

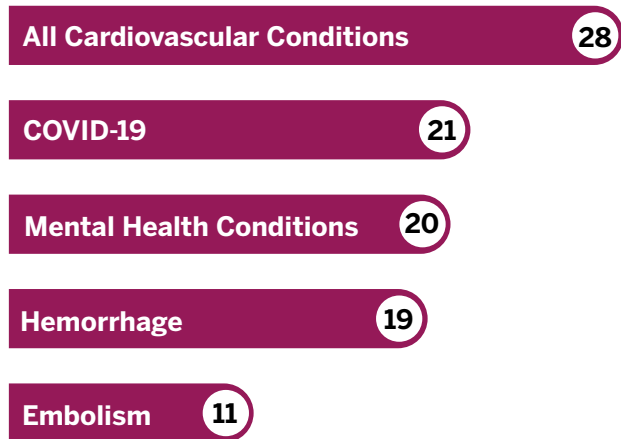
MATERNAL MORTALITY

GEORGIA 2020-2022

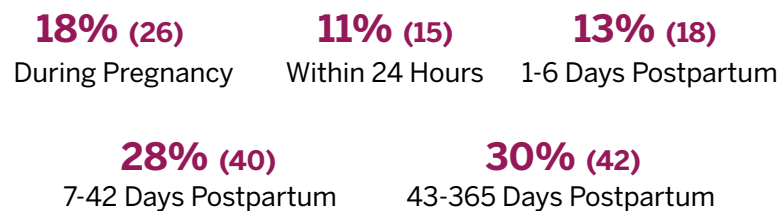
Pregnancy-related: a death during pregnancy or within one year of the end of pregnancy from a pregnancy complication, a chain of events initiated by the pregnancy, or the aggravation of an unrelated condition by the physiologic effects of pregnancy.

Preventable: a death is considered preventable if the Maternal Mortality Review Committee determines that there was at least some chance of the death being averted by one or more reasonable changes to patient, family, provider, facility, system, and/or community factors.

LEADING CAUSES OF PREGNANCY-RELATED DEATHS (# OF DEATHS), 2020-2022



PROPORTION OF PREGNANCY-RELATED DEATHS BY TIMING OF DEATHS, 2020-2022



Cardiovascular conditions were the leading cause of pregnancy-related deaths between 2020-2022.

Cardiovascular conditions include cardiomyopathy and other cardiovascular conditions, excluding hypertensive disorders of pregnancy and cerebrovascular accidents (i.e., stroke).

Mental health conditions were the leading cause of pregnancy-related deaths in 2022.

Mental health conditions include deaths of suicide, overdose/poisoning related to substance use disorder, and other deaths determined by the Maternal Mortality Review Committee to be related to a mental health condition.

ONGOING INITIATIVES

- **From 2018-2024, Georgia birthing facilities have implemented practices** that improve the quality of care provided during delivery and in the postpartum period, specifically to address hemorrhage, severe hypertension, and cardiac conditions through partnership with the Georgia Perinatal Quality Collaborative (GaPQC).
- **DPH partners with Emory University on PEACE for Moms**, a psychiatric access program that establishes phone consultations with a perinatal psychiatrist for providers treating pregnant and postpartum patients. DPH has established a new partnership with Postpartum Support International, Georgia Chapter, which funded 992 therapy sessions for individuals during pregnancy and postpartum.
- **DPH verifies levels of maternal care in Georgia birthing hospitals** to help hospitals identify which patients they have the resources to provide care for, and which patients should be transferred to a facility with more intensive services. Fifteen hospitals have completed the maternal designation process.
- **DPH expanded perinatal home visiting to 50 counties** and served over 500 patients by November 2024.

For more information: www.dph.ga.gov/maternal-mortality