

Phillips County

Phillips County had a total population of 21,757 in 2010, making it the 35th most populous county in the state. It experienced a 17.7 percent decrease in population from 2000. With a land area of 692.7 square miles, Phillips County’s population density decreased from 38.2 persons per square mile in 2000 to 31.4 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 35.0 percent White, 63.1 percent Black or African American, and 1.9 percent Other. Of the people living in Phillips County, 1.3 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 71.9 percent of the total population. There were a total of 10,126 housing units, of which 83.9 percent were occupied. The county seat of Phillips County is Helena-West Helena. It had a 2010 population of 12,282, which reflects a decline of -18.2 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Phillips County		Arkansas	
		Percent		Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Barton-Lexa		74.0		80.0
Helena/West Helena		61.0		80.0
Marvell		60.0		80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Barton-Lexa		81.0		77.0
Helena/West Helena		66.0		77.0
Marvell		47.0		77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Barton-Lexa		52.0		63.0
Helena/West Helena		39.0		63.0
Marvell		23.0		63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Barton-Lexa		68.0		76.0
Helena/West Helena		50.0		76.0
Marvell		53.0		76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Barton-Lexa		55.0		60.0
Helena/West Helena		36.0		60.0
Marvell		27.0		60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
Barton-Lexa		72.8		NA
Helena/West Helena		56.5		NA
Marvell		54.8		NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		82.2		55.8

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

	Phillips County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED’s, 2005-2009	4,139	30.9	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate’s Degree, 2005-2009	1,319	9.8	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor’s Degree, 2005-2009	1,093	8.2	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	381	2.8	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Phillips County		Arkansas	
		Rate/1000		Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		30.0		13.3
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	2,432	37.2	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	4,112	62.8	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	7,151	34.7	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	3,159	51.6	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	522	17.8	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

	Phillips County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births		Percent of all births	
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	13.6		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births		Rate/1000 births	
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	12.29		8.49	
	Percent PWS		Percent PWS	
Fluoridated Water, 2008	75.0		65.3	
	Percent		Percent	
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	65.0		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	45.8		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	27.3		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	20.2		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	35.4		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	48.5		45.9	

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

	Phillips County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	24,427		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	780		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	322		304	
Median Gross Rent	519		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	4,706	52.8	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	4,199	47.2	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009	9.0		7.3	

6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Phillips County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	7		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	0		164	
Property Offense Convictions	32		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	5		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	23		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	0		705	
Total Convictions	67		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Phillips County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010	38.6		47.6	
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	5.6		1,192.7	

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