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GEORGIA-TURKEY CONNECTION

GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE

Atlanta is home to the Honorary Consul General of Turkey for Georgia, Ms. Mona Diamond. Ms. Diamond is also the founder and current chairman of the American-Turkish Friendship Council, a non-profit organization located in Atlanta, dedicated to promoting Turkey within the United States.

The Turkish-American Chamber of Commerce of the Southeast United States of America, headed by Executive Director Mevlut Tascan, and the Istanbul Center, headed by Executive Director Tarik Celik, are located in Atlanta. Both promote better relations between Turkish and American communities.

The Turkish-American Cultural Association of Georgia is also located in Atlanta.

TRADE RELATIONSHIP

EXPORTS

During the January-November 2010 time period, Georgia exports to Turkey totaled **\$519.1 million**, which was a **64.9%** increase from the same period the year before.

Turkey ranks **14th** among Georgia's main export destinations in the January-November 2010 time period.

RANK	COUNTRY	2010	%	% CHANGE OVER '09
	_ World	\$25,730,866,384	100	20.3
1	Canada	\$4,464,009,655	17.35	16.95
2	China	\$2,074,089,132	8.06	35
3	Mexico	\$1,752,258,478	6.81	43.44
4	Japan	\$1,063,377,340	4.13	8.84
5	Germany	\$923,666,581	3.59	-0.37
6	United Kingdom	\$908,125,899	3.53	-19.45
7	Brazil	\$793,739,416	3.08	44.56
8	Singapore	\$692,705,600	2.69	23.04
9	Netherlands	\$692,339,447	2.69	15.69
10	Hong Kong	\$619,249,721	2.41	35.89
11	Australia	\$561,642,128	2.18	32.28
12	Korean Republic	\$554,527,896	2.16	38.65
13	Belgium	\$540,529,558	2.1	6
14	Turkey	\$519,109,094	2.02	64.85
15	India	467,130,844	1.82	33.85



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Georgia is the 7th largest exporter among the U.S. states to Turkey.



RANK	STATE	2010	%	% CHANGE OVER '09
	_States	\$9,192,200,992	100	46.44
1	Texas	\$1,585,018,837	17.24	23.45
2	Washington	\$1,092,403,295	11.88	213.79
3	New Jersey	\$948,977,872	10.32	39.94
4	Louisiana	\$588,170,254	6.4	18.7
5	New York	\$572,657,932	6.23	64.02
6	California	\$556,404,600	6.05	31.56
7	Georgia	\$519,109,094	5.65	64.85
8	Florida	\$349,651,274	3.8	142.58
9	Ohio	\$286,171,511	3.11	68.38
10	Pennsylvania	\$258,878,085	2.82	92.15

In 2010, Georgia was #1 in exports to Turkey of powered aircraft launch vehicles; paper and paperboard; wood pulp; wood; machinery/ acetylene gas; tractors; and kaolin.

Georgia was 2nd in exports of civilian aircraft, engines, and parts; machinery/ engine ignitions; and meat.

Georgia ranked 3rd in the exports of aircrafts and spacecrafts; non-railway vehicles; knotted textile floor coverings; insecticides; and Plastic parings and scrap (January-November 2010; latest data available).

Georgia's main exports to Turkey (January-November 2010):

RANK	DESCRIPTION	2010	%	% CHANGE OVER '09
	_Commodities	\$519,109,094	100	64.85
1	Aircraft/Spacecraft	\$172,009,401	33.14	178.77
2	Paper/Paperboard	\$91,402,951	17.61	72.16
3	Woodpulp	\$65,379,327	12.59	71.46
4	Cotton, Yarn/Fabric	\$58,053,658	11.18	-4.9
5	Wood	\$33,593,368	6.47	57.7
6	Machinery	\$20,006,063	3.85	11.53
7	Vehicles/ Not Railway	\$12,956,485	2.5	307.85
8	Meat	\$12,375,470	2.38	0.89
9	Electrical Machinery	\$10,680,539	2.06	192.81
10	Misc Grain/Seed/Fruit	\$9,165,216	1.77	



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IMPORTS

In 2009, Georgia's imports from Turkey were equal to **\$169.2 million**. Georgia ranked **8th** among other U.S. states receiving imports from Turkey in 2009.

RANK	STATE	2009	%	% CHANGE OVER '08
1	All States	\$3,661,586,710	100	-21.12
2	Michigan	\$423,802,109	11.57	1,074.29
3	New Jersey	\$401,047,001	10.95	-39.48
4	New York	\$388,051,477	10.6	-29.21
5	Texas	\$341,889,977	9.34	-26.62
6	California	\$249,320,110	6.81	-28.79
7	North Carolina	\$210,979,986	5.76	3.84
8	Virginia	\$182,898,378	5	7.17
9	Georgia	\$169,201,777	4.62	-44.16
10	Ohio	\$150,351,230	4.11	-10.1

Top imports include clothing, articles of iron and steel, textiles, textile floor coverings, and building materials.

RANK	DESCRIPTION	2009	%	% CHANGE OVER '08
	_Commodities	\$169,201,777	100	-44.16
1	Apparel & Clothing/not knitted	\$44,853,608	26.51	-4.76
2	Iron & Steel	\$27,727,936	16.39	-74.04
3	Textile Articles	\$21,986,982	12.99	12.7
4	Textile Floor Coverings	\$17,759,069	10.5	-5.64
5	Articles Of Stone, Plaster, Cement	\$11,793,833	6.97	-54.23
6	Machinery	\$8,803,165	5.2	-47.82
7	Non-Railway Vehicles	\$8,397,863	4.96	14.27
8	Apparel & Clothing/knitted	\$5,629,047	3.33	-8.76
9	Rubber	\$3,015,454	1.78	-9.97
10	Yarns And Woven Fabrics	\$2,688,824	1.59	-63.06

Georgia is one of six targeted U.S. states in Turkey's export plan that is focused on growing Turkish exports as well as increasing bilateral trade relations.



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CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Georgia companies with operations in Turkey include:

- AFC ENTERPRISES, INC.
- CIBA VISION CORPORATION
- COX ENTERPRISES, INC.
- NEWELL RUBBERMAID INC.
- SPECTRUM BRANDS INC.
- THE COCA-COLA COMPANY
- UPS SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS

Turkish companies with operations in Georgia include:

- Eczacıbasi Karo Seramik (VITRA)
- Ibrahim Polat Holding A S
- Yapi-is Emlak Ve Insaatanomin
- Yildiz Holding A S
- Zorlu Holding Company Textile Group

TRANSPORTATION

Delta Airlines partners with Turkish Airways, Czech Airlines, and Air France to offer flights from Atlanta to Istanbul via Frankfurt, Dusseldorf, Paris, Copenhagen, Manchester, Prague, London, Amsterdam, and Rome.

The Port of Savannah offers weekly shipments to Istanbul, Gemlik, Ismir, and Mersin.

COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

In 2003 Emory University in Atlanta launched their annual Turkish Lecture Series which brings in distinguished speakers and diplomats from Turkey to speak about Turkish culture and politics.

On October 6, 2008, Kennesaw State University commenced its Year of Turkey. For one academic year, the university offered a variety of lectures concerning Turkish art, history, religion, and politics.

The University System of Georgia offers five study abroad programs to Turkey, and several universities including the University of Georgia and Georgia State University offer Turkish language classes. In the fall of 2007, 230 students from Turkey were enrolled in the University System of Georgia.

