

# About Paragould, Arkansas:

Paragould, Arkansas is the only Paragould in the world and the Arkansas Crime and Information Center (ACIC) recorded Paragould as the “Safest City in Arkansas” in 2004. Paragould is one of the most progressive, vibrant communities in Northeast Arkansas with its community investing over \$163 million in itself since 1995. The citizens of Paragould have an acute awareness about being pro-active for the development of a better quality of life. Paragould is a community that has seen the restoration of historic landmarks, the construction of new facilities and numerous commercial and industrial investments. Paragould’s investment in its history and new construction represent a long-term belief in the future of the community.

Paragould’s infrastructure is served by a municipal-owned utility, which allows the city to provide some of the lowest electrical cost among the state of Arkansas and the United States. Low property tax rates, availability of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers, competitive state and local incentives packages and availability of services related to industries adequately support new and expanded economic development opportunities. These are only a few of several advantages to locate in Paragould.

Affordable housing is available within various subdivisions, rural settings, historic district or custom built. Residential living in Paragould is surrounded with convenience of eight city parks, two state parks, schools, churches, and sports recreational complexes. Paragould boasts a \$15,000,000 recreation project showcasing a 52,000 square foot Community Center, four swimming pools and a new skateboard park. Paragould has something for everyone!

Paragould’s recruiting area covers a 30 mile radius and includes Clay, Craighead, Greene, Lawrence, Mississippi, Poinsett and Randolph counties in Arkansas and draws Pemiscott and Dunklin counties in Missouri. There are over 200,000 people residing within the recruiting area.

Paragould/Greene County host two Fortune 500 companies and a total of 35 industrial plants or facilities. These industries are supported by a progressive transportation system. Two rail systems, two major interstates and future I-555, two major U.S. Highways and ten Arkansas Highways. Currently \$30,000,000 of highway improvements are being conducted and another \$30,000,000 is designated for the next three years (2005-2007).

Paragould is strategically located in Northeast Arkansas approximately 90 miles northwest of Memphis, TN, 214 miles south of St. Louis, MO and 475 miles northeast of Dallas, TX. The community is located at the intersection of US Highway 412 and US Highway 49. Today a foundation for a professional business environment has been carefully mapped and all roads lead to Paragould!

Visit Paragould, the “Friendly City” on the web at [www.paragould.org](http://www.paragould.org) or call the Paragould/Greene County Chamber of Commerce for more information 870-236-7684.