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ARC 2021 ANNUAL REPORT – **HENRY COUNTY**

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

A \$191.3 million in federal and state transportation funds allocated by ARC to the county. Projects include **widening of SR 155**; Jonesboro Road resurfacing from Mount Olive Road to the Clayton County line; and a bridge replacement on SR 42 at Norfolk Southern Railroad.

1.5 million fewer miles traveled by the **292 Henry residents** who participated in the **Georgia Commute Options** program, saving them **\$835,745** in fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.



Securing a sustainable future

34 **toilet rebates** were received by Henry residents, facilitating the replacement of older, inefficient toilets.



6 **Henry County students** participated in The Metro Water District's High School Video Contest.

ARC is working with the Henry County staff regarding becoming a **New Leaf Green Community**, working towards full Green Community certification for next year.

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 Henry residents of all ages and abilities

\$979,227 in state and federal funds allocated by ARC to **Henry Senior Services** for direct services provided to Henry residents, including **congregate and home-delivered meals, in-home support services, transportation, case management, and COVID relief funds.**

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

\$80,000 **Livable Centers Initiative grant** to the **City of Hampton** to examine three streets near downtown as the city looks to revitalize the area and improve transportation safety without displacing existing residents. It will also examine different “missing middle” housing options that could be applied to this area.

The **City of Locust Grove** will receive critical planning and technical assistance through the Community Development Assistance Program to conduct an audit of its zoning code to address initial, high-level concerns. This is a preliminary step in the city’s plan to complete a full update focusing on housing, downtown development, and density.

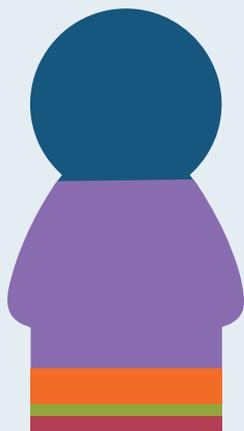
BY THE NUMBERS: HENRY POPULATION

U.S. Census Counts

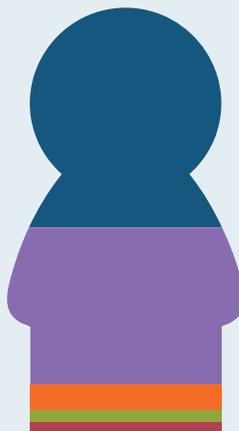


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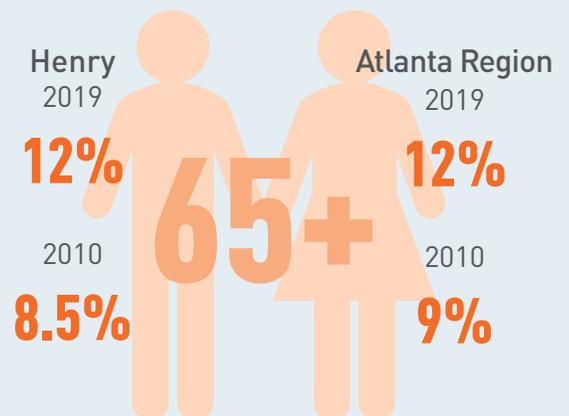
(2020)



(2010)



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

3 Henry companies received new employees and wage subsidies through WorkSource Atlanta Regional's **On-the-Job Training (OJT) program**.

99 Henry County residents received training through WorkSource Atlanta Regional's **Career Resource Center**.

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



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: HENRY ECONOMY

Median Household Income (2019)

\$71,939

Henry

\$71,742

Atlanta region



Henry Jobs

(2021)

73,167

(2010)

54,489

Poverty Rate (2019)

▼ **8%** in Henry 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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