

Monroe County

Monroe County had a total population of 8,149 in 2010, making it the 71st most populous county in the state. It experienced a 20.5 percent decrease in population from 2000. With a land area of 606.7 square miles, Monroe County's population density decreased from 16.9 persons per square mile in 2000 to 13.4 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 56.3 percent White, 40.9 percent Black or African American, and 2.8 percent Other. Of the people living in Monroe County, 1.6 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 77.4 percent of the total population. There were a total of 4,455 housing units, of which 78.1 percent were occupied. The county seat of Monroe County is Clarendon. It had a 2010 population of 1,664, which reflects a decline of -15.1 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Monroe County		Arkansas	
		Percent		Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Brinkley		89.0		80.0
Clarendon		68.0		80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Brinkley		73.0		77.0
Clarendon		70.0		77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Brinkley		49.0		63.0
Clarendon		45.0		63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Brinkley		60.0		76.0
Clarendon		71.0		76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Brinkley		31.0		60.0
Clarendon		43.0		60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
Brinkley		83.2		NA
Clarendon		73.7		NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		65.7		55.8

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

	Monroe County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	1,905	32.7	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	312	5.4	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	448	7.7	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	190	3.3	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Monroe County		Arkansas	
		Rate/1000		Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		19.9		13.3
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	974	47.2	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	1,089	52.8	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	2,206	27.5	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	705	37.8	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	336	23.4	47,570	12.6

* - Data only available at School District Level.

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4. People Will Be Healthy

	Monroe County		Arkansas	
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	Percent of all births		Percent of all births	
	13.9		8.9	
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	Rate/1000 births		Rate/1000 births	
	18.52		8.49	
Fluoridated Water, 2008	Percent PWS		Percent PWS	
	78.7		65.3	
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	Percent		Percent	
	68.6		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	Percent		Percent	
	45.2		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009 Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	Percent		Percent	
	29.6		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	Percent		Percent	
	19.1		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	Percent		Percent	
	43.0		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	Percent		Percent	
	46.0		45.9	

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

	Monroe County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	26,054		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	696		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	296		304	
Median Gross Rent	398		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	2,273	60.8	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	1,466	39.2	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		7.7		7.3

6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Monroe County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	10		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	0		164	
Property Offense Convictions	34		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	6		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	34		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	1		705	
Total Convictions	85		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Monroe County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		51.3		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	2.0		1,192.7	

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