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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 2019 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

Technical Notes

5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

Metropolitan

Statistical Areas

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.



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DECEMBER SPOTLIGHT Business Employment Dynamics

Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced and published on a quarterly basis. At this time, BED data is only available at the national and statewide levels.

The information produced from BED statistics includes gross job gains and losses at establishments with changes in employment. These employment changes occur when establishments open/expand or close/contract. Gross job gains are a combination of jobs created from both openings of new businesses and expansions at existing businesses. Gross job losses are a combination of jobs lost from both existing businesses that close and those that reduce their number of employees. The net change is the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses.

Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)

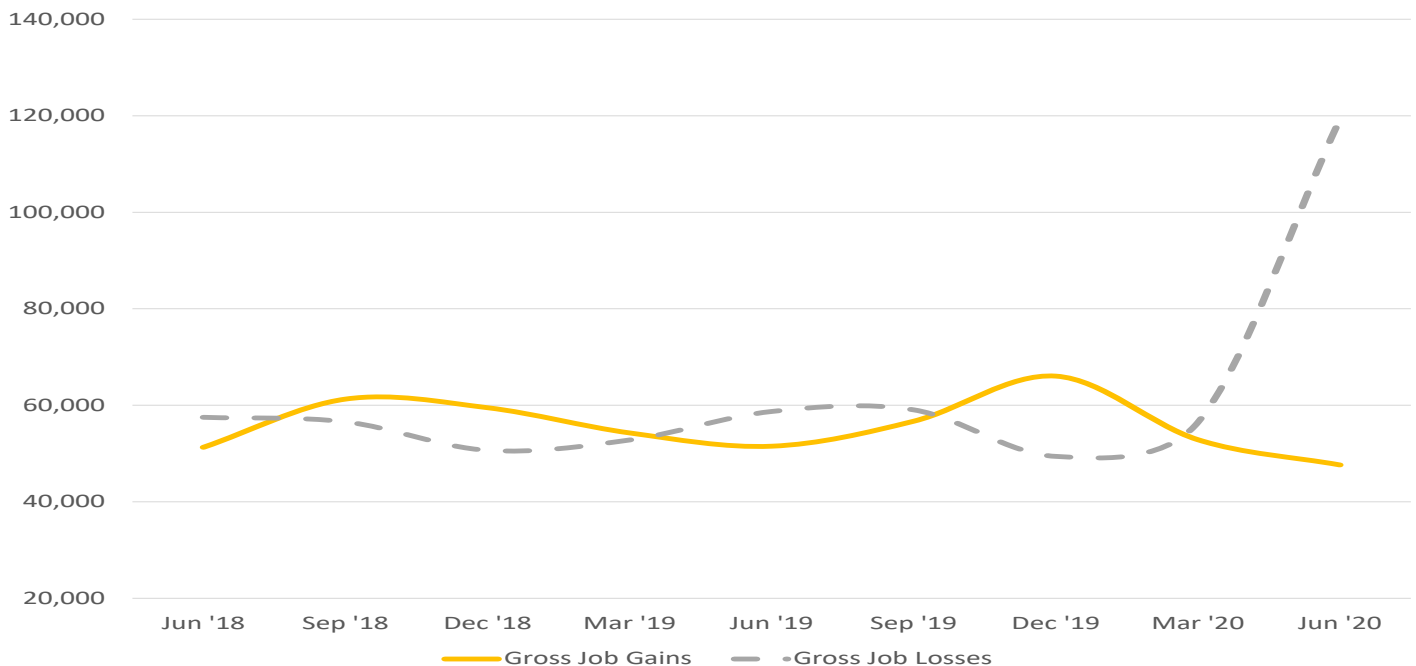
State of Arkansas
(Seasonally Adjusted)

Category	Quarter Ending				
	Jun 19	Sep 19	Dec 19	Mar 20	Jun 20*
Employment Levels					
Gross job gains.....	51,536	56,712	66,058	52,888	47,653
Gross job losses....	58,717	59,055	49,413	56,439	119,256
Net Change.....	-7,181	-2,343	16,645	-3,551	-71,603

*Most recent BED data available is for 2nd Quarter 2020

Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)

