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GEORGIA AEROSPACE & DEFENSE



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THE GEORGIA ADVANTAGE



#1

TOP STATE FOR DOING BUSINESS

12 years in a row
Area Development

5.2%

UNIONIZATION RATE

Compared with 10.0%
US Average
unionstats.com

\$157,700

AVG. ANNUAL WAGES AEROSPACE OCCUPATIONS

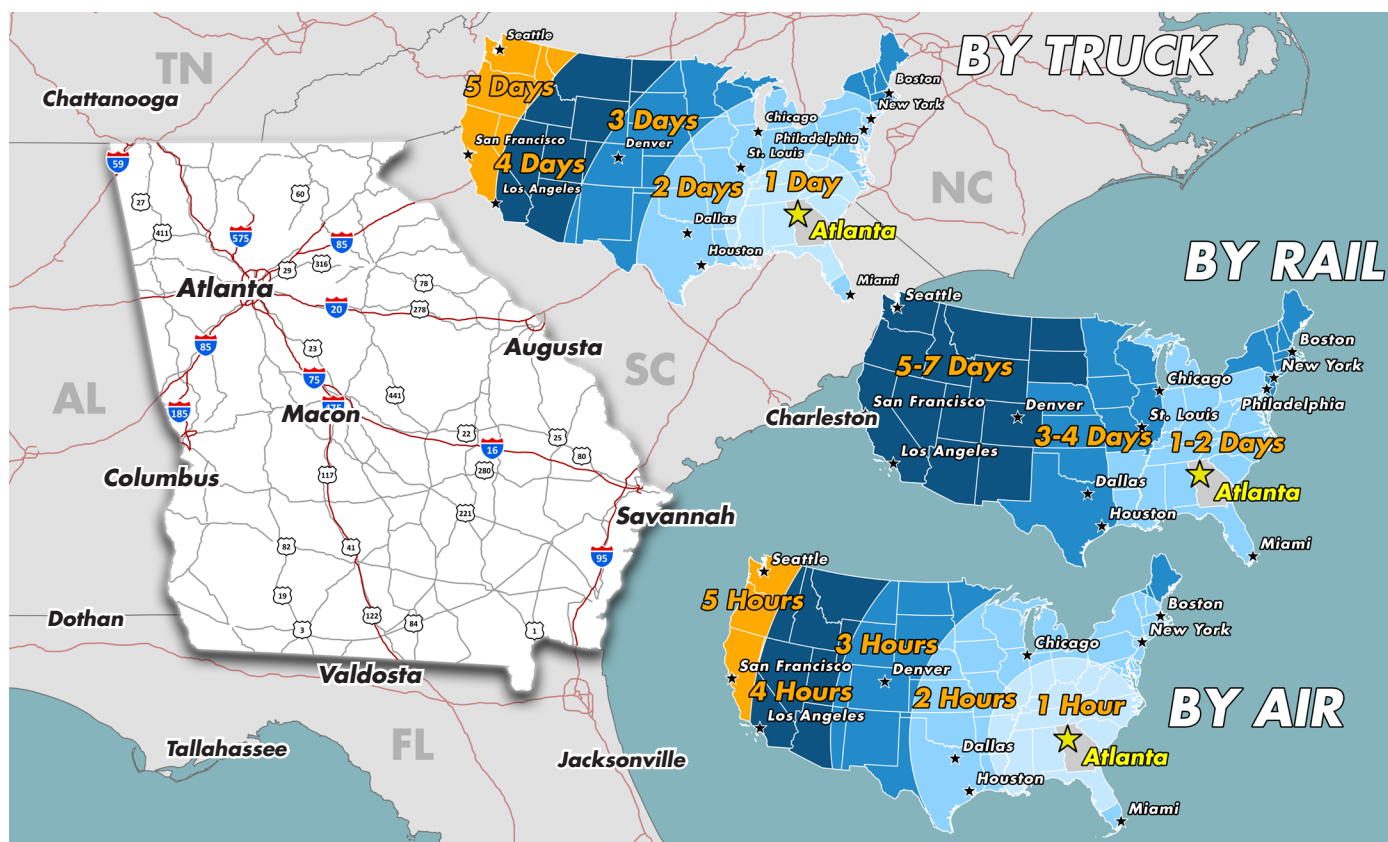
Compared with \$131,800
US Average
JobsEQ, Q4, 2025

BUSINESS-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT. With a highly-skilled workforce, advanced job training programs, competitive incentives and tax structures, extensive transportation infrastructure and access to a variety of energy options, Georgia has been ranked number one as Area Development's Top State for Doing Business for twelve years in a row.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE. With two Georgia metro areas recognized in the top 10 Logistics Leaders by Business Facilities, Georgia's outstanding road infrastructure, deepwater port facilities, and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport enables companies to move products quickly and efficiently.

