

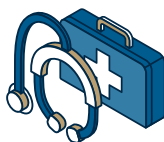
# Georgia Physician Shortage Facts

## 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.<sup>1-3</sup>



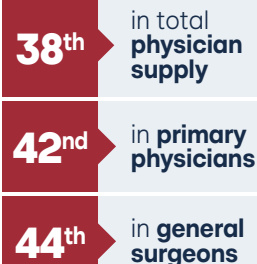
- ▶ Nearly 40% of American physicians will reach retirement age.
- ▶ The United States will face a shortage of over 120,000 physicians.
- ▶ 32.9% of Georgia physicians are within retirement range right now.

Georgia is projected to be **short 8,012 doctors.**<sup>4-6</sup>



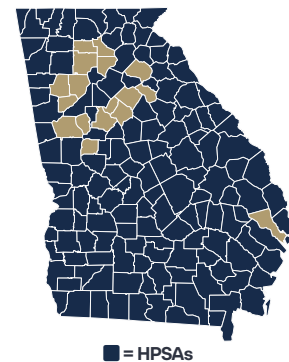
- ▶ There are only **167 residency slots** in Georgia for primary care each year.
- ▶ **33.5%** of those residents will practice out of state.

Overall, Georgia ranks in the **bottom half** of states for primary care and physician supply availability.<sup>7</sup>



**143 of Georgia's 159 counties** are health professional shortage areas (HPSA).<sup>8-10</sup>

- ▶ **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.**
- ▶ **2,750,382 Georgia residents** live in a HPSA.



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

**27% worse**  
for **critical care**

**28% worse**  
in **family medicine**

**11% worse**  
in **general surgery**

**87% worse**  
in **pediatric internal medicine**

**67% worse**  
in **pediatric critical care**

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