

Passport to Georgia *provided by* **The Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development**



The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences



**The University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602**

The Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development is a unit of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, combining the missions of research and extension.

The Center has among its missions to:

- Provide feasibility and other short-term studies for current or potential Georgia agribusiness firms and/or emerging food and fiber industries;
- Provide agricultural, natural resource and demographic data for private and public decision makers.

To find out more about the Center as well as the State of Georgia and its counties, visit our websites:

www.caed.uga.edu

www.georgiastats.uga.edu

www.countyguide.uga.edu

AGRICULTURE**2004 Data**

Number of farms – 49,000	10.7 million acres
Avg. farm size – 218 acres	\$2,350 avg. value/acre
Farms by economic sales class.	\$1,000-\$9,999 (64.5%)
	\$10,000-\$99,999 (22.4%)
	\$100,000 or more (13.1%)
Export value of agricultural commodities	\$1.276 billion
Farm production expenses	\$4.36 billion
Net farm income	\$2.8 billion
Annual avg. hourly wage of all hired farm labor	\$9.10

2004 Farm Gate Value of Production by Commodity Group

Total	\$10.283 billion	
Poultry & Eggs	\$1.750 billion	46.2%
Row & Forage Crops	\$1.539 billion	15.0%
Livestock & Aquaculture	\$1.305 billion	12.7%
Vegetables	\$.725 million	7.1%
Ornamental Horticulture	\$.656 million	6.4%
Forestry & Products	\$.607 million	5.9%
Other Income	\$.470 million	4.6%
Fruits & Nuts	\$.227 million	2.2%
Total Farm Gate Value per farm	\$.208,544	per acre \$957

2004 Farm Gate Value of Production for Selected Commodities

Broilers	\$4,193,664,497	Soybeans	\$62,111,607
Cotton	\$608,569,503	Greens	\$51,122,471
Timber	\$562,311,462	Cucumbers	\$50,470,867
Beef	\$447,701,448	Blueberries	\$48,568,560
Eggs	\$439,339,587	Sweet Corn	\$48,507,198
Horses	\$388,243,500	Wheat	\$41,569,256
Peanuts	\$380,304,321	Peaches	\$36,307,471
Dairy	\$296,133,270	Squash	\$31,564,741
Greenhouse	\$234,370,649	Pine Straw	\$29,232,640
Container nursery	\$184,191,875	Cantaloupe	\$28,742,666
Turfgrass	\$140,739,382	Silage	\$28,406,268
Hay	\$137,567,008	Snap Beans	\$28,081,457
Field Corn	\$126,880,837	Cabbage	\$27,559,145
Pecans	\$121,145,069	Quail	\$25,994,640
Breeder Pullet Units	\$110,563,200	Wheat/Rye Straw	\$22,422,110
Onions	\$108,651,263	Zucchini	\$20,633,008
Pork	\$104,710,878	Rye	\$17,853,263
Tomatoes	\$102,643,463	Carrots	\$12,608,711
Tobacco	\$94,435,452	Goats	\$10,106,250
Field Nursery	\$94,016,650	Eggplant	\$9,866,609
Watermelon	\$85,462,196	Christmas trees	\$9,701,250
Hunting Leases	\$76,047,934	Grapes	\$7,378,613
Peppers	\$69,257,299	Southern peas	\$6,854,622
Agritourism	\$62,457,901	Oats	\$5,736,473

Georgia Crop Production Records

Crop	Total Production	Year of Highest Yield
All Hay	1,950,000 tons	1994, 2001
Apples.	50,000,000 lbs.	1984, 1987
Corn for Grain.	133,920,000 bu.	1976
Cotton, Upland	2,769,000 bales	1911
Oats	17,391,000 bu.	1945
Peaches	499,200,000 lbs.	1928
Peanuts	2,228,550,000 lbs.	1991
Pecans	150,000,000 lbs.	1993
Rye	2,730,000 bu.	1981
Sorghum Grain	6,624,000 bu.	1985
Soybeans	63,450,000 bu	1982
Tobacco	161,402,000 lbs.	1974
Wheat.	46,010,000 bu.	1981

