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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	Desha County, Arkansas			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>				
Population 16 years and over	9,967	+/-62	9,967	(X)
In labor force	6,027	+/-266	60.5%	+/-2.7
Civilian labor force	6,006	+/-270	60.3%	+/-2.8
Employed	5,183	+/-267	52.0%	+/-2.7
Unemployed	823	+/-158	8.3%	+/-1.6
Armed Forces	21	+/-25	0.2%	+/-0.3
Not in labor force	3,940	+/-277	39.5%	+/-2.7
Civilian labor force	6,006	+/-270	6,006	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	13.7%	+/-2.5
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>				
In labor force	3,131	+/-173	58.9%	+/-3.3
Civilian labor force	3,120	+/-173	58.7%	+/-3.3
Employed	2,554	+/-172	48.1%	+/-3.3
<b>Own children under 6 years</b>				
All parents in family in labor force	1,101	+/-87	1,101	(X)
<b>Own children 6 to 17 years</b>				
All parents in family in labor force	1,522	+/-201	78.8%	+/-8.3
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>				
Workers 16 years and over	5,039	+/-261	5,039	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	3,861	+/-249	76.6%	+/-3.7
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	479	+/-148	9.5%	+/-2.8
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	40	+/-32	0.8%	+/-0.6
Walked	167	+/-89	3.3%	+/-1.7
Other means	368	+/-168	7.3%	+/-3.3
Worked at home	124	+/-65	2.5%	+/-1.3
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.4	+/-3.0	(X)	(X)
<b>OCCUPATION</b>				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	5,183	+/-267	5,183	(X)

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Management, business, science, and arts occupations	1,551	+/-257	29.9%	+/-4.6
Service occupations	775	+/-162	15.0%	+/-2.9
Sales and office occupations	1,026	+/-228	19.8%	+/-4.5
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	690	+/-134	13.3%	+/-2.7
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	1,141	+/-227	22.0%	+/-4.0
<b>INDUSTRY</b>				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	5,183	+/-267	5,183	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	543	+/-118	10.5%	+/-2.3
Construction	199	+/-89	3.8%	+/-1.8
Manufacturing	859	+/-182	16.6%	+/-3.4
Wholesale trade	104	+/-68	2.0%	+/-1.3
Retail trade	529	+/-143	10.2%	+/-2.7
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	392	+/-172	7.6%	+/-3.3
Information	131	+/-81	2.5%	+/-1.6
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	106	+/-52	2.0%	+/-1.0
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	178	+/-77	3.4%	+/-1.5
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	1,293	+/-194	24.9%	+/-3.4
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	322	+/-145	6.2%	+/-2.7
Other services, except public administration	256	+/-121	4.9%	+/-2.3
Public administration	271	+/-86	5.2%	+/-1.6
<b>CLASS OF WORKER</b>				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	5,183	+/-267	5,183	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	3,706	+/-265	71.5%	+/-3.4
Government workers	1,245	+/-164	24.0%	+/-3.0
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	232	+/-91	4.5%	+/-1.7
Unpaid family workers	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.6
<b>INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>				
Total households	5,324	+/-174	5,324	(X)
Less than \$10,000	929	+/-157	17.4%	+/-2.9
\$10,000 to \$14,999	573	+/-161	10.8%	+/-3.0
\$15,000 to \$24,999	860	+/-162	16.2%	+/-3.1
\$25,000 to \$34,999	591	+/-132	11.1%	+/-2.4
\$35,000 to \$49,999	599	+/-141	11.3%	+/-2.6
\$50,000 to \$74,999	862	+/-168	16.2%	+/-3.0
\$75,000 to \$99,999	370	+/-103	6.9%	+/-1.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	410	+/-114	7.7%	+/-2.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	90	+/-54	1.7%	+/-1.0
\$200,000 or more	40	+/-37	0.8%	+/-0.7
Median household income (dollars)	29,504	+/-3,540	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	44,451	+/-4,442	(X)	(X)
With earnings	3,683	+/-200	69.2%	+/-3.1
Mean earnings (dollars)	49,183	+/-6,096	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	1,993	+/-163	37.4%	+/-3.0
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	13,852	+/-900	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	630	+/-96	11.8%	+/-1.8
Mean retirement income (dollars)	15,713	+/-3,005	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	447	+/-112	8.4%	+/-2.1
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	8,444	+/-1,451	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	174	+/-84	3.3%	+/-1.6

