

County Highlights

Lafayette County

Ouachita District



Lafayette County was created in October 1827, from part of Hempstead County after the Quapaw ceded their land to the United States in 1818. The county was named for Marquis de Lafayette for his service to the American colonies in the Revolutionary War. The county seat is Lewisville. The landscape is rolling hills, largely forested. Much of the land today is owned by large timber companies, which manage trees for harvest and re-growth. Lake Erling is included in the Lafayette County Wildlife Management Area and is jointly managed by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and International Paper Company for public use. Two other lakes, Lake June and Spirit Lake, also offer fishing, water sports and picnicking. The Red River along the western boundary of the county offers excellent fishing. Poultry is big in the northwestern portion of the county while truck farms in the northeast send tons of fresh vegetables to larger markets.

Lafayette County is considered a distressed county by the US Department of Commerce and Department of Labor. The term “distressed area” means an area that has:

- A per capita income of 80% or less than the state average; Or
- An unemployment rate that is 1% greater than the national average for the most recent 24-month period.

Therefore, Lafayette County could benefit from the services that APAC can provide to local businesses.

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County Statistics

Population (2013 estimate):	7,252
Land area (square miles):	528
% of high school graduates:	76.0
% with bachelor's degree or higher:	12.0
Mean travel time to work (minutes):	23.5
Median household income:	\$28,633
Persons below poverty level:	22.9%
Retail sales per capita:	\$4,257

Source: United States Census Quickfacts

Business Resources for Lafayette County

- **Lewisville Chamber of Commerce** –
City Hall, PO Box 506, Lewisville, AR 71845
Phone: 870-921-5285
- **Arkansas Small Business & Technology Development Center**–
<http://web.saumag.edu/business/partners/asbtcd>