

# Educational Justice in Farmville, Virginia Vs. Atlanta, Georgia



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**Main Objective:** There is a wide variety of social justice issues in education. These issues range from lack of resources, racial discrimination, income disparity, and so on. The small town of Farmville, Virginia and the big city of Atlanta, Georgia face many similar educational inequalities.

## Social Justice Issues in Education

### Inequalities

- Literacy
- Different language
- Bullying
- LGBTQ
- Opportunity
- Racial Justice
- Income Disparity
- Unequal discipline

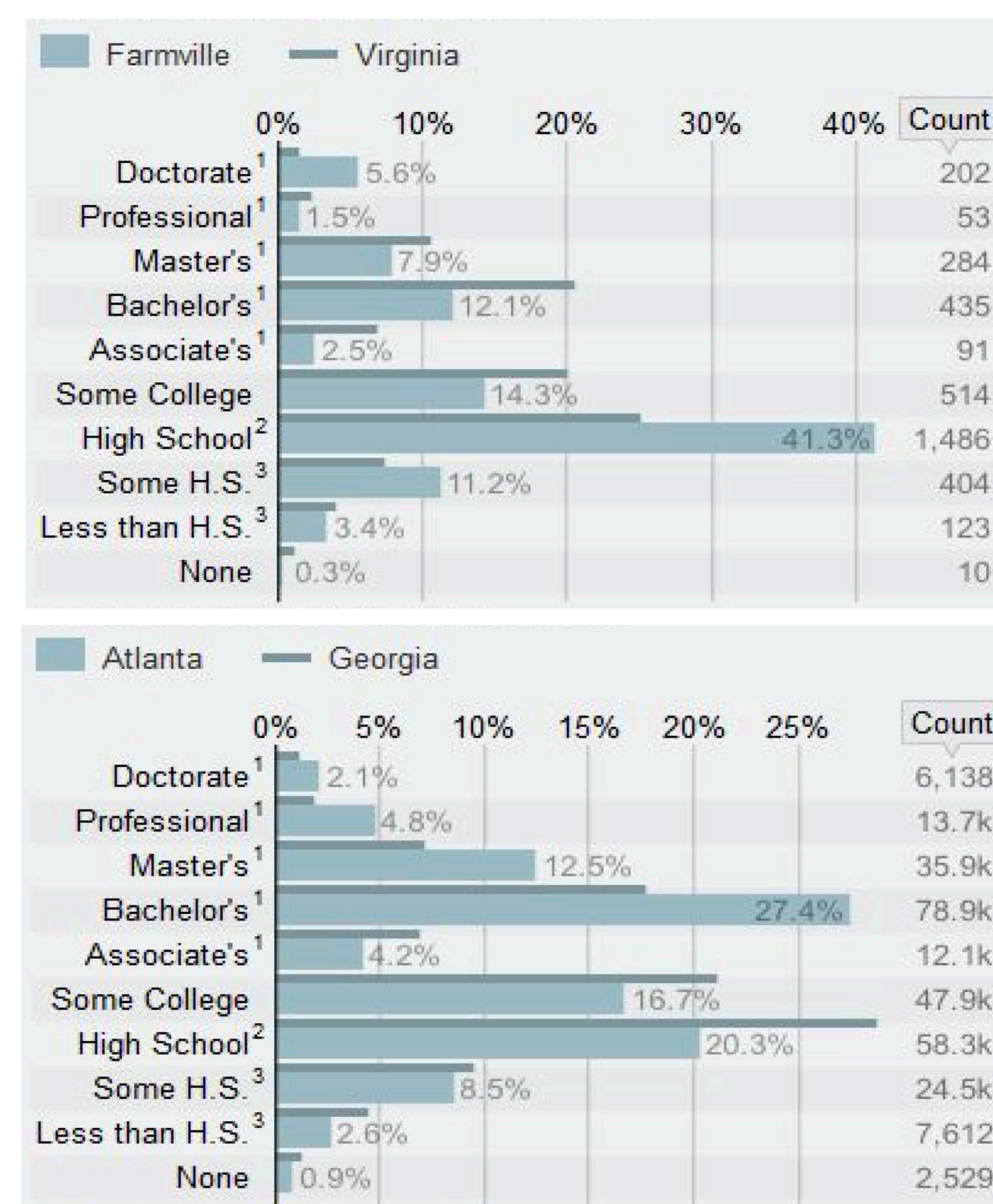
How can school systems overcome these inequalities when there are some many?

