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Representative Viola Davis Files Title VI Complaint to Protect the Rights and Funding of Georgians

Assessment of ARC 15 District Board Members At-Large Map Reveals Issues of Noncompliance with Representation, Funding, and Services under Title VI

BY Representative Viola Davis (HD87)

October 30, 2021



ARC 15 DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER AT-LARGE MAP

BY REPRESENTATIVE VIOLA DAVIS
GEORGIA HOUSE DISTRICT 87



I, Representative Viola Davis, have filed a Title VI complaint to protect the rights of Georgians, particularly in DeKalb County, to ensure the people have equal

access to representation, funding, and services, financed with local, state, and federal tax dollars. This Title VI complaint was due to the findings of an equity assessment titled, T.H.E. Equity Assessment, initiated in the first week of October 2021 to focus on the issues of transportation (T), health (H), and education (E) and their positive and/or adverse effects on DeKalb County taxpayers and voters. The vote on the map for the ARC 15 Board Members At-Large gave the initial opportunity to analyze the issues of transportation by performing an analysis of the map and its effect on representation, service, and funding.

The rights of over 1,300,000 Georgians were violated and had their representation, funding, and services decreased, diluted, and possibly denied, due to noncompliance with Title VI. The Districts in DeKalb, Douglas, Henry, and Fulton showing critical harm include House Districts: 40, 53, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 76, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 111. As a member of the Georgia General Assembly, I have stated: “We take an oath to defend the rights of the people in our districts. As a veteran and legislator, I have a responsibility to ensure people have equal rights to representation, funding, and services regardless of their color, race, or national origin, etc.”

DeKalb County is divided into 5 Districts on the current and proposed map that decreases, dilutes and/or denies representation from Central and South DeKalb. Fulton County is divided into 8 Districts which also clearly decreases, dilutes, and denies representation to communities with like interest. The equity assessment revealed 4 counties that demonstrated critical issues of decreased numbers and dilution of representation, noncompliance with federal rule and regulation of Title VI which were predominately concentrated in African American/Black and communities of color. Due to this initial analysis, I am forced to file a Title VI Complaint against the current and proposed ARC 15 Board Members At-Large map and request an equity analysis of other transportation agencies using the same methodology for state and federal funding. The multi-county districts need to be analyzed for their adverse effects on Metro Atlanta, particularly Central and South DeKalb as well as other counties such as Fulton, Douglas, and Henry. It is vital that we evaluate the constitutionality of this map and process, especially due to the possible discriminatory affects discovered.

The Noncompliance with Title VI:

The Facts on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Protecting Civil Rights: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is a federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in all programs or activities receiving federal funding. Title VI allows persons to file administrative complaints with federal departments and agencies alleging discrimination based on race, color, or national origin by recipients of federal funds. Recipient means, for the purposes of this regulation, any state or its political subdivision, any instrumentality of a state or its political subdivision, any public or private agency, institution, organization, or other entity, or any person to which Federal financial assistance is extended directly or through another recipient, including any successor, assignee, or transferee of a recipient, but excluding the ultimate beneficiary of the assistance.

Fulfilling Responsibilities Under The Civil Rights Laws: Under Title VI, all federal agencies are required to ensure that federal funds do not subsidize programs or activities that discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) oversees implementation of Title VI throughout the federal government and requires departments and agencies to develop regulations and guidance under Title VI. In 1973, agencies issued Title VI implementing regulations, as required by law, in close consultation with the DOJ. These regulations require the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) to process and review administrative complaints filed under Title VI.

Involving The Public In Title VI Programs: The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) has a responsibility to evaluate Title VI complaints in a fair and balanced way. The Interim Guidance outlines an internal process for how OCR expects to process and investigate Title VI administrative complaints involving recipient's permitting actions. Many of the complaints filed with OCR allege discrimination in state

programs. The Open Records Request submitted to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) revealed the citizen member board excluded citizens, better known as Georgians, within the districts of African American/Blacks legislators and legislators representing majority counties/districts of communities of color in Central and South DeKalb. ARC was unable to present any dates or times the citizen members have attempted to obtain the public input with Central and South DeKalb. There is a pattern of behavior of the lack of representation in majority African American/Black and Communities of Color. There must be an equity assessment to evaluate the harm the lack of representation has affected the funding and services. Whether intentional or unintentional, black and communities of color had their representation, funding, and services decreased, diluted, and denied in violation of Title VI, and displayed a practice of noncompliance with Title VI.

Violations of Title VI are explained using 3 Attachments highlighting the violations using a number system showing the decrease, dilution, and denial of representation, funding, and services for African American/Blacks and communities of color in DeKalb, Douglas, Henry, and Fulton Counties. The numbers tell the story. However, we are having problems obtaining information on the money that will clearly show that a lack of representation means a lack of funding, and a lack of funding means a lack of services. It is a domino effect that violates the rights of protected groups of people represented by African American/Black, Asian, Hispanic, and Caucasian legislators. The same legislators represent every nationality, race, sex, color, etc. in their districts thus causing harm with receiving funding and services. The overall denial of representation is a violation of the state and federal Constitution.

The major concerns with the ARC Board Members At-Large Map include the following:

- DeKalb County's ARC Board Members At-Large map is divided into 5 Districts and Fulton County is divided into 8 Districts. One district is solely in DeKalb County and that district has an Atlanta address and appears to be in a predominantly white area. The other 4 districts located in DeKalb County are in multiple counties which may dilute and/or remove as well as deny

representation from Central and South DeKalb. DeKalb County 5 Districts melt into over 6 counties.

- DeKalb County has 23 Representatives in the House and Senate combined. There are 13 African American/Blacks, 1 Asian, 1 Hispanic, and 8 Caucasians within the DeKalb Delegation that were qualified to vote on the map on October 12, 2021, at 7:30 am. However, none of the Black/minorities in the delegation represent any of the 5 citizen members presently on the board. How can we have 5 Districts with 5 citizen members, and no minority elected officials/representatives represent any of the members, nor any representatives of the Central and South DeKalb section of the map?
- The 5 Board members are 2 African Americans and 3 Caucasians. One African American lives in Dunwoody, Georgia and he also represents 4 different counties and one African American lives in Rockdale County, Georgia.
- DeKalb Delegation votes on the map; however, they do not vote on the citizen board members. We need to evaluate and analyze the adverse effects the map may contribute to the lack of representation for Central and South DeKalb. We have a responsibility to evaluate the adverse effects on all the counties, especially since predominantly black/minority areas have 3 or more counties within their jurisdiction. Central and South DeKalb areas have a population of more than 300,000 residents.
- We need a list of dates that the citizen members representing DeKalb County and other counties that are predominantly black/minority have met with citizens in Central and South DeKalb and other counties to completely analyze and evaluate the level of representation and input the people located in these districts have received. Since this map is the start of the process, we must perform and complete an equity assessment to evaluate if the map is fair and equitable.

Dividing DeKalb County into 5 Districts is like a pie, possibly producing disparities in representation, service, and funding. Until an equity assessment is completed by a federal agency, we may have a county divided into a 5-district pie, producing an adverse effect in which Central and South DeKalb are denied an ability to eat at the table.

COUNTIES OF DEKALB, HENRY, FULTON, AND DOUGLAS ANALYZED FOR NONCOMPLIANCE UNDER TITLE VI

DEKALB COUNTY ASSESSMENT OF ARC MAP



ARC 15 DISTRICT MEMBER AT-LARGE MAP



DIST 1



DIST 6



DIST 10



DIST 11



DIST 7

DEKALB COUNTY DIVIDED INTO 5 DISTRICTS IN THE CURRENT AND PROPOSED MAP. 7 COUNTIES MELT INTO DEKALB'S REPRESENTATION.

2 AFRICAN AMERICANS - DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTS AND LIVES IN ROCKDALE & DIST 11 MAY REPRESENT A MAJORITY WHITE DISTRICT, REPRESENTS 3 ADDITIONAL DISTRICTS, AND LIVES IN DUNWOODY WHICH IS IN NORTH DEKALB. NO AFRICAN AMERICAN ELECTED OFFICIALS REPRESENTS ANY OF THE CITIZEN MEMBERS PICTURED.

