

## Investments in Towns County July 2013—June 2018

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Prepared and obtained \$171,000 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) - Towns County, City of Hiawassee, and City of Young Harris
- 2018 Aerial Photography & USGS 3DEP LiDAR Grant - Towns County
- Tax Parcel Mapping and Soils Calculations - Towns County
- Voting District Map - Towns County
- Zoning Map - City of Young Harris
- U.S. Census Bureau BAS Map Submittals - City of Young Harris

### PLANNING

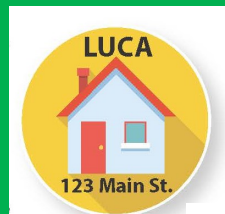
- Comprehensive Plan Update - Towns County, City of Hiawassee, and City of Young Harris
- Hazard Mitigation Plan Update - Towns County
- Scenic Byway Management Plan Update - Towns County
- Urban Redevelopment Plan - City of Hiawassee
- Preservation Assessment - City of Hiawassee

### WORKSOURCE GEORGIA MOUNTAINS

Assisted 28 individuals with workforce development services in one of three program areas: Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth.

### *Project Spotlight*

Towns County, the City of Hiawassee and the City of Young Harris are participating in the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program. The LUCA program is the only opportunity offered to local governments to review and comment on the US Census Bureau's residential address list for their jurisdiction prior to the 2020 Census. The Census Bureau relies on a complete and accurate address list to reach every living quarters and associated population for inclusion in the census.



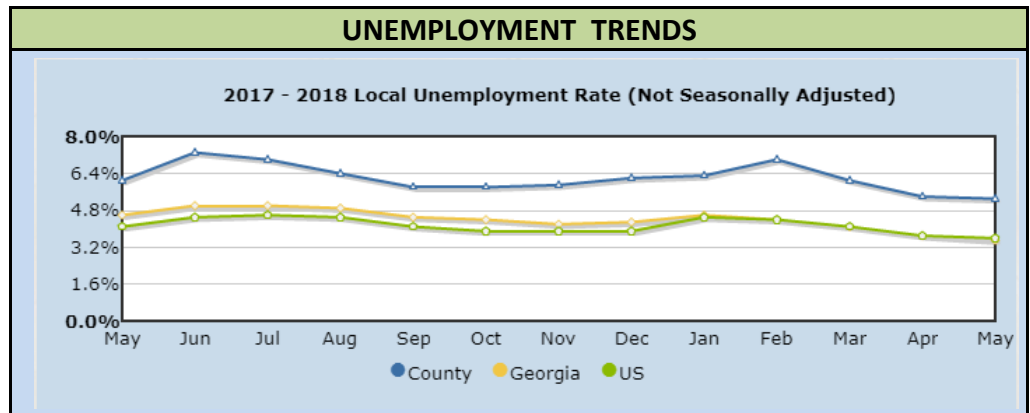
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# Georgia Mountains Regional Commission

TOWNS COUNTY, GEORGIA													
TOTAL POPULATION													
	2010	2016	CHANGE		AGE DISTRIBUTION								
			#	%									
Georgia	9,713,521	10,310,371	596,850	6.1%	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">2016</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>&lt; 18 yo</td> <td>13.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18-64</td> <td>53.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>65+</td> <td>33.1%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	2016		< 18 yo	13.3%	18-64	53.6%	65+	33.1%
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GMRC Region	601,216	670,327	69,111	11.5%									
Towns County	10,541	11,391	850	8.1%									
Hiawassee city	884	916	32	3.6%									
Young Harris city	921	1,431	510	55.4%									
Balance of Towns Co.	8,736	9,044	308	3.5%									

MINIMAL EDUCATION	
Adults age 25+ - 2016	
< 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5.0%
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	5.7%
HS Graduate	31.9%
Some College	23.4%
Assoc. Degree	8.9%
Bach. Degree	15.4%
Grad. Degree	9.7%



COMMUTING PATTERNS - 2010						
Origination of Towns Co. Employees			Destination of Towns Co. Residents			
Origin		Share	Destination			Share
Towns Co.	GA	66.4%	Towns Co.	GA		74.0%
Union Co.	GA	13.0%	Union Co.	GA		8.4%
Clay Co.	NC	8.0%	Clay Co.	NC		5.3%
Cherokee Co.	NC	7.1%	Rabun Co.	GA		2.7%
Habersham Co.	GA	1.9%	Gwinnett Co.	GA		2.1%
Gilmer Co.	GA	0.8%	Fulton Co.	GA		1.4%
Fannin Co.	GA	0.7%	Cobb Co.	GA		1.0%
Hamilton Co.	TN	0.5%	Cherokee Co.	NC		0.9%
Cobb Co.	GA	0.4%	Hall Co.	GA		0.7%
Other		1.2%	Other			3.6%
<b>Total Trips</b>		<b>4,270</b>	<b>Total Trips</b>			<b>3,832</b>

Demographic data courtesy of the U.S. Census Bureau and unemployment rates courtesy of the Georgia Department of Labor