

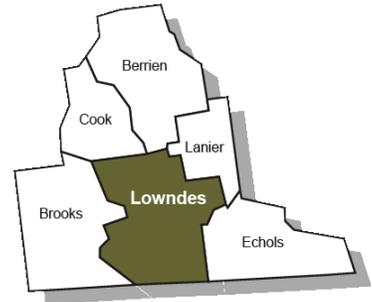


Georgia

Area Labor Profile

Lowndes

County



Updated: Dec 2016

Labor Force Activity - 2015

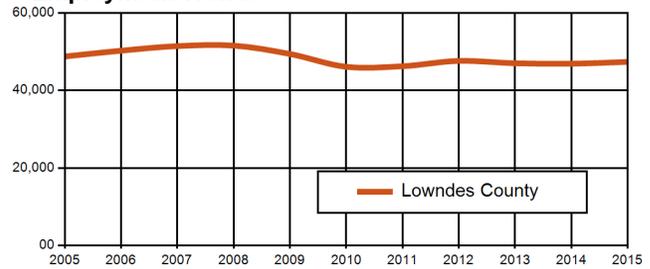
2015 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Lowndes	50,355	47,359	2,996	5.9%
Berrien	7,010	6,521	489	7.0%
Brooks	6,740	6,339	401	5.9%
Cook	7,252	6,773	479	6.6%
Echols	1,840	1,754	86	4.7%
Lanier	3,783	3,532	251	6.6%
Lowndes Area	76,980	72,278	4,702	6.1%
Georgia	4,770,873	4,490,931	279,942	5.9%
United States	157,129,917	148,833,417	8,296,333	5.3%
Hamilton, FL	5,668	5,379	289	5.0%
Madison, FL	7,545	7,080	465	6.2%

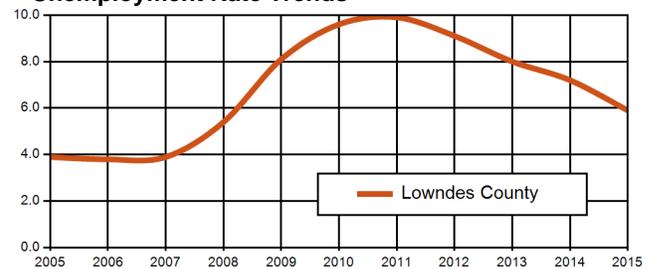
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

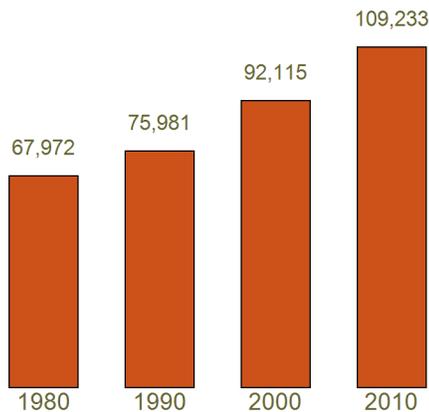
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2010 Census	2015 Rank	2015 Estimate	% Change 2000-2015	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
Lowndes	109,233	45	112,865	3.3	131,190	20.1
City of Valdosta	54,518					
Lowndes Area	209,139		211,665	1.2	238,002	13.8
Georgia	9,687,653		10,214,860	5.4	11,538,707	19.1
United States	308,745,538		321,418,820	4.1	349,439,199	13.2
Hamilton, FL	14,322		14,295	-0.2	15,971	11.5
Madison, FL	18,731		18,408	-1.7	22,623	20.8

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, *Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2016

