



OVERVIEW

The opening of the William J. Clinton Presidential Center and Park in November 2004 was celebrated with great fanfare in Central Arkansas. It represented the culmination of an enormous effort by Arkansans to recruit and construct the presidential center and President Bill Clinton's desire to give back to his home state.

Throughout the multi-year process to select a site for the Clinton Center, Central Arkansas leaders promoted the anticipated impact such a facility would have on the Little Rock area and the entire state. They expected it would accelerate redevelopment in the downtown area, increase tourism, and enhance the state's perception nationally and globally. Additionally, President Clinton and his team wanted to ensure that the chosen location would benefit socially and economically. In fact, after considering 30 sites, an abandoned rail-switching yard in Little Rock's warehouse district was selected. President Clinton believed that choosing the former brownfield site would spark reinvestment in the area.

In 1999, two years after the site was announced, an article in USA Today stated, "The depressed surrounding warehouse district has been reinvigorated and downtown Little Rock is suddenly the place to be..." The same article said that \$800 million had already been invested in new downtown development since the Clinton Center site was chosen.

Built at a cost of **\$165 million** between 2001 and 2004, the Clinton Center is located in the 29-acre Clinton Presidential Park, located at the intersection of downtown Little Rock's River Market District and the emerging East Village neighborhood. The campus includes the Little Rock offices of the Clinton Foundation, which offers educational and cultural programs that reflect President Clinton's lifetime commitment to advancing opportunity, instilling responsibility throughout our society, and cultivating community throughout our nation; the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum, part of the National Archives and Records Administration's Presidential Library System; and the Clinton School of Public Service at the University of Arkansas, the first higher-education institution to offer a Master of Public Service degree.

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The William J. Clinton Presidential Center opened in Little Rock, Arkansas, in November 2004. In 2014, Boyette Strategic Advisors (Boyette) was commissioned by the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce (LRRCC) to prepare a thorough evaluation and analysis of the Clinton Center's economic and societal impact during its first 10 years of operation, 2004 through 2013. In 2024, on the occasion of the Clinton Center's 20th anniversary, the LRRCC engaged Boyette to complete similar research for the period between 2014 through 2023. The findings from this evaluation have been aggregated with the prior evaluation to explore the overall 20-year effects of the Clinton Center.

The Clinton Center has contributed significantly to the regional economy through its direct investment and catalytic effect on private development. The economy of the downtown areas of Little Rock and North Little Rock has expanded by nearly **\$4.9 billion** over the past 20 years. The Clinton Center's construction, capital investment, combined operations, and programming have injected **\$815 million** into the local economy. There was more than **\$4 billion** in public and private investment in broad areas of downtown Little Rock and North Little Rock. President Bill Clinton's hope that locating the Clinton Center on the former brownfield site adjacent to the downtown core would generate significant reinvestment in the area has come to fruition.

In addition to the investment and resulting economic activity, the Clinton Center has welcomed 5.2 million visitors from around the world, offers educational programs free of charge, presents engaging lectures and non-partisan leadership development opportunities, creates compelling temporary exhibitions, and provides service opportunities for volunteers to support the Clinton Center and the community.

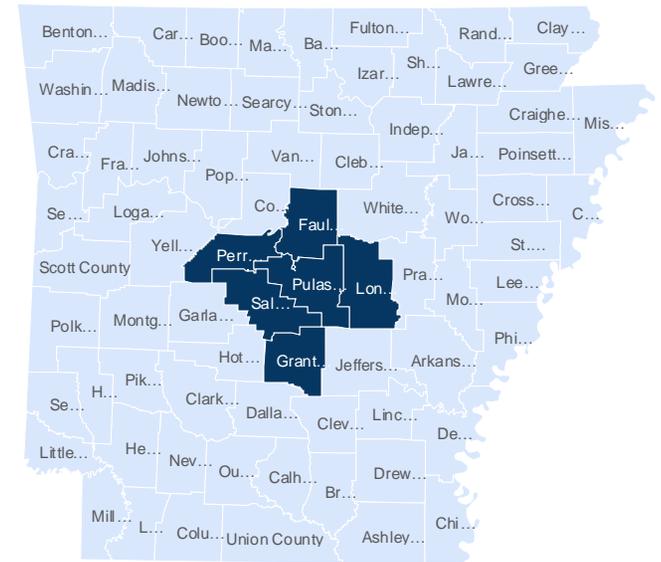
Methodology

Using both quantitative and qualitative measures, this impact evaluation and analysis report examines the impact of all components of the Clinton Center and its programs, as well as its employment and operating expenses. The quantitative economic impact was modeled using the IMPLAN input-output model.

The evaluation and analysis measures the effect of the Clinton Center on the Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, Arkansas, Metropolitan Statistical Area (Little Rock MSA). The Little Rock MSA is shown in the map to the right.

This geography was chosen because it is likely that workers and materials used during the construction phase and ongoing operations come from a geography wider than the Little Rock city limits.

In response to an information request issued by Boyette, the Clinton Foundation, Clinton Presidential Library and Museum, and Clinton School of Public Service provided data related to employment, capital investment, and programming and operational expenditures. Boyette reviewed, analyzed, and summarized the given information, alongside other secondary research, stakeholder interviews, and data collection. These processes yielded numerical outputs, combined with qualitative stories that characterize the Clinton Center's impact.



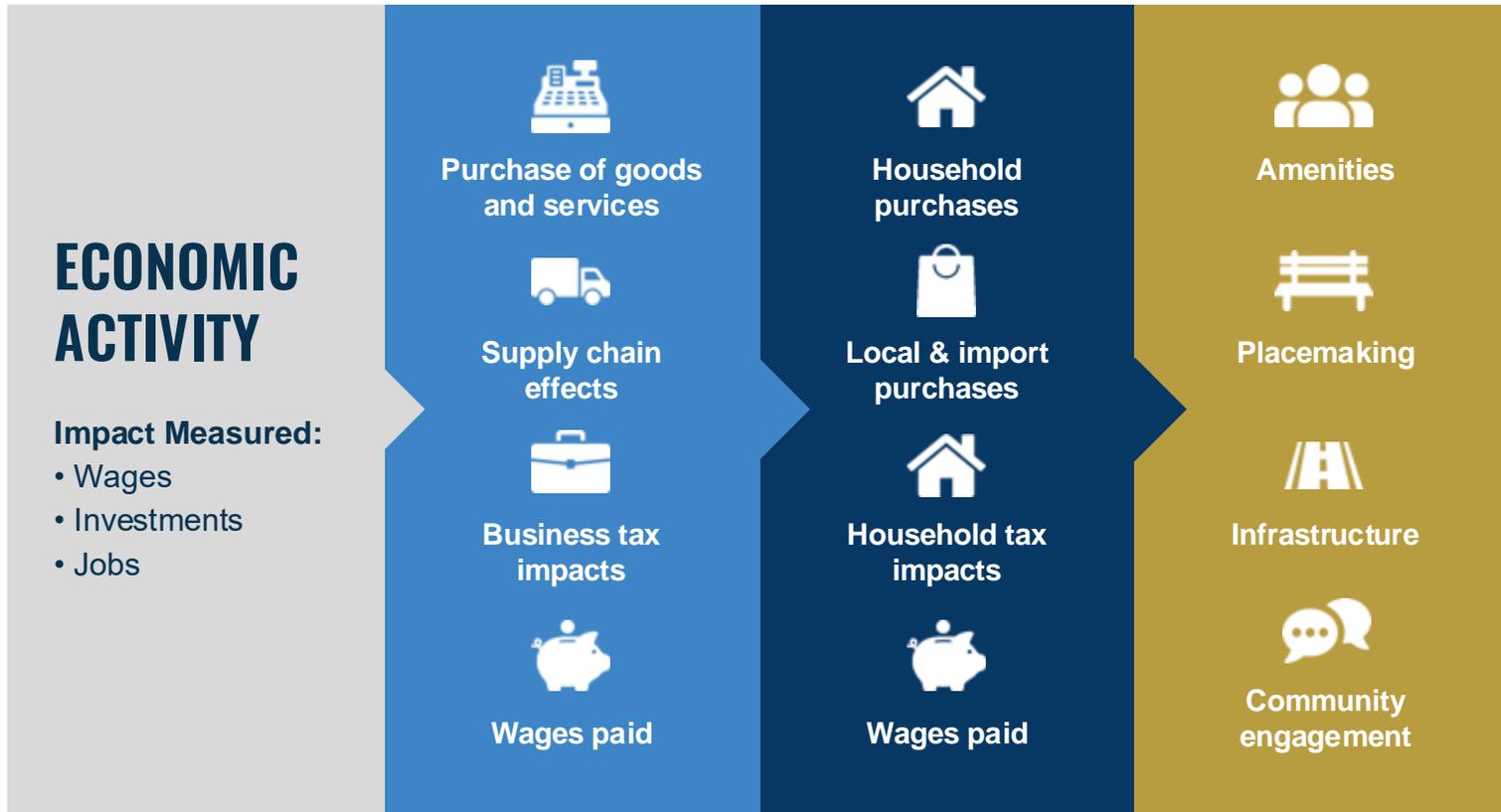
For research regarding public and private investment and development and demographic and societal changes, the area was limited to the downtown areas of Little Rock and North Little Rock, defined by the zip codes 72114, 72201, and 72202. These areas include the areas popularly known as the River Market, Main Street Creative Corridor, South Main (SOMA), and East Village in Little Rock and the Argenta Arts District in North Little Rock. To identify investment in the downtown areas, several sources were used, including City of Little Rock and City of North Little Rock building permits, surveys of the East Village area, and additional information available in the public domain.

A portion of the public investment related to the 30 Crossing / Interstate 30 expansion project has also been included in the private investment total. This includes construction costs of **\$250 million** for the section running from the south end of the Arkansas River Bridge to the Sixth/Ninth Street exit in Little Rock, which is adjacent to the Clinton Presidential Park.

Additionally, tourism data was provided by the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau and Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism to allow for quantifying the overall impact of tourism, including conventions, taxes, and leisure travelers.

The evaluation of the Clinton Center as a catalyst for cultural and societal impact includes:

- Tourism
- Education
- Arts, Culture, and Entertainment
- Placemaking
- Sustainability
- Public Service and Volunteerism



Direct Effects

The initial changes that result from economic activity

Indirect Effects

The impact of local industries buying goods and services from other local industries as a result of influence in the industry

Induced Effects

Response by the economy to an initial change that occurs through re-spending of income received by wage earners

Social Effects

The qualitative impacts that occur in the community as a result of economic activity

KEY FINDINGS

The 20th anniversary of the Clinton Center's grand opening in 2024 served as a milestone moment to, again, measure the significant impact its operations, programming, and catalytic effect on private investment have made in the Little Rock area. The following is a summary of the Clinton Center's 20-year economic and societal impacts.



