

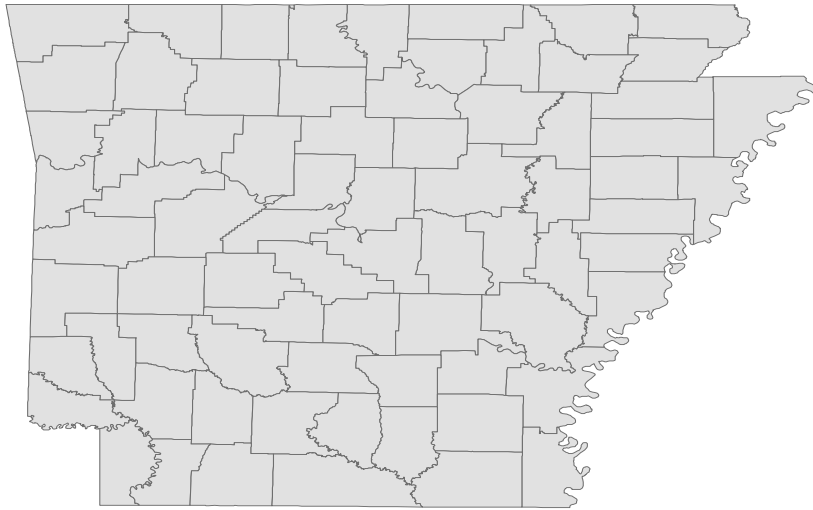
Arkansas Labor Market Report

January 2017



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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 month's data is 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 2016 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.

January Spotlight

2017 Publication Schedule and Data Changes

2017 Arkansas Publication Schedule

Reference Month	State Press Release	MSA's & Counties*
January	03/13/17	03/17/17
February	03/24/17	04/05/17
March	04/21/17	05/03/17
April	05/19/17	05/31/17
May	06/16/17	06/28/17
June	07/21/17	08/02/17
July	08/18/17	08/30/17
August	09/15/17	09/27/17
September	10/20/17	11/01/17
October	11/17/17	11/30/17
November	12/22/17	01/04/18
December	01/23/18	02/01/18

*Date when Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and county labor force statistics will be available on Discover Arkansas.

Changes Affecting Data

Arkansas Civilian Labor Force:

In accordance with guidelines from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Arkansas' Civilian Labor Force (CLF) estimates are undergoing annual processing. The purpose of annual processing is to incorporate more complete and accurate information into the estimation process. CLF estimates are being revised back to January 2010.

All levels of data—State, counties, Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Micropolitan Statistical Areas, Local Workforce Development Areas, and cities—have been revised from January 2010 through December 2016. The new Statewide and sub-state CLF data is available now at www.discover.arkansas.gov.

Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs:

In accordance with the same guidelines, the Current Employment Statistics program also re-estimated the nonfarm payroll job series to include more comprehensive and precise information into the calculations. State and MSA estimates for 2015 and 2016 were recently revised and are available on the Discover Arkansas website.

State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

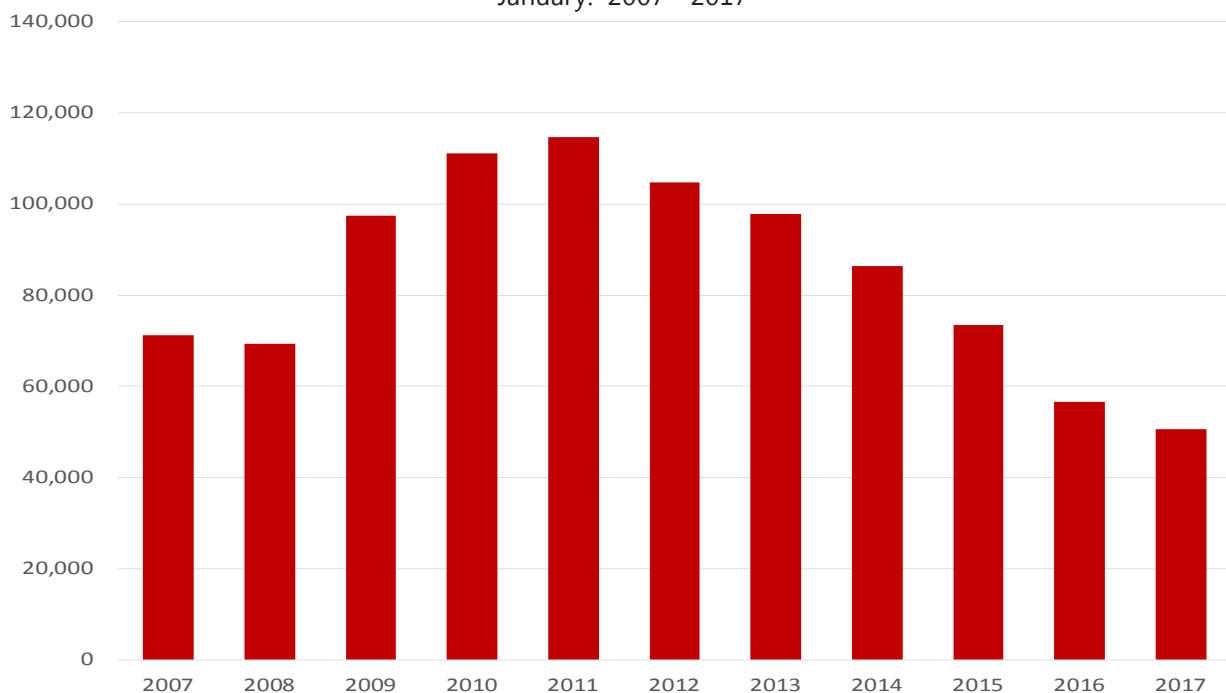
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.9 percent in December 2016 to 3.8 percent in January 2017. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 1,275, a result of 2,098 fewer unemployed and 823 additional employed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.8 percent in January 2017, up from 4.7 percent in December 2016.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "The number of unemployed Arkansans declined 2,098 in January, pushing the unemployment rate down to 3.8 percent. After revising data from previous years, the new series reflects a small but steady decrease in unemployment each month since March 2011."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,336,036	1,337,311	1,344,399	Civilian Labor Force	1,315,096	1,327,109
Employment	1,285,355	1,284,532	1,287,708	Employment	1,260,432	1,276,550
Unemployment	50,681	52,779	56,691	Unemployment	54,664	50,559
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.9	4.2	Unemployment Rate	4.2	3.8
U.S. Unemployment	4.8	4.7	4.9	U.S. Unemployment	5.1	4.5

Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)
January: 2007 - 2017



State of Arkansas

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1216.3	1240.6	1204.5	-24.3	11.8
Goods Producing	210.4	211.1	209.6	-0.7	0.8
Mining, Logging, and Construction	54.0	55.2	55.3	-1.2	-1.3
Mining & Logging	5.9	6.1	7.0	-0.2	-1.1
Construction	48.1	49.1	48.3	-1.0	-0.2
Specialty Trade Contractors	30.8	31.2	30.5	-0.4	0.3
Manufacturing	156.4	155.9	154.3	0.5	2.1
Durable Goods	73.7	73.5	75.0	0.2	-1.3
Nondurable Goods	82.7	82.4	79.3	0.3	3.4
Service Providing	1005.9	1029.5	994.9	-23.6	11.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	250.1	257.3	249.8	-7.2	0.3
Wholesale Trade	45.4	46.5	45.9	-1.1	-0.5
Retail Trade	140.4	144.3	140.1	-3.9	0.3
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	64.3	66.5	63.8	-2.2	0.5
Information	13.0	13.4	13.6	-0.4	-0.6
Financial Activities	51.2	51.5	50.7	-0.3	0.5
Finance & Insurance	38.3	38.2	37.8	0.1	0.5
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	12.9	13.3	12.9	-0.4	0.0
Professional & Business Services	139.1	145.0	136.4	-5.9	2.7
Professional, Scientific & Technical	44.8	43.2	42.4	1.6	2.4
Management of Companies	33.1	35.5	34.2	-2.4	-1.1
Administrative & Support Services	61.2	66.3	59.8	-5.1	1.4
Educational & Health Services	184.4	185.7	177.9	-1.3	6.5
Educational Services	16.0	16.3	14.8	-0.3	1.2
Health Care & Social Assistance	168.4	169.4	163.1	-1.0	5.3
Ambulatory Health Care	55.6	55.5	52.3	0.1	3.3
Social Assistance	39.7	39.6	39.2	0.1	0.5
Leisure & Hospitality	110.2	112.6	108.9	-2.4	1.3
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	9.2	9.2	9.5	0.0	-0.3
Accommodation & Food Services	101.0	103.4	99.4	-2.4	1.6
Accommodation Services	10.0	10.6	10.1	-0.6	-0.1
Food Services	91.0	92.8	89.3	-1.8	1.7
Other Services	48.4	48.5	46.5	-0.1	1.9
Government	209.5	215.5	211.1	-6.0	-1.6
Federal Government	20.4	20.8	20.3	-0.4	0.1
State Government	74.9	79.1	75.5	-4.2	-0.6
Local Government	114.2	115.6	115.3	-1.4	-1.1

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

December 2016 - January 2017

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas decreased 24,300 in January to total 1,216,300. Ten major industry sectors posted job losses, the majority of which experienced typical seasonal fluctuations. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** dropped 7,200, attributed to the end of the holiday shopping season. Employment in **government** declined 6,000. Contractions in state (-4,200) and local (-1,400) government were related to the winter break at public schools. Jobs in **professional and business services** decreased 5,900. Most of the loss was in administrative and support services (-5,100), which includes employment agencies. **Leisure and hospitality** declined 2,400, attributed to seasonal contractions in accommodation and food services.

January 2016 - January 2017

Compared to January 2016, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll job totals are up 11,800. Seven major industry sectors posted growth, while employment in four sectors is down. **Educational and health services** rose 6,500, mostly in health care and social assistance (+5,300). Jobs in **professional and business services** increased 2,700. A majority of the gains occurred in professional-scientific-technical services (+2,400). **Manufacturing** added 2,100 jobs. Growth in nondurable goods (+3,400) offset the losses in durable goods (-1,300), due in part to reported hiring in food manufacturing. Employment in **other services** rose 1,900. The sector includes activities such as repair-maintenance services and membership organizations. The largest decline was posted in **government**, down 1,600. Both local (-1,100) and state (-600) government reported losses over the year.

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2014 - January 2017



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State of Arkansas

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

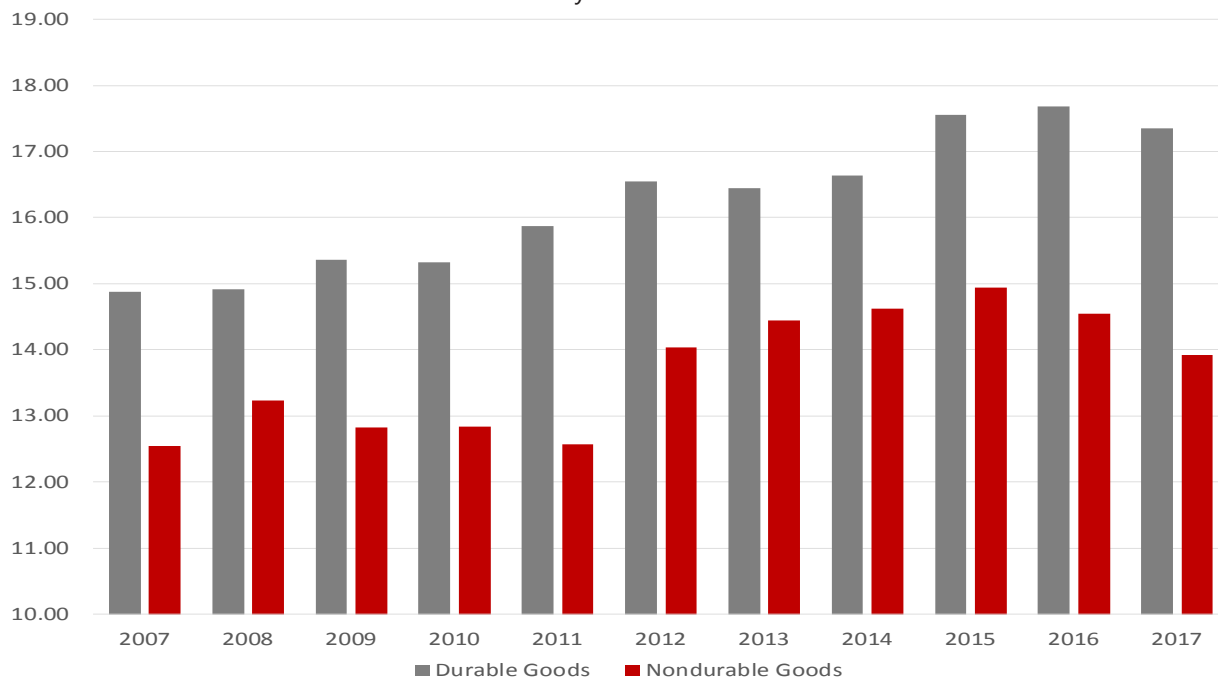
Manufacturing

	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>
Average Weekly Hours	38.8	39.3	39.7
Average Hourly Earnings	15.58	15.81	16.08
Average Weekly Earnings	604.50	621.33	638.38

