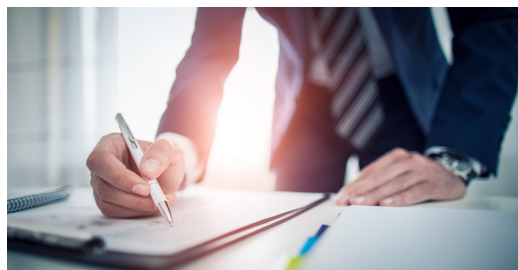




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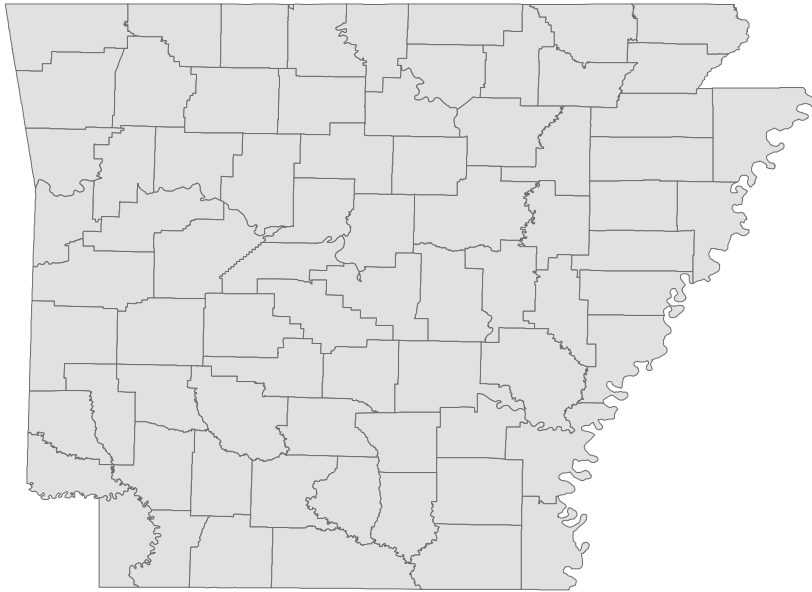


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Technical Notes

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 2018 benchmark.

Explanation of Terms and Concepts

Monthly Business Survey of Employers

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

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

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

Current Population Survey (CPS)

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

Civilian Labor Force

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

Employment

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

Unemployment

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

Unemployment Rate

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

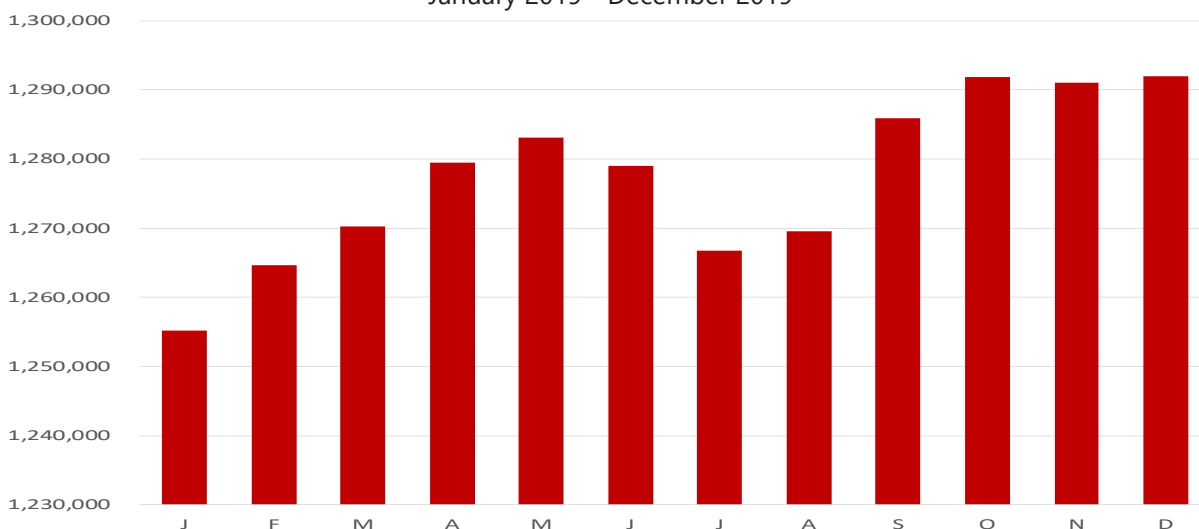
Seasonal Adjustment

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

December Spotlight The Year in Review

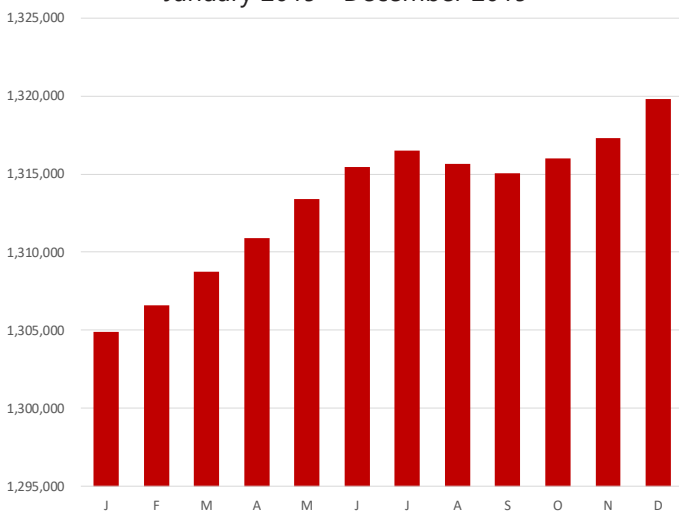
In 2019, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas ranged from a low of 1,255,200 in January to a high of 1,292,000 in December. Totals in December set a new all-time record high for number of jobs in the State. Jobs steadily increased throughout the first half of the year, with typical seasonal declines in the summer. The number of jobs then leveled off in the latter half of the year. Arkansas' preliminary annual average nonfarm payroll job total for 2019 was 1,277,400, exceeding the 2018 average of 1,261,900. Annual average nonfarm jobs in Arkansas have increased each year since 2010.

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
January 2019 - December 2019

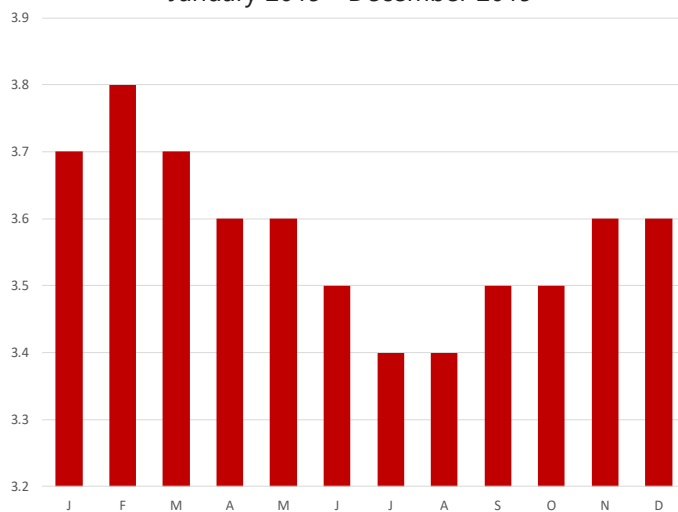


In 2019, employment in Arkansas reached a high of 1,319,789 in December. The number of employed steadily increased throughout the first half of the year, before dipping and then increasing again at the end of the year. Preliminary annual average employment totalled 1,315,742 in 2019, up from 1,301,459 in 2018. The unemployment rate remained somewhat stable throughout the year, ranging from 3.4 percent to 3.8 percent. Arkansas ended the year with a jobless rate of 3.6 percent, down from a high of 3.8 percent in February.

Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)
January 2019 - December 2019



Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)
January 2019 - December 2019



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

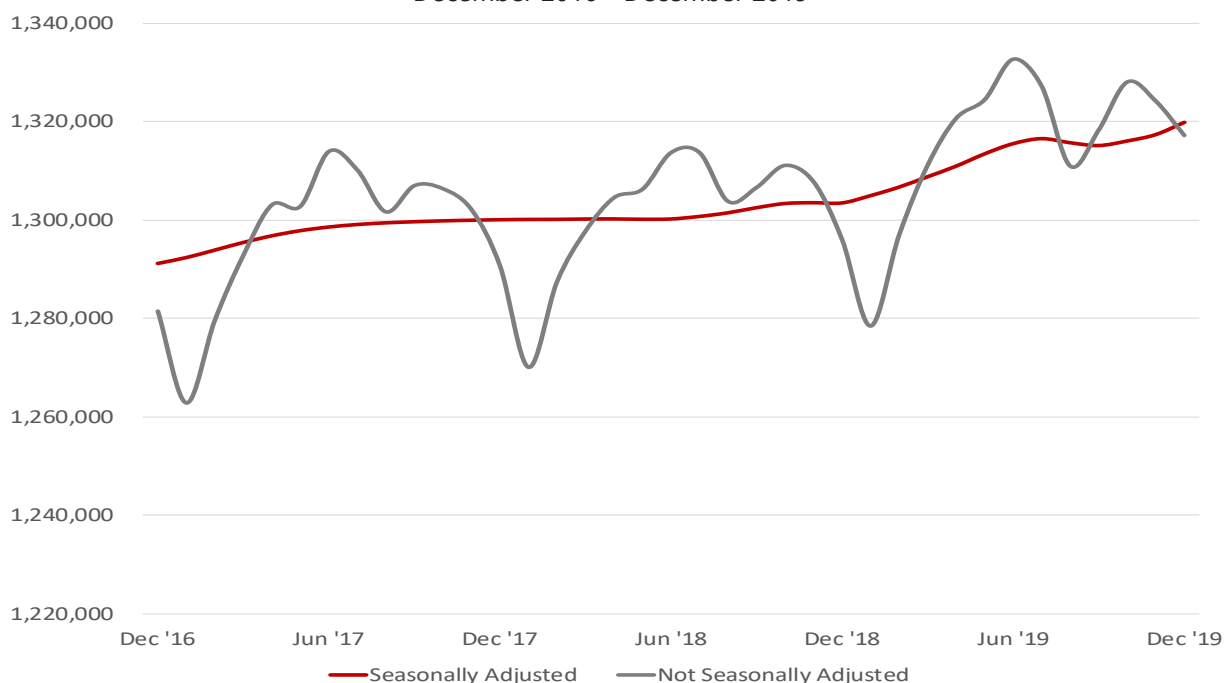
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.6 percent between November and December. Arkansas' civilian labor force increased 2,697, a result of 2,483 more employed and 214 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate was unchanged at 3.5 percent in December.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "The number of employed Arkansans rose for the third month in a row, to 1,319,789. The December jobless rate remains stable, and reflects the trend seen at the national level."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>		<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,368,565	1,365,868	1,353,091	Civilian Labor Force	1,363,533	1,367,798	1,344,510
Employment	1,319,789	1,317,306	1,303,393	Employment	1,317,085	1,324,048	1,295,892
Unemployment	48,776	48,562	49,698	Unemployment	46,448	43,750	48,618
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.6	3.7	Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.2	3.6
U.S. Unemployment	3.5	3.5	3.9	U.S. Unemployment	3.4	3.3	3.7

Number of Employed - Seasonally Adjusted vs Not Seasonally Adjusted
December 2016 - December 2019



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1292.0	1291.0	1273.3	1.0	18.7
Goods Producing	222.2	222.8	219.6	-0.6	2.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	57.8	59.7	56.0	-1.9	1.8
Mining & Logging	5.6	5.7	5.8	-0.1	-0.2
Construction	52.2	54.0	50.2	-1.8	2.0
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.2	34.2	31.7	-1.0	1.5
Manufacturing	164.4	163.1	163.6	1.3	0.8
Durable Goods	78.3	76.8	78.9	1.5	-0.6
Nondurable Goods	86.1	86.3	84.7	-0.2	1.4
Service Providing	1069.8	1068.2	1053.7	1.6	16.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	259.4	258.6	256.5	0.8	2.9
Wholesale Trade	50.1	50.1	48.6	0.0	1.5
Retail Trade	141.8	141.4	141.0	0.4	0.8
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	67.5	67.1	66.9	0.4	0.6
Information	10.8	10.9	11.2	-0.1	-0.4
Financial Activities	61.3	61.3	61.1	0.0	0.2
Finance & Insurance	47.7	47.8	47.4	-0.1	0.3
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.6	13.5	13.7	0.1	-0.1
Professional & Business Services	149.5	148.7	144.5	0.8	5.0
Professional, Scientific & Technical	45.4	44.4	44.3	1.0	1.1
Management of Companies	36.6	36.7	35.1	-0.1	1.5
Administrative & Support Services	67.5	67.6	65.1	-0.1	2.4
Educational & Health Services	198.9	197.0	192.9	1.9	6.0
Educational Services	16.4	16.5	15.8	-0.1	0.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	182.5	180.5	177.1	2.0	5.4
Ambulatory Health Care	61.9	60.7	59.4	1.2	2.5
Social Assistance	41.7	41.6	40.5	0.1	1.2
Leisure & Hospitality	119.9	121.3	117.3	-1.4	2.6
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	9.9	9.9	9.7	0.0	0.2
Accommodation & Food Services	110.0	111.4	107.6	-1.4	2.4
Accommodation Services	10.9	11.0	10.9	-0.1	0.0
Food Services	99.1	100.4	96.7	-1.3	2.4
Other Services	53.7	53.5	53.5	0.2	0.2
Government	216.3	216.9	216.7	-0.6	-0.4
Federal Government	20.4	20.4	20.4	0.0	0.0
State Government	79.8	80.2	79.4	-0.4	0.4
Local Government	116.1	116.3	116.9	-0.2	-0.8

