APPENDIX B

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LINCOLN COUNTY AND CITY OF LINCOLNTON

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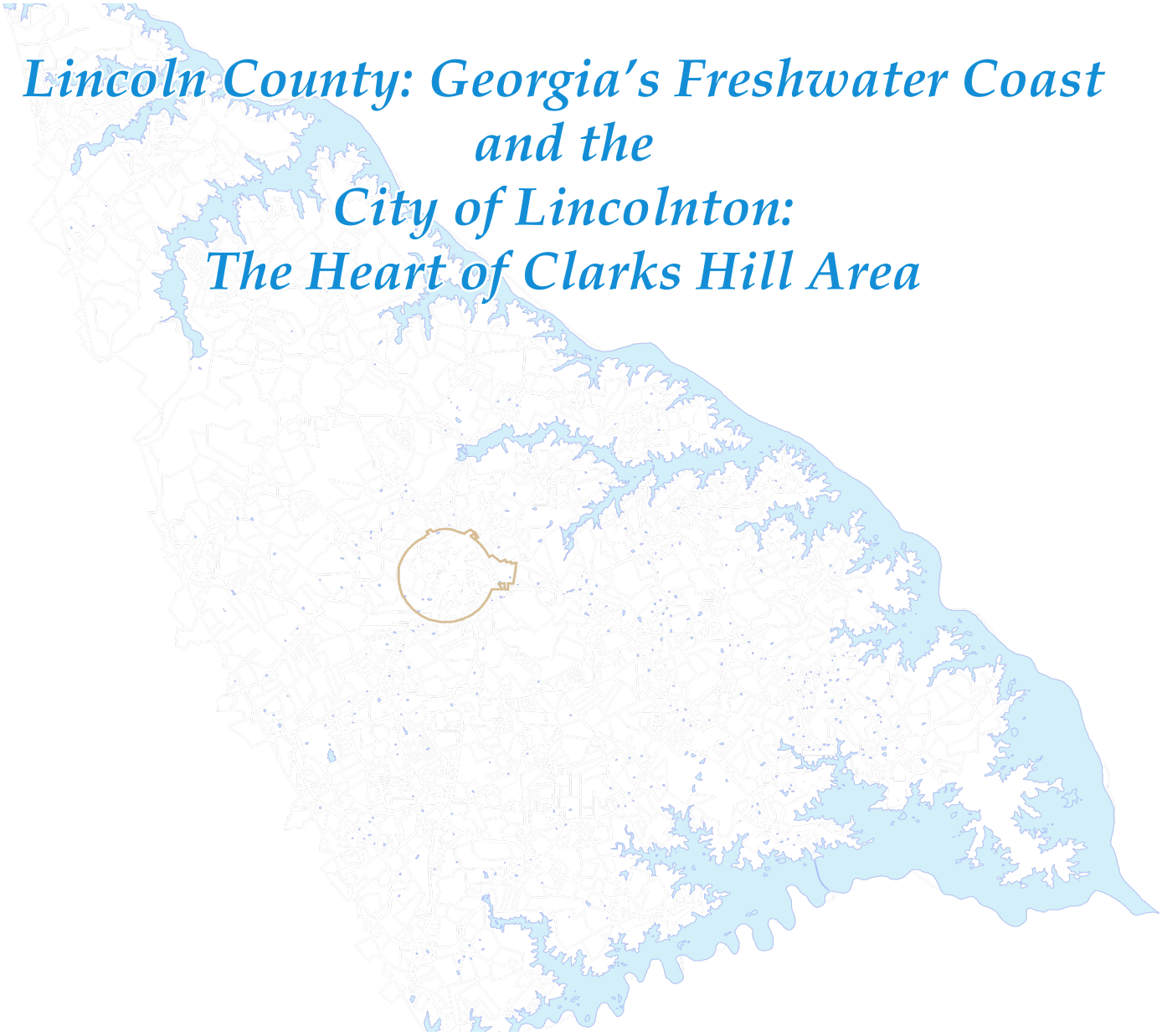

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INTRODUCTION

Every county and city encounters a need for change that when guided can bring about positive growth. Every community should plan for their future development looking ahead with a vision of how to make their environment a better one for their citizens. Each community has assets that can be used to enhance growth and prosperity in business, industry, recreation, and tourism to make happen the vision that was mapped out in planning.

This *Lincoln County-City of Lincolnton Joint Comprehensive Plan: 2018-2022* has utilized the work of leaders in the community, elected officials, civic and historic organizations, department staff, and citizen input, to collaboratively create this document. This Plan is based on the standards and principles of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, "Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning," (*Chapter 110-12-1, O.C.O.G. 50-8-7.1(b)*). It is hoped the vision for communities is realistic, yet looks to the future for growth that will make an impact for all people in their lives to be healthier and happier.

DCA's Quality Community Objectives have been taken into consideration for county and city work programs. Each local government has a project built into the Community Work Program that involves each of the ten community objectives:

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY - planned through unique economic development projects,

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT - seen with the county's management of the state recreation parks,

EFFICIENT LAND USE - through character areas implementation recommendations which will improve the type of land use to be developed or sustained,

LOCAL PREPAREDNESS - examines the city and county infrastructure for capacity expansion,

SENSE OF PLACE - realizes the uniqueness of the city's and county's historic resources for education of community history while advocating a walkable, compact community with nearby services,

REGIONAL COOPERATION - through regional issues is shown in projects such as a transportation corridor link to I-20 and the full development of tourism, and

HOUSING OPTIONS - for a variety of housing types to be placed in the community to include mixed use and affordable housing options,

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS - have been examined for the widening of SR 43 to Thomson as a four-lane corridor to I-20 and looking at subdivision connectivity to Clark's Hill Lake venues,

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES - abound for students to broaden their horizons of learning at the new complex of public schools and at the fledgling East Georgia State College, and

COMMUNITY HEALTH - can be stimulated and enjoyed with the recreational opportunities present at the lake and with multiple locally operated parks containing hundreds of acres for hunting, boating, fishing, and camping and walking, hiking, and jogging trails. There are also equestrian trails available for horseback riding.

Lincoln County and the City of Lincolnton are extremely proud of their heritage. In fact, the county is named for General Benjamin Lincoln, General George Washington's adjunct, who accepted the sword of surrender at Yorktown from British General O-Hara, Cornwallis' second in command who was ashamed of the defeat. The Lincoln County Historical Society has carried on a tradition of living history demonstrations with its collection of historic buildings from throughout the county for the public to see. The City of Lincolnton has one of the finest collection of historic buildings in the state documented through a citywide National Register of Historic Places listing.

INTRODUCTION

Over and over again, one comes back to Clarks Hill Lake and the opportunities that abound for recreation along the 413 miles of "Georgia's Freshwater Coast" for lakeside residential living. Lincoln County has numerous lakeside subdivisions that have individual lots with attached infrastructure and are waiting to be filled with new residents with custom housing construction.

Lincoln County has a branding of "History, Hope, and Heritage," and the City of Lincolnton's branding is "Heart of Clarks Hill Lake," both that suit the local government's vision of development for its citizens. The County and the City have worked well together as they have put together a five-year plan for a better tomorrow for residents and visitors to the community.

THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SERVES THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

- *It lays out a desired future.*
- *It guides how that future is to be achieved.*
- *It formulates a coordinated long-term planning program.*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Lincoln County and the City of Lincolnton's growth and future development are fueled, predominantly, by the 413-mile coastal waterfront on Clarks Hill Lake that encompasses the eastern and southern county lines. This lakeshore border comprises Lincoln County's greatest attraction for recreational leisure and her economy is built around complementary services, business, and industry that include boat manufacturing, aquaponic use, recreational leisure, and a second home community.

Yet, the County and City are a great place to live and raise families because of its rolling landscape in a community with a rural lifestyle. As the County and City work with the Lincoln County Development Authority, Chamber of Commerce, and historical and civic organizations, the local governments have planned for an expanded economy and amenities. The following analysis provides information which can aid county and city leaders in making policy decisions to advance economic development goals. This section briefly discusses *employment by industry, location of employment, pay, and employment status.*

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Census data displayed in *Figure 3.1* indicates the industry cluster in Lincoln County that has the highest employment in 2015 is education, health, and social services sector. It is the dominant industrial sector with 19.5 percent, with a growth rate of 18 percent from 2000. In the year 2000, manufacturing was the dominant industry, but it has experienced significant decline.

Growth has also occurred in the construction industrial sector and the finance, insurance, and real estate sector, which points to economic growth. Growth is also shown in the arts, entertainment, and recreation sector and agriculture, forestry, fishing hunting, and mining sectorv. Developing industry in the recreational leisure business is encouraged to meet economic development goals.

