LYON COLLEGE



Lyon College is the oldest college in Arkansas with its original charter, with 2022 marking the 150th year that Lyon has been making an impact. A selective, independent teaching and learning community affilliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Lyon College offers both a challenging undergraduate curriculum grounded in the liberal arts and select graduate programs.

Lyon provides excellent academics, an outstanding outdoor adventure program, study abroad opportunities, and much more. Approximately 600 students from over 32 states and 18 countries attend Lyon. They can tailor their education, selecting from 21 majors as well as pre-professional and even an individualized "design-your-own" major option.

In April 2022, Lyon College announced plans for proposed veterinary and dental schools located in Little Rock, Arkansas. The schools will be part of the new Lyon College Institute of Health Sciences, with a proposed opening date before 2025.

Lyon College also announced a collaboration with White River Health in Batesville to develop an RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

With 22 percent of students being the firsts in their families to attend college and nearly 35 percent coming from low-income families, Lyon College works tirelessly to make sure a student's finances are the least of their worries. Ninety-nine percent of students at Lyon receive scholarships and financial aid, and with the Lyon Pledge and Backyard Access Plan there are more options available than ever before.

And since Lyon College is the first college in Arkansas to boast a pet-friendly campus, students don't have to leave their furry, scaled or feathered friends at home. Lyon even has an on-campus pet park and an annual pet blessing event to make sure pets are just as involved as students.









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Where community comes first.

In addition to being a great tourist destination, Independence County is also an outstanding place to live. Friendly people are drawn here from all over the world by its stunning natural beauty and safe communities.

The best of what Arkansas has to offer can be found here. Our top-ranked school systems, health care system and attractive neighborhoods are just a few examples of all we have to offer. There is also abundant outdoor recreational opportunities, such as hiking and fishing, or simply relaxing on our pristine river.

Independence County, nestled in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains, is home to nearly 38,000 people and offers scenic recreation such as fishing on its worldrecognized White River.

There are many enjoyable opportunities in our thriving downtown, but the summer months provide a particularly rich array of entertainment and cultural events.

Batesville and Independence County boast a strong business climate, diverse economy, skilled workforceand plenty of occasions for new construction. Local employers have been growing rapidly thanks to their success in attracting both existing companies and newcomers.

Visit and experience it for yourself!



Dale Cole

Chairman, President & CEO First Community Bancshares, Inc.

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President & COO First Community Bank

BATESVILLE & INDEPENDENCE COUNTY

BATESVILLE IS LOCATED IN INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, AR. 94 MILES NORTH OF LITTLE ROCK 121 MILES WEST OF MEMPHIS

Backed by the beauty of Ozark hills and surrounded by lush green spaces, Batesville offers residents a smalltown feel along with vibrant cultural opportunities. Batesville is the oldest existing city in Arkansas and has been recognized by USA Today as "Best City to Live in Arkansas." The city of Batesville, the county seat and largest city in Independence County, is located near Interstate 40 and Interstate 55. This makes it an ideal place for travelers to stop over or continue on their journeys. The city is a regional manufacturing and distribution hub, positioned 94 miles north of Little Rock and 121 miles west of Memphis. Batesville and Independence County have attracted a number of economic investments, creating jobs.

Bad Boy Mowers, located in the heart of the Ozark Mountains in Batesville, has built its reputation on delivering a better zero-turn mower for a better value, and is currently celebrating its twentieth year of business. Bad Boy's reputation for reliability, power and durability has been built into every mower made from the very beginning. Their products feature the patented SwingAway[™] design, EZ-Ride[™] and Armor-Tek 5 Deck[™] advantages, and coupled with legendary build strength, every Bad Boy Mower is designed to be easy to operate, easy to maintain and last for years with its ruggedness, power and reliability. They've built on their legendary brand by introducing a new line of handheld equipment, small and medium sized tractors and premier implements that maintain their history of combining power, performance and build quality. Bad Boy Mowers is sold through a nationwide dealer network.

FutureFuel Chemical Company specializes in custom chemical and biodiesel manufacturing. The company is a leading producer of high-quality biodiesel and manufactures products for the painting, carpet, agricultural, laundry and pipeline industries, as well as other custom specialty chemical applications.

