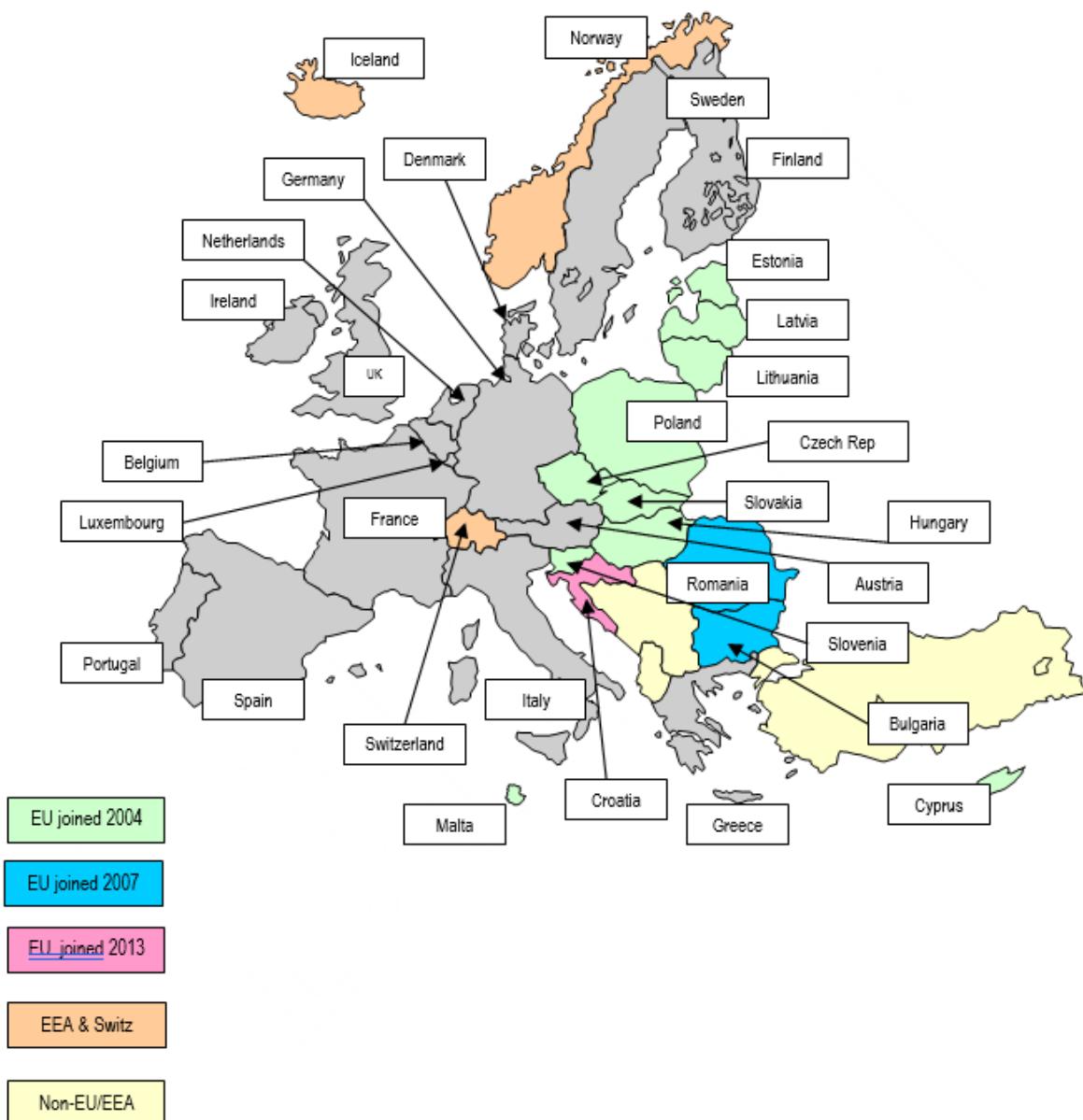


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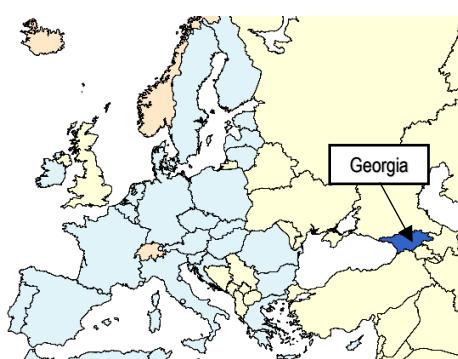
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Status in Europe/EU	EU Candidate
Population (2025)	3 704 500
GDP PPP per capita (2024)	\$25 248
Currency	Georgian Lari (GEL) 3,12 Lari ₮ = 1€
Official language	Georgian
The Georgian healthcare system is strongly driven by UHC principles, with 93.7% of residents receiving some level of coverage under the Universal Health Care Programme in 2023, managed by the Social Service Agency. The mandatory social health insurance is however characterised by a strong complexity in coverage policy and eligibility criteria, extensive co-payments and high cost of medicines. No dental care is covered under public health insurance, but some state-run programs reach out to vulnerable groups and children.	
Number of dentists (active)	8 519
(Active) dentist to population ratio (per 100 000 inhab)	230
Specialities are not recognised separately in Georgia. However, dental graduates carry out clinical residency programmes in one chosen programme among 4 available clinical specialisations, for example in therapeutic dentistry. Dental technicians and dental chairside assistants are common across the country. CPD is mandatory.	

Government and healthcare in Georgia

Georgia is a parliamentary representative democratic republic. The Parliament is unicameral and composed of 150 members. Parliament holds legislative authority, including approval of the annual budget attributed to healthcare. The Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons From the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia (also Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia) is responsible for national health policy including strategic planning and management.

The country is administratively divided into 9 regions, 2 autonomous republics (Adjara and Abkhazia), and the capital city, Tbilisi. Health services are managed primarily at central level, but regional and local authorities participate in implementation and coordination of health initiatives, including public health, emergency and rural healthcare services.

Georgia operates a publicly funded healthcare system closely following Universal Health Coverage principles. Services are delivered through both public and private healthcare providers, with however an important fragmented array of private providers.