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DeKalb County Demographics:

- Population - 759,297
- African American/Black – 54.8%
- White - 29.3%
- Hispanic/Latino - 8.5%
- Asian - 6.5%

- DeKalb County is divided into 5 Districts that melt into a total of 6 counties including DeKalb, Henry, Gwinnett, Rockdale, Cobb, Fulton, and the City of Atlanta. By dividing the county into multiple Districts and Counties, we must verify that adverse effects do not dilute, decrease, and deny overall representation, funding, services, and power.
- Two African Americans on ARC Citizen Member Board – District 6 Citizen Member represents and lives in Rockdale and District 11 Citizen Member may represent a majority white district, represents 3 additional districts, and lives in Dunwoody which is in North DeKalb.
- DeKalb County has 23 Representatives in the House and Senate combined. There are 13 African American/Blacks, 1 Asian, 1 Hispanic, and 8 Caucasians within the DeKalb Delegation that were qualified to vote on the map on October 12, 2021, at 7:30 am. However, none (0) of the blacks/minorities in the delegation represent any of the 5 citizen members presently on the board.
- Unincorporated DeKalb County located in Central and South DeKalb has over 300,000 population. How was the map drawn and the process for placing people on the board drafted to accomplish the task of having not one black and/or minority representing any citizen members making up the 5 Districts?
- We need a full investigation, study, and equity assessment.
- To evaluate the map, we identified the address of each ARC citizen member and placed the address in openstates.org to identify the Senator and Representative in the Georgia General Assembly representing the person. We evaluated the number of Republicans and Democrats in each delegation representing each county the citizen members represent. We assessed the demographics and populations of each county. By making comparisons, we realized a pattern of counties being totally absent of any black and/or minority elected officials representing anyone on the board. This may give evidence of gross discrimination. The map and process managed to eliminate people within the black and minority elected officials' districts. Question: Is this intentional or unintentional? Is this systemic and/or institutional discrimination?

HENRY COUNTY ASSESSMENT OF ARC MAP



ARC 15 DISTRICT MEMBER AT-LARGE MAP



DIST 1

- **HENRY COUNTY IS** DIVIDED INTO 2 DISTRICTS (1 AND 2) AND THE PROPOSED MAP - 3 COUNTIES WHICH INCLUDES DEKALB, ROCKDALE, AND CLAYTON. THE CURRENT MAP HAS HENRY IN 2 COUNTIES – HENRY AND DEKALB.
- **0 AFRICAN AMERICANS** – HENRY IS REPRESENTED BY A REPUBLICAN. DISTRICT 2 IS PRIMARILY IN CLAYTON AND CUT INTO A SMALL SECTION OF THE SOUTHERN END OF HENRY. HENRY AND FULTON WILL “NEVER” OCCUPY DISTRICT 2!

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Henry County Demographics:

- Population – 234,561
- African American/Black - 48.3%
- White - 35.8%,
- Hispanic/Latino - 2.6%
- Asian - 3.4%
- Henry County is divided into 2 Districts (1 and 2) and the proposed map increased to 3 counties which includes DeKalb, Rockdale, and Clayton. The current map has Henry in 2 counties which includes Henry and DeKalb County.
- No African American elected officials represent the Henry County citizen member despite the county being over 48% black and minority. There are 10 elected officials in the Delegation with a breakdown of 4 Republicans and 6 Democrats/6 African American elected officials. However, Henry County Citizen Member is represented by 2 Republicans.
- If the citizen members are picked from Southern DeKalb or Rockdale, Henry County will be without representation. For this reason, Southern DeKalb and Rockdale will never occupy District 2, thus causing increased

denial of representation in South DeKalb despite South DeKalb being within a 300,000+ population in Central/South DeKalb.

- To evaluate the map, we identified the address of each ARC citizen member and placed the address in openstates.org to identify the Senator and Representative in the Georgia General Assembly representing the person. We evaluated the number of Republicans and Democrats in each delegation representing each county the citizen members represent. We assessed the demographics and populations of each county. By making comparisons, we realized a pattern of counties being totally absent of any black and/or minority elected officials representing anyone on the board. This may give evidence of gross discrimination. The map and process managed to eliminate people within the black and minority elected officials' districts. Question: Is this intentional or unintentional? Is this systemic and/or institutional discrimination?

FULTON COUNTY ASSESSMENT OF ARC MAP



ARC 15 DISTRICT MEMBER AT-LARGE MAP



DIST 2



DIST 3



DIST 12



DIST 10



DIST 11



DIST 5



DIST 15

FULTON COUNTY IS DIVIDED INTO 8 DISTRICTS THAT MELT INTO 9 COUNTIES AND DISTRICT 4 IS PRESENTLY VACANT.

3 AFRICAN AMERICANS - DISTRICT 5 & DIST 11 MAY REPRESENT MAJORITY WHITE DISTRICTS. DIST 2 REPRESENT CLAYTON.

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Fulton County Demographics:

- Population – 1,063,937
 - African American/Black - 44.5%
 - White - 46.4%
 - Hispanic/Latino -7.5%
 - Asian - 6.9%
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- Fulton County is divided into 8 sections in the proposed map and divided into 9 of the 11 counties. The current map has 5 sections and 5 counties.
 - Fulton County has 8 citizen members. District 4 is presently vacant.
 - The picture shows 3 African American and 4 Caucasian Citizen Members. The African American in District 2 lives in Clayton and represents Clayton. The remaining Black people appear to represent majority White districts.
 - Fulton County is majority black and minority. However, the citizen members do not reflect the population. The African American that represents District 2 reflects the majority black community of Clayton County. However, how many times has District 2 met with Fulton County citizenship? How many times have any of the citizen members met with the public of Fulton County to seek public input? We sent an Open Records Request to obtain documentation to verify that public input occurred.
 - Fulton County has a total of 36 elected officials in the Delegation and the Georgia General Assembly. There are 9 Republicans and 27 Democrats. The racial breakdown of the Democrats is 14 African Americans/Blacks, 12 Caucasians/Whites, and 1 Asian.
 - We checked which elected officials represent the Citizen Members above and they include 5 Democrats and 5 Republicans.
 - The racial breakdown of the 10 elected officials is 9 Caucasians/Whites and 1 African American/Black.
 - There are 9 Republicans and 5 Republicans of the 9 actually represent the citizen members of Fulton County that sit on the board. There are 27 Democrats and 5 of the 27 Democrat actually represent the citizen

members of Fulton County that sit on the board, excluding the District 2 member that lives in Clayton County.

- There is only 1 African American elected official representing the citizen members of Fulton County out of 14 African American elected officials.

Question: Does the one African American live in Fulton County?

- To evaluate the map, we identified the address of each ARC citizen member and placed the address in openstates.org to identify the Senator and Representative in the Georgia General Assembly representing the person. We evaluated the number of Republicans and Democrats in each delegation representing each county the citizen members represent. We assessed the demographics and populations of each county. By making comparisons, we realized a pattern of counties being totally absent of any black and/or minority elected officials representing anyone on the board. This may give evidence of gross discrimination. The map and process managed to eliminate people within the black and minority elected officials' districts. Question: Is this intentional or unintentional? Is this systemic and/or institutional discrimination?

DOUGLAS COUNTY ASSESSMENT OF ARC MAP



ARC 15 DISTRICT MEMBER AT-LARGE MAP



DIST 5

- **DOUGLAS COUNTY IS DIVIDED INTO 4 COUNTIES INCLUDING DOUGLAS, COBB, FULTON, AND ATLANTA IN CURRENT MAP. THE PROPOSED MAP IS THE SAME IF ATLANTA WAS NOT REMOVED. DOUGLAS COUNTY WAS LOCATED IN 1 DISTRICT IN THE CURRENT AND PROPOSED MAP.**
- **1 AFRICAN AMERICAN - DISTRICT 5 & DIST 11 MAY REPRESENT MAJORITY WHITE DISTRICTS. DIST 2 REPRESENT CLAYTON.**
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Douglas County Demographics:

- Population – 146,343
- African American/Black - 45.9%
- White - 40.5%
- Hispanic/Latino - 5.67%
- Asian - 2.6%
- Douglas County is divided into 4 counties including Douglas, Cobb, Fulton, and the City of Atlanta in the current map. The proposed map is the same if Atlanta was not removed. Douglas County was in 1 District in the current and proposed map.
- Douglas County has 8 total elected officials – 3 Republicans and 5 Democrats. However, the citizen member’s address for District 5 is located in Villa Rica and is represented by 2 Republicans. District 5 citizen member’s address is 3046 Summer Breeze Drive, Villa Rica, Georgia 30180. Rep. Micah Gravley (R) and Senator Mike Dugan (R) represent District 5 citizen member.
- One African American Citizen Member – District 5 may represent majority white districts.
- Douglas County Senate and House Delegation is a total of 8 elected officials – 3 Republicans and 5 Democrats. 2 of the 3 Republican elected officials represent the citizen member of Douglas County District 5. None of the Democrats or African Americans/Blacks represent the citizen member or 0 out of 5 Democrats/African American/Blacks. Remember, there are 75 Democrats to 40 Republicans qualified to vote on the ARC map.
- To evaluate the map, we identified the address of each citizen member and placed the address in openstates.org to identify the Senator and Representative in the Georgia General Assembly representing the person. We evaluated the number of Republicans and Democrats in each delegation representing each county the citizen members represent. We assessed the demographics and populations of each county. By making comparisons, we realized a pattern of counties being totally absent of any black and/or minority elected officials representing anyone on the board.

This may give evidence of gross discrimination. The map and process managed to completely eliminate people within the black and minority elected officials' districts. Question: Is this intentional or unintentional? Is this systemic discrimination?

