

The Majority Status of Arkansas Minority Populations: Transitioning to a Hispanic Major Minority

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This brief report traces the changing nature of the minority status of Arkansas' racial and Hispanic populations that have been enumerated in the U.S. Censuses since 1990. The report reviews the censuses racial and ethnicity enumerations, and:

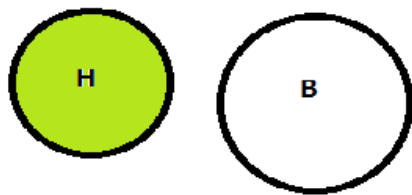
- Identifies Arkansas Counties' major minority populations (to wit, whether there are a greater number of Black African Americans or people of Hispanic or Latino origin),
- Identifies counties whose minority status are transitioning from one minority group to another,
- Identifies counties that have a majority-minority racial of ethnic composition,

Definitions

- A majority race is one that makes up more than 50% of the total population in a geographical area.
- A minority race is a race whose composition is less than 50% of the population.
- A majority-minority or alternatively a minority-majority refers to a geographic area where the racial composition is less than 50% White (White non-Hispanic).

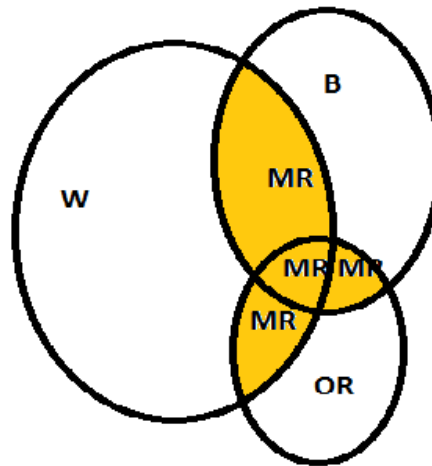
Venn Diagrams of Race and Ethnicity

Majority Population

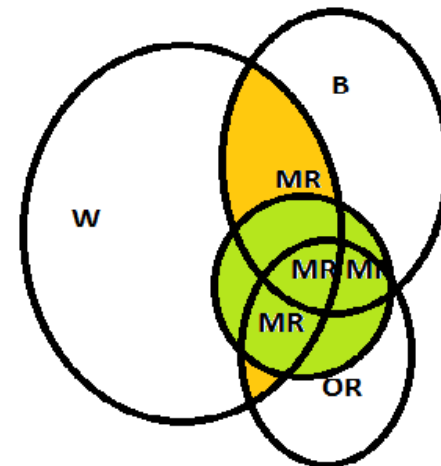


H: Hispanic
B: Black
W: White
OR: Other Race
MR: Multiple Race

Majority and Minority Races



Race and Ethnicity



Arkansas: Population by Race 1990-2010

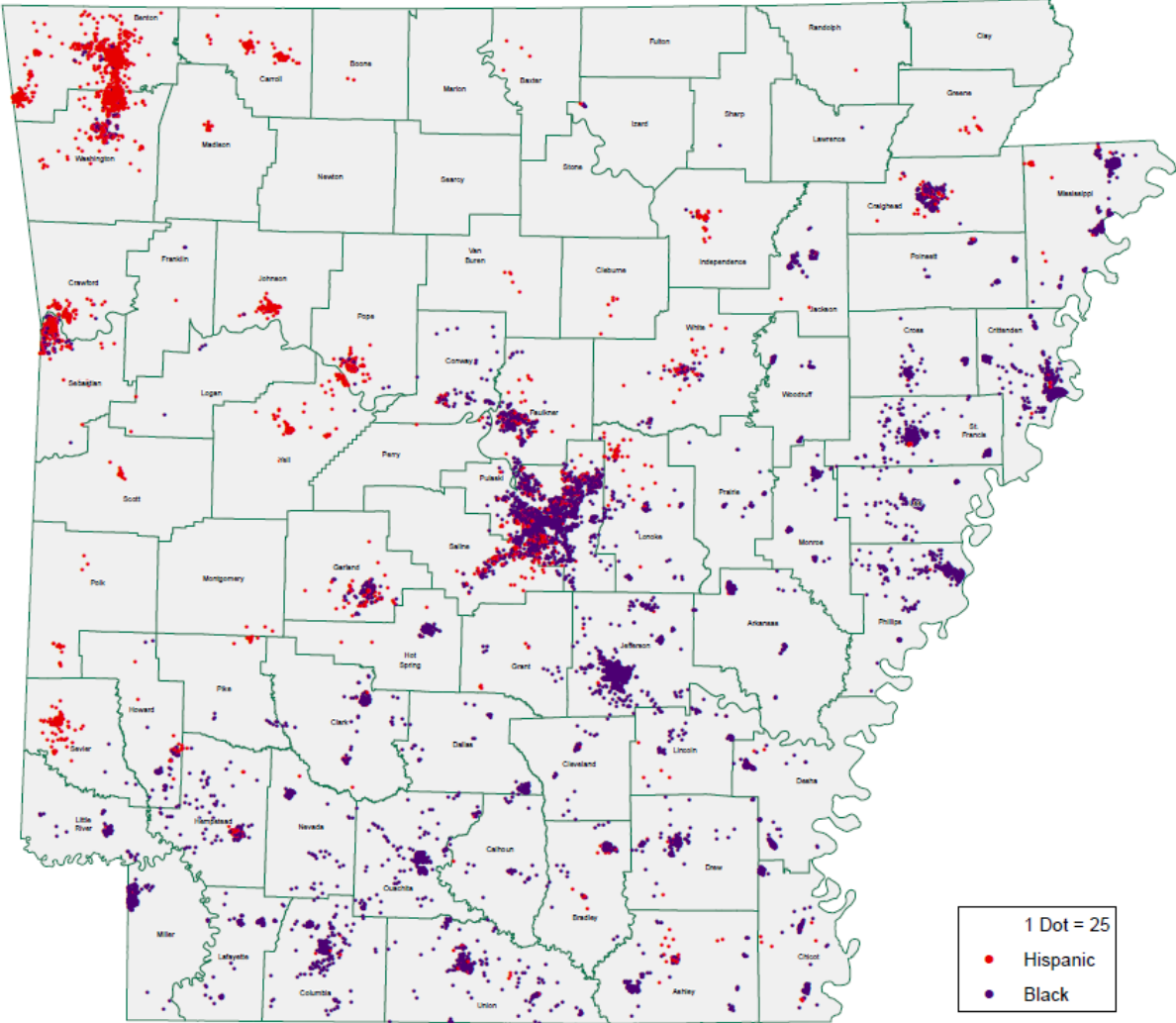
Table 1: Arkansas Population Enumerations 1990-2010 U.S. Census										
Census			Black	American Indian or Alaska Native			Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Islander	Some Other Race	Two or More Races	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
