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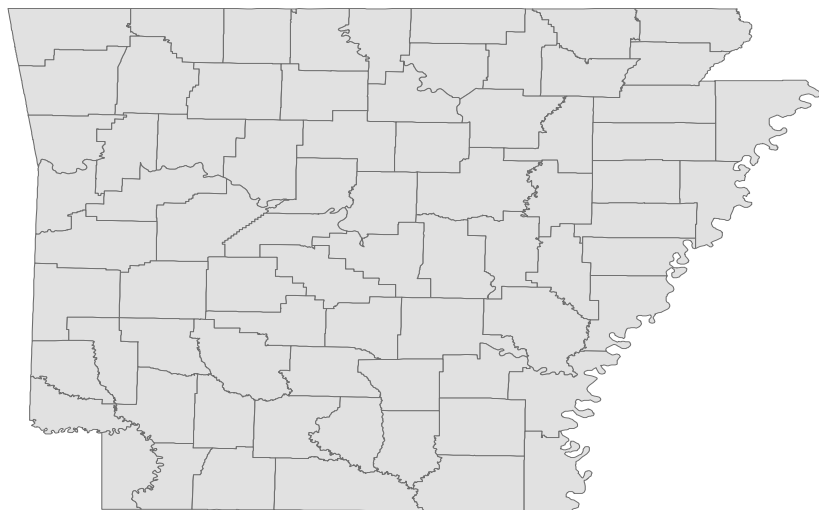
Labor Market Report

December 2016



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Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month's estimates are preliminary, while previous data are subject to revision.

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data collected for production workers in manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2015 benchmark.

Explanation of Terms and Concepts

Monthly Business Survey of Employers

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Workforce Services. The data are based on establishment records and include all workers, full-or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the

month. Approximately 5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, commuting patterns and social and economic integration.

Current Population Survey (CPS)

A monthly sample survey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

Civilian Labor Force

The sum of all employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

Unemployment

An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

Unemployment Rate

The number of unemployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

Seasonal Adjustment

A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally occur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/closing of schools.

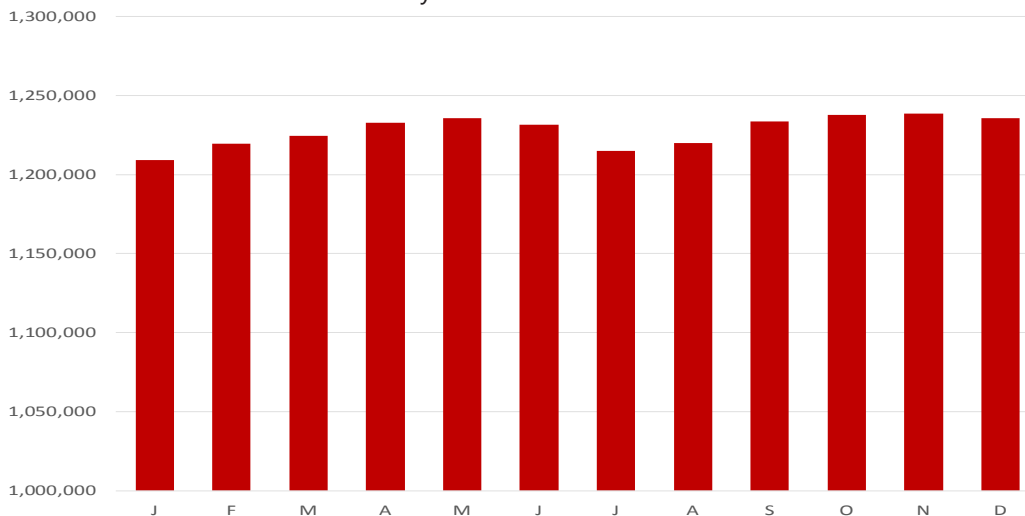
December Spotlight

The Year in Review

In 2016, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas ranged from a low of 1,209,200 in January to a high of 1,238,400 in November. Jobs steadily increased throughout the first half of the year. Seasonal declines occurred in the summer, while job totals leveled off in the latter half of the year. Arkansas' preliminary annual average nonfarm employment for 2016 was 1,227,800, notably higher than the 2015 average of 1,208,500.

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

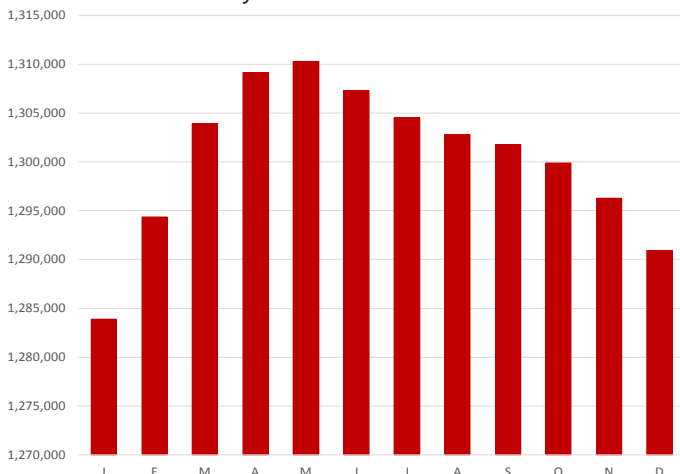
January 2016 - December 2016



In 2016, the number of employed Arkansans ranged from a low of 1,283,893 in January to a high of 1,310,283 in May. Seasonally adjusted employment expanded rapidly during the first few months of the year, before slowly declining throughout the second half of 2016. Similarly, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates declined sharply from a high of 4.4 percent in January to a low of 3.8 percent in May. Rates remained fairly stable throughout the second half of 2016.

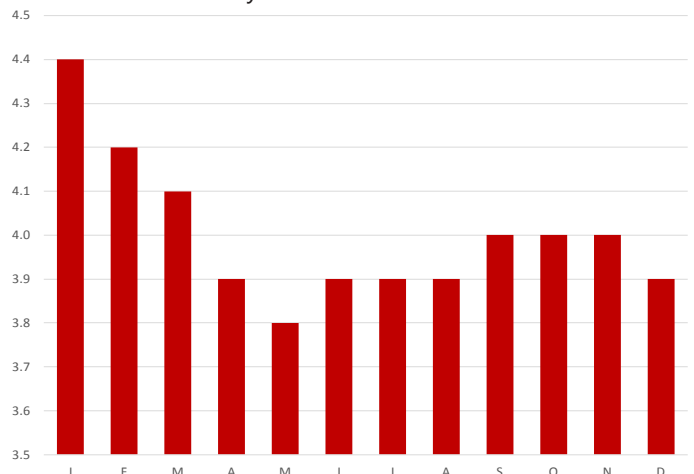
Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2016 - December 2016



Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2016 - December 2016



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State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 4.0 percent in November to 3.9 percent in December. Arkansas' civilian labor force decreased 6,702, a result of 5,357 fewer employed and 1,345 less unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, rising from 4.6 percent in November to 4.7 percent in December.

