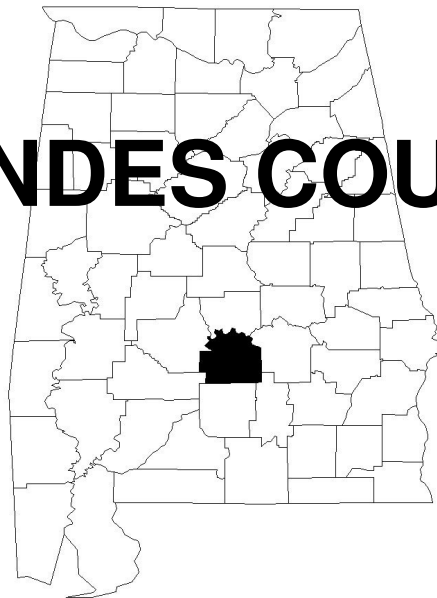


# Selected Health Status Indicators

## LOWNDES COUNTY



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<b>Indicators</b>	<b>United States</b>		<b>Alabama</b>		<b>Lowndes County</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Pct. of Total</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Pct. of Total</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Pct. of Total</b>
<b>2011 Population</b>						
Total	311,591,917	100.0	4,802,740	100.0	11,147	100.0
African American (alone)	40,750,746	13.1	1,271,695	26.5	8,111	72.8
White (alone)	243,470,497	78.1	3,368,118	70.1	2,885	25.9
American Indian (alone)	3,814,772	1.2	33,298	0.7	27	0.2
Asian (alone)	15,578,383	5.0	57,155	1.2	32	0.3
Hispanic	52,045,277	16.7	193,868	4.0	118	1.1
Age 19 Years or Less	82,809,903	26.6	1,265,680	26.4	3,026	27.1
Age 65 Years or More	41,394,141	13.3	672,586	14.0	1,691	15.2
Age 85 Years or More	5,737,173	1.8	77,743	1.6	186	1.7
<b>Population Change</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Pct. Change</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Pct. Change</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Pct. Change</b>
1910 – 2010	91,972,266 to 308,745,538	235.7	2,138,093 to 4,779,736	123.6	31,894 to 11,299	-64.6
2010 – 2040 Projected	308,745,538 to 380,016,000	23.1	4,779,736 to 5,567,024	16.5	11,299 to 8,354	-26.1
Age 65+: 2010 – 2040 Projected	40,267,984 to 79,719,000	98.0	657,792 to 1,199,853	82.4	1,655 to 2,226	34.5
Hispanic: 1990 – 2011	22,354,059 to 52,045,277	132.8	24,629 to 193,868	687.2	60 to 118	96.7
<b>Income Related Indicators</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure</b>
Population Below Poverty Level – 2011	48,452,035	15.9%	896,117	19.1%	2,995	27.1%
Children Under 18 Below Poverty Level - 2011	16,386,500	22.5%	307,310	27.6%	1,074	39.9%
Population Under 200% Poverty Level (2006-2011)	97,686,522	32.7%	1,783,196	38.5%	5,967	52.0%
Per Capita Personal Income – 2011	N.A.	\$41,560	N.A.	\$34,880	N.A.	\$32,176
Medicaid Eligible Population – 2011	N.A.	N.A.	1,070,781	22.3%	4,167	37.4%
Medicaid Eligible Children (Under 21) - 2011	N.A.	N.A.	618,137	46.9%	2,202	69.0%
Medicaid Births - 2011	N.A.	N.A.	31,498	53.1%	115	83.3%
<b>Access to Health Care Indicators</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure<sup>1</sup></b>
Primary Care Physicians – 2012 (Per 10,000 Population)	208,807	6.8 (2010)	3,056	6.4	2	1.8
Dentists – 2013 (Per 10,000 Pop.)	155,700	5.0 (2010)	2,141	4.4	0	0.0
Psychiatrists – 2012 (Per 10,000 Pop.)	39,738	1.3	326	0.7	0	0.0
General Hospital Authorized Beds – 2013 (Per 10,000 Population)	N.A.	N.A.	16,475	34.3	No Hospital	
Is there a hospital providing obstetrical service in the county?	N.A.	N.A.	YES in 31 counties NO in 36 counties		No	

