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# ARC 2022 ANNUAL REPORT **ATLANTA REGION**

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ARC works closely with local governments and community partners across the region to improve quality of life and secure future success. This report measures progress in the region in the three long-range goals of the Atlanta Region's Plan: providing **World-Class Infrastructure**, fostering **Healthy, Livable Communities**, and developing a **Competitive Economy**.



## WORLD-CLASS INFRASTRUCTURE

ARC works with its regional partners to develop and maintain world-class infrastructure, including a transportation network that improves mobility and a sustainable supply of clean water.



### Improving Mobility in Metro Atlanta

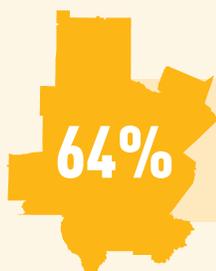
**A \$2.9 billion** in federal and state transportation funds allocated in 2022 by ARC across the Atlanta region to improve the region's transportation network.

- **Major road and highway projects:** lane improvements along SR 9 in Forsyth County; **I-20 East interchange improvements at SR 138 in Rockdale County**; and constructing a new two-lane roadway along US 78 in Gwinnett County.
- **Expanded transit options:** repairing and replacing sidewalks, ramps, and curb-cuts along CobbLinc transit routes in Cobb County; **construction of the Clayton County Transit Center at the Justice Center in Clayton County**; and multi-modal improvements along East Point Street such as ADA upgrades, crosswalks, and landscaping in Fulton County.
- **Bike-ped projects:** **constructing a multi-use bridge over SR 54 near the hospital in Fayette County**; connecting City of Woodstock and Cherokee County trails with the Cobb County trail system for cyclists and pedestrians; **and expanding the PATH400 trail network for direct access to the Lindbergh, Lenox, and Buckhead MARTA stations in the City of Atlanta.**



**17.5 million** fewer miles traveled by the **6,265 metro Atlanta residents** who participated in the **Georgia Commute Options** program, saving them **\$10 million** in fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.

## BY THE NUMBERS: COMMUTING



of residents work outside their home county

**2 million**

Total workers living in metro Atlanta



**33 minutes**

Average commute to work



# HEALTHY, LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

ARC works to foster vibrant, walkable communities and supports healthy living and aging by offering a range of services for older people and individuals with disabilities.



## Improving Quality of Life for Residents of All Ages & Abilities

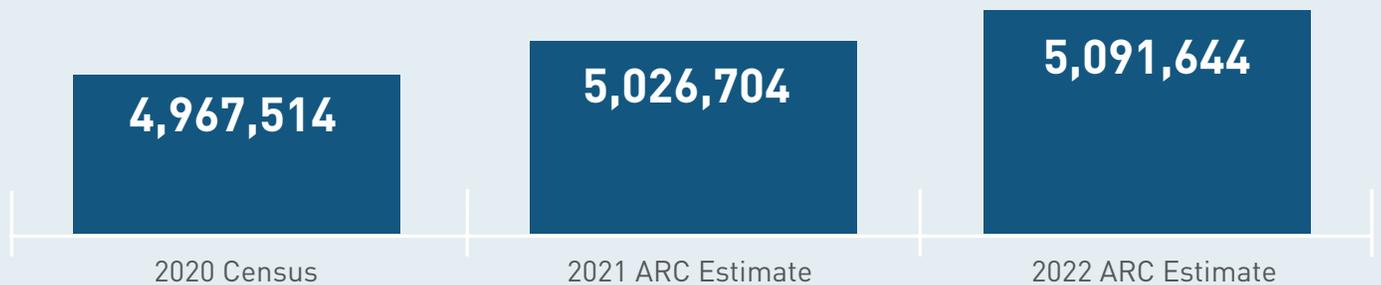
**\$16.3 million** in state and federal funds allocated to **county senior service agencies across the metro region** for direct services provided to residents, including congregate and home-delivered meals, in-home support services, transportation, case management, and COVID relief funds.