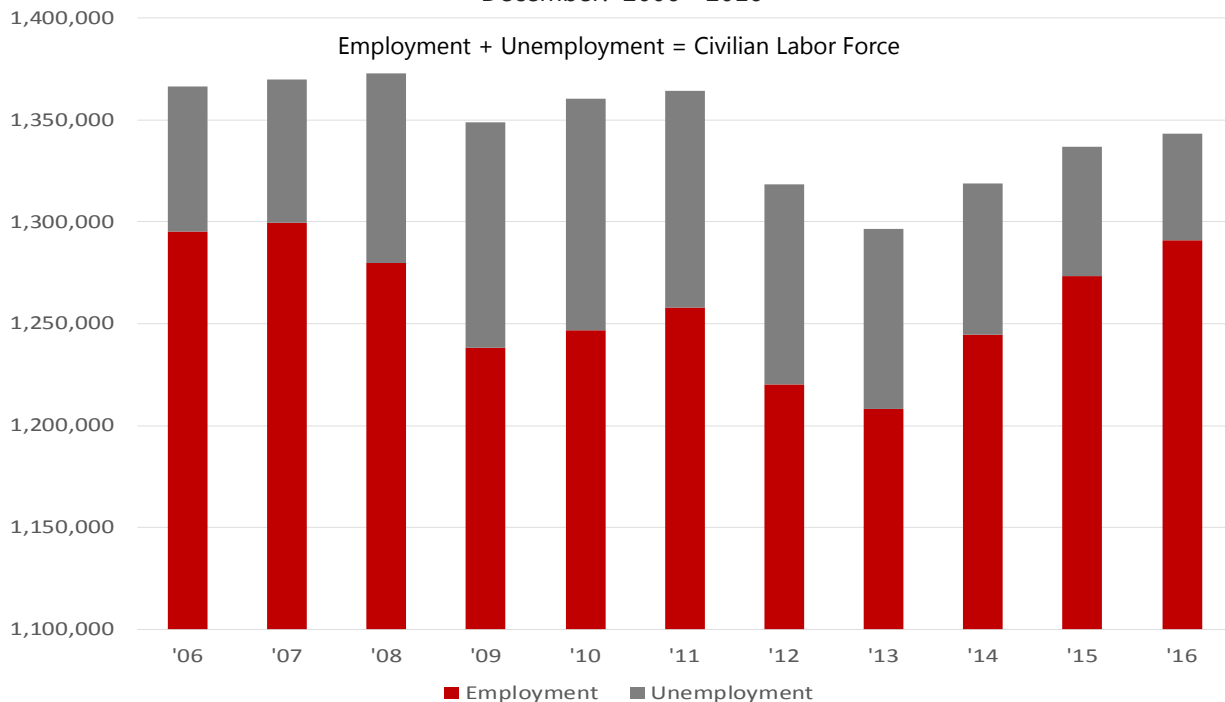
BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate declined to 3.9 percent in December, after starting the year at 4.4 percent. The unemployed rate steadily decreased in early 2016, before becoming fairly stable in the latter half of the year."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Nov 16</u>	<u>Dec 15</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Nov 16</u>	<u>Dec 15</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,343,243	1,349,945	1,336,983	Civilian Labor Force	1,327,435	1,339,966
Employment	1,290,950	1,296,307	1,273,479	Employment	1,276,640	1,292,502
Unemployment	52,293	53,638	63,504	Unemployment	50,795	47,464
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.0	4.7	Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.5
U.S. Unemployment	4.7	4.6	5.0	U.S. Unemployment	4.5	4.4

Employment and Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

December: 2006 - 2016



State of Arkansas

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Nov 16</u>	<u>Dec 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1235.7	1238.4	1232.7	-2.7	3.0
Goods Producing	207.9	209.5	212.1	-1.6	-4.2
Mining, Logging, and Construction	54.8	55.5	57.0	-0.7	-2.2
Mining & Logging	6.5	6.4	7.5	0.1	-1.0
Construction	48.3	49.1	49.5	-0.8	-1.2
Specialty Trade Contractors	31.5	31.8	32.0	-0.3	-0.5
Manufacturing	153.1	154.0	155.1	-0.9	-2.0
Durable Goods	72.5	72.7	74.6	-0.2	-2.1
Nondurable Goods	80.6	81.3	80.5	-0.7	0.1
Service Providing	1027.8	1028.9	1020.6	-1.1	7.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	259.2	256.9	262.4	2.3	-3.2
Wholesale Trade	47.7	47.4	48.1	0.3	-0.4
Retail Trade	145.0	144.3	146.7	0.7	-1.7
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	66.5	65.2	67.6	1.3	-1.1
Information	13.5	13.6	13.8	-0.1	-0.3
Financial Activities	50.3	50.3	49.6	0.0	0.7
Finance & Insurance	37.1	37.3	36.4	-0.2	0.7
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.2	13.0	13.2	0.2	0.0
Professional & Business Services	144.7	146.5	140.7	-1.8	4.0
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.6	43.4	42.9	0.2	0.7
Management of Companies	35.2	35.1	35.0	0.1	0.2
Administrative & Support Services	65.9	68.0	62.8	-2.1	3.1
Educational & Health Services	184.7	184.8	179.4	-0.1	5.3
Educational Services	15.5	15.9	15.3	-0.4	0.2
Health Care & Social Assistance	169.2	168.9	164.1	0.3	5.1
Ambulatory Health Care	53.1	52.9	52.6	0.2	0.5
Social Assistance	40.9	40.6	40.0	0.3	0.9
Leisure & Hospitality	112.4	113.2	112.2	-0.8	0.2
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	9.5	9.5	9.2	0.0	0.3
Accommodation & Food Services	102.9	103.7	103.0	-0.8	-0.1
Accommodation Services	10.9	11.4	10.9	-0.5	0.0
Food Services	92.0	92.3	92.1	-0.3	-0.1
Other Services	45.4	44.9	45.0	0.5	0.4
Government	217.6	218.7	217.5	-1.1	0.1
Federal Government	21.0	20.7	20.6	0.3	0.4
State Government	80.4	81.2	79.8	-0.8	0.6
Local Government	116.2	116.8	117.1	-0.6	-0.9

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

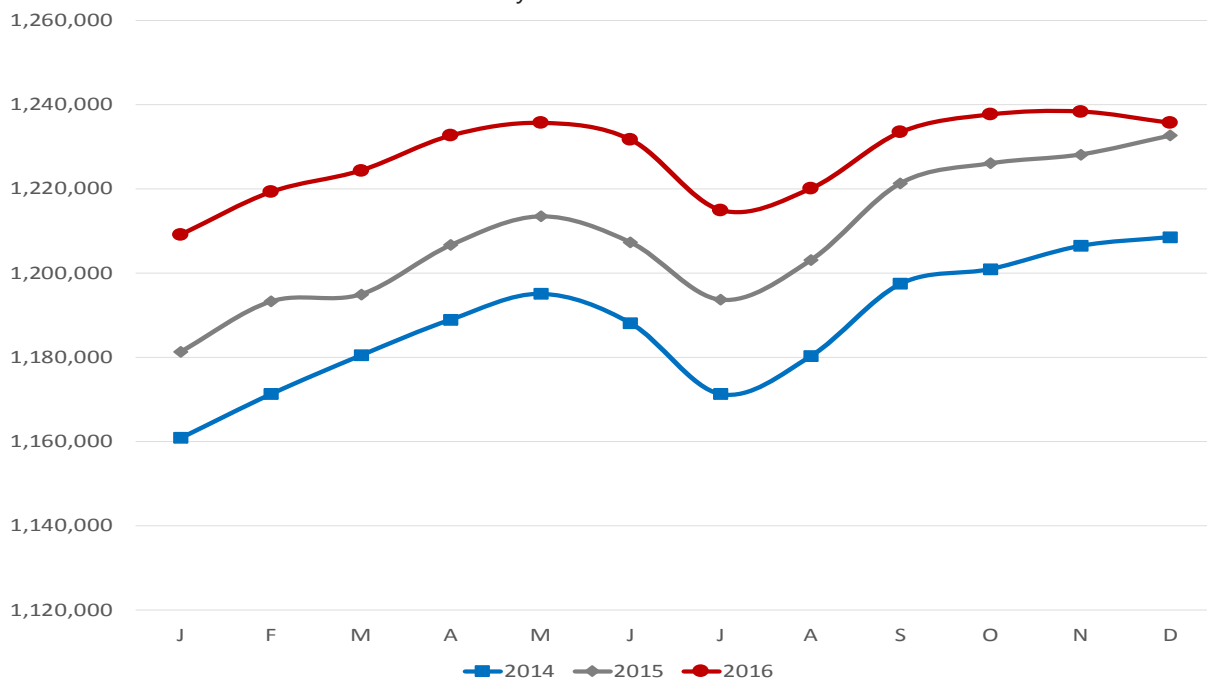
November 2016 - December 2016

Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment decreased 2,700 in December to total 1,235,700. The losses posted in seven major industry sectors were largely seasonal and offset the gains reported in three sectors. Jobs in **professional and business services** fell 1,800. All declines occurred in administrative and support services (-2,100), a subsector that includes seasonal activities such as landscaping. Employment in **government** decreased 1,100. Expected losses were reported in state (-800) and local (-600) government, related to the winter break at public educational facilities. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 2,300 jobs. Gains were posted in all subsectors, as the holiday shopping season triggered seasonal hiring across the industry.

