**Arkansas**

**Labor Market**

**Report**

**September 2016**



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Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bu- reau 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 num- ber of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data col- lected 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 unem- ployed. 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. Approxi- mately 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 dur- ing 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.

September Spotlight

A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Due to differing economies and labor force conditions in various parts of the country, unemployment rates vary greatly from state to state. In September 2016, state jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.9 percent in New Hampshire and South Dakota to a high of 6.9 percent in Alaska. The unemployment rate in Arkansas in September rose to 4.0 percent, a ranking of 11 out of 51 states. By looking at the map below, it becomes apparent that trends exist among states that are located within the same region. While there are some exceptions, western states tend to have higher jobless rates than states located in the midwest. Similarly, states located in the northeast generally experience lower unemployment rates than states located in the southeast. These regional trends occur because states often experience economic similarities based on shared industries, work forces, and climates.

**Unemployment Rates, Ranked by State (Seasonally Adjusted)**

September 2016

**Rank**

**State**

**Rate Rank State Rate Rank State Rate**

1 New Hampshire

1 South Dakota

3 North Dakota

4 Nebraska

5 Hawaii

5 Vermont

7 Utah

8 Colorado

8 Massachusetts

10 Idaho

**11 Arkansas**

11 Minnesota

11 Virginia

14 Maine

14 Wisconsin

16 Iowa

16 Maryland

2.9

2.9

3.0

3.2

3.3

3.3

3.4

3.6

3.6

3.8

**4.0**

4.0

4.0

4.1

4.1

4.2

4.2

18 Delaware

18 Montana

20 Kansas

21 Indiana

22 Michigan

22 Tennessee

24 Florida

24 North Carolina

26 Ohio

26 Texas

28 South Carolina

29 Kentucky

29 New York

31 Georgia

32 Missouri

32 Oklahoma

34 New Jersey

4.3

4.3

4.4

4.5

4.6

4.6

4.7

4.7

4.8

4.8

4.9

5.0

5.0

5.1

5.2

5.2

5.3

34 Wyoming

36 Alabama

36 Connecticut

38 Arizona

38 California

38 Illinois

38 Oregon

42 Rhode Island

42 Washington

44 Pennsylvania

45 Nevada

45 West Virginia

47 Mississippi

48 District of Columbia

49 Louisiana

50 New Mexico

51 Alaska

5.3

5.4

5.4

5.5

5.5

5.5

5.5

5.6

5.6

5.7

5.8

5.8

6.0

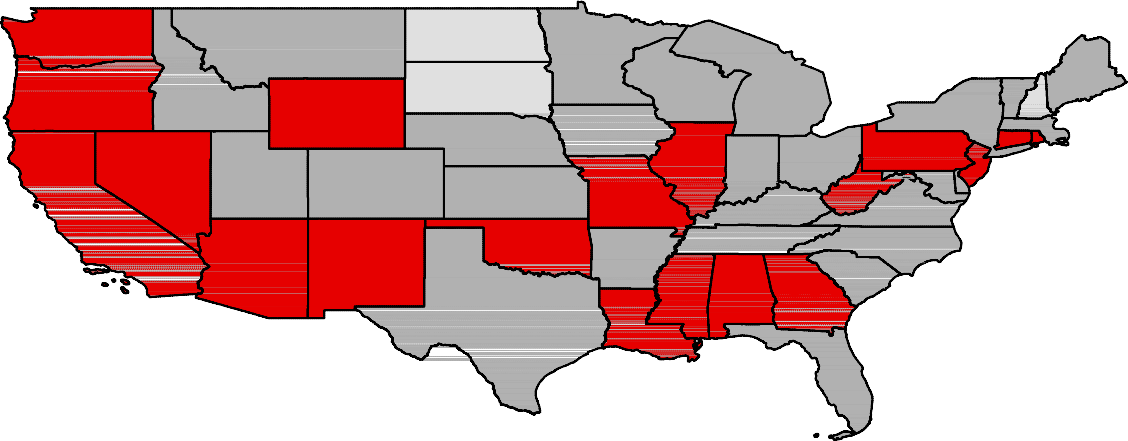
6.1

6.4

6.7

6.9

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 5.0 Percent



Washington

Oregon

Idaho

Montana

North Dakota

South Dakota

Minnesota

Wisconsin

Michigan

Vermont

Maine

Wyoming

Nebraska

Iowa

New York

Pennsylvania

New Hampshire

Massachusetts

Connecticut

Rhode Island

Illinois

Indiana

Ohio

New Jersey

Nevada

California

Utah

Colorado

Kansas

Missouri

Kentucky

West Virginia Maryland

Delaware

Virginia

Arizona

New Mexico

Oklahoma

Arkansas

Tennessee North Carolina

South Carolina

Continental U.S. Only

Texas

MississippiAlabama

Louisiana

Georgia

Florida

Unemployment Rates

< or = 3.0%

3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

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Civilian Labor Force Summar y

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 increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.9 percent in August to 4.0 percent in Septem- ber. Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased 972, a result of 1,513 more unemployed and 541 fewer employed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point in September, reaching 5.0 percent.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point in September, caused by an increase of 1,513 unemployed. While unemployment is up slightly over the month, there are still 11,385 fewer unemployed Arkansans than in September 2015.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Sep 16**  1,357,063 | **Aug 16**  1,356,091 | **Sep 15**  1,333,300 | Civilian Labor Force | **Sep 16**  1,355,996 | **Aug 16**  1,352,005 | **Sep 15**  1,332,722 |
| Employment | 1,302,246 | 1,302,787 | 1,267,098 | Employment | 1,302,766 | 1,299,929 | 1,270,787 |
| Unemployment | 54,817 | 53,304 | 66,202 | Unemployment | 53,230 | 52,076 | 61,935 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.0 | 3.9 | 5.0 | Unemployment Rate | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.6 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.1 | U.S. Unemployment | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.9 |

1,340,000

**Employment- Seasonally Adjusted vs. Not Seasonally Adjusted**

September 2014 - September 2016

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

1,180,000

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1,160,000 |  | | | | | | | | |
|  | Sep | Dec | Mar | Jun | Sep | Dec | Mar | Jun | Sep |
|  | '14 | '14 | '15 | '15 | '15 | '15 | '16 | '16 | '16 |

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted



(In Thousands)

(NAICS)

