

Georgia

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Summary

Strengths:

- Low percentage of housing with lead risk
- High percentage of fluoridated water
- Low premature death racial inequality

Challenges:

- High prevalence of avoided care due to cost
- High prevalence of high-risk HIV behaviors
- High prevalence of low birthweight

Highlights:

FOOD INSECURITY

▼ **24%** between 2013-2015 and 2016-2018 from 14.9% to 11.3% of households

MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS

▲ **22%** between 2016 and 2020 from 122.5 to 149.9 per 100,000 population

TEEN BIRTHS

▼ **59%** between 2008 and 2018 from 50.0 to 20.6 births per 1,000 females ages 15-19

FREQUENT MENTAL DISTRESS

▲ **26%** between 2011 and 2019 from 12.2% to 15.4% of adults

LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

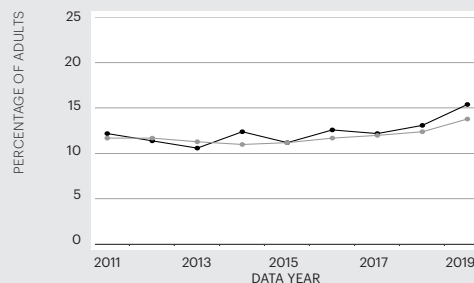
▲ **19%** between 1999 and 2018 from 8.5% to 10.1% of live births

DIABETES

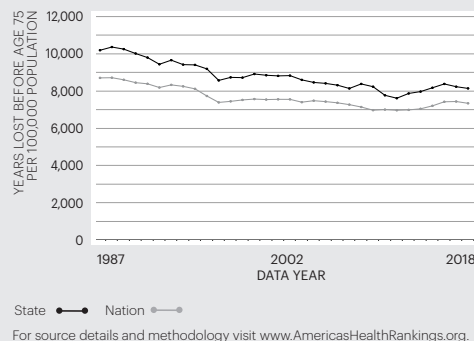
▲ **21%** between 2012 and 2019 from 9.9% to 12.0% of adults

Trends

FREQUENT MENTAL DISTRESS



PREMATURE DEATH



Economic Hardship Index

The economic hardship index compares financial strain between states. It combines six population-level social and economic measures to provide a more complete picture of the difficulties faced by communities than a single measure could provide.

Measure	State Value
Crowded Housing (units with more than one person/room)	2.1%
Dependency (ages 0-17 or ages 65+)	37.9%
Education (ages 25+ without a high school diploma)	12.1%
Per Capita Income	\$32,657
Poverty (households below the poverty level)	12.9%
Unemployment (ages 16-64)	4.9%

Multiple Chronic Conditions

Chronic conditions are medical conditions that last more than a year, require ongoing medical attention and/or limit activities of daily living. Adults with multiple chronic conditions represent one of the highest-need segments of the population.

Measure	State Value
Arthritis	23.9%
Asthma	7.7%
Cancer (excluding skin)	6.5%
Cardiovascular Disease	8.8%
Chronic Kidney Disease	3.8%
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	7.4%
Depression	17.0%
Diabetes	12.0%

