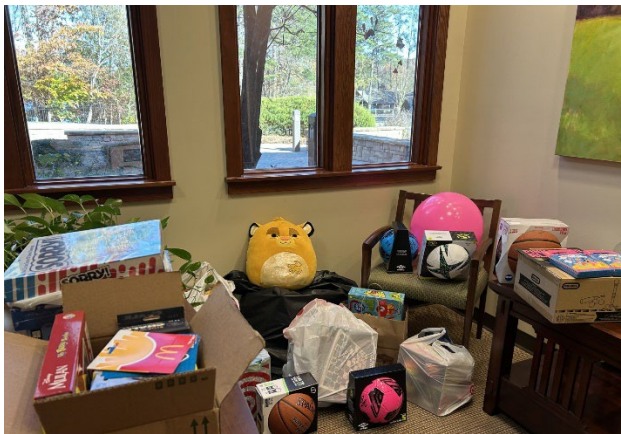




December 6, 2024



**My office is filling up with toys! Be sure to bring yours on or before Dec. 12** so we can help our police officers with their annual Fill the Sleigh Toy Drive! By participating in this joyful holiday event, you make some child happy and support our police officers as well. They have told me that they really appreciate it, and I'm glad we have the opportunity to affirm them. We're looking for toy donations for children ages 3 to 15 that are new, unwrapped, and priced at \$10 or more. Youth basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, and gift

cards are great gifts for teenagers, but no toy weapons. Go on a Santa spree and leave your stuff in my office at City Hall. I'll get them to the local precinct, and they will distribute them to local children in need at their Santa's Community Workshop event.



The **winner of the October Lens contest is Donna Jacobson** with her lovely photo: "Leaves kissing the beach". She has designated The American Diabetes Association to receive her winner's check which is provided as always by Ginny Nevins and Windsor Realty. Thanks to both of these ladies. All the pictures entered to date can be viewed on the Lens website: [BerkeleyLakeLens.com](http://BerkeleyLakeLens.com). Let's keep it going because our city undoubtedly has some fabulous photographers! You can register to view the entries or to enter the competition.



I seem to be always going to a whole bunch of meetings, and from time to time I learn things that I think might perhaps be of interest to some of you. I thought I would share these charts from the Atlanta Regional Commission about their expectations for **how our area will change over the next few years.**

## Economy Growing Faster Than U.S.

**31%**  
Metro Atlanta

**19%**  
U.S.

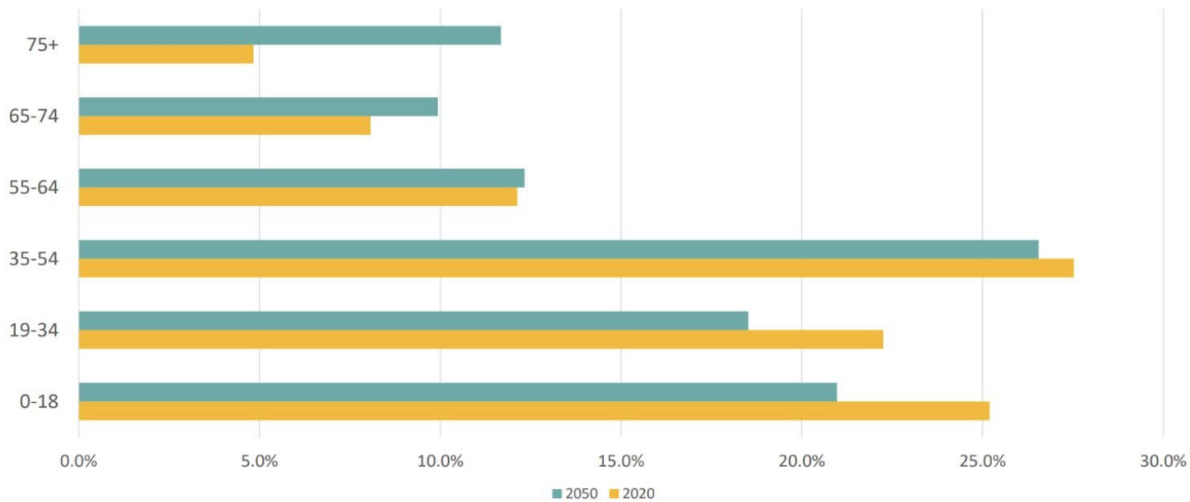
Employment Growth, Metro Atlanta and The United States (Indexed – Jan 2013=100)



## Age Forecasts

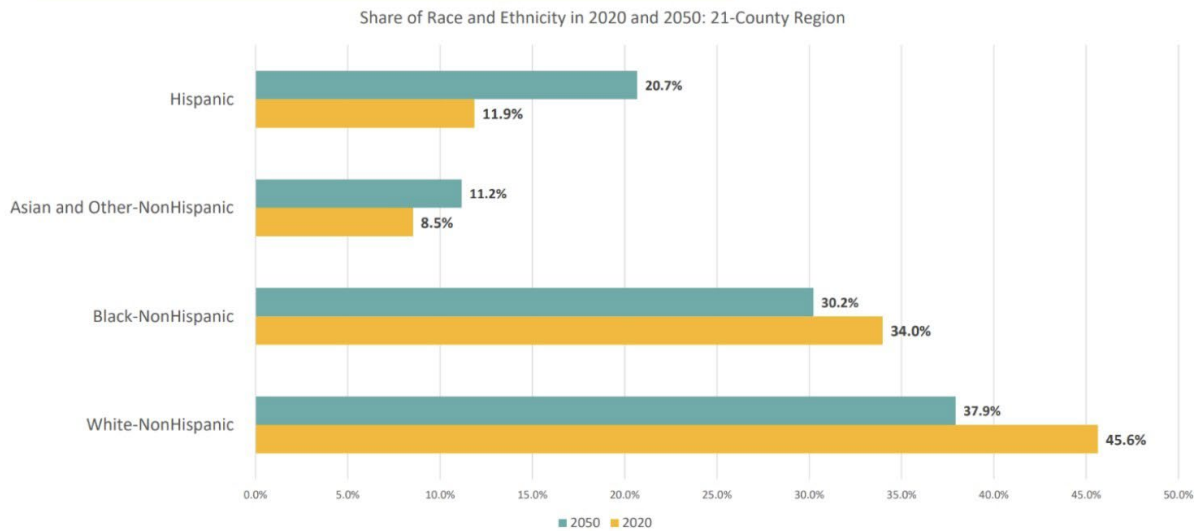
Source: ARC Series 17 Forecasts

Age Bands: 2020 and 2050



# Race and Ethnicity Composition Forecasts

Source: ARC Series 17 Forecasts



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From time to time (in an effort **to keep everybody out of difficulties**) I try to remind you how important it is to contact City Hall before you start any construction or renovation projects at your home. It's so much easier just to check in advance and see if you need a permit for things like driveways, parking pads, decks, and electrical or plumbing changes. Our city staff is very happy to talk with you, and you can reach any of us by just calling one number. **770-368-9484**. Please call and let us help.

**Our featured Berkeley Lake business this month is Peachtree Spine and Sports Physicians**, located at 4830 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and reachable by phone at 404-843-3323. The facility specializes in diagnosing and treating back, neck and musculoskeletal pain using various pain management techniques. They offer rehabilitation, non-opiate medications, minimally invasive procedures, and innovative injection treatments to effectively manage pain and improve mobility. Peachtree Spine and Sports Physicians is proud to serve the Berkeley Lake community.



This month's **Fun Fact about Berkeley Lake**: According to an article in Forbes on the 50 Richest Cities in Georgia, our city is #4.

*Lois D. Satter*