State of Georgia
ENERGY SECTOR RISK PROFILE

This State Energy Risk Profile examines the relative magnitude of the risks that the State of Georgia’s energy infrastructure routinely encounters in comparison with the probable impacts. Natural and man-made hazards with the potential to cause disruption of the energy infrastructure are identified.

The Risk Profile highlights risk considerations relating to the electric, petroleum and natural gas infrastructures to become more aware of risks to these energy systems and assets.

GEORGIA STATE FACTS

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<td>Population: 9.99 million (3% total U.S.)</td>
<td>Electric Power Generation: 122.3 TWh (3% total U.S.)</td>
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<td>Housing Units: 4.11 million (3% total U.S.)</td>
<td>Coal: 40.7 TWh, 33% [13.8 GW total capacity]</td>
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<td>Business Establishments: 0.22 million (3% total U.S.)</td>
<td>Petroleum: 0.4 TWh, &lt;1% [1.4 GW total capacity]</td>
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<td>Annual Energy Consumption</td>
<td>Natural Gas: 42.5 TWh, 35% [18 GW total capacity]</td>
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<td>Electric Power: 131 TWh (4% total U.S.)</td>
<td>Nuclear: 33.9 TWh, 28% [4 GW total capacity]</td>
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<td>Coal: 21,700 MSTN (2% total U.S.)</td>
<td>Hydro: 1.4 TWh, 1% [3.6 GW total capacity]</td>
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<td>Natural Gas: 605 Bcf (3% total U.S.)</td>
<td>Other Renewable: 0 TWh, 0% [0.7 GW total capacity]</td>
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<td>Motor Gasoline: 101,000 Mbarrels (3% total U.S.)</td>
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<td>Distillate Fuel: 34,900 Mbarrels (3% total U.S.)</td>
<td>Natural Gas: 0 Bcf (0% total U.S.)</td>
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NATURAL HAZARDS OVERVIEW

Annual Frequency of Occurrence of Natural Hazards in Georgia (1996–2014)

- According to NOAA, the most common natural hazard in Georgia is Thunderstorm & Lightning, which occurs once every 2.2 days on the average during the months of March to October.
- The second-most common natural hazard in Georgia is Flood, which occurs once every 12.6 days on the average.

Annualized Property Loss due to Natural Hazards in Georgia (1996–2014)

- As reported by NOAA, the natural hazard in Georgia that caused the greatest overall property loss during 1996 to 2014 is Tornado at $44.2 million per year.
- The natural hazard with the second-highest property loss in Georgia is Drought at $30.2 million per year.
Electric Power Plants: 126 (1% total U.S.)
- Coal-fired: 14 (1% total U.S.)
- Petroleum-fired: 29 (1% total U.S.)
- Natural Gas-fired: 32 (1% total U.S.)
- Nuclear: 2 (2% total U.S.)
- Hydro-electric: 34 (1% total U.S.)
- Other Renewable: 15 (1% total U.S.)

Transmission Lines:
- High-Voltage (>230 kV): 4,694 Miles
- Low-Voltage (<230 kV): 9,202 Miles
**Electric Transmission**

- According to NERC, the leading cause of electric transmission outages in Georgia is **Severe Weather - Thunderstorm**.
- Georgia experienced **27 electric transmission outages** from 1992 to 2009, affecting a total of 1,831,481 electric customers.
- **Natural Disaster - Hurricane/Tropical Storm** affected the largest number of electric customers as a result of electric transmission outages.

![Electric Customers Disrupted by NERC-Reported Electric Transmission Outages by Cause (1992–2009)](image)

**Number of NERC-Reported Electric Transmission Outages by Cause (1992–2009)**

![Electric Distribution](image)

**Electric Distribution**

- Between 2008 and 2013, the greatest number of electric outages in Georgia has occurred during the month of **August**.
- The leading cause of electric outages in Georgia during 2008 to 2013 was **Weather/Falling Trees**.
- On average, the number of people affected annually by electric outages during 2008 to 2013 in Georgia was **262,450**.
- The average duration of electric outages in Georgia during 2008 to 2013 was **2,687 minutes or 44.8 hours a year**.

