

Jackson County

Jackson County had a total population of 17,997 in 2010, making it the 41st most populous county in the state. It experienced a 2.3 percent decrease in population from 2000. With a land area of 633.5 square miles, Jackson County's population density decreased from 29.1 persons per square mile in 2000 to 28.4 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 79.8 percent White, 16.7 percent Black or African American, and 3.5 percent Other. Of the people living in Jackson County, 2.4 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 79.3 percent of the total population. There were a total of 7,601 housing units, of which 88.5 percent were occupied. The county seat of Jackson County is Newport. It had a 2010 population of 7,879, which reflects a growth of 0.9 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Jackson County		Arkansas	
		Percent		Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Newport		76.0		80.0
Jackson County		93.0		80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Newport		78.0		77.0
Jackson County		89.0		77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Newport		68.0		63.0
Jackson County		75.0		63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Newport		73.0		76.0
Jackson County		81.0		76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Newport		56.0		60.0
Jackson County		52.0		60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
Newport		80.1		NA
Jackson County		93.9		NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		68.7		55.8

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

	Jackson County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	4,878	41.5	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	486	4.1	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	681	5.8	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	306	2.6	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Jackson County		Arkansas	
		Rate/1000		Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		18.3		13.3
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	2,176	59.1	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	1,504	40.9	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	4,108	28.4	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	1,336	38.0	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	421	19.1	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

	Jackson County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births		Percent of all births	
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	9.2		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births		Rate/1000 births	
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	15.15		8.49	
	Percent PWS		Percent PWS	
Fluoridated Water, 2008	60.4		65.3	
	Percent		Percent	
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	69.8		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	45.5		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	32.1		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	21.6		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	32.6		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	38.6		45.9	

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

	Jackson County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	28,987		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	715		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	311		304	
Median Gross Rent	457		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	4,455	64.9	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	2,407	35.1	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009	10.3		7.3	

6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Jackson County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	29		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	2		164	
Property Offense Convictions	39		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	20		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	61		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	3		705	
Total Convictions	154		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Jackson County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010	42.7		47.6	
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	3.0		1,192.7	

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