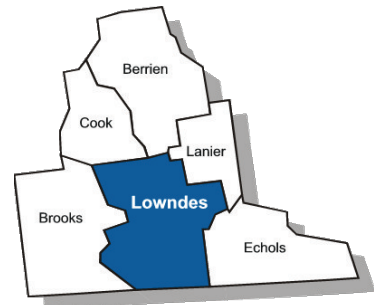




# Lowndes

## County



### Labor Force Activity - 2009

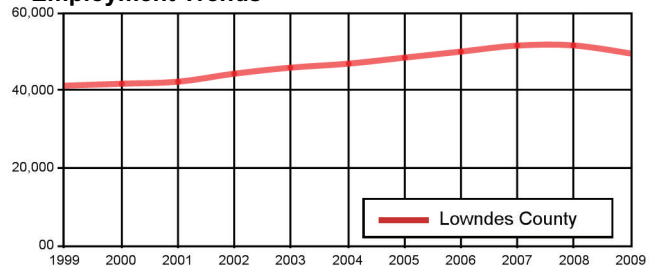
#### 2009 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Lowndes	53,721	49,391	4,330	8.1%
Berrien	8,140	7,108	1,032	12.7%
Brooks	8,206	7,532	674	8.2%
Cook	6,948	6,085	863	12.4%
Echols	2,169	2,017	152	7.0%
Lanier	4,141	3,783	358	8.6%
<b>Lowndes Area</b>	<b>83,325</b>	<b>75,916</b>	<b>7,409</b>	<b>8.9%</b>
Georgia	4,768,923	4,311,728	457,195	9.6%
United States	154,142,000	139,877,000	14,265,000	9.3%
Hamilton, FL	4,888	4,343	545	11.1%
Madison, FL	7,203	6,414	789	11.0%

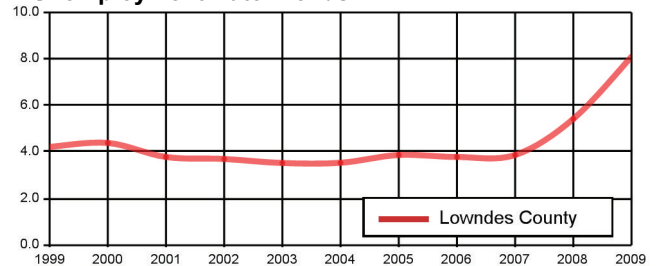
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

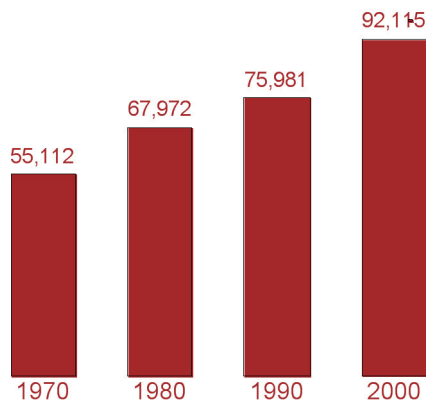
#### Employment Trends



#### Unemployment Rate Trends



#### Population Estimates



#### Population

	2000 Census	2009 Rank	2009 Estimate	% Change 2000-2009	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
<b>Lowndes</b>	<b>92,238</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>106,814</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>119,055</b>	<b>29.1</b>
City of Valdosta	43,724					
<b>Lowndes Area</b>	<b>183,891</b>		<b>202,944</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>223,152</b>	<b>21.4</b>
Georgia	8,230,161		9,829,211	19.4	11,076,619	34.6
United States	281,421,906		307,006,550	9.1	322,365,787	14.5
Hamilton, FL	13,327		14,592	9.5	15,475	16.1
Madison, FL	18,733		18,901	0.9	21,304	13.7

