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Savannah’s 10.6-minute commute spread is Georgia’s widest

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This figure measures the difference between the highest and lowest average commute times across the Savannah metro's cities.

The 10.6-minute spread in mean commute time between Richmond Hill (29.8 minutes) and Garden City (19.1 minutes) reveals a stark internal divide within the Savannah metro. This range is the largest in Georgia, indicating that access to time-efficient commuting is not evenly distributed across the region.



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Commute inequality fuels housing stratification

The wide spread in commute times reflects deepening spatial segregation. Areas like Richmond Hill and Rincon, with longer commutes, are likely more suburbanized, with fewer local job centers and greater reliance on long drives. Meanwhile, Garden City's shorter commute suggests stronger local employment integration or better transit access, possibly due to proximity to major employers or infrastructure investments.

This imbalance implies that housing value and desirability are increasingly tied to commute efficiency, not just location or neighborhood quality.

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Equity in mobility is the next frontier

The data suggests that Savannah's growth is not just about volume but about quality of access. The fact that Garden City leads in shorter, more consistent commutes points to a model of development that prioritizes job-housing balance and infrastructure efficiency.

Future planning must address the 10.6-minute gap—not just to reduce congestion, but to ensure that economic opportunity is not gated by geography. This is not a problem for developers alone; it's a systemic challenge for regional equity.

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