

**Clay County**

Clay County had a total population of 16,083 in 2010, making it the 50th most populous county in the state. It experienced an 8.7 percent decrease in population from 2000. With a land area of 639.3 square miles, Clay County's population density decreased from 27.5 persons per square mile in 2000 to 25.2 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 97.5 percent White, 0.3 percent Black or African American, and 2.1 percent Other. Of the people living in Clay County, 1.3 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 77.7 percent of the total population. There were a total of 8,031 housing units, of which 85.2 percent were occupied. The county seats of Clay County are Corning, with a 2010 population of 3,377 and Piggott, with a 2010 population of 3,849. Both experienced a population decline between 2000 and 2010, -8.2 percent and -1.2 percent, respectively.

**1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically**

	Clay County		Arkansas	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Corning	80.0		80.0	
Piggott	90.0		80.0	
Rector	79.0		80.0	
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Corning	78.0		77.0	
Piggott	85.0		77.0	
Rector	74.0		77.0	
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Corning	62.0		63.0	
Piggott	71.0		63.0	
Rector	63.0		63.0	
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Corning	81.0		76.0	
Piggott	80.0		76.0	
Rector	74.0		76.0	
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Corning	38.0		60.0	
Piggott	37.0		60.0	
Rector	67.0		60.0	
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
Corning	94.9		NA	
Piggott	79.6		NA	
Rector	90.5		NA	
Remediation Rate, 2009	53.8		55.8	

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

	Clay County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	4,512	39.6	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	616	5.4	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	687	6.0	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	382	3.3	117,979	6.3

**3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing**

	Clay County		Arkansas	
	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		15.5		13.3
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	2,587	74.7	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	878	25.3	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	3,123	20.3	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	957	28.9	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	554	17.5	47,570	12.6

\* - Data only available at School District Level.

NA - Graduation rate for Arkansas is not comparable to school district rate.

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**4. People Will Be Healthy**

	Clay County		Arkansas	
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	Percent of all births		Percent of all births	
	6.7		8.9	
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	Rate/1000 births		Rate/1000 births	
	10.00		8.49	
Fluoridated Water, 2008	Percent PWS		Percent PWS	
	48.8		65.3	
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	Percent		Percent	
	64.6		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	Percent		Percent	
	43.6		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009 Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	Percent		Percent	
	33.5		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	Percent		Percent	
	24.2		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity	Percent		Percent	
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	31.7		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	43.8		45.9	

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

	Clay County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	30,568		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	746		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	281		304	
Median Gross Rent	435		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	5,317	74.2	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	1,846	25.8	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		10.6		7.3

**6. Communities Will Be Safe**

	Clay County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	10		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	0		164	
Property Offense Convictions	30		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	8		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	38		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	4		705	
Total Convictions	90		19,259	

**7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community**

	Clay County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		38.7		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	2.8		1,192.7	

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