Lamar County
Community Profile

160th in order of county creation
November 2, 1920

Prepared for Lamar County Cooperative Extension
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The University of Georgia • Athens, GA
Total Population
Lamar County

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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

2010 Median Age
Lamar Co. = 37.7 yrs.   GA = 35.3 yrs.

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
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<th>County</th>
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<th>Total Rank</th>
<th>Density per sq.mi.</th>
<th>% Chg. 2000-10</th>
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<td>67</td>
<td>84.6</td>
<td>-1.6</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/11)
Population Change: 1930-2010

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

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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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>4/1/2010-7/1/2012 Numerical Change*</th>
<th>4/1/2010-7/1/2012 # Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)</th>
<th>4/1/2010-7/1/2012 # Net Migration</th>
<th>7/1/2011-7/1/2012 1-yr Natural Increase Rate</th>
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<td>Avg. County</td>
<td>1,461</td>
<td>861</td>
<td>571</td>
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<td>GEORGIA</td>
<td>232,282</td>
<td>136,956</td>
<td>90,782</td>
<td>6.1</td>
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* Numerical change includes “residual” not represented in either NI or NM.

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (3/13)
Selected Vital Statistics

2010 Rates

- Total births per 1,000 pop: Lamar Co. 10.4, Georgia 14.4
- Unwed per 100 total births: Lamar Co. 56.3, Georgia 45.1
- Teen pregnancy per 1,000 females age 10-19: Lamar Co. 22.9, Georgia 31.5
- Deaths per 1,000 pop: Lamar Co. 10.5, Georgia 7.0
- Induced terminations per 1,000 females age 15-44: Lamar Co. 9.4, Georgia 14.8
- Low birth weight per 100 births: Lamar Co. 10.7, Georgia 9.2
- Infant deaths per 1,000 births: Lamar Co. 10.1, Georgia 8.2

10-yr. rates 2001-2010

- 2010 Lamar Co. Natality Data: 190 total births, 107 unwed births, 46 induced terminations, 36 teen pregnancies, 19 low birth weight babies.
- 2010 Lamar Co. Mortality Data: 193 total deaths, 0 infant deaths.

Primary data source: GA Dept. Public Health, OASIS
Highest Level of Educational Attainment: 2006-2010
5 Yr. Avg. – American Community Survey

- Grad or Prof Degree: 3.8% (Georgia: 9.7%)
- Bachelor’s degree: 5.9% (Georgia: 17.5%)
- Associate degree: 5.0% (Georgia: 6.6%)
- Some college, no degree: 19.5% (Georgia: 20.1%)
- HS Grad: 29.6% (Georgia: 42.0%)
- 9th-12th no diploma: 16.4% (Georgia: 10.4%)
- < 9th grade: 6.1% (Georgia: 7.4%)

Lamar Co.
Not completing HS = 23.8%
With a bachelor’s + degree = 9.7%

Primary data source: U.S. Census Bureau
Selected Public School Statistics
School Year 2010-11

- Teachers w/adv degrees:
  - Georgia: 65.6%
  - Lamar Co.: 72.6%

- College prep certif:
  - Georgia: 79.8%
  - Lamar Co.: 80.9%

- HOPE Eligible:
  - Georgia: 67.2%
  - Lamar Co.: 72.6%

- Class ’11 Grad Rate:
  - Georgia: 33.6%
  - Lamar Co.: 40.2%

- Gifted:
  - Georgia: 11.3%
  - Lamar Co.: 10.4%

- Special Ed:
  - Georgia: 8.8%
  - Lamar Co.: 10.4%

- Econ Disadvantaged:
  - Georgia: 9.2%
  - Lamar Co.: 10.4%

- Retained in grade:
  - Georgia: 3.6%
  - Lamar Co.: 3.6%

- Absent >15 days:
  - Georgia: 3.5%
  - Lamar Co.: 3.7%

- HS Dropout rate:
  - Georgia: 3.5%
  - Lamar Co.: 3.7%

Lamar Co.
K12 enrollment = 2,449
HS dropouts = 27
General Fund Expenditures per FTE = $7,514

