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2008-2012 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	Arkansas			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	2,285,328	+/-1,147	2,285,328	(X)
In labor force	1,377,211	+/-4,863	60.3%	+/-0.2
Civilian labor force	1,370,423	+/-4,962	60.0%	+/-0.2
Employed	1,253,069	+/-5,264	54.8%	+/-0.2
Unemployed	117,354	+/-2,956	5.1%	+/-0.1
Armed Forces	6,788	+/-606	0.3%	+/-0.1
Not in labor force	908,117	+/-4,855	39.7%	+/-0.2
Civilian labor force	1,370,423	+/-4,962	1,370,423	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	8.6%	+/-0.2
Females 16 years and over				
In labor force	651,709	+/-3,282	55.4%	+/-0.3
Civilian labor force	650,944	+/-3,313	55.3%	+/-0.3
Employed	597,858	+/-3,559	50.8%	+/-0.3
Own children under 6 years				
All parents in family in labor force	147,037	+/-2,083	65.4%	+/-0.9
Own children 6 to 17 years				
All parents in family in labor force	309,937	+/-3,441	70.6%	+/-0.7
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	1,232,938	+/-5,389	1,232,938	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	1,006,273	+/-5,131	81.6%	+/-0.3
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	141,798	+/-3,440	11.5%	+/-0.3
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	5,439	+/-495	0.4%	+/-0.1
Walked	22,306	+/-1,102	1.8%	+/-0.1
Other means	16,471	+/-955	1.3%	+/-0.1
Worked at home	40,651	+/-1,291	3.3%	+/-0.1
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.3	+/-0.1	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	1,253,069	+/-5,264	1,253,069	(X)

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Management, business, science, and arts occupations	384,927	+/-4,830	30.7%	+/-0.4
Service occupations	212,875	+/-3,006	17.0%	+/-0.2
Sales and office occupations	307,826	+/-3,200	24.6%	+/-0.2
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	137,991	+/-2,741	11.0%	+/-0.2
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	209,450	+/-3,085	16.7%	+/-0.2
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	1,253,069	+/-5,264	1,253,069	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	42,061	+/-1,516	3.4%	+/-0.1
Construction	87,424	+/-2,255	7.0%	+/-0.2
Manufacturing	178,206	+/-2,409	14.2%	+/-0.2
Wholesale trade	33,254	+/-1,317	2.7%	+/-0.1
Retail trade	167,010	+/-3,045	13.3%	+/-0.2
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	69,146	+/-1,963	5.5%	+/-0.2
Information	21,004	+/-1,108	1.7%	+/-0.1
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	62,565	+/-1,912	5.0%	+/-0.2
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	85,256	+/-2,178	6.8%	+/-0.2
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	292,178	+/-3,917	23.3%	+/-0.3
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	95,550	+/-2,985	7.6%	+/-0.2
Other services, except public administration	60,121	+/-1,821	4.8%	+/-0.1
Public administration	59,294	+/-1,471	4.7%	+/-0.1
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	1,253,069	+/-5,264	1,253,069	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	959,684	+/-5,241	76.6%	+/-0.3
Government workers	208,137	+/-3,184	16.6%	+/-0.2
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	82,744	+/-2,123	6.6%	+/-0.2
Unpaid family workers	2,504	+/-393	0.2%	+/-0.1
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	1,128,797	+/-4,114	1,128,797	(X)
Less than \$10,000	106,597	+/-2,365	9.4%	+/-0.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999	86,802	+/-1,835	7.7%	+/-0.2
\$15,000 to \$24,999	158,921	+/-2,709	14.1%	+/-0.2
\$25,000 to \$34,999	143,740	+/-2,204	12.7%	+/-0.2
\$35,000 to \$49,999	172,108	+/-2,987	15.2%	+/-0.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	200,563	+/-2,611	17.8%	+/-0.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	112,502	+/-2,008	10.0%	+/-0.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	96,226	+/-1,948	8.5%	+/-0.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	28,534	+/-1,066	2.5%	+/-0.1
\$200,000 or more	22,804	+/-945	2.0%	+/-0.1
Median household income (dollars)	40,531	+/-238	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	55,158	+/-358	(X)	(X)
With earnings	841,748	+/-4,202	74.6%	+/-0.2
Mean earnings (dollars)	56,707	+/-428	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	383,114	+/-2,541	33.9%	+/-0.2
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	15,861	+/-83	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	195,588	+/-2,210	17.3%	+/-0.2
Mean retirement income (dollars)	18,867	+/-355	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	69,520	+/-1,766	6.2%	+/-0.2
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,134	+/-147	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	24,907	+/-929	2.2%	+/-0.1

