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GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE

Atlanta is home to the Honorary Consulate of Spain, led by Honorary Vice Consul Mr. Ignacio Taboada. The Consulate General of Spain in Miami, led by Consul General Mr. Santiago Cabanas Ansorena, currently has jurisdiction over Georgia as well as Florida and South Carolina.

The Spain Chamber of Commerce is also located in Atlanta.



In the fall of 2008, Governor Sonny Perdue led a transportation focused mission to Spain.

TRADE RELATIONSHIP

According to 2008 data, Georgia ranked 11th among states exporting to Spain, and led among U.S. states in exports of paper and paperboard; wood pulp; salt, sulfur, earth and stone; and textile floor coverings. Georgia was 2nd among states exporting miscellaneous chemical products and preserved foods to Spain and 3rd in exports of edible fruits and nuts; printed books and manuscripts; stone, plaster, and cement; and meat. Exports to Spain totaled nearly \$352 million in 2008.



Georgia ranked 3rd among states receiving Spanish imports. Over \$711 million worth of goods were imported through the Port of Savannah Authority in 2007. Primary imports include: pharmaceuticals, machinery, electrical machinery, vehicles, not railway, organic chemicals.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Georgia companies with operations in Spain include:

AGCO Corporation
American Software Inc.
Arris Group, Inc.
The Coca-Cola Company
Crawford & Company
Delta Airlines Inc.
Equifax Inc.
ET3, Inc.
Exide Technologies
Global Payments Inc.
Graphic Packaging Corporation
Immucor, Inc.

Invesco PLC
Kurt Salmon Associates (KSA)
Logility Inc.
Motovario Corporation
Nova Information Systems Inc.
PRG-Schultz International Inc.
Recall Corporation
Ross Systems Inc.
Russell Corporation
Scientific-Atlanta Inc.
Total System Services Inc.
United Parcel Service Inc.



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Infor Global Solutions
Internet Security Systems Inc.

UPS Supply Chain Solutions
WEG Electric Motors Corporation

Spanish cumulative capital investment in Georgia totals more than \$75 million (2006).

Spanish companies with operations in Georgia include:



Faus Group Inc.
Iberia Tiles Corp.
Road America
SesBella
SesDermaUSA

Silestone of Atlanta
Telvent Miner & Miner, Inc.
ULMA Packaging Systems, Inc.
Zara Department Store

TRANSPORTATION



Delta currently offers daily direct flights from Atlanta to Madrid and Barcelona. The Port of Savannah currently has weekly shipments to Algeciras, Barcelona, and Valencia.

COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

A U.S. Census poll in 2006 indicated that more than 600,000 Georgians speak Spanish at home.

Enrollment in Spanish classes at the university level in Georgia has steadily risen every year since 1996 and in 2006 totaled more than 18,000 students. Various programs and businesses throughout the state offer Spanish language classes including the Language Institute of Georgia and the Spanish Institute of Puebla. Many secondary schools in Georgia also offer Spanish as a foreign language option or as a part of their curriculum.

The University System of Georgia offers 23 study abroad programs to Spain. In the fall of 2007, 62 students from Spain were enrolled in the University System of Georgia.

