

# SOCIAL & ECONOMIC COST OF EATING DISORDERS IN GEORGIA

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## PREVALENCE & MORTALITY

**926,011**

Nine percent of Georgians  
(926,011 people),  
will have an eating  
disorder in their lifetime

10,200 deaths per year nationally as a  
direct result of an eating disorder,  
equating to 1 death every 52 minutes



### EATING DISORDERS AFFECT EVERYONE:



- All ages, starting as young as 5 years old to over 80 years old
- All races, however, people of color with eating disorders are **half as likely to be diagnosed or to receive treatment**<sup>1</sup>
- All genders, with females being **2x more likely to have an eating disorder**
- All sexual orientations

## COST TO ECONOMY & SOCIETY IN GEORGIA

**\$2.1 Billion** } Yearly economic cost  
of eating disorders

Additional loss  
of wellbeing per year **\$10.5 Billion**

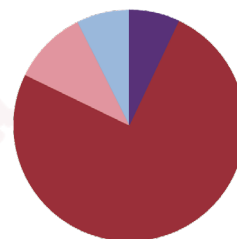
### Cost Breakdown:

Productivity Losses (\$1.6B)

Informal Care (\$215.4M)

Efficiency Losses (\$154.3M)

Health System (\$147.9M)



### COST TO HOSPITAL SYSTEMS:

1,733  
ER visits



costing  
**\$942,088**

757 inpatient  
hospitalizations



costing  
**\$6.7M**

### LOSS PER GROUP:



**\$755.6M**  
Individuals  
& Families

Caregivers provide 6 weeks of  
informal, unpaid care per year



**\$569.1M**  
Government



**\$524.1M**  
Employers



**\$228.3M**  
Society

<sup>1</sup>Sonneville KR, Lipson SK. Disparities in eating disorder diagnosis and treatment according to weight status, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic background, and sex among college students. International Journal of Eating Disorders 2018: 1-9.  
Note: State-level data are estimates based on U.S. Census Bureau population statistics (2018). [Link](#) to data.



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