

# HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING (H<sup>2</sup>) SYSTEMS INTEGRATION INITIATIVE ATHENS, GEORGIA

## Data Snapshots: Populations In Need

### Population: Persons Experiencing Homelessness<sup>1</sup>

#### Point-in-Time Count

- 2014 PIT data estimates a total of 160 people were in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or safe havens in Clarke County (including seasonal beds).
- 2014 PIT data estimates 87 homeless individuals are unsheltered on any given night in the county.
- The Athens Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) has a population of 120,266, meaning Athens has a rate of 21 homeless people per 10,000 residents.

#### Substance Abuse and Mental Illness

- Of those counted during the 2014 Clarke County PIT count, 79 homeless individuals (32% of homeless population) reported chronic substance abuse.
- 109 individuals (44%) were reported as having severe mental illness.

#### Veteran Homelessness

- Countywide, there were 15 homeless veterans counted during the 2014 PIT count, 30 of whom were in unsheltered.
- As a whole, veterans made up 6% of the homeless population in Clarke County in 2014.

#### Chronic Homelessness

- Across Clarke County, there were 44 chronically homeless persons counted during the 2014 PIT count.
- Chronically homeless persons made up 18% of the homeless population in the county, slightly higher than the 2014 national average of 15.8%.

#### Physical Disability

- In 2014, 97 homeless individuals (39% of homeless population) in the county reported a physical disability.
- 184 of 249 homeless individuals (74% of homeless population) in Clarke County faced at least one identified or self-identified challenge of mental illness, substance abuse, domestic violence, or physical disability.

#### Unemployment

- Athens' seasonally adjusted May 2015 unemployment rate was 5.8 percent, lower than Georgia's unemployment rate of 6.3% at the same time. The national rate in May was 5.5 percent.

#### Rent and the Minimum Wage

- In Georgia, the housing wage is \$13.87 per hour. "Housing wage" is the hourly wage needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent without paying more than 30% of income on housing. It assumes a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year.
- Minimum wage in Georgia is \$7.25.

<sup>1</sup> 2014 PIT Count, available at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3031/pit-and-hic-data-since-2007/> and [https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/reportmanagement/published/CoC\\_PopSub\\_CoC\\_GA-503-2014\\_GA\\_2014.pdf](https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/reportmanagement/published/CoC_PopSub_CoC_GA-503-2014_GA_2014.pdf)

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#### *Population: Low-Income Individuals and Those Living in Poverty*

Estimated Percentage of Georgia's Population in Poverty by Household Income Level (2013)<sup>2</sup>

Household Income Level	Percentage of Total Population
<b>Under 100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)</b>	16%
<b>100-199% FPL</b>	21%
<b>200-399% FPL</b>	32%
<b>400% + FPL</b>	31%

Note: Total estimated population of Georgia in 2013 was 9,994,759. The total estimated population of Athens-Clarke County in 2013 was 119,925.

Current Federal Poverty Level (FPL) guidelines:

- Individual: \$11,770 (\$11,490 in 2013)
- 2-person family: \$15,930 (\$15,510 in 2013)
- 3-person family: \$20,090 (\$19,530 in 2013)
- 4-person family: \$24,250 (\$23,550 in 2013)

#### Numbers of Persons in Athens-Clarke County Below the Poverty Line<sup>3</sup>

In Clarke County, the poverty rate is 28.3%, which equates to over 26,000 Clarke County residents and nearly 11,000 households living in poverty. That is the 8th highest rate in the state of Georgia (out of 159 counties), and more than double the state's rate of 16%. Children are disproportionately affected by poverty in Athens-Clarke County- 25.2% of the population under 18 years old lives in poverty, compared to 16.7% for the state as a whole.

At the lower end of poverty, 16.8% of Athens-Clarke County residents live below half the poverty rate, compared to only 6.1% for the state's population. Athens-Clarke County's 50 percent poverty rate of 16.8% is higher than the State of Georgia's 100 percent poverty rate of 16%.

