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AGRICULTURE**Agriculture Statistics: 1998**

Number of farms	50,000
\$1,000-\$9,999 sales class	32,500
\$10,000-\$99,999 sales class	9,700
\$100,000+ sales class	7,800
Land in farms	11.3 million acres
Average farm size	226 acres
Farm value per acre	\$1,510
Export value of agricultural commodities	\$1.133 billion
Farm production expenses	\$4.42 billion
Annual average hourly wage of hired farm labor	\$6.93
Horticulture value of sales--1997	\$219.37 million
Agricultural land holdings of foreign owners--1997	504,564 acres

Farm Cash Receipts and Government Payments

	Amount	Percent
Total farm cash receipts	\$5.633 billion	
Crops	\$2.047 billion	36.3%
Poultry & Eggs	\$2.799 billion	49.7%
Livestock	\$609 million	10.8%
Government payments	\$178 million	3.2%

Selected Crops	Harvested Acres	Production	Value of Production
Corn for grain	265,000	22,525,000 bu.	\$54,060,000
Cotton lint	1,280,000	1,542,000 bales	\$498,868,000
Oats	25,000	1,325,000 bu.	\$1,988,000
Peanuts	537,000	1,511,655,000 lbs.	\$402,100,000
Rye	50,000	1,050,000 bu.	\$3,570,000
Sorghum Grain	30,000	1,140,000 bu.	\$2,280,000
Soybeans	220,000	4,620,000 bu.	\$24,717,000
Tobacco	41,000	90,200,000 lbs.	\$154,062,000
Wheat	240,000	10,320,000 bu.	\$26,832,000
All Hay	650,000	1,495,000 tons	\$101,660,000
Peaches	20,000	65,000,000 lbs.	\$22,440,000
Pecans	--	40,000,000 lbs.	\$48,950,000
Onions	13,900	222,400,000 lbs.	\$68,722,000
Cabbage	7,500	247,500,000 lbs.	\$20,543,000
Cucumbers	13,000	260,000,000 lbs.	\$36,140,000
Sweet Corn	18,000	270,000,000 lbs.	\$34,830,000
Tomatoes	3,500	91,000,000 lbs.	\$28,665,000
Watermelons	23,000	506,000,000 lbs.	\$25,300,000

Poultry	Number Produced	Value of Sales
Commercial broilers	1,202,500,000	\$2,386,382,000
Other chickens	15,590,000	\$18,443,000
Eggs	5,126,000,000	\$375,907,000

Livestock & Dairy	Production	Cash Receipts
Hogs	185,623,000 lbs.	\$65,321,000
Cattle & calves	433,297,000 lbs.	\$261,725,000
Milk	1,437,000,000 lbs.	\$236,550,000
	Number of Cattle & Calves on farms	1.3 million
	Number of Hogs & Pigs on farms	480,000

Bee Colonies	Honey Production	Value of Honey
75,000	4,200,000 lbs.	\$2,898,000

Georgia Crop Production Records

Crop	Total Production	Year of Highest Yield
All Hay	1,950,000 tons	1994
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

1999 Data

Reported Index crime rate per 100,000 population	5,031
Index crimes reported	391,828
Violent crimes	10.3%
Property crimes	89.7%
Index crime arrests	60,062
Violent crimes	26.4%
Property crimes	73.6%
Age 0-16	9,577
Age 17-21	14,445
Total state prison inmates, FY1999	41,630
Average age	33.8 yrs.
Women	6%
White, 33%	Non-white, 67%
Sentenced to 3 yrs. or less	8%
With prior incarcerations	46%
Sentenced for violent/sex crimes	57%
Avg. cost per inmate per day	\$47.68
Not completing high school	68%
Admitted in FY1999	20,628
Convicted of violent crime	45%
Active probationers	139,527
Avg. caseload size per officer	255
Avg. cost per standard probationer per day	\$1.24