**Sep 16 Aug 16 Sep 15**

**OTM OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Nonfarm | 1235.6 | 1220.1 | 1221.4 | 15.5 | 14.2 |
| Goods Producing | 211.6 | 211.0 | 214.8 | 0.6 | -3.2 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 57.5 | 57.9 | 60.0 | -0.4 | -2.5 |
| **Mining & Logging 6.5 6.5 7.7 0.0 -1.2** | | | | | |
| **Construction** | **51.0** | **51.4** | **52.3** | **-0.4** | **-1.3** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 33.9 | 34.4 | 32.2 | -0.5 | 1.7 |
| **Manufacturing** | **154.1** | **153.1** | **154.8** | **1.0** | **-0.7** |
| Durable Goods | 73.7 | 73.7 | 75.7 | 0.0 | -2.0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 80.4 | 79.4 | 79.1 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| Service Providing | 1024.0 | 1009.1 | 1006.6 | 14.9 | 17.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **254.6** | **256.2** | **252.7** | **-1.6** | **1.9** |
| Wholesale Trade | 47.8 | 48.9 | 47.3 | -1.1 | 0.5 |
| Retail Trade | 142.8 | 143.3 | 140.8 | -0.5 | 2.0 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 64.0 | 64.0 | 64.6 | 0.0 | -0.6 |
| I**nformation** | **13.6** | **13.7** | **13.4** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Financial Activities** | **49.5** | **49.8** | **49.3** | **-0.3** | **0.2** |
| Finance & Insurance | 36.3 | 36.6 | 36.2 | -0.3 | 0.1 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **144.5** | **145.1** | **140.6** | **-0.6** | **3.9** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 42.9 | 43.0 | 40.4 | -0.1 | 2.5 |
| Management of Companies | 35.0 | 35.3 | 33.8 | -0.3 | 1.2 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 66.6 | 66.8 | 66.4 | -0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **185.0** | **180.4** | **177.3** | **4.6** | **7.7** |
| Educational Services | 15.6 | 12.6 | 15.0 | 3.0 | 0.6 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 169.4 | 167.8 | 162.3 | 1.6 | 7.1 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 53.8 | 52.9 | 51.3 | 0.9 | 2.5 |
| Social Assistance | 40.3 | 39.6 | 39.2 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 116.9 117.3 114.5 -0.4 2.4** | | | | | |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 11.3 | 12.2 | 11.0 | -0.9 | 0.3 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 105.6 | 105.1 | 103.5 | 0.5 | 2.1 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.8 | 12.0 | 11.4 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| Food Services | 93.8 | 93.1 | 92.1 | 0.7 | 1.7 |
| **Other Services** | **44.7** | **44.4** | **43.7** | **0.3** | **1.0** |
| **Government** | **215.2** | **202.2** | **215.1** | **13.0** | **0.1** |
| Federal Government | 20.5 | 20.6 | 20.2 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| State Government | 80.2 | 75.0 | 79.6 | 5.2 | 0.6 |
| Local Government | 114.5 | 106.6 | 115.3 | 7.9 | -0.8 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summar y

August 2016 - September 2016

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 15,500 in September to total 1,235,600. Four major indus-

try sectors added jobs, more than offsetting small declines in six sectors. Jobs in **government** rose

13,000. Gains in both local (+7,900) and state (+5,200) government were related to seasonal hiring at

public schools and universities. **Educational and health services** added 4,600 jobs. A majority of the

additions were in educational services (+3,000), attributed to hiring at private schools. Employment in

**manufacturing** is up 1,000. All expansions were in nondurable goods manufacturing, related in part to

reported hiring in food manufacturing. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** decreased 1,600. Losses

occurred in wholesale (-1,100) and retail (-500) trade, both typical seasonal declines.

September 2015 - September 2016

Compared to September 2015, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment has increased 14,200. Eight major industry sectors posted growth, while three sectors declined. **Educational and health services** added 7,700 jobs, mostly in health care and social assistance (+7,100). Jobs in **professional and busi- ness services** rose 3,900. Professional, scientific, and technical services posted a majority of the gain (+2,500). Employment in **leisure and hospitality** increased 2,400, mostly in food services (+1,700). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 1,900, as retail (+2,000) and wholesale trade (+500) offset losses in transportation-warehousing-utilities (-600). **Other services** added 1,000 jobs. The sector in- cludes activities such as automotive repair, dry cleaning services, and social advocacy organizations. De- clines were posted in **construction** (-1,300), **mining and logging** (-1,200), and **manufacturing** (-700).

180,000

**Jobs in Health Care and Social Assistance (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

September: 1996 - 2016

170,000

160,000

150,000

140,000

130,000

120,000

110,000

100,000

90,000

80,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

**Sep 16 Aug 16**

**Sep 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

39.8

15.67

623.67

41.0

15.65

641.65

41.2

16.15

665.38

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Sep 16 Aug 16**

**Sep 15**

**Sep 16 Aug 16**

**Sep 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

41.2

17.67

728.00

42.6

17.36

739.54

39.5

18.02

711.79

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

38.6

13.72

529.59

39.5

13.94

550.63

42.9

14.50

622.05

17.00

**Average Hourly Earnings - Manufacturing**

September: 2006 - 2016

16.00

15.00

14.00

13.00

12.00

11.00

10.00

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Little Rock-Nor th 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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 16** | **Aug 16** | **Sep 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 354,215 | 356,569 | 348,804 | -2,354 | 5,411 |
| Employment | 341,495 | 344,403 | 334,098 | -2,908 | 7,397 |
| Unemployment | 12,720 | 12,166 | 14,706 | 554 | -1,986 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 0.2 | -0.6 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Sep 16**  355.6 | **Aug 16**  355.0 | **Sep 15**  353.3 | **OTM**  0.6 | **OT Y**  2.3 |
| Goods Producing | 36.4 | 36.8 | 37.8 | -0.4 | -1.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **16.0** | **16.5** | **17.5** | **-0.5** | **-1.5** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.4** | **20.3** | **20.3** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| Service Providing 319.2 318.2 315.5 1.0 3.7 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **69.2** | **70.4** | **68.9** | **-1.2** | **0.3** |
| Wholesale Trade | 15.2 | 15.3 | 15.3 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 39.1 | 40.3 | 39.0 | -1.2 | 0.1 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 14.9 | 14.8 | 14.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Information** | **6.1** | **6.1** | **6.5** | **0.0** | **-0.4** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.6** | **20.8** | **20.6** | **-0.2** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **48.3** | **48.8** | **46.9** | **-0.5** | **1.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **53.9** | **53.2** | **52.9** | **0.7** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **34.6** | **34.3** | **33.6** | **0.3** | **1.0** |
| **Other Services** | **15.3** | **15.4** | **15.1** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **71.2** | **69.2** | **71.0** | **2.0** | **0.2** |
| Federal Government | 9.8 | 9.8 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| State Government | 35.1 | 34.1 | 34.8 | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| Local Government | 26.3 | 25.3 | 26.6 | 1.0 | -0.3 |

