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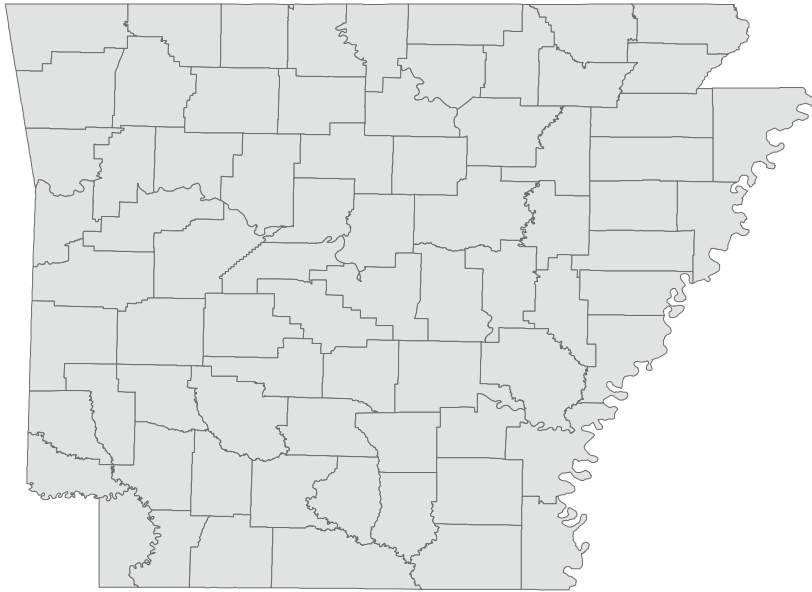
Labor Market Report



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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 2017 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 Coming in 2018

2018 Arkansas Publication Schedule

Reference Month	State Press Release	MSA's & Counties*
January	03/12/18	03/16/18
February	03/23/18	04/04/18
March	04/20/18	05/02/18
April	05/18/18	05/30/18
May	06/15/18	06/27/18
June	07/20/18	08/01/18
July	08/17/18	08/29/18
August	09/21/18	10/03/18
September	10/19/18	11/06/18
October	11/16/18	11/29/18
November	12/21/18	01/03/19
December	01/18/19	01/30/19

*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. In addition to the typical annual processing procedure, a new Seasonally Adjusted model has been implemented. Due to the new model calculations, Statewide CLF estimates are revised back to 1976 (the start of the current series).

Smaller levels of data—Counties, Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Micropolitan Statistical Areas, Local Workforce Development Areas, and cities—were revised from January 2010 through December 2017. All revised data has been published on the Discover Arkansas website.

To learn more about the new model and how it will affect the estimates both historically and moving forward, please visit <https://www.bls.gov/lau/ssachanges2018.htm>.

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 2016 and 2017 were recently revised and are already updated on the Discover Arkansas website.

State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

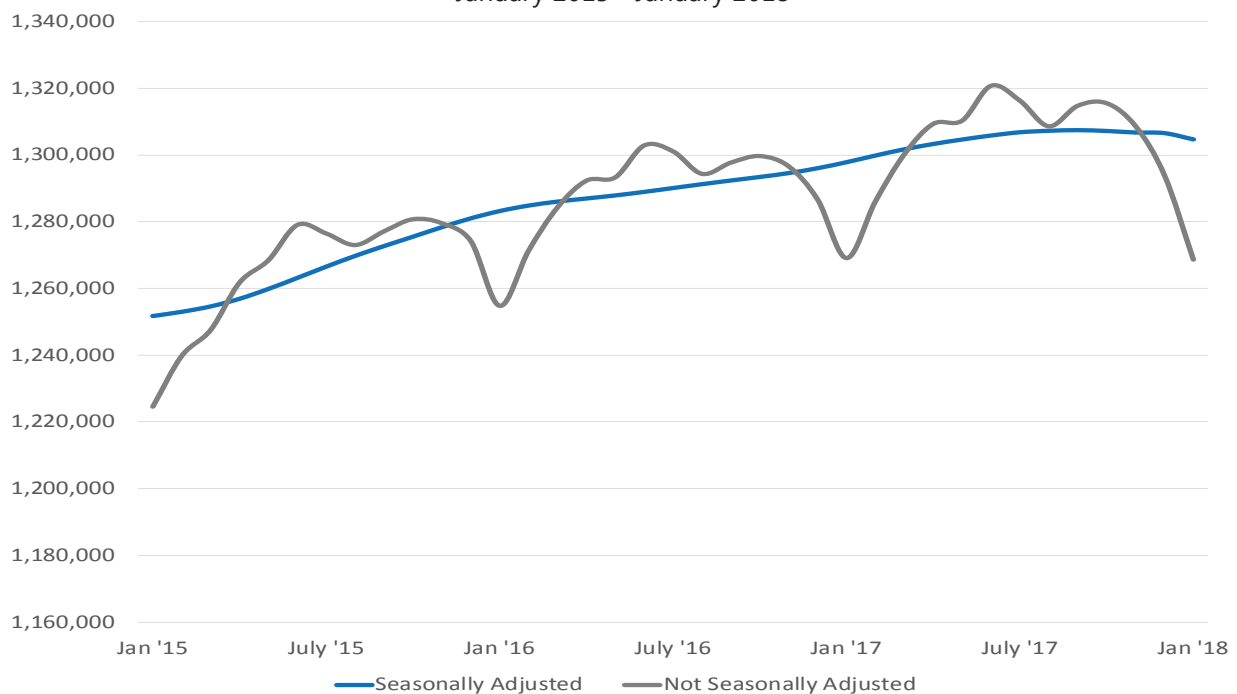
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.7 percent between December 2017 and January 2018. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 1,521, a result of 1,879 fewer employed and 358 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate remained steady at 4.1 percent between December and January.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "While original estimation showed the number of employed Arkansans declined last year, revised 2017 estimates have been released and now indicate employment trended up throughout 2017. The unemployment rate has also been very consistent over the last year, remaining close to 3.7 percent."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Jan 18	Dec 17	Jan 17		Jan 18	Dec 17	Jan 17
Civilian Labor Force	1,355,419	1,356,940	1,347,430	Civilian Labor Force	1,326,514	1,342,354	1,324,831
Employment	1,304,648	1,306,527	1,297,815	Employment	1,268,627	1,293,891	1,269,065
Unemployment	50,771	50,413	49,615	Unemployment	57,887	48,463	55,766
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.7	3.7	Unemployment Rate	4.4	3.6	4.2
U.S. Unemployment	4.1	4.1	4.8	U.S. Unemployment	4.5	3.9	5.1

Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted vs. Not Seasonally Adjusted)
January 2015 - January 2018