ARC BOARD – ARC'S MEMBER GOVERNMENTS

ARC's member governments

are **Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry** and **Rockdale** counties, and the **City of Atlanta**.

ARC Board

ARC is governed by a **41-member board** that consists of:

- The county commission chair from each of the 11 member counties
- The mayor and a council member from the region's largest city (City of Atlanta)
- One mayor from each of the 11 member counties, with the exception of Fulton, which has two mayoral representatives (one from north Fulton and one from south Fulton).
- A representative from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs
- 15 citizen members who are selected by the ARC board's elected officials. ARC citizen member district map

NONCOMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI – ARC 15 CITIZEN MEMBERS DISTRICT MAP

Total Republicans, White Democrats, Black Democrats, and other minorities - Elected officials that represent ARC Citizen Members:

- 1. Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) Citizen Members represent 15 Districts in the ARC map. The 15 Citizen Members are represented by 2 elected officials that will vote on the ARC map. A few elected officials**

represent more than 2 members that sit on the ARC Citizen Member Board.

2. **Republicans - 7 Republicans out of 40 elected officials represent the ARC Citizen Members that sit on the ARC Board.**
3. **Black Democrats - 6 Black Democrats (1 Black Democrat lives outside of the district and 5 Black Democrats live within their districts). 6 Black Democrats out of 75 elected officials represent the ARC Citizen Members that sit on the ARC Board.**
4. **White Democrats - 7 White Democrats (they live within their districts). 7 White Democrats out of 75 elected officials represent the ARC Citizen Members that sit on the ARC Board.**
5. **2 Asians and 1 Hispanic Democrat - 3 other minority Democrats live within their districts. 3 other minority Democrats out of 75 elected officials represent the ARC Citizen Members that sit on the ARC Board.**
6. **District 4 is in the City of Atlanta and Fulton County - will likely increase the Republican numbers over 7. (Could be 7-11)**
7. **District 14 in the Northern Cobb had no address and will likely increase the Republican number over 7. (Could be 7-11)**
8. Remember, there are 75 Democrats and 40 Republicans. The racial breakdown of the Democrats are 47 black Democrats, 21 white Democrats, 7 other minorities.

CHAIRMAN COUNTY	POPULATION	CHAIRMAN	MAYOR
01. ATLANTA	524,067	BLACK	BLACK
02. CHEROKEE	258,773	WHITE	WHITE
03. CLAYTON	292,256	BLACK	WHITE
04. COBB	760,141	BLACK	BLACK
05. DEKALB	759,297	BLACK	WHITE
06. DOUGLAS	146,343	BLACK	BLACK
07. FAYETTE	114,421	WHITE	WHITE
08. FORSYTH	244,252	WHITE	WHITE
09. FULTON	1,064,000	BLACK	WHITE

10. GWINNETT	936,250	BLACK	WHITE
11. HENRY	234,561	BLACK	WHITE
12. ROCKDALE	90,896	BLACK	WHITE

- ATLANTA - WE DID NOT ANALYZE THE CITY OF ATLANTA AT PRESENT. WE FOCUSED ON THE COUNTIES.
- THERE ARE 8 BLACK CHAIRMEN IN COUNTIES/CITY OF ATLANTA THAT HAVE A BLACK MAJORITY. THE MAJORITY BLACK COUNTIES/CITY OF ATLANTA ARE HIGHLIGHTED.
- THERE ARE 3 WHITE CHAIRMEN IN COUNTIES THAT HAVE A WHITE MAJORITY.
- THERE ARE 8 WHITE MAYORS ON THE ARC BOARD.
- THERE ARE 3 BLACK MAYORS ON THE ARC BOARD.
- THE POPULATION OF THE MAJORITY BLACK COUNTIES (7 COUNTIES) – 3,525,603. THE MAJORITY BLACK COUNTIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED.
- THE POPULATION OF THE MAJORITY WHITE COUNTIES (4 COUNTIES) - 1,377,587.
- THERE ARE 8 BLACK CHAIRMEN AND 3 WHITE CHAIRMEN. 4 BLACK CHAIRMEN ARE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS. 3 BLACK CHAIRMEN WERE ELECTED TO OFFICE AFTER OF THE LAST TIME THE MAP WAS CHANGED. ONLY 1 BLACK CHAIRMAN MAY HAVE PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THE ARC MAP AND PROCESS.

ARC 15 DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AT-LARGE MAP

1. FULTON COUNTY - 8 DISTRICTS IN 9 COUNTIES

2. DEKALB COUNTY - 5 DISTRICTS IN 7 COUNTIES/CITY OF ATLANTA

3. GWINNETT COUNTY - 4 DISTRICTS & IN 4 COUNTIES IN SOUTH GWINNETT

4. COBB COUNTY - 3 DISTRICTS IN 3 COUNTIES

5. HENRY COUNTY - 2 DISTRICTS IN 4 COUNTIES

6. ROCKDALE COUNTY - 2 DISTRICTS IN 4 COUNTIES

7. DOUGLAS COUNTY - 1 DISTRICT IN 3 COUNTIES

8. FAYETTE COUNTY – 1 DISTRICT IN 2 COUNTIES

9. CLAYTON COUNTY - 1 DISTRICT IN 3 COUNTIES

10. CHEROKEE COUNTY – 1 DISTRICT IN 3 COUNTIES

11. FORSYTH COUNTY - 1 DISTRICT IN 2 COUNTIES

DISTRICTS WITH 3 OR MORE NUMBERS HAVE THEIR VOTING POWER DILUTED THROUGH DIVISION. WE MUST VERIFY ADVERSE AFFECTS ON REPRESENTATION, FUNDING, AND SERVICES.

(CITY OF ATLANTA DUE TO BE EVALUATED)

CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS:

1. THE COUNTIES PAY \$1.10 PER PERSON AND THE CITY OF ATLANTA PAYS \$0.44 -\$0.66. WHY DOES THE CITY OF ATLANTA PAY LESS THAN THE COUNTIES? WHAT DO THE CITIES PAY ACROSS THE BOARD? WE WERE NOT GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THE OTHER CITIES PAY.

2. HOW WILL WE ADDRESS THE NONCOMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI?

3. WE HAVE TRACED THE ORIGIN BACK TO 2010 THUSFAR. HOWEVER, WE NEED TO IDENTIFY THE ROOT CAUSE FOR THIS VIOLATION OF TITLE VI AND VIOLATION OF THE GEORGIA CONSTITUTION UNDER ARTICLE 1 IN ORDER TO DRAFT A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.

4. THIS IS FAR FROM BEING A SMALL FIX. WE NEED TO BACK TRACK AND IDENTIFY THE FINANCIAL HARM DONE TO COUNTIES, ESPECIALLY COUNTIES THAT A PREDOMINATELY AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.

The ARC Map needs to be redrawn to eliminate the adverse and discriminatory affects the current and proposed maps present. We need the Open Records Request answered to verify the data within the report and any adverse effects with funding and services. We must have a full investigation and study to evaluate the reason there are disparities, discrimination, voter disenfranchisement, decrease, dilution, and denial of representation, etc. Each county adversely affected should have the right to form its own accountability oversight committee and ombudsman citizen advocacy task force to evaluate the 10–20-year harm done to counties’ representation, funding, and services.

In closing, Georgians deserve that state agencies be in compliance with Title VI to ensure citizens have representation, funding, and services. The equity assessment has revealed critical evidence of noncompliance with Title VI and the adverse effects must be measured to identify the harm to the counties. We seek the essential assistance and oversight of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA): Office of Civil Rights, Attention: Title VI Program Coordinator during this time of

crisis. It is of the utmost importance that the government operates effectively and in a timely manner to ensure the rights of every citizen in Georgia, especially the Constitutional rights to representation.

As an elected official, I along with other elected officials truly hope our federal agencies can work in true partnership to address the noncompliance to Title VI , identify the Root Cause of the noncompliance, harm, and adverse effects, and draft a viable corrective action plan. We look forward to hearing from you. We ask that you contact me, Representative Viola Davis, at 678-349-6835 or 404-656-0109 or via email at viola.davis@house.ga.gov or repvioladavis@gmail.com.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Viola Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Viola Davis



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Memorandum

To: Brittany Zwald

From: Representative Viola Davis, Georgia House District 87

cc: T.H.E. Equity Assessment and all appropriate parties

Date: October 14, 2021

Re: Open Records Request for the Critical Data on ARC Map
(digital version please)

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- Demographics and Population of each of the 15 Districts
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- The last 3 years of the ARC capital and operating budget
- The amount each county paid in ARC fees, dues, etc. for the last 10 years.
- The amount of funding each county received from ARC for the last 10 years.

If this request is denied in whole or in part, we ask that you cite in writing the specific statutory exemption upon which you have relied upon, as required by law, we also ask that you release all separate portions of otherwise exempt material. Please waive any costs associated with this request, or first, inform us about such costs as required by Georgia Law.

