



“It’s predictability and stability, and investors want to be able to count on it for more than one legislative session. It’s smart for them to think like that, and it’s smart for us to understand that.”

— Gov. Nathan Deal, Site Selection magazine, November 2015

Gov. Nathan Deal (R)

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Georgia

Pop. (2014): 10,044,421
Median household income: \$49,555
Credit Rating: AAA/Stable

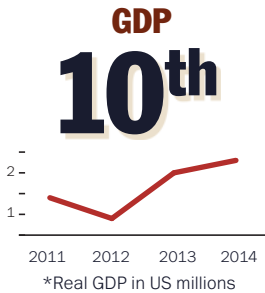
Pop. growth 2013–2018: 4.5%
Median age: 36.1
Right-to-work state: Yes

Legislative Update

- A new law allows a high school student who has completed ninth and 10th grade requirements for coursework and assessments to enroll in a state post-secondary institution and work towards an associate’s degree, a technical college diploma, or a technical college certificate while counting that coursework toward high school graduation requirements.
- A new law extends the angel investor tax credit for five years and allows eligible investors to claim 35 percent of their investment against their taxable income, but no more than \$50,000. The extension caps the aggregate statewide tax credit amount at \$5 million per year.
- The Transportation Funding Act of 2015 will generate more than \$900 million from new and existing transportation sources. It streamlines, modernizes, increases, and indexes the motor fuel tax and establishes a new system of fees on heavy commercial vehicles and out-of-town travelers. It also closes several loopholes that formerly allowed motor fuel funds to be diverted to the state’s general fund, and imposes user-fees upon the drivers of electric vehicles.

Rankings that Matter

Business Tax Climate	39
Legal Climate	31
Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure	12 (1,950,990)
ACT Career Readiness Certificates . . .	5 (331,721)
Lowest Electric Power Cost.	25 (10.17)
Fiscal Solvency.	26
College Attainment.	33 (37.5%)



Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2015

Company	City	County	Type	New/ Expansion	Product	Investment (\$ millions)	Employment
Google Inc.	Lithia Springs	Douglas	DT	N	Data Center	300	26
Constellation Energy Group	Albany	Dougherty	MF	N	BioMass Plant	200	50
Tyson Foods	Vienna	Dooly	MF	E	Chicken	110	500
Mercedes-Benz	Atlanta	De Kalb	HQ	N	Automobiles	100	
Solvay SA	Augusta	Richmond	MF	E	Plastics Materials	85	35
Boeing Company	Macon	Bibb	MF	E	Fuselage Assemblies	82	200
Caesar-stone Sdot-yam Ltd.	Richmond Hill	Bryan	MF	N	Quartz-Surfaces	70	181
First Quality Packaging Solutions, LLC	Macon	Bibb	MF	N	Plastic Packaging	68	115
Anton Häring KG Werk für Präzisionstechnik	Hartwell	Hart	MF	N	Automotive Parts	53	800
Sandler Ag	Perry	Houston	MF	N	Nonwoven Fabric	30	140
Vanguard National Trailer Corp.	Trenton	Dade	MF	N	Semi-Trailer Vans	30	400

DT = Data Center MF = Manufacturing OF = Office HQ = Headquarters RD = Research & Development DW = Distribution/Warehouse

Did You Know?

Georgia-lensed feature film and television productions generated an economic impact of more than \$6 billion during fiscal year 2015. The 248 film and television productions shot in Georgia represent \$1.7 billion in spending in the state.

The Port of Savannah’s record volumes made it the only US port to rank among the Journal of Commerce’s Oct. 2015 listing of the Top 10 fastest growing ports in the world.



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- | Douglas County helped the State of Georgia create the "Best Business Climate in the US".
- | Located 30 minutes west of Atlanta and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.
- | Douglas' population is growing at 4.9%, faster than the U.S and Georgia averages.
- | The 2015 Four Year Graduation Rate for the Douglas County School System is 88.2, beating the state average by 10%.
- | All five Douglas County School System high schools have magnet programs including the International Baccalaureate program.



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