NGMC Gainesville: CHNA Data

The following is a report on key health indicators within the NGMC Gainesville service area, which includes Hall County and parts of Banks, Jackson, and White counties. Indicators in **red** mean the indicator is worse than the state rate, and indicators in **green** mean the indicator is better than the state rate. Please note that most data reflects the US Census's American Community Survey's 2019 to 2023 data. Other sources include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All data is the most recent available.

Demographics

Data Indicator	Indicator Variable	Service area	Georgia
Total Population	Total Population	307,792	10,822,590
	Total Land Area (Square Miles)	964.82	57,716.61
	Population Density (Per Square Mile)	319	188
Total Population Change, 2010 - 2020	Total Population, 2010 Census	258,571	9,687,647
	Total Population, 2020 Census	297,078	10,711,908
	Population Change, 2010-2020	38,507	1,024,261
	Population Change, 2010-2020, Percent	**14.89%**	**10.57%**
Population with Any Disability	Population with a Disability	39,216	1,375,224
	Population with a Disability, Percent	**12.83%**	**12.94%**
Population in Limited English Households	Population Age 5+	289,077	10,183,479
	Linguistically Isolated Population Age 5+	10,416	285,708
	Linguistically Isolated Population Age 5+, Percent	**3.60%**	**2.81%**
People of Color (Not Non-Hispanic White)	Non-Hispanic Non-White Population	106,514	5,428,519
	Percent Population Non-Hispanic Non-White	34.61%	50.16%
Citizenship Status	Native	263,025	9,480,215
	Born in a US Territory	1,171	52,175
	Born Abroad to US Citizens	3,047	117,712
	Naturalized	15,196	567,064
	Non-Citizen	25,353	605,424
	Non-Citizen, Percent	8.24%	5.59%

Income and Economics

Data Indicator	Indicator Variable	Service area	Georgia
Employment - Labor Force Participation Rate	Total Population Age 16+	241,798	8,582,918
	Labor Force	153,332	5,467,313
	Labor Force Participation Rate	**63.41%**	**63.70%**
Employment - Unemployment Rate, January 2025	Labor Force	163,778	5,379,587
	Number Employed	159,153	5,192,730
	Number Unemployed	4,625	186,857
	Unemployment Rate	**2.8%**	**3.5%**
Income - Median Family Income	Total Family Households	78,750	2,661,506
	Average Family Income	$115,304	$120,845.68
Poverty - Children Below 100% FPL	Total Population	304,402	10,560,625
	Population < Age 18	73,630	2,507,130
	Population < Age 18 in Poverty	12,230	467,864
	Population < Age 18 in Poverty, Percent	**16.61%**	**18.66%**
Poverty - Children Below 200% FPL	Total Population Under Age 18	73,630	2,507,130
	Population Under Age 18 Below 200% FPL	29,969	1,034,212
	Population Under Age 18 Below 200% FPL, Percent	**40.70%**	**41.25%**
Poverty - Population Below 100% FPL	Total Population	304,402	10,560,625
	Population in Poverty	35,240	1,423,159
	Population in Poverty, Percent	**11.58%**	**13.48%**
Poverty - Population Below 185% FPL	Total Population	304,402	10,560,625
	Population with Income Below 185% FPL	80,364	2,998,450
	Population with Income Below 185% FPL, Percent	**26.40%**	**28.39%**
Poverty - Population Below 200% FPL	Total Population	304,402	10,560,625
	Population with Income Below 200% FPL	90,447	3,282,672
	Population with Income Below 200% FPL, Percent	**29.71%**	**31.08%**

Education

Data Indicator	Indicator Variable	Service area	Georgia
Access - Childcare Centers	Population under 5	18,635	648,718
	Total Childcare Centers	157	8,072
	Rate of Childcare Centers per 1,000 Population Age < 5	**8.43**	**14.33**
Access - Childcare Cost Burden	Median Household Income	$232,815	$74,521
	Childcare Cost	$47,407	$17,102
	Childcare Costs, Percentage of Median Household Income	**20.36%**	**22.95%**
Access - Post-Secondary Enrollment	Population Age 3+	297,192	10,454,264
	Enrolled in Post-Secondary School	14,594	696,312
	Enrolled in Post-Secondary School, Percent	**4.91%**	**6.66%**
Attainment - Some Post-secondary Education	Population Age 25-44	79,415	2,934,190
	Population Age 25-44 with at least Some College Education	42,493	1,924,056
	Population Age 25-44 with at Least Some College Education, Percent	**53.51%**	**65.57%**
Employment Status by Educational Attainment	Population Age 25-64	158,339	5,671,797
	Sub High School Unemployed	703	22,892
	High School Only Unemployed	1,229	57,758
	Some College or Associate's Unemployed	1,071	55,373
	Bachelor's or Higher Unemployed	568	48,239

