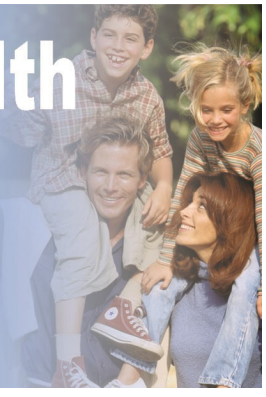
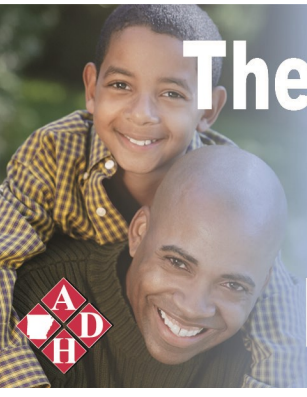


The Arkansas Department of Health Independence County Because Your Health Matters



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

Health Department Budgeted Annual Salary/Fringe	\$967,798
Health Department Employees	17

Environmental Services, Fiscal Year 2017

Food Establishment Inspections	444
Onsite Wastewater System Inspections	59
Swimming Pool Inspections	29

Local Health Unit Visits, Fiscal Year 2017

BreastCare	71
Family Planning	1,902
General Medical	100
HIV/STD	421
Immunizations	2,119
Maternity	377
Tuberculosis	99
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	3,384

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

Number of Vendors	5
Payments to WIC Vendors	\$789,067
WIC Clients Served Annually	2,150

^aIncludes County employees only.



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Independence County

Demographics	Description	Number	Percent	Rank	State %
Total Population	The number of people who live in the county.	37,030	N/A	21	1.2%
White (Non-Hispanic)		33,066	89.3%	22	73.4%
Black (Non-Hispanic)		722	1.9%	49	15.4%
Hispanic or Latino Origin		2,221	6.0%	16	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.	\$37,592	N/A	32	\$42,336
People of All Ages in Poverty	People of all ages living below the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).	7,110	19.2%	25	18.8%
Children in Poverty	Children under age 18 living below the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).	2,477	28.0%	27	26.8%
Children in Single Parent Homes	Children that live in a household headed by single parent.	3,071	34.7%	36	35.4%
Uninsured	Population under age 65 without health insurance.	4,745	15.5%	39	14.5%
No transportation	Households with no transportation.	774	5.4%	26	6.4%

Injury*	Description	Number	Rate	Rank	State Rate
Injury Related Hospital Discharges	All injury related hospital discharges.	1,636	821.1	74	512.6
Unintentional Fall Discharges	Hospital discharges from falls due to loss of balance and not due to paralysis or injury.	800	360.1	75	222.8
Motor Vehicle Accident Discharges	Hospital discharges from motor vehicle accidents including cars, motorcycles and ATVs.	246	140.6	72	69.5
Traumatic Brain Injury Discharges	Hospital discharges due to injury resulting from external mechanical forces.	73	34.5	70	20.9
Deaths from Injury	Deaths from intentional and unintentional (accidental) injuries, 5-year average.	30	80.8	26	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.	5,835	20.7%	39	24.9%
Current youth smokers	Students grades 6-12 reporting being current smokers.	238	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.	34	7.4%	17	8.8%
Life Expectancy	The average expected life time (in years) from birth.	75.2 yrs.	N/A	34	76.0 yrs.
Natural Teeth	Adults 65+ who have had all their natural teeth extracted.	9,772	34.6%	71	23.0%
Water Systems with Fluoridation	Public water systems containing enough fluoride to protect teeth.	5	41.7%	44	49.7%

		Number	Rate	Rank	State Rate
Infant Mortality, 2012-2016	Measures the number of deaths among children less than one year of age .	16	6.9	38	7.1
Teen births	Births to mothers aged 15 to 19 years, 5-year average.	52	41.3	25	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.	6,470	17.5%	30	18.4%
Physical Inactivity	Adults (Age 18+) reporting no leisure-time physical activity .	8,240	29.2%	11	32.5%
Obesity (adults)	Adults (Age 18+) reporting being obese (BMI >= 30.0)	9,427	33.4%	20	35.7%
Overweight (adults)	Adults (Age 18+) reporting being overweight (BMI >=25.0 - 29.9).	11,013	39.0%	64	32.5%
Obesity (youth)	Students grades K-10 with a BMI >= 95th percentile for age and sex.	1,642	25.0%	52	22.0%
Overweight (youth)	Students grades K-10 with a BMI >=85th percentile to <95th percentile for age and sex.	1,199	18.3%	54	17.0%
Low Health literacy	Adults with basic or below basic health literacy skills.	9,642	34.3%	18	37.1%
Substance Abuse (youth)	Students grades 6-12 reporting using drugs in the past 30 days.	257	8.0%	22	9.9%

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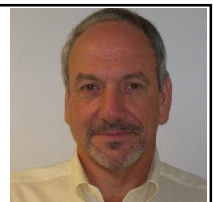
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