

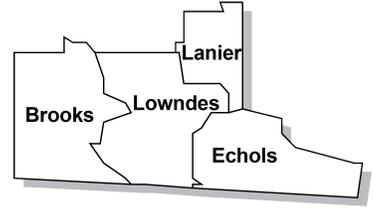


Georgia

Area Labor Profile

Valdosta, GA

Metropolitan Statistical Area



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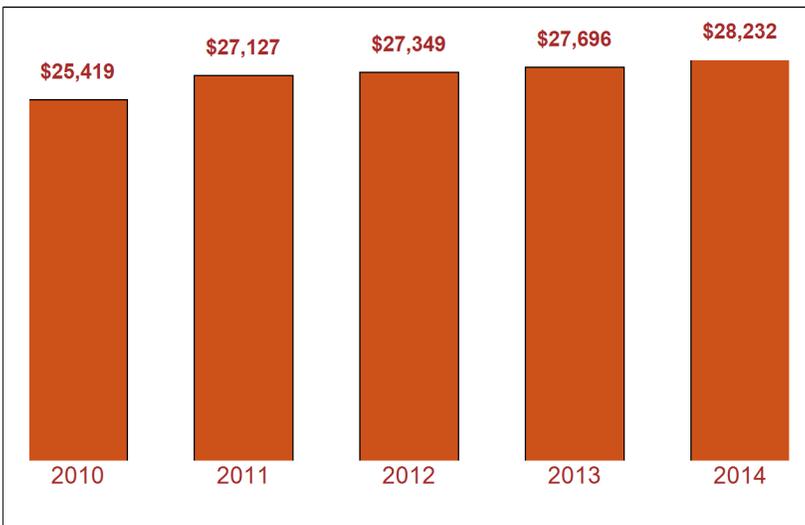
Super Sector Industries

	Establishments			Employment			Weekly Wage		
	2015	2016	% Change	2015	2016	% Change	2015	2016	% Change
Construction	296	306	3.4%	2,477	2,506	1.2%	952	948	-0.4%
Education and Health Services	393	411	4.6%	5,111	5,241	2.5%	747	707	-5.4%
Financial Activities	334	300	-10.2%	2,050	1,964	-4.2%	752	787	4.7%
Information	32	29	-9.4%	1,509	1,621	7.4%	471	469	-0.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	324	332	2.5%	7,698	7,956	3.4%	241	254	5.4%
Manufacturing	120	120	0.0%	4,180	4,221	1.0%	841	848	0.8%
Natural Resources, Mining, and Agriculture	104	107	2.9%	1,905	1,981	4.0%	440	446	1.4%
Other Services	253	258	2.0%	1,250	1,397	11.8%	442	447	1.1%
Professional and Business Services	447	446	-0.2%	4,156	4,084	-1.7%	647	678	4.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	806	827	2.6%	11,489	11,796	2.7%	581	604	4.0%
Unclassified	102	128	25.5%	95	155	63.2%	492	509	3.5%
Government	173	171	-1.2%	12,147	12,076	-0.6%	726	717	-1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,384</b>	<b>3,435</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>54,067</b>	<b>54,999</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>0.5%</b>

Note: All figures are 2nd Quarter of 2015 and 2016.

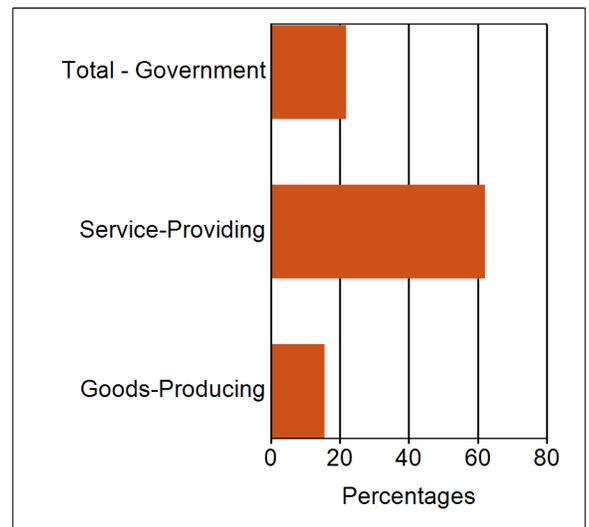
Valdosta, GA Metropolitan Statistical Area  
Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Valdosta, GA Industry Mix 2016