## Making the Atlanta Region an Even Better Place to Live, Work, and Play

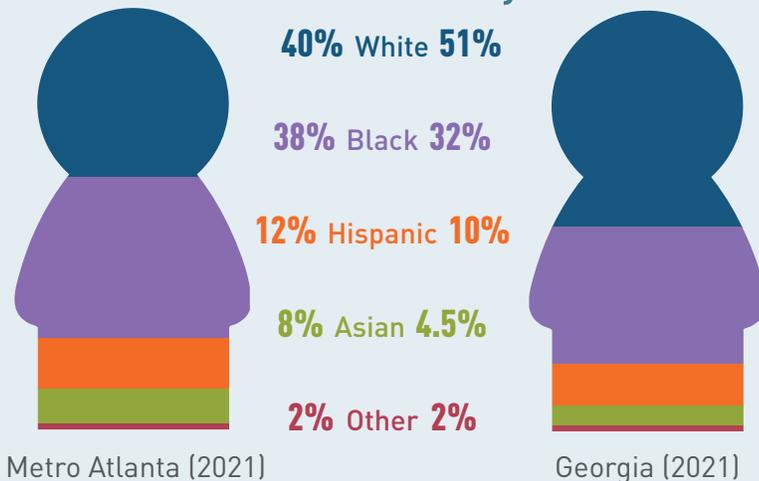
**\$1.9 million** in **Livable Centers Initiative** study grants were awarded by ARC to help 9 metro Atlanta communities develop plans and policies to create more vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, and connected places.

**4 Atlanta region communities** will receive critical planning and technical support through the **Community Development Assistance Program**.

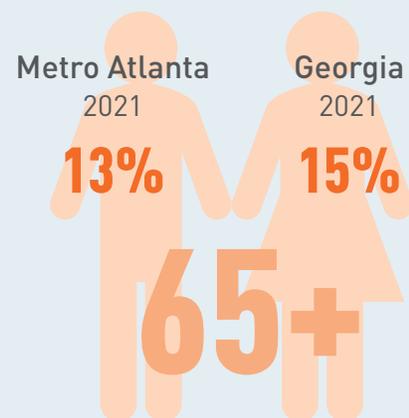
## BY THE NUMBERS: POPULATION



### Race & Ethnicity



### Percent of Population 65+



Source: Atlanta Regional Commission; US Census Bureau

# COMPETITIVE ECONOMY



## Planning for a Stronger, More Competitive Economy

ARC's **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)** program is a 5-year effort designed to improve regional competitiveness and collaboration throughout the 11-county region and the City of Atlanta. The Atlanta Regional Commission is currently updating this plan, which will be adopted by the end of 2022. The CEDS will ensure that metro Atlanta has good jobs, a well-trained workforce, and the regional collaboration needed to invigorate economic growth. CEDS is focused on the following:

- **Equity, inclusion & access**
- **Housing availability, affordability & displacement**
- **Infrastructure & mobility**
- **Education, talent & workforce development**
- **Entrepreneurship, innovation & small business development**
- **Global business environment**

An action plan with specific implementation measures will provide a roadmap to success for the next 5 years and beyond. For more information, visit [www.atlantaregionalceds2022.org](http://www.atlantaregionalceds2022.org).

## Cultivating Leaders to Meet the Region's Challenges



**319** Metro Atlanta residents took part in **ARC leadership programs**, including: Regional Leadership Institute (RLI), Leadership Involvement Networking Knowledge (LINK), Arts Leaders of Metro Atlanta (ALMA), Community Planning Academy (CPA), and Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC).

## BY THE NUMBERS: ECONOMY

### Median Household Income

**\$71,742**

Atlanta Region  
Source: A2019 ACS  
1-Year



**\$62,800**

Georgia

Source: 2020 SAIPE

### Housing

**49%**

of renters pay 30% or more  
of their income in housing

**40%**

of residents rent their  
home

Source: DataNexus, 2020

### Poverty Rate

**12%**

in metro Atlanta  
live below  
poverty level

**14%**

in Georgia  
live below  
poverty level

Source: DataNexus, 2020



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