Since 1947, LaCroix Precision Optics has positioned itself as the premier manufacturer of custom precision optics. Their relationship-driven approach to delivering the highest quality optics is the cornerstone of their longstanding success. They take great pride in making quality optics in Batesville, Arkansas, that push the boundaries of technology in fields such as biotech, defense, and space exploration. Traditional and advanced CNC (computer numerical control) processing methods are utilized to achieve the highest level of precision and quality demanded by their customers while producing over one million optics per year.

Lifeplus International, a manufacturer and worldwide distributor of high-quality nutritional supplements, is also headquartered in Batesville. The majority of the organization's products are manufactured locally. In addition to a domestic market, supplements are shipped for distribution in Europe and Asia. The group recently announced a \$24 million expansion of its manufacturing facilities that is projected to create 150 new jobs within five years.



Flowers Baking Co. of Batesville, LLC is a major employer that provides quality baked goods to a fivestate region and is the largest commercial bakery in Arkansas. Its territory reaches more than 160 sales routes supplying a range of fresh baked goods to retail and foodservice customers including Walmart, Kroger, Burger King, and Chick-fil-A. In 2022, Flowers Baking Co of Batesville, LLC received the Better Practice award from the U.S. Department of Energy. The award is given to companies for innovative and industry-leading accomplishments in implementing and promoting practices, principles, and procedures of energy management. The Batesville bakery was able to expand an operational upgrade project into a series of thirteen energy efficiency projects, which resulted in total energy savings of 13,506 MMBtu, \$411,695 in utility incentives, and verified energy cost savings of \$231,103 per year.

Intimidator, Inc. is home to globally recognized products such as Spartan[®] Mowers, Intimidator[®] UTVs, Bad Dawg Accessories (after-market accessories for ATVs/UTVs), Ground Hog Max Disc Plow, and eNVy[®] Neighborhood Vehicle. Having over 550 employees at its two facilities, they are one of the largest employers in town and were honored as the "Best Industry" of



Independence County in 2020, the Official Community's Choice Award, by the Batesville Daily Guard.

Along the highway 167 corridor, you can find another commercial district to the south of Batesville. This region has seen increased growth and is home to several companies, including Mark Martin Automotive, Mark Martin Powersports, the Scott and Stanley Wood family of automotive dealerships, Independence County Off Road and the local airport.

Batesville Regional Airport (BVX) is the local cityowned, public-use general aviation airport located 3 miles south of the central business district of Batesville. The airport occupies 375 acres and has two runways, one of which provides multiple day and night instrument approaches while the other is non-lighted.

Independence County is very fortunate to be served by a strong financial base that includes seven financial institutions. Overall deposits for Independence County increased from \$1,170,164 in June 2021 to \$1,325,255 as of June 2022. First Community Bank reached assets of \$2.43 billion as of December 31, 2022, and they hold 38.42% of market share in Independence County as of June 30, 2022 report.

WHITE RIVER HEALTH



Pictured above: east Entrance of WRMC displays the new logo. Pictured below: Administrators, Physicians, providers, and staff stand together during the groundbreaking for the future site of White River Health Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine in Batesville. The project will be completed in the Spring of 2023.





Above left: Harleigh Calendar, Alicia Kamoga, Addison Perkins, and Tenley Hays were a few of more than 200 participants who signed up for the White River Health 5K in 2022, an event that raises money for food insecurity within our schools. Above right: Administrators of White River Health during the launch of the rebrand at White River Medical Center.

In the summer of 2022, White River Health System than \$20,000 was raised to address food insecurity in area became White River Health (WRH). While dropping public schools. one word from its name seems like a small change, the Employee engagement is vital to WRH. With an change is significant. White River Health focuses on employee population of more than 1,700, WRH is a leading the core business--health. The organization's rebrand employer in the region. Programs focused on career is a commitment to next-level, lifelong care that development, mental and physical health and work-life creates healthier communities and brighter futures balance ensure that WRH employees feel valued, secure, hopeful and essential to fulfilling their mission of creating through employee and community engagement and organizational excellence, which is presented visually with brighter futures through better health. a new logo, brand colors, and tagline. Projects with partners in education encourage careers

The new tagline - Caring Beyond Healthcare represents a rededication to its mission of providing quality healthcare and improving the health of our communities through community engagement.