December 2015 - December 2016

Compared to December 2015, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 3,000. Six major industry sectors reported employment gains, while five sectors declined. Jobs in **educational and health services** increased 5,300, mostly in health care and social assistance (+5,100). **Professional and business services** added 4,000 jobs. Most of the growth was posted in administrative and support services (+3,100), a sector that includes employment services. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** fell 3,200, with the largest drop seen in retail trade (-1,700). Jobs in **manufacturing** decreased 2,000. All losses were in durable goods manufacturing (-2,100).

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
January 2014 - December 2016



State of Arkansas

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

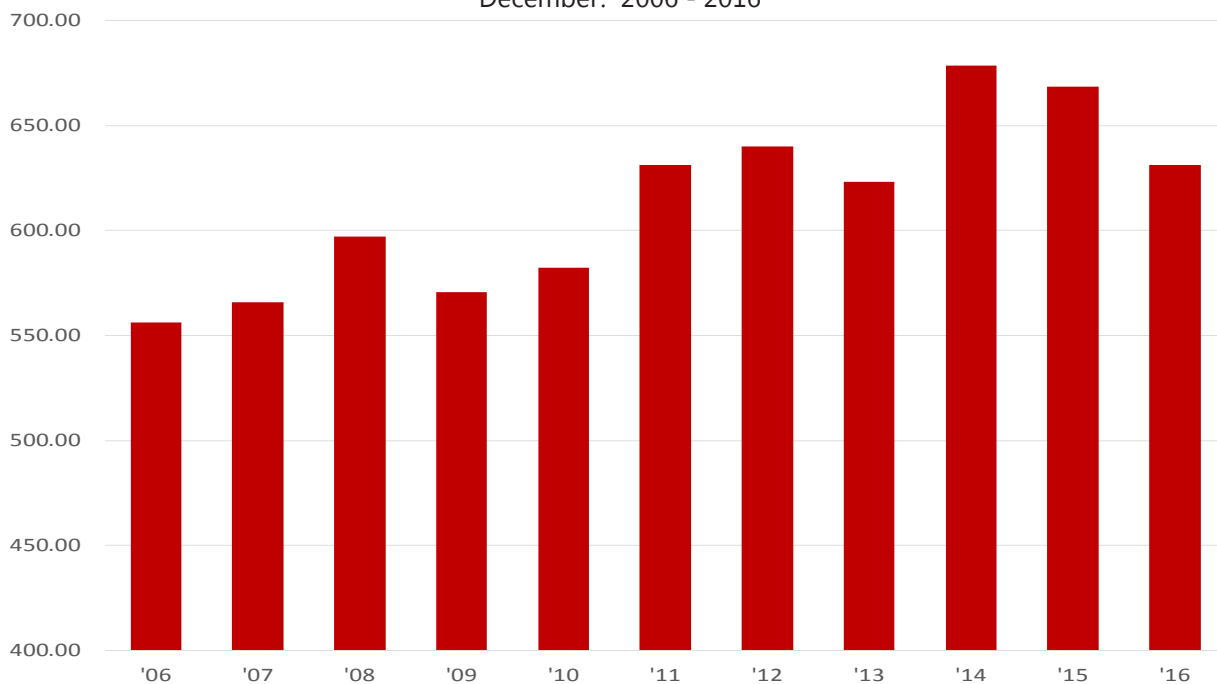
Manufacturing

	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Nov 16</u>	<u>Dec 15</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.9	40.4	40.6
Average Hourly Earnings	15.82	15.61	16.47
Average Weekly Earnings	631.22	630.64	668.68

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Nov 16</u>	<u>Dec 15</u>		<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Nov 16</u>	<u>Dec 15</u>
Average Weekly Hours	42.1	41.9	41.0	Average Weekly Hours	38.0	39.1	40.3
Average Hourly Earnings	17.75	17.28	17.85	Average Hourly Earnings	13.91	14.04	15.15
Average Weekly Earnings	747.28	724.03	731.85	Average Weekly Earnings	528.58	548.96	610.55

Average Weekly Earnings: Manufacturing
December: 2006 - 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

The Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA= Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, & Saline counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Dec 16	Nov 16	Dec 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	347,075	350,212	345,303	-3,137	1,772
Employment	335,465	339,039	331,332	-3,574	4,133
Unemployment	11,610	11,173	13,971	437	-2,361
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.2	4.0	0.1	-0.7

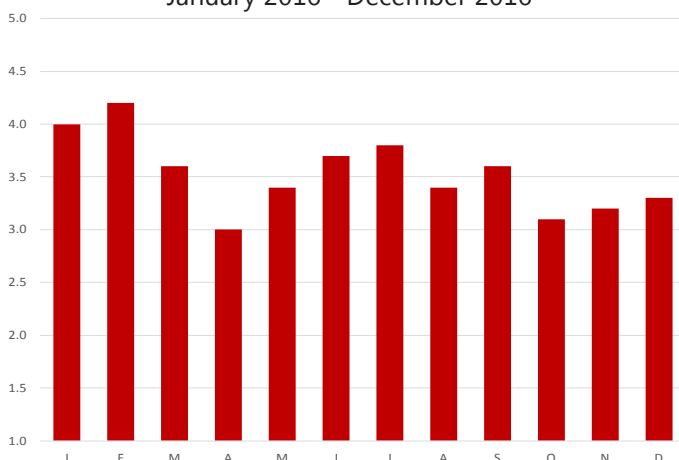
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Dec 16	Nov 16	Dec 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	357.5	357.5	355.1	0.0	2.4
Goods Producing	35.8	35.7	37.1	0.1	-1.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	15.5	15.4	16.6	0.1	-1.1
Manufacturing	20.3	20.3	20.5	0.0	-0.2
Service Providing	321.7	321.8	318.0	-0.1	3.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	72.7	71.5	72.0	1.2	0.7
Wholesale Trade	15.2	15.1	15.3	0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	41.9	41.2	41.6	0.7	0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	15.6	15.2	15.1	0.4	0.5
Information	6.0	6.1	6.4	-0.1	-0.4
Financial Activities	20.8	20.7	20.8	0.1	0.0
Professional & Business Services	48.3	49.2	46.3	-0.9	2.0
Educational & Health Services	53.3	53.0	52.7	0.3	0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	33.5	34.1	33.2	-0.6	0.3
Other Services	15.2	15.2	15.0	0.0	0.2
Government	71.9	72.0	71.6	-0.1	0.3
Federal Government	10.2	9.9	9.8	0.3	0.4
State Government	35.2	35.4	34.9	-0.2	0.3
Local Government	26.5	26.7	26.9	-0.2	-0.4

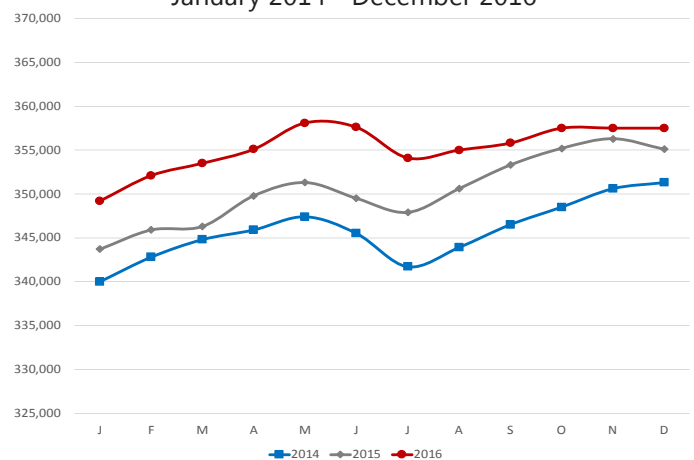
Unemployment Rates

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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA= Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas & McDonald county in Missouri.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Dec 16	Nov 16	Dec 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	257,783	262,192	256,898	-4,409	885
Employment	250,889	255,457	248,805	-4,568	2,084
Unemployment	6,894	6,735	8,093	159	-1,199
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.6	3.2	0.1	-0.5