CRIME

2004

Index crimes reported--360,425	4,082.1 Rate/100,000
Violent crimes 9.7%	Property crimes. 90.3%
Index crime arrests--58,150	658.6 Rate/100,000
Violent crimes 26.3%	Property crimes. 73.7%
Age 16 & under. 17.9%	Female 27.0%
White 40.3%	Non-White. 59.7%
Total sworn law enforcement officers -- 29,302	903 assaulted
Family violence incident reports	38,499
State prison inmates, FY04	48,619
Average age 35 yrs.	Female 6%
Non-white 63%	Prior GA incarcerations. . . 43%
Sentence 3 or < yrs. 14.0%	Violent/sex crimes. 59%
Maximum security 1%	Not completing H.S. 70%
Admitted in FY04. . . 20,000	On Death Row 115
Avg. cost per inmate . . \$47.49/ day	\$17,332/year
46% of food consumed by inmates is produced & processed on prison farms.	
Probationers, FY04. . . 128,778	FY03-04 change. 2.2%
for property crimes. . . 36%	Probationers per officer . . . 231
for drug crimes. 35%	Cost per day \$1.43
FY05 juvenile commitments--2,495	3.02 Rate/1,000 age 10-16

ECONOMICS

Deposits in financial institutions, 2004	\$142.7 billion
Personal bankruptcy filings, 2004.	78,790 – 8.9 per 1000 pop.
Total personal income, 2004.	\$265.5 billion
Per capita personal income.	\$30,074
Total personal transfer receipts, 2004	\$35.5 billion
Per capita personal transfer receipts.	\$4,016
Median household income, 2003.	\$42,421
Persons living below poverty level, 2003	1,152,089 – 13.3 %
Total GA lottery sales, FY2005.	\$2.92 billion

EDUCATION

Public School Systems: 2003-04

Number of schools	2,032	Number of systems.	180
Revenues \$14.245 billion		Expenditures. \$13.900 billion	
per pupil	\$6,661	per pupil	\$6,728
Enrollment K-12	1,486,125	Teachers PK-12	104,545
White	51%	with advanced degrees	51.8%
Black.	38%	Female.	81.6%
Hispanic	7%	Minority.	22.2%
Asian.	3%	Avg. yrs. experience.	12.49
High school dropouts	23,681	Avg. salary	\$45,848
High school dropout rate	5.1	Graduates	66,850
Retained	3.9%	Class of '04 completion rate	65.4%
Gifted	8.2%	Eligible for HOPE.	62%
Special education	12.1%	College prep certificate.	73.3%
Limited English Proficiency	4.3%	Highest avg. SAT score	999

2004-05 Private and Public Prekindergarten Program

71,222 slots at 1,767 sites
\$270.9 thousand lottery funding \$3,870 funded cost per child

2004-05 Nonpublic Schools

Home study 21,983 programs 36,413 students
Private/military 565 schools 96,414 students

Higher Education/Technical/Libraries

Technical colleges 34 University system colleges. 34
Public libraries 369 Private colleges/universities. 51
926,706 HOPE scholarships awarded, \$3.1 billion (1993 to 1/06)

Educational Attainment of Persons 25+ Yrs.: 2004

H.S. grad or higher 85.2% Bachelor's degree or + 27.6%

GOVERNMENT

Registered voters (as of 2004 General Election) 4,248,837
3,301,875 votes for President-- 50.8% Republican-- 41.4% Democrat
77.6% of registered voters voted 50.8% of voting age pop
Voting districts 13 U.S. Congressional
56 State Senate 180 State Representative
Federal Govt. direct expenditures to GA, FY04 \$55.2 billion
for Defense -18.4% for salaries & wages-\$8.3 billion
Federal & State estate and gift tax collections, 2004 \$600 million
Total State revenue, 2004 (all in Billions of Dollars) \$34.8
Taxes \$14.6 (\$6.5 sales, \$6.8 individual income, \$1.3 other taxes)
Total State expenditure, 2004 (all in Billions of Dollars) \$34.2
Education \$13.3 Public welfare \$9.2
Health/hospitals \$1.7 Highways \$1.4
Police/Correction \$1.5 Natural res/parks & rec \$0.7
Dept. of Defense total personnel as of 9/04. 98,265
Dept. of Defense Prime Contract Awards FY04 \$3.9 billion

