GEORGIA DOME FACTS, FIGURES AND RECORDS

- The Georgia Dome is the only venue to host the Olympics, Super Bowl and NCAA men’s basketball Final Four.
- The Georgia Dome had two general managers in its quarter century run: Khalil Johnson served as general manager from 1989 (during the construction phase) to 2002 when he was named Chief Operating Officer of the Georgia World Congress Center Authority; and Carl Adkins was promoted from assistant manager to general manager in 2002, staying in this role until 2016.
- More than 1,400 events took place at the Georgia Dome, drawing 37 million guests and generating more than $7 billion in economic impact.
- The grand opening of the Georgia Dome included the stadium’s first official public event entitled “Roam the Dome” held Aug. 14-16, 1992 featuring marching bands, parades and non-athletic competitions, drawing more than 230,000 visitors.
- The weekend after “Roam the Dome,” the Atlanta Falcons began the team’s 25-year residency at the Georgia Dome with an exhibition game victory over the Philadelphia Eagles on Aug. 23, 1992 in front of 66,464 fans.
- The Georgia Dome’s first concert was the Olympic Flag jam on Sept. 17, 1992, featuring performances by multiple acts, including Whitney Houston, James Brown, Travis Tritt, Santana, TLC, Trisha Yearwood, Lee Greenwood, Alabama, Atlanta Rhythm Section and Gladys Knight.
- The first headlining concert at the dome was U2’s Zoo TV Tour, which stopped over on Sept. 25, 1992, drawing a crowd of 52,318. Big Audio Dynamite II and Public Enemy were also on the bill.
- The Georgia Dome was constructed at a cost of $214 million. The Teflon-coated fiberglass fabric roof stretches more than 395,000 feet. At 270.67 feet in height, the dome stood as tall as a 29-story building. Lengthwise the dome measures 745.75 feet, and is 606.96 wide. The total floor area measured 102,149.51 square feet.
- The design of the stadium was a joint venture of Heery International, Rosser Fabrap Inc. and Thomas Ventulett Stainback & Associates Inc.
- Likewise, construction was a joint venture of Beers Construction Co., Holder Construction Co. and Barton Malow Co.
- Groundbreaking on the Georgia Dome was Nov. 22, 1989 and work was completed March 1, 1992.
- Upon its opening, the Georgia Dome was the largest covered stadium in the world and featured the world’s largest cable-supported fabric roof.
- Sara Lee Corp. unveiled the world’s longest hotdog – 1,996 feet – on Oct. 19, 1995 at the Georgia Dome to celebrate the company becoming a sponsor of the 1996 Summer Olympics.
- In 1997, German national Uwe Brockman broke the 24-hour distance speed skating record, racking up a total of 296 miles inside the dome.
- Eric Weems of the Atlanta Falcons set the record for longest scoring play in NFL playoff history when he scored a 102-yard touchdown in a divisional playoff game against the Green Bay Packers on Jan. 15, 2011 at the Georgia Dome.