

GEORGIA BY THE NUMBERS:

Interesting Information, Useful Facts and Catchy Conversation Starters

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14,554

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF YELLOW SCHOOL BUSES IN GEORGIA. As schools, parents and students, as well as Atlanta commuters who have enjoyed a summer of low volume traffic, start gearing up for the impending academic year, so are the school buses. The Gwinnett County Public School System ranks fourth in the U.S. for bus titles, owning 1,626 buses, followed next by Cobb County, tallying 975 and DeKalb County with 853 total buses. More than one million Georgia students, grades K-12, are transported to and from public school every day by bus – averaging around 58 percent of all students enrolled in public schools statewide.



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THE FORECASTED POPULATION INCREASE FOR THE 20-COUNTY ATLANTA REGION BY THE YEAR 2040.

The Atlanta Regional Commission estimates that within the next 23 years, metro Atlanta will grow to a population of more than eight million people. Forsyth County is projected to grow at the fastest rate, doubling in population to reach 430,000 residents, while predictions show Gwinnett County to be the region's largest county reaching a population of 1.35 million. Currently the most populous county, Fulton will fall to second, reaching 1.26 million, followed by Cobb County with just more than 885,000 residents.



THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND'S PARKSCORE® RANKING FOR THE CITY OF ATLANTA.

ParkScore® ranks the 100 most populous U.S. cities' park systems based on acreage, facilities and investment, as well as access. Rising one ranking from No. 51 in 2015 to No. 50 in 2016, Atlanta boasts 4,991 acres of total park land and with continued construction and expansion, the Atlanta BeltLine stands as the city's largest municipal park at 422 acres.

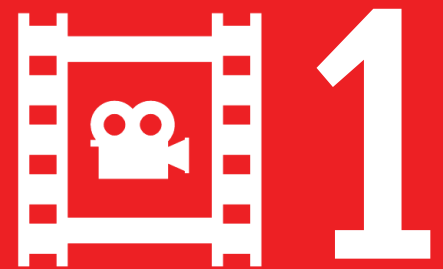
THE NUMBER OF BRIDGES ACROSS THE STATE OF GEORGIA ACCORDING TO THE 2017 INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT CARD PRODUCED BY THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS (ASCE).

Of those nearly 15,000 bridges, only 700 are considered to be structurally deficient – a total of less than five percent. In contrast, of the 614,387 bridges across the U.S., around nine percent are considered structurally deficient (56,007 to be exact).



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Since 2000, states have taken a stronger stance on bridge safety, fixing existing bridges, rebuilding structures and, in turn, improving the bridge safety overall by thirty-seven percent, the national report found. ASCE also produces state-by-state Report Cards, assigning a grade based on a number of infrastructure sectors from bridges to aviation and transit. Look for the new Georgia Infrastructure Report Card to come out in early 2019 or visit www.infrastructurereportcard.org to view the current grade of the state's infrastructure.



GEORGIA'S RANKING AMONG FILMING LOCATIONS WORLDWIDE, ACCORDING TO A RECENT STUDY BY FILMLA. RESEARCH.

Thanks to the state's investment in the film industry and enticing tax incentives, Georgia has bested California, New York, the United Kingdom and Canada to claim the top spot for feature film production following the completion of the 2016 fiscal year. The findings show that the state of Georgia hosted primary production for 17 of the top 100 major domestic feature films.