## What Part Of Georgia Is Right For Me?

When relocating to GA for your aviation job oftentimes the first question most people ask is should I live north or south of the airport? Why is this the first question asked? Well for one it does help narrow down locations by about half but the two areas are pretty different in what they offer so most people will pretty quickly figure out one or the other is for them.

Start off by deciding what the furthest distance and longest time you would want to travel to get to work. Keep in mind that ATL traffic is bad and it typically is worse on the northside of town going south to the airport. People that live south will tell you that they barely ever run into traffic going into work. Depending on your job you may not have to go into work every day so traffic may not bother you as much but I like to point out that there may be a time where you take another position that you do have to go in every day or more frequently so the traffic might make a difference to you. I'd suggest looking at Atlanta's traffic patterns at different times of the day. Normally the worst times to travel between are 6-10 am and then from 3-7 pm. You can check out the traffic here: https://www.tomtom.com/traffic-index/atlanta-traffic/

Moving on from what direction from the airport you want to live, the next question I'd answer is What am I looking for in an area? Do I want to be in the middle of everything and more in the city or do I want to be in a more rural area and further away from the hustle and bustle? Luckily GA has it all!

Also ask yourself if you want to be in a neighborhood or not? If you prefer a neighborhood, what are you looking for in a neighborhood? Do you want to live near a lake or closer to the mountains? Do you need space or is city living ok for you?

Let's go over some of the most popular areas for aviation employees and their families...

Canton: Canton is a city, located within Cherokee County, it is a bit of a drive to the Atlanta airport, 50 miles, but the drive is easy with Interstate 575 and Interstate 75. Canton is a very charming city, with rich history and a small town feel. The city is continually growing, with a growth rate of 20.8% within the past 5 years but the city is still considered a very small city. With that being said, the city still has a wide variety of things to do for all ages. This can be nice if you enjoy a more tight-knit community. The cost of living is lower than the national average and the most cities within Georgia, the crime rate is significantly low, the education system is highly rated, which are all very important pros while deciding on where you want to live.

Fayetteville: Fayetteville is a city located within Fayette County, only 13 miles from the Atlanta airport and 30 miles from Downtown Atlanta. Fayetteville offers rural beauty yet a suburban feel. The city has a very highly rated school system, family friendly activities, and a low crime rate. Fayetteville is relatively affordable with it only being 2% higher than the national average. The city is also very walkable, there are lots of stores, restaurants, coffee shops, schools, and more that are nearby. The unemployment rate is 3%, so there are a handful of jobs within the city and if you are working outside the city, Fayetteville is close to the main highways, so travel is simple. Fayetteville is growing every year and is a great community for families, retirees, and every age in between.

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Peachtree City: Peachtree City is the biggest city in Fayette County, located 21 miles from the Atlanta Airport and 31 miles from Atlanta. This city offers a different lifestyle than a lot of places. It was built to provide the same positive aspects of living in a big city, without the negatives of living in a big city. It provides the beauty of a small town, but has anything you would want. Crime is low in Peachtree City. A growing number of people are choosing to live in Peachtree City, which is making the city more dense and growing every year. Every year more big companies are moving to Peachtree city, which is providing residents with local well paying jobs making computers easy. If you do find yourself having to travel for work, Peachtree city is located close to highways allowing easy transportation to any big cities. There are lots of activities for both adults and kids. This well knit community is perfect for all ages and stages of life.

Sharpsburg: Sharpsburg is a small rural city located within Coweta County, it is only 24 miles from the Atlanta airport and 38 miles from Atlanta. Sharpsburg is considered one of the best places to live in the Atlanta metropolitan area, with a rural small town feeling but close to bigger cities so you don't have to travel far. There are lots of opportunities to work close to home, and housing costs are lower than other cities nearby. Public schools are ranked above average and there are private schools located within Sharpsburg as well. People feel safe walking around and there are parks to go to for nature loving families. As well as parks there are many hospitals and health care centers closeby.