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

November 2019 - December 2019

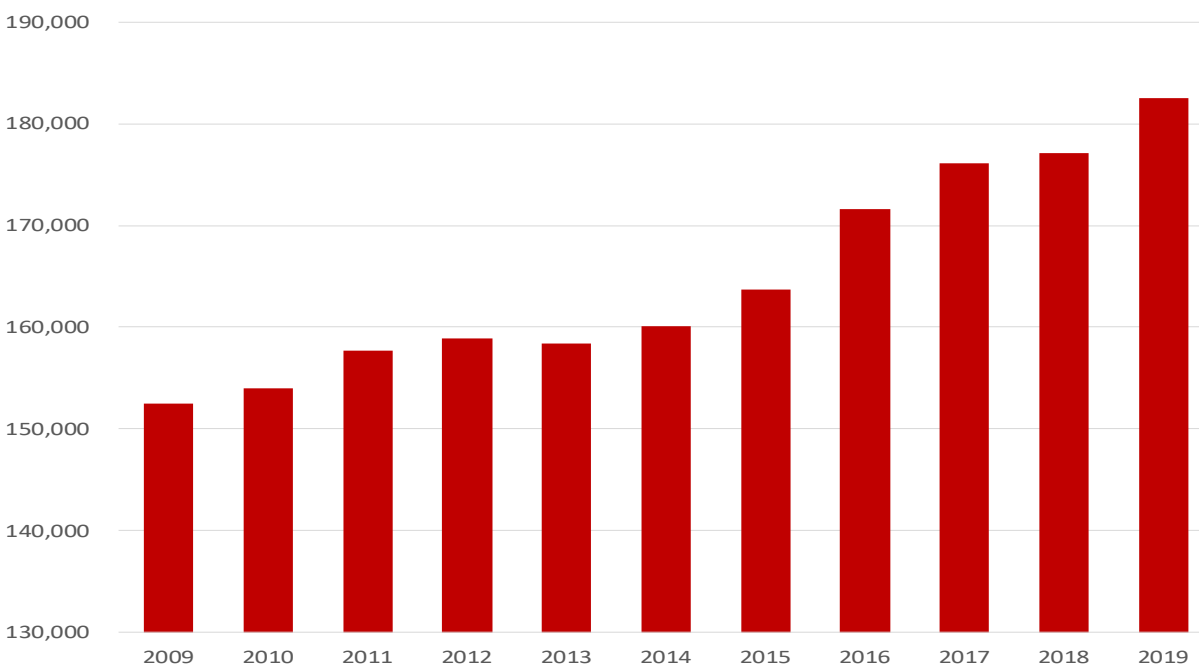
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 1,000 in December to total 1,292,000. Five major industry sectors posted gains, while five other sectors declined. The greatest expansion occurred in **educational and health services** (+1,900). All hiring was reported in health care and social assistance (+2,000). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 1,300. Gains in durable goods (+1,500) more than offset the loss in nondurable goods (-200). **Construction** declined 1,800, due largely to seasonal factors. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** decreased 1,400. Most of the loss was in food services, down 1,300 jobs.

December 2018 - December 2019

Compared to December 2018, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs are up 18,700. Growth was reported in eight major industry sectors, with five adding 2,000 or more jobs, each. Jobs in **educational and health services** increased 6,000. Most of the gains were in health care and social assistance (+5,400). **Professional and business services** added 5,000 jobs, with hiring across all three subsectors. Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 2,900. Most of the expansion was posted in wholesale trade (+1,500). **Leisure and hospitality** increased 2,600, mostly in food services (+2,400). Jobs in **construction** are up 2,000 over-the-year.

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

December: 2009 - 2019



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>
Average Weekly Hours	40.6	40.7	41.7
Average Hourly Earnings	19.05	18.92	18.39
Average Weekly Earnings	773.43	770.04	766.86

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

	Durable Goods Manufacturing			Nondurable Goods Manufacturing		
	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>
Average Weekly Hours	42.9	43.4	44.4	38.5	38.4	39.4
Average Hourly Earnings	21.27	21.13	21.05	16.85	16.75	15.77
Average Weekly Earnings	912.48	917.04	934.62	648.73	643.20	621.34

Average Hourly Earnings - Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

December 2017 - December 2019



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)

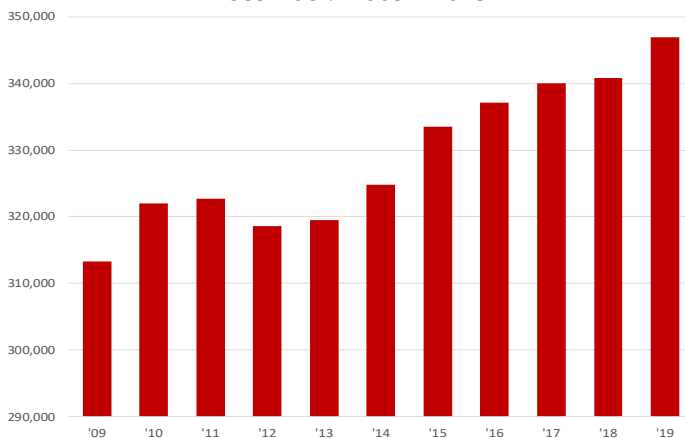
	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	358,168	359,393	352,310	-1,225	5,858
Employment	346,936	348,681	340,771	-1,745	6,165
Unemployment	11,232	10,712	11,539	520	-307
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.0	3.3	0.1	-0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

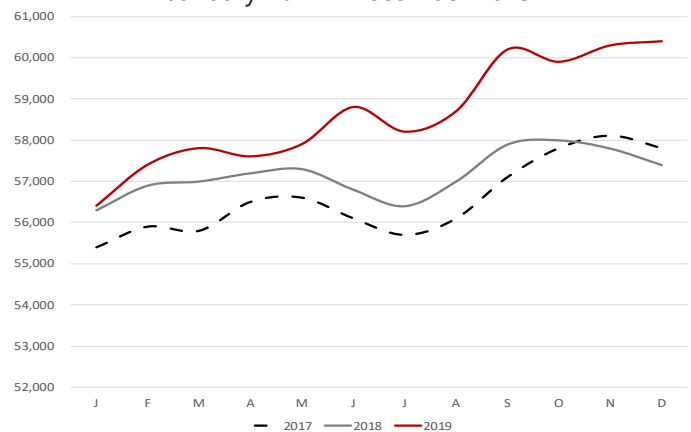
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	369.2	368.6	365.0	0.6	4.2
Goods Producing	37.8	38.3	37.5	-0.5	0.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.1	17.6	16.4	-0.5	0.7
Manufacturing	20.7	20.7	21.1	0.0	-0.4
Service Providing	331.4	330.3	327.5	1.1	3.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	72.8	72.0	72.2	0.8	0.6
Wholesale Trade	16.5	16.5	16.0	0.0	0.5
Retail Trade	39.8	39.2	40.0	0.6	-0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.5	16.3	16.2	0.2	0.3
Information	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	21.6	21.6	21.5	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	48.9	48.7	49.5	0.2	-0.6
Educational & Health Services	60.4	60.3	57.4	0.1	3.0
Leisure & Hospitality	35.4	35.5	35.1	-0.1	0.3
Other Services	15.9	15.9	15.7	0.0	0.2
Government	72.2	72.1	71.9	0.1	0.3
Federal Government	10.0	9.9	9.9	0.1	0.1
State Government	36.1	36.2	35.8	-0.1	0.3
Local Government	26.1	26.0	26.2	0.1	-0.1

