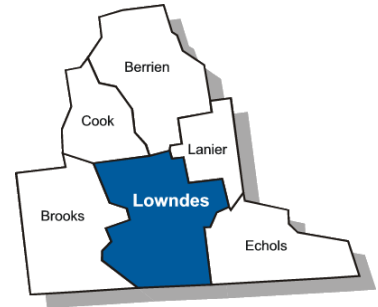




AREA LABOR PROFILE

Lowndes

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

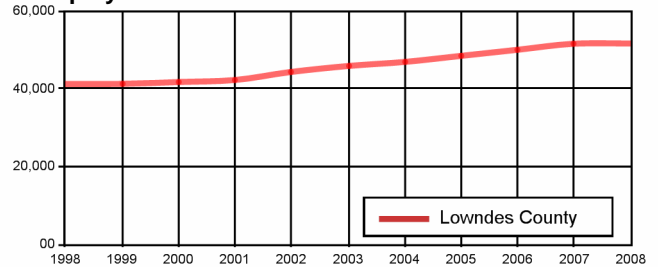
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Lowndes	54,559	51,617	2,942	5.4%
Berrien	8,732	8,129	603	6.9%
Brooks	8,520	8,045	475	5.6%
Cook	7,264	6,701	563	7.8%
Echols	2,275	2,181	94	4.1%
Lanier	4,141	3,900	241	5.8%
Lowndes Area	85,491	80,573	4,918	5.8%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%
Hamilton, FL	4,791	4,453	338	7.1%
Madison, FL	6,978	6,492	486	7.0%

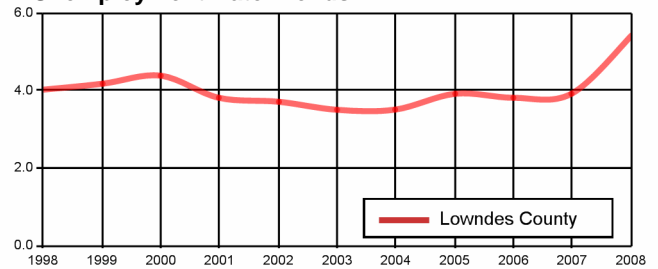
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

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

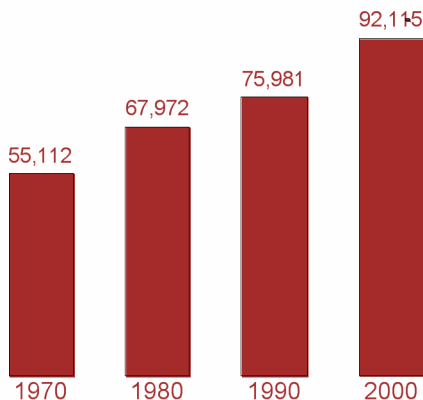
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Lowndes	92,115	22	104,583	13.5	104,767	13.7
City of Valdosta	43,724					
Lowndes Area	183,626		200,257	9.1	204,996	11.6
Georgia	8,186,453		9,685,744	18.3	10,813,573	32.1
United States	281,421,906		304,059,724	8.0	322,365,787	14.5
Hamilton, FL	13,327		14,348	7.7	15,475	16.1
Madison, FL	18,733		18,895	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 - 2008

