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Richmond Hill leads Georgia in commute time

29.8 minutes to work — a new benchmark

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Richmond Hill has the longest average commute in the Savannah metro and across Georgia.

This figure is not a flaw but a signal: it reflects a growing pattern of housing development beyond the urban core, where residents trade time for affordability. The 29.8-minute average is the highest in the state, and it is concentrated in areas with newer, lower-cost housing stock. This is not a symptom of congestion but a structural shift in where people choose to live.



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https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-16-savannah-commute-place-long

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Affordability drives the commute trade-off

This trend is sustainable only if infrastructure and job density evolve in tandem. The real risk is not the commute itself, but the lack of transit investment in the corridor that could make it a viable alternative to downtown living.

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The commute premium is a market test

For investors and developers, this means that the most promising opportunities are not in the densest areas, but in the corridors where time is being traded for space—and where that trade is becoming a new form of real estate capital.

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