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AGRICULTURE

Number of farms, 2001	50,000
\$1,000-\$9,999 sales class	32,000
\$10,000-\$99,999 sales class	10,500
\$100,000+ sales class	7,500
Land in farms	11 million acres
Average farm size	220 acres
Farm real estate, avg. value per acre, 2002	\$2,300
Export value of agricultural commodities	\$1.114 billion
Farm production expenses	\$4.34 billion
Annual average hourly wage of all hired farm labor	\$8.37
Foreign ownership of ag land, 2000--1,051 parcels--809,860 acres	

2001 Farm Gate Value of Agricultural Production by Commodity Group

Total	\$8.715 billion	
Poultry & eggs	\$3.678 billion	42.2%
Row & forage crops	\$1.640 billion	18.8%
Livestock & aquaculture	\$1.003 billion	11.5%
Vegetables	\$631 million	7.2%
Forestry & products	\$629 million	7.2%
Ornamental horticulture	\$519 million	6.0%
Fruits & nuts	\$164 million	1.9%
Other Income	\$449 million	5.2%

2001 Farm Gate Value of Selected Commodities

Broilers	\$3,156,772,488	Pecans	\$75,870,855
Cotton	\$753,586,231	Field nursery	\$56,550,850
Timber	\$585,346,776	Sweet corn	\$51,233,924
Peanuts	\$426,093,932	Peaches	\$47,200,222
Beef	\$364,087,740	Bell Peppers	\$43,617,980
Dairy	\$285,322,028	Cucumbers	\$43,243,406
Hatching layers	\$271,693,020	Greens	\$38,752,257
Horses	\$184,883,000	Wheat	\$35,132,721
Greenhouse	\$179,587,890	Cabbage	\$31,359,622
Container nursery	\$156,204,820	Yellow squash	\$30,524,916
Table layers	\$131,480,978	Snap beans	\$28,383,422
Tobacco	\$121,883,410	Carrots	\$25,796,788
Breeder pullet units	\$115,735,080	Soybeans	\$23,998,817
Hay	\$115,126,084	Blueberries	\$23,134,258
Turfgrass	\$112,789,421	Silage	\$21,266,205
Pork	\$106,000,459	Rye	\$19,927,265
Onions	\$82,559,218	Cantaloupe	\$19,078,683
Watermelon	\$80,633,545	Straw	\$19,007,123
Hunting leases	\$78,841,998	Pine Straw	\$17,507,865
Corn	\$78,577,065	Eggplant	\$15,867,500
Tomatoes	\$77,649,673	Zucchini	\$13,022,550

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

2001 Index crimes reported	365,776
Rate per 100,000 population	4,362.8
Violent crimes	10.7%
Property crimes	89.3%
Index crime arrests	54,801
Violent crimes	27.7%
Age 16 & under	17.1%
Female	26.6%
White	35.0%
Non-White	65.0%
Law enforcement officers assaulted	864
Family violence incidents reported	47,802
State prison inmates, 2002	47,102
Average age	34.8
White	35%
Sentence 3 or < yrs.	9%
Violent/sex crimes	57%
Admitted in FY02	17,988
Avg. cost per inmate	\$49.59 per day
Women	7%
Non-white	65%
Prior GA incarcerations	45%
Not completing H.S.	69%
on Death Row	120
Rate per 100,000 pop	5,124
Avg. state caseload	254
Cost per day	\$1.24
Active probationers	308,344
State probation	131,303
for drug crimes	34%

ECONOMICS

Deposits in financial institutions, 2001	\$110 billion
Personal bankruptcy filings, 2001	70,790
Total personal income, 2001	\$240.9 billion
Per capita personal income, 2001	\$28,733
Total transfer payments, 2001	\$27.9 billion
Median household income, 1999	\$42,433
Persons living below poverty level, 1999	13.0%
Total GA lottery sales, FY2001	\$2.187 billion

