

State Profile: **Arkansas****Selected State Background Characteristics**

	AR	US		AR	US
■ Population ■			■ Socio-Demographics ■		
Total Pop. (<i>millions</i>)	2.8	293.7	Average Household Size	2.4	2.6
Pop. 60+ (<i>thousands</i>)	514.5	48,883.4	Average Family Size	3.0	3.1
% 60+	18.7	16.6	% Pop. in Rural Area	41.8	16.9
National Ranking 60+	7	N/A	Households with Persons 65+ (<i>millions</i>)	0.27	25.2
% White (60+)	88.1	81.4	% Persons Age 65+ Living Alone	30.9	29.8
% African American (60+)	9.5	8.5	% Pop. 65+ in Major Cities	16.1	40.1
% Hispanic/Latino (60+)	0.9	6.1	% Households with Internet Access	42.3	54.7
% Asian (60+)	0.4	2.9			
% Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islanders (60+)	0.0	0.1			
% American Indian/ Alaska Native (60+)	0.4	0.5			
% Two or More Races (60+)	0.7	0.6			
			■ Informal Caregivers ■		
Pop. 65+ (<i>thousands</i>)	381.1	36,294.0	# of Caregivers	360,000	34,000,000
% Pop. 65+	13.8	12.4	# of Caregiving Hours (<i>millions</i>)	390	36,720
National Ranking 65+	9	N/A	Value of Caregiving (<i>millions</i>)	\$3,600	\$350,000
			% Grandparents Living with Grandchildren	3.8	3.4
Pop. 85+ (<i>thousands</i>)	47.8	4,859.6	% with Responsibility for the Grandchildren	2.5	1.4
% Pop. 85	1.7	1.7	Where to Call to Arrange Help in the Home for Elderly Relatives or Friends		
National Ranking 85+	22	N/A	% Relative or Friend	20.8	21.5
			% Self	16.3	17.2
■ Economic Indicators ■			% Medical Support	26.7	21.6
Per Capita Income	\$25,724	\$33,041	% Religious Support	0.3	0.4
Median Household Income	\$33,948	\$44,473	% Area Agency on Aging	3.9	2.0
Total State Expenditures Per Capita	\$4,972	\$4,009	% Other	2.9	4.5
% Pop. 65+ Below Poverty	12.8	9.4	% Don't Know	29.0	32.7
% Pop. 50+ Who Did Not Visit Doctor Due to Cost	10.2	8.1			

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■ Long-Term Care ■			■ Care Receivers ■		
Medicaid Spending on Long-Term Care			% Pop. 21-64 Years w/Disability	19.9	12.1
% Spending on Nursing Facilities	56.0	46.0	% Pop. 65+ w/Disability	49.1	39.6
% Spending on Home Health & Personal Care	24.6	37.3	% 65+ by Type of Disability		
# of Certified Nursing Facilities	228	15,209	Sensory	19.8	16.0
% of Certified Facilities with Family Councils	53.1	43.2	Physical	40.3	30.2
# of Certified Nursing Facility Beds (<i>thousands</i>)	23.0	1,579.9	Self-Care	11.6	9.3
Certified Nursing Facility Occupancy Rate	73.0	85.5	Mental	14.0	10.9
Average Cost Per Day in a Nursing Home	\$159	\$213	Difficulty Going Outside Home	19.0	16.3
Average Assisted Living Monthly Cost	\$2,149	\$2,969	■ Medicare Prescription Drug Plans ■		
Average Daily Cost for Adult Day Care Services	\$58	\$61	# of Companies Offering PDPs	15	N/A
Average Hourly Cost for Home Health Care	\$15	\$19	# of PDP	40	N/A
Average Hourly Cost for Personal/Home Care	\$14	\$18	# of Companies Offering Medicare Advantage Drug Plans	4	N/A
Nursing Facility Residents as % of 65+ Pop.	4.5	3.8			
# of Licensed Adult Day Facilities	33	3,407			
# of Home Health Aides	5,080	751,480			
Median Hourly Wage					
Certified Nursing Assistant	\$8.74	\$10.67			
Home Health Aide	\$8.13	\$9.34			
Personal Care/Home Care Aide	\$6.99	\$8.54			

