



Southeast Mental Health State Fact Sheet: Georgia

State Mental Health Agency: The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)

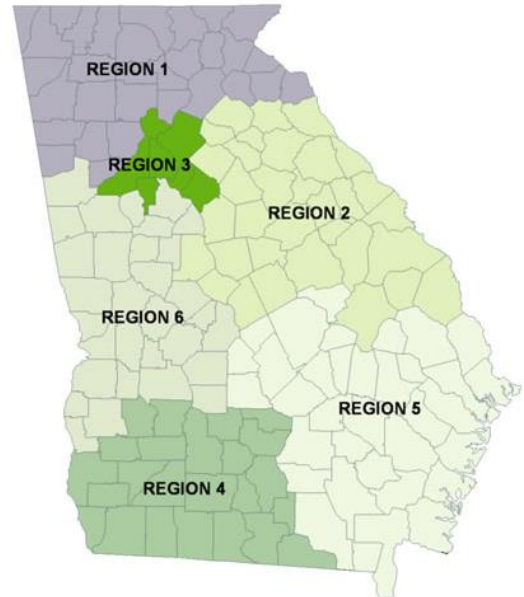
State Mental Health System

DBHDD provides mental health services through six regional field offices, which work to:

- Oversee statewide initiatives
- Develop new services and expand existing services as needed
- Monitor the services being received by consumers to ensure quality and access

Key Georgia Initiatives

- [Disaster Mental Health Services](#)
- [Peer Support Whole Health Initiative](#)
- [Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review \(PASSR\)](#)
- [Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness Program \(PATH\)](#)
- [SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery \(SOAR\)](#)



Map source: <https://dbhdd.georgia.gov>

Training Opportunities in Georgia

- DBHDD hosts an annual [behavioral health symposium](#)
- The [Georgia Health Policy Center](#) provides technical assistance for first episode psychosis, as well as high fidelity wrap-around, recovery-oriented cognitive therapy, trauma-informed systems, emerging adult populations, cultural and linguistic competence
- The [Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network](#) (GMHCN) provides peer specialist certification and training

Georgia Mental Health Demographics

Total Population	10.9 million
Black or African American	32.6%
Hispanic or Latino	9.3%
Rural	24.9%
Living below the Federal Poverty Level	16.9%
Percent with any mental illness	17.7%
Percent with serious mental illness	4.2%
Individuals served by DBHDD per year	163.6 thousand

Data sources: US Census Bureau, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration



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