ECONOMICS**1998 Data**

Total deposits in financial institutions	\$97,064,050,000
Total personal income	\$197,318,747,000
Per capita personal income	\$25,839
Median household income, 1997-98 avg.	\$37,950
Percent of persons living in poverty, 1997-98 avg.	14.0%
Retail sales	\$79,607,708,000
Total GA lottery sales, FY98/99	\$2,034,922,446
Total state revenue	\$25,707,202,000
Taxes	\$11,589,495,000
Individual income tax	\$5,317,375,000
Total state expenditures	\$21,735,461,000
Education	\$9,191,987,000
Public welfare	\$4,691,784,000
Highways	\$1,282,449,000
Correction	\$857,067,000
Hospitals	\$700,255,000

EDUCATION**Public School Systems: 1998-99**

Number of schools	1,844	Number of systems	180
Revenues	\$10.466 billion	Expenditures	\$10.114 billion
per pupil	\$5,699	per pupil	\$5,540
Enrollment K-12	1,370,555	Number of teachers	87,779
White	55.7%	with advanced degrees	50.1%
Black	37.8%	Female	82.5%
Hispanic	3.3%	Average salary	\$39,671
H.S. Dropouts	27,352	Avg. yrs. experience	12.69
H.S. Dropout rate	6.5	Minority	21.0%
Retained	4.2%	Graduates	65,548
Gifted	6.5%	Completion rate	68.9%
Special education	10.7%	College prep.	65.6%
Pre-Kindergarten	30,783	Highest avg. SAT score	980
Number of students receiving HOPE Awards, FY99			141,265
HOPE Scholarship Awards issued			\$189,382,804
Lottery spending for education			\$593,433,340
Pre-kindergarten	36%		\$216,328,959

Schools/Programs**Enrollment**

Home study	12,929	21,132
Private/military	532	84,950

Higher Education/Technical/Libraries

Technical institutes	33	University system colleges	34
Public libraries	388	Private colleges/universities	47

Educational Attainment-Persons 25 Years and Over: 1998

High school graduate or higher	80.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	20.7%

GOVERNMENT

1998 Voting age population	5,619,856	
Registered voters	3,909,373	69.6%
Voter turnout (gubernatorial)	1,792,808	31.9%
U.S. Congressional Districts		11
Black elected officials, 1997		579
Federal govt. expenditures to GA, FY99		\$39.215 billion
Retirement & disability		\$13.247 billion
U.S. Military personnel in installations		62,947
Federal, State and local govt. employees		577,131
Percent of total employment		15.7%

HEALTH

Licensed Health Professionals (Active/Renewing): 2000 *

Physicians	25,601	Registered nurses	81,106
Physicians assistants	1,643	Licensed practical nurses	28,343
Dentists	4,666	Dental hygienists	5,025
Pharmacists	10,100	Paramedics	4,583
Psychologists	1,749	Chiropractors	3,081
Physical therapists	3,437	Veterinarians	3,177
Occupational therapists.	2,066	Podiatrists	433
Optometrists	1,109	Dietitians	1,548
Speech pathologists	2,000	Dispensing opticians	1,024

* Licensed in Georgia but may not be practicing in the state

1999 general hospitals	159	1999 nursing homes	359
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1999 Number of Selected Notifiable Diseases Reported

AIDS	1,072	Tuberculosis	665
Gonorrhea	22,041	Hepatitis A	482
Chlamydia	31,516	Giardiasis	1,355
Syphilis	2,008	Salmonellosis	1,976

Civilian non-institutionalized population, 1990

Ages 16-64 with a work disability or mobility limitation	9.1%
Ages 65 & over with a mobility or self-care limitation	24.7%

Health Insurance Coverage by Private/Government, 1998

Total persons covered	6,325,000	82.5%
Children <18 covered	1,685,000	80.9%
Medicare recipients/payments	877,000	\$4.287 billion
Medicaid recipients/payments FY99	1,298,452	\$3.218 billion

HOUSING / HOUSEHOLDS

1998 Data

Total housing units	3,184,000
Percent change, 1990-98	20.7%
Total households	2,843,000
Percent change, 1990-98	20.1%
Persons per household	2.63

Age of Householder

15 to 24 yrs.	165,000	5.8%
25 to 34 yrs.	572,000	20.1%
35 to 44 yrs.	700,000	24.6%
45 to 54 yrs.	568,000	20.0%
55 to 64 yrs.	357,000	12.6%
65 & over	481,000	16.9%

