

# TOWN OF ATLANTA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

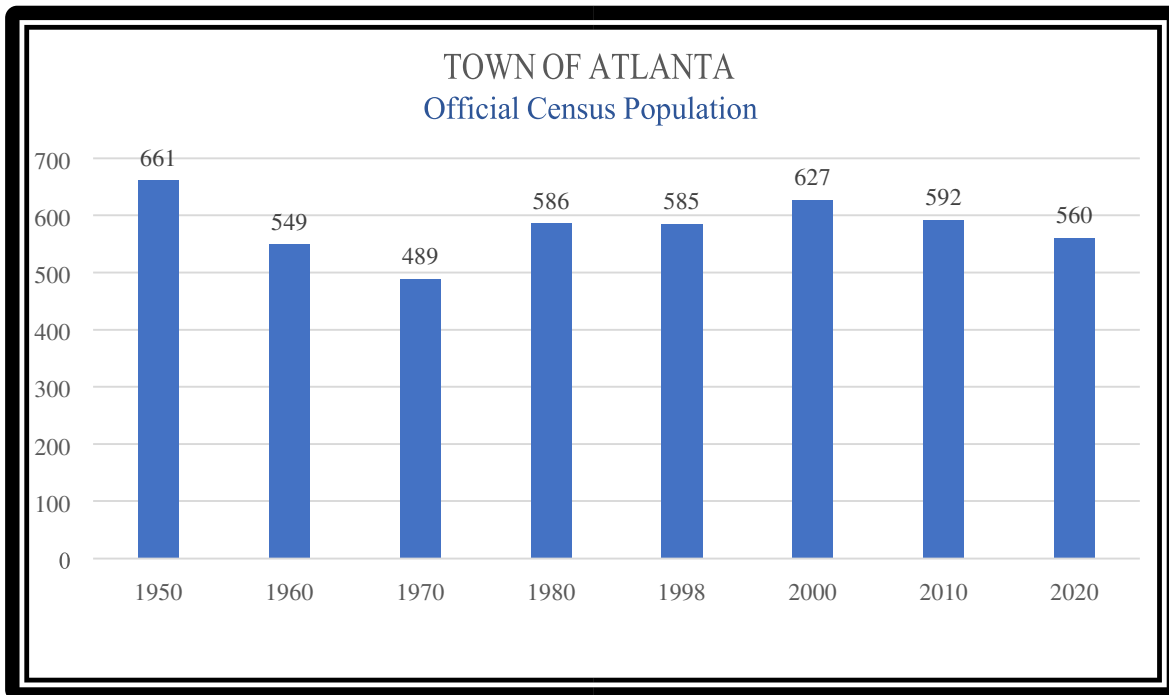
## 1. Demographics and Issues & Opportunities Overview

Town of Atlanta’s Comprehensive Plan begins with an overview of the town based on information including the past, present and future projections covering a 20-year planning period. This overview is necessary to understand the changes that are taking place in Town of Atlanta. The information found in this plan is all important and will help assist in achieving the goals and objectives that will guide the future development and policy for the next 20 years in Town of Atlanta.

### 1.1 Population Characteristics

TABLE 1.1 Historical Populations 1950 - 2020

Town of Atlanta	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	Absolute change 1950 - 2020	Percent change 1950 - 2020
Pop.	661	549	489	586	585	627	592	560	-101	-15.3%
% Chng		-13.3	-11.3	+19.8	-00.2	+07.2	-05.6	-05.4		



The population in the Town of Atlanta from 1950 to 2020 decreased by 15.3%.

The population in the Town of Atlanta from 2010 to 2020 decreased by 5.4%

The population in the Town of Atlanta from 2000 to 2020 decreased by 10.7%

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## Population Projections

TABLE 1.2 Population Projections 2025 – 2035

Town of Atlanta	2025	2030	2035	Absolute change 2020 – 2035	Percent change 2020 – 2035
-1.5,1.5,1.5	552	560	568	8	+1.43%
0.0,1.5,1.5	560	568	577	17	+3.04%
1.5,1.5,1.5	568	577	586	26	+4.64%

Table 1.2 projections shown are based on current and past population trends that took place in Town of Atlanta and are intended to be a baseline guide for any of the town decision makers. In this table it shows that Town of Atlanta will steadily increase through the next 12 years. Table 1.1 shows the population levels of 1950-2020 and Table 1.2 shows the projections of 2025-2035.

Table 1.3 Ages\*\*

Age	Number	% of Total
Under 5 years	57	10.1%
6 – 17 years	57	10.2%
18 – 64 years	329	58.7%
65 – 74 years	83	14.9%
75 – 84 years	31	5.6%
85 years and over	3	0.5%

\*\* 2020 US Census

Table 1.5 shows Town of Atlanta population breakdown by age and gender. Shifts in the age structure of the population can affect many needs and services within the town which would include housing, elderly care, and schooling. Trends point to an aging population that will need more services.

### 1.3 Household Characteristics

A household includes all of the people who live in a housing unit. By gathering the data of these households of a community it will help establish an understanding of what the community is like along with providing insight into community life.

The 2020 Census identified 232 households in Town of Atlanta. Of this total, 167 are family households which make up 72% of all households. What it means by a family household means there must be two or more people living in that household who are related by marriage, birth, or adoption. A Non-family household means a householder living alone or living with non-relatives only. Table 1.4 gives an understanding of the makeup of the households in the Town of Atlanta.

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Table 1.4 Household Characteristics

Type	Number	Percent
Total Households	232	100%
Married Couple	146	64.6%
Male Householder, no wife present	16	21.0%
Female Householder, no husband present	5	8.9%
Nonfamily Household	65	28.0%

2020 US Census

## 1.4 Employment Characteristics

According to the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau figures, 271 Town of Atlanta residents are employed. The majority are working in manufacturing.

## 1.5 Median Household Income

The 2020 U.S. Census reports that the median household income for Town of Atlanta is \$63,250. Rusk County’s median household income is \$48,961

## 1.6 Educational Attainment

Educational attainment is the highest degree or level of schooling a person can complete, and is a variable used when assessing a community’s labor force potential. According to the 2020 Census data of Atlanta township’s population age 25 and older, 90.3 percent attained a high school education or higher. Table 1.5 details educational attainment for the Town of Atlanta.

Table 1.5 Educational Attainments

	No Diploma	High School diploma, GED	Some College	Associate Degree	College Degree	Graduate
18 years +	43	150	107	91	35	20
Percentage	9.7%	33.7%	23.9%	20.3%	7.9%	4.5%

\*\* 2020 US Census