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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
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	8,050	+/-265	8,050	(X)
Family households (families)	5,656	+/-272	70.3%	+/-3.0
With own children under 18 years	2,247	+/-175	27.9%	+/-2.1
Married-couple family	4,297	+/-259	53.4%	+/-3.1
With own children under 18 years	1,530	+/-171	19.0%	+/-2.1
Male householder, no wife present, family	517	+/-124	6.4%	+/-1.5
With own children under 18 years	245	+/-92	3.0%	+/-1.1
Female householder, no husband present, family	842	+/-157	10.5%	+/-2.0
With own children under 18 years	472	+/-123	5.9%	+/-1.5
Nonfamily households	2,394	+/-273	29.7%	+/-3.0
Householder living alone	2,121	+/-257	26.3%	+/-3.0
65 years and over	1,185	+/-163	14.7%	+/-1.9
Households with one or more people under 18 years	2,527	+/-190	31.4%	+/-2.4
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	2,858	+/-151	35.5%	+/-1.6
Average household size	2.53	+/-0.08	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.08	+/-0.12	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	20,369	+/-54	20,369	(X)
Householder	8,050	+/-265	39.5%	+/-1.3
Spouse	4,327	+/-267	21.2%	+/-1.3
Child	5,953	+/-350	29.2%	+/-1.7
Other relatives	1,501	+/-310	7.4%	+/-1.5
Nonrelatives	538	+/-172	2.6%	+/-0.8
Unmarried partner	242	+/-117	1.2%	+/-0.6
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	8,014	+/-56	8,014	(X)
Never married	1,833	+/-216	22.9%	+/-2.7
Now married, except separated	4,615	+/-269	57.6%	+/-3.4
Separated	52	+/-61	0.6%	+/-0.8
Widowed	403	+/-110	5.0%	+/-1.4

Subject	Polk County, Arkansas			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
Divorced	1,111	+/-179	13.9%	+/-2.2
Females 15 years and over	8,512	+/-63	8,512	(X)
Never married	1,185	+/-147	13.9%	+/-1.7
Now married, except separated	4,714	+/-273	55.4%	+/-3.3
Separated	201	+/-85	2.4%	+/-1.0
Widowed	1,220	+/-151	14.3%	+/-1.7
Divorced	1,192	+/-194	14.0%	+/-2.3
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	281	+/-107	281	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	108	+/-62	38.4%	+/-18.3
Per 1,000 unmarried women	60	+/-33	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	68	+/-26	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	24	+/-32	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	160	+/-69	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	14	+/-12	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	452	+/-136	452	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	337	+/-113	74.6%	+/-12.9
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	90	+/-52	19.9%	+/-10.1
1 or 2 years	43	+/-29	9.5%	+/-6.7
3 or 4 years	50	+/-55	11.1%	+/-11.4
5 or more years	154	+/-72	34.1%	+/-13.1
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	337	+/-113	337	(X)
Who are female	181	+/-64	53.7%	+/-6.2
Who are married	314	+/-110	93.2%	+/-6.7
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	4,636	+/-221	4,636	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	315	+/-100	6.8%	+/-2.1
Kindergarten	206	+/-76	4.4%	+/-1.6
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	2,233	+/-127	48.2%	+/-3.3
High school (grades 9-12)	1,057	+/-126	22.8%	+/-2.5
College or graduate school	825	+/-171	17.8%	+/-3.1
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	14,288	+/-37	14,288	(X)
Less than 9th grade	827	+/-160	5.8%	+/-1.1
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,650	+/-261	11.5%	+/-1.8
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	5,423	+/-372	38.0%	+/-2.6
Some college, no degree	3,731	+/-310	26.1%	+/-2.2
Associate's degree	983	+/-225	6.9%	+/-1.6
Bachelor's degree	1,129	+/-184	7.9%	+/-1.3
Graduate or professional degree	545	+/-163	3.8%	+/-1.1
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	82.7%	+/-2.2
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	11.7%	+/-1.7
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	15,672	+/-8	15,672	(X)
Civilian veterans	2,257	+/-213	14.4%	+/-1.4