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>		<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>
Average Weekly Hours	40.4	42.3	40.0	Average Weekly Hours	37.5	36.7	39.5
Average Hourly Earnings	17.35	17.67	17.68	Average Hourly Earnings	13.92	13.91	14.55
Average Weekly Earnings	700.94	747.44	707.20	Average Weekly Earnings	522.00	510.50	574.73

Average Hourly Earnings: Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods
January: 2007 - 2017



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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)

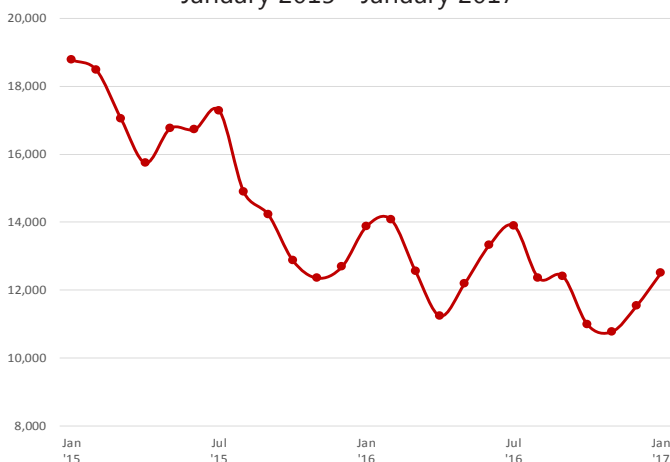
	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	343,545	345,345	344,913	-1,800	-1,368
Employment	331,038	333,813	331,040	-2,775	-2
Unemployment	12,507	11,532	13,873	975	-1,366
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.3	4.0	0.3	-0.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

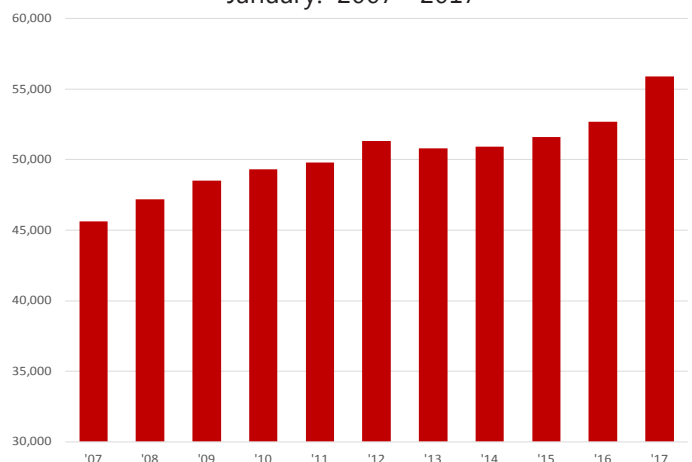
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	352.1	356.6	349.3	-4.5	2.8
Goods Producing	36.2	36.8	37.0	-0.6	-0.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	16.2	16.6	16.8	-0.4	-0.6
Manufacturing	20.0	20.2	20.2	-0.2	-0.2
Service Providing	315.9	319.8	312.3	-3.9	3.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	71.1	72.9	69.8	-1.8	1.3
Wholesale Trade	14.8	15.0	15.1	-0.2	-0.3
Retail Trade	40.4	41.5	39.2	-1.1	1.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	15.9	16.4	15.5	-0.5	0.4
Information	6.1	6.2	6.4	-0.1	-0.3
Financial Activities	20.4	20.6	20.3	-0.2	0.1
Professional & Business Services	46.8	46.6	45.9	0.2	0.9
Educational & Health Services	55.9	55.4	52.7	0.5	3.2
Leisure & Hospitality	31.3	32.8	32.1	-1.5	-0.8
Other Services	14.5	14.6	14.3	-0.1	0.2
Government	69.8	70.7	70.8	-0.9	-1.0
Federal Government	9.7	10.0	9.6	-0.3	0.1
State Government	34.7	35.1	34.5	-0.4	0.2
Local Government	25.4	25.6	26.7	-0.2	-1.3

Number of Unemployed
January 2015 - January 2017



Jobs in Educational & Health Services
January: 2007 - 2017



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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)

	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	260,616	262,250	255,233	-1,634	5,383
Employment	253,205	255,298	246,879	-2,093	6,326
Unemployment	7,411	6,952	8,354	459	-943
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.7	3.3	0.1	-0.5

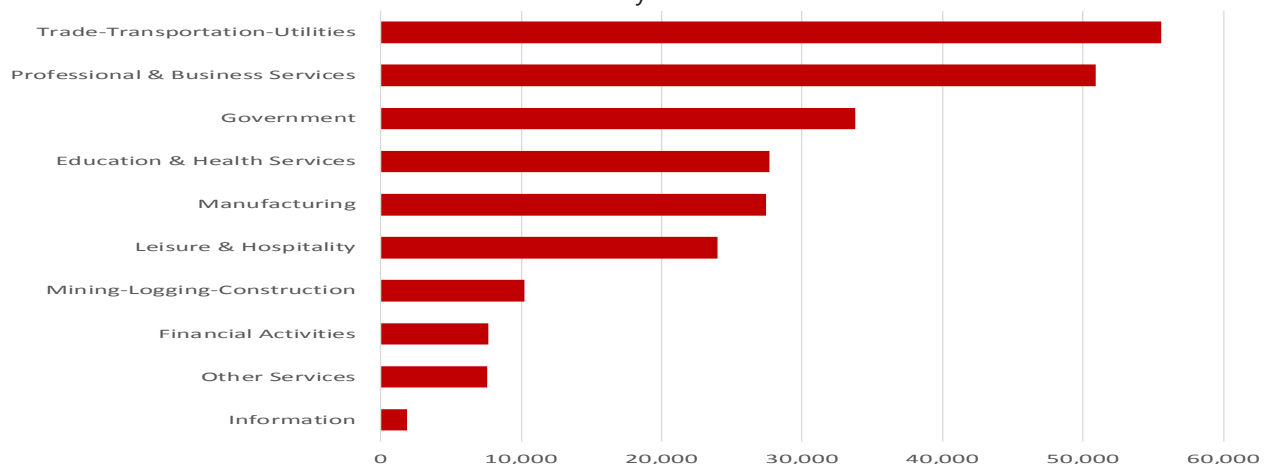
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	246.8	249.6	237.8	-2.8	9.0
Goods Producing	37.6	37.7	37.1	-0.1	0.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	10.2	10.3	9.9	-0.1	0.3
Manufacturing	27.4	27.4	27.2	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	209.2	211.9	200.7	-2.7	8.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	55.6	56.4	54.7	-0.8	0.9
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.4	12.1	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	25.8	26.4	26.0	-0.6	-0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.3	17.6	16.6	-0.3	0.7
Information	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	7.7	7.8	7.4	-0.1	0.3
Professional & Business Services	50.9	50.9	46.4	0.0	4.5
Educational & Health Services	27.7	27.9	26.7	-0.2	1.0
Leisure & Hospitality	24.0	23.9	23.1	0.1	0.9
Other Services	7.6	7.7	7.4	-0.1	0.2
Government	33.8	35.4	33.0	-1.6	0.8
Federal Government	2.5	2.6	2.6	-0.1	-0.1
State Government	12.5	13.8	11.8	-1.3	0.7
Local Government	18.8	19.0	18.6	-0.2	0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs by Sector (Ranked)