\$4.9 Billion
TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT



246,000
ATTENDEES IN 1,440
PUBLIC PROGRAMS



\$4 Billion
PRIVATE INVESTMENT IMPACT



795,000
VOLUNTEER HOURS



510,000
STUDENTS & EDUCATORS
ATTENDED FREE EDUCATION
PROGRAMS

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The Clinton Center has contributed significantly to the regional economy through its direct investment and catalytic effect on private development. Topline findings from this analysis include:

- The Gross Regional Product (GRP) in the Little Rock MSA expanded by nearly **\$4.9 billion** between 2004 and 2023.
- The impact of the Clinton Center's direct investment totaled **\$815 million**, including construction and capital investment of **\$215 million**, and the impact of combined payroll, operations, and programming of the Clinton Foundation, Clinton Presidential Library and Museum, and the Clinton School of Public Service of **\$600 million**.
- The cumulative impact of private and public investment totaled more than **\$4 billion**. This includes tourism infrastructure (hotels, retail, and restaurants); commercial and multi-family residential developments; and public investment in the 30 Crossing project.
- In 2023, the Clinton Center announced plans to embark on its first significant expansion and modernization. The Clinton Foundation is partnering with Studio Gang, an award-winning international architecture and urban design firm; Ralph Applebaum Associates, an international practice dedicated to the planning and design of museums; and Arkansas-based Polk, Stanley, Wilcox Architects and CDI Contractors on the project. The expansion will build out its ability to host world-class exhibitions, provide enhanced educational opportunities, and host national and international convenings. In addition, the expansion will include the construction of the new Hillary Rodham Clinton wing.
- From 2004 to 2023, there have been more than 6,700 convention bookings in Little Rock, representing over 9.6 million attendees.
- In that same time period, tourism in Pulaski County has yielded more than **\$1.95 billion** in total state and local taxes.



2004 – 2023 Economic Impact Overview

Little Rock MSA

Total Increase in Regional Economy	\$4,874,996,381
Private and Public Investment in Downtown Little Rock and North Little Rock	\$4,059,156,380
Clinton Center Construction and Capital Investment	\$215,317,059
Combined Payroll, Operations, and Programming (Clinton Foundation, Clinton Library, and Clinton School)	\$600,522,942

SOCIETAL IMPACT

In addition to quantifiable economic impact, the Clinton Center has had a significant impact on the societal development of downtown Little Rock and North Little Rock. This qualitative development can be seen in the Clinton Center's impact on tourism; arts, culture, and entertainment; placemaking; education; sustainability; and public service.

In the last 20 years, the Central Arkansas area has experienced growth and transformation that has been recognized nationally and globally. For example, in 2023, Little Rock was named a "Top 10 Best Place to Live as a Young Professional" by *Forbes Advisor*. In 2024, Little Rock was named one of "The South's Best Cities" by *Southern Living Magazine* and the #9 city among "Most Affordable Places to Live in the U.S." by both CNBC and *U.S. News and World Report*. Topline findings from this analysis include:

- Immediately following the Clinton Center's site selection and grand opening, Little Rock's River Market District saw significant investment and increased cultural activity. Main Street was transformed from downtown to south of Interstate 630. North Little Rock's Argenta Arts District has experienced continued growth and development. This can especially be seen in Little Rock's newest neighborhood, the East Village, which is anchored by the Clinton Center.
- Over 5.2 million people from around the world have visited the Clinton Center to tour the museum, participate in its engaging cultural programming, and attend events.
- More than 510,000 students and teachers from across Arkansas and other states have participated – at no cost to them – in more than 10,000 educational tours, programs, events, and workshops in person at the Clinton Center and online.
- 568 students from 18 cohorts have graduated from the Clinton School of Public Service at the University of Arkansas since it opened in 2005.
- Clinton School of Public Service students from across the globe have completed over 500,000 hours of field service work across Arkansas and in 94 countries.

- A diverse network of 530 professionals from across the United States have honed their leadership abilities through the Presidential Leadership Scholars (PLS) program, which launched in 2015. PLS is a first-of-its-kind, non-partisan partnership among the presidential centers of Lyndon B. Johnson, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush.
- More than 246,000 attendees have participated in over 1,440 public programs hosted by the Clinton Center. These programs showcase a wide variety of well-known and emerging voices, representing diverse backgrounds and perspectives, including foreign heads of state, U.S. Supreme Court justices, Nobel Prize winners, U.S. cabinet secretaries, bestselling authors, athletes, business leaders, thought leaders, and activists.
- The Clinton Center has hosted 62 special exhibitions – from Elvis to Oscar de la Renta and from baseball to dinosaurs – each telling a unique story and enhancing the visitor experience.
- Clinton Center volunteers have served more than 795,000 hours since 2004, a contribution valued over **\$18,700,000**.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, from March 2020 through April 2021, over 1 million meals and food boxes were prepared and packaged at the Clinton Center and delivered to students, families, seniors, and others in need through the Pulaski County Meals Program. The program was organized by the Clinton Foundation, World Central Kitchen, the City of Little Rock, and other local organizations.

"There is history in the making with this site, and the history of this site is not fully defined yet. The best is yet to come for the Clinton Presidential Center."

*Virgil Miller
Little Rock City Director*

Tourism

The Little Rock area has long touted a variety of tourism assets and access to cultural opportunities. However, the presence of a Presidential Library in the city has elevated the tourism industry tremendously. Since 2004, tourism in Arkansas's capital city has increased by virtually every metric. As a result, the city's tourism infrastructure – attractions, accommodations, and amenities – has also expanded. Thanks to the presence of the Clinton Center, public awareness of the city as a tourist destination has been greatly enhanced.

Clinton Center Visitors

Over 5.2 million people visited the Clinton Center to tour the museum, participate in educational and public programming, and attend special events. Visitors have come from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, five U.S. territories, and more than 70 countries around the world. The Clinton Center saw more than three million visitors in the first 10-year period, while it saw 2.2 million visitors in the next 10-year period. In 2020 and 2021, due to the onset of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Clinton Center was closed to the public for 18 months.



Tourism Data

The tourism sector can be measured in a variety of ways. The following section contains a summary of several metrics used to determine how the tourism sector has grown in the last 20 years.

Conventions

Over the past 20 years, there were more than 6,700 convention bookings in Little Rock, representing over 9.6 million attendees. From 2004 to 2013, the Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau (LRCVB) saw 2,563 total convention bookings, representing more than 4.5 million attendees. In the past 10 years, from 2014 to 2023, LRCVB saw 4,139 convention bookings, representing more than 5 million attendees. Note that the most recent 10 years include 2020 and 2021, during which time the COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted all types of travel, including conventions.

Tourism Tax Revenue

Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism tracks travel-generated state and local tax revenues as a measure of success. Tourism in Pulaski County has led to total state and local taxes of more than **\$1.95 billion** between 2004 and 2023, including state revenue of more than **\$1.33 billion** and local tax revenue of more than **\$626 million**. In the past 10 years between 2014 to 2023, annual travel-generated state taxes have increased from more than **\$64.5 million** to more than **\$89 million**, or 38.4 percent. Annual travel-generated local taxes for Pulaski County have grown 57.7 percent, from over **\$29 million** to more than **\$45 million**.

Hotels

Increased tourism in Little Rock has made a profound impact on hotel occupancy and revenue. The LRCVB maintains data related to accommodations metrics. Since 2004, the Average Daily Rate (ADR) has increased 62.2 percent, while occupancy has increased marginally at 2.7 percent. It should be noted that the increase in ADR is significant, given that the total number of downtown hotel rooms has risen to 2,177, representing a 28 percent increase over the 20-year period. From 2014 to 2023, the ADR rose from **\$84.34** to **\$104.85**, representing a 24.3 percent increase. Occupancy rates also rose in this period, from 58.5 percent to 60.1 percent, representing a 2.7 percent increase. In the previous 10-year period, the ADR for hotel rooms increased 32.8 percent, while hotel occupancy rates remained relatively flat, partially due to the total number of available rooms increasing from 1,691 to 1,998 in 2013.

Tourism Infrastructure

To accommodate the increase in tourism and convention traffic, the City of Little Rock has expanded and enhanced its travel infrastructure over the past 10 years. Enhancements have included expanded and upgraded convention space, improved transportation access, and additional lodging options.

Statehouse Convention Center

Built in 1980 on the sites of the historic Grady Manning Hotel and Marion Hotel, the Statehouse Convention Center offers 80,167 square feet of exhibit space, which can be opened into one large area or divided into four halls, each with its own separate entrance. The Statehouse Convention Center has 29,964 square feet of meeting space on the first level, split between 15 meeting rooms. The second level contains five meeting rooms, constituting 8,316 square feet. The third level, containing the 18,362-square-foot Wally Allen Ballroom, can be divided into five intimate spaces. It is connected to the Little Rock Marriott, which boasts 418 guest rooms, 44,474 total square feet of event space, 21 event rooms, and 16 breakout rooms.

In 1999, the Statehouse Convention Center was expanded at a cost of approximately **\$20 million**. In 2011, the Statehouse Convention Center received more than **\$2 million** in renovations and improvements, the first since 1999.

In January 2024, the Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau (LRCVB) announced that **\$9 million** worth of ongoing upgrades to the Statehouse Convention Center will be complete by summer 2025. The work, funded by lodging and prepared-food tax revenue, is being conducted in phases in order for the Center to remain open to visitors. Once complete, the Statehouse Convention Center will feature the following upgrades: soundproof, movable airwalls in the Wally Allen Ballroom, new furniture, carpeting, paint, signage, wall coverings, programmable LED lighting, placemaking channel boxes, interior updates to the Atrium, workstations, charging ports for electronic devices, updated shadowbox décor, bathroom renovations, and network enhancements.

Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport

Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport is located two miles east of downtown Little Rock and just south of the Arkansas River. The facility is open to commercial airlines, military aircraft, and private airplanes. It provides the most commercial air service in Arkansas, serving more than two million passengers annually via six airlines and nonstop service to 15 destinations. The Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements. The airport is funded primarily through fees paid by airport users, including airlines, passengers, and businesses operating at the airport. Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport, employing nearly 3,000 people on 2,100 acres, generates more than **\$1.2 billion** in annual economic benefit.



Previously known as the Little Rock National Airport / Adams Field, the current airport terminal opened in 1972. In 2012, the Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission voted to rename the airport Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport. In 2013, the Commission completed **\$67 million** in improvements, including installation of a new baggage handling system, an expanded security checkpoint, an enlarged and renovated ticketing lobby, a realigned terminal drive, expanded administrative office space, a new airport entrance sign, a new communication control center, and upgrades to mechanical and electrical equipment. The upgrades earned three GREEN Globes for sustainable design.

The airport is currently planning for additional upgrades to significantly enhance the terminal. The first phase will include construction of a central utility plant and relocation of parking areas.

Rock Region METRO Streetcar System

Operated by Rock Region METRO, the 3.4-mile streetcar system connects the Little Rock River Market District to the Argenta District of North Little Rock. The system opened for service in November 2004, prior to the opening of the Clinton Center. The system serves 100,000 annual riders, covering 1,080 miles a week. Spanning the downtown section of the Arkansas River, the system links some of central Arkansas' most valuable tourism assets.

Accommodations

With the increase in tourism and convention visitors, the city of Little Rock has seen significant development and enhancement of accommodations. In the last 20 years, there have been 10 new hotels constructed in downtown with 5 more receiving major renovations. This includes construction of four new hotels in the past 10 years, bringing the total number of hotel rooms in downtown Little Rock to 2,177.



New or Planned Hotels (2014 – 2024)

Homewood Suites by Hilton

Opened in June 2015, this six-story, 116-room hotel is centrally located on River Market Avenue, just minutes from the Clinton Center. It features two meeting rooms, 1,058 square feet of event space, a pool, and a gym.

Hilton Garden Inn

Completed in September 2017, the Hilton Garden Inn on Rock Street has 140 rooms, a rooftop bar and restaurant, and 3,102 square feet of meeting space in three rooms.

AC Hotel by Marriott

Located at Capitol Avenue and Louisiana Street in the heart of the Capitol Main Historic District, the AC Hotel represents an **\$18 million** redevelopment of the historic Hall-Davidson Building and Annex. The five-story Hall Building was built in 1923, and the Davidson Building annex was added in 1946. Because the structure is an architectural and historical contributor to the Capitol Main Historic District, the building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The AC Hotel, completed in February 2020, features 114 guest rooms on five floors, as well as a European-inspired full-service kitchen and bar.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Just two blocks from the Clinton Center, downtown Little Rock's newest hotel was completed in September 2023. It features 100 rooms, meeting room, fitness center, and an indoor pool.