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1222.9	1244.9	1216.6	-22.0	6.3
Goods Producing	212.8	214.7	210.3	-1.9	2.5
Mining, Logging, and Construction	54.6	56.7	54.5	-2.1	0.1
Mining & Logging	5.6	5.8	5.8	-0.2	-0.2
Construction	49.0	50.9	48.7	-1.9	0.3
Specialty Trade Contractors	29.9	30.8	30.7	-0.9	-0.8
Manufacturing	158.2	158.0	155.8	0.2	2.4
Durable Goods	75.0	74.5	74.2	0.5	0.8
Nondurable Goods	83.2	83.5	81.6	-0.3	1.6
Service Providing	1010.1	1030.2	1006.3	-20.1	3.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	246.9	253.5	249.5	-6.6	-2.6
Wholesale Trade	46.2	46.4	46.1	-0.2	0.1
Retail Trade	138.3	142.0	140.6	-3.7	-2.3
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	62.4	65.1	62.8	-2.7	-0.4
Information	12.3	12.8	13.4	-0.5	-1.1
Financial Activities	53.4	53.5	52.1	-0.1	1.3
Finance & Insurance	40.2	40.0	39.2	0.2	1.0
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.2	13.5	12.9	-0.3	0.3
Professional & Business Services	141.3	145.8	139.2	-4.5	2.1
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.5	43.4	43.1	0.1	0.4
Management of Companies	34.7	35.0	36.0	-0.3	-1.3
Administrative & Support Services	63.1	67.4	60.1	-4.3	3.0
Educational & Health Services	188.1	188.6	185.1	-0.5	3.0
Educational Services	14.5	15.2	15.2	-0.7	-0.7
Health Care & Social Assistance	173.6	173.4	169.9	0.2	3.7
Ambulatory Health Care	56.2	57.3	55.4	-1.1	0.8
Social Assistance	39.4	40.1	38.9	-0.7	0.5
Leisure & Hospitality	110.1	112.0	110.6	-1.9	-0.5
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	9.7	9.8	9.4	-0.1	0.3
Accommodation & Food Services	100.4	102.2	101.2	-1.8	-0.8
Accommodation Services	10.3	10.7	10.6	-0.4	-0.3
Food Services	90.1	91.5	90.6	-1.4	-0.5
Other Services	48.6	48.6	48.0	0.0	0.6
Government	209.4	215.4	208.4	-6.0	1.0
Federal Government	19.8	20.0	20.1	-0.2	-0.3
State Government	75.0	79.2	74.9	-4.2	0.1
Local Government	114.6	116.2	113.4	-1.6	1.2

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

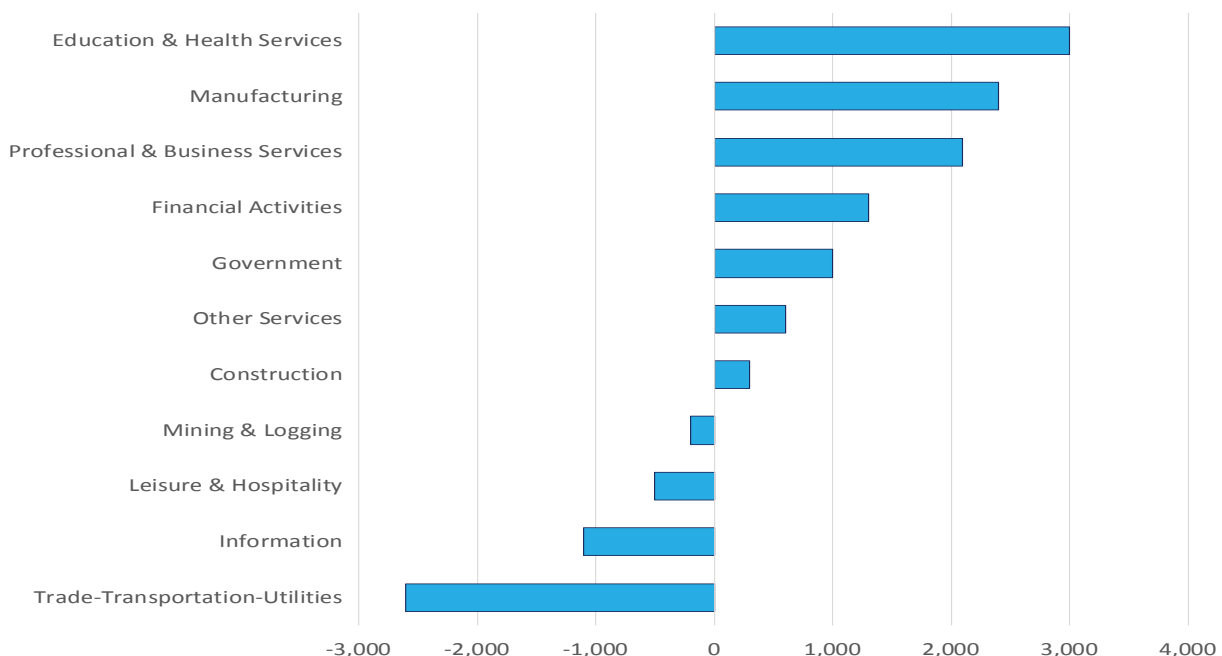
December 2017 - January 2018

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas decreased 22,000 in January to total 1,222,900. Employment in nine major industry sectors declined. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** posted the greatest contraction (-6,600). Losses were spread throughout all three subsectors, related in large part to the end of temporary hiring for the holidays. Jobs in **government** fell 6,000. Decreases in state (-4,200) and local (-1,600) government were due to the winter break at public education facilities. **Professional and business services** declined 4,500. Most of the loss occurred in administrative and support services (-4,300), a subsector which includes employment agencies. Seasonal contractions were reported in **construction** (-1,900) and **leisure and hospitality** (-1,900).

January 2017 - January 2018

Compared to January 2017, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment is up 6,300. Seven major industry sectors posted growth, while four sectors declined. Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 3,000. The gains in health care and social assistance (+3,700) were offset by small losses in educational services (-700). **Manufacturing** added 2,400 jobs, mostly in nondurable goods manufacturing (+1,600). Employment in **professional and business services** increased 2,100. Most of the hiring occurred in administrative and support services (+3,000), while management of companies decreased 1,300. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** posted the greatest decline (-2,600). Employment in retail trade is down 2,300, due in large part to recent layoffs and closures within the sector.

