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GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE



Atlanta is home to the Honorary Consul General of Turkey, led by Honorary Consul General Ms. Mona Diamond. Ms. Diamond is also the founder and current chairman of the American-Turkish Friendship Council, a non-profit organization located in Atlanta, dedicated to promoting Turkey within the United States.



The Turkish-American Chamber of Commerce of the Southeast United States of America and The Istanbul Center are located in Atlanta. Both promote better relations between Turkish and American communities in Atlanta.

The state of Georgia's representative office in Israel has a branch office in Istanbul and offers export assistance to the Turkish market.

The Turkish-American Cultural Association of Georgia is also located in Atlanta.

TRADE RELATIONSHIP



Georgia is the 6th largest exporter among states to Turkey. In 2009 the state led in exports of paper and paperboard; woodpulp; meat; wood; salt, sulfur, earth and stone; and cork. Georgia was 2nd in exports of wadding, felt, wire, and rope and 3rd among states in exports of cotton and yarn, fabric and textile floor coverings. Exports to Turkey increased from 2008 to 2009 by 29% to total almost \$400 million.

The Port of Savannah is ranked 6th among United States ports receiving imports from Turkey in 2009. Top imports include iron and steel products; miscellaneous textile articles; clothing and other apparel; stone, plaster, cement, etc.; and manmade staple fibers. Over \$300 million worth of goods were imported through the Port Authority of Savannah in 2009 from Turkey.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Georgia companies with operations in Turkey include:

The Coca Cola Company
Delta Air Lines Inc.
ET3, LLC

Georgia-Pacific Corporation
Newell-Rubbermaid
Spectrum Brands, Inc.

Turkish companies with operations in Georgia include:

Vitra USA Inc.
Zorlu Mfg., Co., LLC





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Turkish cumulative capital investment in Georgia totaled more than \$7 million in 2006.


TRANSPORTATION



Delta Airlines partners with Turkish Airways, Czech Airlines, and Air France to offer flights from Atlanta to Istanbul via Frankfurt, Dusseldorf, Paris, Copenhagen, Manchester, Prague, London, Amsterdam, and Rome.

The Port of Savannah offers weekly shipments to Istanbul, Gemlik, Ismir, and Mersin.

COMMUNITY & EDUCATION



In 2003 Emory University in Atlanta launched their annual Turkish Lecture Series which brings in distinguished speakers and diplomats from Turkey to speak about Turkish culture and politics.

On October 6, 2008, Kennesaw State University commenced its Year of Turkey. For one academic year, the university offered a variety of lectures concerning Turkish art, history, religion, and politics.

The University System of Georgia offers five study abroad programs to Turkey, and several universities including the University of Georgia and Georgia State University offer Turkish language classes. In the fall of 2007, 230 students from Turkey were enrolled in the University System of Georgia.

