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SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Data and Documentation section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Methodology section.

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.

Subject	Van Buren city, Arkansas			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	9,778	+/-348	9,778	(X)
Occupied housing units	8,643	+/-312	88.4%	+/-3.1
Vacant housing units	1,135	+/-322	11.6%	+/-3.1
Homeowner vacancy rate	4.0	+/-2.7	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	12.2	+/-5.5	(X)	(X)
UNITS IN STRUCTURE				
Total housing units	9,778	+/-348	9,778	(X)
1-unit, detached	7,454	+/-409	76.2%	+/-2.8
1-unit, attached	285	+/-148	2.9%	+/-1.5
2 units	619	+/-170	6.3%	+/-1.7
3 or 4 units	535	+/-211	5.5%	+/-2.1
5 to 9 units	379	+/-164	3.9%	+/-1.7
10 to 19 units	256	+/-99	2.6%	+/-1.0
20 or more units	163	+/-83	1.7%	+/-0.9
Mobile home	87	+/-59	0.9%	+/-0.6
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-0.3
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total housing units	9,778	+/-348	9,778	(X)
Built 2005 or later	876	+/-201	9.0%	+/-2.1
Built 2000 to 2004	1,017	+/-222	10.4%	+/-2.2
Built 1990 to 1999	1,884	+/-348	19.3%	+/-3.5
Built 1980 to 1989	1,637	+/-348	16.7%	+/-3.4
Built 1970 to 1979	2,088	+/-368	21.4%	+/-3.6
Built 1960 to 1969	896	+/-219	9.2%	+/-2.2
Built 1950 to 1959	523	+/-195	5.3%	+/-2.0
Built 1940 to 1949	344	+/-142	3.5%	+/-1.4
Built 1939 or earlier	513	+/-176	5.2%	+/-1.8
ROOMS				
Total housing units	9,778	+/-348	9,778	(X)
1 room	100	+/-94	1.0%	+/-1.0
2 rooms	195	+/-138	2.0%	+/-1.4
3 rooms	605	+/-187	6.2%	+/-1.9
4 rooms	1,447	+/-320	14.8%	+/-3.3
5 rooms	3,524	+/-412	36.0%	+/-3.9

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6 rooms	2,116	+/-311	21.6%	+/-3.1
7 rooms	894	+/-234	9.1%	+/-2.4
8 rooms	449	+/-163	4.6%	+/-1.7
9 rooms or more	448	+/-156	4.6%	+/-1.6
Median rooms	5.2	+/-0.2	(X)	(X)
BEDROOMS				
Total housing units	9,778	+/-348	9,778	(X)
No bedroom	191	+/-153	2.0%	+/-1.6
1 bedroom	577	+/-155	5.9%	+/-1.6
2 bedrooms	2,098	+/-341	21.5%	+/-3.5
3 bedrooms	5,634	+/-470	57.6%	+/-4.2
4 bedrooms	1,141	+/-286	11.7%	+/-2.9
5 or more bedrooms	137	+/-86	1.4%	+/-0.9
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	8,643	+/-312	8,643	(X)
Owner-occupied	5,303	+/-446	61.4%	+/-4.2
Renter-occupied	3,340	+/-356	38.6%	+/-4.2
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.62	+/-0.12	(X)	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.46	+/-0.18	(X)	(X)
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT				
Occupied housing units	8,643	+/-312	8,643	(X)
Moved in 2005 or later	4,182	+/-331	48.4%	+/-4.2
Moved in 2000 to 2004	1,891	+/-334	21.9%	+/-3.5
Moved in 1990 to 1999	1,487	+/-286	17.2%	+/-3.2
Moved in 1980 to 1989	573	+/-148	6.6%	+/-1.7
Moved in 1970 to 1979	334	+/-119	3.9%	+/-1.4
Moved in 1969 or earlier	176	+/-82	2.0%	+/-0.9
VEHICLES AVAILABLE				
Occupied housing units	8,643	+/-312	8,643	(X)
No vehicles available	481	+/-155	5.6%	+/-1.7
1 vehicle available	3,237	+/-290	37.5%	+/-3.1
2 vehicles available	3,555	+/-344	41.1%	+/-3.6
3 or more vehicles available	1,370	+/-265	15.9%	+/-3.1
HOUSE HEATING FUEL				
Occupied housing units	8,643	+/-312	8,643	(X)
Utility gas	5,129	+/-398	59.3%	+/-3.7
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	43	+/-51	0.5%	+/-0.6
Electricity	3,383	+/-322	39.1%	+/-3.7
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-0.4
Coal or coke	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-0.4
Wood	57	+/-57	0.7%	+/-0.7
Solar energy	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-0.4
Other fuel	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-0.4
No fuel used	31	+/-39	0.4%	+/-0.4
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS				
Occupied housing units	8,643	+/-312	8,643	(X)
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	16	+/-24	0.2%	+/-0.3
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-0.4
No telephone service available	217	+/-99	2.5%	+/-1.1
OCCUPANTS PER ROOM				
Occupied housing units	8,643	+/-312	8,643	(X)
1.00 or less	8,457	+/-364	97.8%	+/-1.3
1.01 to 1.50	186	+/-109	2.2%	+/-1.3
1.51 or more	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-0.4
VALUE				
Owner-occupied units	5,303	+/-446	5,303	(X)
Less than \$50,000	454	+/-158	8.6%	+/-2.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,024	+/-307	38.2%	+/-4.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,643	+/-297	31.0%	+/-4.7

