2014 GEORGIA RANKINGS

AREA DEVELOPMENT
“TOP STATES FOR DOING BUSINESS”

1. GEORGIA 6. Louisiana
2. Texas 7. Indiana
5. Tennessee 10. Mississippi


CNBC
“TOP STATES FOR BUSINESS”

1. GEORGIA 6. Minnesota
2. Texas 7. Washington
3. Utah 8. Colorado

Source: CNBC, “America’s Top States for Business 2014,” June 24, 2014

SITE SELECTION
“TOP STATE BUSINESS CLIMATES”

1. GEORGIA 6. South Carolina
2. Louisiana 7. Tennessee
4. Texas 9. Alabama
5. Ohio 10. Virginia


SITE SELECTION
“TOP STATE BUSINESS CLIMATES – EXECUTIVE SURVEY”

1. Texas 6. Louisiana
2. GEORGIA 7. Tennessee
5. Virginia 10. Alabama


SITE SELECTION
“TOP COMPETITIVE STATES OF 2013”

1. GEORGIA 6. Michigan
2. Tennessee 7. South Carolina
3. Texas 8. Kentucky
4. Louisiana 9. Ohio

Source: Site Selection magazine, “Top 10 Competitive States of 2013,” May 2014

SITE SELECTION - “TOP STATES FOR NUMBER OF CORPORATE FACILITY PROJECTS IN 2013”

1. Texas 657
2. Ohio 480
3. Illinois 383
4. Pennsylvania 348
5. Michigan 312
6. GEORGIA 299
7. North Carolina 223
8. Virginia 208
9. Florida 193
10. Tennessee 187

Source: Site Selection magazine, March 2014, Conway Data, Inc.’s New Plant Database
# 2014 Georgia Rankings

## Site Selection - "Top States for Number of Corporate Facility Projects Per Capita in 2013"

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Source: Business Facilities magazine, “Rankings Report,” July/August issue

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Source: Chief Executive magazine, “2014 Best & Worst States for Business,” May 6, 2014
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**CNBC**
“TOP STATES FOR WORKFORCE”

1. **GEORGIA**
2. Arizona
3. Florida
4. North Carolina
5. Colorado
6. Tennessee
7. South Dakota
8. North Dakota
9. Idaho
10. Virginia

Source: CNBC, “America’s Top States for Business 2014,” June 24, 2014

**AREA DEVELOPMENT**
“LEADING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS”

1. **GEORGIA**
2. Louisiana
3. South Carolina
4. Alabama
5. North Carolina
6. Tennessee
7. South Dakota
8. North Dakota
9. Idaho
10. Virginia


**BUSINESS FACILITIES**
“WORKFORCE TRAINING LEADERS”

1. Louisiana
2. **GEORGIA**
3. Alabama
4. Florida
5. New Mexico

Source: Business Facilities magazine, “Rankings Report,” July/August issue

**AREA DEVELOPMENT**
“TOP STATES FOR OVERALL LABOR CLIMATE”

1. **GEORGIA**
2. South Carolina
3. Texas
4. Alabama
5. North Carolina
6. Tennessee
7. South Dakota
8. North Dakota
9. Idaho
10. Virginia


**AREA DEVELOPMENT**
“TOP STATES FOR LABOR CLIMATE (RIGHT-TO-WORK STATES)”

1. South Carolina
2. Texas
3. **GEORGIA**
4. North Carolina
5. Alabama
6. Mississippi


**AREA DEVELOPMENT**
“TOP STATES FOR COMPETITIVE LABOR COSTS”

1. Alabama
2. South Carolina
3. Mississippi
4. Texas
5. **GEORGIA**

2014 GEORGIA RANKINGS

**INDUSTRYWEEK**

**TOP EXPORTING STATES IN 2013**

1. North Dakota 5.0%
2. Utah 3.8%
3. Texas 3.7%
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**BUSINESS FACILITIES**

**ECONOMIC GROWTH POTENTIAL**

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Source: Business Facilities magazine, “Rankings Report,” July/August issue

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**ALEC**

**TOP STATES FOR ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**

2. South Dakota 7. Arizona
3. Indiana 8. Nevada
5. Idaho 10. Wyoming


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**GOVERNING**

**STATES WITH STRONGEST JOB GROWTH**

(YEAR-OVER-YEAR % CHANGE, OCT. 2013-OCT. 2014)

1. North Dakota 5.0%
2. Utah 3.8%
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**KIPLINGER**

**STATES WITH THE FASTEST JOB GROWTH IN 2014**

1. North Dakota 6. Idaho
2. Texas 7. Florida
3. Arizona 8. Oregon
4. Utah 9. **GEORGIA**
5. Colorado 10. South Dakota


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**CNBC**

**TOP STATES FOR ECONOMY**

1. Texas 6. Utah
3. **GEORGIA** 8. Colorado
5. Minnesota 10. Oregon

Source: CNBC, “America’s Top States for Business 2014,” June 24, 2014

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**INDUSTRYWEEK**

**TOP STATES FOR ECONOMY**

1. Texas 6. Ohio
2. California 7. Pennsylvania
4. Texas 9. Alabama
5. **GEORGIA** 10. New York

Source: IndustryWeek magazine, February 13, 2014; U.S. Department of Commerce

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**GOVERNING**

**TOP STATES FOR ECONOMY**

1. Texas 6. Ohio
2. California 7. **GEORGIA**
3. Washington 8. Tennessee
5. Michigan 10. South Carolina

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*Source: Business Facilities magazine, "Rankings Report," July/August issue*

