

# Health IT State Summary

Georgia

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The health information technology (health IT) adoption and utilization data presented below are based upon measures developed and/or reported publicly by the HHS ONC within the [Health IT Dashboard](http://dashboard.healthit.gov), at <http://dashboard.healthit.gov>.



The [Health IT Dashboard](http://dashboard.healthit.gov) presents key information about ONC programs and research data to enable collaborative monitoring of the impact of federal policies, programs, and research activities related to health IT.

Health IT, including the adoption of electronic health records, health information exchange, and other personalized medical devices has the power to transform health care delivery and contribute to improvements in quality and costs. This report montiors health IT measures in the following areas:

- \* Estimates of the Number of Health Care Providers
- \* Office-Based Health Care Provider Adoption of EHRs and Health Information Exchange Capability
- \* Acute-Care Hospital Adoption of EHRs and Health Information Exchange Capability
- \* Electronic Prescribing Capability Among Health Care Providers and Pharmacies
- \* Summary of ONC HITECH Programs and Recovery Act Funding
- \* Community College Consortia to Educate Health IT Professionals Program
- \* Health IT Regional Extension Centers Program
- \* Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs

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## Provider Population Estimates

### Office-based Providers

Total Number of Health Care Providers	20,434	725,406	2013	<a href="#">SK&amp;A</a>
Number of Primary Care Providers	8,695	306,388	2013	<a href="#">SK&amp;A</a>

### Non-federal Acute Care Hospitals

Short Term General	102	3,392	2014	<a href="#">CMS</a>
Urban	62	2,540	2014	<a href="#">CMS</a>
Rural	40	852	2014	<a href="#">CMS</a>
Critical Access	30	1,331	2014	<a href="#">CMS</a>

## Office-Based Provider Adoption & Utilization of Electronic Health Records (EHR)

### Adoption of Basic EHRs among Office-based Providers

[NCHS Data Brief #143](#)

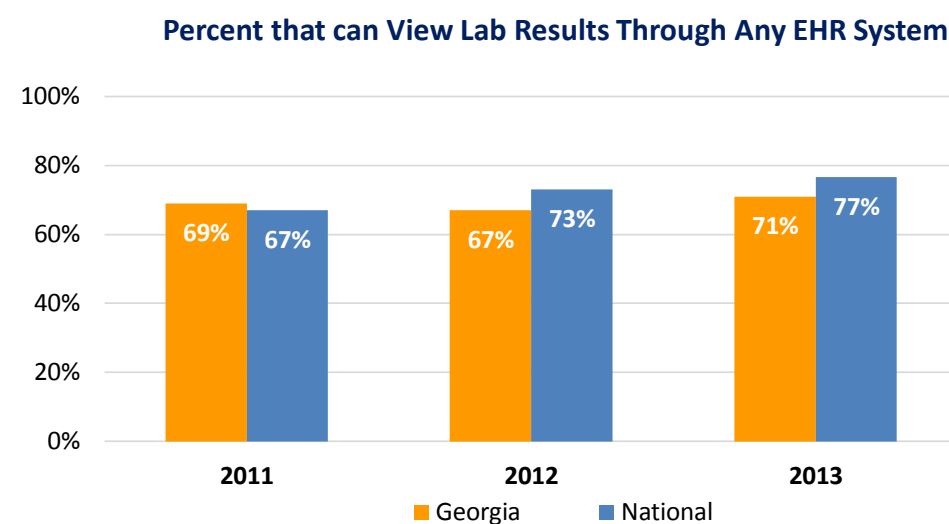
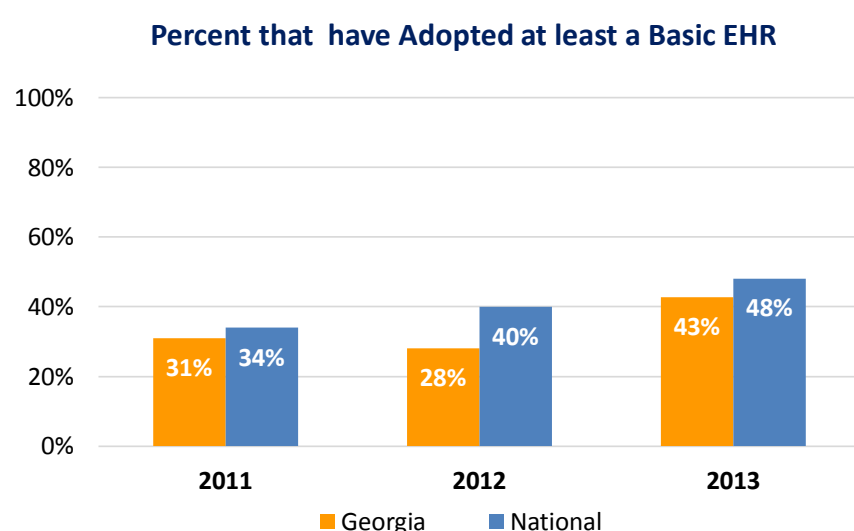
Overall Physician Practices	43%	48%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>
Primary Care Providers	49%	53%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>
Rural Providers	67%	46%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>
Small Practices	40%	41%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>