EDUCATION

Public School Systems: 2001-02

Number of schools	2,003	Number of systems	180
Revenues	\$13.562 billion	Expenditures	\$12.749 billion
per pupil (FTE)	\$6,661	per pupil (FTE)	\$6,484
Enrollment K-12	1,437,295	# of teachers PK-12	98,264
White	37.8%	w/ advanced degrees	49.7%
Black	52.7%	Female	82.1%
Hispanic	5.5%	Average salary	\$43,933
H.S. Dropouts	25,823	Avg. yrs. experience	12.48
H.S. Dropout rate	5.9	Minority	21.8%
Retained	4.1%	Graduates	72,565
Gifted	7.8%	Class of '02 completion rate	72.7%
Special education	11.7%	College prep cert.	64.9%
Pre-Kindergarten	33,310	Highest avg. SAT score	991

2002-03 Schools/Programs

Enrollment

Home study	19,925	31,831
Private/military	577	96,764

Higher Education/Technical/Libraries

Technical colleges	34	University system colleges	34
Public libraries	367	Private colleges/universities	51

Highest Educational Attainment of Persons 25+ Yrs.: 2000

< 9th grade.	7.6%	9th-12th, no diploma	13.8%
High school graduate	28.7%	Some college, no degree	20.4%
Bachelor's degree	16.0%	Grad/Prof. degree	8.3%
HOPE Scholarships, FY01	169,345	\$277,140,112	

GOVERNMENT

2002 Registered voters	3,715,263
2,027,524 votes cast for Governor – 54.6% of registered voters	
U.S. Congressional Districts	13
State Senate Districts	56
State Representative Districts	180
Black elected officials, 1/2000	582
Federal govt. expenditures to GA, FY01	\$47.3 billion
Retirement & disability	\$15.6 billion
Dept. of Defense prime contract awards, FY01	\$6.0 billion
Dept. of Defense personnel, 9/01	93,182
Federal, State & Local govt. employees, 2001 avg	603,886
Total State & local government revenue, 2000	\$49.3 billion
Total State revenue, 2000	\$29.6 billion
Taxes	\$13.5 billion
General sales	\$4.6 billion
Individual income tax	\$6.4 billion

Total state expenditure, 2000	\$24.8 billion
Education	\$10.5 billion
Public welfare	\$5.5 billion
Highways	\$1.6 billion
Correction	\$1.0 billion
Natural resources, parks & recreation	\$639 million
Police protection	\$195 million

HEALTH

Licensed Health Professionals: 2003

Physicians	26,000	Registered nurses	89,124
Respiratory Care	3,438	Lic. practical nurses	30,159
Physicians assistants	1,600	Dentists	4,864
Pharmacists	10,654	Dental hygienists	5,324
Psychologists	1,811	Chiropractors	3,172
Physical therapists	3,878	Veterinarians	2,866
Occupational therapists.	2,050	Podiatrists	455
Optometrists	1,179	Dietitians	1,471
Speech pathologists	2,400	Dispensing opticians	943
	Emergency medical personnel.		12,000
	Licensed ambulance services.		260
2001 general hospitals	153	2001 nursing homes	364

2001 Number of Selected Notifiable Diseases Reported

AIDS	1,171	Tuberculosis	564
Campylobacteriosis	640	Gonorrhea	18,344
Hepatitis A (acute)	930	Hepatitis B (acute)	434
Chlamydia	32,690	Giardiasis	961
Syphilis, all stages	1,939	Salmonellosis	1,721
Age 5+ with a disability, 2000	1,456,812		19.7% of pop. 5+
Persons covered by health insurance, 2001			83.4%
Medicare recipient payments, 2000			\$4.876 billion
Medicaid recipient payments, FY01			\$3.491 billion

HOUSING / HOUSEHOLDS / FAMILIES

Total housing units, 2000	3,281,737	24.4.% chg '90-'00
Density per sq. mi. of land area		56.7
No telephone service	96,140	2.9%
Lacking complete plumbing	17,117	0.5%
One unit, detached	2,107,317	64.2%
Mobile homes	394,938	12.0%

2001 New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized

Total units	93,059	\$9.5 billion in value	
1 unit	71,531	3 & 4 units	855
2 units	788	5+ units	19,885

Total Households , 2000 (occupied housing units)	3,006,369
Owner-occupied	2,029,154
Renter-occupied	977,215
Avg. household size	2.65 persons
Nonfamily households	894,722
Householder living alone	710,523
Householder 65+	210,409
Total FAMILY households (families)	2,111,647
Families as a % of total households	70.2%
	% of Family Households
Families with own children <18	49.8%
Married couple	51.5%
Married couple w/own children <18	34.7%
Female head, no husband, w/own children <18	12.2%
Avg. family size	3.14 persons