Over-the-Year Job Growth by Industry (Ranked)
January 2017 - January 2018



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

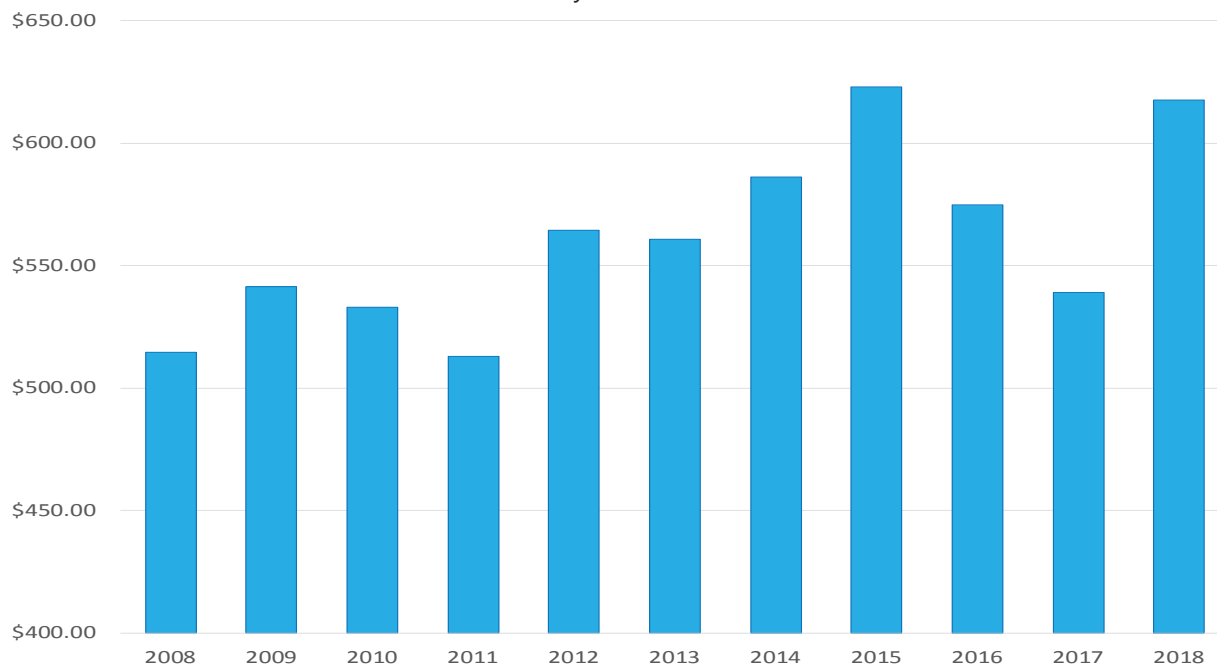
	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.5	41.9	38.9
Average Hourly Earnings	16.34	16.37	15.82
Average Weekly Earnings	678.11	685.90	615.40

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

	Durable Goods Manufacturing			Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	
Average Weekly Hours	41.7	43.0	40.5	Average Weekly Hours	41.3	41.0	37.5
Average Hourly Earnings	18.00	18.22	17.33	Average Hourly Earnings	14.95	14.78	14.37
Average Weekly Earnings	750.60	783.46	701.87	Average Weekly Earnings	617.44	605.98	538.88

Average Weekly Earnings in Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

January: 2008 - 2018



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 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	348,679	353,050	347,603	-4,371	1,076
Employment	335,265	341,315	334,834	-6,050	431
Unemployment	13,414	11,735	12,769	1,679	645
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.3	3.7	0.5	0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

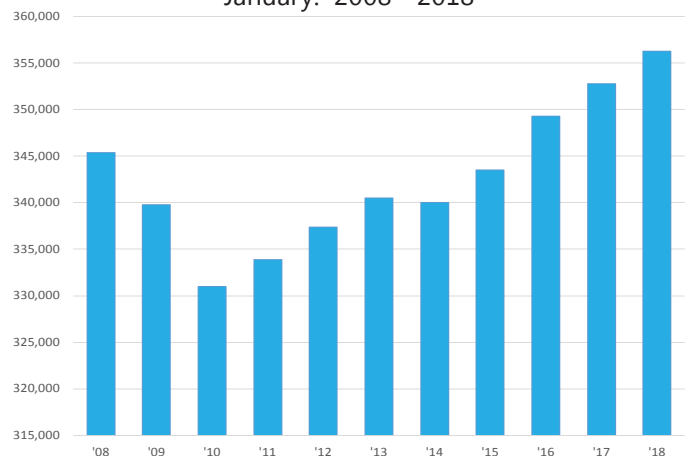
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	356.3	362.8	352.8	-6.5	3.5
Goods Producing	37.4	37.8	37.1	-0.4	0.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.2	17.6	16.8	-0.4	0.4
Manufacturing	20.2	20.2	20.3	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	318.9	325.0	315.7	-6.1	3.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	69.2	71.2	69.9	-2.0	-0.7
Wholesale Trade	15.0	15.2	15.0	-0.2	0.0
Retail Trade	38.3	39.6	39.2	-1.3	-0.9
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	15.9	16.4	15.7	-0.5	0.2
Information	5.8	5.9	6.2	-0.1	-0.4
Financial Activities	21.0	21.1	20.8	-0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	47.4	48.7	45.8	-1.3	1.6
Educational & Health Services	57.0	57.5	55.4	-0.5	1.6
Leisure & Hospitality	32.6	33.8	32.5	-1.2	0.1
Other Services	15.4	15.4	15.2	0.0	0.2
Government	70.5	71.4	69.9	-0.9	0.6
Federal Government	9.4	9.6	9.6	-0.2	-0.2
State Government	35.0	35.4	34.7	-0.4	0.3
Local Government	26.1	26.4	25.6	-0.3	0.5

Number of Employed
January 2016 - January 2018



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
January: 2008 - 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	267,582	270,541	264,021	-2,959	3,561
Employment	259,112	263,215	256,339	-4,103	2,773
Unemployment	8,470	7,326	7,682	1,144	788
Unemployment Rate	3.2	2.7	2.9	0.5	0.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	252.4	256.6	247.4	-4.2	5.0
Goods Producing	40.3	40.7	38.5	-0.4	1.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	11.2	11.4	10.6	-0.2	0.6
Manufacturing	29.1	29.3	27.9	-0.2	1.2
Service Providing	212.1	215.9	208.9	-3.8	3.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	55.9	57.1	56.1	-1.2	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	13.3	13.3	12.7	0.0	0.6
Retail Trade	26.4	27.0	26.6	-0.6	-0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.2	16.8	16.8	-0.6	-0.6
Information	1.8	1.9	2.0	-0.1	-0.2
Financial Activities	7.9	8.0	7.7	-0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	49.3	49.4	49.3	-0.1	0.0
Educational & Health Services	28.7	29.0	27.8	-0.3	0.9
Leisure & Hospitality	24.8	25.1	23.7	-0.3	1.1
Other Services	8.9	9.0	8.6	-0.1	0.3
Government	34.8	36.4	33.7	-1.6	1.1
Federal Government	2.6	2.5	2.5	0.1	0.1
State Government	13.2	14.6	12.5	-1.4	0.7
Local Government	19.0	19.3	18.7	-0.3	0.3