1999 New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized

	Number	Valuation
Total units	89,581	\$8,749,379,000
1 unit	71,530	\$7,861,189,000
2 units	694	\$34,527,000
3 and 4 units	727	\$34,552,000
Five units or more	16,630	\$819,111,000

LABOR / OCCUPATIONS

1999 Labor Force Statistics

	Number	
Total labor force	4,088,008	
Employed persons age 16 and over	3,925,437	Rate/ 100 in

Unemployment by Race and Sex

	Number	Labor Force
Total	162,577	4.0
White total	85,518	2.8
White males	42,542	2.5
White females	42,976	3.1
Black total	73,508	7.7
Black males	33,269	7.4
Black females	40,239	7.9

Average weekly wage

\$622

Average number of business establishments

223,524

Average monthly employment

3,819,527

Trade (25.2%)

962,490 Service (25.3%)

967,828

Manufacturing (15.6%)

594,799 Government (12.8%)

583,239

Fastest Growing Occupations with 100+annual openings

1996-2006

	% Change
Computer engineers	155.7%
Systems analysts	152.1%
Electronic pagination workers	137.1%
Physical therapists	101.4%
Animal trainers	100.0%
Medical assistants	97.5%
Physical & correct therapy assistants	91.3%
Occupational therapists	91.1%
Radiologic technicians	87.0%
Home health aides	85.9%

Total employment expected to reach over 4.9 million by 2006
with 103,000 new jobs added each year.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Total 1995 water withdrawals	5.818 billion gal. per day
Thermoelectric	3.074 billion gal. per day
Irrigation	720 million gal. per day
Public supply	1.153 billion gal. per day
Public water use per capita	195.5 gallons per day
Forest land (% of total land area)	23.6 million acres
Non-industrial private landowners	73%
Total industry output	\$19.5 billion
Timber sales, 1997	\$755,045,911
National park service units	11
State parks (48) & historic sites (15)	77,500 acres
Annual visitors	13 million
National Register listings	1,932
Historic properties	98,000
Archaeological sites	34,000

Wildlife-associated recreation by participants 16+ in 1996

Activity	Participants	Expenditures
Anglers	1,088,000	\$1.121 billion
Hunters	403,000	\$844 million
Wildlife watching	1,774,000	\$835 million

\$2.9 billion spent on wildlife-associated recreation in Georgia.

POPULATION

	Total Number	Percentage Change	
2010 projection	8,824,000	2005-2010 projected	4.9%
2005 projection	8,413,000	2000-2005 projected	6.8%
2000 projection	7,875,000	1999-2000 projected	1.1%
1999 estimate	7,788,240	1990-99 estimated	20.2%
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%

Of 159 counties: 13 (or 8.2%) contain over 50% of the state's population and 13 counties each have over 100,000 residents.

Persons per square mile of land area, 1999	134.5
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Components of Population Change: 1990-1999

Natural increase (more births than deaths) ..	527,844	40.3%
Net migration (people moving in)	782,247	59.7%

Population Distribution by Age: 1999 Estimates

< 5	580,150	7.4%	25-44	2,543,095	32.7%
5-17	1,476,735	19.0%	45-64	1,653,199	21.2%
18-24	773,918	9.9%	65 +	761,143	9.8%
16+	5,958,862	76.5%	21 +	5,382,170	69.1%
85+	85,338	1.1%	Median age	34.0 yrs.	

Population Distribution by Race: 1999 Estimates

Total	7,788,240	
White	5,373,060	69.0%
Black	2,235,897	28.7%
American Indian/Aleut	18,717	0.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	160,566	2.1%
Hispanic Origin*	239,566	3.1%

*Hispanic Origin is not considered a separate race, but an ethnic group. Therefore, persons of Hispanic Origin may be of any race.

10,445 legal immigrants admitted in 1998.

