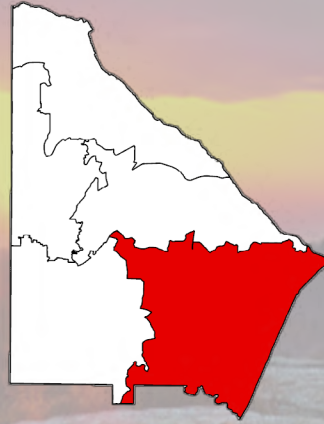


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COMMISSION DISTRICT 5

PROFILE

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INTRODUCTION

COMMISSION DISTRICT 5



COMMISSION DISTRICT 5

Commission District 5 covers the southeastern portion of the county, including the cities of Lithonia and Stonecrest. 41% of the district's population lives in these two cities, while 59% lives in unincorporated DeKalb. Some notable sites in the district include Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area, Vaughters Farm, the Flat Rock Archives, and the South River. The district has been represented by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson since 2015.

District Landmarks



Mereda Davis Johnson has served as District 5 Commissioner since 2015



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

COMMISSION DISTRICT 5



7.1%

No High School Diploma



28.3%

High School Graduate



34%

Some College



30.7%

Bachelor's Degree or Higher



Flat Rock Archives

POPULATION TRENDS AND KEY FEATURES

The district had a population of about 155K in the 2020 Census, up an increase of 16K from 2010. The population of District 5 has increased steadily over the past few decades and is projected to continue increasing in coming years.

37.3

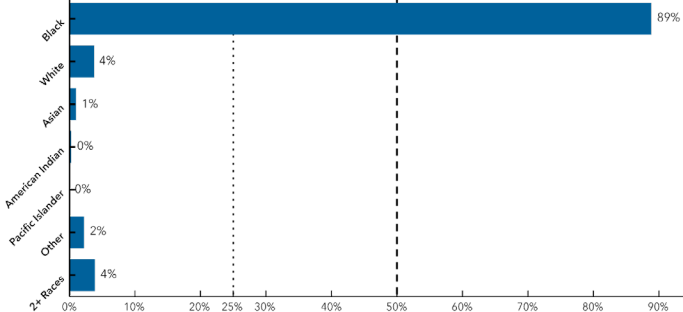
Median Age



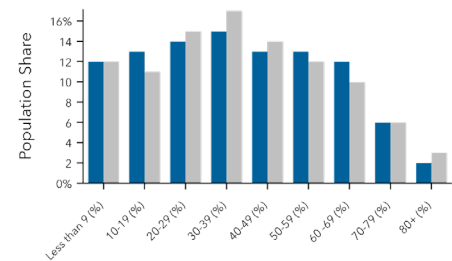
154,634

Total Population

2024 District Population by Race



Age Profile



Commission District

DeKalb County Average

Bars show comparison to

DeKalb County

Adults aged 20-40 make up the largest share of any age range. The district has a lower share of senior citizens compared to the county as a whole. The district notably has a lower share of people in their 50s and 60s compared to the county as a whole. Nearly 90% of the population identifies as Black or African-American, the highest of any of the Commission Districts. (Source: US Census)

Mystery Valley Golf Course

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

COMMISSION DISTRICT 5



Lou Walker Senior Center

HOUSING AND INCOME

60,588
Households

2.7
Average Size
of Household

This district has a median household income of \$63K, which is below the county average of \$77K. (Source: US Census Bureau)

\$63,771
Median Household
Income

\$32,336
Per Capita
Income

\$139,114
Median Net Worth

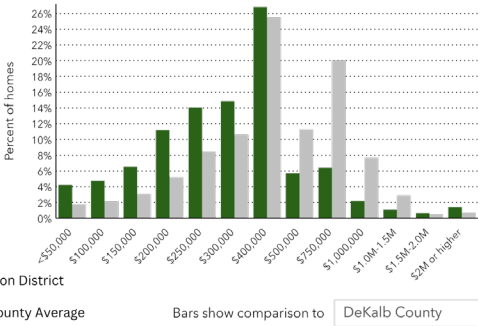
\$280,847
Median Home
Value

79%
Homeowners with a
Mortgage

\$1,335
Median Contract
Rent

The vast majority of housing in the district was built post-1970, with the largest share being built in the 1980s and 2000s. New housing construction dropped off significantly during and after the Great Recession. The district is fairly evenly split between owners and renters, with owners having a slight majority. (Source: ACS 2024)