Jobs in Manufacturing

January 2015 - January 2018



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)

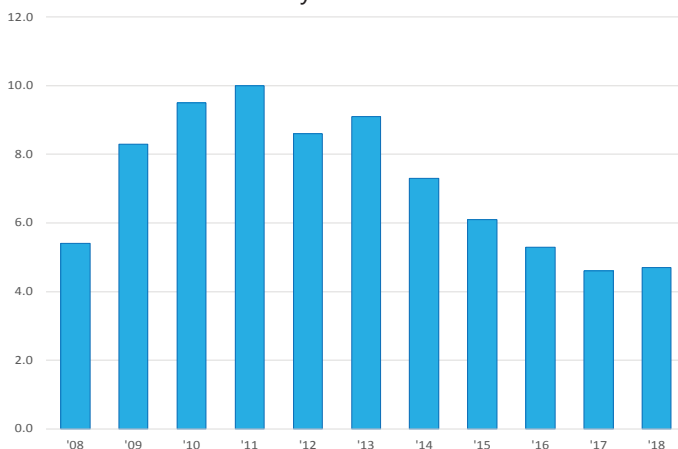
	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	117,169	118,045	118,402	-876	-1,233
Employment	111,606	113,141	112,908	-1,535	-1,302
Unemployment	5,563	4,904	5,494	659	69
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.2	4.6	0.5	0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

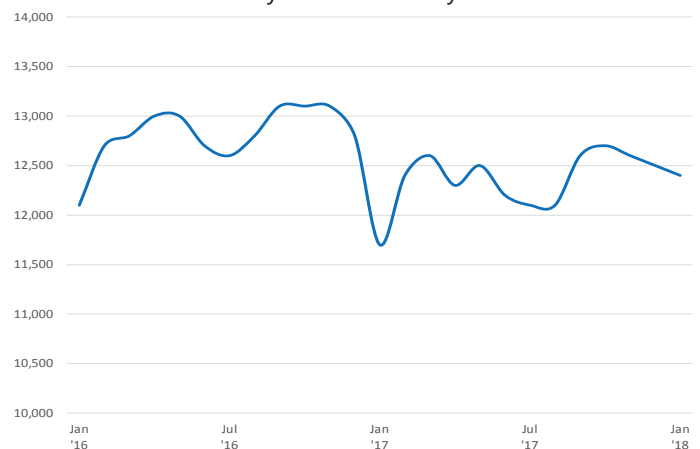
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	110.8	112.4	111.1	-1.6	-0.3
Goods Producing	22.6	22.7	23.3	-0.1	-0.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.2	5.3	5.2	-0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	17.4	17.4	18.1	0.0	-0.7
Service Providing	88.2	89.7	87.8	-1.5	0.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.4	23.0	22.9	-0.6	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	12.2	12.6	12.9	-0.4	-0.7
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.3	6.5	6.2	-0.2	0.1
Information	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.8	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	12.4	12.5	11.7	-0.1	0.7
Educational & Health Services	16.6	16.8	16.7	-0.2	-0.1
Leisure & Hospitality	9.0	9.1	9.0	-0.1	0.0
Other Services	4.4	4.4	4.3	0.0	0.1
Government	18.4	18.9	18.2	-0.5	0.2
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	14.3	14.4	14.1	-0.1	0.2

Unemployment Rates
January: 2008 - 2018



Jobs in Professional and Business Services
January 2016 - January 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	39,671	39,164	39,842	507	-171
Employment	37,790	37,622	38,014	168	-224
Unemployment	1,881	1,542	1,828	339	53
Unemployment Rate	4.7	3.9	4.6	0.8	0.1

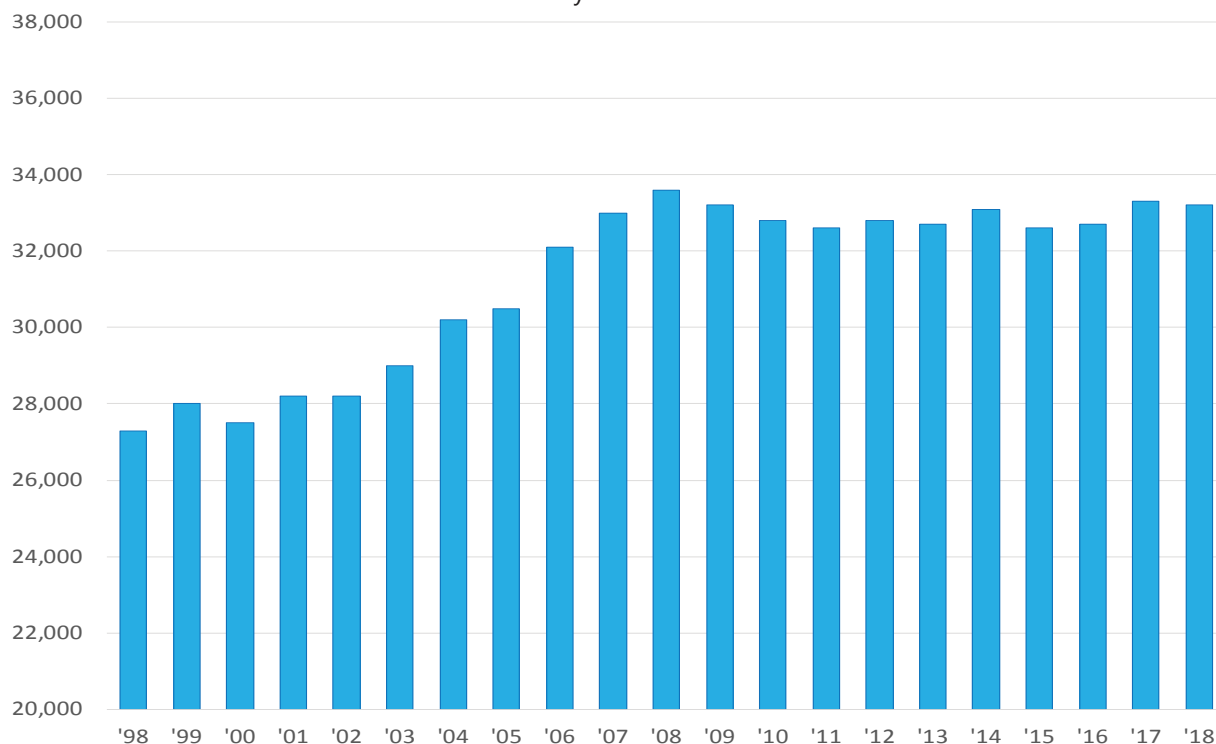
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	37.6	37.5	37.6	0.1	0.0
Goods Producing	4.4	4.5	4.3	-0.1	0.1
Service Providing	33.2	33.0	33.3	0.2	-0.1
Government	4.5	4.6	4.4	-0.1	0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January: 1998 - 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,080	63,720	62,404	-640	676
Employment	60,673	61,826	60,136	-1,153	537
Unemployment	2,407	1,894	2,268	513	139
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.0	3.6	0.8	0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	57.4	58.4	56.2	-1.0	1.2
Goods Producing	9.6	9.8	9.3	-0.2	0.3
Service Providing	47.8	48.6	46.9	-0.8	0.9
Government	9.2	9.4	9.0	-0.2	0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
January 2015 - January 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	34,271	34,995	34,836	-724	-565
Employment	32,304	33,290	32,861	-986	-557
Unemployment	1,967	1,705	1,975	262	-8
Unemployment Rate	5.7	4.9	5.7	0.8	0.0

