

Arkansas County

Arkansas County had a total population of 19,019 in 2010, making it the 38th most populous county in the state. It experienced an 8.3 percent decrease in population from 2000. With a land area of 988.5 square miles, Arkansas County's population density decreased from 21.0 persons per square mile in 2000 to 19.2 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 71.8 percent White, 24.5 percent Black or African American, and 3.7 percent Other. Of the people living in Arkansas County, 2.7 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 76.7 percent of the total population. There were a total of 9,436 housing units, of which 84.8 percent were occupied. The county seats of Arkansas County are DeWitt, with a 2010 population of 3,292 and Stuttgart, with a 2010 population of 9,326. Both experienced a population decline between 2000 and 2010, -7.3 percent and -4.3 percent, respectively.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Arkansas County		Arkansas	
		Percent		Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
DeWitt		76.0		80.0
Stuttgart		60.0		80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
DeWitt		74.0		77.0
Stuttgart		63.0		77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
DeWitt		56.0		63.0
Stuttgart		61.0		63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
DeWitt		69.0		76.0
Stuttgart		75.0		76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
DeWitt		65.0		60.0
Stuttgart		61.0		60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
DeWitt		85.4		NA
Stuttgart		74.0		NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		67.5		55.8

2. People Will Have Education and Training Needed to Compete in Today's Economy

	Arkansas County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	4,946	37.7	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	812	6.2	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	1,037	7.9	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	638	4.9	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Arkansas County		Arkansas	
		Rate/1000		Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		12.4		13.3
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	2,852	63.6	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	1,635	36.4	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	3,196	17.2	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	1,171	25.8	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	361	14.1	47,570	12.6

* - Data only available at School District Level.

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4. People Will Be Healthy

	Arkansas County		Arkansas	
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	Percent of all births		Percent of all births	
	13.5		8.9	
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	Rate/1000 births		Rate/1000 births	
	0.00		8.49	
Fluoridated Water, 2008	Percent PWS		Percent PWS	
	92.1		65.3	
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	Percent		Percent	
	68.9		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	Percent		Percent	
	42.7		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009	Percent		Percent	
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	25.0		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	Percent		Percent	
	22.7		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity	Percent		Percent	
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	31.1		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	42.2		45.9	

5. People Will Have the Economic Means to Sustain a Quality Standard of Living

	Arkansas County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	37,693		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	853		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	314		304	
Median Gross Rent	549		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	5,406	64.4	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	2,982	35.6	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		14.7		7.3

6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Arkansas County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	13		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	1		164	
Property Offense Convictions	52		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	14		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	41		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	2		705	
Total Convictions	123		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Arkansas County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		47.4		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	6.6		1,192.7	

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