Lafayette Hotel by Hilton Tapestry

The historic 12-story building located at 523 South Louisiana Street first opened as the Lafayette Hotel in 1925. The building features brick cladding, Italian Renaissance-style terracotta accents, and cast-iron entrance awnings reflective of the Chicago School of Architecture. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. In January 2020, the building was purchased by a local hospitality group but continued to operate as luxury condominiums. In January 2024, plans were announced to redevelop the historic hotel, with the goal to eventually become the Lafayette Hotel by Hilton Tapestry. The hotel will feature 80 guest rooms. No opening date has been announced at this time.



Renovated Hotels (2004 – 2023)

Marriott Hotel

After Marriott's 2013 acquisition of the Peabody Hotel, a **\$16 million** renovation began, including all guest rooms, public meeting spaces, and dining spaces. Renovations were completed in the summer of 2014.

Capital Hotel

Little Rock's oldest and grandest hotel underwent a **\$24 million**, two-year renovation and reopened in 2007. Ahead of the Capital Hotel's 150th anniversary, an additional **\$3 million** renovation was completed in May 2024.

Comfort Inn and Suites

The Masters Inn became the Comfort Inn and Suites in 2003 after undergoing a **\$7 million** renovation. This 10-story hotel is located two blocks from the Clinton Center.

DoubleTree Hotel

The DoubleTree, adjacent to the Robinson Center and the Old State House Museum, completed a **\$12 million** renovation in 2008. The hotel is 14 stories and features 287 guest rooms.

Holiday Inn Presidential

The downtown Holiday Inn Presidential invested **\$11 million** in renovations in 2003. The hotel has 150 rooms and features more than 4,000 square feet of meeting space.

Other Accommodations

The Riverside RV Park opened in 2008 and includes 60 spaces. It is located across the Arkansas River from the Clinton Center with easy walking and cycling accessibility via the Clinton Presidential Park Bridge. Riverside is the only urban RV park located directly on the Arkansas River.

Education

Clinton Center Educational Programs

Since 2004, more than 510,000 Kindergarten – 12th grade students and teachers from Arkansas and across the country have participated in more than 10,000 educational opportunities free of charge. The Clinton Center offers a wide range of educational enrichment including grade-level-specific tours for school groups, leadership development programs for students, classroom resources and professional development for educators, and much more.

The Clinton Center applies a civics lens to all its educational programming, sharing the foundations of civics knowledge and advancing civic participation by weaving together democratic ideals and the historical accomplishments of the Clinton administration into a contemporary context. The importance of emphasizing civics education was reinforced by the 2023 Arkansas Civic Health Index – compiled by the Clinton School of Public Service, Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, and other organizations – which found that Arkansas has the lowest voter registration and voter turnout rates in national elections, voter turnout has steadily declined in the past two generations, and there is a lack of emphasis on civic engagement in civics instruction in public schools.

Select educational programs include:

- **Guided museum tours:** These school tours incorporate age-appropriate lessons that explore American and presidential history, the importance of citizenship, and President Clinton’s lifetime of leadership and service.
- **Student Presidential Leaders Series:** This year-long program convenes diverse cohorts of high school students to develop inclusive leadership skills, practice civic participation, and build relationships with their peers. Seventy-five percent of student participants surveyed said they completed the program feeling more empowered to effectively communicate their ideas, lead their peers, and be an agent of change.

“We have had a great deal of engagement from an educational standpoint because we have been part of the Center for a while; educational initiatives, literacy initiatives, the meal service provided during COVID. They offer a wide variety of programs that keep our kids connected, not just in Little Rock, but to the greater world.”

*Pamela Smith
Communications Director
Little Rock School District*

- **Ideas Matter Scholarship Essay Contest:** This annual competition invites Arkansas high school students to present innovative solutions to pressing challenges facing the world today. Since 2014, 30 students have been recognized for their winning essays, receiving over **\$30,000** in scholarships for college tuition and post-secondary education.
- **Global Youth Service Day and Fall Service Day:** Building on President Clinton's commitment to citizen service, these programs have allowed thousands of students to participate in service-learning workshops and hands-on service projects supporting Central Arkansas organizations.
- **Enriching Civics Education Programs:** The Clinton Center presents a variety of programs that expand on school-based civics education and encourage active citizenship. How to Have Difficult Conversations provides students with a framework for how to listen and respectfully engage in civil dialogue and then encourages them to practice their newly learned skills. Making Difficult Decisions gives students an opportunity to use a deliberative model – developed by the National Issues Forums Institute – to collectively consider pros and cons of responses to challenges with the aim of reaching a collaborative decision. Civics for All of US, in partnership with the National Archives, uses the founding documents and records of the U.S. Government to build civic literacy. The Clinton Center has also partnered with the Little Rock School District to host its civic engagement fair where students showcase projects focused on improving civic engagement and service.
- **Teacher Development Workshops:** The Clinton Center also provides accredited training for educators to enhance their knowledge, explore resources, and connect with their peers. The Arkansas Civic Education Institute is an immersive, multi-day program focused on a specific historic moment or theme that demonstrates techniques to incorporate primary sources into engaging classroom discussions. The Arkansas Declaration of Learning program was a first-of-its-kind partnership between the U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Reception Rooms and educational and cultural institutions across Arkansas. The program allowed educators to incorporate items from the partners' rich museum and archival collections into their classroom lessons.



Clinton School of Public Service at the University of Arkansas

Along with the opening of the Clinton Center, President Bill Clinton established the Clinton School of Public Service, the first higher-education institution to offer a Master of Public Service degree. It is a member of the University of Arkansas System. The Clinton School's two-year graduate degree program combines classroom learning with hands-on, real-life field work through local and international public service projects.

Coursework at the Clinton School focuses on key skills and core competencies, guiding students to be successful in public service and in a number of other areas. Students learn how to research best practices; perform primary research, including conducting interviews and fielding surveys; execute program development and evaluation processes; and employ facilitation methods.

The Clinton School's main campus is located at Sturgis Hall in the historic Choctaw Station Building on the Clinton Center campus. In addition to Sturgis Hall, the Clinton School also has space in the River Market, just six blocks from its main campus. It includes additional classrooms, meeting rooms, and the Center on Community Philanthropy offices.

Graduates

Since the Clinton School welcomed its first class in 2005, 18 cohorts of students have graduated from the program. Of the 18 cohorts, a total of 649 students have entered the program, with 568 students reaching graduation, equating to an 88 percent graduation rate. Two cohorts are currently enrolled at the Clinton School.



Degree Programs

The original Master of Public Service (MPS) degree, which was the first in the nation to integrate field service as an academic credit, is a full-time, in-person program. The school offers four concurrent degrees in collaboration with other University of Arkansas (UA) System graduate schools:

- MPS/Juris Doctor, UA Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law
- MPS/Master of Business Administration, UA Fayetteville Sam M. Walton College of Business
- MPS/Master of Public Health, UA for Medical Sciences Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health
- MPS/Master of Social Work, UA Little Rock School of Social Work



Clinton School Online, launched in 2018, is designed for professionals working full-time and is completed online with on-campus experiences at the beginning and conclusion of the program.

Fellowships and Awards

Graduates of the Clinton School have been granted fellowships from international groups that will complement their degree and increase their effectiveness in public service. Selected fellowships include:

- U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program
- Presidential Management Fellows Program
- Cisneros American Dream Fellowship
- Fulbright-Clinton Public Policy Fellowship
- Rotary Foundation Global Grant Fellowship
- McLarty Global Fellows Program

Center on Community Philanthropy

Focusing on community-based philanthropy and building on the strengths of the American South, the Center on Community Philanthropy works to expand knowledge and tools around local giving as a part of civic engagement. The center produces research, stands as a thought leader, and acts as a convener. Its annual summit, “Pathways to Racial Healing and Equity in the American South: A Community Philanthropy Strategy,” brings together researchers and practitioners to discuss racial issues and their impact on the education and health of children and determine solutions to healing racial division. The program is funded through grants from Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Scholars in Residence Program

The Center on Community Philanthropy developed the Scholars in Residence program in 2009. Scholars, who include executives, practitioners, and researchers, spend one week at the Clinton School writing an essay on community philanthropy and interacting with students and faculty. Since the program’s inception, 32 Scholars have studied and presented their work to the Clinton School.



Presidential Leadership Scholars

The Presidential Leadership Scholars (PLS) Program is a first-of-its-kind partnership among the Clinton Center and the presidential centers of George W. Bush, George H.W. Bush, and Lyndon B. Johnson. The program brings together an intentionally diverse group of bold and principled leaders with a variety of personal, political, and professional backgrounds who are committed to applying the lessons learned across four presidential administrations to the critical challenges of today. PLS was announced by Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush in 2014 and convened its first cohort in 2015. More than 530 Scholars have completed the program.

The PLS curriculum is built on four pillars of leadership skills: vision and communication, decision-making, persuasion and influence, and coalition building. Scholars learn from the former presidents, their key administration officials, leading academics, and business and civic leaders. The curriculum draws from examples of leadership and decision-making from each administration that Scholars can apply in their own lives. Scholars also develop a personal leadership project aimed at addressing a problem or need in their community, the country, or the world. Each year, approximately 60 Scholars from across the country are selected from a highly competitive applicant pool. They convene for six modules, including one at each of the four presidential centers, including the Clinton Center.

After completing the six-month program, the Scholars join an active network of alumni who continue working individually and collectively across the country and around the world, using the skills and lessons they learned during the program. Scholars have consistently reported remarkable growth in skills, responsibilities, and opportunities for impact. Virtually every Scholar has reported that their confidence in how they lead social change has improved as a result of PLS.



Central Arkansas Library System

The Central Arkansas Library System (CALS) is the state's largest public library system. The Main Library, where the system is headquartered, is located at 100 Rock Street, only six blocks from the Clinton Center. In 2024, CALS announced a new renovation project called "Main 2025." The project is being undertaken in order to modernize the main library branch, which has an estimated cost of **\$31 million** being paid for by Little Rock taxpayers through an election bond that passed by a 68 percent margin.

CALS Roberts Library for Arkansas History and Art

The state's most comprehensive facility is dedicated to the study of Arkansas. It is housed in three buildings located on the Main Library campus in Little Rock's River Market District. The CALS Butler Center for Arkansas Studies manages the Bill Clinton Gubernatorial Audio Project and houses several collections of archival material from Bill Clinton's gubernatorial years.

CALS Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library and Learning Center

Set on a six-acre site, the **\$12 million**, 30,000-square-foot Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library & Learning Center opened in July of 2013. The Center includes a computer lab, a teaching kitchen, an activity area, individual and group study rooms, a 165-seat theater, and a community room, in addition to a collection of more than 21,000 books, DVDs, and CDs. The Children's Library grounds are integral to the facility's programming, and a greenhouse and teaching garden help children learn about growing healthy foods, which are used in the teaching kitchen.



eStem Public Charter Schools

eStem Public Charter Schools received three separate, five-year charters from the Arkansas State Board of Education in December 2007. With these charters, eStem opened eStem Elementary Public Charter School, eStem Middle Public Charter School, and eStem High Public Charter School in downtown Little Rock for the 2008-2009 school year. The original site for the school is located at Third St. and Louisiana St. in the old Arkansas Gazette building, which is where the 1992 Clinton-Gore campaign was headquartered. In 2017, after amending the charter to continue expansion, eStem partnered with the University of Arkansas at Little Rock to build a new high school on its campus to serve grades 10 through 12. In 2018, the system grew by two campuses: East Village Elementary and East Village Junior High, which are located two blocks from the Clinton Center. The schools opened in July 2018 and serve a total of 900 students annually across both campuses.