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

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# Industry Mix - 2009

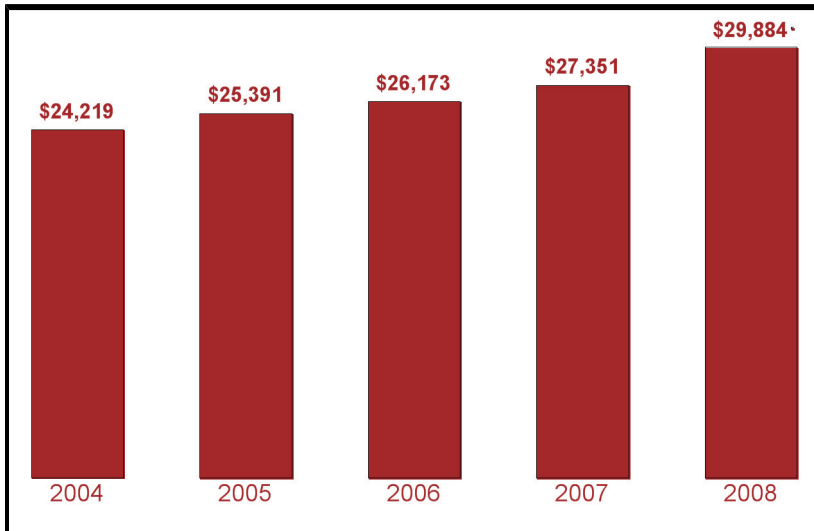
INDUSTRY	Lowndes				Lowndes Area			
	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY
	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>6,923</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>11,276</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>620</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	35	470	1.0	282	137	2,460	4.0	359
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	2	*	*	*	4	66	0.1	551
Construction	291	2,302	4.8	758	403	2,785	4.5	721
Manufacturing	119	4,108	8.6	703	194	5,965	9.7	681
Food	14	994	2.1	587	16	1,016	1.7	585
Beverage and Tobacco Product	2	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Textile Mills	2	*	*	*	7	471	0.8	562
Textile Product Mills	4	32	0.1	389	5	43	0.1	485
Apparel	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Wood Product	7	359	0.7	611	18	697	1.1	639
Paper	6	560	1.2	1,133	6	560	0.9	1,133
Printing and Related Support Activities	7	109	0.2	613	8	112	0.2	609
Petroleum and Coal Products	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Chemical	9	140	0.3	839	10	324	0.5	733
Plastics and Rubber Products	12	865	1.8	592	14	990	1.6	617
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	12	167	0.3	724	15	224	0.4	803
Primary Metal	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Fabricated Metal Product	17	294	0.6	705	33	514	0.8	664
Machinery	3	39	0.1	633	8	66	0.1	545
Computer and Electronic Product	2	*	*	*	3	16	0.0	387
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	5	*	*	*	5	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	2	*	*	*	6	386	0.6	617
Furniture and Related Product	8	53	0.1	524	22	137	0.2	445
Miscellaneous	4	6	0.0	452	11	78	0.1	602
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>2,352</b>	<b>29,496</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>3,104</b>	<b>34,954</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>514</b>
Utilities	8	141	0.3	1,601	15	164	0.3	1,497
Wholesale Trade	143	1,087	2.3	735	193	1,598	2.6	711
Retail Trade	535	7,302	15.2	430	740	8,783	14.3	431
Transportation and Warehousing	72	1,647	3.4	938	101	1,702	2.8	928
Information	33	573	1.2	568	45	640	1.0	574
Finance and Insurance	129	876	1.8	811	189	1,372	2.2	779
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	132	758	1.6	575	168	826	1.3	554
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	223	1,070	2.2	875	260	1,247	2.0	888
Management of Companies and Enterprises	8	267	0.6	866	12	301	0.5	859
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	174	2,664	5.5	463	218	2,862	4.7	468
Educational Services	20	209	0.4	407	21	217	0.4	403
Health Care and Social Assistance	341	5,021	10.5	722	443	6,285	10.3	679
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	31	959	2.0	261	39	984	1.6	264
Accommodation and Food Services	274	5,993	12.5	229	350	6,773	11.1	229
Other Services (except Public Administration)	229	929	1.9	404	310	1,199	2.0	399
<b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>533</b>
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>2,839</b>	<b>36,449</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>3,899</b>	<b>46,269</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>540</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>11,573</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>14,994</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>619</b>
Federal Government	32	809	1.7	940	61	926	1.5	924
State Government	37	4,078	8.5	556	85	4,385	7.2	558
Local Government	24	6,686	13.9	668	68	9,683	15.8	618
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>2,932</b>	<b>48,021</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>4,113</b>	<b>61,263</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>560</b>
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>					<b>271,509</b>	<b>3,798,106</b>		<b>824</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 annual averages of 2009.

