Grovetown — #1 of 6: Mean Commute to Work by City, in Minutes (2024)

Grovetown has the longest commute in Augusta-Aiken

26.2 minutes, according to ALEX Intelligence (2024)

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Grovetown leads the Augusta-Aiken metro in average commute time.

This 26.2-minute average is not a symptom of congestion alone—it reflects a deeper structural shift. Grovetown's high commute time is rooted in its rapid suburban expansion, with new residential development outpacing infrastructure investment. Workers are choosing Grovetown for affordability and space, but the lack of direct employment corridors forces long daily commutes to Augusta, Aiken, and beyond.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-25-augusta-aiken-commute-place-long

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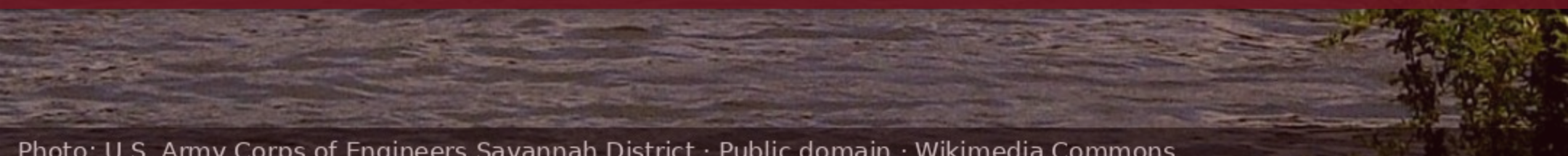
Commuting is a proxy for growth

The fact that Grovetown leads in commute time is not a flaw—it's a signal. It indicates that the city is absorbing new residents faster than it can deliver job density or transit infrastructure. This imbalance is not a sign of failure but of momentum. The market is responding to demand with new housing, even if the transportation network lags. In real estate, the longest commutes often precede the highest appreciation—because they represent unmet demand for access and convenience.



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Infrastructure shapes real estate value

The current commute burden in Grovetown is not just a daily inconvenience—it's a real estate catalyst. As long as the commute remains high, land near transit corridors, mixed-use zones, or future employment hubs will see premium pricing. This is not a prediction; it's a market mechanism already in motion.

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