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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)

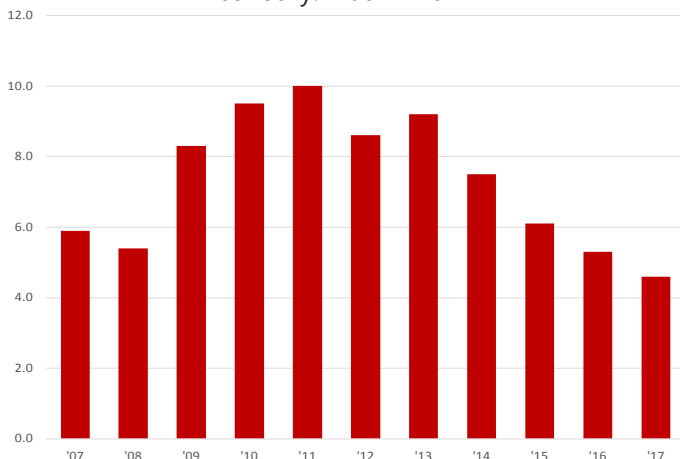
	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	117,873	119,853	120,104	-1,980	-2,231
Employment	112,490	114,694	113,726	-2,204	-1,236
Unemployment	5,383	5,159	6,378	224	-995
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.3	5.3	0.3	-0.7

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	111.5	114.5	112.3	-3.0	-0.8
Goods Producing	23.3	23.1	23.6	0.2	-0.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.3	5.3	5.6	0.0	-0.3
Manufacturing	18.0	17.8	18.0	0.2	0.0
Service Providing	88.2	91.4	88.7	-3.2	-0.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.5	24.0	23.6	-0.5	-0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	13.0	13.3	12.8	-0.3	0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.6	6.8	6.9	-0.2	-0.3
Information	1.3	1.2	1.2	0.1	0.1
Financial Activities	3.8	3.9	3.7	-0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	11.0	13.0	12.1	-2.0	-1.1
Educational & Health Services	16.8	16.9	16.5	-0.1	0.3
Leisure & Hospitality	9.3	9.4	9.2	-0.1	0.1
Other Services	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
Government	18.2	18.7	18.1	-0.5	0.1
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.8	3.2	2.8	-0.4	0.0
Local Government	14.1	14.2	14.0	-0.1	0.1

Unemployment Rates
January: 2007 - 2017



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
January 2015 - January 2017



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	39,829	39,037	39,424	792	405
Employment	38,031	37,326	37,433	705	598
Unemployment	1,798	1,711	1,991	87	-193
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.4	5.1	0.1	-0.6

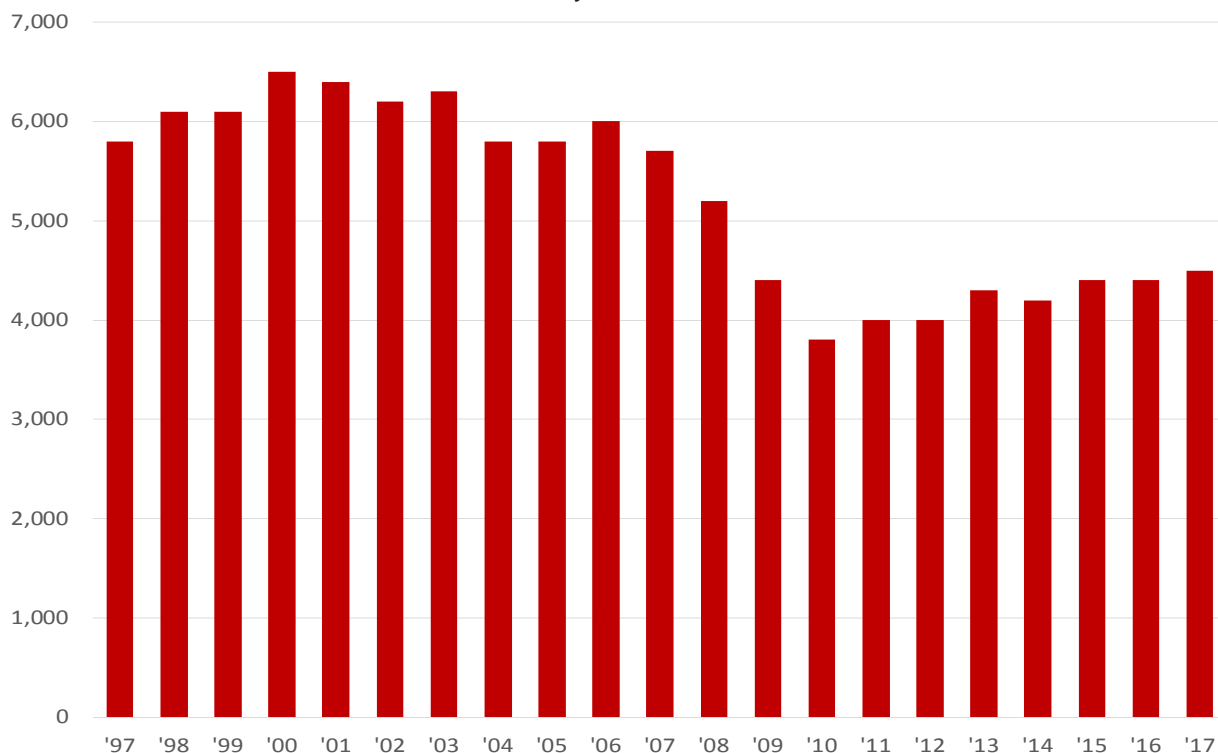
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	38.0	37.4	37.1	0.6	0.9
Goods Producing	4.5	4.4	4.4	0.1	0.1
Service Providing	33.5	33.0	32.7	0.5	0.8
Government	4.4	4.6	4.6	-0.2	-0.2

Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

January: 1997 - 2017



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	61,299	61,919	60,780	-620	519
Employment	59,085	59,938	58,214	-853	871
Unemployment	2,214	1,981	2,566	233	-352
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.2	4.2	0.4	-0.6

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	55.9	56.8	54.2	-0.9	1.7
Goods Producing	9.2	9.2	8.8	0.0	0.4
Service Providing	46.7	47.6	45.4	-0.9	1.3
Government	9.0	9.2	8.7	-0.2	0.3

Unemployment Rates

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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)

