

S0201: Selected Population Profile in the United States  
 Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates  
 Survey: American Community Survey

# Arkansas

Population Group: Black or African American alone

Subject	Total population	Black or African American alone
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF RACES REPORTED</b>		
<b>Total population</b>	<b>2,889,450</b>	<b>447,786</b>
One race	98.0%	100.0%
Two races	1.9%	(X)
Three races	0.1%	(X)
Four or more races	0.0%	(X)
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>		
<b>Total population</b>	<b>2,889,450</b>	<b>447,786</b>
Male	48.9%	47.1%
Female	51.1%	52.9%
Under 5 years	7.0%	8.0%
5 to 17 years	17.5%	21.5%
18 to 24 years	9.6%	12.5%
25 to 34 years	13.2%	14.1%
35 to 44 years	12.9%	12.8%
45 to 54 years	13.8%	13.3%
55 to 64 years	11.7%	9.3%
65 to 74 years	7.7%	4.9%
75 years and over	6.6%	3.5%
Median age (years)	37.1	30.2
18 years and over	75.5%	70.6%
21 years and over	71.1%	64.6%
62 years and over	17.4%	10.7%
65 years and over	14.3%	8.4%
<b>Under 18 years</b>	<b>707,727</b>	<b>131,863</b>
Male	51.2%	51.0%
Female	48.8%	49.0%
<b>18 years and over</b>	<b>2,181,723</b>	<b>315,923</b>

Male	48.2%	45.5%
Female	51.8%	54.5%
<b>18 to 34 years</b>	<b>659,802</b>	<b>119,543</b>
Male	50.7%	48.0%
Female	49.3%	52.0%
<b>35 to 64 years</b>	<b>1,109,339</b>	<b>158,875</b>
Male	48.6%	45.2%
Female	51.4%	54.8%
<b>65 years and over</b>	<b>412,582</b>	<b>37,505</b>
Male	42.8%	38.8%
Female	57.2%	61.2%
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
<b>Population in households</b>	<b>2,806,735</b>	<b>426,971</b>
Householder or spouse	60.2%	52.1%
Child	29.5%	34.5%
Other relatives	6.1%	9.1%
Nonrelatives	4.2%	4.3%
Unmarried partner	1.8%	2.1%
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>		
<b>Households</b>	<b>1,124,947</b>	<b>175,441</b>
Family households	68.3%	64.3%
With own children under 18 years	29.9%	33.7%
Married-couple family	50.3%	26.4%
With own children under 18 years	19.3%	9.2%
Female householder, no husband present, family	13.6%	31.9%
With own children under 18 years	8.6%	21.5%
Nonfamily households	31.7%	35.7%
Male householder	14.9%	17.0%
Living alone	12.3%	14.1%
Not living alone	2.6%	2.9%
Female householder	16.8%	18.6%
Living alone	15.1%	17.3%
Not living alone	1.6%	1.3%
Average household size	2.49	2.43
Average family size	3.04	3.07
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>		
<b>Population 15 years and over</b>	<b>2,297,928</b>	<b>337,487</b>

Now married, except separated	52.0%	30.1%
Widowed	7.2%	6.7%
Divorced	12.6%	12.2%
Separated	2.6%	5.8%
Never married	25.6%	45.1%
<b>Male 15 years and over</b>	<b>1,111,422</b>	<b>155,107</b>
Now married, except separated	54.4%	34.3%
Widowed	3.0%	2.5%
Divorced	12.0%	11.5%
Separated	2.1%	4.9%
Never married	28.6%	46.7%
<b>Female 15 years and over</b>	<b>1,186,506</b>	<b>182,380</b>
Now married, except separated	49.8%	26.5%
Widowed	11.2%	10.3%
Divorced	13.1%	12.8%
Separated	3.1%	6.7%
Never married	22.8%	43.7%
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>		
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>733,029</b>	<b>149,425</b>
Nursery school, preschool	7.3%	8.3%
Kindergarten	5.2%	5.3%
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	42.2%	38.9%
High school (grades 9-12)	21.0%	21.1%
College or graduate school	24.3%	26.3%
<b>Male 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>359,748</b>	<b>71,149</b>
Percent enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12	71.3%	70.5%
Percent enrolled in college or graduate school	20.9%	19.7%
<b>Female 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>373,281</b>	<b>78,276</b>
Percent enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12	65.6%	60.7%
Percent enrolled in college or graduate school	27.6%	32.3%
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>		
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>1,903,914</b>	<b>259,727</b>
Less than high school diploma	17.6%	23.1%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	34.8%	34.1%
Some college or associate's degree	28.7%	30.8%
Bachelor's degree	12.7%	8.3%
Graduate or professional degree	6.1%	3.6%
High school graduate or higher	82.4%	76.9%