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<b>Indicators</b>	<b>United States</b>		<b>Alabama</b>		<b>Lowndes County</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Access to Health Care Indicators – continued</b>						
Households With No Vehicle	10,397,000	9.1% (2010)	119,611	6.6% (2010)	537	12.8% (2006-2010)
Uninsured Population Under 65 Years of Age - 2010	46,556,803	17.7%	681,437	16.9%	1,627	17.0%
Dialysis Patients and Dialysis Patients per Dialysis Station – 2013	N.A.	N.A.	7,584	3.2	38	No Dialysis Clinic
<b>Cause of Death Indicators (Includes all causes with 950 or more deaths statewide.)</b>	<b>Number in 2009 - 2011</b>	<b>Rate per 100,000 Pop.</b>	<b>Number in 2009 - 2011</b>	<b>Rate per 100,000 Pop.</b>	<b>Number in 2007 - 2011</b>	<b>Rate per 100,000 Pop.<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>All Causes</b>	<b>7,418,471</b>	<b>800.9</b>	<b>143,493</b>	<b>1,000.6</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>1,146.2</b>
Septicemia	105,990	11.4	2,644	18.4	18	30.4
<b>Cancer</b>	<b>1,717,684</b>	<b>185.4</b>	<b>30,564</b>	<b>213.1</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>216.1</b>
Colon, Rectum, and Anus	157,259	17.0	2,694	18.8	23	38.8
Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Ducts	61,176	6.6	966	6.7	3	N.A.
Pancreas	109,887	11.9	1,813	12.6	6	N.A.
Trachea, Bronchus, and Lung	473,090	51.1	9,644	67.2	29	49.0
Breast (female)	122,508	26.0	1,974	26.8	14	N.A.
Prostate (male)	84,578	18.6	1,611	23.1	10	N.A.
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	60,904	6.6	960	6.7	5	N.A.
Leukemia	68,157	7.4	1,148	8.0	3	N.A.
Diabetes Mellitus	211,058	22.8	3,840	26.8	29	49.0
Parkinson's Disease	65,704	7.1	1,075	7.5	2	N.A.
Alzheimer's Disease	247,188	26.7	4,498	31.4	11	N.A.
<b>Major Cardiovascular Diseases</b>	<b>2,339,340</b>	<b>252.6</b>	<b>46,705</b>	<b>325.7</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>418.6</b>
<b>Heart Diseases</b>	<b>1,793,441</b>	<b>193.6</b>	<b>35,879</b>	<b>250.2</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>310.6</b>
Hypertensive Heart Disease	100,218	10.8	1,226	8.5	13	N.A.
Ischemic Heart Diseases	1,140,484	123.1	16,558	115.5	70	118.2
Acute Myocardial Infarction	367,267	39.7	7,593	52.9	25	42.2
Heart Failure	173,711	18.8	5,769	40.2	38	64.1
Cerebrovascular Diseases (Stroke)	387,249	41.8	7,786	54.3	47	79.3
Pneumonia	152,507	16.5	2,755	19.2	5	N.A.
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	418,815	45.2	8,498	59.3	22	37.1
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	96,000	10.4	1,539	10.7	2	N.A.