As you know, the Law requires a response by you within three business days of your receipt of this Open Records Request and provides sanctions for non-compliance. I look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached at 678-349-6835 or via email at viola.davis@house.ga.gov or repvioladavis@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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Open Records Request for Atlanta Regional Commission - Rep. Viola Davis HD87

2 messages

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Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 6:51 AM

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As you know, the Law requires a response by you within three business days of your receipt of this Open Records Request and provides sanctions for non-compliance. I look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached at 678-349-6835 or via email at viola.davis@house.ga.gov or repvioladavis@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Representative Viola Davis
Georgia House District 87



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Brittany Zwald <BZwald@atlantaregional.org>
To: Representative Viola Davis <repvioladavis@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 5:02 PM

Good afternoon Representative Davis,

I am confirming that I received your written Open Records Law request today, October 14, 2021. We are reviewing this request and will have either the records available, or a timeline for their availability, to provide to you by Tuesday, October 19, 2021. We do not anticipate charging a fee for this request at this time, but should the need arise, I will inform you of such costs prior to proceeding.

Sincerely,

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Tuesday, October 12, 2021

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Rep. Viola Davis Initiates Equity Assessment of DeKalb County in Response to Proposed Atlanta Regional Commission Map

ATLANTA – State Representative Viola Davis (D-Stone Mountain) today announced that she has initiated the “T.H.E. Equity Assessment” in response to a proposed map for the Atlanta Regional Commission’s (ARC) districts for citizen board members at-large to examine the impact that transportation, health and education have on DeKalb County residents. Rep. Davis seeks to perform an analysis of the map and its effect on representation, service and funding in DeKalb County.

“Before the voting on the new districts for the ARC citizen board members at-large, it is in the best interest of DeKalb County residents if we perform an analysis of the map and its potential effects, especially on transportation, health and education issues,” said Rep. Davis. “In both the current and proposed maps, DeKalb County is divided into five districts like a pie, possibly producing disparities in representation, service and funding. Until an equity assessment is done, we may have a county divided into a five district pie that could produce an adverse effect in which Central and South DeKalb residents are denied the ability to eat at the table. Since the map is the start of the process, we must perform and complete an assessment to evaluate if this map is fair and equitable.”

Because Rep. Davis’ House district touches member county jurisdictions of the Atlanta Regional Commission, she is part of a legislative caucus which determines the ARC board

member at-large districts. She plans to oppose any district maps that could dilute and/or remove representation from the Central and South DeKalb County areas. She seeks to examine the proposed map with her colleagues in the DeKalb County Legislative Delegation, who also serve on the caucus. The ARC legislative caucus held a meeting to discuss the proposed map today, Oct. 12.

Rep. Davis has identified several concerns with the map's potential impact and its constitutionality, such as one of the citizen board members who represents the only district that is solely in DeKalb County and a residential address in Atlanta. She is also concerned that none of the current DeKalb citizen board members are personally represented by Black or minority state legislators; 15 out of the 23 legislators in the delegation are Black or minorities. Rep. Davis is also concerned that the two African American citizen board members' districts do not encompass large portions of DeKalb County, especially the Central and South DeKalb areas which have a population of more than 300,000 residents.

Additionally, Rep. Davis seeks to gather a list of dates that ARC citizen board members met with residents in Central and South DeKalb. Rep. Davis believes this data would assist her analysis of representation and input that the people in these areas have received under the current ARC map.

Representative Viola Davis represents the citizens of District 87, c includes portions of DeKalb County. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 2018 and currently serves on the Natural Resources & Environment, Insurance, Interstate Cooperation and Science and Technology committees.

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ARC Board Members At-Large

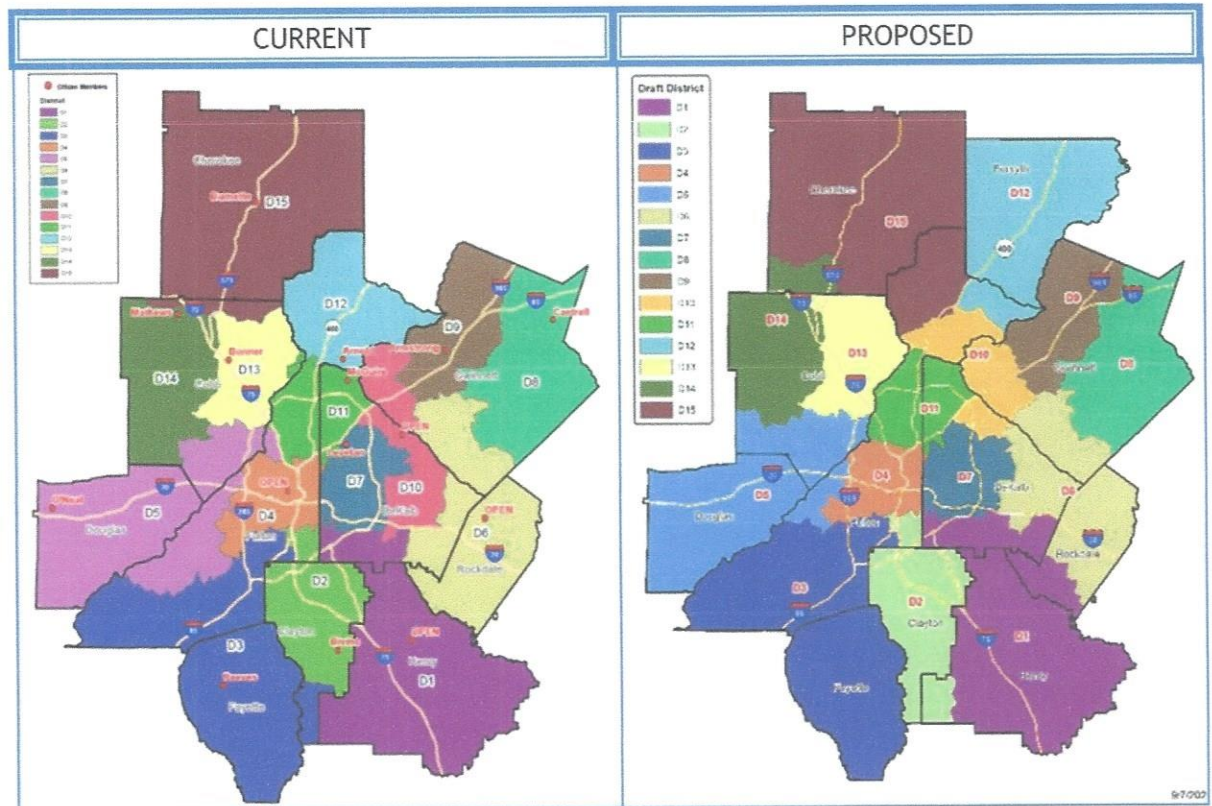
O.C.G.A. § 50-8-84 Establishing the ARC Board	
Public Officials (25)	Members At-Large (15)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair of the Board of Commissioners of Each County (11) Mayor of the City of Atlanta (1) Mayor selected from each county other than Fulton (10) Mayor selected from North Fulton and Mayor selected from South Fulton (2) Member of Atlanta City Council (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizens not holding elective or appointed public office and not employed by any political subdivision nominated and elected by the public members of the Commission.
DCA Appointee (1)	

ACTION REQUIRED:

- ARC, as a MAPDC, has 15 at-large members, colloquially called citizen members, on the Board. **These members represent 15 districts set by the General Assembly.**
- Within 90 days of the publication of a US Census, these **districts must be redrawn based on that new data, followed by elections for those new citizen members.** Additionally, within 90 days of the addition or removal of a jurisdiction, the same actions must occur. The Census data was released on August 16, 2021, and Forsyth County was added to ARC by legislative action on July 1, 2021.

MEMBER AT-LARGE DISTRICTS and ELECTIONS:

- The members of the General Assembly whose representative or senatorial districts lie within ARC jurisdictions will meet upon call by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate to review the proposed district revisions.
- Within 10 days of the establishment of those districts, Member At-Large elections must be



held for all citizen member seats, but those terms will not be effective until January 1, 2022. Citizen members serve staggered terms. Prior to elections, public ARC Board members will determine which 8 districts will serve 2-year terms, and the remainder will serve 4-year terms.

- In support of this process, the ARC GIS staff incorporated Forsyth County into the district boundary area. Each district, drawn with contiguous combination of census tracts contains approximately the same population using the latest available United States decennial census released on August 12, 2021.

