

Develop participation programs that reach out to diverse populations

Leverage technology to interact with the community

The County and the Cities could find ways to work regionally with adjacent counties and jurisdictions. They could actively seek out ways to partner with one another

Comply with the Service Delivery Strategy

Coordinate and build regional momentum with the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC)

Share resources and information amongst all jurisdictions within Lowndes County

Collaborate and coordinate with local non-profits to meet county-wide goals

3. Analysis of Data and Information

Lowndes County

According to the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, the 2019 estimated population of Lowndes County is 117,406, an increase of 7.5% since the 2010 census population of 109,233. Lowndes County is located within the Valdosta Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) which also includes the following counties - Brooks, Echols, and Lanier. The population is 51.5% female and 48.5% male. 24.3% of the population is under age 18, and 12.5% is over age 65. There are an estimated 42,639 households. 52.7% of housing units are owner-occupied. The median home value is \$137,800 and the median gross rent is \$833.

54.7% of the population is White, 37.5% Black or African American, 1.1% Asian, 0.9% American Indian and Alaska Native, 0.5% Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 2.7% two or more races. Hispanic or Latino (of any race) are 6.0% of the population.

64.7% of the population aged 16 years and older is in the labor force. The median annual household income is \$45,683. An estimated 21.2% of people live in households with income below the federal poverty level. 5.5% of the population aged 16 years and older do not have access to a vehicle. 8.2% of the population has veteran status.

City of Dasher

According to the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, the 2019 estimated population of the City of Dasher is 937, a decrease of 12.8% since the 2010 census. The population is 52.3% female and 47.7% male. 26.4% of the population is under age 18, and 13.8% is over age 65. There are 315 households. 68.9% of housing units are owner-occupied. The median home value is \$124,700 and the median gross rent is \$781.

6.0% of the population is Black or African American and 85% White. Hispanic or Latino (of any race) are 8% of the population.

63.5% of the population aged 16 years and older is in the labor force. The median annual household income is \$53,516. 14.4% of people live in households with income below the federal