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<b>Cause of Death Indicators (Includes all causes with 950 or more deaths statewide.)</b>	<b>Number in 2009 - 2011</b>	<b>Rate per 100,000 Pop.</b>	<b>Number in 2009 - 2011</b>	<b>Rate per 100,000 Pop.</b>	<b>Number in 2007 - 2011</b>	<b>Rate per 100,000 Pop.<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome, and Nephrosis</b>	<b>145,142</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>3,410</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>33.8</b>
Renal Failure	131,884	14.2	3,183	22.2	20	33.8
<b>Accidents</b>	<b>361,657</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>7,307</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>67.5</b>
Motor Vehicle Accidents	106,225	11.5	2,723	19.0	27	45.6
Poisoning and Exposure to Noxious Substances	98,353	10.6	1,571	11.0	5	N.A.
Intentional Self-Harm (suicide)	113,558	12.3	1,983	13.8	2	N.A.
Assault (homicide)	49,011	5.3	1,181	8.2	13	N.A.
<b>Causes of Death Groupings of Special Interest</b>						
<b>Cause of Death Indicators</b>	<b>Number in 2009 - 2011</b>	<b>Rate per 100,000 Pop.</b>	<b>Number in 2009 - 2011</b>	<b>Rate per 100,000 Pop.</b>	<b>Number in 2007 - 2011</b>	<b>Rate per 100,000 Pop.<sup>1</sup></b>
Firearm Deaths (intentional self-harm, assault, legal intervention, and undetermined intent)	95,182	10.3	2,387	16.6	13	N.A.
Drug-Induced Deaths	119,779	12.9	1,812	12.6	2	N.A.
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	76,466	8.3	748	5.2	0	0.0
<b>Cancer Incidence and Rates by Site and County</b>						
<b>Indicators</b>	<b>United States</b>		<b>Alabama</b>		<b>Lowndes County</b>	
<b>Cancer Site</b>	<b>Number in 2000 - 2009</b>	<b>Rate per 100,000 Pop.</b>	<b>Number in 2000 - 2009</b>	<b>Rate per 100,000 Pop.</b>	<b>Number in 2000 - 2009</b>	<b>Rate per 100,000 Pop.<sup>1</sup></b>
All Sites	N.A.	N.A.	225,026	459.9	540	397.0
Lung	N.A.	N.A.	37,608	76.1	90	65.0
Colorectal	N.A.	N.A.	24,344	49.8	80	60.2
Oral	N.A.	N.A.	6,187	12.5	6	N.A.
Melanoma	N.A.	N.A.	8,152	17.0	8	N.A.
Prostate	N.A.	N.A.	33,711	155.8	93	149.3
Breast (Female, only)	N.A.	N.A.	31,171	117.3	67	90.7
Cervix	N.A.	N.A.	2,190	9.0	N.A.	N.A.

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	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Nativity Related Indicators</b>						
Infant Mortality 2009-2011 – (Per 1,000 Births)	74,908	6.2	1,516	8.3	6	12.4
Low Weight Births – 2010-2011 (Percent of All Births)	325,563 (2010)	8.1 %	5,908	10.0 %	43	13.9%
Births to Teens (10-19) – 2011 (Percent of All Births)	372,175 (2010)	9.3 %	6,697	11.3 %	17	12.3%
Births With Less Than Adequate Prenatal Care – 2011 (Percent of All Births)	N.A.	N.A.	15,986	27.2 %	54	39.1%
Caesarian Births – 2011 (Percent of All Births)	1,309,182	32.8 %	20,980	35.4 %	52	37.7%
Tobacco Use During Pregnancy – 2010-2011 (Percent of All Births)	N.A.	N.A.	6,289	10.6 %	16	5.2%
Births to Undereducated Women – 2011 (Percent of All Births)	N.A.	N.A.	9,295	15.7 %	17	12.3%
Births to Unmarried Women – 2011 (Percent of All Births)	1,633,471	40.8% (2010)	24,946	42.1%	107	77.5%
Preterm Births – 2009 - 2011 (Percent of All Births)	478,790	12.0% (2010)	29,096	16.0%	91	18.8%
Births for Which Diabetes was Reported as a Risk Factor – 2007-2011 (Per 1,000 Live Births)	201,218	50.5 (2010)	13,510	45.5	25	36.2
<b>Other Indicators</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure</b>
Age 25+ With Less Than High School Education – 2007-2011	29,518,935	14.6 %	567,670	18.1 %	1,933	25.7%
Public School Graduation Rates - 2011	N.A.	78.0 % (2010)	45,221	71.8 %	91	59.9%
Receiving Medicare Disability – 2010 (Percent of Total Population)	7,735,377	2.5 %	203,252	4.3 %	669	5.9%
Adult Obesity – 2010 (Percent of Total Population Aged 20 Years or More)	56,369,496	25 %	1,153,068	33 %	3,698	45%
Adult Smoking - 2010 (Percent of Total Population Aged 18+ Years)	32,838,970	14 %	838,874	23 %	1,970	23%
Excessive Drinking - 2010 (Percent of Total Population Aged 18+ Years)	18,765,126	8 %	437,673	12 %	1,456	17%
Life Expectancy at Birth - 2011	78.7 years		75.7 years		71.5 years	
Sexually Transmitted Disease Cases Reported – January 2012 through March 2013 (Per 10,000 Pop.)	N.A.	N.A.	47,608	99.1	181	162.4

