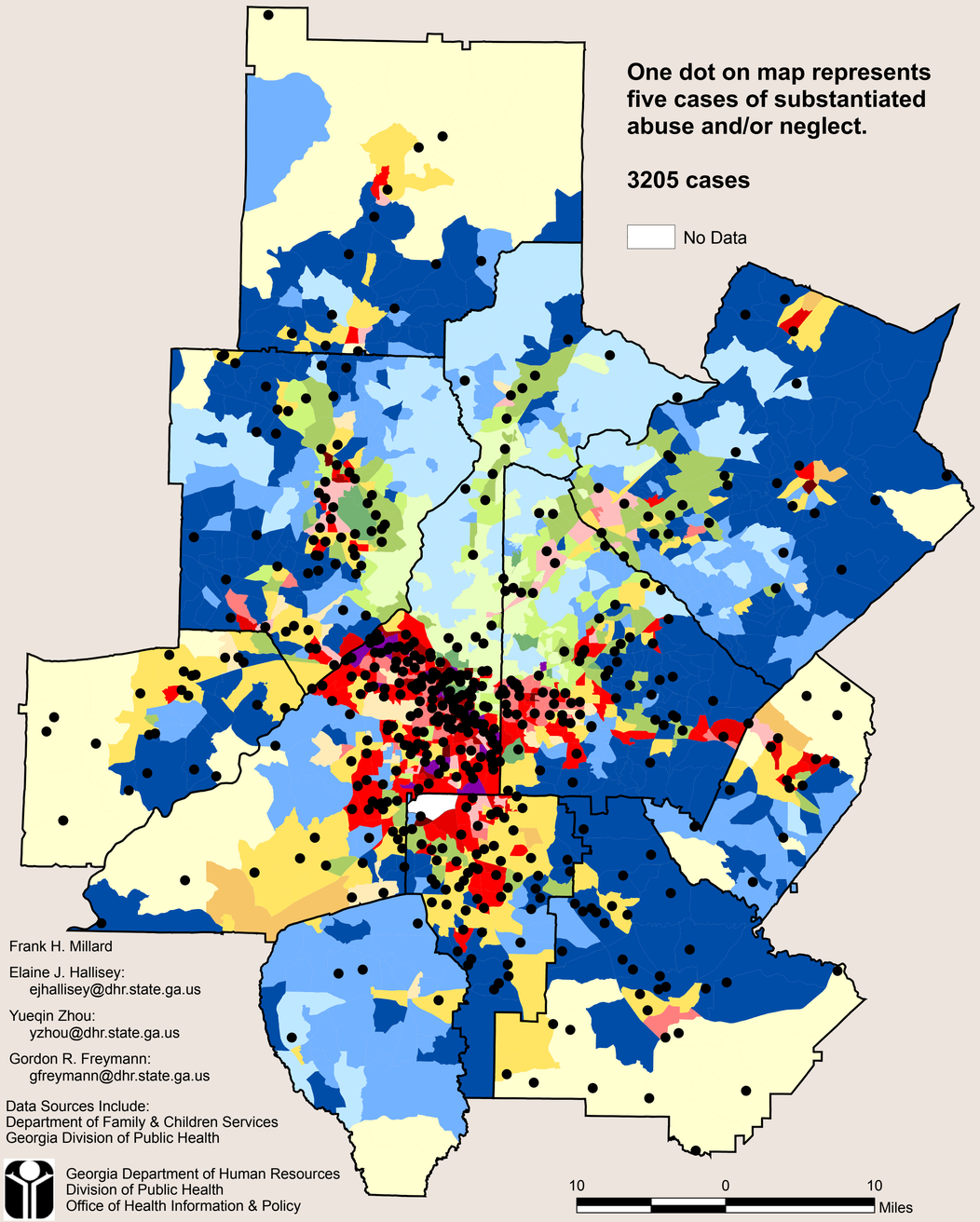
# Demographic Clusters and Substantiated Infant Abuse and Neglect Atlanta, 2000-2002

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## Demographic Clusters from Highest to Lowest Socioeconomic Status

**1.1** Georgia's wealthiest cluster is primarily populated by "new money" executives and professionals living in tract mansions of metropolitan suburbs and exurbs. Predominantly white with a high index for Asians, this highly educated cluster is composed of married couples in their 40s and early 50s with adolescent children.

**1.2** This well-educated, suburban cluster, dominated by professionals and managers, has the second highest level of affluence in the state. Mostly white with a high index for Asians, they are older than cluster 1.1 and include married couples with adolescent and grown children.

**1.3** Found in the metro suburbs, this mixed-ethnicity, more youthful cluster is populated by married couples in their 30s and early 40s with young children. The majority has some college or are college graduates. Most are employed in managerial and other white collar jobs, while some are high-earning blue collar families. This cluster enjoys a median income well above the state average.

**2.1** This cluster is characterized by its high concentration of highly educated young people in their late 20s and 30s renting in upscale urban neighborhoods. Dominated by white and Asian married couples without children, this cluster is positioned to join prosperous families in the next decade.