2nd Quarter 2018 - 2nd Quarter 2020





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STATE OF ARKANSAS Civilian Labor Force Summary

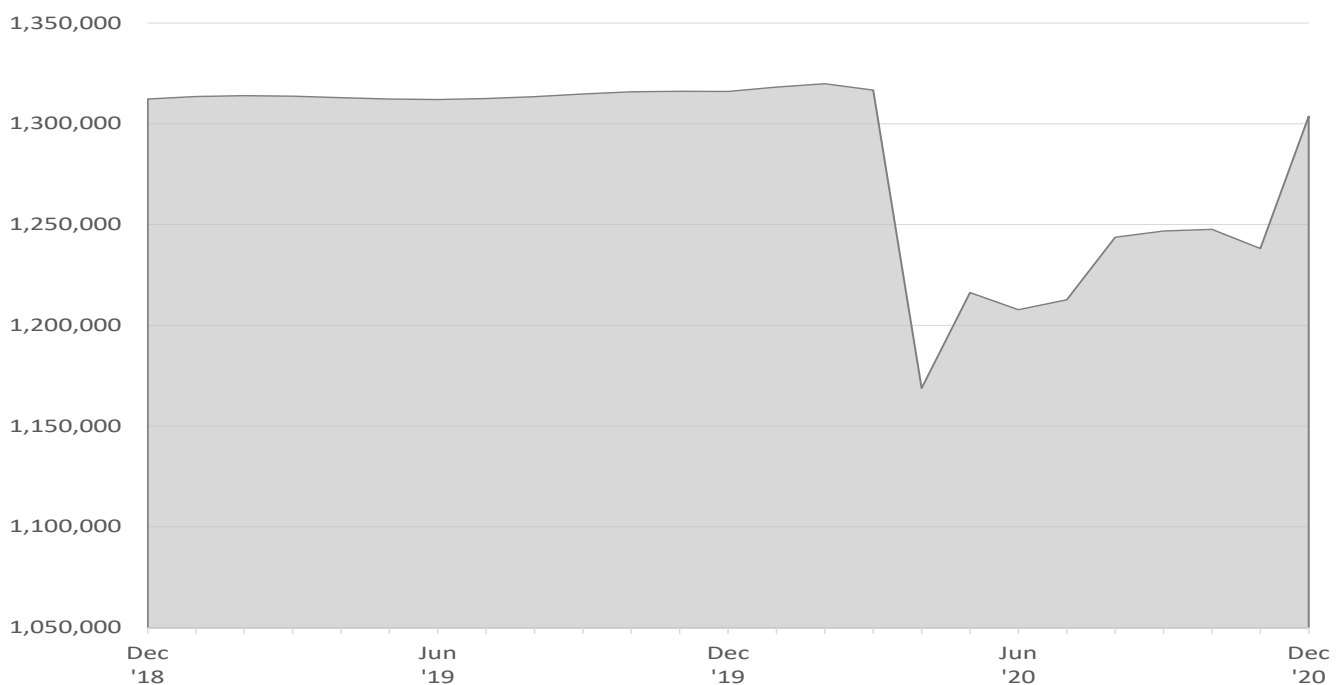
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped two and one-tenth of a percentage point, from 6.3 percent in November (revised up from 6.2 percent) to 4.2 percent in December. Arkansas' civilian labor force increased 38,904, a result of 65,543 more employed and 26,639 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate held steady at 6.7 percent between November and December.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "After peaking at 10.8 percent in April, Arkansas' unemployment has slowly declined throughout 2020 and fell to 4.2 percent in December. This drop reflects the cumulative impact of recent hiring, as more Arkansans report they are currently employed."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>		<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,360,897	1,321,993	1,364,255	Civilian Labor Force	1,349,863	1,318,179	1,355,941
Employment	1,303,673	1,238,130	1,316,069	Employment	1,295,366	1,241,354	1,310,216
Unemployment	57,224	83,863	48,186	Unemployment	54,497	76,825	45,725
Unemployment Rate	4.2	6.3	3.5	Unemployment Rate	4.0	5.8	3.4
U.S. Unemployment	6.7	6.7	3.6	U.S. Unemployment	6.5	6.4	3.4

Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)
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STATE OF ARKANSAS Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1252.9	1250.3	1286.8	2.6	-33.9
Goods Producing	207.6	208.2	219.9	-0.6	-12.3
Mining, Logging, & Construction	59.5	60.3	57.5	-0.8	2.0
Mining & Logging	5.0	5.1	5.8	-0.1	-0.8
Construction	54.5	55.2	51.7	-0.7	2.8
Specialty Trade Contractors	34.4	35.1	33.4	-0.7	1.0
Manufacturing	148.1	147.9	162.4	0.2	-14.3
Durable Goods	68.9	68.3	76.4	0.6	-7.5
Nondurable Goods	79.2	79.6	86.0	-0.4	-6.8
Service Providing	1045.3	1042.1	1066.9	3.2	-21.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	271.9	268.2	258.4	3.7	13.5
Wholesale Trade	49.5	50.1	48.9	-0.6	0.6
Retail Trade	147.0	144.8	138.9	2.2	8.1
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	75.4	73.3	70.6	2.1	4.8
Information	10.7	10.7	11.2	0.0	-0.5
Financial Activities	60.8	60.8	61.7	0.0	-0.9
Finance & Insurance	48.0	47.9	48.0	0.1	0.0
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	12.8	12.9	13.7	-0.1	-0.9
Professional & Business Services	150.5	147.9	147.4	2.6	3.1
Professional, Scientific & Technical	46.1	45.2	46.1	0.9	0.0
Management of Companies	36.6	36.3	34.5	0.3	2.1
Administrative & Support Services	67.8	66.4	66.8	1.4	1.0
Educational & Health Services	188.4	188.4	197.6	0.0	-9.2
Educational Services	16.1	16.3	16.5	-0.2	-0.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	172.3	172.1	181.1	0.2	-8.8
Ambulatory Health Care	59.8	60.3	62.7	-0.5	-2.9
Social Assistance	36.9	36.9	39.5	0.0	-2.6
Leisure & Hospitality	102.8	105.4	116.5	-2.6	-13.7
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	9.6	9.8	10.1	-0.2	-0.5
Accommodation & Food Services	93.2	95.6	106.4	-2.4	-13.2
Accommodation Services	8.2	8.4	10.9	-0.2	-2.7
Food Services	85.0	87.2	95.5	-2.2	-10.5
Other Services	55.9	56.0	60.2	-0.1	-4.3
Government	204.3	204.7	213.9	-0.4	-9.6
Federal Government	21.0	20.7	20.5	0.3	0.5
State Government	77.7	78.1	79.6	-0.4	-1.9
State Gov, Educational Services	31.1	31.4	31.7	-0.3	-0.6
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.6	46.7	47.9	-0.1	-1.3
Local Government	105.6	105.9	113.8	-0.3	-8.2
Local Gov, Educational Services	63.2	63.2	69.8	0.0	-6.6
Local Gov, Excluding Education	42.4	42.7	44.0	-0.3	-1.6



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STATE OF ARKANSAS Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