Number of Employed
December: 2009 - 2019



Jobs in Educational and Health Services
January 2017 - December 2019



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)

	Dec 19	Nov 19	Dec 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	284,283	286,250	273,049	-1,967	11,234
Employment	277,680	279,848	265,770	-2,168	11,910
Unemployment	6,603	6,402	7,279	201	-676
Unemployment Rate	2.3	2.2	2.7	0.1	-0.4

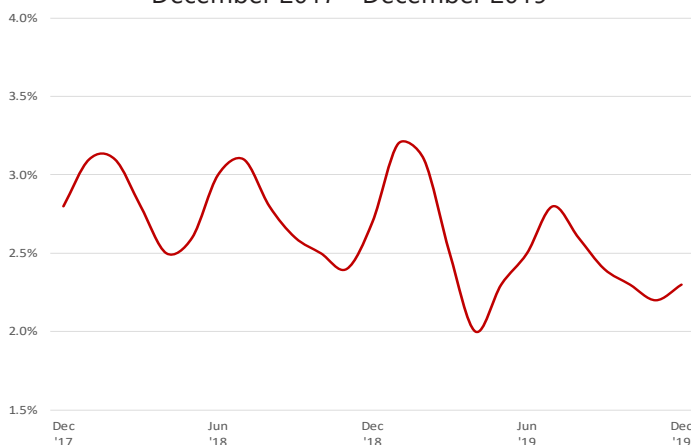
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Dec 19	Nov 19	Dec 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	271.0	271.8	260.7	-0.8	10.3
Goods Producing	42.9	43.2	41.7	-0.3	1.2
Mining, Logging & Construction	12.2	12.4	11.7	-0.2	0.5
Manufacturing	30.7	30.8	30.0	-0.1	0.7
Service Providing	228.1	228.6	219.0	-0.5	9.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	58.3	58.1	57.0	0.2	1.3
Wholesale Trade	12.6	12.6	12.3	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	27.5	27.3	26.8	0.2	0.7
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.2	18.2	17.9	0.0	0.3
Information	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	8.4	8.5	8.3	-0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	54.2	54.0	50.1	0.2	4.1
Educational & Health Services	30.8	30.7	29.7	0.1	1.1
Leisure & Hospitality	25.9	26.3	24.7	-0.4	1.2
Other Services	9.6	9.5	9.3	0.1	0.3
Government	38.8	39.4	37.8	-0.6	1.0
Federal Government	2.6	2.7	2.6	-0.1	0.0
State Government	16.5	17.2	15.7	-0.7	0.8
Local Government	19.7	19.5	19.5	0.2	0.2

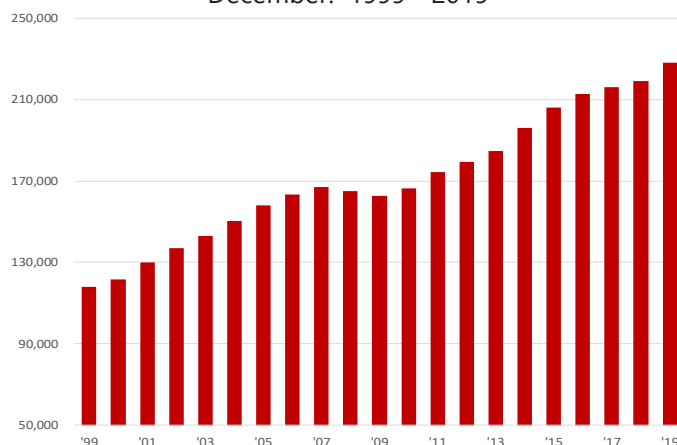
Unemployment Rates

December 2017 - December 2019



Jobs in Service Providing Sectors

December: 1999 - 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fort Smith MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Dec 19	Nov 19	Dec 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	118,097	119,038	118,086	-941	11
Employment	113,886	114,881	113,788	-995	98
Unemployment	4,211	4,157	4,298	54	-87
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.5	3.6	0.1	0.0

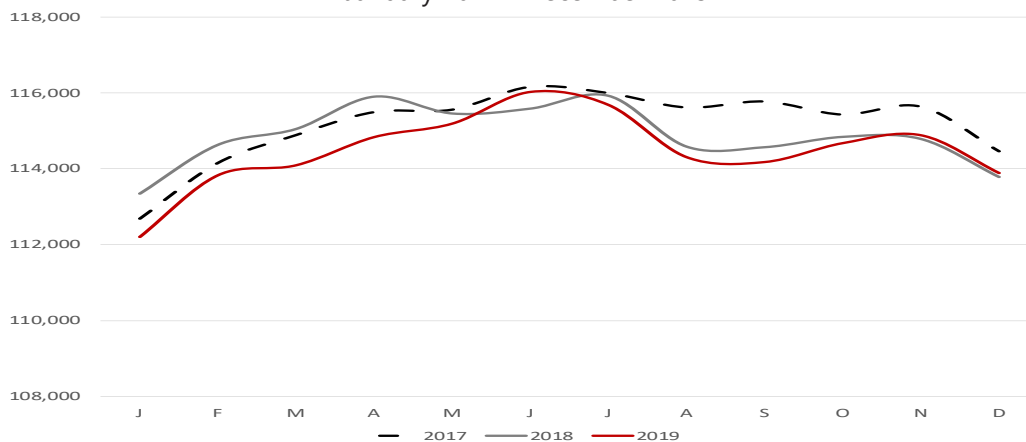
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Dec 19	Nov 19	Dec 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	114.2	114.2	114.2	0.0	0.0
Goods Producing	23.1	23.0	23.1	0.1	0.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.0	5.0	5.2	0.0	-0.2
Manufacturing	18.1	18.0	17.9	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	91.1	91.2	91.1	-0.1	0.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.5	23.6	23.5	-0.1	0.0
Wholesale Trade	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	12.6	12.7	12.6	-0.1	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.6	6.6	6.7	0.0	-0.1
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	12.8	12.8	13.0	0.0	-0.2
Educational & Health Services	17.4	17.4	17.1	0.0	0.3
Leisure & Hospitality	9.3	9.4	9.3	-0.1	0.0
Other Services	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
Government	18.5	18.4	18.6	0.1	-0.1
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0
Local Government	14.0	13.9	14.1	0.1	-0.1

Number of Employed

January 2017 - December 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	40,568	40,721	40,005	-153	563
Employment	39,148	39,336	38,413	-188	735
Unemployment	1,420	1,385	1,592	35	-172
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.4	4.0	0.1	-0.5