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Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,143	+/-850	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	1,310	+/-180	24.6%	+/-3.3
<b>Families</b>	<b>3,457</b>	<b>+/-238</b>	<b>3,457</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than \$10,000	431	+/-115	12.5%	+/-3.1
\$10,000 to \$14,999	188	+/-80	5.4%	+/-2.3
\$15,000 to \$24,999	481	+/-143	13.9%	+/-4.0
\$25,000 to \$34,999	418	+/-93	12.1%	+/-2.7
\$35,000 to \$49,999	442	+/-125	12.8%	+/-3.4
\$50,000 to \$74,999	717	+/-153	20.7%	+/-4.0
\$75,000 to \$99,999	318	+/-99	9.2%	+/-2.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	340	+/-96	9.8%	+/-2.8
\$150,000 to \$199,999	90	+/-54	2.6%	+/-1.6
\$200,000 or more	32	+/-35	0.9%	+/-1.0
Median family income (dollars)	41,964	+/-6,822	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	54,303	+/-6,554	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	19,107	+/-2,317	(X)	(X)
<b>Nonfamily households</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>+/-236</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	15,496	+/-1,658	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	24,687	+/-3,691	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	24,621	+/-3,234	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	40,214	+/-4,329	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	26,527	+/-2,765	(X)	(X)
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE</b>				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	12,796	+/-37	12,796	(X)
With health insurance coverage	10,318	+/-303	80.6%	+/-2.3
With private health insurance	5,910	+/-437	46.2%	+/-3.4
With public coverage	5,650	+/-324	44.2%	+/-2.5
No health insurance coverage	2,478	+/-298	19.4%	+/-2.3
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	3,352	+/-10	3,352	(X)
No health insurance coverage	158	+/-85	4.7%	+/-2.5
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	7,515	+/-39	7,515	(X)
In labor force:	5,516	+/-251	5,516	(X)
Employed:	4,778	+/-249	4,778	(X)
With health insurance coverage	3,467	+/-279	72.6%	+/-4.8
With private health insurance	3,369	+/-277	70.5%	+/-4.7
With public coverage	218	+/-77	4.6%	+/-1.7
No health insurance coverage	1,311	+/-242	27.4%	+/-4.8
Unemployed:	738	+/-153	738	(X)
With health insurance coverage	295	+/-108	40.0%	+/-13.2
With private health insurance	155	+/-63	21.0%	+/-8.4
With public coverage	140	+/-83	19.0%	+/-10.6
No health insurance coverage	443	+/-143	60.0%	+/-13.2
Not in labor force:	1,999	+/-250	1,999	(X)
With health insurance coverage	1,467	+/-199	73.4%	+/-5.8
With private health insurance	405	+/-103	20.3%	+/-5.0
With public coverage	1,178	+/-181	58.9%	+/-5.7
No health insurance coverage	532	+/-143	26.6%	+/-5.8

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<b>PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL</b>				
All families	(X)	(X)	24.2%	+/-3.7
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	36.0%	+/-6.0
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	54.0%	+/-15.7
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	9.7%	+/-3.6
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	11.8%	+/-7.0
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	24.0%	+/-26.7
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	57.6%	+/-8.0
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	72.2%	+/-8.9
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	76.3%	+/-17.5
All people	(X)	(X)	28.4%	+/-3.4
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	42.1%	+/-6.6
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	42.0%	+/-6.6
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	49.1%	+/-7.8
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	39.0%	+/-8.5
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	23.5%	+/-3.2
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	24.3%	+/-3.9
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	20.7%	+/-5.4
People in families	(X)	(X)	26.1%	+/-3.8
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	39.3%	+/-6.3

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.