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



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# Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2016

	Number	Employment		WEEKLY WAGE
	OF Firms	NUMBER	PERCENT	
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>8,708</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>786</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	106	1,944	3.5	438
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	*	*	*
Construction	306	2,506	4.6	948
Manufacturing	120	4,221	7.7	848
Apparel	1	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*
Chemical	9	180	0.3	972
Computer and Electronic Product	2	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	2	*	*	*
Fabricated Metal Product	20	481	0.9	736
Food	15	709	1.3	789
Furniture and Related Product	10	81	0.1	569
Machinery	2	*	*	*
Miscellaneous	6	84	0.2	762
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	8	197	0.4	846
Paper	5	448	0.8	1,377
Petroleum and Coal Products	1	*	*	*
Plastics and Rubber Products	12	872	1.6	711
Primary Metal	1	*	*	*
Printing and Related Support Activities	7	76	0.1	683
Textile Mills	1	*	*	*
Textile Product Mills	5	37	0.1	421
Transportation Equipment	4	*	*	*
Wood Product	8	604	1.1	776
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>2,603</b>	<b>34,058</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>545</b>
Utilities	16	195	0.4	1,258
Wholesale Trade	167	1,533	2.8	889
Retail Trade	555	7,134	13.0	460
Transportation and Warehousing	89	2,934	5.3	761
Information	29	1,621	2.9	469
Finance and Insurance	146	1,126	2.0	898
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	154	838	1.5	637
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	240	1,309	2.4	976
Management of Companies and Enterprises	9	203	0.4	1,322
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	197	2,572	4.7	476
Educational Services	21	296	0.5	450
Health Care and Social Assistance	390	4,945	9.0	722
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	35	1,126	2.0	276
Accommodation and Food Services	297	6,830	12.4	250
Other Services (except Public Administration)	258	1,397	2.5	447
<b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>510</b>
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>3,264</b>	<b>42,922</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>593</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>12,077</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>717</b>
Federal Government	65	1,169	2.1	769
State Government	56	3,108	5.7	777
Local Government	50	7,800	14.2	686
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>3,435</b>	<b>54,999</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>621</b>

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.

# Labor Force Activity

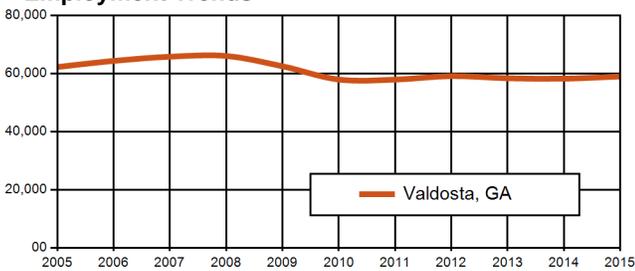
## ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force			Employed			Unemployed			Rate		
	2014	2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change
Brooks	6,633	6,740	1.6%	6,155	6,339	3.0%	478	401	-16.1%	7.2%	5.9%	-18.1%
Echols	1,783	1,840	3.2%	1,679	1,754	4.5%	104	86	-17.3%	5.8%	4.7%	-19.0%
Lanier	3,791	3,783	-0.2%	3,487	3,532	1.3%	304	251	-17.4%	8.0%	6.6%	-17.5%
Lowndes	50,544	50,355	-0.4%	46,888	47,359	1.0%	3,656	2,996	-18.1%	7.2%	5.9%	-18.1%
<b>Valdosta, GA Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>	<b>62,751</b>	<b>62,718</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>58,209</b>	<b>58,984</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>4,542</b>	<b>3,734</b>	<b>-17.8%</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>-16.7%</b>
Georgia	4,756,708	4,770,873	0.3%	4,414,343	4,490,931	1.7%	342,365	279,942	-18.2%	7.2%	5.9%	-18.1%
United States	155,922,000	157,129,917	0.8%	146,305,000	148,833,417	1.7%	9,617,000	8,296,333	-13.7%	6.2%	5.3%	-14.5%