Primary data source:
Governor’s Office of Student Achievement
Per Capita Income: 2007-2011

2011 PCI
Lamar Co. = $26,630
Georgia = $35,979
US = $41,560

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/13)
Per Capita Income: 2007-2011
Percentage Change

Primary data source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/13)
## Per Capita Income: 2011

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<th>County</th>
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<th>% PCI of GA Total</th>
<th>% Change in PCI 2007-2011</th>
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<td>74.0</td>
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<td>GA Avg. Co.</td>
<td>$29,704</td>
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<td>82.6</td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/13)
Median Household Income
2011 Model-Based Estimates

Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/12)
Transfer Receipts: 2011
Lamar Co. Total = $153,512,000

Percentage

- Retirement/Disab: 32.3% (Lamar Co.), 32.0% (Georgia)
- Medicare: 20.9% (Lamar Co.), 21.9% (Georgia)
- Pub Med Assist: 12.1% (Lamar Co.), 13.9% (Georgia)
- Supp Sec Inc: 1.6% (Lamar Co.), 2.2% (Georgia)
- Family Assist: 0.4% (Lamar Co.), 0.5% (Georgia)
- SNAP: 4.1% (Lamar Co.), 4.7% (Georgia)
- Other Inc Maint: 6.7% (Lamar Co.), 8.3% (Georgia)
- Unemp: 3.6% (Lamar Co.), 4.1% (Georgia)
- Veteran Benefit: 3.0% (Lamar Co.), 3.8% (Georgia)
- All Other: 15.4% (Lamar Co.)

Lamar Co. $8,438 per capita transfer receipts
31.7% of total personal income
4.3% change in total 2010-11

Primary data source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (4/13)
## Persons Living Below Poverty Level
### 2011 Model-Based Estimates

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<th># of Persons</th>
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<td><strong>GA Avg. Co.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>23.2</strong></td>
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Primary data source: U. S. Census Bureau (12/12)
Persons Living Below the Poverty Level
2011 Model-Based Estimates

Weighted average poverty threshold for a family household of 4 persons in 2011 = $23,021

Georgia
1,836,715 Persons
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19.2%
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US = 15.9%

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

2012 Rates
Lamar Co. = 10.6, GA = 9.0, US = 8.1
Avg. GA County = 10.1

Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor
## Establishments, Employment & Wages: 2011 Averages

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<th>Lamar County</th>
<th>Avg. #</th>
<th>Avg. Monthly Employment</th>
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<td><strong>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</strong></td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</strong></td>
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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/12)
Employment Comparisons by Industry Group: 2011

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Primary data source: GA Dept. of Labor (7/12)
Components of 2011 Property Tax Gross Digest
Lamar County

- Timber *: 0.2%
- Mobile Home: 0.3%
- Motor Vehicle: 6.7%
- Public Utility: 3.4%
- Industrial: 6.1%
- Commercial: 12.5%
- Residential: 50.4%
- Ag-Preferential-Environ-Conserv: 20.4%

40% Assessment Value of Property
Gross Digest = $551,910,302
Homestead & Property Exemptions = $961,76,039
Net M&O Digest = $455,734,263
Value of exempt property = $69,956,244

* Timber taxed at 100% based on previous year sales

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

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<th>County</th>
<th>2011 County-wide Millage*</th>
<th>2010 Taxes Levied* ($000)</th>
<th>Sales Tax Rate as of 4/1/2013</th>
<th>LOST Type* as of 4/1/2013</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
Farm Gate Value by Commodity Group: 2011
Lamar Co. Total Value = $47,748,921

- Poultry-Egg 46.7%
- Livestock 27.8%
- Ornamental Horticulture 13.1%
- Forestry 3.7%
- Row-Forage crops 5.9%
- Fruits-Nuts-Veges 1.0%
- Other 1.8%

Primary data source: Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, UGA (1/13)
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.

Primary data sources: Georgia Dept. of Revenue, Sales & Use Tax Unit. Pull factor calculations by Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development.
Resident workers 16+ = 7,483
Residents working in county = 2,979
Residents working out of county = 4,504

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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