

# SPECIAL REPORT

## Fulton County District 6

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**COMMISSIONER  
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# Fulton County Child-Poverty Update

On February 21, 2018, the evidence indicated that “a poor child born in Atlanta, Georgia, Fulton County has the least chance of getting out of poverty than any child in the nation.”

I had hoped that I could tell you that today, with an improved economy and population growth, the status of Fulton County’s poor children and other vulnerable populations in Fulton County trend upward. However, based on the evidence, I cannot.

The “All People Are Self Sufficient Priority Area Performance Report ” dated June 6, 2018, shows a different story.

The percentage of Fulton County’s children living in poverty “has been stubbornly persistent, remaining at just under 25 percent since 2010, and showing no signs of declining even as the County’s median household and employment rate were on the rise,” the Report states.

Based upon a “National Benchmark Rating” (1 to 10; one being the lowest factor) Fulton at 53 percent ranks number three (3) for “K-12 public school students with free/reduced price meal eligibility” and number six (6) at 20.1 percent of “children who experience food insecurity (hunger).”

Fulton ranks number five (5) at 54 percent “of third graders who meet target reading level for college or career readiness.” The National Benchmark Rating also shows Fulton ranks number six (6) at 11.7 percent of families living in poverty and ranks number nine (9) at 10.9 percent of seniors living in poverty.

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