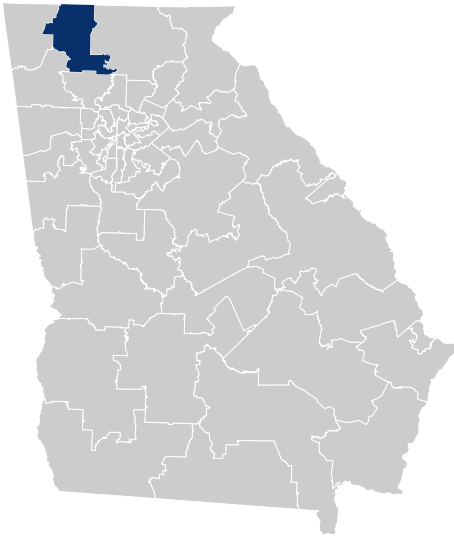


# The 54th State Senate District

## District information



[atlregional.github.io/gta/#senate/054](http://atlregional.github.io/gta/#senate/054)



### Counties

State Senate District 54 contains some or all of the following counties:  
Pickens, Murray, Gordon, and Whitfield.

### District



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## Who lives in your district?

More and more travellers are choosing transit. Millennials in particular are delaying acquiring driver's licenses, opting for transit passes instead. According to the [Who's On Board: 2014 Mobility Attitudes Survey](#), in the South alone **20% of people under 30 use transit at least once a week and 11% use it to commute at least 3-4 times per week.**

Still, some ride transit not because of its conveniences, but because it's the only way they can get around. Aging adults or persons with disabilities, those who cannot afford the costs of car ownership, and veterans that need transport to medical appointments all depend daily on their local transit systems.

<b>Total population</b>	<b>174,228</b>
Millenials	48,048 (28%)
65 years or older	20,199 (12%)
Veterans	9,048 (5%)
Below poverty line	35,645 (20%)
Living with a disability	7,823 (4%)
Less than one car per worker	3,808 households (6%)

Source: American Community Survey 2013 5-year estimates

## What transit providers operate in your district?

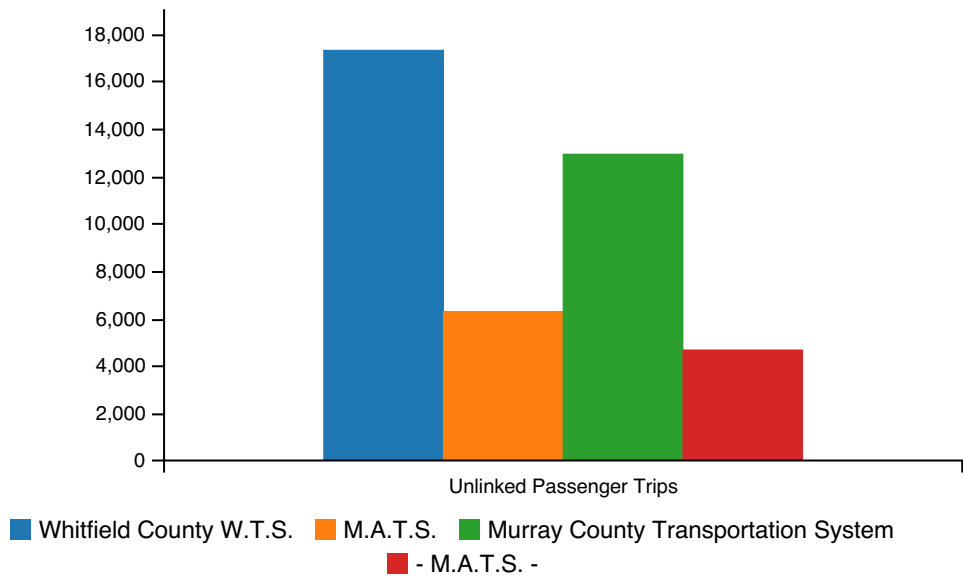
The following transit agencies operate in the 54th State Senate District:

- Whitfield County W.T.S.
- Gordon County Transit (M.A.T.S.)
- Murray County Transportation System
- Fannin County (- M.A.T.S. -)

## How is transit used in your district?

Transit in Georgia meets the needs of hundreds of thousands of Georgians every day. **Transit agencies operating in the 54th State Senate District provide 41,202 trips annually.** These services are especially important to the **20,199 (12%) elderly and 7,823 (4%) disabled riders** that depend on transit in this district.

The figure below shows unlinked passenger trips, or the number of times passengers board vehicles, in the 54th State Senate District. For details on this and other service data, visit [atlregional.github.io/gta/#senate/054/service](https://atlregional.github.io/gta/#senate/054/service).



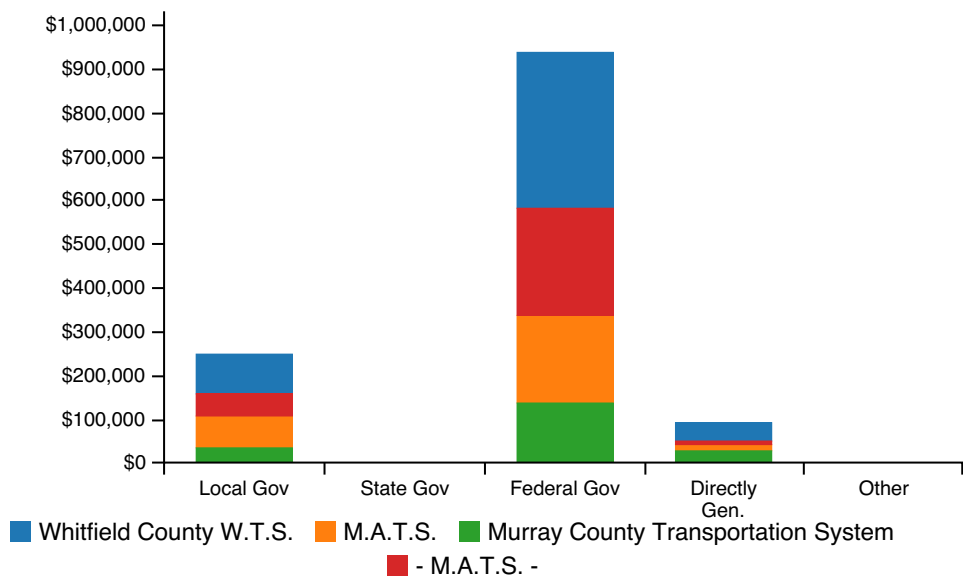
Source: National Transit Database (NTD) 2013 Urban Service; NTD Rural 2013 Subrecipient Service Data  
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## How much does transit cost in your district?

Transit expenses are divided into:

- **Capital** - includes infrastructure and equipment, such as buses and vans, facilities, and technology.
- **Operating** - includes daily costs required to operate the system, such as salaries for bus operators and mechanics, regular vehicle and system maintenance, and general administrative costs.

The figure below shows all funding (both capital and operating) categorized by funding source. For details on this funding data, visit [atlregional.github.io/gta/#senate/054/funding](https://atlregional.github.io/gta/#senate/054/funding).



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