

# Atlanta Chapter of ARMA International

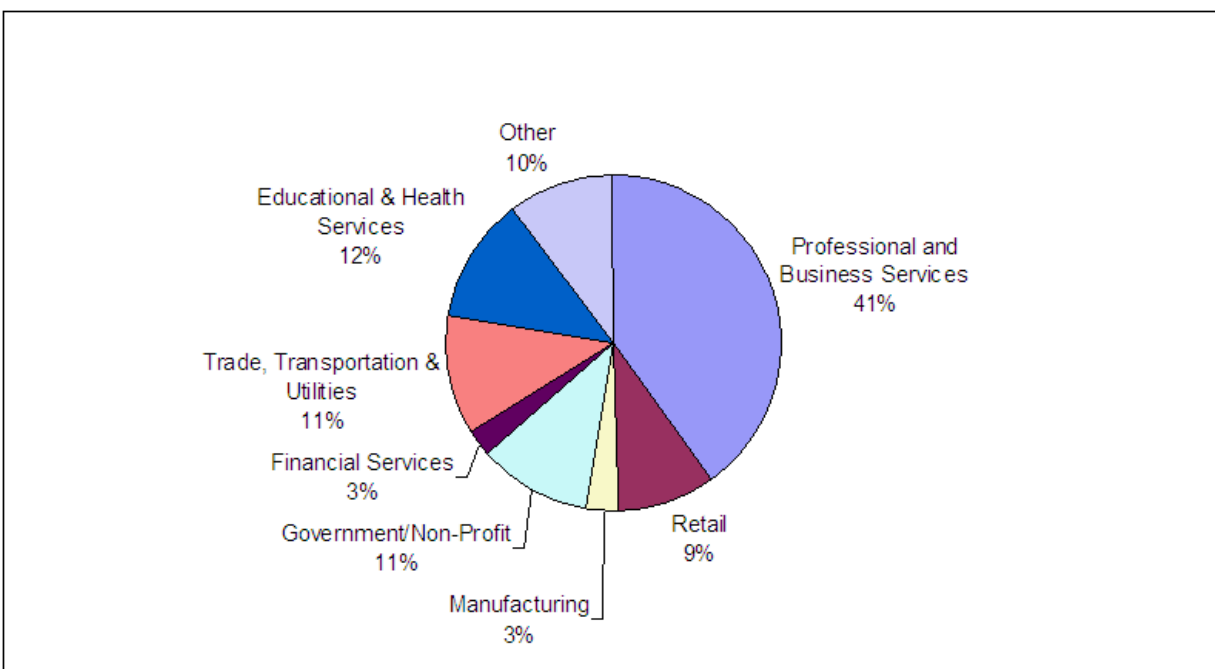
## Demographics and Chapter History

Atlanta is one of the most exciting cities in the world. Statistical information obtained from: <http://www.georgiapower.com/grc/pdf/AtlantaOverview.pdf> From the Civil Rights Movement to the 1996 Summer Olympic Games, Atlanta has a rich heritage. Not only does Atlanta have the world's busiest airport and fourth largest concentration of fortune 500 companies in the country, Atlanta also boasts the lowest cost of doing business in the country. It's not surprising that more than 1,000 businesses relocated or expanded their headquarters to the Atlanta MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) from 2000 to 2008 with a fifth of those being international companies.

In addition to business growth, personal income has grown in Atlanta by 40% from 2000-2007. Atlanta leads the country in attracting highly educated young professionals, which explains why the median age for Atlanta is 33 compared to the national average of 36. Metro Atlanta's population continues to explode and was measured at 5.3 million people in 2007. Atlanta has grown at a rate of 24% since 2000 and is forecasted to grow to 7.3 million people by 2020. If these projections are correct, Atlanta will become the sixth largest metro area in the country behind New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas and Houston.

Atlanta is home to hundreds of familiar business names including Delta Air Lines, UPS, Lockheed Martin, Turner Broadcasting, Home Depot and Coca-Cola. According to Wachovia Economist Mark Vitner, the Southeast is the fourth largest economy in the world with Atlanta as the hub for economic activity in the Southeast.

As evidenced by our membership demographics, the Atlanta ARMA Chapter reflects the diversity of our city. Of our 192 members, our membership is represented in the following industries:



The Atlanta Chapter of ARMA International was chartered as a chapter on July 19, 1966. Two of the 22 signatures that chartered the chapter as founding members were those of O. Crawford Jenkins and the first Atlanta ARMA President, A.K. Johnson. We are honored to have Crawford Jenkins as a regular attendee. The Chapter's Constitution and By-Laws provide the framework for which the Chapter operates. The Board of Directors is made up of six elected officers and three elected Directors.

Perhaps what distinguishes our chapter from others is our rich history and legacy. The Atlanta Chapter is proud to not only include in its membership three past presidents of ARMA International, but also former President of the United States, Jimmy Carter. Two of our members have received the prestigious honor of being named by ARMA International to the Company of Fellows, while two other members have received the ARMA International Distinguished Service Award. Several of our members are also industry experts that travel and speak throughout the country. We are also proud to have a Southeast Region Coordinator and an ARMA International Director as members of our Chapter.

Despite the challenging economic times, our Chapter is doing well. The Chapter competes for members with other professional organizations including:

- Administrative Management Society
- AIIM (Association for Information and Image Management)
- Association of Legal Administrators (ALA)
- IFMA (International Facility Management Association)
- ILTA (International Legal Technology Association)
- Special Libraries Association (SLA)