355,000

**Number of Employed**

January 2015 - September 2016

360,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

September: 1996 - 2016

350,000

345,000

350,000

340,000

340,000

335,000

330,000

330,000

325,000

320,000

320,000

315,000

310,000

310,000

300,000

305,000

300,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2015 2016

290,000

280,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 16** | **Aug 16** | **Sep 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 263,998 | 263,754 | 256,052 | 244 | 7,946 |
| Employment | 256,301 | 256,407 | 247,525 | -106 | 8,776 |
| Unemployment | 7,697 | 7,347 | 8,527 | 350 | -830 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 0.1 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Sep 16**  244.5 | **Aug 16**  241.7 | **Sep 15**  239.7 | **OTM**  2.8 | **OT Y**  4.8 |
| Goods Producing | 36.6 | 36.6 | 37.3 | 0.0 | -0.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **10.5** | **10.5** | **10.1** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Manufacturing** | **26.1** | **26.1** | **27.2** | **0.0** | **-1.1** |
| Service Providing 207.9 205.1 202.4 2.8 5.5 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **55.5** | **55.5** | **54.4** | **0.0** | **1.1** |
| Wholesale Trade | 12.3 | 12.3 | 11.9 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Retail Trade | 26.7 | 26.7 | 26.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 16.5 | 16.5 | 16.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Information** | **2.0** | **2.0** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **7.0** | **7.0** | **6.9** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **49.7** | **50.4** | **47.7** | **-0.7** | **2.0** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **27.3** | **26.4** | **26.2** | **0.9** | **1.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **24.2** | **25.0** | **24.3** | **-0.8** | **-0.1** |
| **Other Services** | **7.4** | **7.4** | **7.2** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **34.8** | **31.4** | **33.7** | **3.4** | **1.1** |
| Federal Government | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 14.1 | 11.9 | 13.3 | 2.2 | 0.8 |
| Local Government | 18.1 | 16.9 | 17.8 | 1.2 | 0.3 |

265,000

**Number of Employed**

September 2014 - September 2016

260,000

255,000

250,000

245,000

240,000

235,000

230,000

225,000

220,000

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 215,000 |  | | | | | | | | |
|  | Sep | Dec | Mar | Ju n | Sep | Dec | Mar | Ju n | Sep |
|  | '14 | '14 | '15 | '15 | '15 | '15 | '16 | '16 | '16 |

For t Smith MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 16** | **Aug 16** | **Sep 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 121,716 | 121,781 | 121,361 | -65 | 355 |
| Employment | 115,835 | 116,147 | 115,200 | -312 | 635 |
| Unemployment | 5,881 | 5,634 | 6,161 | 247 | -280 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.8 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 0.2 | -0.3 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Sep 16**  114.0 | **Aug 16**  113.2 | **Sep 15**  113.8 | **OTM**  0.8 | **OT Y**  0.2 |
| Goods Producing | 23.7 | 23.7 | 23.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.7** | **5.8** | **6.0** | **-0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Manufacturing** | **18.0** | **17.9** | **17.7** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| Service Providing 90.3 89.5 90.1 0.8 0.2 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23.6** | **23.9** | **23.7** | **-0.3** | **-0.1** |
| Wholesale Trade | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.9 | 13.0 | 12.8 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.8 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| **Information** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.7** | **3.7** | **3.8** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **12.2** | **12.3** | **12.4** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.7** | **16.7** | **16.7** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.7** | **9.8** | **9.5** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Other Services** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **18.9** | **17.6** | **18.5** | **1.3** | **0.4** |
| Federal Government | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Local Government | 14.4 | 13.3 | 14.1 | 1.1 | 0.3 |

12,000

**Number of Unemployed**

September: 2006 - 2016

95,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

September 2014 - September 2016

10,000

93,000

8,000

91,000

6,000

89,000

4,000

87,000

2,000

85,000

0

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

83,000

Sep

'14

Dec

'14

Mar

'15

Jun

'15

Sep

'15

Dec

'15

Mar

'16

Jun

'16

Sep

'16

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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|  | **Sep 16** | **Aug 16** | **Sep 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 40,924 | 41,285 | 40,092 | -361 | 832 |
| Employment | 39,175 | 39,617 | 38,000 | -442 | 1,175 |
| Unemployment | 1,749 | 1,668 | 2,092 | 81 | -343 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.3 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 0.3 | -0.9 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

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| **Sep 16** | **Aug 16** | **Sep 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 38.4 | 38.3 | 37.7 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 33.9 | 33.8 | 33.2 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

44,000

**Number of Employed**

September: 1996 - 2016

42,000

40,000

38,000

36,000

34,000

32,000

30,000

28,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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|  | **Sep 16** | **Aug 16** | **Sep 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 63,599 | 63,281 | 61,167 | 318 | 2,432 |
| Employment | 61,514 | 61,217 | 58,599 | 297 | 2,915 |
| Unemployment | 2,085 | 2,064 | 2,568 | 21 | -483 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.3 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 0.0 | -0.9 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 16** | **Aug 16** | **Sep 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 57.0 | 55.9 | 55.1 | 1.1 | 1.9 |
| 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 47.8 | 46.7 | 46.1 | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| 9.0 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 0.5 | 0.1 |

**NAICS**

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

49,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2014 - September 2016

48,000

47,000

46,000

45,000

44,000

43,000

42,000

41,000

40,000

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2014 2015 2016

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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|  | **Sep 16** | **Aug 16** | **Sep 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 36,100 | 36,262 | 36,346 | -162 | -246 |
| Employment | 34,136 | 34,225 | 34,028 | -89 | 108 |
| Unemployment | 1,964 | 2,037 | 2,318 | -73 | -354 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.4 | 5.6 | 6.4 | -0.2 | -1.0 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Sep 16** | **Aug 16** | **Sep 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.2 | 32.9 | 33.8 | 0.3 | -0.6 |
| 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| 27.3 | 27.0 | 27.6 | 0.3 | -0.3 |
| 9.3 | 9.0 | 9.5 | 0.3 | -0.2 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

50,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

September: 1996 - 2016

45,000

40,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

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.

