

Lamar County Quick Facts 2019

Demographics

- Lamar County's percent of population growth (-0.1%) is lower than Region 4's rate (3.8%). In comparison, the state (14.1 %) and the U.S. (6.0%) had significantly higher population growth rates.
- The majority of Lamar County's population (25.8%) is between the ages of 45 - 64 followed by the ages of 25 - 44 (23.7%).

Socioeconomics

- Lamar County's per capita income (\$23,558) is lower than Region 4 (\$24,028), Texas (\$28,583), and the United States (\$31,039).
- Lamar County's percent of single-parent households (41%) is higher than the region (33%) and the state (33%).
- Lamar County has a higher number of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Food Stamp recipients per a population of 1,000 (152.4) compared to Region 4 (135.5) and the state (124.7).
- Lamar County's percent of children under the age of 18 living in poverty (27.3%) is higher than the region (24.6%) and the state (22.9%).

Education

- Lamar County's dropout rate (1.6%) is lower than the state (5.9%) and the region (2.9%).
- Lamar County's rate of homeless students per 1,000 students (13.30) is lower than the state (13.37) and the region (10.22).
- Lamar County's rate of high school to college enrollment per 100 students (58.5) is higher than the state (48.9) and the region rate (51.3).

Family Violence

- Lamar County has the 8th highest rate of confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children (15.1) in the region, which is significantly higher than the state (9.0) and the region (13.3).
- In 2018, Texas had 205,215 reported victims of family violence and 200,062 reported offenders. These numbers are significantly lower than last year with 212,529 reported victims and 207,422 reported offenders. Family violence offenses include assault, murder, robbery, rape, and kidnapping/abduction.
- Lamar County reported 255 incidents of family violence in 2016.

Alcohol & Drug-Related Crimes

- Lamar County has a lower rate of DUI fatalities per 100,000 people (4.0) compared to Region 4 (7.6). However, the rate is slightly higher than the state (3.9).
- Lamar County has the highest rate of alcohol and drug-related incarcerations per 100,000 people (540.9) in the region. This is significantly higher than the region (228.1) and the state (108.6).



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Texas School Survey- Youth Regional Consumption

- *Marijuana*: Students in Regions 4&5 have lower 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 12th grade in the state.
- *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.

Mental Health

- Lamar County's rate of mental health providers available per 10,000 people (8.6) is lower than that of the state (9.6) and higher than Region 4 (6.4).
- Of the percentage of the Medicare population that report depression, Lamar County's rate (18.5%) is higher than the state (17.9%) and lower than the region (19.1%).
- Lamar County's crude suicide rate (14.9) is higher than the state (12.4) and lower than the region (17.8).

ETCADA Substance Abuse Screenings

- Lamar County's rate of ETCADA substance abuse screening calls per 100,000 people (217.2) is lower than the region (221.7).
- Lamar County's substance abuse screening callers reported the top three addictive substances they were seeking help with are marijuana, methamphetamine, and alcohol.

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 a higher Chronic Disease Combined Average Rate (549.0) than the state (416.6) and lower rate than Region 4 (516.3).
- Lamar County has a higher adult smoking rate (16%) than the state (14.3%).
- Lamar County's prescriptions per 100 people (237) is higher than both the state (133) and the region (199).
- Lamar County's percent of teen pregnancies (10.6%) is higher than that of the state (8.1%) and Region 4 (10.3%).

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