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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
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>				
Total households	7,080	+/-323	7,080	(X)
Family households (families)	4,794	+/-300	67.7%	+/-3.0
With own children under 18 years	1,591	+/-238	22.5%	+/-2.9
Married-couple family	3,877	+/-256	54.8%	+/-3.3
With own children under 18 years	1,098	+/-188	15.5%	+/-2.5
Male householder, no wife present, family	175	+/-87	2.5%	+/-1.2
With own children under 18 years	98	+/-62	1.4%	+/-0.9
Female householder, no husband present, family	742	+/-175	10.5%	+/-2.3
With own children under 18 years	395	+/-144	5.6%	+/-1.9
Nonfamily households	2,286	+/-245	32.3%	+/-3.0
Householder living alone	2,009	+/-224	28.4%	+/-2.8
65 years and over	1,107	+/-144	15.6%	+/-1.9
Households with one or more people under 18 years	1,836	+/-244	25.9%	+/-2.9
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	2,779	+/-129	39.3%	+/-1.9
Average household size	2.40	+/-0.11	(X)	(X)
Average family size	2.90	+/-0.17	(X)	(X)
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>				
Population in households	16,988	+/-70	16,988	(X)
Householder	7,080	+/-323	41.7%	+/-1.9
Spouse	3,836	+/-261	22.6%	+/-1.5
Child	4,342	+/-452	25.6%	+/-2.7
Other relatives	918	+/-281	5.4%	+/-1.6
Nonrelatives	812	+/-273	4.8%	+/-1.6
Unmarried partner	389	+/-150	2.3%	+/-0.9
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>				
Males 15 years and over	7,030	+/-64	7,030	(X)
Never married	1,356	+/-233	19.3%	+/-3.3
Now married, except separated	4,232	+/-293	60.2%	+/-4.2
Separated	119	+/-77	1.7%	+/-1.1
Widowed	221	+/-64	3.1%	+/-0.9

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Divorced	1,102	+/-196	15.7%	+/-2.8
Females 15 years and over	7,325	+/-80	7,325	(X)
Never married	1,306	+/-188	17.8%	+/-2.5
Now married, except separated	3,831	+/-261	52.3%	+/-3.6
Separated	229	+/-128	3.1%	+/-1.8
Widowed	1,161	+/-153	15.8%	+/-2.1
Divorced	798	+/-167	10.9%	+/-2.3
<b>FERTILITY</b>				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	228	+/-126	228	(X)
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	160	+/-111	70.2%	+/-21.7
Per 1,000 unmarried women	89	+/-62	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	64	+/-36	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	111	+/-141	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	106	+/-69	(X)	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	20	+/-28	(X)	(X)
<b>GRANDPARENTS</b>				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	280	+/-149	280	(X)
Responsible for grandchildren	187	+/-131	66.8%	+/-22.2
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	59	+/-68	21.1%	+/-20.1
1 or 2 years	34	+/-55	12.1%	+/-16.8
3 or 4 years	4	+/-6	1.4%	+/-2.4
5 or more years	90	+/-82	32.1%	+/-23.6
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	187	+/-131	187	(X)
Who are female	99	+/-67	52.9%	+/-11.3
Who are married	126	+/-110	67.4%	+/-34.1
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	3,270	+/-223	3,270	(X)
Nursery school, preschool	137	+/-44	4.2%	+/-1.3
Kindergarten	336	+/-112	10.3%	+/-3.5
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	1,528	+/-187	46.7%	+/-5.1
High school (grades 9-12)	837	+/-126	25.6%	+/-3.7
College or graduate school	432	+/-122	13.2%	+/-3.2
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
Population 25 years and over	12,408	+/-101	12,408	(X)
Less than 9th grade	1,034	+/-217	8.3%	+/-1.7
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,203	+/-198	9.7%	+/-1.6
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	4,809	+/-344	38.8%	+/-2.8
Some college, no degree	2,797	+/-324	22.5%	+/-2.6
Associate's degree	878	+/-254	7.1%	+/-2.0
Bachelor's degree	1,149	+/-179	9.3%	+/-1.4
Graduate or professional degree	538	+/-128	4.3%	+/-1.0
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	82.0%	+/-2.3
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	13.6%	+/-1.8
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
Civilian population 18 years and over	13,671	+/-25	13,671	(X)
Civilian veterans	1,820	+/-220	13.3%	+/-1.6

