



GEORGIA - UNITED KINGDOM COUNTRY CONNECTION

Government and Commerce

The British Consulate General has maintained a consular presence in Georgia since 1804. Rachel Galloway has served as Consul General since 2022.

The state of Georgia has had continuous representation in the United Kingdom since 2002. Kilian Cawley leads the state's economic development efforts in this market on FDI and Conor Griffiths covers Trade.

The British-American Business Council of Georgia (BABC-GA) is one of the largest transatlantic business networks. With hundreds of members, this organization is dedicated to promoting connections, trade and investment by supporting economic growth between the southeastern U.S. and the UK. Simon Jenner serves as president.

In May 2011, Former Governor Nathan Deal and Lord Stephen Green, Minister of State for Trade and Investment, announced that UK Trade and Investment, now known as the Department for International Trade (DIT), would establish an office in Georgia to promote trade and foreign direct investment opportunities between the UK and Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Atlanta is home to the Welsh Government Office, where Erica Stevens serves as Senior Representative.

From 2021-2022 Commissioner Pat Wilson led three economic development missions to the UK to meet with top existing industries and potential investors for the State of Georgia.

Georgia has two sister-city agreements with the United Kingdom: LaGrange – Craigavon and Atlanta – Newcastle upon Tyne.

Academics

In the Fall semester of 2024, 393 British students were enrolled in USG schools.

Columbus State University and the University of Georgia (UGA) have permanent campuses in Oxford, England. Emory University provides faculty-led study abroad programs throughout the UK as well as exchanges and direct enrollment options at more than 14 British universities.

Arts, Culture and Tourism

In 2023, 68,100 British visitors spent over \$113.1 million in the state of Georgia.

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's principal guest conductor, Donald Runnicles, is originally from Edinburgh, Scotland.

Every year in October, the Annual Stone Mountain Highland Games celebrate traditional highland culture with a variety of games, competitions, workshops and musical performances.

Synchronicity Theater's production of "Home, I'm Darling," which runs in October 2023, is written by the British Laura Wade.

Alliance Theater is producing an adaptation of the British classic "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens during February and March of 2024.

International Trade

EXPORTS: In 2023, Georgia exports to the United Kingdom totaled \$1.2 billion. The UK is the 11th largest export market for Georgia.

Top exports from Georgia to the UK include civilian aircraft, fuel wood, petroleum gases, paper and paperboard, and turbojets.

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to the UK: Paper and paperboard, glass fibers, peanuts, and kaolin clay.

IMPORTS: In 2023, Georgia imports from the UK totaled \$4.4 billion. The UK ranks 10th among Georgia's importer nations.

Top imports from the United Kingdom to Georgia include fork-lift trucks, turbojets, bulldozers, and motor vehicles.

Capital Investment

There are at least **107** Georgia companies with operations in the United Kingdom, including but not limited to:

- Acuity Brands
- Chemence
- Delta Air Lines
- Equifax
- Graphic Packaging Corporation
- Mohawk Industries
- NCR Corporation
- The Coca-Cola Company
- UPS

There are at least **465 UK facilities** operating in Georgia. These UK-affiliated companies currently employ more than **19,600 Georgians**.

Transportation

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport offers daily direct flights to London and Manchester over a choice of carriers. Seasonal service to Edinburgh is available from June - September. In 2024, the airport expects 2,153 flights carrying 445,000 passengers between Georgia and the UK.

The Georgia Ports Authority has an established relationship with the United Kingdom. The Port of Savannah offers direct weekly container ship service to the ports of London and Southampton. The Port of Brunswick also offers direct service for Roll-on/Roll-off cargo to the UK.

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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