

Spalding County

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Trends in Locally Selected Indicators for Spalding County










Indicators from the most recent county annual plan for Spalding County were used to compare with current data. A table and graph are provided. Where applicable, the graph(s) shows data for indicators trending negatively.

The table presents:

1. County benchmark year data is compared to current indicator data, where possible.
2. County current year data is compared to the state mean.

For each comparison, a status is given.

-  Indicates that the county is improving by 10% or better
-  Indicates that the county is within the range of 10% better to 10% worse
-  Indicates that the county is worsening by more than 10%

COUNTY BENCHMARK YEAR DATA COMPARED TO CURRENT DATA						COUNTY CURRENT DATA COMPARED TO GEORGIA	
INDICATOR	Benchmark Data from Plan	Year	Most Recent County Data	Most Recent Year	Most Recent County Data Compared to Benchmark	Georgia	Most Recent County Data Compared to Georgia
School absence	12.2%	2007	9.1%	2012		8.9%	
High school graduation*	58.8%	2011	63.9%	2012	-	69.7%	
Child neglect	14.4/1,000	2009	9.8/1,000	2012		4.7/1,000	
8 th grader students meeting or exceeding the reading CRCT standard	85.7%	2007	97.6%	2012		97.7%	
Free and reduced lunch	63.9%	2008	74.5%	2013		59.8%	

*GA DOE changed the method of calculation for high school graduation in 2011, so a trend cannot yet be calculated. A two year comparison is provided.

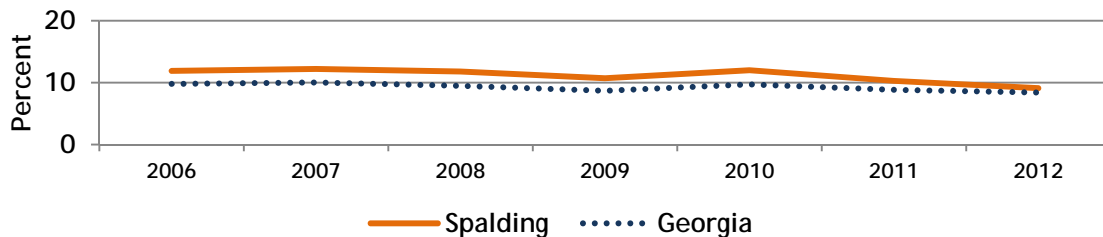
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SCHOOL ABSENTEEISM

- A child who does well in school in the early years has a better chance at future school success. School absence is linked to poor academic performance and is associated with substance abuse and delinquency.
- Best practices include increasing parent/guardian and family involvement to identify and address underlying causes of truancy within the family.

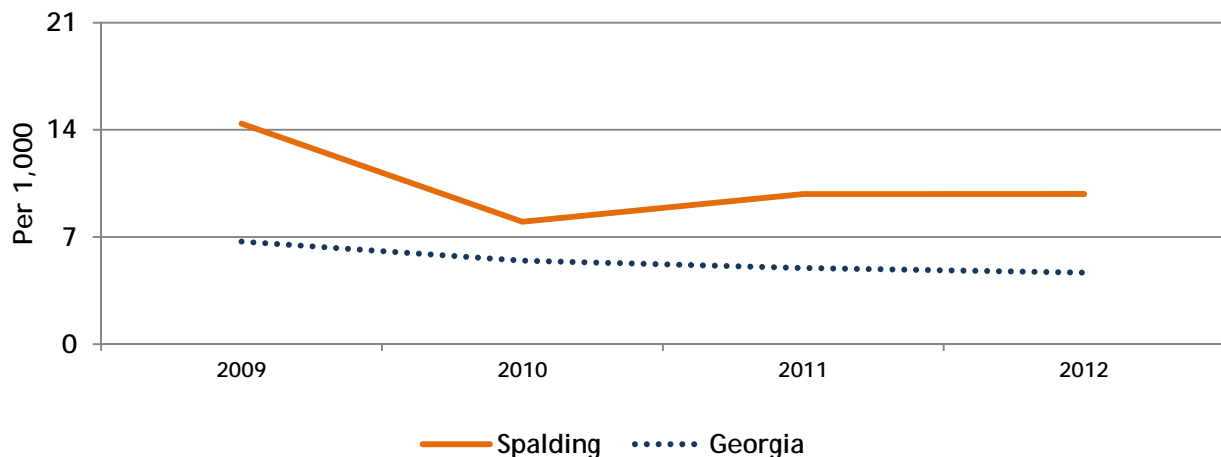
Spalding Absentee Rate Remains Mirrors the State Rate



CHILD NEGLECT

- Young children who suffer maltreatment are at increased risk as adults for adverse health effects and behaviors, including substance abuse, eating disorders and obesity, depression, suicide, sexual promiscuity, and certain chronic diseases.
- Best practices include increasing public awareness of the scope of child abuse and neglect, and its long-lasting impact on children.

