# **ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT**

of Franchised New Car Dealerships on the Georgia Economy



Confidential 2021 report compiled from 2020 data

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### INTRODUCTION

This report provides an in-depth analysis of the economic impact of Georgia new car and truck dealers on the state's economy. It includes estimates of direct and indirect employment, personal income, and tax collections generated by Georgia automotive dealers. Also included is a review of dealership financial statistics and operations. This report was prepared by Auto Outlook, Inc., an independent automotive market analysis firm, and was sponsored by the Georgia Automobile Dealers Association.

# At a Glance: Georgia New-Vehicle Dealers Contributions to the State's Economy in 2020

Total jobs in Georgia attributable to franchised new vehicle dealerships74,550
Number of jobs per new vehicle dealership71
Total earnings for Georgia residents attributable to dealership operations\$4.16 billion
Average dealership payroll expenses (including fringe benefits)\$5.11 million
Average employee salary (including fringe benefit expense)\$71,970
Total state and local taxes collected or paid\$1.66 billion
Total federal payroll taxes collected or paid\$642.5 million
Total dealership sales, dollars\$31.9 billion
Total dealership expenses, excludes cost of goods sold\$3.7 billion

## Impacts Due to COVID-19

Total expenses to comply with COVID-19 regulations	\$70.5 million
Employee workdays lost due to pandemic-related health issues	62,500

# Message from the President

This Automotive Industry Economic Impact Study was conducted to show the significant contribution Georgia franchised automobile dealers makes to the Georgia economy. Dealers provide tens of thousands of jobs to Georgia residents, and are an important component of the state's economy. Dealers are and should be very proud of their contributions to statewide economic growth and development. This Study illustrates how deeply entrenched automobile dealers are and have been in every aspect of Georgia's economy, including employment, payroll and taxes, sales, advertising, charitable contributions and more.

In this post-pandemic world, it is more clear than ever before that personal vehicles and personal transportation are vital to our everyday lives. The roles automobile dealers and dealership employees play in providing and maintaining reliable personal transportation to us all is crucial. And now, as we enter into the newest advancements in personal transporation- electric vehicles- dealers remain committed to selling and servicing these vehicles and providing a robust and competitive market for consumers.



Lea B. Kirschner President & CEO

Georgia Automobile Dealers Association

#### **About GADA**

The Georgia Automobile Dealers Association was formed in 1937 to represent the interests of new car and truck dealers in the state of Georgia. The primary purpose of the Association is and always has been to make it as easy as possible for dealers and their customers to buy, sell, and maintain automotive vehicles.

## Projected Key Economic Impacts for 2021

Total employees at dealerships	35,900, up 1% vs. 2020
Total payroll expense for new-car dealerships(Including fringe benefits)	\$5.55 million, up 8% vs. 2020
Total dealership sales	\$35.7 billion, up 12% vs. 2020
New vehicle registrations	361 280 un 9% vs. 2020

### **EMPLOYMENT**

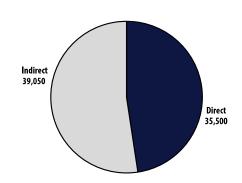
Employment Totals for New Vehicle Retailing Industry in 2020

Direct: At dealerships | Indirect: Elsewhere in the Economy

In 2020, Georgia new-vehicle dealerships directly employed a total of **35,500** individuals.

An additional **39,050** individuals were employed due to the indirect impact of dealership operations.

Automobile dealership operations accounted for **15.6%** of total retail employment in the state. (Both direct and indirect employment included.)



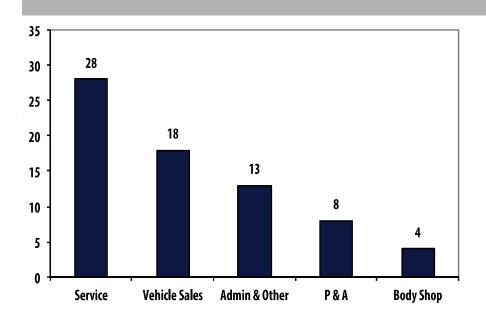
### Dealership Contribution to Retail Employment in Georgia - 2020

Total employment resulting from automobile dealerships 74,550

Total retail employment in Georgia 478,300

Dealership percentage of state retail employment 15.6%

### Dealership Employment by Department



Percentage of Dealership Employment by Department		
Service	39.4%	
Vehicle Sales	25.4%	
Admin & Other	18.3%	
P & A	11.3%	
Body Shop	5.6%	

### PAYROLL AND TAXES

### Employee Compensation Due to New Vehide Retailing Industry - 2020

In 2020, the average Georgia dealership paid **\$5.11 million** to its employees (including fringe benefits). Including both direct and indirect sources, the new vehicle retailing industry resulted in more than **\$4.1 billion** of total compensation to Georgia residents.