HEALTH

Licensed Health Professionals and Services: 2005

Physicians	27,800	Advanced Practice nurses . . .	5,762
Respiratory care	4,428	Registered nurses	94,174
Physicians assistants . . .	2,340	Licensed practical nurses	30,745
Pharmacists	11,053	Dentists	5,191
Psychologists	1,917	Dental hygienists	5,934
Physical therapists	4,034	Veterinarians	3,232
Occupational therapists.	2,428	Podiatrists.	451
Optometrists	1,302	Dietitians.	1,750
Speech pathologists . . .	3,015	Dispensing opticians	922
Professional counselor .	2,875	Chiropractors	3,009
EMS personnel	14,012	Acupuncturists	140
EMS vehicles	1,824	EMS services	273
General hospitals '04 . . .	150	General nursing homes '04 . .	362

2004 Selected Notifiable Health Conditions Reported

Chlamydia trachomatis	34,486	Streptococcal Dis (A&B invasive) . . .	697
Gonorrhea	16,068	Shigellosis	655
Animal bites	2,077	Campylobacteriosis	589
Salmonellosis	1,942	Tuberculosis	539
Syphilis, all stages	1,797	Rabies-Animal	335
AIDS	1,353	S. pneumoniae-Invasive DRSP . . .	337
Giardiasis	903	Cryptosporidiosis	175
Hepatitis A& B (acute) . . .	789	Haemophilus influenzae	117
Aseptic Meningitis.	771	Rocky Mtn. Spotted Fever	78

Age 5+ with a disability, 2000 1,456,812 . . . 19.7% of pop. 5+
Persons covered by health insurance, 2004 82.6%
Medicare payments, FY2004 \$6.8 billion

HOUSING / HOUSEHOLDS / FAMILIES

Total housing units, 2004 3,672,677 . . 11.9% chg 2000-04
5 GA counties among top 10 US fastest-growing by % change.
Density per sq. mi. of land area. 63.4 housing units
Total housing units, 2000 3,281,737 . 24.4% chg 1990-00
No telephone service. . 2.9% Lack complete plumbing . . . 0.5%
One unit, detached . . 64.2% Mobile homes. 12.0%
Owner-occupied 67.5% Renter-occupied. 32.5%

2004 New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized

Total units	108,356	\$12.9 billion value
1 unit	87,731	3 & 4 units	774
2 units	894	5+ units	18,957

Total **Households**, 2000 (occupied housing units) 3,006,369
Owner-occupied . . . 2,029,154 Median value \$111,200
Renter-occupied . . . 977,215 Median gross rent \$613
Avg. h/hold size 2.65 persons Nonfamily households 29.8%
H/holder living alone . . 23.6% Householder 65+ 7.0%

Total FAMILY households, 2000	2,111,647
% total households . . . 70.2%	Avg. family size . . 3.14 persons
	% of Total Family Households
With own children <18	49.8%
Married couple	73.3%
Married couple w/own children <18	34.7%
Female head, no husband, w/own children <18	12.2%

LABOR / OCCUPATIONS

Total civilian labor force, 2004 annual averages	4,390,395
Unemployed 4.6%	.202,124
Employed 95.4%	4,188,271
Unemployment insurance claims 447,891	. . 37,324 monthly

Unemployment rates by race and sex, 2004

Total—4.7	White total—3.5	Black total—7.7
Total men—4.6	White men—3.2	Black men—8.6
Total women—4.8	White women—3.8	Black women—7.0
Total women who maintain families—7.6	Asian total—3.8	
Hispanic total—4.6	Hispanic men—2.9	Hispanic women —8.5

2004 Business Averages

Number of establishments246,245
Monthly employment . . . 3,834,456	Weekly wages \$728

2002 Business Ownership

Black-owned 90,480	Hispanic-owned 18,375
Women-owned 196,195	Asian-owned 26,923
American Indian/Alaska Native 4,472	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl 203
Publicly-held, foreign-owned, not-for-profit	15,819

Commuters in 2000

Worked outside county . . 41.5%	Worked out-of-state 2.5%
Mean travel time 27.7 min.	Carpooled 14.5%
Drove alone to work 77.5%	Worked at home 2.8%
1990-2000 % change in workers driving alone to work	24.8%

10 Fastest Growing Occupations by Percent: 2002-2012

Medical assistants 5.4%	Med records/health info tech 4.8%
Dental hygienists 5.1%	Home health aides 4.3%
Network sys/data comm . 5.0%	Social/human serv assist. . . 4.2%
Dental assistants 4.9%	Computer sys software eng 4.2%
Physician assistants 4.8%	Respiratory therapists 4.1%

