

State Health Department Website:

Summary

Strengths

- Low prevalence of excessive drinking
- High prevalence of households with high-speed internet
- Low prevalence of adults using e-cigarettes

Challenges

- High prevalence of non-medical drug use
- High prevalence of adults avoiding care due to cost
- High incidence of chlamydia

Key Findings

Frequent Physical Distress

42%▲

from 10.1% to 14.3% of adults between 2020 and 2024.

Colorectal Cancer Screening

20%▲

from 58.1% to 69.5% of adults ages 45-75 between 2022 and 2024.

Unemployment

15%▼

from 5.5% to 4.7% of civilian workers age 16 and older between 2021 and 2024.

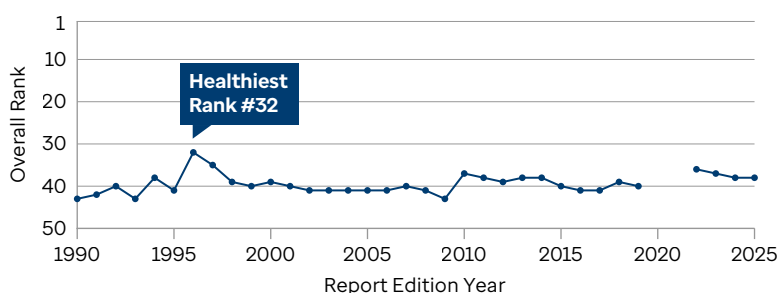
Air Pollution

7%▲

from 8.6 to 9.2 micrograms of fine particulate per cubic meter between 2015-2017 and 2022-2024.

Trends

Annual Report Rank History



Spotlight

Rural Health in Georgia

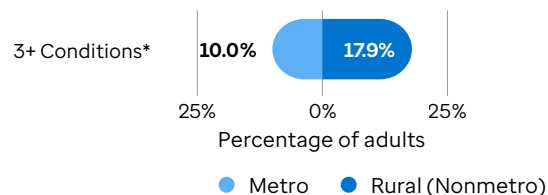
Rural Population in 2023

26.6%

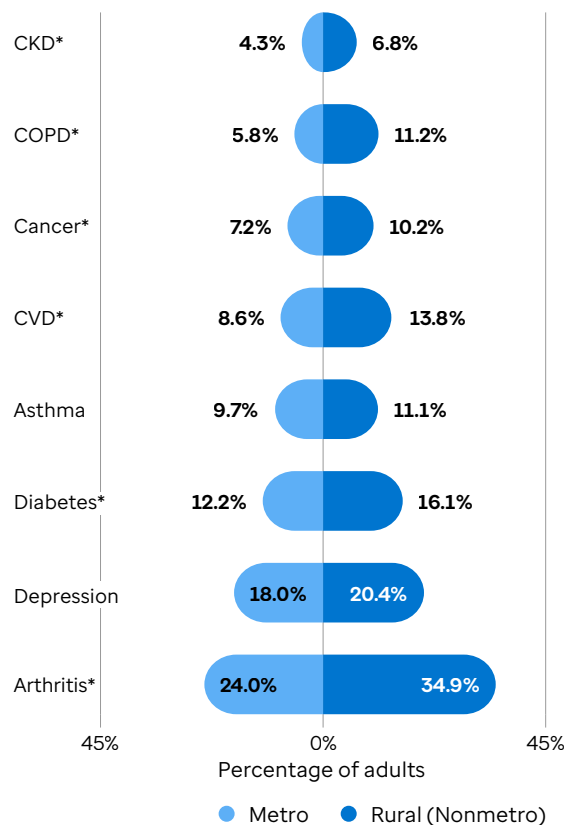
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 1-Year Dataset, 2023.

Multiple Chronic Conditions

Prevalence by Metropolitan Status in 2024



Components



*Significant based on 95% confidence intervals.

Source: U.S. HHS, CDC, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2024.

Notes: Order of conditions based on U.S. prevalence. CKD=chronic kidney disease, COPD=chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, CVD=cardiovascular diseases.

