

S0201: Selected Population Profile in the United States
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Arkansas

Population Group: Black or African American alone or in combination with one or more other races

Subject	Total population	Black or African American alone or in combination with one or more other races
TOTAL NUMBER OF RACES REPORTED		
Total population	2,855,390	459,059
One race	98.0%	96.4%
Two races	1.9%	3.3%
Three races	0.1%	0.3%
Four or more races	0.0%	0.0%
SEX AND AGE		
Total population	2,855,390	459,059
Male	49.0%	47.8%
Female	51.0%	52.2%
Under 5 years	7.0%	8.4%
5 to 17 years	17.6%	22.8%
18 to 24 years	9.8%	13.0%
25 to 34 years	12.8%	12.8%

35 to 44 years	13.2%	12.9%
45 to 54 years	13.9%	13.2%
55 to 64 years	11.5%	8.6%
65 to 74 years	7.5%	4.6%
75 years and over	6.6%	3.6%
Median age (years)	37.3	29
18 years and over	75.4%	68.8%
21 years and over	70.9%	62.8%
62 years and over	17.3%	10.1%
65 years and over	14.2%	8.2%
Under 18 years	702,924	143,253
Male	51.4%	51.9%
Female	48.6%	48.1%
18 years and over	2,152,466	315,806
Male	48.2%	46.0%
Female	51.8%	54.0%

18 to 34 years	644,959	118,559
Male	50.5%	48.9%
Female	49.5%	51.1%
35 to 64 years	1,103,317	159,379
Male	48.8%	45.3%
Female	51.2%	54.7%
65 years and over	404,190	37,868
Male	42.7%	40.0%
Female	57.3%	60.0%
RELATIONSHIP		
Population in households	2,774,832	437,661
Householder or spouse	60.1%	49.4%
Child	29.1%	35.3%
Other relatives	6.6%	11.2%
Nonrelatives	4.2%	4.1%
Unmarried partner	1.7%	1.9%
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		

Households	1,114,041	172,217
Family households	67.5%	63.0%
With own children under 18 years	29.1%	34.0%
Married-couple family	49.6%	24.7%
With own children under 18 years	18.9%	10.0%
Female householder, no husband present, family	13.8%	32.2%
With own children under 18 years	8.3%	21.3%
Nonfamily households	32.5%	37.0%
Male householder	14.4%	16.5%
Living alone	11.8%	13.3%
Not living alone	2.6%	3.2%
Female householder	18.1%	20.6%
Living alone	16.1%	19.5%
Not living alone	2.0%	1.1%
Average household size	2.49	2.46
Average family size	3.05	3.17
MARITAL STATUS		
Population 15 years and over	2,273,362	341,617
Now married, except separated	51.9%	28.1%

Widowed	7.3%	7.9%
Divorced	12.5%	13.1%
Separated	2.4%	5.3%
Never married	25.9%	45.6%
Male 15 years and over	1,098,677	158,657
Now married, except separated	54.6%	33.1%
Widowed	3.0%	3.4%
Divorced	11.5%	10.9%
Separated	2.0%	4.7%
Never married	29.0%	47.9%
Female 15 years and over	1,174,685	182,960
Now married, except separated	49.4%	23.7%
Widowed	11.4%	11.8%
Divorced	13.4%	15.1%
Separated	2.8%	5.8%
Never married	23.0%	43.5%
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT		
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	717,612	151,975

Nursery school, preschool	7.2%	7.9%
Kindergarten	5.6%	5.7%
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	42.7%	41.4%
High school (grades 9-12)	21.4%	21.2%
College or graduate school	23.1%	23.8%
Male 3 years and over enrolled in school	351,258	72,462
Percent enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12	72.8%	72.7%
Percent enrolled in college or graduate school	19.5%	18.8%
Female 3 years and over enrolled in school	366,354	79,513
Percent enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12	66.7%	64.3%
Percent enrolled in college or graduate school	26.6%	28.3%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT		
Population 25 years and over	1,872,814	255,978
Less than high school diploma	18.0%	22.7%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	35.4%	37.6%
Some college or associate's degree	27.8%	27.2%
Bachelor's degree	12.5%	8.4%
Graduate or professional degree	6.3%	4.2%