LABOR / OCCUPATIONS

Total labor force, 2001	4,131,569	
Annual avg. unemployment	4.0%	
Average weekly wages paid	\$676	
Average monthly employment	3,868,143	
Average number of business establishments	229,056	
Unemployment rates by race and sex per 100 in labor force, 2000		
Total – 3.7	White – 2.5	Black – 6.4
Total men – 3.3	White men – 2.3	Black men – 5.7
Total women – 4.2	White women – 2.6	Black women – 7.0
Total Hispanic origin – 3.8	Total 16-19 yrs. old – 9.7	
Black-owned businesses, 1997	55,766	
Hispanic-owned businesses, 1997	11,741	
Women-owned businesses, 1997	145,576	
Commute to work outside county of residence, 2000	41.5%	
Drove alone to work	77.5%	
Work at home	2.8%	

Fastest Growing Occupations with 100+annual openings, 1998-2008	% Change
Computer engineers	15.7%
Systems analysts	15.5%
Sales agents, business	7.7%
Technical writers	7.5%
Computer programmers	7.4%
Sales agents, advertising	7.3%
Home health aides	7.0%
Paralegals	6.9%
Telemarketers, door-to-door sales	6.8%
Medical assistants	6.8%
Total employment expected to reach over 4.9 million jobs by 2008 with 95,000 new jobs added each year.	

NATURAL RESOURCES

2000 water withdrawals in billion gal. per day, total	6.487
Ground water	1.450
Surface water	5.037
for thermoelectric	3.310
for irrigation/livestock	1.092
for public supply	1.246
for commercial/industrial	0.804
Per capita public water use per day	185.1gallons
Forest land (66% of total land area)	24.4 million acres
Non-industrial private landowners	72%
Economic impact	177,000 jobs and \$19.7 billion
Timber sales, 2000	\$676 million
National park service units	12
47 state parks & 14 historic sites	70,000+ acres
National Register listings—1,816	55,959 properties
Registered archaeological sites	38,764

Wildlife-associated recreation by persons 16+ (2001)

Participants (resident & nonresident)

Total	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
2005 projection	9,089,246	2000-2005 projected	11.0%
2002 estimate	8,560,310	2000-2002 estimated	4.6%
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%

In 2000, 12 (or 7.5%) of 159 counties contained 50% of the population and 14 counties each had over 100,000 residents.

Components of Change: April 1, 2000-July 1, 2002

Natural increase (more births than deaths)	161,073	43.1%
Net migration (people moving in)	212,784	56.9%

Distribution by Age: 2000

< 5	595,150	7.3%	35-54	2,433,500	29.7%
5-19	1,819,620	22.2%	55-64	661,456	8.1%
20-34	1,891,452	23.1%	65 +	785,275	9.6%
18 +	6,017,219	73.5%	62 +	948,821	11.6%
21 +	5,646,535	69.0%	85 +	87,857	1.1%
Total median age	33.4 yrs.		White median age	36.2 yrs.	
Black median age	29.3 yrs.		Hispanic median age	24.6 yrs.	

Distribution by Race (those reporting one race alone): 2000

White	5,412,371	66.1%
Black	2,393,425	29.2%
American Indian/Alaska Native	53,197	0.6%
Asian	199,812	2.4%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	9,689	0.1%
Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)	435,227	5.3%

19,431 legal immigrants admitted in FY2001.

Largest Municipalities (inside city limits): 2000

Atlanta	416,474	Valdosta	43,724
Augusta	195,182	Smyrna	40,999
Columbus	185,781	East Point	39,595
Savannah	131,510	Rome	34,980
Athens	100,266	Alpharetta	34,854
Macon	97,255	Peachtree City	31,580
Roswell	79,334	Hinesville	30,392
Albany	76,930	Dalton	27,912
Marietta	58,748	LaGrange	25,998
Warner Robins	48,804	Gainesville	25,578

Of 535 municipalities: 54 have fewer than 200 residents;

62 have more than 10,000; 64 grew by more than 50% since 1990; and, 210 lost population between 1990-2000.

