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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	Van Buren County, Arkansas			
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	14,147	+/-85	14,147	(X)
In labor force	6,499	+/-360	45.9%	+/-2.5
Civilian labor force	6,499	+/-360	45.9%	+/-2.5
Employed	5,668	+/-357	40.1%	+/-2.5
Unemployed	831	+/-218	5.9%	+/-1.5
Armed Forces	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.2
Not in labor force	7,648	+/-367	54.1%	+/-2.5
Civilian labor force	6,499	+/-360	6,499	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	12.8%	+/-3.2
Females 16 years and over				
Population 16 years and over	7,201	+/-80	7,201	(X)
In labor force	2,781	+/-258	38.6%	+/-3.5
Civilian labor force	2,781	+/-258	38.6%	+/-3.5
Employed	2,402	+/-249	33.4%	+/-3.4
Own children under 6 years				
Population	1,067	+/-202	1,067	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	639	+/-229	59.9%	+/-15.3
Own children 6 to 17 years				
Population	2,082	+/-217	2,082	(X)
All parents in family in labor force	1,311	+/-280	63.0%	+/-10.3
COMMUTING TO WORK				
Workers 16 years and over	5,462	+/-387	5,462	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	4,282	+/-376	78.4%	+/-3.7
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	533	+/-166	9.8%	+/-2.9
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	41	+/-45	0.8%	+/-0.8
Walked	89	+/-63	1.6%	+/-1.1
Other means	282	+/-151	5.2%	+/-2.8
Worked at home	235	+/-104	4.3%	+/-1.9
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	30.3	+/-2.2	(X)	(X)
OCCUPATION				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	5,668	+/-357	5,668	(X)

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Management, business, science, and arts occupations	1,319	+/-189	23.3%	+/-3.4
Service occupations	1,143	+/-246	20.2%	+/-3.8
Sales and office occupations	1,171	+/-208	20.7%	+/-3.5
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	981	+/-230	17.3%	+/-3.8
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	1,054	+/-248	18.6%	+/-4.2
INDUSTRY				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	5,668	+/-357	5,668	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	409	+/-131	7.2%	+/-2.3
Construction	685	+/-226	12.1%	+/-3.9
Manufacturing	417	+/-143	7.4%	+/-2.4
Wholesale trade	48	+/-38	0.8%	+/-0.7
Retail trade	751	+/-179	13.2%	+/-2.9
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	748	+/-163	13.2%	+/-3.1
Information	70	+/-58	1.2%	+/-1.0
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	202	+/-76	3.6%	+/-1.4
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	295	+/-102	5.2%	+/-1.8
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	1,174	+/-215	20.7%	+/-3.5
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	361	+/-137	6.4%	+/-2.4
Other services, except public administration	353	+/-123	6.2%	+/-2.0
Public administration	155	+/-79	2.7%	+/-1.4
CLASS OF WORKER				
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	5,668	+/-357	5,668	(X)
Private wage and salary workers	3,896	+/-359	68.7%	+/-5.0
Government workers	997	+/-202	17.6%	+/-3.4
Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers	775	+/-204	13.7%	+/-3.4
Unpaid family workers	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.6
INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)				
Total households	7,080	+/-323	7,080	(X)
Less than \$10,000	861	+/-163	12.2%	+/-2.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999	571	+/-139	8.1%	+/-1.9
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1,135	+/-207	16.0%	+/-2.9
\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,116	+/-189	15.8%	+/-2.5
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,085	+/-184	15.3%	+/-2.5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,287	+/-168	18.2%	+/-2.3
\$75,000 to \$99,999	552	+/-148	7.8%	+/-2.0
\$100,000 to \$149,999	317	+/-106	4.5%	+/-1.5
\$150,000 to \$199,999	72	+/-59	1.0%	+/-0.8
\$200,000 or more	84	+/-55	1.2%	+/-0.8
Median household income (dollars)	33,900	+/-1,882	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	44,514	+/-3,020	(X)	(X)
With earnings				
Mean earnings (dollars)	43,034	+/-4,094	(X)	(X)
With Social Security				
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	15,662	+/-931	(X)	(X)
With retirement income				
Mean retirement income (dollars)	25,644	+/-7,350	(X)	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income				
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	7,540	+/-1,192	(X)	(X)
With cash public assistance income	191	+/-109	2.7%	+/-1.5

