

Washington County

Washington County had a total population of 203,065 in 2010, making it the 3rd most populous county in the state. It experienced a 28.8 percent increase in population from 2000. With a land area of 949.7 square miles, Washington County's population density increased from 166.1 persons per square mile in 2000 to 213.8 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 79.9 percent White, 3.0 percent Black or African American, and 17.1 percent Other. Of the people living in Washington County, 15.5 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 87,808 housing units, of which 87.0 percent were occupied. The county seat of Washington County is Fayetteville. It had a 2010 population of 73,580, which reflects a growth of 26.8 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	Washington County	Arkansas
	Percent	Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Elkins	75.0	80.0
Farmington	84.0	80.0
Fayetteville	83.0	80.0
Greenland	78.0	80.0
Lincoln	76.0	80.0
Prairie Grove	84.0	80.0
Springdale	75.0	80.0
West Fork	80.0	80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Elkins	74.0	77.0
Farmington	84.0	77.0
Fayetteville	82.0	77.0
Greenland	78.0	77.0
Lincoln	72.0	77.0
Prairie Grove	85.0	77.0
Springdale	71.0	77.0
West Fork	69.0	77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Elkins	74.0	63.0
Farmington	75.0	63.0
Fayetteville	77.0	63.0
Greenland	66.0	63.0
Lincoln	63.0	63.0
Prairie Grove	70.0	63.0
Springdale	53.0	63.0
West Fork	72.0	63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Elkins	84.0	76.0
Farmington	83.0	76.0
Fayetteville	83.0	76.0
Greenland	78.0	76.0
Lincoln	74.0	76.0
Prairie Grove	84.0	76.0
Springdale	71.0	76.0
West Fork	80.0	76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Elkins	57.0	60.0
Farmington	57.0	60.0
Fayetteville	77.0	60.0
Greenland	59.0	60.0
Lincoln	58.0	60.0
Prairie Grove	65.0	60.0
Springdale	60.0	60.0
West Fork	71.0	60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*		
Elkins	93.6	NA
Farmington	83.9	NA
Fayetteville	80.5	NA
Greenland	88.5	NA
Lincoln	95.3	NA
Prairie Grove	88.7	NA
Springdale	82.5	NA
West Fork	89.0	NA
Remediation Rate, 2009	45.7	55.8

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

	Washington County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	33,966	28.2	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	5,791	4.8	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	21,971	18.2	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	12,396	10.3	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	Washington County		Arkansas	
	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009	11.3		13.3	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	35,222	71.6	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	13,971	28.4	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	35,893	18.7	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	12,312	24.3	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	1,921	10.9	47,570	12.6

4. People Will Be Healthy

	Washington County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	7.1		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	9.36		8.49	
	Percent PWS	Percent PWS	Percent PWS	Percent PWS
Fluoridated Water, 2008	99.1		65.3	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	66.5		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	35.0		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	27.6		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	15.8		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	23.5		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	52.0		45.9	

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

	Washington County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	41,098		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	1168		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	329		304	
Median Gross Rent	654		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	41,334	56.2	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	32,187	43.8	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		5.7		7.3

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6. Communities Will Be Safe

	Washington County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	227		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	16		164	
Property Offense Convictions	461		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	147		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	405		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	46		705	
Total Convictions	1,302		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	Washington County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		45.1		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	99.1		1,192.7	

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