County Facts: Lamar County, GA
Population 19,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 5.7% (Lamar County), 4.7% (GA), 5.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 4.7% (Lamar County), 4.4% (GA), 4.7% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $57 (Lamar County), $53 (GA), $6.4 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: $44 (Lamar County), $44 (GA), $4.8 (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 17% (Lamar County), 16% (GA), 10% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 11% (Lamar County), 10% (GA), 1.1% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 1.7% (Lamar County), 1.3% (GA), 1.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 43% (Lamar County), 46% (GA), 32% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 16% (Lamar County), 20% (GA), 10% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 6% (Lamar County), 10% (GA), 4% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 25% (Lamar County), 20% (GA), 20% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.9% (Lamar County), 1.5% (GA), 1.5% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $4.8 (Lamar County), $5.9 (GA), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

- Gordon State College (public): 8.8%
- Georgia 4-year-college average: 9.3%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 29.8%

2-Year Colleges

- Gordon State College (public): 22.9%
- Georgia 2-year-college average: 15.6%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

Low-income share of students

- Gordon State College (public): 8.8%
- Georgia 4-year-college average: 9.1%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 9.3%

Low-income student success rate

- Gordon State College (public): 29.8%
- Georgia 4-year-college average: 48.2%
- U.S. 4-year-college average: 51.3%

- Gordon State College (public): 15.6%
- Georgia 2-year-college average: 23.5%
- U.S. 2-year-college average: 32.9%

*: Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county

Local Demographics

- Percent Black
  - Lamar County: 29%
  - GA: 32%
  - United States: 14%

- Percent Hispanic
  - Lamar County: 17%
  - GA: 9%
  - United States: 3%

- Percent over age 65
  - Lamar County: 13.6%
  - GA: 13.0%
  - United States: 10.7%

- Percent college grad
  - Lamar County: 19%
  - GA: 21%
  - United States: 10%

- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)
  - Lamar County: 84
  - GA: 76
  - United States: 17

- Lamar County
- GA
- United States
Definitions and Sources

The Local Economy
- Unemployment rate (August 2018, BLS)
- Poverty rate (2012-2016 ACS)
- Median family income (2016 ACS)
- Manufacturing share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Farming share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (BLS LAUS)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out
- Percent graduating any college (2-yr or 4-yr, Tax Data 2, N/A for some counties)
- Percent reaching upper middle-class (top 20% of the U.S. income distribution, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent achieving American Dream (share of local low-income kids—i.e. those with 25th-income-percentile parents—who reach the top 20% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent (of local female kids) giving birth as a teen (Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent landing in jail (percent of local kids in jail on 1 April 2010, Tax Data 1 and 2010 Census, N/A for some counties)
- Local school expenditure per student (in public schools, NCES, N/A for some counties)

Local Colleges and Upward Mobility
- Low-income share of students (share of age-18-22 students with bottom-20% parents, Tax Data 2)
- Low-income student success rate (share of low-income age-18-22 students who reach the top 40% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 2)

Local Demographics
- Percent Black (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent Hispanic (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent over age 65 (2010 Census)
- Percent college grad (4-yr college, 2012-2016 ACS)
- Crime rate (serious violent and property arrests per 10,000 residents, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, N/A for some counties)
- Life expectancy (at age 40, Tax Data 3, N/A for some counties)
- Opioid deaths (per 10,000 residents in 2017, CDC, N/A for some counties and some counties report population weighted commuting zone average)

Sources Legend
- ACS: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Surveys, 2012-2016
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database.
- Census: U.S. Census Bureau