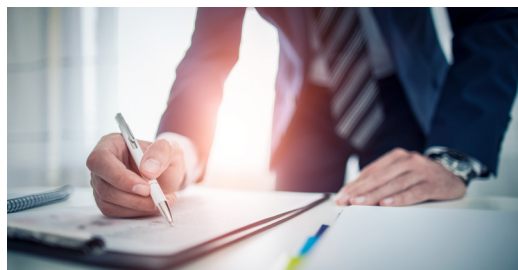




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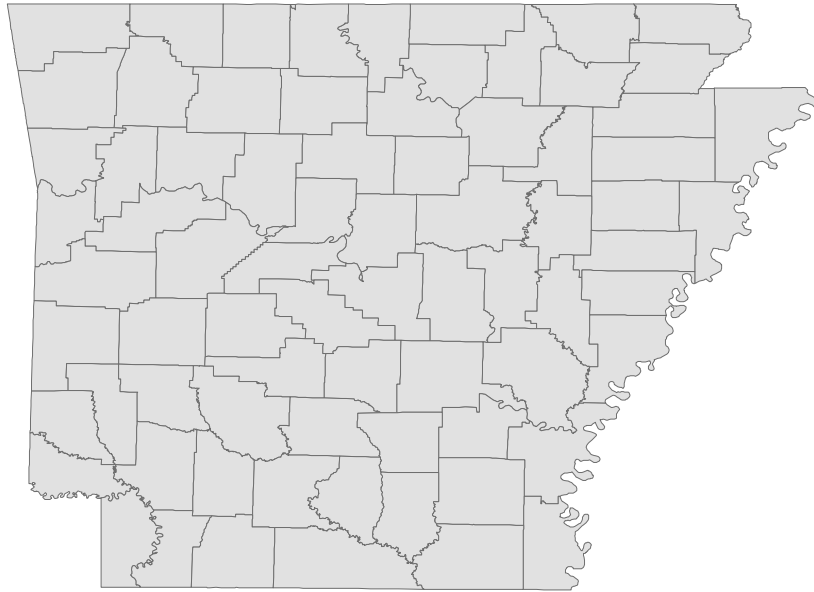


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Technical Notes

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.

October Spotlight

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional estimates based on various definitions of 'unemployment'. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quarter moving average. The most recent data available is for 4th Quarter 2018 through 3rd Quarter 2019.

The following definitions are used to calculate each measure of Labor Underutilization:

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization					
State of Arkansas					
4th Q 2018 - 3rd Q 2019					
U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6
1.0%	1.6%	3.7%	3.9%	4.6%	7.2%

U-1 Measure: Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.

U-2 Measure: Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force.

U-3 Measure: Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).

U-4 Measure: Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.

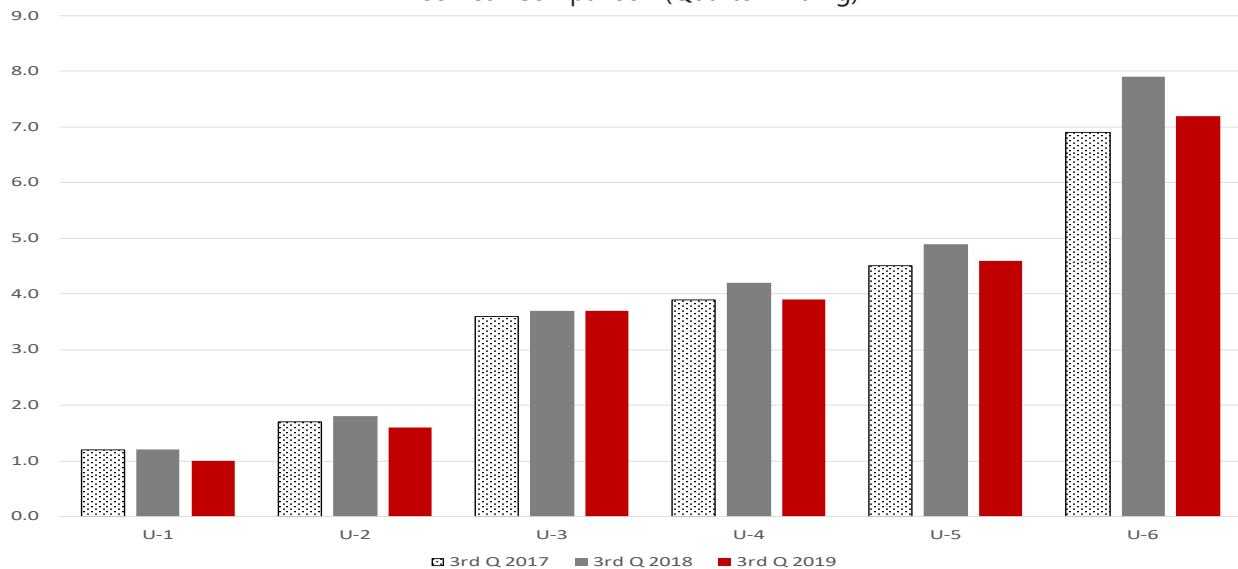
U-5 Measure: Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

U-6 Measure: Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those employed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

State of Arkansas

Three-Year Comparison (Quarter Ending)



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

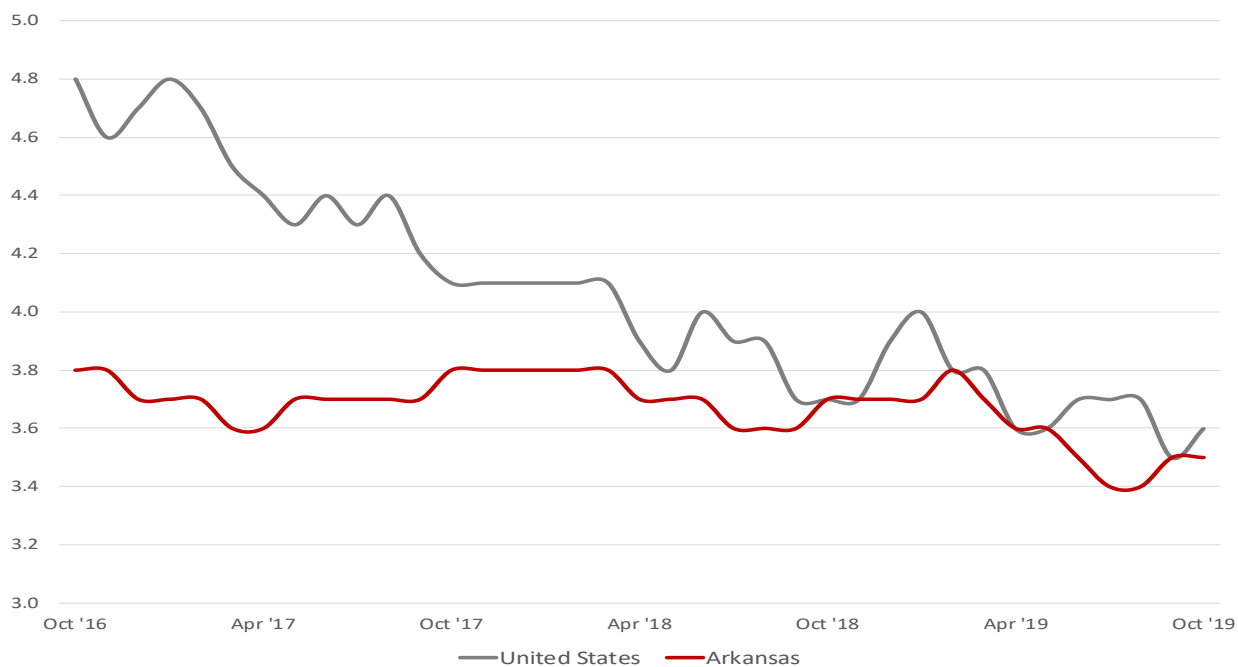
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.5 percent between September and October. Arkansas' civilian labor force increased 1,626, a result of an additional 937 employed and 689 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.5 percent in September to 3.6 percent in October.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.5 percent in October, as gains in employment and unemployment were small. Despite recent fluctuations in employment, there are currently 12,736 more employed Arkansans compared to October 2018."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Oct 19	Sep 19	Oct 18		Oct 19	Sep 19	Oct 18
Civilian Labor Force	1,363,806	1,362,180	1,352,808	Civilian Labor Force	1,371,506	1,363,893	1,355,060
Employment	1,316,012	1,315,075	1,303,276	Employment	1,327,963	1,318,183	1,310,995
Unemployment	47,794	47,105	49,532	Unemployment	43,543	45,710	44,065
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.5	3.7	Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.4	3.3
U.S. Unemployment	3.6	3.5	3.8	U.S. Unemployment	3.3	3.3	3.5