2020 Census ARC 11-County Area

	2000	2010	2020	Change 2010-2020
Atlanta Region	3,527,779	4,283,261	4,967,514	684,253
Cherokee	141,903	214,346	266,620	52,274
Clayton	236,517	259,424	297,595	38,171
Cobb	607,751	688,078	766,149	78,071
DeKalb	665,865	691,893	764,382	72,489
Douglas	92,174	132,403	144,237	11,834
Fayette	91,263	106,567	119,194	12,627
Forsyth	98,400	175,511	251,283	75,772
Fulton	816,006	920,581	1,066,710	146,129
Gwinnett	588,448	805,321	957,062	151,741
Henry	119,341	203,922	240,712	36,790
Rockdale	70,111	85,215	93,570	8,355
City of Atlanta	416,474	420,003	498,715	78,712
in DeKalb	29,775	28,292	40,020	11,728
in Fulton	386,699	391,711	458,695	66,984

2010 District Share of Population by County (#s)

2010 District Share of Population by County (#s)													
At-Large District	Cherokee	Clayton	Cobb	DeKalb	Douglas	Fayette	Forsyth	Fulton	Gwinnett	Henry	Rockdale	10 County total	
D1				60,241						203,922		264,163	
D2		247,998						24,289				272,287	
D3		11,426				106,567		143,121				261,114	
D4				1,750				284,610				286,360	
D5			99,963		132,403			52,372				284,738	
D6				47,761					135,763		85,215	268,739	
D7				284,715								284,715	
D8									275,552			275,552	
D9									274,779			274,779	
D10				150,169					119,227			269,396	
D11			3,916	147,257				134,510				285,683	
D12								281,679				281,679	
D13			261,058									261,058	
D14			264,342									264,342	
D15	214,346		58,799									273,145	
2010 County Total	214,346	259,424	688,078	691,893	132,403	106,567	175,498	920,581	805,321	203,922	85,215	4,107,750	11 Cty Totals
2020 Census Estimate	265,274	292,646	762,944	762,009	147,988	115,821	250,847	1,077,402	942,627	239,139	90,939	4,696,789	4,947,636
Change 2010 to 2020	50,874	33,007	74,868	69,978	15,707	9,265	75,349	157,009	137,386	35,362	5,766	589,222	664,571
Percentage Change	19%	11%	10%	9%	11%	8%	30%	15%	15%	15%	6%	13%	13%

2020 District Share of Population by County (#s)

Population Total of each County by District																
Row Labels	D01	D02	D03	D04	D05	D06	D07	D08	D09	D10	D11	D12	D13	D14	D15	Grand Total
Cherokee														58,410	208,210	266,620
Clayton		297,595														297,595
Cobb					162,292								333,347	270,510		766,149
DeKalb	89,833			2,140		124,510	331,701			53,484	162,714					764,382
Douglas					144,237											144,237
Fayette			119,194													119,194
Forsyth												251,283				251,283
Fulton		25,215	215,313	329,566	22,775					106,980	169,520	76,204			121,137	1,066,710
Gwinnett						127,222		330,278	329,339	170,223						957,062
Henry	232,275	8,437														240,712
Rockdale	10,764					82,806										93,570
Grand Total	332,872	331,247	334,507	331,706	329,304	334,538	331,701	330,278	329,339	330,687	332,234	327,487	333,347	328,920	329,347	4,967,514

Year	Total Population	District Target Pop (+-3%)
2010 Census (10 counties)	4,107,750	273,850
2020 Census (11 counties)	4,967,514	331,168

**TITLE VI: ARC 15 DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER AT-LARGE MAP
BY REP VIOLA DAVIS
(ATTACHMENT A)**

DISTRICT	CURRENT MAP	PROPOSED MAP
1	2 DISTRICTS DEKALB/HENRY	3 DISTRICTS SOUTH DEKALB/HENRY/S. ROCKDALE
2	2 DISTRICTS CLAYTON/FULTON/FAYETTE	1 DISTRICTS CLAYTON/SOUTH FULTON/HENRY
3	3 DISTRICT FAYETTE/S.FULTON/CLAYTON	2 DISTRICTS FAYETTE/SOUTH FULTON
4	2 DISTRICTS ATL/FULTON	2 DISTRICTS ATL/FULTON
5	3 DISTRICTS DOUGLAS/FULTON/COBB	4 DISTRICTS DOUGLAS/FULTON/COBB/ATL
6	3 DISTRICTS ROCKDALE/DEKALB/S.GWINNETT	3 DISTRICTS ROCKDALE/DEKALB/S.GWINNETT

**DISTRICT 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10 ARE MAJORITY AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK
AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR**

*****1 DISTRICT AND 2 DISTRICTS IN BOLD LETTERS*****

TITLE VI: ARC 15 DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER AT-LARGE MAP

DISTRICT	CURRENT MAP	PROPOSED MAP
7	1 DISTRICT DEKALB	1 DISTRICT DEKALB
8	1 DISTRICT NORTH GWINNETT	1 DISTRICT NORTH GWINNETT
9	1 DISTRICT NORTH GWINNETT	1 DISTRICT NORTH GWINNETT
10	2 DISTRICTS DEKALB/S.GWINNETT	3 DISTRICTS DEKALB/S.GWINNETT/N.FULTON
11	4 DISTRICTS DEKALB/ATL/FULTON/COBB	2 DISTRICTS NORTH DEKALB/FULTON
12	1 DISTRICT NORTH FULTON	2 DISTRICT NORTH FULTON/FORSYTH

*****1 DISTRICT AND 2 DISTRICTS IN BOLD LETTERS*****

TITLE VI: ARC 15 DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER AT-LARGE MAP

DISTRICT	CURRENT MAP	PROPOSED MAP
13	1 DISTRICT NORTH COBB	1 DISTRICT NORTH COBB
14	1 DISTRICT NORTH COBB	1 DISTRICT NORTH COBB/S. CHEROKEE
15	1 DISTRICTS CHEROKEE/N. COBB	2 DISTRICTS CHEROKEE/NORTH FULTON

*****1 DISTRICT AND 2 DISTRICTS IN BOLD LETTERS*****

TITLE VI: ARC 15 DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER AT-LARGE MAP

1. **FULTON COUNTY - 8 DISTRICT IN 9 COUNTIES**
2. **DEKALB COUNTY - 5 DISTRICTS IN 7 COUNTIES/CITY OF ATLANTA**
3. **GWINNETT COUNTY - 4 DISTRICTS & IN 4 COUNTIES IN SOUTH GWINNETT**
4. **COBB COUNTY - 3 DISTRICTS IN 3 COUNTIES**
5. **HENRY COUNTY - 2 DISTRICT IN 4 COUNTIES**
6. **ROCKDALE COUNTY - 2 DISTRICTS IN 4 COUNTIES**
7. **DOUGLAS COUNTY - 1 DISTRICT IN 3 COUNTIES**
8. **FAYETTE COUNTY – 1 DISTRICT IN 2 COUNTIES**
9. **CLAYTON COUNTY - 1 DISTRICT IN 3 COUNTIES**
10. **CHEROKEE COUNTY – 1 DISTRICT IN 3 COUNTIESS**
11. **FORSYTH COUNTY - 1 DISTRICT IN 2 COUNTIES**

DISTRICTS WITH 3 OR MORE NUMBERS HAVE THEIR REPRESENTATION AND VOTING POWER DECREASED AND **DILUTED** THROUGH DIVISION. THE COUNTIES THAT ARE HARMED ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED. WE MUST VERIFY ADVERSE EFFECTS ON REPRESENTATION, FUNDING, AND SERVICES.

(CITY OF ATLANTA DUE TO BE EVALUATED)

TITLE VI: CITIZEN MEMBERS FOR DEKALB COUNTY AND METRO ATLANTA OF ARC 15 DISTRICTS MAP

(ATTACHMENT B)

BY REPRESENTATIVE VIOLA DAVIS

October 29, 2021

1. **Mr. Murphy Talmadge with District 1 (portions of DeKalb/Henry)**
 - a. Term – 5/21 – 12/24
 - b. 215 Talmadge Road, Hampton, Georgia 30228
 - c. House Representative: Rep. Karen Mathiak Republican District 73
 - d. Senator: Senator Brian Strickland Republican District 17
 - e. Rep Mathiak District 73 Republican 1
 - f. Senator Strickland District 17 Republican 2

2. **Mr. Charlton Bivins with District 2 (portions of Clayton/Fulton)**
 - a. Term - 1/18 – 12/21
 - b. 9141 Woodleaf Drive, Jonesboro, Georgia 30236
 - c. House Representative: Rep. Demetrius Douglas Dem District 78
 - d. Senator: Senator Gail Davenport Dem District 44
 - e. Rep Douglas District 78 Black Democrat 1 -lives outside the district
 - f. Senator Davenport District 44 Black Democrat 2 (lives in district)

3. **Mr. Robert “Bob” Reeves with District 3 (portions of Fayette/Fulton)**
 - a. Term - 1/16 - ?
 - b. 201 Flat Creek Trail, Fayetteville, Georgia 30214
 - c. House Representative: Rep. Derrick Jackson Dem District 64
 - d. Senator: Senator Marty Harbin Republican District 16

e. Senator Harbin District 16 Republican 3

f. Rep. D. Jackson District 64 Black Democrat 3. However, Rep. Jackson represents citizen member in Fulton County, but lives in Fayette. (Lives outside of district)

