

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF GEORGIA'S FOR-HIRE FISHING SECTOR

UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant received funding from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Coastal Resources Division to gather socioeconomic information on Georgia's recreational charter fishing sector and assess the economic contributions of the sector to Georgia's economy. A survey was disseminated to charter captains and businesses to collect sales and expenditure data.

Results of the survey show that roughly 184 licensed for-hire fishing captains in Georgia provided fishing guide services to nearly 53,000 anglers in 2021. Below are the total economic contribution estimates of the for-hire fishing sector in 2021 as well as the top 5 industries, by employment, that are indirectly supported by charter fishing.

667

**JOBS
SUPPORTED**

\$28

**MILLION
IN VALUE-ADDED**

\$53.3

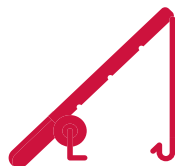
**MILLION
IN OUTPUT**

TOP 5 INDUSTRIES (BY EMPLOYMENT)

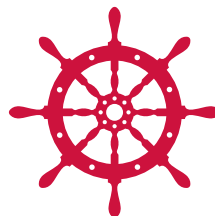
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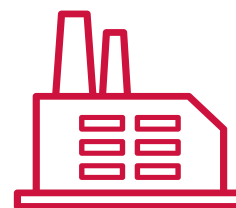
**RETAIL:
MISCELLANEOUS
STORES**



**RETAIL:
SPORTING
GOODS**



**COMMERCIAL
FISHING
(BAIT)**



**SPORTING AND
ATHLETIC GOODS
MANUFACTURING**



**REPAIR AND
MAINTENANCE**

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