

Sharp County

Sharp County had a total population of 17,264 in 2010, making it the 47th most populous county in the state. It experienced a 0.8 percent increase in population from 2000. With a land area of 604.4 square miles, Sharp County's population density increased from 28.3 persons per square mile in 2000 to 28.6 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 96.0 percent White, 0.5 percent Black or African American, and 3.5 percent Other. Of the people living in Sharp County, 1.7 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 78.5 percent of the total population. There were a total of 9,822 housing units, of which 74.9 percent were occupied. The county seat of Sharp County is Ash Flat. It had a 2010 population of 1,082, which reflects a growth of 10.7 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Sharp County		Arkansas	
		Percent		Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Cave City		89.0		80.0
Highland		88.0		80.0
Twin Rivers		68.0		80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Cave City		79.0		77.0
Highland		83.0		77.0
Twin Rivers		59.0		77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Cave City		79.0		63.0
Highland		71.0		63.0
Twin Rivers		33.0		63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Cave City		87.0		76.0
Highland		79.0		76.0
Twin Rivers		46.0		76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Cave City		71.0		60.0
Highland		58.0		60.0
Twin Rivers		45.0		60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
Cave City		100.0		NA
Highland		91.8		NA
Twin Rivers		93.6		NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		44.7		55.8

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

	Sharp County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	5,557	43.1	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	536	4.2	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	916	7.1	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	409	3.2	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Sharp County		Arkansas	
		Rate/1000		Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		14.5		13.3
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	2,786	74.8	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	941	25.2	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	3,806	21.9	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	1,337	36.3	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	618	16.1	47,570	12.6

* - Data only available at School District Level.

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4. People Will Be Healthy

	Sharp County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births		Percent of all births	
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	9.2		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births		Rate/1000 births	
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	10.15		8.49	
	Percent PWS		Percent PWS	
Fluoridated Water, 2008	0.0		65.3	
	Percent		Percent	
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	73.3		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	42.2		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	33.4		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	32.3		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	31.8		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	44.4		45.9	

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

	Sharp County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	28,950		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	729		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	240		304	
Median Gross Rent	513		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	5,704	80.9	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	1,345	19.1	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		8.6		7.3

6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Sharp County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	9		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	0		164	
Property Offense Convictions	41		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	8		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	7		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	1		705	
Total Convictions	66		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Sharp County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		49.0		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	4.5		1,192.7	

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