### Health Information Exchange: Office-base Physicians

Percent of office-based physicians with capability to send orders for lab tests electronically	58%	53%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>
Percent of office-based physicians with computerized capability to view lab results	71%	77%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>
Percent of office-based physicians with EHR/EMR that can automatically graph a specific patient's lab results over time	44%	47%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>

### Patient Engagement: Office-based Physicians

Percent of office-based physicians with capability to exchange secure messages with patients	44%	49%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>
Percent of office-based physicians with capability to provide patients with clinical summaries for each visit	67%	68%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>



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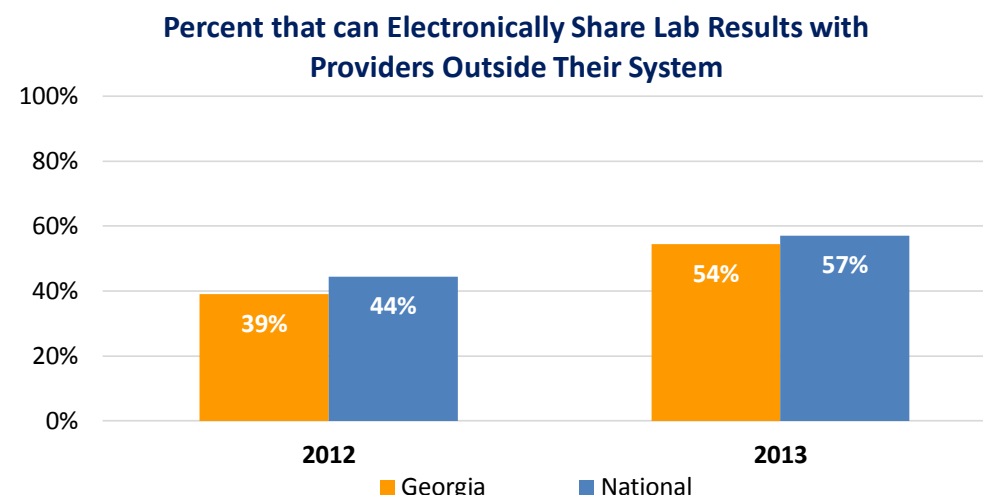
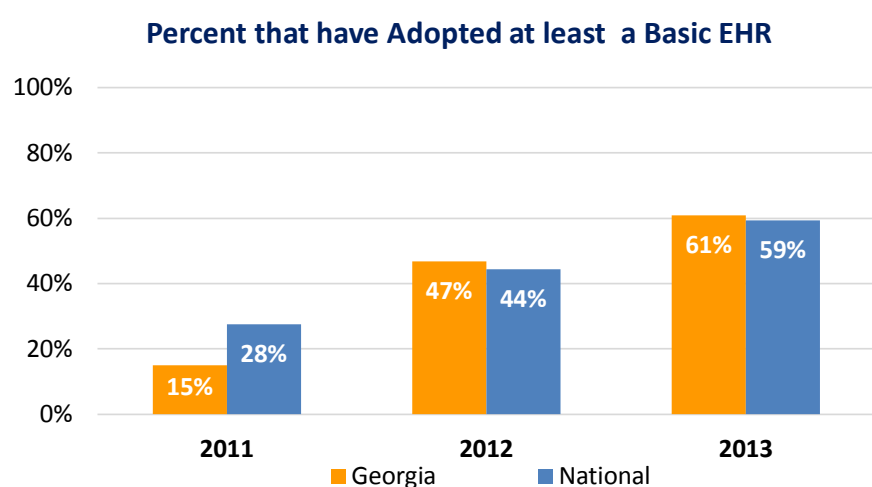
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## Non-Federal Acute Care Hospital Adoption & Utilization of Electronic Health Records (EHR)