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|  | **Sep 16** | **Aug 16** | **Sep 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 624,751 | 623,981 | 611,394 | 770 | 13,357 |
| Employment | 590,045 | 589,828 | 573,409 | 217 | 16,636 |
| Unemployment | 34,706 | 34,153 | 37,985 | 553 | -3,279 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.6 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 0.1 | -0.6 |

Texarkana MSA

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

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|  | **Sep 16** | **Aug 16** | **Sep 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 65,519 | 64,894 | 64,881 | 625 | 638 |
| Employment | 62,305 | 61,614 | 61,800 | 691 | 505 |
| Unemployment | 3,214 | 3,280 | 3,081 | -66 | 133 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.7 | -0.2 | 0.2 |

70,000

**Number of Unemployed- Memphis MSA**

September: 2006 - 2016

64,000

**Employment - Texarkana MSA**

September 2014 - September 2016

60,000

63,000

50,000

62,000

40,000

61,000

30,000

60,000

20,000

59,000

10,000

0

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

58,000

Sep

'14

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Jun

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'16

Jun

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'16

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**September 2016 August 2016 September 2015**

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| **Micro Area**  Arkadelphia Micro | **CLF**  9,850 | **Emp**  9,428 | **Unemp**  422 | **Rate**  4.3 | **CLF**  9,625 | **Emp**  9,196 | **Unemp**  429 | **Rate**  4.5 | **CLF**  9,552 | **Emp**  9,106 | **Unemp**  446 | **Rate**  4.7 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,222 | 15,457 | 765 | 4.7 | 15,646 | 14,862 | 784 | 5.0 | 15,798 | 14,833 | 965 | 6.1 |
| Blytheville Micro | 18,131 | 16,922 | 1,209 | 6.7 | 17,888 | 16,610 | 1,278 | 7.1 | 18,201 | 16,765 | 1,436 | 7.9 |
| Camden Micro | 12,394 | 11,765 | 629 | 5.1 | 12,364 | 11,687 | 677 | 5.5 | 12,199 | 11,501 | 698 | 5.7 |
| El Dorado Micro | 17,026 | 16,111 | 915 | 5.4 | 16,993 | 16,037 | 956 | 5.6 | 17,005 | 16,027 | 978 | 5.8 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,956 | 8,521 | 435 | 4.9 | 9,026 | 8,574 | 452 | 5.0 | 8,847 | 8,249 | 598 | 6.8 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,518 | 18,814 | 704 | 3.6 | 18,962 | 18,324 | 638 | 3.4 | 19,154 | 18,291 | 863 | 4.5 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,798 | 6,412 | 386 | 5.7 | 6,764 | 6,394 | 370 | 5.5 | 6,869 | 6,400 | 469 | 6.8 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,599 | 9,078 | 521 | 5.4 | 9,377 | 8,844 | 533 | 5.7 | 9,595 | 8,984 | 611 | 6.4 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,521 | 13,962 | 559 | 3.8 | 14,412 | 13,900 | 512 | 3.6 | 14,250 | 13,574 | 676 | 4.7 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,394 | 15,686 | 708 | 4.3 | 16,128 | 15,473 | 655 | 4.1 | 16,321 | 15,489 | 832 | 5.1 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,081 | 19,216 | 865 | 4.3 | 19,788 | 19,006 | 782 | 4.0 | 19,705 | 18,760 | 945 | 4.8 |
| Russellville Micro | 38,593 | 36,916 | 1,677 | 4.3 | 37,728 | 35,974 | 1,754 | 4.6 | 38,665 | 36,826 | 1,839 | 4.8 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,767 | 33,100 | 1,667 | 4.8 | 34,521 | 32,852 | 1,669 | 4.8 | 34,403 | 32,455 | 1,948 | 5.7 |

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)



**September 2016 August 2016 September 2015**

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| **City**  Bella Vista | **CLF**  12,139 | **Emp**  11,719 | **Unemp**  420 | **Rate**  3.5 | **CLF**  12,092 | **Emp**  11,722 | **Unemp**  370 | **Rate**  3.1 | **CLF**  11,786 | **Emp**  11,310 | **Unemp**  476 | **Rate**  4.0 |
| Benton | 16,329 | 15,765 | 564 | 3.5 | 16,414 | 15,900 | 514 | 3.1 | 16,061 | 15,431 | 630 | 3.9 |
| Bentonville | 22,644 | 22,026 | 618 | 2.7 | 22,614 | 22,032 | 582 | 2.6 | 21,950 | 21,257 | 693 | 3.2 |
| Blytheville | 6,277 | 5,778 | 499 | 7.9 | 6,176 | 5,671 | 505 | 8.2 | 6,327 | 5,724 | 603 | 9.5 |
| Cabot | 11,834 | 11,465 | 369 | 3.1 | 11,925 | 11,561 | 364 | 3.1 | 11,636 | 11,188 | 448 | 3.9 |
| Conway | 33,271 | 32,096 | 1,175 | 3.5 | 33,511 | 32,374 | 1,137 | 3.4 | 32,746 | 31,399 | 1,347 | 4.1 |
| El Dorado | 7,398 | 6,948 | 450 | 6.1 | 7,378 | 6,916 | 462 | 6.3 | 7,394 | 6,911 | 483 | 6.5 |
| Fayetteville | 45,990 | 44,691 | 1,299 | 2.8 | 46,012 | 44,714 | 1,298 | 2.8 | 44,593 | 43,143 | 1,450 | 3.3 |
| Fort Smith | 40,329 | 38,825 | 1,504 | 3.7 | 40,409 | 38,993 | 1,416 | 3.5 | 40,023 | 38,219 | 1,804 | 4.5 |
| Hot Springs | 14,305 | 13,617 | 688 | 4.8 | 14,420 | 13,771 | 649 | 4.5 | 14,021 | 13,209 | 812 | 5.8 |
| Jacksonville | 11,990 | 11,433 | 557 | 4.6 | 12,042 | 11,530 | 512 | 4.3 | 11,805 | 11,191 | 614 | 5.2 |
| Jonesboro | 37,083 | 35,900 | 1,183 | 3.2 | 36,868 | 35,724 | 1,144 | 3.1 | 35,700 | 34,222 | 1,478 | 4.1 |
| Little Rock | 97,828 | 94,389 | 3,439 | 3.5 | 98,571 | 95,191 | 3,380 | 3.4 | 96,488 | 92,390 | 4,098 | 4.2 |
| North Little Rock | 30,500 | 29,282 | 1,218 | 4.0 | 30,656 | 29,531 | 1,125 | 3.7 | 30,105 | 28,662 | 1,443 | 4.8 |
| Paragould | 12,546 | 11,964 | 582 | 4.6 | 12,340 | 11,834 | 506 | 4.1 | 12,311 | 11,680 | 631 | 5.1 |
| Pine Bluff | 17,256 | 16,147 | 1,109 | 6.4 | 17,373 | 16,185 | 1,188 | 6.8 | 17,441 | 16,123 | 1,318 | 7.6 |
| Rogers | 33,450 | 32,562 | 888 | 2.7 | 33,419 | 32,572 | 847 | 2.5 | 32,500 | 31,426 | 1,074 | 3.3 |
| Russellville | 13,764 | 13,180 | 584 | 4.2 | 13,467 | 12,837 | 630 | 4.7 | 13,810 | 13,172 | 638 | 4.6 |
| Searcy | 10,656 | 10,201 | 455 | 4.3 | 10,555 | 10,124 | 431 | 4.1 | 10,543 | 10,002 | 541 | 5.1 |
| Sherwood | 15,716 | 15,230 | 486 | 3.1 | 15,816 | 15,359 | 457 | 2.9 | 15,437 | 14,907 | 530 | 3.4 |
| Springdale | 38,509 | 37,433 | 1,076 | 2.8 | 38,440 | 37,452 | 988 | 2.6 | 37,315 | 36,136 | 1,179 | 3.2 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,834 | 13,214 | 620 | 4.5 | 13,813 | 13,160 | 653 | 4.7 | 13,702 | 13,018 | 684 | 5.0 |
| Van Buren | 10,503 | 10,125 | 378 | 3.6 | 10,541 | 10,168 | 373 | 3.5 | 10,437 | 9,952 | 485 | 4.6 |
| West Memphis | 10,825 | 10,247 | 578 | 5.3 | 10,922 | 10,361 | 561 | 5.1 | 10,653 | 10,023 | 630 | 5.9 |