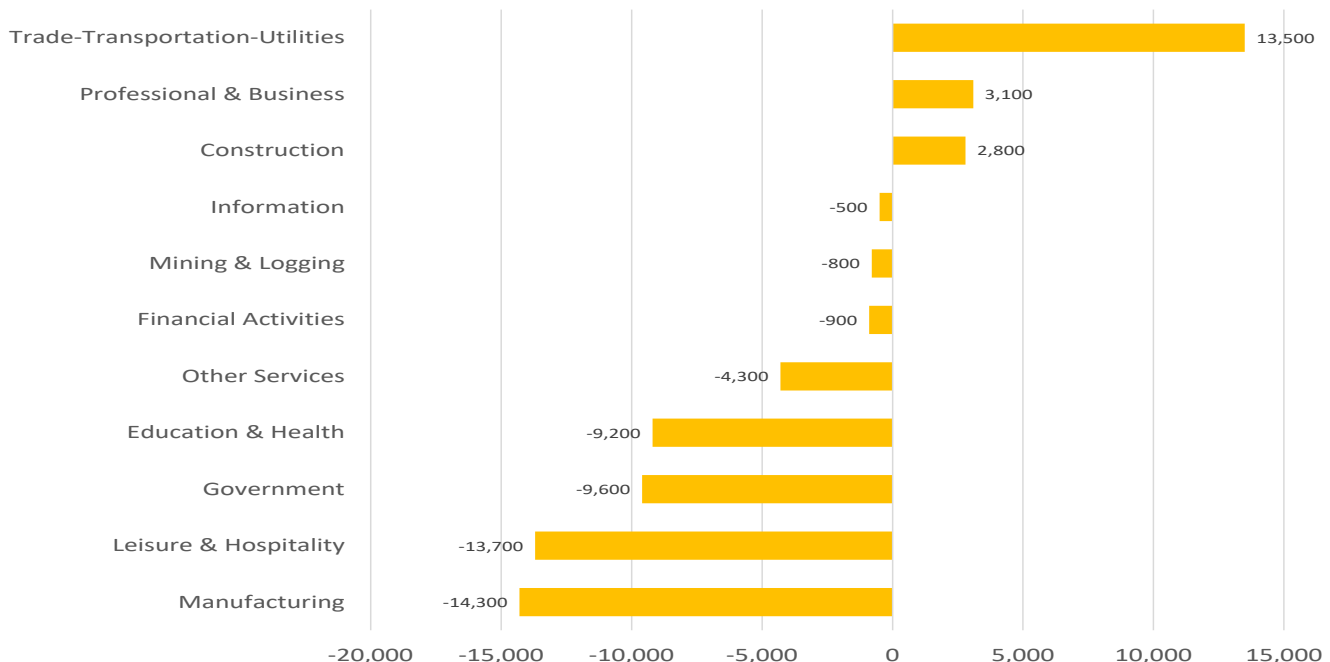
November 2020 - December 2020

Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs increased 2,600 in December to total 1,252,900. Three major industry sectors added jobs, more than offsetting small losses in five sectors. Employment in three industry sectors was unchanged. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 3,700. Gains were posted in retail trade (+2,200) and transportation-warehousing-utilities (+2,100), related in large part to seasonal hiring for the holidays. **Professional and business services** added 2,600 jobs. The largest increase was in administrative and support services (+1,400), a subsector which includes employment agencies. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** declined 2,600. Most of the loss was in food services (-2,200), due in part to the temporary closure of food services at educational facilities during winter break.

December 2019 - December 2020

Compared to December 2019, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are down 33,900. Employment decreased in eight major industry sectors. **Manufacturing** posted the largest drop, down 14,300 jobs. Losses were reported in both durable goods (-7,500) and nondurable goods (-6,800) manufacturing. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** declined 13,700, mostly in food services (-10,500). Jobs in **government** decreased 9,600, largely in local government (-8,200). Employment in **educational and health services** is down 9,200. Most of the loss was reported in health care and social assistance (-8,800). **Other services** declined 4,300. The sector includes activities such as repair-maintenance and membership organizations. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** reported the largest increase, adding 13,500 jobs. **Professional and business services** (+3,100) and **construction** (+2,800) also posted notable gains in employment.

Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
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Production Workers - Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