The national Social Service Agency, operating under the Ministry of Health, oversees the implementation of the Universal Healthcare Program (UHCP) introduced in 2013, which aims to provide basic health coverage to all Georgian citizens. Over 90% of the population benefits from social health insurance (93% in 2023). The Social Service Agency is the unique public purchaser of private and public health services. The 2013 institutional reform and shift towards UHC is integrated into continuing efforts to strengthen primary health coverage across the country.

This statutory health insurance includes a very broad and expanding benefits package of essential health services, including emergency care, primary care, and certain inpatient and outpatient services. The level of coverage however varies based on complex criteria and different population groups.

	Year	Source
% GDP spent on all healthcare	3.3% 2025	OECD
% of this spent by government	51% 2025	OECD
% GDP as public spending on health	3.3% 2025	OECD

No dental care is included under the package of covered services, and co-payments on other insured treatments are widespread. The Government has recently established price caps for co-payment.

Approximately 16% of the population received voluntary private health insurance in 2023, with 5% remaining uninsured.

Dental care in Georgia is largely privatized. Most dental treatments, including check-ups, fillings, and cosmetic procedures are paid out-of-pocket.

Voluntary private health insurance schemes may also offer oral health insurance and with some covered dental services.

There is no universal public dental coverage for the general population, but some persons are eligible for supported dental care through state-run programs.

Individuals with behavioural or communication disabilities are entitled to some dental services under anaesthesia, under a targeted state programme "Dental care for individuals with behavioural and communication difficulties". These services including coverage of prophylaxis and scaling, caries, pulpitis and periodontitis treatment, and teeth extraction, up to a maximum coverage amounting to 2 000 GEL (€630) every month.

Dental tourism and dedicated specialised agencies operate widely in Georgia, leading to notable cross-border movements.

