

Sebastian County

Sebastian County had a total population of 125,744 in 2010, making it the 4th most populous county in the state. It experienced a 9.3 percent increase in population from 2000. With a land area of 536.2 square miles, Sebastian County’s population density increased from 214.6 persons per square mile in 2000 to 234.5 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 76.6 percent White, 6.4 percent Black or African American, and 17.0 percent Other. Of the people living in Sebastian County, 12.3 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 74.6 percent of the total population. There were a total of 54,651 housing units, of which 90.8 percent were occupied. The county seats of Sebastian County are Fort Smith, with a 2010 population of 86,209 and Greenwood, with a 2010 population of 8,952. Both experienced a population growth between 2000 and 2010, 7.4 percent and 25.9 percent, respectively.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Sebastian County	Arkansas
	Percent	Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Fort Smith	75.0	80.0
Greenwood	92.0	80.0
Hackett	62.0	80.0
Hartford	57.0	80.0
Lavaca	91.0	80.0
Mansfield	79.0	80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Fort Smith	72.0	77.0
Greenwood	88.0	77.0
Hackett	69.0	77.0
Hartford	44.0	77.0
Lavaca	87.0	77.0
Mansfield	79.0	77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Fort Smith	62.0	63.0
Greenwood	77.0	63.0
Hackett	46.0	63.0
Hartford	41.0	63.0
Lavaca	77.0	63.0
Mansfield	71.0	63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Fort Smith	75.0	76.0
Greenwood	85.0	76.0
Hackett	68.0	76.0
Hartford	41.0	76.0
Lavaca	79.0	76.0
Mansfield	70.0	76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Fort Smith	61.0	60.0
Greenwood	79.0	60.0
Hackett	39.0	60.0
Hartford	46.0	60.0
Lavaca	78.0	60.0
Mansfield	69.0	60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*		
Fort Smith	79.8	NA
Greenwood	94.4	NA
Hackett	91.8	NA
Hartford	87.6	NA
Lavaca	85.7	NA
Mansfield	89.1	NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		
	43.7	55.8

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

	Sebastian County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	25,776	32.7	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	5,619	7.1	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	9,450	12.0	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	4,296	5.4	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Sebastian County		Arkansas	
	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		17.6		13.3
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	21,912	69.7	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	9,523	30.3	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	21,305	17.6	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	7,637	24.0	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	1,682	11.2	47,570	12.6

4. People Will Be Healthy

	Sebastian County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	8.1		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	5.86		8.49	
	Percent PWS	Percent PWS	Percent PWS	Percent PWS
Fluoridated Water, 2008	14.2		65.3	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	67.0		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	35.8		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	31.7		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	18.1		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	33.0		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	42.0		45.9	

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

	Sebastian County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	39,088		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	970		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	323		304	
Median Gross Rent	566		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	29,965	63.3	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	17,371	36.7	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		7.1		7.3

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6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Sebastian County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	162		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	4		164	
Property Offense Convictions	504		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	73		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	782		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	85		705	
Total Convictions	1,610		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Sebastian County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		46.4		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	58.4		1,192.7	

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