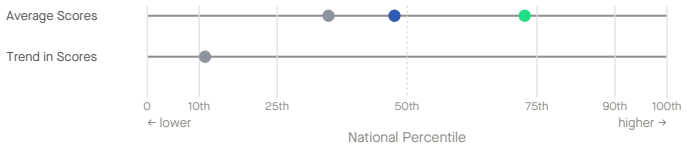
### Reading Ranks




| | Average | Trend |
|---|---|---|
| Gordon County | 4,342 / 10,076 (57th pct) | 3,834 / 5,673 (32nd pct) |
| Similar Districts Avg. | 4,520 / 10,076 (55th pct) | 4,175 / 5,673 (26th pct) |

Gordon County ranked higher than 57% of districts nationwide in average reading performance during the 2022-25 school years (4,342nd of 10,076 districts with available data).

### Math Ranks by Race/Ethnicity




| | Average | Trend |
|---|---|---|
| White | 5,671 / 8,707 (35th pct) | 3,184 / 3,582 (11th pct) |
| Black | 1,316 / 2,508 (48th pct) | N/A |
| Hispanic | 1,256 / 4,583 (73rd pct) | N/A |

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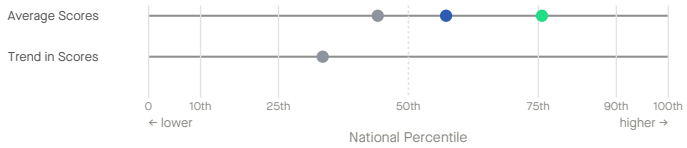
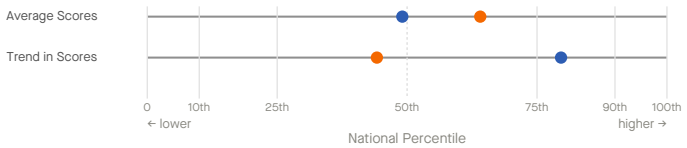


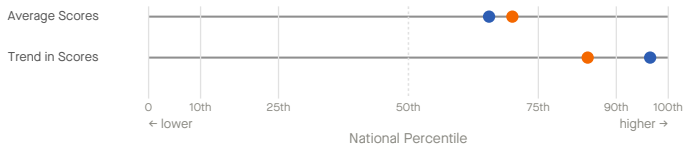

| | Average | Trend |
|---|---|---|
| White | 4,912 / 8,785 (44th pct) | 2,621 / 3,941 (34th pct) |
| Black | 1,131 / 2,644 (57th pct) | N/A |
| Hispanic | 1,134 / 4,662 (76th pct) | N/A |

### Math Ranks by Income




| | Average | Trend |
|---|---|---|
| Low-income | 3,189 / 8,875 (64th pct) | 1,594 / 2,855 (44th pct) |
| Not low-income | 4,324 / 8,489 (49th pct) | 638 / 3,127 (80th pct) |

### Reading Ranks by Income




| | Average | Trend |
|---|---|---|
| Low-income | 2,697 / 8,987 (70th pct) | 495 / 3,186 (84th pct) |
| Not low-income | 2,965 / 8,596 (66th pct) | 117 / 3,311 (97th pct) |

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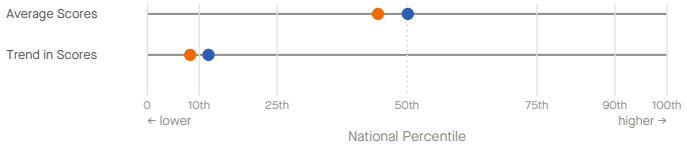
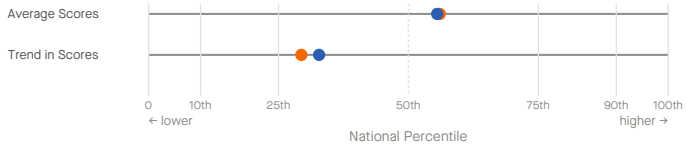



| | Average | Trend |
|---|---|---|
| Female | 4,732 / 8,509 (44th pct) | 2,954 / 3,219 (8th pct) |
| Male | 4,238 / 8,497 (50th pct) | 2,621 / 2,971 (12th pct) |