While medicine is at the heart of what they do, the impact of WRH extends beyond the walls of its facilities. WRH promotes better health in our communities and meets community needs by participating in and hosting community events. WRH conducts hundreds of free health screenings each year in Independence County and surrounding communities. Additionally, White River Health hosts the WRH 5K. Proceeds from this event fill the food pantries of our local schools each fall. In 2022, more

Projects with partners in education encourage careers in healthcare, support programs that allow students to pursue education in healthcare fields close to their homes and provide clinical training opportunities for the next generation of caregivers. To help create a learning environment that allows students to reach their full potential, WRH works with area schools to offer telemedicine for students and staff. Telemedicine provides timely care and reduces absenteeism.

Providing quality healthcare and creating healthier communities includes excellent clinical care and dedication to community outreach and economic development that makes the region a better place. WRH is proud to be Caring Beyond Healthcare.

White River W HEALTH Caring Beyond Healthcare





BATESVILLE MOTOR SPEEDWAY

THIS 2022 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC REPORT DEMONSTRATES THE FISCAL STRENGTH OF BATESVILLE & INDEPENDENCE COUNTY AS IT **REFLECTS OUR PROGRESS, ACHIEVEMENTS & PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.**

Founded in 1820, Independence County's rolling hills and scenic views have attracted people for generations. The White River, a charming natural resource of the Ozarks, travels through Independence County and is surrounded by forest, rock and hillsides.

For generations, the river has supplied locals and visitors alike with excellent trout fishing and a beloved pastime. The county's unforgettable landscapes hold the promise of smiles and enjoyment during hiking, canoeing, kayaking, fishing and so much more!

Batesville and Independence County offer a wealth of natural resources, industry opportunities, and recreational activities.

Main Street Batesville is known for its variety of unique merchants, a theater, fine and casual dining options-as well as the charming historic homes and treasured finds found within many antique shops. It's vibrant with life and a great place to explore. Independence County offers many opportunities for entertainment-for those seeking such things!

The Batesville Community Center and Aquatics Park includes a gymnasium, walking/running track and a state-of-the art fitness facility. Meeting venues as well as indoor / outdoor swimming pool are also available. Batesville has many recreational areas for walking, hiking and biking.

For those looking for a more casual game of golf, Batesville offers 9-hole municipal courses. The Course at Eagle Mountain-a championship-style 18-hole course-is appealing to both avid players and novices alike.

Locust Grove's 3/8-mile oval dirt track, home to NASCAR legend Mark Martin during his early years in racing-is a must visit for any true fan. Racing at the track runs from March through September on Friday nights. IMCA modifieds are joined by street stocks, hobby stocks and factory minis in this series.

Located in Rosie, Arkansas, The Greasy Bend Off-road Park offers over 1200 acres of ATV/UTV venue, with a mix mud, sand and bluffs along the White River.

During the holiday season, Batesville's White River Wonderland-a free annual Christmas Lights drive-through located at Riverside Park-is a must-see destination for anyone looking to create cherished memories. This two-million-lights display offers

seasonally themed music, a Ferris wheel and festive concessions. Guests can stroll through the lights at their own pace or travel through them by train or carriage.

Independence County is home to many historical buildings and sites, which draw tourists each year. The Spring Mill, located along Arkansas Highway 69, just 5 miles north of Batesville, is the oldest water-powered gristmill in the state. It was first built in 1867. From the 1960s until recently, the mill had remained abandoned. However, local resident Michael Gillihan purchased it and began renovations to restore it. The new additions on his house behind the mill turned out to be a fantastic venue for events!

A quality education strengthens and improves a community by increasing its residents' knowledge, skills, and opportunities. Independence County is home to four school districts, each of which is extraordinary in its own right: Batesville with 3493 students, Southside with 2250 students, Cedar Ridge with 622 students and Midland with 450 students.

