



REPI

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM

STATE FACT SHEETS | GEORGIA



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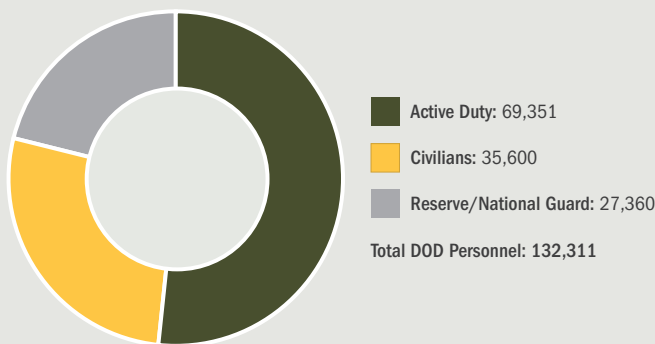
OVERVIEW

Georgia received \$14.9 billion in Defense spending in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, which provides direct funding for DOD personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DOD personnel, contractors, and their families creates significant economic activity, attracts related industries and investment, and generates important state and local government tax revenues.

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool used by DOD and its partners to protect the military's ability to train, test, and operate in the state. DOD created the REPI Program in response to the development of lands and loss of habitat in the vicinity of or affecting its installations, ranges, and airspace that can lead to restrictions or costly and inadequate training and testing alternatives. Through REPI, DOD works with state and local governments, conservation organizations, and willing private landowners to address these challenges to the military mission and the viability of DOD installations and ranges. The REPI Program has enjoyed broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. Through FY 2022, DOD and its partners have spent over \$403 million on seven REPI projects in Georgia.

DOD IN GEORGIA

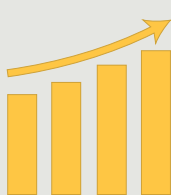
DOD Personnel (as of 30 Sep 2021)



Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact (in FY 2021)



\$14.9 billion in Federal Defense spending

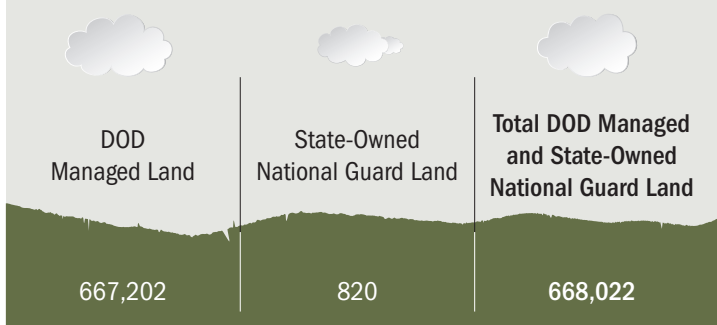


2.1% of state GDP



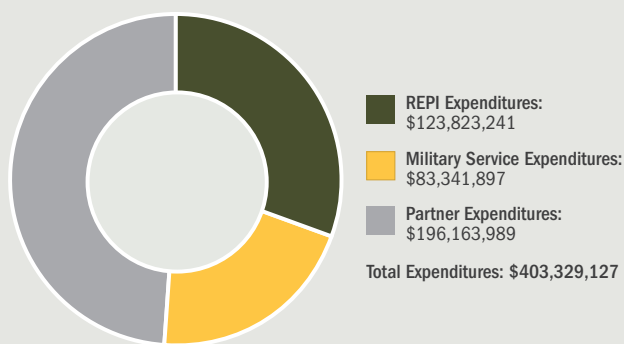
\$7.3 billion in payroll contributed
\$7.6 billion in contracts awarded

Acres of DOD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land (as of 30 Sep 2021)



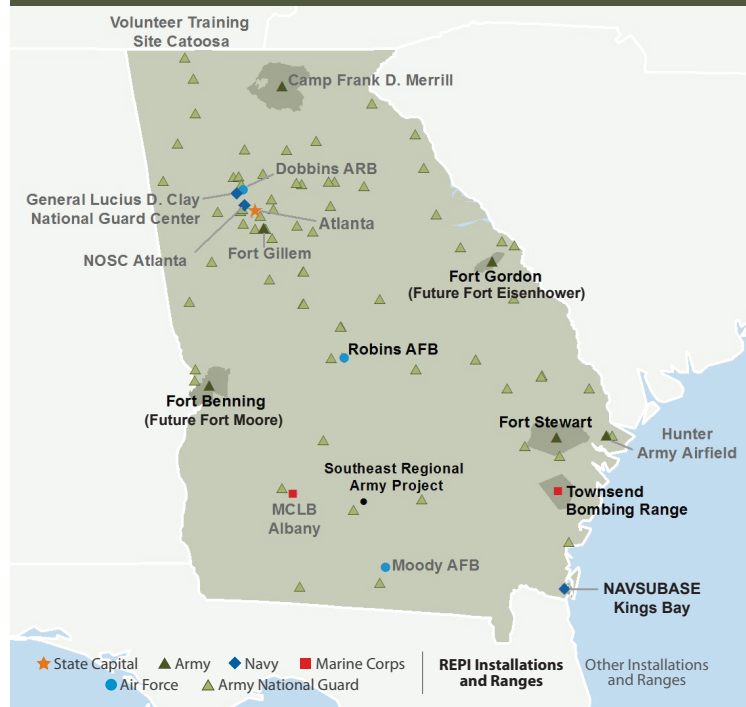
REPI PROJECTS* IN GEORGIA

Funding Summary (through FY 2022)



