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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	Ashley County, Arkansas			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	8,774	+/-270	8,774	(X)
Family households (families)	6,232	+/-328	71.0%	+/-2.9
With own children under 18 years	2,599	+/-258	29.6%	+/-2.6
Married-couple family	4,623	+/-339	52.7%	+/-3.4
With own children under 18 years	1,697	+/-230	19.3%	+/-2.4
Male householder, no wife present, family	360	+/-134	4.1%	+/-1.5
With own children under 18 years	166	+/-118	1.9%	+/-1.3
Female householder, no husband present, family	1,249	+/-206	14.2%	+/-2.3
With own children under 18 years	736	+/-177	8.4%	+/-2.0
Nonfamily households	2,542	+/-255	29.0%	+/-2.9
Householder living alone	2,426	+/-252	27.6%	+/-2.8
65 years and over	962	+/-144	11.0%	+/-1.7
Households with one or more people under 18 years	3,024	+/-282	34.5%	+/-2.8
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	2,518	+/-104	28.7%	+/-1.2
Average household size	2.46	+/-0.07	(X)	(X)
Average family size	2.98	+/-0.13	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	21,569	+/-86	21,569	(X)
Householder	8,774	+/-270	40.7%	+/-1.2
Spouse	4,609	+/-354	21.4%	+/-1.6
Child	6,262	+/-332	29.0%	+/-1.5
Other relatives	1,473	+/-317	6.8%	+/-1.5
Nonrelatives	451	+/-142	2.1%	+/-0.7
Unmarried partner	207	+/-75	1.0%	+/-0.3
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	8,303	+/-42	8,303	(X)
Never married	2,084	+/-248	25.1%	+/-3.0
Now married, except separated	4,944	+/-356	59.5%	+/-4.3
Separated	200	+/-97	2.4%	+/-1.2
Widowed	288	+/-96	3.5%	+/-1.2

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Divorced	787	+/-175	9.5%	+/-2.1
Females 15 years and over	9,112	+/-57	9,112	(X)
Never married	1,780	+/-174	19.5%	+/-1.9
Now married, except separated	4,855	+/-303	53.3%	+/-3.4
Separated	309	+/-106	3.4%	+/-1.2
Widowed	1,048	+/-157	11.5%	+/-1.7
Divorced	1,120	+/-181	12.3%	+/-2.0
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	218	+/-102	218	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	84	+/-60	38.5%	+/-20.5
Per 1,000 unmarried women	38	+/-28	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	43	+/-20	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	63	+/-59	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	73	+/-40	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	12	+/-14	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	748	+/-199	748	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	541	+/-190	72.3%	+/-10.9
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	105	+/-56	14.0%	+/-7.4
1 or 2 years	111	+/-82	14.8%	+/-10.0
3 or 4 years	162	+/-133	21.7%	+/-14.8
5 or more years	163	+/-82	21.8%	+/-10.6
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	541	+/-190	541	(X)
Who are female	311	+/-97	57.5%	+/-7.2
Who are married	420	+/-193	77.6%	+/-12.0
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	5,264	+/-224	5,264	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	502	+/-117	9.5%	+/-2.0
Kindergarten	204	+/-84	3.9%	+/-1.6
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	2,594	+/-108	49.3%	+/-2.4
High school (grades 9-12)	1,237	+/-128	23.5%	+/-2.4
College or graduate school	727	+/-154	13.8%	+/-2.6
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	14,739	+/-128	14,739	(X)
Less than 9th grade	617	+/-126	4.2%	+/-0.8
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,921	+/-269	13.0%	+/-1.8
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	6,412	+/-368	43.5%	+/-2.5
Some college, no degree	3,170	+/-292	21.5%	+/-2.0
Associate's degree	685	+/-179	4.6%	+/-1.2
Bachelor's degree	1,261	+/-214	8.6%	+/-1.4
Graduate or professional degree	673	+/-154	4.6%	+/-1.0
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	82.8%	+/-1.9
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	13.1%	+/-1.9
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	16,475	+/-20	16,475	(X)
Civilian veterans	1,493	+/-201	9.1%	+/-1.2