Home Value



40%
2024 Renter Occupied
Housing Units

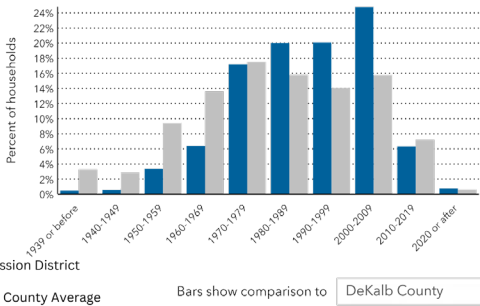


60%
2024 Owner Occupied
Housing Units

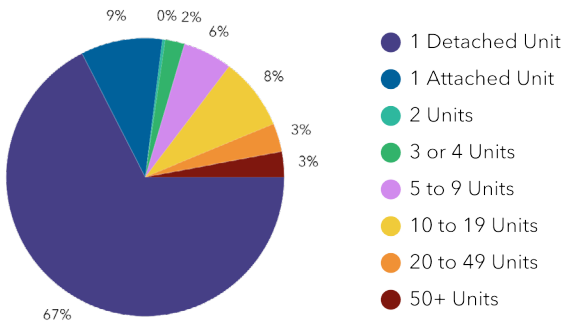


6%
2024 Vacant
Housing Units

Year Property Built



Housing by Number of Units



ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

COMMISSION DISTRICT 5

EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUTE PROFILE



Electric Owl Studios

BUSINESS



3,453

Total Businesses



32,965

Total Employees

6.1%

Unemployment
Rate

EMPLOYMENT TYPE



White Collar

59.9%



Blue Collar

23.7%



Services

16.5%

At 64%, the overwhelming majority of the workforce in District 5 is classified as "White Collar", a category that includes most office and professional jobs. The unemployment rate for the district is above the county average of 4%. (Source: ACS 2024)

TRANSPORTATION TO WORK



71%

Drove Alone to Work



10%

Carpooled



5%

Took Public
Transportation



1%

Took a Taxicab



1%

Walked to Work

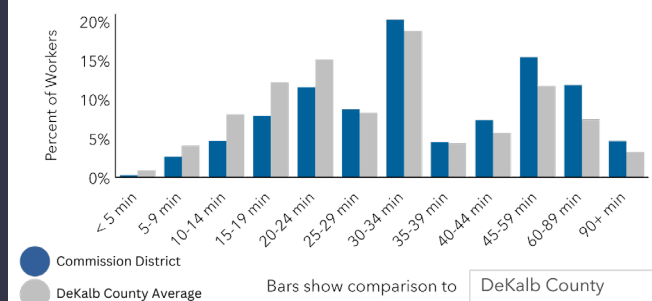


12%

Worked at Home

The overwhelming majority of workers in District 5 commute to work via automobile, with most of those driving alone. The district has higher commutes on average relative to the county, due to the district being located farther away from major employment centers in the region. Most workers in the district have a commute time of between 20 and 34 minutes. The workforce is fairly evenly split between people who work inside of DeKalb County and people who work outside it. (Source: ACS 2024)

TRAVEL TIME TO WORK



50%

Worked In
DeKalb County



50%

Worked Outside
DeKalb County

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

COMMISSION DISTRICT 5



ENTERTAINMENT

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



DeKalb County Government Service Center

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

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://arcc.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

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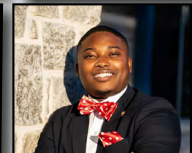
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