* REPI projects refer to any action authorized by 10 USC §2684(a) to include the acquisition of interests in land from willing landowners to prevent incompatible development and protect habitat or any other natural resources management. REPI projects involving the Army or Army National Guard are also termed Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) partnerships. Those involving the Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force, are also termed encroachment partnering agreements. Eligible partners include conservation organizations and state and local governments.

Total Acres Protected (through FY 2022): 168,418



MILITARY PRESENCE

- Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay encompasses approximately **16,000 acres, and supports more than 9,000 military, civilian, and contract personnel**, as well as a variety of threatened and endangered species.
- Fort Stewart encompasses 285,000 acres, including the **Army's longest East Coast runway** at Hunter Army Airfield. Tank, field artillery, helicopter gunnery, and small arms ranges operate simultaneously year round at this Army installation. Fort Stewart's annual economic impact is between \$4-5 billion for the State of Georgia.
- Fort Benning (future Fort Moore) is a self-sustaining military community that encompasses **182,000 acres and supports over 120,000 military, civilian, and retired military citizens**.
- Robins Air Force Base is home to Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, the 78th Air Base Wing, and over 60 other units that contribute to the Air Force war fighting team. It is the **largest industrial complex in Georgia**, employing a work force of almost 24,000 civilian, contractor, and military personnel and with an economic impact of nearly \$3.4 billion in FY 2019.

REPI PROJECTS

Project Installation	County	Congressional District
Fort Benning (future Fort Moore)	Chattahoochee, Muscogee	2nd
Fort Gordon (future Fort Eisenhower)	Richmond	12th
Fort Stewart	Chatham	1st
Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay	Camden	1st
Robins AFB	Bibb, Houston, Peach	2nd
Southeast Regional Army Project	Irwin	2nd, 12th, 1st
Townsend Bombing Range	McIntosh	1st

For all REPI Project Profiles visit: <http://www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx>



Habitat in and around Townsend Bombing Range (top and left) helps preserve the range's training capability.

Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS)

- The REPI Program supports regional partnerships such as SERPPAS to identify common issues and solutions for mutual benefit.
- SERPPAS partners work to prevent encroachment around military lands, encourage compatible resource-use decisions, and improve coordination among regions, states, communities, and military services. For more information, visit www.serppas.org.
- Georgia is a member of SERPPAS, along with the states of Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Key REPI Partners

- Alabama Forest Resource Center
- Alabama Land Trust
- Altamaha Riverkeeper
- Bibb County
- Central Georgia Joint Development Authority
- Central Savannah River Land Trust
- Chatham County
- Chattahoochee Fall Line Conservation Partnership
- Chattahoochee Valley Land Trust
- City of Savannah
- Columbus Consolidated Government
- Compatible Lands Foundation
- Ducks Unlimited
- Environmental Resources Network
- Georgia Conservancy
- Georgia Department of Natural Resources
- Georgia Department of Transportation
- Georgia Forestry Commission
- Georgia Land Trust
- Georgia Ornithological Society
- Georgia Wetlands Trust Fund
- Houston County
- Knobloch Foundation
- Middle Georgia Regional Commission
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- National Wild Turkey Foundation
- Open Space Institute
- Peach County
- St. Simons Land Trust
- State of Alabama
- State of Georgia
- The Conservation Fund
- The Longleaf Alliance
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Trust for Public Land
- USFWS Coastal Wetlands Grant
- USDA-NRCS
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service

Data Sources

- **For Fort Benning Information:** <https://www.benning.army.mil/common/Content/PDF/MCoE%20Overview%20Brief.pdf>
- **For Kings Bay Information:** https://www.cnrc.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/navsubbase_kings_bay/about/interesting_facts_about_kings_bay.html
- **For Economic Impact Information:**
 - Robins AFB 2019 Economic Impact Statement: <https://www.robins.af.mil/Portals/59/documents/2019EconomicImpactStatement.pdf>
 - For Fort Stewart Impact Information: <http://www.savannahchamber.com/economic-development/military>
- **For Land Information:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: "Base Structure Report – FY22 Baseline" (as of 30 Sept 2021)
- **For Federal Spending and Personnel Information:** Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation: "Defense Spending by State – Fiscal Year 2021": <https://oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2021>
- **For REPI Projects Information:** "2023 REPI Report to Congress": https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/Reports_to_Congress/REPI2023RTC.pdf