### Reading Ranks by Gender




| | Average | Trend |
|---|---|---|
| Female | 3,813 / 8,670 (56th pct) | 2,460 / 3,483 (29th pct) |
| Male | 3,849 / 8,652 (56th pct) | 2,297 / 3,418 (33rd pct) |

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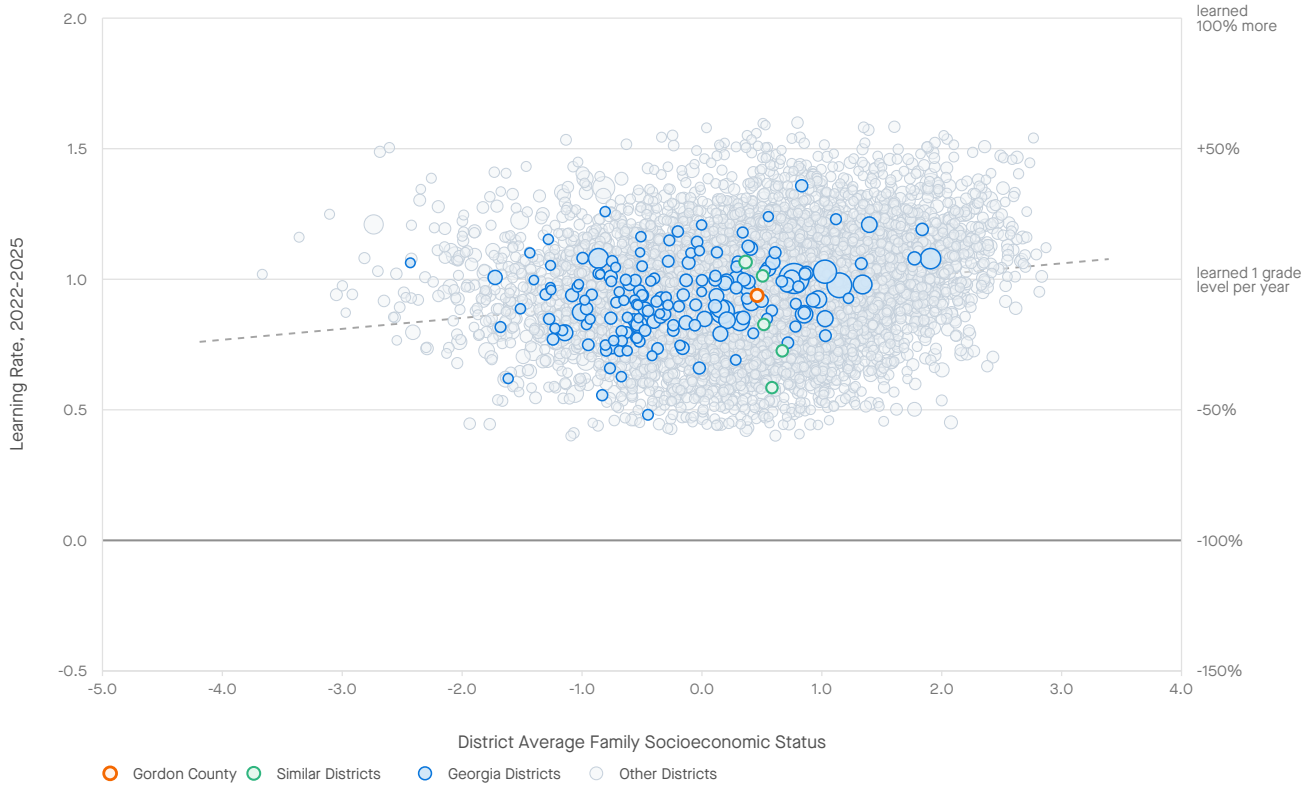
## Average Grades 3-8 Learning Rates, 2022-2025, by District Socioeconomic Status

Learning rates measure how much students' scores improve as they progress from grade to grade. They are a better indicator of school quality than average test scores, which are influenced by a range of experiences outside of school.