10 Occupations with Most Job Growth: 2002-2012

Retail salespersons . . . 25,100	Waiters/waitresses 16,300
Registered nurses 19,880	General/operations mgr. . . 15,190
Customer serv rep 19,670	Heavy truck/trailer drivers . 12,630
Cashiers 19,490	Elem school teachers 12,430
Food prep/serving 19,320	Janitors/cleaners 11,050

2012 projection – 730,000 new jobs

4.9 million total jobs – 17.5% change 2002-2012

NATURAL RESOURCES

2000 water withdrawals in billion gal. per day, total	6.487
Ground water.	1.450
Surface water	5.037
for public supply	1.246
for thermoelectric	3.310
for irrigation/livestock	1.092
for commercial/industrial.	0.804
Per capita public water use per day	185.1 gallons
Forestland, 2004 (66.7% of total land area).	24.7 million acres
Timberland for commercial use.	24.3 million acres
43.7% pines – 38.6% hardwoods – 17.1% oak/pine	
Economic impact of forestry	136 thousand jobs – \$20.2 billion
44 State parks on 61,281 acres	14 historic sites
National Park Service units	12
Registered archaeological sites	43,000
National Register listings –1,855	59,572 properties

Wildlife-associated recreation by persons 16+ (2001)

Total participants.	2,198,000.	\$1.7 billion spent
Anglers	1,086,000.	\$543.5 million spent
Hunters.	417,000.	\$503.7 million spent
Wildlife-Watching	1,494,000.	\$535.8 million spent

POPULATION

	Total Number	Percentage Change
2010 TREND proj.	9,925,901	2000-2010 projected 20.6%
2005 estimate.	9,072,576	2000-2005 estimated. 10.8%
2000	8,186,453	1990-2000 26.4%
1990	6,478,149	1980-90 18.6%
1980	5,463,105	1970-80 19.0%
1970	4,589,575	1960-70 16.4%
1960	3,943,116	1950-60 14.5%
2004 –12 counties (7.5%) 50% of pop.– 21 counties 100,000+ pop.		
2005 persons per sq. mi = 156.7		

Components of Change: April 1, 2000-July 1, 2005

Natural increase (births minus deaths).	376,105.	8.3 per 1,000
Net migration (people moving in)	425,510.	9.4 per 1,000

Selected Age Groups: 2004

< 5	679,064	7.8%	21+	6,125,551.	69.4%
< 18	2,332,567	26.4%	65+	847,082.	9.6%
18 +	6,496,816	73.6%	85 +	87,857.	1.1%
2004 Total Median Age--33.8			Males--32.6		Females--34.9

Distribution by Race (one race alone): 2004 Estimate

White	5,862,978	66.4%
Black.	2,612,936	29.6%
American Indian/Alaska Native.	27,457	0.3%
Asian.	229,741	2.6%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	6,768	0.07%
Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)	598,322	6.8%

Largest Municipalities (inside city limits): 2004 Estimate

Atlanta	419,122	Smyrna	45,755
Augusta	191,326	Valdosta	45,373
Columbus	182,850	Rome	35,551
Savannah	129,808	East Point	35,457
Athens	102,744	Alpharetta	34,245
Macon	94,990	Peachtree City	33,810
Roswell	85,044	Dalton	31,478
Albany	76,253	Gainesville	31,107
Marietta	60,547	Hinesville	30,566
Warner Robins	56,305	Kennesaw	27,433

532 municipalities: 52 have <200 residents; 67 have >10,000;
8 grew >50% from 2000-04; 177 lost 2000-04.

Unincorporated areas contain 62% of GA residents.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA): 2004 Estimate

Albany	162,800	Athens	173,760
Atlanta	4,708,297	Brunswick	98,037
Dalton	130,017	Gainesville	160,925
Hinesville	72,676	Macon	228,170
Rome	94,009	Savannah	310,714
Valdosta	123,718	Warner Robins	123,753

Augusta-Aiken GA-SC* .. 341,560 (66.3% of MSA)

Chattanooga TN-GA* . . . 139,216 (28.4% of MSA)

Columbus GA-AL* 230,256 (82.4% of MSA)

* Figure reflects only GA portion in MSA

Total MSAs (70 GA counties) = 7,097,908 pop. = 80.4% of total
24 Micropolitan Statistical Areas (31 GA counties) = 919,500 pop.

