

Garland County

Garland County had a total population of 96,024 in 2010, making it the 8th most populous county in the state. It experienced a 9.0 percent increase in population from 2000. With a land area of 677.2 square miles, Garland County’s population density increased from 130.0 persons per square mile in 2000 to 141.8 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 86.4 percent White, 7.9 percent Black or African American, and 5.7 percent Other. Of the people living in Garland County, 4.8 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 79.1 percent of the total population. There were a total of 50,548 housing units, of which 81.1 percent were occupied. The county seat of Garland County is Hot Springs. It had a 2010 population of 35,193, which reflects a decline of -1.6 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Garland County	Arkansas
	Percent	Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Cutter-Morning Star	98.0	80.0
Fountain Lake	79.0	80.0
Hot Springs	79.0	80.0
Jessieville	77.0	80.0
Lake Hamilton	90.0	80.0
Lakeside	94.0	80.0
Mountain Pine	70.0	80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Cutter-Morning Star	92.0	77.0
Fountain Lake	80.0	77.0
Hot Springs	69.0	77.0
Jessieville	70.0	77.0
Lake Hamilton	90.0	77.0
Lakeside	91.0	77.0
Mountain Pine	62.0	77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Cutter-Morning Star	59.0	63.0
Fountain Lake	69.0	63.0
Hot Springs	51.0	63.0
Jessieville	69.0	63.0
Lake Hamilton	79.0	63.0
Lakeside	79.0	63.0
Mountain Pine	46.0	63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Cutter-Morning Star	81.0	76.0
Fountain Lake	74.0	76.0
Hot Springs	58.0	76.0
Jessieville	83.0	76.0
Lake Hamilton	84.0	76.0
Lakeside	88.0	76.0
Mountain Pine	66.0	76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Cutter-Morning Star	44.0	60.0
Fountain Lake	60.0	60.0
Hot Springs	66.0	60.0
Jessieville	84.0	60.0
Lake Hamilton	67.0	60.0
Lakeside	63.0	60.0
Mountain Pine	44.0	60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*		
Cutter-Morning Star	77.5	NA
Fountain Lake	74.6	NA
Hot Springs	48.8	NA
Jessieville	85.4	NA
Lake Hamilton	81.7	NA
Lakeside	90.1	NA
Mountain Pine	86.3	NA
Remediation Rate, 2009	63.6	55.8

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

	Garland County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	22,917	33.2	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	4,966	7.2	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	9,277	13.4	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	4,287	6.2	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Garland County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		Rate/1000		Rate/1000
		11.5		13.3
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	12,584	62.7	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	7,485	37.3	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	14,205	14.7	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	4,794	23.6	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	1,889	9.6	47,570	12.6

4. People Will Be Healthy

	Garland County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	8.6	8.9		
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births		
	9.95	8.49		
Fluoridated Water, 2008	Percent PWS	Percent PWS		
	0.0	65.3		
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	Percent	Percent		
	68.4	65.7		
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	34.8	38.0		
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	32.7	30.0		
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	20.7	22.3		
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	29.4	29.7		
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	45.8	45.9		

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

	Garland County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	37,427		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	971		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	298		304	
Median Gross Rent	633		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	27,445	71.0	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	11,235	29.0	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		7.1		7.3

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6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Garland County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	35		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	1		164	
Property Offense Convictions	164		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	24		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	128		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	18		705	
Total Convictions	370		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Garland County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		42.5		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	53.0		1,192.7	

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