

**Past 30-Day Prescription Painkiller/Benzodiazepine Use
Without a Prescription
among 6th-12th Grade Students
In Georgia:
School System Level Ranking
2018-2019**

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Statewide results suggest that of the 688,044 respondents to the 2018-2019 Georgia Student Health Survey 2.0 (GSHS 2.0), 21,194 (3.1%) of students from the 6th through the 12th grade indicated that in the past 30 days they have used a prescription painkiller and/or a benzodiazepine without having a doctor’s prescription.

These results were in response to question 46 in the GSHS 2.0 which reads, “During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use a prescription drug painkiller/benzodiazepine (such as Hydrocodone, Oxycodone, Vicodin, Benzos, Klonopin, or Valium) that was not prescribed to you?”

Below (Table 1) are the 12 highest public school system level rankings for such use. A map showing the geographic location of these counties is on p. 6.

Table 1. Highest proportion of past 30 day prescription painkiller/benzodiazepine users without prescription 2018-2019: School systems with highest prevalence: Top 12 School Systems

	Public School System	N	n-used	% used
1	Burke County	1193	116	9.72%
2	Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) *	541	39	7.21%
3	Baker County	120	7	5.83%
4	Harris County	2328	124	5.33%
5	Dawson County	1451	74	5.10%
6	Franklin County	1459	73	5.00%
7	Seminole County	544	27	4.96%
8	Meriwether County	873	42	4.81%
9	Stephens County	1561	73	4.68%
10	Wheeler County	413	19	4.60%
11	McDuffie County	1308	60	4.59%
12	Talbot County	176	8	4.55%

* DJJ has its own school system

Table 2 ranks the proportion of use for the entire state of Georgia at the public school system level.

Table 2. Proportion of past 30 day prescription painkiller/benzodiazepine users without prescription 2018-2019: All school systems

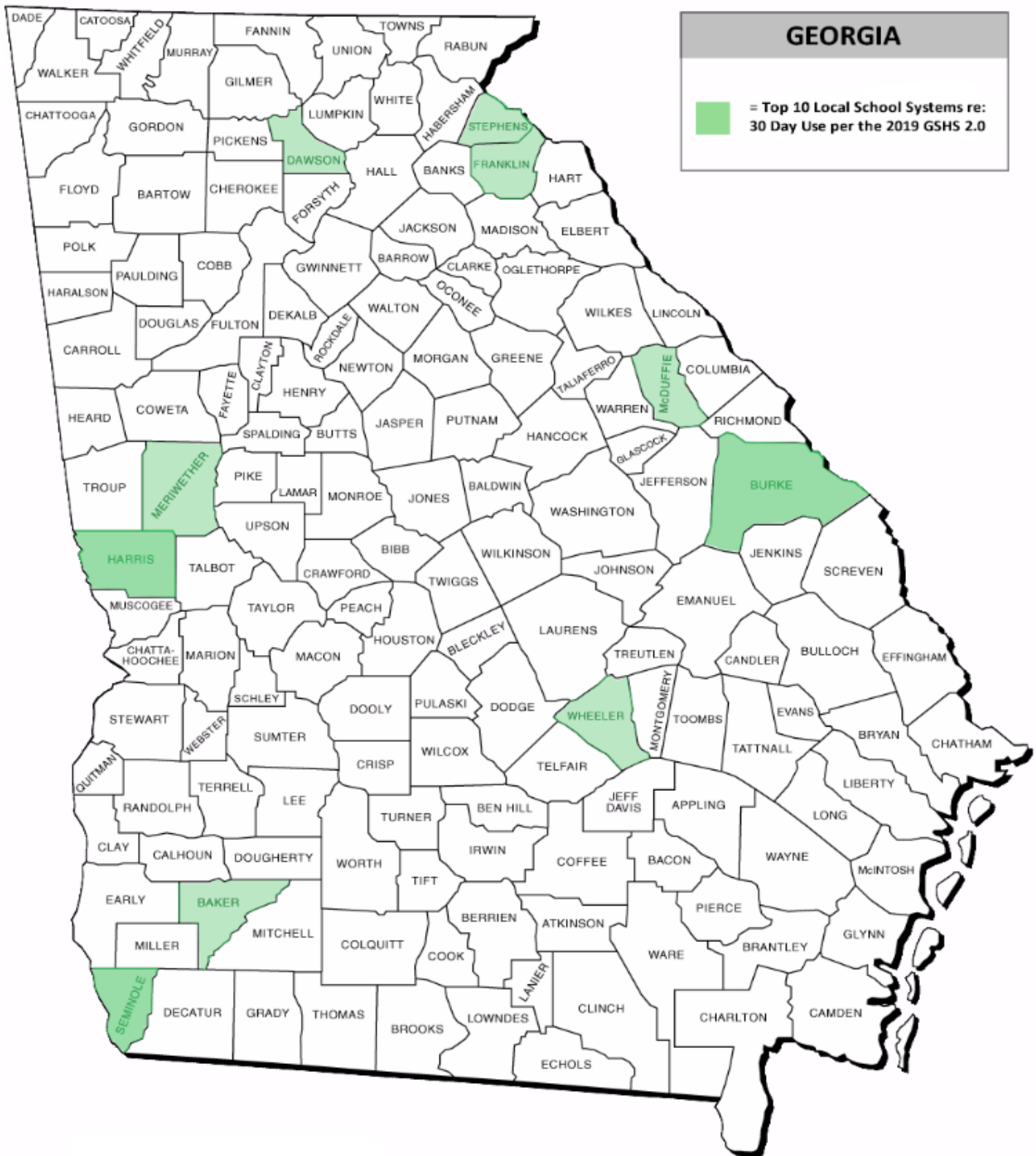
	Public School System	N	n-used	% used
1	Burke County	1193	116	9.7%
2	Department of Juvenile Justice	541	39	7.2%
3	Baker County	120	7	5.8%
4	Harris County	2328	124	5.3%
5	Dawson County	1451	74	5.1%
6	Franklin County	1459	73	5.0%
6	Seminole County	544	27	5.0%
7	Meriwether County	873	42	4.8%
8	Stephens County	1561	73	4.7%
9	Wheeler County	413	19	4.6%