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| **County**  Arkansas | **CLF**  9,380 | **Emp**  9,066 | **Unemp**  314 | **Rate**  3.3 | **CLF**  9,403 | **Emp**  9,104 | **Unemp**  299 | **Rate**  3.2 | **CLF**  9,398 | **Emp**  9,038 | **Unemp**  360 | **Rate**  3.8 |
| Ashley | 8,152 | 7,651 | 501 | 6.1 | 7,975 | 7,473 | 502 | 6.3 | 8,110 | 7,554 | 556 | 6.9 |
| Baxter | 16,394 | 15,686 | 708 | 4.3 | 16,128 | 15,473 | 655 | 4.1 | 16,321 | 15,489 | 832 | 5.1 |
| Benton | 125,608 | 121,920 | 3,688 | 2.9 | 125,398 | 121,958 | 3,440 | 2.7 | 121,838 | 117,668 | 4,170 | 3.4 |
| Boone | 16,089 | 15,514 | 575 | 3.6 | 15,619 | 15,101 | 518 | 3.3 | 15,806 | 15,091 | 715 | 4.5 |
| Bradley | 4,618 | 4,366 | 252 | 5.5 | 4,444 | 4,181 | 263 | 5.9 | 4,300 | 4,037 | 263 | 6.1 |
| Calhoun | 2,384 | 2,264 | 120 | 5.0 | 2,370 | 2,249 | 121 | 5.1 | 2,327 | 2,201 | 126 | 5.4 |
| Carroll | 13,267 | 12,849 | 418 | 3.2 | 13,375 | 13,007 | 368 | 2.8 | 12,664 | 12,207 | 457 | 3.6 |
| Chicot | 3,611 | 3,389 | 222 | 6.1 | 3,613 | 3,398 | 215 | 6.0 | 3,620 | 3,322 | 298 | 8.2 |
| Clark | 9,850 | 9,428 | 422 | 4.3 | 9,625 | 9,196 | 429 | 4.5 | 9,552 | 9,106 | 446 | 4.7 |
| Clay | 6,131 | 5,820 | 311 | 5.1 | 6,132 | 5,823 | 309 | 5.0 | 6,146 | 5,788 | 358 | 5.8 |
| Cleburne | 9,629 | 9,106 | 523 | 5.4 | 9,528 | 8,987 | 541 | 5.7 | 9,599 | 8,986 | 613 | 6.4 |
| Cleveland | 3,350 | 3,202 | 148 | 4.4 | 3,361 | 3,212 | 149 | 4.4 | 3,342 | 3,173 | 169 | 5.1 |
| Columbia | 9,599 | 9,078 | 521 | 5.4 | 9,377 | 8,844 | 533 | 5.7 | 9,595 | 8,984 | 611 | 6.4 |
| Conway | 8,705 | 8,238 | 467 | 5.4 | 8,736 | 8,224 | 512 | 5.9 | 8,659 | 8,148 | 511 | 5.9 |
| Craighead | 52,999 | 51,348 | 1,651 | 3.1 | 52,728 | 51,096 | 1,632 | 3.1 | 51,014 | 48,948 | 2,066 | 4.0 |
| Crawford | 27,062 | 26,024 | 1,038 | 3.8 | 27,152 | 26,134 | 1,018 | 3.7 | 26,878 | 25,579 | 1,299 | 4.8 |
| Crittenden | 21,751 | 20,763 | 988 | 4.5 | 21,965 | 20,995 | 970 | 4.4 | 21,507 | 20,309 | 1,198 | 5.6 |
| Cross | 8,013 | 7,678 | 335 | 4.2 | 8,009 | 7,693 | 316 | 3.9 | 7,973 | 7,604 | 369 | 4.6 |
| Dallas | 3,031 | 2,890 | 141 | 4.7 | 3,042 | 2,889 | 153 | 5.0 | 2,848 | 2,655 | 193 | 6.8 |
| Desha | 5,592 | 5,321 | 271 | 4.8 | 5,586 | 5,302 | 284 | 5.1 | 5,436 | 5,089 | 347 | 6.4 |
| Drew | 8,160 | 7,748 | 412 | 5.0 | 7,742 | 7,297 | 445 | 5.7 | 7,802 | 7,323 | 479 | 6.1 |
| Faulkner | 60,831 | 58,577 | 2,254 | 3.7 | 61,356 | 59,085 | 2,271 | 3.7 | 59,904 | 57,306 | 2,598 | 4.3 |
| Franklin | 7,429 | 7,134 | 295 | 4.0 | 7,428 | 7,142 | 286 | 3.9 | 7,336 | 6,994 | 342 | 4.7 |
| Fulton | 4,754 | 4,568 | 186 | 3.9 | 4,595 | 4,416 | 179 | 3.9 | 4,771 | 4,535 | 236 | 4.9 |
| Garland | 40,924 | 39,175 | 1,749 | 4.3 | 41,285 | 39,617 | 1,668 | 4.0 | 40,092 | 38,000 | 2,092 | 5.2 |
| Grant | 8,434 | 8,135 | 299 | 3.5 | 8,469 | 8,199 | 270 | 3.2 | 8,291 | 7,936 | 355 | 4.3 |
| Greene | 20,081 | 19,216 | 865 | 4.3 | 19,788 | 19,006 | 782 | 4.0 | 19,705 | 18,760 | 945 | 4.8 |
| Hempstead | 10,115 | 9,729 | 386 | 3.8 | 9,734 | 9,371 | 363 | 3.7 | 9,901 | 9,452 | 449 | 4.5 |
| Hot Spring | 14,521 | 13,962 | 559 | 3.8 | 14,412 | 13,900 | 512 | 3.6 | 14,250 | 13,574 | 676 | 4.7 |
| Howard | 5,861 | 5,666 | 195 | 3.3 | 5,801 | 5,605 | 196 | 3.4 | 5,874 | 5,633 | 241 | 4.1 |
| Independence | 16,222 | 15,457 | 765 | 4.7 | 15,646 | 14,862 | 784 | 5.0 | 15,798 | 14,833 | 965 | 6.1 |
| Izard | 5,098 | 4,841 | 257 | 5.0 | 4,990 | 4,725 | 265 | 5.3 | 5,075 | 4,764 | 311 | 6.1 |
| Jackson | 6,164 | 5,798 | 366 | 5.9 | 6,140 | 5,777 | 363 | 5.9 | 6,002 | 5,611 | 391 | 6.5 |
| Jefferson | 28,663 | 27,049 | 1,614 | 5.6 | 28,800 | 27,114 | 1,686 | 5.9 | 28,926 | 27,009 | 1,917 | 6.6 |
| Johnson | 10,539 | 10,053 | 486 | 4.6 | 10,051 | 9,568 | 483 | 4.8 | 10,388 | 9,850 | 538 | 5.2 |
| Lafayette | 2,598 | 2,443 | 155 | 6.0 | 2,545 | 2,387 | 158 | 6.2 | 2,597 | 2,406 | 191 | 7.4 |
| Lawrence | 7,177 | 6,881 | 296 | 4.1 | 6,884 | 6,575 | 309 | 4.5 | 6,988 | 6,622 | 366 | 5.2 |
| Lee | 3,080 | 2,931 | 149 | 4.8 | 3,082 | 2,942 | 140 | 4.5 | 3,034 | 2,845 | 189 | 6.2 |
| Lincoln | 4,087 | 3,885 | 202 | 4.9 | 4,101 | 3,899 | 202 | 4.9 | 4,078 | 3,846 | 232 | 5.7 |
| Little River | 5,711 | 5,441 | 270 | 4.7 | 5,704 | 5,413 | 291 | 5.1 | 5,633 | 5,358 | 275 | 4.9 |
| Logan | 9,218 | 8,798 | 420 | 4.6 | 9,201 | 8,793 | 408 | 4.4 | 9,208 | 8,699 | 509 | 5.5 |
| Lonoke | 33,649 | 32,492 | 1,157 | 3.4 | 33,850 | 32,764 | 1,086 | 3.2 | 33,006 | 31,707 | 1,299 | 3.9 |
| Madison | 7,383 | 7,157 | 226 | 3.1 | 7,386 | 7,168 | 218 | 3.0 | 7,118 | 6,862 | 256 | 3.6 |
| Marion | 6,702 | 6,432 | 270 | 4.0 | 6,604 | 6,354 | 250 | 3.8 | 6,607 | 6,290 | 317 | 4.8 |
| Miller | 19,960 | 19,131 | 829 | 4.2 | 19,912 | 19,053 | 859 | 4.3 | 19,777 | 18,848 | 929 | 4.7 |