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<b>Other Indicators</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Measure<sup>1</sup></b>
New HIV Cases – 2009 through 2011 (Per 100,000 Population) NOTE: Number of cases is not released in counties where this is less than five.	145,614	15.7	2,093	14.6	15	N.A.
Child Abuse and Neglect Cases Reported to Child Protective Services for Investigation– October 2009 through September 2011 (Per 1,000 population Under Age 18)	N.A.	N.A.	39,581	17.5	128	23.4
Adults Involved in Reported Abuse and Neglect Cases – October 2010 through September 2012 (Per 10,000 Adults Aged 18+ Years.	N.A.	N.A.	8,729	23.9	27	31.5

<sup>1</sup>Rates, percentages, etc based upon fewer than 16 events may not be statistically reliable for specific analyses. “N.A.” is given for such indicators. Numbers of events, as well as measurements, are indicated using “N.A.” for some indicators in accordance with the data owner’s policy of not publishing smaller numbers of events.

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**Primary Care Physicians in 2012:** Medical Licensure Commission, Licensed Physician Data Base – 2012. National data is for 2010 and is obtained from the American Medical Association's 2010 Physician Master File. National data was obtained from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's on-line publication, Primary Care Workforce Facts and Stats #1, at <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/pcwork1.htm>. All data has been adjusted to exclude licensed retirees and include only those actively practicing primary care. (In this publication, primary care physicians include family practitioners, internal medicine specialists, pediatricians, gerontologists, and obstetricians and gynecologists.)

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**Births With Less Than Adequate Prenatal Care - 2011:** Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, Special query of the 2011 Birth Statistics File. (The Kotelchuck Index is used in determining adequacy of prenatal care. This index primarily considers the date when prenatal care was begun and the number of visits in determining adequacy.)

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**Births to Undereducated Women - 2011:** Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, Special query of the 2011 Birth Statistics File. (Women are considered to be “undereducated” when their years of education is at least two years less than what would be expected for someone of their age.)

**Births to Unmarried Women - 2011:** Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, Special query of the 2011 Birth Statistics File. National data: National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 61, No. 1, August 28, 2012, Final Data for 2010, Supplemental Tables, [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr61/nvsr61\\_01\\_tables/pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr61/nvsr61_01_tables/pdf)

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**Births for Which Diabetes was Reported as a Risk Factor – 2007- 2011:** Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, Special query of the 2007-2011 Birth Statistics Files. National data: National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 61, No. 1, August 28, 2012, Final Data for 2010, Supplemental Tables, [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr61/nvsr61\\_01\\_tables/pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr61/nvsr61_01_tables/pdf)

**Age 25+ With Less Than High School Education – 2007-2011:** U.S. Census Bureau, American FactFinder, American Community Survey for 2007-2011, Table B15002.

