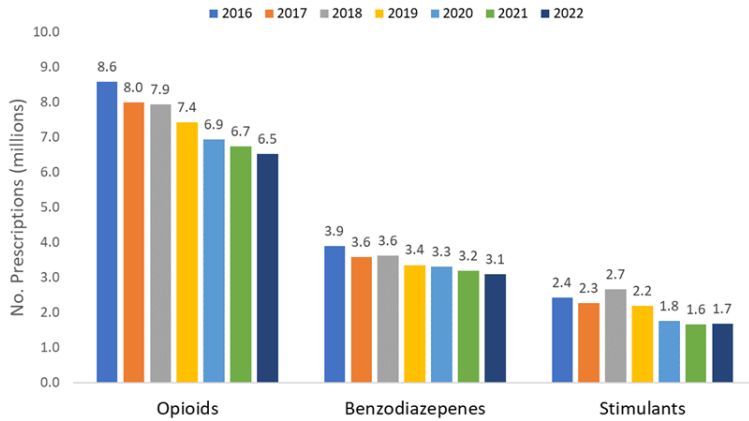# Georgia Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Monthly Report—December 2023

**What is the PDMP?** The PDMP is an electronic database used to collect, monitor, and analyze prescribing and dispensing data about controlled substances (such as opioids, benzodiazepines and stimulants) in Georgia. The PDMP collects details of every Schedule II – V prescription drug order dispensed in Georgia. The purpose of this report is to describe opioid prescribing patterns in Georgia on a monthly basis. For more information on the PDMP and the indicators included in this report, please refer to pages 2-7 of the most recent PDMP annual report here.

*Disclaimer: Due to changes in the definition of stimulant prescriptions, reports as of December 2023 can't be compared to previous reports. For more information see: https://www.cdc.gov/opioids/data-resources/index.html*

### Prescriptions by Drug Type & Year, Georgia, 2016-2022



**From 2021 to 2022, the number of opioid prescriptions decreased by 3%, benzodiazepine prescriptions by 3%, and stimulant prescriptions increased by 1%.**

### Prescriptions by Drug Type & Month, Georgia, 2022-2023
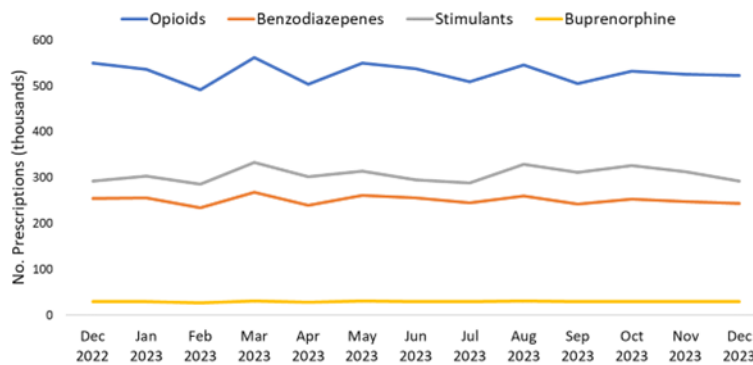


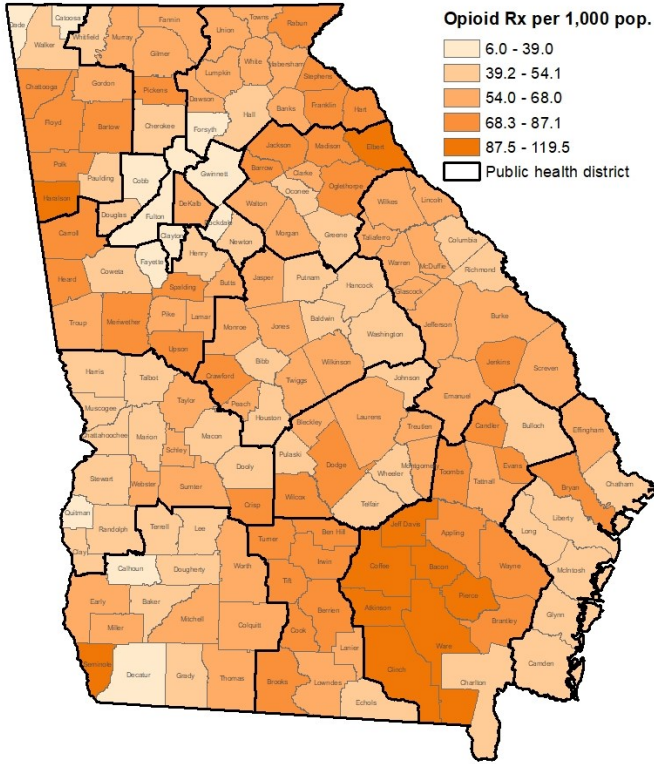| Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Indicators, Georgia, December 2022 - December 2023 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indicator description | Dec 2022 | Jan 2023 | Feb 2023 | Mar 2023 | Apr 2023 | May 2023 | Jun 2023 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Sep 2023 | Oct 2023 | Nov 2023 | Dec 2023 |
| No. opioid prescriptions | 549,466 | 536,450 | 491,347 | 561,504 | 503,028 | 549,544 | 537,809 | 509,427 | 544,892 | 505,050 | 531,960 | 524,810 | 522,397 |
| No. benzodiazepine prescriptions | 254,260 | 255,827 | 233,563 | 267,255 | 239,445 | 261,168 | 255,769 | 244,119 | 259,826 | 242,526 | 253,298 | 247,103 | 243,090 |
| No. stimulant prescriptions | 291,968 | 303,433 | 285,575 | 332,890 | 301,035 | 313,986 | 294,463 | 288,607 | 328,284 | 310,514 | 325,862 | 312,057 | 292,683 |
| No. buprenorphine prescriptions | 28,814 | 28,956 | 27,028 | 30,433 | 27,780 | 30,811 | 29,885 | 28,785 | 30,612 | 29,005 | 29,872 | 29,798 | 29,078 |
| No. opioid patients | 437,313 | 429,199 | 402,079 | 440,533 | 409,604 | 432,418 | 428,120 | 409,514 | 431,139 | 407,933 | 432,477 | 420,683 | 456,802 |
| No. registered users* | 77,144 | 77,441 | 77,720 | 78,072 | 78,385 | 78,680 | 79,174 | 79,836 | 80,488 | 80,882 | 81,238 | 81,560 | 81,790 |
| No. of patient inquiries | 1,000,191 | 1,072,876 | 1,008,776 | 1,222,412 | 1,084,898 | 1,184,922 | 1,132,859 | 1,137,419 | 1,311,384 | 1,171,921 | 1,286,025 | 1,230,549 | 1,179,695 |

