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ARC 2021 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 \$43 million in federal and state transportation funds allocated by ARC to the county. Projects include **operating assistance for the county's fixed-route bus service**; widening of Lee Road; and improvements to the Dallas Highway corridor to construct median island refuges and a roundabout at Upshaw Mill.

586,092 fewer miles traveled by the **143 Douglas residents** who participated in the **Georgia Commute Options program**, saving them **\$337,000** in fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.



Securing a sustainable future

592 toilet rebates were received by Douglas residents, facilitating the replacement of older, inefficient toilets.



Douglas County and the City of Douglasville are both recertifying as a **Green Community** with the Natural Resources Group.



The **Metro Water District** partnered with **Georgia Public Broadcasting** to create a Live Exploration of Georgia's water systems called **Georgia's Water Live**. Over **79,000 students, teachers and parents** across the region tuned in during the live broadcast, where over **400 questions** were answered.

ARC's COVID-19 RESPONSE

Helping organizations transition to hybrid work environments

Georgia Commute Options (GCO), a program managed by ARC, served a vital role in helping organizations move to telework environments during peak pandemic times. As shelter-in-place orders began to lift in Georgia, GCO began helping companies establish hybrid work environments (continued telework, flexible schedules, and shared spaces), recognizing the strong desire of most employees surveyed to continue teleworking at a higher level than pre-pandemic.



HEALTHY, LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

ARC works to foster vibrant, pedestrian-friendly 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 and abilities

\$926,983

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

Making Douglas an even better place to live, work, and play

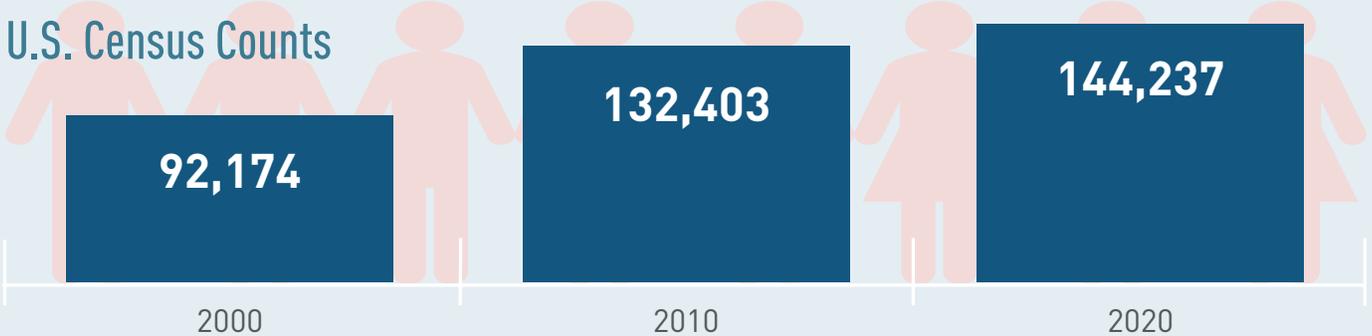
\$160,000

Livable Centers Initiative grant to the **City of Douglasville** to assist with the **Douglasville Town Center Implementation Strategy**, streamlining and creating action plans for several existing projects, including housing strategy work, a planned town green, creative placemaking, and upgraded connections to the Northside area.

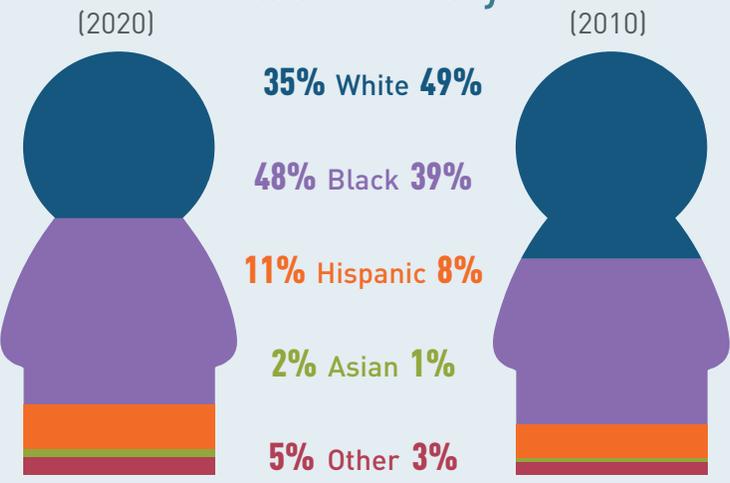
The **City of Lithia Springs** will receive critical planning and technical support through the **Community Development Assistance Program** and the Georgia Conservancy to help maximize the potential of this historic community.

BY THE NUMBERS: DOUGLAS POPULATION

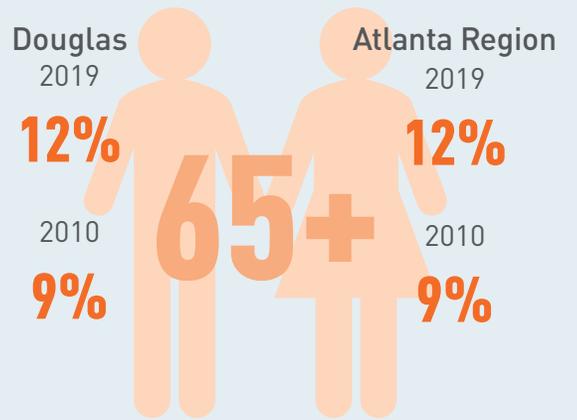
U.S. Census Counts



Race & Ethnicity



Percent of Population 65+



Source: ARC analysis of data from U.S. Census and 2019 ACS 1-year.

COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

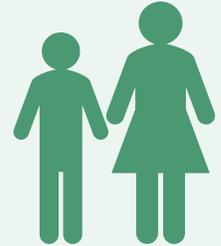
ARC works with its regional partners to ensure our economy thrives and remains competitive.



Workforce Solutions: Connecting talent with opportunity

80 Douglas youth received training through **WorkSource Atlanta Regional's NextGen** workforce and education program.

116 Douglas residents received training through WorkSource Atlanta Regional's **Career Resource Center**.



Cultivating leaders to meet the region's challenges



344 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: DOUGLAS ECONOMY

Median Household Income (2019)

\$62,669

Douglas

\$71,742

Atlanta region



Douglas Jobs

(2021)

47,082

(2010)

42,366

Poverty Rate (2019)

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

↓ **10%** in Atlanta region live below poverty level

Source: ARC analysis of data from 2019 ACS 1-year and JobsEQ, 2021Q1

All data unless specified otherwise is through June 30, 2021.



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