Do these inequalities differ based on the size of the area?  
Small town vs. big city?

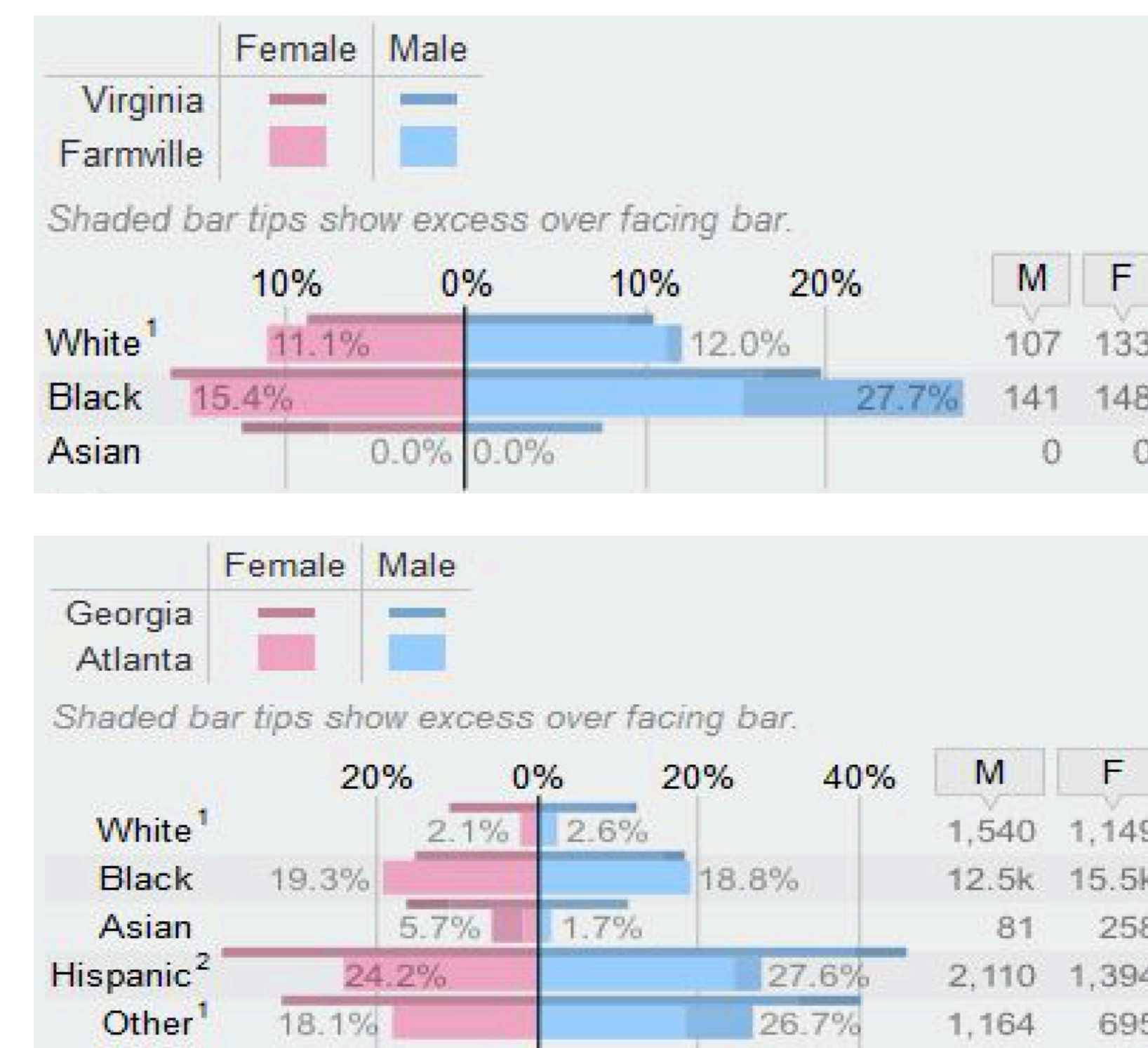
Before travelling to Atlanta we hypothesized that: If the illiteracy and education disparities in Farmville are similar to those in Atlanta, then both cities will face similar problems. If these issues are resolved, then both areas will have more equal opportunity.

