Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2009
Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
Survey: American Community Survey
Geographic Area: Arkansas

NOTE. 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.
For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see Survey Methodology.

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	**1,124,947**	**8,066**	**1,124,947**	**(X)**
(families)	768,492	8,905	68.3%	0.7
under 18 years	336,779	6,302	29.9%	0.5
Married-couple family	566,397	8,292	50.3%	0.7
under 18 years	217,509	5,602	19.3%	0.5
wife present, family	49,502	3,971	4.4%	0.3
under 18 years	22,484	2,802	2.0%	0.2
no husband present,	152,593	5,668	13.6%	0.5
under 18 years	96,786	4,511	8.6%	0.4
Nonfamily households	356,455	8,428	31.7%	0.7
alone	308,597	7,721	27.4%	0.6
65 years and over	114,926	3,924	10.2%	0.4
more people under 18	377,913	7,143	33.6%	0.6
more people 65 years	289,138	3,687	25.7%	0.3

Average household size	2.49	0.02	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.04	0.03	(X)	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
households	**2,806,735**	*****	**2,806,735**	**(X)**
Householder	1,124,947	8,066	40.1%	0.3
Spouse	564,822	8,183	20.1%	0.3
Child	829,339	11,532	29.5%	0.4
Other relatives	170,202	9,068	6.1%	0.3
Nonrelatives	117,425	7,402	4.2%	0.3
Unmarried partner	49,598	3,270	1.8%	0.1
MARITAL STATUS				
over	**1,111,422**	**2,883**	**1,111,422**	**(X)**
Never married	317,670	6,561	28.6%	0.6
separated	604,504	8,778	54.4%	0.8
Separated	22,883	2,878	2.1%	0.3
Widowed	33,428	2,794	3.0%	0.3
Divorced	132,937	6,077	12.0%	0.5
over	**1,186,506**	**2,752**	**1,186,506**	**(X)**
Never married	270,048	7,320	22.8%	0.6
separated	590,382	9,792	49.8%	0.8
Separated	37,068	3,618	3.1%	0.3
Widowed	133,021	4,501	11.2%	0.4
Divorced	155,987	5,197	13.1%	0.4
FERTILITY				
to 50 years old who	**41,732**	**3,006**	**41,732**	**(X)**
(widowed, divorced, and	16,907	2,299	40.5%	4.4

women	50	7	(X)	(X)
50 years old	60	4	(X)	(X)
19 years old	47	11	(X)	(X)
34 years old	115	10	(X)	(X)
50 years old	14	3	(X)	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
grandparents living	**64,123**	**4,447**	**64,123**	**(X)**
grandchildren	37,866	3,589	59.1%	4.1
grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	9,769	1,888	15.2%	2.8
1 or 2 years	10,096	1,753	15.7%	2.6
3 or 4 years	6,563	1,372	10.2%	2.1
5 or more years	11,438	2,022	17.8%	2.8
grandparents	**37,866**	**3,589**	**37,866**	**(X)**
Who are female	23,450	2,231	61.9%	2.7
Who are married	27,152	3,078	71.7%	3.4
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
and over enrolled in	**733,029**	**9,134**	**733,029**	**(X)**
Nursery school, preschool	53,705	4,383	7.3%	0.6
Kindergarten	38,458	3,035	5.2%	0.4
(grades 1-8)	309,072	6,018	42.2%	0.8
High school (grades 9-12)	153,759	4,842	21.0%	0.6
school	178,035	5,761	24.3%	0.6
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
and over	**1,903,914**	**5,373**	**1,903,914**	**(X)**
Less than 9th grade	135,600	6,536	7.1%	0.3
diploma	199,817	7,313	10.5%	0.4

(includes equivalency)	662,671	11,417	34.8%	0.6
Some college, no degree	431,876	9,871	22.7%	0.5
Associate's degree	115,017	6,028	6.0%	0.3
Bachelor's degree	242,389	8,186	12.7%	0.4
degree	116,544	5,614	6.1%	0.3
graduate or higher	82.4%	0.5	(X)	(X)
degree or higher	18.9%	0.5	(X)	(X)
VETERAN STATUS				
years and over	**2,173,244**	**2,274**	**2,173,244**	**(X)**
Civilian veterans	244,016	7,032	11.2%	0.3
DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN				
Noninstitutionalized	**2,833,391**	**1,646**	**2,833,391**	**(X)**
With a disability	491,358	10,631	17.3%	0.4
Under 18 years	**706,684**	**1,774**	**706,684**	**(X)**
With a disability	37,074	3,233	5.2%	0.5
18 to 64 years	**1,734,882**	**3,191**	**1,734,882**	**(X)**
With a disability	279,347	8,967	16.1%	0.5
65 years and over	**391,825**	**2,339**	**391,825**	**(X)**
With a disability	174,937	4,885	44.6%	1.2
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
over	**2,853,270**	**2,585**	**2,853,270**	**(X)**
Same house	2,343,627	19,788	82.1%	0.7
U.S.	502,298	19,524	17.6%	0.7
Same county	313,172	18,488	11.0%	0.6