The Batesville School District preschool's "Parents as Teachers" program is a Blue Ribbon Award recipient for providing superior services to the children and families they support. The district is now a conversion charter at both their junior high and high school campuses allowing them to create career pathway options and enhance classroom-learning opportunities to all students. The district is a "Save the Children" school, making them eligible for in-kind donations allowing them to give back to their families and community.

The Southside School District is an innovative leader of education in our area and across the state that employs approximately 300 employees. The high school operates as a conversion charter school to work hand-in-hand with parents, students and patrons to make students' "future stories" come true. The district is in the pre-construction phase of the fourth and final phase of the new high school project, consisting of a new cafeteria/dining space, band facility, art room, sports arena, family and consumer science/ agriculture facility, and other career and technical spaces.

In addition to the Batesville and Southside School Districts, Batesville is also home to three private schools: Montessori Christian Academy, Presbyterian Day School and Batesville Montessori School.

MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN INDEPENDENCE COUNTY

| COMPANY | NU |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Peco Foods Inc. | |
| Bad Boy | |
| Ozark Mountain Poultry | |
| Intimidator Inc. | |
| Custom Craft Poultry | |
| FutureFuel Chemical Co. | |
| Atlas Asphalt/White River Materials | |
| Flowers Baking Co. of Batesville | |
| Lifeplus International | |
| LaCroix Precision Optics | |
| Arkansas Lime Co. | |
| TWH Enterprises LLC | |
| Midwart Lima Ca | |

NON-MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN INDEPENDENCE COUNTY

COMPANY NU White River Health First Community Bank White River Area Agency on Aging Batesville Public Schools Network of Community Options Walmart Supercenter Southside Public Schools Arkansas State Highway Department UACCB Citizens Bank Independence County Lyon College Colton's Steak House & Grill/Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers/ City of Batesville Wood-Lawn Nursing Home Sonic Drive-In The Home Depot McDonald's Vital Link Mountain Meadows Health & Rehab Center Access Arkansas Processing Center Bill Davis Trucking/Chimney Rock Cattle Northcentral Arkansas Development Council Wade's Heating Air Conditioning & Electric The River Waterfront Steak & Grill Wood Family Dealerships Mark Martin Ford/Kia Pepsi Beverages Co. White River Planning and Development District Shawn Smith Plumbing Bryant's Pharmacy and Health Care Center Kallsnick Inc. Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches M&A Jones Construction

MBER OF EMPLOYEES **BUSINESS TYPE** 1.425 Poultry Processing 946 Lawn Mowers/Rotary Cutters/Vehicle Accessories 936 Poultry Processing 618 MTVs/Fireworks/Lawn Mowers 550 Poultry Processing 480 Chemicals/Alternative Fuels 200 Asphalt/Highway Construction 182 Bread 134 **Nutritional Products** 116 Precision Optical Lenses 80 Lime & Limestone 37 Manufacturing & Fabricating 25 Limestone

| MBER | OF EMPLOYEES | BUSINESS TYPE |
|---------|--------------|--|
| | 1,253 | Health Care |
| | 565 | Financial Institution |
| | 527 | Human Services |
| | 480 | Education |
| | 379 | Human Services |
| | 362 | Retail |
| | 303 | Education |
| | 275 | Road/Transportation |
| | 265 | Education |
| | 223 | Financial Institution |
| | 217 | County Services |
| | 188 | Education |
| Popeyes | 182 | Restaurant |
| | 142 | City Services |
| | 142 | Health Care |
| | 135 | Restaurant |
| | 106 | Building Supplies |
| | 100 | Restaurant |
| | 96 | Health Care |
| | 87 | Health Care |
| | 83 | Human Services |
| | 83 | Transportation/Cattle |
| | 82 | Development Services |
| | 60 | Refrigeration Service & Repair |
| | 57 | Restaurant |
| | 49 | New & Used Car Dealer |
| | 45 | New & Used Car Dealer |
| | 32 | Beverage |
| | 31 | Development Services |
| | 27 | Business & Residential Plumbing Services |
| | 26 | Pharmacy/Home Health Care |
| | 22 | Food Wholesaler |
| | 21 | Nonprofit |
| | 18 | General Contractor |

THE PRIMARY CROPS GROWN IN INDEPENDENCE COUNTY ARE CORN, RICE, MILO, SOYBEANS AND WHEAT. CATTLE & POULTRY ARE THE MAIN LIVESTOCK RAISED IN THE AREA.