	Total	White	American	Native	Asian	Pac. Islander	Race	Races	Races	(of any race)
1990	2,350,725	1,944,393	373,454	14,320	12,098	NA	6,460	NA	NA	19,586
2000	2,673,400	2,138,598	418,950	17,808	20,220	1,668	40,412	35,744	NA	86,866
2010	2,915,918	2,245,229	449,895	22,248	36,102	5,863	99,571	57,010	NA	186,050
Racial and Ethnic Composition (Population Shares Percent)										
Census			Black	American Indian or Alaska Native			Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Islander	Some Other Race	Two or More Races	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
	Total	White	American	Native	Asian	Pac. Islander	Race	Races	Races	(of any race)
1990	100.0%	82.7%	15.9%	0.6%	0.5%	NA	0.3%	NA	NA	0.8%
2000	100.0%	80.0%	15.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.1%	1.5%	1.3%	NA	3.2%
2010	100.0%	77.0%	15.4%	0.8%	1.2%	0.2%	3.4%	2.0%	NA	6.4%
Changing Ethnic and Hispanic Composition (Percentage Change in Population)										
Census			Black	American Indian or Alaska Native			Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Islander	Some Other Race	Two or More Races	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
	Total	White	American	Native	Asian	Pac. Islander	Race	Races	Races	(of any race)
1990-2000	13.7%	10.0%	12.2%	24.4%	67.1%	NA	525.6%	NA	NA	343.5%
2000-2010	9.1%	5.0%	7.4%	24.9%	78.5%	251.5%	146.4%	59.5%	NA	114.2%
Annualized Population Growth Rates										
1990-2000	1.3%	1.0%	1.2%	2.2%	5.3%	NA	20.1%	NA	NA	16.1%
2000-2010	0.9%	0.5%	0.7%	2.3%	6.0%	13.4%	9.4%	4.8%	NA	7.9%
Source: U.S. Census Bureau and State Data Center, Institute for Economic Advancement, University of Arkansas at Little Rock										