Different county	189,126	10,965	6.6%	0.4
Same state	103,573	8,052	3.6%	0.3
Different state	85,553	7,118	3.0%	0.2
Abroad	7,345	1,864	0.3%	0.1
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	**2,889,450**	*****	**2,889,450**	**(X)**
Native	2,769,219	4,717	95.8%	0.2
Born in United States	2,750,725	5,204	95.2%	0.2
State of residence	1,767,599	15,241	61.2%	0.5
Different state	983,126	15,399	34.0%	0.5
U.S. Island areas, or	18,494	2,311	0.6%	0.1
Foreign born	120,231	4,717	4.2%	0.2
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
population	**120,231**	**4,717**	**120,231**	**(X)**
Naturalized U.S. citizen	37,197	3,629	30.9%	2.7
Not a U.S. citizen	83,034	4,606	69.1%	2.7
YEAR OF ENTRY				
outside the United	**138,725**	**5,204**	**138,725**	**(X)**
Native	**18,494**	**2,311**	**18,494**	**(X)**
Entered 2000 or later	3,741	1,465	20.2%	7
Entered before 2000	14,753	2,020	79.8%	7
Foreign born	**120,231**	**4,717**	**120,231**	**(X)**
Entered 2000 or later	45,500	5,114	37.8%	3.8
Entered before 2000	74,731	5,144	62.2%	3.8
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN				

population, excluding	**120,231**	**4,717**	**120,231**	**(X)**
Europe	11,583	2,221	9.6%	1.7
Asia	24,284	2,763	20.2%	2.2
Africa	2,032	1,002	1.7%	0.8
Oceania	1,586	448	1.3%	0.4
Latin America	78,729	3,492	65.5%	2.3
Northern America	2,017	838	1.7%	0.7
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
and over	**2,687,139**	**2,239**	**2,687,139**	**(X)**
English only	2,504,624	7,318	93.2%	0.2
English	182,515	6,567	6.8%	0.2
than "very well"	83,871	4,369	3.1%	0.2
Spanish	136,538	4,372	5.1%	0.2
than "very well"	67,775	3,892	2.5%	0.1
languages	19,623	3,232	0.7%	0.1
than "very well"	5,576	1,713	0.2%	0.1
Islander languages	22,238	2,248	0.8%	0.1
than "very well"	9,894	1,776	0.4%	0.1
Other languages	4,116	1,998	0.2%	0.1
than "very well"	626	417	0.0%	0.1
ANCESTRY				
Total population	**2,889,450**	*****	**2,889,450**	**(X)**
American	281,976	10,283	9.8%	0.4
Arab	6,968	3,028	0.2%	0.1
Czech	8,052	1,986	0.3%	0.1
Danish	6,002	1,318	0.2%	0.1
Dutch	53,389	4,204	1.8%	0.1
English	311,528	12,289	10.8%	0.4
French (except Basque)	63,480	5,208	2.2%	0.2

French Canadian	5,685	1,553	0.2%	0.1
German	355,443	11,938	12.3%	0.4
Greek	4,429	1,946	0.2%	0.1
Hungarian	3,237	1,026	0.1%	0.1
Irish	385,441	12,580	13.3%	0.4
Italian	50,453	4,751	1.7%	0.2
Lithuanian	2,167	1,091	0.1%	0.1
Norwegian	13,293	2,138	0.5%	0.1
Polish	25,248	3,790	0.9%	0.1
Portuguese	2,557	951	0.1%	0.1
Russian	4,708	1,515	0.2%	0.1
Scotch-Irish	43,888	4,089	1.5%	0.1
Scottish	55,201	5,392	1.9%	0.2
Slovak	1,183	570	0.0%	0.1
Subsaharan African	7,226	2,033	0.3%	0.1
Swedish	18,130	2,602	0.6%	0.1
Swiss	8,016	2,206	0.3%	0.1
Ukrainian	2,069	1,169	0.1%	0.1
Welsh	13,913	2,416	0.5%	0.1
Hispanic origin groups)	5,104	1,348	0.2%	0.1

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:

·Ancestry listed in this table refers to the total number of people who responded with a particular ancestry; for example, the estimate given for Russian represents the number of people who listed Russian as either their first or second ancestry. This table lists only the largest ancestry groups; see the Detailed Tables for more categories. Race and Hispanic origin groups are not included in this table because official data for those groups come from the Race and Hispanic origin questions rather than the ancestry question (see Demographic Table).

·Starting in 2008, the Scotch-Irish category does not include Irish-Scotch.

·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.

·Data for year of entry of the native population reflect the year of entry into the U.S. by people who were born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island Areas or born outside the U.S. to a U.S. citizen parent and who subsequently moved to the U.S.

·While the 2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the November 2008 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.

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.