

VALDOSTA AT A GLANCE

Population

Lowndes County.....	109,233
City of Valdosta.....	54,518
Density.....	213.5
Average household size.....	2.59
Median age.....	29.9
Male.....	44.4%
Female.....	51.2%
Married.....	48.3%
Never married.....	28.8%

Income

Average household income.....	\$54,735
Median household income.....	\$40,582
Per capita income.....	\$23,285
Average wage per hour.....	\$14.38

Source: SEEDS Business Resource Center

Source: Georgia Department of Revenue

Cost of Living

[Click here](#) to view the cost of living graph

Source: Valdosta State University; Center for Economic Research

Quality of Life

Average commute.....	19 minutes
January low temperature.....	38 degrees
July high temperature.....	92 degrees
Sunny days per year.....	231
Precipitation per year.....	51"

Education

Attainment

Percent of population 25 or older	
High school completion rate.....	74.5%
High school grad/GED, no college.....	37%
Some college, no degree.....	22.0%
Associates degree.....	8.5%
Bachelor's degree.....	15.8%
Graduate degree.....	10.2%

Resources

Student-to-teacher ratio.....	20-to-1
Colleges, universities and technical schools.....	4

[Valdosta State University](#), [Wiregrass Georgia Technical College](#), [Georgia Military College](#) and [Webster University](#)

Sources: SEEDS Business Resource Center, Lowndes and Valdosta School Systems

Recreation & Tourism

Hotel Rooms.....	4,300+
Restaurants.....	227
Tennis Courts.....	28
Parks.....	28
Recreational parks.....	9
Mini parks.....	18
Golf Courses.....	4
Swimming pools.....	5
Country Clubs.....	3
Public athletic facilities.....	30
State parks.....	1

[Reed Bingham](#) (40 miles North)

Public lakes/rivers.....3
(Alapaha, Little River & Withlacoochee)

Shopping

[Valdosta Mall](#), [Lake Park Outlet Stores](#), [Downtown Valdosta](#)

Movie Theaters.....2

Amusement park.....1

[Wild Adventures](#)

Sources: Valdosta-Lowndes County Tourism and Georgia Tourism

Housing

Average list price.....	\$220,250
Median home price.....	\$108,400

Sources: Coldwell Banker; Forbes

Property Taxes

The tax rate, or millage, in each county is set annually by the board of county commissioners, or another governing authority of the taxing jurisdiction, and by the Board of Education. A tax rate of one mill represents a tax liability of one dollar per \$1,000 of assessed value. The average county and municipal millage rate is 30 mills; the state millage rate in each county is 0.150 mills.

2013 Millage Rates

State.....	0.125
Lowndes County.....	7.303
Recreation (County Wide).....	1.000
Industrial Authority (County Wide).....	1.000
Valdosta.....	4.102
Downtown.....	5.000
Dasher.....	0.000
Hahira.....	4.750
Lake Park.....	5.052
Remerton.....	6.382
Schools	
Lowndes County Schools.....	14.725
Valdosta City Schools.....	16.98

Top Employers

Company.....Industry

Moody Air Force Base.....	Military
South Georgia Medical Center.....	Health
Valdosta State University.....	Education
Lowndes County School System.....	Education
Valdosta City School System.....	Education
Lowe's Distribution Center.....	Distribution
Convergys Corp.....	Call Center
Walmart Supercenters (2).....	Retail Sales
City of Valdosta.....	Government
Lowndes County.....	Government
Fresh Beginnings.....	Baked Goods
Roadway Express.....	Transport
Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath.....	Plumbing Fixtures
Langdale.....	Forest Products
Wild Adventures.....	Amusement Park
Packaging Corp. of America.....	Paper
ADM.....	Soybean Processing
Dillard's Distribution Center.....	Retail Distribution
SAFT America.....	Batteries
Doctors Laboratory.....	Drug Testing

Sources: SEEDS Business Resource Center and Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority

Labor Force (MSA)

Civilian labor force.....	67,376
Employed.....	61,573
Unemployed.....	5,803
Unemployment rate.....	8.6%

Source: Georgia Department of Labor, May 2009

Banking

Local banks.....	42
Branch banks.....	3
Regional Banks.....	4
Savings & Loan.....	1
Credit Unions.....	9