Spalding Child Neglect Remains Higher than the State



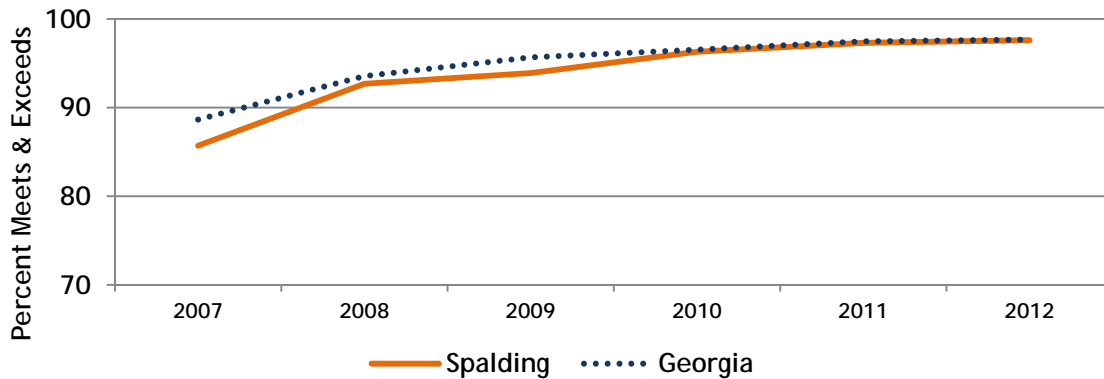
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8th GRADE CRCT

- In the 8th grade, the standardized Reading and Math CRCT is a promotional test. Students must pass this test before advancing to the ninth grade.
- Best practices include using alternative teaching methods that allow children to progress on an individual basis and to work together in cooperative learning.

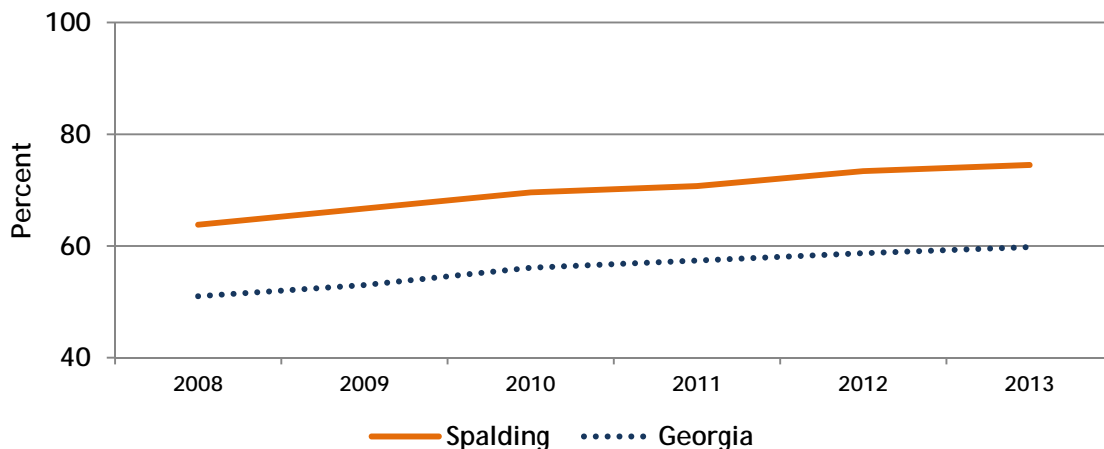
Spalding 8th Grade Reading CRCT Increased Over Past 3 Years



FREE AND REDUCED PRICE LUNCH

- Hunger and malnourishment can have harmful effects on learning, development, productivity, family life, and mental and physical health.
- Educate parents on the importance of balanced nutrition for children's health and academic achievement, and link eligible families to free or reduced-price school meal programs.

Free/Reduced Lunch Rate in Spalding Remains High



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Emerging Trends in Georgia KIDS COUNT Indicators not in Spalding County Plan







Georgia KIDS COUNT indicators that are not being monitored as part of the county plan were reviewed. A table and graph(s) are provided. Where applicable, the graph(s) shows data for indicators trending negatively. An indicator can have a negative trend within the county, but still have a positive status when compared to the state mean.

The table presents:

1. KIDS COUNT indicators that are trending in a negative direction. Data for indicators that were neutral or trending positive are not shown.
2. County current year data is compared to the Georgia mean.