4. VACANT – District 4 (portions of Atlanta/Fulton)

5. Ms. Angelia O’Neal with District 5 (portions of Cobb/Douglas/Fulton/Atlanta)

a. Term - 1/2020 - 12/23

b. 3046 Summer Breeze Drive, Villa Rica, Georgia 30180

c. House Representative: Rep. Micah Gravley Republican District 67

d. Senator: Senator Mike Dugan Republican District 30

e. Rep. Gravley District 67 Republican 4

f. Senator Dugan District 30 Republican 5

6. Ms. Alisha Sanders with District 6 (portions of DeKalb/Gwinnett/Rockdale)

a. Term - 5/21- 12/24

b. 731 Lynn Milam Lane, Conyers, Georgia 30094

c. House Representative: Rep. Regina Lewis-Ward Dem District 109

d. Senator: Senator Brian Strickland Republican District 17

e. Rep Lewis-Ward District 109 Black Democrat 4 (lives in district)

7. Mrs. Liane Levetan with District 7 (portion of DeKalb County)

a. Term - 1/16 – 12/19

b. 2250 Chrysler Terrace, Atlanta, Georgia 30345

c. House Representative: Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver Dem District 82

d. Senator: Senator Elena Parent Dem District 42

- e. Rep. Oliver District 82 White Democrat 1
- f. Senator Parent District 42 White Democrat 2

8. Mr. Greg Cantrell with District 8 (portions of Gwinnett)

- a. Term: 1/2020 - 12/23
- b. 285 South Perry Street, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046
- c. House Representative: Rep. Sam Park Dem District 101
- d. Senator: Senator Nikki Merritt Dem District 9**
- e. Senator Merritt District 9 Black Democrat 5 (lives in district)**
- f. Rep. Park District 101 Asian Democrat 1

9. Mr. W. Kerry Armstrong (ARC Chair) with District 9 (portions of Gwinnett)

- a. Term: 1/16 - ?
- b. 2200 Sugarloaf Club Drive, Duluth, Georgia 30097
- c. House Representative: Rep. Pedro "Pete" Marin Dem District 96
- d. Senator: Senator Michelle Au Dem District 48
- e. Rep. Marin District 96 Hispanic Democrat 2
- f. Senator Au Asian Democrat 3

10. Ms. Lynette Howard with District 10 (portions of DeKalb/Gwinnett)

- a. Term - 5/21 – 12/24
- b. 776 Broxton Circle, Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30092
- c. House Representative: Rep. Beth Moore Dem District 95
- d. Senator: Senator Sally Harrell Dem District 40
- e. Rep. Moore District 95 White Democrat 3
- f. Senator Harrell District 40 White Democrat 4

11. Mr. Minuard “Mickey” C. McGuire with District 11 (portions of Atlanta, Cobb, DeKalb, and Fulton)

- a. Term - 1/18 - 12/21
- b. 4940 Leisure Drive, Dunwoody, Georgia 30338
- c. House Representative: Rep. Mike Wilensky Dem District 79
- d. Senator: Senator Sally Harrell Dem District 40
- e. Rep. Wilensky District 79 White Democrat 5

12. Mrs. Julie K. Arnold with District 12 (portions of Fulton)

- a. Term – 1/16 - ?
- b. 8110 Habersham Waters Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30350
- c. House Representative: Rep. Josh McLaurin Dem District 51
- d. Senator: Senator Sally Harrell Dem District 40
- e. Rep. McLaurin District 51 White Democrat 6

13. Ms. Deane Bonner with District 13 (portion of Cobb)

- a. Term - 1/2020 - 12/23
- b. 959 Overbrook Circle, Marietta, Georgia 30062
- c. House Representative: Rep. Mary Frances Williams Dem District 37
- d. Senator: Senator Michael ‘Doc’ Rhett Dem District 33**
- e. Senator Rhett District 33 Black Democrat 6 (lives in district)**
- f. Rep. Williams District 37 White Democrat 7 (lives in district)

14. Mr. Mark Matthews with District 14 (portion of Cobb)

- a. Term - 1/18 - 12/21
- b. Address unknown
- c. Address likely to increase Republican numbers**

- 15. Mr. Dennis W. Burnette with District 15 (portions of Cherokee/Cobb)**
- a. Term - 1/18 - 12/21
 - b. 404 Canyon View Court, Canton, Georgia 30114
 - c. **House Representative: Rep. Mandi Ballinger Republican District 23**
 - d. **Senator: Senator Bruce Thompson Republican District 14**
 - e. **Rep. Ballinger District 23 Republican 6**
 - f. **Senator Thompson District 14 Republican 7**

**Total Republicans, White Democrats, Black Democrats, and other minorities -
Elected officials that represents ARC Citizen Members:**

- 1. Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) Citizen Members represent 15 Districts in the ARC map. The 15 Citizen Members are represented by 2 elected officials that will vote on the ARC map. A few elected officials represent more than 2 members that sit on the ARC Citizen Member Board.**
- 2. Republicans - 7 Republicans out of 40 elected officials represent the ARC Citizen Members that sit on the ARC Board.**
- 3. Black Democrats - 6 Black Democrats (1 Black Democrat lives outside of the district and 5 Black Democrats live within their districts). 6 Black Democrats out of 75 elected officials represent the ARC Citizen Members that sit on the ARC Board.**
- 4. White Democrats - 7 White Democrats (they live within their districts). 7 White Democrats out of 75 elected officials represent the ARC Citizen Members that sit on the ARC Board.**
- 5. 2 Asians and 1 Hispanic Democrat - 3 other minority Democrats live within their districts. 3 other minority Democrats out of 75 elected officials represent the ARC Citizen Members that sit on the ARC Board.**
- 6. District 4 is in the City of Atlanta and Fulton County - will likely increase the Republican numbers over 7. (Could be 7-11)**
- 7. District 14 in the Northern Cobb had no address and will likely increase the Republican number over 7. (Could be 7-11)**

8. Remember, there are 75 Democrats and 40 Republicans. The racial breakdown of the Democrats are 47 black Democrats, 21 white Democrats, 7 other minorities.

CHAIRMAN COUNTY	POPULATION	CHAIRMAN	MAYOR
01. ATLANTA	524,067	BLACK	BLACK
02. CHEROKEE	258,773	WHITE	WHITE
03. CLAYTON	292,256	BLACK	WHITE
04. COBB	760,141	BLACK	BLACK
05. DEKALB	759,297	BLACK	WHITE
06. DOUGLAS	146,343	BLACK	BLACK
07. FAYETTE	114,421	WHITE	WHITE
08. FORSYTH	244,252	WHITE	WHITE
09. FULTON	1,064,000	BLACK	WHITE
10. GWINNETT	936,250	BLACK	WHITE
11. HENRY	234,561	BLACK	WHITE
12. ROCKDALE	90,896	BLACK	WHITE

- ATLANTA - WE DID NOT ANALYZE THE CITY OF ATLANTA AT PRESENT. WE FOCUSED ON THE COUNTIES.
- THERE ARE 8 BLACK CHAIRMEN IN COUNTIES/CITY THAT HAVE A BLACK MAJORITY. THE MAJORITY BLACK COUNTIES/CITY ARE HIGHLIGHTED.
- THERE ARE 3 WHITE CHAIRMEN IN COUNTIES THAT HAVE A WHITE MAJORITY.
- THERE ARE 8 WHITE MAYORS ON ARC THE BOARD.
- THERE ARE 3 BLACK MAYORS ON ARC THE BOARD.
- THE POPULATION OF THE MAJORITY BLACK COUNTIES (7 COUNTIES) – 3,525,603. THE MAJORITY BLACK COUNTIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED.
- THE POPULATION OF THE MAJORITY WHITE COUNTIES (4 COUNTIES) - 1,377,587.

- THERE ARE 8 BLACK CHAIRMEN AND 3 WHITE CHAIRMEN. 4 BLACK CHAIRMEN ARE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS. 3 BLACK CHAIRMEN WERE ELECTED TO OFFICE OUTSIDE OF THE LAST TIME THE MAP WAS CHANGED. 1 BLACK CHAIRMAN MAY HAVE PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THE ARC MAP AND PROCESS.

ARC's member governments

are **Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette,** Forsyth, **Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry** and **Rockdale** counties, and the **city of Atlanta**.

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 - 15 citizen members who are selected by the ARC board's elected officials.
- ARC citizen member district map

Atlanta Regional Commission

Atlanta, GA, USA

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) is the regional planning and intergovernmental coordination agency for the 10-county area including Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, and Rockdale counties, as well as the City of Atlanta. Forsyth County is due to be included in the ARC. For 60 years, ARC and its predecessor agencies have helped to focus the region's leadership, attention, and resources on key issues of regional consequence. ARC is dedicated to **unifying** the region's collective resources to prepare the metropolitan area for a prosperous future. It does so through professional planning initiatives, the provision of objective information and the involvement of the community in collaborative partnerships.