Arkansas: Hispanic Population by Race

Arkansas Hispanic and Non-Hispanic Populations by Race 1990-2010										
	Population of Arkansas			Hispanic Origin						
Year	Total Population	Non-Hispanic Population	Total Hispanic	White	Black	American Indian	Asian	Native Hawaiian Pac. Isl.	Some Other Race	Two or More Races
1990	2,350,725	2,330,849	19,876	11,662	1,150	380	386	NA	6,298	NA
Percentages		99.2%	0.8%	58.7%	5.8%	1.9%	1.9%	NA	31.7%	NA
2000	2,673,400	2,586,534	86,866	38,463	2,335	1,106	328	174	39,080	5,380
Percentages		96.8%	3.2%	44.3%	2.7%	1.3%	0.4%	0.2%	45.0%	6.2%
2010	2,915,918	2,729,868	186,050	71,760	2,793	2,065	455	354	97,450	11,173
Percentages		93.6%	6.4%	38.6%	1.5%	1.1%	0.2%	0.2%	52.4%	6.0%

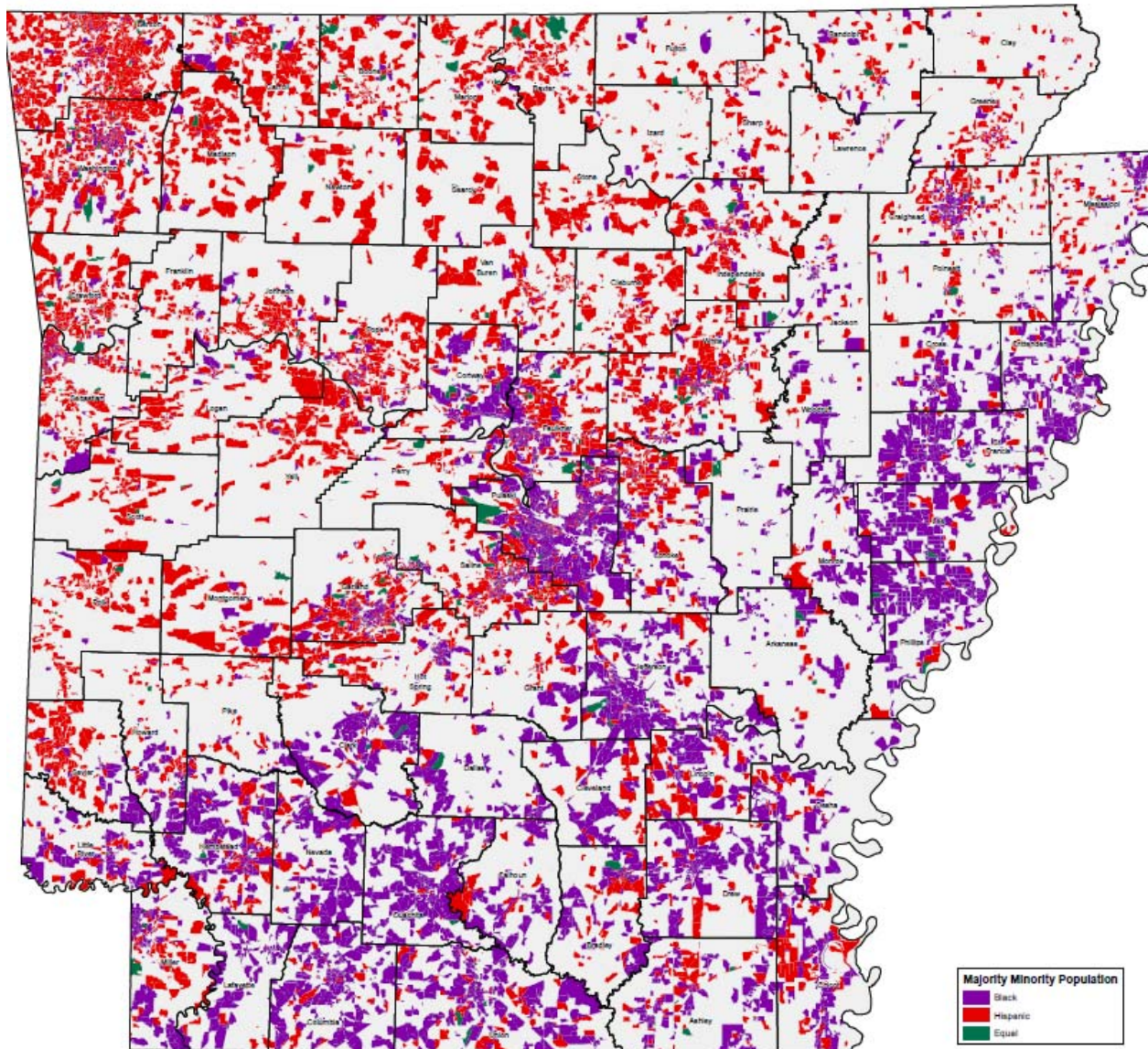
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Hispanic and Black Population; Arkansas by Block: 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census. 2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171)

