LEADING INFRASTRUCTURE

The HIT sector in Georgia is one of the strongest in the U.S. because of the state's robust telecommunications infrastructure, healthcare system, skilled workforce and pro-business environment.

- Georgia’s HIT sector is the largest in the nation, with more than 200 companies employing approximately 30,000 people.
- Metro Atlanta ranks in the top five U.S. markets for total bandwidth and fiber access with two of the country’s largest fiber routes – North/South and East/West – crossing in the region.
- One of the fastest-growing metros for technology in the nation, Atlanta has close to 15,000 technology companies employing 166,500 high-tech professionals.
- The region's bioscience community, which has grown substantially, is equally active and is recognized as the center for global health.
- The headquarters of leading national and global health organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Cancer Society, Arthritis Foundation, CARE (Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere), The Carter Center and the Task Force for Global Health, are located in metro Atlanta.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Georgia is committed to the HIT industry and continually invests in its people, resources and solutions to meet companies' unique business needs. HIT academic programs are offered at more than 40 higher education institutions across the state.

- In 1961, a group of HIT pioneers at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) formed the organization that later became the Healthcare Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS). The mission of the group, “improving patient services and reducing healthcare costs.”
- Georgia’s leading academic and research universities include Emory University, Georgia Tech, Georgia Regents University, Georgia State University, Mercer University, Morehouse School of Medicine and the University of Georgia.
- Georgia’s colleges and universities offer a wide range of HIT courses, certificates, degrees and training programs, including cancer registry management courses, doctoral degrees in health informatics and post-baccalaureate certificates.

HEALTH IT ECOSYSTEM RESOURCES

COMMUNITY

- Alliant Georgia Medical Care Foundation (GMCF)
- American Cancer Society
- Atlanta Tech Village
- eHealth Services Group
- Forge
- Georgia Chapter of HIMMS (GAHIMSS)
- GA-HITREC - Georgia Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center
- Georgia Health Information Network
- Georgia Hospital Association
- Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth
- Healthtec
- Innovation Crescent Regional Partnership
- Institute for Healthcare Information Technology (IHIT)
- Interoperability & Integration Innovation Lab (I3L)
- Public Health Informatics Institute
- TAG Health

ACADEMIC

- Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC)
- Clayton State University
- Emory University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Georgia Regents University
- Georgia Southern University
- Georgia State University
- Kennesaw State University
- Mercer University
- Morehouse School of Medicine
- Southern Polytechnic State University
- Technical College System of Georgia
- The University of Georgia
- University System of Georgia

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

As attention to HIT escalates, Georgia has unmatched talent, corporate strength, university expertise and a rich history. Facilitating the growth of existing and relocating companies is strengthened by collaboration between entities such as the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD), the Metro Atlanta Chamber (MAC) and the Technology Association of Georgia (TAG). These organizations, along with many other partners, are working together to ensure the economic vitality of the HIT industry.
Georgia is often referred to as the health information technology (HIT) capital of the U.S. and is at the forefront of consumer digital health. There are more than 200 HIT companies in the state and that number is increasing rapidly.

The eight metro Atlanta companies ranked among the top 100 in the nation by Healthcare Informatics Magazine have cumulative revenues totaling close to $5 billion.

Growth in this sector is being driven by the vast assets of the region’s numerous HIT corporations, served and supported by the diverse resources of Georgia’s academic institutions and healthcare providers. Another vital component of the region’s strength is the highly trained HIT workforce provided by internationally prominent universities, medical schools, technical colleges and other training programs.

The HCI 100 List
(Atlanta-based companies)

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