Economic & Information Metrics

**Georgia Economy**
Georgia’s economic growth will outpace the nation’s for the sixth straight year, according to the latest forecast from the University of Georgia Terry College of Business. Site consultants recently ranked Georgia as the top state in which to do business. The buildout of new headquarters is an important factor powering Georgia’s economic growth. There are 16 companies with headquarters in Atlanta that rank in the fortune 500 and 26 companies in the fortune 1000, placing Atlanta behind only New York and Houston.

**By the numbers**
- Job growth is predicted in all of Georgia’s 14 metropolitan areas and in all of the state’s major industries. It is estimated that Georgia’s increase in jobs will be 1.50% compared to the nation’s expected rate of 1.30%.
- The fastest growing sector of the state’s economy will be construction, followed by education, health services, leisure/hospitality, business services and mining/logging.
- Georgia’s economy is estimated to grow by 3.00% in 2020, while the U.S. GDP will increase by 2.50%.
- Personal income growth in the state will grow 4.90% which is higher than the nation’s 4.50%.
- Georgia is the nation’s 11th largest export state and the 7th largest import state which reflects the state’s substantial transportation, distribution and logistics industry focused on international trade. Georgia’s large manufacturing and agriculture industries depend heavily on easy access to global markets.

Data as of June 30, 2019