Adoption of Basic EHRs (at least Basic EHR with Notes)				<a href="#">ONC Data Brief #16</a>
Overall Hospital	61%	59%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
Rural Hospitals	57%	53%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
Small Hospitals	59%	53%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
Health Information Exchange: Capability to Electronically Share Laboratory Results				<a href="#">ONC Data Brief #17</a>
with any Providers Outside their Health System	54%	57%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
with Hospitals Outside their Health System	23%	34%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
with Ambulatory Providers Outside their Health System	52%	52%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
Health Information Exchange: Providing Patients with an E-Copy of their Health Information				
Copy of their EHR within 3 Business Days of the Request	79%	87%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
Copy of their Discharge Instructions Upon Request	83%	79%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
Health Information Exchange: Capability to Exchange Clinical Care Summaries with Outside Providers				
with any Providers Outside Their Health System	39%	42%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
with Hospitals Outside Their Health System	23%	29%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
with Ambulatory Providers Outside Their Health System	37%	37%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>



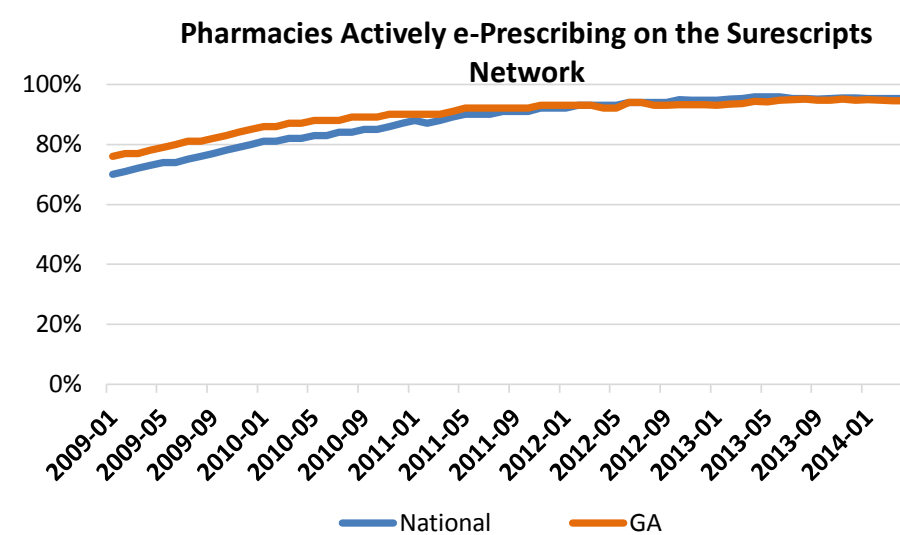
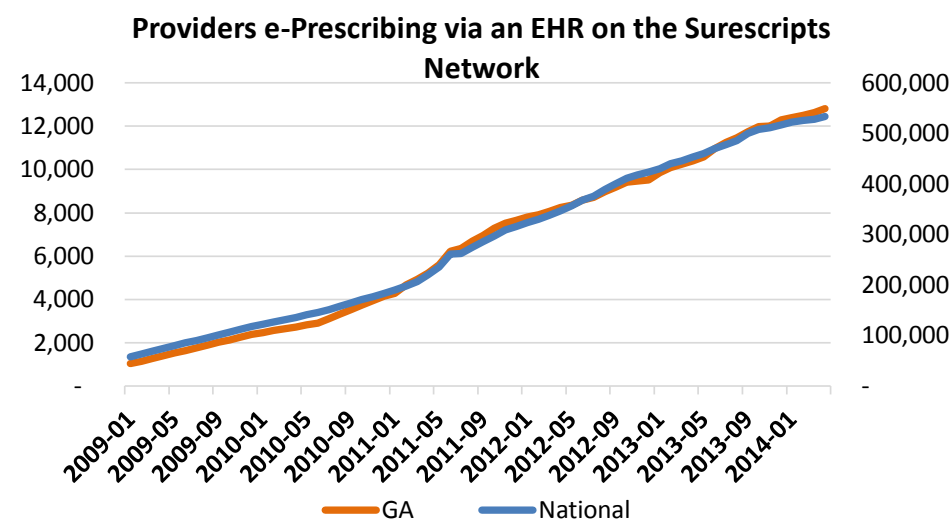
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<b>Community Pharmacies and Provider e-Prescribing on the Surescripts Network</b>				
<b>e-Prescribing Capability and Activity Among Community Pharmacies on the Surescripts Network</b> <a href="#">ONC Data Brief #18</a>				
Percent of retail community pharmacies enabled	95%	96%	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Percent of retail community pharmacies actively e-Prescribing	94%	95%	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
<b>Providers e-Prescribing on the Surescripts Network by Specialty</b>				
Total	16,920	695,640	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Primary Care Providers	5,392	218,703	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Non-Primary Care Providers	8,789	361,981	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Nurse Practitioners	1,617	73,231	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Physicians Assistants	1,122	41,725	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
<b>e-Prescribing Methods of Providers on the Surescripts Network</b>				
Prescribing through a Stand Alone System	1,278	40,528	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Prescribing through an EHR	12,802	533,639	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
<b>Prescribing Methods of Prescribers on the Surescripts Network</b>				
Percent of New and Renewal Prescriptions Processed on the Surescripts Network	52%	57%	2013	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
<b>Medication Histories Requests and Responses on the Surescripts Network</b>				
Medication History Requests on Surescripts Network	1,218,995	52,048,036	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Medication History Request Responses on Surescripts Network	1,040,732	44,922,064	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>