Sources: Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation and U.S. Department of Agriculture

The Association of Arkansas Counties states that agriculture is the county's main industry, with beef and poultry production as well as processing being two of its key sectors.

The poultry processing operations in Batesville are major employers not only for the town, but also across the entire state of Arkansas.

Ozark Mountain Poultry (OMP), owned by Georges Inc., is a familyowned company based in Springdale that employs more than 1,000 people from the Batesville area. George's Inc. purchased OMP in 2018 to produce antibiotic-free and non-GMO poultry products at a lower price point for consumers, and the Batesville complex has been producing over 5 million pounds of chicken every year since its' founding in 1984. Peco Foods is one of the largest poultry producers in America and is one of the top five poultry companies operating in Arkansas. Peco employs 1,211 workers at its two facilities in Independence County. Combined, these plants produce about 36.5 million pounds of chicken each week.

In October 2021, Custom Craft Poultry purchased Batesville Cold Storage. The purchase gave the company a foothold in retail and restaurant markets by supplying products that other larger plants do not provide. They use a blend of hand and machine processes to create these goods.

CROPS, CATTLE & POULTRY

| YEAR | ALL CROPS | ALL LIVESTOC |
|------|--------------|--------------|
| 2017 | \$23,602,501 | \$82,281,600 |
| 2018 | \$20,742,961 | \$75,141,600 |
| 2019 | \$20,083,448 | \$58,396,600 |
| 2020 | \$27,245,551 | \$58,879,100 |
| 2021 | \$29,091,489 | \$79,862,509 |

Sources: Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation and U.S. Department of Agriculture

TIMBER REMOVAL BY TONS

| 2022 | PINE | HARDWOOD |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| INDEPENDENCE COUNTY ARKANSAS Source: Arkansas Forestry Commission | 73,002 20,339,766 | 23,224 3,089,082 |
| VEHICLES REGISTERED | N INDEPENDENCE COUNTY | |

| TYPE OF VEHICLE | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|---|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| PERSONAL VEHICLES | 43,521 | 43,872 | 44,352 | 76,453 | 65,235 |
| Source: Department of Finance and Admin | nistration | | | | |

