

Ashley County Health Profile Data

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Age-Adjusted Heart Disease Mortality, 1990-2004 <i>(deaths per 100,000 population)</i>	Years			In Ashley County, the death rates for heart disease are higher than those of the state overall.	
	2002-2004	216	183		
	Trend	1999-2001	269		186
		1996-1998	300		207
		1993-1995	230		227
		1990-1992	185		234

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Age-Adjusted Heart Disease Mortality by Race, 2002-2004 <i>(deaths per 100,000 population)</i>	Race			Heart disease mortality rates are higher for blacks in Ashley County than for whites. Both blacks and whites in Ashley County have higher heart disease death rates than those seen in the state generally.
	White	196	178	
	Black	292	230	

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Age-Adjusted Mortality Rate for All Cancer, 1990-2004 <i>(deaths per 100,000 population)</i>	Years			Cancer mortality rates in Ashley County have generally been at or above the state rate, except for the last period (2002-2004) when they were slightly lower.	
	2002-2004	201	209		
	Trend	1999-2001	265		210
		1996-1998	237		214
		1993-1995	257		222
		1990-1992	216		222

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Age-Adjusted Mortality Rate for All Cancer by Race, 2002-2004 <i>(deaths per 100,000 population)</i>	Race			Cancer death rates were higher for blacks than for whites in Ashley County. For both groups, the county rate is lower than the state rate.
	White	195	204	
	Black	226	255	

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates for Cancer by Type, 2002-2004 <i>(deaths per 100,000 population)</i>	Type			The county's mortality rates for lung and colorectal cancer are lower than those for the state. The county's breast cancer mortality rate is much higher than the state rate.
	Lung	63	69	
	Breast	42	25	
	Colorectal	14	21	
	Prostate	26	29	

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Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates for Cancer by Type and Race, 2002-2004 <i>(deaths per 100,000 population)</i>	Lung	White	67	-	Lung cancer and colorectal cancer mortality rates are higher for whites than blacks in Ashley County. Blacks are more likely to die of breast cancer and prostate cancer than their white counterparts in the county.
		Black	51	-	
	Breast	White	34	-	
		Black	75	-	
	Colorectal	White	16	-	
		Black	6	-	
	Prostate	White	21	-	
		Black	46	-	

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Cancer Screening, 2004 <i>(percent)</i>	Type			The percentage of adults who received cancer screening in Ashley County was lower than the percentage in the state overall. This was true for each of the 3 types of cancer.
	Breast	65	71	
	Cervical	77	80	
	Colorectal	46	53	

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Age-Adjusted Stroke Mortality Rate, 1990-2004 <i>(deaths per 100,000 population)</i>	Years			Rates of death from strokes are much higher in Ashley County than in the state overall.	
	2002-2004	133	70		
	Trend	1999-2001	128		77
		1996-1998	86		83
		1993-1995	101		82
		1990-1992	106		81

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Age-Adjusted Stroke Mortality Rate by Race, 2002-2004 <i>(deaths per 100,000 population)</i>	Race			Stroke mortality rates are substantially higher for whites in Ashley County than for blacks in the county or whites in the state. Mortality rates for blacks are lower than the state rate for blacks.
	White	151	67	
	Black	87	96	

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Age-Adjusted Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Mortality Rate, 1990-2004 <i>(deaths per 100,000 population)</i>	Years			Deaths from pulmonary disease have declined in Ashley County in recent years and are currently below the state rate.	
	2002-2004	41	49		
	Trend	1999-2001	30		47
		1996-1998	46		42
		1993-1995	44		42
		1990-1992	32		37

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Age-Adjusted Mortality Rate for All External Injuries, 1990-2004 <i>(deaths per 100,000 population)</i>	Years			Injury mortality rates in Ashley County have been at or above the state rate for the past 15 years. There is, however, a downward trend in the county.	
	2002-2004	79	75		
	Trend	1999-2001	88		72
		1996-1998	76		75
		1993-1995	85		76
		1990-1992	101		76

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Age-Adjusted Mortality Rate by Cause of External Injury, 1995-2004 <i>(deaths per 100,000 population)</i>	Type			Deaths from collisions occur at a higher rate in Ashley County than in the state overall. Other causes of injury show county mortality rates that are comparable with state rates.
	Collisions	35	25	
	Falls	3	5	
	Fire	3	2	
	Homicide	8	8	
	Suicide	13	13	

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Prevalence of Diabetes, 2005 <i>(percent)</i>	Year			The percentage of adults with diabetes in Ashley County is equal to the percentage with diabetes in the state.
	2005	8	8	

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Age-Adjusted Diabetes Mortality Rate, 1990-2004 <i>(deaths per 100,000 population)</i>	Years			Diabetes mortality rates in the county are declining. In the most recent period (2002-04) the mortality rate in the county was slightly below that of the state.	
	2002-2004	23	28		
	Trend	1999-2001	29		25
		1996-1998	38		22
		1993-1995	43		21
		1990-1992	13		20

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Adult Immunizations, 2004 <i>(percent)</i>	Type			The percentage of adults in Ashley County who report having received common vaccinations is slightly higher than the percentage in the state overall.
	Influenza	73	66	
	Pneumonia	70	66	