Unemployment Rates - United States vs Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)
October 2016 - October 2019



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1291.7	1285.9	1273.2	5.8	18.5
Goods Producing	225.4	223.2	218.3	2.2	7.1
Mining, Logging, and Construction	61.2	61.1	57.8	0.1	3.4
Mining & Logging	5.7	5.8	6.1	-0.1	-0.4
Construction	55.5	55.3	51.7	0.2	3.8
Specialty Trade Contractors	34.8	33.9	32.9	0.9	1.9
Manufacturing	164.2	162.1	160.5	2.1	3.7
Durable Goods	77.7	76.7	76.5	1.0	1.2
Nondurable Goods	86.5	85.4	84.0	1.1	2.5
Service Providing	1066.3	1062.7	1054.9	3.6	11.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	253.9	252.5	252.0	1.4	1.9
Wholesale Trade	48.9	48.6	47.8	0.3	1.1
Retail Trade	139.0	138.2	138.5	0.8	0.5
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	66.0	65.7	65.7	0.3	0.3
Information	10.9	10.8	11.1	0.1	-0.2
Financial Activities	62.8	63.3	60.8	-0.5	2.0
Finance & Insurance	48.9	49.3	47.2	-0.4	1.7
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.9	14.0	13.6	-0.1	0.3
Professional & Business Services	148.8	147.0	148.0	1.8	0.8
Professional, Scientific & Technical	44.2	43.2	44.0	1.0	0.2
Management of Companies	36.6	36.2	34.9	0.4	1.7
Administrative & Support Services	68.0	67.6	69.1	0.4	-1.1
Educational & Health Services	196.3	195.6	194.3	0.7	2.0
Educational Services	16.3	15.9	16.2	0.4	0.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	180.0	179.7	178.1	0.3	1.9
Ambulatory Health Care	59.5	59.3	59.0	0.2	0.5
Social Assistance	41.7	41.6	40.4	0.1	1.3
Leisure & Hospitality	123.8	124.7	119.2	-0.9	4.6
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	10.9	11.3	10.7	-0.4	0.2
Accommodation & Food Services	112.9	113.4	108.5	-0.5	4.4
Accommodation Services	11.5	11.6	11.4	-0.1	0.1
Food Services	101.4	101.8	97.1	-0.4	4.3
Other Services	53.2	53.0	53.4	0.2	-0.2
Government	216.6	215.8	216.1	0.8	0.5
Federal Government	20.5	20.6	20.1	-0.1	0.4
State Government	80.0	79.3	79.7	0.7	0.3
Local Government	116.1	115.9	116.3	0.2	-0.2

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

September 2019 - October 2019

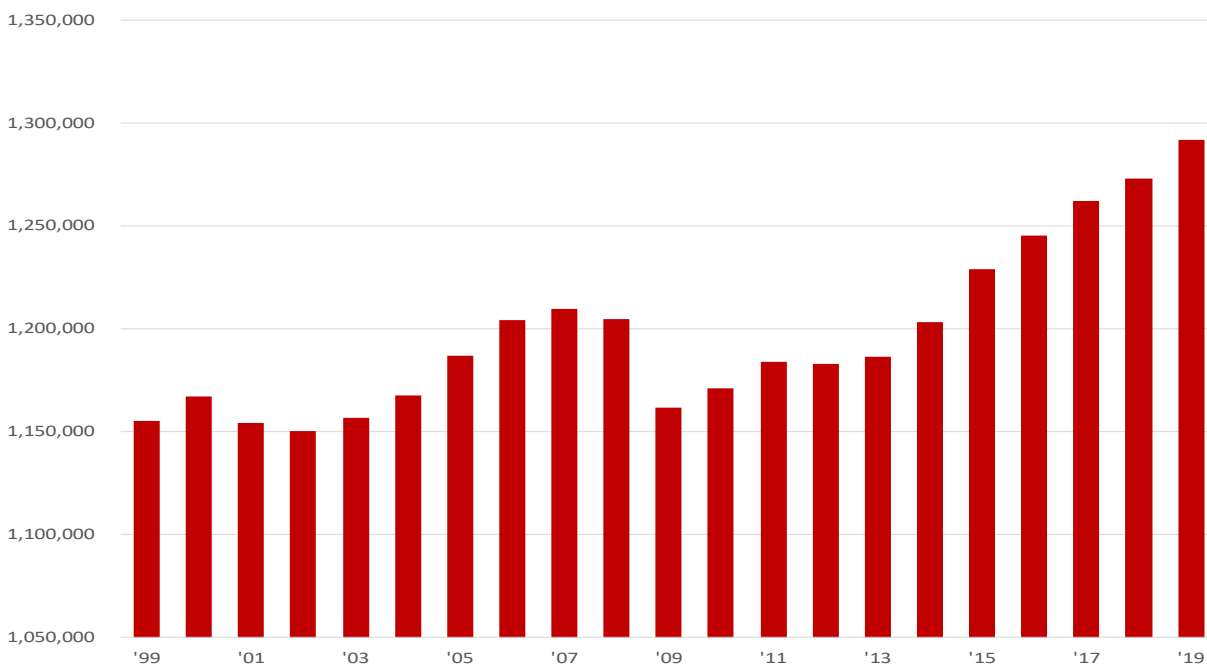
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 5,800 in October to total 1,291,700. Gains were posted in eight major industry sectors, while three sectors slightly declined. **Manufacturing** added 2,100 jobs. Expansions occurred in both nondurable (+1,100) and durable (+1,000) goods manufacturing, due to seasonal hiring at food manufacturing facilities and recalled workers. Employment in **professional and business services** rose 1,800. Most of the gains were in professional-scientific-technical services (+1,000), related in part to hiring for the upcoming tax season. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 1,400. Hiring was reported in all three subsectors, due to preparation for the holiday shopping season.

