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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	Polk County, Arkansas			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	16,150	+/-79	16,150	(X)
In labor force	8,730	+/-329	54.1%	+/-2.1
Civilian labor force	8,730	+/-329	54.1%	+/-2.1
Employed	8,137	+/-360	50.4%	+/-2.2
Unemployed	593	+/-152	3.7%	+/-0.9
Armed Forces	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-0.2
Not in labor force	7,420	+/-337	45.9%	+/-2.1
Civilian labor force	8,730	+/-329	8,730	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	6.8%	+/-1.8
Females 16 years and over				
Population 16 years and over	8,343	+/-77	8,343	(X)
In labor force	3,926	+/-239	47.1%	+/-2.8
Civilian labor force	3,926	+/-239	47.1%	+/-2.8
Employed	3,749	+/-243	44.9%	+/-2.9
Own children under 6 years				
Population	1,384	+/-134	1,384	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	582	+/-151	42.1%	+/-11.1
Own children 6 to 17 years				
Population	3,179	+/-133	3,179	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	2,066	+/-285	65.0%	+/-8.0
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	8,003	+/-375	8,003	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	6,554	+/-379	81.9%	+/-3.1
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	911	+/-194	11.4%	+/-2.4
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	10	+/-15	0.1%	+/-0.2
Walked	127	+/-89	1.6%	+/-1.1
Other means	76	+/-47	0.9%	+/-0.6
Worked at home	325	+/-113	4.1%	+/-1.4
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.3	+/-1.6	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	8,137	+/-360	8,137	(X)

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Management, business, science, and arts occupations	2,177	+/-275	26.8%	+/-2.9
Service occupations	1,273	+/-195	15.6%	+/-2.4
Sales and office occupations	1,915	+/-262	23.5%	+/-3.0
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	1,198	+/-215	14.7%	+/-2.6
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	1,574	+/-235	19.3%	+/-2.8
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	8,137	+/-360	8,137	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	585	+/-145	7.2%	+/-1.7
Construction	731	+/-175	9.0%	+/-2.1
Manufacturing	1,224	+/-228	15.0%	+/-2.7
Wholesale trade	144	+/-78	1.8%	+/-1.0
Retail trade	1,234	+/-237	15.2%	+/-2.8
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	580	+/-174	7.1%	+/-2.2
Information	54	+/-32	0.7%	+/-0.4
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	325	+/-114	4.0%	+/-1.4
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	334	+/-109	4.1%	+/-1.4
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	1,655	+/-264	20.3%	+/-3.1
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	591	+/-151	7.3%	+/-1.8
Other services, except public administration	457	+/-158	5.6%	+/-1.9
Public administration	223	+/-97	2.7%	+/-1.2
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	8,137	+/-360	8,137	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	5,850	+/-313	71.9%	+/-2.6
Government workers	1,351	+/-204	16.6%	+/-2.4
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	912	+/-166	11.2%	+/-1.9
Unpaid family workers	24	+/-28	0.3%	+/-0.3
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	8,050	+/-265	8,050	(X)
Less than \$10,000	744	+/-150	9.2%	+/-1.8
\$10,000 to \$14,999	816	+/-147	10.1%	+/-1.8
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1,485	+/-212	18.4%	+/-2.5
\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,171	+/-190	14.5%	+/-2.4
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,301	+/-195	16.2%	+/-2.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,336	+/-191	16.6%	+/-2.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	656	+/-157	8.1%	+/-1.9
\$100,000 to \$149,999	347	+/-126	4.3%	+/-1.5
\$150,000 to \$199,999	99	+/-57	1.2%	+/-0.7
\$200,000 or more	95	+/-49	1.2%	+/-0.6
Median household income (dollars)	33,479	+/-1,948	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	46,789	+/-4,758	(X)	(X)
With earnings	5,629	+/-281	69.9%	+/-2.5
Mean earnings (dollars)	44,333	+/-3,422	(X)	(X)
With Social Security	3,430	+/-209	42.6%	+/-2.5
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	15,341	+/-623	(X)	(X)
With retirement income	1,555	+/-165	19.3%	+/-2.0
Mean retirement income (dollars)	17,033	+/-2,285	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	511	+/-115	6.3%	+/-1.4
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,982	+/-1,058	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	113	+/-70	1.4%	+/-0.9

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Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,802	+/-2,042	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	1,322	+/-221	16.4%	+/-2.7
Families	5,656	+/-272	5,656	(X)
Less than \$10,000	284	+/-88	5.0%	+/-1.5
\$10,000 to \$14,999	350	+/-115	6.2%	+/-2.0
\$15,000 to \$24,999	944	+/-169	16.7%	+/-2.9
\$25,000 to \$34,999	824	+/-150	14.6%	+/-2.6
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,018	+/-175	18.0%	+/-2.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,176	+/-171	20.8%	+/-3.1
\$75,000 to \$99,999	568	+/-133	10.0%	+/-2.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	332	+/-128	5.9%	+/-2.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	88	+/-56	1.6%	+/-1.0
\$200,000 or more	72	+/-40	1.3%	+/-0.7
Median family income (dollars)	40,705	+/-3,446	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	50,855	+/-2,892	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	19,192	+/-1,838	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	2,394	+/-273	2,394	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	19,142	+/-2,528	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	36,011	+/-15,503	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	21,644	+/-1,371	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	34,352	+/-2,851	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	27,807	+/-3,143	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	20,381	+/-53	20,381	(X)
With health insurance coverage	16,170	+/-456	79.3%	+/-2.2
With private health insurance	10,531	+/-650	51.7%	+/-3.2
With public coverage	8,957	+/-543	43.9%	+/-2.7
No health insurance coverage	4,211	+/-446	20.7%	+/-2.2
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	4,863	+/-8	4,863	(X)
No health insurance coverage	389	+/-194	8.0%	+/-4.0
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	11,576	+/-63	11,576	(X)
In labor force:	8,001	+/-292	8,001	(X)
Employed:	7,457	+/-321	7,457	(X)
With health insurance coverage	5,127	+/-397	68.8%	+/-3.7
With private health insurance	4,767	+/-425	63.9%	+/-4.2
With public coverage	602	+/-156	8.1%	+/-2.1
No health insurance coverage	2,330	+/-269	31.2%	+/-3.7
Unemployed:	544	+/-148	544	(X)
With health insurance coverage	222	+/-74	40.8%	+/-10.4
With private health insurance	144	+/-66	26.5%	+/-10.7
With public coverage	92	+/-48	16.9%	+/-7.8
No health insurance coverage	322	+/-112	59.2%	+/-10.4
Not in labor force:	3,575	+/-284	3,575	(X)
With health insurance coverage	2,444	+/-273	68.4%	+/-5.8
With private health insurance	1,183	+/-194	33.1%	+/-5.3
With public coverage	1,563	+/-259	43.7%	+/-6.1
No health insurance coverage	1,131	+/-234	31.6%	+/-5.8

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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)	15.3%	+/-2.8
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	30.4%	+/-5.9
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	44.2%	+/-16.2
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	9.0%	+/-2.7
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	18.1%	+/-6.1
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	27.0%	+/-19.6
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	39.8%	+/-9.2
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	62.0%	+/-12.8
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	96.2%	+/-10.9
All people	(X)	(X)	21.5%	+/-3.0
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	39.4%	+/-7.0
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	39.4%	+/-7.0
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	56.0%	+/-11.9
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	33.6%	+/-7.5
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	15.9%	+/-2.4
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	18.6%	+/-3.0
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	8.1%	+/-2.8
People in families	(X)	(X)	19.9%	+/-3.4
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	30.8%	+/-4.9

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.