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## Learning Rates and Trends, 2022-2025

### ALL STUDENTS

| | 2022-2025 Learning Rate | 2022-2025 Trend in Learning Rates |
|---|---|---|
| **Gordon County** | 0.94 | 0.01 |
| **Similar Districts Avg.*** | 0.88 | -0.02 |
| **Georgia** | 0.97 | -0.02 |

Learning rates are measured in grade levels of skills gained per year and are averaged over math and reading. The national average learning rate is 1.0. For example, the first row above reads: "Students in Gordon County learned an average of 0.94 grade levels/year during 2022-2025. Learning rates in Gordon County have been changing at a rate of +0.01 grade levels/year since 2022."

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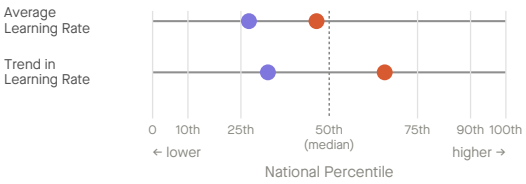
## Learning Rate Rankings




| | Average | Trend |
|---|---|---|
| Gordon County | 4,367 / 8,147 (46th pct) | 2,081 / 6,065 (66th pct) |
| Similar Districts Avg. | 5,926 / 8,147 (27th pct) | 4,086 / 6,065 (33rd pct) |

Gordon County ranked higher than 46% of districts nationwide in average learning rates during the 2022-25 school years (4,367th of 8,147 districts with available data).

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## Trends in Average Grade 3-8 Learning Rates, 2009-2025, by Student Subgroup

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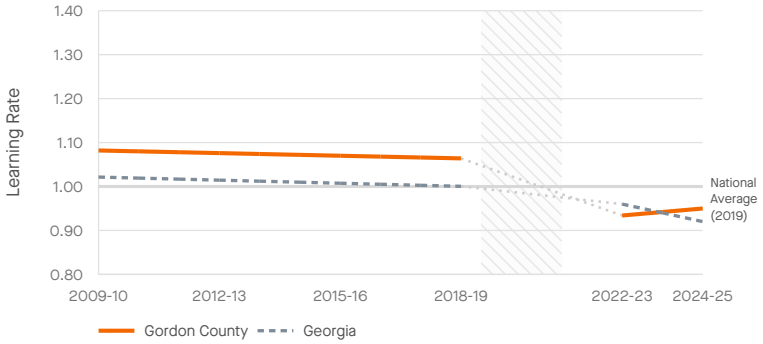
### Trend in Learning Rates (All Students)

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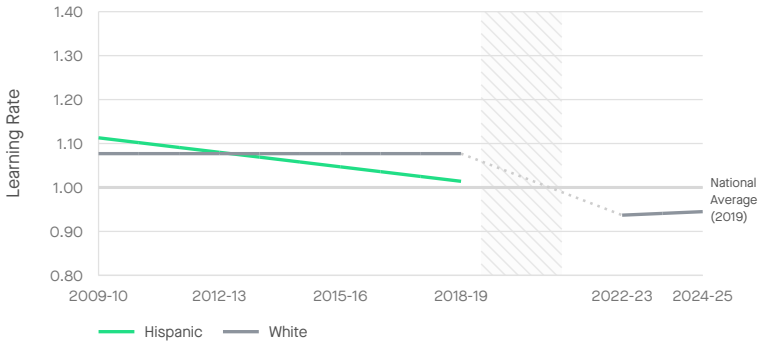


