

Ouachita County

Ouachita County had a total population of 26,120 in 2010, making it the 25th most populous county in the state. It experienced a 9.3 percent decrease in population from 2000. With a land area of 732.5 square miles, Ouachita County's population density decreased from 39.3 persons per square mile in 2000 to 35.7 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 57.0 percent White, 40.1 percent Black or African American, and 2.9 percent Other. Of the people living in Ouachita County, 1.6 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 76.5 percent of the total population. There were a total of 13,121 housing units, of which 83.9 percent were occupied. The county seat of Ouachita County is Camden. It had a 2010 population of 12,183, which reflects a decline of -7.4 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Ouachita County		Arkansas	
		Percent		Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Bearden		57.0		80.0
Camden Fairview		65.0		80.0
Harmony Grove		70.0		80.0
Stephens		59.0		80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Bearden		65.0		77.0
Camden Fairview		60.0		77.0
Harmony Grove		71.0		77.0
Stephens		68.0		77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Bearden		53.0		63.0
Camden Fairview		50.0		63.0
Harmony Grove		72.0		63.0
Stephens		53.0		63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Bearden		80.0		76.0
Camden Fairview		75.0		76.0
Harmony Grove		88.0		76.0
Stephens		67.0		76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Bearden		42.0		60.0
Camden Fairview		59.0		60.0
Harmony Grove		63.0		60.0
Stephens		35.0		60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
Bearden		89.8		NA
Camden Fairview		85.8		NA
Harmony Grove		84.0		NA
Stephens		97.4		NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		76.3		55.8

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

	Ouachita County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	7,048	39.9	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	1,098	6.2	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	1,564	8.9	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	542	3.1	117,979	6.3

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3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Ouachita County		Arkansas	
		Rate/1000		Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		22.8		13.3
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	3,539	57.6	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	2,609	42.4	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	5,500	21.9	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	1,827	31.1	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	696	17.4	47,570	12.6

4. People Will Be Healthy

	Ouachita 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		13.09		8.49
		Percent PWS		Percent PWS
Fluoridated Water, 2008		71.2		65.3
		Percent		Percent
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008		70.2		65.7
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)		43.4		38.0
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)		28.1		30.0
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008		20.8		22.3
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008		30.3		29.7
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007		50.4		45.9

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

	Ouachita County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	32,393		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	748		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	307		304	
Median Gross Rent	449		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	7,663	69.5	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	3,356	30.5	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		7.5		7.3

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6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Ouachita County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	32		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	0		164	
Property Offense Convictions	70		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	6		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	49		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	8		705	
Total Convictions	165		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Ouachita County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		36.8		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	10.2		1,192.7	

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