# Government Matters



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## WATCH: A trusted partner in building a stronger, brighter Georgia



The University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government is more than a resource, we're a trusted partner for communities across the state. See how expert faculty, staff and students work closely with government and community leaders to build a stronger, brighter Georgia.



We take pride in our connections and impact across the state. Check out the links below for more about our work in 2024. We look forward to a wide variety of programs, training and more in 2025!

- The award-winning PROPEL rural development program continued to grow and succeed with financial support and guidance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- Gov. Brian Kemp congratulated hardworking Georgians and ongoing progress in workforce development at the closing of **Georgia's Workforce Conference**.
- Students in the UGA CyberArch program, housed in the Institute of Government, are leading the way in cybersecurity training and services.
- **Downtown Homerville** increased in value and vision with assistance from the institute's Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning (RSVP) process.
- The new **Data Analysis and Decision Making for Government Certificate** program will help government professionals stay on top of an ever-changing field.
- The Mayor's Leadership Academy launched as part of the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute, a partnership with the Georgia Municipal Association.

## IN THE NEWS

# As seen in *Georgia Trend*: "Experts for the State"

While the University of Georgia has long been associated with winning football, and in recent decades with rigorous academics, one of its biggest assets is an outreach program that that has a substantial and lasting impact in small towns like Homerville and Hawkinsville. Such communities, and even their government representatives, can attribute much of their success to the impact and expertise of the university and its faculty within the Carl Vinson Institute



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

Georgia Local Government Personnel Association (GLGPA) Mid-Year Training Feb. 26-27

Lawrenceville, GA

Georgia Association of Code Enforcement (GACE) Spring Conference

March 3-7 Savannah, GA

**Labor Market Information Training Course** 

April 1-2 UGA Gwinnett Campus

GA Government Management Information Sciences Conference

May 4-8 Columbus Georgia Convention & Trade Center

More events here >

Register today!

**Developing Data Analytics Capabilities Conference** 



Join us for a two-day conference to learn about integrating emerging data analytics technology and data governance. Preconference workshops are available to those who want to take a deeper dive before the event. This conference will benefit those involved in data-informed decision-making for state and local governments, universities, colleges and school systems. With three tracks to choose from, there are topics relevant to various levels of professional experience with data. Connect with experts in the field, identify your organization's data readiness and consider next steps for increasing your data analytics skills.

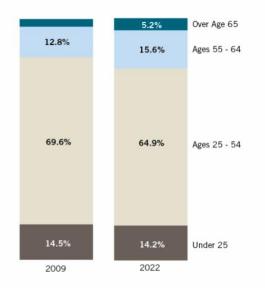
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## Georgia's labor force is aging along with the population.

More than one in five of Georgia's workers are over the age of 55.

Source: American Community Survey, 2005-09 ACS; 2018-2022 ACS





### Workforce Pipeline Snapshot reveals demographic trends

Launched during Georgia's Workforce Conference in November, the Workforce Pipeline Snapshot is a graphically engaging tool that includes timely information on education and the labor market. It is a go-to resource for people in industries across the state. One key finding is how Georgia's labor force reflects its aging population, with more than one in five workers older than 55. Learn more about demographics and workforce in the full report **here**.

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