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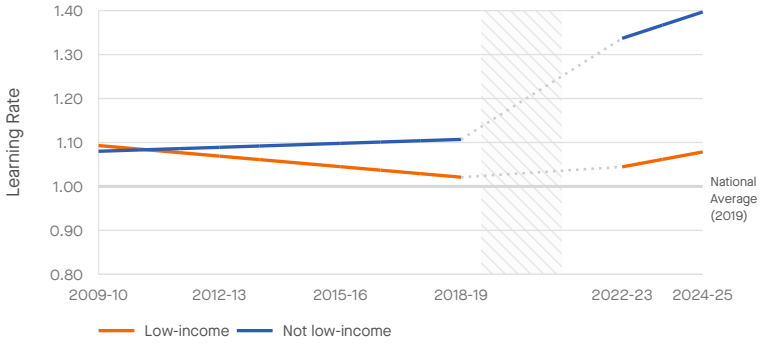


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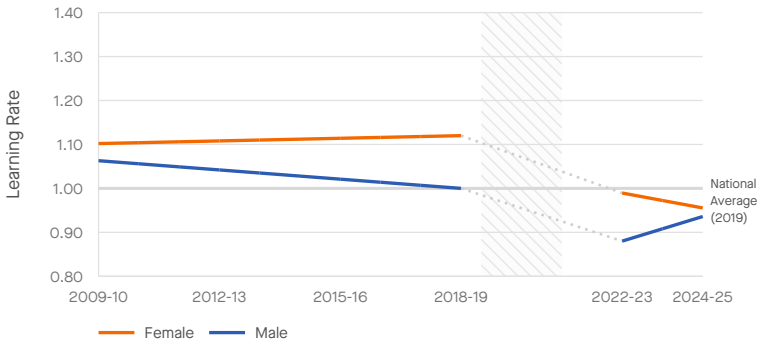

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## Trends in Chronic Absenteeism

Chronic absenteeism rates indicate the proportion of students who were absent 10% or more of the school year.

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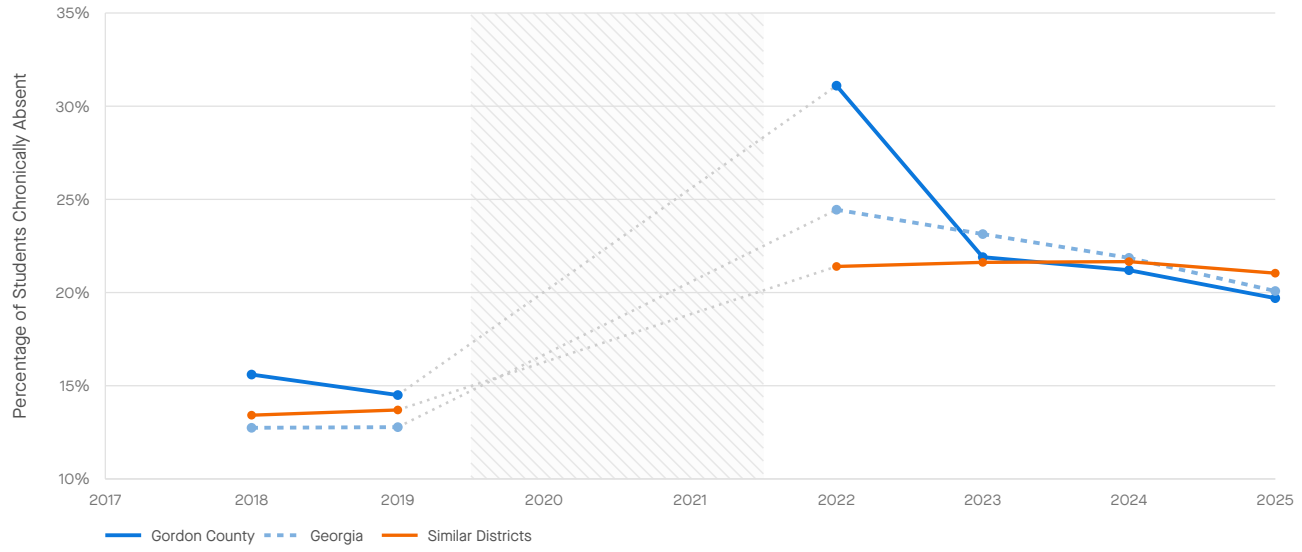


## Trends in Chronic Absenteeism

### ALL STUDENTS

| | 2017-2019 Avg. Chronic Absenteeism | 2022-2025 Avg. Chronic Absenteeism | Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Gordon County** | 15.1 | 23.5 | +8.4 |
| **Similar Districts Avg.*** | 13.6 | 21.4 | +7.9 |
| **Georgia** | 12.8 | 22.4 | +9.6 |

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Absenteeism data courtesy of Nat Malkus, American Enterprise Institute.

