

White County

White County had a total population of 77,076 in 2010, making it the 10th most populous county in the state. It experienced a 14.8 percent increase in population from 2000. With a land area of 1034.0 square miles, White County's population density increased from 65.0 persons per square mile in 2000 to 74.5 persons per square mile in 2010. The racial composition of the county was 91.4 percent White, 4.0 percent Black or African American, and 4.6 percent Other. Of the people living in White County, 3.7 percent were Hispanic or Latino, which can be of any race. The population age 18 and over accounted for 76.1 percent of the total population. There were a total of 32,488 housing units, of which 90.3 percent were occupied. The county seat of White County is Searcy. It had a 2010 population of 22,858, which reflects a growth of 20.8 percent since 2000.

1. Children and Youth Will Excel Academically

	White County	Arkansas
	Percent	Percent
Grade 4 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Bald Knob	80.0	80.0
Beebe	87.0	80.0
Bradford	81.0	80.0
White County Central	80.0	80.0
Riverview	86.0	80.0
Pangburn	76.0	80.0
Rose Bud	90.0	80.0
Searcy	85.0	80.0
Grade 4 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Bald Knob	73.0	77.0
Beebe	85.0	77.0
Bradford	76.0	77.0
White County Central	66.0	77.0
Riverview	89.0	77.0
Pangburn	78.0	77.0
Rose Bud	86.0	77.0
Searcy	84.0	77.0
Grade 8 Math, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Bald Knob	79.0	63.0
Beebe	63.0	63.0
Bradford	53.0	63.0
White County Central	59.0	63.0
Riverview	58.0	63.0
Pangburn	53.0	63.0
Rose Bud	75.0	63.0
Searcy	76.0	63.0
Grade 8 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Bald Knob	86.0	76.0
Beebe	77.0	76.0
Bradford	81.0	76.0
White County Central	83.0	76.0
Riverview	83.0	76.0
Pangburn	75.0	76.0
Rose Bud	82.0	76.0
Searcy	92.0	76.0
Grade 11 Literacy, Proficient or Advanced, 2010*		
Bald Knob	65.0	60.0
Beebe	67.0	60.0
Bradford	56.0	60.0
White County Central	69.0	60.0
Riverview	53.0	60.0
Pangburn	61.0	60.0
Rose Bud	45.0	60.0
Searcy	69.0	60.0
Graduation Rate, 2009*		
Bald Knob	81.4	NA
Beebe	85.5	NA
Bradford	100.0	NA
White County Central	82.1	NA
Riverview	95.0	NA
Pangburn	94.3	NA
Rose Bud	86.8	NA
Searcy	85.2	NA
Remediation Rate, 2009		
	48.4	55.8

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

	White County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population of High School Graduates and GED's, 2005-2009	18,427	39.3	660,625	35.4
Population with Associate's Degree, 2005-2009	2,270	4.8	104,844	5.6
Population with Bachelor's Degree, 2005-2009	4,824	10.3	235,419	12.6
Population with Graduate or Professional Degree, 2005-2009	2,907	6.2	117,979	6.3

3. Families Will Be Stable and Nurturing

	White County		Arkansas	
	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000	Rate/1000
Births to Teens, Age 11-17, 2009		11.4		13.3
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Children in Single Parent Families, 2005-2009				
Children in Married Couple Families	11,704	67.1	453,987	65.6
Children in Male/Female HH, No Spouse Present Families	5,737	32.9	237,923	34.4
Total Population Living in Poverty, 2009	11,944	16.5	519,026	18.5
Children Living in Poverty, 2009	4,088	22.5	185,268	26.6
Population Age 65 and Over Below Poverty, 2005-2009	1,139	11.4	47,570	12.6

4. People Will Be Healthy

	White County		Arkansas	
	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births	Percent of all births
Low Birth Weight Babies, 2009	6.8		8.9	
	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births	Rate/1000 births
Infant Mortality Rate, 2009	10.57		8.49	
	Percent PWS	Percent PWS	Percent PWS	Percent PWS
Fluoridated Water, 2008	92.2		65.3	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Overweight/Obese Adults, 2008	71.4		65.7	
Overweight/Obese School Age, 2009-2010 (Grades K,2,4,6,8,10)	37.4		38.0	
Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey, 2009				
Any Drug - Lifetime Use (Grades 6,8,10,12 Combined)	30.7		30.0	
Current Cigarette Smokers, 2008	17.6		22.3	
Physical Activity/Inactivity				
No Exercise in Past 30 Days, 2008	24.3		29.7	
Meeting Physical Activity Recommendation, 2007	41.5		45.9	

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

	White County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Median Household Income (dollars), 2009	38,796		37,888	
Monthly Housing Costs (dollars), 2005-2009				
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses With a Mortgage	901		953	
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs - Houses Without a Mortgage	292		304	
Median Gross Rent	555		600	
Home Ownership, 2005-2009				
Owner Occupied Housing Units	19,303	69.5	749,491	67.5
Renter Occupied Housing Units	8,455	30.5	360,144	32.5
Unemployment Rate, 2009		7.6		7.3

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6. Communities Will Be Safe

	White County		Arkansas	
	Number		Number	
Violent Offense Convictions	22		2,866	
Offense Convictions Against Children and Impaired Adults	4		164	
Property Offense Convictions	126		7,407	
Public Offense Convictions	27		1,520	
Drug Offense Convictions	207		6,597	
Other Offense Convictions	9		705	
Total Convictions	395		19,259	

7. People Will Be Engaged in Their Community

	White County		Arkansas	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Voter Participation, 2010		43.7		47.6
Charitable Giving - Itemized Contributions Reported (\$Millions), 2006	30.0		1,192.7	

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