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Age-Adjusted Mortality Rate for Influenza & Pneumonia, 1990-2004 <i>(deaths per 100,000 population)</i>	Years			Death rates from influenza and pneumonia have been declining in Ashley County over the past decade. They are currently well below the state rate.	
	2002-2004	17	27		
	Trend	1999-2001	28		31
		1996-1998	29		34
		1993-1995	43		23
		1990-1992	34		38

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Prevalence of Arthritis, 2005 <i>(percent)</i>	Year			The percentage of adults with reported arthritis is slightly higher in Ashley County than in the state overall.
	2005	36	31	

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Age-Adjusted Infant Mortality Rate, 1990-2004 <i>(deaths per 1,000 live births)</i>	Years			The infant mortality rate in Ashley County declined in the 1990's but rose in the most recent period (2002-04) to a level that is higher than the state rate.	
	2002-2004	12	8		
	Trend	1999-2001	6		8
		1996-1998	9		9
		1993-1995	12		9
		1990-1992	12		10

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Low Birth Weight Births, 1990-2004 <i>(percent of live births)</i>	Years			The percentage of births that yielded low birth weight infants has been stable in Ashley County and consistent with the state percentages.	
	2002-2004	9	9		
	Trend	1999-2001	9		9
		1996-1998	9		9
		1993-1995	8		8
		1990-1992	9		8

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Indicator	Ashley County	Arkansas	Comments
Behavioral Risk Factors, 2005 <i>(percent)</i>	Risk Factor		
	Overweight & Obese (BMI \geq 25)	72	65
	No Physical Activity	38	31
	Current Smoker	29	24

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Adult Overweight & Obesity (BMI \geq 25), 1996-2004 <i>(percent)</i>	Years			In 2004, more than 60 percent of Arkansas adults were overweight or obese. This percentage continues to rise.	
	2004	-	63		
	Trend	2002	-		61
		2000	-		60
		1998	-		55
		1996	-		55

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Adults Who Do Not Participate in Any Physical Activity, 1996-2004 <i>(percent)</i>	Years			Although there has been some improvement in recent years, in 2004, more than a quarter of Arkansas adults did not participate in any physical activity.	
	2004	-	27		
	Trend	2002	-		27
		2000	-		28
		1998	-		36
		1996	-		37

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Adult Current Smokers, 1996-2004 <i>(percent)</i>	Years			The proportion of adults who smoke - a major risk factor for chronic diseases, such as cancer, heart disease and stroke - has remained fairly constant in recent years. In Arkansas, approximately one of every four adults reported being a current smoker in 2004.	
	2004	-	26		
	Trend	2002	-		26
		2000	-		25
		1998	-		26
		1996	-		26

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Adult Who Do Not Consume 5 or More Fruits & Vegetables a Day, 1996-2005 <i>(percent)</i>	Years			Between 1996 and 2005, in Arkansas there was an increasing trend of inadequate consumption of fruits and vegetables. In 2005, 79 percent of Arkansans reported that they did not eat the recommended five or more daily servings of fruits and vegetables.	
	2005	-	79		
	Trend	2002	-		80
		2000	-		79
		1998	-		73
		1996	-		69

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Indicator		Arkansas	U.S.	Comments
Proportion of Arkansans with No Cholesterol Check (Ever), 2005 <i>(percent)</i>	Year			In Arkansas, like in the U. S. overall, approximately one fourth of the adult population in 2003 had not ever had their blood cholesterol level checked contrary to general recommendations.
	2005	28	23	

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

Proportion of Arkansans Diagnosed with High Blood Pressure, 2005 <i>(percent)</i>	Year			The overall prevalence of high blood pressure in Arkansas was 29 percent in 2005. This is higher than the national rate of 26 percent for the same year.
	2005	29	26	

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)

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County Population by Age Group, 2000 <i>(percent)</i>	Age Group			
	< 18	27	25	
	18 - 44	36	38	
	45 - 64	24	23	
	65+	14	14	

(2000, U.S. Census Bureau)

County Population By Race/Ethnicity, 2000 <i>(percent)</i>	Race/Ethnicity			
	White	70	80	
	African American	27	16	
	Native American	1	1	
	Asian American	1	1	
	Hispanic	3	3	

(2000, U.S. Census Bureau)

County Population by Educational Level, 2000 <i>(percent)</i>	Level			
	Less than H.S.	28	25	
	H.S. Diploma/GED	43	34	
	Some College	19	25	
	College Graduate	10	17	

(2000, U.S. Census Bureau)

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Median Household Income, 1990 & 2000 <i>(dollars)</i>	Year			
	2000	\$31,758	\$32,182	
	1990	\$20,609	\$21,147	

(2000, U.S. Census Bureau)

County Population Below Poverty Level, 1990 & 2000 <i>(percent)</i>	Year			
	2000	18	16	
	1990	21	19	

(2000, U.S. Census Bureau)

Access to Healthcare, 2004 <i>(percent)</i>	Indicator			
	No Health Insurance	24	19	
	No Personal Doctor	13	17	

(Arkansas Center for Health Statistics)