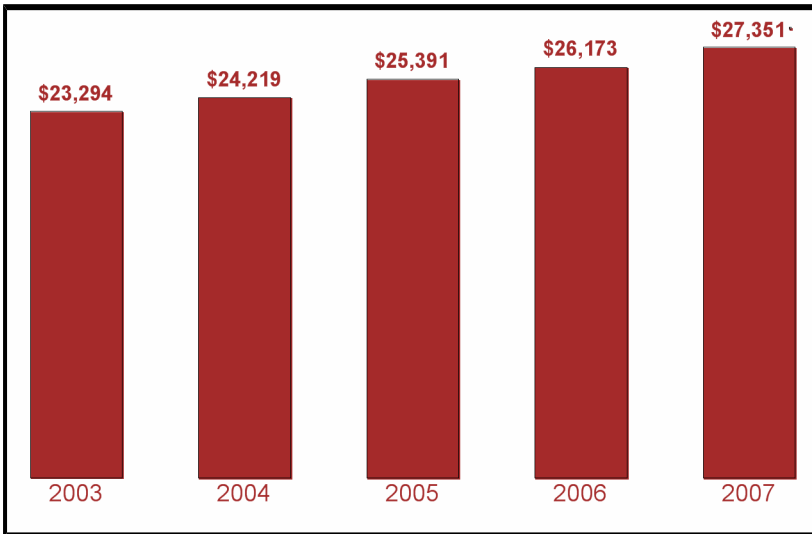
INDUSTRY	Lowndes				Lowndes Area			
	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY	NUMBER	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY
	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE	OF FIRMS	NUMBER	PERCENT	WAGE
Goods-Producing	464	8,179	16.3	669	753	13,402	20.7	613
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	35	417	0.8	288	132	2,361	3.7	367
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	3	*	*	*	5	86	0.1	571
Construction	309	2,695	5.4	710	425	3,269	5.1	674
Manufacturing	117	5,007	10.0	680	191	7,687	11.9	663
Food	13	1,100	2.2	516	15	1,120	1.7	516
Beverage and Tobacco Product	2	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Textile Mills	2	*	*	*	6	678	1.0	511
Textile Product Mills	4	38	0.1	387	6	52	0.1	467
Apparel	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Wood Product	8	486	1.0	701	17	824	1.3	703
Paper	6	636	1.3	1,120	6	636	1.0	1,120
Printing and Related Support Activities	8	110	0.2	718	9	113	0.2	711
Petroleum and Coal Products	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Chemical	9	150	0.3	768	11	332	0.5	734
Plastics and Rubber Products	14	1,099	2.2	576	15	1,287	2.0	596
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	7	165	0.3	799	10	241	0.4	806
Primary Metal	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Fabricated Metal Product	17	348	0.7	730	33	659	1.0	661
Machinery	3	49	0.1	632	8	79	0.1	531
Computer and Electronic Product	2	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	5	*	*	*	5	*	*	*
Transportation Equipment	2	*	*	*	6	*	*	*
Furniture and Related Product	8	62	0.1	571	23	194	0.3	448
Miscellaneous	4	*	*	*	11	96	0.1	635
Service-Providing	2,370	30,585	60.9	519	3,131	36,280	56.1	512
Utilities	8	167	0.3	1,284	15	192	0.3	1,225
Wholesale Trade	150	1,272	2.5	726	204	1,806	2.8	693
Retail Trade	556	7,618	15.2	441	769	9,206	14.2	437
Transportation and Warehousing	74	2,116	4.2	922	105	2,170	3.4	912
Information	36	572	1.1	583	47	637	1.0	588
Finance and Insurance	131	889	1.8	803	189	1,394	2.2	775
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	136	803	1.6	587	176	892	1.4	561
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	218	1,052	2.1	873	258	1,233	1.9	882
Management of Companies and Enterprises	8	269	0.5	941	13	309	0.5	931
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	182	3,027	6.0	446	228	3,251	5.0	457
Educational Services	17	187	0.4	356	18	197	0.3	360
Health Care and Social Assistance	320	4,874	9.7	704	416	6,147	9.5	661
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	26	809	1.6	281	32	850	1.3	276
Accommodation and Food Services	270	5,902	11.8	215	342	6,759	10.5	212
Other Services (except Public Administration)	238	1,031	2.1	367	319	1,241	1.9	366
Unclassified - industry not assigned	44	19	0.0	574	67	33	0.1	428
Total - Private Sector	2,878	38,783	77.2	594	3,951	49,715	76.9	539
Total - Government	92	11,427	22.8	703	215	14,907	23.1	606
Federal Government	33	752	1.5	902	65	870	1.3	891
State Government	36	4,072	8.1	551	84	4,385	6.8	554
Local Government	23	6,603	13.2	656	66	9,652	14.9	604
ALL INDUSTRIES	2,970	50,211	100.0	570	4,166	64,624	100.0	555
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					276,063	4,029,673		819

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 since all figures represent the Annual 2008.

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

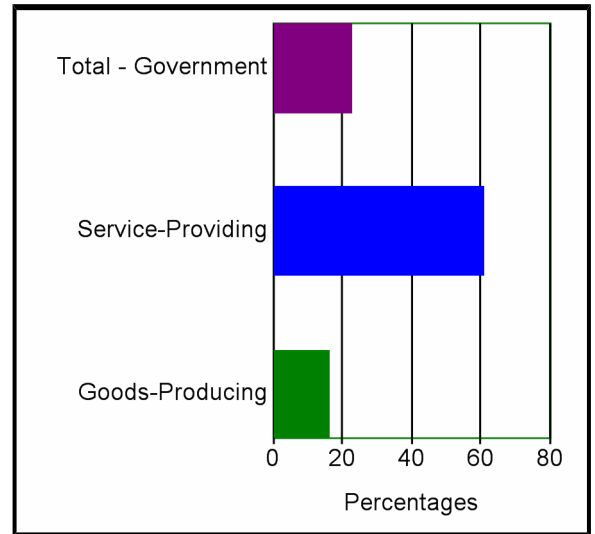
Lowndes Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Lowndes Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Lowndes

