



**Flag:**

The [Georgia flag](#) has three red and white stripes and the state coat of arms on a blue field in the upper left corner. Thirteen stars surrounding the seal denotes Georgia's position as one of the original thirteen colonies. On the seal three pillars supporting an arch

represent the three branches of government; legislative, judicial and executive. A man with sword drawn is defending the Constitution, whose principles are wisdom, justice and moderation. The date 1776 represents the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Flag adopted May 8th, 2003.



***Georgia (No Official Nickname)***

***In 1843, Georgia was listed as The Pine State***, but thirty years later some were calling it ***The Cracker State***. A "cracker" in this context was slang for a low Southern white man, coined in the mid-18th century (although other sources suggest that it may relate to the many teamsters in the state, and be an allusion to the cracking of their whips). Whatever the origin, many Georgians hated the nickname. Georgia has also been known as ***The Buzzard State*** (from laws Georgia introduced to protect buzzards), from the peanut came ***The Goober State***, and from its leadership, ***Yankee-land of the South***. The nicknames for Georgia these days are ***The Empire State of the South*** (originally used in the mid 19th century, but since then has been hotly disputed by Taxes), and the name that appears on licence plates, ***The Peach State*** (the peach being the official state fruit since 1995). However, Georgia's legislature has not designated an official nickname for the state.

**Economy:**

**Agriculture:** Poultry and eggs, peanuts, cattle, hogs, dairy products, vegetables.

**Industry:** Textiles and apparel, transportation equipment, food processing, paper products, chemical products, electric equipment, tourism.