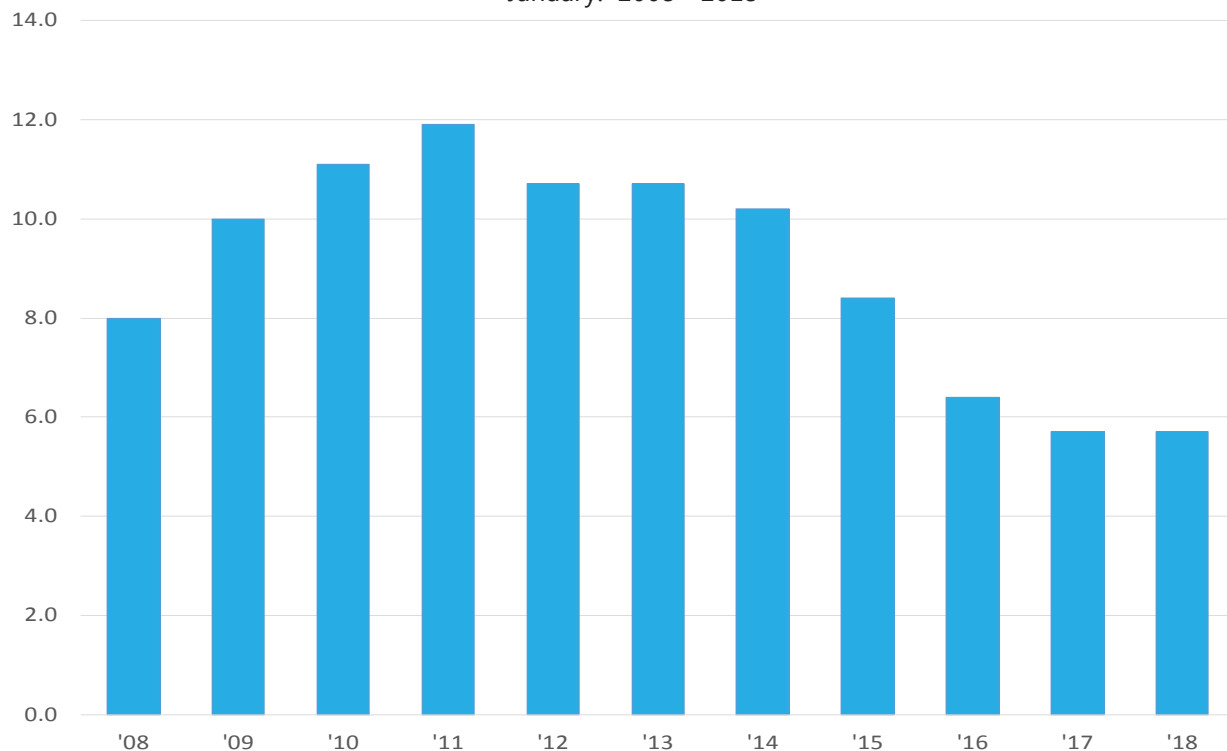
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	32.1	33.2	32.4	-1.1	-0.3
Goods Producing	6.0	6.2	6.0	-0.2	0.0
Service Providing	26.1	27.0	26.4	-0.9	-0.3
Government	9.3	9.7	9.2	-0.4	0.1

Unemployment Rates

January: 2008 - 2018



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 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	626,608	635,161	622,698	-8,553	3,910
Employment	600,304	611,935	589,057	-11,631	11,247
Unemployment	26,304	23,226	33,641	3,078	-7,337
Unemployment Rate	4.2	3.7	5.4	0.5	-1.2

Texarkana MSA

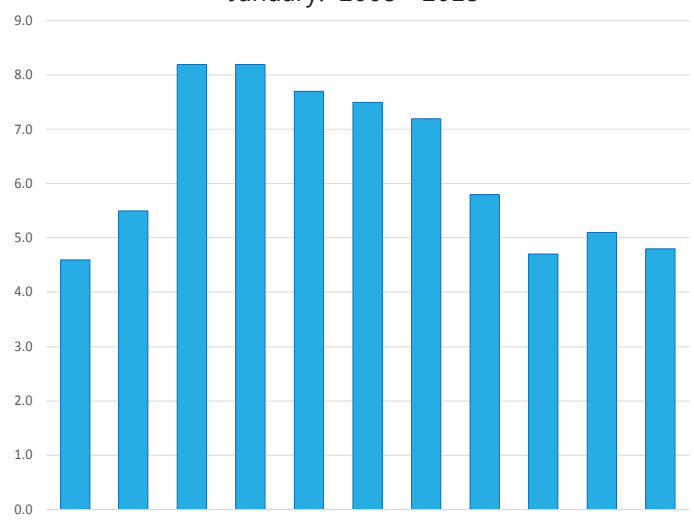
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,368	64,594	64,584	-226	-216
Employment	61,295	61,985	61,300	-690	-5
Unemployment	3,073	2,609	3,284	464	-211
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.0	5.1	0.8	-0.3

