

Independence County

Independence County had a total population of 36,647 in 2010, making it the 21st most populous county in the state. It experienced a 7.1 percent increase in population from 2000. With a land area of 763.8 square miles, Independence County's population density increased from 44.8 persons per square mile in 2000 to 48.0 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 91.9 percent White, 2.0 percent Black or African American, and 6.1 percent Other. Of the people living in Independence County, 5.8 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 76.0 percent of the total population. There were a total of 16,187 housing units, of which 88.9 percent were occupied. The county seat of Independence County is Batesville. It had a 2010 population of 10,248, which reflects a growth of 8.5 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

| | Independence County | Arkansas |
|--|---------------------|----------|
| | Percent | Percent |
| Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010* | | |
| Batesville | 81.0 | 80.0 |
| Southside | 80.0 | 80.0 |
| Midland | 88.0 | 80.0 |
| Cedar Ridge | 81.0 | 80.0 |
| Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010* | | |
| Batesville | 79.0 | 77.0 |
| Southside | 91.0 | 77.0 |
| Midland | 58.0 | 77.0 |
| Cedar Ridge | 88.0 | 77.0 |
| Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010* | | |
| Batesville | 75.0 | 63.0 |
| Southside | 78.0 | 63.0 |
| Midland | 64.0 | 63.0 |
| Cedar Ridge | 55.0 | 63.0 |
| Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010* | | |
| Batesville | 80.0 | 76.0 |
| Southside | 79.0 | 76.0 |
| Midland | 83.0 | 76.0 |
| Cedar Ridge | 79.0 | 76.0 |
| Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010* | | |
| Batesville | 71.0 | 60.0 |
| Southside | 77.0 | 60.0 |
| Midland | 79.0 | 60.0 |
| Cedar Ridge | 49.0 | 60.0 |
| Graduation Rate, 2009* | | |
| Batesville | 91.0 | NA |
| Southside | 87.8 | NA |
| Midland | 92.7 | NA |
| Cedar Ridge | 97.9 | NA |
| Remediation Rate, 2009 | 60.0 | 55.8 |

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

| | Independence County | | Arkansas | |
|--|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009 | 9,065 | 39.0 | 660,625 | 35.4 |
| Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009 | 1,364 | 5.9 | 104,844 | 5.6 |
| Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009 | 2,118 | 9.1 | 235,419 | 12.6 |
| Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009 | 1,262 | 5.4 | 117,979 | 6.3 |

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

| | Independence County | | Arkansas | |
|--|---------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009 | | Rate/1000 | | Rate/1000 |
| | | 12.7 | | 13.3 |
| Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009 | | | | |
| Children in Married Couple Families | 5,674 | 70.5 | 453,987 | 65.6 |
| Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families | 2,375 | 29.5 | 237,923 | 34.4 |
| Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009 | 7,023 | 20.8 | 519,026 | 18.5 |
| Children Living in Poverty, 2009 | 2,377 | 29.1 | 185,268 | 26.6 |
| Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009 | 774 | 15.7 | 47,570 | 12.6 |

4. People Will Be Healthy

| | Independence County | | Arkansas | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Percent of all births | Percent of all births | Percent of all births | Percent of all births |
| Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009 | 9.9 | | 8.9 | |
| Infant Mortality Rate, 2009 | | Rate/1000 births | | Rate/1000 births |
| | | 8.49 | | 8.49 |
| Fluoridated Water, 2008 | | Percent PWS | | Percent PWS |
| | | 46.9 | | 65.3 |
| Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008 | | Percent | | Percent |
| | | 72.0 | | 65.7 |
| Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10) | | | | |
| | | 41.0 | | 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 | | 26.3 | | 22.3 |
| Physical Activity/Inactivity | | | | |
| No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008 | | 28.6 | | 29.7 |
| Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007 | | 43.3 | | 45.9 |

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

| | Independence County | | Arkansas | |
|---|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Median Household Income (dollars), 2009 | 34,487 | | 37,888 | |
| Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009 | | | | |
| Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage | 790 | | 953 | |
| Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage | 269 | | 304 | |
| Median Gross Rent | 556 | | 600 | |
| Home Ownership, 2005-2009 | | | | |
| Owner Occupied Housing Units | 10,567 | 73.2 | 749,491 | 67.5 |
| Renter Occupied Housing Units | 3,864 | 26.8 | 360,144 | 32.5 |
| Unemployment Rate, 2009 | | 8.2 | | 7.3 |

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6. Communities Will Be Safe

| | Independence County | | Arkansas | |
|--|---------------------|--|----------|--|
| | Number | | Number | |
| Violent Offense Convictions | 11 | | 2,866 | |
| Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults | 0 | | 164 | |
| Property Offense Convictions | 83 | | 7,407 | |
| Public Offense Convictions | 15 | | 1,520 | |
| Drug Offense Convictions | 54 | | 6,597 | |
| Other Offense Convictions | 3 | | 705 | |
| Total Convictions | 166 | | 19,259 | |

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

| | Independence County | | Arkansas | |
|--|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Voter Participation, 2010 | | 52.0 | | 47.6 |
| Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006 | 9.4 | | 1,192.7 | |

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