

The rank order of the economic indicators provides a quantifiable ranking of how the Lowndes County community compares to the 14 peer and aspirant communities. The economic indicators are divided into two major groups: the People Indicators and the Job Indicators. The numerical ranking of each indicator within the major categories are summed together to determine a rank standing for each group and overall.

People Indicator Standing 2010	
1	Houston, GA
2	Montgomery, AL
3	Lee, AL
4	Warren, KY
5	Clarke, GA
6	Lowndes, GA
7T	Ouachita, LA
7T	Nash, NC
9	Forrest, MS
10	Houston, AL
11	Morgan, AL
12	Florence, SC
13	Rapides, LA
14	Wayne, NC
15	Floyd, GA

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Job Indicator Standing 2010	
1T	Ouachita, LA
1T	Rapides, LA
3	Warren, KY
4T	Houston, GA
4T	Clarke, GA
6	Houston, AL
7	Morgan, AL
8	Floyd, GA
9	Florence, SC
10	Montgomery, AL
11	Nash, NC
12T	Forrest, MS
12T	Wayne, NC
14	Lowndes, GA
15	Lee, AL

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Overall Standing 2010	
1	Houston, GA
2	Warren, KY
3	Ouachita, LA
4	Clarke, GA
5	Montgomery, AL
6	Rapides, LA
7	Houston, AL
8	Lee, AL
9	Morgan, AL
10	Nash, NC
11	Lowndes, GA
12	Florence, SC
13	Forrest, MS
14	Floyd, GA
15	Wayne, NC

T = a tie ranking between two communities

The Lowndes County community has an overall standing of **eleventh** among the 15 peer and aspirant communities. This standing is a snapshot in time ranking of the 15 communities.

Citations

In the study we use data that are publicly available on the following websites:

The United States Census www.census.gov

- For population estimates and educational attainment we used the **American Community Survey and the Population Estimates Program**.
- For poverty and median income estimates we used the **Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates** (<http://www.census.gov/did/www/saipe/>).

The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics www.bls.gov

- We collected unemployment data from the **Local Area Unemployment Statistics** (<http://bls.gov/lau/>).
- All the unemployment numbers (private, knowledge-based sector, government) and the corresponding wage estimates can be found at the **Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages** (<http://bls.gov/cew/>). According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the QCEW program “produces a comprehensive tabulation of employment and wage information for workers covered by State unemployment insurance (UI) laws and Federal workers covered by the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) program ... The QCEW program serves as a near census of ... employment and quarterly wage information by 6-digit NAICS industry at the national, State, and county levels.”

United States Military Bases www.militarybases.com

- Location of military bases

Lowndes County by the Numbers

How Do We Compare With Peer and Aspirant Communities?



The following are the economic indicator complete tables.

Rank	County	State	Population growth (2000-2010)
1	Montgomery	TN	27.9%
2	Houston	GA	26.4%
3	Warren	KY	22.9%
4	Lee	AL	22.0%
5	Lowndes	GA	19.0%
6	Houston	AL	14.6%
7	Clarke	GA	13.9%
8	Nash	NC	9.4%
9	Florence	SC	9.0%
10	Wayne	NC	8.1%
11	Morgan	AL	7.6%
12	Floyd	GA	6.0%
13	Ouachita	LA	4.5%
14	Forrest	MS	4.3%
15	Rapides	LA	4.2%

Rank	County	State	High school diploma or GED (2005-2010)
1	Montgomery	TN	90.0%
2	Houston	GA	87.3%
3	Lee	AL	85.2%
4	Warren	KY	84.7%
5	Clarke	GA	84.3%
6	Forrest	MS	84.2%
7	Ouachita	LA	84.1%
8	Lowndes	GA	82.9%
9	Rapides	LA	82.1%
10	Houston	AL	81.9%
11	Nash	NC	81.8%
12	Wayne	NC	81.2%
13	Morgan	AL	80.8%
14	Florence	SC	80.8%
15	Floyd	GA	75.9%

Rank	County	State	Bachelor degree, population over 25 (2005-2010)
1	Clarke	GA	41.2%
2	Lee	AL	30.9%
3	Warren	KY	27.5%
4	Forrest	MS	25.9%
5	Houston	GA	24.4%
6	Ouachita	LA	23.5%
7	Lowndes	GA	22.3%
8	Montgomery	TN	22.3%
9	Florence	SC	20.8%
10	Rapides	LA	19.4%
11	Nash	NC	19.1%
12	Morgan	AL	19.1%
13	Houston	AL	19.0%
14	Floyd	GA	17.9%
15	Wayne	NC	16.2%

The following are the economic indicator complete tables.

