

**“Georgia leads the way in providing companies with a low tax burden and a business-friendly climate. In return, there have been more than 575,000 private sector jobs created since 2011.”**

— Gov. Nathan Deal, on November 2nd, announcing Georgia's fourth-consecutive Top Business Climate ranking in Site Selection

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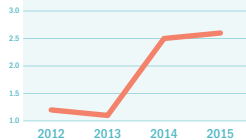
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# Georgia

**Pop. (2016):** 10,237,832  
**Median household income:** \$50,384  
**Credit Rating:** AAA/Stable

**Pop. growth 2016–2021:** 1.02%  
**Median age:** 36.2  
**Right-to-work state:** Yes

**GDP**  
**9<sup>th</sup>**



**2015 GDP**  
(in millions of current US\$)  
**\$497,944**

## Legislative Update

- HB 951 designates tax holidays for “back-to-school” shoppers as well as those purchasing energy efficient products. The bill also includes an economic development incentive aimed at helping Georgia attract major sporting events by waiving sales taxes on those tickets.
- Education legislation signed in May includes: HB 801, which incentivizes student enrollment in STEM college courses.
- Georgia's FY 2017 budget includes \$825 million in new state general and motor fuel funds for transportation, among other provisions.
- In March, Gov. Nathan Deal vetoed HB 757, legislation that enumerates certain actions religious leaders, faith-based organizations and people of faith shall not be required to take or perform.



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Business Tax Climate Rank Change 2016-2017: **+3**



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Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure: **\$2,046,068**



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Number of NCRCs: **335,024** | Percent Improvement 2016-2017: **1%**



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College Attainment Percent: **46%**



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Lowest Electric Power Cost (cents/kWh): **6.18**



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## Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2015

COMPANY	CITY	COUNTY	TYPE	NEW/ EXPANDED	PRODUCT	INVESTMENT (US\$ M)	EMP
Qingdao Sentury Tire Co.	La Grange	Troup	MF	N	Tires	530	1,000
Jindal Poly Films	La Grange	Troup	MF	E	Poly Film	205	243
Ensign Energy Services	Vienna	Dooly	MF	N	Cellulosic Biorefinery	130	100
Hd Supply Holdings	Marietta	Cobb	HQ	E	Service Equipment	100	500
IVC US	Dalton	Whitfield	MF	E	Flooring	100	200
Mohawk Industries	Dalton	Whitfield	MF	E	Carpet	100	200
Valmiera Glass USA Corp.	Dublin	Laurens	MF/HQ	E	Glassware	90	425
Dollar General Corp.	Jackson	Butts	DW	N	Retail Merchandise	85	530
Hollingsworth & Vose Co.	Hawkinsville	Pulaski	MF	E	Paper Mill	76	72
Aspen Aerogels	Statesboro	Bulloch	MF	N	Chemicals	70	100

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

## Did You Know?

Georgia's top public companies for 2015 by revenue, according to an Atlanta Business Chronicle article in July 2016, are The Home Depot, Inc. (\$88.5 billion), United Parcel Service, Inc. (\$55.4 billion) and The Coca-Cola Company (\$44.3 billion).

Georgia claimed a fourth-consecutive Top State Business Climate ranking from Site Selection in November 2016.

For the sixth consecutive calendar year, Georgia imports reached a record level with goods imports totaling \$88.55 billion. Georgia companies exported \$38.55 billion in goods to 217 countries and territories. Aviation/aerospace was the state's leading export industry in 2015, while exports of machinery, non-railway vehicles, and electrical machinery increased above 2014 levels.

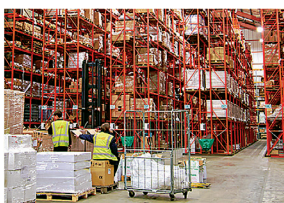
The impact of Georgia's film industry surpassed \$7 billion in 2016.

# Access the Southeast Through Northwest Georgia



## 4 reasons to Give Us a Call:

- Great workforce development through Georgia's renowned Quick Start Program
- High-capacity highways and interstates throughout the region
- Low cost of labor
- Available public land



Come see why a move to the Top of Georgia  
is the best move your company can make.

Within the Chattanooga MSA and less than two and a half hours from the three major Southern cities of Atlanta, Nashville and Knoxville, Northwest Georgia offers easy access to rail systems and commercial airports, a highly skilled workforce, top higher education opportunities at technical colleges and research universities, all located in the right-to-work state of Georgia.

In addition to breathtaking scenery, deep historical roots, high performing schools, top healthcare facilities and a low cost of living, the "Top of Georgia" is ideally located on or near three of the nation's interstates – I-75, I-59 and I-24 – and "The Scenic Hometown Highway," U.S. Highway 27, giving Northwest Georgia easy access to several major markets.



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