



Atlanta Regional Commission

ARC 2023 ANNUAL REPORT **ROCKDALE COUNTY**

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Our Vision

ONE **great** REGION

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ARC's Mission

Foster thriving communities for all within the Atlanta region through collaborative, data-informed planning and investments.



Goal

Strategic investments in people, infrastructure, mobility, and preserving natural resources.

Improving Mobility in Rockdale

\$126 million in federal and state funds allocated by ARC through 2028 to improve transportation across Rockdale County. Key projects include:

- 🎯 **Rockdale County School Bus Replacement** – Low-emission, clean-diesel school buses will replace 21 older buses over the course of three years.
- 🎯 **Rockdale River Trail Extension** – This multi-use path will be extended for 5.5 miles from Johnson Park to the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, providing access to nature and a new option for runners, hikers, and bicyclists.
- 🎯 **Courtesy Parkway Extension** – Courtesy Parkway will be extended for 1.5 miles from U.S. 278 to Flat Shoals Road, providing an alternate route for traffic between south Rockdale County and major destinations north of I-20, such as Home Depot and Walmart.



412,044 fewer miles traveled by the **90 Rockdale residents** who participated in the **Georgia Commute Options** program, saving them **\$257,528** in fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.



Securing a Sustainable Future

The **Metropolitan North Georgia Water District**, which is managed by ARC, adopted an update to the Water Resources Management Plan that **improves the Atlanta region's resilience** to droughts by enhancing conservation education efforts and enabling the region's water providers to enforce state-issued drought restrictions. An effective early response could mitigate the need for more stringent watering restrictions during a severe drought.



Goals



Healthy, safe, livable communities in the Atlanta Metro area.



Strategic investments in people, infrastructure, mobility, and preserving natural resources.



Regional services delivered with **operational excellence** and **efficiency**.



Diverse stakeholders engage and take a regional approach to solve local issues.



A competitive economy that is inclusive, innovative, and resilient.







Goal

Healthy, safe, livable communities in the Atlanta Metro

Improving Quality of Life for Metro Atlanta Residents of All Ages and Abilities

\$698,427 in federal and state funds to **Rockdale Senior Services** for direct services provided exclusively to Rockdale residents, including:

-  Congregate and home-delivered meals
-  In-home support services
-  Transportation
-  Case management



Rockdale County Comprehensive Plan

ARC worked with **Rockdale County** on an update of the county's comprehensive plan. The update provides a roadmap for how the county should address key challenges and opportunities in a range of areas, including natural resources, housing, transportation, economic development, and historical and cultural resources. The plan update was informed through a robust community engagement process featured an online survey, in-person public meeting, and a steering committee made of key stakeholders.



Percent of Population 65+

13%
in the 11-county region

16%
in Rockdale

Housing

60%
of renters pay 30%
or more of their
income on housing

27%
of residents rent
their homes

Values

Excellence | Integrity | Equity



Goal

A competitive economy that is inclusive, innovative, and resilient.

Workforce Solutions: Connecting talent with opportunity

74 Rockdale county residents received training through WorkSource Atlanta Regional's Career Resource Centers.

9 Rockdale County youth participated in WorkSource Atlanta Regional's youth providers Work Experience program.



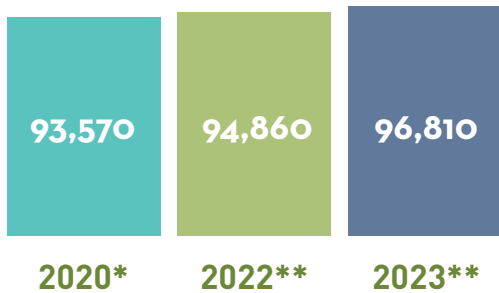
Securing a Competitive Economic Future

ARC has updated the region's **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**, which aims to foster economic prosperity across metro Atlanta with an emphasis on equity, resiliency, and addressing the needs of the region's underserved communities. CEDS strategies include:

- Positioning equity as the foundation for regional and local economic development initiatives
- Fostering business innovation by supporting the development of small and mid-sized businesses
- Ensuring the global and national competitiveness of metro Atlanta's economy
- Building on previous CEDBuilding on previous CEDS success to promote the economic resiliency and prosperity of all residents

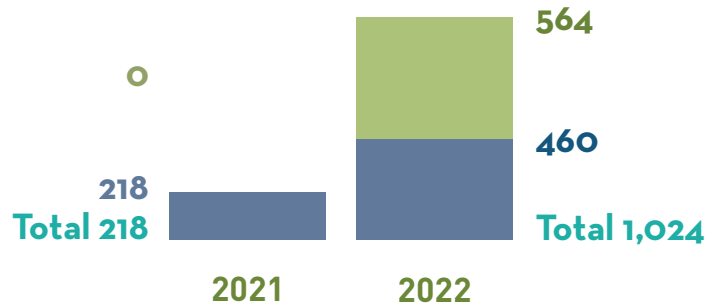


Rockdale Population



*U.S. Census, **ARC Population Estimates

Rockdale Building Permits



Multi-Family Single Family

