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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	Howard County, Arkansas			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	10,598	+/-56	10,598	(X)
In labor force	6,651	+/-282	62.8%	+/-2.7
Civilian labor force	6,651	+/-282	62.8%	+/-2.7
Employed	6,126	+/-282	57.8%	+/-2.7
Unemployed	525	+/-97	5.0%	+/-0.9
Armed Forces	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.3
Not in labor force	3,947	+/-292	37.2%	+/-2.7
Civilian labor force	6,651	+/-282	6,651	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	7.9%	+/-1.4
Females 16 years and over				
In labor force	3,243	+/-201	57.7%	+/-3.7
Civilian labor force	3,243	+/-201	57.7%	+/-3.7
Employed	3,034	+/-201	54.0%	+/-3.7
Own children under 6 years				
All parents in family in labor force	1,082	+/-129	79.8%	+/-8.6
Own children 6 to 17 years				
All parents in family in labor force	1,480	+/-226	67.8%	+/-8.4
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	5,909	+/-302	5,909	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	4,490	+/-386	76.0%	+/-4.1
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	915	+/-179	15.5%	+/-3.1
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	52	+/-41	0.9%	+/-0.7
Walked	119	+/-74	2.0%	+/-1.3
Other means	105	+/-65	1.8%	+/-1.1
Worked at home	228	+/-97	3.9%	+/-1.6
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	19.2	+/-1.8	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	6,126	+/-282	6,126	(X)

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Management, business, science, and arts occupations	1,308	+/-237	21.4%	+/-3.5
Service occupations	962	+/-170	15.7%	+/-2.8
Sales and office occupations	1,078	+/-194	17.6%	+/-3.1
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	843	+/-135	13.8%	+/-2.2
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	1,935	+/-231	31.6%	+/-3.5
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	6,126	+/-282	6,126	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	546	+/-187	8.9%	+/-3.0
Construction	379	+/-118	6.2%	+/-2.0
Manufacturing	1,811	+/-239	29.6%	+/-3.6
Wholesale trade	140	+/-66	2.3%	+/-1.1
Retail trade	623	+/-173	10.2%	+/-2.8
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	274	+/-100	4.5%	+/-1.6
Information	17	+/-16	0.3%	+/-0.3
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	179	+/-76	2.9%	+/-1.2
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	205	+/-90	3.3%	+/-1.5
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	1,214	+/-178	19.8%	+/-2.5
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	364	+/-91	5.9%	+/-1.5
Other services, except public administration	267	+/-111	4.4%	+/-1.8
Public administration	107	+/-56	1.7%	+/-1.0
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	6,126	+/-282	6,126	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	4,743	+/-311	77.4%	+/-4.1
Government workers	873	+/-181	14.3%	+/-3.0
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	437	+/-144	7.1%	+/-2.3
Unpaid family workers	73	+/-104	1.2%	+/-1.7
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	5,192	+/-186	5,192	(X)
Less than \$10,000	544	+/-152	10.5%	+/-2.9
\$10,000 to \$14,999	433	+/-98	8.3%	+/-1.9
\$15,000 to \$24,999	860	+/-171	16.6%	+/-3.2
\$25,000 to \$34,999	742	+/-139	14.3%	+/-2.7
\$35,000 to \$49,999	917	+/-179	17.7%	+/-3.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	823	+/-154	15.9%	+/-2.9
\$75,000 to \$99,999	334	+/-99	6.4%	+/-1.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	371	+/-114	7.1%	+/-2.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	105	+/-58	2.0%	+/-1.1
\$200,000 or more	63	+/-73	1.2%	+/-1.4
Median household income (dollars)	35,236	+/-3,628	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	47,093	+/-4,573	(X)	(X)
With earnings				
Mean earnings (dollars)	3,910	+/-224	75.3%	+/-3.4
Mean earnings (dollars)	48,095	+/-5,717	(X)	(X)
With Social Security				
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	1,974	+/-168	38.0%	+/-3.2
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,922	+/-1,034	(X)	(X)
With retirement income				
Mean retirement income (dollars)	804	+/-135	15.5%	+/-2.5
Mean retirement income (dollars)	14,797	+/-3,327	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income				
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	296	+/-91	5.7%	+/-1.7
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,966	+/-1,028	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	68	+/-46	1.3%	+/-0.9