	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	34,819	35,564	35,447	-745	-628
Employment	32,863	33,752	33,169	-889	-306
Unemployment	1,956	1,812	2,278	144	-322
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.1	6.4	0.5	-0.8

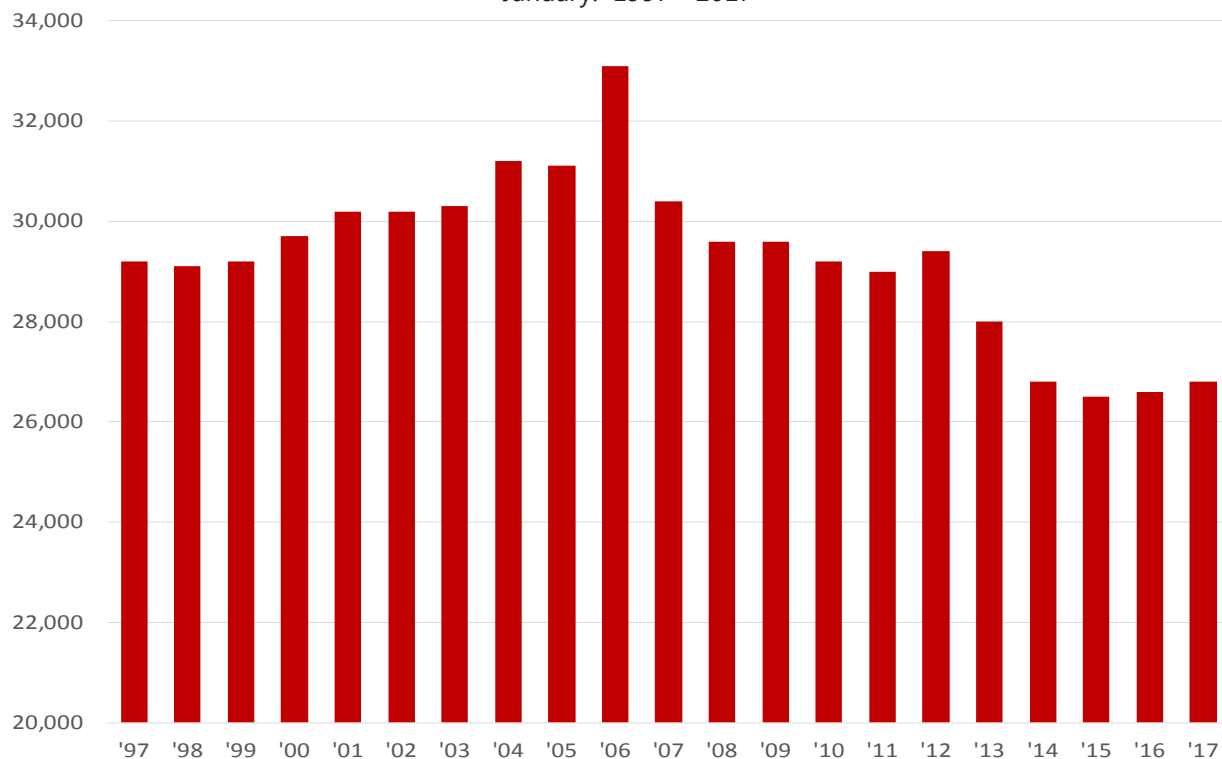
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	32.7	33.8	32.6	-1.1	0.1
Goods Producing	6.0	6.2	6.0	-0.2	0.0
Service Providing	26.7	27.6	26.6	-0.9	0.1
Government	9.3	9.7	9.4	-0.4	-0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January: 1997 - 2017



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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>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	626,729	631,117	616,418	-4,388	10,311
Employment	588,929	597,431	583,459	-8,502	5,470
Unemployment	37,800	33,686	32,959	4,114	4,841
Unemployment Rate	6.0	5.3	5.3	0.7	0.7

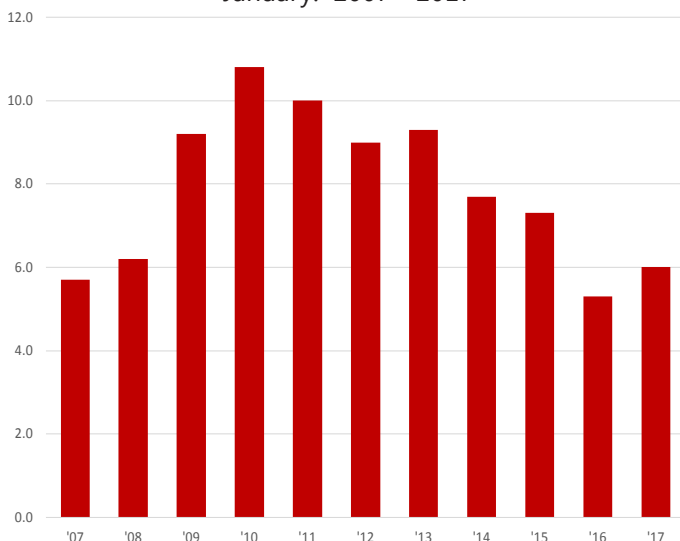
Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,157	64,581	64,673	-424	-516
Employment	60,894	61,613	61,581	-719	-687
Unemployment	3,263	2,968	3,092	295	171
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.6	4.8	0.5	0.3

