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## GEORGIA-CZECH REPUBLIC CONNECTION

### GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE

Georgia is home to an Honorary Consulate of the Czech Republic located in Atlanta. Mr. George Novak has served as Honorary Consul since 1994.

The Czech-North American Chamber of Commerce has a branch office in Atlanta. The mission of the chamber is to promote and facilitate multilateral trade between the Czech Republic, the USA, Canada and Mexico. The director is Mr. George Novak.

Czech Ambassador Petr Kolar visited Atlanta, Georgia, in 2009. During his stay, Ambassador Kolar attended the biotechnology conference, BIO 2009, at which the Czech Republic had a solid presence. The Ambassador met with representatives of the seven Czech companies with displays at the exhibition and opened a scientific seminar on the development of Czech biotechnology.

### TRADE RELATIONSHIP

In 2010, the trade deficit between Georgia and the Czech Republic equaled \$88 million.

### EXPORTS

In 2010, Georgia ranked 13<sup>th</sup> among U.S. states in exports to the Czech Republic with **\$37.8 million** worth of goods, an increase of **78.9%** from 2009.

RANK	STATE	2010	% OF TOTAL	% CHANGE OVER '09
	_States	1,415,621,350	100	46
1	California	161,567,728	11	51.94
2	Washington	103,685,412	7.3	609.33
3	Texas	100,460,888	7.1	16.76
4	S. Carolina	79,845,402	5.6	261.92
	Unspecified	76,448,225	5.4	51.23
5	New York	70,567,914	5	-12.55
6	Wisconsin	68,271,157	4.8	84.28
7	Arizona	67,169,570	4.7	34.74
8	Massachusetts	62,726,247	4.4	113.27
9	Florida	45,825,546	3.2	9.15
10	Ohio	44,415,021	3.1	15.54
11	Pennsylvania	44,152,201	3.1	-6.25
12	Tennessee	41,905,226	3	52.97
13	Georgia	37,837,146	3	78.95

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Top exports from Georgia to the Czech Republic include:

- wadding and felt
- iron and steel
- machinery
- vehicles
- electrical machinery

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to the Czech Republic:

- wadding and felt
- piston engines (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- insulated cables and wires
- gas turbines (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- electric generating sets
- amino resins (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- textile floor coverings
- vehicles (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- iron and steel
- vacuum pumps (3<sup>rd</sup>)

## IMPORTS

In 2010, Georgia's imports from the Czech Republic totaled close to **\$126 million** (up 70% over 2009). Georgia is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest importer among U.S. states from the Czech Republic.

Top imports from the Czech Republic included boilers, electrical machinery, nuclear reactors; non-rail vehicles; furniture; and glass and glassware.

## CAPITAL INVESTMENT (highlights)

There are more than 10 Georgia companies with operations in the Czech Republic.

- FIRST DATA CORPORATION
- GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC.
- HOOTERS OF AMERICA
- INFOR GLOBAL SOLUTIONS
- INVESCO LTD.
- PRIMEREVENUE INC.
- RADIANT SYSTEMS INC.
- RUSSELL BRANDS LLC
- SPECTRUM BRANDS INC.
- TENSAR CORPORATION
- THE COCA-COLA COMPANY
- UNITED PARCEL SERVICE INC.
- UPS SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS
- YKK CORPORATION OF AMERICA

The company Zoner Software Inc, based in the Czech Republic has a location in Dallas, Georgia.





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## TRANSPORTATION



Delta Air Lines offers daily service from Atlanta to Prague, Czech Republic, via connections in various European countries.

## COMMUNITY & EDUCATION



According to the 2007 American Community Survey, more than 14,000 Georgians claim Czech ancestry.

In the fall of 2007, there were 39 students from the Czech Republic studying at University System of Georgia institutions.

The University System of Georgia offers 10 study abroad programs to the Czech Republic including an Executive MBA International Residency Program.