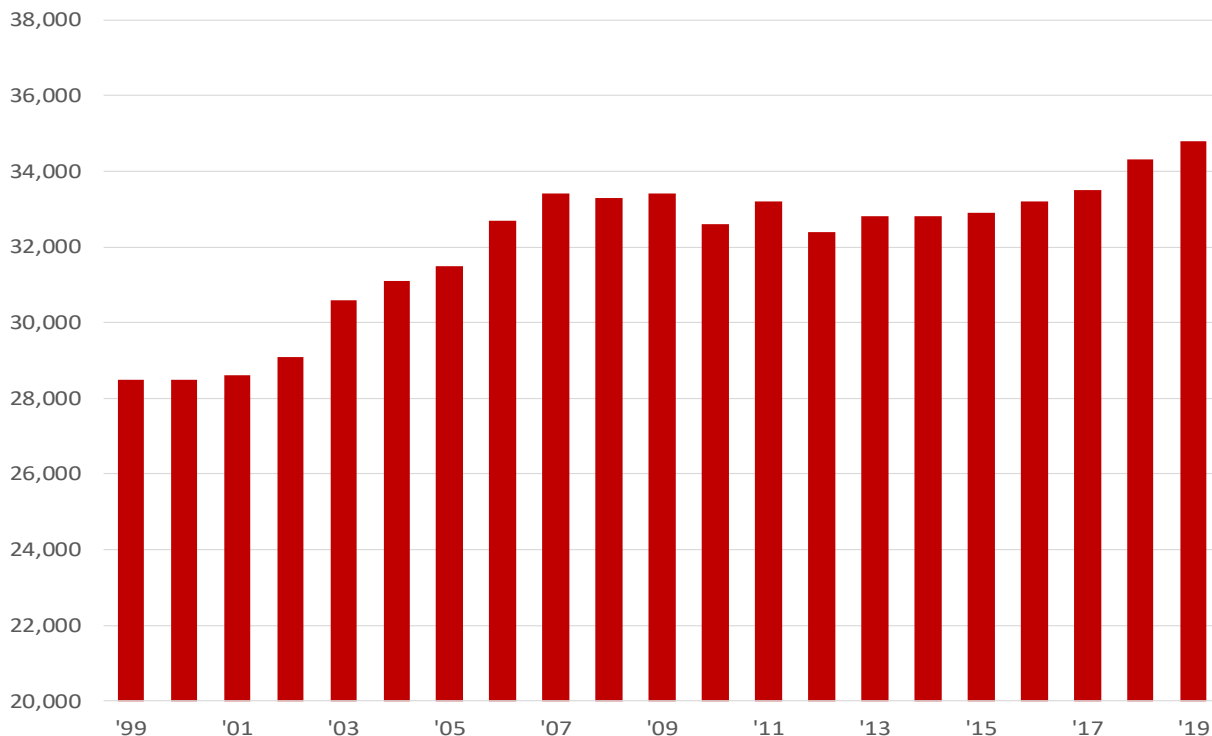
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.2	39.2	38.8	0.0	0.4
Goods Producing	4.4	4.4	4.5	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	34.8	34.8	34.3	0.0	0.5
Government	4.5	4.6	4.6	-0.1	-0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

December: 1999 - 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,754	66,146	64,122	-392	1,632
Employment	63,977	64,477	62,175	-500	1,802
Unemployment	1,777	1,669	1,947	108	-170
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.5	3.0	0.2	-0.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	60.6	60.9	59.1	-0.3	1.5
Goods Producing	10.1	10.1	9.9	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	50.5	50.8	49.2	-0.3	1.3
Government	9.2	9.3	9.1	-0.1	0.1

Employment

December 2016 - December 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Dec 19	Nov 19	Dec 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	34,902	35,079	35,221	-177	-319
Employment	33,125	33,381	33,430	-256	-305
Unemployment	1,777	1,698	1,791	79	-14
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.8	5.1	0.3	0.0

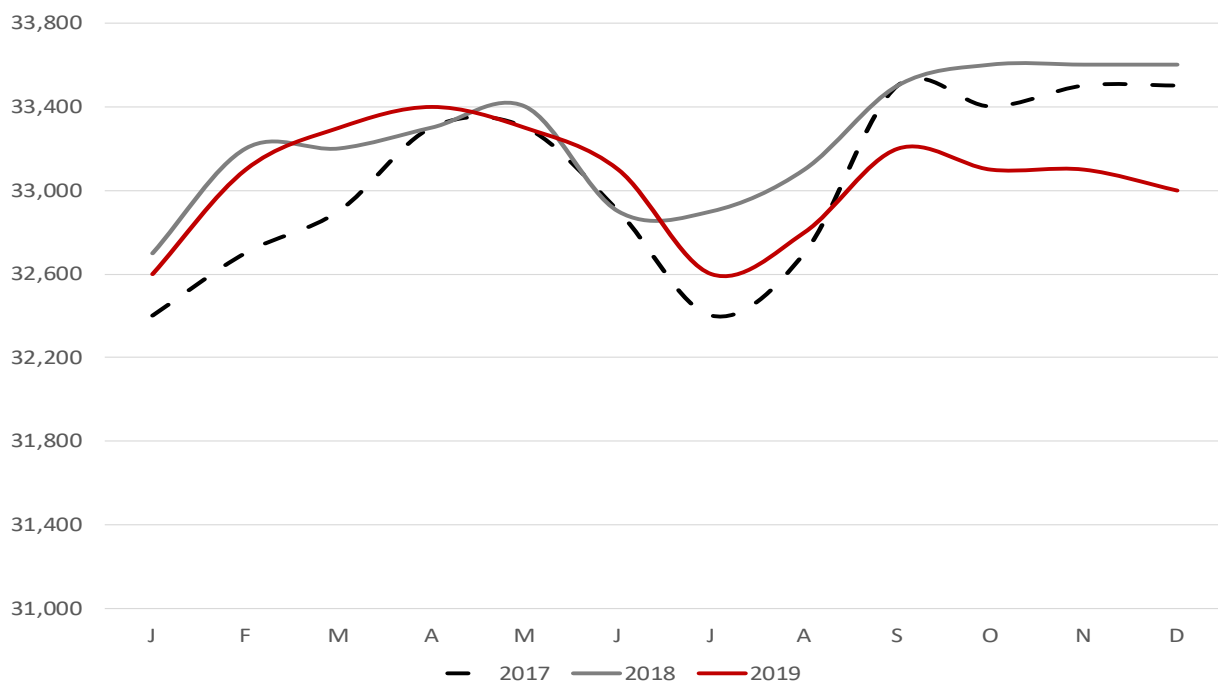
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Dec 19	Nov 19	Dec 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	33.0	33.1	33.6	-0.1	-0.6
Goods Producing	5.9	5.9	6.1	0.0	-0.2
Service Providing	27.1	27.2	27.5	-0.1	-0.4
Government	9.2	9.2	9.3	0.0	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January 2017 - December 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Out-of-State MSA

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	649,469	649,789	638,849	-320	10,620
Employment	624,400	624,623	615,344	-223	9,056
Unemployment	25,069	25,166	23,505	-97	1,564
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.9	3.7	0.0	0.2