89 Nonmetropolitan counties (includes micropolitan) =
1,731,475 pop. = 19.6%

Selected Population Facts, 2000 Census

Urban	71.7%	Rural	28.3%
Born in GA	57.8%	Born in other US state	34.0%
Foreign-born	7.1%	Born in U.S.	91.9%
Entered US 1990-2000	4.2%	Not a citizen	5.0%
Foreign-born region of birth—Latin America, 52.0%		Asia 25.2%	
Persons, 15+	6,366,625		
Married	54.0%		
Never married	27.3%	Separated	2.3%
Divorced	10.3%	Widowed	6.1%
Language other than English spoken at home, age 5+	9.9%		
Living in same house in 2000 as in 1995, age 5+	49.2%		

Veterans, 2005 Estimate 758,963

Female, 9% Age 65+, 29% Total % chg 2000-05, -1.3%

VA Expenditures FY04, \$1.9 billion36% medical

Legal immigrants admitted in FY2004 16,286

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

	2004 Recipients	% of Pop.	Benefits Pd.
TANF	135,515	1.5%	\$153.9 million
Medicaid	2,056,826	23.3%	\$6.3 billion
Food stamps	847,886	9.6%	\$874 million
SSI	200,169	2.3%	\$82 million
OASDI (Soc. Security) 65& over	1,193,857	13.5%	\$1.0 billion
Child abuse cases – investigated . . .	85,562	–36.2%	substantiated
Child maltreatment victims – 51,717		22.5	rate per 1000 <18

TRANSPORTATION

Air Transportation

2005 Public-use airports. . .	106	2004Hartsfield-Jackson-Atlanta International Airport	
Public-owned	103	Aircraft operations	964,858
Air carrier	9	Airport area	4,700 acres
Paved runways	98%	Passengers	83,606,583
Lighted for night	94%	Employees	55,300
Runway 5000+ ft.	56%	Payroll	\$2.4 billion
Instrument approach . . .	80%	Regional econ. impact .	\$18.7 billion
Auto weather rpt sys . . .	50%		

Motor Vehicle Registrations: 2005

Total	7,945,267	Passenger vehicles	63.1%
Trucks	23.5%	Trailers	11.2%
Buses	0.4%	Motorcycles	1.8%

Motor Vehicle Crashes and Licensed Drivers: 2003

Total crashes	331,612	Total crash fatalities	1,610
Crash injuries	132,879	Teen fatal crash drivers . .	233
Deer-related crashes	10,343	Pedestrian fatalities	161
Drivers in crashes involving:		Drivers in fatal crashes involving:	
Unsafe/Illegal speed	20,776	Unsafe/illegal speed. . . .	338
Alcohol and/or drugs	10,694	Alcohol and/or drugs	361
Safety restraint usage for occupants [age>5=79.1%] [age<6=58.2%]			
Economic cost of motor vehicle crashes			\$7.85 billion
Licensed drivers (valid and suspended)			6.9 million
Drivers < age 18.	2.5%	Drivers > age 74	4.1%

Public Roads: 2004

Total road mileage			115,409
Rural	69.1%	Paved	74.6%
Urban	30.9%	Unpaved	17.4%
Interstate.	1.1%	County roads	71.8%
Total lane miles.			242,068
Annual vehicle miles.			112.6 billion
Per capita–12,668		Interstate–30.7 billion	
Urban–68.6 billion.		Rural–44 billion	
Daily vehicle miles			193 million
2003 volume of gasoline reported			5.04 billion gallons

VITAL STATISTICS	2004 Data	Number	Rates/1,000
Live births, total		138,561	15.7
White		89,274	15.2
Black		43,721	16.7
Other races		5,566	15.6
Hispanic origin (all races)		20,012	33.4
Induced terminations of pregnancy, total		28,628	14.5
White		11,328	9.2
Black		15,845	24.1
Hispanic origin (all races)		1,943	14.8
Teen pregnancy, total		21,636	34.7
White		11,311	30.4
Black		9,927	43.8
Other races		398	15.9
Hispanic origin (all races)		2,902	76.4
Infant deaths (1 yr. or less), total		1,179	8.5
White		544	6.1
Black		609	13.9
Hispanic origin (all races)		64	3.2
Fetal deaths, total		1,283	9.2
		Number	Rate/100
Low birth weight, total (< 2500 grams)		12,886	9.3
White		6,326	7.1
Black		6,069	13.9
Hispanic origin (all races)		1,186	5.9
Births to unwed mothers, total		54,276	39.2
White		24,413	27.3
Black		28,945	66.2
Hispanic origin (all races)		9,065	45.3
Births to unwed teen mothers, total		13,198	9.5
White		6,141	6.9
Black		6,853	15.7
Hispanic origin (all races)		1,739	8.7
		Number	Rate/100,000
Deaths, total		65,731	744.5
White		47,625	812.3
Black		17,644	675.3
Other races		462	130.7
Hispanic origin (all races)		754	126.0
Total Deaths by Selected Causes			
Heart disease		16,551	187.5
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)		14,294	161.9
Cerebrovascular disease (stroke)		4,050	45.9
Accidents (unintentional injuries)		3,633	41.1
Motor vehicle accidents		1,482	16.8
Chronic lower respiratory disease		3,124	35.4
Alzheimer's		1,705	19.3

