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Forsyth County leads Atlanta's income divide

2.51x gap between top and bottom counties, 2024

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This ratio reflects a stark divide between Forsyth County and Meriwether County within the Atlanta metro.

This is not a national average—it is a local reality where wealth concentration in the north and west outpaces the south and east by nearly a factor of three.

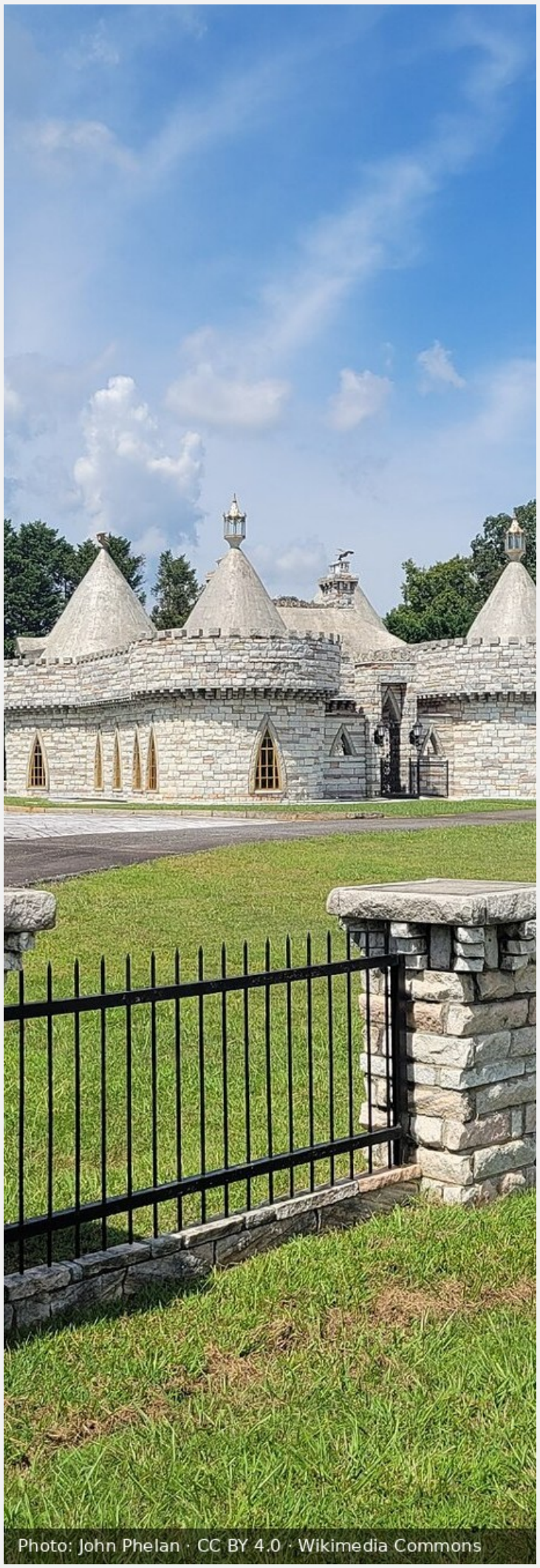


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Wealth is not spreading—it's clustering

This divide is not visible in aggregate market data. While Atlanta’s median home price may rise across the board, the benefits are concentrated in a handful of counties. For the average resident in Meriwether or Henry, even with job growth, the income gap remains unbridgeable under current patterns.

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Affluence is shaping the future of infrastructure

Meanwhile, lower-income counties, despite higher population growth and greater need, may face delayed or reduced investments. This creates a second-order effect: economic mobility is not just about income, but about access to transportation, education, and public services—systems increasingly aligned with where wealth already is.

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