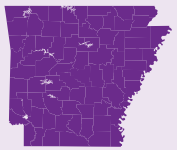
Arkansas Service-Connected Population

2026 STATEWIDE PLANNING PROFILE

≈582,000
ESTIMATED SERVICE-CONNECTED PEOPLE & FAMILIES



18.7%
ESTIMATED SHARE OF ARKANSAS RESIDENTS
Arkansas population: 3,114,791 (2025 Census estimate)

≈33,800
PROJECTED SERVICE-CONNECTED CHILDREN UNDER FIVE
Age-profile estimate, not verified child count.

MILITARY

19,579 Service Members

20,936 Spouses & Children

40,515 TOTAL

≈2,350 Projected Under Five

VETERANS

≈193,500 Veterans (VA FY2026)

≈209,200 Estimated Spouses & Children

≈402,800 TOTAL

≈23,360 Projected Under Five

LAW ENFORCEMENT

7,908 Personnel

≈27,678 Estimated Family Members

≈35,586 TOTAL

≈2,060 Projected Under Five

FIREFIGHTERS

15,060 Personnel

≈52,710 Estimated Family Members

≈67,770 TOTAL

≈3,930 Projected Under Five

EMS

7,895 Personnel

≈27,633 Estimated Family Members

≈35,528 TOTAL

≈2,060 Projected Under Five

VA FY2026 Veteran projection; DMDC Dec. 31, 2025 military data; Arkansas First Responder planning workbook; U.S. Census 2025 population and 5.8% under-five share. Family and child numbers are modeled estimates; categories may overlap. Under five means ages 0–4.

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