Total Population
Lamar County

2015 CAED Trend: 18,724
2009 Estimate: 17,550
2000: 15,912
1990: 13,038
1980: 12,215
1970: 10,688
1960: 10,240
1950: 10,242
1940: 10,091
1930: 9,745

Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses & estimate; CAED TREND (Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development 3/10).
Population Composition by Age
Lamar County

2008 Estimated Median Age
Lamar Co. = 35.8 yrs.    GA = 34.9 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2009 County Population Comparisons

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<th>Density per sq.mi. land area</th>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/09)
Population Change: 1930-2000

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau decennial censuses
# Components of Population Change
## Natural Increase & Net Migration

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<th>Area</th>
<th>2000-2009 Numerical Change*</th>
<th>2000-2009 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM. 

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/10)

- LOSS
- 0 – 9.1%
- 9.1 – 20.1%
- 20.1 – 40.0%
- 40.0 – 77.4%

Average GA County = 12.0%
GA = 20.1%
US = 9.1%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/10)
Selected Vital Statistics

2007 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: 13.4 (Lamar Co.) vs. 15.8 (Georgia)
- Unwed per 100 total births: 43.8 (Lamar Co.) vs. 48.9 (Georgia)
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: 35.3 (Lamar Co.) vs. 38.3 (Georgia)
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: 10.7 (Lamar Co.) vs. 7.1 (Georgia)
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: 8.5 (Lamar Co.) vs. 14.9 (Georgia)
- Low birth weight per 100 births: 10.5 (Lamar Co.) vs. 9.1 (Georgia)
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: 8.7 (Lamar Co.) vs. 8.4 (Georgia)

10-yr. rates 1998-2007

- Total births per 1,000 pop: 13.4 vs. 15.8
- Unwed per 100 total births: 43.8 vs. 48.9
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: 35.3 vs. 38.3
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: 10.7 vs. 7.1
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: 8.5 vs. 14.9
- Low birth weight per 100 births: 10.5 vs. 9.1
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: 8.7 vs. 8.4

2007 Lamar Co. Natality Data
- 227 total births, 111 unwed births
- 35 induced terminations
- 50 teen pregnancies
- 29 low birth weight babies

2007 Lamar Co. Mortality Data
- 181 total deaths
- 2 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
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 2007-08

- Teachers w/adv degrees: Lamar Co. 49.4%, Georgia 57.6%
- College prep certif: Lamar Co. 62.4%, Georgia 75.4%
- HOPE Eligible: Lamar Co. 21.2%, Georgia 38.5%
- Class '08 Grad Rate: Lamar Co. 69.1%, Georgia 75.4%
- Gifted: Lamar Co. 4.8%, Georgia 9.0%
- Special Ed: Lamar Co. 12.0%, Georgia 11.2%
- Econ Disadvantaged: Lamar Co. 51.0%, Georgia 63.4%
- Retained in grade: Lamar Co. 5.8%, Georgia 4.1%
- Absent >15 days: Lamar Co. 10.5%, Georgia 9.5%
- HS Dropout rate: Lamar Co. 3.6%, Georgia 6.8%

Primary data source:
Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Lamar Co.
K12 enrollment = 2,400
HS dropouts = 56
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,647
2008 PCI
Lamar Co. = $27,473

Georgia = $34,849
US = $40,166

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/10)
Per Capita Income: 2003-2008
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/10)
## Per Capita Income: 2008

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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/10)
Median Household Income
2008 Model-Based Estimates

- US: $52,029
- GEORGIA: $50,834
- GA Avg. Co.: $41,186
- LAMAR: $41,668
- BUTTS: $45,398
- CRAWFORD: $41,429
- MONROE: $52,114
- PIKE: $57,143
- SPALDING: $41,450
- UPSON: $33,952

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (11/09)
Transfer Receipts: 2008
Lamar Co. Total = $113,277,000

- Retirement/Disab: 35.5%
- Medicare: 23.1%
- Pub Med Assist: 15.5%
- Supp Sec Inc: 2.7%
- Food Stamps: 2.5%
- Other Inc Maint: 6.8%
- Medicare: 6.8%
- Unemp: 2.6%
- Veteran Benefit: 3.4%
- All Other: 12.0%

Lamar Co.
- $6,524 per capita transfer receipts
- 24.2% of total personal income
- 11.6% change in total 2007-08

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/10)
## Persons Living Below Poverty Level
### 2008 Model-Based Estimates

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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (11/09)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2008 Model-Based Estimates

- 4.7 – 13.7%
- 13.7 – 17.8%
- 17.8 – 21.1%
- 21.1 – 24.8%
- 24.8 – 35.2%

Georgia
1,388,959 persons
14.7%

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2008 = $22,025

US = 13.2%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (11/09)
Annual Average Unemployment Rates

2009 Rates

Lamar Co. = 13.1  GA = 9.6  US = 9.3
Avg. GA County = 10.5

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Business Establishments, Employment and Wages
Lamar Co. 2008 Annual Averages, % of Total

2008 Averages
# Establishments = 284   Monthly Employment = 3,743   Weekly Wage = $563

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
Selected Employment Comparisons by Industry: 2008

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (zero may indicate no employment in sector, or undisclosed data.)
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2009
Lamar Co. Total Value = $40,829,743

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (5/10)
Components of Gross Property Tax Digest: 2008
Lamar Co. Gross Digest (40% Value) = $572,435,336

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue (preliminary avg. and total)
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue (preliminary avg. and total)
## Millage Rates, Taxes Levied, & Sales Tax Rate

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<th>'08 School Millage*</th>
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<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 4/1/10</th>
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*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. School includes bonds, if any. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. Sales Tax: 4% State not included; L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational.

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
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

Lamar County
Mean travel time to work = 28.1 min.
Ratio of IN to OUT = 0.42
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

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