

Little River County

Little River County had a total population of 13,171 in 2010, making it the 55th most populous county in the state. It experienced a 3.4 percent decrease in population from 2000. With a land area of 531.7 square miles, Little River County's population density decreased from 25.6 persons per square mile in 2000 to 24.8 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 75.5 percent White, 19.1 percent Black or African American, and 5.4 percent Other. Of the people living in Little River County, 2.7 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 6,460 housing units, of which 83.8 percent were occupied. The county seat of Little River County is Ashdown. It had a 2010 population of 4,723, which reflects a decline of -1.2 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Little River County		Arkansas	
		Percent		Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Ashdown		72.0		80.0
Foremen		86.0		80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Ashdown		56.0		77.0
Foremen		73.0		77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Ashdown		51.0		63.0
Foremen		46.0		63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Ashdown		60.0		76.0
Foremen		62.0		76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Ashdown		59.0		60.0
Foremen		79.0		60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
Ashdown		86.6		NA
Foremen		85.9		NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		61.4		55.8

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

	Little River County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	3,204	36.4	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	640	7.3	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	805	9.1	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	320	3.6	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Little River County		Arkansas	
		Rate/1000		Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		14.8		13.3
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	2,128	73.2	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	781	26.8	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	1,933	15.1	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	715	25.1	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	193	10.5	47,570	12.6

* - Data only available at School District Level.

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4. People Will Be Healthy

	Little River County		Arkansas	
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	Percent of all births		Percent of all births	
	13.0		8.9	
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	Rate/1000 births		Rate/1000 births	
	6.37		8.49	
Fluoridated Water, 2008	Percent PWS		Percent PWS	
	0.0		65.3	
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	Percent		Percent	
	73.9		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	Percent		Percent	
	43.0		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	Percent		Percent	
	29.9		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	Percent		Percent	
	29.3		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	Percent		Percent	
	32.8		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	Percent		Percent	
	37.9		45.9	

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

	Little River County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	34,776		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	743		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	281		304	
Median Gross Rent	459		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	3,915	71.0	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	1,598	29.0	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009	5.5		7.3	

6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Little River County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	7		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	0		164	
Property Offense Convictions	36		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	8		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	26		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	0		705	
Total Convictions	77		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Little River County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010	45.4		47.6	
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	2.7		1,192.7	

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