

County Highlights

Johnson County

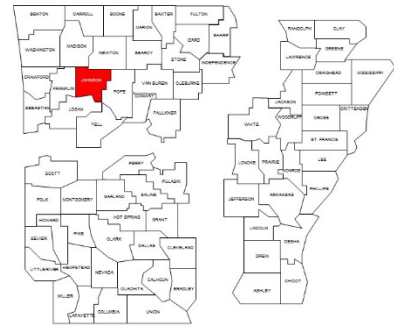
Ozark District

Johnson County is located in the northwest part of Arkansas and formed from a segment of Pope County by Act of November 16, 1833. The first Territorial Judge of Arkansas, Judge Benjamin Johnson inspired the naming of the county. Three years later Clarksville became the county seat, named after commissioner Lorenzo N. Clark to get his support for its' location. Johnson County covers almost 700 square miles with more than 26,000 residents, according to the 2010 U.S. Census.

The first known business was a local grocery store that offered goods to travelers and settlers starting in the 1850's. The town was built around the agricultural production of tobacco and cotton, but the main industry shifted to coal after the Civil War. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church established a college in the late 1800's that is now known as the University of the Ozark as described in the Encyclopedia of Arkansas.

Johnson County is situated within the beautiful Ozark National Forest and attracts tourist for the scenic views in the forestland and along the five streams: Horsehead, Little Piney, Mulberry, Spadra, and Big Piney. Poultry and peaches represent the main agricultural products today with Tyson Foods being the largest employer.

The population has slightly increased over the last few decades and poultry, recreational visitors and college students drive the local economy. Johnson County could benefit from the services that APAC can provide to local businesses.



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County Statistics

Population (2015 estimate):	26,141
Land area (square miles):	660
% of high school graduates:	78.3%
% with bachelor's degree or higher:	16.3%
Mean travel time to work (minutes):	20.3
Median household income:	\$32,553
Persons below poverty level:	19.7%
Total number of firms:	397
Manufacturer's shipments (\$1000s):	\$657
Retail sales per capita:	\$9,162

Source: United States Census Quickfacts

Business Resources for Johnson County

- **Johnson County Website** – <http://johnsoncounty.arkansas.gov/>
- **Johnson County, Clarksville Chamber of Commerce** – <http://www.clarkvillechamber.com/>
- **West Central Planning and Development District** – <http://wcapdd.dina.org/>