#### Health Insurance Coverage of Low-Income Georgians ages 0-64 (2013)<sup>4</sup>

Income Level	Uninsured		Medicaid	
	Number	Percent of population subgroup	Number	Percent of population subgroup
<b>Under 100% FPL</b>	468,000	32%	587,600	40%
<b>Up to 200% FPL</b>	993,000	31%	1,074,100	34%

#### *Population: Persons Living With HIV/AIDS<sup>5</sup>*

##### Number of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS

- Total: 51,510 - people in Georgia living with HIV (as of December 31, 2013)

<sup>2</sup> The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, [www.kff.org](http://www.kff.org)

<sup>3</sup> One Athens: <http://oneathens.org/poverty-data>

<sup>4</sup> The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, [www.kff.org](http://www.kff.org)

<sup>5</sup> Georgia Department of Public Health: [https://dph.georgia.gov/sites/dph.georgia.gov/files/HIV\\_EPI\\_2013\\_Surveillance\\_Summary.pdf](https://dph.georgia.gov/sites/dph.georgia.gov/files/HIV_EPI_2013_Surveillance_Summary.pdf) and <http://hab.hrsa.gov/stateprofiles/Client-Characteristics.aspx#chart6>

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- By Public Health Districts (2013):

District	HIV Infection Count
1-1	822
1-2	529
2	540
3-1	3152
3-2	14852

District	HIV Infection Count
3-3	1746
3-4	3064
5-2	1774
6	2032
7	1548

District	HIV Infection Count
8-1	975
8-2	1558
9-1	2460
9-2	705
10	705
Unknown	4806

### Ryan White Program Statistics

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Clients in Georgia in 2012 by Housing Status

- Stable/Permanent Housing: 18,550 (91.4%)
- Temporary Housing: 1,725 (8.5%)
- Unstable Housing: 31 (<1%)
- Note: Housing status was not reported for 377 clients (1.8%)

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Clients in Georgia in 2012 by Household Income as % of FPL

- Below 100% of FPL – 13,904 (68.5%)
- Between 101-200% of FPL – 4,824 (23.8%)
- Between 201-300% of FPL – 1,313 (6.5%)
- Above 300% of FPL – 245 (1.2%)
- Note: Household income was not reported for 397 clients (1.9%).

### Population: Users of HRSA Health Centers<sup>6</sup>

#### Georgia Statewide Health Center Data from 2014

**Total Patients:** 370,071

**Income as Percent of Poverty Level** (# of Patients/Percent of Total):

- **100% and below:** 71.3%
- **Up to 200%:** 93.2%

**Insurance Status** (% of total patients)

- **Uninsured:** 46.5%
- **CHIP Uninsured (age 0-17 years):** 18.6%
- **Medicaid/CHIP:** 25.2%
- **Medicare:** 10.4%
- **Other 3<sup>rd</sup> Party:** 16.7%

**Homeless Patients:** 14,051 [Total patients]

**Services Provided** (# of patients)

- **Medical:** 348,727
- **Mental Health:** 4,826
- **Substance Abuse:** 347

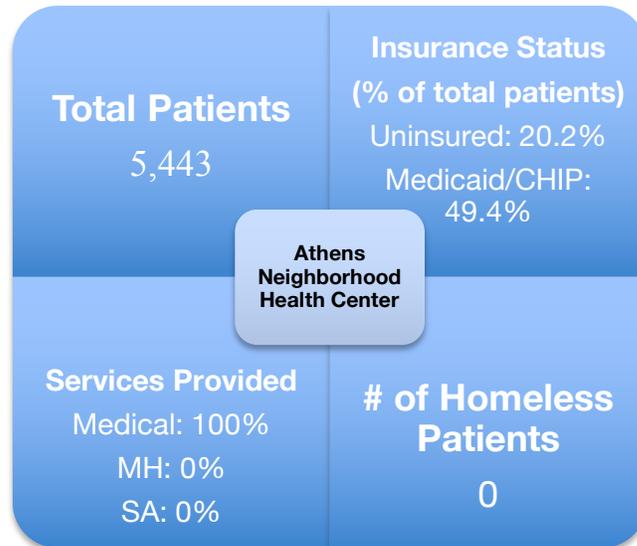
**Percent of Patients with HIV:** <0.1%

<sup>6</sup> HRSA: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/uds/datacenter.aspx?year=2013&state=GA>

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Athens-Clarke County Health Center Profile (2014)



Note: The “services provided” numbers are based upon primary/initial diagnosis only, not the total number of that service provided throughout the year. The total number of each type of service provided is likely higher, possibly by a significant amount.