**Public School Graduation Rates – 2011:** Alabama Kids Count Data Book – 2012, pp.31-98. [http://www.alavoices.org/files/12\\_AKC-DataBook.pdf](http://www.alavoices.org/files/12_AKC-DataBook.pdf) National data: National Center for Education Statistics.

The number of students who graduated from public high schools in Alabama in 2011 with regular, advanced, and credit-based diplomas expressed as a percentage of the total number of students who enrolled as first year freshmen four years earlier (or in 2007-2008). While the denominator used in computing the rate includes graduates, completers, students still enrolled, students withdrawn but still enrolled, students who enrolled but failed to attend, dropouts, and “others,” it does not include students in the class of 2007-2008 who were retained from later classes. Data are adjusted for students who transferred into, and out of, the cohort over the four-year period. This method of measuring the graduation rate is referred to as the “four-year cohort graduation rate” and reflects efforts to conform to the National Governor’s Association recommendation in 2005 that states implement a common measure of graduation beginning with the 2010-2011 academic year. However, the methodology used in computing the cohort graduation rate remains subject to variation from one state to another

**Persons Receiving Medicare Disability - 2010:** Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Medicare Aged and Disabled by State and County as of July 1, 2010. <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/MedicareEnrpts/Downloads/County2010.pdf>

**Adult Obesity - Percent of Population Aged 20+ in 2010:** County Health Rankings & Roadmaps. The adult obesity measure represents the percent of the adult population (age 20 and older) that has a body mass index (BMI) greater than or equal to 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. Estimates of obesity prevalence by county were calculated by the CDC’s National



Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Diabetes Translation, using multiple years of Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) data. BRFSS data are representative of the total non-institutionalized U.S. population over 18 years of age living in households with a land-line telephone.

**Adult Smoking - Percent of Population Aged 18+ in 2010:** County Health Rankings & Roadmaps. This measure was calculated by the National Center for Health Statistics using data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), a random-digit dial survey. BRFSS data are representative of the total non-institutionalized U.S. population over 18 years of age living in households with a land-line telephone. The estimates are based on seven years of data.

**Excessive Drinking - Percent of Population Aged 18+ in 2010:** County Health Rankings & Roadmaps. This measure was calculated by the National Center for Health Statistics using data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), a random-digit dial survey. BRFSS data are representative of the total non-institutionalized U.S. population over 18 years of age living in households with a land-line telephone. The estimates are based on seven years of data.

**Life Expectancy at Birth - 2011:** Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, special request and Deaths – Preliminary Data for 2011, Vol. 61, Number 6, October 10, 2012, Table 6.

**Sexually Transmitted Disease Cases – January 2011 through March 2012:** Alabama Department of Public Health, Division of STD Prevention and Control, Statistics, 2011 and 2012. <http://www.adph.org/STD/Default.asp?id=1080>

**New HIV Cases – 2009 through 2011:** Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), HIV Surveillance Branch. Any analyses, interpretation or conclusions reached from this data are those of the user and not the HIV Surveillance Branch. National data: HIV Surveillance Report, Diagnosis of HIV Infection in the United States and Dependent Areas, 2011, Vol.23, Table 1a. Note that national data is estimated to account for reporting delays and missing transmission.

**Child Abuse and Neglect Cases Reported to Child Protective Services for Investigation – October 2009 through September 2011:** Alabama Department of Human Resources, Child Protective Services, special request for FY 2010 and FY 2011. Please note that it is possible for there to be more than one report on the same family and the number of reports does not correspond with the number of children since reports can involve more than one child in a family.

**Adults Involved in Reported Abuse and Neglect Cases – October 2010 through September 2012 :** Alabama Department of Human Resources, Adult Protective Services, special request for FY 2011 and FY 2012. Please note that it is possible for there to be more than one report on the same adult.

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