Marietta: Marietta Georgia is located within Cobb County, 31 miles from the Atlanta airport and 20 miles from downtown Atlanta. Marietta is one of Georgia's largest suburbs. Overall Marietta is a great place to live. When it comes to families, education is an important factor to think about and luckily Marietta has a great education system. The job market is growing, but if you need to travel for work it can be done easily since Marietta is located close to Interstate 75. The cost of living is high, but still lower than the bigger cities surrounding it. There are plenty of activities for all ages, and no shortage of dining and shopping experiences.

Cumming: Cumming Georgia is in Forsyth County, 47 miles to the Atlanta airport, and 39 miles to Atlanta. Cumming, Georgia is a great place to live if you want to have access to recreational activities close to Atlanta, but not directly in the big city. GA Highway 400 is located within Cumming, making it easy to travel. One reason Cumming is one of the most popular cities to look at for new movers is the education. Forsyth County is an award-winning school system. There is not a shortage of great restaurants, shopping, and family-friendly activities within Cumming.

Alpharetta: Alpharetta is located in Fulton County, 35 miles to the Atlanta airport and 26 miles to downtown Atlanta. The city is perfectly located in between the North Georgia Mountains and the vibrant city of Atlanta. Alpharetta is a great place to live for any age group. The job market is thriving and growing every year, the unemployment rate is only 2.4%. Families will be pleased to know the education system in Fulton county is highly rated. Alpharetta High School is in the top 2% of public schools in the US. There is no shortage of shopping, dining, parks, and events in the city.

Newnan: Newnan is in Coweta County, 29 miles to the Atlanta Airport and close to 2 other airports and is one of the best places to live in Georgia. Newnan is up and coming, new businesses and

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developments are popping up every week. Living in Newnan offers residents a dense suburban feel. There are 3 colleges located in and around Newnan. Many families and young professionals live in Newnan. The public schools in Newnan are highly rated. The cost of living is lower than the national average and most cities in the state of Georgia. The job market is growing daily and is close to the big areas if your job is elsewhere.

East Cobb: East Cobb is a large community located within Cobb County, 29 miles to the Atlanta airport, 22 miles to Atlanta. East Cobb is a community not a city, but has more residents than most cities in the area. East Cobb is very easy to get around, Interstate 75 and U.S. 41 goes through the area making easy transportation. There is also public transportation easily available. The school district is highly rated, 43% of schools are rated above average and many schools have won awards. With the community being surrounded by so many large cities, there are tons of job opportunities. Shopping and dining is definitely not a concern, with many options within and around East Cobb.

Kennesaw: Kennesaw Georgia is located within Cobb County, 35 miles to the Atlanta airport, and 27 miles to Atlanta. It is a very welcoming place. The city has beautiful nature facilities, sport opportunities, thriving job market, and great real estate options for a family big or small! The city has a terrific school district for those with kids. The cost of living is on the higher side but still lower than the national average. There is lots to do in Kennesaw, including nature parks, lakes, museums, historical parks, and so much shopping and restaurant experiences.

Woodstock: Woodstock is in Cherokee County, 40 miles from the Atlanta airport and 30 miles north of Atlanta. The city is known for its downtown, parks, trails, and shopping. The city provides a dense suburban feel and residents tend to lean more conversative. Woodstock is one of the fastest growing cities within Cherokee County, with highly rated schools, parks, bars, restaurants, trails, and so

much more. Public transportation is available in Woodstock as well as it being close to I-575: GA-5. There are lots of job opportunities within and around the city, with an unemployment rate of 2.8%. There are parks and playgrounds for kids as well as activities for children. Woodstock also has a high walk score meaning residents feel safe and there is lots to do within walking distance. For more information on these areas please contact us, we would be happy to send you our guide on the specific area. Of course there are other areas as well that may interest you and we'd be happy to give you more information, just let us know!

GA has something for everyone; it's just a matter of deciding what is right for you! I am here to guide you along the way! Message me and let's get started