9	McDuffie County	1308	60	4.6%
10	Talbot County	176	8	4.5%
11	Thomaston-Upson County	1596	70	4.4%
12	Clayton County	22116	962	4.3%
12	Telfair County	581	25	4.3%
12	Colquitt County	3454	148	4.3%
12	Cartersville City	2012	86	4.3%
12	Macon County	515	22	4.3%
12	Jasper County	890	38	4.3%
13	Chattahoochee County	473	20	4.2%
13	Bacon County	831	35	4.2%
13	Rockdale County	7110	299	4.2%
14	Candler County	776	32	4.1%
14	Richmond County	10978	449	4.1%
15	Baldwin County	1964	79	4.0%
15	Walker County	3283	132	4.0%
15	Washington County	1133	45	4.0%
15	Dooly County	454	18	4.0%
16	Greene County	937	37	3.9%
16	Social Circle City	686	27	3.9%
16	Miller County	384	15	3.9%
16	Putnam County	1103	43	3.9%
16	Gilmer County	1729	67	3.9%
17	Schley County	575	22	3.8%
17	Habersham County	2876	109	3.8%
17	Bibb County	8087	306	3.8%
18	Newton County	8177	306	3.7%
18	Irwin County	699	26	3.7%
18	Screven County	810	30	3.7%
18	Bryan County	3585	131	3.7%
19	Houston County	11617	421	3.6%
19	Stewart County	195	7	3.6%
19	Savannah-Chatham County	13756	490	3.6%
19	Monroe County	1491	53	3.6%
20	Murray County	3020	107	3.5%
20	Taylor County	509	18	3.5%
20	Bartow County	5561	195	3.5%
20	Butts County	1288	45	3.5%
20	Barrow County	5558	194	3.5%
20	Clinch County	488	17	3.5%
20	Valdosta City	3009	104	3.5%
21	Berrien County	1224	42	3.4%
21	Dekalb County	35455	1209	3.4%

21	Jones County	2098	71	3.4%
21	Gwinnett County	75078	2540	3.4%
21	Gainesville City	2840	96	3.4%
21	Peach County	1334	45	3.4%
21	Pickens County	1459	49	3.4%
21	State Schools	179	6	3.4%
22	Troup County	4378	145	3.3%
22	Liberty County	3535	117	3.3%
22	Madison County	1912	63	3.3%
22	Fulton County	39031	1274	3.3%
22	Douglas County	10585	345	3.3%
23	Thomasville City	959	31	3.2%
23	Chattooga County	1180	38	3.2%
23	Oglethorpe County	848	27	3.2%
23	Paulding County	12471	397	3.2%
24	Effingham County	4954	156	3.1%
24	Henry County	18116	570	3.1%
24	Clarke County	4324	136	3.1%
24	Lincoln County	478	15	3.1%
24	Oconee County	3520	110	3.1%
24	Rome City	2438	76	3.1%
24	Glynn County	4895	152	3.1%
24	Ware County	2185	67	3.1%
24	Decatur County	1832	56	3.1%
24	Griffin-Spalding County	3340	102	3.1%
24	Johnson County	524	16	3.1%
25	Jenkins County	427	13	3.0%
25	Banks County	1192	36	3.0%
25	Cherokee County	18044	543	3.0%
25	Lumpkin County	1598	48	3.0%
25	Cobb County	45458	1363	3.0%
25	Turner County	470	14	3.0%
25	Worth County	1346	40	3.0%
25	Columbia County	11824	349	3.0%
26	Pelham City	551	16	2.9%
26	City Schools of Decatur	2032	59	2.9%
26	Long County	1417	41	2.9%
26	Pike County	1352	39	2.9%
26	Wayne County	2012	58	2.9%
26	Polk County	2881	83	2.9%
26	Tattall County	1149	33	2.9%
26	Crisp County	1467	42	2.9%
26	Carroll County	6008	172	2.9%

