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Hiram has the longest commute in Atlanta

Based on 2024 ACS data, 24.7 minutes apart

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The difference between Hiram and Carrollton is the widest in the Atlanta metro.

This 24.7-minute spread reflects a growing divide in access to opportunity across the region. This gap is not just about time—it's about equity in mobility, housing, and economic integration.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-22-atlanta-ga-commute-spread

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Commute inequality fuels suburban flight

The consequence is a self-reinforcing cycle: fewer workers in Hiram mean less demand for services, which in turn reduces economic vibrancy, further pushing people to central hubs. This isn’t just about infrastructure—it’s about who gets to be part of the metropolitan economy.

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The market rewards proximity, not access

This dynamic means that even modest improvements in transit or road connectivity in places like Hiram could yield disproportionate returns. The market is already pricing in the cost of time—and the cost of being excluded from the central network is rising.

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