Lamar County Community Profile

160th in order of county creation
November 2, 1920

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Primary data sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial censuses and estimates; GA Office of Planning & Budget projections (2012 series).
Population Composition by Age
Lamar County

2013 Median Age  Lamar Co. = 38.2 yrs.   GA = 35.9 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
## 2014 County Population Comparisons

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Total Rank</th>
<th>Density per sq.mi.</th>
<th>% Chg. 2010-14</th>
<th>Rank of % Chg.</th>
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<td>LAMAR</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/15)
Population Change: 1930-2010

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Population Change: 2000-2010

Loss
Gain < US
Gain > US but < GA
Gain > GA
Gain > 2x GA

Avg. GA County = 14.2%
GA = 18.3%
US = 9.7%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (3/11)
### Components of Population Change

**Natural Increase & Net Migration**

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<td>Avg. County</td>
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<td>1,561</td>
<td>954</td>
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<td>GEORGIA</td>
<td>408,662</td>
<td>248,226</td>
<td>151,661</td>
<td>5.4</td>
<td>4.7</td>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/15)
Selected Vital Statistics

2012 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Lamar Co. 10.9, Georgia 13.1
- Unwed per 100 total births: Lamar Co. 53.6, Georgia 45.0
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Lamar Co. 27.9, Georgia 22.4
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Lamar Co. 11.5, Georgia 7.3
- **ITOP per 1,000 females age 10-55: Lamar Co. 6.2, Georgia 9.5
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Lamar Co. 10.9, Georgia 9.4
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Lamar Co. 9.1, Georgia 7.9

2012 Lamar Co. Natality Data
- 196 total births, 105 unwed births
- 37 induced terminations
- 41 teen pregnancies
- 20 low birth weight babies

2012 Lamar Co. Mortality Data
- 207 total deaths
- 2 infant deaths

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
**ITOP—Induced Terminations of Pregnancy
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2009-2013
5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey

Percent of Persons Age 25+

- Grad or Prof Degree: Lamar Co. 5.6%, Georgia 10.2%
- Bachelor's degree: Lamar Co. 8.6%, Georgia 17.7%
- Associate degree: Lamar Co. 5.7%, Georgia 6.9%
- Some college, no degree: Lamar Co. 23.3%, Georgia 21.1%
- HS Grad: Lamar Co. 38.6%, Georgia 28.7%
- 9th-12th no diploma: Lamar Co. 11.9%, Georgia 9.5%
- <9th grade: Lamar Co. 6.3%, Georgia 5.8%

Lamar Co.
Not completing HS = 18.1%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 14.2%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2013-14

- Teachers w/adv degrees: Lamar Co. 64.9, Georgia 68.0
- HOPE Eligible: Lamar Co. 36.7, Georgia 46.0
- Class '14 Grad Rate: Lamar Co. 72.5, Georgia 89.2
- Students w/disabilities: Lamar Co. 11.2, Georgia 10.8
- Limited English Proficiency: Lamar Co. 1.0, Georgia 7.0
- Gifted: Lamar Co. 7.9, Georgia 11.4
- Special Ed: Lamar Co. 11.2, Georgia 10.8
- Free/Reduced Lunch: Lamar Co. 71.0, Georgia 62.0
- Absent >15 days: Lamar Co. 7.0, Georgia 8.2
- HS Dropout rate: Lamar Co. 2.1, Georgia 3.7

Primary data source: Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Lamar Co.
K12 enrollment = 2,483
HS dropouts = 16
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,981
## Per Capita Income: 2013

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<th>County</th>
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<td>$28,920</td>
<td>114</td>
<td>76.4</td>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
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Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/15)
Per Capita Income: 2009-2013

2013 PCI
Lamar Co. = $28,920
Georgia = $37,845
US = $44,765

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/15)
Median Household Income
2013 Model-Based Estimates

- US: $52,250
- GEORGIA: $47,765
- GA Avg. Co.: $40,594
- LAMAR: $40,915
- BUTTS: $43,330
- MONROE: $54,793
- PIKE: $52,393
- SPALDING: $39,068
- UPSON: $34,709

