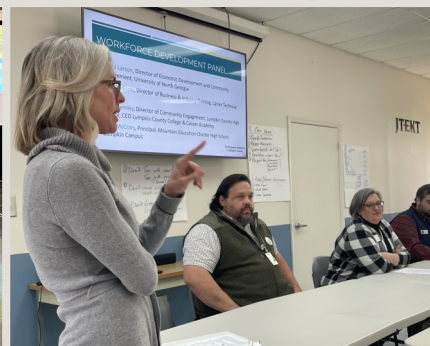
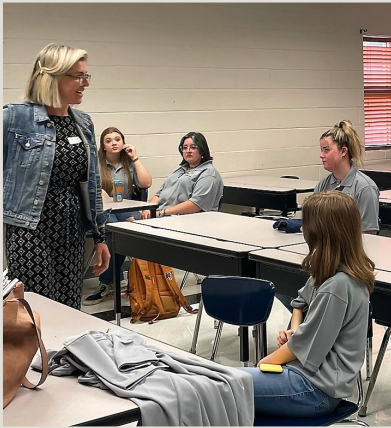


# 2023 Year in Review

## Development Authority of Lumpkin County



# Pick Lumpkin County...

*Where business is golden!*

# Workforce Development

Workforce development is economic development! The availability and reliability of a skilled, ready, and willing workforce is a top priority for the Development Authority of Lumpkin County.



18,652

Labor Force

GDOL June 2023

181,200

Lumpkin Area  
Labor Force

GDOL June 2023



123

PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
HOURS

72

VOLUNTEER  
HOURS

11

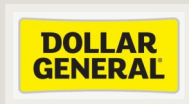
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ENGAGEMENTS

20

PROJECT  
ASSISTANCE

# Business Retention, Relocation & Expansion

Get accurate and up-to-date research on doing business in Lumpkin County, Georgia. Whether you are relocating, expanding, or starting with a new business idea, we are here to help you get the facts!



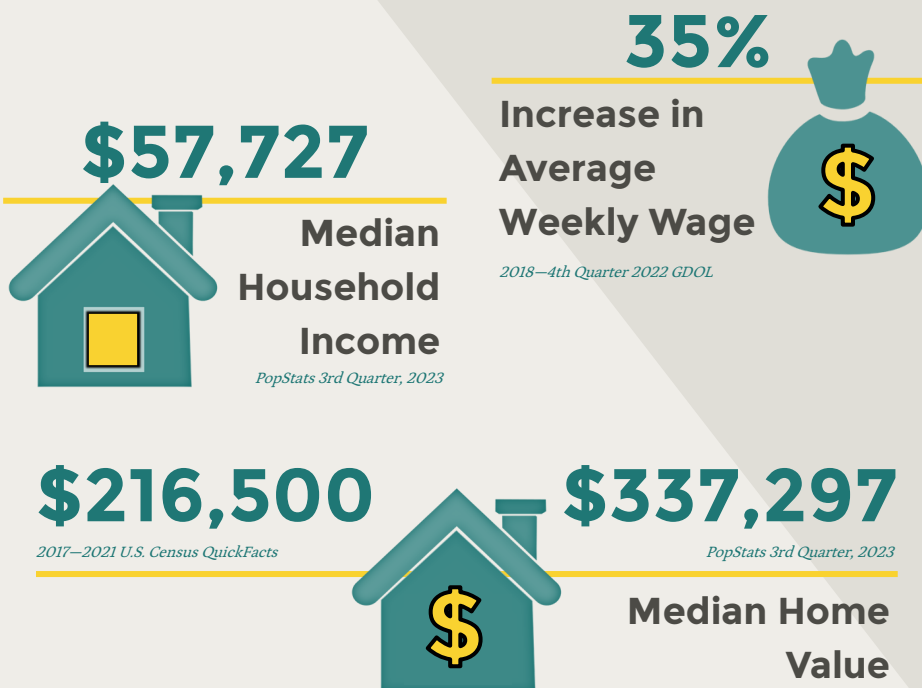
# Special Projects, Key Activities & Community Engagements

## Broadband Infrastructure

At a special ground breaking ceremony held on June 29, Gov. Brian Kemp announced approximately 8,000 locations in unserved and underserved parts of Lumpkin County will soon be eligible for high-speed fiber internet. The infrastructure project is a result of a public-private partnership between Lumpkin County Government, the Development Authority of Lumpkin County, and Kinetic. Kinetic's financial match of approximately \$13.4 million made it possible for the Development Authority of Lumpkin County and Lumpkin County Government to obtain an additional \$7.3 million in state and federal grants. The \$20.7 million project will enable Kinetic to lay more than 450 miles of optical fiber cable and is expected to be completed in 2024.

# JUST THE FACTS

Population of Lumpkin County (Forecast 5YrF)	35,492 (38,955)
Average Age	40.26
Household Estimate (Forecast 5YrF)	12,457 (13,796)
Per Capita Income	\$30,717
% of population with Bachelor's degree or higher	33.7%
Average Unemployment (3rd QTR 2023)	3.3%
Top location decision factor for site selectors	Available Local Workforce
Number of business licenses (2022)	993



- Hosted Manufacturing Business Roundtable event.
- Hosted Governor Brian Kemp at the Broadband Infrastructure Groundbreaking Event.
- Served on the Lumpkin County High School College Career Academy Board of Directors, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee and the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Team with the City of Dahlonega.
- Participated in Lumpkin County High School Capstone Day.
- Participated in quarterly community partnership meetings.
- Presented at State of the Economy, Lumpkin Youth Leadership, Leadership Lumpkin County, Lumpkin 101, and the UNG REED Summit.
- Distributed quarterly newsletters to 1257 subscribers.



## \$11,275,000 Grant Announced for the Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority

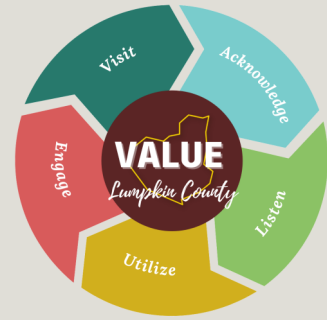
The office of Governor Brian Kemp recently notified Lumpkin County Government of an \$11,275,000 grant award to the Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority. The award is for engineering, design, and construction of a new wastewater treatment plant and collection system. The wastewater treatment plant and collection system will be constructed in the southern part of Lumpkin County to support the Northeast Georgia Medical Center-Lumpkin and other development expected along Ga. SR 400. Construction on the facility is scheduled to be complete by 2026 and will be constructed with an ultimate capacity of 1 million gallons per day.

## Yahoola Creek Reservoir Master Plan Implementation

Lumpkin County Government was awarded \$62,207 in grant funding from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trail Program. The grant funding will go towards enhancing the Yahoola Creek Reservoir property by adding approximately two miles of new pedestrian trails, realigning the existing Hwy 52-E pedestrian trail, and installing two trailhead kiosks and four trail wayfinding signs. This trail project is in response to the Yahoola Creek Reservoir Master Plan adopted by the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners on January 5, 2021.



The **V.A.L.U.E. Program** is the Development Authority of Lumpkin County's premier service model for business retention, relocation, and expansion.



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Enriching local employment, the county tax base, and business opportunity while honoring the history, natural beauty, and character of Lumpkin County.

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