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Japan is Georgia's Seventh Largest Export Destination



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Atlanta is the gateway to the world, boasting the most nonstop domestic markets served in the U.S. and the fifth most international markets served. Atlanta is also home to the world's second largest Airline - Delta Air Lines.

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport offers daily departures from Atlanta to Tokyo's Narita airport with 2,632 weekly seats available.

Direct Flights: Atlanta to Japan				
Carrier	Destination	Weekly Departs	Weekly Seats	Daily Departs
Delta	Tokyo Narita	7	2,037	1

Source: Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, July 2015 Flight Schedule

Georgia is host to the Consulate-General of Japan, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in Georgia (JCCG), the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and the Seigakuin Atlanta International School.

Georgia has a sister-state relationship with Kagoshima since 1966. Many cities in Georgia have sister cities with Japan including: Americus (Miyoshi-shi), Atlanta (Fukuoka-shi), Augusta (Takarazuka-shi), Columbus (Kiryu-shi); Dublin (Osaki-shi), Elberton (Mure-cho), Gainesville (Izunokuni-shi), LaGrange (Aso-shi), Macon (Kurobe-shi) and Rome (Kumamoto-shi).
(Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta)

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are approximately 6,126 Japanese residents in Georgia. *(Place of Birth, 2009-2013 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau)*

GEORGIA-JAPAN FAST FACTS

- Japan is Georgia's seventh largest export destination with exports to Japan totaling nearly \$1.1 billion in 2014. Top exports to Japan include: transportation equipment, paper, chemicals and machinery -except electrical. *(Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau)*
- There are nearly 377 Japanese facilities operating in Georgia, employing more than 28,000 workers. *(Georgia Power Community & Economic Development)*

"We are committed to making investments that will enable us to grow our business to meet the strong demand for Kubota tractors here in the U.S. Our goal is to efficiently deliver quality products that provide value to our customers, and with the expanded capabilities that our new plant will deliver, we can achieve that goal today and into the future."

Henry Kubota, President, Kubota Industrial Equipment

In April 2013, Kubota opened a \$73 million manufacturing facility in Jefferson, Georgia, creating 200 new jobs. The company already has operations in Jefferson. This facility produces Kubota's compact tractor models.

- Metro Atlanta's 2015 ranking as the third most concentrated city for Fortune 500 headquarters continues to draw investment, headquarters and operations of foreign firms. Georgia ranks sixth among states for the most Fortune 500 headquarters, up three places from the previous year.
- Metro Atlanta ranks fourth in the U.S. for output of annual engineering degrees, behind New York, Los Angeles and Boston. *(2013 Completions, IPEDS)*
- The Georgia Department of Economic Development also promotes trade, investment and tourism through its international office located in Tokyo. The office was established in 1973 and is the one of GDEcD's oldest offices.

The deepwater Port of Savannah is the country's fourth largest container port.

- The Port of Savannah offers two weekly shipments to Tokyo and Nagoya and three weekly shipping services to Kobe and Yokohama.

Japan is Georgia's Fifth Largest Export Destination

TOP JAPANESE COMPANIES IN GEORGIA, 350+ Employees (Ranked by Employment)

Company	Parent Company	Business Description	Local Employees
Honda Precision Parts / HL-A Co. Ltd. / ELESYS North America Inc. / American Honda (various groups)	Honda Motor Co. Ltd.	Automotive components manufacturer	2,595
Ricoh USA / Ricoh Americas / Ricoh Electronics	Ricoh Co. Ltd.	Office equipment supplier and IT services provider	2,555
Kubota Manufacturing of America Corp. / Kubota Tractor Corp. / Kubota Industrial Equipment Corp.	Kubota Corp.	Lawn tractors manufacturer	1,769
Yamaha Motor Corp. / Yamaha Motor Manufacturing Corp.	Yamaha Motor Co. Ltd.	Recreational vehicles manufacturer	1,475
Tires Plus / Firestone Complete Auto Care	Bridgestone Corp.	Auto supply and repair stores	1,131
YKK Corp of America / YPP USA Inc. / YKK AP America	YKK Corp.	Zippers, buttons, hook and loop fastener manufacturer	1,090
Koyo Bearings USA LLC	JTEKT Corp.	Needle roller bearings manufacturer	1,017
Panasonic Automotive Systems Co.	Panasonic Corp.	Automotive audio systems supplier	991
TD Automotive Compressor Georgia LLC / Toyota Industries Compressor Parts America Co. (TICA)	Toyota Industries Corp.	TD Automotive Compressor Georgia LLC	773
Hitachi (various groups)	Hitachi Ltd.	Electromechanical and electronic automotive products manufacturer	768
TD Automotive Compressor Georgia LLC / Toyota Industries Compressor Parts America Co. (TICA)	Toyota Industries Corp.	Automotive components manufacturer	750
Toyo Tire North America Manufacturing	Toyo Tire & Rubber Co. Ltd.	Tire manufacturer	750
TOTO USA Inc.	TOTO Ltd.	Plumbing supplies manufacturer	739
OFS Fitel LLC	Furukawa Electric Co. Ltd.	Fiber optic telecommunications cable manufacturer	562
F&P Georgia Manufacturing	F-Tech Inc.	Automotive components manufacturer	500
Yokogawa Corp. of America	Yokogawa Electric Corp.	Precision electrical power and power factor instrumentation manufacturer	420
Hoshizaki America Inc. / Lancer Corp.	Hoshizaki Electric	Food service equipment manufacturer	400
SHIROKI North America Inc.	SHIROKI Corp.	Automotive components and seats manufacturer	396

Source: Business Wise; Corporate Affiliations; Georgia Power Community and Economic Development; Georgia Department of Economic Development, September 2015