

44 **ECONOMIC WELL-BEING**
Rank

	UNITED STATES	ARKANSAS
CHILDREN IN POVERTY US: 14,116,000 AR: 165,000	22% 2010	28% 2010
	19% 2016 BETTER	24% 2016 BETTER
CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS LACK SECURE EMPLOYMENT US: 20,692,000 AR: 223,000	33% 2010	36% 2010
	28% 2016 BETTER	31% 2016 BETTER
CHILDREN LIVING IN A HOUSEHOLD WITH A HIGH HOUSING COST BURDEN US: 23,556,000 AR: 180,000	41% 2010	32% 2010
	32% 2016 BETTER	26% 2016 BETTER
TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING US: 1,176,000 AR: 18,000	9% 2010	12% 2010
	7% 2016 BETTER	10% 2016 BETTER

33 **EDUCATION**
Rank

	UNITED STATES	ARKANSAS
YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 3 AND 4) NOT IN SCHOOL US: 4,256,000 AR: 39,000	52% 2009-11	51% 2009-11
	52% 2014-16 SAME	51% 2016-16 SAME
FOURTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN READING US: N.A. AR: N.A.	68% 2009	71% 2009
	65% 2017 BETTER	69% 2017 BETTER
EIGHTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN MATH US: N.A. AR: N.A.	67% 2009	73% 2009
	67% 2017 SAME	75% 2017 WORSE
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NOT GRADUATING ON TIME US: N.A. AR: N.A.	21% 2010-11	19% 2010-11
	16% 2015-16 BETTER	13% 2015-16 BETTER

30 HEALTH
Rank

	UNITED STATES		ARKANSAS	
LOW BIRTH-WEIGHT BABIES US: 321,839 AR: 3,361	8.1% 2010	8.2% 2016 WORSE	8.8% 2010	8.8% 2016 SAME
CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE US: 3,277,000 AR: 26,000	8% 2010	4% 2016 BETTER	7% 2010	4% 2016 BETTER
CHILD AND TEEN DEATHS PER 100,000 US: 20,360 AR: 257	26 2010	26 2016 SAME	34 2010	34 2016 SAME
TEENS WHO ABUSE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS US: 1,148,000 AR: 10,000	N.A. 2009-10	5% 2015-16	N.A. 2009-10	4% 2015-16

45 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
Rank

	UNITED STATES		ARKANSAS	
CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES US: 24,267,000 AR: 247,000	34% 2010	35% 2016 WORSE	39% 2010	38% 2016 BETTER
CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WHERE THE HOUSEHOLD HEAD LACKS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA US: 9,989,000 AR: 96,000	15% 2010	14% 2016 BETTER	16% 2010	14% 2016 BETTER
CHILDREN LIVING IN HIGH-POVERTY AREAS US: 9,448,000 AR: 113,000	13% 2008-12	13% 2012-16 SAME	17% 2008-12	16% 2012-16 BETTER
TEEN BIRTHS PER 1,000 US: 209,809 AR: 3,372	34 2010	20 2016 BETTER	52 2010	35 2016 BETTER