**2.2** This cluster is primarily populated by people in their late 30s and early 40s and older people over 65. A mixed-ethnicity group, they live in rented apartments and condos in urban areas; and although many are college educated, their median incomes are well below cluster 1.3 and 2.1. Children are not highly represented in this cluster.

**2.3** This is a very young cluster of mixed ethnicity living in middle-range value apartments in urban/suburban areas. Many are college educated or have some college, and their income is exactly the state average. They have an elevated index for single parent families with children, although the population under 18 is small.

**2.4** This mixed-ethnicity cluster represents the college, military and prison populations in Georgia (those populations living in group quarters). They are mostly under 24 years of age and have lower incomes than the state average.

**3.1** This cluster is a white, middle class rural cluster dominated by married families with children. They are mainly home owners, but the value of their housing is much lower than in urban areas. Many in this cluster are high school graduates; but they are higher than the state average in population that failed to graduate from high school. The cluster is highly represente in farming and construction and is widespread across the state.

**3.2** Although this cluster includes younger populations, it is dominated by the 55+ age group. Found predominantly in N/NE rural counties of Georgia, the cluster is white with some African-American population. As would be expected of a population with many persons living on fixed incomes, this cluster has lower income than families currently working; but their incomes are still average compared to the state.

**3.3** This mixed-ethnicity cluster is average in its age profile, but has a higher percentage of single parent families than the state as a whole. A large percent did not finish high school and they are much less likely to have a 4-year college degree. Approaching the state average in income, these families work in lower paying service, sales and managerial jobs to maintain a lower middle class lifestyle.

**3.4** Composed of rural married and single parent families, this cluster is older than cluster 3.1 and less affluent. Predominantly white with some African-American population, this group is much more likely to own low value housing, not to have finished high school, and to work in farming.

**4.1** This cluster is composed of newly arrived immigrants to the United States. Primarily Hispanic, the cluster is young and not well educated. Dominated by single households, but with a substantial percentage of married families with children, this urban population lives in rental housing, is below average in income, and works in service, construction and processing industries.

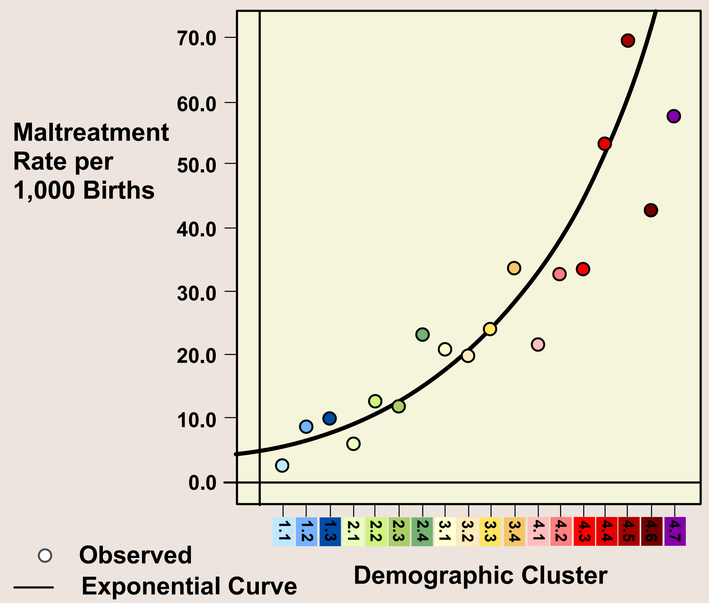
**4.2** An urban cluster, this African-American group has a high representation of elderly people and single parent families with children. Not well educated and with lower than average incomes, this group lives in areas with high vacant housing and low housing values. Although poor, this cluster also demonstrates social stability with almost 60% showing home ownership and 30% being married family households.

**4.3** This is a young cluster with a high proportion under 24 years of age. Primarily African-American and with a high index for Hispanics, this cluster is characterized by singles and single parent families with children living in urban/suburban rental units. They work in service jobs and their income is more than 30% below the state average.

**4.4** Found in old mill towns in suburban and rural areas, this cluster is composed predominantly of African-American married families and single parents with children. The population is skewed to the very old and very young. They are primarily renters, have high school or less than high school educations and work in service industries--making half the state average in income.

**4.5** This African-American cluster is much like cluster 4.4, but is more urban, older, less educated, and lower in income. They are more likely than 4.4 to live in rental units.

**4.6** This is a very small and unusual urban cluster. It is dominated by an African-American population with a high percentage of whites. The cluster is more than twice the state average in population over 65 and has very few children. Oddly, this cluster has more males than females for the ages 18-54. The group lives in rental units, is very poorly educated and experiences very low income.

**4.7** This is a very young African-American cluster composed of single parent families with children. The population less than 18 is very high, and there is almost no elderly population. The cluster is poorly educated, lives in rental units and has the lowest median income in the state.

## Relationship between Demographic Clusters and Child Maltreatment