INDUSTRY TOTAL	DIRECT	INDIRECT	TOTAL
Payroll	\$2,295,000,000	\$1,445,850,000	\$3,740,850,000
Fringe Benefits	\$260,000,000	\$158,600,000	\$418,600,000
TOTAL	\$2,555,000,000	\$,1,604,450,000	\$4,159,450,000

AVERAGE DEALERSHIP PAYROLL	DIRECT
Payroll	\$4,590,000
Fringe Benefits	\$520,000
TOTAL	\$5,110,000

Total compensation at new car dealerships:

**\$2.555** billion

### Tax Revenue Generation - 2020

In 2020, new franchised automobile dealerships in Georgia collected or paid more than **\$1.66 billion** in state and local taxes, an average of more than **\$3.3 million** per dealership.

The average dealership collected **\$2.57 million** in TAVT taxes.

The industry was responsible for over **\$642 million** in federal income and payroll taxes.

Total state and local taxes collected or paid by new car dealerships:

**\$1.661** billion

TAX CATEGORY	Average Per Dealer	Industry Total
TAVT collected	\$2,570,000	\$1,285,000,000
State Sales Tax collected	\$185,000	\$92,500,000
State/Local Payroll Taxes	\$269,000	\$135,500,000
Tag & Title Fees collected	\$139,000	\$69,500,000
Real Estate Taxes	\$118,000	\$59,000,000
Other Local Taxes/Fees	\$26,000	\$13,000,000
Other State Taxes	\$13,000	\$6,500,00
Lemon Law Fees collected	\$2,400	\$1,200,000
GEORGIA TOTAL	\$3,322,400	\$1,661,200,000
Federal Payroll Taxes	\$1,285,000	\$642,500,000

### DEALERSHIP SALES AND MARKET SUMMARY

### Department Sales (dollars) in 2020

Total sales for farnchised new vehicle dealerships in Georgia during 2020 approached **\$32 billion**. Average dealership sales were **\$63.8 million**, with **\$36.2 million** resulting from new vehicle sales.

Department	Average Per Dealer	Auto Retail Industy Total
New Vehicle	\$36,200,000	\$18,100,000,000
Used Vehicle	\$19,600,00	\$9,800,000,000
Service and Parts	\$7,100,000	\$3,550,000,000
Other	\$900,000	\$450,000,000
Total	\$63,800,00	\$31,900,000,000

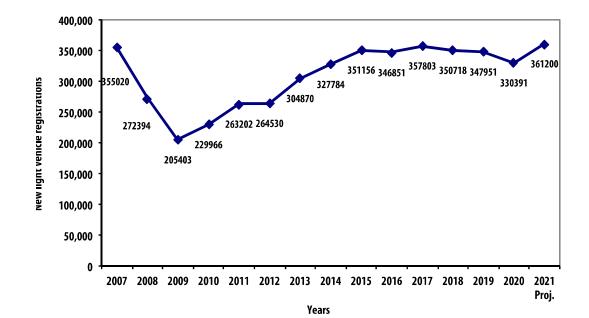
# New Retail Car & Light Truck Registrations in Georgia - 2007 through 2021

As shown on the graph, combined new car and light trucks retail registrations in Georgia improved from 2009 through 2016. In 2020, registrations declined by 5% due to impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, but will increase in 2021, despite inventory shortages.

Source: AutoCount data from Experian Automotive.

New retail registrations in Georgia during 2020:

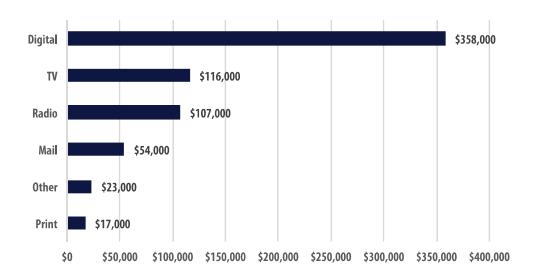
330,391



### ADVERTISING & AVERAGE DEALERSHIP PROFILE

### Dealership Advertising (dollars) in 2020

Average dealership advertising expenses in 2020 were \$675,000. Total for the industry exceeded \$338 million. The majority of expenditures were devoted towards digital media.