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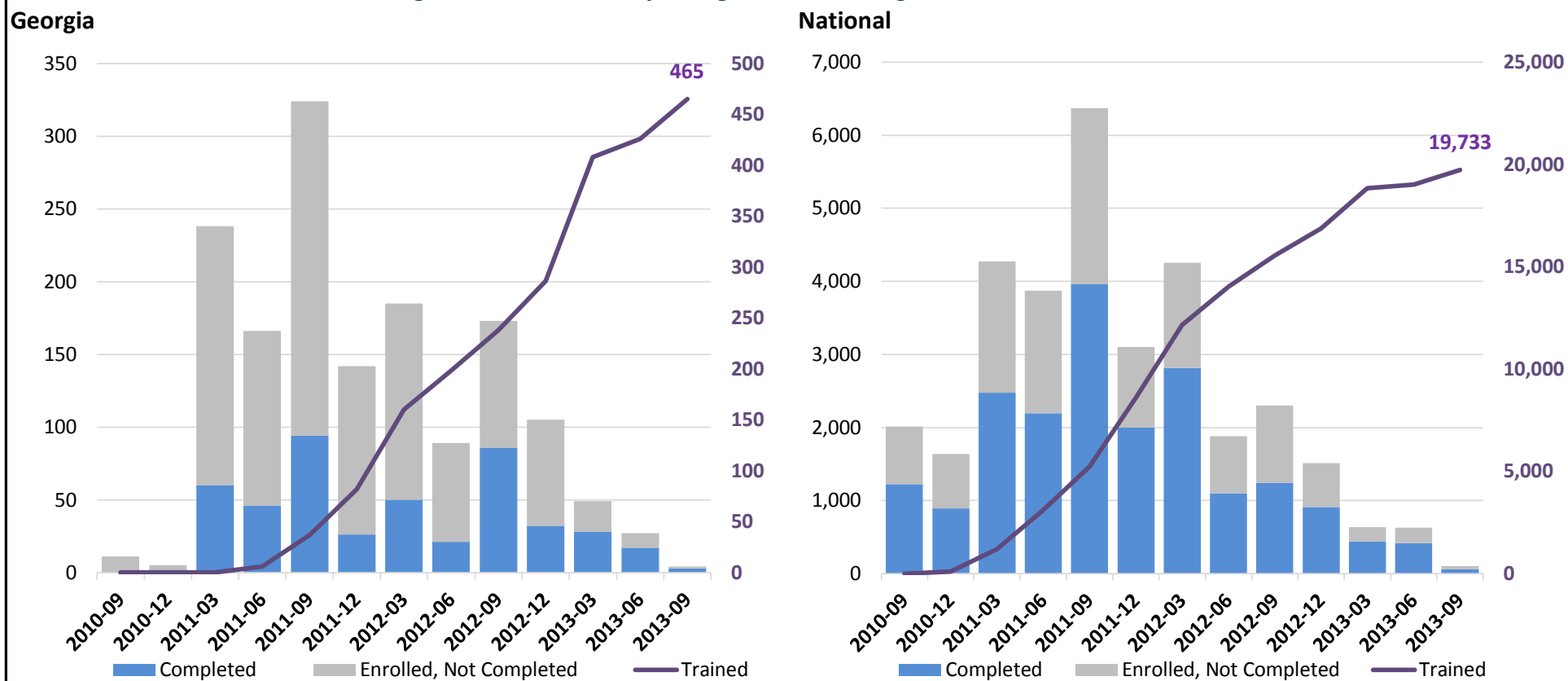
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<b>HITECH Programs - ONC Overview</b>				
Number of ONC/HITECH grantees	3	159	2010-06	<a href="#">ONC/HITECH Overall</a>
Planned Obligations to HITECH grantees (dollars in thousands)	\$29,760	\$1,711,129	2010-06	<a href="#">Global Evaluation</a>
<b>HITECH Programs - Workforce Programs</b>				
<a href="#">Final Evaluation Report</a>				
<b>Community College Consortia (CCC) Program</b>				
Number of Grantees				<a href="#">Workforce</a>
Number of students who completed CCC training	465	19,733	2013-10	<a href="#">Workforce</a>
Percent of all CCC trained students who are from non-metro areas	3%	12%	2013-10	<a href="#">Workforce</a>
<b>University-Based Training (UBT) Program</b>				
Number of Grantees	0	9	2013-12	<a href="#">Workforce</a>
Number of students who completed UBT training	21	1,703	2013-12	<a href="#">Workforce</a>
Percent of all UBT trained students who are from non-metro areas	0%	5%	2013-12	<a href="#">Workforce</a>
<b>HIT Pro Competency Exams</b>				
Number of exams administered	450	9,524	2013-03	<a href="#">Workforce</a>
Number of exam takers	348	7,646	2013-03	<a href="#">Workforce</a>
<b>HIT Pro Competency Exam Series: Number of Exams Administered</b>				
Clinician/Practitioner Consultant Exam	36	1,431	2013-03	<a href="#">Workforce</a>
Implementation Manager Exam	41	1,685	2013-03	<a href="#">Workforce</a>
Implementation Support Specialist Exam	20	1,749	2013-03	<a href="#">Workforce</a>
Practice Workflow & Information Mgmt Redesign Specialist Exam	189	2,124	2013-03	<a href="#">Workforce</a>
Technical/Software Support Specialist Exam	30	1,245	2013-03	<a href="#">Workforce</a>
Trainer Exam	134	1,290	2013-03	<a href="#">Workforce</a>