Housing and Families

Data Indicator	Indicator Variable	Service area	Georgia
Families - Overview	Total Number of Families	78,750	2,661,506
	Married Couple	60,947	1,867,456
	Female, Spouse Absent	11,986	600,475
	Male, Spouse Absent	5,817	193,575
Affordable Housing	Units Affordable at 15% AMI	3.57%	3.81%
	Units Affordable at 30% AMI	7.33%	9.02%
	Units Affordable at 40% AMI	12.06%	14.27%
	Units Affordable at 50% AMI	18.26%	21.07%
	Units Affordable at 60% AMI	25.70%	28.49%
Affordable Housing - Low Income Tax Credits	LIHTC Properties	17	1,037
	LIHTC Units	1,968	101,831
Affordable Housing - Assisted Housing Units	Total Housing Units (2022)	96,764	3,830,264
	Total HUD-Assisted Housing Units	1,305	136,938
	HUD-Assisted Units, Rate per 10,000 Housing Units	**134.86**	**357.52**

Data Indicator	Indicator Variable	Service area	Georgia
Household Structure - Families with Children	Total Family Households	78,750	2,661,506
	Families with Children (Age 0-17)	36,800	1,274,490
	Families with Children (Age 0-17), Percent of Total Households	35.04%	31.80%
Household Structure - Single-Parent Households	Population Age 0-17	74,673	2,537,448
	Children in Single-Parent Households	15,850	770,740
	Percentage of Children in Single-Parent Households	21.23%	30.37%
Household Structure - Older Adults Living Alone	Total Households with Seniors (Age 65+)	33,165	1,136,798
	Households with Seniors Living Alone	9,837	400,402
	Percentage of Total Households	9.37%	9.99%
	Percentage of Senior Households	29.66%	35.22%
Housing Costs - Cost Burden (30%)	Cost-Burdened Households	26,670	1,129,475
	Cost-Burdened Households, Percent	25.39%	28.18%
Housing Costs - Cost Burden, Severe (50%)	Severely Burdened Households	11,909	539,428
	Severely Burdened Households, Percent	11.34%	13.46%
Housing Quality - Overcrowding	Overcrowded Housing Units	4,115	92,313
	Percentage of Housing Units Overcrowded	3.92%	2.30%
Housing Quality - Substandard Housing	Occupied Housing Units with One or More Substandard Conditions	29,784	1,208,196
	Occupied Housing Units with One or More Substandard Conditions, Percent	28.36%	30.14%
Utility Services Threat	Adults Age 18+ Having Utility Services Threat	7.3%	9.4%

Other Social and Economic Factors

Data Indicator	Indicator Variable	Service area	Georgia
Area Deprivation Index	State Percentile	42	50
Food Insecurity Rate	Food Insecure Population	40,710	1,371,420
	Food Insecurity Rate	13.55%	12.79%
Homeless Children & Youth (ED)	Students in All Districts	53,816	1,740,875
	Students Reporting Experiencing Homelessness	1,049	36,547
	Students Reporting Experiencing Homelessness, Percent	1.95%	2.10%
	Districts Reporting	100.00%	79.91%
	Students in Reported Districts	100.00%	98.14%
Households with No Motor Vehicle	Households with No Motor Vehicle	5,471	238,394
	Households with No Motor Vehicle, Percent	5.21%	5.95%

Data Indicator	Indicator Variable	Service area	Georgia
Insurance - Insured Population and Provider Type	Population with Health Insurance	259,389	9,288,560
	Percentage with Private Insurance	**76.09%**	**75.38%**
	Percentage with Public Insurance	37.45%	37.11%
Insurance - Population Receiving Medicaid	Population Receiving Medicaid	52,564	1,928,147
	Percent of Insured Population Receiving Medicaid	**20.26%**	**20.76%**
Insurance - Uninsured Adults	Pop. Age 18-64 w/ Insurance	149,902	5,440,432
	Pop. Age 18-64 w/ Insurance, Percent	78.79%	83.48%
	Pop. Age 18-64 w/o Insurance	40,359	1,076,981
	Pop. Age 18-64 w/o Insurance, Percent	**21.21%**	**16.52%**
Insurance - Uninsured Children	Pop. Age 0-18 w/ Insurance	72,103	2,409,565
	Pop. Age 0-18 w/ Insurance, Percent	91.51%	93.77%
	Pop. Age 0-18 w/o Insurance	6,690	159,988
	Pop. Age 0-18 w/o Insurance, Percent	**8.49%**	**6.23%**
Social Vulnerability Index (SoVI)	Socioeconomic Theme Score	0.68	0.66
	Household Composition Theme Score	0.60	0.56
	Minority Status Theme Score	0.71	0.81
	Housing & Transportation Theme Score	0.55	0.50
	Social Vulnerability Index Score	**0.66**	**0.64**
Housing + Transportation Affordability Index (H+T Index)	Total Households (ACS 2015-19)	96,764	3,830,264
	Housing + Transportation Costs % Income	**48%**	**49%**
	Housing Costs % Income	24%	25%
	Transportation Costs % Income	24%	24%

