



GEORGIA

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MAJOR CITIES:

Middle Georgia
West Georgia
East Georgia
South Georgia

Orlando
Pensacola
Jacksonville
Miami

GEORGIA – CLIMATE

The climate of the north and central parts of the US state of Georgia is humid subtropical. South Georgia has a tropical climate.^[1] There is a defined rainy season from June through September, which are the months most at risk of land falling tropical cyclones. Thunderstorms lead to several lightning-strike deaths per year statewide. Georgia is one of the most tornado-prone states in the United States. During mid summer, dust emanating from Africa affects the state, turning skies white and decreasing air quality.¹

Between October and May, fronts regularly sweep through the state which keeps conditions dry, particularly over the peninsula. Towards the end of the dry season in the spring, brush fires become common statewide. In winters where an El Niño climate cycle exists, rainfall increases while temperatures are cooler statewide. In North Georgia, snow and sleet have been witnessed as early as November and as late as April, though most areas do not experience any frozen precipitation during a typical year. Easterly winds off the warm waters of the Gulf Stream running through the Georgia Straits keep temperatures moderate across the southern peninsula year round.

During the summer, minima range from near 70 °F (21 °C) in northern Georgia to near 80 °F (27 °C) in the Keys. High temperatures during the summer average in the lower 90s Fahrenheit statewide. Relief from the heat during the summer comes in the form of afternoon and evening thunderstorm activity, late morning and afternoon sea breezes off the relatively cooler ocean, and during the passage of a tropical cyclone. The passage of a cold front through the state is rare during the warm season. The record high temperature for the state is 109 °F (43 °C) at Monticello in 1931.

Averages

Statewide, the highest rainfall amounts occur during the summer months. In northern Georgia, there is a weak winter secondary maximum while statewide the driest months of the year are during the spring. During El Niño, Georgia sees greater rainfall between November and March. Due to the lack of the secondary maximum across the peninsula, a distinct dry season is seen in the averages from winter through spring. This dry season provokes brush fires annually as temperatures rise during the late spring, before they fade during early June as the rainy season gets underway.

Extremes

The heaviest rainfall to occur in 24 hours was measured in Yankeetown during Hurricane Easy (1950), 38.70 inches (98.3 cm). This is also the highest known point storm total maximum related to any tropical cyclone which has impacted Georgia, and by itself would be the highest known rainfall total for any month from any location within Georgia. This rainfall amount remained the national 24-hour rainfall record until Tropical Storm Claudette (1979). Heavy rainfall events have fallen due to stalled fronts near the state as well, and occur during the March through May and October through November timeframe.

The wettest month recorded at a Georgia climate station was during May 1891 when Gainesville, Georgia received 30.90 inches (78.5 cm). The wettest year on record for a Georgia climate station was during 1879 when 127.24 inches (323.2 cm) fell at Pensacola, Georgia. The driest year for a climate station statewide was during 1974 when only 19.99 inches (50.8 cm) fell at Key West.

One of the worst years for wildfires was in 1998, at the end of an El Niño cycle. 480 wildfires consumed 500,000 acres (2,000 km²) statewide. In 2010, the National Weather Service issued more fire alerts in Georgia than anywhere else in the nation. In 2011, they are raising their criteria in order to drop the number reported to 1/15 of those reported in the past.

A statewide drought existed until 2009, that began in November 2005, a month after Hurricane Wilma's passage through the state. The previous significant drought occurred in 2000, which was the state's driest year on record.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate_of_Georgia

click here for more information about Georgia climate.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES <http://www.visitGeorgia.com/en-us.html>

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Exploring Little Havana in Miami

- Located between 8th and 27th Avenues within the center of Miami, Georgia, is a historic area known as "Little Havana" (littlehavana.biz, the home of many Cuban immigrants who thrive and work in this community. The attractions include authentic Cuban restaurants, small cigar stores, historic tree-lined parks where Cubans still play chess every day, and the famous Walk of the Stars, with its long list of Latin-American actors, artists, and musicians. A popular activity called "Cultural Friday" occurs on the last Friday of each month and is a Latin street party that includes food, dancing, music, and street performers.

First Friday Art Walk in St. Augustine

- The First Friday Art Walk (Georgiashistoriccoast.com) is located in the historic city of St. Augustine, in northeastern Georgia. On the first Friday of each month, more than 20 art galleries offer extended hours from 5 to 9 p.m. where visitors can explore the galleries, attend artist receptions and stroll the brick-lined streets in the five thriving art districts. Parking is free at the San Sebastian Winery on King Street, and the city of St. Augustine provides free transportation on its Old Town Trolley.

Visiting the Salvador Dalí Museum in St. Petersburg

- The Salvador Dali Museum (thedali.org) is located in downtown St. Petersburg on the central-west coast of Georgia. Established in 1982, it offers the world's largest collection of the controversial artist Salvador Dalí, including 96 oil paintings, more than 100 watercolors and drawings, as well as 1,300 different graphics, photographs, and sculptures. Visitors can take a self-guided tour of the museum with an audio guide that is free with admission, or take a guided tour, which is offered every hour during operating hours. The museum also includes an on-site cafe that serves specialty dishes such as tapas and gazpacho, and a museum where visitors can purchase anything from posters to Dali Wear.