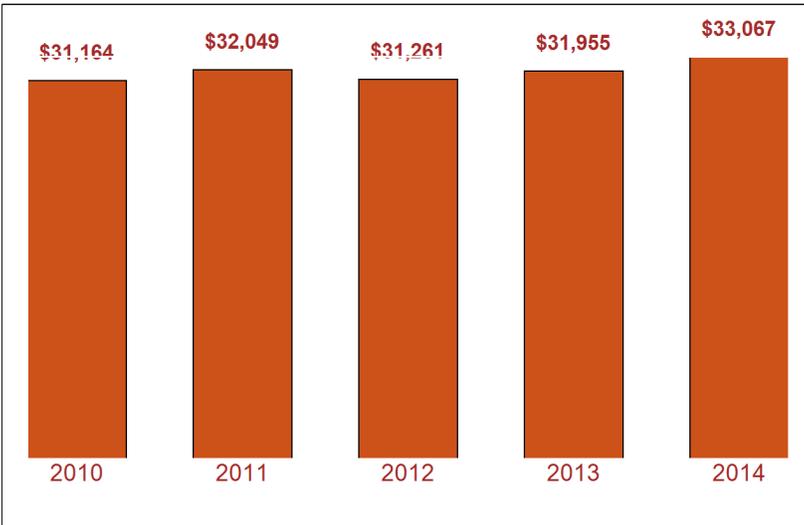
INDUSTRY	Lowndes				Lowndes Area			
	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY
	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE
Goods-Producing	402	6,591	13.4	882	681	11,173	17.8	767
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	32	338	0.7	488	149	2,648	4.2	471
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*	3	54	0.1	806
Construction	264	2,374	4.8	970	362	2,808	4.5	917
Manufacturing	105	3,841	7.8	863	167	5,661	9.0	831
Food	14	696	1.4	794	16	716	1.1	787
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*	3	60	0.1	816
Textile Mills	1	*	*	*	4	14	0.0	380
Textile Product Mills	5	37	0.1	421	7	47	0.1	472
Apparel	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Wood Product	6	406	0.8	782	16	642	1.0	754
Paper	5	448	0.9	1,377	5	448	0.7	1,377
Printing and Related Support Activities	6	76	0.2	683	9	85	0.1	650
Petroleum and Coal Products	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Chemical	9	180	0.4	972	9	180	0.3	972
Plastics and Rubber Products	11	852	1.7	717	14	964	1.5	717
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	8	197	0.4	846	9	197	0.3	846
Primary Metal	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Fabricated Metal Product	17	460	0.9	740	33	855	1.4	716
Machinery	1	*	*	*	6	30	0.0	920
Computer and Electronic Product	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	2	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	4	*	*	*	8	*	*	*
Furniture and Related Product	7	58	0.1	586	14	99	0.2	531
Miscellaneous	4	*	*	*	7	97	0.2	737
Service-Providing	2,328	31,854	64.8	542	3,190	37,277	59.4	538
Utilities	12	166	0.3	1,404	20	209	0.3	1,247
Wholesale Trade	136	1,035	2.1	927	201	1,752	2.8	856
Retail Trade	488	6,713	13.7	460	668	8,183	13.0	459
Transportation and Warehousing	76	2,905	5.9	762	106	2,963	4.7	762
Information	25	1,609	3.3	468	36	1,669	2.7	469
Finance and Insurance	128	919	1.9	910	181	1,320	2.1	884
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	140	824	1.7	642	173	872	1.4	626
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	221	1,270	2.6	990	278	1,435	2.3	953
Management of Companies and Enterprises	9	203	0.4	1,322	12	242	0.4	1,266
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	177	2,527	5.1	475	222	2,622	4.2	475
Educational Services	21	296	0.6	450	24	324	0.5	431
Health Care and Social Assistance	364	4,604	9.4	729	435	5,333	8.5	707
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	29	1,086	2.2	272	38	1,135	1.8	275
Accommodation and Food Services	276	6,627	13.5	250	345	7,527	12.0	248
Other Services (except Public Administration)	226	1,069	2.2	457	298	1,502	2.4	446
Unclassified - industry not assigned	111	132	0.3	526	153	188	0.3	523
Total - Private Sector	2,841	38,577	78.5	600	3,871	48,450	77.3	591
Total - Government	112	10,546	21.5	736	234	14,264	22.7	698
Federal Government	52	1,130	2.3	771	79	1,230	2.0	769
State Government	35	2,977	6.1	787	81	3,329	5.3	757
Local Government	25	6,439	13.1	706	74	9,705	15.5	669
ALL INDUSTRIES	2,953	49,123	100.0	629	4,105	62,714	100.0	615
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					298,099	4,257,675		930

Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding. All figures are 2nd Quarter of 2016.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