October 2018 - October 2019

Since October 2018, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs are up 18,500. Eight major industry sectors posted growth, with five adding 2,000 or more jobs, each. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** increased 4,600. A majority of the gains occurred in food services (+4,300). Jobs in construction rose 3,800, related to continuing projects. **Manufacturing** added 3,700 jobs, largely in nondurable goods manufacturing (+2,500). Jobs in **financial activities** are up 2,000. Most of the growth was reported in finance and insurance (+1,700). **Educational and health services** increased 2,000, related to expansions in health care and social assistance (+1,900).

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

October: 1999 - 2019



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>
Average Weekly Hours	40.8	41.3	43.3
Average Hourly Earnings	18.79	18.70	18.17
Average Weekly Earnings	766.63	772.31	786.76

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

	Durable Goods Manufacturing			Nondurable Goods Manufacturing		
	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>
Average Weekly Hours	42.6	42.1	44.2	39.2	40.6	42.6
Average Hourly Earnings	21.39	21.07	20.59	16.37	16.57	16.04
Average Weekly Earnings	911.21	887.05	910.08	641.70	672.74	683.30

Average Weekly Hours Worked - Production Workers in Manufacturing
October 2017 - October 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>Oct 19</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	360,147	357,382	355,560	2,765	4,587
Employment	349,423	346,094	344,888	3,329	4,535
Unemployment	10,724	11,288	10,672	-564	52
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.2	3.0	-0.2	0.0

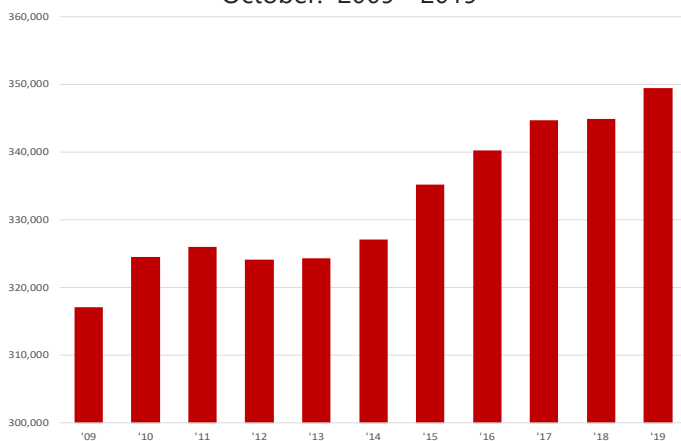
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	368.3	366.7	364.7	1.6	3.6
Goods Producing	38.3	38.2	38.5	0.1	-0.2
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.6	17.5	17.5	0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	20.7	20.7	21.0	0.0	-0.3
Service Providing	330.0	328.5	326.2	1.5	3.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	71.1	70.6	70.7	0.5	0.4
Wholesale Trade	16.4	16.3	16.0	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	38.5	38.0	38.8	0.5	-0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.2	16.3	15.9	-0.1	0.3
Information	4.1	4.1	4.2	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	21.6	21.6	21.4	0.0	0.2
Professional & Business Services	49.5	48.2	50.0	1.3	-0.5
Educational & Health Services	59.8	60.2	58.0	-0.4	1.8
Leisure & Hospitality	36.1	36.1	34.8	0.0	1.3
Other Services	15.9	16.0	15.7	-0.1	0.2
Government	71.9	71.7	71.4	0.2	0.5
Federal Government	9.8	9.8	9.6	0.0	0.2
State Government	36.1	35.9	35.7	0.2	0.4
Local Government	26.0	26.0	26.1	0.0	-0.1

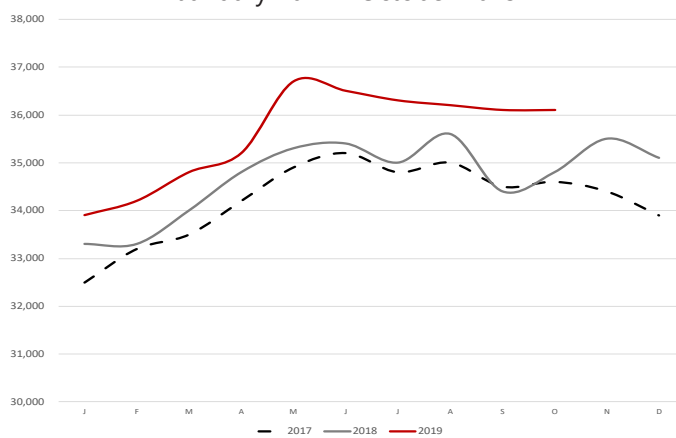
Employment

October: 2009 - 2019



Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality

January 2017 - October 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)

	Oct 19	Sep 19	Oct 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	286,952	284,020	276,369	2,932	10,583
Employment	280,464	277,288	269,480	3,176	10,984
Unemployment	6,488	6,732	6,889	-244	-401
Unemployment Rate	2.3	2.4	2.5	-0.1	-0.2

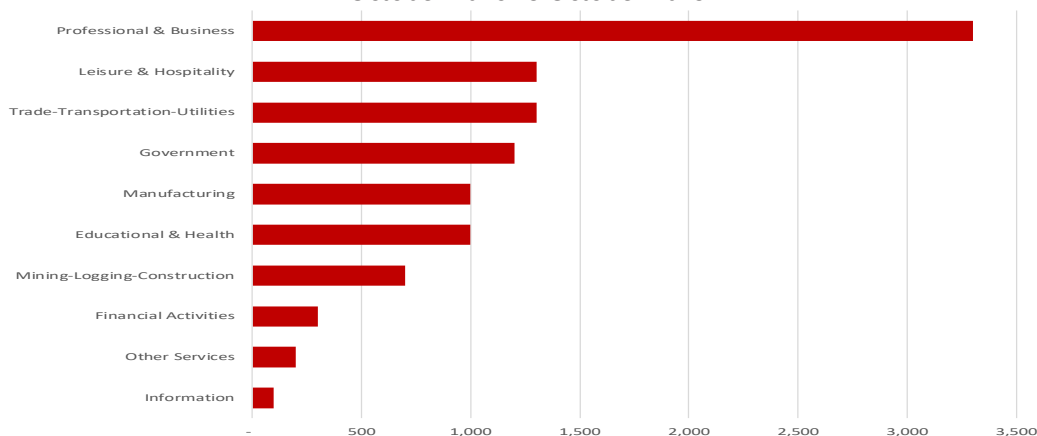
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Oct 19	Sep 19	Oct 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	271.5	269.5	261.1	2.0	10.4
Goods Producing	43.1	42.7	41.4	0.4	1.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	12.4	12.3	11.7	0.1	0.7
Manufacturing	30.7	30.4	29.7	0.3	1.0
Service Providing	228.4	226.8	219.7	1.6	8.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	57.9	57.6	56.6	0.3	1.3
Wholesale Trade	12.6	12.5	12.2	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	27.2	27.2	26.7	0.0	0.5
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.1	17.9	17.7	0.2	0.4
Information	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	8.5	8.5	8.2	0.0	0.3
Professional & Business Services	53.5	53.2	50.2	0.3	3.3
Educational & Health Services	30.6	30.4	29.6	0.2	1.0
Leisure & Hospitality	27.0	27.1	25.7	-0.1	1.3
Other Services	9.5	9.5	9.3	0.0	0.2
Government	39.3	38.4	38.1	0.9	1.2
Federal Government	2.7	2.7	2.6	0.0	0.1
State Government	17.2	16.9	16.3	0.3	0.9
Local Government	19.4	18.8	19.2	0.6	0.2