FIGURE 3.1 - LINCOLN COUNTY EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

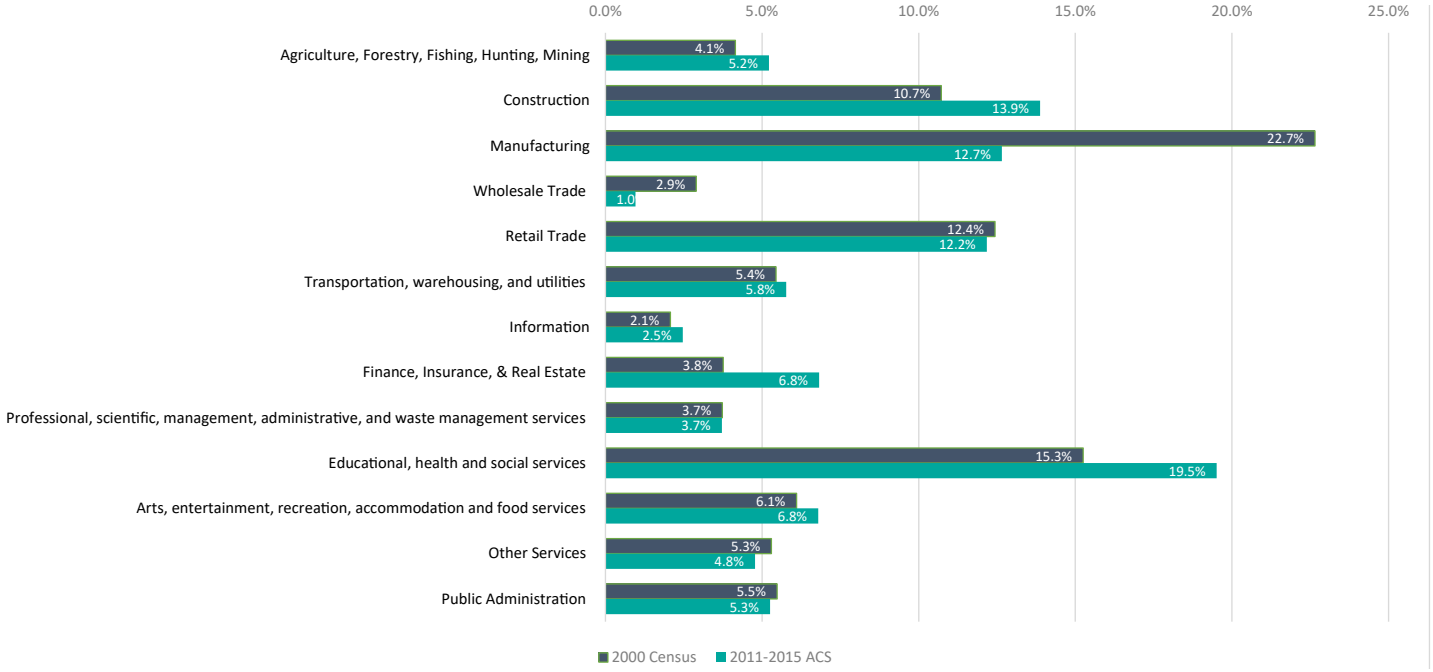
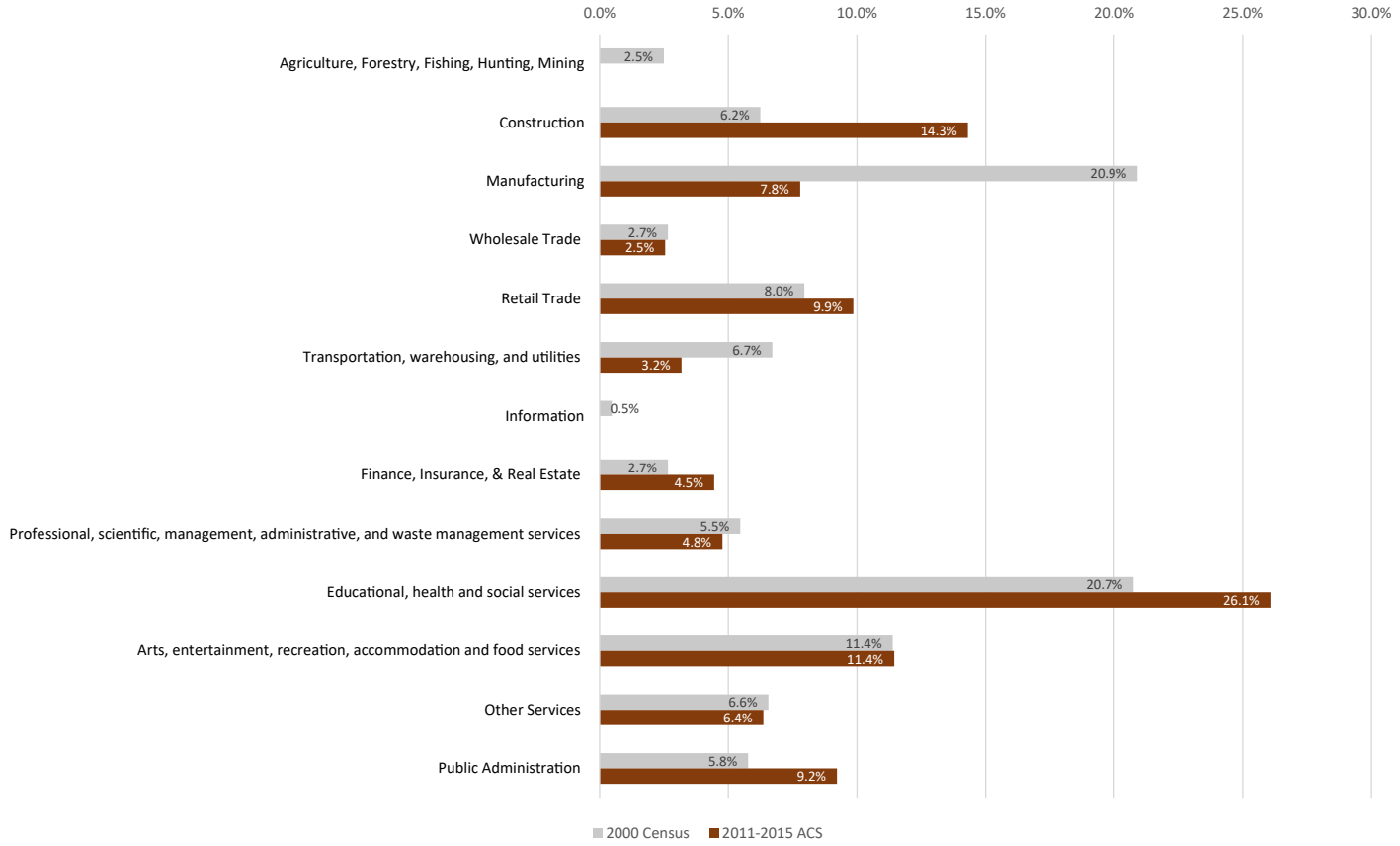


FIGURE 3.2 - LINCOLNTON EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Census data displayed in **Figure 3.2** indicates that the industry cluster for the City of Lincolnton with the highest employment in 2015 is education, health, and social services as the dominant industry with 26.1 percent, a growth of about 23 percent from 2000. In the year 2000, manufacturing was the dominant industry, but it has experienced significant decline with the recession. Other industries have grown, of note are the construction industry (125 percent from 2000), and retail trade. To a lesser degree growth is shown positively in the finance, insurance and real estate cluster and stayed the same in the arts, entertainment, and recreation cluster.

Figure 3.3: Lincoln County -- Labor Force Participation and Unemployment Rates

	2000	Percent 16+ Population	2011-2015 ACS	Percent 16+ Population	Change	Percent Change
Population 16+	6,565	100.0%	6,381	100.0%	-184	-2.8%
Total in Labor Force	3,637	55.4	3,460	54.2%	-177	-4.9%
Civilian Labor Force	3,592	54.7	3,440	53.9%	-152	-4.2%
Employed	3,377	51.4%	3,121	48.9%	-256	-7.6%
Unemployed	215	3.3%	319	5.0%	104	48.4%
Armed Forces	45	0.7%	20	0.3%	-25	-55.6%
Not in Labor Force	2,928	44.6%	2,921	45.8%	-7	-0.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 SF3 and American Community Survey 2011-2015

EMPLOYMENT STATUS for Lincoln County

In **Figure 3.3**, over the age of 16 and older, data from the 2000 and 2015 ACS show the County decreased by -2.8 percent or -184 to 6,381 persons. In this same time range, the total in the labor force decreased by -4.9% or -177 to 3,460 persons. The civilian employed labor force in 2015 ACS is 3,121 or a decrease of -7.6 percent in labor force. The unemployed labor force rose to 319 persons or a 48.4% increase of 104 persons. There are fewer in the armed forces, only 20 in the 2015 ACS. The United States peaked at 10 percnet unemployment in October 2009 and has only gradually decreased in 2015 to 5 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Figure 3.4: City of Lincolnton -- Labor Force Participation and Unemployment Rates

	2000	Percent 16+ Population	2011-2015 ACS	Percent 16+ Population	Change	Percent Change
Population 16+	1,229	100.0%	1,219	100.0%	-10	-0.8%
Total in Labor Force	691	56.2%	687	56.4%	-4	-0.6%
Civilian Labor Force	691	56.2%	687	56.4%	-4	-0.6%
Employed	641	52.2%	629	51.6%	-12	-1.9%
Unemployed	50	4.1%	58	4.8%	8	16.0%
Armed Forces	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Not in Labor Force	538	43.8%	532	43.6%		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 SF3 and American Community Survey 2011-2015

EMPLOYMENT STATUS for City of Lincolnton

The City of Lincolnton's population of employed persons over the age of 16 is 1,229 and showed a slight change of under 1 percent from 2000 to 2015, according to Census information ACS 2011-2015, **Figure 3.4**. The total in the labor force and civilian labor force are the same number of persons, 691 and from 2000 to 2015 decreased slightly under 1 percent. In 2015, all employed in the civilian labor force totaled 629 persons, a decrease of 1.9 percent of 12 persons. In 2015, all unemployed in the civilian labor force totaled 58 persons or an increase of 16 percnet or 8 persons. There were no persons registered for the Armed Forces who participated in the census. The city has maintained its working population and has not had a significant decrease.