### Dealership Profile

#### DEALERSHIP FINANCIAL SUMMARY

- ► Average dealership total sales during 2020: **\$63.8 million**.
- Average dealership expenditures in capital movements during 2019 and 2020: \$505,000.
- ▶ Average dealership total expenses during 2020 (excludes cost of goods sold): \$7,400,000.
- Average dealership contributions to charitable causes during 2020: \$48,000.
- ▶ Number of vehicles serviced by average dealership during 2020: **17,900**.

### DEALERSHIP VEHICLE SALES SUMMARY

Average dealership new and used vehicle sales during 2020: 1,440 units.

### GADA DEALER MEMBERS

#### DISTRICT 1

Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Dade, Dawson, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Walker and Whitfield

Bill Holt Mitsubishi Carriage KIA of Woodstock Chatsworth Ford Cherokee County Toyota Chevrolet of Canton Courtesy Ford Lincoln of Rome Day's Chevrolet Jasper Edd Kirby's Adventure Autogroup Ford of Dalton Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC Hardy Family Ford Hennessy Honda of Woodstock Heritage Honda Hyundai Heritage Nissan Jenkins Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM John Megel Chevrolet Krause Family Ford of Woodstock Matthews KIA of Cartersville Mountain View Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM Mountain View Hyundai Mountain View Nissan of Dalton North Georgia Toyota Paulding Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM Toccoa Chevrolet Peach State Ford Tri-County Chevrolet of Royston Prater Ford Troncalli Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM Pugmire Ford of Cartersville Ware Chevrolet Riverside Buick GMC of Cartersville Riverside Chevrolet Buick GMC Rome Riverside Toyota Robert Loehr Chrysler Ronnie Thompson Ford Shottenkirk Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM Acura Carland Shottenkirk Ford Shottenkirk Honda of Cartersville

#### DISTRICT 2

Terry Reid Hyundai

Banks, Barrow, Elbert, Fannin, Forsyth, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Jackson, Lumpkin, Madison, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White counties

Shottenkirk Hyundai Canton

University Chrysler Rome

Walter Jackson Chevrolet

Sutherlin Nissan Cherokee County

Akins Dodge Chrysler Jeep RAM Akins Ford Andean Motor Company Auto Gallery Chevrolet Auto Gallery Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM Carey Paul Honda Beaver Toyota of Cumming Bill Holt Chevrolet of Blue Ridge Billy Cain Ford Inc Billy Cain Ford Lincoln of Cornelia Billy Howell Ford Lincoln Blue Ridge North Georgia Ford

Cadillac of Lake Lanier Carriage KIA Carriage Mitsubishi Carriage Nissan Casey Jackson Ford Chestatee Ford Don Jackson Chrysler North Duvall Automotive Group Ed Murdock Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ed Murdock Ford Greene Ford Hardy Chevrolet Gainesville Hayes Chevrolet Buick GMC Cadillac Hayes Chrysler Dodge Jeep Gainesville Hyundai of Cumming Jacky Jones Chrysler Cleveland Jacky Jones Ford Jacky Jones Lincoln Jefferson Motor Company Jim Hardman Buick GMC Lou Sobh Honda Lou Sobh KIA Mazda of Lake Lanier Mike Jones Ford Lincoln Milton Martin Honda Milton Martin Toyota Mountain Valley Motors Nalley Nissan Cumming

#### DISTRICT 3

Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett and Rockdale counties

Alfa Romeo of Marietta Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln Angela Krause Ford Lincoln Atlanta Toyota Audi North Atlanta Audi South Atlanta AutoNation Hyundai Mall of Georgia AutoNation Nissan Marietta AutoNation Toyota Mall of Georgia AutoNation Volkswagen Mall of Georgia Bentley Atlanta BMW & Mini of South Atlanta BMW of Gwinnett Place Butler Lexus of South Atlanta Capital Buick GMC Capital Cadillac Carl Black Buick GMC Carl Black Chevrolet Buick GMC Classic Cadillac Subaru Cobb County Toyota Colonial Buick GMC