GEORGIA COUNTY RANKINGS

Clarke	Smallest county in land area—121.3 sq. mi.
Ware	Largest county in land area—906.3 sq. mi.
Wilkes	First in order of county creation—Feb. 5, 1777
Peach	Last in order of county creation—Nov. 4, 1924
Fulton	Most population, 2004—814,438
Taliaferro	Least population, 2004—1,896
Forsyth	Fastest growing by %, 2000-04—34%
DeKalb	Most persons per square mile, 2004—2,519.4
Hancock	Highest % Black population, 2004—77.4%
Whitfield	Highest % Hispanic population, 2004—27%
Towns	Highest % age 65 & over, 2004—26.2%
Paulding	Highest % chg. in # of veterans, 2000-05—19.9%
Fulton	Highest per capita income, 2003—\$48,647
Chattahoochee	Highest % chg per capita income, 1998-03—43.1%
Henry	Highest 2000-04 rate of net migration per 1,000—57.6
Liberty	Highest 2000-04 rate of natural increase per 1,000—20.0
Camden	Highest % movers from out-of-state, 2003-04—79.7%
Fayette	Lowest % persons below poverty level, 2003—5.2%
Chattahoochee	Lowest % unwed births, 2004—13%
Oconee	Lowest % teen pregnancy, 2004—9.1%
Glascokk	Highest 2004 death rate per 100,000—1,900.4
Long	Highest % mobile homes, 2000—60.5%
Forsyth	Highest median home value, 2000—\$184,600
Clarke	Highest % graduate/professional degrees, 2000—18.9%
Fayette	Highest % HS grad. class completion, 2003/04—88.3%
Fannin	Highest % teachers w/advanced degrees, 2003/04—77.5%
Baker	Highest expenditures per pupil, 2003/04—\$10,756
Cobb	Most HOPE Scholarship recipients, FY05—15,596
Richmond	Highest 2002 physician rate per 100,000—592.9
Oconee	Highest % voting of registered, 2004—71%
Long	Highest % worked outside county, 2000—86.2%
Paulding	Highest mean travel time to work, 2000—39.1 min.
Columbia	Highest % who drove to work alone, 2000—86.2%
Hancock	Highest % who carpooled to work, 2000—29.8%
Oconee	Lowest unemployment rate, 2004—2.6%
Clinch	Highest % forest land, 2004—97.3%
Carroll	Most farms, 2002—975
Decatur	Highest peanut value, 2004—\$20,250,360
Grady	Highest ornamental horticulture value, 2004—\$44,608,853
Dooly	Highest cotton value, 2004—\$36,288,000
Bacon	Highest blueberry value, 2004—\$16,750,000
Peach	Highest peach value, 2004—\$15,762,750
Dougherty	Highest pecan value, 2004—\$15,048,000
Macon	Highest dairy value, 2004—\$33,133,500
Wayne	Highest value of forestry & products, 2004—\$20,760,000
Glascokk	Highest % trucks registered, 2005—37.3%

GEORGIA MISCELLANY

Official State Symbols

Amphibian	Green Tree Frog
Art Museum	Georgia Museum of Art, Atlanta
Bird	Brown Thrasher
Butterfly	Tiger Swallowtail
Crop	Peanut
Fish	Largemouth Bass
Flower	Cherokee Rose
Folk Dance	Square Dancing
Fossil	Shark Tooth
Fruit	Peach
Game Bird	Bobwhite Quail
Gem	Quartz
Insect	Honeybee
Marine Mammal	Right Whale
Mineral	Staurolite
Motto	“Wisdom, Justice and Moderation”
Poet Laureate	David Bottoms
Prepared food	Grits
Reptile	Gopher Tortoise
Seashell	Knobbed Whelk
Song	“Georgia on My Mind” (version sung by Ray Charles)
School	Plains High School, Plains
Theatre	The Springer Opera House, Columbus
Tree	Live Oak (<i>Quercus virginiana</i>)
Vegetable	Vidalia Sweet Onion
Waltz	“Our Georgia”
Wildflower	Azalea

