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## ARKANSAS (AR)

**Population:** 3,013,825 (USA Rank: 33)

**Per Capita Income:** \$26,626 (USA Rank:48)

**U.S.Governments:** <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

*(Federal, State & local - most recent elected officials)*

**Arkansas:** <https://portal.arkansas.gov>

Governor's office: <https://portal.arkansas.gov/agency/governors-office>

**Secretary of State:** <https://portal.arkansas.gov/agency/secretary-of-state>

**Minority & Women Owned Business Office:** Tel: 501-682-6105

**Tourism Development:** Tel: 501-682-1926

**Major Cities:** Little Rock, Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Bentonville, Jonesboro, Hot springs, Pine Bluff, Hope.

## Multicultural Council of America

*non-profit umbrella organization, promoting world cultures, education & healthcare*

<https://www.multiculturalcouncil.org>

Email: [info@multiculturalcouncil.org](mailto:info@multiculturalcouncil.org)

**WE** are a non-profit membership organization, helping you connect with people and organizations within **Arkansas** and beyond, for better communication, exchanging ideas, learning & helping communities locally, nationally and globally thru Multicultural Council Chapters.

We encourage you to please become a *member*, join one of our committees, **be a volunteer or mentor, donate your time & money and share your ideas to help the communities**. Membership is open to individuals, organizations, corporations & governments.

Please *advertise* your organization, services or products in this website to reach out to local, regional and global multicultural communities.

**Tourism Promotion** has become our special project during these uncertain times. Tourism is the world's largest industry. Prior to the pandemic, according to the National Travel and Tourism Week (NTTW) the travel industry was a powerful economic engine, supporting jobs and driving local economies in every pocket of America. The industry had experienced 107 straight months of growth, generated \$2.6 trillion in economic output, supported 17 million American jobs and delivered a \$51 billion trade surplus to the U.S.

It is estimated that more than 32 million people visited the State of Arkansas during 2018, adding around \$7.6 billion to state's economy, generating more than **\$569 million** in state and local tax revenues, and 68,000 direct & indirect jobs in Arkansas. Unfortunately COVID-19 virtually destroyed Tourism revenues in Arkansas in 2020-2021.

While Tourism bounced back strongly in 2022, driven by pent-up demand and the lifting of travel restrictions, the international travel remains 54.6% below pre-pandemic. The recovery is fragile with new uncertainties from the economic slowdown & geopolitical instability.

The Multicultural Communities within Arkansas and throughout the world have always been instrumental in increasing Tourism Revenues for Arkansas, for employment and our economic growth. Let's work together to help each other.

**Population by Race:** Source: Census Bureau – American Community Survey (<https://census.gov/acs>) & Pew Research

	Arkansas					U. S.A.	Change 2010-21	% increase
1	White	76.5%				192,750,000	-4,060,000	(<0%)
2	Black or African American	15.2%				39,270,000	1,580,000	7%
3	Hispanic or Latino	7.6%				62,530,000	12,050,000	52%
4	Asian	1.6%				18,890,000	4,420,000	19%
5	American Indian and Alaska Native	0.7%				-	-	-
6	Two or more Races	2.9%				14,300,000	8,330,000	36%
7	Pacific Islanders	0.3%				-	-	-
8	Arkansans Speaking A Foreign Language at Home	7.7%				-	-	-

### How Much Do You Need To Earn, to Live Well in Arkansas?

**Family Budget Calculator**, developed by the Economic Policy Institute ([www.epi.org/resources/budget](http://www.epi.org/resources/budget)) allows you to calculate the average amount of money you need for Housing, Food, Childcare, Transportation, Healthcare, Taxes, etc. in the area where you live or wish to live.

### Arkansas Information, Contacts & Resources

- **History & Culture:** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_Arkansas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Arkansas)
- **History & Culture:** <https://www.britannica.com/place/Arkansas-state/History>
- **Demographics:** <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/AR>
- **Discrimination** (*Violation of Your Civil Rights based on race, color, national origin, disability, sex, religion, familial status, etc.*): 833-591-0291 or Toll-Free:1-855-856-1247 <https://civilrights.justice.gov>
- **Health:** <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov>
- **Health: National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics:** 703-647-7427 - <https://nafcclinics.org>  
[info@nafcclinics.org](mailto:info@nafcclinics.org)
- **Drug Information** (*Interactions, side-effects, etc.*): Call your local pharmacist or FDA at 1-855-543-3784 and 1-301-796-3400 or write to [druginfo@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:druginfo@fda.hhs.gov)
- **Immigration & Citizenship:** [www.uscis.gov/citizenship](http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship) Email: [Office.of.Citizenship@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:Office.of.Citizenship@uscis.dhs.gov)
- **IRS-Taxpayer Advocate Service:** 877-777-4778 [www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov](http://www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov)
- **Fraud, Scams & Bad Business Practices:** 1-877-382-4357 <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>
- **The Innocence Project helping wrongfully convicted Americans:** <http://www.innocenceproject.org>  
- - Email: [info@innocenceproject.org](mailto:info@innocenceproject.org)
- **Need Urgent Legal Help?** Legal Services Corporation: 202-295-1500 ([www.lsc.gov](http://www.lsc.gov)- [info@lsc.gov](mailto:info@lsc.gov)) or American Bar Association: Toll Free: 800-285-2221 [www.americanbar.org](http://www.americanbar.org)

