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The U.K. is Georgia's Fourth Largest Export Destination



Courtesy of Rainmaker Healthcare Communications

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 non-stop departures from Atlanta to London and Manchester.

Direct Flights: Atlanta to U.K.				
Carrier	Destination	Weekly Departs	Weekly Seats	Daily Departs
British Airways	London-Heathrow	7	1,582	1
Delta	London-Heathrow	14	3,199	2
Virgin Atlantic	London-Heathrow	14	3,724	2
Virgin Atlantic	Manchester	1	1,862	1

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

Georgia is host to the Consulate General of the United Kingdom, the U.K. Trade and Investment (UKTI), and the British-American Business Group of Atlanta (BABG).

Georgia has three sister-city agreements with the United Kingdom: Atlanta (Newcastle), LaGrange (Craigavon) and Norcross (Hastings). (*Georgia Department of Economic Development*)

The British community is the largest European community in Georgia with approximately 17,813 residents. (*Place of Birth including Crown Dependencies, 2009-2013 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau*)

GEORGIA-U.K. FAST FACTS

- The U.K. ranked fourth among Georgia's export destinations in 2014 with exports to the U.K. totaling nearly \$1.6 billion. Georgia's top exports to the U.K. include machinery, transportation equipment, paper, chemicals and computer and electronic products. (*Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau*)

"Rainmaker identified Atlanta as a thriving market rich with healthcare industry organizations and professionals. Atlanta's prominent role as a regional leader in the healthcare industry made it an easy choice for Rainmaker to open our first North American office in Georgia, a great place to launch the transatlantic phase of our business."

**Roger Bushell, Managing Partner,
Rainmaker Healthcare Communications**

In 2013, Rainmaker Healthcare Communications, an advertising agency specializing in healthcare, formally announced the London-based firm's expansion in the North America market with its first office in Atlanta.

- 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*)
- Georgia operates an office in London dedicated to foreign direct investment and international trade as well as a tourism office in the United Kingdom that has promoted Georgia as a destination since 1993. (*Georgia Department of Economic Development*)

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

- The Port of Savannah offers two weekly shipping services to Thamesport and one weekly shipping service to Felixstowe and Tilbury.

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TOP U.K. COMPANIES IN GEORGIA, 200+ Employees (Ranked by Employment)

Company	Parent Company	Business Description	Local Employees
InterContinental Hotels Group Inc. (includes various hotel chains)	InterContinental Hotels Group plc	International hotel investment and management group	5,029
Meggitt (various groups)	Meggitt plc	Aircraft components manufacturer	1,500
Aon (various groups)	Aon plc	Solutions in human resources, benefits administrations and business process outsourcing	1,145
Sage North America	The Sage Group plc	Supplier of business management software and services	1,015*
AMEC	AMEC plc	Construction services	999
BP	BP plc	Gasoline station, supplier and convenience store operator	773
JCB	JC Bamford Excavators Ltd.	Manufactures construction machinery and equipment	550
Morgan Thermal Ceramics	Morgan Advanced Materials plc	Manufactures ceramic fiber products	550
TI Automotive	TI Automotive Ltd.	Small diameter steel tubing manufacturer	525
Aircraft Service International Group Inc. / Signature Flight Support Corp.	BBA Aviation plc	Commercial aviation services	500
Ferguson Enterprises Inc.	Wolseley plc	Distributor of plumbing supplies and pipe, valves and fittings (PVF)	402
J. Walter Thompson (includes various other groups)	WPP plc	Advertising agency	400
Coats & Clark Inc.	Guinness Peat Group plc	Textile and thread manufacturer	380
Morrison Management Specialists (including other business groups)	Compass Group plc	Food, nutrition and hospitality services	335
Clyde Bergemann Inc.	Clyde Blowers Ltd.	Systems solutions for the energy generation and base materials industries	330
Reed Construction Data LLC / LexisNexis-Atlanta	Reed Elsevier plc	Publishing and printing pamphlets	308
Heery International/Parson Brinckerhoff Inc./Balfour Beatty Construction	Balfour Beatty plc	Engineering and construction management services	284
Kurt Salmon Associates Inc.	Management Consulting Group plc	Management consulting services	249
Sunbelt Rentals Inc.	Ashtead Group plc	Construction equipment rental	246
Atkins North America Inc.	WS Atkins plc	Design, engineering and project management consulting	216
Harris Waste Management Group Inc.	Melrose plc	Waste management	210
Promethean Inc.	Promethean World plc	Interactive solutions for the education industry	210

*Announced 400-job expansion in June 2015 included in employment number shown.

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