Health Facts Profile 2008

Lamar County

Demography / Population

Estimated Population: 49,861
Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 61
Population Per Square Mile: 54.4
Area In Square Miles: 916.8

Ethnicity	Total	County Percent	State Percent
Anglo	39,643	79.5%	46.6%
Hispanic	2,058	4.1%	37.5%
Black	7,229	14.5%	11.6%
Other	931	1.9%	4.3%

Relative % distribution

Anglo	██████████	79.5%
Hispanic	■	4.1%
Black	███	14.5%
Other	■	1.9%

Age	Females	Males	Total	County Percent	State Percent
00 - 04	1,611	1,689	3,300	6.6%	7.9%
05 - 14	3,327	3,468	6,795	13.6%	14.2%
15 - 44	9,420	9,152	18,572	37.2%	44.7%
45 - 64	6,666	6,211	12,877	25.8%	23.3%
65+	4,741	3,576	8,317	16.7%	9.9%
Total	25,765	24,096	49,861	100.0%	100.0%
County	51.7%	48.3%			
State	49.9%	50.1%			

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Average Monthly TANF Recipients	292	117,689
(Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)		
Average Monthly SNAP Participants	6,921	2,366,546
(Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)		
Unduplicated Count of Medicaid Clients	17,028	4,508,948
Medicaid Covered Births	527	224,937
Medicaid Births as % of Total Births	77.7%	55.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	4.9%
Per Capita Personal Income	$29,641	$37,809

	County	State
Average Monthly CHIP Enrollment	670	389,062
(Children's Health Insurance Program)		

	Number	Percent County	Percent State
Without Health Insurance			
0 - 64 Years	9,071	22.5%	25.7%
0 - 17 Years	1,552	13.1%	16.9%
Persons Living Below Poverty			
All Ages	8,353	17.4%	15.8%
0 - 17 Years	2,938	24.6%	22.5%

Natality

	Births[1]	Percent County	Percent State
Total Live Births	677		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	40	5.9%	4.9%
Unmarried Mothers	348	51.4%	41.9%
Low Birth Weight[1]	53	7.8%	8.4%
Prenatal Care in First Trimester[3]	398	59.8%	58.4%
		Rate County	Rate State
Fertility Rate[1]		71.9	76.8

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Cases	Rate[2] County	Rate[2] State
Tuberculosis	2	4.0	6.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	---	5.8
Gonorrhea	125	250.7	129.8
Chlamydia	216	433.2	405.8
AIDS	0	---	11.9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	103	206.6	8.4
Varicella (Chickenpox)	35	70.2	32.2

Mortality[5]

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Deaths from All Causes	612	949.9	808.8
Heart Disease	156	238.1	194.3
Cerebrovascular Disease ((Stroke)	38	57.5	49.4
All Cancer	141	214.2	172.4
Respiratory/Lung Cancer	55	81.1	47.0
Female Breast Cancer	4	---	22.3
Colon, Rectum and Anus	9	---	16.4
Male Prostrate Cancer	8	---	20.8
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	47	73.4	45.8
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome and Nephrosis	10	---	17.9

	Deaths[1]	Rate[4] County	Rate[4] State
Accidents	24	45.4	41.4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	13	---	15.3
Diabetes	13	---	25.4
Alzheimer's	27	39.1	28.7
Influenza and Pneumonia	18	---	18.3
Assault (Homicide)	2	---	5.9
Suicide	6	---	11.0
Septicemia	10	---	14.8
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	8	---	11.7
Infant Deaths	3	---	6.1
Fetal Deaths[1]	5	---	5.6

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[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.**