

The Arkansas Department of Health Desha County

Because Your Health Matters



Making Your County Healthier

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) is a centralized public health system with four main Centers and the Public Health Laboratory that work with 94 local health units to provide clinical preventive services, administer public health programs, and issue licenses and certificates. Everything at ADH is done because we believe that communities can be healthier and safer, and people can live longer.

Clinical Preventive Health Services

- Immunizations
- Women's health services
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program
- Testing and support for tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV

Public Health Programs

- Infectious disease investigations
- Statewide trauma system
- Local emergency preparedness planning
- Tobacco prevention and cessation programs
- Statewide prescription drug monitoring program
- Hometown Health Improvement
- Chronic disease prevention and management

Licensing and Certification

- Vital records (birth, death, marriage)
- Restaurant inspections
- Tests for drinking water
- Hospital and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Licensing

Services Information

Budget and Employees, Fiscal Year 2018^a

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| Health Department Budgeted Annual Salary/Fringe | \$543,785 |
| Health Department Employees | 11 |

Environmental Services, Fiscal Year 2017

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| Food Establishment Inspections | 213 |
| Onsite Wastewater System Inspections | 2 |
| Swimming Pool Inspections | 17 |

Local Health Unit Visits, Fiscal Year 2017

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| BreastCare | 11 |
| Family Planning | 1,322 |
| General Medical | 129 |
| HIV/STD | 256 |
| Immunizations | 1,934 |
| Maternity | 10 |
| Tuberculosis | 940 |
| Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) | 1,026 |

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Fiscal Year 2017

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| Number of Vendors | 3 |
| Payments to WIC Vendors | - ^b |
| WIC Clients Served Annually | 1,072 |

^aIncludes County employees only. ^bPayment amount cannot be displayed due to confidentiality requirements.



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| Demographics | Description | Number | Percent | Rank | State % |
|---------------------------|--|--------|---------|------|---------|
| Total Population | The number of people who live in the county. | 12,234 | N/A | 57 | 0.4% |
| White (Non-Hispanic) | | 5,617 | 45.9% | 69 | 73.4% |
| Black (Non-Hispanic) | | 5,827 | 47.6% | 7 | 15.4% |
| Hispanic or Latino Origin | | 642 | 5.2% | 18 | 7.0% |

U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 Population Estimates: Ranks are based on the percent of the total population. Ranks are 1= highest and 75 = lowest.

| Economic Indicators | Description | Number | Percent | Rank | State % |
|---------------------------------|--|----------|---------|------|----------|
| Median Household Income | The income at which half the households earn more and half the households earn less. | \$26,519 | N/A | 74 | \$42,336 |
| People of All Ages in Poverty | People of all ages living below the Federal Poverty Line (FPL). | 3,915 | 32.0% | 74 | 18.8% |
| Children in Poverty | Children under age 18 living below the Federal Poverty Line (FPL). | 1,540 | 49.2% | 74 | 26.8% |
| Children in Single Parent Homes | Children that live in a household headed by single parent. | 1,642 | 52.5% | 69 | 35.4% |
| Uninsured | Population under age 65 without health insurance. | 1,375 | 13.6% | 20 | 14.5% |
| No transportation | Households with no transportation. | 710 | 13.6% | 71 | 6.4% |

| Injury* | Description | Number | Rate | Rank | State Rate |
|------------------------------------|---|--------|-------|------|------------|
| Injury Related Hospital Discharges | All injury related hospital discharges. | 400 | 541.3 | 38 | 512.6 |
| Unintentional Fall Discharges | Hospital discharges from falls due to loss of balance and not due to paralysis or injury. | 210 | 257.9 | 61 | 222.8 |
| Motor Vehicle Accident Discharges | Hospital discharges from motor vehicle accidents including cars, motorcycles and ATVs. | 51 | 78.9 | 44 | 69.5 |
| Traumatic Brain Injury Discharges | Hospital discharges due to injury resulting from external mechanical forces. | 17 | 23.9 | 47 | 20.9 |
| Deaths from Injury | Deaths from intentional and unintentional (accidental) injuries, 5-year average. | 12 | 101.6 | 60 | 78.5 |

*When low numbers result in unstable injury or death rates, rates are not displayed. Rank was calculated for those counties where rates were available. Rates are per 100,000 population. Injury related discharges are 5-year averages. 5-year average indicates the average number of annual deaths for the most recent 5 years of available data.

| Health Indicators† | Description | Number | Percent | Rank | State % |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------|---------|------|-----------|
| Current adult smokers | Adults (18+) reporting being current smokers. | 2,111 | 23.7% | 68 | 24.9% |
| Current youth smokers‡ | Students grades 6-12 reporting being current smokers. | 96 | 7.4% | 47 | 5.6% |
| Low Birth-Weight Babies | Live births where the infant weighed less than 2,500 grams (5 lbs., 8 oz.), 5-year average. | 23 | 14.1% | 74 | 8.8% |
| Life Expectancy | The average expected life time (in years) from birth. | 72.2 yrs. | N/A | 73 | 76.0 yrs. |
| Natural Teeth | Adults 65+ who have had all their natural teeth extracted. | 2,417 | 27.4% | 57 | 23.0% |
| Water Systems with Fluoridation | Public water systems containing enough fluoride to protect teeth. | 4 | 36.4% | 47 | 49.7% |

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|-----------------------------|--|--------|------|------|------------|
| Infant Mortality, 2012-2016 | Measures the number of deaths among children less than one year of age . | 4 | 4.9 | 18 | 7.1 |
| Teen births | Births to mothers aged 15 to 19 years, 5-year average. | 19 | 46.5 | 42 | 39.5 |

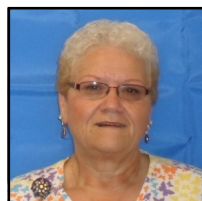
†5-year average is shown for low birth-weight babies and teen births and indicates the number of births on average each year for the most recent 5 years of available data; Infant mortality number is the total number of deaths over the most recent 5 years available and infant mortality rate is an estimate of the number of infant deaths for every 1,000 live births; Teen birth rates are per 1,000 female population ages 15-19 years.

| Major Health Risk Factors | Description | Number | Percent | Rank | State Rate |
|---------------------------|---|--------|---------|------|------------|
| Food Insecurity | The population who did not have access to a reliable source of food during the past year. | 3,440 | 27.8% | 73 | 18.4% |
| Physical Inactivity | Adults (Age 18+) reporting no leisure-time physical activity . | 2,817 | 31.9% | 27 | 32.5% |
| Obesity (adults) | Adults (Age 18+) reporting being obese (BMI >= 30.0) | 3,472 | 39.3% | 52 | 35.7% |
| Overweight (adults) | Adults (Age 18+) reporting being overweight (BMI >=25.0 - 29.9). | 3,246 | 36.8% | 55 | 32.5% |
| Obesity (youth) | Students grades K-10 with a BMI >= 95th percentile for age and sex. | 637 | 27.7% | 66 | 22.0% |
| Overweight (youth) | Students grades K-10 with a BMI >=85th percentile to <95th percentile for age and sex. | 390 | 17.0% | 28 | 17.0% |
| Low Health literacy | Adults with basic or below basic health literacy skills. | 4,534 | 48.9% | 71 | 37.1% |
| Substance Abuse (youth)‡ | Students grades 6-12 reporting using drugs in the past 30 days. | 151 | 11.7% | 59 | 9.9% |

‡Student response rate was below sufficient level (< 40% overall valid participation or < 25% valid participation rate from one or more of the four grades surveyed) and may not reflect the actual level of use.

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