Arts, Culture, and Entertainment

The Little Rock metropolitan area has seen significant enhancements to its arts, culture, and entertainment offerings in the years since the Clinton Center location was announced. These enhancements have included renovation and expansion of existing attractions, as well as development of new options.

Clinton Center Public Programming

The Clinton Center has hosted over 1,400 public programs since 2004, attended by more than 246,000 attendees. These programs showcase a wide variety of well-known and emerging voices, representing diverse backgrounds and perspectives, including foreign heads of state, U.S. Supreme Court justices, Nobel Prize winners, U.S. cabinet secretaries, bestselling authors, athletes, business leaders, thought leaders, and activists.

Signature program series include:

- Frank & Kula Kumpuris Distinguished Lecture Series
- Clinton School Speakers Series
- Bridge Builders: Conversations with Interesting People
- Clinton Presidential Center Presents

“The [Clinton] Center is a national and international convening place to remember what the President was able to accomplish from a bi-partisan standpoint and how we can learn from that history to become a stronger country in the future.”

*Jay Chesshir
President & CEO
Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce*



Select speakers include:

- Former Secretary of State Dr. Madeleine Albright
- Astronaut Buzz Aldrin
- Olympians Bonnie Blair, Dan Jansen, and Dan O'Brien
- Former Prime Minister of Great Britain Tony Blair
- Paleontologist and Author Dr. Stephen Brusatte
- Secretary of the Smithsonian Lonnie G. Bunch III
- James Carville and Mary Matalin
- Former Senator Bob Dole
- U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and NPR Legal Affairs Correspondent Nina Totenberg
- Former Vice President Al Gore
- Former Maryland Governor Larry Hogan
- Lisa Ling and Laura Ling
- Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathai
- Senator John McCain
- Astronaut Dr. Ellen Ochoa
- Bestselling Author James Patterson
- Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi
- Businessman T. Boone Pickens
- Former President of Ireland Mary Robinson
- Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
- Archivist of the U.S. Colleen Shogan
- George Takei
- Bestselling Author Isabel Wilkerson
- Bob Woodward



Clinton Center Convenings

The Clinton Center organizes and hosts forums, conferences, and other convenings that engage, educate, and mentor current and future leaders. These convenings bring together domestic and global leaders, experts, and practitioners and draw on the lessons learned during the Clinton administration to address the challenges of today.

Select convenings include:

- **The Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools Forum** (2007): The convening provided educators with tools to improve school health environments. The forum was part of the Alliance's Healthy Schools Program, which aimed to create healthier school environment.
- **Slate 60 Conference on Innovative Philanthropy** (October 2007): In conjunction with its annual list of the 60 most generous Americans, Slate magazine hosted the two-day conference, which was held at the Clinton Center and sponsored by Slate, the Clinton Foundation, and the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service to discuss ways philanthropists can make a greater impact on the world. The conference brought together many of the philanthropists who donated the most money in the nation in 2006.
- **Department of State's Experience America Program** (October 2012): President Clinton welcomed more than 45 global ambassadors to the Clinton Center as part of this program which connects foreign ambassadors with academic, business, community, and cultural leaders.
- **Club de Madrid** (December 2012): President Clinton joined more than 40 former heads of state for the annual conference of democratic leaders committed to strengthening inclusive democracy and improving the well-being of people around the world.
- **Bosnia, Intelligence, and the Clinton Presidency** (October 2013): President Clinton and key military, diplomatic, and intelligence officials from his administration participated in a symposium examining the Bosnian War and the role intelligence played in informing senior policymakers and presidential policymaking. The program coincided with the declassification of documents related to the Balkan conflict.
- **The Presidential Sites and Library Conference** (June 2014): President Bill Clinton delivered the keynote address at the annual meeting. The meeting focused on how presidential sites manage the centrifugal forces of historical context and ever evolving modern reality to shape how they present the history of the time and offer lessons in leadership, character, and service.

- **“Economic Inclusion and Growth – The Way Forward”** (November 2019): Building on the lasting impact of the Clinton Administration’s pioneering economic policy, President Clinton and Secretary Clinton hosted a conference on domestic economic policy. The conference included input from leading impact investors, mayors, community organizations, and former Clinton administration officials about proven strategies for building better economies that work for everyone.
- **“Women’s Voices, Women’s Votes, Women’s Rights”** (December 2022): Secretary Clinton and Chelsea Clinton convened national and global leaders for an international summit to explore what’s working, what’s not, and what we can all do to advance in Secretary Clinton’s words, “the unfinished business of the 21st century,” the fight for women’s equality.
- **“AmeriCorps: 30 Years Forward”** (October 2023): The Clinton Foundation celebrated three decades of AmeriCorps – the transformational national service program established by President Clinton that harnesses the energy and ingenuity of citizens to improve communities and helps those who serve earn money for college or pay back student loans. To mark the occasion, President Clinton convened national service champions, leaders in the public and private sectors, and some of the more than 1.25 million AmeriCorps alumni to share powerful stories of the program’s impact and explore opportunities to strengthen our democracy by expanding and growing national service.



Museums

Downtown Little Rock has long been a hub for museums. The Clinton Center brought these cultural offerings to new heights. Following is an overview of the Clinton Center's museum, as well as a review of other museums that have located or expanded in the area during the past 20 years.

Clinton Presidential Center

The Clinton Center's museum features permanent exhibitions that explore President Bill Clinton's and Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton's lifetimes of public service and leadership and chronicle American history at the turn of the 21st century. The museum also presents engaging and family-friendly special exhibitions. Pop-up exhibits tied to policy milestones and programs like Ask An Archivist, featuring professional staff, make the archival records more accessible and engaging.

The Clinton Center is located in the 29-acre Clinton Presidential Park, located at the intersection of downtown Little Rock's River Market District and the emerging East Village neighborhood. The park includes the Anne Frank Installation; the Clinton Presidential Park Bridge, a pedestrian and cycling bridge crossing the Arkansas River; as well as the Bill Clark Wetlands and Cindy Miller Island, which allow visitors to explore the natural environment.

In August 2023, the Clinton Foundation announced plans for the first major expansion and modernization of the Clinton Center. The Clinton Foundation is partnering with Studio Gang, an award-winning international architecture and urban design firm; Ralph Applebaum Associates, an international practice dedicated to the planning and design of museums; and Arkansas-based Polk, Stanley, Wilcox Architects and CDI Contractors on the project.



It will include new interactive and accessible exhibits that drive understanding and provide historical context to critical issues of today; inviting new spaces for community building and education; retrofitting a state-of-the-art event space to host even more impactful programming for both local and virtual communities worldwide; revitalizing the Clinton Presidential Park; and a brand new Hillary Rodham Clinton Wing that will hold Secretary Clinton's personal archives and serve as a hub for her nonprofit and advocacy work. The project will enhance the Clinton Center's ability to host exhibitions, convene global leaders, and provide educational opportunities.

Permanent Exhibitions

The Clinton Center's 23 permanent exhibitions utilize documents, photographs, videos, and interactive stations to chronicle and contextualize the accomplishments of the Clinton administration. The exhibits, which include full-scale reproductions of the Oval Office and the White House Cabinet Room, take visitors inside the Clinton White House and explore how the administration achieved peace, prosperity, and progress. A timeline and alcoves highlight domestic and foreign policy achievements, as well as what life was like in the White House. Select exhibit highlights include:

RESTORING THE ECONOMY: President Clinton believed America's leadership in the world would depend on the strength of its economy at home. His economic strategy ushered in the longest, strongest economic expansion in American history, creating nearly 23 million jobs, and turning record budget deficits into a record surplus. Every income group saw its income rise, and millions of people moved out of poverty.



PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST: President Clinton argued that government could be a force for positive change in people’s lives. He committed his administration to improving the lives of children and families and extending quality healthcare and retirement security to millions of Americans through policies like the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

BUILDING ONE AMERICA: President Clinton took office determined to bring people together. He created AmeriCorps, launched the first White House effort to promote racial reconciliation, and sought to close widening economic and social gaps. Through these policies, he helped demonstrate that we, as Americans, could celebrate our differences, while reaffirming our common humanity.

PROTECTING THE EARTH: During the 1990s, President Clinton protected more land than any previous president. In addition to the expansion and creation of national monuments, the Clinton administration pushed for the strongest air and drinking water quality protections in history. The Clinton administration also took on global warming, including the Clean Car Initiative, with the goal to “develop affordable, attractive cars that are up to three times more fuel efficient than today’s cars.” This exhibit describes the Clinton administration environmental policy through photographs, video, text, and archival papers from the Clinton Library’s collection.



THE WORK OF THE FIRST LADY: Hillary Rodham Clinton was one of our country's most active First Ladies, assuming an unprecedented role in policymaking at home and diplomacy abroad, while making the Clinton White House a showcase for American creativity. She helped shape policies to improve healthcare, education, childcare, and foster care. She also became one of the world's most powerful voices for women's rights, human rights, and democracy.

CONFRONTING CONFLICT, MAKING PEACE: As President, Bill Clinton believed strongly that the United States should mobilize its strength in the cause of peace. He used diplomacy where possible and military force where necessary to resolve conflicts from Northern Ireland and the Balkans to the Middle East. His willingness to go the extra mile for peace ensured that American power would be respected, not resented, in the new global age.

EXPANDING OUR SHARED PROSPERITY: This exhibit tells the story of President Clinton's efforts to create jobs in the U.S. by opening the American economy to foreign markets and establishing new trade agreements with countries around the world. The exhibit also details the administration's actions to help reducing poverty, debt, and disease in the developing world, giving poorer nations a better chance to prosper.



Special Exhibitions

The Clinton Center makes temporary exhibitions accessible to people in the community and from around the world. Since 2004, it has presented 62 special exhibitions, covering a broad variety of topics, including history, sports, fashion, music, dinosaurs, and more. These exhibits offer constantly-changing, wide-ranging experiences to encourage repeat visitors. The Clinton Center has partnered with museums and institutions across the country on many exhibitions, like the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, International Spy Museum, Smithsonian, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and many more.

These special exhibitions also provide a platform for dynamic public and educational programs connected to the theme of the exhibition. These programs have ranged from fascinating and inspiring conversations with Civil Rights icons and paleontologists to hands-on seminars with professional musicians and artists. For example, the Clinton Center created “Curbside Couture,” a student fashion show, featuring designs made from recycled and upcycled materials, in conjunction with “Oscar de la Renta: American Icon,” which became an annual program for 10 years. Select special exhibitions include:

MANDELA: THE JOURNEY TO UBUNTU told the remarkable story of South African President Nelson Mandela, who led his country out of Apartheid. The exhibit also highlighted the close personal relationship President Clinton shared with President Mandela.

WOMEN'S VOICES, WOMEN'S VOTES, WOMEN'S RIGHTS was a vibrant, multimedia exhibition that explored the risks women and their allies took to win the vote, expand democracy, and elevate human rights over the past two centuries. 16 world-renowned fiber artists created a collection of 18 art quilts that were displayed in the exhibition. At right: “Equality” by Hollis Chatelain

A WORLD OF MUSIC; ELVIS; LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...THE BEATLES!; and LOUDER THAN WORDS: ROCK, POWER, AND POLITICS were all exhibitions about one of President Clinton’s most well-known interests: music.



THE LONG STRUGGLE: PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS examined the actions and influences of U.S. presidents on civil rights issues. The Clinton Center partnered with the National Archives to host a rare showing of the Emancipation Proclamation, which attracted over 10,000 visitors in just three days.

DOROTHY HOWELL RODHAM & VIRGINIA CLINTON KELLEY: REMARKABLE WOMEN, EXTRAORDINARY LIVES explored the lives of Chelsea Clinton's grandmothers. The exhibit also included a rare exhibition of the original 19th Amendment documents.