## Statistics

### Detailed Educational Attainment:



### Lacking High School Diploma By Race:



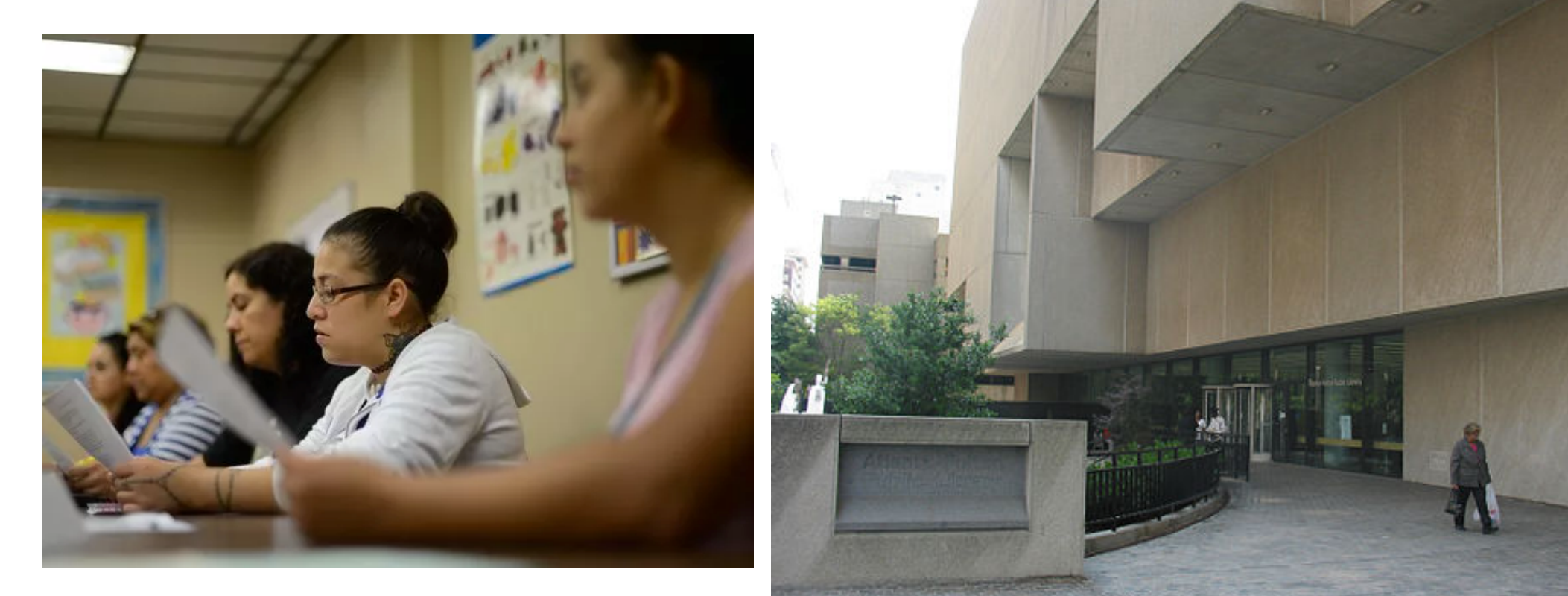
## Resources

### Farmville

- The Virginia Children's Book Festival
- Summer Literacy Institute

### Atlanta

- Literacy Action
- Literacy Volunteers of Atlanta
- Ladder Learning Services
- Literary Centers in Community Libraries



## Past vs. Present

### Civil Rights History: Education

Both Atlanta and Farmville were important in the civil rights movement, however, both cities had different responses to the desegregation of schools.

### Atlanta's Response:

- While there was resistance, school board worked with activists for integration of students.

### Prince Edward's Response:

- Like Atlanta, there was initial pushback.
- However, the county cut funding for schools to avoid integration.