Physical Environment

Data Indicator	Indicator Variable	Service area	Georgia
Built Environment - Households with Cellular Internet Only	Households with Cellular Internet Only	14,004	424,939
	Households with Cellular Internet Only, Percent	**13.33%**	**10.60%**
Food Environment - Grocery Stores	Total Population (2020)	297,078	10,711,908
	Establishments, Rate per 100,000 Population	**13.80**	**16.38**

Clinical Care and Prevention

Data Indicator	Indicator Variable	Service area	Georgia
Mammogram (Medicare)	With Screening Mammography	5,419	151,451
	With Screening Mammography, Percent	**37%**	**34%**
Mammogram (Adult)	Females Age 50-74 with Recent Mammogram	**75.3%**	**75.8%**
Cervical Cancer Screening	Females Age 21-65 with Cervical Cancer Screening Test	**81.3%**	**82.3%**
Sigmoidoscopy or Colonoscopy	Adults Age 45-75 with Adequate Colorectal Cancer Screening	**62.5%**	**64.4%**
Dental Care Utilization	Adults Age 18+ with Recent Dental Visit	**55.8%**	**59.2%**
Diabetes Management - Hemoglobin A1c Test	Medicare Enrollees with Diabetes	3,232	101,932
	Medicare Enrollees with Diabetes with Annual Exam	2,943	89,176
	Medicare Enrollees with Diabetes with Annual Exam, Percent	**91.06%**	**87.49%**
Hospitalizations - Inpatient Stays	Total Beneficiaries with Inpatient Stays	3,726	109,761
	Beneficiaries with Inpatient Stays	14.1%	14.2%
	Total Inpatient Stays, Rate (per 1,000 Beneficiaries)	**215.3**	**219.6**
Hospitalizations - Heart Disease	Cardiovascular Disease Hospitalizations, Rate per 1,000	**8.5**	**10.3**
Late or No Prenatal Care (CDC)	Total Births	7,685	381,786
	Births with Late/No Care	496	32,275
	% of Births with Late/No Care	**6.45%**	**8.45%**
Health Care - FQHC Patient Profile	Total Patients	100,383.00	636,373.00
	18 and younger	22.84%	26.05%
	Age 18 - 64	62.55%	60.02%
	Age 65 and Older	14.60%	13.92%
Health Care - FQHC Patient Services Profile	Medical Patients	97.43%	93.00%
	Dental Patients	2.52%	8.12%
	Mental Health Patients	2.93%	3.57%

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Health Care - FQHC Preventative Services	Cervical Cancer Screening	53.82%	46.34%
	Breast Cancer Screening	48.03%	41.85%
	Colorectal Cancer Screening	39.42%	31.81%
	Childhood Immunization Status	29.63%	20.00%
Health Care - FQHC Medical Conditions	Diabetes	17.31%	17.67%
	Hypertension	3.96%	5.00%
	Asthma	28.72%	32.46%
	Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)	0.10%	1.18%
Health Care - FQHC Maternal and Child Health	Total Prenatal Care Patients	806	7,372
	Early Entry into Prenatal Care	81.91%	65.85%
	Low and Very Low Birth Weight	17.11%	14.58%
Prevention - High Blood Pressure Management (Medicare)	Blood Pressure Medication Nonadherence, Percentage	**22.4%**	**24.9%**
Prevention - Recent Primary Care Visit (Medicare)	Medicare Enrollees with Recent Primary Care Visit	21,802	625,580
	Medicare Enrollees with Recent Primary Care Visit, Percent	**87.46%**	**83.81%**
Prevention - Core Preventative Services for Men	Males Age 65+ Up to Date on Core Preventative Services	**49.1%**	**45.7%**
	Males Age 65+ Up to Date on Core Preventative Services (Age- Adjusted)	49.3%	46.2%
Prevention - Recent Primary Care Visit (Adult)	Adults Age 18+ with Routine Checkup in Past 1 Year	**73.9%**	**76.3%**
Prevention - Core Preventative Services for Women	Females Age 65+ Up to Date on Core Preventative Services	**39.5%**	**39.3%**
Readmissions - Heart Failure	Discharges for Heart Failure	1,458	27,192
	30-day Readmission Rate	**18.60%**	**19.73%**
Readmissions - Pneumonia	Discharges for Pneumonia	1,110	22,484
	30-day Readmission Rate	**15.60%**	**16.41%**

