

**Perry County**

Perry County had a total population of 10,445 in 2010, making it the 63rd most populous county in the state. It experienced a 2.3 percent increase in population from 2000. With a land area of 550.9 square miles, Perry County's population density increased from 18.5 persons per square mile in 2000 to 19.0 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 95.2 percent White, 1.9 percent Black or African American, and 2.9 percent Other. Of the people living in Perry County, 2.4 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 77.0 percent of the total population. There were a total of 4,907 housing units, of which 85.0 percent were occupied. The county seat of Perry County is Perryville. It had a 2010 population of 1,460, which reflects a growth of 0.1 percent since 2000.

**1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically**

	Perry County		Arkansas	
		Percent		Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
East End		66.0		80.0
Perryville		77.0		80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
East End		81.0		77.0
Perryville		76.0		77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
East End		57.0		63.0
Perryville		64.0		63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
East End		80.0		76.0
Perryville		76.0		76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
East End		45.0		60.0
Perryville		62.0		60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
East End		96.5		NA
Perryville		91.2		NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		44.3		55.8

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

	Perry County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	3,386	47.6	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	352	4.9	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	469	6.6	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	342	4.8	117,979	6.3

**3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing**

	Perry County		Arkansas	
		Rate/1000		Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		8.7		13.3
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	1,675	69.1	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	750	30.9	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	1,893	18.6	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	648	27.5	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	244	14.9	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**

	Perry County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births		Percent of all births	
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	7.1		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births		Rate/1000 births	
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	15.04		8.49	
	Percent PWS		Percent PWS	
Fluoridated Water, 2008	85.9		65.3	
	Percent		Percent	
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	65.2		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	35.0		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	28.7		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	18.7		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	28.8		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	46.9		45.9	

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

	Perry County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	37,451		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	938		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	275		304	
Median Gross Rent	603		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	3,250	80.0	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	810	20.0	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		7.1		7.3

**6. Communities Will Be Safe**

	Perry County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	5		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	0		164	
Property Offense Convictions	8		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	6		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	14		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	2		705	
Total Convictions	35		19,259	

**7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community**

	Perry County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		47.9		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	2.3		1,192.7	

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