**Arkansas Crisis Hotlines: 911** (9-1-1 is a confidential and multilingual **EMERGENCY** #)

**The Safe Place:** 888-554-2501 <https://thesafeplacearkansas.com>

**Arkansas Crisis Center:** 888.274.7472 - <https://www.arcrisis.org>

**Drug Abuse:** <https://www.drugabuse.gov/drug-topics/opioids>

**Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline:** 1-800-482-5964 <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov>

**Arkansas domestic violence shelters:**

1. Courage House, PO.Box 924 Arkadelphia, AR 71923 Phone: (870) 246-2587 or 246-3122

2. **Family Violence Prevention and Rape Crisis Center**, PO. Box 2943 Batesville, AR 72503 Toll Free: (800) 894-8821 Phone: (870) 793-4011 Phone: 870-793-8111

3. **AK Coalition Against Domestic Violence:** 700 S. Rock St., Little Rock, AR 72202 Tel: 501-907-5612 Toll-Free: 800-269-4668 Email: [info@domesticpeace.com](mailto:info@domesticpeace.com)

**National Crisis Resources:** 24-hour nationwide – Services may be available in many languages

**Addiction Hotline: 800-784-2433**

**Child Abuse:** 1-800-4-A-Child or 1-800-422-4453 (National Child Abuse Hotline) [www.childhelp.org](http://www.childhelp.org)

**Domestic Violence:** 1-800-799-7233 (National Domestic Violence Hotline)

**StrongHearts Native Helpline:** Call/Chat: 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) [www.strongheartshelpline.org](http://www.strongheartshelpline.org)

**Shelters:** <https://www.domesticshelters.org>

**Online Chat (7am-2am CST)** <https://www.thehotline.org> - All calls are toll-free & confidential

**Human Trafficking Hotline:** 1-888-373-7888 (Text # 233733)

**National Center for Missing & Exploited Children:** 1-800-THE-LOST or 1-800-843-5678

**National Indigenous Women's Resource Center** – 855-649-7299 – [www.niwrc.org](http://www.niwrc.org) - [info@niwrc.org](mailto:info@niwrc.org)

**National Problem Gambling Helpline:** 1-800-522-4700-**Text:** 1-800-522-4700-**Chat:** [www.ncpgambling.org/chat](http://www.ncpgambling.org/chat)

**Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) ..... **Soon to be 9-8-8**

**Poison Control Center For Emergencies:** 1-800-222-1222

**Covenant House Nineline:** 1-800-RUNAWAY (1-800-786-2929) <https://teenlineonline.org>

**Girls & Boys Town National Hotline:** Phone, Chat, Text, and Email - 1-800-448-3000

**National Youth Crisis Hotline:** 1-800-442-HOPE (1-800-442-4673)

**Samariteens:** 1-800-252-TEENS (1-800-252-8336) - 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

**Youth Crisis Hotline:** 1-800-HIT-HOME (1-800-448-4663)

**Youth America Hotline (YAH!):** 1-877-YOUTHLINE (1-877-968-8454)

**The Trevor Lifeline:** 1-866-488-7386

\* *The Trevor Lifeline is a service of The Trevor Project, a non-profit endeavor devoted to promoting tolerance and understanding for **LGBTQ** youth.*

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PLEASE FORWARD IT TO YOUR FRIENDS & ASSOCIATES IN ARKANSAS  
AND BEYOND**

**Please help us by adding, correcting & improving this website to serve our communities**

## Arkansas History & General Information

The land of freedom-fighters, revolutionaries, and leaders, Arkansas has been through a lot of ups and downs beginning with the Caddo, Quapaw, Tunica - Biloxi and Cherokee Indians, their encounters with the Europeans, and eventual unjust removal, followed by the inhumane slavery, the struggles to join the United States, the secession and re-joining of the Union, the political, natural and economic turmoil, the Civil Rights Movement and ending the school segregation. It is the resilience of the people of Arkansas that has changed the United States and the World.

Besides the Native Americans and the African-Americans, another innocent group of Americans that suffered in Arkansas were about 16,000 Japanese who were forcibly removed from the West Coast and interned in Arkansas between 1942 and 1945.

Arkansas currently ranks as the 35th best state for business, with the 10th-lowest cost of doing business, 8th-lowest cost of living, 41st best workforce, 29th-best economic climate, 41st-best educated workforce, 41st-best infrastructure and the 32nd-friendliest regulatory environment. Arkansas ranks as one of the top states for charitable giving, ranking it as the seventh-most generous state.

The state is rich in heritage and culture which is reflected in its museums, theaters, restaurants and other venues. The state was once referred to as ‘The Land of Opportunity’ but is now often called ‘**The Natural State**’. Many distinguished individuals were born in Arkansas, including President Bill Clinton, Johnny Cash, Glen Campbell, Sonny Liston but the most well-known is Sam Walton, the founder of Walmart – the largest privately owned corporation in the world, with over **2.2 million** employees worldwide.

Germans were the largest European group who settled in Kansas back in the 1800s. This Germanic heritage can be seen in many town names across Kansas, such as Humboldt in Allen County, Bremen in Marshall County, Stuttgart in Phillips County, Marienthal in Wichita County, Windthorst in Ford County, Olmitz in Barton County, Olpe in Lyon County, Bern in Nemaha County, and many others. Anti-German sentiment in the state was so strong with the outbreak of World War I and WW II that many locations, businesses and even individuals changed their names, to become more Americanized.

Tourism is a \$7.6 billion industry (2018), employing more than 68,000 people. “The Natural State”, is a nature wonderland with three national forests, nearly 9,000 miles of pristine streams and rivers, awe-inspiring settings in the Ozark and Quachita mountains and sparkling lakes. Agri-Tourism has become very popular in Arkansas.

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