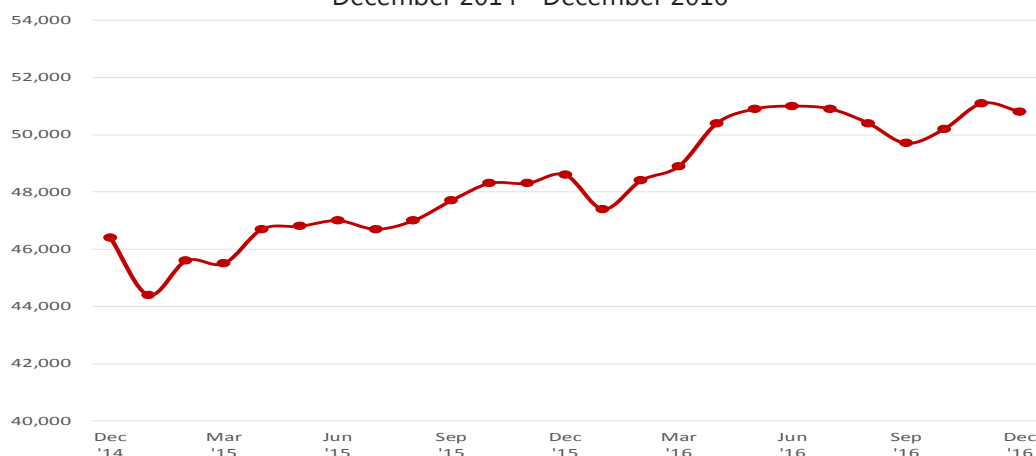
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Dec 16	Nov 16	Dec 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	244.6	246.4	243.0	-1.8	1.6
Goods Producing	36.0	36.3	36.7	-0.3	-0.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	10.2	10.3	10.0	-0.1	0.2
Manufacturing	25.8	26.0	26.7	-0.2	-0.9
Service Providing	208.6	210.1	206.3	-1.5	2.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	55.5	55.4	56.4	0.1	-0.9
Wholesale Trade	12.3	12.3	12.0	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	26.4	26.4	27.6	0.0	-1.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.8	16.7	16.8	0.1	0.0
Information	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	7.1	7.0	6.9	0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	50.8	51.1	48.6	-0.3	2.2
Educational & Health Services	27.5	27.5	26.4	0.0	1.1
Leisure & Hospitality	22.8	23.7	24.5	-0.9	-1.7
Other Services	7.4	7.4	7.2	0.0	0.2
Government	35.5	36.0	34.3	-0.5	1.2
Federal Government	2.7	2.6	2.6	0.1	0.1
State Government	13.8	14.5	13.0	-0.7	0.8
Local Government	19.0	18.9	18.7	0.1	0.3

Jobs in Professional and Business Services

December 2014 - December 2016



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fort Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA= Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

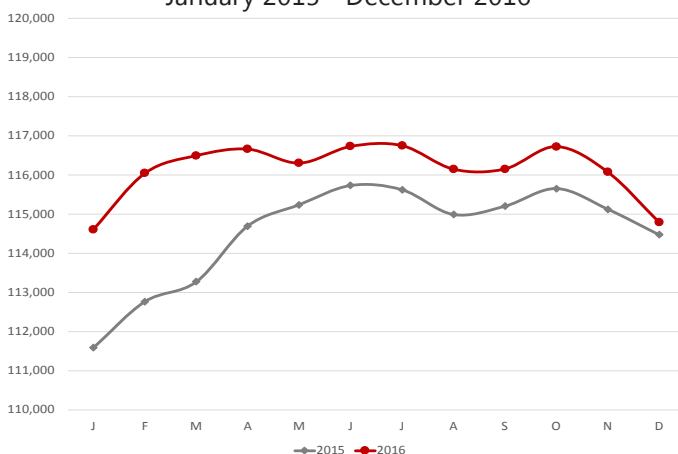
	Dec 16	Nov 16	Dec 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	119,996	121,220	120,607	-1,224	-611
Employment	114,789	116,075	114,470	-1,286	319
Unemployment	5,207	5,145	6,137	62	-930
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.2	5.1	0.1	-0.8

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

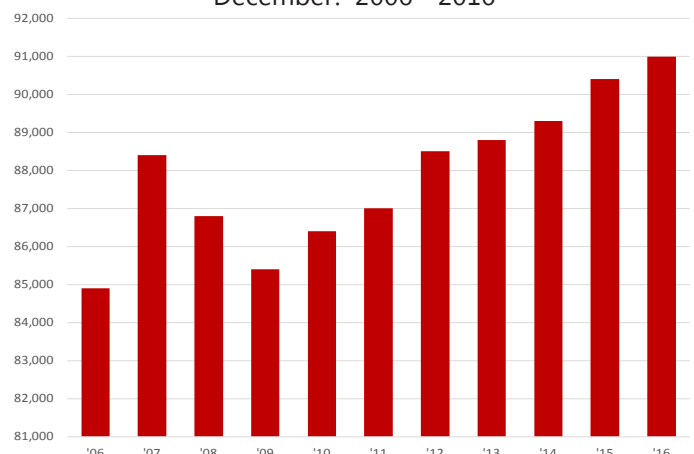
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Dec 16	Nov 16	Dec 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	114.3	114.6	114.2	-0.3	0.1
Goods Producing	23.3	23.4	23.8	-0.1	-0.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.5	5.6	6.0	-0.1	-0.5
Manufacturing	17.8	17.8	17.8	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	91.0	91.2	90.4	-0.2	0.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.2	24.2	24.4	0.0	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	13.5	13.5	13.2	0.0	0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.5	6.5	7.0	0.0	-0.5
Information	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.7	3.7	3.7	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	12.1	12.2	12.1	-0.1	0.0
Educational & Health Services	16.9	16.8	16.7	0.1	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.3	9.5	9.1	-0.2	0.2
Other Services	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
Government	19.3	19.3	18.9	0.0	0.4
Federal Government	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
State Government	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0
Local Government	14.7	14.7	14.4	0.0	0.3

Number of Employed
January 2015 - December 2016



Jobs in Service Providing Industries
December: 2006 - 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Dec 16	Nov 16	Dec 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	39,692	39,968	39,554	-276	138
Employment	37,970	38,354	37,547	-384	423
Unemployment	1,722	1,614	2,007	108	-285
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.0	5.1	0.3	-0.8

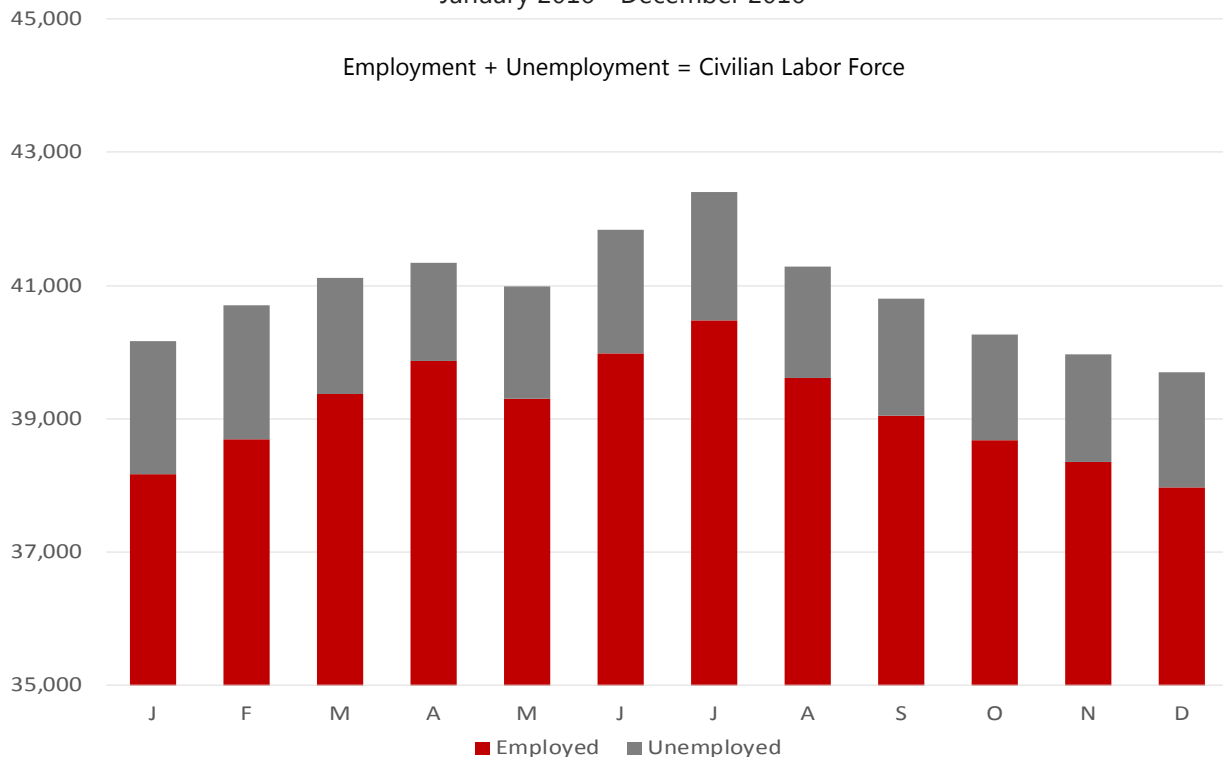
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Dec 16	Nov 16	Dec 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	37.9	37.9	37.7	0.0	0.2
Goods Producing	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	33.4	33.4	33.2	0.0	0.2
Government	4.8	4.8	4.8	0.0	0.0