### How the cities educate on Civil Rights History:

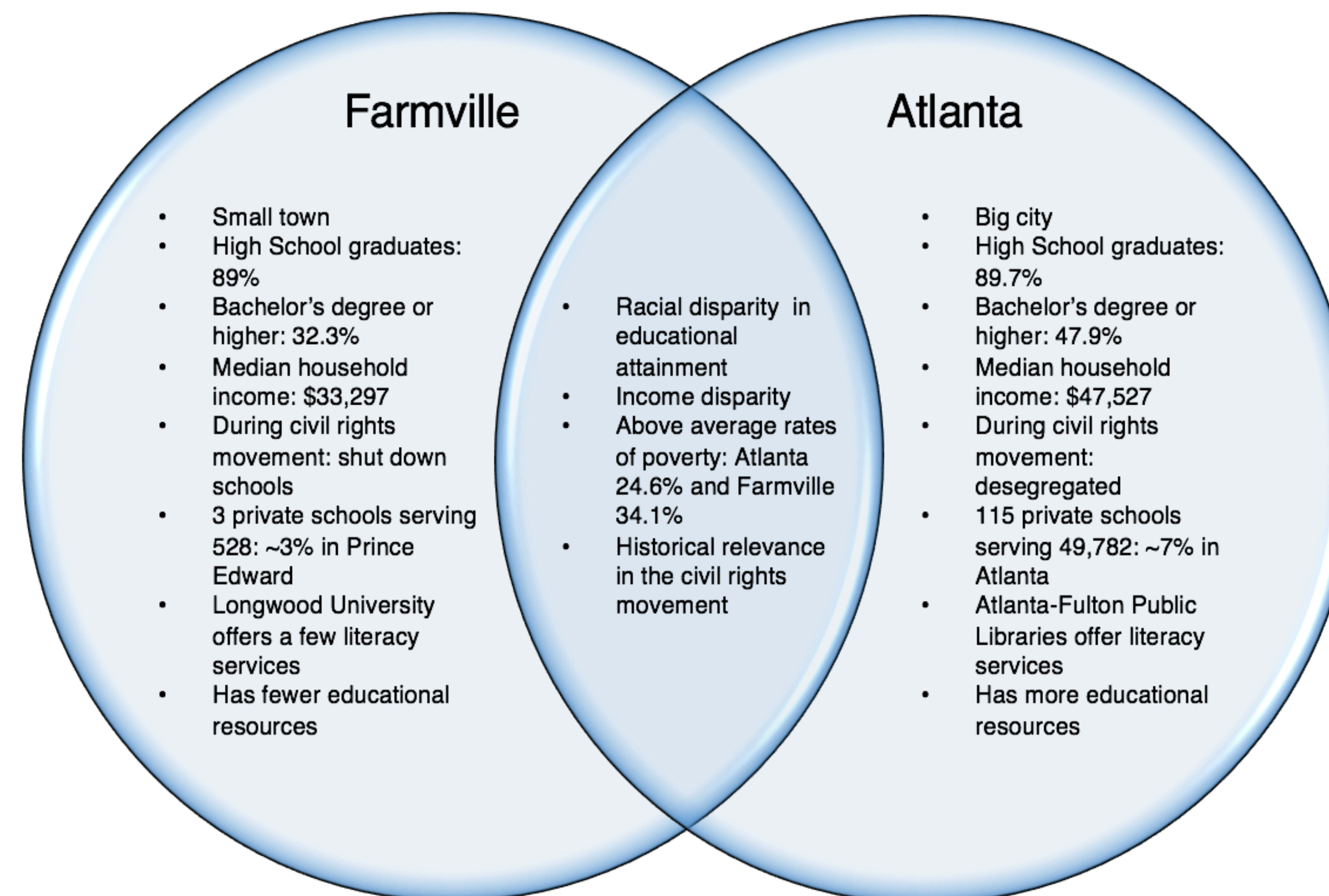
#### Atlanta:

- Center for Civil and Human Rights
  - The King Center
  - MLK National Park
  - Public signs and murals

#### Farmville:

- Only the Moton Museum
- Museum reaches out to educate public through various outreach programs such as film screenings.

## Compare and Contrast



## Impacts

Farmville and Atlanta face similar issues stemming from a lack in literacy/education.

Consequences:

1. Higher rates of poverty
2. Higher crime/incarceration rates due to lack of discipline in schools
3. Higher unemployment
4. Lower opportunity

Farmville Population: 8,519  
Atlanta Population: 432,589

Though Atlanta is **50** times larger than Farmville, they still face similar educational disparities, just on a smaller scale.

## Next Steps

Illiteracy and education affect all areas of life. Because lack of education seems to be directly proportional to other issues, working to better our education system could resolve other matters. Our thoughts on how to improve:

- Invest in early, ongoing literacy programs
- Create programs to aid income disparities
- Retain quality educators
- Continue to discuss and work to improve these issues

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