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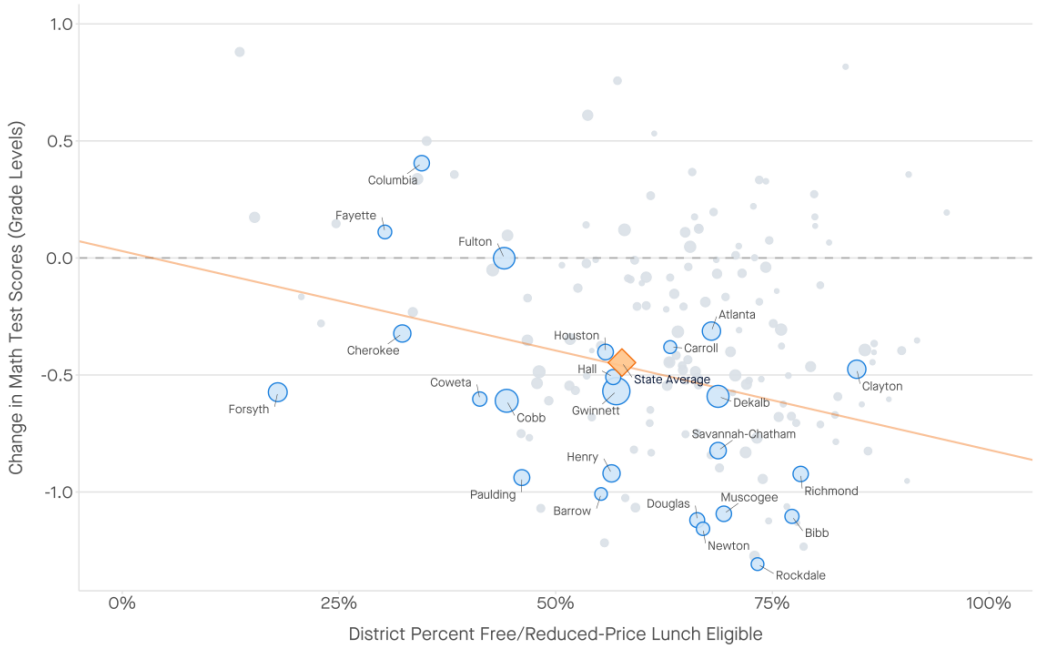
### Change in Math Scores, 2019-2025

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Largest Districts  State Average

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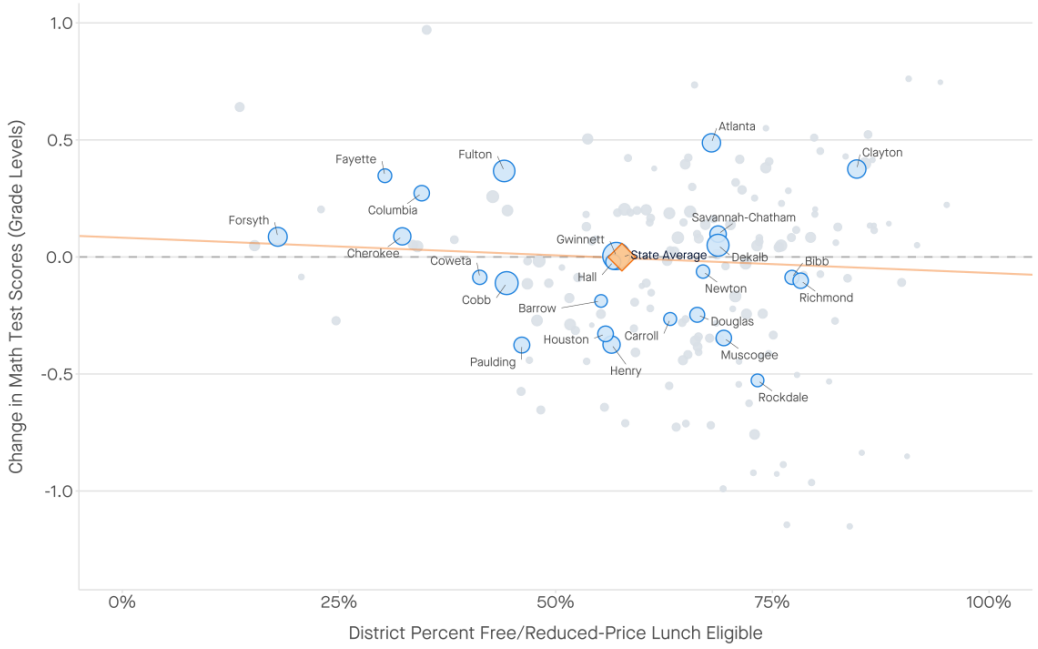