The Atlanta Regional Commission is charged with peering into the future and working with our partners across the community to plan for a better, brighter tomorrow.

On any given day, ARC works with local jurisdictions and various regional partners to:

- [Plan new transportation options](#)
- [Encourage the development of healthy, livable communities](#)
- [Wisely manage precious water resources](#)
- [Provide services for the region's older adults and individuals with disabilities](#)
- [Develop a competitive workforce](#)
- [Provide data to inform leaders and decision-makers](#)
- [Cultivate leaders to meet the region's challenges](#)
- [Coordinate with local first responders in preparing for a secure region](#)
- [Engage the public on key regional issues](#)

The agency also serves as a regional convener, bringing diverse stakeholders to the table to address the most important issues facing metro

Atlanta. To view a three-minute video on the Atlanta Regional Commission - link here - <https://atlantaregional.org/about-arc/>

Center for Community Services

The Center for Community Services provides services and supports to residents, local governments, and community groups across the Atlanta region. The center's Aging & Independence Group provides a range of services for older adults, people with disabilities, and their families. The Workforce Solutions Group offers services to help jobseekers find training and employment, and to help employers find skilled workers. The [Homeland Security & Recovery Group](#) provides training and coordination to local governments and first responders.

The Center for Community Services includes the following ARC programs and services:

- [Aging & Independence Services](#)
- [Homeland Security & Recovery](#)
- [Workforce Solutions](#)

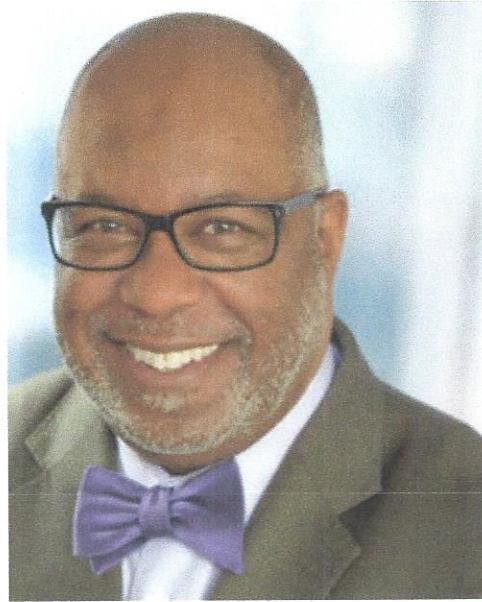
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The ARC Board meets every other month at 1:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month (January, March, May, July, September, November).



CEO DOUG HOOKER – CEO OF ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

Office of the Executive Director

The Office of the Executive Director is responsible for the overall management of the Atlanta Regional Commission as well as ARC Board policy coordination and the building of civic partnerships.

Doug Hooker leads the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), the agency which facilitates community and development strategies to enhance the Atlanta region’s growth and competitiveness. Throughout his career, Doug has worked for public sector and private sector organizations, including: Georgia Power Co., BioLab Inc., the City of Atlanta’s Department of Public Works, HDR, the State Road & Tollway Authority, and Atkins Global. He is active in his profession, currently serving as the President of the Executive Directors’ Council and as a member of the board of the National Association of Regional Councils. He was a cofounder of the Major Metros forum of this same association. To read the full bio - <https://atlantaregional.org/about-arc/douglas-r-hooker-executive-director/>

Overview: Equity is important to ARC. Additionally, federal guidance, such as Environmental Justice and Title VI, protects specific populations and requires planning organizations to address disproportionately high health or environmental burdens affecting these communities. As a first step in equity planning, federal guidance outlines identifying where specific populations live. Our analysis is one means to understand where there are concentrations of various populations in the region. We conduct these analyses using the most current American Community Survey (ACS)* data. This quantitative approach is one tool, used in tandem with qualitative knowledge and Transportation Equity Advisory Group (TEAG) input, to guide policy and funding decisions. Below are two methodology descriptions for the models ARC uses.

1 The Protected Classes Model

Purpose: The protected classes model is an analysis that helps ARC more directly and clearly identify the nine populations protected under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and considered within the Executive Order on Environmental Justice. Those populations are:

- ethnic minority
- female
- foreign born
- limited English proficiency
- low-income
- older adults
- people with disabilities
- racial minority
- youth

Additional considerations were added based on FHWA's Environmental Justice recommendations (2017), FTA's Environmental Justice policy guidance (2012), and FTA's Title VI requirements and guidelines (2012). The results indicate population concentrations relative to the region. ARC uses the results of the analysis to demonstrate compliance with this guidance and demonstrate fair treatment of those population groups.

*For more information on American Community Surveys (ACS), click [here](#).

Table 1: Summary of Protected Classes Model Criteria

Model Criteria	2013-2017 ACS 5-Year Estimates Table Name	Protected Class	Authorizing Source or Guiding Document
Ethnic Minority	B03002: Hispanic or Latino Origin by Race [†]	Minority and National Origin	Executive Order 12898, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, FHWA's Title VI Program and Related Authorities: 23 CFR, and Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for FTA Recipients
Female	S0101: Age and Sex	Sex	FHWA's Title VI Program and Related Authorities: 23 CFR 200
Foreign Born	B05012: Nativity in the United States	National Origin	Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, FHWA's Title VI Program and Related Authorities: 23 CFR, and Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for FTA Recipients
Limited English Proficiency	S1601: Language Spoken at Home	Limited English Proficiency and National Origin	Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, FHWA's Title VI Program and Related Authorities: 23 CFR 200, and Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for FTA Recipients
Low-Income	S1701: Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months	Low-Income	Executive Order 12898 and FHWA's Title VI Program and Related Authorities: 23 CFR
Older Adults	S0101: Age and Sex	Age	FHWA's Title VI Program and Related Authorities: 23 CFR 200
People with Disability	S1810: Disability Characteristics	Disability	FHWA's Title VI Program and Related Authorities: 23 CFR 200
Racial Minority	B02001: Race	Race and Minority	Executive Order 12898, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, FHWA's Title VI Program and Related Authorities: 23 CFR, and Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for FTA Recipients
Youth	S0101: Age and Sex	Age	FHWA's Title VI Program and Related Authorities: 23 CFR 200

[†]While the current information only answers whether a person is of Hispanic origins or not, future questionnaires may include additional ethnicities such as Middle East or North African (MENA) origins.

Calculating Scores: The protected classes model calculates the percentage of each of the population groups (model criteria) present in every census tract in the region. Next, every census tract is classified into one of five bins – well above average, above average, average, below average, and well below average – based on standard deviations relative to the regional mean. Each bin is given a score of 0 to 4 based on the concentration of a population which that bin represents. A 4 represents well above average (See Figure 1 below). Then a cumulative numeric score of 0 to 36 is calculated based on the concentration of a population identified in each bin across all nine criteria (See Figure 2 below).

This scoring calculation better identifies the concentration of each of the population groups for every census tract in the region. The change from ARC’s ETA index methodology (2012) to the standard deviation methodology (2018) is supported by both FHWA’s and FTA’s Title VI recommendations to simply identify the protected classes using demographic data from the U.S. Census Bureau as the first step in conducting equity analyses. However, FTA’s EJ guidance cautions recipients not to rely solely on population concentrations to understand the impact on a population group. In addition to technical analyses to understand where concentrations of populations are, ARC balances this approach with community engagement, policy and program development, and qualitative knowledge.

Figure 1: Criteria Bin Scoring

Bin scores of 1 and 3 are one standard deviation (st dev) from the regional average. Bin scores of 0 and 4 contain any remaining census tracts.

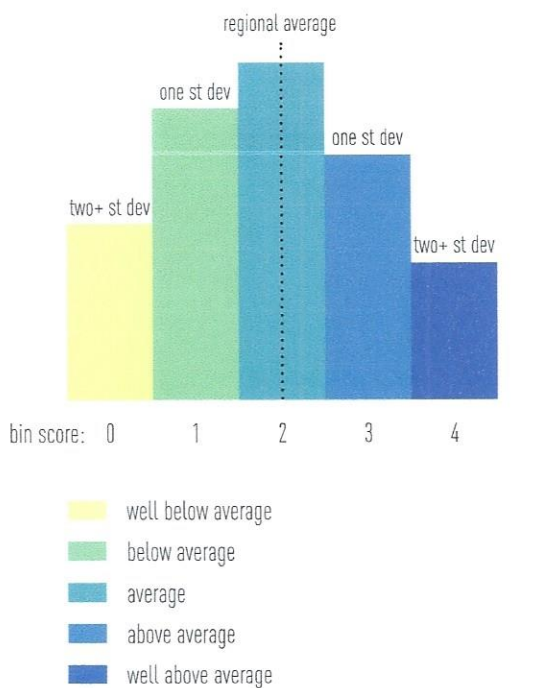
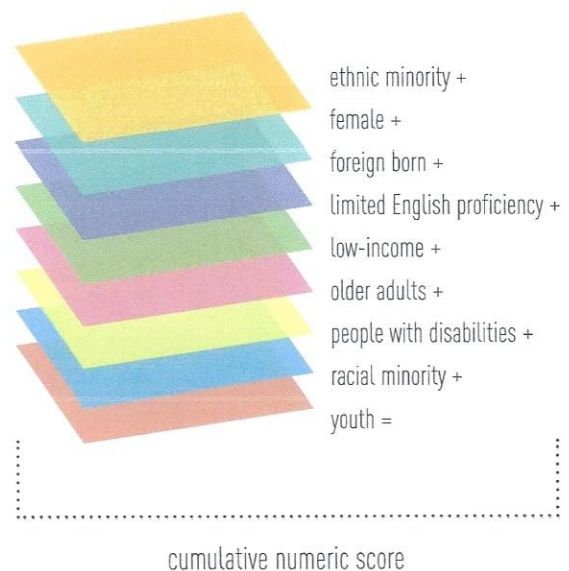


Figure 2: Cumulative Bin Scoring

Every census tract has a maximum possible score of 36 since there are 9 criteria and a maximum bin score of 4 per criteria.