OSCAR DE LA RENTA: AMERICAN ICON was a seminal fashion exhibition that celebrated the world-renowned work and inspiring life of designer Oscar de la Renta. The exhibit featured more than 30 of his iconic creations.

CHIHULY featured the captivating artwork of renowned American artist Dale Chihuly, most well known for his vibrant glass sculptures

DINOSAURS AROUND THE WORLD and **DINOSAUR EXPLORER** presented fascinating prehistoric discoveries through animatronic dinosaurs and fossils and explored how U.S. presidents have preserved fossil-rich lands important to research and science.

THE WHITE HOUSE COLLECTION OF AMERICAN CRAFTS: 25TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT displayed a collection of 73 works created by 78 of America's foremost craft artists, which was commissioned by then-First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in 1993 to celebrate the "Year of American Craft."



Central High School National Historic Site

In 1957, nine African American teens attempted to integrate Little Rock's Central High School, setting off a national crisis that led President Dwight D. Eisenhower to send federal troops to Little Rock to enforce the U.S. Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* desegregation ruling. As president, Bill Clinton joined the Little Rock Nine in 1997 to commemorate the 40th anniversary. The next year, he designated Central High School a National Historic Site. He later presented the Nine with the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian honor, in a special White House ceremony.

President Clinton again joined the Little Rock Nine in 2007 to mark the 50th anniversary. As part of the commemoration, the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site and Visitor Center opened adjacent to the school. The facility was constructed with a **\$5.1 million** appropriation from the Department of the Interior in 2006. The visitor center features interactive exhibits about the desegregation crisis and the story of the Little Rock Nine, who became Civil Rights icons.

In 2011, President Clinton and the living members of the Nine dedicated a new exhibition in the Clinton Center highlighting the legacy of the Nine and featuring one of their Congressional Gold Medals. In 2017, President Clinton again joined the Little Rock Nine to commemorate the 60th anniversary and the Clinton Center hosted a special event to mark the 65th anniversary of the historic moment. The Clinton Center partners with Central High School on numerous education and outreach programs.



Museum of Discovery

Following a move from MacArthur Park, the Museum of Discovery initially located in the River Market District in 1998 – blocks from the future site of the Clinton Center. It underwent a year-long **\$9.2 million** renovation in 2011. The exhibits here focus on science, technology, engineering, and math. The Great Hall of the museum features a kinetic sculpture entitled “A Helix Wave,” which is made of wooden planks and giant piano strings. The new galleries include Amazing You, which deals with the human body; Discovery Hall, focused on physics, engineering, and math; and Earth Journeys, which examines global earth processes and extreme weather. The Window of Wonder Gallery is home to traveling exhibits.

The ESSE Purse Museum

One of only two purse museums in the world, the ESSE Purse Museum and Store was opened by owner Anita Davis in 2013 to show her appreciation of purses, art, and history. The museum showcases items from Davis’ collection of 3,500 purses, clutches, handbags, and totes.

Old State House Museum

Built nearly 200 years ago, the building served as Arkansas’ first capitol building; the Arkansas War Memorial; the home of the Arkansas State Police; a medical school; and now a museum with exhibits interpreting Arkansas’ history from statehood to present.

In 1991, Governor Bill Clinton announced his presidential campaign in front of the historic building. And the Clinton-Gore campaign held both its 1992 and 1996 election night victory celebrations on the site.



Mosaic Templars Cultural Center

The Mosaic Templars Cultural Center (MTCC) tells the story of the African American experience in Arkansas. The Center's name is taken from the Mosaic Templars of America, a Black fraternal organization founded in Little Rock in 1883, whose headquarters sat on the prominent and historic West Ninth Street. Opened in 2008, MTCC includes a state-of-the-art museum complex, with exhibits, classrooms, and an auditorium. In April 2020, MTCC became the third Black-history institution in the South to be accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. It reopened in December 2023 following a **\$3.5 million** renovation. MTCC hosts the annual Juneteenth in Da Rock celebration.



Historic Arkansas Museum

The Historic Arkansas Museum is home to a historic city block that replicates how the city appeared in Arkansas' early frontier days. In addition to archival collections and exhibitions, it houses the oldest building in Little Rock, the 1827 Hinderliter Tavern and Grog Shop, alongside preserved historic homes including the Woodruff House, noted as the birthplace of the oldest newspaper west of the Mississippi River.

MacArthur Museum of Military History

Located in the city's oldest municipal park, the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History collects, preserves, and interprets the military heritage of Arkansas. Opened in 2001, the museum's building was first constructed in 1840 as part of the Little Rock Arsenal and was the birthplace of future General Douglas MacArthur. The museum underwent a **\$1.55 million** renovation, reopening in 2018.

Arts

With increased tourism and revitalization in the downtown area, Little Rock's arts organizations have experienced greater support and have enhanced their facilities and offerings.

Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts

The Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts' (AMFA) history dates back over 100 years to 1914. In 2016, a project to reimagine the Arkansas Arts Center began when Little Rock residents voted in favor of a tax bond to renovate the MacArthur Park building, first opened in 1937. During this process, a capital campaign, led by Warren and Harriet Stephanes, raised **\$176.6 million** – far exceeding the original goal of **\$66 million**. In 2021, the Arkansas Arts Center changed its name to the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts; and, in April 2023, the AMFA celebrated its historic grand opening.

The project's lead design firm was world-renowned architect group Studio Gang. Studio Gang is led by Jeanne Gang, who, in 2019, was named by *Time Magazine* as the World's Most Influential Architect. Notably, the Clinton Foundation is also partnering with Studio Gang to design the expansion of the Clinton Center.

AMFA houses the Harriet and Warren Stephens Galleries, a 14,000-object showcase in a 20,000-square-foot wing. The museum's collection includes works by Diego Rivera, Elaine de Kooning, Paul Signac, Thomas Hart Benton, Claude Monet, Charles Burchfield, Edgar Degas, Alfred Sisley, and many more. The Windgate Art School at AMFA boasts 11,000 square feet of studio space, staffed by a faculty of working artists in drawing, painting, ceramics, glass, metals, woodworking, and more. Classes are open to the community for a small fee. AMFA also houses a Performing Arts Theater, the Governor Winthrop Rockefeller Lecture Hall, the Park Grill, and the stunning 1937 Art Deco Lobby.



Arkansas Repertory Theatre

The Arkansas Repertory Theater (the Rep), located on Main Street in Little Rock, completed a **\$6 million** renovation effort in 2012, representing its first update since the doors opened in 1989. In April 2023, the Rep announced a revamp in scheduling, programming, and management with aims to broaden its community outreach and civic engagement programming, with the goal of gaining new audiences.

The Robinson Center

Originally constructed in 1930 by the Works Progress Administration, the Robinson Center serves as Little Rock's primary performing arts facility. In 2014, the center underwent a **\$68.6 million** renovation. The renovation project was funded by bonds, which were repaid using a portion of the City's two percent restaurant and hotel tax.

THEA Foundation

The THEA Foundation, which was founded by Linda and Paul Leopoulos in 2001 following the death of their daughter Thea Kay, encourages young people to be more involved in the arts. The organization, located in the Argenta neighborhood, awards scholarships to arts students, provides supplies to art teachers, hosts arts workshops, and presents art exhibits. THEA partners with the Clinton Center on educational programs linking arts and civics.



Argenta Contemporary Theater

The Argenta Contemporary Theater (ACT) was founded in 2010 in the heart of North Little Rock's Argenta Arts District. ACT offers live theater, educational programs, and more. The **\$3 million** building opened in February 2011. In 2022, the organization opened ACT II, a new space dedicated to educational programs.

Arkansas Symphony Orchestra

Incorporated in 1966, the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra now performs more than 60 concerts per season through its Masterworks, Pops, and River Rhapsodies series. Its Music Academy provides education programs for over 30,000 students each year. In 2023, the Orchestra broke ground on its **\$11.75 million** Stella Boyle Smith Music Center next to the Clinton Center in Little Rock's East Village. The new space, opened in 2024, is a first-of-its-kind music-focused headquarters for the state. The 20,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility is the Symphony's first permanent home in its 58-year history.



Attractions

In addition to the Clinton Center and related attractions, a number of other tourism assets have been enhanced or expanded in the past 20 years. These additions to the area have been developed for the enjoyment of residents and to further attract new visitors.

Julius Breckling Riverfront Park

Riverfront Park occupies 39 acres in downtown Little Rock's River Market district on the south bank of the Arkansas River. The park has an urban character, with an arrangement of inviting terraces, plazas, playgrounds, and sitting areas. Features of Riverfront Park include:

- Vogel Schwartz Sculpture Garden – More than 90 works of art from sculptors in Arkansas and across the country are displayed among unique landscape architecture to create outdoor “rooms.” This display of public art is championed by City Director Dean Kumpuris and Sculpture at the River Market.
- First Security Amphitheater – Housed on seven acres, this 7,000-person-capacity outdoor amphitheater is the crown jewel of downtown Little Rock's outdoor music scene.
- Riverfront Park Splash Pad and Peabody Splash Park – Designed for young children and families, these outdoor areas integrates the natural beauty of Little Rock's riverfront with an enjoyable splash park.
- La Petite Roche Landing at Sturgis Plaza – This plaza provides views of Little Rock's namesake, the “little rock,” so named by French explorer Benard de la Harpe.



William E. "Bill" Clark Wetlands and Cindy Miller Island

The William E. "Bill" Clark Wetlands, located in the Clinton Presidential Park, include 13 acres of restored wetlands and a 1,600-foot boardwalk. The wetlands provide access to conservation, tourism, educational, environmental, and wildlife opportunities. Interpretive displays and observation pavilions explain the significance of the area. The **\$2 million** restoration project, which opened in 2007, involved many public and private partners.

The Cindy Coates Miller Bridge takes visitors across a channel of the Arkansas River to the eight-acre island with wetland trails wandering through native plants and trees. The Roy and Christine Sturgis Charitable Trust provided funding for the bridge.

Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center

The Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center opened in 2008 on 34 acres along the Arkansas River in the Julius Breckling Riverfront Park. Located in proximity to the Clinton Center, the Nature Center's construction cost came to an estimated \$7 million. The Nature Center includes exhibits focused on fish and wildlife management. Visitors can take advantage of bird-feeding stations, the Arkansas River Trail, and the nearby William E. "Bill" Clark Presidential Wetlands. Admission to the Nature Center is free of charge. It is funded by a conservation sales tax and operated by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.



North Shore Riverwalk Park

Located on the north side of the Arkansas River, this park offers picturesque views, lighted walkways, and a large boat-launching ramp. The 16-mile Arkansas River Trail, which crosses the Clinton Presidential Park Bridge, runs through the park. The park is part of the National Park Service's Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. The park is located in the immediate vicinity of a large number of land and water migration routes used by the Cherokee and other southeastern tribes during the 1830s and 1840s. Seven interpretive panels about the Cherokee Trail of Tears and similar forced migrations are located throughout the park.

River Lights in the Rock

In celebration of its 100th Anniversary in Arkansas, Entergy Corporation led a public/private effort in 2013 to illuminate three bridges spanning the Arkansas River in the downtown Little Rock/North Little Rock area. River Lights in the Rock, with a price tag of **\$2.4 million**, included participation from Entergy, the cities of Little Rock and North Little Rock, the Clinton Foundation, the Pulaski County Junction Bridge Authority, Philips Lighting Company (now Signify), and Koontz Electric. As part of the project, environmentally-friendly LED lights were installed on the Clinton Presidential Park Bridge, the Main Street Bridge, and the Junction Bridge, a historic train bridge that has been converted into a pedestrian crossing.