Rank	County	State	Median household income (2010)
1	Houston	GA	\$54,977
2	Montgomery	TN	\$47,258
3	Morgan	AL	\$44,859
4	Nash	NC	\$42,315
5	Warren	KY	\$41,001
6	Wayne	NC	\$40,274
7	Lee	AL	\$40,102
8	Rapides	LA	\$39,693
9	Houston	AL	\$39,290
10	Florence	SC	\$38,914
11	Floyd	GA	\$38,289
12	Ouachita	LA	\$37,728
13	Lowndes	GA	\$36,486
14	Clarke	GA	\$34,000
15	Forrest	MS	\$32,555

Rank	County	State	Average Weekly Wage (2010)
1	Morgan	AL	\$737
2	Floyd	GA	\$717
3	Clarke	GA	\$685
4	Warren	KY	\$675
5	Houston	AL	\$670
6	Ouachita	LA	\$656
7	Rapides	LA	\$650
8	Nash	NC	\$649
9	Houston	GA	\$640
10	Forrest	MS	\$638
11	Florence	SC	\$636
12	Montgomery	TN	\$604
13	Wayne	NC	\$589
14	Lowndes	GA	\$561
15	Lee	AL	\$550

Rank	County	State	Share of knowledge-based jobs (2010)
1	Rapides	LA	32.8%
2	Ouachita	LA	30.8%
3	Floyd	GA	29.6%
4	Clarke	GA	27.5%
5	Florence	SC	27.2%
6	Warren	KY	26.0%
7	Wayne	NC	24.7%
8	Houston	GA	24.5%
9	Forrest	MS	24.0%
10	Lowndes	GA	21.2%
11	Nash	NC	20.5%
12	Montgomery	TN	20.3%
13	Houston	AL	18.8%
14	Morgan	AL	16.2%
15	Lee	AL	14.3%

Rank	County	State	Poverty rate (2010)
1	Morgan	AL	14.1%
2	Houston	GA	14.1%
3	Nash	NC	15.6%
4	Montgomery	TN	15.7%
5	Houston	AL	17.9%
6	Floyd	GA	19.1%
7	Rapides	LA	19.6%
8	Wayne	NC	19.7%
9	Warren	KY	20.5%
10	Ouachita	LA	20.6%
11	Lee	AL	21.3%
12	Florence	SC	21.7%
13	Lowndes	GA	23.3%
14	Forrest	MS	29.0%
15	Clarke	GA	33.3%

Rank	County	State	Old age dependency (2010)
1	Montgomery	TN	13.4%
2	Lee	AL	15.9%
3	Houston	GA	16.4%
4	Clarke	GA	16.4%
5	Lowndes	GA	16.9%
6	Warren	KY	17.9%
7	Forrest	MS	19.1%
8	Ouachita	LA	19.7%
9	Florence	SC	20.1%
10	Wayne	NC	20.2%
11	Nash	NC	20.6%
12	Morgan	AL	20.9%
13	Rapides	LA	21.0%
14	Houston	AL	21.6%
15	Floyd	GA	21.8%

Rank	county	state	Total private sector employment (2010)
1	Ouachita	LA	55,871
2	Florence	SC	46,124
3	Warren	KY	45,880
4	Rapides	LA	45,551
5	Clarke	GA	43,478
6	Houston	AL	38,358
7	Morgan	AL	37,964
8	Lowndes	GA	35,216
9	Montgomery	TN	34,993
10	Nash	NC	33,888
11	Lee	AL	33,277
12	Wayne	NC	32,885
13	Houston	GA	32,294
14	Floyd	GA	30,143
15	Forrest	MS	25,160

Rank	County	State	Knowledge sector average weekly wage (2010)
1	Forrest	MS	\$994
2	Houston	GA	\$941
3	Houston	AL	\$930
4	Floyd	GA	\$899
5	Clarke	GA	\$893
6	Warren	KY	\$849
7	Florence	SC	\$793
8	Ouachita	LA	\$781
9	Morgan	AL	\$763
10	Nash	NC	\$757
11	Rapides	LA	\$746
12	Montgomery	TN	\$738
13	Lowndes	GA	\$735
14	Lee	AL	\$723
15	Wayne	NC	\$668

Rank	County	State	Unemployment rate (2010)
1	Rapides	LA	7.0%
2	Houston	GA	7.6%
3	Ouachita	LA	7.7%
4	Clarke	GA	7.9%
5	Lee	AL	8.2%
6	Houston	AL	8.4%
7	Lowndes	GA	8.8%
8	Wayne	NC	8.9%
9	Warren	KY	9.0%
10	Montgomery	TN	9.1%
11	Forrest	MS	9.3%
12	Morgan	AL	9.6%
13	Floyd	GA	10.7%
14	Florence	SC	11.3%
15	Nash	NC	12.3%

Establishing a plan for economic success and growth requires an unbiased knowledge of a community's endowments and economic indicators. While community endowments are the unique characteristics that arise from location and geography and therefore are not likely to change, economic indicators such as demographics and labor market structure can be cultivated and enhanced in ways to improve the economic growth and prosperity of a community. Progress toward achieving these desired outcomes can only be assessed by comparing oneself to peer and aspirant communities. This report identifies the peer and aspirant communities for Lowndes County and compares economic indicators that measure the strengths and opportunities for this community.