High school graduate or higher	82.0%	77.3%
Male, high school graduate or higher	81.2%	77.5%
Female, high school graduate or higher	82.8%	77.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	18.8%	12.6%
Male, bachelor's degree or higher	19.3%	11.9%
Female, bachelor's degree or higher	18.3%	13.1%
FERTILITY		
Women 15 to 50 years	690,561	124,144
Women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12 months	39,910	7,026
Unmarried women 15 to 50 years who had a birth in the past 12 months	15,300	5,591
As a percent of all women with a birth in the past 12 months	38.3%	79.6%
RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRANDCHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS		
Population 30 years and over	1,680,928	223,825
Living with grandchild(ren)	4.1%	6.9%
Responsible for grandchild(ren)	58.9%	63.9%
VETERAN STATUS		
Civilian population 18 years and over	2,145,844	315,176
Civilian veteran	11.3%	8.4%

DISABILITY STATUS		
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population	2,801,628	444,045
With a disability	17.4%	18.4%
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	701,489	142,439
With a disability	6.1%	7.3%
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 18 to 64 years	1,714,875	267,100
With a disability	15.8%	19.8%
Civilian noninstitutionalized population 65 years and older	385,264	34,506
With a disability	44.7%	53.3%
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO		
Population 1 year and over	2,818,387	451,908
Same house	81.8%	76.2%
Different house in the U.S.	17.9%	23.6%
Same county	10.8%	16.7%
Different county	7.0%	6.9%
Same state	3.9%	4.0%

Different state	3.1%	2.8%
Abroad	0.3%	0.2%
PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP STATUS AND YEAR OF ENTRY		
Native	2,746,133	456,512
Male	48.8%	47.7%
Female	51.2%	52.3%
Foreign born	109,257	2,547
Male	53.6%	76.7%
Female	46.4%	23.3%
Foreign born; naturalized U.S. citizen	35,672	1,166
Male	45.6%	68.6%
Female	54.4%	31.4%
Foreign born; not a U.S. citizen	73,585	1,381
Male	57.5%	83.6%
Female	42.5%	16.4%
Population born outside the United States	109,257	2,547

Entered 2000 or later	36.6%	37.3%
Entered 1990 to 1999	31.3%	44.9%
Entered before 1990	32.1%	17.8%
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN		
Foreign-born population excluding population born at sea	109,257	2,547
Europe	9.4%	N
Asia	19.3%	N
Africa	2.4%	N
Oceania	1.3%	N
Latin America	66.0%	N
Northern America	1.6%	N
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH		
Population 5 years and over	2,656,308	420,519
English only	93.9%	98.5%
Language other than English	6.1%	1.5%
Speak English less than "very well"	2.9%	0.4%
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		
Population 16 years and over	2,233,278	332,940

In labor force	61.4%	62.0%
Civilian labor force	61.1%	61.8%
Employed	57.0%	53.5%
Unemployed	4.0%	8.3%
Percent of civilian labor force	6.6%	13.4%
Armed Forces	0.3%	0.2%
Not in labor force	38.6%	38.0%
Females 16 years and over	1,155,341	179,027
In labor force	56.3%	63.2%
Civilian labor force	56.2%	62.9%
Employed	52.5%	54.7%
Unemployed	3.7%	8.2%
Percent of civilian labor force	6.5%	13.1%
COMMUTING TO WORK		
Workers 16 years and over	1,252,670	173,296
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	80.2%	78.6%
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	12.6%	13.9%
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	0.4%	1.3%
Walked	2.0%	2.9%

Other means	1.5%	2.2%
Worked at home	3.3%	1.1%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.3	18.9
OCCUPATION		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	1,273,320	178,099
Management, professional, and related occupations	29.4%	21.1%
Service occupations	16.3%	24.2%
Sales and office occupations	25.9%	24.6%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	1.1%	0.9%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	9.8%	5.2%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	17.5%	23.9%
Male civilian employed population 16 years and over		
Male civilian employed population 16 years and over	666,222	80,158
Management, professional, and related occupations	25.1%	15.8%
Service occupations	11.8%	19.6%
Sales and office occupations	17.5%	15.6%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	1.8%	1.5%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	18.2%	11.1%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	25.5%	36.4%

Female civilian employed population 16 years and over	607,098	97,941
Management, professional, and related occupations	34.1%	25.5%
Service occupations	21.2%	28.1%
Sales and office occupations	35.0%	32.1%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.3%	0.3%
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair occupations	0.5%	0.4%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	8.8%	13.7%
INDUSTRY		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	1,273,320	178,099
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	3.1%	1.4%
Construction	7.4%	2.5%
Manufacturing	15.1%	19.2%
Wholesale trade	2.8%	0.9%
Retail trade	13.5%	14.0%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	5.9%	5.3%
Information	1.9%	2.2%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	5.1%	3.0%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	6.5%	5.1%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	21.7%	27.2%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	7.5%	8.2%

