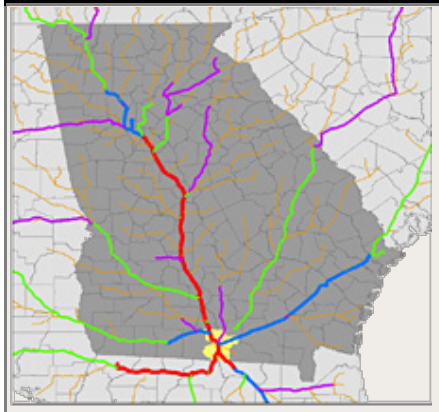
LOWNDES COUNTY LOGISTICS SPOTLIGHT

LOWNDES COUNTY ROAD FREIGHT

(DATA SOURCE: IHS GLOBAL INSIGHT, CENTER ANALYSIS)



IN-BOUND TRUCK FREIGHT:

TRUCK FREIGHT TONS: 2,042,212

TRUCK FREIGHT VALUE: $4,100,282,141

TRUCK FREIGHT MOVES: 139,964

Inbound Freight:
Those goods that originated outside the State of Georgia and had a destination inside Lowndes County.

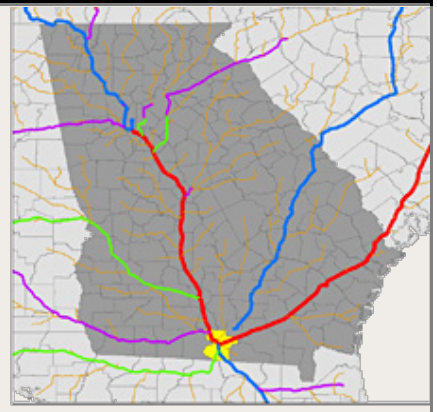
OUT-BOUND TRUCK FREIGHT:

TRUCK FREIGHT TONS: 1,111,427

TRUCK FREIGHT VALUE: $1,663,100,085

TRUCK FREIGHT MOVES: 137,065

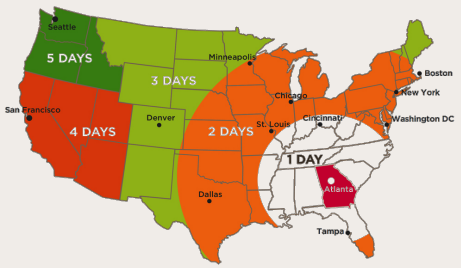
Outbound Freight:
Those goods that originated inside Lowndes County and had a destination outside the State of Georgia.

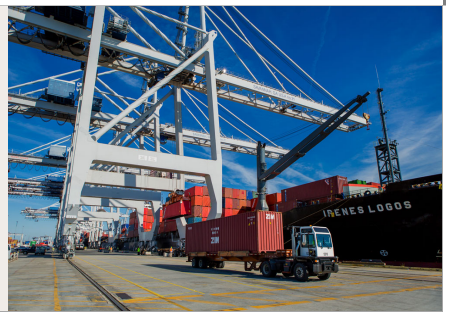


GEORGIA ROAD FREIGHT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Cargo is **within two or fewer days by truck from 80% of the U.S.** industrial and commercial markets.
- **100% of the Top 50 Trucking Companies** utilize Georgia's 1,244 miles of interstate highways to move freight
- **Ranked 9th nationally** with **450,000** commercially licensed Georgia truck drivers
- Georgia issues **51% of all the CDL certificates in the southeast**, and **1 out of every 8** nationally.
- Metro Atlanta is **ranked 6th in ground freight movement** in the Nation
- Georgia maintains **1,200 miles of interstate** highways and **20,000 miles** of federal and state highways.
- Over **40% of North American manufacturing** locations are within a 500 mile radius of Atlanta

TRUCK TRANSIT TIMES





LOWNDES COUNTY RAIL FREIGHT

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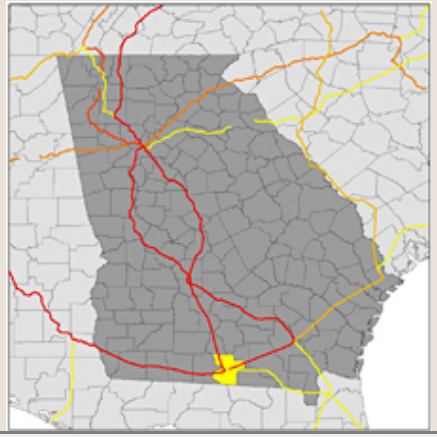


