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GEORGIA-KOREA CONNECTION

GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE

The Consulate General of the Republic of Korea is located in Atlanta and serves Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Mr. Hae-Jin Chun is the Consul General.

Atlanta is home to The Korean Southeast United States Chamber of Commerce. It was established in 1991 to promote bilateral trade, investment, and cultural exchange between South Korea and the southeastern United States. Korean-American Chamber of Commerce is also located in Atlanta.

Georgia established an office in Seoul, South Korea, in 1985. The office represents Georgia's broad economic development interests including: trade, investment, tourism, and film. The office is led by Mr. Peter Underwood.

Three Georgian cities have sister city agreements in South Korea. Macon is a sister city to Gwacheon City, Atlanta is a sister city to Daegu, and Marietta is a sister city to Seongdong-Gu.

TRADE RELATIONSHIP

In 2010, the trade deficit between Georgia and Korea equaled \$2.6 billion.

EXPORTS

In 2010, Georgia exports to Korea totaled close to **\$631.5 million**, which was a **39%** increase over 2009.

Korea is the **11th** largest export market for Georgia; up from the **14th** position in 2009.

RANK	COUNTRY	2010	% OF TOTAL	% CHANGE OVER '09
	_World	28,703,999,535	100	20.89
1	Canada	4,879,113,299	17	18.57
2	China	2,393,007,626	8.34	35.29
3	Mexico	1,943,784,646	6.77	42.97
4	Japan	1,196,796,867	4.17	9.72
5	Germany	1,017,128,864	3.54	0.21
6	United Kingdom	989,392,378	3.45	-18.66
7	Brazil	849,587,341	2.96	44.15
8	Singapore	795,411,075	2.77	28.8
9	Netherlands	759,954,912	2.65	14.82
10	Hong Kong	734,897,203	2.56	32.24
11	Korea	631,477,970	2.20	39.34

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Top exports from Georgia to Korea include:

- machinery
- aircraft/spacecraft
- woodpulp
- plastic
- medical instruments
- electrical machinery

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to Korea:

- oil seeds
- kaolin
- textile floor coverings
- gas turbines (2nd)
- woodpulp (2nd)
- poultry (3rd)
- kraft paper (3rd)
- metal rolling mills (3rd)

IMPORTS

In 2010, Georgia's imports from Korea totaled close to **\$3.2 billion** (up 141% over 2009). The country is 6th among Georgia's top import markets.

Top imports from Korea include non-railway vehicles, electrical machinery, machinery, plastics, and articles of iron and steel.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT (highlights)

There are close to 20 Georgia companies with operations in Korea.

Georgia companies with operations in Korea include:

- AFC ENTERPRISES, INC.
- AMERICAN MEGATRENDS INC.
- ARRIS GROUP, INC.
- CIBA VISION CORPORATION
- CP KELCO
- DELTA AIR LINES INC.
- EKA CHEMICALS, INC.
- ERICSSON TELEVISION, INC.
- HOOTERS OF AMERICA
- INFOR GLOBAL SOLUTIONS
- KIMBERLY-CLARK HEALTH CARE MERAL LTD.
- NEWELL RUBBERMAID INC.
- NOVELIS INC.
- PREMIERE GLOBAL SERVICES INC.
- THE COCA-COLA COMPANY
- UNITED PARCEL SERVICE INC.
- UPS SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS
- WEG ELECTRIC MOTORS CORP.



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Korean companies with operations in Georgia include:

There are close to 55 Korean facilities operating in Georgia, including 21 manufacturing locations. The Korea-affiliated companies employ close to 5,854 Georgians.



- Atlanta Kia South
- Branson Tractors Company
- CT&T Co.
- Columbian Chemicals Company
- Daechang Forging Co Ltd
- Daehan Solution Co., Inc.
- Dongwon Metal Co., Ltd
- Doosan Infracore America Corp
- Essex Group Inc.
- Galaxy Corporation
- Glovis America Inc.
- Hanil E-Hwa Co Ltd
- Hanjin Shipping Co., Ltd.
- Hankook Tire America Corp.
- Hanwha Corp
- Hynix Semiconductor Inc
- Hyundai Merchant Marine Co
- Hyundai Mobis
- Hyundai Welding Products
- KIA Motors Corporation
- Kiswel
- Korea Express
- Korea Synthetic Fibers
- Korean Air
- KOSwire, Inc.
- Kukje Machinery, LLC
- Kumho Tire USA
- LG Hausys America
- Ls Corp
- Nongshim Corporation
- Oci Co Ltd
- Pantech Wireless Inc.
- Samick Musical Instruments
- Samsung Electro-Mechanics
- Samsung Electronics Co Ltd
- Sejong Industrial Co., Ltd.
- Sewon Precision Industry
- Shinhan Bank America
- Sinu Steel
- SK Group
- SKC, Inc.
- Sky Team Cargo
- Sometech Corporation
- Superior Essex Communications
- Trek Inc.
- United Synthetics, Inc.

TRANSPORTATION

Delta Airlines and Korean Air provide daily direct flights from Atlanta to Seoul, South Korea.

The Port of Savannah provides 4 weekly shipping services to Pyeongtaek and 14 weekly shipping services to Pusan.



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COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

The Korean American Coalition (KAC) has a chapter located in Atlanta. It is a non-profit, non-partisan community advocacy organization that was established in 1983. KAC's mission is to facilitate the Korean American community's participation in civic, legislative, and community affairs, and encourage the Korean American community to contribute and become an integral part of the broader American society.

The Korean American Scientists & Engineers Association (KSEA) Georgia Chapter is one of 60 KSEA local chapters and is an association of scientists and engineers who live and work in Georgia. KSEA-GA conducts local events including seminars and picnics. It also supports the KSEA headquarters' programs such as Young Generation forums, scholarships, internships, and annual US-Korea Conferences.

Approximately 46,000 people from Korea live in the State of Georgia according to the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey in 2006.

The University System of Georgia offers study abroad programs to South Korea, and more than 1,700 Korean students are enrolled in colleges and universities in Georgia.

