

Poinsett County

Poinsett County had a total population of 24,583 in 2010, making it the 28th most populous county in the state. It experienced a 4.0 percent decrease in population from 2000. With a land area of 757.7 square miles, Poinsett County's population density decreased from 33.8 persons per square mile in 2000 to 32.4 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 89.9 percent White, 7.2 percent Black or African American, and 2.9 percent Other. Of the people living in Poinsett County, 2.2 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 75.8 percent of the total population. There were a total of 10,923 housing units, of which 89.3 percent were occupied. The county seat of Poinsett County is Harrisburg. It had a 2010 population of 2,288, which reflects a growth of 4.4 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Poinsett County		Arkansas	
		Percent		Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Harrisburg		87.0		80.0
Marked Tree		80.0		80.0
Trumann		85.0		80.0
Weiner		92.0		80.0
East Poinsett County		73.0		80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Harrisburg		83.0		77.0
Marked Tree		66.0		77.0
Trumann		74.0		77.0
Weiner		88.0		77.0
East Poinsett County		75.0		77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Harrisburg		57.0		63.0
Marked Tree		70.0		63.0
Trumann		69.0		63.0
Weiner		47.0		63.0
East Poinsett County		49.0		63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Harrisburg		73.0		76.0
Marked Tree		86.0		76.0
Trumann		70.0		76.0
Weiner		69.0		76.0
East Poinsett County		79.0		76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Harrisburg		67.0		60.0
Marked Tree		65.0		60.0
Trumann		56.0		60.0
Weiner		70.0		60.0
East Poinsett County		51.0		60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
Harrisburg		80.9		NA
Marked Tree		90.9		NA
Trumann		78.2		NA
Weiner		96.2		NA
East Poinsett County		79.8		NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		53.0		55.8

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

	Poinsett County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	7,405	44.6	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	751	4.5	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	990	6.0	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	477	2.9	117,979	6.3

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3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Poinsett County		Arkansas	
	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009	23.0		13.3	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	3,753	60.1	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	2,492	39.9	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	6,361	26.3	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	2,424	39.4	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	598	17.5	47,570	12.6

4. People Will Be Healthy

	Poinsett County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	11.4		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	7.79		8.49	
	Percent PWS	Percent PWS	Percent PWS	Percent PWS
Fluoridated Water, 2008	66.8		65.3	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	67.4		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	43.8		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	30.8		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	22.3		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	37.9		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	37.5		45.9	

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

	Poinsett County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	31,478		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	825		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	295		304	
Median Gross Rent	464		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	6,612	65.1	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	3,551	34.9	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		8.1		7.3

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6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Poinsett County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	31		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	1		164	
Property Offense Convictions	56		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	7		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	153		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	6		705	
Total Convictions	254		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Poinsett County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		52.7		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	4.5		1,192.7	

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