## Health IT Professionals Trained through HITECH Community College Consortia Program to Educate Health IT Professionals



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## HITECH Programs - Health IT Regional Extension Centers Program (REC)

### All Providers

Providers Signed Up with REC	3,499	155,334	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	3,351	142,321	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	2,985	108,265	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>

### Priority Primary Care Providers

[ONC Data Brief #11](#)

Providers Signed Up with REC	3,420	141,078	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	3,316	131,861	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	2,979	102,893	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>

### Primary Care Providers Enrolled for Assistance in the Regional Extension Centers (REC) Program

**3,420 of all STATE Primary Care Providers ENROLLED**



**141,078 of all NATIONAL Primary Care Providers ENROLLED**



**104 Enrolled, NOT LIVE on an EHR**

**2,979 Demonstrating Meaningful Use of an EHR**



**337 LIVE on an EHR**

**9,217 Enrolled, NOT LIVE on an EHR**

**102,893 Demonstrating Meaningful Use of an EHR**



**28,968 LIVE on an EHR**

### Priority Providers by Practice Area Type

#### Urban Areas

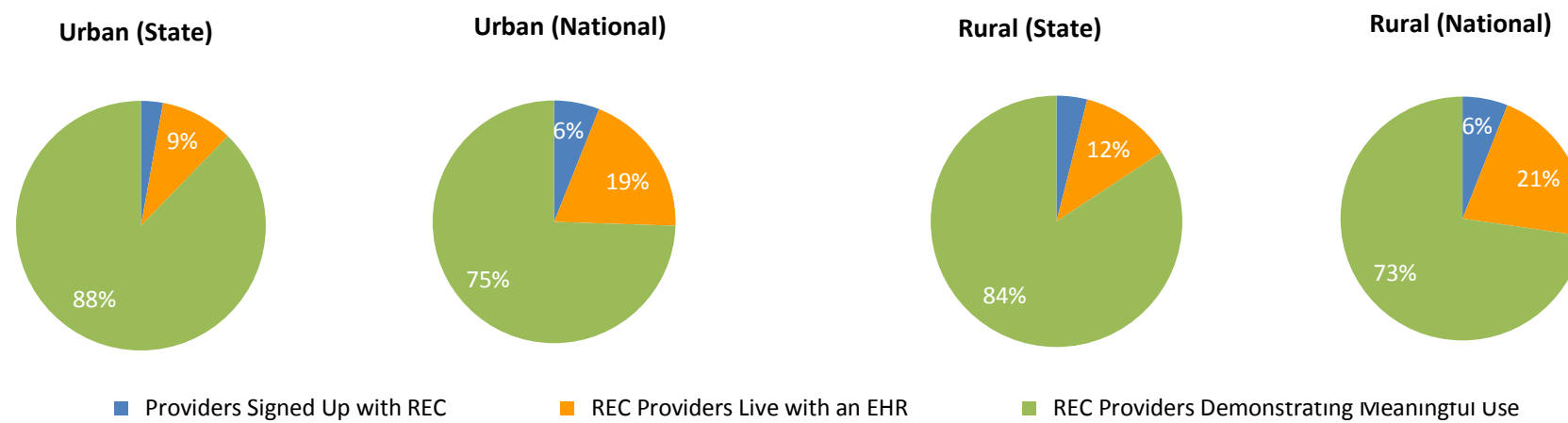
Providers Signed Up with REC	2,781	108,470	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	2,702	101,916	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	2,440	80,802	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>

