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# **COMMISSION DISTRICT 2**

# PROFILE

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# **INTRODUCTION** COMMISSION DISTRICT 2



#### **COMMISSION DISTRICT 2**

Commission District 2 covers the middle-western portion of DeKalb County, including the cities of Decatur and Brookhaven, as well as a portion of the City of Atlanta. 57% of the districts' residents live in incorporated areas, while 43% live in unincorporated DeKalb. The district is home to the county seat and many beloved landmarks including Druid Hills Historic District, Mason Mill Park, Historic Lynwood Park, Fernbank Natural History Museum, and the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. The district has been represented by Michelle Long Spears since January 2023.

# **District Landmarks**



Fernbank Museum of Natural History



#### Michelle Long Spears has served as District 2 Commissioner since January 2023





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# **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS COMMISSION DISTRICT 2**



and adults in their 50s and 60s compared to the county as a whole. Whites make up the largest racial group at over 60%. (Source: US Census)

City of Decatur Square

DeKalb County GEORGIA



The vast majority of housing in the district was built post-1950, with a steady share of new housing being constructed almost every decade since. New housing construction dropped off slightly during and after the Great Recession, but the drop off was smaller relative to the county as a whole. The district's housing stock is, on average, older relative to the whole county, and a majority of it is occupied by homeowners. (Source: ACS 2024)





Year Property Built



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# **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

## **COMMISSION DISTRICT 2**

## **EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUTE PROFILE**

4%

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Transportation



BUSINESS		
	ė	2.5%
5,544	188,870	Unemployment
Total Businesses	Total Employees	Rate
EMPLOYMENT TYPE		
		84.5%
White Collar		6.9%
Services		8.5%

At 80%, the overwhelming majority of the workforce in District 2 is classified as "White Collar", a category that includes most office and professional jobs. The unemployment rate for the district is below the county average of 4%. (Source: ESRI 2024)

Toco Hill Promenade

#### TRANSPORTATION TO WORK





The overwhelming majority of workers in District 2 commute to work via automobile, with most of those driving alone. Despite the presence of a MARTA rail line in the district, only 5% of workers take public transportation. Most workers in the district have a commute time of between 15 and 34 minutes. Commute times in the district are below the county average, due to the district's close proximity to several major employment centers. The workforce is fairly evenly split between people who work inside of DeKalb County and people who work outside of it. (Source: ACS 2024)





25% Worked at Home



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# **COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION DISTRICT 2**



Film, Music, Digital Entertainment **DeKalb Entertainment Commission** dekalbentertainment.com

### **BUSINESS TOOLS**

**Business License and Permitting** Planning and Sustainability www.dekalbcountyga.gov/planning

Start a Business & Growth Tools Decide DeKalb Development Authority www.decidedekalb.com

Connections, Advocacy, & Training **DeKalb Chamber of Commerce** www.dekalbchamber.org

**Housing Resources & Solutions** Housing Authority of DeKalb County www.dekalbhousing.org

#### FAMILY RESOURCES

Surviving Hardships Human Services - 404.270.1178

Job Training or Career Change Worksource DeKalb - 404.687.3400

Aging in Place & Youth Engagement Human Services, Youth Services - 404.210.1697 Human Services, Office of Aging - 770.322.2950

#### **Housing Services**

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Community Development - 407.371.2727 Coordinated Entry Referral - 404.687.3500 Integrated Community Care Initiative - 404.371.6333



#### PLANNING RESOURCES

**Community Engagement** Engage DeKalb https://engagedekalb.dekalbcountyga.gov/

**Demographic Information and Application Tracker DeKalb Community Atlas** https://arcg.is/0ySrmK

**Business License, Permit, and Zoning Guide Knowledge Quest** app.oncamino.com/dekalb\_county

#### **HELP CENTERS & CRISIS HOTLINES**



Citizen Help Center - 311

Behavioral Health & Development Disabilities - 988

Public Safety Non-Emergency - 404.292.2911



# **CREDITS AND CONTACT COMMISSION DISTRICT 2**





Please send all constituent issues and requests to district2@dekalbcountyga.gov or call 404-922-6853

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