Convergys Employee Care
Lowe's 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 2008. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

TEN LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Lowndes Area

Employer	COUNTY
Chaparral Boats Inc	Berrien
South GA Medical Center	Lowndes
Valdosta State University	Lowndes
Wal-Mart	Lowndes
Lowe's Home Centers Inc	Lowndes
Convergys Employee Care	Lowndes
Fresh Beginnings Inc	Lowndes
Wild Adventures	Lowndes
Smith Northview Hospital	Lowndes
Lake Haven Nursing Home	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
Total Residents:	41,251	100.0

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
Total Residents:	47,514	100.0

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 - 2008

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS	TOTAL
Berrien	191	0	191
Brooks	89	0	89
Cook	123	0	123
Echols	34	0	34
Lanier	78	0	78
Lowndes	885	43	928
Lowndes Area	1,400	43	1,443



Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems. Some private schools data were not reported.

Source: Office of Student Achievement; Georgia Independent School Association.

Colleges and Universities

Lowndes Area

Lowndes

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

Cook

Cook County Center (Satellite campus of Valdosta Technical College)	www.valdostatech.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 - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	37	40	38	8.1	-5.0
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	29	25	18	-13.8	-28.0
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist	7	10	5	42.9	-50.0

Technical College Graduates - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Applied Horticulture/Horticulture Operations, General	9	7	6	-22.2	-14.3
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician	17	12	4	-29.4	-66.7
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	11	17	26	54.5	52.9
Banking and Financial Support Services	9	4	5	-55.6	25.0
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician	5	4	1	-20.0	-75.0
Child Care and Support Services Management	8	2	2	-75.0	0.0
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	6	11	5	83.3	-54.5
Communications Systems Installation and Repair Technology	30	27	20	-10.0	-25.9
Computer and Information Systems Security	5	8	1	60.0	-87.5
Computer Programming/Programmer, General	3	4	3	33.3	-25.0
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	18	14	12	-22.2	-14.3
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	57	42	50	-26.3	19.0
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies	1	7	10	600.0	42.9
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	49	26	28	-46.9	7.7
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General	12	2	9	-83.3	350.0
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	13	22	4	69.2	-81.8
Dental Assisting/Assistant	7	7	8	0.0	14.3
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	15	1	3	-93.3	200.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	21	19	10	-9.5	-47.4
Electrician	10	10	9	0.0	-10.0
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	15	16	6	6.7	-62.5
Fire Science/Fire-fighting	74	51	1	-31.1	-98.0
Graphic and Printing Equipment Operator, General Production	20	9	7	-55.0	-22.2
Heating/AC/Ventilation/Refrig Maint Technology/Technician	9	13	11	44.4	-15.4
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	10	3	4	-70.0	33.3
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	27	30	20	11.1	-33.3
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	8	7	1	-12.5	-85.7
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder	48	27	19	-43.8	-29.6
Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist	19	16	13	-15.8	-18.8
Medical/Clinical Assistant	20	17	16	-15.0	-5.9
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant	60	47	11	-21.7	-76.6
Operations Management and Supervision	43	8	17	-81.4	112.5
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	18	15	8	-16.7	-46.7
Phlebotomy/Phlebotomist	19	15	7	-21.1	-53.3
Prepress/Desktop Publishing and Digital Imaging Design	6	6	3	0.0	-50.0
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	20	26	9	30.0	-65.4
Sales, Distribution, and Marketing Operations, General	14	12	9	-14.3	-25.0

Technical College Graduates - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Surgical Technology/Technologist	13	8	12	-38.5	50.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operation	88	81	74	-8.0	-8.6
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design	15	1	3	-93.3	200.0
Welding Technology/Welder	17	10	8	-41.2	-20.0

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 Managerial	Clerical and Sales	Service	Agr., Forestry and Fishing	Processing	Machine Trades	Bench- Work	Structural Work	Misc.
Lowndes	6,080	281	740	676	43	86	194	97	292	3,671
Berrien	1,084	38	88	59	12	13	48	29	84	713
Brooks	727	30	59	64	08	9	23	23	39	472
Cook	932	38	75	76	13	10	68	25	56	571
Echols	140	9	13	4	02	2	6	1	9	94
Lanier	385	15	42	30	04	4	13	7	27	243
Total Area	9,348	411	1,017	909	82	124	352	182	507	5,764

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 2009).

Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

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Valdosta GA 31602

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Valdosta, GA 31601-5611

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