IN-BOUND RAIL FREIGHT:

RAIL FREIGHT TONS: 1,316,308

RAIL FREIGHT VALUE: $751,466,376

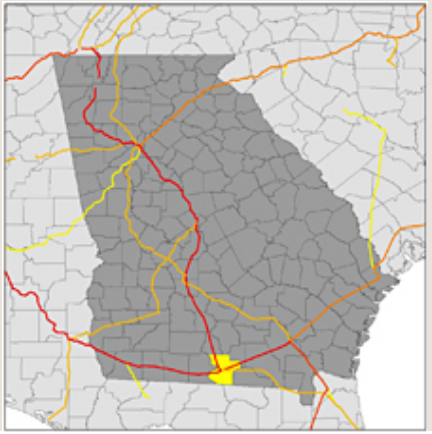
RAIL FREIGHT MOVES: 14,614

OUT-BOUND RAIL FREIGHT:

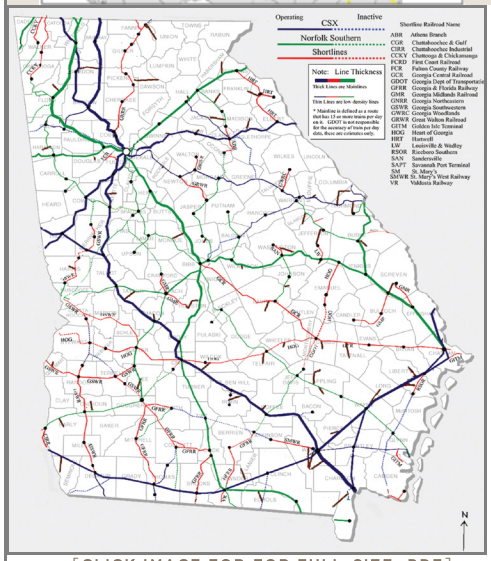
RAIL FREIGHT TONS: 689,516

RAIL FREIGHT VALUE: $506,082,403

RAIL FREIGHT MOVES: 8,634



Lowndes County was also connected to 478,655 tons of freight moved by rail INTRA-GEORGIA. *(where origin and destination were both inside the state).* This tonnage was moved by 4,929 rail cars and had a value of $133,467,203.



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LOWNDES COUNTY RAIL ASSETS:

Served by CSX: yes **Served by NS:** yes

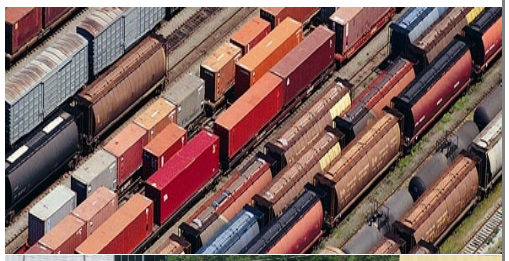
Short line Rail Services Include: Georgia & Florida Railway; Valdosta Railway

Terminals/yards in county: 1 large carload yard

NOTE: CSX in county, 1 spur, NS and VR/GFRR shortlines in county

GEORGIA RAIL FREIGHT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Georgia is **home to 24 freight railroads** *(2 class-1's, and 23 short-line railroads)*
- Home to the **largest intermodal facility** on the east coast
- Georgia's railroad industry **employed 6,753** Georgians in 2011.
- Georgia **has the largest railroad network in the Southeast,** and ranked:
  - **7th highest** in the Nation for total rail miles *(4,680 miles of track)*
  - **5th most** rail tons terminating in State
  - **13th** for number of railroads in U.S.
- Nationwide, **each freight rail job supports 4.5 jobs** elsewhere in the economy.
- Each **$1 billion** in new rail investment **creates over 17,000 jobs.**



LOWNDES COUNTY OCEAN FREIGHT

Import Volume:	647 TEU's
Import Tons:	6,517 Tons
Export Volume:	566 TEU's
Export Tons:	7,441 Tons

Represents FY12 totals of LOWNDES COUNTY cargo thru Georgia Ports ONLY (Data Source: GPA, PIERS)

