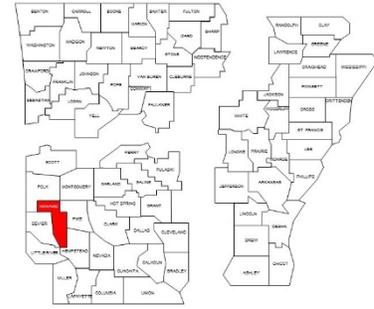


County Highlights

Howard County

Ouachita District



History timeline of Howard County & interesting facts:

- 1819 - One of the first settlers was John Tollett, a Methodist minister from Bledsoe County, Tennessee.
- 1820s - This area was also part of the land given to the Choctaw in exchange for property in Mississippi.
- 1820s - Choctaw inhabitation of the area discouraged settlement by white people for several years.
- 1873 April 17 - Howard County was created from portions of Pike, Polk, Hempstead, and Sevier counties.
- 1880s - The railroads arrived, connecting Howard County to the rest of the state and beyond.
- 1920-1970 - The decline of the cotton industry had a ripple effect on the community. The county's population peaked in 1920 and subsequently declined with each census until 1970.
- 1938 – What started off as a small store in Howard County turned into Dillard's, one of the top department stores in the country.

Howard County is now home to several large industries. The Arkansas Procurement Assistance Center could be beneficial in helping secure government contracts for these industrial assets to the county.

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County Statistics

Population (2015 estimate):	13,300
Land area (square miles):	23.4
% of high school graduates:	77.6
% with bachelor's degree or higher:	14.4
Mean travel time to work (minutes):	19.5
Median household income:	\$38,050
Persons in poverty:	18.8%
Employer establishments:	292
Retail sales per capita:	\$11,831

Source: United States Census Quickfacts

Business Resources for Howard County

Nashville Chamber of Commerce
<http://www.nashvillear.com/>

Checklist for licensing a business
<http://www.uaex.edu/business-communities/business-entrepreneurship/assistance/Howard%20County%20licensing%20brochure.pdf>

Arkansas Procurement Assistance Center
www.uaex.edu/APAC

Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC) - HSU
<http://asbtdc.org/locations/arkadelphia/>