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GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE



The Consulate General of Guatemala opened in Atlanta in January 2006. The consulate has jurisdiction over Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Ms. Beatrix Illescas Putzeys serves as Consul General.

The Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, which serves Central and South America, is located in Atlanta. The current president is Ms. Tisha Tallman.

TRADE RELATIONSHIP



Georgia ranked 5th among states exporting to Guatemala in 2009. Georgia led among US states in exports of cotton, yarn, and fabric; paper and paperboard; prepared meat and fish; salt, sulfur, earth, and stone, and textile floor coverings. Georgia ranks 2nd in exports of miscellaneous chemical products, rubber, pharmaceutical products, miscellaneous manufactured articles, cocoa and wood, and 3rd in meat, baking-related materials, woodpulp, sugars and impregnated textile fabrics. Georgia exported more than \$171 million in commodities to Guatemala in 2009.



Georgia ranked 5th in 2009 among U.S. states bringing in goods from Guatemala. Primary imports included: precious stones and metals, sugars, knit apparel, and glass and glassware. Imports from Guatemala totaled nearly \$274 million in 2009, an increase of more than 52% from 2008.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Georgia companies with operations in Guatemala include:

ET3, LLC
Hooters of America Inc.
Spectrum Brands Inc.

TRANSPORTATION

Delta Air Lines offers direct daily flights between Atlanta and Guatemala City.

The Port of Savannah has a weekly shipment to the Port of Santo Tomas.





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COMMUNITY & EDUCATION



Over 13,000 Guatemalans live in Georgia (Census 2000), making Guatemala the 2nd leading country in Central America in terms of foreign-born population in Georgia.

Atlanta-based CARE USA has provided their services in Guatemala since 1959 and has developed an extensive working relationship with agencies in the public and private sectors. CARE operates projects in water and sanitation, agriculture, agro-forestry, primary health care, population, girls' education and small economic activity development.



During the Fall 2006 semester, the University System of Georgia had 66 students from Guatemala enrolled. The University System also offers 3 study abroad programs in Guatemala. In 2006, more than 18,000 USG students were enrolled in Spanish language programs, and 243 earned degrees in Spanish.



In 2001, the Hispanic Task Force initiative was launched by the University System of Georgia in order to improve education among Georgia's Hispanic population.