Texarkana MSA

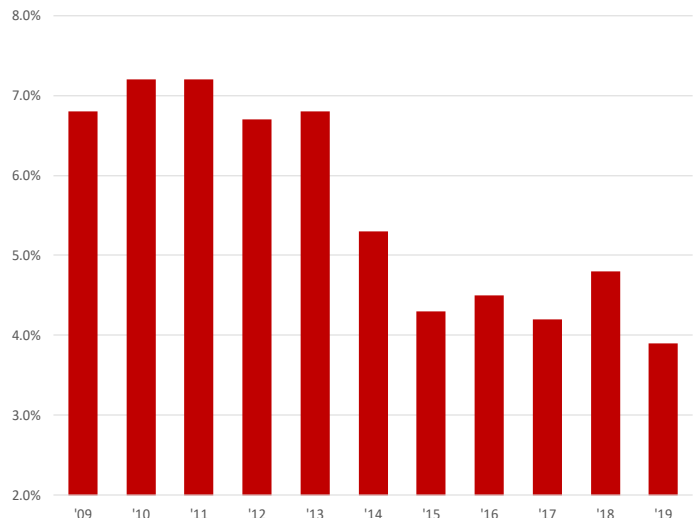
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,900	65,215	65,165	-315	-265
Employment	62,380	62,648	62,063	-268	317
Unemployment	2,520	2,567	3,102	-47	-582
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.9	4.8	0.0	-0.9

Memphis MSA - Number of Employed
December 2017 - December 2019



Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates
December: 2009 - 2019



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	December 2019				November 2019				December 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,783	9,432	351	3.6	9,815	9,475	340	3.5	9,877	9,539	338	3.4
Batesville Micro	16,564	15,938	626	3.8	16,540	15,914	626	3.8	16,306	15,660	646	4.0
Blytheville Micro	17,333	16,475	858	5.0	17,283	16,542	741	4.3	17,479	16,622	857	4.9
Camden Micro	12,232	11,643	589	4.8	12,232	11,684	548	4.5	12,127	11,603	524	4.3
El Dorado Micro	15,813	14,954	859	5.4	15,786	14,980	806	5.1	15,806	15,020	786	5.0
Forrest City Micro	8,123	7,734	389	4.8	8,132	7,767	365	4.5	8,262	7,821	441	5.3
Harrison Micro	19,303	18,691	612	3.2	19,342	18,770	572	3.0	18,958	18,310	648	3.4
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,372	5,970	402	6.3	6,340	5,975	365	5.8	6,547	6,179	368	5.6
Hope Micro	13,436	12,937	499	3.7	13,491	13,017	474	3.5	13,566	13,073	493	3.6
Magnolia Micro	9,172	8,799	373	4.1	9,234	8,861	373	4.0	8,899	8,501	398	4.5
Malvern Micro	13,961	13,500	461	3.3	14,017	13,564	453	3.2	13,909	13,419	490	3.5
Mountain Home Micro	16,151	15,525	626	3.9	16,180	15,603	577	3.6	16,555	15,839	716	4.3
Paragould Micro	19,947	19,278	669	3.4	20,001	19,365	636	3.2	19,509	18,821	688	3.5
Russellville Micro	37,408	35,889	1,519	4.1	37,374	36,040	1,334	3.6	37,473	35,857	1,616	4.3
Searcy Micro	33,977	32,470	1,507	4.4	33,918	32,539	1,379	4.1	33,839	32,323	1,516	4.5

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	December 2019				November 2019				December 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,575	12,215	360	2.9	12,676	12,312	364	2.9	12,186	11,687	499	4.1
Benton	17,290	16,836	454	2.6	17,374	16,926	448	2.6	17,051	16,531	520	3.0
Bentonville	26,959	26,412	547	2.0	27,165	26,622	543	2.0	25,906	25,271	635	2.5
Blytheville	5,941	5,572	369	6.2	5,902	5,595	307	5.2	5,917	5,622	295	5.0
Cabot	12,093	11,713	380	3.1	12,120	11,753	367	3.0	11,884	11,529	355	3.0
Conway	33,765	32,829	936	2.8	33,873	32,985	888	2.6	33,298	32,257	1,041	3.1
El Dorado	6,847	6,460	387	5.7	6,840	6,471	369	5.4	6,875	6,489	386	5.6
Fayetteville	48,943	47,826	1,117	2.3	49,307	48,199	1,108	2.2	46,989	45,769	1,220	2.6
Fort Smith	39,286	38,016	1,270	3.2	39,505	38,308	1,197	3.0	39,169	37,797	1,372	3.5
Hot Springs	14,465	13,891	574	4.0	14,513	13,957	556	3.8	14,258	13,630	628	4.4
Jacksonville	11,960	11,357	603	5.0	11,941	11,418	523	4.4	11,629	11,149	480	4.1
Jonesboro	38,884	37,859	1,025	2.6	39,128	38,179	949	2.4	37,892	36,761	1,131	3.0
Little Rock	98,228	95,160	3,068	3.1	98,752	95,676	3,076	3.1	96,706	93,421	3,285	3.4
North Little Rock	30,173	28,993	1,180	3.9	30,200	29,150	1,050	3.5	29,570	28,463	1,107	3.7
Paragould	12,509	12,074	435	3.5	12,548	12,128	420	3.3	12,270	11,788	482	3.9
Pine Bluff	16,500	15,504	996	6.0	16,652	15,643	1,009	6.1	16,637	15,632	1,005	6.0
Rogers	36,400	35,623	777	2.1	36,672	35,906	766	2.1	34,992	34,084	908	2.6
Russellville	13,394	12,922	472	3.5	13,423	12,990	433	3.2	13,387	12,898	489	3.7
Searcy	10,272	9,925	347	3.4	10,281	9,946	335	3.3	10,289	9,880	409	4.0
Sherwood	16,085	15,623	462	2.9	16,153	15,708	445	2.8	15,805	15,338	467	3.0
Springdale	40,233	39,380	853	2.1	40,542	39,688	854	2.1	38,650	37,685	965	2.5
Texarkana, AR	13,624	13,053	571	4.2	13,650	13,114	536	3.9	13,591	12,921	670	4.9
Van Buren	10,331	10,021	310	3.0	10,382	10,089	293	2.8	10,333	9,972	361	3.5
West Memphis	10,680	10,212	468	4.4	10,761	10,307	454	4.2	10,627	10,159	468	4.4