Education, Training and Registration

Undergraduate Education and Training

To enter dental school in the Republic of Georgia, a student must have completed secondary education and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Admission relies on results at the Unified National Exams administered by the Ministry of Education and Science in Georgia.

International students can pursue dentistry in Georgia in English or Georgian. Regarding admission requirements for non-Georgian nationals, students must present an application form, and a secondary school certificate translated into Georgian language, with proof of completion of high school courses in biology, chemistry and English.

Indian nationals are also required to present a NEET certificate for admission to undergraduate medical education. Admission also includes, for all non-Georgian applicants, an entrance examination, which may include tests in human anatomy, physiology, organic chemistry, and physics.

Year of data	2025
Number of schools	15
Student intake	883
Number of graduates a year	804
Gender balance (% of female students)	72%
Duration of studies (years)	5

Georgia hosts 4 public dental schools and 11 private dental schools, located in Tbilisi, Kutaisi and Batumi.

Doctor of Dental Medicine programs are available under university faculties of medicine or faculties of stomatology, offering five-year undergraduate courses amounting to 300 ECTS credits. Dental programs can be found in Georgian, Russian or English.

Tuition fees for Georgian or Russian-taught programs range from \$4,000 to \$8,000 per year, while English-taught programs may cost between \$7,000 and \$8,000 per year (or between \$3,500 and \$4,000 per semester).

The quality of dental training is monitored and accredited by the National Centre for Educational Quality Enhancement and overseen by the Ministry of Education and Science.

Registration

Upon qualification, graduates receive the title of Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.D.M.). To practice dentistry in Georgia, both domestic and international graduates must register with the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia. Registration involves submitting proof of education, completing a one-year residency program, passing a licensing examination, and demonstrating proficiency in the Georgian language. Membership to the Georgian Dental Association is not mandatory to be authorised independent practice.

Cost of registration	80 GEL (≈ €25.61)
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Vocational Training (VT)

After graduation, dental students are required to carry out 1 to 3 years training in residency programs, as well as pass license exams before being granted the authorisation to practice independently. Graduates choose to pursue their residency training in one out of four specialisations (between orthodontics, prosthodontics, therapeutic dentistry and OMFS).

The duration of residency programs varies based on the chosen specialisation.

In place of undertaking a residency programme, graduates may also choose to immediately practice as junior Doctor of Dental Medicine under continuous supervision from specialised licensed dental practitioners. Specialisation through residency programs is mandatory before being authorised to practice independently.

Language requirements

Proficiency in the Georgian language is required for registration with the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs. International graduates must demonstrate language proficiency through examinations or language courses.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Continuing professional development is mandatory in Georgia for dentists since 2024. Courses are available and delivered by various dental associations.

Dentists must complete a minimum of 20 credits (or 20 hours) every year, delivered by the Professional Development Council under the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs.

Available CPD courses include case presentations, clinical hands-on courses, conferences, symposia, lectures and seminars, formal practice-based learning, international and regional live and face-to-face events and web-based learning. The cost of voluntary CPD courses is born by the participating professional.

Specialisation Training Residency Programmes

As mentioned above, all University graduates must choose a specialisation residency training programme before authorisation to practice independently. Clinical specialisation is defined and regulated by the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia. Dental specialisations include:

- Orthodontics – 22 months
- Prosthodontics – 15 months
- Therapeutic Dentistry – 11 months
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) - 33 months

Sub-specialisations (after graduation from one of the four clinical specialisations above):

- Dental Implantology – 2 months
- Oral Surgery – 3 months
- Paediatric therapeutic dentistry – 3 months

Therapeutic Dentistry combines specialised knowledge and competences in cariology, restorative dentistry, endodontics, periodontology, paediatric therapeutic dentistry and knowledge of oral mucosa diseases.