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Table 2: Predominate Minority Population By County (Totals)			
Census	1990	2000	2010
Black or African American	54	47	41
Hispanic or Latino Origin	21	28	34
Source: Computations by IEA-UALR			

Table 3: Predominate Minority Populations In Metropolitan Statistical Areas					
County	1990	2000	2010	in 2000	in 2010 to:
Fort Smith (Arkansas Side)					
Crawford	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Franklin	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Sebastian	Black	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers					
Benton	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Madison	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Washington	Black	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-
Hot Springs					
Garland	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Jonesboro					
Craighead	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Poinsett	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway					
Faulkner	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Grant	Black	Black	Hispanic	-	Hispanic
Lonoke	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Perry	Black	Black	Hispanic	-	Hispanic
Pulaski	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Saline	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Memphis (Arkansas Side)					
Crittenden	1	1	1	-	-
Pine Bluff					
Cleveland	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Jefferson	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Lincoln	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Texarkana (Arkansas Side)					
Miller	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Totals of MSA Counties					
Predominate Black Minority Population	16	14	12	0	0
Predominate Hispanic Minority Population	4	6	8	2	2
Source: Computations by IEA-UALR					

Table 4: Predominate Minority Populations In Micropolitan Areas						
County	Micropolitan Area	1990	2000	2010	2000 to:	2010 to:
Clark	Arkadelphia, AR	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Independence	Batesville, AR	Black	Black	Hispanic	-	Hispanic
Mississippi	Blytheville, AR	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Calhoun	Camden, AR	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Ouachita	Camden, AR	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Union	El Dorado, AR	Black	Black	Black	-	-
St. Francis	Forrest City, AR	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Boone	Harrison, AR	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Newton	Harrison, AR	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Hempstead	Hope, AR	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Nevada	Hope, AR	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Columbia	Magnolia, AR	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Baxter	Mountain Home, AR	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Greene	Paragould, AR	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Pope	Russellville, AR	Black	Black	Hispanic	-	Hispanic
Yell	Russellville, AR	Black	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-
White	Searcy, AR	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Phillips	West Helena, AR	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Totals of Micropolitan Counties						
Predominate Black Minority Population		14	13	11	0	0
Predominate Hispanic Minority Population		4	5	7	1	2