Over-the-Year Employment Change by Industry Sector

October 2018 vs October 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)

	Oct 19	Sep 19	Oct 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	118,840	118,302	118,933	538	-93
Employment	114,723	114,175	114,840	548	-117
Unemployment	4,117	4,127	4,093	-10	24
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

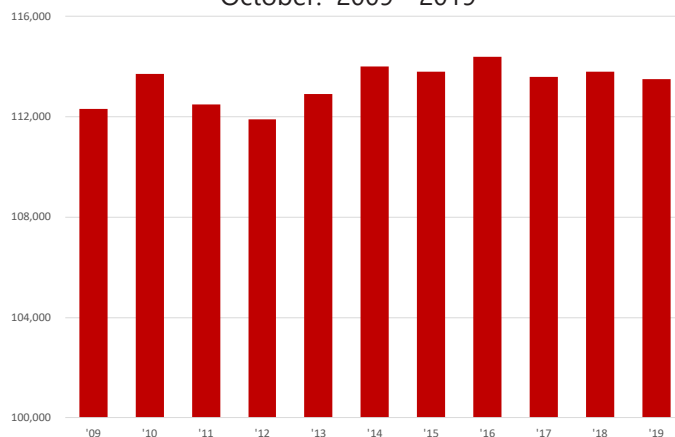
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NAICS	Oct 19	Sep 19	Oct 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	113.5	113.2	113.8	0.3	-0.3
Goods Producing	22.8	22.9	22.8	-0.1	0.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.0	5.1	5.2	-0.1	-0.2
Manufacturing	17.8	17.8	17.6	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	90.7	90.3	91.0	0.4	-0.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.1	22.7	23.1	0.4	0.0
Wholesale Trade	4.3	4.2	4.2	0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	12.3	12.0	12.3	0.3	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.5	6.5	6.6	0.0	-0.1
Information	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	12.9	12.9	13.1	0.0	-0.2
Educational & Health Services	17.4	17.3	17.2	0.1	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.4	9.5	9.4	-0.1	0.0
Other Services	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
Government	18.3	18.3	18.5	0.0	-0.2
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.2	3.1	3.2	0.1	0.0
Local Government	13.8	13.9	14.0	-0.1	-0.2

Number of Employed
October 2017 - October 2019



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
October: 2009 - 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,014	41,006	40,404	8	610
Employment	39,596	39,548	38,890	48	706
Unemployment	1,418	1,458	1,514	-40	-96
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.6	3.7	-0.1	-0.2

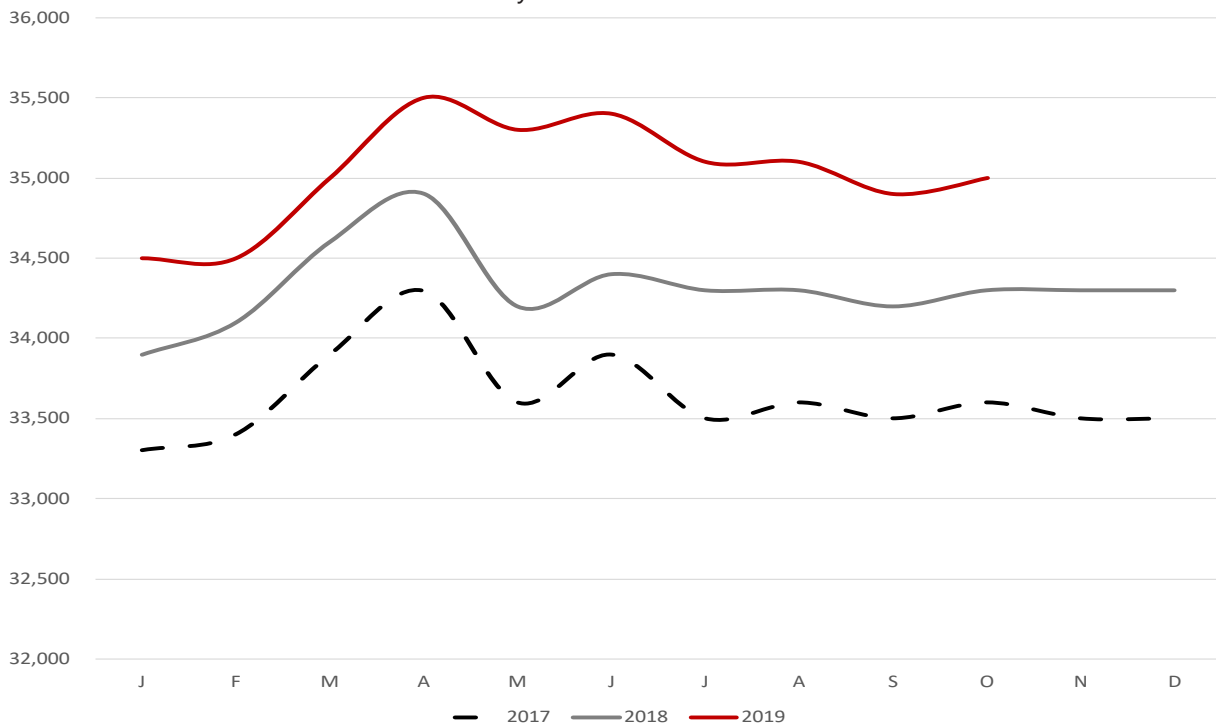
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.5	39.4	38.8	0.1	0.7
Goods Producing	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	35.0	34.9	34.3	0.1	0.7
Government	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January 2017 - October 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	66,208	65,524	64,667	684	1,541
Employment	64,513	63,743	62,873	770	1,640
Unemployment	1,695	1,781	1,794	-86	-99
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.7	2.8	-0.1	-0.2

