

**Columbia County**

Columbia County had a total population of 24,552 in 2010, making it the 29th most populous county in the state. It experienced a 4.1 percent decrease in population from 2000. With a land area of 766.1 square miles, Columbia County's population density decreased from 33.4 persons per square mile in 2000 to 32.0 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 59.9 percent White, 36.9 percent Black or African American, and 3.2 percent Other. Of the people living in Columbia County, 2.2 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 77.2 percent of the total population. There were a total of 11,596 housing units, of which 84.2 percent were occupied. The county seat of Columbia County is Magnolia. It had a 2010 population of 1,577, which reflects a growth of 6.6 percent since 2000.

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

	Columbia County		Arkansas	
	Percent		Percent	
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Magnolia	61.0		80.0	
Emerson-Taylor	83.0		80.0	
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Magnolia	61.0		77.0	
Emerson-Taylor	89.0		77.0	
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Magnolia	59.0		63.0	
Emerson-Taylor	77.0		63.0	
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Magnolia	70.0		76.0	
Emerson-Taylor	88.0		76.0	
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Magnolia	50.0		60.0	
Emerson-Taylor	69.0		60.0	
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
Magnolia	89.4		NA	
Emerson-Taylor	90.0		NA	
Remediation Rate, 2009	58.3		55.8	

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

	Columbia County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	6,117	38.9	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	855	5.4	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	2,033	12.9	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	1,057	6.7	117,979	6.3

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

	Columbia County		Arkansas	
	Rate/1000		Rate/1000	
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009	19.6		13.3	
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	2,951	53.3	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	2,583	46.7	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	5,793	25.7	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	1,852	34.2	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	587	16.6	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**

	Columbia County		Arkansas	
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	Percent of all births		Percent of all births	
	9.4		8.9	
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	Rate/1000 births		Rate/1000 births	
	9.20		8.49	
Fluoridated Water, 2008	Percent PWS		Percent PWS	
	0.0		65.3	
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	Percent		Percent	
	70.0		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	Percent		Percent	
	44.5		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009	Percent		Percent	
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	38.1		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	Percent		Percent	
	20.9		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity	Percent		Percent	
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	27.7		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	58.1		45.9	

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

	Columbia County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	32,620		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	865		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	299		304	
Median Gross Rent	505		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	7,145	69.6	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	3,121	30.4	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		9.1		7.3

**6. Communities Will Be Safe**

	Columbia County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	33		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	1		164	
Property Offense Convictions	55		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	9		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	34		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	1		705	
Total Convictions	133		19,259	

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

	Columbia County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		42.1		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	10.9		1,192.7	

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