

Centrally located and well-connected

Northwest Georgia comprises four counties — Chattooga, Catoosa, Dade, and Walker — the latter three within the Chattanooga MSA, making us a gateway to America's Southeast with great connections to the rest of the U.S.

- Access via Interstates 24, 59, and 75 and U.S. 27
- Rail service from both CSX and Norfolk Southern
- Quick trip to Port of Savannah (most efficient port in North America)
- Easy access to Port of Chattanooga (opening 2018)



O Focused on building tomorrow's workforce

Our K-12 and postsecondary education providers support workforce needs with specialized training and continuing education.

- Georgia Northwestern Technical College provides companies with workforce training and customized industrial and organizational development training onsite or on campus.
- Specialized programs include Mechatronics at the Catoosa County campus and Trucking at Walker County.
- Work-based K-12 learning coordinators create a steady workforce pipeline by pairing students with potential employers and providing job-specific training in schools.

State-funded customized training

Through Georgia's Quick Start program, new and expanding companies can obtain customized workforce training at no cost, along with services including:

- Pre-employment screening
- Customized training plans
- Workplace safety training
- Industrial skills training



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business at the top of Georgia



Northwest

Georgia: Rich

resources and a

solid, welcoming

business climate

Northwest Georgia has the resources growing businesses need. Site Selection has named Georgia's business climate as the best for four years running, and we've been a right-to-work state for 70+ years.

• **ROOM TO GROW.** We have five publicly owned business parks with large parcels ready for you. Two have accessible rail spurs, and one also has a rail scale.



- EXTENSIVE FIBER. Nearby Chattanooga is known as GigCity[®], the western hemisphere's first with city-wide 10-gigabit/second service. The EPB fiber trunkline that makes that possible runs through our region, giving commercial and residential users access to fiber speeds.
- FRESH WATER. We're in the Tennessee River basin. where several areas offer a nearly unlimited supply of water.
- ECONOMICAL POWER. We're served by Georgia Power, Georgia EMC, and Tennessee Valley Authority, with a Customer Choice program giving large users a choice of provider and lower rates.



Best state business climate for 4 years — Site Selection magazine



The same workforce and other factors that made us the nation's leader in flooring (85 percent of America's carpeting) also make us a great choice for other industries.

- **AUTOMOTIVE.** With assembly plants for Volkswagen in Tennessee, Kia in Georgia, and Mercedes Benz and Hyundai in Alabama, we're home to several automotive component manufacturers.
- MANUFACTURING/MECHATRONICS. Our workforce is transitioning to the skills needed for high-tech manufacturing in chemicals, plastics, and other industries.
- LOGISTICS. We're your gateway to the Southeast, with Interstate, highway, and rail access and quick travel to airports, seaports, and river ports.

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