Courtesy Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

Courtesy Ford Curry Honda Day's Chevrolet Ed Voyles Acura Ed Voyles Automotive Group Ed Voyles Chrysler Jeep Dodge RAM Ed Voyles Hyundai Ed Voyles KIA of Chamblee Ed Voyles KIA Smyrna Ferrari Maserati of Atlanta Five Star Ford Stone Mountain Global Imports BMW Gwinnett Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM Gwinnett Place Ford Lincoln Gwinnett Place Honda Gwinnett Place Nissan Hayes Chrysler Lawrenceville Hennessy Buick GMC Hennessy Cadillac Hennessy Ford Lincoln Atlanta Hennessy Jaguar Land Rover Gwinnett Hennessy Lexus Gwinnett Hennessy Lexus of Atlanta Hennessy Mazda Hennessy Porsche North Atlanta Heritage Cadillac Heritage Mitsubishi Heritage Volkswagen of Union City Honda Carland Honda Mall of Georgia Honda South Hyundai of Kennesaw Infiniti of Gwinnett Infiniti of South Atlanta Jackson Acura Jim Ellis Audi Atlanta Jim Ellis Audi Marietta Jim Ellis Automotive Group Jim Ellis Buick GMC Atlanta Jim Ellis Buick GMC Mall of Georgia Jim Ellis Chevrolet Atlanta Jim Ellis Ford Sandy Springs Jim Ellis Hyundai Jim Ellis KIA of Kennesaw Jim Ellis Maserati Jim Ellis Mazda of Atlanta Jim Ellis Mazda of Marietta Jim Ellis Volkswagen of Kennesaw Jim Ellis Volvo of Marietta Jim Tidwell World Ford John Miles Chevrolet Buick GMC KIA Atlanta South KIA Mall of Georgia Landmark Chrysler Dodge Jeep Atlanta Landmark Dodge Chrysler Morrow Malcolm Cunningham Chevrolet Northpoint

Mall of Georgia Chrysler Dodge Jeep

Mall of Georgia Ford

Mall of Georgia Mini

Marietta Toyota

Mall of Georgia Mazda

Mazda of Roswell

Mercedes-Benz of Atlanta South Mercedes-Benz of Buckhead Mercedes-Benz of Atlanta North

Mini of Kennesaw Motorcars of Georgia

Nalley Acura Nalley BMW Nalley Chevrolet

Nalley Honda Union City Nalley Hyundai Lithonia

Nalley Infiniti

Nalley Infiniti Marietta

Nalley KIA

Nalley Lexus Roswell Nalley Lexus Smyrna Nalley Toyota of Roswell Nalley Toyota of Union City Nalley Toyota Stonecrest

Nalley Volkswagen of Alpharetta

Nash Chevrolet Nissan of Union City Nissan South North Point Volvo

Palmer Chrylser Dodge Jeep RAM

Peach State Truck Center Forest Park Lithia Springs Ford Peack State Truck Centers Norcross

Porsche Atlanta Perimeter

Potamkin Hyundai Stone Mountain

Pugmire Lincoln of Marietta

RBM of Alpharetta **RBM** of Atlanta Regal Nissan Rick Case Audi Rick Case Hyundai Rick Case Kia

Rick Hendrick Buick GMC Rick Hendrick Chevrolet

Rick Hendrick Chevrolet of Buford

Rick Hendrick Chrysler

Rick Hendrick Toyota Sandy Springs Roswell Infiniti of North Atlanta Southtowne Hyundai Suzuki

Steve Rayman Chevrolet Stivers Decatur Subaru Stone Mountain Nissan Stone Mountain Toyota Stone Mountain Volkswagen

Stonecrest Honda Subaru of Gwinnett Subaru of Kennesaw Superior Chevrolet

Sutherlin Nissan Mall of Georgia Terry Cullen Southlake Chevrolet

Town Center Nissan Toyota South Atlanta

Union City Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

United BMW

Volkswagen of Marietta Volvo Cars Mall of Georgia

Wade Ford Smyrna World Toyota

#### **DISTRICT 4**

Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, Fayette, Haralson, Jim Hudson Lexus Henry, Jasper, Lamar, Monroe, Newton, Pike, Spalding and Upson counties

AutoNation Toyota Thornton Road Bellamy-Strickland Chevrolet Buick GMC Loganville Ford Calavan Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

Calavan KIA

Countryside Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

Covington Ford

Cronic Chevrolet Buick GMC Cronic Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

Cronic Nissan Don-Rich Ford Fayetteville Ford

Ginn Chrysler Jeep Dodge RAM

Ginn Motor Company Honda of Newnan

Hutchinson Ford of Forsyth James O'Neal Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

