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
- 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	$1,475,293
Health Department Employees	38
In-Home Services (IHS) Annual Payroll[b]	$276,627

Environmental Services

Food Establishment Inspections	192
Onsite Wastewater System Inspections	84
Swimming Pool Inspections	12

In-Home Services

Case Management Units	314
Home Health Visits	2,914
Hospice Days	649
Patients Served	302
Personal Care Hours	18,682
Maternal/Infant Visits	535
Unreimbursed Care	$37,406

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Number of Vendors***	5
Payments to WIC Vendors	$921,472
WIC Clients served annually	2,515

*[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.	36,997	N/A	21	1.3%
White (Non-Hispanic)		32,922	89.0%	22	73.7%
Black (Non-Hispanic)		766	2.1%	49	15.4%
Hispanic or Latino Origin		2,249	6.1%	30	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.	$35,026	N/A	40	$40,768
People of All Ages in Poverty	People of all ages living below the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).	8,768	23.7%	47	19.2%
Children in Poverty	Children under age 18 living below the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).	3,278	37.0%	54	27.9%
Children in Single Parent Homes	Children that live in a household headed by single parent.	3,720	46.0%	26	37.8%
Uninsured	Population under age 65 without health insurance.	6,590	18.2%	43	16.7%
No transportation	Households with no transportation.	753	5.2%	20	6.4%

Injury	Description	Number	Rate	Rank	State Rate
Injury Related Hospital Discharges		336	908.2	74	457.3
Unintentional Fall	Falls due to loss of balance and not due to sudden paralysis or injury.	159	429.8	73	208.1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	Includes cars, motorcycles and ATVs.	43	116.2	74	53.1
Traumatic Brain Injuries	Injury resulting from external mechanical forces.	30	81.1	57	62.4
Deaths from Injury	Deaths from intentional and unintentional (accidental) injuries.	32	85.6	32	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.	6,528	23.2%	35	22.4%
Current youth smokers	Students grades 6-12 reporting being current smokers.	280	9.0%	33	7.6%
Low Birth-Weight Babies	Live births where the infant weighed less than 2,500 grams (approximately 5 lbs., 8 oz.).	36	7.9%	34	8.7
Life Expectancy	The average expected life time (in years) from birth.	76.2 yrs.	N/A	22	76.1 yrs.
Natural Teeth	Adults 65+ who have had all their natural teeth extracted.	1,808	29.4%	61	23.3%
Fluoridation	Citizens with public water containing enough fluoride to protect teeth.	17,510	47.8%	49	71.3%
		Number	Rate	Rank	State Rate
Infant Mortality, 2009-2013	Measures the number of deaths among children less than one year of age .	19	8.0	53	7.1
Teen births	Births to mothers aged 15 to 19 years.	52	42.6	25	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.	6,850	18.7%	42	19.4%
Physical Inactivity	Adults aged 20 and over reporting no leisure-time physical activity .	9,578	35.7%	60	30.9%
Obesity (adults)	Adults (Age 18+) reporting being obese (BMI >= 30.0)	7,677	27.4%	21	30.8%
Overweight (adults)	Adults (Age 18+) reporting being overweight (BMI >=25.0 - 29.9).	11,919	42.6%	69	35.4%
Obesity (youth)	Students grades K-10 with a BMI >= 95th percentile for age and sex.	1,491	23.1%	38	21.5%
Overweight (youth)	Students grades K-10 with a BMI >=85th percentile to <95th percentile for age and sex.	1,257	19.5%	69	17.3%
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.	270	8.7%	33	10.8%

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