

Historic and Projected Population Trends of Arkansas

The Census Bureau reported that as of the 2000 Census there were 2,673,400 persons in Arkansas. This number represented 0.95% of the total U.S. population, about the same percentage as had been reported in the Census of 1990. The 0.95% placed Arkansas as the 33rd largest state in the country, following Kansas and preceding Utah.

Table 1

State Population Ranking and Percent Distribution							
2000				2020			
State	Rank	% of US	Cumulative %	State	Rank	% of US	Cumulative %
CA	1	12.04%	12.0%	CA	1	12.57%	12.6%
TX	2	7.41%	19.4%	TX	2	8.53%	21.1%
NY	3	6.74%	26.2%	FL	3	6.97%	28.1%
FL	4	5.68%	31.9%	NY	4	5.83%	33.9%
IL	5	4.41%	36.3%	IL	5	3.94%	37.8%
PA	6	4.36%	40.6%	PA	6	3.81%	41.6%
OH	7	4.03%	44.7%	OH	7	3.47%	45.1%
MI	8	3.53%	48.2%	GA	8	3.23%	48.3%
NJ	9	2.99%	51.2%	NC	9	3.19%	51.5%
GA	10	2.91%	54.1%	MI	10	3.19%	54.7%
NC	11	2.86%	57.0%	NJ	11	2.82%	57.5%
VA	12	2.52%	59.5%	VA	12	2.66%	60.2%
MA	13	2.26%	61.7%	AZ	13	2.52%	62.7%
IN	14	2.16%	63.9%	WA	14	2.21%	64.9%
WA	15	2.09%	66.0%	MA	15	2.04%	67.0%
TN	16	2.02%	68.0%	TN	16	2.02%	69.0%
MO	17	1.99%	70.0%	IN	17	1.97%	71.0%
WI	18	1.91%	71.9%	MD	18	1.93%	72.9%
MD	19	1.88%	73.8%	MO	19	1.85%	74.7%
AZ	20	1.82%	75.6%	WI	20	1.79%	76.5%
MN	21	1.75%	77.4%	MN	21	1.76%	78.3%
LA	22	1.59%	79.0%	CO	22	1.57%	79.9%
AL	23	1.58%	80.5%	SC	23	1.44%	81.3%
CO	24	1.53%	82.1%	AL	24	1.41%	82.7%
KY	25	1.44%	83.5%	LA	25	1.41%	84.1%
SC	26	1.43%	84.9%	KY	26	1.32%	85.4%
OK	27	1.23%	86.1%	OR	27	1.27%	86.7%
OR	28	1.22%	87.4%	OK	28	1.11%	87.8%
CT	29	1.21%	88.6%	CT	29	1.09%	88.9%
IA	30	1.04%	89.6%	NV	30	1.03%	89.9%
MS	31	1.01%	90.6%	AR	31	0.91%	90.8%
KS	32	0.96%	91.6%	MS	32	0.91%	91.7%
AR	33	0.95%	92.5%	IA	33	0.90%	92.6%
UT	34	0.79%	93.3%	UT	34	0.89%	93.5%
NV	35	0.71%	94.0%	KS	35	0.86%	94.4%
NM	36	0.65%	94.7%	NM	36	0.62%	95.0%
WV	37	0.64%	95.3%	NE	37	0.54%	95.6%
NE	38	0.61%	95.9%	WV	38	0.54%	96.1%
ID	39	0.46%	96.4%	ID	39	0.52%	96.6%
ME	40	0.45%	96.8%	NH	40	0.45%	97.1%
NH	41	0.44%	97.3%	HI	41	0.42%	97.5%
HI	42	0.43%	97.7%	ME	42	0.42%	97.9%
RI	43	0.37%	98.1%	RI	43	0.34%	98.2%
MT	44	0.32%	98.4%	MT	44	0.30%	98.5%
DE	45	0.28%	98.7%	DE	45	0.29%	98.8%
SD	46	0.27%	99.0%	SD	46	0.24%	99.1%
ND	47	0.23%	99.2%	AK	47	0.23%	99.3%
AK	48	0.22%	99.4%	VT	48	0.21%	99.5%
VT	49	0.22%	99.6%	ND	49	0.19%	99.7%
DC	50	0.20%	99.8%	WY	50	0.16%	99.9%
WY	51	0.18%	100.0%	DC	51	0.14%	100.0%

Source: Interim State Projections of Population by Sex: July 1, 2004 to 2030

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Interim State Population Projections, 2005.