

PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

COMMUNITY PROFILE

LOCATION

Distance to selected metropolitan areas:

Little Rock, AR.....38 miles
 Memphis, TN137 miles
 St. Louis, MO.....378 miles
 Dallas, TX.....356 miles

Average elevation 230'

Land area:

Pine Bluff.....45.6 square miles
 Jefferson County884.8 square miles

POPULATION

2010 Census

Pine Bluff 49,083
 Jefferson County..... 77,435
 Pine Bluff MSA (3-county area) 100,258

CLIMATE

	Annual Average		Monthly Average
Temperature	63.5°	January	44°
Mean Daily Maximum	75°	July	83°
Mean Daily Minimum	53°		
Annual Average Rainfall (inches)	46		
Annual Average Snowfall (inches)	2		
Prevailing Winds	S - SW		

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Houses of Worship Catholic.....2 Other21
 Protestant.....245

Public Library.....4 **Volumes** ..160,000

Hotels/Motels20 **Rooms**1,336

Shopping Centers....26 **Malls**1

Major Department Stores 13

RECREATION FACILITIES

Public recreational facilities:

Community Theater	Regional Park
Ball Fields	Skating Rink
Bowling Alley	Swimming Pools
Golf Courses	Tennis Courts
Movie Theater	Youth Center

Others:

Pine Bluff Convention Center with Arkansas Entertainers Hall of Fame; Arts & Science Center; Pine Bluff Symphony; Murals on Main; Historical Museum; Arkansas Railroad Museum; Delta Rivers Nature Center; hunting; fishing; boating

EDUCATION

Fall 2010	<u>Students</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Dollarway SD	1,528	126	12.1
Pine Bluff SD	4,800	365	13.2
Watson Chapel SD	3,109	195	15.9
White Hall SD	3,041	223	13.6

University of AR-Pine Bluff (Fall 10 enrollment) 3,435
 2007-08 graduates 383

Southeast AR College (Fall 10 enrollment) 2,071
 2007-08 graduates (2-yr. degrees & certificates)..... 426

Other:

Jefferson Regional Medical Center: Nursing, Respiratory Care & Radiologic Technology; AHEC; Jenkins Center (for handicapped)

MEDICAL

Regional Medical Center1 **Beds**..... 471

Physicians .. 130 **Dentists** ... 35 **Clinics**..... 29

Nursing Facilities....7 **Physical Therapists** .. 4

Other:

Arkansas Cancer Institute; Area Agency on Aging of SE Ark.; SE Ark. Behavioral Health-care System; South Central Center on Aging; ambulance service; hospice care; 911 emergency service

COMMUNICATIONS

NewspapersPine Bluff Commercial (daily);
White Hall Journal, White Hall Progress (weekly)

Radio stations 1AM; 2 FM

Television stations
.... ABC; CBS; NBC; PBS; KASN; KLRT, KVTN

Basic & tier cable TV56 channels available

Digital cable TV 119 channels available

Telephone service:

Primary provider: AT&T
Fiber optic transmission & digitalized
switching gear

Cellular service by various providers

Postal First Class Post Office (3)

Telegraph service Western Union

GOVERNMENT

Type Mayor - Council

Police (personnel) 135 full time

Sheriff (personnel) 55 full time

Fire dept (personnel) 96 full time

Equipment 9 pumper trucks/3 aerials/
..... 1 hazmat response unit; 7 stations

Fire insurance rating:
..... #3 in city; #9/#10 outside city

Service provided to industry beyond city limits:
..... by contract to city

Planning commission yes

Zoning regulations yes

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Number of banks

National establishments 3

Total local deposits for 2 Arkansas chartered
National banks (06/10) \$965,103,000

State establishments 3

Industrial financing yes

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

Electric distributor:

Entergy, Arkansas

Water:

Utility United Water Arkansas
Source 13 wells, avg. depth 855'
Pumping capacity 24 MGD
Peak consumption 16 MGD
Surplus capacity 8 MGD

Sewer:

Utility Pine Bluff Wastewater
Storm sewer yes
Sanitary sewer yes
Design capacity 18 MGD
Peak flow *24 MGD
Treatment plant 30/90 permit limitations
(*NPDES Permit does not restrict flow.)

