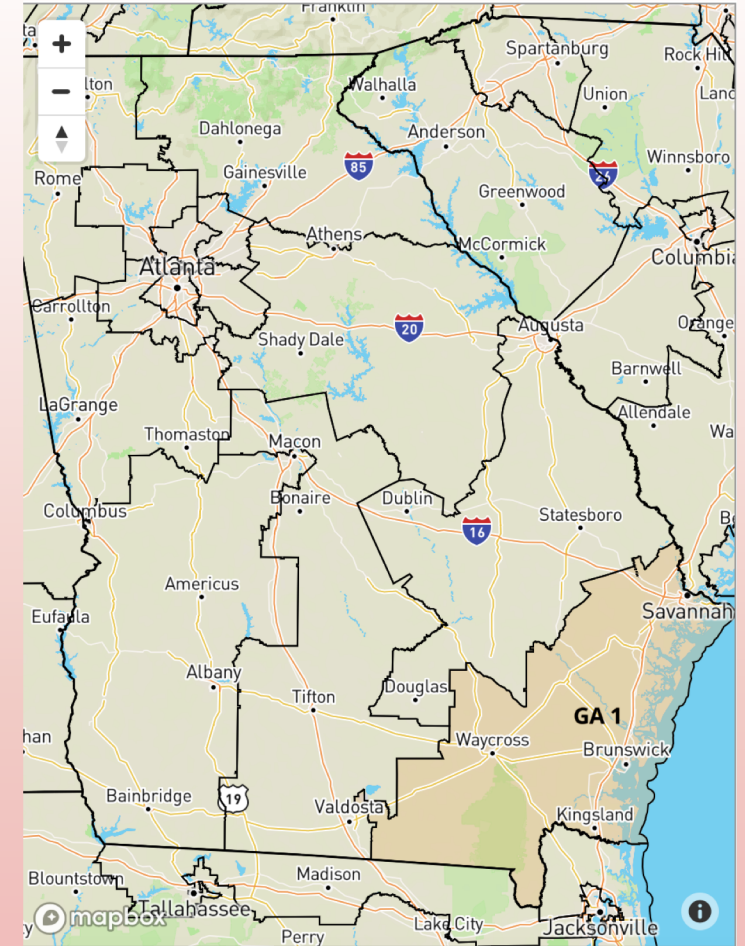


# GA-1 Representative Buddy Carter (R)



- Population: 727,997
- Major coastal cities/landmarks: Savannah, Brunswick, Sea Islands, 4 military bases
- Median Income: \$49,245
- 70.98% Urban areas; 29.02% Rural
- 4.9% Unemployment



# ELECTION HISTORY

## 2018

Buddy Carter (R) 55.7%  
 Lisa Ring (D) 42.3%

## 2016

Buddy Carter (R) 99.59%  
 Nathan Russo\* (W) 0.41%

## 2014

Buddy Carter (R) 60.91%  
 Brian Reese (D) 39.09%

## 2012

Jack Kingston (R) 62.98%  
 Lesli Messinger (D) 37.02%

## 2010

Jack Kingston (R) 71.63%  
 Oscar Harris II (D) 28.37%

## 2008

Jack Kingston (R) 66.53%  
 Bill Gillespie (D) 33.47%

\*Write-in Candidate

## Noteworthy Electoral Info:

- 2018, Carter wins by smallest margin by any winner in 10 years
- 2016, Russo wrote in after primaries—Carter won uncontested
- 2014 primaries runoff: Carter defeated Bob Johnson with a 7.62 point margin



# GA-1 & BUDDY CARTER CHARACTERISTICS

<b>Population Makeup</b> Total: 727,997 persons	<b>Native-Born</b> (94.8% of total)	<b>Foreign-Born</b> (5.19% of total)	<b>Naturalized Citizen</b> (2.17% of total)	<b>Not a Citizen</b> (3.02% of total)
Hispanic	5.0%	38.5%	20.5%	<b>51.4%</b>
Black	30.6%	11.8%	17.6%	7.6%
Asian	0.5%	24.2%	30.7%	19.5%
Less than high school degree	11.7%	21.2%	11.1%	<b>29.3%</b>
Unemployed	5.1%	2.9%	2.5%	3.3%
\$15,000-24,999 income	15.9%	24.1%	15.9%	<b>30.4%</b>
\$35,000-49,999 income	<b>21.7%</b>	16.5%	16.4%	16.6%
\$75,000+ income	16.2%	17.4%	<b>24.6%</b>	11.9%