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\$150,000 to \$199,999	672	+/-185	12.7%	+/-3.3
\$200,000 to \$299,999	363	+/-135	6.8%	+/-2.5
\$300,000 to \$499,999	111	+/-94	2.1%	+/-1.8
\$500,000 to \$999,999	13	+/-19	0.2%	+/-0.4
\$1,000,000 or more	23	+/-37	0.4%	+/-0.7
Median (dollars)	105,800	+/-8,575	(X)	(X)
MORTGAGE STATUS				
Owner-occupied units	5,303	+/-446	5,303	(X)
Housing units with a mortgage	3,783	+/-393	71.3%	+/-4.2
Housing units without a mortgage	1,520	+/-254	28.7%	+/-4.2
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS (SMOC)				
Housing units with a mortgage	3,783	+/-393	3,783	(X)
Less than \$300	14	+/-25	0.4%	+/-0.7
\$300 to \$499	145	+/-90	3.8%	+/-2.4
\$500 to \$699	617	+/-198	16.3%	+/-4.9
\$700 to \$999	1,520	+/-314	40.2%	+/-6.3
\$1,000 to \$1,499	970	+/-229	25.6%	+/-5.7
\$1,500 to \$1,999	406	+/-143	10.7%	+/-3.8
\$2,000 or more	111	+/-72	2.9%	+/-1.9
Median (dollars)	908	+/-49	(X)	(X)
Housing units without a mortgage	1,520	+/-254	1,520	(X)
Less than \$100	0	+/-89	0.0%	+/-2.1
\$100 to \$199	152	+/-78	10.0%	+/-5.1
\$200 to \$299	601	+/-169	39.5%	+/-8.5
\$300 to \$399	384	+/-147	25.3%	+/-8.1
\$400 or more	383	+/-132	25.2%	+/-7.8
Median (dollars)	302	+/-28	(X)	(X)
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (SMOCAPI)				
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	3,783	+/-393	3,783	(X)
Less than 20.0 percent	1,700	+/-245	44.9%	+/-4.9
20.0 to 24.9 percent	639	+/-173	16.9%	+/-4.5
25.0 to 29.9 percent	354	+/-153	9.4%	+/-3.7
30.0 to 34.9 percent	435	+/-164	11.5%	+/-4.2
35.0 percent or more	655	+/-182	17.3%	+/-4.3
Not computed	0	+/-89	(X)	(X)
Housing unit without a mortgage (excluding units where SMOCAPI cannot be computed)	1,520	+/-254	1,520	(X)
Less than 10.0 percent	748	+/-176	49.2%	+/-7.8
10.0 to 14.9 percent	335	+/-117	22.0%	+/-7.1
15.0 to 19.9 percent	133	+/-80	8.8%	+/-5.1
20.0 to 24.9 percent	44	+/-42	2.9%	+/-2.8
25.0 to 29.9 percent	118	+/-89	7.8%	+/-5.3
30.0 to 34.9 percent	53	+/-50	3.5%	+/-3.2
35.0 percent or more	89	+/-61	5.9%	+/-4.1
Not computed	0	+/-89	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT				
Occupied units paying rent	3,254	+/-356	3,254	(X)
Less than \$200	124	+/-92	3.8%	+/-2.8
\$200 to \$299	146	+/-101	4.5%	+/-3.0
\$300 to \$499	639	+/-187	19.6%	+/-5.7
\$500 to \$749	1,337	+/-287	41.1%	+/-7.5
\$750 to \$999	772	+/-222	23.7%	+/-6.4
\$1,000 to \$1,499	214	+/-123	6.6%	+/-3.7
\$1,500 or more	22	+/-37	0.7%	+/-1.1
Median (dollars)	620	+/-39	(X)	(X)
No rent paid	86	+/-68	(X)	(X)
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				

Subject	Van Buren city, Arkansas			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	3,187	+/-356	3,187	(X)
Less than 15.0 percent	340	+/-134	10.7%	+/-4.1
15.0 to 19.9 percent	394	+/-170	12.4%	+/-5.1
20.0 to 24.9 percent	630	+/-223	19.8%	+/-6.6
25.0 to 29.9 percent	354	+/-221	11.1%	+/-6.5
30.0 to 34.9 percent	381	+/-172	12.0%	+/-5.4
35.0 percent or more	1,088	+/-232	34.1%	+/-7.2
Not computed	153	+/-97	(X)	(X)

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see Accuracy of the Data). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

The median gross rent excludes no cash renters.

In prior years, the universe included all owner-occupied units with a mortgage. It is now restricted to include only those units where SMOCAPI is computed, that is, SMOC and household income are valid values.

In prior years, the universe included all owner-occupied units without a mortgage. It is now restricted to include only those units where SMOCAPI is computed, that is, SMOC and household income are valid values.

In prior years, the universe included all renter-occupied units. It is now restricted to include only those units where GRAPI is computed, that is, gross rent and household income are valid values.

The 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 plumbing data for Puerto Rico will not be shown. Research indicates that the questions on plumbing facilities that were introduced in 2008 in the stateside American Community Survey and the 2008 Puerto Rico Community Survey may not have been appropriate for Puerto Rico.

Median calculations for base table sourcing VAL, MHC, SMOC, and TAX should exclude zero values.

While the 2007-2011 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2009 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) definitions of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas; in certain instances the names, codes, and boundaries of the principal cities shown in ACS tables may differ from the OMB definitions due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities.

Estimates of urban and rural population, housing units, and characteristics reflect boundaries of urban areas defined based on Census 2000 data. Boundaries for urban areas have not been updated since Census 2000. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '***' entry in the margin of error column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An '***' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
6. An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
7. An 'N' entry in the estimate and margin of error columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.
8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