2 Environmental Justice Model

Purpose: The Executive Order on Environmental Justice (1994) “requires federal agencies to achieve environmental justice by identifying and addressing disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects, including the interrelated social and economic effects of their programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations in the United States.”¹ ARC examines racial minority, ethnic minority, and low-income populations in an analysis distinct from all federally protected classes because these three inputs are considered indicators of the greatest inequality in the Atlanta region. ARC previously analyzed these three inputs and referred to the results as Equitable Target Areas (ETA). The environmental justice model supplants the ETA index methodology and nomenclature.

The environmental justice model results guide regional transportation and land use planning investments. In particular, the ARC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Evaluation Framework utilizes the results of this analysis to score and rank proposed projects. The regional analysis results are not the end-all for identifying and addressing disproportionately high and adverse effects, but rather one tool to leverage in our regional environmental justice efforts. This technical perspective is further refined and calibrated by qualitative knowledge, community engagement, and policy and program development.

Table 2: Summary of Environmental Justice Model Criteria

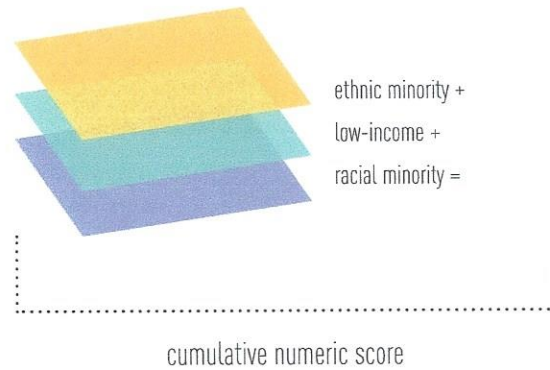
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¹Summary of Executive Order 12898 - Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority and Low-Income Populations

Calculating Scores: This model follows the same standard deviation and calculation method as the Protected Classes Model. However, the cumulative numeric score ranges from 0 to 12 since there are only three criteria considered (See Figure 3). It is important to note that the results are relative to the region. Results will look different when analyzed at the county or city scale.

Figure 3: Cumulative Bin Scoring

Every census tract has a maximum possible score of 12 since there are 3 criteria and a maximum bin score of 4 per criteria.



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ARC works closely with local governments and community partners in metro Atlanta 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 across the region

\$2.7 billion in federal and state transportation funds in 2021 throughout the Atlanta region to improve the region's transportation network.

- A** Major road and highway projects include interchange improvements at I-285 and I-20 West; construction of a full diamond interchange on SR 400 at McGinnis Ferry Road in Forsyth County; and access ramps onto I-75 North Managed Lanes in Cobb County.
- Expanded transit options: arterial rapid transit on Metropolitan Parkway in the City of Atlanta; construction of two MARTA bus hubs serving South DeKalb County and the City of Stonecrest; and reduced wait times for local service on Gwinnett County Transit.
- Bike-ped projects include construction of the Global Gateway Connector, a bike-ped trail between College Park MARTA station and the Skytrain Station in South Fulton County; an extension of the Noonday Creek Trail in Cherokee County; and an extension of the Rockdale River Trail to Conyers in Rockdale County.

21.2 million fewer miles traveled by the **6,960 metro Atlanta residents** who participated in the **Georgia Commute Options** program, saving them **\$12.2 million** in fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.

Securing a sustainable future

2,176 toilet rebates were received by Atlanta region residents, facilitating the replacement of older, inefficient toilets.



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 residents of all ages & abilities

\$23 million in state and federal funds allocated by ARC to **the Atlanta region** for direct services provided to older persons and people with disabilities, including **congregate and home-delivered meals, transportation, home modifications and repairs, and COVID relief.**

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

\$1.2 million in **Livable Centers Initiative** study grants to help 11 Atlanta region communities develop plans and policies to create more vibrant, walkable, and connected places.

\$320,000 in **Community Development Assistance Program grants** to three Atlanta region communities. Ten **Atlanta region communities** will also receive critical planning and technical support through ARC or its community partners.

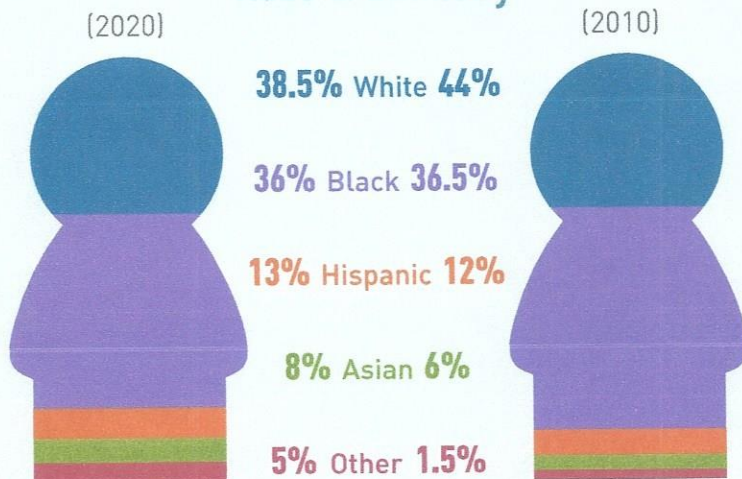
BY THE NUMBERS: ATLANTA REGION POPULATION

U.S. Census Counts



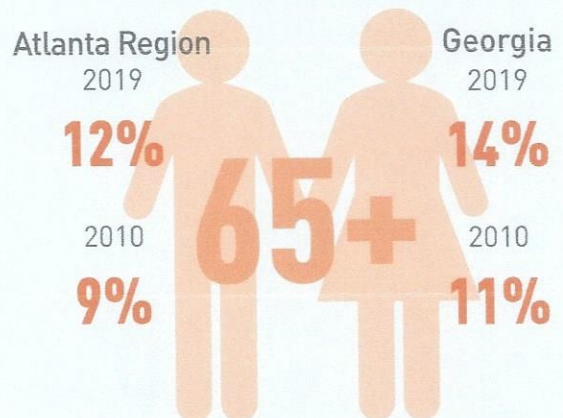
Source: U.S. Census Counts – 11-County Region

Race & Ethnicity



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

Percent of Population 65+



COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

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



Planning for a stronger, more competitive economy

ARC's CATLYST program is a 5-year effort designed to improve regional competitiveness and collaboration throughout the 10-county region. Through the hard work of volunteer project teams and ARC staff, CATLYST continues to support our region's efforts to ensure the creation of a region that works for everyone. A few highlights of the regional economic development strategy include:

- **CARES Act funding** – To support the implementation of the Competitive Economic Development Strategy specifically to assist communities and sectors impacted by COVID-19, ARC provided a grant to the Airport area communities known as Aerotropolis to develop a Pandemic Response Economic Strategy. Additionally, ARC is also providing technical assistance to local governments to respond to COVID impacts through data analysis, informational forums, and technical studies.
- **Continued Collaborative Marketing** – The Atlanta Regional Marketing Alliance continues to support the efforts of local economic development agencies through combined marketing to site location consultants and real estate brokers as well as sharing best practices to support each county and economic development organization in the Atlanta Region.
- **Identifying Effective Affordable Housing Strategies** – CATLYST continues to support a multi-disciplinary team in creating a regional strategy designed to increase the availability of quality, affordable housing. For more information and the latest updates on the strategy, visit AtlantaRegionalHousing.org.

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: ECONOMY

Median Household Income

\$71,742

Atlanta Region

\$61,980

Georgia



Jobs – Atlanta Region

(2021)

2,761,090

(2010)

1,691,998

Poverty Rate (2019)

10% in Atlanta region live below poverty level

13% in Georgia live below poverty level

Source: 2019 ACS 1-year and JobsEQ, 2021 Q1.

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



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