#### U.S. Chamber - "Top States for Growth in Share of National Exports"

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*Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, "Enterprising States 2014," June 2014*

#### Fortune - "Top States with the Most Fortune 500 Headquarters"

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*Does not yet count PulteGroup which relocated to Georgia from Michigan in 2014 after FORTUNE published its 2014 FORTUNE 500 rankings*

*Source: Georgia Power/Metro Atlanta Chamber analysis of 2014 FORTUNE 500 list; FORTUNE magazine, June 2, 2014*

#### Brand Finance - "Top States for Brand Value"

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#### Frandata - "Top States for Number of Food Franchise Headquarters"

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*Georgia is home to 13 of the nation's most valuable brands totaling $105.6 billion in brand value*

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**HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS - “TOP STATES WITH MOST NUMBER OF TOP 100 HEALTHCARE IT COMPANIES ON THE HCI-100 LIST”**

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Source: Healthcare Informatics, “2014 HCI 100,” May 2014

**BUSINESS FACILITIES “DATA CENTER LEADERS”**

1. California
2. Texas
3. New York
4. Illinois
5. Florida
6. Ohio
7. Washington
8. New Jersey
9. Virginia
10. Georgia

Source: Business Facilities magazine, “Rankings Report,” July/August issue

**AREA DEVELOPMENT “TOP STATES FOR DISTRIBUTION/SUPPLY CHAIN HUBS”**

1. Tennessee
2. Illinois
3. Georgia
   - Indiana
   - Texas
4. Ohio
5. California


**BUSINESS FACILITIES “AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURING STRENGTH”**

1. Alabama
2. Tennessee
3. Georgia
4. Kentucky
5. Ohio
6. Michigan
7. South Carolina
8. Georgia
9. Texas
10. Mississippi

Source: Business Facilities magazine, “Rankings Report,” July/August issue

**BUSINESS FACILITIES “BIOTECHNOLOGY GROWTH POTENTIAL”**

1. Georgia
2. Indiana
3. Pennsylvania
4. Texas
5. New Jersey

Source: Business Facilities magazine, “Rankings Report,” July/August issue

**FILML.A. “TOP MOVIE PRODUCTION CENTERS”**

1. Louisiana
2. California
3. Canada
4. United Kingdom
5. Georgia
   - Other US & Puerto Rico
6. New York
7. Massachusetts
8. New York
   - North Carolina
9. New Mexico
10. Connecticut

2014 GEORGIA RANKINGS

THUMBTACK.COM
“TOP STATES FOR SMALL BUSINESS FRIENDLINESS”

1. Utah  
2. Idaho  
3. Texas  
4. Virginia  
5. Louisiana  
6. Tennessee  
7. Oklahoma  
8. Colorado  
9. Kentucky


AREA DEVELOPMENT
“TOP STATES FOR INCENTIVES PROGRAMS”

1. Louisiana  
2. South Carolina  
3. GEORGIA  
4. Texas  
5. Alabama


AREA DEVELOPMENT - “TOP STATES FOR ACCESS TO CAPITAL & PROJECT FUNDING”

1. Texas  
2. GEORGIA  
3. California  
4. New York  
5. South Carolina


TAX FOUNDATION
“TOP STATES FOR CORPORATE TAX BUSINESS CLIMATE”

1. Nevada  
2. South Dakota  
3. Wyoming  
4. Missouri  
5. Utah  
6. Virginia  
7. Oklahoma  
8. GEORGIA  
9. Hawaii  
10. Michigan


AREA DEVELOPMENT
“TOP STATES FOR COOPERATIVE STATE GOVERNMENT”

1. GEORGIA  
2. South Carolina  
3. Louisiana  
4. Texas  
5. Alabama


AREA DEVELOPMENT - “TOP STATES FOR MOST FAVORABLE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT”

1. Arizona  
2. Texas  
3. Louisiana  
4. Alabama  
5. GEORGIA  
   South Carolina

2014 GEORGIA RANKINGS

**CNBC**
"TOP STATES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE"

1. **GEORGIA**
   - Texas
2. Illinois
3. Tennessee
4. Minnesota
5. North Dakota

6. Ohio
7. Indiana
8. Arizona
9. Kansas
10. Wisconsin

Source: CNBC, “America’s Top States for Business 2014,” June 24, 2014

**AREA DEVELOPMENT - “TOP STATES FOR OVERALL INFRASTRUCTURE & GLOBAL ACCESS”**

1. Tennessee
2. **GEORGIA**
3. Texas
4. Ohio
5. Illinois


**BUSINESS FACILITIES**
"BEST INFRASTRUCTURE"

1. Texas
2. Tennessee
3. Florida
4. Indiana
5. Louisiana

6. Missouri
7. **GEORGIA**
8. Michigan
9. Utah
10. Arkansas

Source: Business Facilities magazine, “Rankings Report,” July/August issue

**U.S. CHAMBER**
"TOP STATES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE"

1. Nevada
2. Florida
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4. Oregon
5. Arizona
6. **GEORGIA**
7. Minnesota
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**U.S. CHAMBER**
"TOP STATES FOR ROAD QUALITY"

