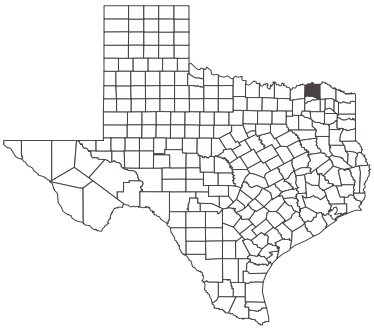
Selected Health Facts 2006

Lamar County



Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 49,787
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 60
Population Per Square Mile: 54.3
Area In Square Miles: 916.8

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	39,834	80.0%	48.2%
Hispanic	1,953	3.9%	36.1%
Black	7,113	14.3%	11.7%
Other	887	1.8%	4.0%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	1,624	1,715	3,339	6.7%	8.0%
05 - 14	3,326	3,570	6,896	13.9%	14.5%
15 - 44	9,661	9,200	18,861	37.9%	45.0%
45 - 64	6,540	6,066	12,606	25.3%	22.8%
65+	4,665	3,420	8,085	16.2%	9.8%
Total	25,816	23,971	49,787	100.0%	100.0%
County	51.9%	48.1%			
State	50.0%	50.0%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	458	159,889
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	7,154	2,548,310
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	12,036	4,313,318
Medicaid Covered Births	436	223,128
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	69.4%	56.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	4.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	$25,464	$35,162

	County	State
Average Monthly Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Enrollment	639	304,217

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	8,367	20.5%	27.6%
0 - 17 Years	1,626	13.4%	20.3%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	9,004	18.5%	16.9%
0 - 17 Years	3,373	27.3%	23.8%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	648		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	30	4.6%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	278	42.9%	39.6%
Low Birth Weight[1]	60	9.3%	8.5%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	414	61.4%	60.5%
		Rate	
Fertility Rate[1]		67.1	77.6

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	4	8.0	6.7
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	1	2.0	4.5
Gonorrhea	91	182.8	128.8
Chlamydia	165	331.4	320.4
AIDS	5	10.0	12.4
Pertussis	0	---	4.1
Varicella (Chickenpox)	17	34.1	50.1

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	563	910.2	805.1
Heart Disease	153	240.7	203.6
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	21	33.0	50.2
All Cancer	132	213.9	176.7
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	41	68.0	49.5
Female Breast Cancer	14	---	22.8
Colorectal Cancer	14	---	17.1
Male Prostrate Cancer	7	---	22.6
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	31	48.8	40.9
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	5	---	15.7

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	18	---	40.7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8	---	16.2
Diabetes	20	---	26.5
Alzheimer's	14	---	27.6
Influenza and Pneumonia	22	34.4	18.0
Assault (Homicide)	2	---	6.0
Suicide	10	---	10.2
Septicemia	9	---	13.8
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	11	---	11.0
Infant Deaths	2	---	6.2
Fetal Deaths[1]	4	---	5.5

[1] All births and deaths are by county of residence. Low birth weight represents live-born infants weighing less than 2,500 grams at birth. Fetal deaths are those occurring after 20 weeks gestation and prior to birth. Fertility rates are per 1,000 women ages 15 - 44.

[2] Disease rates are per 100,000 population. Use caution interpreting rates based on small numbers of cases.

[3] Due to a revised birth certificate in 2005, onset of prenatal care is not comparable to values published in prior years.

[4] Infant death rates are per 1,000 live births. Fetal death rates are per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths. All other death rates were age adjusted to the 2000 standard per 100,000 population. No age-adjusted rates were calculated if based on 20 or fewer deaths. Infant and fetal death rates were not calculated if 20 or fewer births or births plus fetal deaths occurred. Missing rates are indicated by "---".

[5] Current mortality rates by cause are not comparable with data reported prior to 1999. **Refer to the Data Sources Document for more detail.**