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DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	20,381	+/-53	20,381	(X)
With a disability	5,095	+/-427	25.0%	+/-2.1
Under 18 years	4,863	+/-8	4,863	(X)
With a disability	511	+/-176	10.5%	+/-3.6
18 to 64 years	11,576	+/-63	11,576	(X)
With a disability	2,900	+/-331	25.1%	+/-2.9
65 years and over	3,942	+/-81	3,942	(X)
With a disability	1,684	+/-216	42.7%	+/-5.5
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	20,275	+/-88	20,275	(X)
Same house	17,963	+/-445	88.6%	+/-2.2
Different house in the U.S.	2,278	+/-437	11.2%	+/-2.2
Same county	1,670	+/-423	8.2%	+/-2.1
Different county	608	+/-171	3.0%	+/-0.8
Same state	298	+/-121	1.5%	+/-0.6
Different state	310	+/-113	1.5%	+/-0.6
Abroad	34	+/-49	0.2%	+/-0.2
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	20,535	*****	20,535	(X)
Native	19,930	+/-109	97.1%	+/-0.5
Born in United States	19,647	+/-222	95.7%	+/-1.1
State of residence	10,190	+/-454	49.6%	+/-2.2
Different state	9,457	+/-433	46.1%	+/-2.1
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	283	+/-184	1.4%	+/-0.9
Foreign born	605	+/-109	2.9%	+/-0.5
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	605	+/-109	605	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	194	+/-86	32.1%	+/-12.8
Not a U.S. citizen	411	+/-103	67.9%	+/-12.8
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	888	+/-222	888	(X)
Native	283	+/-184	283	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-10.8
Entered before 2010	283	+/-184	100.0%	+/-10.8
Foreign born	605	+/-109	605	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-5.2
Entered before 2010	605	+/-109	100.0%	+/-5.2
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	605	+/-109	605	(X)
Europe	71	+/-40	11.7%	+/-6.3
Asia	15	+/-21	2.5%	+/-3.3
Africa	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-5.2
Oceania	9	+/-14	1.5%	+/-2.3
Latin America	457	+/-84	75.5%	+/-10.3
Northern America	53	+/-58	8.8%	+/-8.8

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	19,280	+/-56	19,280	(X)
English only	18,366	+/-170	95.3%	+/-0.8
Language other than English	914	+/-159	4.7%	+/-0.8
Speak English less than "very well"	517	+/-131	2.7%	+/-0.7
Spanish	770	+/-129	4.0%	+/-0.7
Speak English less than "very well"	458	+/-109	2.4%	+/-0.6
Other Indo-European languages	64	+/-46	0.3%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	9	+/-14	0.0%	+/-0.1
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	58	+/-66	0.3%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	50	+/-63	0.3%	+/-0.3
Other languages	22	+/-30	0.1%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-0.2
ANCESTRY				
Total population	20,535	*****	20,535	(X)
American	1,836	+/-329	8.9%	+/-1.6
Arab	45	+/-71	0.2%	+/-0.3
Czech	51	+/-48	0.2%	+/-0.2
Danish	8	+/-13	0.0%	+/-0.1
Dutch	401	+/-122	2.0%	+/-0.6
English	1,630	+/-311	7.9%	+/-1.5
French (except Basque)	609	+/-181	3.0%	+/-0.9
French Canadian	21	+/-27	0.1%	+/-0.1
German	2,800	+/-416	13.6%	+/-2.0
Greek	8	+/-13	0.0%	+/-0.1
Hungarian	38	+/-44	0.2%	+/-0.2
Irish	3,062	+/-385	14.9%	+/-1.9
Italian	339	+/-202	1.7%	+/-1.0
Lithuanian	0	+/-22	0.0%	+/-0.2
Norwegian	134	+/-61	0.7%	+/-0.3
Polish	92	+/-63	0.4%	+/-0.3
Portuguese	26	+/-46	0.1%	+/-0.2
Russian	177	+/-125	0.9%	+/-0.6
Scotch-Irish	624	+/-331	3.0%	+/-1.6
Scottish	328	+/-131	1.6%	+/-0.6
Slovak	25	+/-29	0.1%	+/-0.1
Subsaharan African	5	+/-8	0.0%	+/-0.1
Swedish	72	+/-37	0.4%	+/-0.2
Swiss	164	+/-186	0.8%	+/-0.9
Ukrainian	23	+/-26	0.1%	+/-0.1
Welsh	115	+/-73	0.6%	+/-0.4
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	46	+/-51	0.2%	+/-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.