

ALBANY-DOUGHERTY COUNTY

QUICK FACTS



Albany-
Dougherty
Economic
Development
Commission

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
- Three 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 66 degrees
- Typical rainfall is 51 inches per year
- World-class health care by Phoebe Putney Health System

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, which is the fastest-growing container port in the United States
- Georgia No. 11 in exports among U.S. states

POPULATION AND AFFORDABILITY

- Georgia is one of the Top 15 fastest-growing states in the U.S.
- Albany Metropolitan Statistical Area is Georgia's ninth largest
- Albany MSA's cost-of-living is 10 percent less than national average

BUSINESS FOCUSED

- Georgia is #1 state for business, five years running
- Forbes "Best Small Places to do Business"
- 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 Wrigley Confectionery, Coats & Clark, Pfizer, SASCO Chemical Group, Thrush Aircraft, Tara Foods, Sunnlyland Farms, ADCO Professional Products and Albany Green Energy
- Clinical campuses for the Medical College of Georgia, University of Georgia College of Pharmacy

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- Advanced data services, 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

- Three colleges and universities
- Dougherty County School System has enrollment of about 16,000 students
- National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence
- International Baccalaureate Program
- College and Career Academy

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
- Home of Southwest Georgia's first and only craft brewery

DEMOGRAPHICS

- County population: 90,246
- Albany Metropolitan Statistical Area: 152,109
- Median Age: 33
- Labor draw: 68,398 (Albany MSA); 166,078 (region)
- Median household income (Albany MSA): \$40,579

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