## Georgia firsts

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<td>The first U.S. agricultural experiment farm is established in Savannah.</td>
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<td>Georgia is the first state to charter a state-supported university, the University of Georgia.</td>
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<td>Georgia becomes the fourth state to ratify the U.S. constitution. It officially became a state the following year.</td>
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<td>The cotton gin was invented by Eli Whitney near Savannah.</td>
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<td>Georgia Female College becomes the first college for women, located in Macon. It later changed its name to Wesleyan College.</td>
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<td>1874</td>
<td>Georgia is the first state to establish a state department of agriculture.</td>
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<td>1886</td>
<td>Coca-Cola was invented by John S. Pemberton, an Atlanta pharmacist.</td>
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<td>Juliette Gordon-Lowe founded the first troop of American Girl Guides in Savannah. The name changed to Girl Scouts the following year.</td>
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<td>1934</td>
<td>The Masters Tournament begins at the Augusta National Golf Club.</td>
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<td>1964</td>
<td>Martin Luther King Jr. becomes the first Georgian to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.</td>
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<td>1976</td>
<td>James Earl “Jimmy” Carter is the first Georgian to be elected President of the United States.</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>Atlanta hosts the summer Olympics.</td>
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Georgia quick facts

Statehood .................................................. Jan. 2, 1788
Capital ........................................................ Atlanta
Number of counties ................................. 159

State motto .............................................. “Wisdom, justice, moderation”
State song .................................................. “Georgia on My Mind”

Total area .................................................. 59,425 square miles
Highest elevation ................................. Brasstown Bald Mountain (4,784 feet)
Longest river .......................................... Chattahoochee (430 miles)
Largest lake ........................................... Clarks Hill Lake (78,200 acres)

Government

159 counties
5,364,606 registered voters (as of 11/01/12)
3,897,839 votes for 2012 presidential election
45.5% democrat
53.3% republican
72.2% voter turnout
State symbols and designations

Amphibian ................................................................. American green tree frog
Bird ................................................................. Brown thrasher
Butterfly ............................................................. Tiger swallowtail
Crop ............................................................... Cotton
Fish ................................................................. Large mouth bass
Flower ................................................................. Cherokee rose
Fossil ................................................................. Shark tooth
Fruit ................................................................. Peach
Gem ................................................................. Quartz
Insect ................................................................. Honey bee
Marine mammal .................................................. North Atlantic right whale
Mineral ................................................................. Staurolite
Prepared food ....................................................... Grits
Reptile ................................................................. Gopher tortoise
Seashell ................................................................. Knobbed whelk
Tree ................................................................. Southern live oak
Vegetable ............................................................. Vidalia sweet onion
Wildflower ............................................................ Azalea
Georgia county rankings

Clarke.............................. Smallest county in land area: 121.3 square miles
Ware.............................. Largest county in land area: 903 square miles
Wilkes............................. First county created: Feb. 5, 1777
Peach.............................. Last county created: Nov. 4, 1904
Fulton.............................. Highest population: 977,773*
Taliaferro........................ Smallest population: 1,352*
Cobb.............................. Most FY13 HOPE Scholarship recipients: 109,683
Charlton.......................... Highest percent of teachers with advanced degrees, 2011: 87.5%
Oconee............................. Lowest rate of teen pregnancy, 2011: 8.2/1,000
Echols............................. Highest percent worked outside the county: 84.6%+
Paulding.......................... Highest mean travel time to work: 38.1 minutes*
Clinch............................. Highest percent of forest land: 96.9%+
Early.............................. Highest peanut value: $45 million+
Colquitt.......................... Highest cotton value: $65 million+
Bacon............................. Highest blueberry value: $91 million+
Macon............................. Highest peach value: $9 million+
Dougherty........................ Highest pecan value: $37 million+
Franklin.......................... Highest broiler value: $328 million+
Morgan............................. Highest beef cow value: $9 million+
Toombs............................ Highest onion value: $67 million+

*2011 figures, + 2012 figures
Top 20 agricultural commodities
From the 2012 Farm Gate Value Report