#### Rural Areas

[ONC Data Brief #5](#)

Providers Signed Up with REC	635	22,625	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	610	21,266	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	535	16,448	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>

### Practice Area Type and EHR Implementation Milestone for Providers Signed up with RECs



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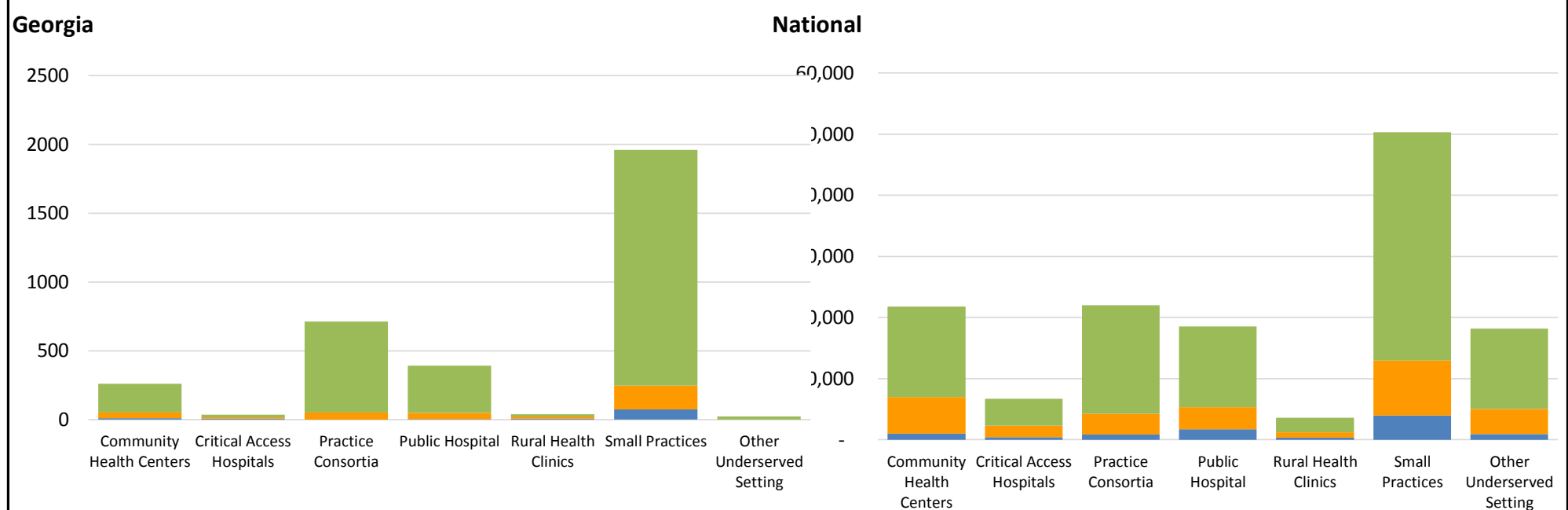
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<b>Priority Providers by Practice Affiliation &amp; REC Milestone</b>				
<b>Community Health Centers</b>				
Providers Signed Up with REC	260	21,790	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	250	20,817	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	208	14,785	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
<b>Critical Access Hospitals</b>				
Providers Signed Up with REC	37	6,690	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	29	6,294	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	22	4,381	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
<b>Practice Consortia</b>				
Providers Signed Up with REC	712	22,021	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	711	21,140	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	659	17,756	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
<b>Public Hospitals</b>				
Providers Signed Up with REC	391	18,525	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	388	16,824	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	341	13,223	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
<b>Rural Health Clinics</b>				
Providers Signed Up with REC	38	3,572	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	30	3,197	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	15	2,319	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
<b>Small Practices</b>				
Providers Signed Up with REC	1,960	50,325	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	1,886	46,355	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	1,712	37,326	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
<b>Other Underserved Settings</b>				
Providers Signed Up with REC	22	18,155	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	22	17,234	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	22	13,103	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>