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Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	3,141	+/-201	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	158,244	+/-2,394	14.0%	+/-0.2
Families	765,068	+/-4,284	765,068	(X)
Less than \$10,000	44,368	+/-1,629	5.8%	+/-0.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999	33,916	+/-1,034	4.4%	+/-0.1
\$15,000 to \$24,999	88,649	+/-2,029	11.6%	+/-0.3
\$25,000 to \$34,999	91,303	+/-1,795	11.9%	+/-0.2
\$35,000 to \$49,999	120,739	+/-2,814	15.8%	+/-0.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	157,967	+/-2,396	20.6%	+/-0.3
\$75,000 to \$99,999	95,952	+/-1,907	12.5%	+/-0.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	85,837	+/-1,821	11.2%	+/-0.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	25,712	+/-1,010	3.4%	+/-0.1
\$200,000 or more	20,625	+/-877	2.7%	+/-0.1
Median family income (dollars)	50,453	+/-365	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	64,955	+/-480	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	22,007	+/-151	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	363,729	+/-3,438	363,729	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	22,818	+/-339	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	32,804	+/-473	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	25,421	+/-140	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	39,712	+/-334	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	30,457	+/-211	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	2,862,023	+/-604	2,862,023	(X)
With health insurance coverage	2,379,400	+/-7,018	83.1%	+/-0.2
With private health insurance	1,704,647	+/-10,688	59.6%	+/-0.4
With public coverage	1,026,681	+/-5,681	35.9%	+/-0.2
No health insurance coverage	482,623	+/-7,120	16.9%	+/-0.2
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	707,308	+/-380	707,308	(X)
No health insurance coverage	45,463	+/-1,919	6.4%	+/-0.3
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	1,748,461	+/-1,018	1,748,461	(X)
In labor force:	1,289,048	+/-4,432	1,289,048	(X)
Employed:	1,180,993	+/-4,724	1,180,993	(X)
With health insurance coverage	925,467	+/-5,831	78.4%	+/-0.4
With private health insurance	885,977	+/-5,684	75.0%	+/-0.4
With public coverage	73,129	+/-2,276	6.2%	+/-0.2
No health insurance coverage	255,526	+/-4,454	21.6%	+/-0.4
Unemployed:	108,055	+/-2,929	108,055	(X)
With health insurance coverage	42,685	+/-1,676	39.5%	+/-1.2
With private health insurance	27,450	+/-1,408	25.4%	+/-1.1
With public coverage	17,405	+/-1,088	16.1%	+/-1.0
No health insurance coverage	65,370	+/-2,280	60.5%	+/-1.2
Not in labor force:	459,413	+/-4,265	459,413	(X)
With health insurance coverage	344,454	+/-3,538	75.0%	+/-0.6
With private health insurance	195,008	+/-3,049	42.4%	+/-0.6
With public coverage	187,687	+/-3,335	40.9%	+/-0.6
No health insurance coverage	114,959	+/-3,010	25.0%	+/-0.6

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PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL				
All families	(X)	(X)	14.1%	+/-0.3
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	22.8%	+/-0.5
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	25.9%	+/-1.4
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	6.9%	+/-0.2
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	10.7%	+/-0.5
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	11.7%	+/-1.1
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	38.4%	+/-1.0
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	47.9%	+/-1.1
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	55.1%	+/-2.4
All people	(X)	(X)	18.7%	+/-0.3
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	27.1%	+/-0.6
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	26.7%	+/-0.6
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	31.5%	+/-0.9
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	24.9%	+/-0.6
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	16.0%	+/-0.2
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	17.1%	+/-0.3
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	11.1%	+/-0.3
People in families	(X)	(X)	16.1%	+/-0.3
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	31.6%	+/-0.5

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.

There were changes in the edit between 2009 and 2010 regarding Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security. The changes in the edit loosened restrictions on disability requirements for receipt of SSI resulting in an increase in the total number of SSI recipients in the American Community Survey. The changes also loosened restrictions on possible reported monthly amounts in Social Security income resulting in higher Social Security aggregate amounts. These results more closely match administrative counts compiled by the Social Security Administration.

Workers include members of the Armed Forces and civilians who were at work last week.

Industry codes are 4-digit codes and are based on the North American Industry Classification System 2007. The Industry categories adhere to the guidelines issued in Clarification Memorandum No. 2, "NAICS Alternate Aggregation Structure for Use By U.S. Statistical Agencies," issued by the Office of Management and Budget.

While the 2008-2012 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, 2008-2012 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.