#1 Broilers, $4.7 billion
#2 Cotton, $1.3 billion
#3 Peanuts, $892 million
#4 Eggs, $793 million
#5 Beef, $538 million
#6 Timber, $523 million
#7 Corn, $507 million
#8 Horses, $342 million
#9 Dairy, $338 million
#10 Greenhouse, $259 million

#11 Pecans, $249 million
#12 Blueberries, $229 million
#13 Breeder pullets, $225 million
#14 Agritourism, $194 million
#15 Pork, $171 million
#16 Onions, $163 million
#17 Watermelon, $160 million
#18 Container nursery, $142 million
#19 Hay, $130 million
#20 Soybeans, $127 million

Farm facts

42,257 farms making up 9.6 million acres of farmland
Average size of farm: 228 acres

Total farm production expenses.........................................................$7.5 billion
Average production expenses per farm.............................................$177,213
Net farm income............................................................................$2.1 billion
Average net income per farm.........................................................$50,379

From Ag Census 2012

Total Georgia Farm Gate Value (2012)............................................$13.9 billion
Total cash receipts and other income..............................................$10.1 billion

Source: BEA
Crime

Arrests, 2011
Total arrests................................................................. 368,926
  DUI arrests............................................................... 32,425
  For violent crimes................................................... 12,223
  For property crimes............................................... 94,224
  Age 17 and under.................................................. 17.5%

Juvenile court commitments, FY 2013 .................................. 2,057

Total state prison inmates, 2013.............................................. 54,494
  Female ..................................................................... 6.6%
  Male ....................................................................... 93.4%
  White ....................................................................... 33.6%
  Non-white ................................................................. 66.4%
  Violent/Sex Crimes................................................... 63.7%
  Property Crimes....................................................... 19.4%
  Drug/DUI ................................................................. 12.3%

Total active probationers, 2013.............................................. 153,938


**Economics**

Deposits in financial institutions, 2013 ....................................... $187.6 billion
Personal bankruptcy filings, 2012 ................................................... 6.7/1000 people
Median household income, 2012 .................................................... $45,886
Total personal income, 2011 .......................................................... $353 billion
   Per capita .................................................................................. $35,979
Total personal transfer receipts, 2011 ........................................... $62 billion
   Per capita .................................................................................. $6,417
Total persons in poverty, 2011 ....................................................... 1,836,715
   (19.2% of population)
Lottery sales, FY 2013 ................................................................. $3.9 billion
   Per capita .................................................................................. $394
Education

2012–2013 public schools
21 independent city school systems
159 county school systems
15 state chartered special schools
2,273 schools total

1,657,507 enrolled students
White................................................................. 43.5%
Black............................................................... 36.9%
Hispanic.......................................................... 12.7%
Asian............................................................... 3.5%
Eligible for free/reduced lunch .......................59.6%
In special education......................................... 10.6%
Limited English proficiency..............................5.3%

108,377 teachers
% with advanced degrees............................... 68.6
Average salary................................................. $53,163

2011–2012 private and public pre-K programs
3,877 sites with 82,868 slots
$272 million in lottery funding
$3,282 funder cost per child

Number of home study students, 2011–2012 ................40,979
Number of private school students, 2011–2012...............108,565
Education (cont.)

Public library systems, FY 2012
Total number of libraries ................................................................. 386
Number of registered patrons .......................................................... 4,564,784
Total material circulated ................................................................. 43,408,492
  Per capita ................................................................................ 4.2

Higher education/technical education
1,654,630 HOPE Scholarships awarded, 1993–2013
31 University System colleges
45 Private college/universities
24 technical colleges

Educational attainment, 2007–2011
Persons age 25 and older total ......................................................... 6,152,481
  Completing less than 9th grade ................................................. 5.9%
  High school graduates .............................................................. 29.4%
  Associate degree ................................................................. 6.6%
  Bachelor’s degree ................................................................. 17.7%
  Graduate or professional degree ............................................. 9.8%
  High school diploma or higher ............................................... 84%
  Bachelor’s degree or higher .................................................... 27.5%
Housing, households and families