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	December 2019				November 2019				December 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,445	9,155	290	3.1	9,395	9,125	270	2.9	9,086	8,776	310	3.4
Ashley	7,617	7,179	438	5.8	7,593	7,201	392	5.2	7,692	7,263	429	5.6
Baxter	16,151	15,525	626	3.9	16,180	15,603	577	3.6	16,555	15,839	716	4.3
Benton	138,931	135,623	3,308	2.4	139,889	136,701	3,188	2.3	133,505	129,763	3,742	2.8
Boone	15,957	15,462	495	3.1	16,003	15,537	466	2.9	15,658	15,135	523	3.3
Bradley	4,492	4,334	158	3.5	4,451	4,300	151	3.4	4,539	4,333	206	4.5
Calhoun	2,415	2,317	98	4.1	2,413	2,318	95	3.9	2,406	2,318	88	3.7
Carroll	12,563	12,196	367	2.9	12,697	12,365	332	2.6	12,426	12,010	416	3.3
Chicot	3,275	3,052	223	6.8	3,254	3,057	197	6.1	3,293	3,062	231	7.0
Clark	9,783	9,432	351	3.6	9,815	9,475	340	3.5	9,877	9,539	338	3.4
Clay	5,639	5,348	291	5.2	5,618	5,360	258	4.6	5,817	5,534	283	4.9
Cleburne	9,094	8,660	434	4.8	9,110	8,708	402	4.4	9,099	8,693	406	4.5
Cleveland	3,258	3,128	130	4.0	3,260	3,139	121	3.7	3,292	3,166	126	3.8
Columbia	9,172	8,799	373	4.1	9,234	8,861	373	4.0	8,899	8,501	398	4.5
Conway	8,327	7,990	337	4.0	8,320	8,007	313	3.8	8,183	7,831	352	4.3
Craighead	55,271	53,852	1,419	2.6	55,654	54,306	1,348	2.4	53,876	52,289	1,587	2.9
Crawford	26,633	25,807	826	3.1	26,756	25,982	774	2.9	26,607	25,680	927	3.5
Crittenden	21,641	20,819	822	3.8	21,794	21,012	782	3.6	21,566	20,711	855	4.0
Cross	7,396	7,086	310	4.2	7,383	7,097	286	3.9	7,385	7,042	343	4.6
Dallas	2,853	2,724	129	4.5	2,855	2,730	125	4.4	2,853	2,741	112	3.9
Desh	5,424	5,184	240	4.4	5,445	5,222	223	4.1	5,473	5,225	248	4.5
Drew	7,955	7,558	397	5.0	7,944	7,561	383	4.8	7,977	7,581	396	5.0
Faulkner	61,942	60,144	1,798	2.9	62,135	60,430	1,705	2.7	61,049	59,095	1,954	3.2
Franklin	7,448	7,205	243	3.3	7,477	7,249	228	3.0	7,355	7,111	244	3.3
Fulton	4,939	4,766	173	3.5	4,924	4,765	159	3.2	4,772	4,567	205	4.3
Garland	40,568	39,148	1,420	3.5	40,721	39,336	1,385	3.4	40,005	38,413	1,592	4.0
Grant	8,420	8,164	256	3.0	8,453	8,197	256	3.0	8,288	8,032	256	3.1
Greene	19,947	19,278	669	3.4	20,001	19,365	636	3.2	19,509	18,821	688	3.5
Hempstead	9,848	9,482	366	3.7	9,880	9,535	345	3.5	9,961	9,586	375	3.8
Hot Spring	13,961	13,500	461	3.3	14,017	13,564	453	3.2	13,909	13,419	490	3.5
Howard	5,767	5,566	201	3.5	5,712	5,543	169	3.0	5,832	5,625	207	3.5
Independence	16,564	15,938	626	3.8	16,540	15,914	626	3.8	16,306	15,660	646	4.0
Izard	4,918	4,624	294	6.0	4,875	4,620	255	5.2	4,898	4,607	291	5.9
Jackson	5,897	5,480	417	7.1	5,850	5,486	364	6.2	5,829	5,438	391	6.7
Jefferson	27,664	26,185	1,479	5.3	27,847	26,421	1,426	5.1	27,903	26,402	1,501	5.4
Johnson	10,252	9,855	397	3.9	10,283	9,905	378	3.7	10,499	10,055	444	4.2
Lafayette	2,455	2,356	99	4.0	2,465	2,359	106	4.3	2,526	2,397	129	5.1
Lawrence	6,865	6,587	278	4.0	6,893	6,631	262	3.8	6,923	6,647	276	4.0
Lee	2,853	2,719	134	4.7	2,833	2,707	126	4.4	2,904	2,778	126	4.3
Lincoln	3,980	3,812	168	4.2	3,972	3,821	151	3.8	4,026	3,862	164	4.1
Little River	5,494	5,263	231	4.2	5,515	5,292	223	4.0	5,483	5,206	277	5.1
Logan	8,553	8,161	392	4.6	8,522	8,169	353	4.1	8,725	8,379	346	4.0
Lonoke	34,294	33,152	1,142	3.3	34,294	33,265	1,029	3.0	33,669	32,631	1,038	3.1
Madison	7,633	7,464	169	2.2	7,644	7,476	168	2.2	7,417	7,217	200	2.7
Marion	6,574	6,313	261	4.0	6,561	6,332	229	3.5	6,437	6,155	282	4.4
Miller	19,744	18,984	760	3.8	19,797	19,073	724	3.7	19,671	18,793	878	4.5

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	December 2019				November 2019				December 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,333	16,475	858	5.0	17,283	16,542	741	4.3	17,479	16,622	857	4.9
Monroe	2,767	2,637	130	4.7	2,734	2,619	115	4.2	2,686	2,571	115	4.3
Montgomery	2,899	2,766	133	4.6	2,896	2,764	132	4.6	3,006	2,863	143	4.8
Nevada	3,588	3,455	133	3.7	3,611	3,482	129	3.6	3,605	3,487	118	3.3
Newton	3,346	3,229	117	3.5	3,339	3,233	106	3.2	3,300	3,175	125	3.8
Ouachita	9,817	9,326	491	5.0	9,819	9,366	453	4.6	9,721	9,285	436	4.5
Perry	4,266	4,113	153	3.6	4,263	4,122	141	3.3	4,243	4,054	189	4.5
Phillips	6,372	5,970	402	6.3	6,340	5,975	365	5.8	6,547	6,179	368	5.6
Pike	4,230	4,066	164	3.9	4,200	4,049	151	3.6	4,241	4,078	163	3.8
Poinsett	10,483	10,125	358	3.4	10,492	10,171	321	3.1	10,246	9,886	360	3.5
Polk	8,185	7,819	366	4.5	8,163	7,819	344	4.2	7,983	7,658	325	4.1
Pope	28,957	27,728	1,229	4.2	28,940	27,873	1,067	3.7	28,943	27,676	1,267	4.4
Prairie	3,629	3,468	161	4.4	3,599	3,459	140	3.9	3,575	3,424	151	4.2
Pulaski	191,116	184,784	6,332	3.3	191,842	185,786	6,056	3.2	187,807	181,407	6,400	3.4
Randolph	7,366	7,075	291	4.0	7,340	7,093	247	3.4	7,240	6,958	282	3.9
St. Francis	8,123	7,734	389	4.8	8,132	7,767	365	4.5	8,262	7,821	441	5.3
Saline	58,130	56,579	1,551	2.7	58,406	56,881	1,525	2.6	57,254	55,552	1,702	3.0
Scott	4,334	4,187	147	3.4	4,313	4,174	139	3.2	4,407	4,253	154	3.5
Searcy	2,823	2,674	149	5.3	2,812	2,690	122	4.3	2,895	2,772	123	4.2
Sebastian	56,617	54,816	1,801	3.2	56,934	55,237	1,697	3.0	56,419	54,500	1,919	3.4
Sevier	5,545	5,281	264	4.8	5,509	5,273	236	4.3	5,548	5,292	256	4.6
Sharp	5,680	5,393	287	5.1	5,687	5,422	265	4.7	5,760	5,484	276	4.8
Stone	4,631	4,414	217	4.7	4,632	4,432	200	4.3	4,799	4,557	242	5.0
Union	15,813	14,954	859	5.4	15,786	14,980	806	5.1	15,806	15,020	786	5.0
Van Buren	5,650	5,366	284	5.0	5,671	5,413	258	4.5	5,844	5,533	311	5.3
Washington	126,736	123,986	2,750	2.2	127,649	124,953	2,696	2.1	121,709	118,655	3,054	2.5
White	33,977	32,470	1,507	4.4	33,918	32,539	1,379	4.1	33,839	32,323	1,516	4.5
Woodruff	2,801	2,659	142	5.1	2,779	2,644	135	4.9	2,852	2,698	154	5.4
Yell	8,451	8,161	290	3.4	8,434	8,167	267	3.2	8,530	8,181	349	4.1