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| **County**  Mississippi | **CLF**  18,131 | **Emp**  16,922 | **Unemp**  1,209 | **Rate**  6.7 | **CLF**  17,888 | **Emp**  16,610 | **Unemp**  1,278 | **Rate**  7.1 | **CLF**  18,201 | **Emp**  16,765 | **Unemp**  1,436 | **Rate**  7.9 |
| Monroe | 2,952 | 2,816 | 136 | 4.6 | 2,971 | 2,837 | 134 | 4.5 | 2,897 | 2,734 | 163 | 5.6 |
| Montgomery | 3,157 | 3,001 | 156 | 4.9 | 3,179 | 3,034 | 145 | 4.6 | 3,094 | 2,896 | 198 | 6.4 |
| Nevada | 3,771 | 3,630 | 141 | 3.7 | 3,627 | 3,493 | 134 | 3.7 | 3,712 | 3,538 | 174 | 4.7 |
| Newton | 3,429 | 3,300 | 129 | 3.8 | 3,343 | 3,223 | 120 | 3.6 | 3,348 | 3,200 | 148 | 4.4 |
| Ouachita | 10,010 | 9,501 | 509 | 5.1 | 9,994 | 9,438 | 556 | 5.6 | 9,872 | 9,300 | 572 | 5.8 |
| Perry | 4,267 | 4,073 | 194 | 4.5 | 4,301 | 4,110 | 191 | 4.4 | 4,214 | 3,976 | 238 | 5.6 |
| Phillips | 6,798 | 6,412 | 386 | 5.7 | 6,764 | 6,394 | 370 | 5.5 | 6,869 | 6,400 | 469 | 6.8 |
| Pike | 4,271 | 4,090 | 181 | 4.2 | 4,285 | 4,121 | 164 | 3.8 | 4,098 | 3,869 | 229 | 5.6 |
| Poinsett | 10,600 | 10,166 | 434 | 4.1 | 10,553 | 10,121 | 432 | 4.1 | 10,153 | 9,651 | 502 | 4.9 |
| Polk | 8,180 | 7,781 | 399 | 4.9 | 8,171 | 7,786 | 385 | 4.7 | 8,121 | 7,666 | 455 | 5.6 |
| Pope | 29,614 | 28,316 | 1,298 | 4.4 | 28,949 | 27,578 | 1,371 | 4.7 | 29,721 | 28,298 | 1,423 | 4.8 |
| Prairie | 3,693 | 3,559 | 134 | 3.6 | 3,651 | 3,517 | 134 | 3.7 | 3,616 | 3,453 | 163 | 4.5 |
| Pulaski | 190,498 | 183,535 | 6,963 | 3.7 | 191,745 | 185,094 | 6,651 | 3.5 | 187,746 | 179,648 | 8,098 | 4.3 |
| Randolph | 6,279 | 5,993 | 286 | 4.6 | 6,165 | 5,884 | 281 | 4.6 | 6,115 | 5,746 | 369 | 6.0 |
| St. Francis | 8,956 | 8,521 | 435 | 4.9 | 9,026 | 8,574 | 452 | 5.0 | 8,847 | 8,249 | 598 | 6.8 |
| Saline | 56,536 | 54,683 | 1,853 | 3.3 | 56,848 | 55,151 | 1,697 | 3.0 | 55,643 | 53,525 | 2,118 | 3.8 |
| Scott | 4,498 | 4,331 | 167 | 3.7 | 4,460 | 4,297 | 163 | 3.7 | 4,402 | 4,204 | 198 | 4.5 |
| Searcy | 3,039 | 2,898 | 141 | 4.6 | 3,033 | 2,903 | 130 | 4.3 | 3,070 | 2,923 | 147 | 4.8 |
| Sebastian | 58,027 | 55,836 | 2,191 | 3.8 | 58,139 | 56,077 | 2,062 | 3.5 | 57,571 | 54,965 | 2,606 | 4.5 |
| Sevier | 5,700 | 5,422 | 278 | 4.9 | 5,652 | 5,382 | 270 | 4.8 | 5,590 | 5,263 | 327 | 5.8 |
| Sharp | 6,126 | 5,816 | 310 | 5.1 | 5,924 | 5,617 | 307 | 5.2 | 6,068 | 5,690 | 378 | 6.2 |
| Stone | 4,767 | 4,535 | 232 | 4.9 | 4,785 | 4,554 | 231 | 4.8 | 4,703 | 4,430 | 273 | 5.8 |
| Union | 17,026 | 16,111 | 915 | 5.4 | 16,993 | 16,037 | 956 | 5.6 | 17,005 | 16,027 | 978 | 5.8 |
| Van Buren | 6,498 | 6,105 | 393 | 6.0 | 6,413 | 6,002 | 411 | 6.4 | 6,417 | 6,024 | 393 | 6.1 |
| Washington | 119,893 | 116,605 | 3,288 | 2.7 | 119,809 | 116,666 | 3,143 | 2.6 | 116,261 | 112,568 | 3,693 | 3.2 |
| White | 34,767 | 33,100 | 1,667 | 4.8 | 34,521 | 32,852 | 1,669 | 4.8 | 34,403 | 32,455 | 1,948 | 5.7 |
| Woodruff | 2,965 | 2,814 | 151 | 5.1 | 2,962 | 2,806 | 156 | 5.3 | 2,929 | 2,759 | 170 | 5.8 |
| Yell | 8,979 | 8,600 | 379 | 4.2 | 8,779 | 8,396 | 383 | 4.4 | 8,944 | 8,528 | 416 | 4.7 |