Average household size, 2012.................................................................2.68
Total housing units, 2012.................................................................4,107,482
  0.5% change from 2010 to 2012
Total housing units, 2007–2011 .................................................................4,063,024
  Owner occupied.................................................................66.8%
  Renter occupied .................................................................33.2%

Total family households, 2007-2012 .................................................................2,389,321
Average family size .........................................................................................3.25
  Married couples...........................................................................71.2%
  Married couples with own children <18.........................................31.5%
  Female head, no husband with own children <18.........................12.9%
  Male head, no wife with own children <18........................................3%

Non-family households .................................................................................1,101,433
  Male householder age 65+ living alone ..............................................6.4%
  Female householder age 65+ living alone..........................................17.4%
Labor

Total civilian labor force, 2012 ................................................................. 4,806,103
  Employed ..................................................................................... 91%
  Unemployed .............................................................................. 9%

Unemployment insurance claims ............................................................ 401,438
  Monthly average ....................................................................... 50,119

Commuters, 2007–2011
Worked outside county of residence ...................................................... 38.5%
Worked outside state ........................................................................... 2.8%
Work at home ..................................................................................... 4.6%
Carpool .............................................................................................. 11.1%
Drove alone to work .......................................................................... 78.8%
Average travel time to work ................................................................. 27 minutes

10 fastest growing occupations, 2012–2022
Biomedical Engineers ............................................................................. 5.1%
Marriage and Family Therapists ............................................................ 4.5%
Home Health Aides .............................................................................. 4.4%
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers ....................................................... 4.0%
Medial Scientists .................................................................................. 3.9%
Personal and Home Care Aides ............................................................ 3.8%
Mental Health Counselors .................................................................... 3.5%
Helpers—Carpenters .......................................................................... 3.5%
Curators .............................................................................................. 3.4%
Shoe & Leather Workers and Repairers ................................................. 3.3%

Source: GA Department of Labor
# Natural resources

Water withdrawals in millions of gallons per day, total (2005) ................... 5,471.5
  Ground water .................................................................................. 1,180.04
  Surface water .................................................................................. 4,291.43
  For public supply ............................................................................. 1,179.85
  For thermoelectric .......................................................................... 2,720.83
  For irrigation/livestock .................................................................... 818.52
  For commercial/industrial ............................................................... 752.29
Per capita use gallons per day .............................................................. 157.9

2012 Toxic release inventory number of facilities .................. 642
  Total releases in pounds ................................................................. 65 million

Forestland, 2012 ............................................................................ 24.8 million acres
  (65.1\% land use area)
  Timberland for commercial use, 2012 .......................................... 24.3 million acres

Wildlife associated recreation by persons 16+ (2011)*
  Sportsmen (hunters and anglers) .................................................... 1,221,000
    $2.7 billion spent
  Wildlife-watching .......................................................................... 2,393,000
    $1.8 billion spent

Population

Population by selected age group, 2012

<5 ........................................ 675,032 (6.8%)
<20 ..................................... 2,778,233 (28%)
18+ ...................................... 7,529,820 (4.9%)
65+ ..................................... 1,139,699 (11.5%)
85+ ...................................... 123,483 (1.2%)

Largest municipalities, 2012 estimate

Atlanta ................................ 443,775
Augusta ................................ 198,413
Columbus ............................. 197,872
Savannah .............................. 142,022
Athens ................................ 118,999
Sandy Springs ....................... 99,416
Roswell ................................ 93,692
Macon .................................. 91,234
Johns Creek ......................... 82,306
Albany .................................. 77,431

Population

1960 .................................... 3,943,116
1970 .................................... 4,589,575
1980 .................................... 5,463,105
1990 .................................... 6,478,149
2000 .................................... 8,186,453
2010 .................................... 9,714,748
2012 .................................... 9,919,945
Projected 2015 ................... 10,509,376
Projected 2020 ................... 11,326,787

Percent Change

1960–1970 .............................. 16.4%
1970–1980 .............................. 19.0%
1980–1990 .............................. 18.6%
1990–2000 .............................. 26.4%
2000–2010 .............................. 18.3%
Population (cont.)

