

Investments in Stephens County July 2013—June 2018

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Prepared and obtained \$2,878,560 in federal and/or state grant funding for the county and/or the cities for community and economic development initiatives.

INFORMATION SERVICES

- Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) - Stephens County, City of Toccoa, Town of Avalon, City of Martin
- 2015 Aerial Photography Project - Stephens County
- Zoning Map Update - Town of Avalon
- Zoning Map Update - City of Toccoa
- Cemetery map - City of Toccoa
- Rural Zone Application Maps - City of Toccoa

PLANNING

- Comprehensive Plan Update - Stephens County, Town of Avalon, and City of Martin
- Comprehensive Plan Update - City of Toccoa
- Service Delivery Strategy Update - Stephens County, City of Toccoa, Town of Avalon, and City of Martin
- Short Term Work Program Update
- Hazard Mitigation Plan Update - Stephens County, City of Toccoa, Town of Avalon, and City of Martin
- Federal Lands Access Program Application - Stephens County
- Historic Resource Survey - City of Toccoa
- Urban Redevelopment Plan - City of Toccoa
- Develop/Amend Design Guidelines - City of Toccoa

WORKSOURCE GEORGIA MOUNTAINS

Assisted 170 individuals with workforce development services in one of three program areas: Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth.

Project Spotlight

Germany-based NIFCO KTW has a 130,000-square-foot facility on 32 acres at the Haystone Brady Business Park in Toccoa. The facility supplies injection-molded parts to BMW, and Mercedes-Benz USA, among others. The components can be found on the interior and exterior of a variety of vehicles. GMRC assisted the Stephens County Development Authority with securing a \$400,000 OneGeorgia EDGE Grant for this facility. GMRC was awarded a 2017 National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Innovation Award for this project.





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STEPHENS COUNTY, GEORGIA

TOTAL POPULATION

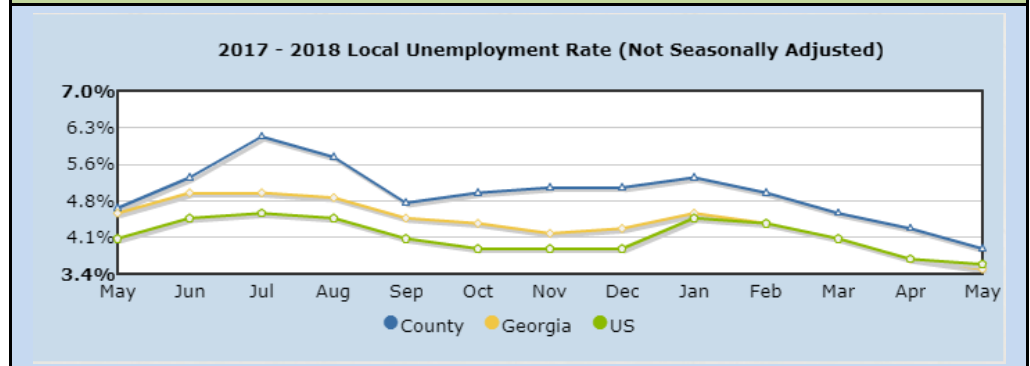
	2010	2016	CHANGE		AGE DISTRIBUTION	
			#	%	2016	
Georgia	9,713,521	10,310,371	596,850	6.1%	< 18 yo	22.4%
GMRC Region	601,216	670,327	69,111	11.5%	18-64	59.3%
Stephens County	26,150	25,751	-399	-1.5%	65+	18.3%
Avalon town	213	207	-6	-2.8%		
Martin town (pt.)	368	358	-10	-2.7%		
Toccoa city	8,533	8,412	-121	-1.4%		
Balance of Stephens Co.	17,036	16,774	-262	-1.5%		

MINIMAL EDUCATION

Adults age 25+ - 2016

< 9 th Grade	6.0%
9 th – 12 th	12.9%
HS Graduate	37.3%
Some College	19.3%
Assoc. Degree	6.9%
Bach. Degree	9.1%
Grad. Degree	8.5%

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS



COMMUTING PATTERNS - 2010

Origination of Stephens Co. Employees			Destination of Stephens Co. Residents		
Origin		Share	Destination		Share
Stephens Co.	GA	68.3%	Stephens Co.	GA	69.3%
Franklin Co.	GA	8.7%	Franklin Co.	GA	9.6%
Habersham Co.	GA	6.6%	Habersham Co.	GA	5.8%
Hart Co.	GA	2.9%	Hall Co.	GA	3.1%
White Co.	GA	2.1%	Oconee Co.	SC	1.8%
Banks Co.	GA	2.0%	White Co.	GA	1.7%
Oconee Co.	SC	1.7%	Clarke Co.	GA	1.2%
Orange Co.	FL	0.9%	Hart Co.	GA	1.2%
Rabun Co.	GA	0.9%	Rabun Co.	GA	1.1%
Other	GA	5.8%	Other		5.1%
Total Trips		10,512	Total Trips		10,350