

Union County

Union County had a total population of 41,639 in 2010, making it the 18th most populous county in the state. It experienced an 8.7 percent decrease in population from 2000. With a land area of 1038.9 square miles, Union County's population density decreased from 43.9 persons per square mile in 2000 to 40.1 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 63.1 percent White, 33.0 percent Black or African American, and 3.9 percent Other. Of the people living in Union County, 3.5 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 75.8 percent of the total population. There were a total of 19,653 housing units, of which 86.3 percent were occupied. The county seat of Union County is El Dorado. It had a 2010 population of 18,884, which reflects a decline of -12.3 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Union County	Arkansas
	Percent	Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
El Dorado	81.0	80.0
Junction City	85.0	80.0
Norphlet	79.0	80.0
Parkers Chapel	88.0	80.0
Smackover	74.0	80.0
Strong-Huttig	56.0	80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
El Dorado	79.0	77.0
Junction City	77.0	77.0
Norphlet	86.0	77.0
Parkers Chapel	88.0	77.0
Smackover	76.0	77.0
Strong-Huttig	76.0	77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
El Dorado	68.0	63.0
Junction City	50.0	63.0
Norphlet	78.0	63.0
Parkers Chapel	87.0	63.0
Smackover	63.0	63.0
Strong-Huttig	38.0	63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
El Dorado	75.0	76.0
Junction City	74.0	76.0
Norphlet	79.0	76.0
Parkers Chapel	85.0	76.0
Smackover	80.0	76.0
Strong-Huttig	54.0	76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
El Dorado	50.0	60.0
Junction City	55.0	60.0
Norphlet	56.0	60.0
Parkers Chapel	67.0	60.0
Smackover	62.0	60.0
Strong-Huttig	21.0	60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*		
El Dorado	87.6	NA
Junction City	67.9	NA
Norphlet	81.0	NA
Parkers Chapel	87.8	NA
Smackover	89.5	NA
Strong-Huttig	86.3	NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		
	66.9	55.8

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

	Union County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	10,914	37.8	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	2,238	7.8	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	3,041	10.5	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	1,552	5.4	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Union County		Arkansas	
	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		16.6		13.3
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	6,082	57.1	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	4,561	42.9	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	9,734	23.3	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	2,964	28.7	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	750	11.5	47,570	12.6

4. People Will Be Healthy

	Union County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	10.3		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	4.69		8.49	
	Percent PWS	Percent PWS	Percent PWS	Percent PWS
Fluoridated Water, 2008	0.0		65.3	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	71.1		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	41.9		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	32.7		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	21.2		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	27.4		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	52.4		45.9	

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

	Union County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	35,005		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	827		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	316		304	
Median Gross Rent	541		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	12,413	68.6	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	5,685	31.4	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		9.6		7.3

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6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Union County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	74		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	2		164	
Property Offense Convictions	142		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	19		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	102		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	8		705	
Total Convictions	347		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Union County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		42.4		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	25.2		1,192.7	

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