Distribution by race (one race alone), 2012 estimate

- Black: 3,091,904 (31.2%)
- Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race): 909,902 (9.3%)
- White: 6,231,978 (62.8%)
- Asian: 351,734 (3.5%)
- American Indian: 50,539 (0.51%)
- Native Hawaiian/other Pacific islander: 11,061 (0.01%)

Selected population facts, 2010

- Urban: 75.1%
- Rural: 24.9%
- Born in GA: 53.5%
- Born in other US state: 32.7%
- Foreign-born: 9.7%

Veteran population, 2013: 774,464
  - Female: 13.8%
  - Age 65+: 37.1%

VA expenditures, FY12 total: $3.9 billion
  (32.1% Medical)

Source: 2012 Census
Public assistance

2012 recipients monthly average

Food stamps

Households .............................................................. 860,085
(19% of population)
Total annual benefits paid ..................................... $3.0 billion

TANF

Households .............................................................. 18,772
(0.36% of population)
Total annual benefits paid ..................................... $55 million

SSI total recipients .............................................................. 247,951
Total payments .............................................................. $135 million

OASDI total recipients .............................................................. 1,582,070
Total payments .............................................................. $1.795 billion

Child abuse cases- investigated ............................................ 13,066
42.8% substantiated
Child maltreatment victims ..................................................... 19,035
rate: 6.9/1000
Transportation

Daily vehicle miles traveled, 2012

Rural ................................................................................................................. 94 million
Small urban .................................................................................................... 19 million
Urbanized........................................................................................................ 26 million
Large urbanized ............................................................................................. 150 million
Total.................................................................................................................. 291 million

2012 total road mileage:

121,458.3 miles 1,248.3 interstate miles
23.9% unpaved 85,737.9 county roads
1,248.3 interstate miles 17,753.6 city streets

Registered motor vehicles, 2007–2011

Total.................................................................................................................. 8,785,922
Passenger cars ............................................................................................... 64%
Trucks ............................................................................................................... 21.1%
Trailers.............................................................................................................. 12.2%
Motorcycles .................................................................................................... 2.3%
Buses................................................................................................................... 0.47%

2011 fatalities in crashes

1,223 total
277 with alcohol impairment
220 involving speeding
13,545 deer related crashes (2006)

From GA DOT CASI Report

Public general aviation airports, 2013................................................................ 106
### Vital stats, 2011

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<td>Live births</td>
<td>132,239</td>
<td>64,960 (49%)</td>
<td>43,907 (33%)</td>
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<td>Teen pregnancy</td>
<td>17,378</td>
<td>6,227 (36%)</td>
<td>8,483 (49%)</td>
<td>2,514 (14%)</td>
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<td>Low weight births</td>
<td>12,419</td>
<td>4,780 (38%)</td>
<td>5,912 (48%)</td>
<td>1,166 (9%)</td>
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<td>Live births to unwed mothers</td>
<td>59,613</td>
<td>18,304 (31%)</td>
<td>31,484 (53%)</td>
<td>9,702 (16%)</td>
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<td>Live births to unwed teen mothers</td>
<td>11,490</td>
<td>3,972 (35%)</td>
<td>5,920 (52%)</td>
<td>1,602 (14%)</td>
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<td>Induced terminations of pregnancy</td>
<td>29,558</td>
<td>6,695 (23%)</td>
<td>16,331 (55%)</td>
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Vital stats, 2011 (cont.)

Infant death ............................................................................................................. 904 total
Deaths .................................................................................................................. 70,775 total
  White ................................................................................................................. 51,180 (72%)
  Black .................................................................................................................. 18,786 (27%)
  Hispanic origin .............................................................................................. 896 (1.27%)

Total deaths by selected causes
Cardiovascular diseases .................................................................................. 20,797
Neoplasms (cancer) ........................................................................................... 15,492
Diseases of the respiratory system .............................................................. 6,915
Diseases of the nervous system .................................................................... 3,726
Endocrine, nutritional, metabolic diseases ................................................ 3,002
Mental, behavioral disorders .......................................................................... 4,062
Reproductive, urinary system diseases ......................................................... 1,998
Infectious, parasitic diseases .......................................................................... 2,414
External causes ................................................................................................. 5,522
Deaths from all other causes .......................................................................... 6,847