Solid waste:

Utility Waste Management of Ark.
Facility sanitary landfill

Natural gas distributor:

CenterPoint Energy

LABOR FORCE

Radius of labor drawing area 30 miles

Pine Bluff MSA* labor force (2010) 43,900

Jefferson Co. unemployment rate (2010) 9.9%

Annual # county high school graduates .. 850

Union workers as % of labor force <3%

Right-to-work law yes

Wage survey available yes

(*Pine Bluff MSA equals Jefferson, Cleveland & Lincoln counties)

CONTACTS

Greater Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce
Jefferson County Industrial Foundation
members of:

The Economic Development Alliance
PO Box 5069, Pine Bluff AR 71611
(870) 535-0110  fax (870) 535-1643

TRANSPORTATION

Highways:

I-530 (US 65 between Pine Bluff and Little Rock, connecting with I-30 and I-40)
 US 63, 65, 79, 270, 425
 AR 54, 88, 104, 190, 365

Railroads:

Burlington Northern Santa Fe; Union Pacific
 Daily switching

Air:

Nearest commercial airport:
 Little Rock National Airport
 Distance 47 miles
 Major airlines serving the airport:
 American Eagle, Continental Express,
 Delta, Southwest, United,
 USAirways Express
 Nearest general aviation airport:
 Grider Field, Pine Bluff Municipal
 Distance local
 Runway length..... 6,000 ft. (lighted)
 Surface..... asphalt
 Instrument landing (ILS). Pine Bluff VORTAC

Motor freight carriers:

Number of common carriers..... 13
 Number of terminals..... 5
 Number of local drayage firms 3

Waterways:

Port of Pine Bluff slackwater harbor
 Distance to port local
 Waterway Arkansas River
 Channel depth 9 feet
 Service 8 barge lines
 Facilities:
 Public terminal with all-weather loading;
 harbor tow service, barge fleet and
 mid-steam service also available

Bus and parcel service:

Bus: Jefferson Bus Lines; Intra-city, P.B. Transit
 Parcel: Airborne, express mail, FedEx, UPS

TAXES

Ad valorem - 2011 tax year, payable 2012:

Assessment ratio..... 20%
 Manufacturer's inventory subject to
 exemption under Freeport Law

For each \$1,000 of assessed value:

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
City (PB Incorporated Area)	\$ 8.20	\$ 0.00
County	8.00	9.40
School District 3	41.70	41.70
Total	\$57.90	\$51.10

Local, other:

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Retail sales (=3.25%)	1.625%	1.625%
Income (wage)	no	no
Restaurants; Hotels	2%; 3%	

State:

Corporate income..... 1% - 6.5%
 Retail sales..... 6.00% (Grocery food...1.5%)
 Intangibles..... N/A
 Income (wage)..... 1% min. - 7% max.

AVAILABLE INDUSTRIAL SITES

Jefferson Industrial Park:

Size 785 acres
 Infrastructure utilities, streets, rail
 Sites 1 to 100 acres

Harbor Industrial District:

Size 372 acres
 Infrastructure utilities, streets, rail
 Elevation flood-free (hydraulically filled)
 Sites waterfront or landward

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Tyson Foods	poultry products	1,780 employees
Jefferson Regional Medical Center	medical center.....	1,500 employees
Arkansas Department of Correction.....	administration/correctional facility	1,445 employees
Evergreen Packaging, Inc.....	paperboard mill	1,000 employees
Dept. of the Army - Pine Bluff Arsenal	army depot.....	967 employees
Pine Bluff School District	public education	900 employees
URS/Washington Division.....	Pine Bluff Arsenal contractor.....	700 employees
University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff.....	public education	675 employees