

# ACCOLADES

***"Georgia's Top Performing Small Metro"***

***"Year-After-Year Growth City"***

***"Best Small Places for Business & Careers"***

***"Best Lake Town"***

*Site Selection* magazine named Georgia the "#1 State for Business" for the sixth consecutive year and Gainesville-Hall County one of the "Top Performing Small Metro Areas in Georgia."

*Milken Institute Report* named Gainesville-Hall County as the "Top Small Metro Area in Georgia" and #3 in the Nation for "Best Performing Small Metros."

*Area Development* included Gainesville-Hall County among its 2018 cities for "Year-After-Year Growth with Georgia named the "#1 Place for Business" for five years in a row. In 2018, Gainesville-Hall County announced 1,185 new jobs and \$311 million in capital investment.

Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC) is Georgia's most awarded hospital. In recent years, NGMC has consistently been recognized as Georgia's #1 Hospital for overall hospital care, overall surgical care, heart care, orthopedic surgery and women's care.

*Forbes Magazine* has rated Gainesville as one of the "Best Small Places for Business & Careers" for the last six years.

In 2018, *Where to Retire* selected Gainesville-Hall County as a top retirement destination in the sixth edition of "America's 100 Best Places to Retire," a comprehensive guidebook of the country's most appealing retirement towns. In addition, Gainesville-Hall County was listed as one of ten "Best Lake Towns."

Lanier Technical College is experiencing an upward trend in enrollment with 4,050 students. The number of students will continue to increase with the opening of the new 95-acre campus on GA-Highway 365. Lanier Technical College also boasts a 100% job placement rate for the fifth time in the last six years.

In August 2019, Lake Lanier Olympic Park will host the American Canoe Association's Sprint National Championships. Lake Lanier Olympic Park hosted the 2018 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships with 14 countries, 800 athletes and 21 officials participating in the event. Team USA had 29 athletes from Gainesville-Hall County.

Some 97% of businesses in Gainesville-Hall County are categorized as small with fewer than 500 employees.



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