Number of Employed and Unemployed

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Dec 16	Nov 16	Dec 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	62,577	62,880	61,309	-303	1,268
Employment	60,594	61,031	58,789	-437	1,805
Unemployment	1,983	1,849	2,520	134	-537
Unemployment Rate	3.2	2.9	4.1	0.3	-0.9

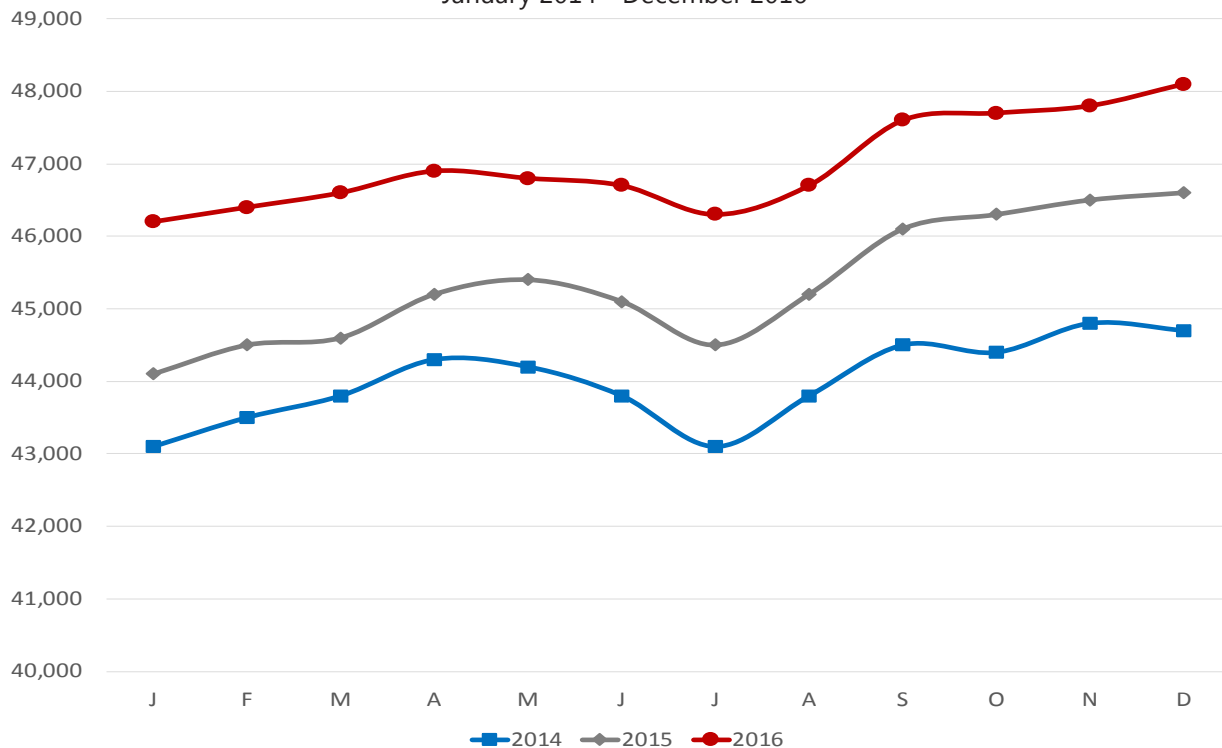
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Dec 16	Nov 16	Dec 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	57.3	57.0	55.5	0.3	1.8
Goods Producing	9.2	9.2	8.9	0.0	0.3
Service Providing	48.1	47.8	46.6	0.3	1.5
Government	9.1	9.1	9.0	0.0	0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Pine Bluff MSA

The Pine Bluff MSA= Cleveland, Jefferson, & Lincoln counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Dec 16	Nov 16	Dec 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	35,330	35,692	36,518	-362	-1,188
Employment	33,501	34,017	34,213	-516	-712
Unemployment	1,829	1,675	2,305	154	-476
Unemployment Rate	5.2	4.7	6.3	0.5	-1.1

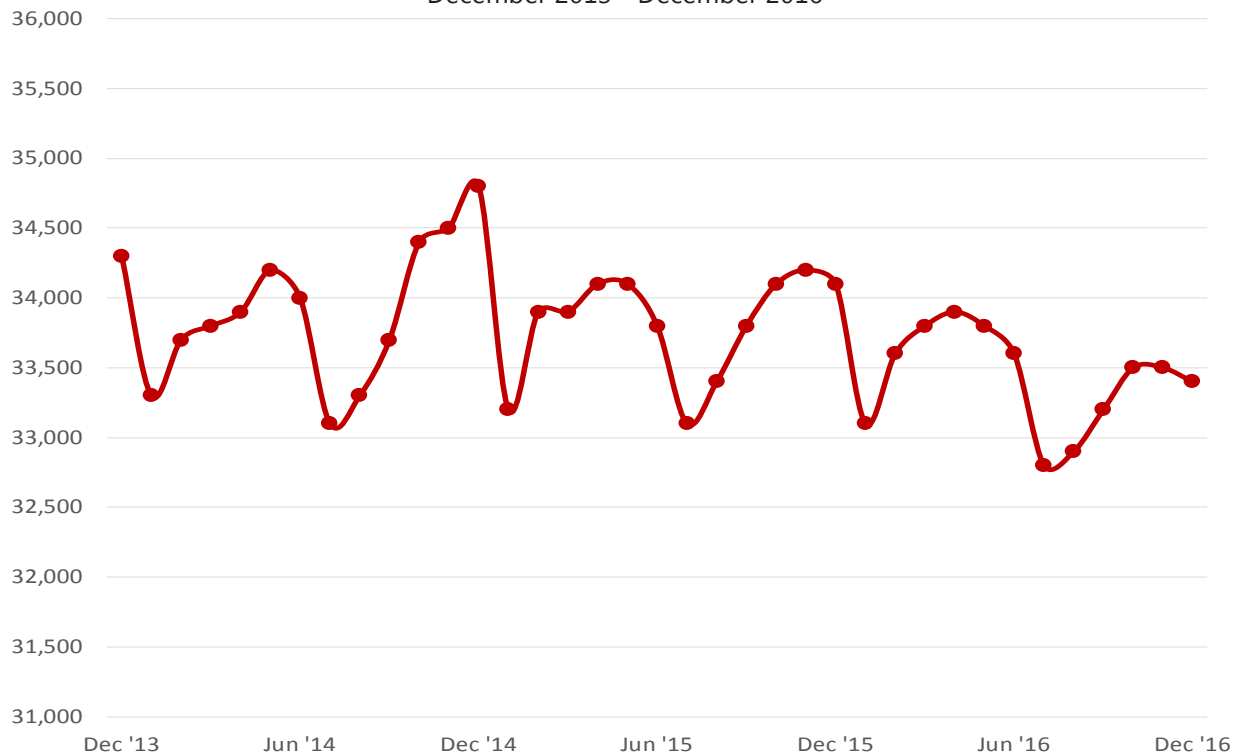
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Dec 16	Nov 16	Dec 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	33.4	33.5	34.1	-0.1	-0.7
Goods Producing	5.9	5.9	6.2	0.0	-0.3
Service Providing	27.5	27.6	27.9	-0.1	-0.4
Government	9.6	9.6	9.7	0.0	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

December 2013 - December 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Out-of-State MSA

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

The Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA= Fayette, Shelby, & Tipton counties in Tennessee; Benton, Desoto, Marshall, Tate, & Tunica counties in Mississippi; & Crittenden County in Arkansas.

