

ALBANY-DOUGHERTY COUNTY

quick facts

ESTABLISHED

- 1836

LOCATION

- Commercial, retail and cultural hub of region
- 35-minute flight to Atlanta
- Convenient access to major highways, transportation hubs and rest of country
- Access to nearby international airports
- UPS sorting facility
- Five colleges and universities in community
- Home of Marine Corps Logistics Base-Albany
- Abundant groundwater from Floridan Aquifer, one of world's most prolific aquifers
- Long, hot summers and short, mild winters; average temperature is 64.5 degrees
- Typical rainfall is 53 inches per year

TRANSPORTATION

- Georgia's second largest cargo airport by volume
- Access to Interstate 75, a major trade route
- Rail service by Norfolk Southern, Georgia-Florida
- With 5,000 miles of track, Georgia's rail system is most extensive in Southeastern United States
- Access to coastal ports, including Savannah
- In 2010, Georgia ranked 12th among U.S. states in dollar value of exports and exported to 216 countries and territories (export.gov)

POPULATION AND AFFORDABILITY

- Georgia is seventh fastest-growing state (2010)
- Albany Metropolitan Statistical Area is Georgia's eighth largest (of 15)
- Albany MSA's cost-of-living is 18.5 percent less than national average (2010)

BUSINESS FOCUSED

- Forbes "Best Small Places to do Business"
- Third in Georgia for "Cost of Doing Business;" 50th in nation (Forbes, 2008)
- Work Ready certified
- Deemed "Entrepreneur Friendly" by governor
- Incentive zones: Tier 1, Opportunity, HUB, Military
- ISO fire rating of two

DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY

- Industrial base strong on logistics and defense, health care, corporate services, manufacturing
- Center of 17-county market area with population of 460,000
- Strong retail sector with growth opportunities
- Hub of state's agricultural industry
- Existing industries include Procter & Gamble, MillerCoors, Mars Chocolate North America, Coats & Clark, Pfizer, Equinox Chemical Co., Thrush Aircraft, Tara Foods
- Clinical campuses for the Medical College of Georgia, University of Georgia College of Pharmacy

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- Advanced data services from AT&T Georgia, including Frame Relay; Native Mode LAN Interconnection/MetroEthernet; optical services up to and including Dense Wave Data Multiplexing
- DS1, 2 and 3 services available

EDUCATION

- Five colleges and universities
- Dougherty County School System has enrollment of about 16,000 students
- National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence
- International Baccalaureate Program
- Seven private schools; Montessori curriculum

RECREATION

- Flint River, lakes and other water recreation
- Zoo, aquarium, hunting, golf, riverfront trails
- Museums, theater, symphony, planetarium, ballet
- Mardi Gras festival, international festival, parades, marathon, college sports, bike races

DEMOGRAPHICS (2009, U.S. Census Bureau)

- City population: 77,434 (2010)
- County population: 94,565 (2010)
- Albany Metropolitan Statistical Area population: 163,716
- Total Population Median Age: 32.8
- People in labor force (over 16): 43,818
- Median household income (county): \$34,597
- Per capita income (county): \$20,227



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