SKILLED WORKFORCE. One of Georgia's greatest resources is its people. The state's universities and technical colleges produce more than 50,000 potential employees each year and top-ranked programs like Quick Start help ensure access to a diverse and well-educated workforce.

AEROSPACE ATTRACTIVENESS. Georgia has ranked top 5 for aerospace attractiveness by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) for more than a decade and is ranked top 10 for Aerospace/Defense by Business Facilities.





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GEORGIA | AN IDEAL LANDSCAPE



AEROSPACE ATTRACTIVENESS. With Georgia was ranked no. 5 for aerospace attractiveness by PwC in 2024.



AIRPORTS. Georgia's airports have a large economic impact on the state, and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is the busiest passenger airport in the world.



MILITARY PRESENCE. The state of Georgia has two U.S. Air Force bases, five U.S. Army bases, one U.S. Marine Corps base, two U.S. Navy bases, and one multi-branch military base. These bases are of great strategic importance to the aerospace industry in Georgia, as many share airfields with public airports. They also provide a steady pipeline of veteran workers qualified to work in air transportation, aircraft maintenance, and aerospace manufacturing.

GEORGIA AEROSPACE & DEFENSE PARTNERS.

- + Center of Innovation for Manufacturing (COIM)
- + Center of Innovation for Aerospace (COIA)
- + Mercer Engineering Research Center (MERC)
- + Georgia Defense Exchange (GDX)
- + Georgia Quick Start
- + Georgia Tech Center for Space Technology and Research (C-STAR)
- + Georgia Tech Manufacturing Institute (GTMI)
- + Georgia Tech Institute for Robotics and Intelligent Machines
- + Georgia Innovation Crescent
- + Georgia Research Alliance (GRA)
- + GRA Venture Fund, LLC

AEROSPACE OCCUPATIONS IN GEORGIA (Q4¹ 2025)

SOC	Occupation	CURRENT						5-YEAR HISTORY		1-YEAR FORECAST				
		Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
53-2031	Flight Attendants	9,170	\$82,900	2.18	192	2.2%	8	3,012	8.3%	1,357	605	671	81	0.9%
53-2011	Airline Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers	6,667	\$372,900	2.17	90	1.4%	1	2,103	7.9%	772	257	487	28	0.4%
49-3011	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	6,193	\$95,300	1.38	148	2.4%	130	1,696	6.6%	527	178	305	44	0.7%
17-2011	Aerospace Engineers	2,976	\$151,100	1.32	2	0.1%	68	448	3.3%	204	74	96	34	1.1%
51-2011	Aircraft Structure, Surfaces, Rigging, and Systems Assemblers	2,739	\$72,500	2.42	175	6.3%	48	311	2.4%	252	114	167	-29	-1.1%
53-2012	Commercial Pilots	1,287	\$166,100	0.72	17	1.3%	53	242	4.3%	158	50	96	12	0.9%
53-2021	Air Traffic Controllers	946	\$169,700	1.38	8	0.9%	16	60	1.3%	92	23	63	6	0.6%
53-2022	Airfield Operations Specialists	578	\$56,600	1.13	5	0.9%	22	196	8.6%	56	14	38	3	0.6%
53-6099	Transportation Workers, All Other	523	\$43,600	1.33	12	2.2%	n/a	-95	-3.3%	59	23	32	5	0.9%
53-1041	Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	203	\$89,100	0.68	7	3.3%	12	74	9.4%	21	7	13	1	0.7%
15813	Aerospace Occupations	31,284	\$157,700	1.66	656	2.2%	358	8,045	6.1%	3,498	1,346	1,967	185	0.6%
00-0000	Total - All Occupations	5,320,987	\$66,600	1.00	193,476	3.5%	277,913	600,538	2.4%	623,737	255,703	325,674	42,359	0.8%

Source: JobsEQ, Q4, 2025





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