Male, high school graduate or higher	81.0%	75.8%
Female, high school graduate or higher	83.6%	77.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	18.9%	12.0%
Male, bachelor's degree or higher	18.7%	9.5%
Female, bachelor's degree or higher	19.0%	13.9%
<b>FERTILITY</b>		
<b>Women 15 to 50 years</b>	<b>695,530</b>	<b>123,549</b>
Women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12 months	41,732	8,048
Unmarried women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12 months	16,907	5,972
As a percent of all women with a birth in the past 12 months	40.5%	74.2%
<b>RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS</b>		
<b>Population 30 years and over</b>	<b>1,705,918</b>	<b>225,406</b>
Living with grandchild(ren)	3.8%	6.8%
Responsible for grandchild(ren)	59.1%	66.3%
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>		
<b>Civilian population 18 years and over</b>	<b>2,173,244</b>	<b>315,273</b>
Civilian veteran	11.2%	8.1%
<b>DISABILITY STATUS</b>		
<b>Total civilian noninstitutionalized population</b>	<b>2,833,391</b>	<b>435,174</b>
With a disability	17.3%	17.8%
<b>Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years</b>	<b>706,684</b>	<b>131,315</b>
With a disability	5.2%	6.3%
<b>Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years</b>	<b>1,734,882</b>	<b>268,814</b>
With a disability	16.1%	18.9%
<b>Civilian noninstitutionalized population 65 years and older</b>	<b>391,825</b>	<b>35,045</b>
With a disability	44.6%	52.9%
<b>RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO</b>		
<b>Population 1 year and over</b>	<b>2,853,270</b>	<b>441,463</b>
Same house	82.1%	79.3%
Different house in the U.S.	17.6%	20.5%
Same county	11.0%	14.0%

Different county	6.6%	6.5%
Same state	3.6%	3.4%
Different state	3.0%	3.1%
Abroad	0.3%	0.3%
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND YEAR OF ENTRY</b>		
<b>Native</b>	<b>2,769,219</b>	<b>444,964</b>
Male	48.8%	47.1%
Female	51.2%	52.9%
<b>Foreign born</b>	<b>120,231</b>	<b>2,822</b>
Male	51.9%	53.2%
Female	48.1%	46.8%
<b>Foreign born; naturalized U.S. citizen</b>	<b>37,197</b>	<b>899</b>
Male	46.5%	54.7%
Female	53.5%	45.3%
<b>Foreign born; not a U.S. citizen</b>	<b>83,034</b>	<b>1,923</b>
Male	54.3%	52.4%
Female	45.7%	47.6%
<b>Population born outside the United States</b>	<b>120,231</b>	<b>2,822</b>
Entered 2000 or later	37.8%	59.1%
Entered 1990 to 1999	31.7%	14.1%
Entered before 1990	30.4%	26.7%
<b>WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>		
<b>Foreign-born population excluding population born at sea</b>	<b>120,231</b>	<b>2,822</b>
Europe	9.6%	N
Asia	20.2%	N
Africa	1.7%	N
Oceania	1.3%	N
Latin America	65.5%	N
Northern America	1.7%	N
<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH</b>		
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	<b>2,687,139</b>	<b>412,157</b>
English only	93.2%	98.4%
Language other than English	6.8%	1.6%
Speak English less than "very well"	3.1%	0.5%