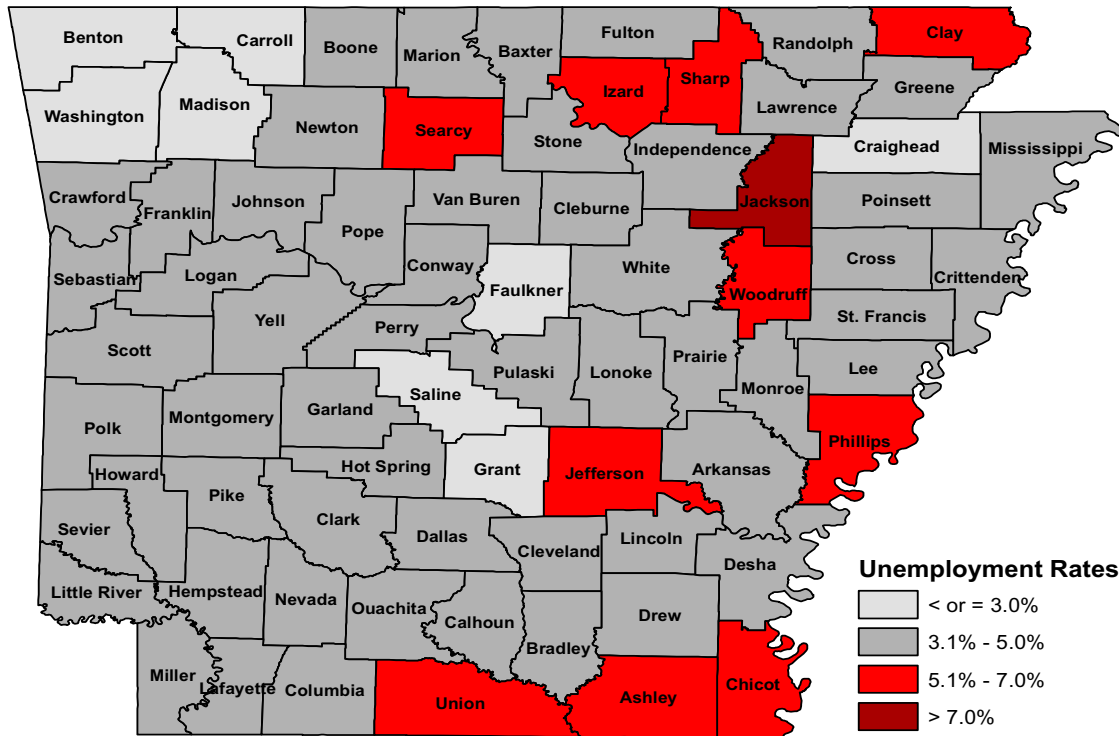
County Labor Force Summary

Between November and December, unemployment rates increased in 70 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Four counties were stable, while the rate in one county-- Lafayette County-- declined. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Madison and Washington counties to a high of 7.1 percent in Jackson County.

In December, forty-one counties posted unemployment rates at or below 4 percent. That is down from 47 counties at or below four percent last month. For the first time in five months, one county reported a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to December 2018, unemployment rates are down in 45 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates increased in 26 counties and were unchanged in four.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

December 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Madison	2.2	26	Clark	3.6	51	Dallas	4.5
1	Washington	2.2	26	Perry	3.6	51	Polk	4.5
3	Benton	2.4	28	Hempstead	3.7	53	Logan	4.6
4	Craighead	2.6	28	Nevada	3.7	53	Montgomery	4.6
5	Saline	2.7	30	Crittenden	3.8	55	Lee	4.7
6	Carroll	2.9	30	Independence	3.8	55	Monroe	4.7
6	Faulkner	2.9	30	Miller	3.8	55	Stone	4.7
8	Grant	3.0	33	Baxter	3.9	58	Cleburne	4.8
9	Arkansas	3.1	33	Johnson	3.9	58	St. Francis	4.8
9	Boone	3.1	33	Pike	3.9	58	Sevier	4.8
9	Crawford	3.1	36	Cleveland	4.0	61	Drew	5.0
12	Sebastian	3.2	36	Conway	4.0	61	Mississippi	5.0
13	Franklin	3.3	36	Lafayette	4.0	61	Ouachita	5.0
13	Hot Spring	3.3	36	Lawrence	4.0	61	Van Buren	5.0
13	Lonoke	3.3	36	Marion	4.0	65	Sharp	5.1
13	Pulaski	3.3	36	Randolph	4.0	65	Woodruff	5.1
17	Greene	3.4	42	Calhoun	4.1	67	Clay	5.2
17	Poinsett	3.4	42	Columbia	4.1	68	Jefferson	5.3
17	Scott	3.4	44	Cross	4.2	68	Searcy	5.3
17	Yell	3.4	44	Lincoln	4.2	70	Union	5.4
21	Bradley	3.5	44	Little River	4.2	71	Ashley	5.8
21	Fulton	3.5	44	Pope	4.2	72	Izard	6.0
21	Garland	3.5	48	Desha	4.4	73	Phillips	6.3
21	Howard	3.5	48	Prairie	4.4	74	Chicot	6.8
21	Newton	3.5	48	White	4.4	75	Jackson	7.1

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	December 2019				November 2019				December 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	253,650	245,604	8,046	3.2	254,258	246,764	7,494	2.9	249,334	241,259	8,075	3.2
City of Little Rock	98,228	95,160	3,068	3.1	98,752	95,676	3,076	3.1	96,706	93,421	3,285	3.4
Eastern	46,385	44,328	2,057	4.4	46,482	44,558	1,924	4.1	46,664	44,531	2,133	4.6
North Central	94,151	89,770	4,381	4.7	93,986	89,943	4,043	4.3	93,998	89,560	4,438	4.7
Northeast	122,904	118,740	4,164	3.4	123,281	119,468	3,813	3.1	121,090	116,757	4,333	3.6
Northwest	330,714	322,472	8,242	2.5	332,774	324,890	7,884	2.4	319,902	310,721	9,181	2.9
Southeast	81,530	77,751	3,779	4.6	81,614	78,044	3,570	4.4	81,569	77,702	3,867	4.7
Southwest	92,511	88,507	4,004	4.3	92,596	88,812	3,784	4.1	92,311	88,251	4,060	4.4
West Central	131,694	126,759	4,935	3.7	131,889	127,262	4,627	3.5	131,436	126,109	5,327	4.1
Western	111,770	107,995	3,775	3.4	112,165	108,630	3,535	3.2	111,496	107,581	3,915	3.5