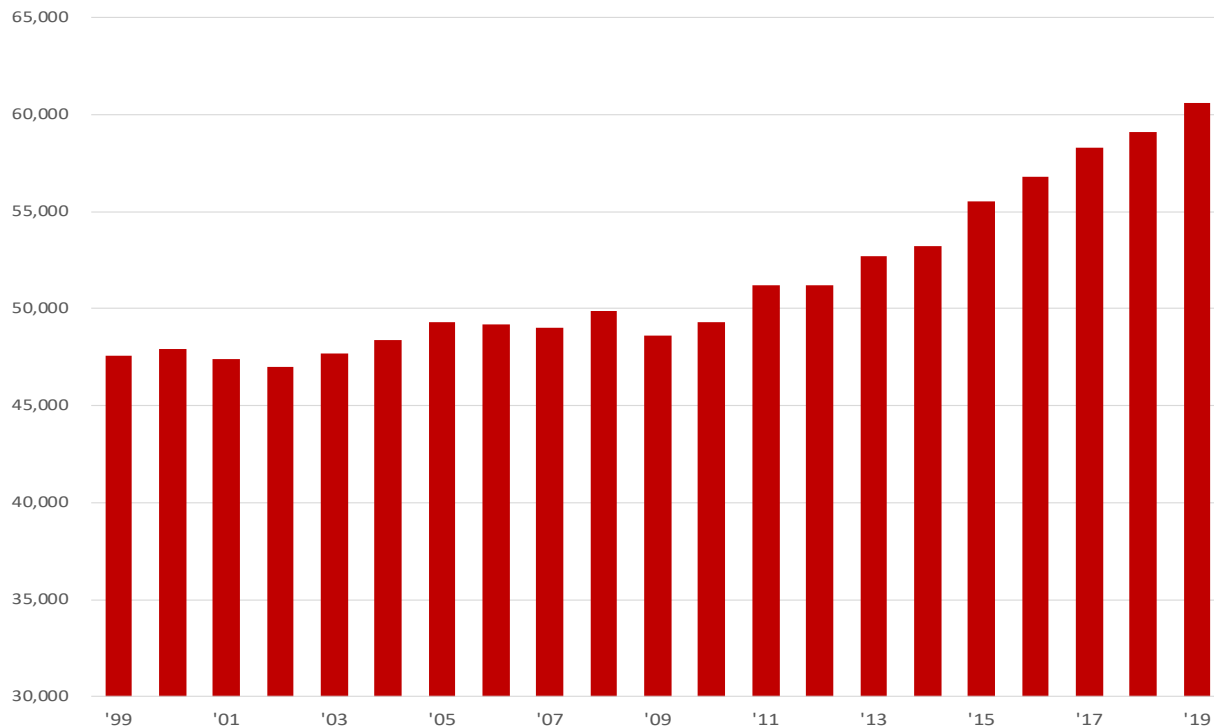
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	60.6	60.2	59.1	0.4	1.5
Goods Producing	10.2	10.2	10.2	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	50.4	50.0	48.9	0.4	1.5
Government	9.2	9.2	9.1	0.0	0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

October: 1999 - 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Oct 19	Sep 19	Oct 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	35,245	35,124	35,546	121	-301
Employment	33,604	33,396	33,944	208	-340
Unemployment	1,641	1,728	1,602	-87	39
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.9	4.5	-0.2	0.2

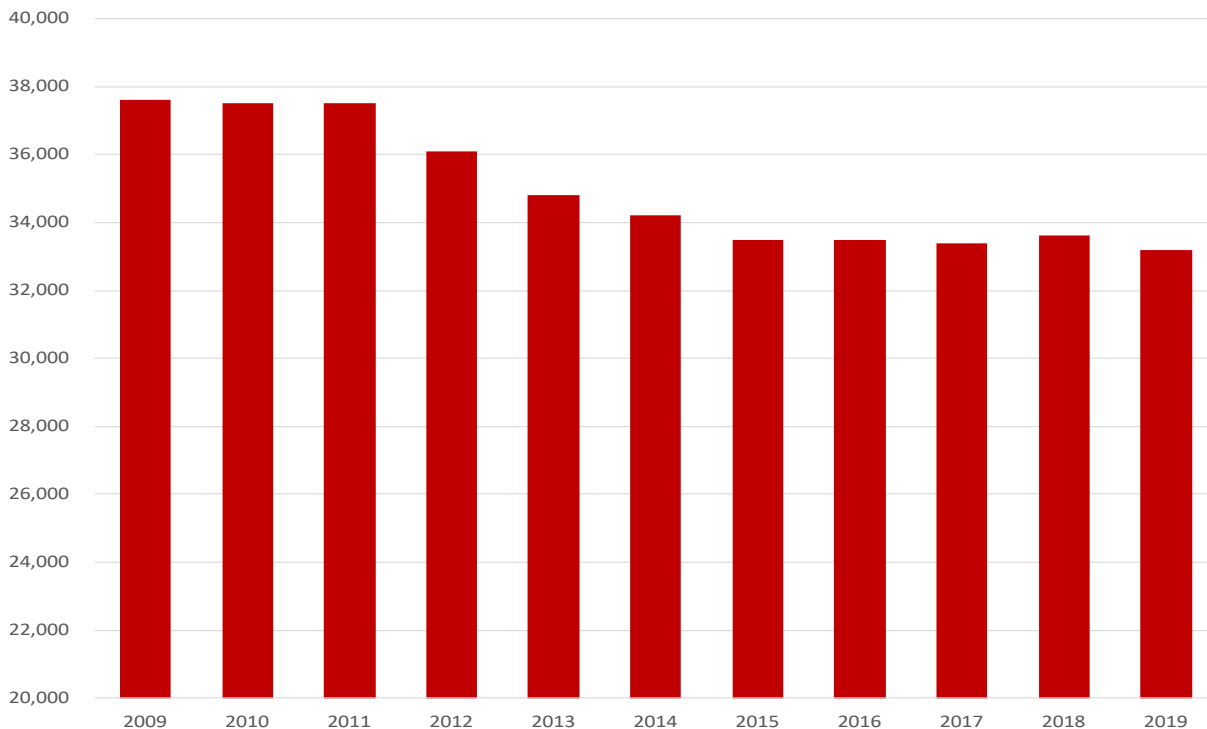
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Oct 19	Sep 19	Oct 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	33.2	33.2	33.6	0.0	-0.4
Goods Producing	6.0	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	27.2	27.2	27.6	0.0	-0.4
Government	9.1	9.1	9.3	0.0	-0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

October: 2009 - 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.