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

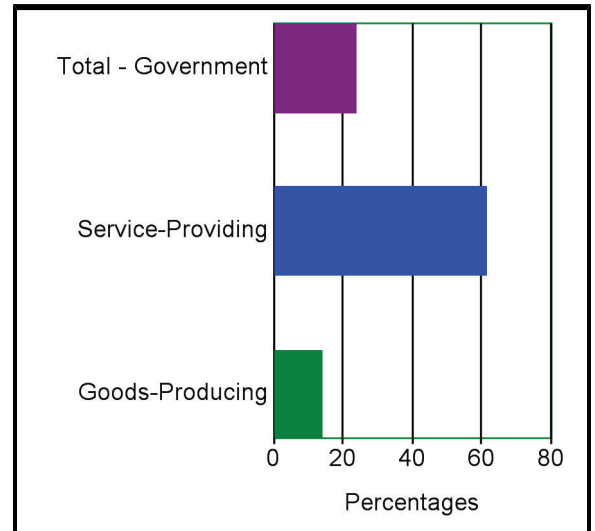
## Lowndes Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



## Lowndes Industry Mix 2009

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



## Top Employers - 2009

### FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

#### Lowndes

Convergys Cust Management Group  
 Lowes Home Centers Inc  
 South Ga Medical Center  
 Valdosta State University  
 Wal-Mart

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 2009. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

### TEN LARGEST EMPLOYERS

#### Lowndes Area

Employer	COUNTY
South GA Medical Center	Lowndes
Valdosta State University	Lowndes
Wal-Mart	Lowndes
Lowes Home Centers Inc	Lowndes
Convergys Cust Management Group	Lowndes
Wild Adventures	Lowndes
Lake Haven Nursing Home	Lowndes
GA Dept of Corrections	Lowndes
Anglo American Clays Corp	Lowndes
Fresh Beginnings Inc	Lowndes

## Commuting Patterns

### EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

#### Lowndes

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Lowndes, GA	37,756	91.5
Cook, GA	539	1.3
Brooks, GA	481	1.2
Tift, GA	310	0.8
Berrien, GA	296	0.7
Lanier, GA	255	0.6
Colquitt, GA	190	0.5
Hamilton, FL	153	0.4
Other	1,271	3.1
<b>Total Residents:</b>	<b>41,251</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### PERSONS WORKING IN

#### Lowndes

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Lowndes, GA	37,756	79.5
Brooks, GA	2,490	5.2
Lanier, GA	1,257	2.6
Echols, GA	1,203	2.5
Cook, GA	1,004	2.1
Berrien, GA	992	2.1
Hamilton, FL	667	1.4
Madison, FL	627	1.3
Other	1,518	3.2
<b>Total Residents:</b>	<b>47,514</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2000 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+
Some High School	26.8%	25.0%	19.9%	20.5%	26.8%	47.6%
High School Grad/GED	31.6%	26.4%	31.1%	34.8%	34.4%	28.3%
Some College	28.0%	43.7%	32.0%	28.9%	22.3%	12.7%
College Grad 4 Yr	8.9%	4.7%	13.2%	9.8%	8.9%	6.7%
Post Grad Studies	4.7%	0.1%	3.7%	6.1%	7.5%	4.6%
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+. Some College category represents the percentage total of workers with either Some College with no degree or an Associate degree.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2000 Decennial Census.

## High School Graduates - 2009

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Berrien	159	--	159
Brooks	115	--	115
Cook	161	--	161
Echols	42	--	42
Lanier	71	--	71
Lowndes	905	--	905
<b>Lowndes Area</b>	<b>1,453</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>1,453</b>



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

\* Private schools data is not available for 2009 from Georgia Independent School Association.

## Colleges and Universities

### Lowndes Area

#### Lowndes

Embry-Riddle - Moody Center	<a href="http://fusion.erau.edu/ec/www/centerinfo.cfm?code=b8">http://fusion.erau.edu/ec/www/centerinfo.cfm?code=b8</a>
Georgia Military College-Valdosta Campus	<a href="http://www.gmc.cc.ga.us/valdosta">www.gmc.cc.ga.us/valdosta</a>
Valdosta State University	<a href="http://www.valdosta.edu">www.valdosta.edu</a>
Valdosta Technical College	<a href="http://www.valdostatech.edu">www.valdostatech.edu</a>
Valdosta Technical College (Technical college servicing area)	<a href="http://www.valdostatech.edu">www.valdostatech.edu</a>

#### Cook

Cook County Center (Satellite campus of Valdosta Technical College)	<a href="http://www.valdostatech.edu">www.valdostatech.edu</a>
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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 - 2009

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2007	2008	2009	2007-2008	2008-2009
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	40	38	32	-5.0	-15.8
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	25	18	28	-28.0	55.6