Table 5: Predominate Minority Populations In Rural Counties

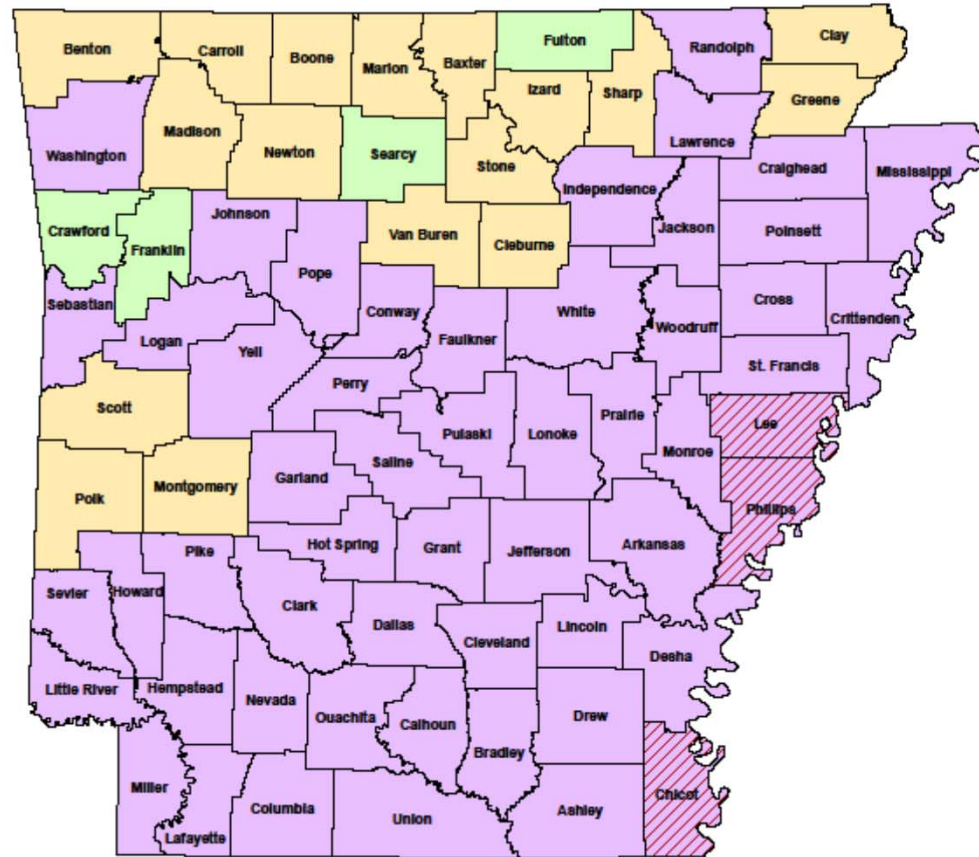
County	1990	2000	2010	Transition in 2000 to:	Transition in 2010 to:
Arkansas	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Ashley	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Bradley	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Carroll	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Chicot	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Clay	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Cleburne	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Conway	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Cross	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Dallas	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Desha	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Drew	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Fulton	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Hot Spring	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Howard	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Izard	Hispanic	Black	Hispanic	Black	Hispanic
Jackson	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Johnson	Black	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-
Lafayette	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Lawrence	Black	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-
Lee	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Little River	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Logan	Black	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-
Marion	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Monroe	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Montgomery	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Pike	Black	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-
Polk	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Prairie	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Randolph	Black	Black	Hispanic	-	Hispanic
Scott	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Searcy	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Sevier	Black	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-
Sharp	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Stone	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Van Buren	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	-	-
Woodruff	Black	Black	Black	-	-
Totals of Counties					
Predominate Black Minority Population	24	20	18	1	0
Predominate Hispanic Minority Population	13	17	19	5	2
Source: Computations by IEA-UALR					

A county's predominate minority population was determined by comparing race to an ethnic group that were not necessarily mutually exclusive.

Whites of Hispanic or Latino origin are not members of a minority race. They are excluded from the count to determine non white Hispanic minority status.

