Arkansas Snapshot 2020

DEMOGRAPHICS

- ** dependent-age population by 2030 **
  - 53%

- ** PK-12 enrollment 2012 to 2017 **
  - 2.9% growth

- ** PK-12 enrollment **
  - 61%
    - White: 20%
    - Black: 13%
    - Hispanic: 2%
    - Asian: 4%
    - Other: 25%

- ** children under 18 living in poverty **
  - 15% of households were food insecure

EARLY AND MIDDLE GRADES

- ** Percentages of students performing at or above Proficient on NAEP in 2019 **
  - 4th Grade:
    - Reading: 31%
    - Math: 33%
  - 8th Grade:
    - Reading: 30%
    - Math: 27%

- ** Proportion of state financial aid that is need-based **
  - 3%

- ** 4-year public college students graduating in 6 years or less **
  - 47%

- ** Bachelor’s graduates with student loan debt **
  - 53%

HIGH SCHOOL

- ** 89% **
  - Graduated from high school

- ** 16% **
  - Met 4 ACT college-readiness benchmarks

- ** 11% **
  - Met ACT STEM benchmark

POSTSECONDARY

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WORKFORCE

- ** Working-age adults with a high school diploma or less **
  - 46%

Source: SREB, 2020 Arkansas State Progress Report