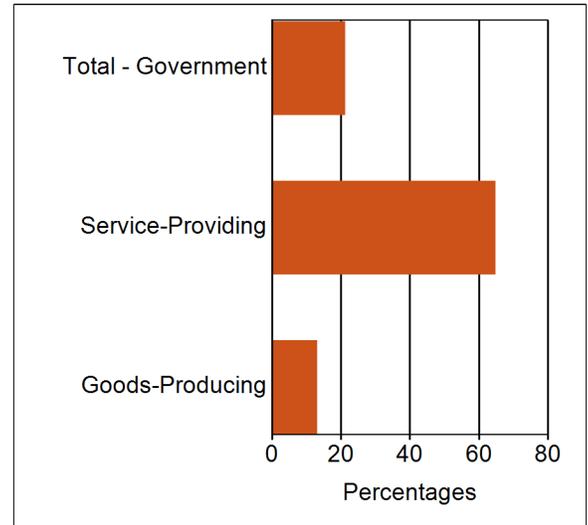
Lowndes Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Lowndes Industry Mix 2016

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Ten Largest Employers - 2015*

Lowndes

Convergys Customer Management
 Data Software Services, LLC
 Ga Dept Of Corrections
 Lowes Home Centers, Inc.
 Parkwood Development Center
 Teamtemps Personnel Staffing , Inc.
 The Home Depot
 Valdosta State University
 Walmart
 Wild Adventures

*Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2015. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Lowndes Area

Chaparral Boats, Inc.
 Convergys Customer Management
 Data Software Services, LLC
 Home Depot
 Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.
 Parkwood Development Center
 Ponder Enterprises
 Valdosta State University
 Walmart
 Wild Adventures

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Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Lowndes

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Lowndes, GA	43,832	92.6
Cook, GA	501	1.1
Berrien, GA	378	0.8
Brooks, GA	375	0.8
Madison, FL	253	0.5
Hamilton, FL	208	0.4
Tift, GA	192	0.4
Thomas, GA	163	0.3
Other	1,427	3.0
Total Residents:	47,329	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Lowndes

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Lowndes, GA	43,832	78.0
Brooks, GA	3,276	5.8
Lanier, GA	1,763	3.1
Cook, GA	1,626	2.9
Berrien, GA	1,448	2.6
Echols, GA	1,104	2.0
Madison, FL	898	1.6
Hamilton, FL	551	1.0
Other	1,677	3.0
Total Residents:	56,175	100.0

Note: Other category represents employment from U.S. counties only.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 County-To-County Worker Flow Files.

Education of the Labor Force

Lowndes Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	6.3%	2.4%	4.3%	5.2%	5.5%	16.8%
Some High School	14.0%	14.6%	13.0%	10.9%	14.0%	18.1%
High School Grad/GED	33.1%	31.4%	26.5%	32.6%	37.6%	34.3%
Some College	24.6%	41.6%	26.2%	25.1%	18.1%	13.1%
College Grad 2 Yr	6.6%	4.5%	10.1%	7.8%	7.0%	2.6%
College Grad 4 Yr	10.1%	5.3%	14.8%	12.1%	10.1%	8.5%
Post Graduate Studies	5.4%	0.2%	5.0%	6.3%	7.7%	6.7%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. The "Some College" category represents workers with less than two years of college and no degree.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

High School Graduates - 2015

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Berrien	208	--	208
Brooks	113	--	113
Cook	203	--	203
Echols	58	--	58
Lanier	81	--	81
Lowndes	1,068	--	1,068
Lowndes Area	1,731	--	1,731



Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

* Private schools data is not available for 2015 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

Colleges and Universities

Lowndes Area

Lowndes

Georgia Military College-Valdosta Campus	
Embry-Riddle - Moody Center	http://fusion.erau.edu/ec/wwc/centerinfo.cfm?code=b8
Valdosta State University	www.valdosta.edu
Moody Air Force Base Campus (Satellite campus of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College)	www.wiregrass.edu
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	www.wiregrass.edu