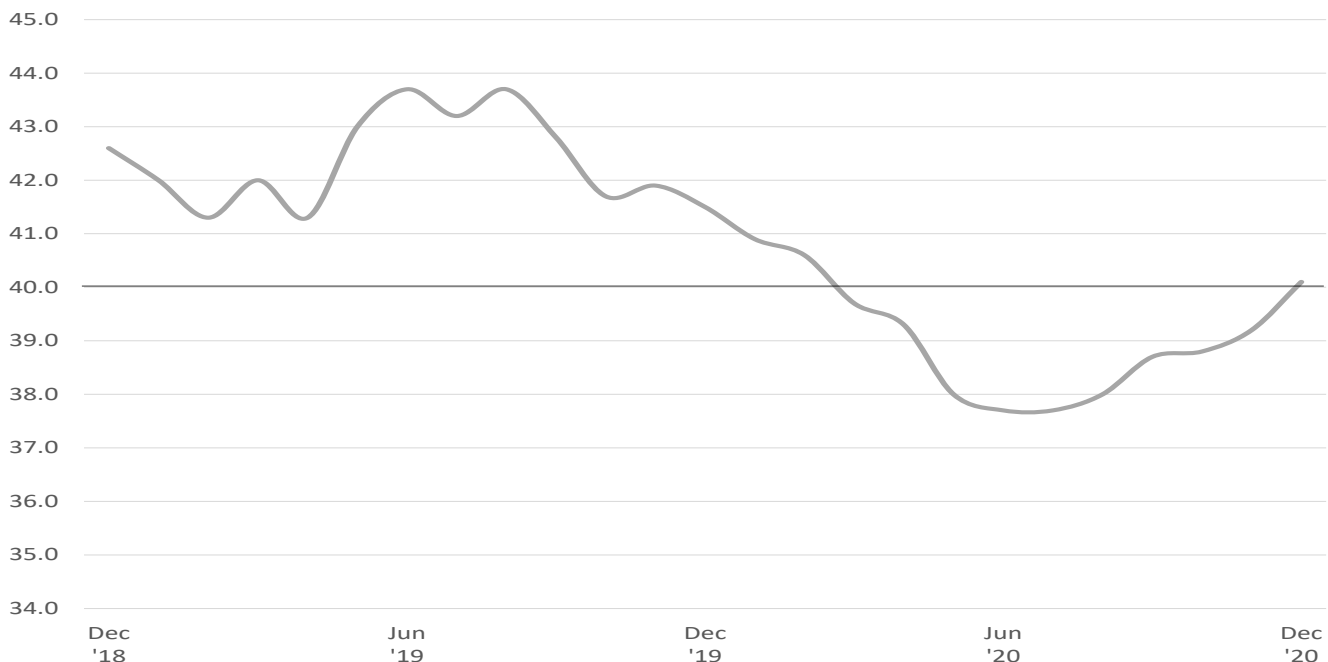
	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>
Average Weekly Hours	40.1	39.2	41.5
Average Hourly Earnings	19.40	19.13	18.71
Average Weekly Earnings	777.94	749.90	776.47

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

	Durable Goods Manufacturing			Nondurable Goods Manufacturing		
	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>
Average Weekly Hours	38.4	37.2	42.7	41.5	40.8	40.4
Average Hourly Earnings	21.04	21.20	20.72	18.10	17.54	16.87
Average Weekly Earnings	807.94	788.64	884.74	751.15	715.63	681.55

Average Weekly Hours Worked in Manufacturing (Production Workers)

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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Little Rock - North Little Rock - Conway MSA

The Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA = Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, & Saline counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

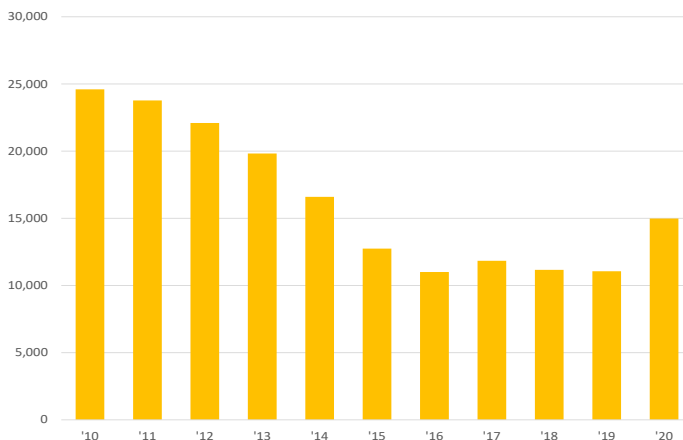
	Dec 20	Nov 20	Dec 19	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	348,009	339,382	354,854	8,627	-6,845
Employment	333,024	317,625	343,794	15,399	-10,770
Unemployment	14,985	21,757	11,060	-6,772	3,925
Unemployment Rate	4.3	6.4	3.1	-2.1	1.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