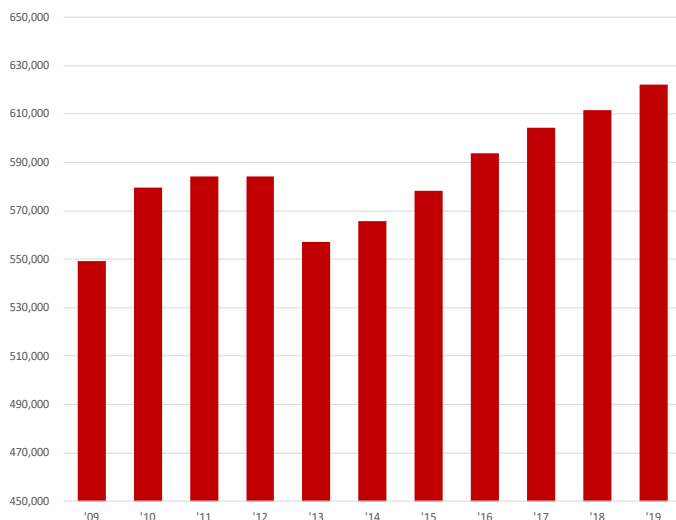
	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	646,985	648,021	636,392	-1,036	10,593
Employment	622,117	621,699	611,449	418	10,668
Unemployment	24,868	26,322	24,943	-1,454	-75
Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.1	3.9	-0.3	-0.1

Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,988	64,761	65,123	227	-135
Employment	62,405	62,118	61,974	287	431
Unemployment	2,583	2,643	3,149	-60	-566
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.1	4.8	-0.1	-0.8

Memphis MSA - Number of Employed
October: 2009 - 2019



Texarkana MSA - Civilian Labor Force
October 2017 - October 2019



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	October 2019				September 2019				October 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,785	9,443	342	3.5	9,755	9,402	353	3.6	9,942	9,623	319	3.2
Batesville Micro	16,467	15,856	611	3.7	16,480	15,838	642	3.9	16,226	15,635	591	3.6
Blytheville Micro	17,657	16,937	720	4.1	17,609	16,823	786	4.5	17,757	16,999	758	4.3
Camden Micro	12,369	11,836	533	4.3	12,315	11,779	536	4.4	12,222	11,731	491	4.0
El Dorado Micro	15,776	15,013	763	4.8	15,730	14,950	780	5.0	15,869	15,143	726	4.6
Forrest City Micro	8,166	7,801	365	4.5	8,155	7,767	388	4.8	8,283	7,913	370	4.5
Harrison Micro	19,452	18,875	577	3.0	19,380	18,776	604	3.1	19,061	18,471	590	3.1
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,409	6,058	351	5.5	6,367	5,999	368	5.8	6,552	6,222	330	5.0
Hope Micro	13,572	13,091	481	3.5	13,587	13,089	498	3.7	13,670	13,217	453	3.3
Magnolia Micro	9,188	8,817	371	4.0	9,150	8,766	384	4.2	8,980	8,623	357	4.0
Malvern Micro	14,007	13,531	476	3.4	13,950	13,464	486	3.5	13,988	13,526	462	3.3
Mountain Home Micro	16,350	15,790	560	3.4	16,426	15,831	595	3.6	16,548	15,955	593	3.6
Paragould Micro	19,985	19,363	622	3.1	19,908	19,238	670	3.4	19,604	19,015	589	3.0
Russellville Micro	37,236	35,948	1,288	3.5	37,037	35,613	1,424	3.8	37,713	36,365	1,348	3.6
Searcy Micro	33,857	32,565	1,292	3.8	33,815	32,451	1,364	4.0	33,817	32,569	1,248	3.7

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

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	October 2019				September 2019				October 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,690	12,332	358	2.8	12,563	12,192	371	3.0	12,278	11,853	425	3.5
Benton	17,427	16,955	472	2.7	17,280	16,799	481	2.8	17,223	16,729	494	2.9
Bentonville	27,213	26,666	547	2.0	26,961	26,364	597	2.2	26,232	25,630	602	2.3
Blytheville	6,008	5,728	280	4.7	6,025	5,690	335	5.6	6,030	5,749	281	4.7
Cabot	12,165	11,801	364	3.0	12,055	11,674	381	3.2	11,999	11,668	331	2.8
Conway	33,952	33,059	893	2.6	33,693	32,752	941	2.8	33,588	32,633	955	2.8
El Dorado	6,861	6,486	375	5.5	6,839	6,458	381	5.6	6,913	6,542	371	5.4
Fayetteville	49,368	48,273	1,095	2.2	48,901	47,747	1,154	2.4	47,575	46,398	1,177	2.5
Fort Smith	39,409	38,166	1,243	3.2	39,200	37,901	1,299	3.3	39,387	38,111	1,276	3.2
Hot Springs	14,647	14,050	597	4.1	14,660	14,033	627	4.3	14,442	13,799	643	4.5
Jacksonville	11,939	11,438	501	4.2	11,910	11,331	579	4.9	11,733	11,285	448	3.8
Jonesboro	39,166	38,174	992	2.5	38,782	37,732	1,050	2.7	38,226	37,175	1,051	2.7
Little Rock	98,899	95,841	3,058	3.1	98,013	94,943	3,070	3.1	97,598	94,563	3,035	3.1
North Little Rock	30,217	29,200	1,017	3.4	30,040	28,926	1,114	3.7	29,790	28,811	979	3.3
Paragould	12,535	12,127	408	3.3	12,494	12,049	445	3.6	12,305	11,909	396	3.2
Pine Bluff	16,721	15,732	989	5.9	16,657	15,640	1,017	6.1	16,806	15,883	923	5.5
Rogers	36,775	35,966	809	2.2	36,406	35,558	848	2.3	35,458	34,569	889	2.5
Russellville	13,394	12,941	453	3.4	13,304	12,829	475	3.6	13,527	13,082	445	3.3
Searcy	10,291	9,954	337	3.3	10,284	9,919	365	3.5	10,339	9,955	384	3.7
Sherwood	16,181	15,735	446	2.8	16,080	15,587	493	3.1	15,942	15,525	417	2.6
Springdale	40,663	39,749	914	2.2	40,217	39,315	902	2.2	39,125	38,205	920	2.4
Texarkana, AR	13,577	13,064	513	3.8	13,536	12,987	549	4.1	13,627	12,965	662	4.9
Van Buren	10,363	10,063	300	2.9	10,279	9,985	294	2.9	10,391	10,058	333	3.2
West Memphis	10,715	10,234	481	4.5	10,681	10,160	521	4.9	10,571	10,154	417	3.9