Cook

Cook County Center (Satellite campus of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College)	www.wiregrass.edu
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Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	47	55	76	17.0	38.2
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	35	39	58	11.4	48.7
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	18	24	69	33.3	187.5
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	49	93	203	89.8	118.3
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	16	29	55	81.3	89.7
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	50	43	307	-14.0	614.0
Banking and Financial Support Services°	18	22	25	22.2	13.6
Business Administration and Management, General°	6	9	39	50.0	333.3
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician°	1	1	21	0.0	2000.0
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	29	34	175	17.2	414.7
Communications Systems Installation and Repair Technology°	4	11	13	175.0	18.2
Computer and Information Systems Security/Information Assurance°	9	7	15	-22.2	114.3
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	10	16	32	60.0	100.0
Computer Programming/Programmer, General°	5	8	17	60.0	112.5
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	104	123	333	18.3	170.7
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	70	127	287	81.4	126.0
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	7	3	30	-57.1	900.0
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	16	25	33	56.3	32.0
Dental Assisting/Assistant	11	6	14	-45.5	133.3
Design and Visual Communications, General°	9	17	38	88.9	123.5
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	3	1	2	-66.7	100.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching°	43	21	81	-51.2	285.7
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General°	1	6	11	500.0	83.3
Electrician°	19	30	41	57.9	36.7
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	32	17	180	-46.9	958.8
Game and Interactive Media Design°	1	2	16	100.0	700.0
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician°	15	23	42	53.3	82.6
Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General°	1	5	61	400.0	1120.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/°	58	62	83	6.9	33.9
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	16	40	72	150.0	80.0
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	109	95	128	-12.8	34.7
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	5	5	22	0.0	340.0
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	15	18	38	20.0	111.1
Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist°	4	3	1	-25.0	-66.7
Medical/Clinical Assistant	30	20	34	-33.3	70.0
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	22	8	33	-63.6	312.5

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	2	11	31	450.0	181.8
Ophthalmic and Optometric Support Services and Allied Professions, Other°	6	7	13	16.7	85.7
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant°	8	13	12	62.5	-7.7
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	41	53	42	29.3	-20.8
Photographic and Film/Video Technology/Technician and Assistant	1	9	3	800.0	-66.7
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer°	20	21	14	5.0	-33.3
Restaurant, Culinary, and Catering Management/Manager°	2	15	36	650.0	140.0
Surgical Technology/Technologist	10	10	22	0.0	120.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	111	136	268	22.5	97.1
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design°	1	1	3	0.0	200.0
Welding Technology/Welder°	43	89	192	107.0	115.7

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

*Data shown represents Annual 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor

	TOTAL	Mgt.	Bus. and Finance	Comp. and Math	Arch. and Eng.	Life and Soc. Svcs.	Comm. and Svcs	Legal	Ed. and Training	Arts and Design	Health Prac.	Health Support
Berrien	124	6	10	13	0	5	24	0	16	15	17	18
Brooks	191	1	1	4	99	2	1	0	4	4	20	55
Cook	180	13	32	3	2	0	0	10	2	7	30	81
Echols	9	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Lanier	182	4	0	8	81	2	0	0	10	1	67	9
Lowndes	1,192	70	216	87	78	5	23	0	173	101	267	172
Subtotal Area	1,878	97	259	115	261	14	48	10	210	128	401	335

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor (cont.)

	TOTAL	Protect. Svcs.	Food Prep.	Ground Cleaning	Personal Care	Sales	Office Support	Farm. and Forestry	Cons- truction	Installation Main.	Prod.	Trans. and Moving
Berrien	1,439	35	43	6	11	136	388	0	30	178	314	298
Brooks	1,342	30	59	55	26	170	239	23	38	103	296	303
Cook	1,662	22	53	36	43	224	334	16	47	135	485	267
Echols	266	0	0	0	3	22	59	47	8	7	106	14
Lanier	622	17	9	8	7	33	235	7	15	86	88	117
Lowndes	5,824	154	327	119	137	318	1,225	117	206	759	1,568	894
Subtotal Area	11,155	258	491	224	227	903	2,480	210	344	1,268	2,857	1,893

Note: For current applicant data available for a specific occupation, contact the nearest Georgia Department of Labor Career Center.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor (active applicants as of October 2016).

Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

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