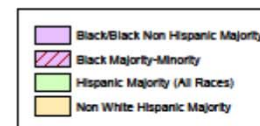
Table 7: Changing Minority Status Hispanic (All Races) and Non White Hispanic or Latino Origin (Only)									
County	MSA	Micro	Rural	Hispanic (All Races)			Non White Hispanic (only)		
				1990	2000	2010	1990	2000	2010
Sebastian	Fort Smith			Black	Black	Hispanic	Black	Black	Black
Grant	LR-NLR-Conway			Black	Black	Hispanic	Black	Black	Black
Perry	LR-NLR-Conway			Black	Hispanic	Hispanic	Black	Black	Black
Independence		Batesville, AR		Hispanic	Black	Hispanic	Black	Black	Black
Pope		Russellville, AR		Black	Hispanic	Hispanic	Black	Black	Black
Fulton			Rural	Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	NWH only	Black	NWH only
Izard			Rural	Hispanic	Black	Hispanic	NWH only	Black	Black
Lawrence			Rural	Black	Hispanic	Hispanic	Black	Black	Black
Logan			Rural	Black	Black	Hispanic	Black	Black	Black
Pike			Rural	Black	Black	Hispanic	Black	Black	Black
Randolph			Rural	Black	Hispanic	Hispanic	Black	Black	Black
Sharp			Rural	Black	Black	Hispanic	Black	Black	NWH only
Source: Computations by IEA-UALR									

Predominate Minority Population; Arkansas by County: 1990

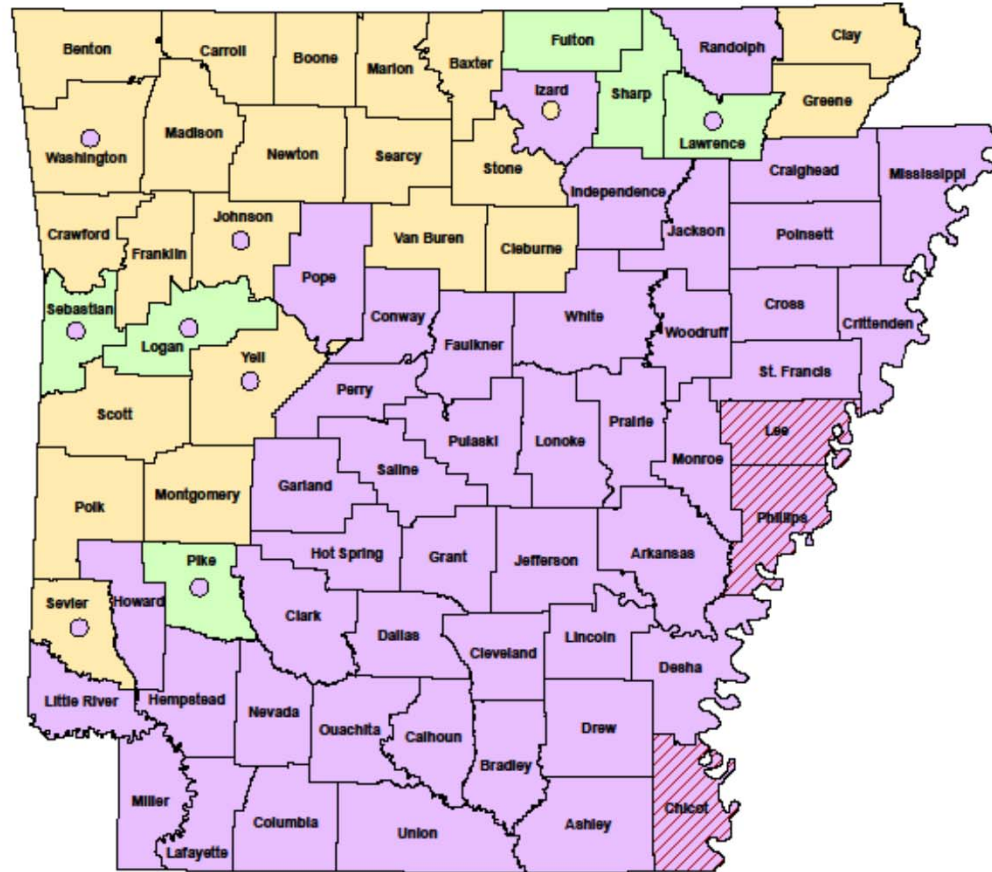


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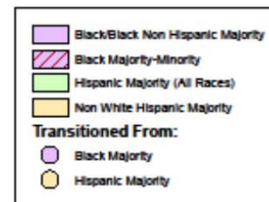