Other services (except public administration)	5.0%	3.1%
Public administration	4.5%	8.0%
CLASS OF WORKER		
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	1,273,320	178,099
Private wage and salary workers	77.4%	73.7%
Government workers	15.5%	23.7%
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	6.9%	2.5%
Unpaid family workers	0.2%	0.1%
INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2008 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)		
Households	1,114,041	172,217
Median household income (dollars)	38,815	24,201
With earnings		
Mean earnings (dollars)	53,735	36,008
With Social Security income		
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	14,149	10,213
With Supplemental Security Income		
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	6,960	6,865
With cash public assistance income		
	2.0%	3.7%

Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	2,778	2,410
With retirement income	16.9%	12.1%
Mean retirement income (dollars)	17,511	12,420
With Food Stamp benefits	12.6%	30.8%
Families	751,956	108,475
Median family income (dollars)	47,648	27,929
Married-couple family	73.6%	39.3%
Median income (dollars)	58,015	48,701
Male householder, no spouse present, family	6.1%	9.5%
Median income (dollars)	35,625	25,432
Female householder, no husband present, family	20.4%	51.2%
Median income (dollars)	22,449	19,764
Individuals	2,855,390	459,059
Per capita income (dollars)	21,123	13,348
With earnings for full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	521,099	58,109
Female	398,201	68,339
Mean earnings (dollars) for full-time, year-round workers:		

Male	48,847	38,238
Female	33,732	27,357
Median earnings (dollars) full-time, year-round workers:		
Male	36,839	31,553
Female	27,487	23,037
POVERTY RATES FOR FAMILIES AND PEOPLE FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED		
All families	13.0%	30.7%
With related children under 18 years	21.4%	40.2%
With related children under 5 years only	24.6%	51.3%
Married-couple family	5.8%	10.6%
With related children under 18 years	8.8%	13.4%
With related children under 5 years only	8.9%	20.0%
Female householder, no husband present, family	38.1%	47.9%
With related children under 18 years	47.4%	53.4%
With related children under 5 years only	54.9%	59.8%
All people	17.3%	33.8%
Under 18 years	24.9%	45.4%
Related children under 18 years	24.6%	45.3%
Related children under 5 years	28.8%	53.8%

Related children 5 to 17 years	22.9%	42.1%
18 years and over	14.8%	28.4%
18 to 64 years	15.3%	27.9%
65 years and over	12.5%	31.8%
People in families	14.6%	32.2%
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	30.5%	41.2%
HOUSING TENURE		
Occupied housing units	1,114,041	172,217
Owner-occupied housing units	67.4%	46.3%
Renter-occupied housing units	32.6%	53.7%
UNITS IN STRUCTURE		
Occupied housing units	1,114,041	172,217
1-unit, detached or attached	73.7%	64.6%
2 to 4 units	6.3%	11.3%
5 or more units	8.4%	17.3%
Mobile home, boat, RV, van, etc.	11.6%	6.8%

YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT		
Occupied housing units	1,114,041	172,217
Built 2000 or later	14.6%	8.9%
Built 1990 to 1999	18.5%	13.4%
Built 1980 to 1989	16.1%	14.4%
Built 1960 to 1979	32.6%	40.0%
Built 1940 to 1959	13.0%	17.5%
Built 1939 or earlier	5.2%	5.8%
VEHICLES AVAILABLE		
Occupied housing units	1,114,041	172,217
None	6.8%	16.4%
1 or more	93.2%	83.6%
HOUSE HEATING FUEL		
Occupied housing units	1,114,041	172,217
Gas	52.9%	53.6%
Electricity	41.9%	45.3%
All other fuels	5.1%	1.0%
No fuel used	0.1%	0.1%

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS		
Occupied housing units	1,114,041	172,217
No telephone service available	2.4%	5.2%
1.01 or more occupants per room	2.5%	3.8%
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Housing units with a mortgage (excluding units where SMOC cannot be computed)	440,973	49,313
Less than 30 percent	72.4%	57.3%
30 percent or more	27.6%	42.7%
OWNER CHARACTERISTICS		
Owner-occupied housing units	750,639	79,676
Median value (dollars)	105,700	69,500
Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage (dollars)	964	893
Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage (dollars)	305	324
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS		
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRPI cannot be computed)	318,929	81,841
Less than 30 percent	51.8%	41.2%
30 percent or more	48.2%	58.8%

GROSS RENT		
Occupied units paying rent	324,646	84,594
Median gross rent (dollars)	606	613

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an