Health Behaviors

Data Indicator	Indicator Variable	Service area	Georgia
Alcohol - Binge Drinking	Adults Age 18+ Binge Drinking in the Past 30 Days	**16.0%**	10,912,876
Physical Inactivity	Adults Age 20+ with No Leisure Time Physical Activity	44,560	1,686,986
	Adults Age 20+ with No Leisure Time Physical Activity, Percent	**19.1%**	**20.6%**

		Service area	Georgia
STI - Chlamydia Incidence	Chlamydia Infections	1,332	71,294
	Chlamydia Infections, Rate per 100,000 Pop.	**409.00**	**646.41**
STI - HIV Incidence	Total HIV / AIDS Infections	36	2,209
	HIV / AIDS Infections, Rate per 100,000 Pop.	**-180.02**	**20.0**
STI - HIV Prevalence	Population with HIV / AIDS	510	60,902
	Population with HIV / AIDS, Rate per 100,000 Pop.	**193.29**	**664.1**
Insufficient Sleep	Adults Age 18+ Sleeping Less Than 7 Hours on Average	**39.2%**	**38.4%**
Current Smokers	Adults Age 18+ as Current Smokers	**17.2%**	**14.5%**
Walking or Biking to Work	Population Walking or Biking to Work	1,250	76,369
	Percentage Walking or Biking to Work	**0.86%**	**1.51%**
Breastfeeding Initiation (HRSA)	Live Births	3,823	124,231
	Breastfeeding Infants	3,649	102,431
	Breastfeeding Infants, Percent	**95.4%**	**82.5%**
Obesity - Pre-pregnancy (HRSA)	Live Births	3,823	124,231
	To Women with Obesity	1,282	41,239
	To Women with Obesity, Percent	**33.5%**	**33.2%**
Obesity (Adult)	Adults Age 18+ with Obesity	**36.9%**	**36.8%**

Health Outcomes

Data Indicator	Indicator Variable	Service area	Georgia
Birth Outcomes - Infant Mortality (CDC)	Number of Infant Deaths	144	6,113
	Deaths per 1,000 Live Births	**5.5**	**7.0**
Cancer Incidence - Cervical	New Cases (Annual Average)	13	439
	Cancer Incidence Rate (Per 100,000 Females)	**9.6**	**8.0**
Cancer Incidence - Colon and Rectum	New Cases (Annual Average)	126	4,546
	Cancer Incidence Rate (Per 100,000 Population)	**38.0**	**39.3**
Cancer Incidence - Lung	New Cases (Annual Average)	211	6,885
	Cancer Incidence Rate (Per 100,000 Population)	**60.5**	**57.9**
Cancer Incidence - Prostate	New Cases (Annual Average)	205	7,711
	Cancer Incidence Rate (Per 100,000 Males)	**122.3**	**134.7**
Cancer Prevalence - All Sites (Medicare Population)	Cancer - Colorectal, Breast, Prostate, Lung Prevalence	2,963	89,890
	Cancer - Colorectal, Breast, Prostate, Lung Prevalence, Percent	**11%**	**11%**
Chronic Conditions - Asthma (Medicare Population)	Beneficiaries with Asthma	1,352	43,405
	Percentage with Asthma	**4.6%**	**4.7%**
	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Prevalence	3,318	98,062