*Indicates the total number of active registered users on the last day of each month*

**For additional drug surveillance reports please visit the Georgia DPH Drug Surveillance Unit website.**
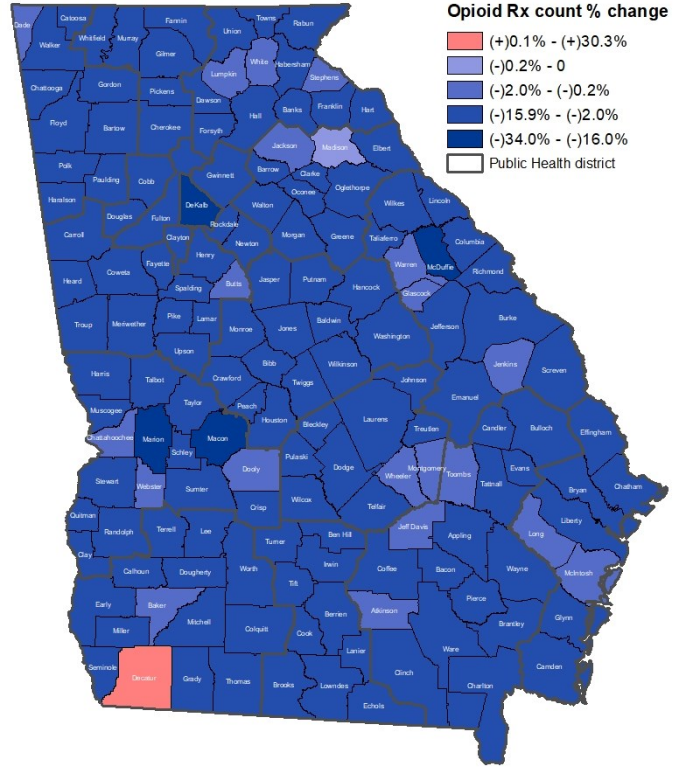
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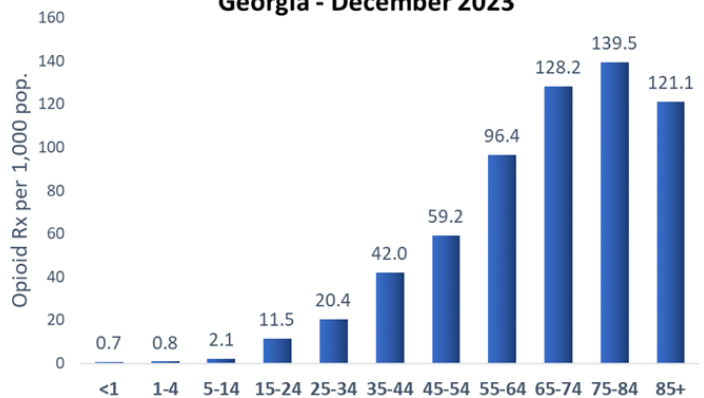## Age-Adjusted Opioid Prescription Rate by County, Georgia - Dec 2023



**Opioid Rx per 1,000 pop.**
- 6.0 - 39.0
- 39.2 - 54.1
- 54.0 - 68.0
- 68.3 - 87.1
- 87.5 - 119.5
- Public health district

## Percent Change in Opioid Prescription Count by County, Georgia, Oct - Dec 2023 vs Oct - Dec 2022



**Opioid Rx count % change**
- (+)0.1% - (+)30.3%
- (-)0.2% - 0
- (-)2.0% - (-)0.2%
- (-)15.9% - (-)2.0%
- (-)34.0% - (-)16.0%
- Public Health district

## Opioid Prescriptions by Sex, Georgia - December 2023



- 41% Male
- 59% Female

■ Female   ■ Male
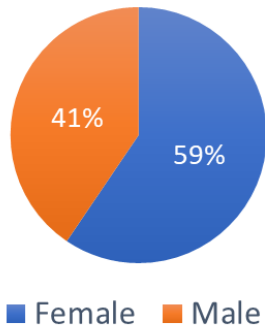
## Opioid Prescription Rate by Age, Georgia - December 2023



Opioid Rx per 1,000 pop.

| Age | Rate |
|-----|------|
| <1 | 0.7 |
| 1-4 | 0.8 |
| 5-14 | 2.1 |
| 15-24 | 11.5 |
| 25-34 | 20.4 |
| 35-44 | 42.0 |
| 45-54 | 59.2 |
| 55-64 | 96.4 |
| 65-74 | 128.2 |
| 75-84 | 139.5 |
| 85+ | 121.1 |