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GEORGIA-POLAND CONNECTION

GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE

Georgia is under the jurisdiction of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington D.C. led by Ambassador Robert Kupiecki.

In 2010, Mr. Lawrence Ashe was appointed Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland in Atlanta. The official ceremony of his appointment took place in March 2011 at the Atlanta City Hall. Ambassador Kupiecki participated as the guest of honor.

The Polish-American Chamber of Commerce of the Southeast United States (PACC South) is a non-profit organization founded in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1996. The primary mission of the PACC is to promote investment, commerce, and cultural ties between the United States and Poland.

TRADE RELATIONSHIP

In 2010, the trade surplus between Georgia and Poland equaled \$181 million.

EXPORTS

In 2010, Georgia exports to Poland totaled close to **\$281.4 million**, which was a 21% increase over 2009 and an increase of close to 250% over 2008.

Georgia is 2nd among other U.S. states exporting to Poland.

RANK	STATE	2010 (\$)	%	2010/2009
	_States	2,980,180,851	100	29.49
1	Alabama	331,522,800	11.12	161.38
2	Georgia	281,350,994	9.44	20.97
3	Texas	250,311,782	8.4	53.21
4	California	177,586,714	5.96	20.93
5	Illinois	176,580,494	5.93	20.14
6	New York	152,841,891	5.13	13.22
7	Connecticut	140,447,830	4.71	21.6
8	Ohio	101,012,568	3.39	-29.44
9	North Carolina	100,640,283	3.38	39.18
10	New Jersey	96,445,457	3.24	14.54



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Top exports from Georgia to Poland include:

- aircraft/spacecraft
- machinery
- woodpulp
- oil seeds
- medical instruments
- plastics

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

- aircraft/spacecraft
- gas turbines
- oil seeds
- textile floor coverings
- kaolin
- ships and boats (2nd)
- harvesting machinery (2nd)
- photographic goods (2nd)

IMPORTS

In 2010, Georgia's imports from Poland totaled close to **\$100.4 million** (up 43% over 2009).

Top imports from Poland include furniture/bedding, machinery, medical instruments, electrical machinery, and milling industry products.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

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

- AQUILEX CORPORATION
- CDC SOFTWARE, INC.
- CIBA VISION CORPORATION
- CP KELCO
- CRAWFORD & COMPANY
- ELAVON, INC.
- EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES
- GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC.
- INFOR GLOBAL SOLUTIONS
- INTERFACE, INC.
- NEWELL RUBBERMAID INC.
- NOVELIS INC.
- PRGX GLOBAL
- SPECTRUM BRANDS INC.
- THE COCA-COLA COMPANY
- UNITED PARCEL SERVICE
- UPS SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS
- YKK CORPORATION OF AMERICA

There are at least 3 Polish facilities operating in Georgia.

- AMREST Holdings
- Anna Sp. z.oo
- Berry Allure





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TRANSPORTATION



Delta Airlines offers flights to Warsaw via Amsterdam and airline carrier KLM. Delta Airlines also offers flights to Krakow via Prague and airline carrier Czech Airlines.


Poland's main ports include Gdansk, Gdynia, Szczecin, and Swinoujscie.

COMMUNITY & EDUCATION



The Polish Club of Atlanta is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about Polish heritage, culture, and traditions and supporting new immigrants from Poland with English language and civics classes.

The Chopin Society of Atlanta was established in December of 2000. It is a non-profit organization devoted to promoting the medium of music, culture and the arts in the metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia, area.



The Polish Catholic Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Atlanta provides religious support and mass in Polish. The majority of Poles are Catholic.

Georgia State University's Robinson College of Business has secured its first international partnership with the Poznan School of Economics in Poland. The Poznan-Atlanta EMBA program in operations since 1995 bolsters Polish graduates' career prospects by strengthening their education utilizing Robinson's renowned faculty.

Multiple study abroad programs in Poland are offered through University System of Georgia. In the fall of 2007 there were 100 Polish students enrolled in the University System of Georgia.