Other Designations

Capitol	Atlanta
Colors	Red, White and Blue
Origin of name	by James Oglethorpe after King George II
Nickname	The Peach State
Railroad Museum	Historic Railroad Shops, Savannah
Statehood	4th of original 13 colonies, January 2, 1788
Total area	59,425 sq. miles
Land – 59,425 sq. miles	Water – 1,519 sq. miles
Length – 315 miles	Breadth – 250 miles
Highest elevation: Brasstown Bald Mountain	4,784 ft.
Geographic Center	Twiggs County
Largest river by volume (Altamaha)	14,000 sq.mi. watershed
Largest lake (Clark’s Hill Reservoir)	71,535 acres
Number of counties	159
Number of municipalities (incorporated places)	532
Normal annual temperature	63.1 degrees
Normal annual precipitation	50.78 inches

GEORGIA'S RANK IN THE UNITED STATES, 1=Highest

1	Pecans utilized production, 2004	45 million lbs.
1	Peanut production, 2004	1.8 billion lbs.
1	Broilers produced, 2004	1.3 billion
2	Chicken eggs, cash receipts, 2004	\$394 million
2	Number of county governments	156
2	Cotton cash receipts, 2004	\$487 million
3	Peach production, 2004	105 million lbs.
3	Black population %, 2004	29.6%
4	Black population #, 2004	2.6 million
4	Fastest-growing population by #, 2000-05	885,760
4	New privately-owned housing units authorized, 2004	108,356
5	Vehicle miles traveled, 2004	112.6 billion
5	Fastest-growing population by %, 2000-05	10.8%
5	Birth rate per 1,000 pop., 2003	15.7
6	State/federal prisoners, 2003	47,208
7	Size of rural population, 2000	2,319,886
8	Net cash farm income, 2004	\$2.995 billion
8	Teen birth rate per 1,000 women age 15-19, 2003	53.5
9	Total population, 2005	9,072,576
9	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 2004	8.4
10	Total veterans, 2005	758,963
10	Hispanic population #, 2004	598,322
10	Size of urban population, 2000	5,866,567
10	Gross state product in current dollars, 2004	\$340.7 billion
11	Total public road length, 2004	116,916 mi.
11	Identity theft victimization rate per 100,000 pop., 2004	84.3
14	Legal immigrants admitted, FY04	16,286
16	Dept. Of Defense prime contract awards FY04	\$3.9 billion
17	Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+), 2004	27.6%
17	Poverty rate, 2003	13.3%
18	Population per sq. mi. of land area, 2004	152.5
21	Hispanic population %, 2004	6.8%
21	Violent crime rate per 100,000 pop., 2003	454
24	Total land & water area	59,424.77 sq. mi.
27	Median household income, 2003	\$42,421
32	Per capita income, 2004	\$30,074
36	Physician rate per 100,000 pop., 2003	221
36	High school grad or higher (age 25+), 2004	85.2%
38	Unemployment rate per 100 in labor force, 2004	4.6
41	Total per capita Federal Govt. expenditures, FY04	\$6,247
41	Death rate per 100,000 pop., 2003	765.4
42	Alcohol-related traffic fatalities, 2004	32%
42	Total state taxes per capita, 2004	\$1,634
43	Voting age population voting for President, 2004	50.5%
45	Median age, 2000	33.4
50	State gasoline tax per gallon, 2004	7.5 cents

GEORGIA FIRSTS

1733 - Savannah first capitol of the 13th colony and later of GA.

1736 - First golf course in GA, and possibly in the US, was constructed by once wealthy landowners from the Scottish Highlands who settled at the present site of Darien.

1763 - *The Georgia Gazette*, founded in Savannah, first newspaper.

1777 - First GA State Constitution adopted.

1849 - First tunnel completed at Chetoogeta Mtn. between Dalton and Chattanooga.

1889 - The first electric streetcar in GA made its first trip in Atlanta.

1938 - First four-lane highway--Atlanta-Marietta Highway--opened.

1960 - Ray Charles of Albany was the first Georgian to win a Grammy Award for "Georgia on My Mind."