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DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	21,581	+/-86	21,581	(X)
With a disability	4,070	+/-393	18.9%	+/-1.8
Under 18 years	5,323	+/-21	5,323	(X)
With a disability	216	+/-127	4.1%	+/-2.4
18 to 64 years	12,823	+/-68	12,823	(X)
With a disability	2,354	+/-310	18.4%	+/-2.4
65 years and over	3,435	+/-60	3,435	(X)
With a disability	1,500	+/-177	43.7%	+/-5.1
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	21,664	+/-86	21,664	(X)
Same house	18,799	+/-450	86.8%	+/-2.1
Different house in the U.S.	2,865	+/-449	13.2%	+/-2.1
Same county	2,258	+/-471	10.4%	+/-2.2
Different county	607	+/-226	2.8%	+/-1.0
Same state	363	+/-193	1.7%	+/-0.9
Different state	244	+/-126	1.1%	+/-0.6
Abroad	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	21,811	*****	21,811	(X)
Native	21,403	+/-89	98.1%	+/-0.4
Born in United States	21,347	+/-105	97.9%	+/-0.5
State of residence	15,007	+/-476	68.8%	+/-2.2
Different state	6,340	+/-469	29.1%	+/-2.2
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	56	+/-58	0.3%	+/-0.3
Foreign born	408	+/-89	1.9%	+/-0.4
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	408	+/-89	408	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	123	+/-78	30.1%	+/-16.0
Not a U.S. citizen	285	+/-81	69.9%	+/-16.0
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	464	+/-105	464	(X)
Native	56	+/-58	56	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-39.6
Entered before 2010	56	+/-58	100.0%	+/-39.6
Foreign born	408	+/-89	408	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-7.7
Entered before 2010	408	+/-89	100.0%	+/-7.7
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	408	+/-89	408	(X)
Europe	20	+/-22	4.9%	+/-5.5
Asia	26	+/-34	6.4%	+/-7.6
Africa	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-7.7
Oceania	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-7.7
Latin America	362	+/-72	88.7%	+/-8.1
Northern America	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-7.7

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	20,404	+/-4	20,404	(X)
English only	19,449	+/-123	95.3%	+/-0.6
Language other than English	955	+/-122	4.7%	+/-0.6
Speak English less than "very well"	327	+/-112	1.6%	+/-0.6
Spanish	873	+/-108	4.3%	+/-0.5
Speak English less than "very well"	306	+/-109	1.5%	+/-0.5
Other Indo-European languages	54	+/-52	0.3%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	16	+/-18	0.1%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	15	+/-22	0.1%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	5	+/-13	0.0%	+/-0.1
Other languages	13	+/-21	0.1%	+/-0.1
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-0.2
ANCESTRY				
Total population	21,811	*****	21,811	(X)
American	2,667	+/-467	12.2%	+/-2.1
Arab	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-0.1
Czech	20	+/-25	0.1%	+/-0.1
Danish	13	+/-21	0.1%	+/-0.1
Dutch	168	+/-71	0.8%	+/-0.3
English	2,750	+/-543	12.6%	+/-2.5
French (except Basque)	405	+/-226	1.9%	+/-1.0
French Canadian	6	+/-8	0.0%	+/-0.1
German	789	+/-205	3.6%	+/-0.9
Greek	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	12	+/-22	0.1%	+/-0.1
Irish	2,371	+/-373	10.9%	+/-1.7
Italian	265	+/-134	1.2%	+/-0.6
Lithuanian	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-0.1
Norwegian	31	+/-29	0.1%	+/-0.1
Polish	29	+/-31	0.1%	+/-0.1
Portuguese	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-0.1
Russian	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-0.1
Scotch-Irish	285	+/-112	1.3%	+/-0.5
Scottish	166	+/-88	0.8%	+/-0.4
Slovak	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	49	+/-48	0.2%	+/-0.2
Swedish	43	+/-38	0.2%	+/-0.2
Swiss	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-0.1
Ukrainian	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-0.1
Welsh	12	+/-20	0.1%	+/-0.1
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	28	+/-37	0.1%	+/-0.2

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.

Fertility data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with data collection. See Errata Note #92 for details.

The Census Bureau introduced a new set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, comparisons of disability data from 2008 or later with data from prior years are not recommended. For more information on these questions and their evaluation in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the Evaluation Report Covering Disability.

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.