

Lawrence County

Lawrence County had a total population of 17,415 in 2010, making it the 45th most populous county in the state. It experienced a 2.0 percent decrease in population from 2000. With a land area of 586.6 square miles, Lawrence County’s population density decreased from 30.3 persons per square mile in 2000 to 29.7 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 97.3 percent White, 0.8 percent Black or African American, and 1.9 percent Other. Of the people living in Lawrence County, 0.9 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 77.1 percent of the total population. There were a total of 8,000 housing units, of which 86.7 percent were occupied. The county seat of Lawrence County is Walnut Ridge. It had a 2010 population of 4,890, which reflects a decline of -0.7 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Lawrence County	Arkansas
	Percent	Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Hoxie	66.0	80.0
Sloan-Hendrix	75.0	80.0
Hillcrest	67.0	80.0
Lawrence County	77.0	80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Hoxie	76.0	77.0
Sloan-Hendrix	77.0	77.0
Hillcrest	74.0	77.0
Lawrence County	73.0	77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Hoxie	66.0	63.0
Sloan-Hendrix	62.0	63.0
Hillcrest	60.0	63.0
Lawrence County	79.0	63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Hoxie	69.0	76.0
Sloan-Hendrix	69.0	76.0
Hillcrest	66.0	76.0
Lawrence County	75.0	76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Hoxie	61.0	60.0
Sloan-Hendrix	50.0	60.0
Hillcrest	59.0	60.0
Lawrence County	60.0	60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*		
Hoxie	83.0	NA
Sloan-Hendrix	98.1	NA
Hillcrest	84.8	NA
Lawrence County	77.9	NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		
	64.2	55.8

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

	Lawrence County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	4,491	39.0	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	491	4.3	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	845	7.3	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	384	3.3	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Lawrence County		Arkansas	
	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		14.8		13.3
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	2,816	73.9	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	995	26.1	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	3,812	23.5	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	1,305	34.5	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	425	15.5	47,570	12.6

4. People Will Be Healthy

	Lawrence County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	8.4		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	17.86		8.49	
	Percent PWS	Percent PWS	Percent PWS	Percent PWS
Fluoridated Water, 2008	45.9		65.3	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	68.4		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	39.8		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	26.1		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	25.0		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	34.8		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	40.7		45.9	

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

	Lawrence County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	31,045		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	691		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	276		304	
Median Gross Rent	464		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	4,855	68.7	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	2,214	31.3	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		8.6		7.3

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6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Lawrence County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	15		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	1		164	
Property Offense Convictions	47		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	10		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	53		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	3		705	
Total Convictions	129		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Lawrence County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		44.5		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	3.1		1,192.7	

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