

# City of Brookhaven, GA Community Profile

Brookhaven is Georgia's city on the move. Emerging over a century ago as a small, affluent Atlanta suburban community, Brookhaven has evolved into a thriving, multi-cultural urban landscape that has retained all the benefits of suburban living, increasingly celebrated for its abundance of pedestrian-friendly shopping opportunities, diverse ethnic dining destinations and exciting arts scene. Incorporated in 2012, the City covers approximately 12 square miles and home to just under 60,000 residents and growing.



Well known for its passionate, creative residents, Brookhaven has exploded into the metropolitan Atlanta arts scene, attracting a national tourist base with the annual Cherry Blossom Festival, now the second largest music festival in the State. The City's newly formed Arts and Culture Commission won the landmark public art exhibition, *Wings of the City* by celebrated Mexican artist Jorge Marín in 2022. In every way, Brookhaven continues to bring people together and create a community that is welcoming, approachable and beautiful.

With the opening of Emory University Hospital's Musculoskeletal Institute in 2021 and the development of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's \$1.5 billion flagship campus, slated to open in 2024 complimenting their already open Center for Advanced Pediatrics, Brookhaven is fast becoming a national healthcare hub.

The City's well-educated professional workforce and diverse population provide an excellent mix of talent and cultural inclusiveness. In addition to the growing healthcare segment, Brookhaven is home to a varied and growing education and business community. The City's easy access to public transportation, public and private education offerings, the growing metro Atlanta business environment, and a highly educated and diverse workforce offers families and businesses the ideal live, work, play option.

Oglethorpe University is located in the heart of Brookhaven and is ranked a top Liberal Arts College in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report* providing students and the community with outstanding cultural offerings, NCAA Division III sports, and an open community campus listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its inspiring Gothic architecture.

The City's thriving business centers are home to the Weather Company and the AT&T Mobility world headquarters as well as regional headquarters for international engineering firm Burns & McDonnell; Sysnet Global Solutions North American headquarters; and Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC, one of the top 100 accounting firms in the United States.

In a region well-known for gridlock, residents of Brookhaven enjoy median commute time well below the region\*, state and national average, due in large part to the Brookhaven/Oglethorpe heavy rail MARTA station. In 2022 the City completed a City Centre master plan centered around the station's already thriving live, work play community. Complimenting the plan is the addition of the Brookhaven City Hall that will rise adjacent to the station.

As an officially certified "Tree City," Brookhaven continues to add to community green space and is home to over a dozen premier parks. Upgrades, thanks to the \$40 million Parks Bond initiative approved by voters in 2018, continue the pace, striking a balance between supporting and preserving the precious natural beauty and building playgrounds, pools, community facilities and more.

Brookhaven continues to be recognized for the City's municipal leadership and commitment to excellence. The City enjoys AAA ratings from both Standard & Poor's and Moody's for general obligation bonds, making it one of only five Georgia cities with AAA credit at both agencies. In 2022 the City was recognized with the Energy Matters Award by the Georgia Public Service Commission in recognition of its leading role in Electric Vehicle Municipal Energy initiatives.

The dedicated officers of the Brookhaven Police Department (BPD) continue to keep Brookhaven one of the safest cities in the State. The BPD is one of just 130 departments certified by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Certification Program. In 2022, Brookhaven marked a major transition when founding Chief Gary Yandura, recognized as the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police "2020 Outstanding Chief of the Year" announced his retirement and Deputy Chief Brandon Gurley was sworn in as Chief. Staying on as Chief Emeritus for the transition, Yandura's leadership is a testament to the entire department's commitment to service and the community.

**See following page for Brookhaven Demographics**

\*Parker, "Atlanta worst place to commute," *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, May 3, 2019.

<b>Comparative Demographics</b>		
<b>2022</b>	<b>Georgia**</b>	<b>Brookhaven</b>
Population	10,799,566	59,574
Median Age	37.2	35.4
<b>Population Demographics</b>		
Hispanic or Latino	10.2%	21.0%
Black or African American	33.0%	12.4%
Asian alone	4.6%	7.7%
Under 18	23.4%	20.4%
Over 65	14.7%	12.3%
<b>Household (HH)</b>		
Total Units	4,475,274	27,897
Persons per HH	2.68	2.27
Family Households	2,704,444	11,989
Owner Occupied	58.2%	47.5%
**Median Monthly cost w/mortgage	\$1,449	\$2,681
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**Median Gross Rent	\$1,042	\$1,444
Median owner-occupied value	\$190,200	\$602,547
<b>LABOR FORCE</b>		
In civilian labor force (age over 16)	62.7%	98.4%
**Travel to work in minutes	28.7	25.8
<b>EDUCATION (age over 25)</b>		
High School Graduate +	87.1%	91.1%
Bachelor's Degree +	31.3%	71.8%
<b>INCOME</b>		
Median HH Income	\$61,224	\$167,266
Per Capita Income in Past 12 Months	\$32,427	\$72,953
**Persons in Poverty	14.0%	10.9%
<b>IMMIGRATION</b>		
**Foreign Born Individuals	10.2%	21.8%
**Bi-lingual HH	14%	30.2%

### Demographic Sources

Atlanta Regional Commission *Neighborhood Nexus Esri Report*, October 7, 2022

\*\*U.S. Census July 1, 2021, all Georgia demographics, and Brookhaven where noted