Republican, serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term, former member of House Homeland Security Committee

## Immigration Growth:

2016- 4.7% of foreign-born moved from abroad  
2017- 5.1% of foreign-born moved from abroad

## Hispanic Growth:

2016- 0.6% of Hispanics moved from abroad  
2017- 4.4% of Hispanics moved from abroad

## Largest Sectors:

- Educational services + health care/social assistance
- Retail Trade
- Arts, Entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services
- Manufacturing

**NOTE: Non-citizen immigrants** = mostly Hispanic and relative to other above population groups, least educated with lowest income

**Naturalized citizens** = relative to other above population groups, highest income

# RESEARCH AND PREDICTIONS

## Research and arguments

WONG (2017): Recent trends of **hyperpartisanship** in Congress so partisanship **significantly** impacts stance on immigration-related issues → Republicans = more likely to take **restrictive** stance than Democrats

→ **Native-born population** = more **restrictive** attitudes

CASELLAS & LEAL (2013): **partisanship** consistently predicts support or opposition of bills

WONG (2014): **larger Hispanic populations** “dampen” influence of partisanship on voting for Interior Immigration Enforcement Bill

→ **Unemployment** = correlated with **probability of support**

→ **Large** Asian and African-American populations correlate with **less support**

→ **Republican, Southern** representatives = **VERY likely to support**

RAMAKRISHNAN & WONG (2010): more **agricultural jobs** = **less likely to be restrictive**

WONG (2012): **increased Latino growth** correlates with **increase in requests** by municipal gov. to partner with Federal officers

## I predict...

Carter will vote on and sponsor restrictive bills and express restrictive attitudes on immigration-related issues because...

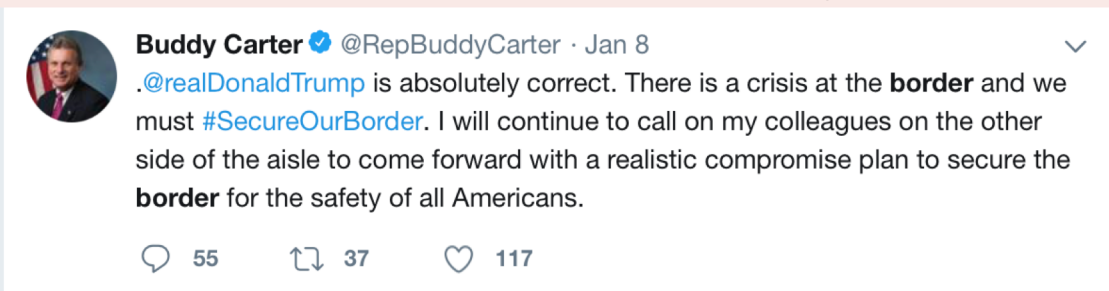
## AND SO

- **Republican, Southern** district and representative
- Very large **native-born population** (94.8%)
- **Small** Hispanic, Asian, and African-American populations
- Very small agricultural sector
- **Increased Latino growth**

# VOTING, BILL SPONSORSHIP, WEBSITE, AND TWITTER

## Twitter includes:

- Support of border wall
- Links to news interviews advocating of increased security
- 16.21% of 2019 tweets = about Immigration



## Official website includes:

- 3 paragraphs about stance on immigration → uses words like “**threat**” and “**dire situation**”
- Former member of House Homeland Security Committee
- Links clip of speech to Congress about further securing border
- Immigration = 7.69% of issues mentioned



Bill	Description	Voted for or Sponsored?
HR3003 No Sanctuary for Criminals Act (2017)	Prohibits the prohibition of government officials enforcing immigration laws	Voted for
HR3842 Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers Reform and Improvement Act (2015)	Improves training of homeland security officers	Sponsored
HR4007 ALERTED Act (2015)	Requires ICE to respond to local law enforcement about any suspected illegals in custody	Sponsored
HRES990 (2018)	Expresses support for ICE officers	Voted for
HRES1071 (2018)	Recognizes that allowing illegals the right to vote devalues the franchise	Voted for
HR6333 Tax Identity Act (2018)	Makes IRS address how to better identify illegals using fraudulent social security information	Sponsored

NOTE: Immigration = subject of 7% of sponsored bills

\*Therefore, despite his small platform on immigration, Carter strongly supports restrictive policies and positions\*