Measures

Rating	Rank
+++++	1-10
++++	11-20
+++	21-30
++	31-40
+	41-50

		Rating	Value	Rank	Healthiest State
SOCIAL & ECONOMIC FACTORS		+++	-0.054	30	0.965
Community and Family Safety	Occupational Fatalities (deaths per 100,000 workers)	+++	5.2	30	2.9
	Public Health Funding (dollars per person)	++	\$83	34	\$289
	Violent Crime (offenses per 100,000 population)	+++	341	25	115
Economic Resources	Economic Hardship Index (index from 1-100)	++	50	32	1
	Food Insecurity (% of households)	+++	11.3	27	7.8
	Income Inequality (80-20 ratio)	++	4.77	35	3.70
Education	High School Graduation (% of students)	+	81.6	41	91.4
	High School Graduation Racial Gap (percentage point difference)	++++	10.3	12	3.9
Social Support and Engagement	Adverse Childhood Experiences (% of children ages 0-17)	+++	16.4	26	8.9
	High-speed Internet (% of households)	++	86.8	34	92.9
	Residential Segregation (index from 0-100)	++++	53	16	42
	Volunteerism (% of adults)	+	26.5	43	51.0
	Voter Participation — Midterm (% of U.S. citizens)	++++	55.9	16	65.6
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT		+++++	0.609	10	0.816
Air and Water Quality	Air Pollution (micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)	++	7.9	33	4.1
	Drinking Water Violations (% of community water systems)	++++	0.4	20	0.0
	Non-smoking Regulation (% of population)*	++	9.1	39	100.0
	Risk-screening Environmental Indicator Score (unitless score)	++	6,959,675	37	317
	Water Fluoridation (% of population served)	+++++	95.2	6	99.8
Climate Change	Climate Change Policies (number of four policies)*	++	0	36	4
	Transportation Energy Use (trillions of BTUs per 100,000 population)*	++++	7.8	17	5.8
Housing and Transit	Drive Alone to Work (% of workers)	+++	78.4	24	52.8
	Housing With Lead Risk (% of housing stock)	+++++	9.3	5	5.2
	Severe Housing Problems (% of occupied housing units)	++	16.3	32	11.2
CLINICAL CARE		+	-0.837	47	1.443
Access to Care	Avoided Care Due to Cost (% of adults)	+	17.8	48	8.2
	Providers				
	Dental Providers (number per 100,000 population)	+	44.1	46	90.6
	Mental Health Providers (number per 100,000 population)	+	149.9	46	666.4
	Primary Care Providers (number per 100,000 population)	++	222.4	38	362.8
Preventive Clinical Services	Uninsured (% of population)	+	13.4	48	3.0
	Colorectal Cancer Screening (% of adults ages 50-75)	++	68.3	32	77.1
	Dental Visit (% of adults)	++	62.5	39	76.5
	Immunizations				
	Childhood Immunizations (% by age 35 months)	++++	79.5	14	86.6
Quality of Care	Flu Vaccination (% adults)	+	36.2	49	50.5
	HPV Vaccination (% of adolescents ages 13-17)	++	49.7	36	78.9
	Dedicated Health Care Provider (% of adults)	++	73.7	37	88.4
	Preventable Hospitalizations (discharges per 100,000 Medicare enrollees)	++	4,741	35	1,971
BEHAVIORS		++	-0.564	39	1.072
Sleep Health	Insufficient Sleep (% of adults)	+	38.0	41	28.7
Nutrition and Physical Activity	Exercise (% of adults)	++++	24.1	18	28.5
	Fruit and Vegetable Consumption (% of adults)	+++	7.6	27	14.1
	Physical Inactivity (% of adults)	++	27.9	34	18.5
Sexual Health	Chlamydia (cases per 100,000 population)	+	632.2	44	198.2
	High-risk HIV Behaviors (% of adults)	+	8.0	50	4.5
	Teen Births (births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	++	20.6	36	7.2
Tobacco Use	E-cigarette Use (% of adults)*		5.3%		4.3
	Smoking (% of adults)	+++	16.3	28	7.9
ALL DETERMINANTS		++	-0.258	38	0.865
HEALTH OUTCOMES		++	-0.311	37	0.846
Behavioral Health	Depression (% of adults)*	+++++	17.0	10	11.8
	Excessive Drinking (% of adults)	++++	17.1	17	12.0
	Frequent Mental Distress (% of adults)	++	15.4	40	10.6
	Non-medical Drug Use (% of adults)	+	14.5	46	6.4
Mortality	Drug Deaths (deaths per 100,000 population)*	++++	13.3	12	6.8
	Premature Death (years lost before age 75 per 100,000 population)	++	8,151	36	5,648
	Premature Death Racial Inequality (ratio)	+++++	1.1	4	1.0
	Suicide (deaths per 100,000 population)*	++++	15.1	17	8.6
Physical Health	Frequent Physical Distress (% of adults)	++	13.3	32	9.3
	Low Birthweight (% of live births)	+	10.1	47	5.9
	Low Birthweight Racial Gap (percentage point difference)	++	7.4	39	2.4
	Multiple Chronic Conditions (% of adults)	+++	9.5	22	6.4
	Risk Factors				
	High Blood Pressure (% of adults)*	++	34.8	36	25.8
	High Cholesterol (% of adults)*	++++	32.4	19	28.1
	Obesity (% of adults)	+++	33.1	28	23.8
OVERALL			-0.278	—	0.723

* Measure not included in overall score. For measure definitions, source details and methodology, visit www.AmericasHealthRankings.org.

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