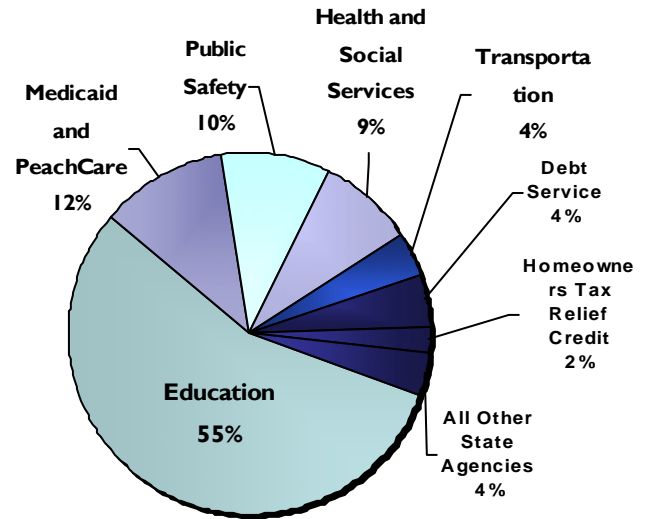


## GEORGIA BUDGET & TAX FACTS

### GEORGIA'S BUDGET IS BASED ON PRIORITIES

- Georgia's budget funds **critical public services** that provide opportunity and protection for our citizens:
  - over 3/4ths of the state budget is spent on education, health care, public safety, and transportation
- These critical public services drive the budget growth. The top areas of education, healthcare, and public safety increase in cost faster than overall inflation and population growth.



### GEORGIA IS A LOW TAX STATE

As a share of Georgia citizens' income, Georgia has one of the lowest tax burdens in the country:

- Among the **LOWEST in State Taxes** — 44th in the country
- Among the **LOWEST in combined State and Local Taxes** — 40th in the country

### GEORGIA'S TAX STRUCTURE IS NOT FAIR

While Georgia is a low tax state, the current tax structure impacts lower income Georgians most. Lower income Georgians pay a higher percentage of their salary in taxes than do higher income Georgians.