Unincorporated areas contain 38.9% of GA residents.

Metropolitan Areas: 2000

Albany	120,822	Chattanooga, TN*	129,489 (28%)
Athens	153,444	Columbus*	224,868 (82%)
Atlanta	4,112,198	Augusta-Aiken, SC*	310,294 (65%)
Macon	322,549	*Only GA portion in metro area	
Savannah	293,000	Metro = 5,666,664 = 69.2% of GA	

Selected Population Facts, 2000

Urban	71.7%	Rural	28.3%
Born in GA	57.8%	Born in other US state	34.0%
Foreign-born	7.1%	Entered U.S. 1990-2000	4.2%
Not a citizen	5.0%	Persons p/sq mi land area	141.4
Foreign-born region of birth – Latin America		52.0%	
Persons, 15+	6,366,625	Married	54.0%
Never married	27.3%	Separated	2.3%
Divorced	10.3%	Widowed	6.1%
Civilian veterans	768,675	Female veterans	7.8%
Veterans age 65+	27.1%	Vets % of pop 18+	12.8%
Language other than English spoken at home, age 5+		9.9%	
Living in same house in 2000 as in 1995, age 5+		49.2%	

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

	2001 Recipients	% of Pop.	Benefits Pd.
TANF	123,671	1.5%	\$132.7 million
Medicaid	1,617,787	19.3%	\$3.5 billion
Food stamps	515,538	6.1%	\$489.7 million
SSI	198,229	2.4%	\$73.7 million
OASDI (Soc. Security)	1,120,746	13.4%	\$849.7 million
65& over	65.4%		
Child abuse cases investigated	63,488	35% substantiated	
Incidents of child abuse	39,493	18.2 per 1,000 < age 18	

TRANSPORTATION

Air Transportation: 2002

Public-use airports	109	Hartsfield Atlanta Airport	
Public-owned	103	Aircraft operations	890,494
> 20 based aircraft	54	Passengers	75,858,500
Air carrier	9	Employees	44,800
Runway 5000+ ft.	50%	Payroll	\$1.9 billion
Instrument approach	81%	Economic impact	\$16.8 billion

Motor Vehicle Registrations: 2001

Total	7,304,785		
Automobiles	55.9%	Trucks	43.8%
Buses	0.3%	Motorcycles	1.3%
Private and commercial automobiles per capita	0.50		
Licensed drivers	5.8 million	Male drivers	47.8%
Drivers age 19 & under	5.2%	Female drivers	52.2%
Driver licenses issued in 2001 – 2,154,182 (first time & renewals)			

Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes: 2001

Total fatalities	1,615	In passenger cars	53.9%
Teenagers	198	Large trucks involved	9.8%
Vehicles involved	2,325	In light trucks	35.4%
Speed-related	21.1%	Pedalcyclist	1.2%
Alcohol-related	34.5%	Motorcyclist	5.8%
Fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	1.50	Pedestrians	9.0%
		94.5% at non-intersection	
Safety restraint usage for all travelers	79%		

Public Roads: 2001

Total road mileage	115,533	Total lane miles	243,315
Rural	75.6%	Avg. daily traffic per lane on principal arterials	8,311
Urban	24.4%	Annual vehicle miles	108 billion
Interstate	1.1%	Per capita VMT	13,249
Unpaved	25.7%		
Volume of gasoline reported	4.835 billion gallons		