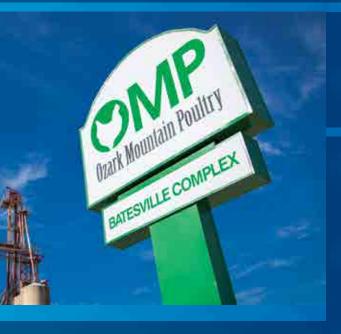
| LOCAL POPULAT | ION | | | | |
|---|--|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | 2020 |
| BATESVILLE | 8,263 | 9,187 | 9,445 | 10,248 | 10,706 |
| INDEPENDENCE COUNTY | 30,147 | 31,192 | 34,233 | 36,647 | 37,825 |
| Source: Arkansas Department of Economic I | , Development | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| UNEMPLOYMENT | RATES | | | | |
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| ARKANSAS | 3.6% | 3.5% | 6.1% | 4.0% | 3.6% |
| INDEPENDENCE COUNTY | 4.0% | 4.0% | 5.8% | 3.9% | 2.9% |
| Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics | | | | | |
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| COUNTY | 2018 | | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| INDEPENDENCE | \$35,086 | | \$36,476 | \$38,266 | \$42,120 |
| SHARP | \$32,012 | | \$34,403 | \$35,612 | \$41,025 |
| CLEBURNE | \$38,307 | | \$38,942 | \$41,656 | \$45,289 |
| WHITE | \$35,445 | | \$37,082 | \$39,598 | \$42,743 |
| LONOKE | \$38,764 | | \$40,749 | \$43,537 | \$46,388 |
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| PULASKI CRAIGHEAD | \$51,185 \$37,531 | | \$51,927 \$38,669 | \$55,563 \$40,728 | \$58,583 \$45,160 |
| WASHINGTON | \$37,531 \$40,247 | | \$41,643 | \$40,728 \$43,817 | \$47,836 |
| JEFFERSON | \$35,356 | | \$36,586 | \$39,443 | \$42,076 |
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| RETAIL SALES FOR IN | DEPENDENCE COL | JNTY | | | |
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| TOTAL RETAIL SALES | \$591 | \$611 | \$667 | \$669 | \$788 |
| (IN MILLIONS) | | J OIT | \$007 | \$007 | \$700 |
| Source: Independence County Treasurer's O | ffice | | | | |
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| 1.105 | | \$55,563 | \$58,583 | |
| 7,531 | \$38,669 | \$35,363 \$40,728 | \$38,383 \$45,160 | |
| 0,247 | \$38,669 \$41,643 | \$40,728 \$43,817 | \$45,160 \$47,836 | |
| 5,356 | \$36,586 | \$39,443 | \$42,076 | |
| 2,315 | \$35,558 | \$37,307 | \$42,078 | |
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| LOCAL POPULAT | | | | | | |
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| | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | 2020 | |
| BATESVILLE | 8,263 | 9,187 | 9,445 | 10,248 | 10,706 | |
| INDEPENDENCE COUNTY | 30,147 | 31,192 | 34,233 | 36,647 | 37,825 | |
| Source: Arkansas Department of Economic | c Development | | | | | |
| | DATEC | | | | | |
| UNEMPLOYMENT | | | | | | |
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | |
| ARKANSAS | 3.6% | 3.5% | 6.1% | 4.0% | 3.6% | |
| INDEPENDENCE COUNTY | 4.0% | 4.0% | 5.8% | 3.9% | 2.9% | |
| Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics | | | | | | |
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| COUNTY | 20 1 | 8 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | |
| INDEPENDENCE | \$35,0 | 086 | \$36,476 | \$38,266 | \$42,120 | |
| SHARP | \$32,0 | 012 | \$34,403 | \$35,612 | \$41,025 | |
| CLEBURNE | \$38,3 | | \$38,942 | \$41,656 | \$45,289 | |
| WHITE | \$35,4 | | \$37,082 | \$39,598 | \$42,743 | |
| LONOKE | \$38,7 | | \$40,749 | \$43,537 | \$46,388 | |
| | \$30,0 | | \$30,923 | \$32,606 | \$34,986 | |
| | \$36,9 | | \$39,041 \$51,027 | \$41,474 \$55.542 | \$45,416 \$58,582 | |
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| WASHINGTON | \$37,: \$40,2 | | \$38,669 \$41,643 | \$40,728 \$43,817 | \$45,160 \$47,836 | |
| JEFFERSON | \$40,2 | | \$36,586 | \$39,443 | \$42,076 | |
| POINSETT | \$32,3 | | \$35,558 | \$37,307 | \$41,551 | |
| Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis | | | | | ¢ 11/001 | |
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| RETAIL SALES FOR I | NDEPENDENCE | COUNTY | | | | |
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | |
| TOTAL RETAIL SALES | \$591 | \$611 | \$667 | \$669 | \$788 | |
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| 2018 3.6% | | 2020 | 2021 | |
| | 3.5 <u>%</u> | | 2021 | 2022 |
| 4.0% | | 6.1% | 4.0% | 3.6% |
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TOTAL

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\$122,269,890

OTHER FARM INCOME \$9,788,000

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BATESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT



BATESVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER & AQUATICS PARK PHOTO BY DR. JOHN HARRIS

BANKING DEPOSITS

IN INDEPENDENCE COUNTY

| YEAR | DEPOSITS |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 2015 | \$815,032,00 |
| 2016 | \$834,260,00 |
| 2017 | \$877,464,00 |
| 2018 | \$919,496,00 |
| 2019 | \$987,741,00 |
| 2020 | \$1,141,767,00 |
| 2021 | \$1,170,164,00 |
| 2022 | \$1,214,676,00 |
| Source: EDIC as of June 20 of eac | hypor |

