

# INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Investing in America Agenda is Delivering in

## GEORGIA

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, Georgia has added over **498,100 new jobs** and unleashed nearly **\$41.9 billion** in private sector investment in the state. The state has seen a significant decrease in unemployment, and millions of people in Georgia stand to benefit from the President's actions to lower health care, energy, and education costs.

*As of October 2024*



**1.3 million** individuals in Georgia signed up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces during the Open Enrollment Period for 2024.



**\$6.5 billion** in student debt cancellation has been approved for **104,720** people in Georgia under the Biden-Harris Administration.



**1.9 million** seniors and other Medicare beneficiaries will save money on prescription drug costs.



**\$41.9 billion** in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments under the Biden-Harris Administration.



**3.6%** unemployment rate with **498.1 thousand** new jobs created under the Biden Administration.



**\$13.7 billion** in public investments in clean energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing under the Biden-Harris Administration.



**1.1 million** applications to start new businesses under the Biden Administration.

**SC Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy:** The SC Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy (SC Nexus), led by the South Carolina Department of Commerce, was awarded \$45 million by the Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program. This Hub, serving South Carolina and Georgia, aims to be a global leader in advanced energy, with a focus on cyber-secure grid resilience technologies (GRT) and improving the clean energy supply chain. It will also work with community colleges, state agencies, industry, and labor unions to bolster the region's number of skilled workers.

The Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America agenda has unleashed \$41.9 billion in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments, including:

- ★ Qcells is investing **\$2.5 billion** to expand its solar panel and component manufacturing capacity in Dalton and build a new facility in **Cartersville**, creating an expected **2,500 jobs**. It is the largest single solar investment in U.S. history.
- ★ Absolics has signed a non-binding preliminary memorandum of terms with the Department of Commerce for **\$75 million** in direct funding under President Biden's CHIPS and Science Act to support the construction of a 120,000 square-foot facility in **Covington, Georgia** and bolster the development of substrates technology for use in semiconductor advanced packaging.
- ★ Solarcycle is building a **\$344 million** factory in **Cedartown, Georgia**, to supply recycled glass for solar panels, as well as a **\$400 million** solar recycling plant next door. These factories will **employ a total of over 1,250 workers** once at full-capacity.
- ★ For the full list of announced private sector investments in Georgia, please visit [Invest.gov](https://www.invest.gov).

The Biden-Harris Administration has made historic investments to improve Georgia's infrastructure and build a clean energy economy, including:

- ★ **Jackson Atlanta International Airport Modernization:** Construction is underway at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport—the busiest airport in the world—to upgrade and modernize the 40-year-old Concourse D. This project received **\$44 million** in funding through the Department of

Transportation's Airport Terminal Program. These updates will increase passenger capacity, improve accessibility, and improve energy efficiency.

- ★ **Athens-Clarke County Street Improvements**: The County of Athens-Clarke was awarded **\$25 million** to make street improvements along North Avenue, which connects low-income communities to Downtown **Athens**.
- ★ **Syensqo PVDF Facility**: The Department of Energy awarded Syensqo **\$178 million** to build a new battery-grade polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) facility in **Augusta** to supply the needs of the North American electric vehicle (EV) and energy storage markets.
- ★ **Power Grid Resiliency Enhancements**: The Department of Energy awarded **\$249 million** to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to strengthen the resilience of Georgia's power grid. The project aims to improve resilience and clean energy development through a comprehensive smart grid infrastructure upgrade program.
- ★ **Trails to Transit: Reconnecting Atlanta Communities**: The Department of Transportation awarded **\$25 million** to the **City of Atlanta** to construct Segment 3 and Connector Trails 1-3 of the Atlanta BeltLine Northeast Trail, totaling approximately 2.7 miles of 14-foot-wide mainline trail and approximately 2.1 miles of 12-foot-wide spur trails. The project provides new connection to MARTA transit service and improves bicycle and pedestrian access to daily destinations. A key objective of the project is to address housing cost burdens, with approximately 5,000 affordable housing units within walking distance of the project area.
- ★ **Public Service Telephone**: Public Service Telephone received a **\$36 million** low-interest loan from USDA to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 21,289 people, 569 businesses, 323 farms and 29 educational facilities to high-speed internet in **Bibb, Crawford, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Talbot and Taylor counties** in Georgia. This project, which is now under construction, will ensure that rural communities in Georgia have access to the high-speed internet necessary the modern economy.
- ★ **City of Atlanta Brownfields Cleanup**: Environmental Protection Agency awarded **\$2 million** to the **City of Atlanta** for a Brownfields Cleanup Grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the Chattahoochee Brick Company site. The cleanup site operated a brick-making factory from 1878 to 2010 when site operations were decommissioned, and site buildings were demolished. The site is littered with demolition debris, waste, and battery carcass fragments. Contaminated fill was also placed in the Proctor Creek floodplain near the back

of the site. This funding will help remediate contamination in the area and allow the site to be redeveloped.

- ★ **“The Stitch” in Atlanta**: The Department of Transportation awarded **\$158 million** to reconnect midtown to downtown **Atlanta**. When constructed, I-75 and I-85—now called the Downtown Connector—sliced through Sweet Auburn, cutting it off from Downtown and displacing hundreds of homes and businesses in the working-class neighborhoods. The project will create a 14-acre mixed-use development cap on three-quarters of the Downtown Connector—increasing access to jobs, housing, education, and healthcare and creating public parks, plazas, and surface streets for walking and biking.
- ★ **Zero-Emission School Buses**: The Blue Bird Body Company will receive **\$79 million** in funding to convert a prior Internal Combustion Engine (“ICE”) vehicle manufacturing location to a new 600,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility for the production of zero-emission electric school buses while focusing on the education and training of its current and future workforce.
- ★ **Solar Energy**: The Georgia BRIGHT Communities Coalition will receive **\$156 million** in funding to accelerate clean energy adoption, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create good jobs, and alleviate energy burdens by expanding or establishing multiple types of solar programs—a single-family lease program, a free direct install program, and a novel “Community Benefit” solar program.