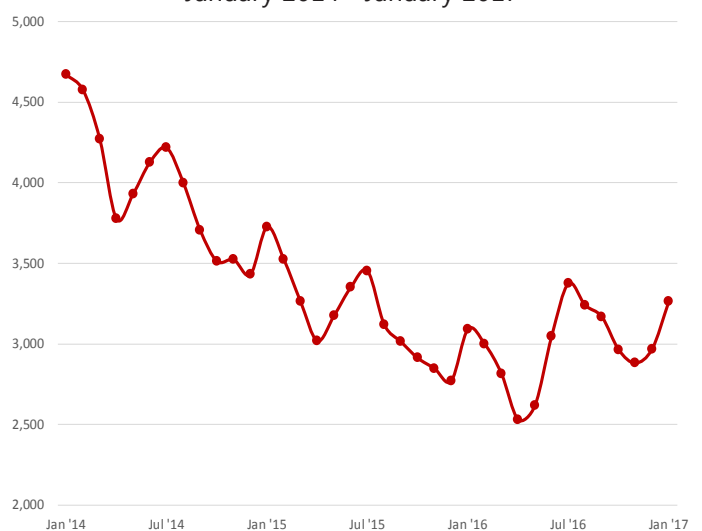
Memphis MSA- Unemployment Rates

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Texarkana MSA- Unemployment

January 2014 - January 2017



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Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Micro Area	January 2017				December 2016				January 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,355	8,929	426	4.6	9,559	9,179	380	4.0	9,227	8,761	466	5.1
Batesville Micro	15,824	14,989	835	5.3	15,895	15,138	757	4.8	16,033	15,041	992	6.2
Blytheville Micro	17,882	16,684	1,198	6.7	18,309	17,050	1,259	6.9	17,950	16,618	1,332	7.4
Camden Micro	11,975	11,391	584	4.9	12,048	11,500	548	4.5	12,263	11,559	704	5.7
El Dorado Micro	15,992	15,086	906	5.7	16,109	15,258	851	5.3	16,627	15,672	955	5.7
Forrest City Micro	8,639	8,146	493	5.7	8,709	8,286	423	4.9	8,871	8,261	610	6.9
Harrison Micro	19,111	18,351	760	4.0	19,330	18,607	723	3.7	19,244	18,374	870	4.5
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,473	6,041	432	6.7	6,553	6,179	374	5.7	6,823	6,295	528	7.7
Hope Micro	13,374	12,859	515	3.9	13,531	13,036	495	3.7	13,436	12,853	583	4.3
Magnolia Micro	9,005	8,479	526	5.8	9,187	8,649	538	5.9	9,354	8,787	567	6.1
Malvern Micro	13,957	13,401	556	4.0	13,965	13,454	511	3.7	13,971	13,316	655	4.7
Mountain Home Micro	15,711	14,907	804	5.1	15,858	15,135	723	4.6	15,882	15,041	841	5.3
Paragould Micro	19,449	18,617	832	4.3	19,641	18,780	861	4.4	19,808	18,810	998	5.0
Russellville Micro	37,225	35,379	1,846	5.0	37,832	36,189	1,643	4.3	37,738	35,746	1,992	5.3
Searcy Micro	33,459	31,694	1,765	5.3	33,767	32,176	1,591	4.7	34,413	32,205	2,208	6.4

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

Hope Micro= Hempstead & Nevada counties

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	January 2017				December 2016				January 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	11,881	11,431	450	3.8	11,916	11,524	392	3.3	11,641	11,133	508	4.4
Benton	16,043	15,481	562	3.5	16,092	15,607	485	3.0	16,028	15,469	559	3.5
Bentonville	23,327	22,718	609	2.6	23,434	22,903	531	2.3	22,878	22,127	751	3.3
Blytheville	6,098	5,688	410	6.7	6,318	5,813	505	8.0	6,143	5,665	478	7.8
Cabot	11,440	11,048	392	3.4	11,494	11,158	336	2.9	11,494	11,095	399	3.5
Conway	32,387	31,242	1,145	3.5	32,652	31,512	1,140	3.5	32,550	31,253	1,297	4.0
El Dorado	6,988	6,530	458	6.6	7,030	6,605	425	6.0	7,266	6,784	482	6.6
Fayetteville	45,524	44,295	1,229	2.7	45,826	44,661	1,165	2.5	44,487	43,142	1,345	3.0
Fort Smith	38,907	37,437	1,470	3.8	39,689	38,324	1,365	3.4	39,810	38,031	1,779	4.5
Hot Springs	13,899	13,225	674	4.8	13,652	12,980	672	4.9	13,760	13,017	743	5.4
Jacksonville	11,541	10,983	558	4.8	11,542	11,071	471	4.1	11,566	10,973	593	5.1
Jonesboro	36,018	34,827	1,191	3.3	36,393	35,312	1,081	3.0	35,671	34,254	1,417	4.0
Little Rock	94,749	91,329	3,420	3.6	95,189	92,061	3,128	3.3	95,065	91,247	3,818	4.0
North Little Rock	29,263	28,163	1,100	3.8	29,467	28,389	1,078	3.7	29,442	28,138	1,304	4.4
Paragould	12,222	11,641	581	4.8	12,345	11,743	602	4.9	12,475	11,762	713	5.7
Pine Bluff	16,533	15,530	1,003	6.1	16,896	15,939	957	5.7	16,863	15,639	1,224	7.3
Rogers	33,232	32,274	958	2.9	33,455	32,538	917	2.7	32,456	31,434	1,022	3.1
Russellville	13,279	12,715	564	4.2	13,512	12,998	514	3.8	13,435	12,817	618	4.6
Searcy	10,217	9,783	434	4.2	10,323	9,931	392	3.8	10,464	9,940	524	5.0
Sherwood	15,315	14,768	547	3.6	15,380	14,886	494	3.2	15,277	14,755	522	3.4
Springdale	37,686	36,722	964	2.6	37,938	37,025	913	2.4	36,901	35,766	1,135	3.1
Texarkana, AR	13,535	12,887	648	4.8	13,696	13,087	609	4.4	13,718	13,065	653	4.8
Van Buren	10,032	9,670	362	3.6	10,234	9,905	329	3.2	10,336	9,843	493	4.8
West Memphis	10,422	9,869	553	5.3	10,685	10,132	553	5.2	10,466	9,899	567	5.4