Measures | Georgia

		State Rank	State Value	U.S. Value
Social & Economic Factors		35	-0.150	
Community and Family Safety	Firearm Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)*	36	18.8	14.0
	Homicide (Deaths per 100,000 population)	42	10.0	6.7
	Occupational Fatalities (Deaths per 100,000 workers)	38	5.4	4.2
	Public Health Funding (Dollars per person)	26	\$122	\$124
Economic Resources	Economic Hardship Index (Index from 1-100)	30	56	—
	Food Insecurity (% of households)	36	12.8%	12.2%
	Income Inequality (80:20 ratio)	34	4.73	4.85
Education	Fourth Grade Reading Proficiency (% of public school students)	28	30.4%	30.5%
	High School Completion (% of adults age 25+)	39	89.8%	89.9%
Social Support and Engagement	Adverse Childhood Experiences (% of children ages 0-17)	28	15.8%	14.1%
	High-Speed Internet (% of households)	19	94.6%	94.6%
	Residential Segregation - Black/White (Index from 0-100)	9	57	—
	Volunteerism (% of population age 16+)	39	25.6%	28.3%
	Voter Participation (% of U.S. citizens age 18+)	22	60.7%	58.8%
Physical Environment		27	0.217	
Air and Water Quality	Air Pollution (Micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)	42	9.2	8.8
	Drinking Water Violations (Average violations per community water system)	37	2.3	2.5
	Water Fluoridation (% of population served by community water systems)	6	95.1%	72.3%
Climate and Health	Climate Policies (Number out of four policies)	38	0	—
	Renewable Energy (% of total electricity generated)*	36	8.9%	21.9%
Housing and Transit	Homelessness (People per 10,000 population)*	21	11.0	22.6
	Housing Cost Burden (% of households)*	36	31.5%	32.0%
	Housing With Lead Risk (% of housing stock)	6	8.4%	16.1%
	Severe Housing Problems (% of occupied housing units)	30	15.2%	16.8%
Clinical Care		46	-0.842	
Access to Care	Avoided Care Due to Cost (% of adults)	47	16.4%	11.5%
	Dental Care Providers (Providers per 100,000 population)	46	48.3	66.3
	Mental Health Providers (Providers per 100,000 population)	48	208.6	362.6
	Primary Care Providers (Providers per 100,000 population)	41	267.2	291.4
	Uninsured (% of total population)	49	12.0%	8.2%
Preventive Clinical Services	Cancer Screenings (% of adults ages 40-75)	34	62.5%	64.5%
	Childhood Immunizations (% of 3-year birth cohort)	37	64.3%	66.9%
	Dental Visit (% of adults)	41	63.3%	67.5%
	Flu Vaccination (% of adults)	39	36.2%	41.3%
	HPV Vaccination (% of adolescents ages 13-17)	26	65.3%	62.9%
Quality of Care	Dedicated Health Care Provider (% of adults)	26	83.7%	83.9%
	Preventable Hospitalizations (Discharges per 100,000 Medicare beneficiaries age 18+)	37	3,109	2,768
Behaviors		41	-0.409	
Nutrition and Physical Activity	Exercise (% of adults)	30	29.6%	30.4%
	Fruit and Vegetable Consumption (% of adults)	11	8.9%	7.4%
	Physical Inactivity (% of adults)	34	23.0%	21.8%
Sexual Health	Chlamydia (Cases per 100,000 population)	46	646.4	492.2
	High-Risk HIV Behaviors (% of adults)	45	6.7%	5.6%
	Teen Births (Births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	38	16.5	13.1
Sleep Health	Insufficient Sleep (% of adults)	40	38.1%	35.5%
Smoking and Tobacco Use	E-Cigarette Use (% of adults)	18	7.6%	8.0%
	Smoking (% of adults)	23	11.2%	11.6%
Health Outcomes		31	-0.161	
Behavioral Health	Drug Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)*	14	23.3	31.4
	Excessive Drinking (% of adults)	5	14.3%	17.0%
	Frequent Mental Distress (% of adults)	31	16.1%	15.6%
	Non-Medical Drug Use (% of adults)	41	19.5%	16.8%
Mortality	Premature Death (Years lost before age 75 per 100,000 population)	35	8,817	7,862
	Premature Death Racial Disparity (Ratio of highest rate to white rate)	4	1.2	1.9
Physical Health	Frequent Physical Distress (% of adults)	36	14.3%	13.0%
	Low Birth Weight (% of live births)	47	10.2%	8.6%
	Low Birth Weight Racial Disparity (Ratio of highest rate to white rate)	30	2.1	2.1
	Multiple Chronic Conditions (% of adults)	26	11.4%	11.3%
	Obesity (% of adults)	31	35.4%	34.2%
Overall		38	-0.271	

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* Unweighted measure that does not contribute to a state's Overall Rank.
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