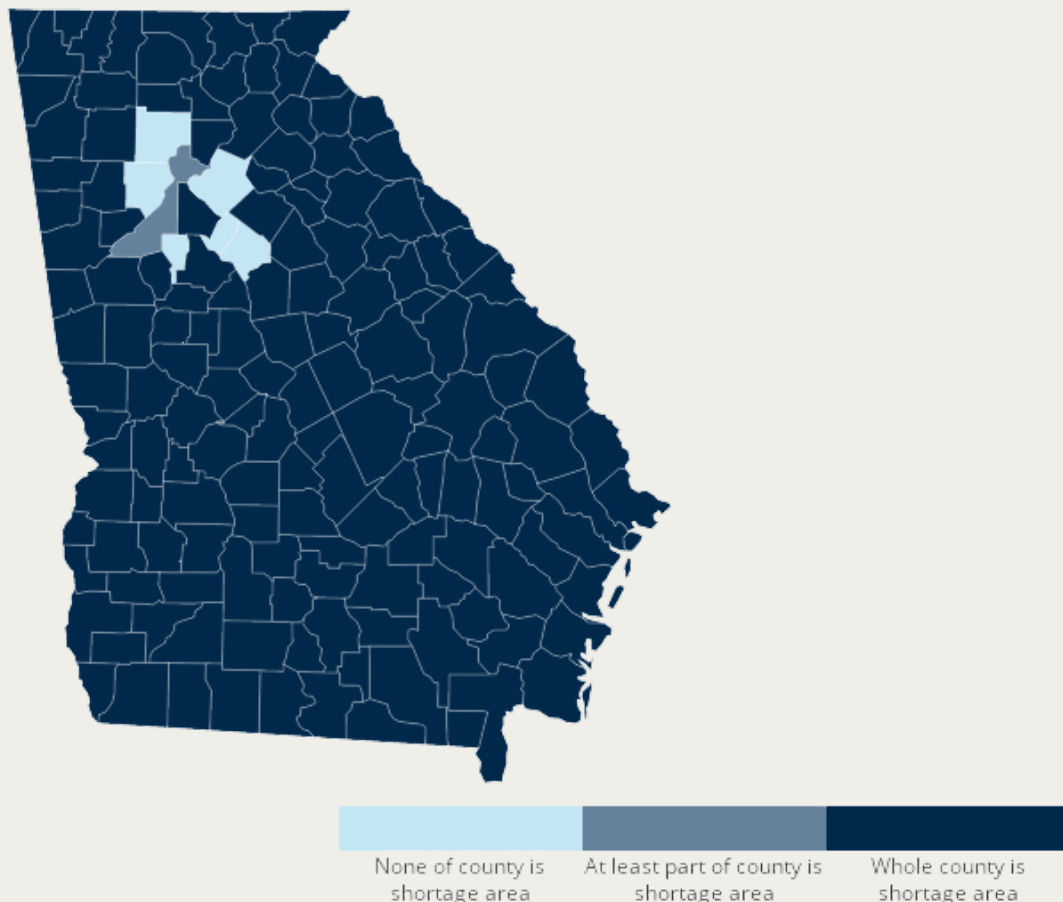


Employment Growth for Marriage and Family Therapists



As of August 2024, over 122 million Americans live in Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas—including a significant shortfall in Georgia. According to TCSG, the state faces a severe shortage of marriage and family therapists (MFTs), contributing to a national gap of 34,170 MFTs (59%). As behavioral health needs grow, Georgia's unmet demand is expected to worsen, reflecting a broader crisis in access to mental health care.

Health Professional Shortage Areas: Mental Health, by County, July 2025 - Georgia





Therapists are in high demand, with MFT jobs expected to grow 16% by 2033 (BLS). In Georgia, the need is especially urgent, as rising behavioral health demands outpace the supply—particularly in rural areas. An MFT degree from Valdosta State equips you to meet this need and make a lasting impact.

LARGEST MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST EMPLOYERS IN 2023 (BLS)

Offices of other health practitioners	28%
Individual and family services	27%
Self-employed workers	14%
Outpatient care centers	13%
State government, excluding education and hospitals	6%

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