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<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	17,004	+/-67	17,004	(X)
With a disability	3,456	+/-357	20.3%	+/-2.1
Under 18 years	3,552	+/-25	3,552	(X)
With a disability	128	+/-69	3.6%	+/-1.9
18 to 64 years	9,642	+/-56	9,642	(X)
With a disability	1,792	+/-277	18.6%	+/-2.9
65 years and over	3,810	+/-68	3,810	(X)
With a disability	1,536	+/-201	40.3%	+/-5.3
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>				
Population 1 year and over	17,058	+/-75	17,058	(X)
Same house	14,863	+/-545	87.1%	+/-3.1
Different house in the U.S.	2,173	+/-527	12.7%	+/-3.1
Same county	871	+/-291	5.1%	+/-1.7
Different county	1,302	+/-501	7.6%	+/-2.9
Same state	950	+/-479	5.6%	+/-2.8
Different state	352	+/-242	2.1%	+/-1.4
Abroad	22	+/-28	0.1%	+/-0.2
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>				
Total population	17,223	*****	17,223	(X)
Native	16,964	+/-100	98.5%	+/-0.6
Born in United States	16,861	+/-126	97.9%	+/-0.7
State of residence	10,146	+/-616	58.9%	+/-3.6
Different state	6,715	+/-591	39.0%	+/-3.4
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	103	+/-67	0.6%	+/-0.4
Foreign born	259	+/-100	1.5%	+/-0.6
<b>U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS</b>				
Foreign-born population	259	+/-100	259	(X)
Naturalized U.S. citizen	150	+/-66	57.9%	+/-24.0
Not a U.S. citizen	109	+/-89	42.1%	+/-24.0
<b>YEAR OF ENTRY</b>				
Population born outside the United States	362	+/-126	362	(X)
Native	103	+/-67	103	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-26.5
Entered before 2010	103	+/-67	100.0%	+/-26.5
Foreign born	259	+/-100	259	(X)
Entered 2010 or later	10	+/-17	3.9%	+/-6.6
Entered before 2010	249	+/-100	96.1%	+/-6.6
<b>WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	259	+/-100	259	(X)
Europe	85	+/-57	32.8%	+/-19.6
Asia	18	+/-11	6.9%	+/-4.9
Africa	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-11.8
Oceania	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-11.8
Latin America	142	+/-81	54.8%	+/-19.9
Northern America	14	+/-21	5.4%	+/-7.9

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<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>				
Population 5 years and over	16,370	+/-68	16,370	(X)
English only	15,945	+/-193	97.4%	+/-1.1
Language other than English	425	+/-175	2.6%	+/-1.1
Speak English less than "very well"	156	+/-78	1.0%	+/-0.5
Spanish	279	+/-131	1.7%	+/-0.8
Speak English less than "very well"	123	+/-58	0.8%	+/-0.4
Other Indo-European languages	89	+/-65	0.5%	+/-0.4
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.2
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	24	+/-27	0.1%	+/-0.2
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.2
Other languages	33	+/-48	0.2%	+/-0.3
Speak English less than "very well"	33	+/-48	0.2%	+/-0.3
<b>ANCESTRY</b>				
Total population	17,223	*****	17,223	(X)
American	2,929	+/-473	17.0%	+/-2.7
Arab	15	+/-25	0.1%	+/-0.1
Czech	79	+/-79	0.5%	+/-0.5
Danish	69	+/-62	0.4%	+/-0.4
Dutch	581	+/-234	3.4%	+/-1.4
English	2,259	+/-310	13.1%	+/-1.8
French (except Basque)	646	+/-226	3.8%	+/-1.3
French Canadian	19	+/-23	0.1%	+/-0.1
German	2,853	+/-480	16.6%	+/-2.8
Greek	127	+/-186	0.7%	+/-1.1
Hungarian	17	+/-26	0.1%	+/-0.2
Irish	3,491	+/-494	20.3%	+/-2.9
Italian	444	+/-178	2.6%	+/-1.0
Lithuanian	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.2
Norwegian	271	+/-129	1.6%	+/-0.7
Polish	172	+/-129	1.0%	+/-0.7
Portuguese	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.2
Russian	31	+/-30	0.2%	+/-0.2
Scotch-Irish	371	+/-126	2.2%	+/-0.7
Scottish	410	+/-153	2.4%	+/-0.9
Slovak	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.2
Subsaharan African	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.2
Swedish	64	+/-48	0.4%	+/-0.3
Swiss	68	+/-46	0.4%	+/-0.3
Ukrainian	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-0.2
Welsh	143	+/-80	0.8%	+/-0.5
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	0	+/-19	0.0%	+/-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.