

Pope County

Pope County had a total population of 61,754 in 2010, making it the 13th most populous county in the state. It experienced a 13.4 percent increase in population from 2000. With a land area of 811.9 square miles, Pope County's population density increased from 67.1 persons per square mile in 2000 to 76.1 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 89.5 percent White, 2.9 percent Black or African American, and 7.6 percent Other. Of the people living in Pope County, 6.7 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 76.9 percent of the total population. There were a total of 25,551 housing units, of which 91.4 percent were occupied. The county seat of Pope County is Russellville. It had a 2010 population of 27,920, which reflects a growth of 17.9 percent since 20.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Pope County		Arkansas	
		Percent		Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Atkins		81.0		80.0
Dover		89.0		80.0
Hector		83.0		80.0
Pottsville		93.0		80.0
Russellville		84.0		80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Atkins		77.0		77.0
Dover		87.0		77.0
Hector		91.0		77.0
Pottsville		90.0		77.0
Russellville		81.0		77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Atkins		75.0		63.0
Dover		66.0		63.0
Hector		57.0		63.0
Pottsville		69.0		63.0
Russellville		71.0		63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Atkins		77.0		76.0
Dover		85.0		76.0
Hector		75.0		76.0
Pottsville		83.0		76.0
Russellville		76.0		76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Atkins		48.0		60.0
Dover		58.0		60.0
Hector		71.0		60.0
Pottsville		85.0		60.0
Russellville		68.0		60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
Atkins		84.4		NA
Dover		85.4		NA
Hector		86.7		NA
Pottsville		89.9		NA
Russellville		80.8		NA
Remediation Rate, 2009				
		54.1		55.8

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

	Pope County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	13,346	35.6	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	1,639	4.4	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	5,022	13.4	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	2,426	6.5	117,979	6.3

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3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Pope County		Arkansas	
	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		9.5		13.3
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	9,917	71.1	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	4,035	28.9	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	10,570	18.4	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	3,599	25.8	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	712	9.4	47,570	12.6

4. People Will Be Healthy

	Pope County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	6.9		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	5.07		8.49	
	Percent PWS	Percent PWS	Percent PWS	Percent PWS
Fluoridated Water, 2008	97.1		65.3	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	64.0		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	39.0		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	29.8		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	20.1		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	29.1		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	49.5		45.9	

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

	Pope County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	38,224		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	866		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	276		304	
Median Gross Rent	567		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	15,424	69.5	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	6,783	30.5	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		7.0		7.3

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6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Pope County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	32		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	2		164	
Property Offense Convictions	146		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	63		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	161		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	3		705	
Total Convictions	407		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Pope County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		49.8		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	23.3		1,192.7	

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