

36 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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| | UNITED STATES | ARKANSAS |
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| CHILDREN IN POVERTY US: 13,353,000 AR: 156,000 | 22% 2010 | 28% 2010 |
| | 18% 2017 BETTER | 22% 2017 BETTER |
| CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS LACK SECURE EMPLOYMENT US: 20,075,000 AR: 201,000 | 33% 2010 | 36% 2010 |
| | 27% 2017 BETTER | 28% 2017 BETTER |
| CHILDREN LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH A HIGH HOUSING COST BURDEN US: 22,908,000 AR: 168,000 | 41% 2010 | 32% 2010 |
| | 31% 2017 BETTER | 24% 2017 BETTER |
| TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING US: 1,171,000 AR: 14,000 | 9% 2010 | 12% 2010 |
| | 7% 2017 BETTER | 8% 2017 BETTER |

32 EDUCATION

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| YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 3 AND 4) NOT IN SCHOOL US: 4,223,000 AR: 39,000 | 52% 2009-11 | 51% 2009-11 |
| | 52% 2015-17 SAME | 51% 2015-17 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 |
| | 15% 2016-17 BETTER | 12% 2016-17 BETTER |

37 HEALTH

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| LOW BIRTH-WEIGHT BABIES US: 318,873 AR: 3,477 | 8.1% 2010 | 8.3% 2017 WORSE | 8.8% 2010 | 9.3% 2017 WORSE |
| CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE US: 3,925,000 AR: 33,000 | 8% 2010 | 5% 2017 BETTER | 7% 2010 | 4% 2017 BETTER |
| CHILD AND TEEN DEATHS PER 100,000 US: 20,337 AR: 278 | 26 2010 | 26 2017 SAME | 34 2010 | 37 2017 WORSE |
| TEENS WHO ABUSE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS US: 1,028,000 AR: 10,000 | 5% 2015-16 | 4% 2016-17 BETTER | 4% 2015-16 | 4% 2016-17 SAME |

45 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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| | UNITED STATES | | ARKANSAS | |
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| CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES US: 24,001,000 AR: 243,000 | 34% 2010 | 34% 2017 SAME | 39% 2010 | 37% 2017 BETTER |
| CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WHERE THE HOUSEHOLD HEAD LACKS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA US: 9,557,000 AR: 89,000 | 15% 2010 | 13% 2017 BETTER | 16% 2010 | 13% 2017 BETTER |
| CHILDREN LIVING IN HIGH-POVERTY AREAS US: 8,545,000 AR: 100,000 | 13% 2008-12 | 12% 2013-17 BETTER | 17% 2008-12 | 14% 2013-17 BETTER |
| TEEN BIRTHS PER 1,000 US: 194,377 AR: 3,178 | 34 2010 | 19 2017 BETTER | 52 2010 | 33 2017 BETTER |