

How well does the health care system in Georgia

work for people of different racial and ethnic groups?

In Georgia, **White people** experienced the **highest health system performance**, scoring in the 67th percentile among all population groups nationally.

Hispanic people experienced the **lowest health system performance** in the state, scoring in the 7th percentile.

Compared to other states in the Southeast region, Georgia has more severe racial and ethnic health disparities.

Health System Performance by Race/Ethnicity



Population by race/ethnicity (2022)

	Georgia	Southeast	United States
Total	10,723,663	85,235,479	328,403,052
AANHPI	486,780 (5%)	2,600,554 (3%)	19,862,655 (6%)
AIAN	10,981 (<1%)	208,655 (<1%)	1,688,543 (<1%)
Black	3,277,418 (31%)	16,911,627 (20%)	38,460,950 (12%)
Hispanic	1,117,876 (10%)	10,891,118 (13%)	62,818,758 (19%)
White	5,328,319 (50%)	50,687,529 (60%)	189,511,136 (58%)

Notes: AANHPI = Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander. AIAN = American Indian and Alaska Native. “—” means data not available. Southeast states include AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV. Source: David C. Radley et al., Advancing Racial Equity in U.S. Health Care: The Commonwealth Fund 2024 State Health Disparities Report (Commonwealth Fund, Apr. 2024).

How well does the health system in Georgia work for people from different racial and ethnic groups, and across different dimensions of care?

AANHPI

Georgia ranks 26th of 31 states where calculation was possible, indicating health system performance for AANHPI people in the state was among the worst compared to other states. Specifically:

- Health outcomes ranking: **11** (of 33) is better than average
- Health care access ranking: **22** (of 34) is worse than average
- Health care quality ranking: **41** (of 41) is among the worst

AIAN

An overall ranking for AIAN people in Georgia is not available because of insufficient data.

- Health outcomes ranking: insufficient data
- Health care access ranking: insufficient data
- Health care quality ranking: insufficient data

Black

Georgia ranks 20th of 39 states where calculation was possible, indicating health system performance for Black people in the state was worse than average compared to other states. Specifically:

- Health outcomes ranking: **13** (of 40) is better than average
- Health care access ranking: **31** (of 40) is worse than average
- Health care quality ranking: **22** (of 41) is worse than average

Hispanic

Georgia ranks 42nd of 47 states where calculation was possible, indicating health system performance for Hispanic people in the state was among the worst compared to other states. Specifically:

- Health outcomes ranking: **5** (of 49) is among the best
- Health care access ranking: **45** (of 48) is among the worst
- Health care quality ranking: **47** (of 48) is among the worst

White

Georgia ranks 36th of 51 states where calculation was possible, indicating health system performance for white people in the state was worse than average compared to other states. Specifically:

- Health outcomes ranking: **36** (of 51) is worse than average
- Health care access ranking: **45** (of 51) is worse than average
- Health care quality ranking: **29** (of 51) is worse than average

Georgia Performance Data

	AIAN		AANHPI		Black		Hispanic		White	
	GA rate	US rate	GA rate	US rate	GA rate	US rate	GA rate	US rate	GA rate	US rate
Health Outcomes										
Deaths before age 75 from health care–treatable causes per 100,000 population	—	125	46	50	152	164	52	73	93	83
Deaths before age 75 from preventable causes per 100,000 population	104	479	96	104	293	347	165	225	255	225
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	0	8	3	4	9	11	5	5	5	4
Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)	—	14	11	12	27	27	11	13	20	20
Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)	—	13	8	9	17	17	8	11	14	13
Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	35	44	—	—	24	26
Adults who smoke (%)	42	25	5	7	14	15	11	11	14	14
Adults who are obese (%)	27	41	19	14	45	44	32	37	35	34
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)	38	17	—	3	10	11	5	6	10	9
Health Care Access										
Uninsured adults (%)	26	22	11	7	16	12	41	23	13	8
Uninsured children (%)	—	12	7	4	5	4	12	8	5	4
Adults who went without care because of cost (%)	—	14	10	8	17	13	25	19	12	8
High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)	—	14	11	9	13	12	14	13	10	9
Adults with a usual source of care (%)	72	79	77	82	83	85	55	67	83	87
Health Care Quality										
Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	40	45	—	—	30	28
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)	—	—	—	—	167	206	—	—	129	140
Adult women who received a mammogram (%)	76	65	55	74	82	84	84	77	76	77
Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)	67	82	74	87	89	90	89	87	82	84
Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)	70	53	50	50	66	65	33	50	65	68
Adults with a recent flu shot (%)	27	39	43	50	32	38	31	34	45	50
Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)	—	63	60	62	65	62	39	55	76	73
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)	—	—	—	—	64	61	56	59	70	69
Children with all recommended vaccines (%)	—	—	—	—	51	65	66	71	74	74
Adults with a dental visit (%)	54	45	39	34	40	41	51	44	38	32
Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)	—	—	—	—	5	5	—	—	7	5

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