Predominate Minority Population and Minority Status in Transition; Arkansas by County: 2000

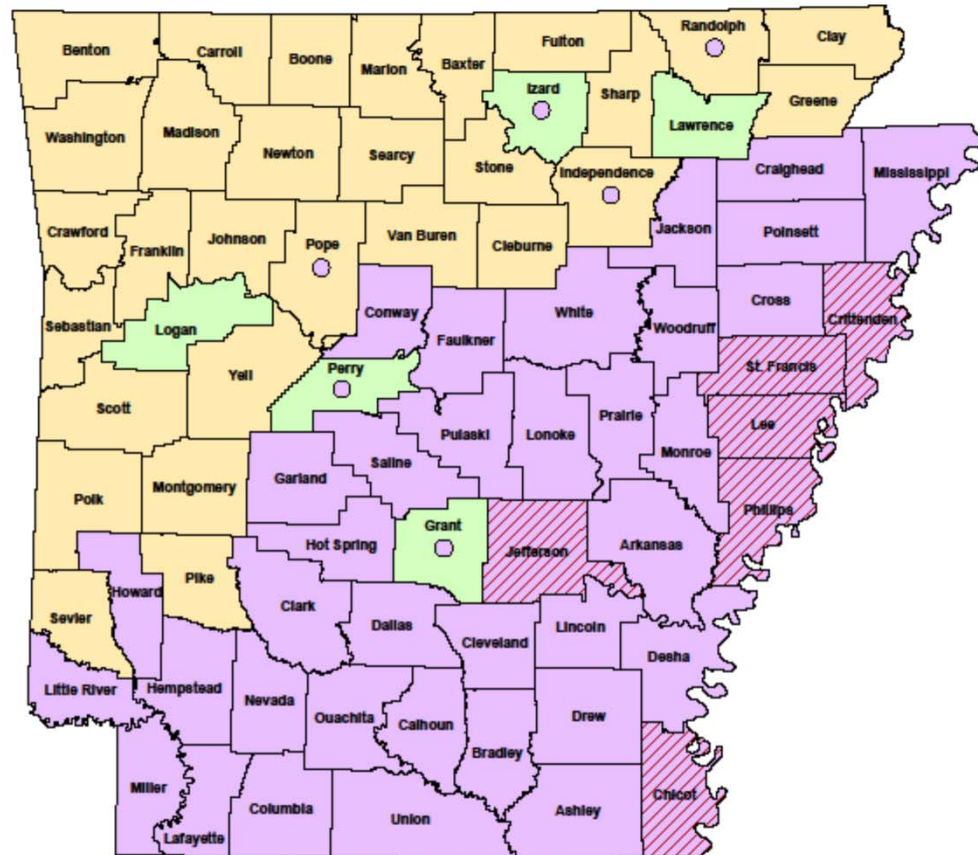


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Predominate Minority Population and Minority Status in Transition; Arkansas by County: 2010



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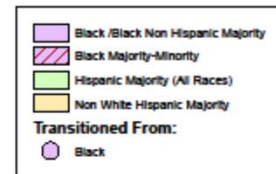


Table 8
Predominate Minority Races and Ethnic Groups Arkansas' Counties Summary of
Census Counts 1990-2010

Census	1990	2000	2010
Black and African American Predominate Minority Race	54	47	41
Hispanic or of Latino Origin Predominate Minority	21	28	34
Non White Hispanic or of Latino Origin Dominate Minority Race	17	22	29
Majority-Minority Black and African American Race	3	3	6
Source: Computation by IEA-UALR			

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