

Jefferson County

Jefferson County had a total population of 77,435 in 2010, making it the 9th most populous county in the state. It experienced an 8.1 percent decrease in population from 2000. With a land area of 884.8 square miles, Jefferson County’s population density decreased from 95.2 persons per square mile in 2000 to 87.5 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 42.0 percent White, 55.1 percent Black or African American, and 2.9 percent Other. Of the people living in Jefferson County, 1.6 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 76.2 percent of the total population. There were a total of 33,006 housing units, of which 87.5 percent were occupied. The county seat of Jefferson County is Pine Bluff. It had a 2010 population of 49,083, which reflects a decline of -10.9 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

| | Jefferson County | Arkansas |
|--|------------------|----------|
| | Percent | Percent |
| Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010* | | |
| Dollarway | 71.0 | 80.0 |
| Pine Bluff | 57.0 | 80.0 |
| Watson Chapel | 61.0 | 80.0 |
| White Hall | 82.0 | 80.0 |
| Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010* | | |
| Dollarway | 62.0 | 77.0 |
| Pine Bluff | 57.0 | 77.0 |
| Watson Chapel | 61.0 | 77.0 |
| White Hall | 84.0 | 77.0 |
| Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010* | | |
| Dollarway | 26.0 | 63.0 |
| Pine Bluff | 26.0 | 63.0 |
| Watson Chapel | 41.0 | 63.0 |
| White Hall | 68.0 | 63.0 |
| Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010* | | |
| Dollarway | 42.0 | 76.0 |
| Pine Bluff | 50.0 | 76.0 |
| Watson Chapel | 71.0 | 76.0 |
| White Hall | 75.0 | 76.0 |
| Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010* | | |
| Dollarway | 34.0 | 60.0 |
| Pine Bluff | 29.0 | 60.0 |
| Watson Chapel | 41.0 | 60.0 |
| White Hall | 49.0 | 60.0 |
| Graduation Rate, 2009* | | |
| Dollarway | 65.4 | NA |
| Pine Bluff | 70.2 | NA |
| Watson Chapel | 75.6 | NA |
| White Hall | 87.6 | NA |
| Remediation Rate, 2009 | 64.4 | 55.8 |

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

| | Jefferson County | | Arkansas | |
|--|------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009 | 19,660 | 38.2 | 660,625 | 35.4 |
| Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009 | 2,204 | 4.3 | 104,844 | 5.6 |
| Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009 | 5,914 | 11.5 | 235,419 | 12.6 |
| Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009 | 2,601 | 5.1 | 117,979 | 6.3 |

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

| | Jefferson County | | Arkansas | |
|--|------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009 | | Rate/1000 | | Rate/1000 |
| | | 19.8 | | 13.3 |
| Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009 | | | | |
| Children in Married Couple Families | 9,032 | 46.0 | 453,987 | 65.6 |
| Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families | 10,594 | 54.0 | 237,923 | 34.4 |
| Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009 | 17,939 | 24.7 | 519,026 | 18.5 |
| Children Living in Poverty, 2009 | 5,900 | 31.3 | 185,268 | 26.6 |
| Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009 | 1,328 | 13.4 | 47,570 | 12.6 |

4. People Will Be Healthy

| | Jefferson County | | Arkansas | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Percent of all births | Percent of all births | Percent of all births | Percent of all births |
| Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009 | 13.7 | | 8.9 | |
| Infant Mortality Rate, 2009 | | Rate/1000 births | | Rate/1000 births |
| | | 10.36 | | 8.49 |
| Fluoridated Water, 2008 | | Percent PWS | | Percent PWS |
| | | 69.5 | | 65.3 |
| Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008 | | Percent | | Percent |
| | | 66.4 | | 65.7 |
| Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10) | | Percent | | Percent |
| | | 40.6 | | 38.0 |
| Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009 | | | | |
| Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined) | | 27.5 | | 30.0 |
| Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008 | | 25.5 | | 22.3 |
| Physical Activity/Inactivity | | | | |
| No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008 | | 29.1 | | 29.7 |
| Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007 | | 41.5 | | 45.9 |

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

| | Jefferson County | | Arkansas | |
|---|------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Median Household Income (dollars), 2009 | 34,389 | | 37,888 | |
| Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009 | | | | |
| Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage | 858 | | 953 | |
| Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage | 333 | | 304 | |
| Median Gross Rent | 607 | | 600 | |
| Home Ownership, 2005-2009 | | | | |
| Owner Occupied Housing Units | 19,407 | 64.3 | 749,491 | 67.5 |
| Renter Occupied Housing Units | 10,761 | 35.7 | 360,144 | 32.5 |
| Unemployment Rate, 2009 | | 9.2 | | 7.3 |

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6. Communities Will Be Safe

| | Jefferson County | | Arkansas | |
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| | Number | | Number | |
| Violent Offense Convictions | 79 | | 2,866 | |
| Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults | 0 | | 164 | |
| Property Offense Convictions | 213 | | 7,407 | |
| Public Offense Convictions | 23 | | 1,520 | |
| Drug Offense Convictions | 96 | | 6,597 | |
| Other Offense Convictions | 28 | | 705 | |
| Total Convictions | 439 | | 19,259 | |

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

| | Jefferson County | | Arkansas | |
|--|------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Voter Participation, 2010 | | 37.4 | | 47.6 |
| Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006 | 35.6 | | 1,192.7 | |

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