Complete High School North Georgia 2011-2016
Encouraging area students to finish high school and enroll in postsecondary education.

Complete High School North Georgia, based at the University of North Georgia, is connected to the statewide effort to increase the number of Georgians completing postsecondary education. It targets potential first-generation college students. Small grants to high schools support programming for campus visits, the development of SAT and ACT preparation activities, the creation of career and college exploration centers, and recognition for students who apply and are accepted to postsecondary institutions. The participating schools work directly with students and help them figure out how to make postsecondary education a more meaningful part of their entrance into adulthood.

24 Public Schools Served
5,422 Students Served

The majority of these students were first generation college students.

Services & Resources Provided

School/Community Displays
School-wide Activities and Celebrations
College Visits
College Test Prep

Career Exploration Activities
Workplace Visits
Entrepreneurship Programs

Participating High Schools' On-Time Graduation Rate 94%
Participating High Schools' Postsecondary Enrollment Rate 61%

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Sources:
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State Profile

GEORGIA

INVESTMENTS IN GEORGIA
October 2015–January 2017

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a federal-state partnership. Its mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in 420 counties across the 13 Appalachian states. ARC’s strategic plan identifies five investment goals to advance this mission: creating economic opportunity; preparing a ready workforce; building critical infrastructure; leveraging natural and cultural assets; and cultivating leadership and community capacity.

In partnership with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, ARC has supported 28 projects in Georgia totaling $4.8 million. These investments have been matched by more than $8.2 million and will attract an additional $134.5 million in leveraged private investments in Georgia. They will also create or retain over 1,900 jobs, train and educate 150 students and workers, and benefit the 3 million residents in Georgia’s 37 Appalachian counties.

INVESTMENT PRIORITIES IN GEORGIA

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs has prioritized these three ARC investment goals:

**READY WORKFORCE**
ARC has invested over $1.5 million to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of Georgia’s Appalachian residents to work and succeed.

**CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**
ARC has invested over $1.9 million in Georgia’s critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.

**LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY CAPACITY**
ARC has invested over $1.0 million to build the capacity and skills of Appalachia’s current and next-generation leaders and organizations in Georgia to advance community and economic development.

**ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES**
ARC has invested an additional $350,000 to strengthen the economy and leverage cultural and natural assets in Appalachian Georgia.

IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

In Appalachian Georgia, three counties were considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2016. 18 projects totaling 71% of ARC investment dollars will have a direct impact on these counties.

INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

Northwest Georgia is known as the “Carpet Capital of the World,” as 85 percent of American carpet is manufactured in those 15 counties. During the recession, traditional carpet manufacturing took a hit as the housing sector fell. To help rebuild the regional economy and create jobs, the region developed the Floor360 Consortium, which is training new workers, forming strong partnerships, and developing sustainable technologies to help the region’s floor covering industry reach new heights as it diversifies its products for new markets beyond residential construction.