![Causes of Electric-Utility Reported Outages (2008–2013)](image)


NOTE: # of Incidents – The number within each pie slice is the number of event incidents attributable to each cause.
PETROLEUM

Petroleum Infrastructure Overview
- Refineries: 1 (1% total U.S.)
- Terminals: 55 (3% total U.S.)
- Crude Pipelines: 0 Miles (0% total U.S.)
- Product Pipelines: 1,920 Miles (<1% total U.S.)
- Bio-Refineries (Ethanol): 2 (1% total U.S.)
Petroleum Transport

The leading event type affecting the transportation of petroleum product by rail and truck in Georgia during 1986 to 2014 was Incorrect Operation for rail transport and Incorrect Operation for truck transport, with an average 0.9 (or one incident every 1.1 years) and 9.3 incidents per year, respectively.

Top Events Affecting Petroleum Transport by Truck and Rail (1986–2014)

The leading event type affecting crude oil pipeline and petroleum product pipelines in Georgia during 1986 to 2014 was Miscellaneous/Unknown for crude oil pipelines and Equipment Failure for product pipelines, with an average 0.03 and 0.76 incidents per year (or one incident every 29 and 1.3 years), respectively.

Top Events Affecting Crude Oil and Refined Product Pipelines in Georgia (1986–2014)

Petroleum Refinery

Public data available on major incidents affecting petroleum refineries shows Georgia’s petroleum refinery experienced 0 major incidents from 2003 to 2014.
NATURAL GAS

Natural Gas Infrastructure Overview
Gas Wells: 0 (0% total U.S.)
Processing Plants: 0 (0% total U.S.)
Storage Fields: 0 (0% total U.S.)
Interstate Pipelines: 5,280 Miles (1% total U.S.)
Local Distribution Companies: 97 (6% total U.S.)
Natural Gas Transport

The leading event type affecting natural gas transmission and distribution pipelines in Georgia during 1986 to 2014 was Excavation Damage for Transmission Pipelines and Outside Force for Distribution Pipelines, with an average 0.19 (or one incident every 5.2) and 1.06 incidents per year respectively.

Top Events Affecting Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution in Georgia (1986–2014)

![Graph showing economic loss and frequency for different event types.]

Data Source: DOT PHMSA
Overview Information

- Census Bureau (2012) State and County QuickFacts [http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/download_data.html]

Production Numbers


Consumption Numbers


Electricity

- Platts (2014 Q2) Transmission Lines (Miles by Voltage Level)
- Platts (2014 Q2) Power Plants (Production and Capacity by Type)

Petroleum

- Argonne National Laboratory (2012) Petroleum Terminal Database
- Argonne National Laboratory (2014) Ethanol Plants
- NPMS (2011) Petroleum Product Pipeline (Miles of Interstate Pipeline)
- NPMS (2011) Crude Pipeline (Miles of Interstate Pipeline)

Natural Gas

- EIA (2013) Number of Producing Gas Wells [http://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/ng_prod_wells_s1_a.htm]
- NPMS (2011) Natural Gas Pipeline (Miles of Interstate Pipeline)
- Platts (2014 Q2) Local Distribution Companies (LDCs)

Event Related


*The NERC disturbance reports are not published after 2009.

Notes

- Natural Hazard, Other, includes extreme weather events such as astronomical low tide, dense smoke, frost/freeze, and rip currents.
- Each incident type is an assembly of similar causes reported in the data source. Explanations for the indescribable incident types are below.
  - Outside Force refers to pipeline failures due to vehicular accident, sabotage, or vandalism.
  - Natural Forces refers to damage that occurs as a result of naturally occurring events (e.g., earth movements, flooding, high winds, etc.)
  - Miscellaneous/Unknown includes releases or failures resulting from any other cause not listed or of an unknowable nature.
  - Overdemand refers to outages that occur when the demand for electricity is greater than the supply, causing forced curtailment.
  - Number (#) of Incidents – The number within each pie chart piece is the number of outages attributable to each cause.

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