1. **GEORGIA**
2. Idaho
3. Tennessee
4. North Dakota
5. Wyoming

6. Nevada
7. Missouri
8. Oregon
9. Montana
10. Nebraska


**AREA DEVELOPMENT**
"TOP STATES FOR RAIL & HIGHWAY ACCESSIBILITY"

1. Illinois
2. Texas
3. **GEORGIA**
4. Indiana
5. Tennessee

1. Nevada
2. Missouri
3. Utah
4. Oregon
5. Arizona
6. Illinois
7. Minnesota
8. Idaho
9. Colorado

**2014 GEORGIA RANKINGS**

**AREA DEVELOPMENT - “TOP STATES FOR CERTIFIED SITES/SHOVEL-READY PROGRAM”**

1. Tennessee  
2. South Carolina  
**3. GEORGIA**  
4. Alabama  
   North Carolina


**AREA DEVELOPMENT - “TOP STATES FOR SPEED OF PERMITTING”**

1. Alabama  
2. **GEORGIA**  
   Texas  
3. South Carolina  
4. Louisiana  
5. Mississippi


**AREA DEVELOPMENT - “TOP STATES FOR COMPETITIVE UTILITY RATES”**

1. Alabama  
2. Tennessee  
   Kentucky  
**3. GEORGIA**  
   Louisiana  
   South Carolina  
4. Arkansas  
   Texas  
   Washington  
5. Mississippi  
   North Carolina


**AREA DEVELOPMENT - “TOP STATES FOR ENERGY RELIABILITY/SMART GRID DEPLOYMENT”**

1. Texas  
2. **GEORGIA**  
3. North Carolina  
4. Tennessee  
5. Ohio


**BUSINESS FACILITIES - “BIOFUELS LEADERS – CELLOUSIC ETHANOL”**

1. Alabama  
2. Iowa  
**3. GEORGIA**  
4. North Carolina  
5. Oregon

Source: Business Facilities magazine, “Rankings Report,” July/August issue

**EDMUNDS.COM - “TOP STATES FOR HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF REGISTRATIONS COMING FROM EVS” (JAN-NOV 2013)**

1. Washington  
2. Hawaii  
3. California  
**4. GEORGIA**  
5. Oregon  
6. District of Columbia  
7. Utah  
8. Colorado  
9. Tennessee  
10. Illinois

Source: Edmunds.com, January 29, 2014
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**ALEC - “Top States with Greatest Net Domestic In-Migration” (2003-2012)**

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**GOVERNING - “Top States for Millennials as Percentage of Population”**

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*28.3% of Georgia’s total population are age 11 to 30 (born 1981-2000)*


**GOVERNING - “Top States for Generation X as Percentage of Population”**

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*22.2% of Georgia’s total population are age 31 to 46 (born 1965-1980)*


**Kiplinger - “Most Tax-Friendly States for Retirees”**

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1. California 1,114,900
2. Texas 756,700
3. New York 682,200
4. Florida 596,400
5. Illinois 388,700
6. **GEORGIA** 317,200
7. Pennsylvania 297,700
8. Ohio 268,700
9. North Carolina 267,800
10. Michigan 261,400


**AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN - “TOP STATES FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS” (2014)**

1. New York 126,800
2. **GEORGIA** 108,900
3. Texas 98,800
4. Florida 89,900
5. Illinois 83,800
6. California 72,800
7. Maryland 64,100
8. North Carolina 51,600
9. New Jersey 31,200
10. Virginia 29,500


**AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN - “TOP STATES FOR ASIAN AMERICAN WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS” (2014)**

1. California 195,300
2. New York 70,500
3. Texas 64,700
4. New Jersey 24,300
5. Illinois 24,100
6. Florida 23,400
7. Hawaii 23,400
8. Virginia 19,000
9. **GEORGIA** 18,600
10. Maryland 15,300


**AMERICAN EXPRESS OPEN - “TOP STATES FOR LATINA-OWNED FIRMS” (2014)**

1. California 228,500
2. Texas 190,000
3. Florida 144,600
4. New York 102,100
5. New Jersey 29,000
6. Illinois 23,900
7. Arizona 20,200
8. New Mexico 15,700
9. **GEORGIA** 15,000
10. Virginia 12,200


**U.S. CHAMBER “TOP STATES FOR HIGHER-ED EFFICIENCY”**

1. Florida
2. Arizona
3. **GEORGIA**
4. Minnesota
5. Kansas
6. Louisiana
7. Indiana
8. New Hampshire
9. Tennessee
10. South Dakota


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1. Tennessee
2. Delaware
3. Hawaii
4. North Carolina
5. New York
6. **GEORGIA**
7. Ohio
8. Colorado
9. Massachusetts
10. Florida

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