Learn more: GAPORTS.COM/MOREIMPACT

GEORGIA OCEAN FREIGHT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Port of Savannah is the **Nation's fastest-growing top container port**, is the **4th busiest in the USA** and **2nd busiest on the East Coast**.
- The Port of **Brunswick is the 5th largest auto port** in the Nation, 3rd for auto imports, and is the 2nd largest grain facility on the East Coast.
- The Port of Savannah was the **2nd busiest U.S. container port for the export** of American goods by tonnage in FY2012 (behind only the Port of L.A.)
- Port of Savannah **handled 8.1% of all U.S. containerized cargo** volume and **11.6% of all U.S. containerized exports** in FY2012.
- Today the port handles the most containerized poultry in the Nation and the most refrigerated containerized exports on the East Coast.
- The Port of Savannah **moved 2,982,467 TEU's** in FY2012, for an additional 55,221 TEUs, or **1.9% percent over FY2011**.
- Savannah hosts **the most ocean shipping services of any port on the East Coast**, for a total of 40 weekly services. Total vessel calls 2,916 in FY2012, an increase of 2.2% percent over the last fiscal year.

LOWNDES COUNTY WAREHOUSING &DISTRIBUTION

GEORGIA W&D HIGHLIGHTS:

- **47 of the Top 50 most successful 3PL's (94%)** are either **headquartered** or have significant operations in Georgia.
- **2 of the 10 largest 3PL's** in North America are headquartered in GA *(#2 & #7)*
- There are **230 retail distribution centers** in Georgia with over **175 retailers**; **28** of which have more than 1 million sq.ft. each.
- Georgia is **home to 216 million sq.ft. of W&D space** in over **920 facilities** statewide. **20 million sq.ft.** of which is within 2.5 hours of the **Port of Savannah**.
- Cold storage capability totals **18 million sq.ft.** in nearly **80 facilities** statewide
- **23 of the top 85** 3PL's in food logistics have operations in Georgia
- Georgia is home to **28 DEA Certified** pharmaceutical distribution facilities
- **2 of the 5 largest private warehouse** operators in North America are headquartered in GA *(#1 & #5)*
- Of the top 25 global 3PL's, **90% have operations** in Georgia.

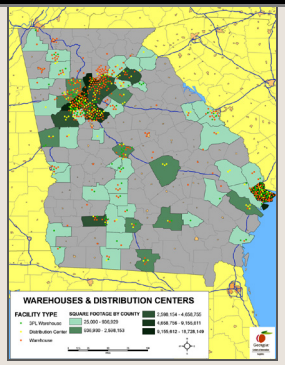
Lowndes is home to a total of
7 warehousing and distribution facilities.

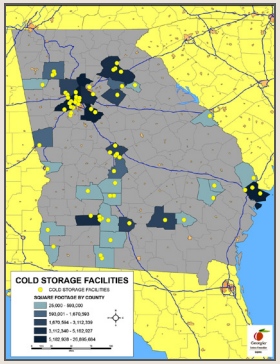
With a total capacity of 2,317,000 sq/ft,
These companies employ
1,465 people in Lowndes County alone.

THE LARGEST OF THESE FACILITIES INCLUDE:

#1) Lowe's / 750,000 Sq.ft.
#2) Home Depot / 550,000 Sq.ft.
#3) Outsource Logistics / 500,000 Sq.ft.
#4) Dillard's Department Stores / Sq.ft.

For a listing of currently *available* buildings in Lowndes County: CLICK HERE





GEORIGA AIR CARGO

Georgia has 144 public and private airports, 10 of which have notable air cargo operations.
Statewide, the aviation industry (which includes air cargo) contributes: $62.6B state/federal economy; 471,000 employees; $17.8 billion payroll.