Largest Cities (inside city limits): 1998 Census Estimates

Atlanta	403,819	Smyrna	35,899
Augusta	187,689	East Point	33,670
Columbus	182,219	Peachtree City	31,086
Savannah	131,674	Rome	30,899
Macon	114,336	Hinesville	26,435
Athens	89,361	LaGrange	25,111
Albany	77,545	Alpharetta	24,831
Roswell	57,102	Dalton	23,127
Marietta	51,362	Statesboro	21,314
Warner Robins	46,698	Griffin	21,052
Valdosta	41,390	Lawrenceville	20,008

Of 537 municipalities: 51 have fewer than 200 residents;

54 have more than 10,000; 29 grew by more than 50% since 1990; and, 129 lost population between 1990-98. Unincorporated areas contain 60.8% of GA residents.

Metropolitan Areas (MA): 1998 Estimates

Albany MA	118,076	Chattanooga MA*	128,687
Athens MA	138,679		28.1% of total MA
Atlanta MA	3,746,059	Columbus MA*	221,746
Macon MA	319,502		81.5% of total MA
Savannah MA	285,508	Augusta-Aiken MA*	304,217
			66.4% of total MA

* includes only GA population in metro area

Population Trivia, 1990

Urban	63.2%	Rural	36.8%
Native population	97.3%	Born in Georgia	66.3%
Foreign-born	2.7%	Entered U.S. 1980-90	1.4%
Males, 15+	2,404,921	Females, 15+	2,627,194
Married	57.6%	Married	52.0%
Never married	29.8%	Never married	22.9%

Family type

% of Families

Total family households	1,726,248	
Married couple w/own children <18		37.7%
Female head, no husband, w/own children <18		10.7%
Male head, no wife, w/own children <18		1.8%

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

	1999 Recipients	Percent of Population
TANF	153,060	2.0%
Medicaid	1,396,114	17.9%
Food stamps	587,476	7.5%
SSI	196,959	2.5%
OASDI (Soc. Security)--1998	1,056,394	13.8%
65 & over	692,991	65.6% of OASDI

TRANSPORTATION**Air Transportation: 1999**

Airports open to public	109	Hartsfield Atlanta Airport
1 or > paved runway	105	Aircraft operations
1 or > lighted runway	99	909,911
Runways 5500' or >	19	Daily flights
Instrument approaches	82	2,400
With commercial service	9	Passengers
		78,092,940
		Employees
		44,800
		Economic impact
		> \$16.8 billion

Motor Vehicle Registrations: 1998

	Number	Percent of Total
Total	7,595,750	
Passenger cars	4,468,472	58.8%
Trucks	2,424,037	31.9%
Motorcycles	86,962	1.1%
1999 drivers licenses issued--2,493,898.....296,679 first time issue		
Valid licensed drivers as of 12/31/99--5,679,873		

Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents: 1999

	Number	Percent of Total
Total crashes	293,251	
Off roadway	27,680	9.4%
On interstate roads	29,219	9.1%
Involving 3 or more vehicles	20,947	7.1%
Involving deer	8,007	2.7%
Holiday crashes	13,060	2.3%
Alcohol/drug-related	9,778	3.3%
Injury crashes	85,231	29.1%
Fatal crashes	1,422	0.5%
Vehicles involved in crashes	557,385	
Tractor trailer/logging truck	10,582	1.9%
Pickup/panel truck/van	87,944	15.8%
Utility passenger vehicle	37,467	6.7%
Total injuries	133,034	
No safety equipment in use	15,837	11.9%
Alcohol/drug-related injuries	8,359	6.3%
Total fatalities	1,579	
Alcohol/drug-related fatalities	498	31.5%
Fatal crash rate per 100,000 vehicle miles traveled		2.0

Public Roads: 1999	Mileage	Percent of Total
Total Road Mileage	112,810 miles	
Interstate	1,244 miles	1.1%
Paved	81,511 miles	72.3%
Unpaved	31,300 miles	27.7%
Estimated motor vehicle mileage traveled		72.567 million

VETERANS

Total civilian veterans, 1999 estimate	660,900	
Age 65 and older	201,800	30.5%
Males	624,500	94.5%
Females	36,400	5.5%
Wartime veterans	486,200	73.6%
WWII	120,600	18.2%
Veterans benefit payments, 1998	\$760,385,000	