Workforce

Dentists

Year of data	2025
Total Registered	10 022
In active practice	8 519
Dentist to population ratio (per 100 000 inhab) *	230
Percentage female	70%
Foreign-trained dentists	257
<i>*Active dentists only</i>	

The monitoring and assessment of the quality of care delivered by dentists and dental practices in Georgia is carried out by the Georgian Dental Association (GDA) and the Ministry of internally displaced persons from the occupied territories, labour, health and social affairs of Georgia.

99.9% of dental clinics in Georgia remain privately owned, with little interprofessional communication and cooperation. Delivery of healthcare remains fragmented in Georgia, with no initiatives for integrated of interprofessional practice of care between dentists and general medical practitioners.

There is a strong disparity in the number of practising dentists between rural and urban areas.

Movement of dentists across borders

According to the Georgian Dental Association, the cross-border movement of dental practitioners appears to occur only in isolated cases. No significant professional emigration or immigration has been recorded across the country. As a result, it is not captured under official statistics.

Clinical specialisations

Four clinical specialisations are recognised in Georgia, including oral maxillofacial surgery (OMFS), orthodontics, prosthodontics and therapeutic dentistry.

Year of data	2025
Orthodontists	517
Prosthodontists	2 111
Therapeutic dentists	5 680
OMFS	211

Therapeutic dentistry is among one of the four available clinical residency programmes in Georgia. It combines specialised knowledge and clinical practice in cariology, restorative dentistry, endodontics, periodontology, paediatric therapeutic dentistry and knowledge of oral mucosa diseases.

Additionally, the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia recognises two dental subspecialisations: Oral Surgery (since February 2014) and Dental Implantology (since August 2022). These short programs can be integrated after completion of residency programmes in one of the four specialisations above.

The subspecialisation of Oral Surgery can be followed after graduating and receiving the certificate from residency programmes in Therapeutic Dentistry or Prosthodontics.

The subspecialisation Dental Implantology can be followed after graduating and receiving the certificate in Prosthodontics and completing the subspecialisation in Oral Surgery.

The subspecialisation of Paediatric Therapeutic Dentistry is reserved for therapeutic specialists having carried out their residency programmes before 2012. The current residency programme in Therapeutic Dentistry has been revised and now integrates knowledge in paediatric therapeutic dentistry.

Auxiliaries

Dental technicians and dental chairside assistants are recognised in Georgia.

The National Centre for Educational Quality Enhancement of Georgia is responsible for regulating and overseeing the registration and education of both dental technicians and dental chairside assistants.

Year of data	2025
Technicians	1 225
Dental Assistants	2 840

Dental Technicians

Dental technicians are officially recognised in Georgia since 2022 and practice widely. They carry out studies through vocational programs and dental colleges that provide specialised training in dental technology.

Programs are provided by the Community College Panacea in Tbilisi, which offers an accredited 2-year Secondary Vocational Qualification course in Dental Studies for prospective dental technicians. To graduate from the programme, which was officially introduced in 2022, students must acquire 85 credits.

Technician courses are designed to equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge to work in dental laboratories, assisting in the fabrication of dental prosthetics and restorations.

Dental technician programs in Georgia typically cover subjects such as dental materials, prosthetic techniques, dental anatomy, and laboratory procedures. Students are trained to work with various dental materials and equipment to create crowns, bridges, dentures, and other dental appliances.

Dedicated laboratory work is included in the study program of dental technicians. They practice independently, without supervision of a dentist, and do not have to register.

Dental Assistants

Dental assistants carry out a 2-year specialised program in technical colleges, and do not have to register before practising.

Those programs are accredited by the National Centre for Educational Quality Enhancement of Georgia.

Other Useful Information

Main national associations

National dental associations and information centres	
Georgian Dental Association (GSA, previously Georgian Stomatological Association)	Georgian Association of Periodontology
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Georgian Implantological Association (GIA) <i>Supportive member of FDI (since 2012)</i>	Georgian Young Dentists League
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Georgian Orthodontic Association	Georgian Oral and Maxillofacial surgeons association
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Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of Georgia	National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement of Georgia (For the registration and oversight of education for dental technicians and assistants)
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