Measured by cargo tonnage, the two largest in Georgia are located in Atlanta and Albany…

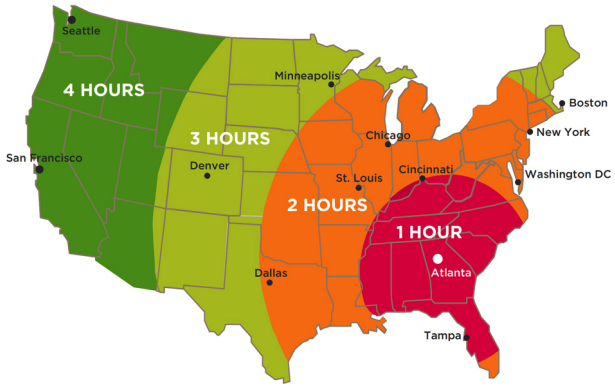
Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport:

- ATL handles **98%** of the State's annual air freight volume
- **World's busiest passenger airport**, with **2,500** arrivals and departures and **250,000 passengers per day**
- Has a direct impact of more than **$32.5 billion** for metro Atlanta
- **Over 80%** of U.S. consumers are **within 2 hour flight** time from Atlanta
- **10th largest** in the U.S. for cargo, and **31st in the world**
- ATL is the only **air cargo perishables** complex of its size in the Southeast
- **1.5 million sq.ft.** of on-terminal cargo handling/warehousing capacity.
- **Foreign Trade Zone #26** is directly connected to the airport, and is a **U.S. Fish and Wildlife** port of entry

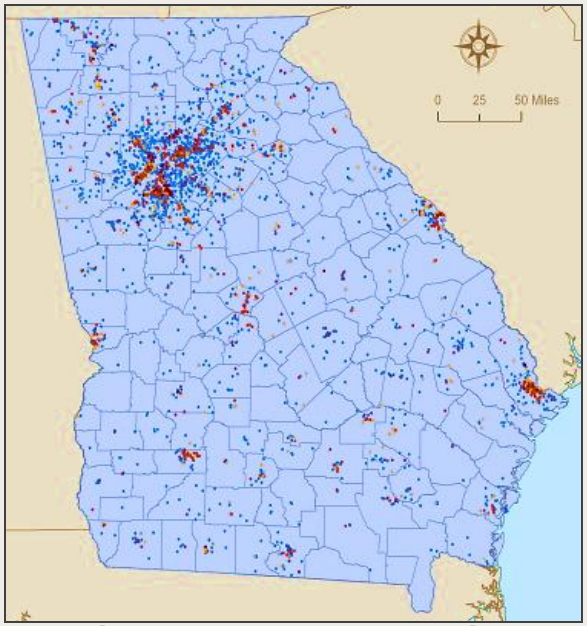
Southwest Georgia Regional Airport (Albany):

- Primarily used by **UPS to move their freight** to the main **UPS** world hub in Louisville, Kentucky.
- In 2011, UPS **moved 9.7 million pounds** of cargo into and **5.7 million pounds** of cargo out of Southwest Georgia Regional Airport.
- In 2012 the Southwest Georgia Regional Airport contributed: **$54.5 million** in local economic impact, **548 jobs** and **$17.1 million** in payroll.

AIR TRANSIT TIMES



LOWNDES COUNTY LOGISTICS INDUSTRY PROFILE



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The logistics industry is a **dynamic "ecosystem"** whose core is essentially made up of companies that **provide** logistics services *(i.e. trucking, rail, software, etc.)* and those that **consume** them *(i.e. manufacturers, wholesalers, distribution centers, etc.)*

Lowndes County is home to:

43 logistics providers who employ a total of 1,032 in the County and generate $175,797,000 in annual sales.

447 logistics-enabled companies who employ an additional 8,903 Georgians and generate $4,749,413,000 in annual sales.

To learn more about the **many services these providers offer** and **connect with them** quickly... visit the free:
Logistics Provider Directory
located on WWW.GEORGIALOGISTICS.COM

GEORGIA ECOSYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Georgia is home to **11,000 providers** of logistics services
- Providers of logistics services **employ over 142,000** and together generated more than **$16 Billion in sales** in 2010.
- Georgia **ranks 5th in the Nation** for logistics and supply chain employment
- More than **24 logistics related associations** have chapters in Georgia
- **15 Fortune 500 companies** are headquartered in Georgia
- Georgia is home to **6 of the top 50 cargo carriers**, including the world's **number one** carrier UPS.
- **70% of the top 20** supply chain management software providers have operations in Georgia. **25% are headquartered here** including: Manhattan Associates, Infor, Logility, Aldata Solutions, and CDC Software.
- There are **400 innovative technology companies** that **provide solutions** to the logistics industry in the State.
- Georgia **ranks 5th in the U.S.** for Supply Chain Technology employment

