





# PEOPLE-POWERED PROSPERITY



## 2021 Progress Report

The People-Powered Prosperity Campaign (PPP) details a vision where all Georgians are able to prosper—and outlines options to responsibly fund the programs necessary to power economic growth in our state. PPP is led by GBPI, 9to5 Georgia, Faith in Public Life and Small Business Majority. Several PPP priorities advanced through the Legislature during the 2021 session, and this campaign will continue to advocate for these policies and other solutions to improve outcomes for every Georgian.

-  = Major progress
-  = A lot of progress
-  = Some progress
-  = No movement yet



### Healthy Communities

Expand Medicaid

Georgia's "partial" Medicaid expansion is under federal review and could be rejected. Full expansion remains the best choice.



Extend postpartum Medicaid

Georgia has received federal approval for the state's waiver to extend Medicaid for new mothers from 2 months to 6 months.



End five-year waiting period for legal permanent residents to access Medicaid

Georgia has not removed the five-year waiting period.



Invest in mental health and substance abuse treatment

Lawmakers restored some budget cuts this session, and Georgia is set to receive more than \$91 million in federal relief for substance use disorder prevention and treatment and community mental health services.



### Strong Workforce

Fund a broad-based, need-based financial aid program

Lawmakers considered using lottery reserves and potential sports betting revenues to fund a need-based aid program, but these measures did not pass.



Provide sustainable funding for Dual Enrollment

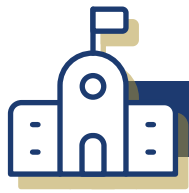
The FY 2022 budget for Dual Enrollment decreased only based on enrollment.



Remove barriers to quality job training and supportive services for Georgians with low incomes

SB 105, which streamlines early termination of probation for those eligible and offers thousands of Georgians looking to re-enter the workforce the opportunity to rebuild their lives, passed.





## Educated Youth

Protect existing funding to ensure inequities in school resources are not worsened

Lawmakers restored some K-12 public education funding during budget debates. However, the state still cuts roughly \$383 million in the final FY 2022 budget.



Update Georgia's education funding formula to include an Opportunity Weight to support districts serving high numbers of low-income students

HB 10, which would create an Opportunity Weight, was filed this session. This bill has an opportunity to move next year in the 2022 Legislative Session.



Fully fund and expand education funding grants including equalization, sparsity and transportation

The FY 2022 budget increases equalization grant funding by \$72 million, but this is based on a reduced formula from the Great Recession. Sparsity grants continue to be funded at a fraction of the formula requirements.



## Thriving Families

Increase the availability of child care subsidies to serve more students and low-income families

Lawmakers added \$3.5M in the FY 2022 budget to increase slots for child care assistance for low-income families.



Pass a state-level earned income tax credit, or Georgia Work Credit (GWC)

Several bills were introduced this session to enact a GWC, but none of these made it to the governor's desk.



## Stable, Fair Tax System

Evaluate and trim back tax breaks for profitable corporations that do not deliver on their promise

Legislation to allow for a select number of tax evaluations to be completed each year passed, but tax credits increased to more than \$10 billion for FY 2022.



Enact a corporate minimum tax

No movement yet.



Increase the state's tobacco tax

Lawmakers introduced legislation to lift Georgia's tobacco tax again this year, but it failed to move.



Modernize the sales tax to cover some services as the economy changes

HB 594, which would create a digital downloads sales tax, was introduced this session but did not make it out of committee.

