County Facts: Lowndes County, GA
Population 115,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: Lowndes County 4.7%, GA 4.7%, United States 4.4%
- Poverty rate: Lowndes County 23.9%, GA 17.8%, United States 15.1%
- Median family income (000s): Lowndes County $57, GA $53, United States $57
- Manufacturing share of workforce: Lowndes County 11%, GA 10%, United States 7%
- Farming share of workforce: Lowndes County 1.7%, GA 1.3%, United States 1.2%
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): Lowndes County 4.7%, GA 5.4%, United States 4.7%

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: Lowndes County 46%, GA 43%, United States 41%
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: Lowndes County 20%, GA 16%, United States 13%
- Percent achieving American Dream: Lowndes County 10%, GA 6%, United States 5%
- Percent giving birth as a teen: Lowndes County 29%, GA 25%, United States 20%
- Percent landing in jail: Lowndes County 2.6%, GA 2.2%, United States 1.5%
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): Lowndes County $6.4, GA $5.9, United States $4.8
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 8.0% (Valdosta State Univ. (public)), 9.1% (Georgia 4-year-college average), 9.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)
- **Low-income student success rate**: 48.2% (Valdosta State Univ. (public)), 47.9% (Georgia 4-year-college average), 51.3% (U.S. 4-year-college average)

### 2-Year Colleges

- **Low-income share of students**: 46.4% (Moultrie Tech College (public)†), 22.9% (Georgia 2-year-college average), 15.6% (U.S. 2-year-college average)
- **Low-income student success rate**: 23.5% (Moultrie Tech College (public)†), 32.9% (Georgia 2-year-college average), 7.5% (U.S. 2-year-college average)

*:* Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**: 37% (Lowndes County), 32% (GA), 89% (United States)
- **Percent Hispanic**: 17% (Lowndes County), 9% (GA), 84% (United States)
- **Percent over age 65**: 13.0% (Lowndes County), 9.8% (GA), 82.0% (United States)
- **Percent college grad**: 21% (Lowndes County), 19% (GA), 82.4% (United States)
- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**: 89 (Lowndes County), 84 (GA), 76 (United States)
- **Life expectancy (years)**: 83.2 (Lowndes County), 83.2 (GA), 82.0 (United States)
Definitions and Sources

The Local Economy
- Unemployment rate (August 2018, BLS)
- Poverty rate (2012-2016 ACS)
- Median family income (2016 ACS)
- Manufacturing share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Farming share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (BLS LAUS)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out
- Percent graduating any college (2-yr or 4-yr, Tax Data 2, N/A for some counties)
- Percent reaching upper middle-class (top 20% of the U.S. income distribution, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent achieving American Dream (share of local low-income kids—i.e. those with 25th-income-percentile parents—who reach the top 20% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent (of local female kids) giving birth as a teen (Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent landing in jail (percent of local kids in jail on 1 April 2010, Tax Data 1 and 2010 Census, N/A for some counties)
- Local school expenditure per student (in public schools, NCES, N/A for some counties)

Local Colleges and Upward Mobility
- Low-income share of students (share of age-18-22 students with bottom-20% parents, Tax Data 2)
- Low-income student success rate (share of low-income age-18-22 students who reach the top 40% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 2)

Local Demographics
- Percent Black (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent Hispanic (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent over age 65 (2010 Census)
- Percent college grad (4-yr college, 2012-2016 ACS)
- Crime rate (serious violent and property arrests per 10,000 residents, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, N/A for some counties)
- Life expectancy (at age 40, Tax Data 3, N/A for some counties)
- Opioid deaths (per 10,000 residents in 2017, CDC, N/A for some counties and some counties report population weighted commuting zone average)

Sources Legend
- ACS: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Surveys, 2012-2016
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database.
- Census: U.S. Census Bureau