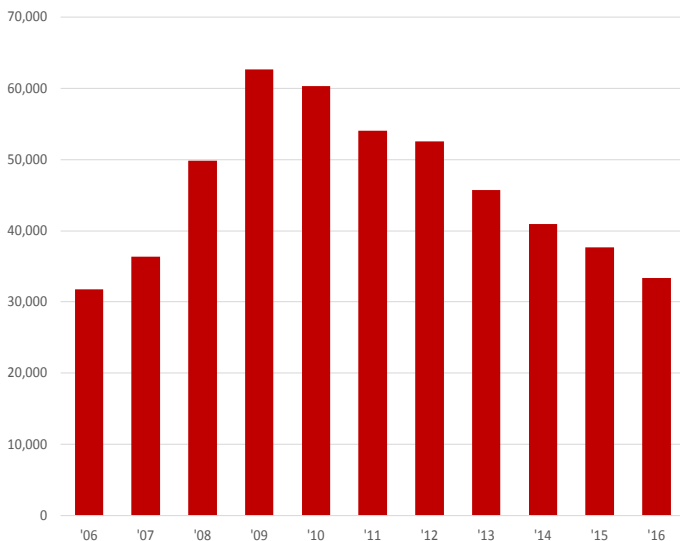
	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Nov 16</u>	<u>Dec 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	627,221	628,465	618,741	-1,244	8,480
Employment	593,826	596,786	581,040	-2,960	12,786
Unemployment	33,395	31,679	37,701	1,716	-4,306
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.0	6.1	0.3	-0.8

Texarkana MSA

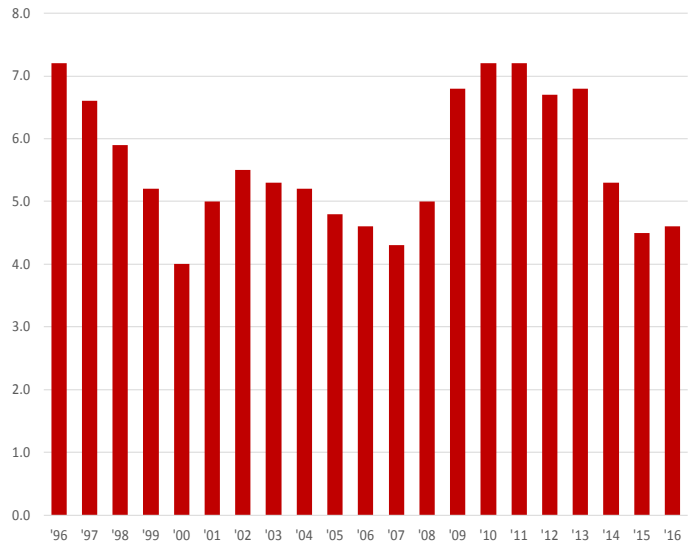
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Nov 16</u>	<u>Dec 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,741	65,015	64,888	-274	-147
Employment	61,741	62,188	61,976	-447	-235
Unemployment	3,000	2,827	2,912	173	88
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.3	4.5	0.3	0.1

Unemployment- Memphis MSA
December: 2006 - 2016



Unemployment Rates- Texarkana MSA
December: 1996 - 2016



Labor Market Report

Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Micro Area	December 2016				November 2016				December 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,600	9,218	382	4.0	9,676	9,322	354	3.7	9,515	9,087	428	4.5
Batesville Micro	15,965	15,203	762	4.8	15,948	15,260	688	4.3	15,587	14,584	1,003	6.4
Blytheville Micro	18,408	17,136	1,272	6.9	18,463	17,414	1,049	5.7	18,054	16,702	1,352	7.5
Camden Micro	12,114	11,560	554	4.6	12,177	11,640	537	4.4	12,168	11,433	735	6.0
El Dorado Micro	16,192	15,332	860	5.3	16,239	15,445	794	4.9	16,659	15,708	951	5.7
Forrest City Micro	8,754	8,324	430	4.9	8,810	8,400	410	4.7	8,888	8,288	600	6.8
Harrison Micro	19,403	18,682	721	3.7	19,465	18,826	639	3.3	18,975	18,125	850	4.5
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,605	6,228	377	5.7	6,634	6,296	338	5.1	6,885	6,373	512	7.4
Magnolia Micro	9,234	8,693	541	5.9	9,296	8,810	486	5.2	9,512	8,905	607	6.4
Malvern Micro	14,087	13,574	513	3.6	14,174	13,681	493	3.5	14,297	13,635	662	4.6
Mountain Home Micro	15,938	15,215	723	4.5	16,037	15,401	636	4.0	16,302	15,447	855	5.2
Paragould Micro	19,721	18,856	865	4.4	19,805	19,022	783	4.0	20,119	19,135	984	4.9
Russellville Micro	38,001	36,345	1,656	4.4	38,326	36,825	1,501	3.9	38,715	36,729	1,986	5.1
Searcy Micro	33,834	32,237	1,597	4.7	34,013	32,547	1,466	4.3	34,282	32,253	2,029	5.9

Arkadelphia Micro= Clark County

Batesville Micro= Independence County

Blytheville Micro= Mississippi County

Camden Micro= Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro= Union County

Forrest City Micro= St. Francis County

Harrison Micro= Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro= Phillips County

Magnolia Micro= Columbia County

Malvern Micro= Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro= Baxter County

Paragould Micro= Greene County

Russellville Micro= Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro= White County

City Labor Force Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

City	December 2016				November 2016				December 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	11,856	11,465	391	3.3	12,050	11,675	375	3.1	11,814	11,352	462	3.9
Benton	15,975	15,485	490	3.1	16,126	15,647	479	3.0	15,877	15,280	597	3.8
Bentonville	22,067	21,549	518	2.3	22,460	21,944	516	2.3	22,062	21,336	726	3.3
Blytheville	6,352	5,851	501	7.9	6,307	5,945	362	5.7	6,208	5,702	506	8.2
Cabot	11,600	11,268	332	2.9	11,731	11,400	331	2.8	11,571	11,184	387	3.3
Conway	32,674	31,538	1,136	3.5	32,966	31,873	1,093	3.3	32,453	31,164	1,289	4.0
El Dorado	7,027	6,612	415	5.9	7,039	6,660	379	5.4	7,213	6,774	439	6.1
Fayetteville	44,872	43,736	1,136	2.5	45,650	44,530	1,120	2.5	44,637	43,302	1,335	3.0
Fort Smith	39,438	38,067	1,371	3.5	39,848	38,550	1,298	3.3	39,603	37,830	1,773	4.5
Hot Springs	13,869	13,199	670	4.8	13,939	13,332	607	4.4	13,834	13,052	782	5.7
Jacksonville	11,712	11,229	483	4.1	11,840	11,346	494	4.2	11,661	11,079	582	5.0
Jonesboro	36,434	35,359	1,075	3.0	36,617	35,598	1,019	2.8	35,606	34,234	1,372	3.9
Little Rock	95,852	92,706	3,146	3.3	96,756	93,675	3,081	3.2	95,289	91,465	3,824	4.0
North Little Rock	29,840	28,760	1,080	3.6	30,082	29,061	1,021	3.4	29,691	28,375	1,316	4.4
Paragould	12,307	11,740	567	4.6	12,358	11,844	514	4.2	12,558	11,914	644	5.1
Pine Bluff	16,797	15,836	961	5.7	16,983	16,074	909	5.4	17,371	16,136	1,235	7.1
Rogers	32,774	31,858	916	2.8	33,316	32,441	875	2.6	32,572	31,542	1,030	3.2
Russellville	13,523	12,973	550	4.1	13,619	13,136	483	3.5	13,750	13,076	674	4.9
Searcy	10,306	9,935	371	3.6	10,393	10,030	363	3.5	10,444	9,940	504	4.8
Sherwood	15,412	14,958	454	2.9	15,522	15,114	408	2.6	15,255	14,758	497	3.3
Springdale	37,540	36,632	908	2.4	38,210	37,298	912	2.4	37,377	36,268	1,109	3.0
Texarkana, AR	13,600	13,004	596	4.4	13,720	13,149	571	4.2	13,684	13,022	662	4.8
Van Buren	10,257	9,929	328	3.2	10,385	10,061	324	3.1	10,378	9,891	487	4.7
West Memphis	10,775	10,213	562	5.2	10,829	10,293	536	4.9	10,673	10,116	557	5.2