Chronic Conditions - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (Medicare Population)	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Prevalence, Percent	12%	12%
Chronic Conditions - Depression (Medicare Population)	Depressive Disorders Prevalence	4,724	130,749
	Depressive Disorders Prevalence, Percent	17%	16%
Chronic Conditions - Diabetes Prevalence (Adult)	Adults Age 18+ Ever Diagnosed with Diabetes	12.7%	12.6%
	Adults Age 18+ Ever Diagnosed with Diabetes	11.3%	11.6%
Chronic Conditions - Diabetes Prevalence (Adult - Trends)	Adults Age 20+ with Diagnosed Diabetes	21,338	835,312
	Adults Age 20+ with Diagnosed Diabetes	8.4%	9.6%
Chronic Conditions - Diabetes Prevalence (Medicare Population)	Diabetes Prevalence	6,637	212,467
	Diabetes Prevalence, Percent	24%	26%
Chronic Conditions - Heart Disease (Adult)	Adults Age 18+ Ever Diagnosed with CHD	7.4%	6.4%
Chronic Conditions - Heart Disease (Medicare Population)	Ischemic Heart Disease Prevalence	5,977	817,181
	Ischemic Heart Disease Prevalence, Percent	22%	22%
Chronic Conditions - High Blood Pressure (Adult)	Adults Age 18+ with HTN	36.0%	37.4%
Chronic Conditions - High Blood Pressure (Medicare Population)	Hypertension Prevalence	18,710	563,855
	Hypertension Prevalence, Percent	69%	69%
Chronic Conditions - High Cholesterol (Adult)	Adults Age 18+ with High Cholesterol	37.3%	35.3%
Chronic Conditions - High Cholesterol (Medicare Population)	Beneficiaries with High Cholesterol	15,296	461,974
	Percent with High Cholesterol	51.7%	50.1%
Chronic Conditions - Kidney Disease (Adult)	Adults Age 18+ Ever Diagnosed with Kidney Disease	3.3%	3.3%
Mortality - All Cause Mortality	Five Year Total Deaths, 2019-2023 Total	14,176	500,030
	Crude Death Rate (Per 100,000 Population)	916.6	924.8
Mortality - Cancer	Five Year Total Deaths, 2019-2023 Total	2,520	90,533
	Crude Death Rate (Per 100,000 Population)	162.9	167.4
Mortality - Deaths of Despair (Suicide + Drug/Alcohol Poisoning)	Five Year Total Deaths, 2019-2023 Total	830	26,263
	Crude Death Rate (Per 100,000 Population)	53.7	48.6
Mortality - Firearm Fatalities	Five Year Total Deaths, 2019-2023 Total	209	10,025
	Crude Death Rate (Per 100,000 Population)	13.5	18.5
	Rate of Firearm Suicide per 100,000 Population	10.3	10.30
Mortality - Heart Disease	Five Year Total Deaths, 2019-2023 Total	2,938	105,591
	Crude Death Rate (Per 100,000 Population)	190.0	195.3
Mortality - Homicide	Five Year Total Deaths, 2019-2023 Total	69	5,438
	Crude Death Rate (Per 100,000 Population)	4.8	10.1
Mortality - Influenza & Pneumonia	Five Year Total Deaths, 2019-2023 Total	178	6,763
	Crude Death Rate (Per 100,000 Population)	11.5	12.5
Mortality - Life Expectancy (2020-2022)	Life Expectancy at Birth (2020-22)	76.4	75.6

Mortality - Liver Disease	Five Year Total Deaths, 2019-2023 Total	228	7,407
	Crude Death Rate (Per 100,000 Population)	**14.7**	**13.7**
Mortality - Lung Disease	Five Year Total Deaths, 2019-2023 Total	711	23,744
	Crude Death Rate (Per 100,000 Population)	**46.0**	**43.9**
Mortality - Motor Vehicle Crash	Five Year Total Deaths, 2019-2023 Total	225	8,788
	Crude Death Rate (Per 100,000 Population)	**14.5**	**16.3**
Mortality - Motor Vehicle Crash, Overall	Total Crash Deaths (2018-2022)	504	17,118
	Fatal Crash Deaths, Annual Rate per 100,000 Population	**33.9**	**32.0**
Mortality - Motor Vehicle Crash, Alcohol-Involved	Alcohol-Involved Crash Deaths (2018-2022)	51	1,505
	Alcohol-Involved Crash Deaths, Annual Rate per 100,000 Population	**3.4**	**2.2**
Mortality - Suicide	Five Year Total Deaths, 2019-2023 Total	243	8,046
	Crude Death Rate (Per 100,000 Population)	**15.7**	**14.9**
Mortality - Premature Death	Premature Deaths, 2020-2022	4,404	169,399
	Years of Potential Life Lost, 2020-2022	74,104	2,874,493
	Years of Potential Life Lost, Rate per 100,000 Population	**8,567**	**9,406**
Mortality - Child Mortality	Number of Child Deaths	174	6,866
	Deaths per 100,000 Population Age < 20	**53.2**	**61.0**
Poor Mental Health	Adults Age 18+ with Poor Mental Health	**17.7%**	**16.7%**
Poor Mental Health - Days	Average Poor Mental Health Days per Month	**5.5**	**5.3**
Poor or Fair Health	Adults Age 18+ with Poor or Fair General Health	**21.6%**	**19.1%**
Poor Physical Health - Days	Average Poor Physical Health Days per Month	**4.4**	**4.0**
Poor Physical Health	Adults Age 18+ with Poor Physical Health	**15.1%**	**13.2%**