

Bentonville Population Projections

	Jan. 2004
Population Estimate	25,600

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2005	28,700
2010	36,600
2015	43,500
2020	52,000
2025	62,000

Note(s)

1) Current estimate created using 2000 census (19,730) as a baseline, adding 2.5 residents per residential occupancy permit (2,350) issued since the 2000 Census (April 2000).

2) All estimates and projections are rounded to the nearest hundred.

Assumptions:

1) We will continue to experience the same rapid growth encountered during the late 90's and early 00's (6% annual through 2005, moderating to 5% 2006 to 2010, and slowing to 3 1/2% 2011 through 2025).

2) Death rate will not change significantly.

3) In-migration will continue to be the primary factor influencing growth.

4) There will be no major changes in the regional economic conditions or employment opportunities that would significantly alter present migration patterns.

5) Our projection for 2025 is consistent with the University of Arkansas population projection for Benton County. The U of A study predicts a county population of 400,000. Using a step down ratio of 15%, the city population would be in the vicinity of 60,000 by 2025.