Arkansas Governor's Mansion

The Arkansas Governor's Mansion, which was the Clintons' home during his time as Governor of Arkansas, underwent a significant renovation and expansion during Governor Mike Huckabee's term in office. The project, which cost more than **\$6.4 million**, included remodeling the private quarters, extending the portico, and constructing the Grand Hall and connecting atrium. The Janet Huckabee Grand Hall provides space for entertaining larger groups and can accommodate 220 for a seated meal.



Arkansas Travelers Baseball Club

The Arkansas Travelers, colloquially known as the Travs, are a Minor League baseball team, Double-A affiliate of the Seattle Mariners, and member of the historic Texas League. Founded in 1895, the Travs are one of the oldest professional baseball franchises in history and a charter member of the Southern Baseball Association. In 2007, the team moved to Dickey-Stephens Park in the Argenta area of North Little Rock. The park, built at a cost of **\$33.6 million**, has 5,288 fixed seats and berms and standing areas for an additional 2,500 fans. The club has produced five Baseball Hall of Famers and is the 2024 defending champion of the Texas League, following its first championship series win since 2008.



Recreation

Endearingly known as the “City in a Park,” Little Rock boasts a plethora of outdoor recreation opportunities via 63 city parks located throughout the area, including the 29-acre Clinton Presidential Park.

Arkansas River Trail

The Arkansas River Trail is the region’s premiere outdoor recreational trail. The 16-mile, multi-use loop on both sides of the Arkansas River is anchored by Lake Maumelle, the Big Dam Bridge, and the Clinton Presidential Park Bridge. The Big Dam Bridge, completed in 2006, is the nation’s largest pedestrian and cyclist bridge. The Clinton Presidential Park Bridge is a former railway bridge built in 1899 that was renovated for use by cyclists and pedestrians. The Two Rivers Bridge, completed in 2011, connects to an additional 88-miles of trails.

In September 2024, the City of Little Rock Board of Directors approved the allocation of **\$275,000** to improve the Arkansas River Trail, with funds coming from a federal grant and a bond previously approved by voters. The improvements will resurface the trail. The trail is home to the Big Dam Bridge 100, the Tour de Rock, and 15 additional annual bicycle events.



Breweries and Distilleries

The Little Rock area has experienced a boom in the brewery and distillery industry in recent years. In addition to established brewers like Vino's in Little Rock and Diamond Bear Brewing Company in North Little Rock, several new companies have opened in or near downtown. Selected locations include:

Rocktown Distillery, the first legal distillery in Arkansas since prohibition, opened in 2010. Described as a grain-to-glass distillery, Rocktown uses Arkansas grains in making its spirits. Tours and tastings are available at the facility, which has been named among the Top 25 Craft Distillery Tours. The distillery produces vodka, gin, and bourbon, which are sold in liquor stores, bars, and restaurants.

Stone's Throw Brewing, located in the MacArthur Park area of Little Rock, opened a tap room in a historic storefront in 2013.

Lost Forty Brewing, owned by Yellow Rocket Concepts, opened in the East Village neighborhood of downtown Little Rock in 2014. In 2016, Lost Forty was ranked Arkansas's largest brewery in terms of output, and it continues to hold that title. In 2020, the brewery took gold for its bottle-conditioned Day Drinker and was named Mid-Size Brewing Company and Mid-Size Brewing Company Brewer of the Year. Yellow Rocket opened Camp Taco, a small-batch brewery project and restaurant, nearby in 2021.

Flyway Brewing Company opened in the Argenta Historic District in 2015. The ten-barrel microbrewery operates a tap room and restaurant.

Southern Tail Brewing is the newest addition to Little Rock's brewery scene and the third brewery to open east of Interstate 30. Announced in March 2023 and opened in 2024, the canine-friendly brewhouse features a 15-barrel brewing system, large food menu, and an indoor/outdoor space to accommodate 300 people.

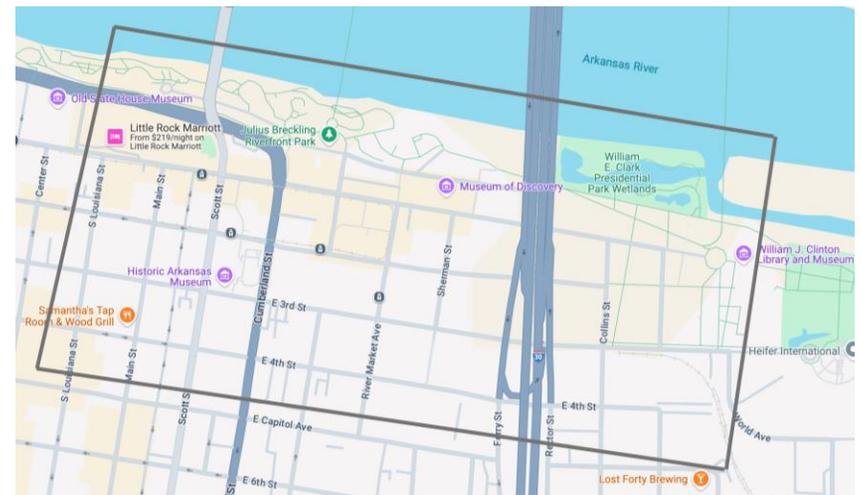
Placemaking

In late 2023, the City of Little Rock, in partnership with Sasaki Associates, Inc. and the Downtown Little Rock Partnership, developed the Downtown Little Rock Master Plan, representing the first-ever comprehensive master plan for Little Rock's urban core. The plan encourages reinvestment in the city's urban core through placemaking, financial incentives, connectivity, and redefining the city's relationship with the Arkansas River. The plan outlines frameworks for open space, mobility, economic development, urban design, and culture to guide the city's development and growth over the next 20 years. In 2024, the City of Little Rock selected Sasaki and international design firm Studio Gang to develop a master plan for a new downtown park located on land opened by the 30 Crossing interstate construction project.

River Market District

The River Market District, adjacent to the Clinton Center and Presidential Park, is the centerpiece of Little Rock's downtown revitalization and features residential, commercial, entertainment, and cultural venues. While the River Market District began development in the mid-1990s, the location of the Clinton Center attracted significant new investment and mixed-use development and transformed the area from a primarily day-time business district into one with a vibrant 24-hour economy.

The district is home to attractions like Museum of Discovery, Historic Arkansas Museum, and more; approximately 40 restaurants and bars, both inside the Ottenheimer Market Hall and throughout the district; and venues for live music and entertainment. The Little Rock Farmer's Market is held in the River Market pavilion. The Arcade Building, a joint venture between the Central Arkansas Library System and Moses Tucker Real Estate, underwent a **\$17 million** renovation in 2014. In addition to retail, dining, Clinton School classrooms, and office space, the building features the 315-seat Ron Robinson Theater.



Dining and Entertainment

Selected restaurants in the district include 42 bar and table at the Clinton Center, @ The Corner, Cache Restaurant, Copper Grill, Dizzy's Gypsy Bistro, Dugan's Pub, Fassler Hall, Flying Saucer Draught Emporium, Flying Fish, Gus's World-Famous Fried Chicken, Iriana's Pizza, and Sonny Williams' Steak Room. The River Market District also includes several music venues, such as the 7,000-seat First Security Amphitheater, Revolution Music Room, Stickyz Rock N' Roll Chicken Shack, and Willy D's Rock & Roll Piano Bar. The River Market also hosts coffee shops, including Nexus Coffee & Creative and Fidel & Co.

Residential Development

The River Market District includes a number of residential and mixed-use developments that have served to attract more residents to the downtown area of Little Rock. Selected multi-family residential developments in the area include:

- 300 Third Tower
- River Market Tower
- Arkansas Democrat Lofts
- The Magnolia
- Tuf Nut Lofts
- Block 2 Lofts
- Rock Street Lofts
- MacArthur Commons
- Rainwater Flats and Apartments
- The Row at Legion Village
- The Clayton on Scott
- The Residences at Building 5
- Rock Street Lofts
- The Eclipse

Events

The River Market area is home to a wide range of special events held throughout the year. The Little Rock Marathon, which started in 2003, begins and ends in the area. The First Security Amphitheater hosts numerous concerts throughout the year including Pops on the River on July 4. The annual St. Patrick's Day parade winds through the area as well.



East Village

Little Rock's most recent neighborhood development is taking place in one of the city's oldest neighborhoods, but just with a new name – East Village. The neighborhood is anchored by the Clinton Center and Heifer Village. Historic homes dot the district's streets, while repurposed industrial factories and warehouses have been given new life as restaurants, entertainment venues, offices, and loft-style residential living. The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra opened its **\$11.75 million** Stella Boyle Smith Music Center in the area in 2024.

Dining and Entertainment

The East Village features some of Little Rock's most exciting new restaurants. Newcomers, like Southern Tail Brewing, Sterling Market, Fidel & Co., and Camp Taco, join favorites like Lost Forty Brewing, and the Rail Yard – many of which are in renovated industrial buildings.

Residential Development

With the very recent development of the East Village area, residential development is likely to follow. One new residential project, 12 Star Flats, renovated a 1940's-era factory while still retaining the original charm and character of the building. The Residences at Harbor Town, part of the Rock City Yacht Club development, offer luxury living and views of the Arkansas River. There are many single-family homes being built in the area as well. In 2022, Artspace and Wingate Foundation announced plans to build a mixed-use, live/work style housing for artists.



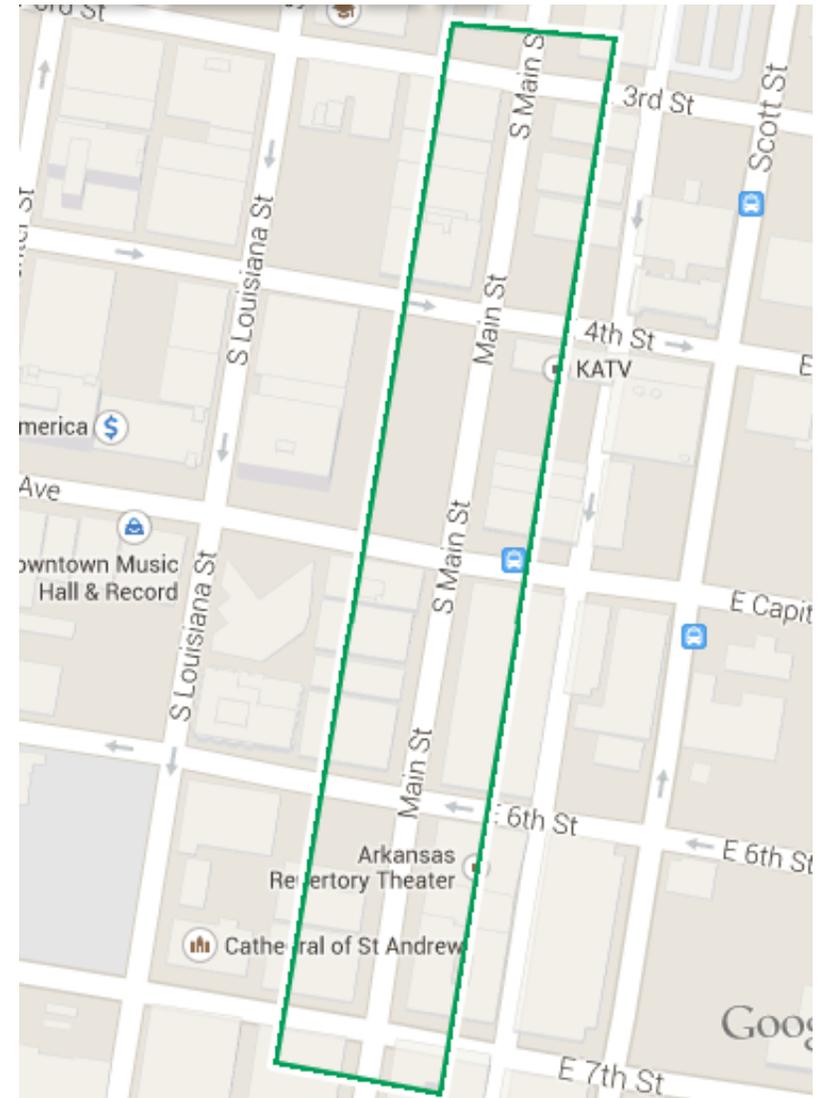
“You drive around East Village, you see a lot of new home construction... You see a lot of people building there on empty lots or renovating old homes. It shows desire. People want to be in a walkable area in a close proximity, and that is what they're doing.”

