

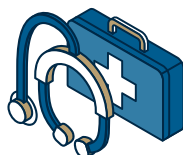
Georgia Physician Shortage Facts

THE PROBLEM

Physician supply lags patient demand nationally and across Georgia. As supply falls, patients wait longer to see a doctor, and doctors burn out.

BY 2030:

The U.S. is projected to have **120,000 too few** doctors nationally.^{1,2,4}



- ▶ Nearly 40% of American physicians will reach retirement age.
- ▶ The United States will face a shortage of over 120,000 physicians.
- ▶ 32.9% of Georgia physicians are within retirement range right now.

Georgia is projected to be **short 8,012 doctors.**^{2,3}



- ▶ Primary care alone is projected to be **short 2,099 providers.**

Overall, Georgia ranks in the **bottom half** of states for primary care and physician supply availability.⁴

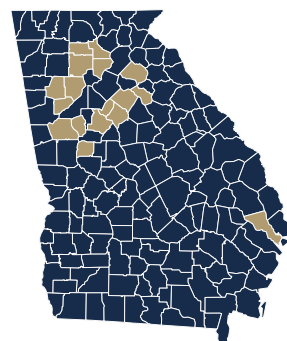
38th in active physician supply

41st in primary physicians

44th in general surgeons

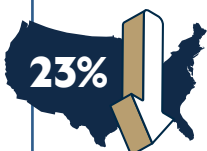
142 of Georgia's 159 counties are health professional shortage areas (HPSAs).^{5,6}

- ▶ **Low-income citizens** are disproportionately affected by these shortages.
- ▶ HPSA designations indicate areas where there are **3,500 or more patients for every one provider.**



■ = HPSAs

Georgia's physician-to-patient ratio is **23 percent worse** than the national average.



27% worse for emergency medicine

28% worse in family medicine

67% worse in pediatric critical care

39% worse in psychiatry

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