



## Lamar County Quick Facts 2018

### *Demographics*

- Lamar County's percent of population growth is -0.4%. This is significantly lower than Region 4's rate (2.9%), the state (12.6 %) and the U.S. (5.5%).
- The majority of Lamar County's population (26.1%) is between the ages of 45-64 followed by the ages of 0-17 at (23.7%).

### *Socioeconomics*

- Lamar County's per capita income is \$ 22,438. This is lower than Region 4's per capita income (\$22,678), Texas (\$27,828), and the United States (\$29,829).
- Lamar County has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest percent of single-parent households (41%) compared to the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Lamar County has a higher number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients (17.7) per a population of 100 compared to Region 4 (15.1) and the state (13.9).
- Lamar County's percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (30.5%) is higher than the regional rate (26.5%) and the state (23.9%).

### *Education*

- Lamar County's dropout rate (3.3%), is lower than the than the state rate of 6.2%, and the regional rate of 3.6.
- Lamar County has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rate of high school to college enrollment per 100 students in the region; significantly higher than that of the state (62.4 vs. 57.5) and the region (62.4 vs. 53.3).

### *Family Violence*

- Lamar County has the 6<sup>th</sup> highest rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children in the region (18.4), which is significantly higher than that of the state (18.4 vs. 8.6) and the region (18.4 vs. 13.7).

### *Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes*

- The rate of DUI fatalities per 100,000 people in Lamar County (0) is lower than that of the state rate (2.7) and the region (5.6).
- Lamar County has the highest rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 10,000 people at (52), which is significantly higher than that of the state (10.7) and the region (21.3).



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### *Texas School Survey- Youth Regional Consumption*

- **Marijuana:** Students in Regions 4&5 have **higher rates than the state** for current, school year use, and lifetime use for all grades (Grades 7-12).
- **Prescription Drugs:** Students in Regions 4&5 have **higher numbers for prescription drug use**. Regions 4&5 have the **highest reported current (30-day) use, school year use, and lifetime use for all grades and for the 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the state**. It should be noted that the reported lifetime use for 7<sup>th</sup> graders (14.4%) is not too far behind lifetime use for all grades (20.4%).
- **Prescription Drugs:** Students in Regions 4&5 have **higher reported rates than the state for the two opioid categories** ('Codeine Cough Syrup' and 'OxyContin, Percodan, Percocet, Oxycodone, Vicodin, Lortab, Lorcet, Hydrocodone').
- **Alcohol:** Students in Regions 4&5 **report substantially higher usage of alcohol in every category compared to the state**.

### *Teen Births*

- Lamar County's percent of teen pregnancies (10.6%) is higher than that of the state (8.1%) and the region (10.3%).

### *Mental Health*

- Lamar County's rate of mental health providers available per 10,000 people (10) is equal to the regional rate (10) and lower than the state rate (14).
- Of the percentage of the Medicare population that report depression, Lamar County has the 5<sup>th</sup> highest in the region (19.2%), compared to Region 4 (17.6%) and the state (17%).

### *ETCADA Substance Abuse Screenings*

- Lamar County's rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 1,000 people (2.4) is slightly lower than that of the region (2.7).

### *Health Factors*

- Lamar County ranks **#194 out of the 242 Texas counties that were ranked for social determinants of health**, which include health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical environment.
- Lamar County has **one of the highest adult smoking rates in the entire state at 18%**.

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