

46 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank

CHILDREN IN POVERTY

US: 12,998,000 | AR: 171,000

UNITED STATES

22%
2010

18%
2018

BETTER

ARKANSAS

28%
2010

25%
2018

BETTER

CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS LACK SECURE EMPLOYMENT

US: 19,579,000 | AR: 210,000

33%
2010

27%
2018

BETTER

36%
2010

30%
2018

BETTER

CHILDREN LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH A HIGH HOUSING COST BURDEN

US: 22,566,000 | AR: 180,000

41%
2010

31%
2018

BETTER

32%
2010

26%
2018

BETTER

TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING

US: 1,186,000 | AR: 17,000

9%
2010

7%
2018

BETTER

12%
2010

10%
2018

BETTER

31 EDUCATION

Rank

YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 3 AND 4) NOT IN SCHOOL

US: 4,215,000 | AR: 39,000

UNITED STATES

52%
2009-11

52%
2016-18

SAME

ARKANSAS

51%
2009-11

52%
2016-18

WORSE

FOURTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN READING

US: N.A. | AR: N.A.

68%
2009

66%
2019

BETTER

71%
2009

69%
2019

BETTER

EIGHTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN MATH

US: N.A. | AR: N.A.

67%
2009

67%
2019

SAME

73%
2009

73%
2019

SAME

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NOT GRADUATING ON TIME

US: N.A. | AR: N.A.

21%
2010-11

15%
2017-18

BETTER

19%
2010-11

11%
2017-18

BETTER

40 HEALTH

Rank

	UNITED STATES	ARKANSAS
LOW BIRTH-WEIGHT BABIES US: 313,752 AR: 3,465	8.1% 2010	8.3% 2018 WORSE
		8.8% 2010
		9.4% 2018 WORSE
CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE US: 4,055,000 AR: 34,000	8% 2010	5% 2018 BETTER
		7% 2010
		5% 2018 BETTER
CHILD AND TEEN DEATHS PER 100,000 US: 19,660 AR: 277	26 2010	25 2018 BETTER
		34 2010
		37 2018 WORSE
CHILDREN AND TEENS (AGES 10 TO 17) WHO ARE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE US: N.A. AR: N.A.	31% 2016-17	31% 2017-18 SAME
		30% 2016-17
		30% 2017-18 SAME

45 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Rank

	UNITED STATES	ARKANSAS
CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES US: 23,980,000 AR: 253,000	34% 2010	35% 2018 WORSE
		39% 2010
		39% 2018 SAME
CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WHERE THE HOUSEHOLD HEAD LACKS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA US: 9,205,000 AR: 81,000	15% 2010	13% 2018 BETTER
		16% 2010
		12% 2018 BETTER
CHILDREN LIVING IN HIGH-POVERTY AREAS US: 7,717,000 AR: 81,000	13% 2008-12	10% 2014-18 BETTER
		17% 2008-12
		12% 2014-18 BETTER
TEEN BIRTHS PER 1,000 US: 179,871 AR: 2,928	34 2010	17 2018 BETTER
		52 2010
		30 2018 BETTER