Total Population
Lamar County

Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; CAED (Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development); OPB (State Office of Planning & Budget).
Population Composition by Age
Lamar County

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Change in proportion 1990-2000:
- 0.8%
+ 3.7%
- 1.6%
- 0.5%
- 0.8%

2005 Estimated Median Age
Lamar Co. = 36.4 yrs.
GA = 34.0 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
### 2006 County Population Comparisons

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<th>County</th>
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<th>Total Rank</th>
<th>Density per sq.mi. land area</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau
Population Change: 1930-2000

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## Components of Population Change: 2000-2006
### Natural Increase & Net Migration*

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Numerical Change</th>
<th># Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
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<td>Avg. GA Co.</td>
<td>7,403</td>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Average annual estimates of annual rates per 1,000 population

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau

- LOSS
  - 0 – 6.4%
  - 6.4 – 14.4%
  - 14.4 – 34%
  - 34 – 53.4%

Avg. GA
- County = 9.1%
- GA = 14.4%
- US = 6.4%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/07)
Selected Vital Statistics

2005 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Lamar Co. 14.1, Georgia 15.5
- Unwed per 100 total births: Lamar Co. 45.5, Georgia 40.7
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Lamar Co. 34.2, Georgia 42.0
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Lamar Co. 10.4, Georgia 7.2
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: Lamar Co. 6.1, Georgia 10.7
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Lamar Co. 10.0, Georgia 8.9
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Lamar Co. 8.5, Georgia 8.5

10-yr. rates 1996-2005

2005 Lamar Co. Natality Data
- 231 total births, 105 unwed births
- 36 induced terminations
- 51 teen pregnancies
- 29 low birth weight babies

2005 Lamar Co. Mortality Data
- 171 total deaths
- 0 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2000

Lamar Co.
Not completing HS = 28.7%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 11.3%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
**Selected Public School Statistics**
**School Year 2005-06**

- **Teachers w/adv degrees**
  - Lamar Co.: 45.6%
  - Georgia: 55.2%

- **College prep certif**
  - Lamar Co.: 63.9%
  - Georgia: 73.9%

- **Class '05 Grad Rate**
  - Lamar Co.: 78.7%
  - Georgia: 70.8%

- **Gifted**
  - Lamar Co.: 4.8%
  - Georgia: 8.6%

- **Special Ed**
  - Lamar Co.: 12.1%
  - Georgia: 11.9%

- **Free/Reduc lunch**
  - Lamar Co.: 49.8%
  - Georgia: 59.4%

- **Retained in grade**
  - Lamar Co.: 4.1%
  - Georgia: 4.3%

- **Absent >15 days**
  - Lamar Co.: 3.2%
  - Georgia: 4.7%

- **HS Dropout rate**
  - Lamar Co.: 3.2%
  - Georgia: 4.7%

**Primary data source:**
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

**Lamar Co.**
K12 enrollment = 2,388
HS dropouts = 26
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $6,800
Per Capita Income: 2000-2005

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)

2005 PCI
Lamar Co. = $24,208
Georgia = $30,914
US = $34,471
Per Capita Income: 2000-2005

Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)
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<th>County</th>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)
Median Household Income
2004 Model-Based Estimates

- US: $44,334
- GEORGIA: $42,679
- GA Avg. Co.: $35,708
- LAMAR: $37,201
- BUTTS: $40,547
- HENRY: $62,437
- MONROE: $44,507
- PIKE: $47,415
- SPALDING: $36,072
- UPSON: $30,946

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/06)
Transfer Receipts: 2005
Lamar Co. Total = $87,166,000

Lamar Co.
$5,249 per capita transfer receipts
21.7% of total personal income
7.4% change in total 2004-2005

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (5/07)
## Persons Living Below Poverty Level
### 2004 Model-Based Estimates

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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/06)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2004 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family of 4 persons in 2004 = $19,307

Georgia
1,217,686 persons
13.7%

US = 12.7%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/06)
Unemployment Rates

2006 Rates
Lamar Co. = 5.6  GA = 4.6  US = 4.6
Avg. GA County = 5.0

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Business Establishments, Employment and Wages
Lamar County 2006 Annual Averages, % of Total

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/07)
Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2006

- Total GOODS Producing:
  - Agriculture: 0.6
  - Construction: 2.7
  - Manufacturing: 5.4

- Total SERVICE Producing:
  - Wholesale trade: 5.4
  - Retail trade: 11.3
  - Finance-Ins: 3.9
  - Transp-warehouse: 2.9
  - Information: 4.0
  - Prof-Sci-Tech: 1.1
  - Adm-Waste svc: 1.0
  - Health-Soc Svcs: 5.8
  - Accom-Food svc: 8.5
  - All other svcs: 5.0

- GOVERNMENT:
  - Total: 16.3

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/07)
Lamar Co. Total Value = $36,155,259

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2006
Lamar Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $461,297,033

Residential
- Lamar Co.: 41.9%
- GA Avg. Co.: 51.2%
- GA Total: 54.3%

Ag/Pref/Environ
- Lamar Co.: 9.8%
- GA Avg. Co.: 20.3%
- GA Total: 22.5%

Commercial
- Lamar Co.: 12.8%
- GA Avg. Co.: 12.8%
- GA Total: 22.2%

Industrial
- Lamar Co.: 6.2%
- GA Avg. Co.: 7.6%
- GA Total: 6.6%

Utility
- Lamar Co.: 3.6%
- GA Avg. Co.: 5.3%
- GA Total: 3.7%

Motor Vehicle
- Lamar Co.: 7.4%
- GA Avg. Co.: 7.8%
- GA Total: 6.1%

Mobile Home
- Lamar Co.: 0.6%
- GA Avg. Co.: 1.2%
- GA Total: 0.4%

Timber
- Lamar Co.: 0.2%
- GA Avg. Co.: 0.4%
- GA Total: 0.4%

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
## County Property Tax Digest Comparisons: 2006

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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
### Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax

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<th>'06 School Millage*</th>
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<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 4/07</th>
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*All tax districts are assessed an additional .250 state millage. Taxes Levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option Sales Tax, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
## Retail Sales Analysis: 2005
### Lamar Co. Total Retail Sales = $ 108,584,000

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A “pull factor” of 1.0 means that the county’s sales are what would be expected based upon the number of residents and their relative wealth.

Residents working in county = 2,493
Residents working out of county = 4,533
Total working in county = 4,392
Workers commuting into county = 1,899

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

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