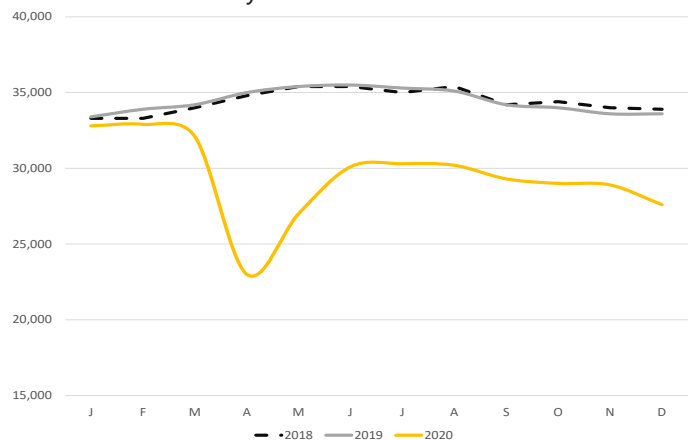
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Dec 20	Nov 20	Dec 19	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	350.7	349.1	366.4	1.6	-15.7
Goods Producing	37.1	37.1	38.5	0.0	-1.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.0	18.1	17.8	-0.1	0.2
Manufacturing	19.1	19.0	20.7	0.1	-1.6
Service Providing	313.6	312.0	327.9	1.6	-14.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	73.8	72.6	72.1	1.2	1.7
Wholesale Trade	15.8	15.8	15.9	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	40.2	39.3	38.9	0.9	1.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.8	17.5	17.3	0.3	0.5
Information	3.6	3.6	4.3	0.0	-0.7
Financial Activities	21.3	21.3	21.6	0.0	-0.3
Professional & Business Services	47.3	46.0	48.4	1.3	-1.1
Educational & Health Services	55.9	55.4	58.8	0.5	-2.9
Leisure & Hospitality	27.6	28.9	33.6	-1.3	-6.0
Other Services	17.3	17.3	18.4	0.0	-1.1
Government	66.8	66.9	70.7	-0.1	-3.9
Federal Government	10.2	10.1	9.9	0.1	0.3
State Government	34.3	34.4	36.1	-0.1	-1.8
Local Government	22.3	22.4	24.7	-0.1	-2.4

Number of Unemployed
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Jobs in Leisure & Hospitality
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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 20	Nov 20	Dec 19	OTM	OTY
Civilian Labor Force	284,148	276,826	281,513	7,322	2,635
Employment	275,471	264,826	274,919	10,645	552
Unemployment	8,677	12,000	6,594	-3,323	2,083
Unemployment Rate	3.1	4.3	2.3	-1.2	0.8

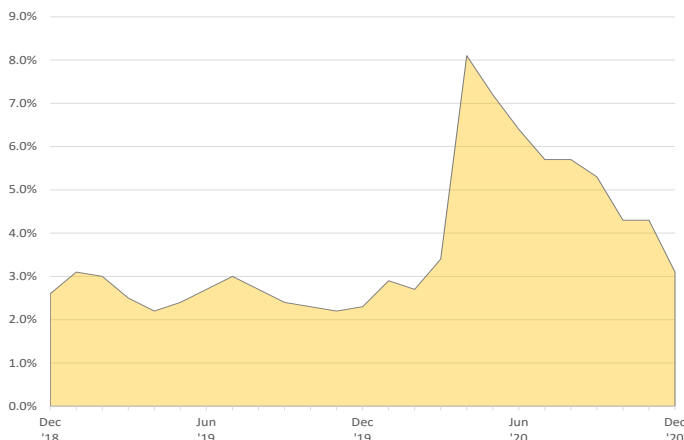
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Dec 20	Nov 20	Dec 19	OTM	OTY
Total Nonfarm	266.8	267.0	268.5	-0.2	-1.7
Goods Producing	41.5	41.5	43.0	0.0	-1.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	12.8	12.7	12.6	0.1	0.2
Manufacturing	28.7	28.8	30.4	-0.1	-1.7
Service Providing	225.3	225.5	225.5	-0.2	-0.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	60.2	59.7	57.6	0.5	2.6
Wholesale Trade	13.0	13.0	12.3	0.0	0.7
Retail Trade	27.9	27.6	26.5	0.3	1.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	19.3	19.1	18.8	0.2	0.5
Information	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.0	-0.2
Financial Activities	8.3	8.3	8.3	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	54.1	53.5	51.3	0.6	2.8
Educational & Health Services	27.1	27.8	30.7	-0.7	-3.6
Leisure & Hospitality	26.1	26.4	26.7	-0.3	-0.6
Other Services	9.5	9.5	9.7	0.0	-0.2
Government	38.1	38.4	39.1	-0.3	-1.0
Federal Government	2.9	2.8	2.7	0.1	0.2
State Government	16.3	16.8	16.7	-0.5	-0.4
Local Government	18.9	18.8	19.7	0.1	-0.8

