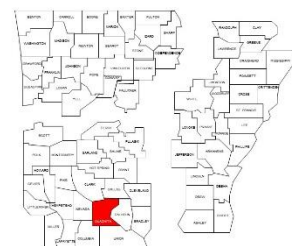


County Highlights

Ouachita County

Ouachita District

Ouachita County is located on a bluff overlooking the Ouachita River. There are two famous artifacts related to the area: Camark pottery and Grapette soft drinks. Much of Ouachita County's history has been preserved, and many of the antebellum homes have been restored. Tourists find many reasons to flock to the area, starting with the unique festivals like the BPW Barn Sale in the autumn and Daffodil Festival in the spring. Visitors also like to take advantage of the abundant wildlife and fishing opportunities found in this part of the state. No one should miss visiting the McCollum-Chidester House or the drive-by tour of the more than 20 historic homes and numerous landmarks that grace the community. Another popular attraction is a tour of seven authentically furnished log cabins owned by Patsy Hale. Highland Industrial Park is the largest industrial park in a 5-state area with 15,000 plus and over 5 million SF of manufacturing and warehousing buildings. It is the region's largest employment center with approximately 2,500 employees and is the home of a growing defense community. With Ouachita County's valuable asset of the industrial park, it could benefit from the services of the Arkansas Procurement Assistance Center.



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County Statistics

Population (2015 estimate):	24,358
Land area (square miles):	733
% of high school graduates:	85.5
% with bachelor's degree or higher:	15.9
Mean travel time to work (minutes):	22.7
Median household income:	\$32,220
Persons in poverty:	23.0%
Total number of firms:	1,775
Retail sales per capita:	\$8,741

Source: United States Census Quickfacts

Business Resources for Ouachita County

***Camden Area Chamber of Commerce/
Ouachita Partnership for Econ. Development***
<http://www.teamcamden.com/camdened>

Camden Accelerated Business Center
<http://camden.ar.gov/content.aspx?pid=33>

Arkansas Procurement Assistance Center
www.uaex.edu/APAC

***Small Business & Technology
Development Center (SBTDC) - SAU***
<http://asbtdc.org/locations/magnolia/>