County Labor Force Summar y

Between August and September, unemployment rates increased in 35 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Twenty-nine counties posted rate declines, while 11 were unchanged over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.7 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.7 percent in Missis- sippi County.

In September, twenty-four counties had unemployment rates at or below four percent, down from 28 counties at or above four percent last month). No county posted rates above eight per- cent, for the third consecutive month.

Compared to September 2015, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties.

Benton

Washington

Carroll

Madison

Boone

Newton

Marion

Searcy

Baxter

Stone

Fulton

Izard

Sharp

Randolph

Lawrence

Clay

Greene

Craighead

Mississippi

Crawford

Franklin

Johnson

Pope

Van Buren

Cleburne

Independence

Jackson

Poinsett

Cross

Sebastian

Scott

Logan

Yell

Conway

Perry

Saline

Faulkner

Pulaski

White

Lonoke

Prairie

Woodruff

Monroe

St. Francis

Lee

Crittenden

Polk

Sevier

Montgomery

Pike

Howard

Garland

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

Desha

Phillips

Unemployment Rates

Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Nevada

Ouachita

Calhoun

Bradley

Drew

Chicot

< or = 4.0%

4.1% - 6.0%

6.1% - 8.0%

Lafayette

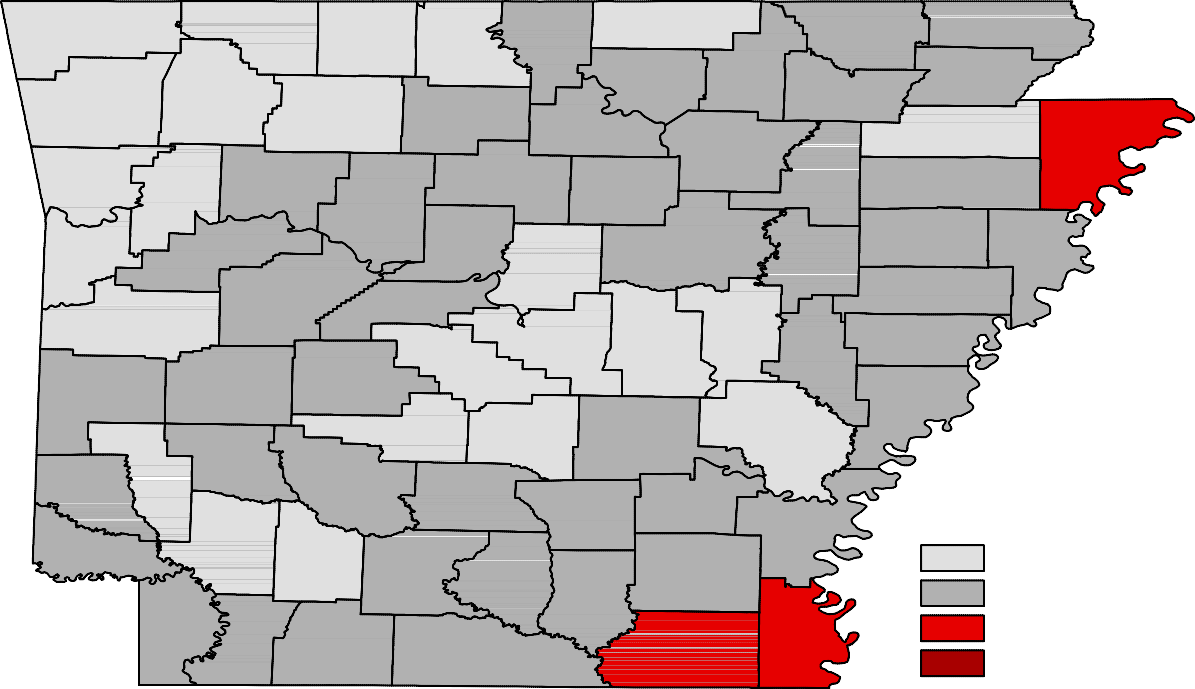
Columbia

Union

Ashley

> 8.0% [NONE]

Ranked by Unemployment Rates



September 2016- Not Seasonally Adjusted



|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  2.7 | **Rank**  25 | **County**  Poinsett | **Rate**  4.1 | **Rank**  50 | **County**  Montgomery | **Rate**  4.9 |
| 2 | Benton | 2.9 | 27 | Cross | 4.2 | 50 | Polk | 4.9 |
| 3 | Craighead | 3.1 | 27 | Miller | 4.2 | 50 | St. Francis | 4.9 |
| 3 | Madison | 3.1 | 27 | Pike | 4.2 | 50 | Sevier | 4.9 |
| 5 | Carroll | 3.2 | 27 | Yell | 4.2 | 50 | Stone | 4.9 |
| 6 | Arkansas | 3.3 | 31 | Baxter | 4.3 | 56 | Calhoun | 5.0 |
| 6 | Howard | 3.3 | 31 | Clark | 4.3 | 56 | Drew | 5.0 |
| 6 | Saline | 3.3 | 31 | Garland | 4.3 | 56 | Izard | 5.0 |
| 9 | Lonoke | 3.4 | 31 | Greene | 4.3 | 59 | Clay | 5.1 |
| 10 | Grant | 3.5 | 35 | Cleveland | 4.4 | 59 | Ouachita | 5.1 |
| 11 | Boone | 3.6 | 35 | Pope | 4.4 | 59 | Sharp | 5.1 |
| 11 | Prairie | 3.6 | 37 | Crittenden | 4.5 | 59 | Woodruff | 5.1 |
| 13 | Faulkner | 3.7 | 37 | Perry | 4.5 | 63 | Cleburne | 5.4 |
| 13 | Nevada | 3.7 | 39 | Johnson | 4.6 | 63 | Columbia | 5.4 |
