

Searcy County

Searcy County had a total population of 8,195 in 2010, making it the 70th most populous county in the state. It experienced a 0.8 percent decrease in population from 2000. With a land area of 667.2 square miles, Searcy County's population density decreased from 12.4 persons per square mile in 2000 to 12.3 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 96.0 percent White, 0.1 percent Black or African American, and 3.9 percent Other. Of the people living in Searcy County, 1.5 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 79.6 percent of the total population. There were a total of 4,900 housing units, of which 72.9 percent were occupied. The county seat of Searcy County is Marshall. It had a 2010 population of 1,355, which reflects a growth of 3.2 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Searcy County		Arkansas	
		Percent		Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Searcy County		90.0		80.0
Ozark Mountain		73.0		80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Searcy County		86.0		77.0
Ozark Mountain		79.0		77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Searcy County		79.0		63.0
Ozark Mountain		57.0		63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Searcy County		85.0		76.0
Ozark Mountain		78.0		76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Searcy County		56.0		60.0
Ozark Mountain		47.0		60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
Searcy County		84.5		NA
Ozark Mountain		73.8		NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		47.1		55.8

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

	Searcy County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	2,253	38.6	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	260	4.5	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	386	6.6	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	177	3.0	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Searcy County		Arkansas	
		Rate/1000		Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		12.7		13.3
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	1,151	69.2	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	512	30.8	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	2,124	27	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	701	44.2	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	194	13.5	47,570	12.6

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4. People Will Be Healthy

	Searcy County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births		Percent of all births	
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	6.7		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births		Rate/1000 births	
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	0.00		8.49	
	Percent PWS		Percent PWS	
Fluoridated Water, 2008	21.7		65.3	
	Percent		Percent	
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	62.6		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	44.1		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	25.1		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	21.1		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	29.0		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	48.1		45.9	

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

	Searcy County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	25,397		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	745		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	224		304	
Median Gross Rent	386		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	2,575	77.0	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	769	23.0	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		7.2		7.3

6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Searcy County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	2		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	1		164	
Property Offense Convictions	12		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	3		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	4		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	1		705	
Total Convictions	23		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Searcy County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		63.4		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	1.0		1,192.7	

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