

TRENDS IN DERMATOLOGY PHYSICIANS 1996-2006 SPECIALTY FACT SHEET SERIES WINTER 2010 (No. 10 of 12) GEORGIA BOARD FOR PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE

SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF DERMATOLOGY PHYSICIANS

Dermatology Physician Distribution – 2006 Secondary Care Service Areas* (SCSA)



*State Service Delivery Regions; Effective July 1, 1998, the State Legislature voted to provide regional boundaries for the purpose of consistency in planning and service delivery from State Agencies.

- There was an increase in dermatology physicians becoming board certified between 1996 and 2006.
 - 1996: 85.0% of dermatology physicians were board certified compared to 73.4% of total physicians.
 - 2006: 91.8% of dermatology physicians were board certified compared to 83.2% of total physicians.
- Nine of the twelve SCSAs are below the state rate for dermatology physicians. Ten are below the U.S. rate.
- Region 9 has the lowest rate of dermatologists in the state.
- The number of dermatology physicians has increased by 27.9% between 1996 and 2006.
- Of all the dermatology physicians:
 - o 1996: 9.3% were residents
 - o 2006: 2.4% were residents
- Of all the residents:
 - 1996: 2.6% were in dermatology
 - o 2006: 1.7% were in dermatology

MSA VERSUS NON-MSA DISTRIBUTION OF DERMATOLOGY PHYSICIANS

Dermatology physicians have always been concentrated in Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). However, there has been a decline of dermatology physicians practicing in Non-Metropolitan Statistical Areas (Non-MSA's). From 2004 to 2006, there was an 8% decrease in the percentage of dermatology physicians practicing in Non-MSA designated areas.

DERMATOLOGY PHYSICIANS BY YEAR: GEORGIA MSA/NON-MSA		
DESIGNATION	2004	2006
MSA	86.5%	94.5%
NON-MSA	13.5%	5.5%

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DEMOGRAPHICS



Since 1996, there has been a 9.3% increase in the number of female dermatology physicians practicing in Georgia. Additionally, the percentage of black physicians has increased by 11.7%, while the percentage of white dermatology physicians has decreased by 19.2% since 1996.



- The percentage of dermatology physicians age 55 and older increased by 7% between 1996 and 2006.
- Similarly, the percentage of total practicing physicians age 55 and older increased by 2.8% during the same time.

TRENDS IN THE NUMBER AND RATE OF DERMATOLOGY PHYSICIANS

Overall, the **NUMBER** of dermatology physicians practicing in Georgia has increased from 1996 to 2006. However, when the numbers are compared to changes in the population for the same period, Georgia has actually remained somewhat constant in the **RATE** of dermatology physicians. In 1996, Georgia had a rate of 2.9 dermatology physicians compared to 3.0 in 2006.