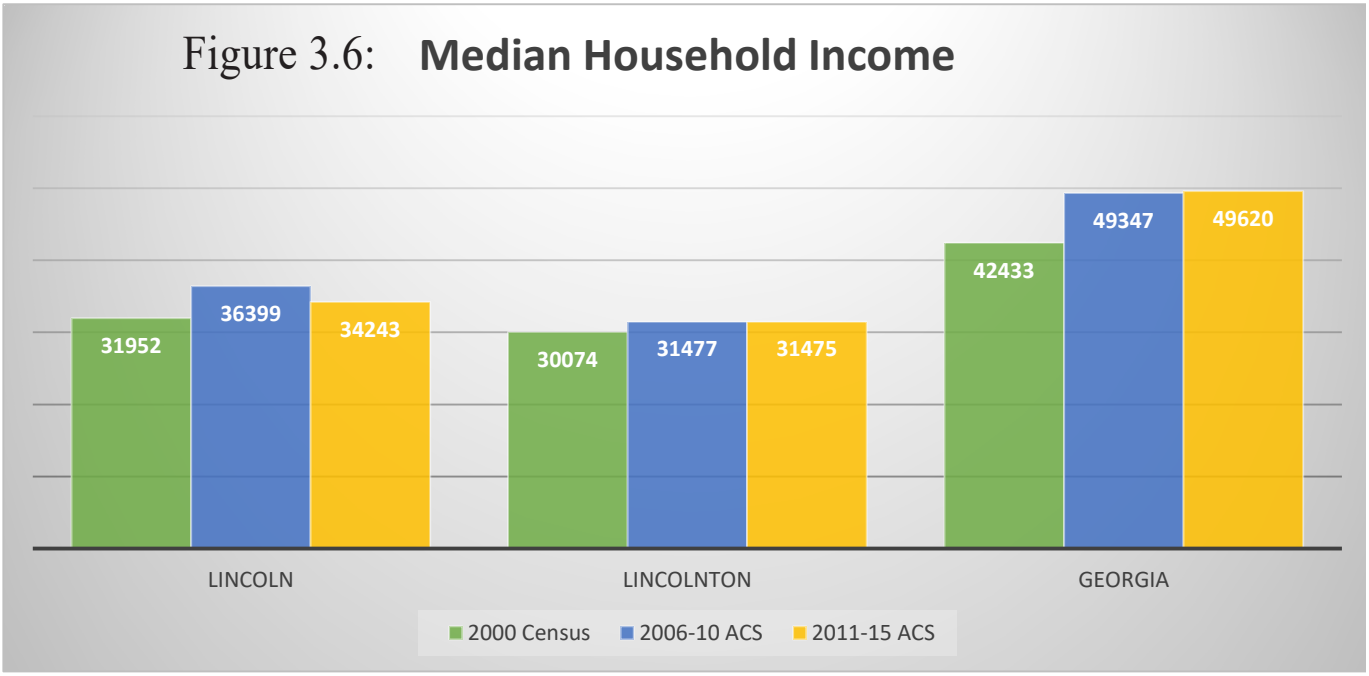
Figure 3.5: Location of Employment		
Lincoln County	2000 Census	2011-2015 ACS
Total Employed	3,377	3,051
Worked in Georgia	2,943	2,673
Worked Outside of Georgia	434	378
Worked in Lincoln County	1,403	1,206
Worked Outside of Lincoln County	1,540	1,467
Percent Worked in Georgia	87.1%	87.6%
Percent Worked Outside Georgia	12.9%	12.4%
Percent Worked in Lincoln County	41.5%	39.5%
Percent Worked Outside Lincoln County	45.6%	48.1%
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and American Community Survey 2011-2015, B08007, PCT051		

According to the 2015 ACS, in **Figure 3.5**, the total number of people employed from Lincoln County who worked in Georgia was 3,051 or 87.6 percent. Those who worked outside Georgia was 2,673 or 12.4%. The number of people working in Lincoln County dropped slightly from 2000 to 2015 from 41.5 percent to 39.5 percent, or from 1,403 to 1,206, or -197 people. The greater number of people found jobs outside Lincoln County as shown from 2000 to 2015 as the percentage increased from 45.6 percent to 48.1 percent from 1,540 to 1,467 or by 73 jobs.

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

The annual pay or median household income increased for both Lincoln County and the City of Lincolnton as shown in **Figure 3.6**, according to the Census 2000, and to the 2006-2010 and 2011-2015 ACS. Lincoln County increased by 7.2 percent to $34,243 in 2015 or an increased amount of $2,291 from 2000. During the same time frame, 2000 Census to 2015 ACS, the City of Lincolnton's median household income increased by 4.7 percent to $31,475 or an increased amount of $1,401. The state of Georgia's citizens as a whole increased annual pay from 2000 to 2015 to $49,620 or an increase of $7,187 or percent increase of 16.9 percent. Overall, Lincoln County and the City of Lincolnton survived the 2009 recession with a positive income base.

Figure 3.6: **Median Household Income**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 and American Community Survey 2006-2010, and 2011-2015

HOUSING

In the city of Lincolnton, residential land use represents the largest category of land use, and for Lincoln County residential land use is the second largest category of land use. Housing conditions within a community provide insight into its economic and social health. Vibrant communities have both new housing development and ongoing renovation of existing housing. Lincoln County is fortunate to have an abundance of new neighborhoods laid out for housing in the last twenty years due to the Clarks Hill Lake waterfront as a desireable place to live, as well as a recreational destination. Lincolnton benefits as the county seat with varieties of old and new housing types. This section of the plan examines the housing mix, age of housing stock, and housing values in Lincolnton and Lincoln County.

Figure 3.7: Number of Housing Units, 2000-2015

Units	2000	2010 ACS	2015 ACS	Change	Percent Change
Lincoln County	4,514	4,771	4,788	274	6.1%
Lincolnton	656	761	699	43	6.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (DP-4) 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3), 2006-2010 & 2011-2015 American Community Survey

Between the year 2000 and 2015, the number of housing units in Lincoln County and Lincolnton increased by over 6 percent, according to the Census, **Figure 3.7**. In 2015, Lincoln County has 4,788 housing units while Lincolnton has 699 housing units. Most of these units are located in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Figure 3.10: Housing Occupancy, City of Lincolnton

Year	2010		2015		Percent Change
	Number	*Percent*	*Number*	*Percent*	
Total Housing Units	*761*	*100.0%*	*699*	*100.0%*	*-8.2%*
Occupied Housing Units	*623*	*81.9%*	*655*	*93.7%*	*5.1%*
Vacant Housing Units	*138*	*18.1%*	*44*	*6.3%*	*-68.1%*
Owner Occupied Housing Units	*373*	*59.9%*	*376*	*57.4%*	*0.8%*
Renter Occupied Housing Units	*250*	*40.1%*	*279*	*42.6%*	*11.6%*

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 and 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Figure 3.11: Housing Occupancy, Lincoln County

Year	2010		2015		Percent Change
	Number	*Percent*	*Number*	*Percent*	
Total Housing Units	*4,771*	*100.00%*	*4,788*	*100.0%*	*0.4%*
Occupied Housing Units	*3,435*	*72.0%*	*3,425*	*71.5%*	*-0.3%*
Vacant Housing Units	*1,336*	*28.0%*	*1,363*	*28.5%*	*2.0%*
Owner Occupied Housing Units	*2,711*	*78.9%*	*2,582*	*75.4%*	*-4.8%*
Renter Occupied Housing Units	*724*	*21.1%*	*843*	*24.6%*	*16.4%*

