

The International Affairs Budget Working for Georgia

Employment

- Trade supported 893,791 jobs in Georgia in 2006, or 17.1% of total jobs, up from 9.8% in 1992.¹ Almost one-seventh (14.6%) of all manufacturing workers in Georgia depended on exports for their jobs.²
- In 2007, 177,000 people in Georgia were employed by U.S. affiliates of companies that are at least 50% foreign-owned.³



Trade

- Georgia exported \$27.5 billion in merchandise to 213 foreign markets in 2008. Georgia's largest market in 2008 was Canada (\$4.8 billion) followed by China (\$2.0 billion), Mexico (\$1.6 billion), Japan (\$1.4 billion) and the United Kingdom (\$1.3 billion).⁴
- In 2007, 8,978 companies exported goods from Georgia. Of these, 86% were small- and medium-sized enterprises with fewer than 500 employees.⁵
- Agricultural exports are important to Georgia's economy, totaling \$2 billion and supporting about 23,166 jobs in 2008.⁶
- Since 2005, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$1.49 billion in exports from 135 companies in 52 communities in Georgia.⁷



Education

- In 2007-2008, 7,777 Georgia students studied abroad, a 2.6% increase over the previous academic year.⁸
- During 2008-2009, 14,026 international students were enrolled in Georgia colleges and universities and contributed \$366 million to the Georgia economy.⁹

International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, 2,783 Peace Corps volunteers from Georgia have served in dozens of countries overseas.¹⁰
- Support from U.S. government grants and contracts to private voluntary organizations engaged in foreign assistance and development in Georgia totaled \$241,952,703 in 2007.¹¹

¹ http://trade.businessroundtable.org/trade_2006/doha/mappop.html

² http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state_reports/

³ Anderson, Thomas and William J. Zeile. "Operations of U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Companies: Preliminary Results From the 2007 Benchmark Survey". Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce. http://www.bea.gov/scb/pdf/2009/11%20November/1109_foreign.pdf

⁴ http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state_reports/

⁵ http://www.ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state_reports/index.html

⁶ <http://www.fas.usda.gov/info/factsheets/WTO/states.html>

⁷ <https://webappsprod01.exim.gov/apps/usmap/usmap.nsf>

⁸ Institute of International Education. "Open Doors 2009 Report on International Educational Exchange Institute of International Education".

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⁹ http://www.nafsa.org/public_policy.sec/international_education_1

¹⁰ <http://multimedia.peacecorps.gov/multimedia/pdf/stats/homestates.pdf>

¹¹ <http://www.pvo.net/usaid/>