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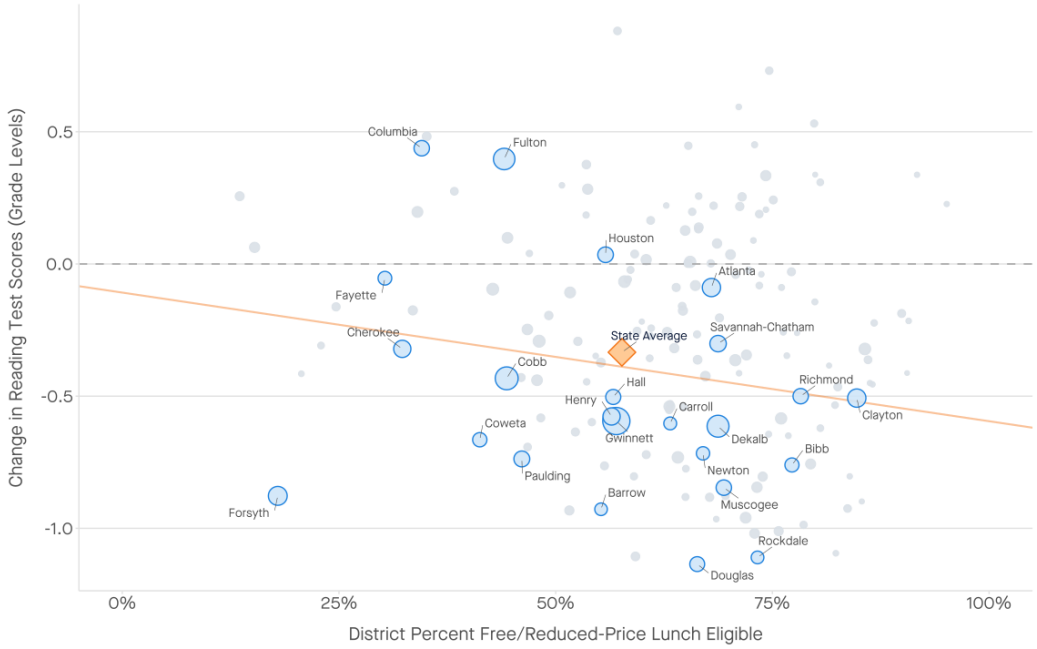