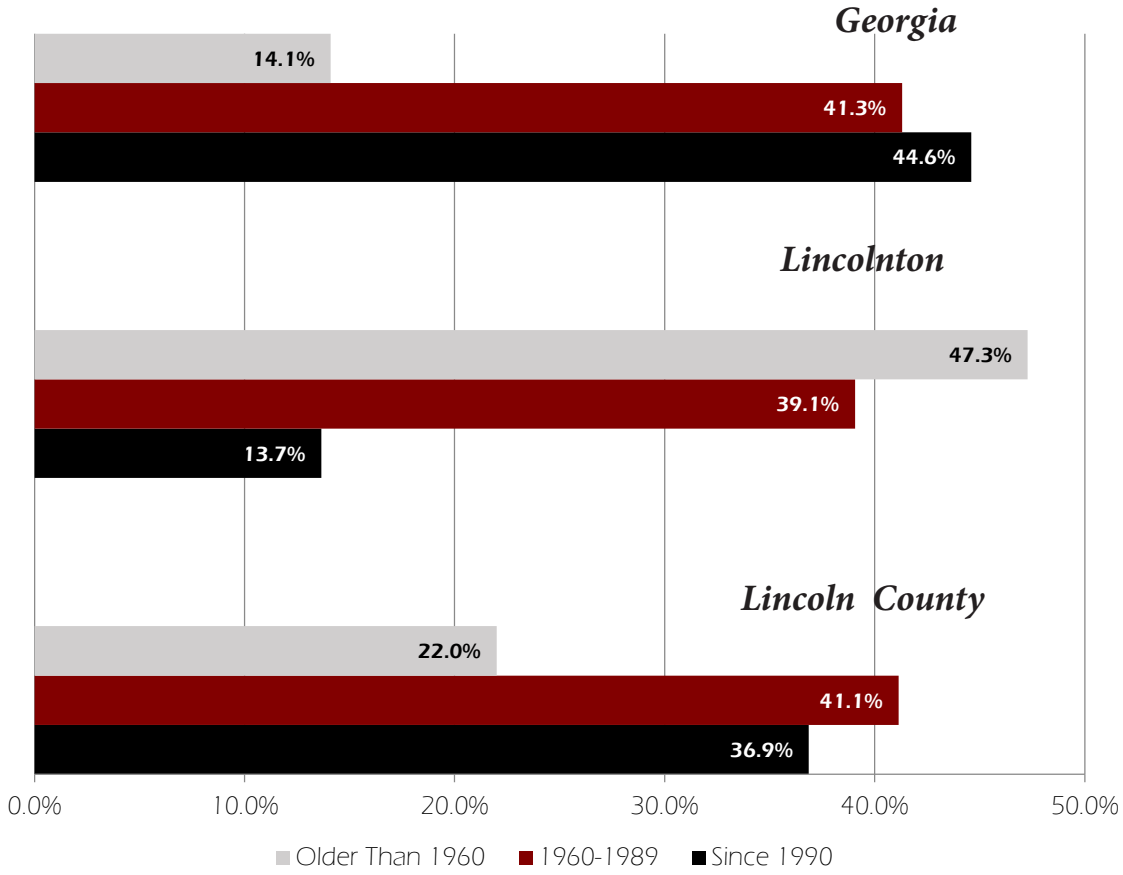
Source: DP4, 2006-2010 and 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Figures 3.10 and 3.11 for county and city, housing occupancy data, show that the number of vacant housing units in Lincolnton decreased between 2010 and 2015 by -68.1% which demonstrates that available housing units were needed, while Lincoln County's number of vacant units increased by a neglible 2 percent. In 2015 the number of owner-occupied housing units for the county is overwhelmingly 75.4 percent while for the city 57.4 percent. Renter occupied housing for the same 2015 year in Lincoln County is 24.6% while Lincolnton is 42.6%.

A housing study would would reveal the condition of units and assist local governments with determining substandard, standard and dilapidated units. Jurisdications could then take advantage of housing rehabilitation programs offered by federal and state agencies.

In Lincolnton, the age of housing units older than 1960 is 47.3 percent which reflects the historic units of the town's settlement and subsequent growth. Those units built in an approximate 30-year span from 1960-1989 represent 39.1 percent of housing in the city. Since 1990 only 13.7 percent, a low percentage of newer housing units have been constructed.

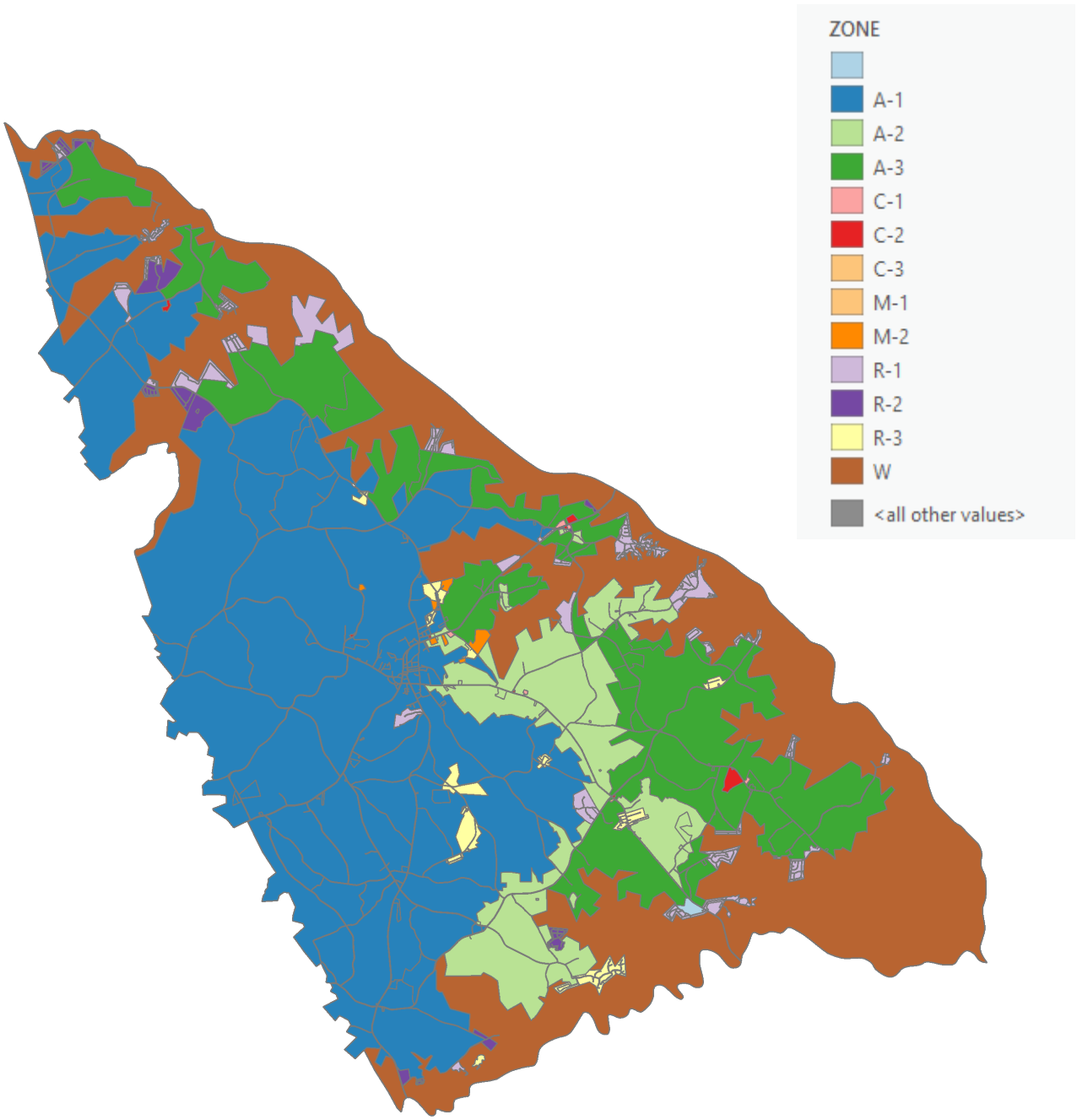
Figure 3.12: Age of Housing



Conversely, Lincoln County's older housing stock built before 1960 is 22 percent, the 30-year time frame of 1960-1989 is 41.1 percent, and the county's rural subdivisions and other housing units built since 1990 represent 36.9 percent. This data is illustrated in **Figure 3.12**.

The Housing Authority of the City of Lincolnton is a public housing agency which contains 60 subsidized apartments for rent in Lincolnton. Rent is based on a sliding scale according to the individual or family income. According to https://affordablehousingonline.com for Lincoln County, the fair market rents range from $463 to $1,050.

There is need for senior and affordable housing units some of which should include handicap accessible apartments. Apartment complexes such as these type units are being built in other counties and cities where developers can apply for low income housing tax credits from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.



