

Arkansas

Disadvantaged Community Definition

In Arkansas, a disadvantaged community has been defined as any community:

- The current utility rates or proposed utility rates for 4,000 gallons of water on an annual basis is at least 1.5% of the Median Household Income (MHI) for the project area*; or
- If 51% of the customers who benefit from a project are either low or moderate income as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Developments' Community Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and have 1.25% of Median Household Income.

**Project area MHI is the average of the most recent three years of available data on the ACS five-year estimates provided by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR)*

Arkansas's MHI is the average of the most recent three years of available data on the ACS 5-year estimates provided by UALR (2018 – 2020). Arkansas's Median Household Income for FY 2023 is \$47,599

The Division will offer two types of assistance to disadvantaged communities: an extension of the repayment period and additional subsidization.