

**Hempstead County**

Hempstead County had a total population of 22,609 in 2010, making it the 31st most populous county in the state. It experienced a 4.1 percent decrease in population from 2000. With a land area of 728.8 square miles, Hempstead County's population density decreased from 32.4 persons per square mile in 2000 to 31.0 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 59.4 percent White, 29.4 percent Black or African American, and 11.2 percent Other. Of the people living in Hempstead County, 12.0 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 74.0 percent of the total population. There were a total of 10,419 housing units, of which 84.8 percent were occupied. The county seat of Hempstead County is Hope. It had a 2010 population of 10,095, which reflects a decline of -4.9 percent since 2000.

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

	Hempstead County		Arkansas	
		Percent		Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Blevins		52.0		80.0
Hope		64.0		80.0
Spring Hill		97.0		80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Blevins		61.0		77.0
Hope		62.0		77.0
Spring Hill		92.0		77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Blevins		46.0		63.0
Hope		44.0		63.0
Spring Hill		68.0		63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Blevins		73.0		76.0
Hope		73.0		76.0
Spring Hill		75.0		76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Blevins		62.0		60.0
Hope		46.0		60.0
Spring Hill		52.0		60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
Blevins		80.9		NA
Hope		88.1		NA
Spring Hill		76.5		NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		63.3		55.8

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

	Hempstead County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	6,019	40.4	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	554	3.7	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	1,492	10.0	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	580	3.9	117,979	6.3

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

	Hempstead County		Arkansas	
		Rate/1000		Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		12.7		13.3
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	3,735	63.0	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	2,189	37.0	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	6,189	27.3	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	2,419	41.9	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	243	10.6	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**

	Hempstead County		Arkansas	
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	Percent of all births		Percent of all births	
	10.6		8.9	
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	Rate/1000 births		Rate/1000 births	
	5.09		8.49	
Fluoridated Water, 2008	Percent PWS		Percent PWS	
	87.8		65.3	
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	Percent		Percent	
	74.5		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	Percent		Percent	
	41.9		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009	Percent		Percent	
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	26.6		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	Percent		Percent	
	30.9		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity	Percent		Percent	
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	34.6		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	40.1		45.9	

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

	Hempstead County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	30,735		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	777		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	277		304	
Median Gross Rent	522		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	6,013	67.2	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	2,936	32.8	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		7.7		7.3

**6. Communities Will Be Safe**

	Hempstead County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Violent Offense Convictions	44		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	0		164	
Property Offense Convictions	110		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	20		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	82		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	5		705	
Total Convictions	261		19,259	

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

	Hempstead County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		44.5		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	4.7		1,192.7	

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