VITAL STATISTICS

1998 Vital Statistics	Number	Rate per 1,000
Live births	122,366	16.0
Deaths	60,262	7.9
Infant deaths, 1 yr. or less	1,035	8.5
Induced abortions	29,238	16.1
Marriages	59,860	7.8
Divorces	35,559	4.7
Teen pregnancy (females age 10-19)	23,779	44.0
		Rate per 100,000
Causes of Death		
HIV infection	691	9.0
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	13,094	171.3
Breast cancer	1,036	13.6
Trachea, bronchus & lung	3,969	51.9
All cardiovascular disease	23,639	309.3
Ischemic heart disease	9,233	120.8
Heart attack	4,820	63.1
Cerebrovascular disease (stroke)	4,153	54.3
Influenza & pneumonia	2,258	29.5
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	2,742	35.9
Emphysema	501	6.6
Chronic liver disease & cirrhosis	576	7.5
Injury & poisoning	4,683	61.3
Homicides	663	8.7
Suicides	823	10.8
Teen suicides	49	4.4
Firearms	30	0.4
Motor vehicle accidents	1,616	21.1
		Percent of Total
Low birth weight, < 2,500 grams	10,493	8.6%
Births to unwed mothers	44,248	36.2%
Births to unwed teen mothers	14,208	11.6%

GEORGIA COUNTY RANKINGS

Clarke	Smallest county in land area--121.3 sq. mi.
Ware	Largest county in land area--906.6 sq. mi.
Peach	Last county created--1924
Fulton	Most 1999 population--744,827
Taliaferro	Least 1999 population--1,924
Forsyth	Fastest growing by %, 1990-99--119.3%
Clayton	Fastest growing by %, 1930-99--1,983.1%
Gwinnett	Most municipalities in 1998--15
Hancock	Highest 1998 % Black population--81.8%
Chattahoochee	Highest 1998 % Hispanic population--17.9%
Towns	Highest 1998 % age 65 & over--27.8%
Rabun	Highest 1999 % of veterans--14.2%
Union	Highest % change in # of veterans, 1990-99--20.9%
Fulton	Highest 1998 per capita income--\$41,325
Camden	Highest % of movers from out-of-state 1997-98--82.8%
Hancock	Highest 1998 millage rate--45.61
Fayette	Lowest 1995 % of persons below poverty--3.5%
Liberty	Highest 1998 birth rate--25.4
Clay	Highest 1998 % live births to women age 40+--5.6%
Forsyth	Lowest 1998 % births to unwed teen mothers--3.2%
Catoosa	Highest 1998 marriage rate--52.1
Warren	Highest 1998 death rate--14.5
Candler	Lowest 1998 % of cancer deaths--11.3%
Chattahoochee	Highest % completing H.S.+, 1990--88.5%
Towns	Highest 1998/99 % grad. class completion--90.2%
Fannin	Highest % teachers w/advanced degrees, 98/99--76.3%
Taliaferro	Highest expenditures per pupil, 98/99--\$9,285
Cobb	Most HOPE Scholarships awarded, 98/99--9,728
Richmond	Highest 1998 physician rate per 100,000--580.7
Oconee	Highest % voting of registered, 1998--55.3%
Echols	Highest 1990 % worked outside county--84%
Paulding	Highest 1990 mean travel time to work--32.8 min.
Oconee	Lowest 1999 unemployment rate--1.5%
Clinch	Highest 1997 % of forest land--95.9%
Jackson	Most farms in 1997--719
Early	Highest 1998 peanut production--90.497 million lbs.
Seminole	Highest 1998 corn production--2.038 million bu.
Colquitt	Highest 1998 cotton production--82 thousand bales
Peach	Most peach trees in 1997-- 941,337
Dougherty	Most pecan trees in 1997-- 325,702
Macon	Most milk cows on farms in 1998--9,800
Mitchell	Most hogs & pigs on farms in 1998--39,000
Fulton	Most 1999 highway mileage-- 3,435.33 mi.
DeKalb	Highest 1999 % of paved roads--99.8%
Brantley	Highest 1999 % of unpaved roads--66.0%
Henry	Highest 1998 # of deer-related traffic crashes--346