Memphis MSA- Number of Employed
January 2016 - January 2018



Texarkana MSA- Unemployment Rates
January: 2008 - 2018



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	January 2018				December 2017				January 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,348	8,934	414	4.4	9,611	9,271	340	3.5	9,157	8,726	431	4.7
Batesville Micro	16,153	15,374	779	4.8	16,282	15,672	610	3.7	16,061	15,210	851	5.3
Blytheville Micro	17,314	16,224	1,090	6.3	17,617	16,701	916	5.2	17,618	16,406	1,212	6.9
Camden Micro	11,938	11,316	622	5.2	12,047	11,535	512	4.3	11,952	11,363	589	4.9
El Dorado Micro	15,984	14,987	997	6.2	16,050	15,223	827	5.2	15,960	15,041	919	5.8
Forrest City Micro	8,151	7,617	534	6.6	8,286	7,881	405	4.9	8,322	7,820	502	6.0
Harrison Micro	18,932	18,074	858	4.5	19,069	18,381	688	3.6	18,940	18,166	774	4.1
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,434	5,921	513	8.0	6,516	6,115	401	6.2	6,492	6,056	436	6.7
Hope Micro	13,252	12,726	526	4.0	13,433	12,990	443	3.3	13,426	12,904	522	3.9
Magnolia Micro	8,881	8,383	498	5.6	9,005	8,598	407	4.5	9,150	8,616	534	5.8
Malvern Micro	14,032	13,435	597	4.3	14,088	13,599	489	3.5	13,945	13,380	565	4.1
Mountain Home Micro	16,071	15,241	830	5.2	16,200	15,511	689	4.3	16,120	15,301	819	5.1
Paragould Micro	19,438	18,605	833	4.3	19,554	18,874	680	3.5	19,436	18,589	847	4.4
Russellville Micro	37,415	35,438	1,977	5.3	38,111	36,504	1,607	4.2	37,117	35,234	1,883	5.1
Searcy Micro	33,254	31,441	1,813	5.5	33,693	32,204	1,489	4.4	33,430	31,629	1,801	5.4

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 2018				December 2017				January 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,184	11,621	563	4.6	12,252	11,806	446	3.6	11,954	11,491	463	3.9
Benton	16,981	16,353	628	3.7	17,143	16,637	506	3.0	16,911	16,323	588	3.5
Bentonville	24,857	24,092	765	3.1	25,168	24,477	691	2.7	24,471	23,824	647	2.6
Blytheville	5,897	5,524	373	6.3	6,031	5,687	344	5.7	6,001	5,586	415	6.9
Cabot	11,606	11,206	400	3.4	11,871	11,444	427	3.6	11,622	11,221	401	3.5
Conway	32,894	31,659	1,235	3.8	33,317	32,235	1,082	3.2	32,796	31,624	1,172	3.6
El Dorado	6,995	6,513	482	6.9	7,008	6,616	392	5.6	7,002	6,536	466	6.7
Fayetteville	46,255	44,925	1,330	2.9	46,791	45,633	1,158	2.5	45,693	44,421	1,272	2.8
Fort Smith	38,726	37,098	1,628	4.2	39,070	37,688	1,382	3.5	39,105	37,607	1,498	3.8
Hot Springs	14,313	13,554	759	5.3	14,115	13,494	621	4.4	14,332	13,634	698	4.9
Jacksonville	11,586	11,035	551	4.8	11,810	11,227	583	4.9	11,582	11,015	567	4.9
Jonesboro	37,193	35,852	1,341	3.6	37,541	36,492	1,049	2.8	36,716	35,498	1,218	3.3
Little Rock	96,073	92,419	3,654	3.8	97,069	94,026	3,043	3.1	95,730	92,249	3,481	3.6
North Little Rock	29,611	28,324	1,287	4.3	29,961	28,816	1,145	3.8	29,393	28,272	1,121	3.8
Paragould	12,220	11,666	554	4.5	12,275	11,835	440	3.6	12,248	11,656	592	4.8
Pine Bluff	16,320	15,257	1,063	6.5	16,662	15,699	963	5.8	16,520	15,502	1,018	6.2
Rogers	34,312	33,295	1,017	3.0	34,762	33,826	936	2.7	33,918	32,923	995	2.9
Russellville	13,493	12,898	595	4.4	13,752	13,263	489	3.6	13,378	12,802	576	4.3
Searcy	10,182	9,741	441	4.3	10,358	9,977	381	3.7	10,242	9,799	443	4.3
Sherwood	15,564	14,971	593	3.8	15,713	15,231	482	3.1	15,502	14,943	559	3.6
Springdale	38,261	37,128	1,133	3.0	38,711	37,715	996	2.6	37,705	36,712	993	2.6
Texarkana, AR	13,524	12,835	689	5.1	13,599	13,055	544	4.0	13,580	12,923	657	4.8
Van Buren	10,108	9,697	411	4.1	10,218	9,869	349	3.4	10,209	9,842	367	3.6
West Memphis	10,631	10,035	596	5.6	10,843	10,344	499	4.6	10,578	10,012	566	5.4