LOGISTICS EDUCATION IN LOWNDES COUNTY

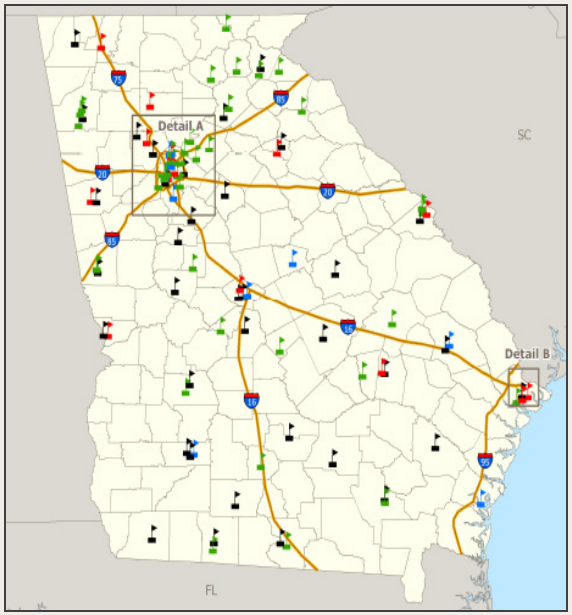
Lowndes Logistics Education Offerings:

The rapid growth of the **logistics-enabled industry** has created a strong demand for a **well trained workforce** to meet the needs. Georgia's schools offer in total **100 different logistics related education offerings** throughout the State. (SEE MAP TO THE RIGHT)

These **offerings range widely** from certificate to PhD programs, as well as the topics included in the programs.

Some of the logistics educational offerings nearest to Lowndes County include:

- **Valdosta State University**
- **Wiregrass Georgia Technical College**
- **Moultrie Technical College**
- **Southwest Georgia Technical College**



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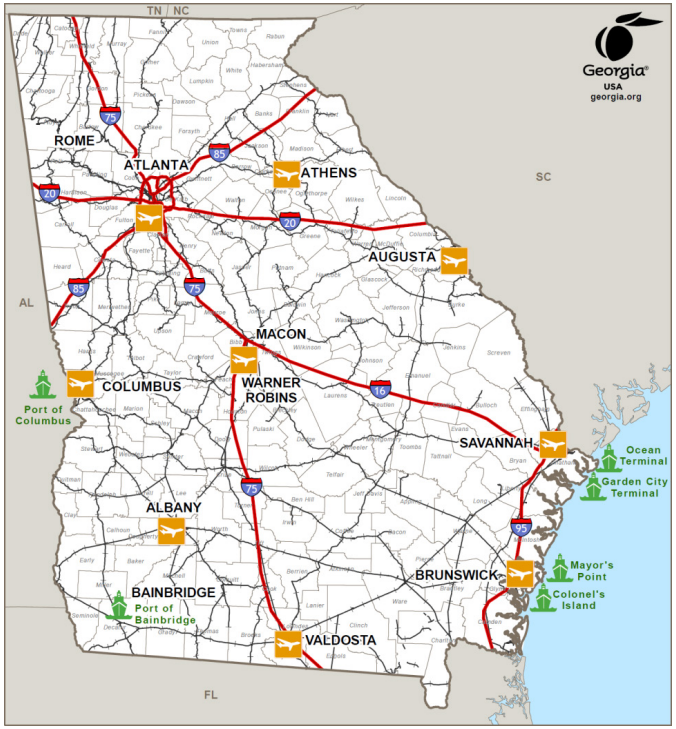

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To download a comprehensive labor profile of Lowndes County: CLICK HERE

Lowndes County is located in Georgia's **Service Delivery Region #11** (SEE MAP BELOW). There are a wide range of professionals waiting to help companies of all types and sizes. These include the **local leadership of Lowndes County** and the team at the **State level**, just to name a few. Below are a few key points of contact to get you started exploring Lowndes County:

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Email: aschruijer@industrialauthority.com, Call: 222-259-9972 or: VISIT HERE

Georgia Department of Economic Development contacts:

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- **Region #11 Project Manager: Michelle Shaw – 229.386.3095 – mshaw@georgia.org**
- **Statewide Logistics Project Director: Annie Baxter – abaxter@georgia.org**
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