| 13 | Pulaski | 3.7 | 39 | Logan | 4.6 | 63 | Conway | 5.4 |
| 13 | Scott | 3.7 | 39 | Monroe | 4.6 | 63 | Union | 5.4 |
| 17 | Crawford | 3.8 | 39 | Randolph | 4.6 | 67 | Bradley | 5.5 |
| 17 | Hempstead | 3.8 | 39 | Searcy | 4.6 | 68 | Jefferson | 5.6 |
| 17 | Hot Spring | 3.8 | 44 | Dallas | 4.7 | 69 | Phillips | 5.7 |
| 17 | Newton | 3.8 | 44 | Independence | 4.7 | 70 | Jackson | 5.9 |
| 17 | Sebastian | 3.8 | 44 | Little River | 4.7 | 71 | Lafayette | 6.0 |
| 22 | Fulton | 3.9 | 47 | Desha | 4.8 | 71 | Van Buren | 6.0 |
| 23 | Franklin | 4.0 | 47 | Lee | 4.8 | 73 | Ashley | 6.1 |
| 23 | Marion | 4.0 | 47 | White | 4.8 | 73 | Chicot | 6.1 |
| 25 | Lawrence | 4.1 | 50 | Lincoln | 4.9 | 75 | Mississippi | 6.7 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**September 2016 August 2016 September 2015**

**LWDA CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

Central (minus LR) 250,331

241,273

9,058

3.6

251,850

243,257

8,593

3.4

246,324

235,983

10,341

4.2

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| City of Little Rock | 97,828 | 94,389 | 3,439 | 3.5 | 98,571 | 95,191 | 3,380 | 3.4 | 96,488 | 92,390 | 4,098 | 4.2 |
| Eastern | 48,598 | 46,305 | 2,293 | 4.7 | 48,846 | 46,598 | 2,248 | 4.6 | 48,230 | 45,407 | 2,823 | 5.9 |
| North Central | 96,990 | 92,140 | 4,850 | 5.0 | 95,504 | 90,598 | 4,906 | 5.1 | 95,765 | 90,087 | 5,678 | 5.9 |
| Northeast | 121,398 | 116,346 | 5,052 | 4.2 | 120,138 | 115,115 | 5,023 | 4.2 | 118,322 | 112,280 | 6,042 | 5.1 |
| Northwest | 311,804 | 302,361 | 9,443 | 3.0 | 310,695 | 301,853 | 8,842 | 2.8 | 303,033 | 292,298 | 10,735 | 3.5 |
| Southeast | 84,047 | 79,812 | 4,235 | 5.0 | 83,494 | 79,179 | 4,315 | 5.2 | 83,303 | 78,327 | 4,976 | 6.0 |
| Southwest | 95,766 | 91,306 | 4,460 | 4.7 | 94,751 | 90,161 | 4,590 | 4.8 | 94,731 | 89,665 | 5,066 | 5.3 |
| West Central | 134,827 | 128,936 | 5,891 | 4.4 | 133,602 | 127,744 | 5,858 | 4.4 | 133,012 | 126,245 | 6,767 | 5.1 |
| Western | 114,414 | 109,904 | 4,510 | 3.9 | 114,551 | 110,229 | 4,322 | 3.8 | 113,516 | 108,107 | 5,409 | 4.8 |

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Desha

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Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Nevada

Ouachita

Calhoun

Bradley

Drew

Chicot

Lafayette

Columbia

Union

Ashley

Central (minus LR) Eastern

North Central

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

Southwest

West Central

Western



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