GEORGIA MISCELLANY

Official State Symbols

Bird	Brown Thrasher
Butterfly	Tiger Swallowtail
Crop	Peanut
Fish	Largemouth Bass
Flag	State Flag
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
Reptile	Gopher Tortoise
Seal	Great Seal
Seashell	Knobbed Whelk
Song	"Georgia on My Mind"
Tree	Live Oak
Vegetable	Vidalia Sweet Onion
Wildflower	Azalea

Other Designations

Art Museum	Georgia Museum of Art, Atlanta
Capitol	Atlanta
Colors	Red, White and Blue
Creed	Georgian's Creed
Motto	Wisdom, Justice and Moderation
Origin of name	by James Oglethorpe after King George II
Nickname	The Peach State
Railroad Museum	Central of GA Railroad Shops, Savannah
Statehood	4 th of original 13 colonies, January 2, 1788
State School	Plains High School, Plains
Theater	The Springer Opera House, Columbus
Waltz	"Our Georgia"
Total area	59,441.2 square miles
Land -- 57,918.7 square miles	Water -- 1,522.5 square miles
Length -- 315 miles	Breadth -- 250 miles
Highest elevation: Brasstown Bald Mountain	4,784 ft.
Geographic Center	Twiggs County
Largest river by volume (Altamaha)	13,700 cfs
Largest lake (Clark Hill)	70,000 acres
Number of counties	159
Number of municipalities (incorporated places)	537
Average temperature, 1998 (103% of normal)	65.1 degrees
Precipitation, 1998 (103% of normal)	53.09 inches

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

1	Peanuts, production value, 1998	\$402.1 million
1	Peanuts, acreage planted, 1998	540,000 acres
1	Pecans, utilized production, 1998	40 million lbs.
1	Broilers, production value, 1998	\$2.386 billion
1	Broilers produced, 1998	1.203 billion
1	All poultry & eggs, value of production, 1998	\$2.781 billion
2	Rye, acreage planted, 1998	250,000 acres
2	Cotton, all, acreage planted, 1998	1.37 million acres
2	Number of county governments, 1997	156
3	Eggs, value of production, 1998	\$375.9 million
3	Size of nonmetropolitan population, 1996	2,316,000
4	Peaches, utilized production, 1998	65 million lbs.
4	Fastest-growing by # of persons, 1990-99	1,310,091
4	% Black population, 1998	28.5%
4	Number of Black elected officials, 1997	579
4	New privately-owned housing units authorized '99	89,581
4	% change in metropolitan population, 1990-96	15.8%
5	U.S. military personnel in installations, 1997	62,947
5	Black population number, 1998	2,181,455
6	U.S. Dept. of Defense spending, FY99	\$8.747 billion
6	Fastest-growing population by %, 1990-99	20.2%
7	Birth rate per 1,000 population, 1997	15.8
9	Sentenced prisoners per 100,000 population, 1998	502
9	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 1997	8.6
10	Total population, 1999	7,788,240
10	Total farm marketings, 1997	\$5.887 billion
10	Gross state product in current dollars, 1997	\$229.5 billion
11	Total number of veterans, 1998	667,000
12	Size of metropolitan population, 1996	5,037,000
13	Legal immigrants admitted, 1998	10,445
15	Poverty rate, 1996-98 avg.	14.3%
15	Total highway mileage, 1997	111,828 mi.
16	Violent crime rate per 100,000 population, 1998	606.6
19	Population per sq. mi. of land area, 1998	131.9
24	Total area	58,977 sq. mi.
25	Per capita income, 1998	\$25,839
26	Median household income, 1996-98 avg.	\$36,553
27	Land in farms, 1997	10.70 million acres
28	Unemployment rate per 100 in labor force, 1999	4.0
33	Physician rate per 100,000 population, 1997	204
35	Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25 & over), 1998	20.7%
40	High school completion (age 18-24), 1995-97	84.1%
43	Voter turnout as % of voting age population, 1998	30.9%
44	Median age, 1999	34.0
48	Age 65 & over %, 1998	9.9%
50	State gasoline tax per gallon, 1997	8 cents

GEORGIA FIRSTS

1736 - First golf course in Georgia, and possibly in the United States, 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, was the first newspaper in Georgia.