VITAL STATISTICS	2001 Data	Number	Rate/1,000
Live births, total		133,468	16.3
White		85,369	16.0
Black		43,650	18.6
Induced terminations of pregnancy, total		30,064	15.8
White		12,043	10.3
Black		16,628	27.3
Teen pregnancy, total		23,152	39.7
White		11,923	35.0
Black		10,844	53.0
Other races		385	10.4
Hispanic (may be of any race)		2,493	87.2
Infant deaths (1 yr. or less), total		1,141	8.5
White		532	6.2
Black		574	13.2
Fetal deaths, total		1,201	8.9
NumberRate/100			
Low birth weight, total (< 2,500 grams)		11,763	8.8
White		5,759	6.7
Black		5,628	12.9
Births to unwed mothers, total		49,806	37.3
White		20,422	23.9
Black		28,693	65.7
Births to unwed teen mothers, total		13,792	10.3
White		6,005	7.0
Black		7,633	17.5
Out of hospital births, total		472	0.4
		Number	Rate/100,000
Total deaths		64,175	783.9
Deaths by Selected Causes			
Heart disease		17,410	212.7
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)		13,772	168.2
Cerebrovascular disease (stroke)		4,285	52.3
Accidents (unintentional injuries)		3,313	40.5
Motor vehicle accidents		1,509	18.4
Chronic lower respiratory disease		3,089	37.7
Influenza/pneumonia		1,504	18.4
Diabetes mellitus		1,470	18.0
Alzheimer's		1,417	17.3
Nephritis/nephrotic syndrome/nephrosis		1,362	16.6
Septicemia		1,307	16.0
Intentional self-harm (suicide)		916	11.2
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)		715	8.7
Primary hypertension/hypertensive renal dis.		659	8.0
Chronic liver disease & cirrhosis		652	8.0

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, 2000—816,006
Taliaferro	Least population, 2000—2,077
Forsyth	Fastest growing by %, 1990-2000—123.2%
Clayton	Fastest growing by %, 1930-2000—2,205.2%
DeKalb	Most persons per square mile, 2000—2,482.7
Hancock	Highest % Black population, 2000—77.8%
Whitfield	Highest % Hispanic population, 2000—22.1%
Towns	Highest % age 65 & over, 2000—25.9%
Liberty	Highest % veterans of pop. 18+, 2000—25.6%
Gilmer	Highest % chg. in # of veterans, 1990-2000—86.9%
Fulton	Highest per capita income, 2000—\$44,838
Lanier	Highest % chg. in per capita income—10.2%
Camden	Highest % movers from out-of-state, 1999-00—79.3%
Fayette	Lowest % persons below poverty level, 1999—2.6%
Liberty	Highest birth rate per 1,000, 2001—23.9
Chattahoochee	Lowest death rate per 100,000, 2001—282.2
Long	Highest % mobile homes, 2000—60.5%
Forsyth	Highest median value of owner-occupied units—\$184,600
Clarke	Highest % graduate/professional degrees, 2000—18.9%
Towns	Highest % HS grad. class completion, 2000/01—92.9%
Baker	Highest expenditures per pupil, 2000/01—\$10,485
Cobb	Most HOPE Scholarship recipients, FY01—11,814
Richmond	Highest physician rate per 100,000 in 2000—610.2
Fayette	Highest % voting of registered, 2000—81.5%
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, 2001—1.7%
Clinch	Highest % of forest land, 1997—95.9%
Jackson	Most farms, 1997—719
Worth	Highest peanut value, 2001—\$23,453,559
Grady	Highest ornamental horticulture value, 2001—\$41,165,885
Dooly	Highest cotton value, 2001—\$42,523,390
Peach	Highest peach value, 2001—\$21,350,000
Mitchell	Highest pecan value, 2001—\$9,720,000
Macon	Highest dairy value, 2001—\$30,118,000
Ware	Highest value of forestry products, 2001—\$21,618,889
Fulton	Most daily vehicle miles traveled, 2001—31,498,672
Glascock	Highest % trucks of registered motor vehicles, 2000—37.9%
Brantley	Highest % of unpaved roads, 2001—66.4%

GEORGIA MISCELLANY

Official State Symbols

Art Museum	Georgia Museum of Art, Atlanta
Atlas	"Atlas of Georgia"
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
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 -- 57,906 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)	13,600 sq.mi. drainage area
Largest lake (Clark's Hill Reservoir)	70,000 acres
Number of counties	159
Number of municipalities (incorporated places)	535
Normal annual temperature	63.1 degrees
Normal annual precipitation	50.78 inches