## REC-Assisted Primary Care Providers by EHR Adoption Milestone and Practice Setting



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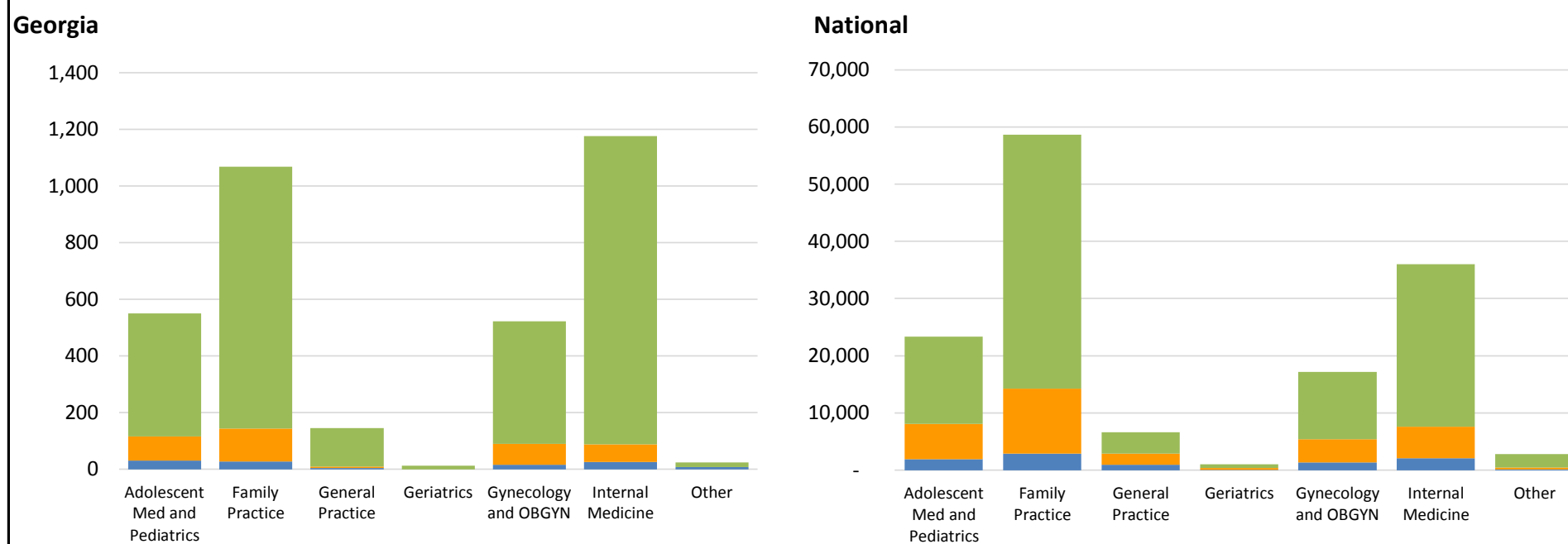
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<b>Priority Providers by Provider Specialty &amp; REC Milestone</b>				
<b>Adolescent Med and/or Pediatrics</b>				
Providers Signed Up with REC	551	23,323	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	520	21,379	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	435	15,274	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
<b>Family Practice</b>				
Providers Signed Up with REC	1,069	58,654	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	1,041	55,722	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	925	44,425	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
<b>General Practice</b>				
Providers Signed Up with REC	146	6,617	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	142	5,692	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	137	3,719	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
<b>Geriatrics</b>				
Providers Signed Up with REC	12	1,020	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	12	952	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	12	662	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
<b>Gynecology and OBGYN</b>				
Providers Signed Up with REC	523	17,142	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	507	15,782	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	433	11,769	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
<b>Internal Medicine</b>				
Providers Signed Up with REC	1,177	35,989	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	1,151	33,909	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	1,089	28,355	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
<b>Other Specialties</b>				
Providers Signed Up with REC	24	2,838	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	17	2,707	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	17	2,374	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>

## Practice Specialty and EHR Implementation Milestone for Primary Care Providers Signed up with RECs



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## HITECH Programs - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services EHR Incentive Programs

