



GEORGIA - DENMARK COUNTRY CONNECTION

Government and Commerce

Georgia is home to the Royal Danish Honorary Consulate, located in Macon. Denmark has maintained a Consular presence in Georgia since 1802. Christopher Smith is currently serving as Honorary Consul.

Atlanta is also home to the Danish-American Chamber of Commerce (DACC). The DACC is an independent organization that supports and promotes successful development of the Danish-American community within the United States. Birgitte Hoven-Tolstrup serves as the current president.

The Scandinavian American Foundation of Georgia (SAFG) is located in Decatur. Founded in 1983, SAFG represents people from the Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. SAFG works to support, promote and encourage the interchange of educational, cultural, and amateur athletic activities between Georgia and the people of Scandinavia in order to further mutual understanding, goodwill, and friendship.

The State of Georgia has had continuous representation in Europe since 1973. Since that time the office has assisted hundreds of European firms locating in Georgia and Georgia companies exporting to Europe.

Governor Brian P. Kemp met with the Ambassador of Denmark to the United States in March of 2024.

A delegation of the Georgia Department of Economic Development visited Denmark in October 2019.

Academics

In the Fall semester of 2024, 37 Danish students will be enrolled in USG schools.

The University System of Georgia (USG) offers at least five study abroad programs to Denmark, where students can study art, music, literature, media and communication.

The Georgia Institute of Technology offers two exchange programs in Copenhagen and graduate students spend time in Copenhagen as part of the Modern Architecture and the Modern City summer faculty-led study abroad programs.

Kennesaw State University also provides programs for students to study abroad in Aalborg, Denmark as part of an International Student Exchange Program.

Arts, Culture and Tourism

In 2023, 5,000 Danish visitors spent nearly \$9.1 million in the state of Georgia.

Grammy-winning Danish pop star Sisse Marie moved to Atlanta in 2015 making the city her home-base to break into the U.S. pop music industry.

The National Danish Performance Team visits Atlanta every spring during its World Tour. The 2017 performance featured their latest show IMANI.

The Danish Quartet performed in February 2017 at Clayton State University's Spivey Hall in Jonesboro.

International Trade

EXPORTS: In 2023, Georgia exports to Denmark totaled \$134 million. Denmark is the 52nd largest export market for Georgia.

Top exports from Georgia to Denmark include fuel wood, unworked glass, automatic data processing machines, medications, and fruits and nuts.

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to Denmark: fuel wood, unworked glass, fruits and nuts, and peanuts.

IMPORTS: In 2023, Georgia imports from Denmark totaled \$355 million. Denmark ranks 37th among Georgia's importer nations.

Top imports from Denmark to Georgia include measuring instruments for liquids and gases, optical fibers, and lifting machinery.

Investment

More than **15 Georgia companies have operations in Denmark**, including but not limited to:

- AGCO Corporation
- Crawford & Company
- Exide Technologies
- Georgia-Pacific
- Interface
- NCR Corporation
- PrimeGlobal
- The Coca-Cola Company
- Travelport
- Turner Broadcasting System
- UPS

There are at least **30 Danish facilities supporting** more than 1,000 jobs for Georgians.

Transportation

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport welcomed Scandinavian Airlines to Georgia as they started daily service between Atlanta and Copenhagen, Denmark on June 17, 2024. The airport expects more than 41,000 passengers in 2024.

About GDEcD

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) plans, manages and mobilizes state resources to attract new business investment to Georgia, drive the expansion of existing industry and small business, locate new markets for Georgia products, inspire tourists to visit Georgia and promote the state as a top destination for arts events and film, music and digital entertainment projects. For more information, visit www.georgia.org.

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