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/14)
Personal Current Transfer Receipts: 2013
Lamar Co. Total = $160,224,000

- Retirement/Disab: Lamar Co. 34.5%, Georgia 35.0%
- Medicare: Lamar Co. 23.3%, Georgia 22.7%
- Pub Med Assist: Lamar Co. 12.3%, Georgia 14.1%
- Supp Sec Inc: Lamar Co. 1.9%, Georgia 2.4%
- EI Tax Cred: Lamar Co. 3.3%, Georgia 4.0%
- SNAP: Lamar Co. 4.1%, Georgia 4.7%
- Other Inc Maint: Lamar Co. 2.4%, Georgia 3.0%
- Unemployment: Lamar Co. 1.8%, Georgia 2.0%
- Vet Benefits: Lamar Co. 3.8%, Georgia 4.7%
- Edu/Train Assist: Lamar Co. 9.5%
- All Other: Lamar Co. 3.1%, Georgia 3.0%

$8,922 per capita transfer receipts
30.8% of total personal income
2.2% change in total 2012-13

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/15)
Transfer Receipts as a Percentage of Total Personal Income
2008-2013

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (1/15)
### Persons Living Below Poverty Level
#### 2013 Model-Based Estimates

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<td>5,810</td>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>11,651</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/14)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2013 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2013 = $23,834

Georgia
1,849,944 Persons
19.0%

US = 15.8%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau (12/14)
Civilian Labor Force Average Annual Unemployment Rates

2014 Rates
Lamar Co. = 9.5  GA = 7.2  US = 6.2
Avg. GA County = 8.1

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
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<th>Establishment Type</th>
<th>Avg. #</th>
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<td>TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING</td>
<td>43</td>
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<td>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</td>
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<td>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</td>
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<td>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</td>
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<th>Avg. GA County</th>
<th>Georgia</th>
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<td>Service Providing</td>
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<td>Government</td>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (6/14)
Components of 2013 Property Tax Gross Digest
Lamar County

Motor Vehicle 6.9%
Mobile Home 0.3%
Timber * 0.1%
Public Utility 3.6%
Industrial 15.1%
Commercial 11.5%
Ag-Preferential-Environ-Conserv 19.4%
Residential 43.1%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $576,853,425
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $104,951,211
Net M&O Digest = $471,902,214
Value of exempt property = $7,1160,545

* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

Primary data source:
GA Dept. of Revenue
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<th>County</th>
<th>2013 County-wide Millage*</th>
<th>2013 Taxes Levied*</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 7/1/2015</th>
<th>LOST Type* as of 7/1/2015</th>
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*Countywide Includes .250 state millage. Taxes levied, but not necessarily collected. L=Local Option, S=Special Purpose, E=Educational

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Revenue
2013 Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group
Lamar Co. Total Value = $37,070,968

- Poultry-Egg: 57.9%
- Livestock: 21.1%
- Fruits-Nuts: 6.5%
- Ornamental Horticulture: 1.9%
- Forestry: 1.9%
- Row-Forage crops: 11.1%
- Other: 1.3%
- Ag Tourism: 0.02%
- Fruits-Nuts: 0.2%

Primary data source: UGA Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development
http://farmgate.caes.uga.edu/TotalValueReport.aspx data downloaded 1/13/15
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.

Commuting to Work: 2009-2013
5 Yr. Average – American Community Survey

Percentage of:

- Residents working in county: 38.5%
- Residents working out of county: 60.4%
- Residents driving to work alone: 79.9%
- Residents carpooling: 14.4%
- Residents working at home: 4.0%

Lamar Co.
Resident workers 16+ = 6,978

Travel time to work for residents not working at home:
- < 20 min. = 38.6%
- 45+ min. = 25.1%

Mean travel time to work = 30.1 minutes

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau 12/14
This study was developed to assist community leadership with their future planning and decision making.

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