

Background - Area Demographics

Key statistics on residents, life in Hot Springs

From 1990, 2000 and 2008 Census data:

Population – Between 1990 and 2008, the number of people living in Hot Springs grew by more than 4,500 – an increase of around 14%. But growth has slowed in recent years, from 329 persons per year between 1990-2000 to 161 persons annually between 2000-2008. Hot Springs' median age is also dropping.

Education – The largest block of Hot Springs residents are high school graduates (34%). Nearly half of the population has at least some college experience, but only 17.2% hold a Bachelor's degree or higher - versus an average of 24% across the U.S.

Income – Between 1990 and 2008, median income rose by nearly 53%, from \$15,708 to \$29,524. But at the same time, Hot Springs' poverty rate has increased from 19.2% in 2000 to 23.0% in 2008 - well above the U.S. rate of 12.4%. Those with retirement incomes are on the decline, with the number of such households shrinking from 3,447 in 2000 to 3,022 in 2008.

Industry – Hot Springs has a strong educational, health and social service base - nearly one in four working residents are so employed. Recreation, hotels and food-service jobs are next in prevalence, followed by retail trade jobs.

Commuting – Figures show Hot Springs is a single-occupancy vehicle town. In 2008, nearly 75% of residents drove to work alone. However, mean commuting times decreased between 2000 and 2008, from 18.1 to 16.8 minutes. During the same span, carpooling rates rose, but the number of walkers and telecommuters shrank.

Households – Though the overall population increased, the number of households dropped between 2000 and 2008, with more persons per of household making up the difference.

Tenure, Value – Census home values more than doubled between 1990 and 2008, but though ownership rates increased between 1990 to 2000, it dropped back below 1990 levels by 2008.

U.S. Census Data	1990	2000	2006-08	% Total*
Population				
Male	14,698	16,778	17,795	48%
Female	17,764	18,972	19,244	52%
Total	32,462	35,750	37,039	100.0%
Median Age	-	42.4	41.9	-
Race				
White (only)	26,978	28,194	28,323	77.9%
Black or African American (only)	5,020	6,030	6,341	17.1%
American Indian or Alaska Native (only)	160	196	569	1.5%
Asian (only)	132	284	326	.9%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (only)	4	17	-	-
Some other race (only)	167	363	1,558	4.3%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1	666	(2,339)	6.3%
Education (25 or older)				
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	4,862	4,243	3,340	12.5%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	6,836	8,034	8,973	33.7%
Some college, no degree	4,209	5,541	6,437	24.2%
Associate degree	901	1,067	1,751	6.6%
Bachelor's degree	2,022	2,809	3,056	11.5%
Graduate or professional degree	1,068	1,418	1,525	5.7%
Income				
Median household income	\$15,708	\$26,040	\$29,524	-
Individuals below poverty level (*all people below poverty)	6,680	6,544	6,791	*23%
Households with retirement income	2,646	3,447	3,022	19.8%
Occupation				
In labor force (civilian population 16 years and older)	12,411	14,448	14,594	-
Management, professional, related occupations	2,793	4,032	4,025	27.6%
Service occupations	2,729	3,424	3,357	23.0%
Sales & office occupations	4,013	3,412	3,599	24.7%
Farming, fishing, forestry occupations	300	79	9	.1%
Construction, extraction, maintenance operations	1,038	1,400	1,578	10.8%
Production, transport, material moving occupations	1,538	2,101	2,030	13.9%
Industry				
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting, mining	387	180	126	.9%
Construction	826	1,086	1,333	9.1%
Manufacturing, durable and non-durable goods	1,337	1,560	913	6.3%
Wholesale trade	308	306	180	1.2%
Retail trade	2,809	1,978	1,770	12.1%
Transportation, warehousing, and Utilities	579	484	558	3.8%
Information	-	226	282	1.9%
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental & leasing	603	578	758	5.2%
Professional, scientific, administrative, waste mgmt.	802	940	1,148	7.9%
Educational, health & social services	2,264	3,448	3,450	23.6%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, hotels, food services	411	2,328	2,625	18.0%
Other services (except public administration)	1,653	855	943	6.5%
Public administration	412	479	512	3.5%
Commuting				
Drove alone	8,956	10,637	10,724	74.8%
In carpools	1,900	2,254	2,453	17.1%
Using public transportation (*excludes taxicab)	203	320	*184	1.3%
Using other means	156	183	149	1.0%
Walked or worked at home	966	961	830	5.7%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	-	18.1	16.8	-
Households				
Number of households	14,488	16,096	15,299	-
Household size	-	2.12	2.30	-
Tenure (home ownership), Value				
Owner occupied housing units	8,672	9,229	8,452	63.0%
Renter occupied	5,816	6,867	N/A	37.0%
Median Home Value*	\$45,000	\$71,700	\$99,400	-

* Percentages calculated for most recent (2006-08) data sets. 2006-08 American Community Survey 3-YR Estimates 2000 data sets from the 2000 American Community Survey: Fact Sheet; Census 2000 File summaries 1 and 3 1990 data sets from Census 1990 File summaries 1 and 3