1964 - Martin Luther King, Jr., was the first Georgian to win the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to bring about integration in the U.S. without violence.

1976 - James Earl "Jimmy" Carter was the first Georgian to be elected President of the U.S.

U.S. FIRSTS IN GEORGIA

1735 - First agricultural experiment farm established at Savannah.

1785 - The University of Georgia, first state-chartered university in the U.S.

1788 - First Baptist Church in Savannah, first African-American church in the U.S.

1790 - Invention of cotton gin by Eli Whitney near Savannah.

1823 - First state to require birth registration.

1829 - First major gold rush in the U.S. in Dahlonega--Lumpkin Co.

1834 - First passenger train in the world from Charleston, SC, to Augusta, GA.

1836 - Wesleyan College in Macon became the first college in the world chartered to confer degrees to women.

1842 - Dr. Crawford Long, a Jefferson physician, becomes the first doctor to administer ether to kill pain during surgery.

1866 - First state to give women full property rights.

1874 - First state to establish a department of agriculture.

1881 - Spelman College in Atlanta was the first college in the world chartered for African-American women.

1912 - Juliette Gordon Low of Savannah founded the Girl Scouts of America.

1916 - First compulsory school attendance law.

1922 - Rebecca Felton was the first woman U.S. Senator.

1931 - Atlanta Airport first to have a passenger terminal.

1937 - Okefenokee Swamp, largest freshwater swamp wildlife refuge established.

1943 - First state to allow 18-year olds the right to vote.

GENERAL REFERENCES AND WEBSITES

Georgia County Guide, Georgia Farm Gate Value Report and Georgia Statistics System; Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development, College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA: www.caed.uga.edu
www.georgiastats.uga.edu www.countyguide.uga.edu
GA Ag Statistics Service: www.nass.usda.gov/ga/
GA Crime Information Center: www.ganet.org/gbi/gbistat1.html
GA Dept. of Community Health: www.communityhealth.state.ga.us/
GA Dept. of Corrections: www.dcor.state.ga.us/default.html
GA Dept. of Education: public.doe.k12.ga.us
GA Dept. of Labor: www.dol.state.ga.us/
GA Dept. of Motor Vehicle Safety: www.dmv.ga.gov/reports/
GA Dept. of Natural Resources: www.gadnr.org
GA Dept. of Public Health: health.state.ga.us
GA Dept. of Technical and Adult Education: www.dtae.org
GA Dept. of Transportation: www.dot.state.ga.us
GA Firsts: toombs.150m.com/Georgia/Firsts.htm
GA Forestry Commission: www.GFC.State.Ga.US/
GA Lottery Corporation: www.galottery.com/
GA Public Library Services: www.public.lib.ga.us
GA Student Finance Commission: www.gsfc.org/
GA Secretary of State: www.sos.state.ga.us/
Governor's Office of Student Achievement: www.ga-oea.org/
Hartsfield-Jackson-Atlanta International Airport:
www.atlanta-airport.com
National Center for Health Statistics: www.cdc.gov/nchs/
New Georgia Encyclopedia: www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/
Statistical Abstract of the U.S.: www.census.gov/statab/www/
US Bureau of Economic Analysis: www.bea.gov/
US Census Bureau: www.census.gov
USDA-SRS-Forest Inventory & Analysis:
www.srs.fs.fed.us/index.htm
US Dept. of Agriculture: www.usda.gov
US Dept. of Defense: www.defenselink.mil
US Dept. of Justice: www.albany.edu/sourcebook/
US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics: www.bls.gov
US Dept. of Transportation:
www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov and www.fhwa.dot.gov
US Elections Project: elections.gmu.edu
US Geological Survey: ga.water.usgs.gov
USG Board of Regents: www.usg.edu/
50 States: www.50states.com/georgia.htm

“Passport to Georgia”

edited by Susan R. Boatright

Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development

301 Lumpkin House

The University of Georgia • Athens, GA 30602

Phone: 706-542-0760 or 706-542-8938

Fax: 706-542-8934

email: caed@agecon.uga.edu or sboatri@uga.edu

Special thanks to Emily Olliff and David E. Bell
for their editing assistance.

*Contact your local county Cooperative Extension office
to obtain additional copies.*

THE STATE OF GEORGIA



The University of Georgia and Fort Valley State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and counties of the state cooperating. Cooperative Extension offers educational programs, assistance and materials to all people without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

An equal opportunity/affirmative action organization
committed to a diverse work force.

April, 2006