<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>		
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	<b>2,259,661</b>	<b>330,755</b>
In labor force	61.1%	60.1%
Civilian labor force	60.7%	59.9%
Employed	55.1%	49.9%
Unemployed	5.5%	10.0%
Percent of civilian labor force	9.1%	16.7%
Armed Forces	0.4%	0.2%
Not in labor force	38.9%	39.9%
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>		
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>	<b>1,167,992</b>	<b>178,592</b>
In labor force	55.7%	60.0%
Civilian labor force	55.6%	60.0%
Employed	50.7%	51.0%
Unemployed	4.9%	9.0%
Percent of civilian labor force	8.8%	15.0%
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>		
<b>Workers 16 years and over</b>	<b>1,222,789</b>	<b>162,141</b>
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	81.1%	78.6%
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	11.6%	12.0%
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	0.4%	1.4%
Walked	1.9%	3.1%
Other means	1.6%	3.2%
Worked at home	3.5%	1.7%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.1	19.3
<b>OCCUPATION</b>		
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>1,245,923</b>	<b>165,067</b>
Management, professional, and related occupations	30.3%	22.0%
Service occupations	16.8%	25.1%
Sales and office occupations	24.4%	24.4%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	1.2%	1.2%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	10.5%	5.0%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	16.9%	22.4%
<b>Male civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>		
<b>Male civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>653,858</b>	<b>73,917</b>
Management, professional, and related occupations	25.7%	13.9%
Service occupations	12.6%	22.1%
Sales and office occupations	16.1%	15.1%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	2.0%	2.6%

Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	19.3%	10.4%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	24.3%	35.9%
<b>Female civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>592,065</b>	<b>91,150</b>
Management, professional, and related occupations	35.4%	28.6%
Service occupations	21.4%	27.4%
Sales and office occupations	33.5%	31.8%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.2%	0.0%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	0.8%	0.7%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	8.7%	11.4%
<b>INDUSTRY</b>		
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>1,245,923</b>	<b>165,067</b>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	3.1%	1.7%
Construction	7.5%	3.1%
Manufacturing	14.7%	15.2%
Wholesale trade	2.6%	2.1%
Retail trade	13.4%	11.4%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	5.4%	5.3%
Information	1.6%	1.6%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	5.5%	4.8%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	6.7%	4.5%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	22.9%	30.3%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	7.7%	9.3%
Other services (except public administration)	4.5%	2.6%
Public administration	4.5%	8.0%
<b>CLASS OF WORKER</b>		
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>1,245,923</b>	<b>165,067</b>
Private wage and salary workers	77.2%	73.4%
Government workers	15.7%	24.4%
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	6.9%	1.9%
Unpaid family workers	0.2%	0.3%
<b>INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2009 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b>		
<b>Households</b>	<b>1,124,947</b>	<b>175,441</b>
Median household income (dollars)	37,823	23,805

With earnings	75.7%	75.0%
Mean earnings (dollars)	52,423	33,933
With Social Security income	33.4%	26.6%
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,579	11,478
With Supplemental Security Income	4.9%	8.6%
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	6,885	6,665
With cash public assistance income	2.1%	4.3%
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,593	2,138
With retirement income	16.7%	10.6%
Mean retirement income (dollars)	17,272	12,798
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits	14.0%	31.1%
<b>Families</b>	<b>768,492</b>	<b>112,872</b>
Median family income (dollars)	46,868	27,025
Married-couple family	73.7%	41.0%
Median income (dollars)	55,705	48,440
Male householder, no spouse present, family	6.4%	9.4%
Median income (dollars)	34,637	24,282
Female householder, no husband present, family	19.9%	49.6%
Median income (dollars)	21,503	16,765
<b>Individuals</b>	<b>2,889,450</b>	<b>447,786</b>
Per capita income (dollars)	20,612	13,281
With earnings for full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	498,260	51,013
Female	393,066	62,467
Mean earnings (dollars) for full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	49,066	36,427
Female	34,554	29,542
Median earnings (dollars) full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	36,465	30,870
Female	28,640	25,450
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE</b>		
<b>Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population</b>	<b>2,833,391</b>	<b>435,174</b>
With private health insurance coverage	59.9%	44.9%
With public health coverage	35.5%	45.2%
No health insurance coverage	17.0%	18.0%
<b>POVERTY RATES FOR FAMILIES AND PEOPLE FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED</b>		
All families	14.8%	33.4%