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	January 2018				December 2017				January 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	8,694	8,288	406	4.7	8,995	8,673	322	3.6	8,836	8,481	355	4.0
Ashley	7,624	7,100	524	6.9	7,618	7,197	421	5.5	7,648	7,113	535	7.0
Baxter	16,071	15,241	830	5.2	16,200	15,511	689	4.3	16,120	15,301	819	5.1
Benton	130,032	125,610	4,422	3.4	131,452	127,614	3,838	2.9	128,062	124,208	3,854	3.0
Boone	15,618	14,912	706	4.5	15,722	15,152	570	3.6	15,597	14,977	620	4.0
Bradley	4,393	4,181	212	4.8	4,483	4,311	172	3.8	4,228	3,978	250	5.9
Calhoun	2,300	2,190	110	4.8	2,343	2,249	94	4.0	2,317	2,213	104	4.5
Carroll	12,623	12,006	617	4.9	12,960	12,510	450	3.5	12,502	11,840	662	5.3
Chicot	3,387	3,088	299	8.8	3,466	3,226	240	6.9	3,475	3,182	293	8.4
Clark	9,348	8,934	414	4.4	9,611	9,271	340	3.5	9,157	8,726	431	4.7
Clay	5,655	5,325	330	5.8	5,753	5,501	252	4.4	5,797	5,431	366	6.3
Cleburne	9,073	8,530	543	6.0	9,195	8,762	433	4.7	9,198	8,595	603	6.6
Cleveland	3,168	3,025	143	4.5	3,259	3,133	126	3.9	3,243	3,089	154	4.7
Columbia	8,881	8,383	498	5.6	9,005	8,598	407	4.5	9,150	8,616	534	5.8
Conway	8,072	7,653	419	5.2	8,214	7,849	365	4.4	8,211	7,725	486	5.9
Craighead	52,952	51,044	1,908	3.6	53,454	51,955	1,499	2.8	52,319	50,539	1,780	3.4
Crawford	25,935	24,834	1,101	4.2	26,203	25,274	929	3.5	26,222	25,205	1,017	3.9
Crittenden	21,358	20,314	1,044	4.9	21,827	20,940	887	4.1	21,283	20,268	1,015	4.8
Cross	7,481	7,090	391	5.2	7,614	7,312	302	4.0	7,689	7,308	381	5.0
Dallas	2,927	2,783	144	4.9	2,920	2,806	114	3.9	2,853	2,709	144	5.0
Desha	5,210	4,906	304	5.8	5,363	5,110	253	4.7	5,283	4,970	313	5.9
Drew	7,840	7,367	473	6.0	7,971	7,584	387	4.9	7,722	7,237	485	6.3
Faulkner	60,059	57,754	2,305	3.8	60,759	58,805	1,954	3.2	59,921	57,690	2,231	3.7
Franklin	7,338	7,045	293	4.0	7,434	7,185	249	3.3	7,254	6,969	285	3.9
Fulton	4,638	4,390	248	5.3	4,678	4,474	204	4.4	4,630	4,388	242	5.2
Garland	39,671	37,790	1,881	4.7	39,164	37,622	1,542	3.9	39,842	38,014	1,828	4.6
Grant	8,163	7,868	295	3.6	8,291	8,039	252	3.0	8,184	7,880	304	3.7
Greene	19,438	18,605	833	4.3	19,554	18,874	680	3.5	19,436	18,589	847	4.4
Hempstead	9,699	9,311	388	4.0	9,835	9,515	320	3.3	9,845	9,449	396	4.0
Hot Spring	14,032	13,435	597	4.3	14,088	13,599	489	3.5	13,945	13,380	565	4.1
Howard	5,808	5,600	208	3.6	5,795	5,622	173	3.0	5,835	5,631	204	3.5
Independence	16,153	15,374	779	4.8	16,282	15,672	610	3.7	16,061	15,210	851	5.3
Izard	4,794	4,462	332	6.9	4,930	4,642	288	5.8	4,839	4,527	312	6.4
Jackson	5,723	5,284	439	7.7	5,808	5,446	362	6.2	5,879	5,440	439	7.5
Jefferson	27,215	25,593	1,622	6.0	27,752	26,335	1,417	5.1	27,624	26,004	1,620	5.9
Johnson	10,571	10,000	571	5.4	10,689	10,255	434	4.1	10,609	10,086	523	4.9
Lafayette	2,450	2,300	150	6.1	2,503	2,384	119	4.8	2,516	2,370	146	5.8
Lawrence	6,819	6,476	343	5.0	6,931	6,676	255	3.7	6,865	6,520	345	5.0
Lee	2,796	2,621	175	6.3	2,859	2,734	125	4.4	2,964	2,778	186	6.3
Lincoln	3,888	3,686	202	5.2	3,984	3,822	162	4.1	3,969	3,768	201	5.1
Little River	5,495	5,199	296	5.4	5,555	5,291	264	4.8	5,521	5,236	285	5.2
Logan	8,706	8,307	399	4.6	8,807	8,484	323	3.7	8,806	8,424	382	4.3
Lonoke	33,101	31,843	1,258	3.8	33,832	32,521	1,311	3.9	33,111	31,886	1,225	3.7
Madison	7,250	6,989	261	3.6	7,378	7,176	202	2.7	7,221	6,981	240	3.3
Marion	6,349	6,014	335	5.3	6,385	6,114	271	4.2	6,395	6,097	298	4.7
Miller	19,549	18,569	980	5.0	19,672	18,888	784	4.0	19,593	18,696	897	4.6

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	Not Seasonally Adjusted											
	January 2018				December 2017				January 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,314	16,224	1,090	6.3	17,617	16,701	916	5.2	17,618	16,406	1,212	6.9
Monroe	2,727	2,583	144	5.3	2,749	2,631	118	4.3	2,802	2,643	159	5.7
Montgomery	2,832	2,651	181	6.4	2,925	2,776	149	5.1	2,957	2,774	183	6.2
Nevada	3,553	3,415	138	3.9	3,598	3,475	123	3.4	3,581	3,455	126	3.5
Newton	3,314	3,162	152	4.6	3,347	3,229	118	3.5	3,343	3,189	154	4.6
Ouachita	9,638	9,126	512	5.3	9,704	9,286	418	4.3	9,635	9,150	485	5.0
Perry	4,121	3,910	211	5.1	4,160	3,994	166	4.0	4,139	3,918	221	5.3
Phillips	6,434	5,921	513	8.0	6,516	6,115	401	6.2	6,492	6,056	436	6.7
Pike	4,235	4,013	222	5.2	4,269	4,084	185	4.3	4,114	3,915	199	4.8
Poinsett	10,128	9,629	499	4.9	10,266	9,871	395	3.8	10,085	9,597	488	4.8
Polk	7,720	7,312	408	5.3	7,905	7,573	332	4.2	7,875	7,440	435	5.5
Pope	28,954	27,404	1,550	5.4	29,453	28,180	1,273	4.3	28,683	27,200	1,483	5.2
Prairie	3,610	3,439	171	4.7	3,734	3,554	180	4.8	3,620	3,454	166	4.6
Pulaski	186,544	179,198	7,346	3.9	188,674	182,314	6,360	3.4	185,775	178,868	6,907	3.7
Randolph	6,784	6,399	385	5.7	6,878	6,591	287	4.2	6,864	6,514	350	5.1
St. Francis	8,151	7,617	534	6.6	8,286	7,881	405	4.9	8,322	7,820	502	6.0
Saline	56,691	54,692	1,999	3.5	57,334	55,642	1,692	3.0	56,473	54,592	1,881	3.3
Scott	4,371	4,188	183	4.2	4,434	4,281	153	3.5	4,354	4,205	149	3.4
Searcy	2,804	2,636	168	6.0	2,833	2,706	127	4.5	2,825	2,658	167	5.9
Sebastian	55,667	53,303	2,364	4.2	56,148	54,151	1,997	3.6	56,160	54,034	2,126	3.8
Sevier	5,608	5,309	299	5.3	5,681	5,433	248	4.4	5,508	5,204	304	5.5
Sharp	5,938	5,611	327	5.5	5,962	5,706	256	4.3	5,963	5,591	372	6.2
Stone	4,646	4,367	279	6.0	4,740	4,520	220	4.6	4,703	4,407	296	6.3
Union	15,984	14,987	997	6.2	16,050	15,223	827	5.2	15,960	15,041	919	5.8
Van Buren	6,019	5,637	382	6.3	5,999	5,688	311	5.2	6,066	5,654	412	6.8
Washington	119,843	116,438	3,405	2.8	121,244	118,275	2,969	2.4	118,337	115,132	3,205	2.7
White	33,254	31,441	1,813	5.5	33,693	32,204	1,489	4.4	33,430	31,629	1,801	5.4
Woodruff	2,826	2,666	160	5.7	2,899	2,766	133	4.6	2,936	2,762	174	5.9
Yell	8,461	8,034	427	5.0	8,658	8,324	334	3.9	8,434	8,034	400	4.7