27	Marietta City	3141	89	2.8%
27	Evans County	601	17	2.8%
27	Atlanta Public Schools	17512	490	2.8%
27	Calhoun County	252	7	2.8%
28	Charlton County	655	18	2.7%
28	Vidalia City	1019	28	2.7%
28	Randolph County	328	9	2.7%
28	Whitfield County	5383	145	2.7%
28	Early County	745	20	2.7%
28	Lowndes County	3998	107	2.7%
28	Tift County	2807	75	2.7%
28	Terrell County	562	15	2.7%
29	Walton County	5421	143	2.6%
29	Muscogee County	12005	316	2.6%
29	Twiggs County	342	9	2.6%
29	Elbert County	1068	28	2.6%
29	Mitchell County	840	22	2.6%
29	Dougherty County	4805	124	2.6%
29	Towns County	468	12	2.6%
29	Gordon County	2704	69	2.6%
30	Hart County	1583	40	2.5%
30	Dade County	845	21	2.5%
30	State Charter Schools	5216	129	2.5%
30	Crawford County	649	16	2.5%
30	Lee County	2563	63	2.5%
30	White County	1509	37	2.5%
31	Lamar County	778	19	2.4%
31	Warren County	205	5	2.4%
31	Brooks County	827	20	2.4%
31	Bulloch County	3741	90	2.4%
32	Floyd County	4115	96	2.3%
32	Appling County	1293	30	2.3%
32	Lanier County	648	15	2.3%
32	Morgan County	1213	28	2.3%
32	Webster County	132	3	2.3%
33	Fayette County	9302	207	2.2%
33	Brantley County	1304	29	2.2%
33	Pierce County	1488	33	2.2%
33	Hall County	11561	250	2.2%
33	Ben Hill County	1205	26	2.2%
33	Coweta County	9570	206	2.2%
33	Rabun County	883	19	2.2%
34	Laurens County	2520	54	2.1%

34	Trion City	563	12	2.1%
34	Marion County	569	12	2.1%
34	Wilkes County	571	12	2.1%
34	Glascock County	239	5	2.1%
34	Dodge County	1267	26	2.1%
35	Cook County	1191	24	2.0%
35	Pulaski County	506	10	2.0%
35	Sumter County	1484	29	2.0%
36	Wilkinson County	514	10	1.9%
36	Jefferson City	1600	31	1.9%
36	Treutlen County	363	7	1.9%
36	Jackson County	3177	61	1.9%
36	Thomas County	2034	39	1.9%
36	State Charter Schools II	1461	28	1.9%
36	Wilcox County	470	9	1.9%
36	Haralson County	1367	26	1.9%
36	Heard County	899	17	1.9%
36	Commerce City	586	11	1.9%
37	Atkinson County	658	12	1.8%
37	Camden County	3409	61	1.8%
37	Grady County	1902	34	1.8%
37	Catoosa County	4350	77	1.8%
37	Hancock County	226	4	1.8%
38	Jeff Davis County	1222	21	1.7%
38	Calhoun City	1777	30	1.7%
38	Echols County	300	5	1.7%
39	Forsyth County	20737	341	1.6%
39	Montgomery County	367	6	1.6%
39	Dublin City	990	16	1.6%
40	Fannin County	1368	21	1.5%
40	Quitman County	132	2	1.5%
40	Union County	1232	18	1.5%
41	Toombs County	1175	17	1.4%
41	Bleckley County	989	14	1.4%
41	Emanuel County	1592	22	1.4%
41	Carrollton City	2208	30	1.4%
42	Chickamauga City	593	8	1.3%
42	Coffee County	2698	36	1.3%
42	Dalton Public Schools	3206	42	1.3%
42	McIntosh County	472	6	1.3%
43	Buford City	2094	24	1.1%
44	Bremen City	961	7	0.7%
45	Clay County	46	0	0.0%



When the statewide school system of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is included in the overall school system rankings, it ranked 2nd in 30 day prevalence rates.