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	October 2019				September 2019				October 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,586	9,335	251	2.6	9,525	9,275	250	2.6	9,150	8,890	260	2.8
Ashley	7,811	7,470	341	4.4	7,831	7,471	360	4.6	7,740	7,391	349	4.5
Baxter	16,350	15,790	560	3.4	16,426	15,831	595	3.6	16,548	15,955	593	3.6
Benton	140,176	136,927	3,249	2.3	138,793	135,376	3,417	2.5	135,134	131,608	3,526	2.6
Boone	16,091	15,616	475	3.0	16,028	15,534	494	3.1	15,763	15,273	490	3.1
Bradley	4,554	4,396	158	3.5	4,552	4,392	160	3.5	4,532	4,361	171	3.8
Calhoun	2,440	2,355	85	3.5	2,422	2,337	85	3.5	2,419	2,343	76	3.1
Carroll	12,836	12,500	336	2.6	12,837	12,487	350	2.7	12,841	12,498	343	2.7
Chicot	3,338	3,149	189	5.7	3,327	3,127	200	6.0	3,292	3,111	181	5.5
Clark	9,785	9,443	342	3.5	9,755	9,402	353	3.6	9,942	9,623	319	3.2
Clay	5,649	5,429	220	3.9	5,664	5,419	245	4.3	5,841	5,620	221	3.8
Cleburne	9,256	8,861	395	4.3	9,347	8,948	399	4.3	9,179	8,823	356	3.9
Cleveland	3,289	3,171	118	3.6	3,259	3,147	112	3.4	3,321	3,209	112	3.4
Columbia	9,188	8,817	371	4.0	9,150	8,766	384	4.2	8,980	8,623	357	4.0
Conway	8,273	7,953	320	3.9	8,266	7,917	349	4.2	8,210	7,908	302	3.7
Craighead	55,674	54,299	1,375	2.5	55,121	53,671	1,450	2.6	54,346	52,878	1,468	2.7
Crawford	26,733	25,916	817	3.1	26,562	25,714	848	3.2	26,765	25,901	864	3.2
Crittenden	21,662	20,863	799	3.7	21,578	20,712	866	4.0	21,488	20,700	788	3.7
Cross	7,414	7,128	286	3.9	7,403	7,115	288	3.9	7,412	7,146	266	3.6
Dallas	2,847	2,729	118	4.1	2,826	2,700	126	4.5	2,876	2,767	109	3.8
Desha	5,591	5,380	211	3.8	5,479	5,255	224	4.1	5,555	5,353	202	3.6
Drew	7,896	7,542	354	4.5	7,839	7,483	356	4.5	7,950	7,621	329	4.1
Faulkner	62,289	60,565	1,724	2.8	61,804	60,003	1,801	2.9	61,588	59,785	1,803	2.9
Franklin	7,472	7,237	235	3.1	7,436	7,188	248	3.3	7,433	7,196	237	3.2
Fulton	4,895	4,733	162	3.3	4,956	4,780	176	3.6	4,740	4,579	161	3.4
Garland	41,014	39,596	1,418	3.5	41,006	39,548	1,458	3.6	40,404	38,890	1,514	3.7
Grant	8,481	8,232	249	2.9	8,388	8,133	255	3.0	8,372	8,140	232	2.8
Greene	19,985	19,363	622	3.1	19,908	19,238	670	3.4	19,604	19,015	589	3.0
Hempstead	9,943	9,596	347	3.5	9,944	9,588	356	3.6	10,034	9,693	341	3.4
Hot Spring	14,007	13,531	476	3.4	13,950	13,464	486	3.5	13,988	13,526	462	3.3
Howard	5,638	5,480	158	2.8	5,616	5,453	163	2.9	5,909	5,712	197	3.3
Independence	16,467	15,856	611	3.7	16,480	15,838	642	3.9	16,226	15,635	591	3.6
Izard	4,908	4,689	219	4.5	4,992	4,741	251	5.0	4,830	4,627	203	4.2
Jackson	5,929	5,571	358	6.0	5,845	5,489	356	6.1	5,847	5,533	314	5.4
Jefferson	27,943	26,570	1,373	4.9	27,870	26,415	1,455	5.2	28,166	26,825	1,341	4.8
Johnson	10,248	9,863	385	3.8	10,214	9,799	415	4.1	10,453	10,069	384	3.7
Lafayette	2,495	2,387	108	4.3	2,486	2,370	116	4.7	2,504	2,395	109	4.4
Lawrence	6,974	6,730	244	3.5	6,973	6,705	268	3.8	6,972	6,737	235	3.4
Lee	2,887	2,769	118	4.1	2,851	2,728	123	4.3	2,946	2,825	121	4.1
Lincoln	4,013	3,863	150	3.7	3,995	3,834	161	4.0	4,059	3,910	149	3.7
Little River	5,495	5,273	222	4.0	5,455	5,232	223	4.1	5,513	5,234	279	5.1
Logan	8,583	8,218	365	4.3	8,554	8,172	382	4.5	8,764	8,452	312	3.6
Lonoke	34,410	33,401	1,009	2.9	34,241	33,041	1,200	3.5	34,014	33,025	989	2.9
Madison	7,718	7,534	184	2.4	7,615	7,431	184	2.4	7,500	7,304	196	2.6
Marion	6,609	6,365	244	3.7	6,690	6,427	263	3.9	6,460	6,212	248	3.8
Miller	19,708	19,001	707	3.6	19,627	18,889	738	3.8	19,731	18,857	874	4.4

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted												
County	October 2019				September 2019				October 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,657	16,937	720	4.1	17,609	16,823	786	4.5	17,757	16,999	758	4.3
Monroe	2,768	2,657	111	4.0	2,764	2,647	117	4.2	2,726	2,621	105	3.9
Montgomery	2,968	2,842	126	4.2	3,012	2,881	131	4.3	3,042	2,912	130	4.3
Nevada	3,629	3,495	134	3.7	3,643	3,501	142	3.9	3,636	3,524	112	3.1
Newton	3,361	3,259	102	3.0	3,352	3,242	110	3.3	3,298	3,198	100	3.0
Ouachita	9,929	9,481	448	4.5	9,893	9,442	451	4.6	9,803	9,388	415	4.2
Perry	4,280	4,138	142	3.3	4,250	4,101	149	3.5	4,241	4,093	148	3.5
Phillips	6,409	6,058	351	5.5	6,367	5,999	368	5.8	6,552	6,222	330	5.0
Pike	4,291	4,139	152	3.5	4,295	4,146	149	3.5	4,258	4,104	154	3.6
Poinsett	10,534	10,214	320	3.0	10,403	10,072	331	3.2	10,321	9,995	326	3.2
Polk	8,016	7,683	333	4.2	8,042	7,686	356	4.4	7,947	7,663	284	3.6
Pope	28,778	27,768	1,010	3.5	28,652	27,528	1,124	3.9	29,112	28,070	1,042	3.6
Prairie	3,600	3,467	133	3.7	3,619	3,453	166	4.6	3,598	3,467	131	3.6
Pulaski	192,144	186,108	6,036	3.1	190,650	184,363	6,287	3.3	189,493	183,626	5,867	3.1
Randolph	7,385	7,149	236	3.2	7,353	7,110	243	3.3	7,260	7,023	237	3.3
St. Francis	8,166	7,801	365	4.5	8,155	7,767	388	4.8	8,283	7,913	370	4.5
Saline	58,543	56,979	1,564	2.7	58,049	56,453	1,596	2.7	57,852	56,219	1,633	2.8
Scott	4,337	4,198	139	3.2	4,325	4,180	145	3.4	4,412	4,271	141	3.2
Searcy	2,897	2,772	125	4.3	3,002	2,871	131	4.4	2,929	2,819	110	3.8
Sebastian	56,772	55,033	1,739	3.1	56,458	54,651	1,807	3.2	56,763	54,953	1,810	3.2
Sevier	5,463	5,215	248	4.5	5,465	5,205	260	4.8	5,581	5,332	249	4.5
Sharp	5,704	5,443	261	4.6	5,727	5,459	268	4.7	5,796	5,540	256	4.4
Stone	4,753	4,570	183	3.9	4,763	4,580	183	3.8	4,820	4,632	188	3.9
Union	15,776	15,013	763	4.8	15,730	14,950	780	5.0	15,869	15,143	726	4.6
Van Buren	5,709	5,456	253	4.4	5,762	5,502	260	4.5	5,863	5,600	263	4.5
Washington	127,935	125,147	2,788	2.2	126,661	123,782	2,879	2.3	123,227	120,286	2,941	2.4
White	33,857	32,565	1,292	3.8	33,815	32,451	1,364	4.0	33,817	32,569	1,248	3.7
Woodruff	2,831	2,701	130	4.6	2,810	2,670	140	5.0	2,859	2,740	119	4.2
Yell	8,458	8,180	278	3.3	8,385	8,085	300	3.6	8,601	8,295	306	3.6