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County	January 2017				December 2016				January 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,017	8,665	352	3.9	9,210	8,900	310	3.4	9,268	8,871	397	4.3
Ashley	7,800	7,273	527	6.8	7,870	7,334	536	6.8	7,912	7,340	572	7.2
Baxter	15,711	14,907	804	5.1	15,858	15,135	723	4.6	15,882	15,041	841	5.3
Benton	124,864	121,166	3,698	3.0	125,596	122,154	3,442	2.7	122,126	118,012	4,114	3.4
Boone	15,745	15,136	609	3.9	15,913	15,339	574	3.6	15,849	15,136	713	4.5
Bradley	4,480	4,232	248	5.5	4,533	4,296	237	5.2	4,335	4,103	232	5.4
Calhoun	2,333	2,227	106	4.5	2,351	2,256	95	4.0	2,414	2,280	134	5.6
Carroll	12,556	11,906	650	5.2	12,870	12,379	491	3.8	12,429	11,726	703	5.7
Chicot	3,469	3,181	288	8.3	3,501	3,254	247	7.1	3,622	3,318	304	8.4
Clark	9,355	8,929	426	4.6	9,559	9,179	380	4.0	9,227	8,761	466	5.1
Clay	5,821	5,461	360	6.2	5,908	5,576	332	5.6	6,153	5,669	484	7.9
Cleburne	9,212	8,619	593	6.4	9,321	8,825	496	5.3	9,502	8,799	703	7.4
Cleveland	3,214	3,059	155	4.8	3,296	3,148	148	4.5	3,287	3,111	176	5.4
Columbia	9,005	8,479	526	5.8	9,187	8,649	538	5.9	9,354	8,787	567	6.1
Conway	8,221	7,743	478	5.8	8,288	7,858	430	5.2	8,466	7,971	495	5.8
Craighead	51,278	49,541	1,737	3.4	51,786	50,230	1,556	3.0	50,750	48,726	2,024	4.0
Crawford	25,849	24,845	1,004	3.9	26,380	25,448	932	3.5	26,559	25,290	1,269	4.8
Crittenden	21,047	20,053	994	4.7	21,548	20,588	960	4.5	21,234	20,114	1,120	5.3
Cross	7,716	7,339	377	4.9	7,896	7,531	365	4.6	7,838	7,375	463	5.9
Dallas	2,904	2,762	142	4.9	2,899	2,767	132	4.6	2,897	2,727	170	5.9
Desha	5,252	4,944	308	5.9	5,384	5,092	292	5.4	5,523	5,133	390	7.1
Drew	7,892	7,415	477	6.0	8,052	7,612	440	5.5	7,904	7,383	521	6.6
Faulkner	59,139	56,957	2,182	3.7	59,530	57,449	2,081	3.5	59,540	56,977	2,563	4.3
Franklin	7,104	6,821	283	4.0	7,201	6,932	269	3.7	7,358	7,012	346	4.7
Fulton	4,603	4,365	238	5.2	4,644	4,443	201	4.3	4,660	4,411	249	5.3
Garland	39,829	38,031	1,798	4.5	39,037	37,326	1,711	4.4	39,424	37,433	1,991	5.1
Grant	8,130	7,831	299	3.7	8,189	7,905	284	3.5	8,219	7,863	356	4.3
Greene	19,449	18,617	832	4.3	19,641	18,780	861	4.4	19,808	18,810	998	5.0
Hempstead	9,771	9,381	390	4.0	9,884	9,515	369	3.7	9,821	9,391	430	4.4
Hot Spring	13,957	13,401	556	4.0	13,965	13,454	511	3.7	13,971	13,316	655	4.7
Howard	5,827	5,626	201	3.4	5,739	5,554	185	3.2	5,952	5,732	220	3.7
Independence	15,824	14,989	835	5.3	15,895	15,138	757	4.8	16,033	15,041	992	6.2
Izard	4,901	4,595	306	6.2	5,007	4,723	284	5.7	4,913	4,574	339	6.9
Jackson	5,965	5,535	430	7.2	6,003	5,614	389	6.5	6,174	5,716	458	7.4
Jefferson	27,675	26,073	1,602	5.8	28,245	26,760	1,485	5.3	28,107	26,256	1,851	6.6
Johnson	10,341	9,825	516	5.0	10,487	10,014	473	4.5	10,414	9,809	605	5.8
Lafayette	2,551	2,405	146	5.7	2,590	2,447	143	5.5	2,594	2,419	175	6.7
Lawrence	6,836	6,495	341	5.0	6,906	6,619	287	4.2	7,024	6,643	381	5.4
Lee	3,039	2,852	187	6.2	3,042	2,897	145	4.8	3,153	2,948	205	6.5
Lincoln	3,930	3,731	199	5.1	4,023	3,844	179	4.4	4,053	3,802	251	6.2
Little River	5,498	5,219	279	5.1	5,547	5,295	252	4.5	5,591	5,290	301	5.4
Logan	8,885	8,509	376	4.2	9,004	8,646	358	4.0	9,020	8,560	460	5.1
Lonoke	32,593	31,397	1,196	3.7	32,759	31,708	1,051	3.2	32,769	31,529	1,240	3.8
Madison	7,130	6,897	233	3.3	7,209	6,993	216	3.0	7,107	6,835	272	3.8
Marion	6,388	6,096	292	4.6	6,466	6,193	273	4.2	6,460	6,137	323	5.0
Miller	19,537	18,653	884	4.5	19,759	18,942	817	4.1	19,856	18,911	945	4.8

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County	January 2017				December 2016				January 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,882	16,684	1,198	6.7	18,309	17,050	1,259	6.9	17,950	16,618	1,332	7.4
Monroe	2,788	2,629	159	5.7	2,778	2,623	155	5.6	2,944	2,770	174	5.9
Montgomery	2,764	2,583	181	6.5	2,811	2,645	166	5.9	3,043	2,834	209	6.9
Nevada	3,603	3,478	125	3.5	3,647	3,521	126	3.5	3,615	3,462	153	4.2
Newton	3,366	3,215	151	4.5	3,417	3,268	149	4.4	3,395	3,238	157	4.6
Ouachita	9,642	9,164	478	5.0	9,697	9,244	453	4.7	9,849	9,279	570	5.8
Perry	4,126	3,910	216	5.2	4,137	3,952	185	4.5	4,172	3,931	241	5.8
Phillips	6,473	6,041	432	6.7	6,553	6,179	374	5.7	6,823	6,295	528	7.7
Pike	4,116	3,921	195	4.7	4,112	3,939	173	4.2	4,150	3,934	216	5.2
Poinsett	10,021	9,544	477	4.8	10,133	9,708	425	4.2	10,030	9,488	542	5.4
Polk	8,028	7,602	426	5.3	8,173	7,772	401	4.9	8,097	7,650	447	5.5
Pope	28,687	27,235	1,452	5.1	29,121	27,840	1,281	4.4	29,010	27,453	1,557	5.4
Prairie	3,549	3,384	165	4.6	3,583	3,447	136	3.8	3,678	3,503	175	4.8
Pulaski	184,092	177,312	6,780	3.7	184,999	178,734	6,265	3.4	184,665	177,153	7,512	4.1
Randolph	6,320	5,975	345	5.5	6,457	6,142	315	4.9	6,231	5,834	397	6.4
St. Francis	8,639	8,146	493	5.7	8,709	8,286	423	4.9	8,871	8,261	610	6.9
Saline	55,465	53,631	1,834	3.3	55,731	54,065	1,666	3.0	55,548	53,587	1,961	3.5
Scott	4,336	4,189	147	3.4	4,391	4,246	145	3.3	4,430	4,240	190	4.3
Searcy	2,989	2,827	162	5.4	3,034	2,887	147	4.8	2,897	2,734	163	5.6
Sebastian	55,832	53,746	2,086	3.7	56,989	55,019	1,970	3.5	57,148	54,599	2,549	4.5
Sevier	5,578	5,279	299	5.4	5,615	5,346	269	4.8	5,665	5,351	314	5.5
Sharp	5,943	5,577	366	6.2	5,969	5,636	333	5.6	6,022	5,614	408	6.8
Stone	4,561	4,270	291	6.4	4,674	4,415	259	5.5	4,626	4,322	304	6.6
Union	15,992	15,086	906	5.7	16,109	15,258	851	5.3	16,627	15,672	955	5.7
Van Buren	5,792	5,388	404	7.0	5,843	5,463	380	6.5	6,254	5,796	458	7.3
Washington	117,981	114,875	3,106	2.6	118,733	115,823	2,910	2.5	115,437	111,885	3,552	3.1
White	33,459	31,694	1,765	5.3	33,767	32,176	1,591	4.7	34,413	32,205	2,208	6.4
Woodruff	2,887	2,716	171	5.9	2,937	2,778	159	5.4	3,014	2,805	209	6.9
Yell	8,538	8,144	394	4.6	8,711	8,349	362	4.2	8,728	8,293	435	5.0