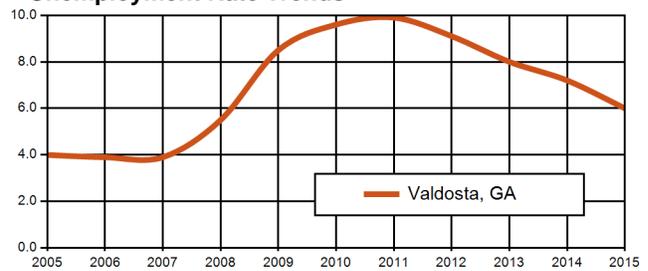
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

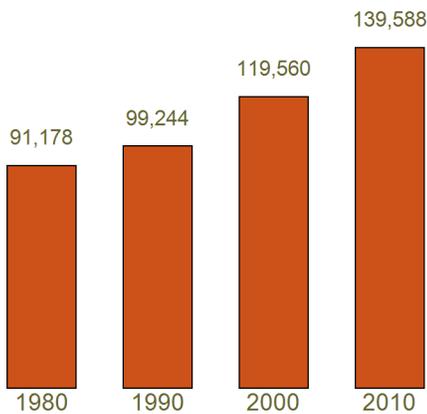
### Employment Trends



### Unemployment Rate Trends



### Population Estimates



### Population

	2010 Census	2015 Rank	2015 Estimate	% Change 2000-2015	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
<b>Lowndes</b>	<b>109,233</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>112,865</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>131,190</b>	<b>20.1</b>
<b>Valdosta, GA</b>	<b>139,588</b>		<b>142,875</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>162,497</b>	<b>16.4</b>
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

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

# Top Employers - 2015\*

## TEN LARGEST EMPLOYERS

### Valdosta, GA Metropolitan Statistical Area

Convergys Customer Management  
 Data Software Services, LLC  
 Ga Dept Of Corrections  
 Lowes Home Centers, Inc.  
 McDonalds  
 Parkwood Development Center  
 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

## SIZE CLASS

Employees	Establishments	Employment
0 - 4	1,852	2,661
5 - 9	607	4,043
10 - 19	417	5,659
20 - 49	342	10,146
50 - 99	117	8,032
100 - 249	64	8,860
250 - 499	13	4,442
500 - 999	5	3,091
1000 - and over employees	4	6,170
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,421</b>	<b>53,104</b>

Note: Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2015.

# Education of the Labor Force

## Valdosta, GA

### PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT					
	OF TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	5.5%	2.3%	3.8%	4.7%	5.1%	14.6%
Some High School	12.7%	14.0%	12.2%	10.0%	12.2%	15.5%
High School Grad/GED	32.3%	29.7%	25.4%	32.8%	36.7%	35.5%
Some College	26.0%	43.2%	27.3%	24.9%	18.9%	14.0%
College Grad 2 Yr	6.5%	4.5%	10.2%	7.1%	7.1%	3.0%
College Grad 4 Yr	11.1%	6.0%	15.8%	13.4%	11.3%	9.8%
Post Graduate Studies	5.9%	0.2%	5.4%	7.2%	8.8%	7.7%
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
Brooks	113	--	113
Echols	58	--	58
Lanier	81	--	81
Lowndes	1,068	--	1,068
<b>Valdosta, GA</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>1,320</b>



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

## Valdosta, GA Metropolitan Statistical Area

### Lowndes

Georgia Military College-Valdosta Campus

Embry-Riddle - Moody Center

Valdosta State University

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

<http://fusion.erau.edu/ec/www/centerinfo.cfm?code=b8>

[www.valdosta.edu](http://www.valdosta.edu)

[www.wiregrass.edu](http://www.wiregrass.edu)

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

# Technical College Graduates - 2015\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
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
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 Arch. Math	and Eng.	Life and Soc. Svcs.	Comm. and Svcs	Legal	Ed. and Training	Arts and Design	Health Prac.	Health Support
Brooks	191	1	1	4	99	2	1	0	4	4	20	55
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	1,574	78	217	99	259	9	24	0	192	106	354	236

## 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
Brooks	1,342	30	59	55	26	170	239	23	38	103	296	303
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	8,054	201	395	182	173	543	1,758	194	267	955	2,058	1,328

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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