



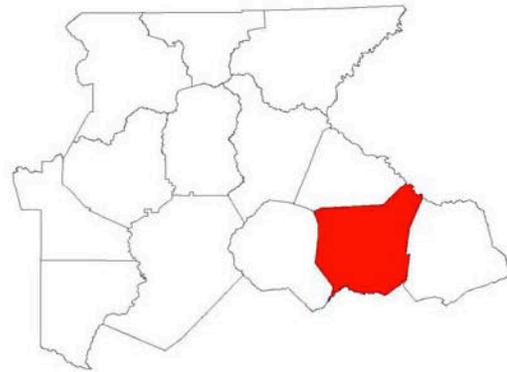
Georgia Mountains Regional Commission



Investments in Franklin County

July 2014 through June 2019

At a total estimated population of 703,279, the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission serves the following 13 counties: Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, **Franklin**, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White and 38 municipalities within these counties. Created in 1962, the GMRC serves as a forum for regional issues affecting local government and to serve as a resource for a variety of specialized assistance including economic development, grant writing and administration, government planning, transportation, historic preservation, geographic information systems and mapping, human resources, and workforce development.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Prepared and/or helped obtain **\$6,281,308** in federal and/or state grant funding for the county and/or cities for community and economic development initiatives.

PLANNING

- Jail Assessment Study for Franklin County
- Comprehensive Plan Update - Franklin County & Cities
- Two Development of Regional Impact (DRI) reviews
- Hazard Mitigation Plan - Franklin County
- Urban Redevelopment Plan & Opportunity Zone - City of Royston
- Design Assistance for the City of Lavonia
- Land Use Policy Amendments - Franklin County

RLF/HUMAN RESOURCES

- Provided \$150,000 in Revolving Loan Funding (RLF) for a local business in Franklin County.
- Prepared Personnel Policies for Franklin County Board of Commissioners

INFORMATION SERVICES

- Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) assistance - Franklin County and the cities of Carnesville, Lavonia, and Royston
- Zoning Maps for the cities of Carnesville and Lavonia
- U.S. Census BAS Maps - City of Carnesville and City of Lavonia
- Burgess Cemetery Map - City of Lavonia
- Rosehill Cemetery Map - City of Royston
- Water & Sewer Infrastructure Mapping - City of Lavonia

WORKSOURCE

Assisted 73 individuals with workforce development services in one of three program areas: Adult, Dislocated Worker, and/or Youth.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Georgia Renewable Power

Franklin County was awarded a portion of a \$2,225,177 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission's to assist in funding water infrastructure which will support Georgia Renewable Power (GRP) in Franklin, Madison, and Elbert Counties. The company will create approximately 50 direct full time jobs and invest over \$368 million. This project was a collaborative effort in partnership with the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission.





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FRANKLIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

TOTAL POPULATION

	2010	2017	CHANGE		2018	
			#	%	AGE DISTRIBUTION	
Georgia	9,713,521	10,429,379	715,858	7.37 %	< 18 yo	22.00 %
GMRC Region	619,624	703,279	83,655	13.50 %	18-64	59.20 %
Franklin County	22,075	22,820	745	3.37 %	65+	18.80 %
GENDER DISTRIBUTION						
					% Female	50.90 %
Canon city (pt.)	760	782	22	2.89 %		
Carnesville city	577	604	27	4.68 %		
Franklin Springs city	970	1,135	165	17.01 %		
Lavonia city (pt.)	2,152	2,161	9	0.42 %		
Martin town (pt.)	13	13	0	0.00 %		
Royston city (pt.)	1,921	1,922	1	0.05 %		
Balance of Franklin Co.	15,682	16,203	521	3.32 %		

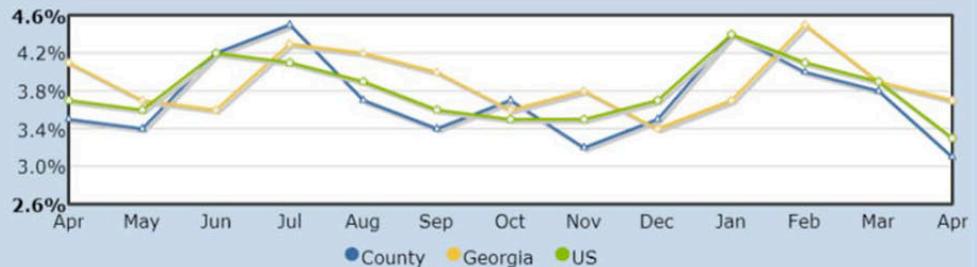
MINIMAL EDUCATION

Adults age 25+ / 2013-2017

< 9 th Grade	8.3 %
9 th – 12 th	14.4 %
HS Graduate	39.1 %
Some College	17.6 %
Assoc. Degree	7.7 %
Bach. Degree	8.1 %
Grad. Degree	4.6 %

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

2018 - 2019 Local Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



HOUSING

New Residential Units	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017 Housing Conditions Franklin County	Share of Units	
Banks	17	24	29	38	Single Family - Detached	61.2%	
Dawson	177	173	492	310	Single Family - Attached	0.8%	
Forsyth	3194	3502	3515	2982	Multi-Family	7.5%	
Franklin	2	39	40	70	Mobile Home/ Trailer	30.5%	
Habersham	35	17	96	192	Built before 1939	4.0%	
Hall	722	946	1578	1363	With incomplete kitchens	0.7%	
Hart	35	38	64	64	With incomplete plumbing	0.0%	
Lumpkin	91	215	173	205			
Rabun	47	52	55	62			
Stephens	25	26	32	0			
Towns	103	115	128	57			
Union	87	129	155	170			
White	38	55	70	88			
						Dollars	
						Median Cost - Owner	\$566
						Median Cost - Renter	\$638

Demographic data courtesy of the US Bureau of the Census

Unemployment Rate courtesy Georgia Department of Labor