

Sevier County

Sevier County had a total population of 17,058 in 2010, making it the 48th most populous county in the state. It experienced an 8.3 percent increase in population from 2000. With a land area of 563.9 square miles, Sevier County’s population density increased from 27.9 persons per square mile in 2000 to 30.2 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 70.0 percent White, 4.3 percent Black or African American, and 25.7 percent Other. Of the people living in Sevier County, 30.6 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 70.5 percent of the total population. There were a total of 6,887 housing units, of which 86.8 percent were occupied. The county seat of Sevier County is De Queen. It had a 2010 population of 6,594, which reflects a growth of 14.4 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Sevier County		Arkansas	
		Percent		Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
DeQueen		87.0		80.0
Horatio		87.0		80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
DeQueen		83.0		77.0
Horatio		84.0		77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
DeQueen		76.0		63.0
Horatio		64.0		63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
DeQueen		76.0		76.0
Horatio		77.0		76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
DeQueen		55.0		60.0
Horatio		41.0		60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
DeQueen		77.3		NA
Horatio		91.3		NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		58.0		55.8

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

	Sevier County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED’s, 2005-2009	3,419	33.7	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate’s Degree, 2005-2009	542	5.3	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor’s Degree, 2005-2009	619	6.1	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	321	3.2	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Sevier County		Arkansas	
		Rate/1000		Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		19.8		13.3
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	3,230	66.1	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	1,658	33.9	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	3,826	22.9	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	1,670	33.1	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	289	14.8	47,570	12.6

* - Data only available at School District Level.

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4. People Will Be Healthy

	Sevier County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births		Percent of all births	
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	4.3		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births		Rate/1000 births	
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	15.97		8.49	
	Percent PWS		Percent PWS	
Fluoridated Water, 2008	0.0		65.3	
	Percent		Percent	
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	70.6		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	46.3		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	29.1		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	24.8		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	35.4		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	44.0		45.9	

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

	Sevier County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	36,248		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	823		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	235		304	
Median Gross Rent	507		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	4,419	76.5	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	1,355	23.5	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		5.4		7.3

6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Sevier County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	17		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	1		164	
Property Offense Convictions	58		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	7		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	33		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	2		705	
Total Convictions	118		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Sevier County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		48.6		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	2.8		1,192.7	

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