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

1	Peanuts, cash receipts, 2001	\$389 million
1	Pecans, production, 2001	110 million lbs.
1	Broilers, cash receipts, 2001	\$2.432 billion
1	Broilers produced, 2001	1.25 billion
1	Chicken eggs, cash receipts, 2001	\$368 million
2	Peaches, total production, 2001	140 million lbs.
2	Number of county governments	156
3	Cotton, cash receipts, 2001	\$570 million
3	Black (alone) population number, 2000	2.35 million
3	Birth rate per 1,000 population, 2000	16.7
3	Per capita annual vehicle miles traveled, 2000	12,969
4	Number of traffic crash fatalities, 2001	1,644
4	Fastest-growing by # of persons, 1990-2000	1,708,237
4	% Black (alone) population, 2000	28.7%
4	New privately-owned housing units authorized, 2001	93,059
4	Net farm income, 2001	\$2.3 billion
5	Sentenced prisoners per 100,000 population, 2000	550
5	Number of Black elected officials, as of 1/2000	582
5	Teen birth rate per 1,000 women age 15-19, 2000	64.2
5	US Dept of Defense Prime Contract Awards, FY01	\$6.0 billion
6	Fastest-growing pop. by %, 1990-2000	26.4 %
7	Size of rural population, 2000	2,319,886
8	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 2000	8.5
10	Total population, 2002 estimate	8,560,310
10	Size of urban population, 2000	5,866,567
11	Total public road length, 2000	114,727 mi.
11	Gross state product in current dollars, 2000	\$296 billion
11	Total personal income, 2001	\$241 billion
11	Total number of civilian veterans, 2000	768,675
13	Legal immigrants admitted, FY01	19,431
17	Poverty rate, 1999.	13.0%
19	Violent crime rate per 100,000 population, 1999	534.0
20	Median household income, 2000	\$42,433
22	Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25 & over), 2000	24.3%
24	Population per sq. mi. of land area, 2000	141.4
24	Total land & water area	59,424.77 sq. mi.
25	Per capita income, 2001	\$28,733
34	Physician rate per 100,000 population, 1999	211
36	Unemployment rate per 100 in labor force, 2001	4.0
38	High school grad or higher, age 25+, 2000	78.6%
39	Death rate per 100,000 population, 2000	804.1
43	Nurse rate per 100,000 population, 1999	728
45	Median age, 2000	33.4
47	Voter turnout as % of voting age population, 2000	43.8%
48	Age 65 & over %, 2000	9.6%
50	State gasoline tax per gallon, 2001	7.5 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.

1736 - First orphanage in the U.S. founded in Savannah, GA 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.

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 - 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 first woman US Senator.

1931 - Atlanta Airport first to have a passenger terminal.

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

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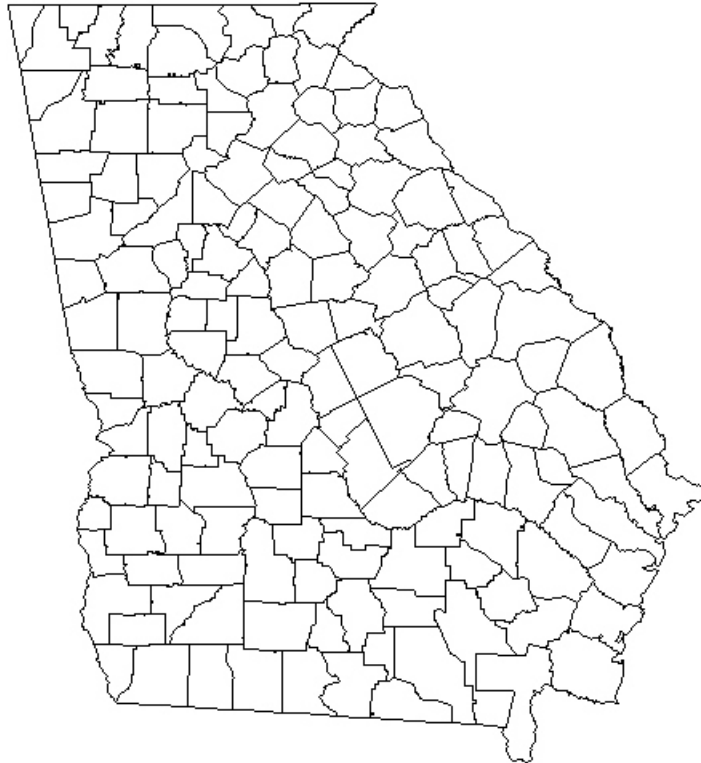
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