County Labor Force Summary

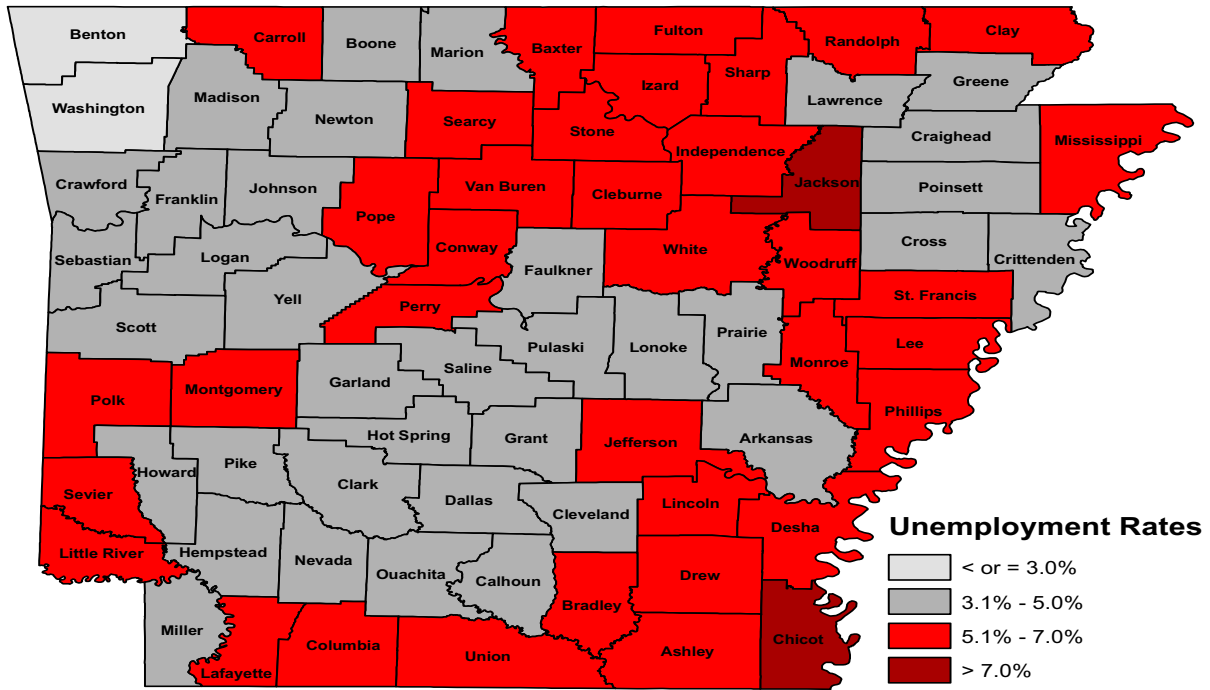
Between December and January, unemployment rates increased in seventy of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates declined in three counties, while remaining stable in two. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.6 percent in Washington County to a high of 8.3 percent in Chicot County.

In January, nineteen counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down from 24 counties at or below four percent in December. Only one-- Chicot County-- reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to January 2016, unemployment rates are down in 72 Arkansas counties. Bradley County posted a slight increase, while Conway and Union counties were the same over-the-year.

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Ranked by Unemployment Rates

January 2017- Not Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.6	26	Clark	4.6	51	Bradley	5.5
2	Benton	3.0	26	Marion	4.6	51	Randolph	5.5
3	Madison	3.3	26	Prairie	4.6	53	Lafayette	5.7
3	Saline	3.3	26	Yell	4.6	53	Monroe	5.7
5	Craighead	3.4	30	Crittenden	4.7	53	St. Francis	5.7
5	Howard	3.4	30	Pike	4.7	53	Union	5.7
5	Scott	3.4	32	Cleveland	4.8	57	Columbia	5.8
8	Nevada	3.5	32	Poinsett	4.8	57	Conway	5.8
9	Faulkner	3.7	34	Cross	4.9	57	Jefferson	5.8
9	Grant	3.7	34	Dallas	4.9	60	Desha	5.9
9	Lonoke	3.7	36	Johnson	5.0	60	Woodruff	5.9
9	Pulaski	3.7	36	Lawrence	5.0	62	Drew	6.0
9	Sebastian	3.7	36	Ouachita	5.0	63	Clay	6.2
14	Arkansas	3.9	39	Baxter	5.1	63	Izard	6.2
14	Boone	3.9	39	Lincoln	5.1	63	Lee	6.2
14	Crawford	3.9	39	Little River	5.1	63	Sharp	6.2
17	Franklin	4.0	39	Pope	5.1	67	Cleburne	6.4
17	Hempstead	4.0	43	Carroll	5.2	67	Stone	6.4
17	Hot Spring	4.0	43	Fulton	5.2	69	Montgomery	6.5
20	Logan	4.2	43	Perry	5.2	70	Mississippi	6.7
21	Greene	4.3	46	Independence	5.3	70	Phillips	6.7
22	Calhoun	4.5	46	Polk	5.3	72	Ashley	6.8
22	Garland	4.5	46	White	5.3	73	Van Buren	7.0
22	Miller	4.5	49	Searcy	5.4	74	Jackson	7.2
22	Newton	4.5	49	Sevier	5.4	75	Chicot	8.3

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Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LWDA	January 2017				December 2016				January 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	242,877	233,981	8,896	3.7	244,191	235,965	8,226	3.4	244,079	234,272	9,807	4.0
City of Little Rock	94,749	91,329	3,420	3.6	95,189	92,061	3,128	3.3	95,065	91,247	3,818	4.0
Eastern	46,914	44,431	2,483	5.3	47,748	45,481	2,267	4.7	47,919	44,993	2,926	6.1
North Central	93,147	87,748	5,399	5.8	94,060	89,211	4,849	5.2	95,611	89,283	6,328	6.6
Northeast	117,607	112,317	5,290	4.5	119,140	114,105	5,035	4.2	117,946	111,788	6,158	5.2
Northwest	306,730	297,025	9,705	3.2	309,096	300,171	8,925	2.9	301,582	290,744	10,838	3.6
Southeast	80,859	76,404	4,455	5.5	82,303	78,145	4,158	5.1	82,230	77,180	5,050	6.1
Southwest	92,241	87,759	4,482	4.9	93,024	88,794	4,230	4.5	94,235	89,301	4,934	5.2
West Central	129,934	123,722	6,212	4.8	130,228	124,556	5,672	4.4	130,605	123,735	6,870	5.3
Western	110,034	105,712	4,322	3.9	112,138	108,063	4,075	3.6	112,612	107,351	5,261	4.7

