

Van Buren County

Van Buren County had a total population of 17,295 in 2010, making it the 46th most populous county in the state. It experienced a 6.8 percent increase in population from 2000. With a land area of 711.5 square miles, Van Buren County's population density increased from 22.8 persons per square mile in 2000 to 24.3 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 96.0 percent White, 0.4 percent Black or African American, and 3.6 percent Other. Of the people living in Van Buren County, 2.7 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 79.5 percent of the total population. There were a total of 10,345 housing units, of which 71.9 percent were occupied. The county seat of Van Buren County is Clinton. It had a 2010 population of 2,602, which reflects a growth of 14.0 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Van Buren County		Arkansas	
		Percent		Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Clinton		88.0		80.0
Shirley		76.0		80.0
South Side		86.0		80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Clinton		83.0		77.0
Shirley		74.0		77.0
South Side		88.0		77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Clinton		64.0		63.0
Shirley		47.0		63.0
South Side		42.0		63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Clinton		78.0		76.0
Shirley		75.0		76.0
South Side		71.0		76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*				
Clinton		60.0		60.0
Shirley		74.0		60.0
South Side		85.0		60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*				
Clinton		81.7		NA
Shirley		92.5		NA
South Side		87.6		NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		58.3		55.8

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

	Van Buren County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	4,408	37.5	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	657	5.6	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	1,114	9.5	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	495	4.2	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Van Buren County		Arkansas	
		Rate/1000		Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		12.5		13.3
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	2,323	68.4	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	1,074	31.6	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	3,004	18.7	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	977	29.1	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	419	11.3	47,570	12.6

* - Data only available at School District Level.

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4. People Will Be Healthy

	Van Buren County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births		Percent of all births	
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	7.7		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births		Rate/1000 births	
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	6.45		8.49	
	Percent PWS		Percent PWS	
Fluoridated Water, 2008	88.2		65.3	
	Percent		Percent	
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	65.5		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	41.2		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	35.5		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	19.1		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	29.5		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	50.2		45.9	

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

	Van Buren County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	34,287		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	755		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	288		304	
Median Gross Rent	479		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	5,168	76.6	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	1,582	23.4	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		9.9		7.3

6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Van Buren County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	25		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	2		164	
Property Offense Convictions	30		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	6		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	35		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	4		705	
Total Convictions	102		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Van Buren County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		64.0		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	4.2		1,192.7	

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