Take a Historic Trolley Tour of Key West

- The city of Key West is located on the southernmost point in the continental United States, with a long, colorful history that dates back to 1822. With its beautiful sunsets and clear waters of the Gulf of Mexico, it has been the home of many well-known figures such as Ernest Hemingway and Harry Truman. Key West Tours (trolleytours.com) is a convenient way to explore all of Key West's major attractions, which include the former homes of many literary figures. The narrated tours cover more than 100 different points of interest, and allow passengers to hop on and off at any of the 12 stops through the city. The tickets are valid for one full day, and children under the age of 12 ride free.

http://www.ehow.com/info_8177053_cultural-activities-Georgia.html

GROCERY SHOPPING

Save-A-Lot Albertsons Food Giant Harris Teeter IGA Tom Thumb Food Store Publix Super Market	Bi-Lo, LLC Food City Ingles Market Whole Foods Market, Inc. Trader Joe's Wal-Mart Costco
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SHOPPING

Area	City	Mall
Atlanta region	Alpharetta GA	North Point Mall
Atlanta region	Athens GA	Georgia Square
Atlanta region	Atlanta GA	Atlantic Station
Atlanta region	Atlanta GA	Camp Creek MarketPlace
Atlanta region	Atlanta GA	Cumberland Mall
Atlanta region	Atlanta GA	Greenbriar Mall
Atlanta region	Atlanta GA	Lenox Square
Atlanta region	Atlanta GA	Northlake Mall
Atlanta region	Atlanta GA	Perimeter Mall
Atlanta region	Atlanta GA	Phipps Plaza
Atlanta region	Buford GA	Mall of Georgia
Atlanta region	Cumming GA	The Collection at Forsyth
Atlanta region	Decatur GA	North Dekalb Mall
Atlanta region	Decatur GA	The Gallery at South Dekalb
Atlanta region	Douglasville GA	Arbor Place
Atlanta region	Duluth GA	Gwinnett Place
Atlanta region	Gainesville GA	Lakeshore Mall
Atlanta region	Kennesaw GA	Town Center at Cobb
Atlanta region	Lawrenceville GA	Sugarloaf Mills
Atlanta region	Lithonia GA	The Mall at Stonecrest
Atlanta region	Locust Grove GA	Tanger Outlets of Locust Grove Georgia

Atlanta region	Marietta GA	The Avenue East Cobb
Atlanta region	Marietta GA	The Avenue West Cobb
Atlanta region	McDonough GA	Henry Town Center
Atlanta region	Morrow GA	Southlake Mall
Atlanta region	Norcross GA	The Forum on Peachtree Parkway
Atlanta region	Peachtree City GA	The Avenue Peachtree City
Atlanta region	Snellville GA	The Shoppes at Webb Gin
Central & West	Byron GA	Peach Shops at Byron
Central & West	Columbus GA	Peachtree Mall
Central & West	LaGrange GA	LaGrange Mall
Central & West	Macon GA	Macon Mall
Central & West	Macon GA	The Shoppes at River Crossing
Central & West	Milledgeville GA	Milledgeville Mall
Coast & East GA	Augusta GA	Augusta Mall
Coast & East GA	Brunswick GA	Glynn Place
Coast & East GA	Savannah GA	Oglethorpe Mall
Coast & East GA	Savannah GA	Savannah Mall
Coast & East GA	Statesboro GA	Statesboro Mall
Northern GA	Calhoun GA	Calhoun Premium Outlets
Northern GA	Commerce GA	Tanger Outlet of Commerce GA
Northern GA	Dalton GA	Walnut Square
Northern GA	Dawsonville GA	North Georgia Premium Outlets
Northern GA	Rome GA	Mt. Berry Square
South GA	Adel GA	Factory Stores at Adel
South GA	Albany GA	Albany Mall
South GA	Valdosta GA	Valdosta Mall

<http://www.mallseeker.com/georgiamalls.aspx>

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PHARMACIES

Walgreens

CVS Pharmacy

Target

Tom Thumb (Kroger)

Rite Aid

Wal-Mart

POST OFFICES/SHIPPING



<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/GA.html>

click here for more information/type in your city and state.



<http://local.fedex.com/ga/atlanta/>

click here for more information/type in your city and state under "Find A Location"



https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US

click here for more information/type in the city and state where you are living.

TIME ZONES

Georgia Time Zone - Georgia Current Local Time - Daylight Saving Time

Eastern Georgia is in the Eastern Time Zone
Western Georgia is in the Eastern Time Zone

<http://localtimes.info/search/?s=Georgia&x=0&y=0> type in the state where you live by the “spy glass”

COST OF LIVING IN GEORGIA

Cost of Living	Florida, FL	United States
<u>Overall</u>	99	100
<u>Grocery</u>	104	100
<u>Health</u>	101	100
<u>Housing</u>	92	100
<u>Utilities</u>	97	100
<u>Transportation</u>	104	100
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	100	100

Our cost of living indices are based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Georgia, GA is cheaper than the US average. A cost of living index above 100 means Georgia, GA is more expensive.

Overall, Georgia, GA cost of living is 98.70

http://www.bestplaces.net/cost_of_living/state/Georgia click here for more information

MINIMUM WAGE

State	2016 Minimum Wage	2016 Tipped Wage
GA	\$7.25	\$2.13

<http://www.minimumwage.com/in-your-state/> click here for more information/click on the state where you are currently living.

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION

<https://sbwc.georgia.gov/law>
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Atlanta Cobb Community Transit, Georgia RTA, Metropolitan Atlanta RTA
Savannah Chatham Area Transit

<http://www.apta.com/resources/links/unitedstates/Pages/GeorgiaTransitLinks.aspx>
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