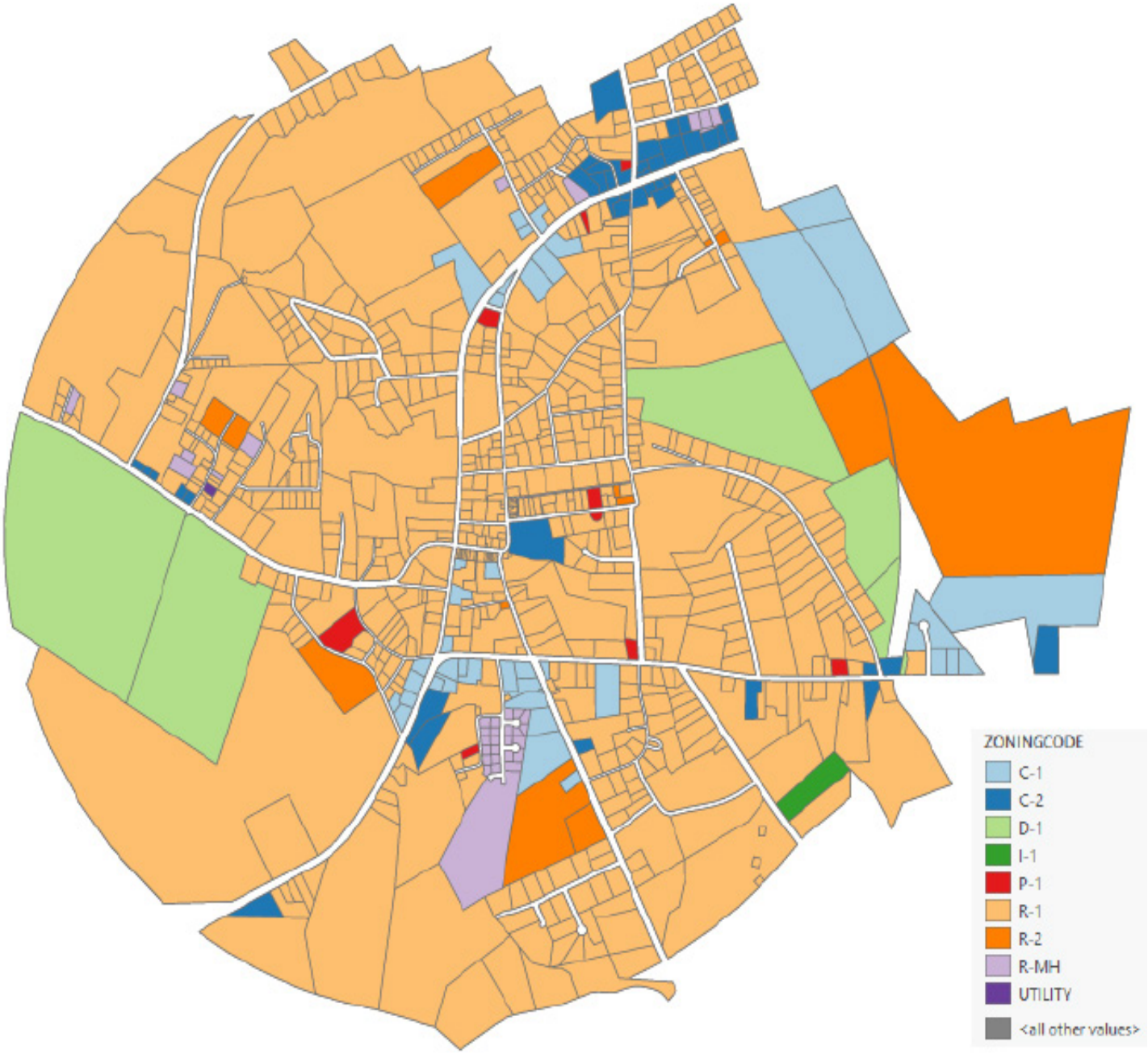
Map 3.7: Zoning Map Lincoln County

The understanding of established uses of land in Lincoln County should be a priority that initiates changes to current land uses conditions. Descriptions of the zoning districts are defined in the County's Code of Ordinances.

In Figure 3.14, an analysis of the existing land uses located within Lincoln County shows that the greatest percent of land is Agricultural with 40.32 percent as A-1 Agricultural is defined as rural farm or residences where intensive land development is unlikely to occur. A total of 7.96% is designated as A-2-Interior Agricultural designated for residences or rural farming where intensive land development is unlikely to occur in the next five to ten years. The County is heavily bordered by Clarks Hill Lake. A total of 15.85 percent of land is designated as A-3 Lakefront Agricultural. This zoning contains that rural farmland, nonfarming related residences, and agricultural pursuits in areas that will eventually develop as prime lakefront residential property as stated in the ordinance. The boundaries of Lincoln County also include a freshwater coast that extends for 413 miles. Approximately 31.90 percent of the county jurisdiction is a part of Clarks Hill Lake.

Figure 3.14 Zoning of Lincoln County

Unincorporated Lincoln County		
	Acres	Percent
Agricultural Districts		
A-1 Agricultural	65,138.91	40.32%
A-2 Interior Agriculture	12,864.81	7.96%
A-3 Lakefront Agricultural	25,601.88	15.85%
Residential Districts		
R-1 Low-Density Residential	3,558.71	2.20%
R-2 Medium-Density Residential	1,126.83	.70%
R-3 High-Density Residential	1,277.06	.79%
Commercial Districts		
C-1 Neighborhood Commercial	51.81	.03%
C-2 General Commercial	168.19	.10%
C-3 Heavy Commercial	5.54	0%
Industrial Districts		
M-1 Light Industrial	3.17	0%
M-2 General Industrial	220.34	.14%
Other Districts		
P-1 Professional	0	0%
PUD Planned Unit Development	0	0%
PDD Planned Development	0	0%
ELCO Entrance/Lake Corridor Overlay District	0	0%
Water	51,530.99	31.90%
Total Acreage	161,548.25	100%
Source: Analysis by CSRA RC Staff		



Map 3.8: Zoning Map City of Lincolnton

In Figure 3.15, an analysis of the existing land uses located within the City of Lincolnton shows that 70.25 percent of land is designated as R-1 Single-family Residential and 7.94 percent is Multi-Family Residential. The City allows a small percentage of 1.56 percent for RMH Manufactured Home Residentail. Collectively, the City has almost 80 percent residential zoning. Residential living is the highest priority for the City to address.

D-1 Future Development has 11.25 percent of the city designated for future growth. These areas can be considered for more modern housing developments or for commercial ventures.

Figure 3.15. Zoning of City of Lincolnton

City of Lincolnton		
	Acres	Percent
Residential Districts		
R-1 Single-Family Residential	1,476.75	70.25%
R-2 Multi-Family Residential	166.82	7.94%
RMH Manufactured Home Residential	32.70	1.56%
Nonresidential Districts		
D-1 Future Development	236.55	11.25%
P-1 Professional	7.91	.38%
C-1 General Commercial	132.25	6.29%
C-2 Highway-Oriented Commercial	43.31	2.06%
I-1 Industrial	5.44	.26%
Utility	.35	.02%
Total Acreage	2,102.08	100%
Source: Analysis by CSRA RC Staff		

LAND USE PLAN: CHARACTER AREAS

MAP 3.9: LINCOLN COUNTY CHARACTER AREAS

LAND USE PLAN: LINCOLN COUNTY CHARACTER AREAS
MAP 3.10: AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

General Description

The Agriculture and Forestry Character Area is located along the western border of the county and is characterized by rural land used for agriculture, farming, forestry, and low-density residential. Large-lot residential, clustered development with open space preservation, and agricultural uses should continue to be the preferred development pattern in this area.

