



**GEORGIA
RANKINGS 2026
MID-YEAR UPDATE**

Rank	Designation	Source	Release
BUSINESS & ECONOMY			
#1	Best State for Business (12th Consecutive Year)	Area Development, "2025's Top States for Business: How the Winners Are Outpacing the Rest"	Sep-25
#1	Cooperative State and Local Government	Area Development, "2025's Top States for Business: How the Winners Are Outpacing the Rest"	Sep-25
#1	Favorable Regulatory Framework	Area Development, "2025's Top States for Business: How the Winners Are Outpacing the Rest"	Oct-25
#2	Best Business Climate	Site Selection, "SITE SELECTORS SURVEY: Go Where You're HAPPY"	Jan-26
#2	State for Chemical Manufacturing Projected Job Growth	Georgia Power Economic Development	Jan-26
#3	Best State for Workforce	CNBC, "America's Top States for Business 2025: The full rankings"	Jul-25
#3	Most Active Economic Development Micropolitans	Site Selection, "The 2025 Governor's Cup"	Mar-26
#3	Business Incentives Programs	Area Development, "2025's Top States for Business: How the Winners Are Outpacing the Rest"	Sep-25
#4	Best State Economy	WalletHub, "States with the Best & Worst Taxpayer ROI"	Mar-26
#5	Corporate Tax Structure	Area Development, "2025's Top States for Business: How the Winners Are Outpacing the Rest"	Sep-25
#5	Number of Business Applications	The Georgia Chamber's Economic Competitiveness Redbook	Jan-26
#5	Contact Center Job Market	Georgia Power Economic Development	Jan-26
#6	Overall Cost of Doing Business	Area Development, "2025's Top States for Business: How the Winners Are Outpacing the Rest"	Sep-25
#6	Best Taxpayer ROI	WalletHub, "States with the Best & Worst Taxpayer ROI"	Mar-26
#6	Total Number of Economic Development Projects	Site Selection, "The 2025 Governor's Cup"	Mar-26
#6	Largest Warehousing Industry	The Georgia Chamber's Economic Competitiveness Redbook	Jan-26
#7	Best State to Start a Business	WalletHub, "Best & Worst States to Start a Business"	Jan-26
#7	Favorable Property Tax	Area Development, "2025's Top States for Business: How the Winners Are Outpacing the Rest"	Sep-25
#8	Lowest Tax Burden	The Georgia Chamber's Economic Competitiveness Redbook	Jan-26
#8	Highest Cumulative GDP Growth (2015-2024)	Rich States, Poor States, "Economic Outlook Rank"	Apr-26
#9	Best State Economy	CNBC, "America's Top States for Business 2025: The full rankings"	Jul-25
#10	Largest Manufacturing Industry	The Georgia Chamber's Economic Competitiveness Redbook	Jan-26
#11	Highest Non-Farm Employment Growth (2015-2024)	Rich States, Poor States, "Economic Outlook Rank"	Apr-26
WORKFORCE			
#1	Highest Number of Military Enlistees	WalletHub, "Most Patriotic States in America"	Jun-26
#2	Workforce Training Programs	Area Development, "2025's Top States for Business: How the Winners Are Outpacing the Rest"	Sep-25
#3	Best Workforce	CNBC, "America's Top States for Business 2025: The full rankings"	Jul-25
#3	Access to Qualified Labor	Area Development, "2025's Top States for Business: How the Winners Are Outpacing the Rest"	Sep-25
EDUCATION			
#7	Best State for Teachers	WalletHub, "Best & Worst States for Teachers"	Sep-25
TECHNOLOGY			
#5	Most AI and Data Center Jobs	Visual Capitalist, "Ranked: U.S. States by AI and Data Center Jobs"	Feb-26
#9	Most High Tech Jobs	The Georgia Chamber's Economic Competitiveness Redbook	Jan-26
FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT & TRADE			
#1	Exports of Aircraft and Aircraft Engines in the Southeast	Georgia Power Economic Development	Jan-26
#5	Most FDI Capital Expenditure	fDi Intelligence, "The US Report 2026"	Apr-26
#7	State with Highest Dollar Value of Trade	State of Georgia, "Georgia Breaks Trade Records, Becomes Top 10 Exporting State"	Mar-26
#9	State with Highest Dollar Value of Exports	State of Georgia, "Georgia Breaks Trade Records, Becomes Top 10 Exporting State"	Mar-26



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QUALITY OF LIFE			
#1	States That Have Made the Most Racial Progress	WalletHub, "States That Have Made the Most Racial Progress"	Jan-26
#5	Decline in Poverty	The Georgia Chamber's Economic Competitiveness Redbook	Jan-26
#6	Highest Military Engagement	WalletHub, "Most Patriotic States in America"	Jun-26
#7	Friendliest State	Columbus Ledger-Enquirer, "GA one of friendliest states in US, study shows. See where it ranks and why"	Dec-25
#10	State Gaining the Most Movers	U-Haul, "U-Haul Growth Index: Texas Back on Top as No. 1 Growth State of 2025"	Jan-26
INFRASTRUCTURE			
#1	Logistics and Infrastructure	Area Development, "2025's Top States for Business: How the Winners Are Outpacing the Rest"	Sep-25
#2	Best Roads and Bridges	WalletHub, "States with the Best & Worst Taxpayer ROI"	Mar-26
#2	Most Affordable Utility Rates of Top GDP Producing States	The Georgia Chamber's Economic Competitiveness Redbook	Jan-26
#2	Energy Availability	Area Development, "2025's Top States for Business: How the Winners Are Outpacing the Rest"	Sep-25
#5	Site Readiness Programs	Area Development, "2025's Top States for Business: How the Winners Are Outpacing the Rest"	Sep-25
#5	Availability of Sites	Area Development, "2025's Top States for Business: How the Winners Are Outpacing the Rest"	Sep-25
#6	Climate Risk and Resilience	Area Development, "2025's Top States for Business: How the Winners Are Outpacing the Rest"	Sep-25
#7	Number of Rail Miles	The Georgia Chamber's Economic Competitiveness Redbook	Jan-26
#7	Best Energy Cost	Area Development, "2025's Top States for Business: How the Winners Are Outpacing the Rest"	Sep-25
#10	Total Value of Freight Flow	The Georgia Chamber's Economic Competitiveness Redbook	Jan-26
REAL ESTATE			
#9	Highest Housing Inventory	The Georgia Chamber's Economic Competitiveness Redbook	Jan-26
FILM PRODUCTION			
#2	Best State for Film Tax Incentives & Tax Breaks	Wrapbook, "10 Best States for Film Tax Incentives & Tax Breaks"	Jun-25
CLEAN TECH			
#4	Largest Owner of Renewables in the U.S.	Georgia Power Economic Development	Dec-25