

Craighead County

Craighead County had a total population of 96,443 in 2010, making it the 7th most populous county in the state. It experienced a 17.4 percent increase in population from 2000. With a land area of 710.8 square miles, Craighead County's population density increased from 115.6 persons per square mile in 2000 to 135.7 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 81.2 percent White, 13.1 percent Black or African American, and 5.7 percent Other. Of the people living in Craighead County, 4.4 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 75.0 percent of the total population. There were a total of 40,515 housing units, of which 92.0 percent were occupied. The county seats of Craighead County are Jonesboro, with a 2010 population of 67,263 and Lake City, with a 2010 population of 2,082. Both experienced a population growth between 2000 and 2010, 21.2 percent and 6.4 percent, respectively.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Craighead County	Arkansas
	Percent	Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Bay	77.0	80.0
Westside Consolidated	84.0	80.0
Brookland	87.0	80.0
Buffalo Island Central	93.0	80.0
Jonesboro	73.0	80.0
Nettleton	81.0	80.0
Valley View	95.0	80.0
Riverside	82.0	80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Bay	79.0	77.0
Westside Consolidated	73.0	77.0
Brookland	91.0	77.0
Buffalo Island Central	82.0	77.0
Jonesboro	65.0	77.0
Nettleton	80.0	77.0
Valley View	93.0	77.0
Riverside	78.0	77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Bay	66.0	63.0
Westside Consolidated	71.0	63.0
Brookland	53.0	63.0
Buffalo Island Central	41.0	63.0
Jonesboro	63.0	63.0
Nettleton	57.0	63.0
Valley View	83.0	63.0
Riverside	62.0	63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Bay	66.0	76.0
Westside Consolidated	77.0	76.0
Brookland	71.0	76.0
Buffalo Island Central	72.0	76.0
Jonesboro	73.0	76.0
Nettleton	75.0	76.0
Valley View	92.0	76.0
Riverside	73.0	76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Bay	44.0	60.0
Westside Consolidated	68.0	60.0
Brookland	53.0	60.0
Buffalo Island Central	77.0	60.0
Jonesboro	61.0	60.0
Nettleton	60.0	60.0
Valley View	80.0	60.0
Riverside	47.0	60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*		
Bay	75.8	NA
Westside Consolidated	91.8	NA
Brookland	89.9	NA
Buffalo Island Central	77.3	NA
Jonesboro	76.4	NA
Nettleton	90.9	NA
Valley View	92.4	NA
Riverside	87.8	NA
Remediation Rate, 2009	46.7	55.8

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

	Craighead County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	21,248	35.9	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	2,510	4.2	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	8,495	14.3	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	4,910	8.3	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Craighead County		Arkansas	
	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		13.7		13.3
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	14,134	64.2	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	7,871	35.8	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	16,615	17.9	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	5,742	24.9	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	1,156	11.4	47,570	12.6

4. People Will Be Healthy

	Craighead County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	8.5		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	6.93		8.49	
	Percent PWS	Percent PWS	Percent PWS	Percent PWS
Fluoridated Water, 2008	86.9		65.3	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	67.9		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	37.5		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	29.2		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	21.3		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	33.3		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	38.3		45.9	

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

	Craighead County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	39,526		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	949		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	294		304	
Median Gross Rent	591		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	21,930	62.4	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	13,229	37.6	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		6.5		7.3

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6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Craighead County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	105		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	2		164	
Property Offense Convictions	349		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	49		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	252		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	38		705	
Total Convictions	795		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Craighead County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		42.0		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	38.0		1,192.7	

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