Land Uses

- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Low-Density Residential
- Passive Recreation

Relationship to Prior Plan

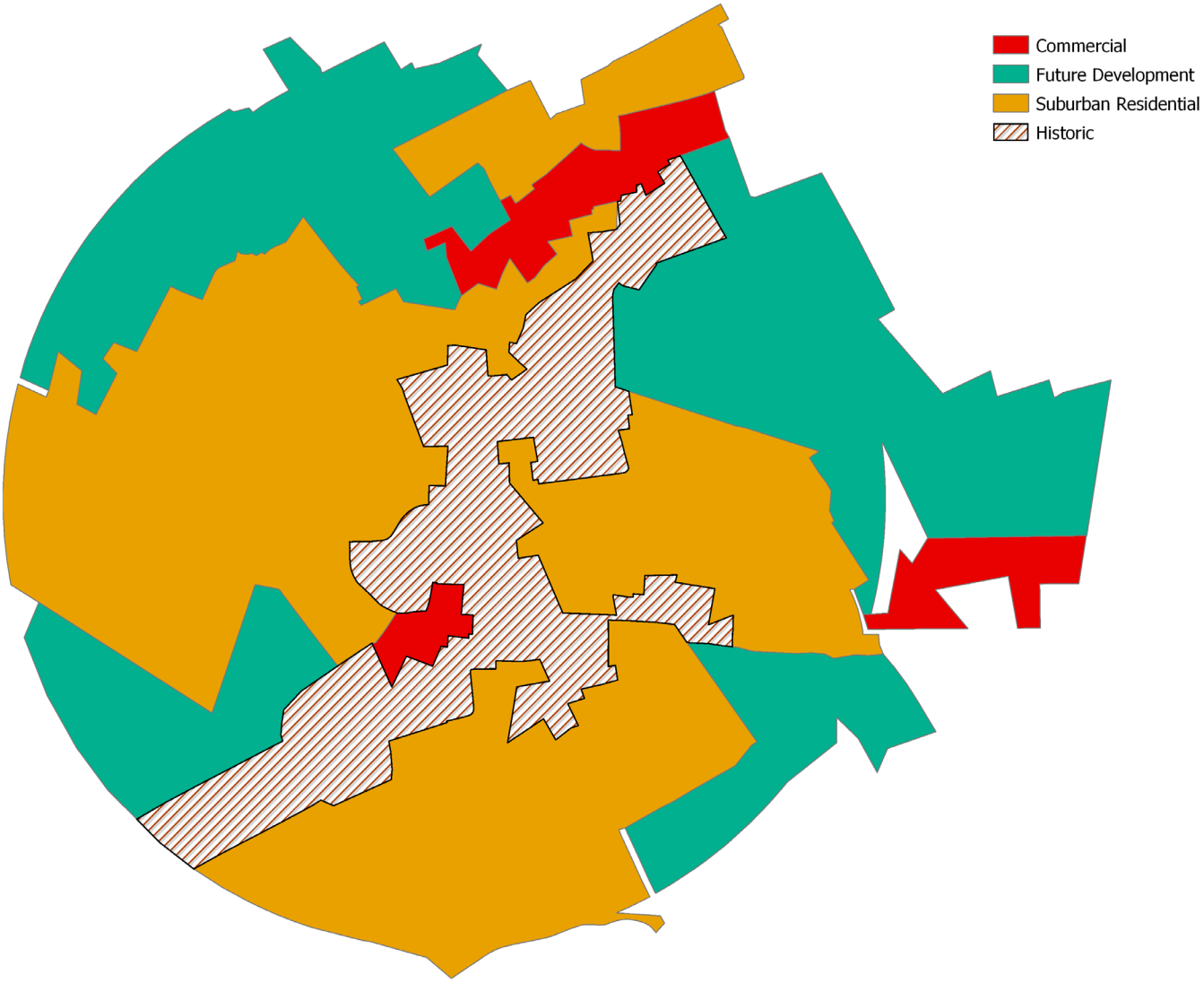
This is a new character area designed to provide the county with greater flexibility in the allowance of land uses within their jurisdiction.

Implementation

- Promote forestry and timber harvesting with guidelines for replanting
- Encourage the development of trails and other passive recreation opportunities
- Review and adjust regulations as necessary to encourage open space preservation

LAND USE PLAN: CITY OF LINCOLNTON CHARACTER AREAS

MAP 3.14: CHARACTER AREAS

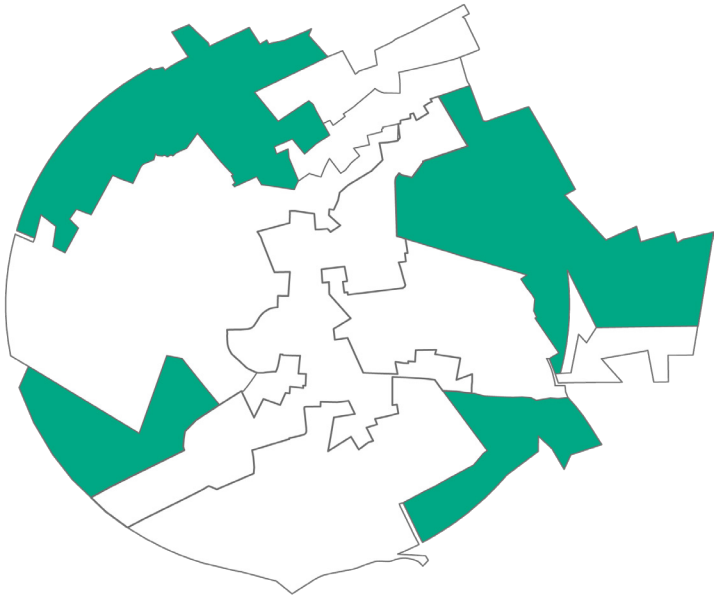


LAND USE PLAN: CITY OF LINCOLNTON CHARACTER AREAS

MAP 3.16: FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

General Description

This Future Development Character Area is adjacent to the Suburban Residential and Commercial character areas and is largely undeveloped. Future development should accommodate conservation subdivision design and clustered development that incorporates open space. There should be good vehicular and pedestrian/bike connections to retail/commercial services as well as internal street connectivity. This character area should incorporate a variety of housing types and encourage compatible architectural styles across use categories to establish identity.



Land Use

Commercial
Residential
Passive Recreation

Relationship to Prior Plan

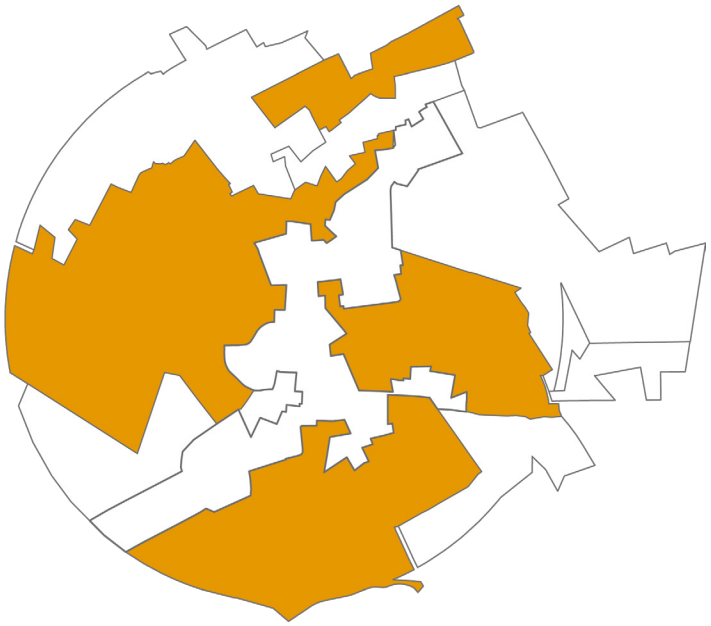
This is a new character area designed to provide the city with greater flexibility in the allowance of land uses within their jurisdiction.

Implementation

- Promote mix of housing types and styles with Planned Unit Developments.
- New streets should be connected to disperse traffic, shorten walking/biking trips.
- Each neighborhood should have a mix of retail, services, and offices to serve neighborhood residents with day to day needs.

LAND USE PLAN: CITY OF LINCOLNTON CHARACTER AREAS

MAP 3.17: SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL



General Description

The Suburban Residential character area contains traditional suburban development and associated uses such as neighborhood stores and schools. Street patterns are varied and there is a lack of pedestrian facilities. Future development should include pedestrian facilities with connections to downtown and adjacent areas, focal points and architectural styles that help establish and maintain neighborhood identities.

Land Use

Commercial
Low To Medium-Density Residential
Public/Institutional
Parks And Recreation

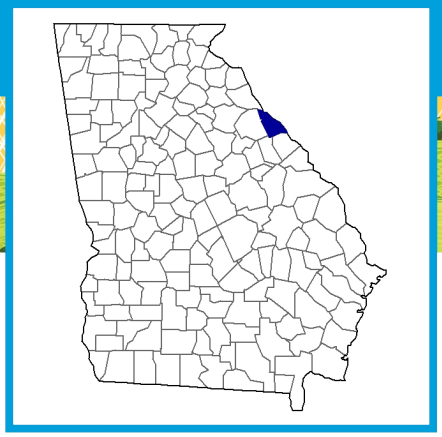
Relationship to Prior Plan

This is a new character area designed to provide the city with greater flexibility in the allowance of land uses within their jurisdiction.

Implementation

- Create neighborhood focal points by locating schools, community centers, or small-scale commercial activity centers at suitable locations within walking distance of residences.
- There should be good vehicular and pedestrian/bike connections to retail/commercial services as well as internal street connectivity, connectivity to adjacent properties/subdivisions, and multiple site access points.

