



## **DID YOU KNOW!**

- Fort Smith is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most populated City in Arkansas
- Our population is just over 83,000
- We are the principal county of a 5 County Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)
- The 5 Counties include Sebastian, Crawford and Franklin in Arkansas along with Leflore and Sequoyah Counties in Oklahoma
- Our MSA population is over 292,000
- Net Job growth for Fort Smith City Proper 2003 was – **337**
- Net Job growth for Fort Smith City Proper 2004 was + **1,101**
- Net Job growth for Fort Smith City Proper 2005 was + **1,483**
- Net Job growth for Fort Smith City Proper 2006 was + **725**
- Net Job growth for Fort Smith City Proper 2007 was + **689**
- Net Job growth for MSA 2003 was **-475**
- Net Job growth for MSA 2004 was **+2,625**
- Net Job growth for MSA 2005 was **+4,675**
- Net Job growth for MSA 2006 was **+2,575**
- Net Job growth for MSA 2007 was **+1,500**
- Fort Smith ranked 24<sup>th</sup> Best Place for Business by Inc. Magazine 2004
- Fort Smith ranked 6<sup>th</sup> Least Expensive Place for Business by Forbes Magazine 2007
- Fort Smith ranked 1st in Cost of Living by Forbes Magazine 2007
- Forbes Magazine rates Fort Smith as one of the best areas for high paying high tech jobs with software engineers averaging \$84,312 in annual salary

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