*Gabe Holmstrom
Executive Director
Downtown Little Rock Partnership*

Main Street Corridor

In the 20 years since the Clinton Center opened its doors, the downtown Little Rock Main Street Corridor has seen tremendous development, as city leaders and commercial developers have shifted focus to a previously-neglected area of downtown. In 2014, the Fay Jones School of Architecture at the University of Arkansas developed an award-winning design for a Creative Corridor along Main Street. The concept relied on the arts, rather than traditional retail, to generate economic development opportunities for the area. The Creative Corridor plan included a four-block segment of Main Street between Third and Seventh Streets, where designers utilized a mixed-use environment that maintains the historical context of the area. The Creative Corridor includes urban landscapes, stately public art, and enhanced walkability. Thanks to this groundbreaking design work, the Creative Corridor houses some of Arkansas' finest arts programming, including the Arkansas Repertory Theater, and Ballet Arkansas.

Several blocks on Main Street have been reconstructed to include Low-Impact Development streetscapes with funding by a grant from the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency, including rain gardens, porous pavers, bio-swales, and other water quality improvements. A number of groups have invested in Main Street in recent years, led by the Downtown Little Rock Partnership. Funding for a wide variety of art and lighting installations for the Corridor was provided by ArtPlace America and the Educational Foundation of America.



Dining and Shopping

The Main Street Corridor shopping and dining options are continuing to expand as part of the ongoing redevelopment on Main Street. The area is home to many restaurants, including Bruno's Little Italy, a Little Rock institution; Brewski's Pub & Grub; Samantha's Tap Room & Wood Grill; Three Fold Noodles & Dumplings; Allsopp and Chapple; AW Lin's Asian Cuisine, and many others located in the surrounding area. Boutiques, vintage clothing shops, and other retail establishments are located along the Corridor.

Arts and Entertainment

The Main Street Creative Corridor is home to the Arkansas Repertory Theater and Ballet Arkansas, two of the state's finest cultural institutions. The Corridor also features several street art installations from local artists, including large-scale murals like "Playtime" by Jason Jones, pictured, among others. The area is also home to several annual events that draw thousands of people to the area. Downtown Little Rock Partnership's Downtown Food Truck Festival is Arkansas's largest single-day food festival featuring more than 60 food trucks each year.

Residential Development

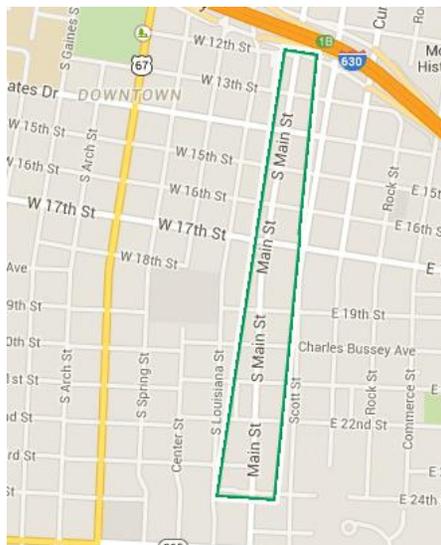
The redevelopment of Main Street has also brought on investment and interest in residential development. The Mann Lofts, Mulberry Flats, and the Main Street Lofts are all located in the Corridor, among others. The Hall-Davidson apartments and the Lafayette Square condominiums have been redeveloped or are in the process of being redeveloped into hotels.



South Main Street (SoMa)

The SoMa District is a historic district located south of Interstate 630 from the downtown urban core. The area has seen tremendous revitalization in the years since the Clinton Center opened. The narrow district along South Main Street is bound by Interstate 630 to the north and 24th Street to the south. Homes in the area date back to the late 19th century. The South Main Street Commercial District and the South Main Street Residential Historic District are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The non-profit organization SoMa 501 is charged with promoting development and interest in the district, as well as increasing economic development.

Bernice Garden is located at the southeast corner of South Main Street and Daisy Bates Avenue. This garden is privately owned but is available for public use. Featured in the garden are sculptures by Arkansas artists, mosaics, rock formations, and other art installations. From spring to fall, the Bernice Garden Farmer's Market is held every Sunday. The venue is also available to rent for special occasions, such as weddings, dinner parties, or receptions.



Dining and Drinking

A number of restaurants and bars are located within the SoMa District, including, among others:

- The Root Café
- Raduno Brick Oven & Barroom
- BCW – Bread Cheese Wine
- Rock N Roll Sushi
- Boulevard Bread Company
- Rocktown Distillery
- El Sur Street Food Co.
- The Bagel Shop
- Loblolly Creamery



Shopping and Entertainment

There are several boutiques, antique shops, and art galleries in SoMa, including Electric Ghost, The Punchbowl, M2 Gallery, and Boswell Mourot Fine Art. Green Corner Store is the first eco-lifestyle retail store in Arkansas, selling environmentally-friendly goods. The Lincoln Building, which houses the Green Corner Store, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Argenta Bead Company features central Arkansas' finest collection of crafting and arts supplies.

Events

Many festivals and events are held throughout the year in SoMa, including the Arkansas Cornbread Festival, SoMa Mardi Gras Parade, SoMa After Dark Art Pop-Up, Fiesta En SoMa, and SoMa Pride.

Residential Development

Villa Vue at SoMa includes 35 residential units and 1424soma, a new mixed-use development located in the heart of the district, features 16 lofts. Additional multi-family housing construction and renovation, as well as historic home renovations, have occurred throughout the area, including the adjacent historic Pettaway neighborhood.

Argenta Arts District

Downtown North Little Rock's Argenta Arts District is linked to downtown Little Rock's River Market district by several pedestrian and vehicle bridges and the Rock Region METRO Streetcar. Similarly, the area has experienced revitalization and growth over the past 20 years. Major projects have included Simmons Bank Arena, an 18,000 seat multi-purpose arena; Dickey Stephens Park, home to the Arkansas Travelers baseball club; residential developments; and office buildings.

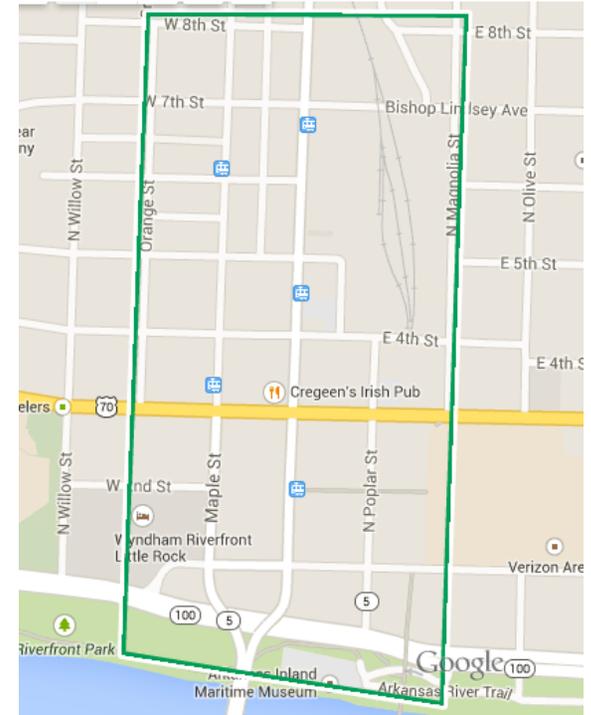
Restaurants and Bars

The Argenta area includes a wide variety of restaurants and bars. Brood and Barley and Ristorante Capeo both offer elevated dining experiences, while Crush Wine Bar features wine tastings and tapas along with local art. Newly opened spaces include Caverns & Forests Board Game Café and Draft + Table. Flyway Brewing and Diamond Bear Brewing both have brewpubs in the area.

Residential Development

A number of residential and mixed-use developments have been built to meet the demand for urban living. Selected developments include:

- Thrive Argenta
- Argenta Flats
- Maple Street Townhomes
- Argenta Square Apartments
- City Grove Townhomes



Sustainability

With the selection of the Clinton Center's location, President Clinton made protecting the environment and sustainability a focus. The site rehabilitated a former brownfield into public park land. Leading by example, the Clinton Library building was the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certified building in the state; 20 years later, there are 444 LEED certified buildings in Arkansas, up from 122 in 2014.

Certifications and Awards

President Clinton's commitment to protecting the environment was a key consideration of the building's design, construction, operations, and renovations. The United States Green Building Council recognized the Clinton Library building as Silver LEED Certified at the time it was built. In addition to LEED recognition, the Library was awarded two Green Globes by the Green Building Initiative for best practices in energy and environmental design in 2005.



In 2007, after implementing additional sustainability practices, the Library building received Platinum LEED certification for existing buildings, the first federally maintained building to achieve this level of certification. In 2014, the historic Choctaw Station Building received Gold LEED certification for existing buildings, one of the oldest buildings in America to receive that designation. Most recently, in 2019, the Library Building and historic Choctaw Station Building both received re-certification of their LEED for existing buildings ratings.

One of the unique sustainability assets of the Clinton Library is the vegetated roof. In 2007, 14,000 square feet above the Library's roof were transitioned to a vegetated roof, also known as a green roof, with native Arkansas plants. Benefits of the vegetated roof include additional insulation, longer life of the roof, filtering of stormwater runoff, and reduced demand for HVAC systems.

LEED Buildings in Arkansas

While the Clinton Center was the first building in Arkansas to receive LEED Certification, as of October of 2024, the USGBC lists 444 LEED Certified buildings in the state. 98 of the state's 444 LEED Certified buildings are located in the Little Rock MSA. Of the buildings in the general area of the Clinton Center, the following have been LEED Certified:

- Heifer International
- Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library
- Arkansas River Resource Center
- Pulaski County Prosecutor's Office
- Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts
- Robinson Center
- Philander Smith College



Public Service and Volunteerism

Throughout their careers, President Clinton and Secretary Clinton have promoted public and community service as an important part of citizenship. The presence of the Clinton Center has created new public service and volunteer opportunities in Central Arkansas. While it is difficult to define a specific economic impact of these programs, they clearly have encouraged community involvement among area residents and have provided invaluable services to Central Arkansas communities and organizations. But the reach of some of these programs extends well beyond the local area; in fact, it is global in scope.

Clinton Center Volunteers

The Clinton Center has incorporated volunteers throughout its operations, from welcoming visitors and providing tours to supporting events and helping archives staff.

From 2004 to 2014, more than 438,000 volunteer hours were served, while the second 10-year period saw over 365,000 volunteer hours. In 20 years, the Clinton Center has seen more than 1,270 volunteers assisting with responsibilities at the facility. Those volunteers have given more than 795,350 hours of service, valued at more than **\$18,758,000**, using an hourly valuation provided by Independent Sector annual valuation at the national level.



Clinton Center staff also engage in community service and outreach. They demonstrate a commitment to service through Day of Action community service projects, interaction with student academies at Little Rock's Southwest High School, volunteering in public schools, educating life-long learners through LifeQuest, and more.