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Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	1,443	+/-518	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	813	+/-157	15.7%	+/-3.0
Families	3,672	+/-247	3,672	(X)
Less than \$10,000	322	+/-133	8.8%	+/-3.5
\$10,000 to \$14,999	187	+/-88	5.1%	+/-2.3
\$15,000 to \$24,999	444	+/-112	12.1%	+/-3.1
\$25,000 to \$34,999	554	+/-140	15.1%	+/-3.9
\$35,000 to \$49,999	611	+/-157	16.6%	+/-4.0
\$50,000 to \$74,999	740	+/-150	20.2%	+/-3.6
\$75,000 to \$99,999	331	+/-98	9.0%	+/-2.5
\$100,000 to \$149,999	327	+/-108	8.9%	+/-3.0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	93	+/-54	2.5%	+/-1.5
\$200,000 or more	63	+/-73	1.7%	+/-2.0
Median family income (dollars)	42,691	+/-3,619	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	54,946	+/-6,325	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	18,531	+/-1,610	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	1,520	+/-196	1,520	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	20,472	+/-4,177	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	27,471	+/-2,866	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	21,209	+/-1,249	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	36,196	+/-3,783	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	24,635	+/-3,486	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	13,607	+/-84	13,607	(X)
With health insurance coverage	11,120	+/-366	81.7%	+/-2.6
With private health insurance	7,381	+/-575	54.2%	+/-4.2
With public coverage	5,607	+/-423	41.2%	+/-3.1
No health insurance coverage	2,487	+/-358	18.3%	+/-2.6
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	3,630	+/-25	3,630	(X)
No health insurance coverage	176	+/-114	4.8%	+/-3.1
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	8,024	+/-49	8,024	(X)
In labor force:	6,109	+/-244	6,109	(X)
Employed:	5,639	+/-255	5,639	(X)
With health insurance coverage	4,224	+/-345	74.9%	+/-4.2
With private health insurance	3,980	+/-353	70.6%	+/-4.6
With public coverage	420	+/-106	7.4%	+/-1.9
No health insurance coverage	1,415	+/-230	25.1%	+/-4.2
Unemployed:	470	+/-92	470	(X)
With health insurance coverage	147	+/-70	31.3%	+/-12.0
With private health insurance	86	+/-47	18.3%	+/-8.8
With public coverage	93	+/-57	19.8%	+/-10.6
No health insurance coverage	323	+/-73	68.7%	+/-12.0
Not in labor force:	1,915	+/-244	1,915	(X)
With health insurance coverage	1,342	+/-204	70.1%	+/-6.2
With private health insurance	632	+/-136	33.0%	+/-6.4
With public coverage	858	+/-189	44.8%	+/-7.4
No health insurance coverage	573	+/-143	29.9%	+/-6.2

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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)	19.9%	+/-4.2
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	29.6%	+/-7.0
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	38.4%	+/-20.7
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	9.4%	+/-3.2
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	12.2%	+/-5.2
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	30.4%	+/-23.5
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	47.1%	+/-9.9
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	53.5%	+/-12.0
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	53.1%	+/-31.6
All people	(X)	(X)	23.7%	+/-4.2
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	34.5%	+/-7.9
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	34.1%	+/-7.8
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	34.3%	+/-11.8
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	34.1%	+/-9.6
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	19.8%	+/-3.4
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	21.0%	+/-3.8
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	14.8%	+/-5.5
People in families	(X)	(X)	22.3%	+/-4.5
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	31.5%	+/-5.5

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.
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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.