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Legislation Enacted Within the Last Three Years (2001-2003) that Addresses Family Caregiving Issues	None
Task Force or Commission Specifically to Examine Family Caregiver Issues	No
Name of Task Force:	N/A
Single Point of Entry for State System of HCBS	Yes
Single Point of Entry Includes Access to State's Caregiver Support Program	Lack of agreement
Uniform Assessment Tool for All HCBS Programs for the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities	Lack of agreement
Assessment Includes Caregiver Component	Lack of agreement
At Least One State Program with Consumer-Directed Option for Family Caregivers	Yes

State Program Information■ **Administrative Structure** ■

Program Name	Caring for the Caregiver Arkansas Caregivers (FC)	ElderChoices Medicaid Waiver (MC)
Administering State Agency	AR Department of Human Services	AR Department of Human Services
Organizational Unit or Person Specifically Designated for Caregiving Programs or Activities	Yes	No
Geographic Region Served	Statewide	Statewide
Local Program Administrative Responsibility	AAA	Division of Aging RNs

■ **Funding & Caseload** ■

Program Name	Caring for the Caregiver Arkansas Caregivers (FC)	ElderChoices Medicaid Waiver (MC)
Major Sources of Program Funding	OAA, Title III-E	Medicaid HCBS waiver
FY 2001 Expenditures	\$1,125,177	\$6,802,943 (<i>respite only</i>)
FY 2002 Expenditures	\$1,303,240	\$7,628,574 (<i>respite only</i>)
FY 2003 Expenditures	\$1,427,743	\$30,834,306 (<i>total waiver</i>)
FY 2001 A/D Waiver Respite Participants	N/A	2,832
FY 2002 A/D Waiver Respite Participants	N/A	3,020

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■ **Eligibility** ■

Program Name	Caring for the Caregiver Arkansas Caregivers (FC)	ElderChoices Medicaid Waiver (MC)
Caregiver Age Requirement	18+	18+
Care Receiver Age Requirement	60+	65+
Care Receiver Functional Status Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 ADLs ▪ Diagnosis of dementia or related disorder/requires supervision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nursing home eligible
Client Population	Family caregiver	Care receiver

■ **Assessment Process** ■

Program Name	Caring for the Caregiver Arkansas Caregivers (FC)	ElderChoices Medicaid Waiver (MC)
Program Assesses	Both family caregiver and care receiver	Care receiver
Uniform Assessment Tool	No	Yes
Includes Caregiver Assessment	N/A	No
Areas Addressed by Caregiver Assessment	N/A	N/A

■ **Services** ■

Program Name	Caring for the Caregiver Arkansas Caregivers (FC)	ElderChoices Medicaid Waiver (MC)
All Caregivers Eligible for Program Have Access to Same Package of Services	No	No
Services Provided Specifically to Family Caregivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assistive technology ▪ Care mgt. ▪ Cash grant ▪ Consumer ehealth applications ▪ Counseling ▪ Educ. & training ▪ Home modification/repairs ▪ Homemaker/chore/personal care ▪ Info. & assistance ▪ Legal and/or financial consultation ▪ Respite care ▪ Support groups ▪ Transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Respite care
Types of Respite Care Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adult day svcs. ▪ In-home ▪ Overnight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adult day svcs. ▪ In-home ▪ Overnight ▪ Weekend/camp
Caregiver Must Live with Care Receiver to Receive Respite	No	No
Respite Cap	\$1000/year (average)	600 hours (in-home)
Uniform Respite Cap Across Program Sites	N/A	Yes
Entity that Formulates the Respite Cap	N/A	Administering state agency
Consumer-Directed Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A menu of services from which caregivers can choose ▪ Direct payments to family members for the purchase of goods or services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agency personal care can be exchanged for monthly cash allowance
Family Members Can Be Paid to Provide Care	Yes	Yes
Types of Services Families Can Be Paid to Provide	Personal care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Homemaker/chore ▪ Respite care