Pulaski County COVID-19 Meals Program

In mid-March 2020, as all the schools in Pulaski County, Arkansas, were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Clinton Foundation, World Central Kitchen, the City of Little Rock, and other local organizations joined forces to provide healthy meals to students and families affected by the closure of schools, as well as seniors and others in need. The Pulaski County COVID-19 Meals Program prepared, packaged, and distributed sack lunches and hot dinners to students and families, as well as residential facilities for seniors and the homeless. The Clinton Center's facilities served as the operational headquarters for the program. Meals were prepared in the Clinton Center's kitchens, packaged in the Clinton Center's Great Hall ballroom, and sorted for delivery in the Clinton Center's lobby before being distributed to children and families across the county through a network of food trucks and individual volunteers.

Through April 2021, over one million meals and food boxes were provided to those in need through the Meals Program.

More than 1,000 people – staff and volunteers from across the community – contributed over 41,850 hours to the Meals Program.



Clinton School of Public Service Student Fieldwork

The greatest impact of the Clinton School can be seen in the fieldwork, which is incorporated into its curriculum. During the two-year degree program, students complete three for-credit public service projects, which include a practicum group project, an international public service project, and a Capstone Project. To date, there have been over 1,440 field service projects, representing more than 521,000 service hours.

Practicum Projects

The first-year Practicum is a closely-mentored, team-based project in Arkansas. Each year, first-year Clinton School students partner with public agencies, community initiatives, academic ventures, and nonprofit organizations across Arkansas to create short and long-term impact. More than 74 organizations partner with the Clinton School, offering students a wide array of projects in a variety of subject areas. Following is a sample of the organizations with which first-year students work:

Practicum Project Partners <i>Clinton School of Public Service</i>			
Adult Learning Alliance	Centers for Youth and Families	EAST Initiative	The People Tree
Argenta Downtown Council	City of Conway	Every Child Is Ours	THEA Foundation
Arkansas Community Foundation	City of Little Rock	ForwARd Arkansas	Transportation Alliance Project
Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS)	City of Newport, AR	Goodwill Industries of Arkansas	University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR)
Arkansas Foodbank	City of Pine Bluff	Habitat for Humanity International	University of Arkansas Fayetteville
Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance	Clinton Foundation	Heart of Arkansas United Way	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)
Arkansas Public Policy Panel	Create Little Rock	Lake Nixon Outdoor Center	University of Arkansas System
Arkansas State University	DecARcerate Coalition	Little Rock Preparatory Academy	University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service
Arkansas Teacher Corps	Downtown Little Rock Partnership	Our House	ZUNI Learning Tree

International Public Service Projects (IPSP)

International Public Service Projects, or IPSPs, are selected by the students and take place overseas or with an organization that works internationally. Students are supported by a stipend. Students develop a project plan; and once Clinton School faculty and the partner organization approve it, the 10-week summer session is spent implementing the plan. IPSPs have taken place in nearly 100 countries, including:

IPSP Host Countries

Clinton School of Public Service

Albania	Croatia	Japan	Nicaragua
Argentina	Czech Republic	Jordan	Nigeria
Armenia	Dominican Republic	Kenya	Panama
Australia	Ecuador	Kosovo	Paraguay
Bangladesh	France	Liberia	Peru
Belgium	Germany	Malawi	Philippines
Belize	Ghana	Malaysia	Rwanda
Benin	Guatemala	Marshall Islands	Turkey
Brazil	Haiti	Mexico	Uganda
Cambodia	India	Morocco	United Arab Emirates
Canada	Indonesia	Mozambique	United Kingdom
China	Ireland	Namibia	United States
Colombia	Israel	Nepal	Vietnam
Costa Rica	Italy	Netherlands	Zimbabwe

Capstone Projects

Capstone Projects are completed during the final year of the program. A student can choose to complete a project submitted by partner organizations or one of his or her own design. Projects typically take place in or near the Little Rock area, although the program allows for students to pursue Capstone Projects both domestically and abroad. Students typically devote 250 hours toward completion of the project. In the past 10 years, over 430 Capstone Projects have taken place. A sampling of partner organizations of Capstone Projects includes the following:

Capstone Project Partners

Clinton School of Public Service

AfrikConnect Inc.	Harmony Health Clinic	PCI Media Impact	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)
Alaska Democratic Party	Heifer International	Pulaski County Prosecuting Attorney	University of Central Oklahoma
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation	Home for Healing	Region One Mental Health Center	Veterans for Peace
AR Kids Read	Immerse Arkansas	Sarus Exchange Program	Vital Voices Global Partnership
Arkansas Children's Hospital	Indian Institute of Science	St. Joseph Center of Arkansas	Vote Run Lead
Arkansas Department of Education	International Economic Development Council	Thaden School	Wal-Mart
Arkansas Department of Human Services	International Rescue Committee	The Urban Food Loop	Walmart Foundation
Arkansas Economic Development Commission	Kids Cook/SPORK	U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation	Walton Arts Center
Barefoot College	KIPP DuBois Collegiate Academy	U.S. Department of Energy	Winrock International
Canopy Northwest Arkansas	Literary Renaissance Foundation	U.S. Attorney Office	Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation
Centers for Youth and Families	Mayor Kevin Johnson's Office	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Winthrop Rockefeller Institute
Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas	Mercy Health	UN Women	Women Lead Arkansas
First Tee of Central Arkansas	National Center for Access to Justice	University of Arkansas at Little Rock	WSG Consulting
Global Orphan Project	New York Office of Court Administration	University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service	ZUNI Learning Tree

City Year Little Rock

City Year, an affiliate of AmeriCorps, was founded in 1988 in Boston. The nonprofit organization has a focus on education through partnerships with public schools and teachers. With 29 U.S. City Year organizations in 21 states, City Year's young members commit to a year of full-time service in schools to provide individual support to students who need additional assistance. There are currently 3,000 City Year Corps Members, 18 to 25 years old, across the country.

The Little Rock site was founded in 2004, coinciding with the Clinton Center's grand opening. President Clinton encouraged the organization to open a site in Little Rock so young people would have an opportunity to serve the community and make a measurable difference in the lives of students. The two organizations have partnered on numerous educational and service-learning programs. In the past 20 years, more than 850 corps members have served over 900,000 hours supporting 21 schools in three area school districts.

City Year is funded through a combination of support from the AmeriCorps national service program, which was established during the Clinton Administration, the city governments, school districts, and private donations.



Highlighted Media Engagements

The Clinton Center has received significant media coverage of its programs, convenings, exhibitions, and more. Following is a selection of stories from the past decade highlighting the Clinton Center's impact:

National Distribution Travel Television Show Features:

- Travels with Darley (Darley Newman)
- Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out
- Traveling with Denella (Denella Ri'chard)

Presidents Clinton and Bush Unveil New Leadership Program

TIME, September 2014

Laughs and Accolades as Clinton and Bush Introduce a Leadership Program

New York Times, September 2014

Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush launched the Presidential Leadership Scholars Program, a first-of-its-kind non-partisan partnership among four presidential centers. The program brings together diverse groups of established leaders to learn lessons from presidential administrations.

Clinton at library to open exhibit; Anne Frank sapling part of permanent display on injustice

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, October 2015

President Clinton joined nearly 1,000 guests – including 700 school children – to dedicate the Anne Frank Installation, a poignant outdoor exhibition that conveys the complex history of human rights in Arkansas and throughout the world.



Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/BENJAMIN KRAIN
Former President Bill Clinton, speaking at Friday's opening ceremony for the Anne Frank sapling exhibit at the Clinton Presidential Center, said the teenager's life should be an inspiration.

Clinton at library to open exhibit

Blair, Bush, Clinton advocate cooperation at forum

AP News, July 2016

Bill Clinton, George W. Bush to appear together in Little Rock

CNN, July 2016

Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush were joined by former British Prime Minister Tony Blair for the graduation ceremony of the 2016 class of Presidential Leadership Scholars. The ceremony was held at the historic Little Rock Central High School with members of the Little Rock Nine also participating in the program.



Clinton Center Hosts Annual Head of the Class Bash

FOX16, August 2016

Saint Mark, Clinton Center join for Head of the Class

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, July 2019

For more than a decade the Clinton Center brought together community organizations to provide essential supplies and services to thousands of students and families as they prepared to go back to school each year.



Lecture in Little Rock features Clinton, Liberian; West African talks up women's role

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, December 2017

1,000 people attended a Kumpuris Distinguished Lecture between President Bill Clinton and Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the first elected female head of state in Africa.



25th Anniversary of the Election of Bill Clinton

CSPAN, November 2017

Clinton campaign and administration alumni came together at the Clinton Center to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the election of President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. More than 3,000 people attended a special Kumpuris Distinguished Lecture with President Clinton and Secretary Clinton, moderated by James Carville.



Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Bill Clinton share the stage at Arkansas talk

CNN, September 2019

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Bill Clinton recall 'very easy' first conversation

ABC News, September 2019

The Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg spoke to crowd of 15,000 as part of the Clinton Center's Kumpuris Distinguished Lecture Series in September 2019. President Clinton offered remarks during the program and NPR's Nina Totenberg moderated the conversation with Justice Ginsburg.



Clintons focus on economic inequality at Arkansas conference

AP News, November 2019

President Clinton and Secretary Clinton hosted "Economic Inclusion and Growth – The Way Forward," a conference on domestic economic policy at the Clinton Center. The conference built on the lasting impact of the Clinton Administration's economic policy and included input from leading impact investors, mayors, community organizations, and former Clinton administration officials.



Jose Andres, Clinton Foundation working to feed Arkansas public school students

The Hill, March 2020

Program passes 500,000 meals, gets Clinton nod

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, June 2020

During the COVID-19 pandemic, from March 2020 to April 2021, over one million meals and food boxes were prepared and packaged at the Clinton Center and delivered to students, families, seniors, and others in need through the Pulaski County Meals Program. The program was organized by the Clinton Foundation, World Central Kitchen, the City of Little Rock, and other local organizations.

Ex-president urges Clinton School graduates to 'put people first' in public service careers; 'Work together,' ex-president urges Clinton School class

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, May 2022

President Clinton served as commencement speaker for the Clinton School of Public Service in 2022. Since it opened, more than 550 students have graduated from the school.

HIGH PROFILE: Chelsea Clinton advocates for women's rights after growing up in the Governor's Mansion and the White House; Clinton didn't let the media spotlight interfere with normal childhood experiences

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, November 2022

Program passes 500,000 meals, gets Clinton nod

Ex-president lauds milestone

Ex-president urges Clinton School graduates to 'put people first' in public service careers

'Work together,' ex-president urges Clinton School class



Hillary Clinton on women's rights: 'We've got to keep fighting'
MSNBC, December 2022

Clintons create platform for discussions on equality
Axios, December 2022

Secretary Clinton and Chelsea Clinton convened national and global leaders from across the public and private sectors for the “Women’s Voices Summit,” an international summit exploring the unfinished business of the 21st Century – women’s equality. The Summit was presented alongside “Women’s Voices, Women’s Votes, Women’s Rights,” a landmark exhibition curated by the Clinton Center.

Bill Clinton’s presidential center expanding, will add Hillary Clinton’s personal archives
AP News, August 2023

Studio Gang to Design the Clinton Presidential Center Expansion in Little Rock, Arkansas
ArchDaily, August 2023

The Clinton Foundation announced plans for the first major expansion and modernization of the Clinton Center to include refreshed and new exhibitions, engaging, state-of-the-art technology, and a brand new Hillary Rodham Clinton Wing. The Foundation is partnering with Internationally recognized design firms Studio Gang and Ralph Appelbaum Associates on the project.