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County Labor Force Statistics

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	December 2016				November 2016				December 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,247	8,932	315	3.4	9,313	8,999	314	3.4	9,409	9,026	383	4.1
Ashley	7,897	7,356	541	6.9	7,921	7,462	459	5.8	8,182	7,622	560	6.8
Baxter	15,938	15,215	723	4.5	16,037	15,401	636	4.0	16,302	15,447	855	5.2
Benton	122,684	119,283	3,401	2.8	124,774	121,467	3,307	2.7	122,122	118,102	4,020	3.3
Boone	15,971	15,401	570	3.6	16,035	15,516	519	3.2	15,607	14,915	692	4.4
Bradley	4,545	4,306	239	5.3	4,551	4,335	216	4.7	4,625	4,393	232	5.0
Calhoun	2,321	2,226	95	4.1	2,335	2,248	87	3.7	2,358	2,226	132	5.6
Carroll	12,938	12,445	493	3.8	13,063	12,660	403	3.1	12,431	11,836	595	4.8
Chicot	3,514	3,264	250	7.1	3,534	3,319	215	6.1	3,666	3,375	291	7.9
Clark	9,600	9,218	382	4.0	9,676	9,322	354	3.7	9,515	9,087	428	4.5
Clay	5,936	5,599	337	5.7	5,989	5,703	286	4.8	6,346	5,889	457	7.2
Cleburne	9,355	8,854	501	5.4	9,444	8,972	472	5.0	9,502	8,871	631	6.6
Cleveland	3,298	3,149	149	4.5	3,336	3,201	135	4.0	3,409	3,240	169	5.0
Columbia	9,234	8,693	541	5.9	9,296	8,810	486	5.2	9,512	8,905	607	6.4
Conway	8,323	7,893	430	5.2	8,370	7,955	415	5.0	8,607	8,108	499	5.8
Craighead	52,125	50,573	1,552	3.0	52,372	50,915	1,457	2.8	50,943	48,964	1,979	3.9
Crawford	26,459	25,519	940	3.6	26,760	25,858	902	3.4	26,703	25,423	1,280	4.8
Crittenden	21,663	20,694	969	4.5	21,766	20,857	909	4.2	21,608	20,497	1,111	5.1
Cross	7,950	7,583	367	4.6	7,991	7,663	328	4.1	8,065	7,625	440	5.5
Dallas	2,916	2,783	133	4.6	2,954	2,824	130	4.4	2,896	2,718	178	6.1
Desha	5,442	5,144	298	5.5	5,527	5,263	264	4.8	5,575	5,197	378	6.8
Drew	8,084	7,648	436	5.4	8,073	7,673	400	5.0	8,118	7,619	499	6.1
Faulkner	59,654	57,559	2,095	3.5	60,162	58,171	1,991	3.3	59,442	56,876	2,566	4.3
Franklin	7,230	6,957	273	3.8	7,284	7,027	257	3.5	7,390	7,042	348	4.7
Fulton	4,650	4,454	196	4.2	4,681	4,501	180	3.8	4,803	4,566	237	4.9
Garland	39,692	37,970	1,722	4.3	39,968	38,354	1,614	4.0	39,554	37,547	2,007	5.1
Grant	8,275	7,989	286	3.5	8,353	8,085	268	3.2	8,289	7,928	361	4.4
Greene	19,721	18,856	865	4.4	19,805	19,022	783	4.0	20,119	19,135	984	4.9
Hempstead	9,890	9,518	372	3.8	9,959	9,621	338	3.4	9,795	9,359	436	4.5
Hot Spring	14,087	13,574	513	3.6	14,174	13,681	493	3.5	14,297	13,635	662	4.6
Howard	5,768	5,586	182	3.2	5,828	5,651	177	3.0	5,826	5,593	233	4.0
Independence	15,965	15,203	762	4.8	15,948	15,260	688	4.3	15,587	14,584	1,003	6.4
Izard	5,034	4,749	285	5.7	5,061	4,805	256	5.1	5,039	4,700	339	6.7
Jackson	6,034	5,641	393	6.5	6,073	5,745	328	5.4	6,157	5,726	431	7.0
Jefferson	28,025	26,529	1,496	5.3	28,289	26,927	1,362	4.8	28,922	27,031	1,891	6.5
Johnson	10,517	10,045	472	4.5	10,586	10,156	430	4.1	10,505	9,960	545	5.2
Lafayette	2,615	2,468	147	5.6	2,644	2,503	141	5.3	2,660	2,475	185	7.0
Lawrence	6,969	6,679	290	4.2	7,045	6,784	261	3.7	7,069	6,698	371	5.2
Lee	3,073	2,926	147	4.8	3,107	2,972	135	4.3	3,215	3,023	192	6.0
Lincoln	4,007	3,823	184	4.6	4,067	3,889	178	4.4	4,187	3,942	245	5.9
Little River	5,603	5,347	256	4.6	5,657	5,410	247	4.4	5,643	5,354	289	5.1
Logan	9,042	8,680	362	4.0	9,108	8,761	347	3.8	9,189	8,711	478	5.2
Lonoke	32,986	31,933	1,053	3.2	33,333	32,309	1,024	3.1	32,944	31,696	1,248	3.8
Madison	7,240	7,024	216	3.0	7,373	7,169	204	2.8	7,318	7,070	248	3.4
Marion	6,511	6,231	280	4.3	6,554	6,308	246	3.8	6,466	6,145	321	5.0
Miller	19,648	18,828	820	4.2	19,822	19,038	784	4.0	19,781	18,853	928	4.7

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County Labor Force Statistics

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County	December 2016				November 2016				December 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	18,408	17,136	1,272	6.9	18,463	17,414	1,049	5.7	18,054	16,702	1,352	7.5
Monroe	2,795	2,639	156	5.6	2,801	2,665	136	4.9	2,944	2,767	177	6.0
Montgomery	2,840	2,673	167	5.9	2,889	2,747	142	4.9	3,227	3,016	211	6.5
Nevada	3,676	3,550	126	3.4	3,702	3,582	120	3.2	3,629	3,467	162	4.5
Newton	3,432	3,281	151	4.4	3,430	3,310	120	3.5	3,368	3,210	158	4.7
Ouachita	9,793	9,334	459	4.7	9,842	9,392	450	4.6	9,810	9,207	603	6.1
Perry	4,193	4,007	186	4.4	4,230	4,053	177	4.2	4,229	3,982	247	5.8
Phillips	6,605	6,228	377	5.7	6,634	6,296	338	5.1	6,885	6,373	512	7.4
Pike	4,150	3,972	178	4.3	4,202	4,029	173	4.1	4,147	3,927	220	5.3
Poinsett	10,452	10,021	431	4.1	10,508	10,116	392	3.7	10,366	9,825	541	5.2
Polk	8,212	7,807	405	4.9	8,257	7,899	358	4.3	8,370	7,924	446	5.3
Pope	29,165	27,870	1,295	4.4	29,377	28,221	1,156	3.9	29,646	28,093	1,553	5.2
Prairie	3,607	3,473	134	3.7	3,650	3,523	127	3.5	3,786	3,613	173	4.6
Pulaski	186,586	180,263	6,323	3.4	188,238	182,147	6,091	3.2	185,388	177,849	7,539	4.1
Randolph	6,478	6,163	315	4.9	6,512	6,241	271	4.2	6,110	5,719	391	6.4
St. Francis	8,754	8,324	430	4.9	8,810	8,400	410	4.7	8,888	8,288	600	6.8
Saline	55,381	53,714	1,667	3.0	55,896	54,274	1,622	2.9	55,011	53,001	2,010	3.7
Scott	4,415	4,270	145	3.3	4,456	4,316	140	3.1	4,550	4,364	186	4.1
Searcy	3,053	2,903	150	4.9	3,069	2,942	127	4.1	3,077	2,920	157	5.1
Sebastian	56,723	54,746	1,977	3.5	57,350	55,440	1,910	3.3	57,000	54,405	2,595	4.6
Sevier	5,648	5,374	274	4.9	5,716	5,449	267	4.7	5,627	5,305	322	5.7
Sharp	6,003	5,665	338	5.6	6,041	5,740	301	5.0	5,954	5,562	392	6.6
Stone	4,698	4,431	267	5.7	4,752	4,518	234	4.9	4,632	4,344	288	6.2
Union	16,192	15,332	860	5.3	16,239	15,445	794	4.9	16,659	15,708	951	5.7
Van Buren	5,878	5,502	376	6.4	5,948	5,598	350	5.9	6,456	6,023	433	6.7
Washington	117,002	114,115	2,887	2.5	119,015	116,186	2,829	2.4	116,419	112,981	3,438	3.0
White	33,834	32,237	1,597	4.7	34,013	32,547	1,466	4.3	34,282	32,253	2,029	5.9
Woodruff	2,949	2,786	163	5.5	2,978	2,837	141	4.7	3,036	2,838	198	6.5
Yell	8,836	8,475	361	4.1	8,949	8,604	345	3.9	9,069	8,636	433	4.8