Source: FDIC as of June 30 of each yea



OLD INDEPENDENCE REGIONAL MUSEUM

NATIONAL INFLATION

| YEAR | INFLATION | | |
|------|-----------|-------|------|
| 2018 | 2.13% | | |
| 2019 | 1.76% | | |
| 2020 | 1.40% | | |
| 2021 | | 4.70% | |
| 2022 | | | 8.00 |

Source: First Community Financial Services

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT

| YEAR | UNEMPLOYMENT | |
|------|--------------|-------|
| 2018 | 3.90% | |
| 2019 | 3.70% | |
| 2020 | | 8.10% |
| 2021 | 5.30% | |
| 2022 | 3.60% | |

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), Bureau of the Census, 2010 Census of Population

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

YEAR NATIONAL GDP (IN BILLIONS)

| 2018 | \$20,500 |
|------|----------|
| 2019 | \$21,429 |
| 2020 | \$20,934 |
| 2021 | \$22,993 |
| 2022 | \$25,46 |

Source: National Income and Product Account Table, Bureau of Economic Analysis (www.bea.gov)







JAMESTOWN CRAG

In addition to the parks and recreation options in Batesville is a privately owned sport crag just minutes from town called Jamestown Crag. Jamestown Crag is the largest and most visible outcrop of Atoka sandstone in the region, so it's home to many excellent sport climbing routes.





SARA LOW MEMORIAL DOG PARK

TOTAL TRAVEL EXPENDITURES

| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| INDEPENDENCE COUNTY | \$50,611,434 | \$44,330,000 | \$45,410,000 | \$52,000,000 | \$70,800,000 |

TRAVEL-GENERATED JOBS

INDEPENDENCE COUNTY

| 2017 | 527 | |
|------|-----|-----|
| 2018 | 500 | |
| 2019 | 556 | |
| 2020 | 526 | |
| 2021 | | 661 |

TRAVEL-GENERATED PAYROLL

INDEPENDENCE COUNTY

| 2017 | \$9,941 | |
|------|----------|----------|
| 2018 | \$8,700 | |
| 2019 | \$8,890 | |
| 2020 | \$12,300 | |
| 2021 | | \$16,700 |
| | | |

IN THOUSANDS

COUNTY TAX RECEIPTS

FOR TOURISM IN INDEPENDENCE COUNTY

| 2017 | \$986 | |
|------|---------|---------|
| 2018 | \$990 | |
| 2019 | \$1,128 | |
| 2020 | \$1,100 | |
| 2021 | | \$1,500 |
| | | |

STATE TAX RECEIPTS

FOR TOURISM IN INDEPENDENCE COUNTY

| 2017 | | \$3,010 | |
|------|--------------|---------|---------|
| 2018 | | \$2,780 | |
| 2019 | | \$2,880 | |
| 2020 | | \$3,400 | |
| 2021 | | | \$4,500 |
| | IN THOUSANDS | | |

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT BATESVILLE



The University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville (UACCB) has been recognized as a leader in education, both locally and nationally. UACCB has been recognized twice by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program as one of the nation's top 150 community colleges. As a major area employer with approximately 245 employees, UACCB adds \$5.8 million in earnings to the local economy.

For the last 25 years, the institution has been a member of the University of Arkansas system building on the strong foundation of educational excellence that is the U of A system.

UACCB embraces a practical approach to education providing a diverse offering of associate degrees and technical certifications, constantly adapting to the most in-demand career opportunities of the leading industries in the community and across the state. The college has partnerships with all major four-year institutions in the state, providing a seamless and accessible path to a bachelor's degree through numerous transfer opportunities.



INDEPENDENCE HALL

The college recently purchased a 100,000 square foot building sitting on 55 acres located near the main campus. It plans to use the space to expand the college's offerings in workforce education, heavy and compact equipment, and CDL licensing training with space for future programs.

Associate degrees include Agriculture Business, Agriculture Technology, Business, Criminal Justice, Elementary Education, General Education, Health Professions, Pre-Engineering, Registered Nursing and STEM. Some of the certifications available through UACCB include certified nursing assistant, practical nursing, welding, machinist, carpentry, masonry, drywall installation and finishing, and cosmetology.

As UACCB prepares for the future, its goal remains to provide students with a combination of academic knowledge, technical competencies and professional skills to support our community in economic development and growth.