### Number of Unique Providers Paid

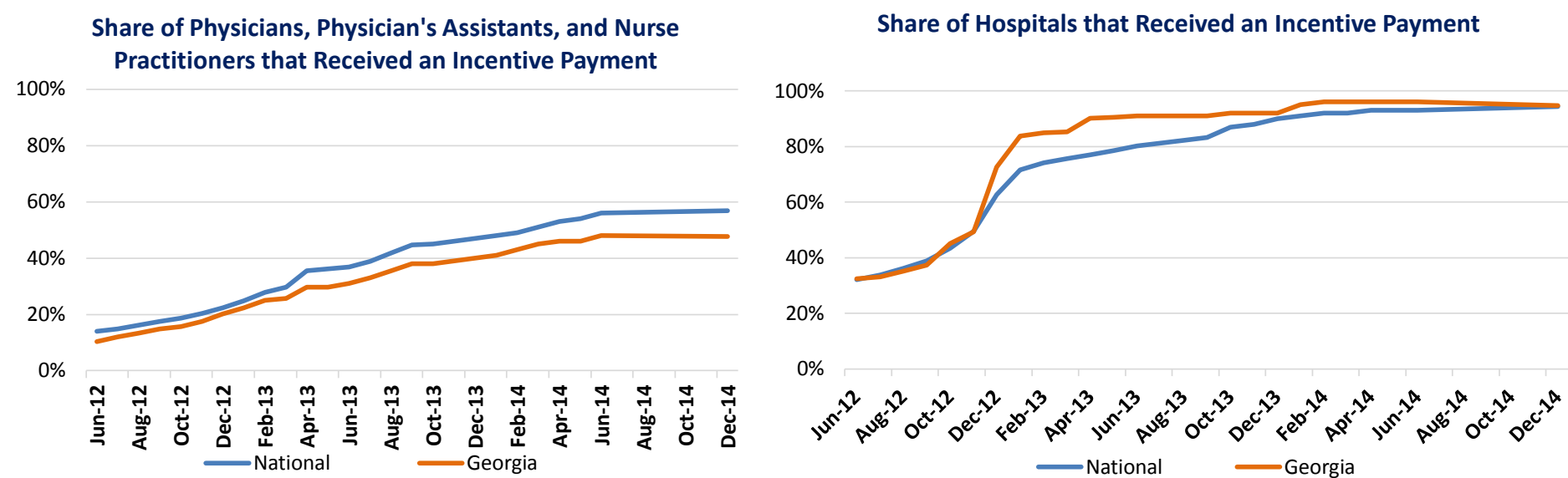
<b>All Eligible Providers<sup>1</sup></b>	9,869	417,657	2014-12	<a href="#">CMS</a>
<b>Eligible Hospitals</b>	138	4,695	2014-12	<a href="#">CMS</a>
Medicare	3	253	2014-12	<a href="#">CMS</a>
Medicaid	2	137	2014-12	<a href="#">CMS</a>
Medicare/Medicaid	133	4,305	2014-12	<a href="#">CMS</a>
<b>Eligible Professionals<sup>1</sup></b>	9,731	412,962	2014-12	<a href="#">CMS</a>
Medicare	6,717	278,338	2014-12	<a href="#">CMS</a>
Medicaid	3,014	134,624	2014-12	<a href="#">CMS</a>

### Payment Amounts

<b>All Eligible Providers<sup>1</sup> (in \$ millions)</b>	\$ 760	\$ 27,727	2014-12	<a href="#">CMS</a>
<b>Eligible Hospitals (in \$ millions)</b>	\$ 523	\$ 17,412	2014-12	<a href="#">CMS</a>
<i>Payments (per unique paid hospital)</i>	\$ 3,789,338	\$ 3,708,701	2014-12	<a href="#">CMS</a>
<b>Eligible Professionals<sup>1</sup> (in \$ millions)</b>	\$ 237	\$ 10,315	2014-12	<a href="#">CMS</a>
<i>Payments (per unique professional paid)</i>	\$ 24,325	\$ 24,977	2014-12	<a href="#">CMS</a>

### Provider-Group Participation Rate Estimates for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services EHR Incentive Programs

Share of all U.S. physicians, NPs, and PAs who have received a payment <sup>2</sup>	48%	57%	2014-12	<a href="#">ONC</a>
Share of hospitals that received a payment <sup>3</sup>	95%	94%	2014-12	<a href="#">ONC</a>



### Notes:

Additional information about these measures, including descriptions of the data source and calculation assumptions, where applicable, can be downloaded from the Health IT Dashboard, Datasets & Documentation website at <http://www.dashboard.healthit.gov/data>

<sup>1</sup>EHR Incentive Program snapshot data does not include Medicare Advantage Organizations for Eligible Professionals.

<sup>2</sup>Denominator equals the total number of health care professionals (both eligible and ineligible for the EHR Incentive Programs), as listed on Page 1 'Provider Population Estimates'.

<sup>3</sup>Demonator includes only active U.S. short term general, critical access, and children's hospitals.

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