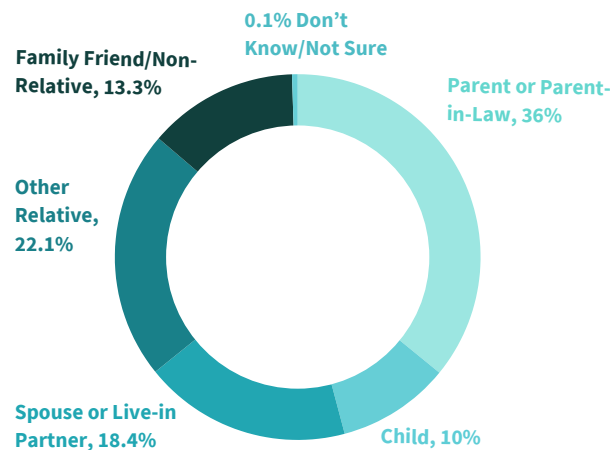


# WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT Unpaid Caregivers in Georgia

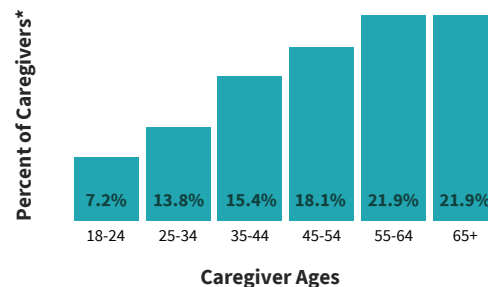


- **1 in 5 adults** in Georgia are caregivers, providing essential care to family members or friends with disabilities or health challenges but are **not compensated** for their care work.
- **22% of caregivers** provide care for **40 hours or more per week**. Among these caregivers, **61% are not in paid employment**, highlighting the economic barriers faced by those providing unpaid care to family members and loved ones.
- **Nearly 60% of caregivers are women**. 54% of caregivers have been providing care for more than 2 years.
- **14%** of those who aren't caregivers **expect to become caregivers** in the next 2 years.

Over a third (36%) of caregivers are caring for their parent or parent-in-law, nearly 1 in 5 (18%) are caring for their spouse or live-in partner, and over 1 in 5 (22%) are caring for other relative(s).



Georgia's older adult population (60 years and older) is expected to **grow rapidly** in the coming decades, outpacing the growth of all other age groups. This could potentially impact caregiver demographics in the future. Currently, **44% of Georgia's caregivers are 55 years or older**.



\*The percentages do not sum to 100% due to 1.9% of respondents indicating "don't know," refusing to answer, or having missing data.

- **40% of caregivers have a disability** themselves, adding to the challenges they may face in providing care while managing their own health needs.
- In Georgia, an estimated **136,400 direct care job openings** will need to be filled by 2032, yet they remain vastly underpaid. Over **7,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities** in Georgia are waiting for a Medicaid waiver for home and community-based services. About **76% of working people in Georgia** do not have paid family leave through their jobs and there is no requirement for employers to provide paid sick time. These factors highlight the need for support for Georgia's caregivers.

To learn more about what's needed for an equitable care infrastructure for all of Georgia's families see the Care Can't Wait [Georgia Care Voter Guide](#).