

Newton County

Newton County had a total population of 8,330 in 2010, making it the 69th most populous county in the state. It experienced a 3.2 percent decrease in population from 2000. With a land area of 823.0 square miles, Newton County's population density decreased from 10.5 persons per square mile in 2000 to 10.1 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 96.1 percent White, 0.1 percent Black or African American, and 3.8 percent Other. Of the people living in Newton County, 1.7 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 79.2 percent of the total population. There were a total of 4,664 housing units, of which 76.6 percent were occupied. The county seat of Newton County is Jasper. It had a 2010 population of 466, which reflects a decline of -6.4 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Newton County		Arkansas	
		Percent		Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Jasper		94.0		80.0
Deer/Mount Judea		88.0		80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Jasper		82.0		77.0
Deer/Mount Judea		88.0		77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Jasper		62.0		63.0
Deer/Mount Judea		61.0		63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Jasper		78.0		76.0
Deer/Mount Judea		60.0		76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Jasper		61.0		60.0
Deer/Mount Judea		54.0		60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
Jasper		92.3		NA
Deer/Mount Judea		97.1		NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		61.9		55.8

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

	Newton County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	2,423	41.1	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	243	4.1	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	547	9.3	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	169	2.9	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Newton County		Arkansas	
		Rate/1000		Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		12.2		13.3
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	1,473	84.2	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	276	15.8	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	2,073	25.5	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	650	39.5	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	356	24.5	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

	Newton County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births		Percent of all births	
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	9.3		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births		Rate/1000 births	
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	0.00		8.49	
	Percent PWS		Percent PWS	
Fluoridated Water, 2008	29.0		65.3	
	Percent		Percent	
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	61.6		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	36.7		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	25.7		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	24.3		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	26.0		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	50.1		45.9	

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

	Newton County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	29,403		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	712		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	214		304	
Median Gross Rent	435		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	2,804	79.5	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	723	20.5	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		7.3		7.3

6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Newton County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	6		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	1		164	
Property Offense Convictions	14		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	5		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	6		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	1		705	
Total Convictions	33		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Newton County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		59.3		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	0.8		1,192.7	

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