County Labor Force Summary

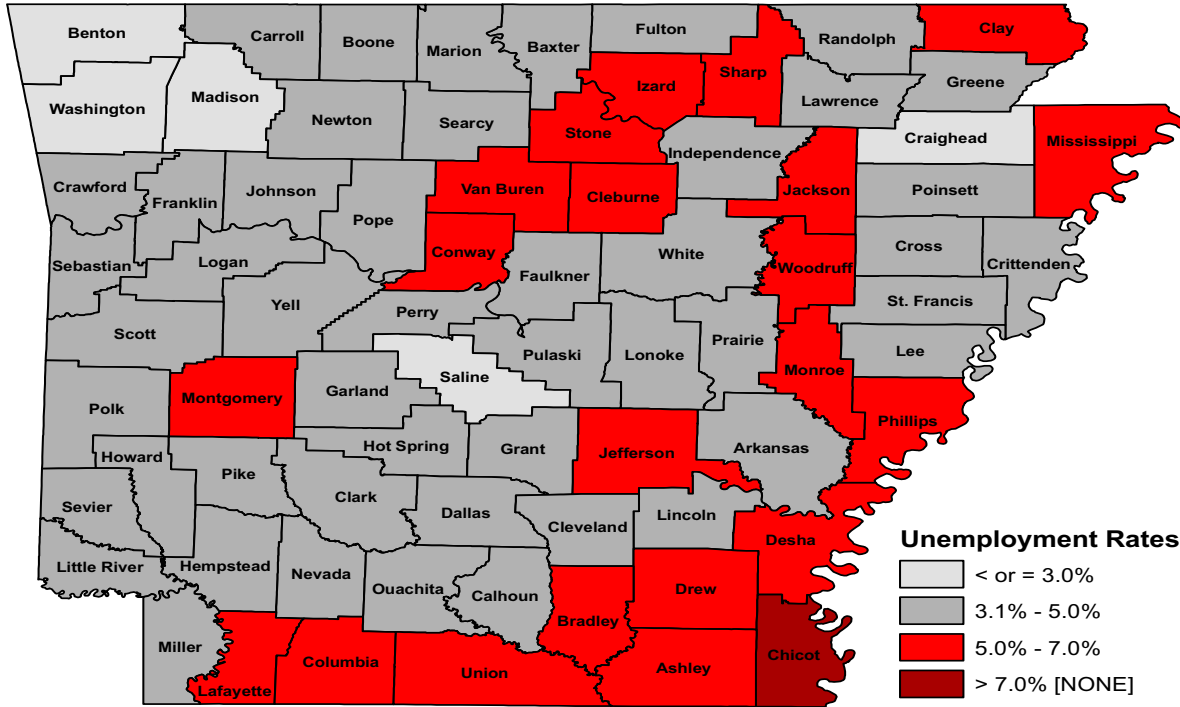
Between November and December, unemployment rates increased in 74 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Arkansas County was unchanged over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.5 percent in Washington County to a high of 7.1 percent in Chicot County.

In December, twenty-three counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. This is down from 36 counties at or below four percent in November. For the sixth month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to December 2015, unemployment rates are down in 73 Arkansas counties. Ashley and Bradley counties both posted small over-the-year increases.

Labor Market Report

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Ranked by Unemployment Rates

December 2016- Not Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.5	24	Yell	4.1	49	St. Francis	4.9
2	Benton	2.8	27	Fulton	4.2	49	Searcy	4.9
3	Craighead	3.0	27	Lawrence	4.2	49	Sevier	4.9
3	Madison	3.0	27	Miller	4.2	54	Conway	5.2
3	Saline	3.0	30	Garland	4.3	55	Bradley	5.3
6	Howard	3.2	30	Marion	4.3	55	Jefferson	5.3
6	Lonoke	3.2	30	Pike	4.3	55	Union	5.3
8	Scott	3.3	33	Greene	4.4	58	Cleburne	5.4
9	Arkansas	3.4	33	Newton	4.4	58	Drew	5.4
9	Nevada	3.4	33	Perry	4.4	60	Desha	5.5
9	Pulaski	3.4	33	Pope	4.4	60	Woodruff	5.5
12	Faulkner	3.5	37	Baxter	4.5	62	Lafayette	5.6
12	Grant	3.5	37	Cleveland	4.5	62	Monroe	5.6
12	Sebastian	3.5	37	Crittenden	4.5	62	Sharp	5.6
15	Boone	3.6	37	Johnson	4.5	65	Clay	5.7
15	Crawford	3.6	41	Cross	4.6	65	Izard	5.7
15	Hot Spring	3.6	41	Dallas	4.6	65	Phillips	5.7
18	Prairie	3.7	41	Lincoln	4.6	65	Stone	5.7
19	Carroll	3.8	41	Little River	4.6	69	Columbia	5.9
19	Franklin	3.8	45	Ouachita	4.7	69	Montgomery	5.9
19	Hempstead	3.8	45	White	4.7	71	Van Buren	6.4
22	Clark	4.0	47	Independence	4.8	72	Jackson	6.5
22	Logan	4.0	47	Lee	4.8	73	Ashley	6.9
24	Calhoun	4.1	49	Polk	4.9	73	Mississippi	6.9
24	Poinsett	4.1	49	Randolph	4.9	75	Chicot	7.1

Labor Market Report

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LWDA	December 2016				November 2016				December 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	245,157	236,875	8,282	3.4	247,324	239,414	7,910	3.2	244,226	234,337	9,889	4.0
City of Little Rock	95,852	92,706	3,146	3.3	96,756	93,675	3,081	3.2	95,289	91,465	3,824	4.0
Eastern	48,045	45,755	2,290	4.8	48,308	46,188	2,120	4.4	48,661	45,806	2,855	5.9
North Central	94,400	89,522	4,878	5.2	94,939	90,523	4,416	4.7	95,448	89,467	5,981	6.3
Northeast	120,089	115,027	5,062	4.2	120,694	116,195	4,499	3.7	119,007	112,932	6,075	5.1
Northwest	304,769	295,898	8,871	2.9	309,350	300,959	8,391	2.7	303,110	292,626	10,484	3.5
Southeast	82,334	78,140	4,194	5.1	82,964	79,153	3,811	4.6	84,382	79,373	5,009	5.9
Southwest	93,304	89,039	4,265	4.6	93,994	89,973	4,021	4.3	94,196	89,170	5,026	5.3
West Central	131,403	125,697	5,706	4.3	132,421	127,122	5,299	4.0	132,796	125,991	6,805	5.1
Western	112,081	107,979	4,102	3.7	113,215	109,301	3,914	3.5	113,202	107,869	5,333	4.7

