

**WHY ARKANSAS?**



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As a small, rural state with limited resources, Arkansas is an unlikely state to lead the region, and in some cases the country, in policy change.

## WHY IS ARKANSAS A PLACE OF CHANGE?

### Factor 1: Small Scale

**Because Arkansas is small, policy change is easier to undertake and outcomes can be seen.**

### Factor 2: Political Climate

**Arkansas's relatively well-balanced party system has less political polarization than has been seen in other states.**

### Factor 3: History and Momentum

**There is a long history of reform in Arkansas on which to build.**

### Factor 4: Cornerstone Organizations

**Organizations work well together.**

### Factor 5: National Leadership

**Lessons and strategies developed in Arkansas can be applied across the South, the Midwest, and the nation.**