

2029 Obstetric Services Bed Need Projection

OB Area ¹	OB Bed Inventory ²	Current Utilization Trend				Current and Projected Female Population Ages 15-44				Projected Days of Care	Bed Need Projection			Current Aggregate Utilization ⁴		Final Outcome
		2023 OB Days ³	2024 OB Days ³	2023+2024 OB Days	Average OB Utilization Rate	Population in 2023	Population in 2024	Population In Both Years	Projected Population in 2029		Gross Need at 75% Occupancy	Net Excess or Surplus	Net Beds Needed	2023	2024	
1	85	13,520	13,720	27,240	7.60%	178,802	179,804	358,606	184,593	14,022	52	33	0	43.58%	44.22%	No Need
2	125	29,463	31,270	60,733	20.82%	144,804	146,846	291,650	157,386	32,774	120	5	0	64.58%	68.54%	No Need
3	748	187,016	191,828	378,844	18.18%	1,037,927	1,045,425	2,083,352	1,076,387	195,734	716	32	0	68.50%	70.26%	No Need
4	77	16,261	14,323	30,584	14.17%	107,539	108,292	215,831	111,301	15,772	58	19	0	57.86%	50.96%	No Need
5	58	14,156	14,986	29,142	10.09%	143,700	145,126	288,826	151,605	15,297	56	2	0	66.87%	70.79%	No Need
6	109	17,012	17,103	34,115	16.63%	102,452	102,633	205,085	102,975	17,129	63	46	0	42.76%	42.99%	No Need
7	114	18,578	17,876	36,454	18.69%	97,372	97,695	195,067	98,177	18,347	68	46	0	44.65%	42.96%	No Need
8	104	12,475	12,314	24,789	17.55%	70,655	70,604	141,259	70,213	12,321	46	58	0	32.86%	32.44%	No Need
9	41	5,498	4,941	10,439	10.00%	52,130	52,264	104,394	52,640	5,264	20	21	0	36.74%	33.02%	No Need
10	78	11,502	11,188	22,690	17.55%	64,681	64,635	129,316	63,737	11,183	41	37	0	40.40%	39.30%	No Need
11	68	12,127	11,659	23,786	14.16%	83,732	84,193	167,925	86,002	12,182	45	23	0	48.86%	46.97%	No Need
12	138	26,027	27,540	53,567	16.98%	157,312	158,154	315,466	161,663	27,451	101	37	0	51.67%	54.68%	No Need
1,745		363,635	368,748	732,383		2,241,106	2,255,671	4,496,777	2,316,679	377,476	1,386	359	0	57.09%	57.90%	

Notes:

¹ Effective April 1, 2003, the health planning areas for Obstetric Services were aligned to the twelve (12) State Service Delivery Regions (SSDR) as defined in O.C.G.A. § 50-4-7. The SSDR boundaries replace the previous thirteen health planning areas. The new planning areas were adopted by official action of the Health Strategies Council pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-6-20. See DCH Public Notice of March 3, 2003. SSDRs were amended effective July 1, 2005.

² Inventory based on approved and existing OB beds as of 3/26/2025. Includes programs who closed OB beds within the last 12-months.

³ Represents data reported in the Annual Hospital Questionnaire (Perinatal Addendum).

⁴ If numeric need for OB beds is projected in a region this need must also be accompanied by Aggregate Utilization of at least 75% in both of the most recent survey years to meet the criteria specified in 111-2-2-.24(3)(a)4 for new or expanded OB beds.

Sources:

2023 and 2024 Annual Hospital Questionnaire (Perinatal Addendum), Office of Health Planning
 2023, 2024, and 2029 Resident Population Projections 2020-2035 (4/1/2023 Release), Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.