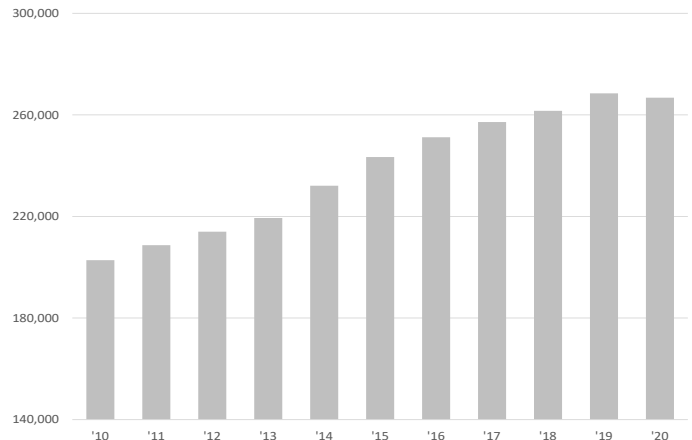
Unemployment Rates

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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

December: 2010 - 2020





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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Fort Smith MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

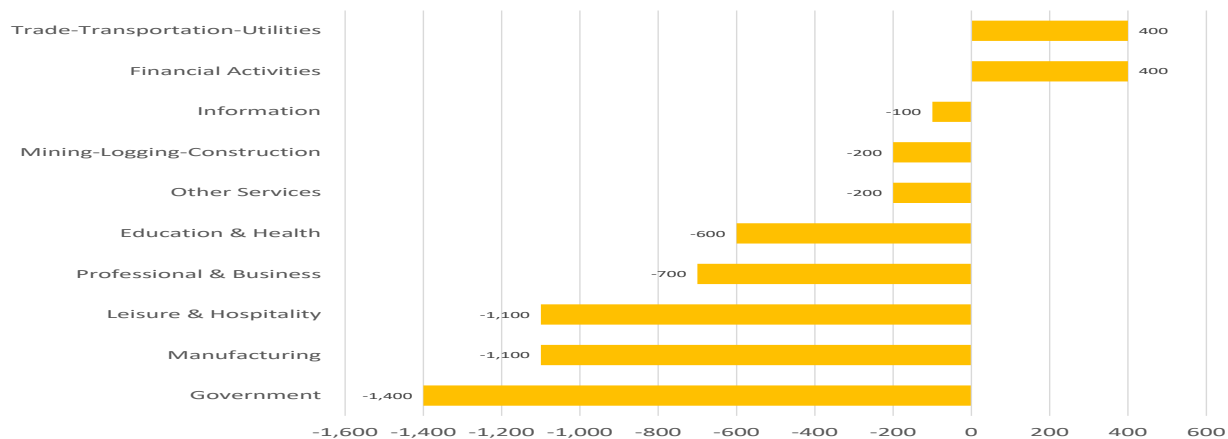
	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	116,217	115,675	118,116	542	-1,899
Employment	111,052	108,830	113,956	2,222	-2,904
Unemployment	5,165	6,845	4,160	-1,680	1,005
Unemployment Rate	4.4	5.9	3.5	-1.5	0.9