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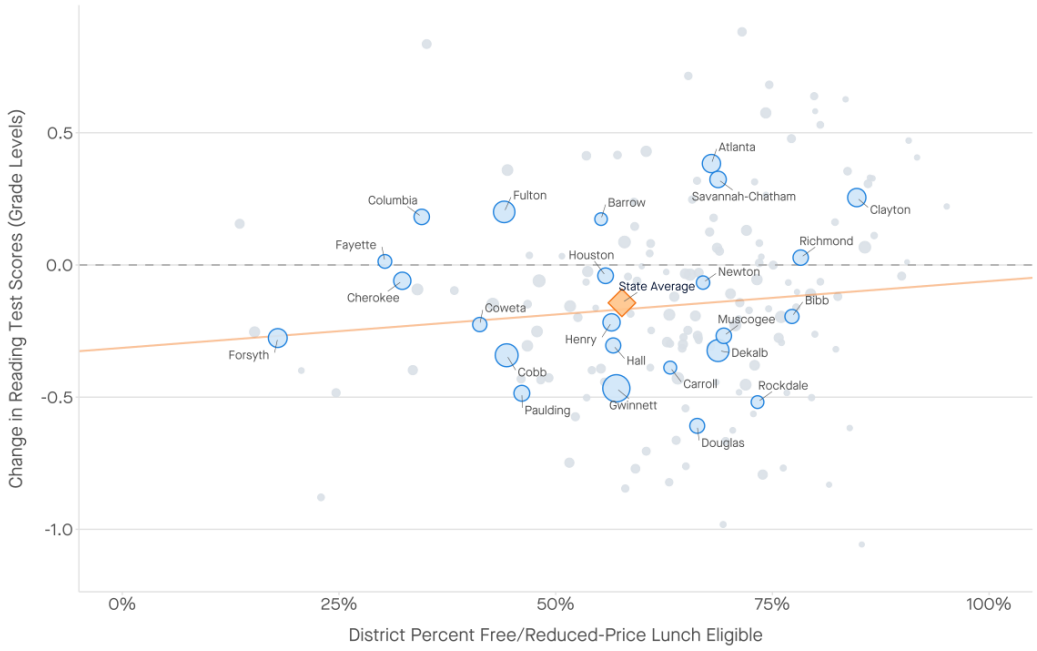


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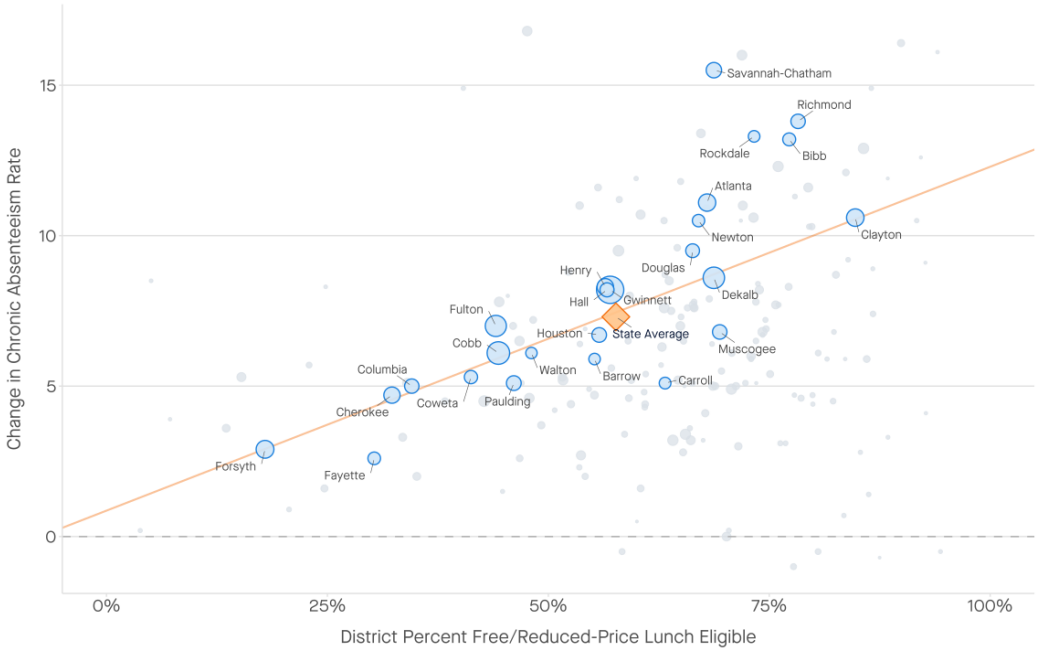


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# Notes & Acknowledgments

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