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COUNTY KIDS COUNT INDICATORS TO WATCH						COUNTY CURRENT DATA COMPARED TO GEORGIA	
INDICATOR	Beginning Data Point	Beginning Year	Most Recent County Data	Most Recent Year	County TREND	Georgia	Most Recent County Data Compared to Georgia
Unemployment	5.8%	2007	10.7%	2012		8.5%	
Child poverty	27.2%	2007	37.4%	2012		27.3%	
Violent Crime	13.5/1,000	2007	20.5/1,000	2012		7.6/1,000	

Other Emerging Trends to Watch:

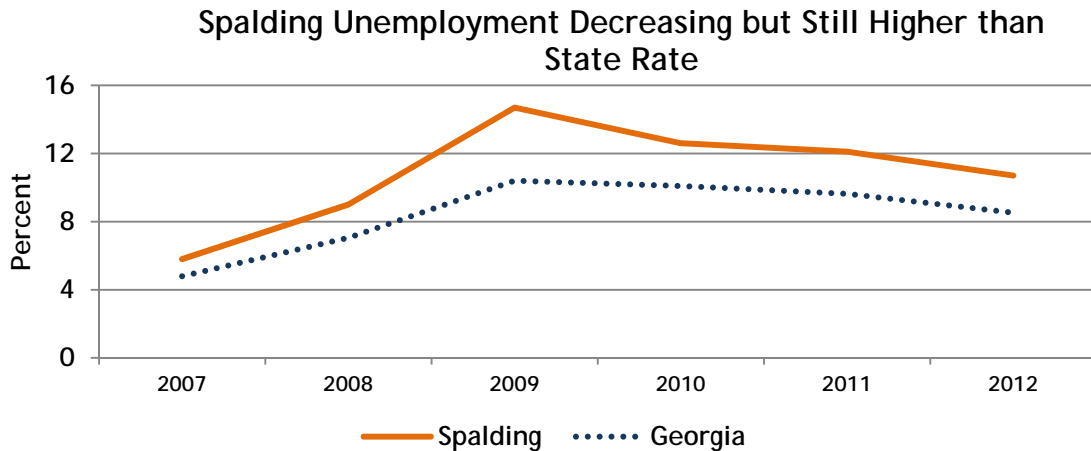
- Low birth weight rate is 12.9/1,000 in 2011 compared to 9.4/1,000 in Georgia
- Teen pregnancy rate is 42/1,000 in 2011 compared to 25.3/1,000 in Georgia
- 14.5% of teen are not in school and not working in 2012 compared to 11.2% in Georgia

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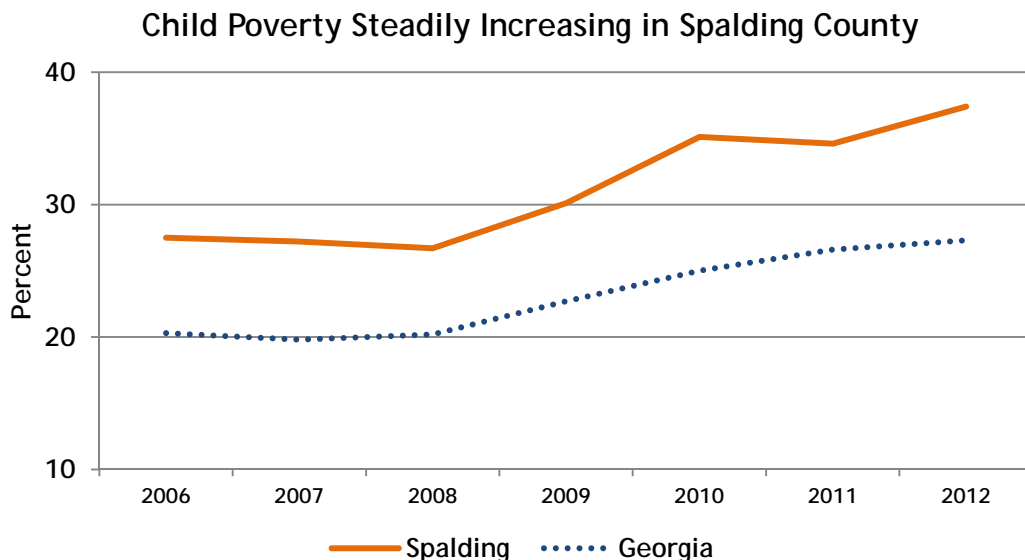
UNEMPLOYMENT

- Parents' work experience can shape their children's view of their future economic opportunities.
- Best practices include promoting sustained employment and assisting in finding rapid re-employment for those who lose jobs.



CHILD POVERTY

- Children living in poverty are at risk for potential negative outcomes, including poor health, low educational achievement, early child-bearing, and delinquency.
- Best practices include expanding and promoting asset building programs such as the Earned Income Tax credit.



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VIOLENT CRIME (PART 1)

- Children who grow up in communities with high crime rates are at increased risk of becoming involved in criminal behavior, dropping out of school, becoming young parents, and struggling economically as adults.
- Best practices include enhancing communication and collaboration between law enforcement officers, residents, and business owners in communities.

Spalding Crime Rate Above State Rate and Increasing

