



GEORGIA - COLOMBIA COUNTRY CONNECTION

Government and Commerce

Since 1968, The Consulate General of Colombia has maintained a consular presence in Georgia. Ms. Adriana Arias Castiblanco has served as Consul General since August 2022.

Georgia has had representation in Colombia since 2013, making it the first U.S. state to open a trade office in Colombia. Georgia is currently the only continental U.S. state to have full time international representation in the Colombian market.

The Colombian trade office ProColombia has a full-time representative in Atlanta, Hernando Galindo Enriquez. His office promotes exports from Colombia and the Southeastern United States and Georgia's investment relationship with Colombia.

Former Colombian Ambassador to the U.S., His Excellency Francisco Santos Calderón, visited Governor Brian Kemp in November 2019.

The Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce was founded in Atlanta in 1984.

Academics

In the Fall semester of 2024, 412 Colombian students will be enrolled in USG schools.

The University System of Georgia (USG) offers five study abroad programs to Colombia in international business and language.

Arts and Culture

Each year more than 15,000 people gather to celebrate Colombian culture, music and history at the Colombian Independence Day festival in Atlanta.

Miguel Angel Montoya, a native of Colombia, is a member of the Atlanta Ballet Company.

In Fall 2021, The Hudgens Center in Duluth, Georgia featured the work of Catalina Gomez-Beuth, born in Medellin, Colombia. The artist is working simultaneously on several series and the exhibition will be an origami display.

International Trade

Colombia and the United States signed a free trade agreement in 2006 to encourage trade between the countries. The agreement went into effect on May 15, 2012, allowing 80% of U.S. exports of consumer and industrial products to Colombia to be duty free with remaining tariffs phased out over 10 years.

EXPORTS: In 2023, Georgia exports to Colombia totaled \$366 million. Colombia is the 32nd largest export market for Georgia.

Top exports from Georgia to Colombia include civilian aircrafts, insecticides, chemical woodpulp, turbojets, and petroleum gases.

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to Columbia: chemical woodpulp, poultry, kraft paper and paperboard, and chocolate.

IMPORTS: In 2023, Georgia imports from Colombia totaled \$273.4 million. Colombia ranks 42nd among Georgia's importer nations.

Top imports from Columbia to Georgia include coffee, petroleum oils from bituminous mins, cement, friction materials, and carboxylic acids.

Capital Investment

There are at least **13** Georgia companies with operations in Colombia, including but not limited to:

- Arris Group
- Chart Industries
- Delta Air Lines
- NCR Corporation
- Travelport
- Turner Broadcasting System
- UPS Supply Chain Solutions

There are at least **30 Colombian facilities operating in Georgia**. These Colombian-affiliated facilities employ more than **400 Georgians**.

Transportation

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport offers twice-daily direct flights from Atlanta to Bogota, Columbia, and new twice-weekly service to Cartagena. In 2024, the airport expects 876 flights between Colombia and Georgia carrying over 147,000 passengers.

In addition, there are five international cargo flights between Atlanta and Columbia weekly.

The Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) has an established relationship with Colombia. The Port of Savannah offers direct weekly container ship service to the ports of Barranquilla, Cartagena, Santa Marta and Turbo.

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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