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Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	4,567	+/-3,416	(X)	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	1,189	+/-223	16.8%	+/-2.9
Families	4,794	+/-300	4,794	(X)
Less than \$10,000	344	+/-102	7.2%	+/-2.0
\$10,000 to \$14,999	214	+/-80	4.5%	+/-1.7
\$15,000 to \$24,999	764	+/-178	15.9%	+/-3.7
\$25,000 to \$34,999	641	+/-115	13.4%	+/-2.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	860	+/-172	17.9%	+/-3.3
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,041	+/-163	21.7%	+/-3.1
\$75,000 to \$99,999	489	+/-143	10.2%	+/-2.8
\$100,000 to \$149,999	285	+/-105	5.9%	+/-2.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	72	+/-59	1.5%	+/-1.2
\$200,000 or more	84	+/-55	1.8%	+/-1.2
Median family income (dollars)	42,976	+/-3,898	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	52,675	+/-4,180	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	19,108	+/-1,259	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily households	2,286	+/-245	2,286	(X)
Median nonfamily income (dollars)	19,510	+/-3,206	(X)	(X)
Mean nonfamily income (dollars)	26,517	+/-3,067	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for workers (dollars)	20,539	+/-1,231	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for male full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	37,013	+/-3,992	(X)	(X)
Median earnings for female full-time, year-round workers (dollars)	24,659	+/-3,621	(X)	(X)
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE				
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	17,004	+/-67	17,004	(X)
With health insurance coverage	13,449	+/-392	79.1%	+/-2.2
With private health insurance	8,479	+/-582	49.9%	+/-3.4
With public coverage	7,679	+/-431	45.2%	+/-2.5
No health insurance coverage	3,555	+/-379	20.9%	+/-2.2
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	3,552	+/-25	3,552	(X)
No health insurance coverage	325	+/-136	9.1%	+/-3.8
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	9,642	+/-56	9,642	(X)
In labor force:	6,095	+/-352	6,095	(X)
Employed:	5,287	+/-352	5,287	(X)
With health insurance coverage	3,958	+/-359	74.9%	+/-4.0
With private health insurance	3,718	+/-367	70.3%	+/-4.6
With public coverage	401	+/-173	7.6%	+/-3.3
No health insurance coverage	1,329	+/-221	25.1%	+/-4.0
Unemployed:	808	+/-217	808	(X)
With health insurance coverage	118	+/-66	14.6%	+/-8.5
With private health insurance	69	+/-47	8.5%	+/-6.2
With public coverage	54	+/-57	6.7%	+/-7.0
No health insurance coverage	690	+/-217	85.4%	+/-8.5
Not in labor force:	3,547	+/-348	3,547	(X)
With health insurance coverage	2,336	+/-307	65.9%	+/-6.2
With private health insurance	1,203	+/-239	33.9%	+/-5.8
With public coverage	1,302	+/-234	36.7%	+/-6.0
No health insurance coverage	1,211	+/-255	34.1%	+/-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)	16.3%	+/-3.6
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	28.9%	+/-7.8
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	15.1%	+/-11.2
Married couple families	(X)	(X)	10.6%	+/-3.6
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	19.1%	+/-8.7
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	5.3%	+/-6.0
Families with female householder, no husband present	(X)	(X)	44.7%	+/-14.1
With related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	56.9%	+/-16.3
With related children under 5 years only	(X)	(X)	80.6%	+/-25.9
All people	(X)	(X)	24.4%	+/-4.0
Under 18 years	(X)	(X)	43.3%	+/-9.3
Related children under 18 years	(X)	(X)	41.1%	+/-9.2
Related children under 5 years	(X)	(X)	42.6%	+/-16.8
Related children 5 to 17 years	(X)	(X)	40.7%	+/-9.0
18 years and over	(X)	(X)	19.6%	+/-3.1
18 to 64 years	(X)	(X)	21.8%	+/-4.1
65 years and over	(X)	(X)	13.8%	+/-3.2
People in families	(X)	(X)	22.0%	+/-4.7
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	(X)	(X)	35.5%	+/-5.8

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.