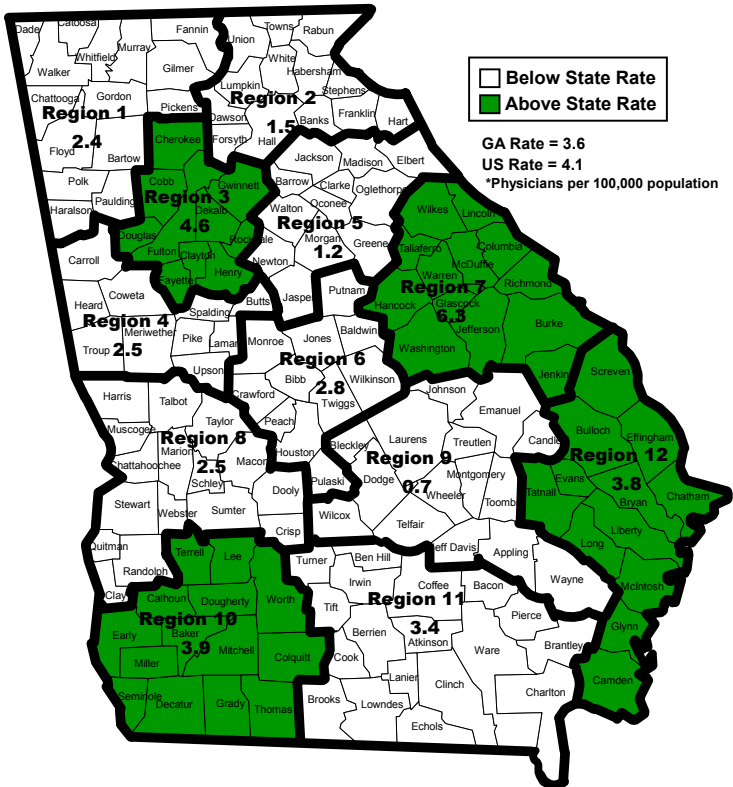




**TRENDS IN GASTROENTEROLOGY PHYSICIANS 1996-2006**  
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**SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY PHYSICIANS**

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



- There was an increase in physicians becoming board certified between 1996 and 2006.
  - 1996: 91.2% of gastroenterologists were board certified compared to 73.4% of total physicians.
  - 2006: 87.8% of gastroenterologists were board certified compared to 83.2% of total physicians.
- Gastroenterologists have grown by 66.5% between 1996 and 2006.
- Of all the gastroenterologists:
  - 1996: 1.5% were residents
  - 2006: 0.9% were residents
- Of all the residents:
  - 1996: 0.4% were in gastroenterology
  - 2006: 0.8% were in gastroenterology

\*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.

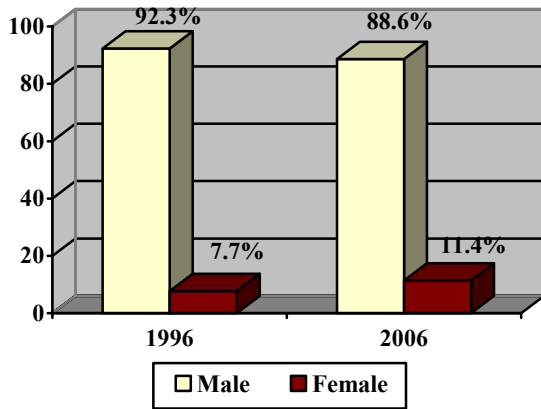
**MSA VERSUS NON-MSA DISTRIBUTION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY PHYSICIANS**

Gastroenterology physicians have always been concentrated in Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). Likewise, there has been a decline of gastroenterologists practicing in Non-Metropolitan Statistical Areas (Non-MSAs). From 2004 to 2006, there was a 5.4% decrease in the percentage of gastroenterologists practicing in Non-MSA designated areas.

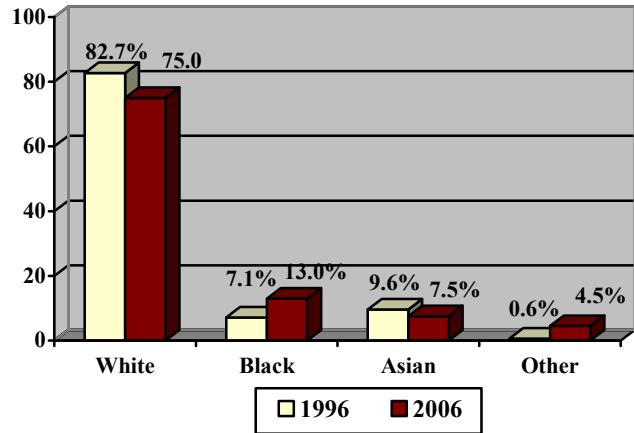
<b>GASTROENTEROLOGY PHYSICIANS BY YEAR: GEORGIA MSA/NON-MSA</b>		
<b>DESIGNATION</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>
MSA	85.5%	90.9%
NON-MSA	14.5%	9.1%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

**Gastroenterology Physicians  
By Gender**

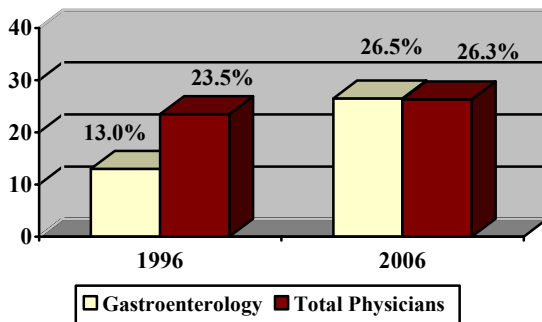


**Gastroenterology Physicians  
By Race**



Since 1996, there has been a 3.7% increase in the number of female gastroenterologists practicing in Georgia. Additionally, the percentage of black gastroenterologists has increased by 5.9%. The percentage of white gastroenterology physicians has decreased by 7.7%, while the percentage of Asian gastroenterologists has decreased by 2.1%

**Percentage of Gastroenterology Physicians  
and Total Physicians Age 55 and Older  
1996 and 2006**

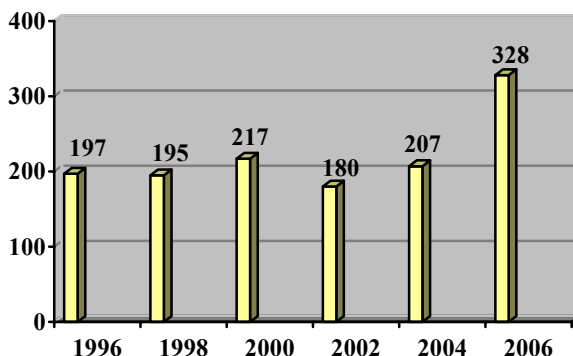


- The percentage of gastroenterologists age 55 and older increased 13.5% between 1996 and 2006.
- The percentage of total practicing physicians age 55 and older increased by 2.8% during the same time period.

## TRENDS IN THE NUMBER AND RATE OF GASTROENTEROLOGY PHYSICIANS

Over the last ten years, the **NUMBER** of gastroenterology physicians practicing in Georgia has fluctuated from year-to-year, but increased overall. The **RATE** for gastroenterology physicians has declined from 1996 to 2004; however, there was a 1.3 rate increase in 2006.

**Total Number**



**Rate per 100,000 Population**

