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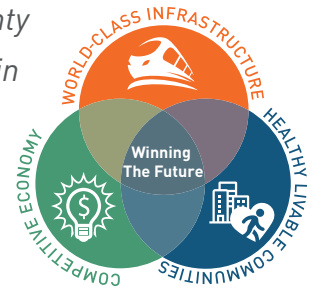
ARC 2019 ANNUAL REPORT – **DOUGLAS COUNTY**

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ARC works closely with local governments and community partners in Douglas County to improve quality of life and secure future success. This report measures progress in Douglas 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 Douglas

A \$35 million in federal and state transportation funds allocated by ARC to the county. Projects include: **public bus service with routes** in central and northern Douglas and the Thornton Road corridor; **improvements to reduce congestion** at the Maxham Road-Thornton Road interchange; and **improvements to Bill Arp Road** from Rose Avenue to Central Church Road.

1.7 million fewer miles traveled by the **770 Douglas residents** who participated in the **Georgia Commute Options** program, saving them **\$983,022** in fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.



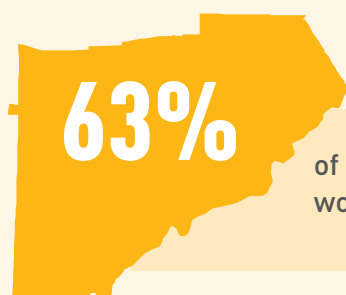
Securing a Sustainable Future



146 Douglas students participated in the **Wonders of Water Children's Water Festivals**.


Students from Douglas County participated in the **Water District's annual middle school essay contest**.

BY THE NUMBERS: DOUGLAS COMMUTING



of employed Douglas residents work outside of Douglas County



70,164 

Total workers living in Douglas

4.7 million 

Average daily vehicle miles traveled

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 Douglas Residents of All Ages & Abilities

\$579,128

in state and federal funds to **Douglas Senior Services** for direct services provided exclusively to Douglas residents, including **congregate and home-delivered meals, in-home support services, transportation, and case management.**

ARC's **RSVP Volunteer Program** clocked **4,597 volunteer hours** and reached **19,524 individuals.**

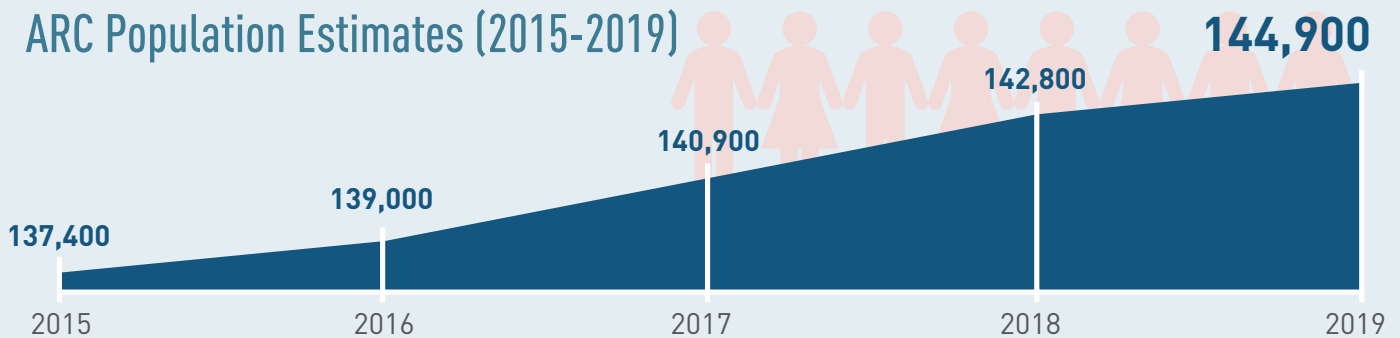


Making Douglas an Even Better Place to Live, Work, and Play

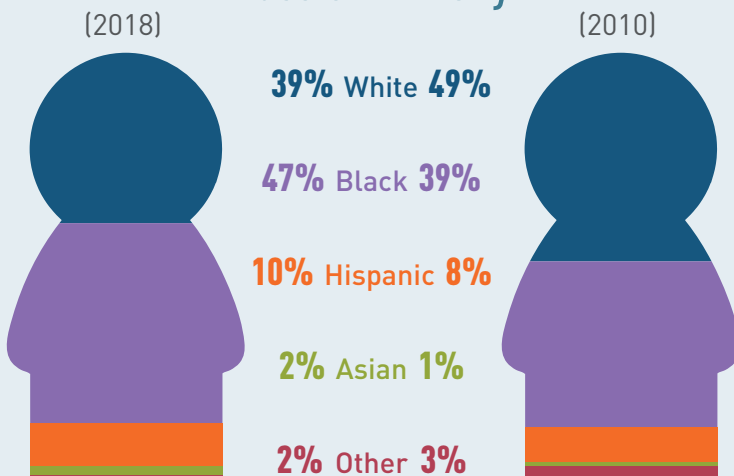
ARC will assist Douglas County with an **audit of its current zoning ordinance**, focusing on key corridors and areas within the county where existing zoning ordinances conflict with the vision laid out in the county's recently completed long-range plan.

BY THE NUMBERS: DOUGLAS POPULATION

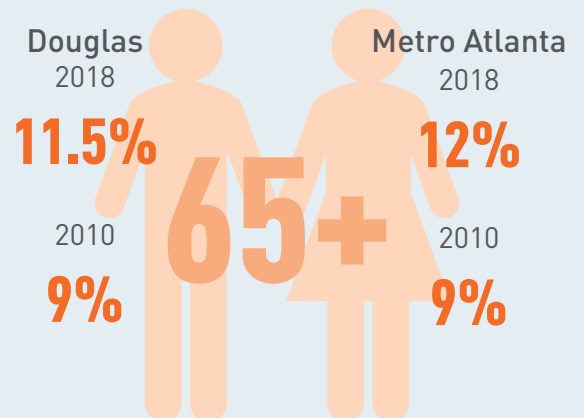
ARC Population Estimates (2015-2019)



Race & Ethnicity



Percent of Population 65+



Source: ARC analysis of data from U.S. Census

COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

ARC works with its regional partners to ensure our economy remains thriving and competitive.



Planning for a Stronger, More Competitive Economy



172 adults received job training through **WorkSource Atlanta Regional's Career Resource Center**.

10 companies provided with new employees and wage subsidies from WorkSource Atlanta Regional's **On-the-Job Training (OJT) program**.

35 employees of a professional services company in Douglas County received skills improvement from the **Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) program**.

Under the **SNAP Works 2.0 project**, career advisors provided intensive career advisement and occupational skills training to two customers.

Cultivating Leaders to Meet the Region's Challenges

7 **Douglas County residents** took part in **ARC leadership programs**, including Regional Leadership Institute (RLI), Arts Leaders of Metro Atlanta (ALMA), Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC), and Leadership Involvement Networking Knowledge (LINK) trip.



BY THE NUMBERS: DOUGLAS ECONOMY

Median Household Income (2017)

\$61,094

Douglas

\$65,381

Atlanta region



Douglas Jobs

(2019)

50,053

(2010)

42,366

Poverty Rate (2017)

▼ **11%** in Douglas live below poverty level

▼ **14%** in metro Atlanta live below poverty level

Source: ARC analysis of data from U.S. Census



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