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## Lamar, MO Barton County

### Location:

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At the center of America's Heartland where the Ozark Mountains meet the majestic golden prairie, you'll find an exciting environment for growth-minded businesses, all the comforts of home for growing families, and a rich experience of tourism attractions and special events for fun-seeking visitors.

Lamar/Barton County is located at the junction of U.S. Highway 71 (a four-lane highway slated for future interstate status) and U.S. 160.

### Business Climate:

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Barton Co. boasts the benefits of a small town atmosphere, nearby big city perks, & low cost of living, while remaining in the top half of MO's personal family per capita income. Economic stability, a strong heritage, unique quality of life, and local commitment to orderly growth means success for your business. We have a vibrant mix of agriculture, manufacturing, retail, and tourism.



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## Demographic Information

### Population

	2000	2001
Population:	4,425	4,602
Labor Market Population:	197,579	205,482

### Educational Attainment: Population - Age 25 Plus

	2891
Associate Degree:	4 %
Bachelor's Degree:	6 %
Graduate or Professional Degree:	5 %

## Metro Area Distances

City	Driving Distance (miles)	Flight Time	Days by Truck	Days by Rail
Atlanta, GA	695	3:10	2	5
Boston, MA	1,516	4:29	3	7
Chicago, IL	575	1:25	2	3
Dallas, TX	395	1:55	1	4
Denver, CO	730	2:05	1	3
Detroit, MI	868	3:21	2	4
Indianapolis, IN	610	2:47	2	4
Joplin, MO MSA	30		0	0
Kansas City, MO	125	:50	1	1
Los Angeles, CA	1,610	5:27	3	7

## Leading Employers

Company Name	Product or Service	Employees
Barton County Commission	County Government	33
Barton County Electric Cooperative	Rural Electric Cooperation and Internet Service Provider	43
Barton County Memorial Hospital	Community Hospital, General Acute & Emergency Services	95
City of Lamar	Municipal Government, Public Services, Utilities	42
Epoch Composite Products	Producers of Maintenance-Free Deck & Fencing	70
Finley Engineering Company, Incorporated	Telecommunications, electrical, and municipal engineering	70
Golden Business Forms	Commercial forms printer, corporate HQ	70
Lakeview Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center	Nursing Home	80
Lamar R-1 School District	K-12 Public School System & Vo-Tech School	171
O'Sullivan Furniture	Ready-to-Assemble (RTA) Home & Office Furniture	1700

## Local Government

Type of Government:	Mayor-Council
Comprehensive City Plan:	Yes
Year Plan Completed:	1994
Strategic City Plan:	Yes
Year Plan Completed:	2002
City Zoning Ordinance in Effect:	Yes
County Zoning Ordinance in Effect:	No
Percent of Streets Paved:	100.0

## Taxation Structure

Actual Valuation:	\$0.00
Bond Indebtedness	
General Obligation:	
Revenue:	
County:	
School:	
General Comments:	

## Utilities

### Water

Provider Name:	City of Lamar
Rated Capacity (mgd):	1
Average Capacity (mgd):	0
Peak Demand (mgd):	1
Storage Capacity (gallons):	1,000,000

### Sewer

Provider Name:	City of Lamar
Rated Capacity (mgd):	1
Average Daily Demand (mgd):	0
Peak Demand (mgd):	0

### Electric

Provider Name:	City of Lamar
Peak Demand (KW):	189,000
Generation Capacity (KW):	7
Customers Served (state):	2,600
Customers Served (system):	2,600

### Natural Gas

Provider Name:	Missouri Gas Energy
Pipeline Source:	MGE
Customers Served (state):	0
Customers Served (system):	0

### Telecommunications

Provider Name:	Southwestern Bell Telephone
Service Type:	Investor-Owned
DSL:	Yes
Fiber Optics:	Yes
Switch Services:	
Customers Served (state):	0
Customers Served (system):	0

## Transportation

### Interstates and Highways

4-lane U.S. Highway 71 is slated for interstate status as a key north-south corridor between Canada and the Gulf of Mexico. Lamar is located at the junction of U.S. Highway 71 and U.S. Highway 160. Currently, I-44 interstate access is only 30 minutes away.

Motor Carriers:	6
Local Terminals:	1

### Railroads

The Burlington-Northern Santa Fe RR intersects with the Missouri- Northern RR at Lamar.

Piggyback Ramp Available:	Yes
Distance to Nearest Piggyback:	0
Intermodal Services Available:	No

### Airport

General aviation airport with 2900' runway, slated for major phase expansions. Commercial air service available 30 minutes away at Joplin and 150 minutes away at Kansas City.

### Waterway

N/A

### Public Transportation Network

Truman Area Transportation Service and OATES

### General Comments

## Labor Force Characteristics

A detailed labor study report is available in pdf format at the following address:  
<http://www.bartoncounty.com/Advocate/Lamar%20Labor%20Basin.Report.pdf>

## Education

### Elementary and Secondary Education Overview

### Higher Education Overview

## Health Facilities and Personnel

Number of Hospitals:	1
Total Number of Beds:	49
Number of Outpatient Clinics:	7
Number of Medical Doctors:	12
Number of Dentists:	3
Number of Registered Nurses:	75
Number of Practitioning Nurses:	0

## Quality of Life

### Commercial Services

Number of Hotels and Motels:	2
Number of Rooms Available:	65
Number of Conference Centers:	3
Capacity of Largest Conference Center:	200

### Financial Institutions

Number of Banks:	5
Number of Savings and Loans:	0
Number of Credit Unions:	0

### Religious Institutions

All mainstream faiths are represented in Lamar and an active ministerial alliance promotes programs of public benefit. A complete list of churches is available on the web at: <http://www.bartoncounty.com/civic.htm#CHURCHES>

### Housing Market

Avg. Monthly Rent for 3-Bedroom House:	\$307.00
Avg. Monthly Rent for 2-Bedroom Apartment:	\$437.00
Avg. Cost of Houses Sold in Last 2 Years:	\$61,200.00