1777 - First Georgia State Constitution adopted.

1849 - The first tunnel in Georgia was completed at Chetoogeta Mountain, between Dalton and Chattanooga.

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

1938 - Georgia's first four-lane highway, the Atlanta-Marietta Highway, was opened.

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

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

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

U.S. FIRSTS IN GEORGIA

1735 - First agricultural experiment farm established at Savannah.

1735 - First silk exportation in North America at Savannah.

1736 - First orphanage in the United States founded in Georgia by German Lutherans.

1785 - The University of Georgia became the first state-chartered university in the United States.

1788 - First Baptist Church in Savannah is believed to be the first African-American church in the United States.

1793 - First practical cotton gin in the United States invented by Eli Whitney in Savannah.

1823 - First state to require birth registration.

1829 - First major gold rush in the United States took place in Dahlonega in Lumpkin County.

1836 - Wesleyan College in Macon becomes 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 - Georgia becomes the first state to pass legislation allowing women to have full property rights.

1874 - Georgia becomes the 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.

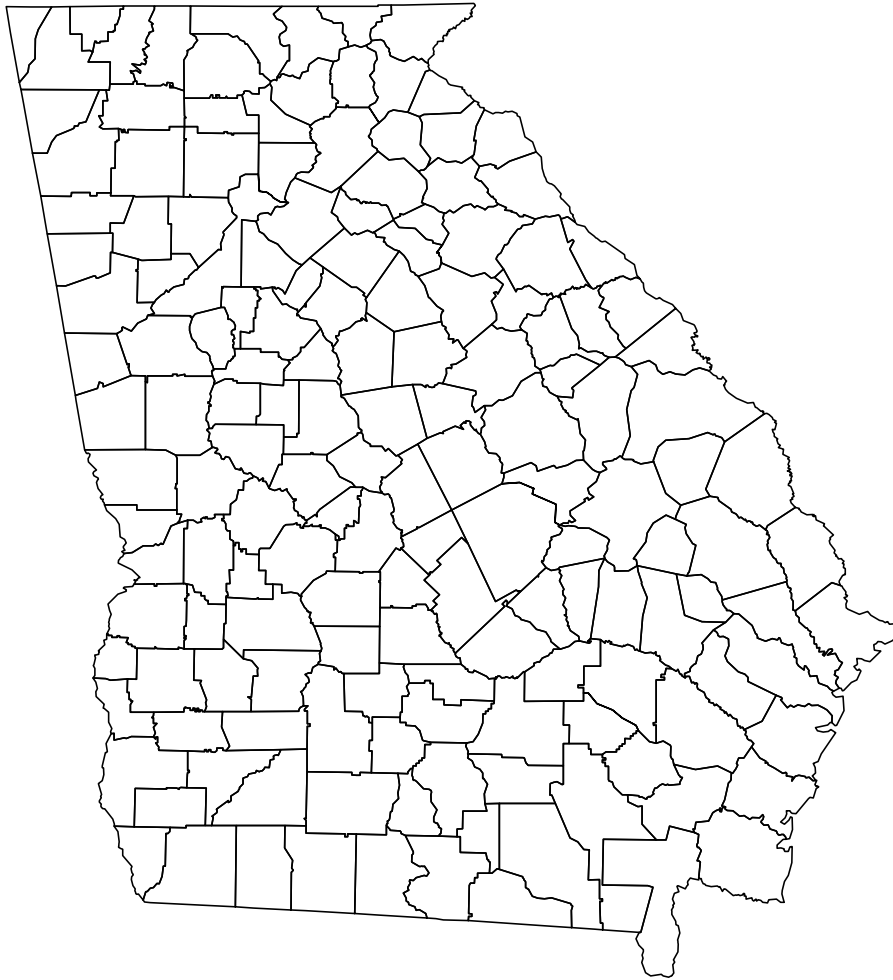
1912 - Juliette Gordon Low of Savannah organized the first group of girl guides that later became the Girl Scouts of America.

1922 - Georgia elects Rebecca Felton as the first woman US Senator.

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