




# Georgia's Four Major Transportation Systems

**SS8G2 Explain how  
Georgia's 4 transportation  
systems drive Georgia's  
economy.**

# What are the key vocabulary terms for this standard?

- 1) Interstate highway: road that links cities between states
- 2) deepwater port: port with water that is at least 30 feet deep
- 3) domestic: made within our country
- 4) international: from around the world
- 5) producer: someone who makes things
- 6) service provider: someone who DOES something for the consumer



**SS8E1 Explain how the four transportation systems of Georgia contribute to the development and growth of the state's economy.**

**The interaction of Georgia's four transportation systems is crucial to its economy and makes it the "transportation hub" of the Southeast.**

# I. Georgia's Deep Water Ports Savannah and Brunswick





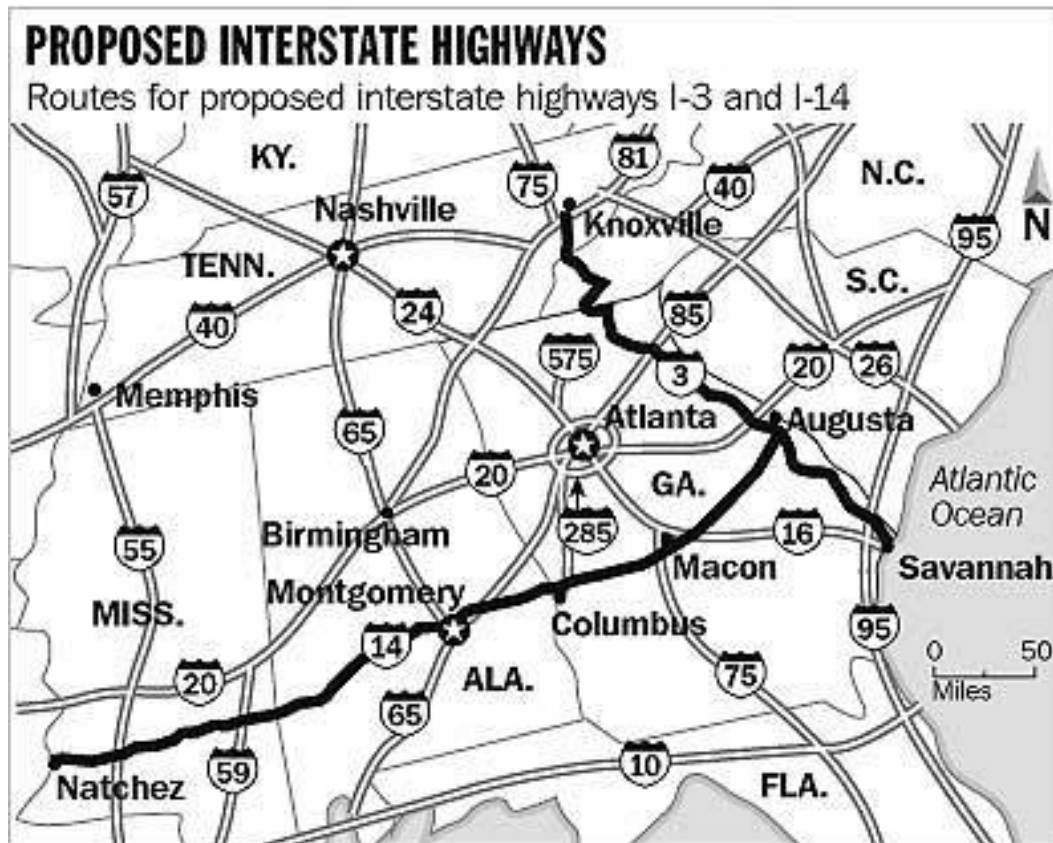
# How do Georgia's deep water ports benefit Georgia's economy?

- 1) **Georgia products** are **exported to all parts of the world** through these ports and **foreign products enter the U.S.** through these ports.
- 2) **Governed and operated by the Georgia Ports Authority**
- 3) **Savannah** handles about **80% of goods entering Georgia via ship** (bulk cargoes, wheeled vehicles)
- 4) **Brunswick (smaller)** also handles a significant amount of products.

# How do Georgia's deepwater ports benefit Georgia's economy?

- 5) Bring in close to **\$2 billion in annual income**
- 6) Provide about **80,000 jobs**
- 7) Pay close to **\$600 million in taxes**
- 8) **First state to export cotton to Great Britain** using port of Savannah

## II. Georgia's Roads and Interstate Highway System



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- 1) Interstate highways are roads that connect states.
- 2) **Over \$620 billion of cargo each year** are transported on the 20,000 miles of highways.
- 3) **I-75, I-85, and I-20 run through the Atlanta area; I-95 runs along coastal Georgia to connect the ports to Georgia's highways.**
- 4) Using the nation's interstate system, **Georgia's products can now reach approximately 80% of Americans overnight.**

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- 5) **Interstate highways** also **pass near Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport**, one of the busiest airports in the nation.
- 6) **Business travelers and tourists** arriving at the airport **use highways to reach** mountains, beaches, and business **destinations**.
- 7) **Airport cargo areas have** docks with easy **access to the highway system**.
- 8) **85%** of freight shipments reach their **destination by truck**.

# III. Georgia's Railroad System



## How does Georgia's railway system benefit Georgia's economy?

- 1) In 2015, Georgia ranked **3<sup>rd</sup> in railroad accessibility**; has **access to more rail miles than any other state in the SE.**
- 2) **Railroads are an essential component** to the success of **moving goods** from ports and airports **to destinations throughout the state and the rest of the country.**
- 3) **Jobs provided by the railway system are an important part of the state's economy.**
- 4) **The city of Atlanta literally grew around the end of a railroad line. It was called Terminus, which means "end."**

# IV. Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International Airport



Serves as a “hub” for people going to other parts of the country and the world

## How does *Atlanta's international airport* benefit *Georgia's economy*?

- 1) **One of the largest and busiest airports IN THE WORLD** (more than 100 million passengers per year and more than 625,000 tons of cargo)
- 2) **80% of the U.S. market within a two-hour flight from Georgia.**
- 3) The airport's impact on Georgia's economy **generates \$34.8 billion per year.**

## How does *Atlanta's international airport benefit Georgia's economy?*

- 4) Was used as a model to provide job opportunities for minorities.
- 5) **Serves as a “hub” for people going to other parts of the country and the world**
- 6) **Atlanta's largest employer; provides jobs for more than 63,000 employees**