The Arkansas Department of Health
Howard 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
- In-home health services

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

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[a]

Health Department Budgeted Annual Salary/Fringe	$1,232,040
Health Department Employees	23
In-Home Services (IHS) Annual Payroll[b]	$204,341

Environmental Services

Food Establishment Inspections	98
Onsite Wastewater System Inspections	18
Swimming Pool Inspections	3

In-Home Services

Case Management Units	291
Home Health Visits	984
Hospice Days	73
Patients Served	212
Personal Care Hours	16,462
Maternal/Infant Visits	326
Unreimbursed Care	$23,930

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Number of Vendors***	3
Payments to WIC Vendors	$508,989
WIC Clients served annually	1,275

[a]Includes Regional Office and County employees only. [b]Contract service providers' salaries and travel expenses. [***]Payments in counties with one WIC vendor are not released

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Demographics	Description	Number	Percent	Rank	State %
Total Population	The number of people who live in a county.	13,581	N/A	53	0.5%
White (Non-Hispanic)		8,958	66.0%	55	73.7%
Black (Non-Hispanic)		2,815	20.7%	28	15.4%
Hispanic or Latino Origin		1,440	10.6%	33	6.9%

U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 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.	$35,879	N/A	31	$40,768
People of All Ages in Poverty	People of all ages living below the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).	3,151	23.2%	45	19.2%
Children in Poverty	Children under age 18 living below the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).	1,302	36.4%	51	27.9%
Children in Single Parent Homes	Children that live in a household headed by single parent.	N/A	N/A	N/A	37.8%
Uninsured	Population under age 65 without health insurance.	2,840	20.9%	69	16.7%
No transportation	Households with no transportation.	353	6.8%	44	6.4%

Injury	Description	Number	Rate	Rank	State Rate
Injury Related Hospital Discharges		38	279.8	14	457.3
Unintentional Fall	Falls due to loss of balance and not due to sudden paralysis or injury.	14	103.1	14	208.1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	Includes cars, motorcycles and ATVs.	*	22.1	12	53.1
Traumatic Brain Injuries	Injury resulting from external mechanical forces.	5	36.8	19	62.4
Deaths from Injury	Deaths from intentional and unintentional (accidental) injuries.	*	*		73.6

**Counts and rates for counties with fewer than 10 deaths were not shown. Rank was calculated for those counties where rates were available. Rates are per 100,000 population.*

Health Indicators	Description	Number	Percent	Rank	State %
Current adult smokers	Adults (18 +) reporting being current smokers.	2,031	20.3%	20	22.4%
Current youth smokers	Students grades 6-12 reporting being current smokers.	160	10.7%	48	7.6%
Low Birth-Weight Babies	Live births where the infant weighed less than 2,500 grams (approximately 5 lbs., 8 oz.).	7	4.4%	3	8.7
Life Expectancy	The average expected life time (in years) from birth.	74.0 yrs.	N/A	61	76.1 yrs.
Natural Teeth	Adults 65+ who have had all their natural teeth extracted.	713	32.2%	70	23.3%
Fluoridation	Citizens with public water containing enough fluoride to protect teeth.	13,993	100.0%	1	71.3%
		Number	**Rate**	**Rank**	**State Rate**
Infant Mortality, 2009-2013	Measures the number of deaths among children less than one year of age .	8	8.3	56	7.1
Teen births	Births to mothers aged 15 to 19 years.	26	61.6	63	43.1

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. Counts are not shown when the number of teen births is fewer than 5.

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.	2,750	20.0%	50	19.4%
Physical Inactivity	Adults aged 20 and over reporting no leisure-time physical activity .	3,249	33.1%	45	30.9%
Obesity (adults)	Adults (Age 18+) reporting being obese (BMI >= 30.0)	4,499	44.2%	73	30.8%
Overweight (adults)	Adults (Age 18+) reporting being overweight (BMI >=25.0 - 29.9).	3,757	36.9%	42	35.4%
Obesity (youth)	Students grades K-10 with a BMI >= 95th percentile for age and sex.	603	23.1%	41	21.5%
Overweight (youth)	Students grades K-10 with a BMI >=85th percentile to <95th percentile for age and sex.	456	17.5%	38	17.3%
Low Health literacy	Adults with basic or below basic health literacy skills.	4,262	42.6%	58	37.1%
Substance Abuse (youth)	Students grades 6-12 reporting using drugs in the past 30 days.	113	7.6%	48	10.8%

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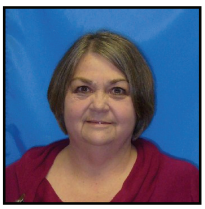

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