With related children under 18 years	23.4%	45.2%
With related children under 5 years only	27.0%	46.4%
Married-couple family	7.5%	11.3%
With related children under 18 years	11.2%	13.4%
With related children under 5 years only	12.2%	N
Female householder, no husband present, family	40.5%	53.1%
With related children under 18 years	49.5%	60.7%
With related children under 5 years only	61.1%	69.8%
All people	18.8%	36.4%
Under 18 years	27.2%	49.0%
Related children under 18 years	26.9%	48.8%
Related children under 5 years	31.2%	49.9%
Related children 5 to 17 years	25.2%	48.4%
18 years and over	16.0%	31.0%
18 to 64 years	17.0%	31.1%
65 years and over	12.0%	30.0%
People in families	16.4%	34.8%
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	30.7%	43.3%
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>1,124,947</b>	<b>175,441</b>
Owner-occupied housing units	66.0%	44.5%
Renter-occupied housing units	34.0%	55.5%
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.56	2.54
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.38	2.34
<b>UNITS IN STRUCTURE</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>1,124,947</b>	<b>175,441</b>
1-unit, detached or attached	73.2%	63.6%
2 to 4 units	6.3%	12.3%
5 or more units	8.5%	17.6%
Mobile home, boat, RV, van, etc.	12.0%	6.5%
<b>YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>1,124,947</b>	<b>175,441</b>
Built 2000 or later	15.0%	10.2%
Built 1990 to 1999	18.6%	13.6%
Built 1980 to 1989	16.2%	15.2%
Built 1960 to 1979	31.9%	39.0%
Built 1940 to 1959	13.0%	16.2%
Built 1939 or earlier	5.3%	5.8%

<b>VEHICLES AVAILABLE</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>1,124,947</b>	<b>175,441</b>
None	6.7%	16.7%
1 or more	93.3%	83.3%
<b>HOUSE HEATING FUEL</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>1,124,947</b>	<b>175,441</b>
Gas	50.5%	52.6%
Electricity	44.4%	45.7%
All other fuels	5.0%	1.6%
No fuel used	0.1%	0.0%
<b>SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>1,124,947</b>	<b>175,441</b>
No telephone service available	2.9%	4.1%
1.01 or more occupants per room	2.6%	2.9%
<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>		
<b>Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOC cannot be computed)</b>	<b>433,656</b>	<b>45,552</b>
Less than 30 percent	72.8%	59.5%
30 percent or more	27.2%	40.5%
<b>OWNER CHARACTERISTICS</b>		
<b>Owner-occupied housing units</b>	<b>742,860</b>	<b>78,071</b>
Median value (dollars)	102,900	63,700
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage (dollars)	959	891
Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage (dollars)	300	322
<b>GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>		
<b>Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)</b>	<b>337,612</b>	<b>87,995</b>
Less than 30 percent	51.5%	39.0%
30 percent or more	48.5%	61.0%
<b>GROSS RENT</b>		
<b>Occupied units paying rent</b>	<b>344,143</b>	<b>91,049</b>
Median gross rent (dollars)	606	596

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey

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.

Notes:

- Data for the households, families, occupied housing units, owner-occupied housing units, and renter-occupied housing units lines refer to the specified race, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native, or ancestry of the householder shown in the table. Data in the "Total population" column are shown regardless of the race, H
- The Census Bureau introduced a new set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, cc
- The Census Bureau introduced an improved sequence of labor force questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire.
- Occupation codes are 4-digit codes and are based on Standard Occupational Classification 2000.
- Industry codes are 4-digit codes and are based on the North American Industry Classification System 2007. The
- Logical coverage edits applying a rules-based assignment of Medicaid, Medicare and military health coverage v
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- See the Glossary for more information on the definition of the following population groups: Arab, Arab/Arabic, E
- While the 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 Office of Manag