



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	\$4,611,886
Health Department Employees	85

Environmental Services, Fiscal Year 2017

Food Establishment Inspections	2,743
Onsite Wastewater System Inspections	478
Swimming Pool Inspections	280

Local Health Unit Visits, Fiscal Year 2017

BreastCare	295
Family Planning	3,168
General Medical	724
HIV/STD	1,696
Immunizations	5,690
Maternity	2,906
Tuberculosis	6,629
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	4,444

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

Number of Vendors	28
Payments to WIC Vendors	\$3,861,526
WIC Clients Served Annually	9,090

^aIncludes County employees only.



Washington County

Demographics	Description	Number	Percent	Rank	State %
Total Population	The number of people who live in the county.	219,930	N/A	3	7.4%
White (Non-Hispanic)		159,150	72.4%	47	73.4%
Black (Non-Hispanic)		7,406	3.4%	45	15.4%
Hispanic or Latino Origin		35,554	16.2%	3	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.	\$45,442	N/A	8	\$42,336
People of All Ages in Poverty	People of all ages living below the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).	41,787	19.0%	23	18.8%
Children in Poverty	Children under age 18 living below the Federal Poverty Line (FPL).	12,242	22.3%	8	26.8%
Children in Single Parent Homes	Children that live in a household headed by single parent.	14,960	27.3%	13	35.4%
Uninsured	Population under age 65 without health insurance.	29,274	15.0%	33	14.5%
No transportation	Households with no transportation.	4,926	5.9%	34	6.4%
Injury*	Description	Number	Rate	Rank	State Rate
Injury Related Hospital Discharges	All injury related hospital discharges.	4,404	404.8	19	512.6
Unintentional Fall Discharges	Hospital discharges from falls due to loss of balance and not due to paralysis or injury.	1,962	188.2	20	222.8
Motor Vehicle Accident Discharges	Hospital discharges from motor vehicle accidents including cars, motorcycles and ATVs.	593	50.4	24	69,5
Traumatic Brain Injury Discharges	Hospital discharges due to injury resulting from external mechanical forces.	233	22.5	43	20.9
Deaths from Injury	Deaths from intentional and unintentional (accidental) injuries, 5-year average.	118	56.2	2	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.	35,353	20.9%	46	24.9%
Current youth smokers	Students grades 6-12 reporting being current smokers.	795	3.7%	10	5.6%
Low Birth-Weight Babies	Live births where the infant weighed less than 2,500 grams (5 lbs., 8 oz.), 5-year average.	260	8.1%	34	8.8%
Life Expectancy	The average expected life time (in years) from birth.	78.2 yrs.	N/A	3	76.0 yrs.
Natural Teeth	Adults 65+ who have had all their natural teeth extracted.	38,090	22.2%	39	23.0%
Water Systems with Fluoridation	Public water systems containing enough fluoride to protect teeth.	10	100.0%	1	49.7%
		Number	Rate	Rank	State Rate
Infant Mortality, 2012-2016	Measures the number of deaths among children less than one year of age .	107	6.7	37	7.1

†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.	33,050	15.3%	10	18.4%
Physical Inactivity	Adults (Age 18+) reporting no leisure-time physical activity .	44,600	26.0%	3	32.5%
Obesity (adults)	Adults (Age 18+) reporting being obese (BMI >= 30.0)	55,932	32.6%	11	35.7%
Overweight (adults)	Adults (Age 18+) reporting being overweight (BMI >=25.0 - 29.9).	56,706	33.0%	30	32.5%
Obesity (youth)	Students grades K-10 with a BMI >= 95th percentile for age and sex.	8,473	21.6%	22	22.0%
Overweight (youth)	Students grades K-10 with a BMI >=85th percentile to <95th percentile for age and sex.	6,523	16.7%	23	17.0%
Low Health literacy	Adults with basic or below basic health literacy skills.	49,316	30.5%	5	37.1%
Substance Abuse (youth)	Students grades 6-12 reporting using drugs in the past 30 days.	1,848	8.6%	25	9.9%

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