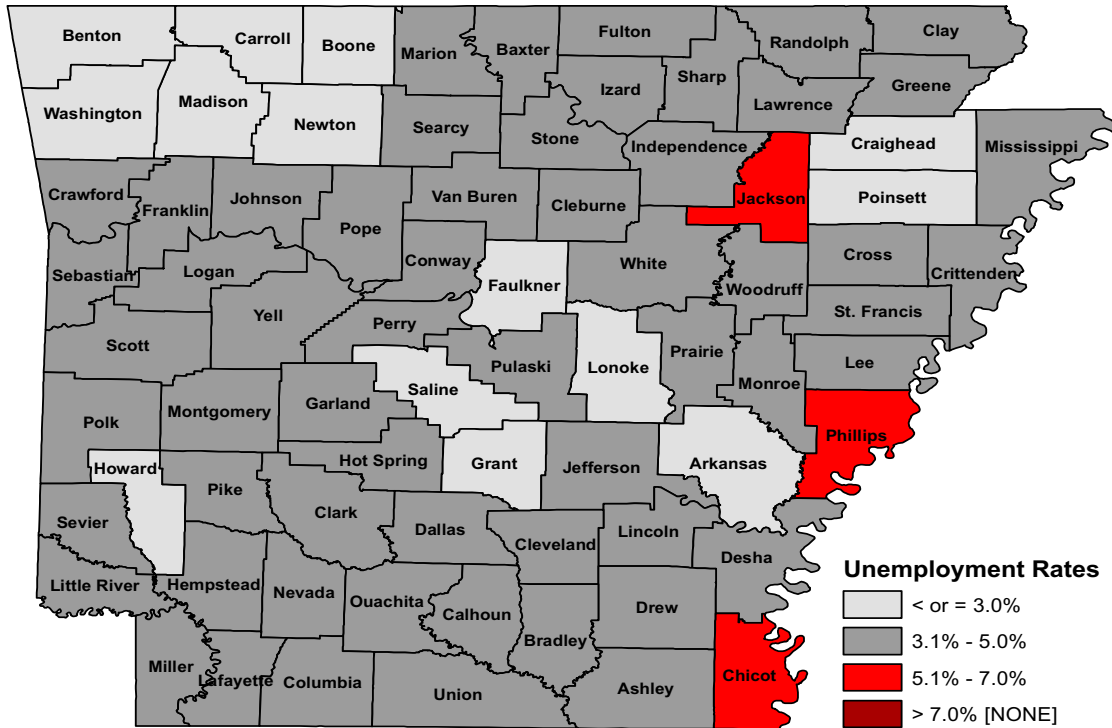
County Labor Force Summary

Between September and October, unemployment rates declined in 64 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates in nine counties were stable over-the-month, while two counties posted rate increases. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.0 percent in Jackson County.

In October, unemployment rates in 52 counties were at or below four percent. That is up from forty-four counties with rates at or below four percent last month. For the third consecutive month, no county posted an unemployment rate above seven percent.

Compared to October 2018, jobless rates have increased in 33 counties. Rates are down in thirty-one counties, while eleven counties were the same compared to last year.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

October 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.2	25	Hot Spring	3.4	50	Little River	4.0
2	Benton	2.3	27	Bradley	3.5	50	Monroe	4.0
3	Madison	2.4	27	Calhoun	3.5	53	Dallas	4.1
4	Craighead	2.5	27	Clark	3.5	53	Lee	4.1
5	Arkansas	2.6	27	Garland	3.5	53	Mississippi	4.1
5	Carroll	2.6	27	Hempstead	3.5	56	Montgomery	4.2
7	Saline	2.7	27	Lawrence	3.5	56	Polk	4.2
8	Faulkner	2.8	27	Pike	3.5	58	Cleburne	4.3
8	Howard	2.8	27	Pope	3.5	58	Lafayette	4.3
10	Grant	2.9	35	Cleveland	3.6	58	Logan	4.3
10	Lonoke	2.9	35	Miller	3.6	58	Searcy	4.3
12	Boone	3.0	37	Crittenden	3.7	62	Ashley	4.4
12	Newton	3.0	37	Independence	3.7	62	Van Buren	4.4
12	Poinsett	3.0	37	Lincoln	3.7	64	Drew	4.5
15	Crawford	3.1	37	Marion	3.7	64	Izard	4.5
15	Franklin	3.1	37	Nevada	3.7	64	Ouachita	4.5
15	Greene	3.1	37	Prairie	3.7	64	St. Francis	4.5
15	Pulaski	3.1	43	Desha	3.8	64	Sevier	4.5
15	Sebastian	3.1	43	Johnson	3.8	69	Sharp	4.6
20	Randolph	3.2	43	White	3.8	69	Woodruff	4.6
20	Scott	3.2	46	Clay	3.9	71	Union	4.8
22	Fulton	3.3	46	Conway	3.9	72	Jefferson	4.9
22	Perry	3.3	46	Cross	3.9	73	Phillips	5.5
22	Yell	3.3	46	Stone	3.9	74	Chicot	5.7
25	Baxter	3.4	50	Columbia	4.0	75	Jackson	6.0

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	October 2019				September 2019				October 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	254,855	247,336	7,519	3.0	253,114	245,017	8,097	3.2	251,673	244,180	7,493	3.0
City of Little Rock	98,899	95,841	3,058	3.1	98,013	94,943	3,070	3.1	97,598	94,563	3,035	3.1
Eastern	46,538	44,619	1,919	4.1	46,354	44,321	2,033	4.4	46,681	44,806	1,875	4.0
North Central	94,309	90,445	3,864	4.1	94,497	90,458	4,039	4.3	93,977	90,278	3,699	3.9
Northeast	123,858	120,121	3,737	3.0	123,031	119,038	3,993	3.2	122,101	118,267	3,834	3.1
Northwest	333,973	325,910	8,063	2.4	331,404	322,981	8,423	2.5	323,700	315,153	8,547	2.6
Southeast	82,502	79,108	3,394	4.1	82,065	78,532	3,533	4.3	82,137	78,811	3,326	4.0
Southwest	92,551	88,842	3,709	4.0	92,257	88,433	3,824	4.1	92,855	89,011	3,844	4.1
West Central	132,102	127,453	4,649	3.5	131,785	126,871	4,914	3.7	132,251	127,490	4,761	3.6
Western	111,913	108,285	3,628	3.2	111,377	107,591	3,786	3.4	112,084	108,436	3,648	3.3

