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| #5 State in the South Atlantic Region for Total Capital Investment Projects Site Selection Magazine, The 2024 Governor's Cups  | Sep-23  |
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| #6 State for Corporate Tax Structure Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2023," September 2023  | Sep-23  |
| #6 State for Capital Investment Projects Per Capita Site Selection Magazine, "The 2023 Governor's Cups," March 2024  | Mar-24  |
| #7 Top State for Economy CNBC, "America's Top States for Business 2024," June 2024   | Jul-24  |
| #11 State for Work from Home Living Environment WalletHub, "Best States for Working From Home," April 10, 2023   | Apr-24  |

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| #1 | State for Tech Diversity Index                      | CompTIA, "Cyberstates 2024," March 24 | Mar-24 |
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| #5 | State for Net Tech Employment Jobs Added (2023 est) | CompTIA, "Cyberstates 2024," March 24 | Mar-24 |
| #6 | Top States by Net Tech Employment Job Gains         | CompTIA, "Cyberstates 2024," March 24 | Mar-24 |
| #9 | Top States by Net Tech Employment                   | CompTIA. "Cyberstates 2024." March 24 | Mar-24 |



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| #5                                | State/Province for FDI into North America by Capital Investment (\$16.26 B) | The Financial Times, "The fDi Report 2024," May 2024   | May-24  |  |  |  |
| #5                                | State/Province for FDI into North America by Number of Projects (63)        | The Financial Times, "The fDi Report 2024," May 2024   | May-24  |  |  |  |
| #7                                | State for Largest Exporting State in the U.S.                               | Georgia Department of Economic Development, "2023 Georgia Global Trade Summary," February 2024 | Feb-24  |  |  |  |
| FILM PRO                          | DUCTION   |  |         |  |  |  |
| #3                                | Sound Space Stage Among Global Markets                                      | FilmLA - via Atlanta Business Chronicle  | Feb-24  |  |  |  |
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| #1                                | State for Logistics & Infrastructure  | Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2023," September 2023                         | Sep-23  |  |  |  |
| #1                                | Best States for Infrastructure  | CNBC, "America's Best States for Infrastructure," July, 2024                                   | Jul-24  |  |  |  |
| #6                                | Water Availability  | Area Development, "Top States for Doing Business 2023," September 2023                         | Sep-23  |  |  |  |
| MISCELLANEOUS                     |   |  |         |  |  |  |
| #2, #7, #19                       | Savannah, Atlanta, Athens   | Southern Living, "The South's Best Cities 2024"  | Apr-24  |  |  |  |
| #4                                | Best Airlines (Top Companies)   | WalletHub, "Best Airlines", April 2024   | Apr-24  |  |  |  |
| #6                                | Number of Military Enlistees  | WalletHub, "Most Patriotic States in America," 2024  | Jun-24  |  |  |  |
| #6                                | State for Military Engagement   | WalletHub, "Most Patriotic States in America," 2024  | Jun-24  |  |  |  |
| #15                               | Best State to Retire In   | Bankrate, "Best States to Retire," July 31, 2023   | Jul-23  |  |  |  |
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