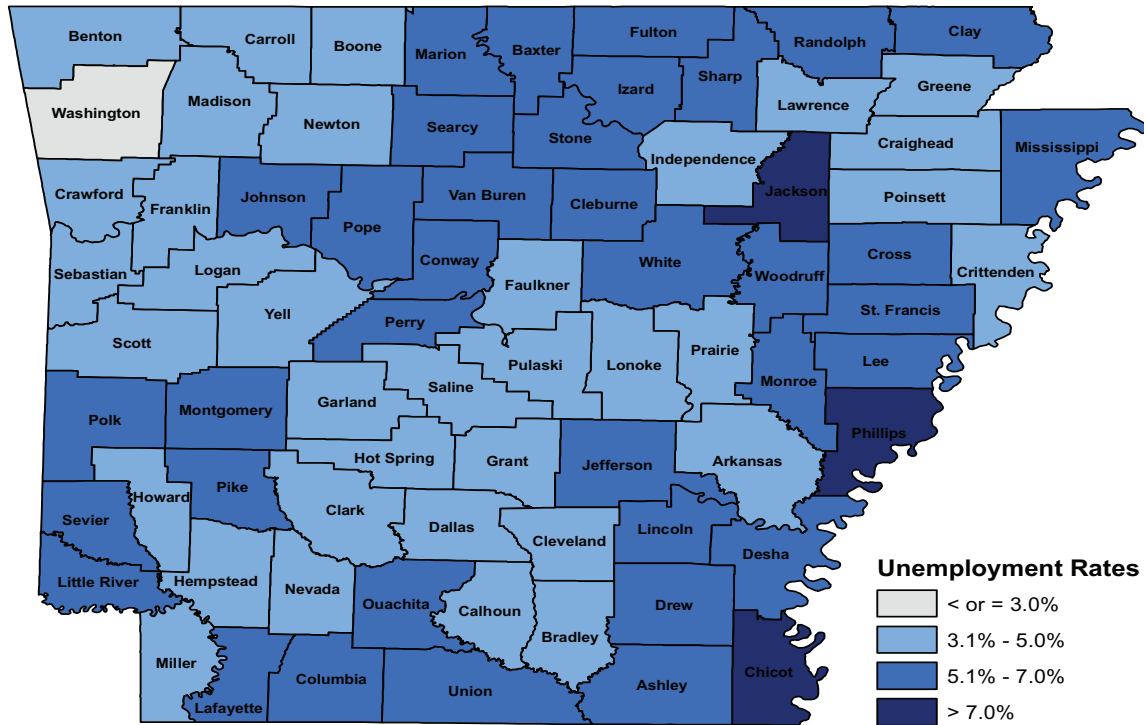
County Labor Force Summary

Between December 2017 and January 2018, unemployment rates increased in 73 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Jobless rates declined slightly in two counties-- Lonoke and Prairie. Rates ranged from a low of 2.8 percent in Washington County to a high of 8.8 percent in Chicot County.

In January, thirteen counties posted jobless rates at or below four percent. That is down from 36 counties at or below four percent last month. Two counties reported unemployment rates at or above eight percent.

Compared to January 2017, jobless rates are up in 47 Arkansas counties. Rates are down in 24 counties, while four remained the same.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

January 2018 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.8	24	Prairie	4.7	49	Pope	5.4
2	Benton	3.4	27	Bradley	4.8	52	Sharp	5.5
3	Saline	3.5	27	Calhoun	4.8	52	White	5.5
4	Craighead	3.6	27	Independence	4.8	54	Columbia	5.6
4	Grant	3.6	30	Carroll	4.9	55	Randolph	5.7
4	Howard	3.6	30	Crittenden	4.9	55	Woodruff	5.7
4	Madison	3.6	30	Dallas	4.9	57	Clay	5.8
8	Faulkner	3.8	30	Poinsett	4.9	57	Desha	5.8
8	Lonoke	3.8	34	Lawrence	5.0	59	Cleburne	6.0
10	Nevada	3.9	34	Miller	5.0	59	Drew	6.0
10	Pulaski	3.9	34	Yell	5.0	59	Jefferson	6.0
12	Franklin	4.0	37	Perry	5.1	59	Searcy	6.0
12	Hempstead	4.0	38	Baxter	5.2	59	Stone	6.0
14	Crawford	4.2	38	Conway	5.2	64	Lafayette	6.1
14	Scott	4.2	38	Cross	5.2	65	Union	6.2
14	Sebastian	4.2	38	Lincoln	5.2	66	Lee	6.3
17	Greene	4.3	38	Pike	5.2	66	Mississippi	6.3
17	Hot Spring	4.3	43	Fulton	5.3	66	Van Buren	6.3
19	Clark	4.4	43	Marion	5.3	69	Montgomery	6.4
20	Boone	4.5	43	Monroe	5.3	70	St. Francis	6.6
20	Cleveland	4.5	43	Ouachita	5.3	71	Ashley	6.9
22	Logan	4.6	43	Polk	5.3	71	Izard	6.9
22	Newton	4.6	43	Sevier	5.3	73	Jackson	7.7
24	Arkansas	4.7	49	Johnson	5.4	74	Phillips	8.0
24	Garland	4.7	49	Little River	5.4	75	Chicot	8.8

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	January 2018				December 2017				January 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	246,659	237,090	9,569	3.9	250,013	241,441	8,572	3.4	245,972	236,884	9,088	3.7
City of Little Rock	96,073	92,419	3,654	3.8	97,069	94,026	3,043	3.1	95,730	92,249	3,481	3.6
Eastern	46,220	43,563	2,657	5.7	47,102	44,982	2,120	4.5	46,750	44,230	2,520	5.4
North Central	93,064	87,762	5,302	5.7	94,186	89,880	4,306	4.6	93,705	88,203	5,502	5.9
Northeast	119,090	113,702	5,388	4.5	120,453	116,169	4,284	3.6	118,984	113,596	5,388	4.5
Northwest	313,904	303,008	10,896	3.5	317,521	308,287	9,234	2.9	310,402	300,383	10,019	3.2
Southeast	79,582	75,102	4,480	5.6	81,182	77,430	3,752	4.6	80,212	75,702	4,510	5.6
Southwest	91,892	87,172	4,720	5.1	92,661	88,770	3,891	4.2	92,314	87,770	4,544	4.9
West Central	130,297	123,824	6,473	5.0	131,231	125,954	5,277	4.0	130,091	123,772	6,319	4.9
Western	109,737	104,989	4,748	4.3	110,931	106,948	3,983	3.6	110,671	106,277	4,394	4.0