Jim Ellis Toyota of McDonough John Thornton Buick Cadillac GMC

John Thornton Chevrolet

Legacy Ford of McDonough

Liberty Chevrolet

Mike Bell Chevrolet Mike Fitzpatrick Ford Lincoln

Nissan of Lithia Springs Nissan of Newnan Pioneer Ford

Pugmire Ford

Scott Evans Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

Scott Evans Nissan Sons Honda

Sons KIA

Southtowne Chevrolet Buick GMC Cadil-

Southtowne Motors of Newnan

Speedway Ford

Sutherlin Volkswagen Lithia Springs

Thomaston Ford

Thornton Road Hyundai Toyota of Newnan

#### DISTRICT 5

Clarke, Columbia, Greene, Hancock, Lincoln, McDuffie, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Richmond, Taliaferro, Walton, Warren and Wilkes

Acura of Athens & Volvo Cars of Athens

Athens BMW Athens Chevrolet Athens Ford Augusta Mitsubishi Bulldog KIA

Countryside Chrysler Madison Evans KIA

Fairway Ford of Evans Gerald Jones Ford Lincoln Gerald Jones Mazda

Gerald Jones Volkswagen Audi

Gerald Jones Volvo

Heyward Allen Motor Company

Heyward Allen Toyota Hughes Subaru

Jim Hudson Acura

Jimmy Britt Chevrolet Buick GMC

KIA of Augusta

Landmark Dodge Chrysler Jeep RAM

Malcolm Cunningham Chevrolet

Master Buick GMC Matthews Motors Maxie Price Chevrolet Mercedes Benz of Athens Mercedes Benz of Augusta

Milton Ruben Chevrolet Milton Ruben Motors

Milton Ruben Toyota Nissan of Athens

Phil Hughes Honda Sutherlin Hyundai Athens

Taylor BMW Taylor Hyundai

Thomson Motor Centre

### DISTRICT 6

Chattahoochee, Crawford, Crisp, Dooly, Harris, Heard, Houston, Macon, Marion, Meriwether, Muscogee, Peach, Pulaski, Schley, Stewart, Talbot, Taylor, Troup, Turner, Webster and Wilcox counties

Acura of Columbus

All-Pro Auto Group

AutoNation CDJR North Columbus AutoNation CDJR South Columbus AutoNation Honda Columbus

AutoNation Hyundai Columbus

AutoNation Volkswagen Columbus **BMW of Columbus** 

Brannen Motor Company

Five Star Chevrolet GMC Warner Robins Five Star Ford Lincoln Warner Robins

Five Star Hyundai Warner Robins Five Star Nissan Warner Robins

Hamby Automotive Network

Headquarter Nissan Hughes Honda

Hutchinson Mitsubishi

Jeff Smith Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

Jeff Smith Ford

Jeff Smith Volkswagen Warner Robins

KIA AutoSport Columbus

KIA of LaGrange LaGrange Toyota

Lowe Toyota

Mercedes Benz of Columbus

Mike Patton Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

Mike Patton Ford Lincoln Mike Patton Honda

Parker Chevrolet Buick GMC Phil-Brannen Ford of Perry

Rivertown Buick GMC Rivertown Ford

Rivertown Subaru Rivertown Toyota

Sunbelt Ford of Americus Sunbelt Ford of Cordele

Sutton Chevrolet

Warner Robins Chrysler Jeep Dodge RAM

Way Brothers

#### DISTRICT 7

Baldwin, Bibb, Bleckley, Burke, Dodge, Emanuel, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Jones, Laurens, Screven, Treutlen, Twiggs, Washington and Wilkins counties

BMW of Macon **Butler Chevrolet** 

Butler Ford of Milledgeville Butler Honda of Milledgeville

**Butler Lexus** 

Butler Nissan of Macon

**Butler Toyota** 

Childre Chevrolet Buick GMC Trucks

Childre Ford Childre Nissan

Daniels Chevrolet Buick GMC **Dublin Chevrolet Buick GMC** 

**Dublin Ford Lincoln** 

Five Star Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM Macon Fitzgerald Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

Five Star Hyundai of Macon Five Star Mazda of Macon Five Star Toyota of Milledgeville Hutchinson Buick GMC Cadillac Hutchinson KIA Infiniti of Macon

Jackson Automotive Group Jimmy Britt Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

Middle Georgia Freightliner

Milledgeville Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

Pitts Toyota

Riverside Ford Lincoln

Sutton Acura

Swainsboro Ford Lincoln

Sylvania Ford Volkswagen of Macon Volume Hvundai Walsh Honda

Waynesboro Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

William Mizell Ford

#### DISTRICT 8

Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas and Worth counties

Action Chevrolet Buick GMC Albany Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

