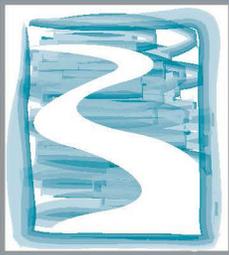




Greater Augusta Region Quick Facts



- ▶ The Greater Augusta Region is comprised of Augusta-Richmond, Burke and Columbia Counties in Georgia including the South Carolina counties of Aiken and Edgefield.
- ▶ Georgia Department of Labor reported 7,000 new jobs in the Greater Augusta Region from September 2016 to August 2017.
- ▶ Greater Augusta Region has a strong presence of high growth and diversified economic sectors:

Technology

- Fortune Magazine named Augusta one of 7 global cities destined to be the next cyber capital of the world in April 2017.
- Augusta Cyber Works invests in a 10 megawatt Data Center & Technology Park in Sibley Mill.
- EDTS forms new company, EDTS Cyber, to employ up to 100 people and is co-located in the new EDTS corporate office at Sibley Mill's Augusta Cyber Works campus.
- TaxSlayer invests in a new location in downtown Augusta to employ 100 people.
- Hull McKnight Georgia Cyber Center for Innovation and Training, comprised of two buildings with a total of 332,000 SF and budgeted at more than \$100M, is the single largest investment in a cybersecurity facility by a state government to date. The center is projected to open in 2018.
- Raytheon expands current facility to 5,000 SF (SCIF) at Augusta Corporate Center.
- TowerCloud provides network expansion of 25,000 fiber miles in the Augusta Region.
- Unisys renovates Port Royal building, bringing 700 IT jobs to Augusta's riverfront downtown.
- ADP expands current facility by \$20M, 60,000 SF to add 450 new jobs.

Manufacturing

- Graphic Packaging acquires International Paper Augusta Mill.
- Starbucks expansion of current facility with an investment of \$120M and 100 new jobs.
- Textron Specialized Vehicles (TSV) acquired the former P&G Augusta facility, an investment of \$20M, 235 acres, 600,000 SF and 400 jobs. TSV also acquired Arctic Cat for \$247 Million.
- EdenCrete announced a new \$67M manufacturing facility with 250 jobs.
- Venator, formally Huntsman, announced a new \$172M manufacturing facility and 100 jobs.
- Solvay expands current facility by \$85M and 35 jobs.
- Elanco expansion of current facility by \$100M and the addition of 100 jobs.

Fort Gordon

- Fort Gordon, the largest employer in the Greater Augusta Region with an economic impact of \$2.4B in FY17, supports a population of 108,715 (7,264 service members, 10,613 civilian employees, 22,450 family members, and 58,388 retirees).
- There are currently 41 active construction projects on Fort Gordon, worth \$206M in FY18.
- Fort Gordon is home to the Cyber Center of Excellence composed of a Signal and Cyber School, 7th Signal Command (Theater), Joint Force Headquarters-Cyber, the Cyber Protection Brigade, several Intelligence & Security Command Brigades, Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, the National Security Agency, and the US Army Garrison.
- The US Army Cyber Command Headquarters will consolidate their operations from 8 separate facilities around the National Capital Region and move them to Fort Gordon by June 2020.
- Fort Gordon continues to be one of only a few Army installations growing as indicated by a 25% increase in their employee population since 2012.

Healthcare

- Doctors Hospital \$19.7M expansion of emergency room facilities adds 27,000 SF with an increase in beds from 26 to 36 and an additional 18 employees.
- AU Health announces plans to expand into Columbia County with a 259,649 SF, 100-bed hospital in Grovetown and a 6,450 SF ambulatory care center in Martinez.
- University Health Care System acquires Trinity Hospital for \$16M.

- ▶ Nicknamed "The Garden City"
- ▶ Georgia's second largest city
- ▶ Named for Princess Augusta of Wales
- ▶ Founded in 1736 by James Oglethorpe, British Explorer
- ▶ 200,000 population in the city
- ▶ 550,000 in the region
- ▶ Median Age: 33.4
- ▶ 92% overall cost of living index
- ▶ Median Home Cost: \$91,165
- ▶ Sales Tax: 8%
- ▶ Average Commute Time: 18.3 minutes
- ▶ Airports: Augusta Regional and Daniel Field (serving private aircraft)