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*



Lincoln County
Georgia

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	104	-31
Land in farms (acres)	18,292	-23
Average size of farm (acres)	176	+12
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	4,196,000	+4
Government payments	177,000	+39
Farm-related income	462,000	+8
Total farm production expenses	3,543,000	-23
Net cash farm income	1,292,000	+3765
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	40,349	+49
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	8,413	+105
Farm-related income	13,200	+32
Total farm production expenses	34,066	+12
Net cash farm income	12,424	+5474

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	17
Livestock, poultry, and products	83

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	18
Pastureland	27
Woodland	50
Other	5

Acres irrigated: (D)

(D)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	2
Reduced till	3
Intensive till	7
Cover crop	3

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	43	41
$2,500 to $4,999	12	12
$5,000 to $9,999	17	16
$10,000 to $24,999	16	15
$25,000 to $49,999	7	7
$50,000 to $99,999	4	4
$100,000 or more	5	5

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	12	12
10 to 49 acres	30	29
50 to 179 acres	38	37
180 to 499 acres	19	18
500 to 999 acres	3	3
1,000 + acres	2	2

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales ($1,000)	Rank in State [b]	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. [b]	Counties Producing Item
Total	**4,196**	**136**	**159**	**2,877**	**3,077**
Crops	**715**	**140**	**159**	**2,879**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	-	-	148	-	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	25	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	90	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	116	157	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	129	88	158	1,192	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	120	138	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	64	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	561	106	155	2,270	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**3,481**	**113**	**159**	**2,585**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	(D)	97	158	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	158	(D)	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	64	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	-	-	129	-	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	11	107	153	2,346	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	145	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	54	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	102	141	1,799	2,878

Total Producers [c] 180

Sex
Male	117
Female	63

Age
<35	13
35 – 64	92
65 and older	75

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	5
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	175
More than one race	-

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	1
With military service	24
New and beginning farmers	58

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	67
Farm organically	-
Sell directly to consumers	-
Hire farm labor	20
Are family farms	93

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Forage (hay/haylage), all	1,820
Pecans, all	(D)
Field/grass seed crops, all	12
Land in berries	(D)
Blueberries, all	(D)

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	-
Cattle and calves	2,410
Goats	122
Hogs and pigs	-
Horses and ponies	146
Layers	385
Pullets	30
Sheep and lambs	49
Turkeys	-

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.
[a] May not add to 100% due to rounding. [b] Among counties whose rank can be displayed. [c] Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.
[d] Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. [e] Position below the line does not indicate rank.
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.

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Lincoln County

Georgia Area Labor Profile

Updated: Aug 2020

Labor Force Activity - 2019

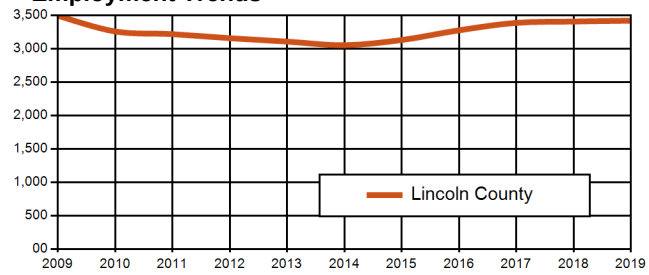
2019 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Lincoln	3,554	3,417	137	3.9%
Columbia	75,134	72,860	2,274	3.0%
Elbert	7,658	7,352	306	4.0%
McDuffie	8,852	8,402	450	5.1%
Wilkes	3,823	3,650	173	4.5%
Lincoln Area	**99,021**	**95,681**	**3,340**	**3.4%**
Georgia	5,110,318	4,935,310	175,008	3.4%
United States	163,539,000	157,538,000	6,001,000	3.7%
McCormick, SC	3,389	3,285	104	3.1%

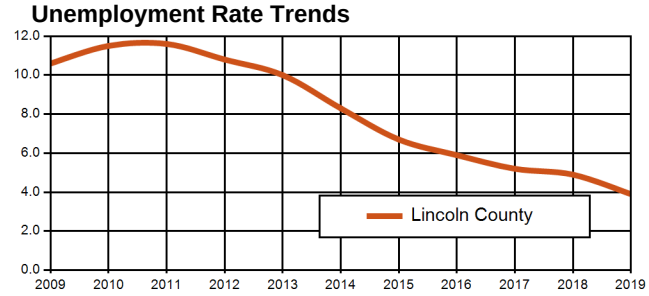
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

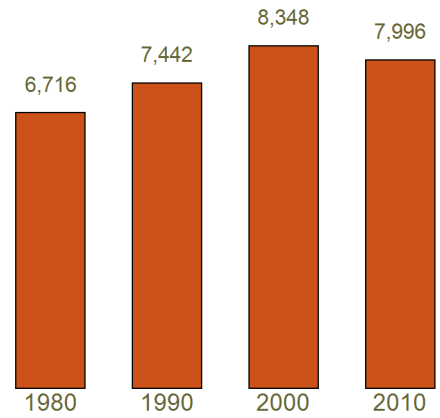
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2010 Census	2019 Rank	2019 Estimate	% Change 2010-2019	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
Lincoln	**7,996**	**142**	**7,921**	**-0.9**	**7,070**	**-11.6**
City of Lincolnton	1,566					
Lincoln Area	**194,785**		**224,381**	**15.2**	**250,894**	**28.8**
Georgia	9,687,653		10,617,423	9.6	11,538,707	19.1
United States	308,745,538		328,239,523	6.3	349,439,199	13.2
McCormick, SC	10,102		9,463	-6.3	12,460	23.3

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, *Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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Industry Mix - 1st Quarter of 2020

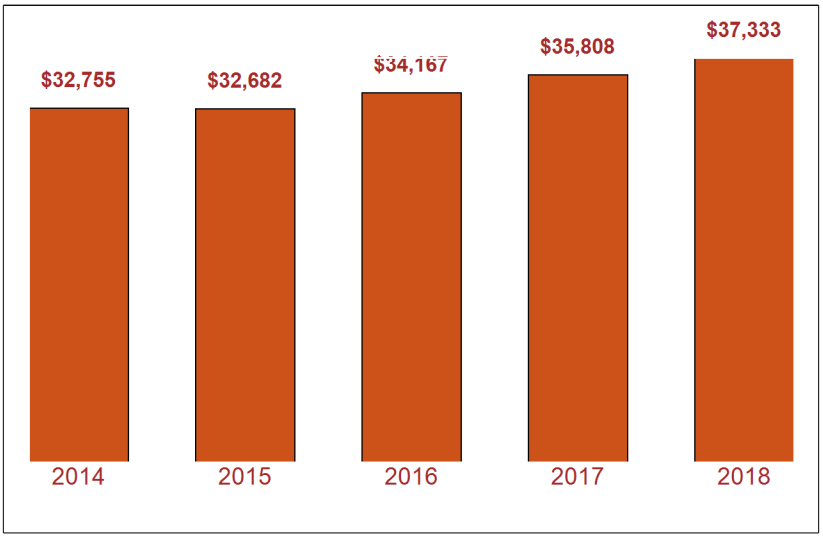
	Lincoln				Lincoln Area			
	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY
INDUSTRY	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE
Goods-Producing	**36**	**306**	**24.2**	**792**	**719**	**11,254**	**20.9**	**972**
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	12	97	7.7	861	51	569	1.1	798
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	21	290	0.5	1,041
Construction	19	176	13.9	797	454	3,482	6.5	886
Manufacturing	5	34	2.7	569	193	6,914	12.8	1,028
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Textile Mills	1	*	*	*	5	595	1.1	883
Fabricated Metal Product	1	*	*	*	27	778	1.4	800
Machinery	1	*	*	*	8	796	1.5	1,817
Transportation Equipment	1	*	*	*	9	1,270	2.4	1,274
Leather and Allied Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	3	383	0.7	866
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	5	*	*	*
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	6	382	0.7	970
Chemical	0	0	0.0	0	7	34	0.1	2,774
Printing and Related Support Activities	0	0	0.0	0	8	42	0.1	535
Food	0	0	0.0	0	9	712	1.3	648
Miscellaneous	0	0	0.0	0	12	30	0.1	595
Furniture and Related Product	0	0	0.0	0	12	126	0.2	721
Wood Product	0	0	0.0	0	14	401	0.7	870
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	0	0	0.0	0	58	951	1.8	744
Service-Providing	**100**	**532**	**42.0**	**531**	**3,148**	**32,799**	**60.8**	**634**
Utilities	1	*	*	*	7	84	0.2	2,419
Wholesale Trade	7	55	4.3	824	167	1,286	2.4	945
Retail Trade	20	149	11.8	474	543	8,313	15.4	594
Transportation and Warehousing	11	35	2.8	667	103	577	1.1	736
Information	0	0	0.0	0	38	499	0.9	1,277
Finance and Insurance	5	51	4.0	865	203	1,077	2.0	1,079
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6	21	1.7	692	125	769	1.4	766
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	7	23	1.8	541	326	2,221	4.1	976
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	14	437	0.8	717
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	6	17	1.3	482	248	2,795	5.2	540
Educational Services	0	*	*	*	47	678	1.3	483
Health Care and Social Assistance	9	20	1.6	616	443	5,943	11.0	725
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	4	17	1.3	456	48	443	0.8	340
Accommodation and Food Services	13	107	8.5	227	345	5,963	11.1	295
Other Services (except Public Administration)	11	37	2.9	424	290	1,574	2.9	620
Unclassified - industry not assigned	**5**	**4**	**0.3**	**598**	**201**	**141**	**0.3**	**792**
Total - Private Sector	**141**	**842**	**66.5**	**626**	**3,867**	**44,053**	**81.6**	**720**
Total - Government	**16**	**423**	**33.4**	**555**	**232**	**9,902**	**18.4**	**810**
Federal Government	3	17	1.3	739	28	634	1.2	1,445
State Government	6	30	2.4	520	59	915	1.7	703
Local Government	7	376	29.7	550	145	8,353	15.5	773
ALL INDUSTRIES	**157**	**1,266**	**100.0**	**602**	**4,099**	**53,955**	**100.0**	**737**
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					**301,507**	**4,526,764**		**1,159**

Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System(NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding. All figures are 1st Quarter of 2020.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

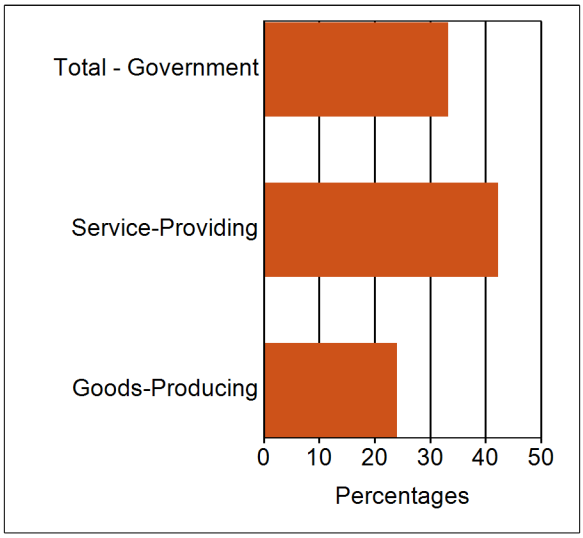
Lincoln Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Lincoln Industry Mix 2020

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Ten Largest Employers - 2020*

Lincoln

Augusta Chiller Service, Inc.
Bells Food Market, Inc.
Farmers State Bank
H & H Industrial Maintenance, Inc.
Hardee's
Huddle House, Inc.
J & T Service Center, Inc.
Mcwhorter Land And Timber
R L Wiley Electrical Contractors
Scott Bridge Co, Inc.

*Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the First Quarter of 2020. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Lincoln Area

	COUNTY
Club Car, LLC	Columbia
Electrolux Home Products, Inc.	Columbia
GIW Industries, Inc.	Columbia
John Deere Commercial	Columbia
Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.	Columbia
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	Elbert
Publix Super Markets, Inc.	Columbia
Rhodes Financial Services, Inc.	Columbia
Shaw Industries Group, Inc.	McDuffie
Walmart	Columbia

Education of the Labor Force

Lincoln Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	5.1%	1.8%	2.7%	3.0%	3.6%	15.4%
Some High School	12.1%	23.2%	13.5%	8.4%	10.2%	12.1%
High School Grad/GED	31.4%	33.3%	29.1%	29.3%	31.4%	35.1%
Some College	20.2%	31.9%	19.3%	21.6%	18.5%	15.4%
College Grad 2 Yr	7.6%	4.8%	8.7%	9.8%	8.3%	4.1%
College Grad 4 Yr	14.8%	4.4%	19.4%	18.4%	16.4%	9.6%
Post Graduate Studies	8.8%	0.6%	7.4%	9.4%	11.7%	8.2%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. Some College category represents workers with some college with no degree less than two years.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

High School Graduates - 2019

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Columbia	1,877	--	1,877
Elbert	170	--	170
Lincoln	94	--	94
McDuffie	250	--	250
Wilkes	90	--	90
Lincoln Area	**2,481**	**--**	**2,481**

Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

* Private schools data is not available for 2019 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

Colleges and Universities

Lincoln Area

Elbert

Elbert County Campus (Satellite campus of Athens Technical College)	www.athenstech.edu/

Columbia

Grovetown Campus (Satellite campus of Augusta Technical College)	www.augustatech.edu

McDuffie

Thomson Campus (Satellite campus of Augusta Technical College)	www.augustatech.edu

Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

Technical College Graduates - 2019*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2017	2018	2019	2017-2018	2018-2019
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	152	147	92	-3.3	-37.4
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	71	45	42	-36.6	-6.7
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	9	17	11	88.9	-35.3
Aircraft Powerplant Technology/Technician°	9	5	7	-44.4	40.0
Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance Technology/Technician°	9	8	10	-11.1	25.0
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	16	12	4	-25.0	-66.7
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	46	49	70	6.5	42.9
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	298	335	345	12.4	3.0
Barbering/Barber°	15	25	20	66.7	-20.0
Biology Technician/Biotechnology Laboratory Technician°	19	13	19	-31.6	46.2
Business Administration and Management, General°	135	111	115	-17.8	3.6
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician°	15	18	19	20.0	5.6
Cardiovascular Technology/Technologist	7	7	6	0.0	-14.3
Carpentry/Carpenter°	5	7	4	40.0	-42.9
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	109	118	159	8.3	34.7
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	228	213	167	-6.6	-21.6

Technical College Graduates - 2019*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2017	2018	2019	2017-2018	2018-2019
Computer Programming Special Applications°	43	32	48	-25.6	50.0
Computer Programming, Specific Applications°	27	22	29	-18.5	31.8
Computer Programming/Programmer, General°	32	21	13	-34.4	-38.1
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	238	220	228	-7.6	3.6
Criminal Justice/Police Science°	35	40	27	14.3	-32.5
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	128	117	108	-8.6	-7.7
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	14	29	27	107.1	-6.9
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General°	93	30	15	-67.7	-50.0
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	65	52	63	-20.0	21.2
Dental Assisting/Assistant	21	33	19	57.1	-42.4
Dental Hygiene/Hygienist	11	12	11	9.1	-8.3
Design and Visual Communications, General°	86	105	97	22.1	-7.6
Diesel Mechanics Technology/Technician°	49	39	29	-20.4	-25.6
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General°	19	27	20	42.1	-25.9
Early Childhood Education and Teaching°	74	94	62	27.0	-34.0
Electrical, Electronic and Communications Engineering Technology/Technician	6	16	7	166.7	-56.3
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General°	13	3	11	-76.9	266.7
Electrician°	274	227	233	-17.2	2.6
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	75	83	120	10.7	44.6
Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial Studies°	9	6	3	-33.3	-50.0
Fire Science/Fire-fighting°	35	24	20	-31.4	-16.7
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant°	94	74	42	-21.3	-43.2
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services°	37	32	24	-13.5	-25.0
Golf Course Operation and Grounds Management°	15	15	5	0.0	-66.7
Graphic Design°	14	21	20	50.0	-4.8
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician	17	9	2	-47.1	-77.8
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/°	72	70	87	-2.8	24.3
Hospitality Administration/Management, General°	51	20	64	-60.8	220.0
Hotel/Motel Administration/Management°	15	3	15	-80.0	400.0
Human Resources Management and Services, Other°	14	2	11	-85.7	450.0
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	37	38	42	2.7	10.5
Interior Design°	24	42	47	75.0	11.9
Legal Assistant/Paralegal	20	16	21	-20.0	31.3
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	34	43	43	26.5	0.0
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	44	30	57	-31.8	90.0
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	28	19	24	-32.1	26.3
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	19	5	18	-73.7	260.0

Technical College Graduates - 2019*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2017	2018	2019	2017-2018	2018-2019
Mechanical Engineering/Mechanical Technology/Technician	9	5	4	-44.4	-20.0
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder°	13	14	8	7.7	-42.9
Medical/Clinical Assistant	67	60	79	-10.4	31.7
Medium/Heavy Vehicle and Truck Technology/Technician°	69	47	72	-31.9	53.2
Meeting and Event Planning°	11	9	14	-18.2	55.6
Network and System Administration/Administrator	36	36	24	0.0	-33.3
Nuclear Engineering Technology/Technician	18	13	9	-27.8	-30.8
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	14	13	11	-7.1	-15.4
Occupational Therapist Assistant	21	13	20	-38.1	53.8
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	33	22	25	-33.3	13.6
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	10	14	12	40.0	-14.3
Physical Therapy Technician/Assistant	18	17	17	-5.6	0.0
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	24	28	28	16.7	0.0
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	71	75	85	5.6	13.3
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	9	13	12	44.4	-7.7
Selling Skills and Sales Operations°	8	12	11	50.0	-8.3
Social Work, Other°	26	31	33	19.2	6.5
Surgical Technology/Technologist	26	35	28	34.6	-20.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	44	31	52	-29.5	67.7
Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant°	18	21	18	16.7	-14.3
Welding Technology/Welder°	253	266	296	5.1	11.3

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

*Data shown represents Annual 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

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