Albany Honda **Albany Motorcars** 

Blakely Chevrolet Buick GMC Five Star Hyundai Albany

Five Star Nissan of Albany

Flint River Ford Flowers Honda Flowers Nissan

Franklin's Spring Creek Ford Griffin Chevrolet of Sylvester Hobson Chevrolet Buick Hutchinson KIA of Albany **Hutchinson Toyota of Albany Hutson Motor Company** Lasseter Motor Company

Mitchell County CDJR Prince of Albany River Bend Ford

Robert Hutson Ford Lincoln

Spence Chevrolet Buick GMC Cadillac

Stallings Motors Sunbelt Ford

Sunbelt Ford Lincoln Albany

Thomasville Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM Thomasville Ford Lincoln

Thomasville Toyota

#### DISTRICT 9

Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, JC Lewis Ford Hinesville Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Telfair, Tift and Ware counties

Anderson Buick GMC Bennett Chevrolet Buick

Bennett Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

Cass Burch Chevrolet

Cass Burch Chrysler Quitman

Cook County Ford

Fitzgerald Ford Lincoln Griffin CDJR Sylvester Griffin CDJR Valdosta Griffin Ford Lincoln

Jeff Fender Buick GMC Cadillac

Jerry Kelley GMC Langdale Ford

Langdale Honda of Valdosta

Langdale Hyundai of South Georgia

Langdale KIA of Valdosta Mike Burch Ford Blackshear

Murray Ford Nashville Ford

O'Steen Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

O'Steen Subaru Volkswagen of Valdosta

Prince Automotive of Valdosta Prince Honda

Prince of Tifton Robbie Roberson Ford Robert Fender Chevrolet

Tenneson Nissan Valdosta Tovota

Walker Jones Chevrolet Buick Woody Folsom Automotive

Woody Folsom Chrysler Dodge Jeep

**RAM Baxley** 

Woody Folsom Ford Woody Folsom of Douglas

Walker Jones Nissan

#### DISTRICT 10

Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Candler, Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Montgomery, Tattnall, Toombs, Wayne and Wheeler counties

Chatham Parkway Lexus Chatham Parkway Subaru Chatham Parkway Toyota

Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM Brunswick Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM Fiat of

North Savannah

Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM Fiat of

South Savannah

Critz Inc.

Dan Vaden Chevrolet Cadillac Daniels-Bishop Chevrolet

Franklin Chevrolet Cadillac Buick GMC

Franklin Toyota

Freightliner of Savannah

Grainger Honda

Grainger Nissan Hodges Ford

Hyundai of Brunswick

I-95 Toyota of Brunswick

JC Lewis Ford

JC Lewis Ford Lincoln

JC Lewis Lincoln of Savannah

JC Lewis Mazda

Jimmy Britt Chrysler Jeep Dodge RAM

KIA Country of Savannah

King's Colonial Ford

Kyle Durrence Chevrolet Buick GMC

Liberty Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM

Metter Ford

Mike Murphy KIA of Brunswick

Mike Reed Chevrolet Nalley Buick GMC Nalley Honda

NeSmith Chevrolet Jesup

Paul Thigpen Chevrolet Buick GMC

Paul Thigpen Ford Lincoln

Peacock Hyundai Savannah Rincon Chevrolet Savannah Toyota Savannah Volkswagen Southern Motors Honda

Springfield Chrysler Auto Mart Vaden Chevrolet Cadillac Brunswick

Vaden Chevrolet Pooler Vaden Nissan of Hinesville Vaden Nissan of Statesboro

Vaden Nissan Volvo Cars Savannah

Woody Folsom Chrysler Woody Folsom Nissan Vidalia

#### **BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY**

Dealership financial data (and other information cited in the report) was collected from a detailed survey sent to all new vehicle automotive retailers in Georgia. Economic impact is separated into two main categories: direct and indirect. Direct impact comprises economic activity at automotive dealerships themselves, such as dealership employment and compensation to employees. Indirect impact occurs away from the dealership, and takes into account the extended contribution dealerships and their employees make to the Georgia economy.

The indirect economic impact of automotive retailers was estimated by Auto Outlook, Inc. Estimates were based on previous impact studies that relied upon regional input-output economic computer models. Indirect economic estimates in this report are intentionally conservative, and therefore, may underestimate the overall contribution automotive retailers make to the Georgia economy.

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