# Technical College Graduates - 2009

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2007	2008	2009	2007-2008	2008-2009
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist	10	5	24	-50.0	380.0
Applied Horticulture/Horticulture Operations, General	7	6	5	-14.3	-16.7
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician	12	4	11	-66.7	175.0
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	17	26	17	52.9	-34.6
Banking and Financial Support Services	4	5	8	25.0	60.0
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician	4	1	6	-75.0	500.0
Child Care and Support Services Management	2	2	3	0.0	50.0
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	11	5	8	-54.5	60.0
Communications Systems Installation and Repair Technology	27	20	2	-25.9	-90.0
Computer and Information Systems Security	8	1	2	-87.5	100.0
Computer Programming/Programmer, General	4	3	1	-25.0	-66.7
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	14	12	21	-14.3	75.0
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	42	50	61	19.0	22.0
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	7	10	12	42.9	20.0
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	26	28	22	7.7	-21.4
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General	2	9	10	350.0	11.1
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	22	4	10	-81.8	150.0
Dental Assisting/Assistant	7	8	3	14.3	-62.5
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	1	3	2	200.0	-33.3
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	19	10	12	-47.4	20.0
Electrician	10	9	9	-10.0	0.0
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	16	6	19	-62.5	216.7
Fire Science/Fire-fighting	51	1	11	-98.0	1000.0
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant	19	1	2	-94.7	100.0
Graphic and Printing Equipment Operator, General Production	9	7	7	-22.2	0.0
Heating/AC/Ventilation/Refrig Maint Technology/Technician	13	11	19	-15.4	72.7
Human Resources Management/Personnel Administration, General	7	10	2	42.9	-80.0
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	3	4	5	33.3	25.0
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	30	20	15	-33.3	-25.0
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	7	1	3	-85.7	200.0
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder	27	19	30	-29.6	57.9
Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist	16	13	24	-18.8	84.6
Medical/Clinical Assistant	17	16	14	-5.9	-12.5
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant	47	11	27	-76.6	145.5
Operations Management and Supervision	8	17	25	112.5	47.1
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	15	8	12	-46.7	50.0
Phlebotomy/Phlebotomist	15	7	33	-53.3	371.4

# Technical College Graduates - 2009

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2007	2008	2009	2007-2008	2008-2009
Prepress/Desktop Publishing and Digital Imaging Design	6	3	2	-50.0	-33.3
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	26	9	19	-65.4	111.1
Sales, Distribution, and Marketing Operations, General	18	9	19	-50.0	111.1
Surgical Technology/Technologist	8	12	12	50.0	0.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operation	81	74	75	-8.6	1.4
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design	1	3	5	200.0	66.7
Welding Technology/Welder	10	8	15	-20.0	87.5

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.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

Note - The data shown is from Valdosta Technical College

# Occupational Profile for Residents of Lowndes County

	Lowndes		Lowndes Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	41,728	100.0	68,683	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	3,199	7.7	5,368	7.8
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	518	1.2	710	1.0
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	1,148	2.8	1,651	2.4
Other Professional Workers	4,422	10.6	6,341	9.2
Technicians	1,045	2.5	1,776	2.6
Sales Workers	5,676	13.6	8,432	12.3
Administrative Support Workers	6,683	16.0	10,406	15.2
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	1,935	4.6	3,581	5.2
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	2,248	5.4	4,008	5.8
Production Operative Workers	3,034	7.3	6,664	9.7
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	2,127	5.1	3,910	5.7
Laborers and Helpers	2,282	5.5	4,759	6.9
Protective Service Workers	1,123	2.7	1,633	2.4
Service Workers, except Protective	6,002	14.4	8,954	13.0
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	286	0.7	490	0.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2000 Decennial Census.(EEO Data Tools)

## Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor

	TOTAL	Prof., Tech. and Mangerial	Clerical and Sales	Service	Agr., Forestry and Fishing	Processing	Machine Trades	Bench- Work	Structural Work	Misc.
Lowndes	2,392	200	554	578	30	54	151	67	243	515
Berrien	241	18	44	33	05	10	23	10	54	44
Brooks	286	17	60	56	07	7	15	14	32	78
Cook	325	28	58	50	06	10	38	10	41	84
Echols	41	4	9	5	06	0	0	2	8	7
Lanier	109	9	30	25	02	3	6	5	16	13
<b>Total Area</b>	<b>3,394</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>741</b>

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 May 2010).

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