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	109.5	110.3	114.1	-0.8	-4.6
Goods Producing	22.2	22.3	23.5	-0.1	-1.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.7	5.8	5.9	-0.1	-0.2
Manufacturing	16.5	16.5	17.6	0.0	-1.1
Service Providing	87.3	88.0	90.6	-0.7	-3.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.1	24.2	23.7	-0.1	0.4
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.3	4.3	-0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	13.2	13.3	12.7	-0.1	0.5
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.7	6.6	6.7	0.1	0.0
Information	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	4.4	4.4	4.0	0.0	0.4
Professional & Business Services	11.4	11.6	12.1	-0.2	-0.7
Educational & Health Services	16.7	16.7	17.3	0.0	-0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	8.1	8.4	9.2	-0.3	-1.1
Other Services	4.3	4.4	4.5	-0.1	-0.2
Government	17.2	17.2	18.6	0.0	-1.4
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.7	2.7	3.1	0.0	-0.4
Local Government	13.2	13.2	14.2	0.0	-1.0

Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry December 2019 vs December 2020





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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Dec 20	Nov 20	Dec 19	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	41,296	40,519	40,408	777	888
Employment	39,199	37,501	39,008	1,698	191
Unemployment	2,097	3,018	1,400	-921	697
Unemployment Rate	5.1	7.4	3.5	-2.3	1.6

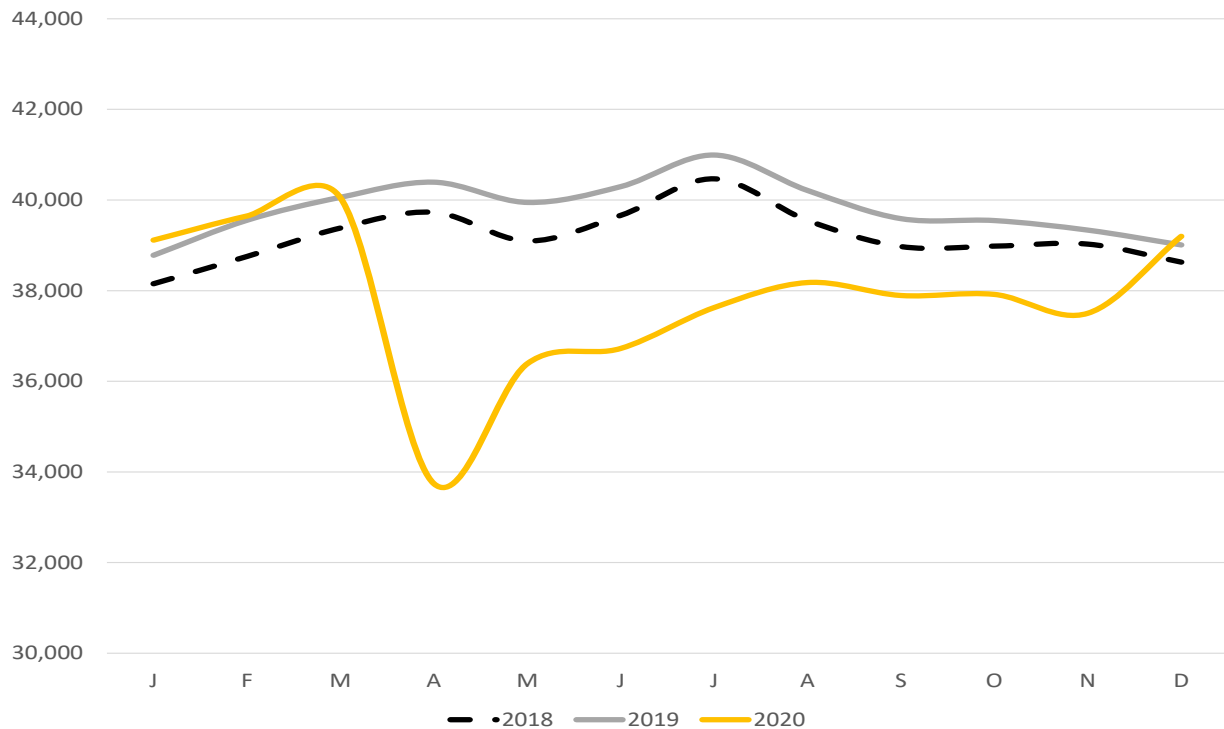
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Dec 20	Nov 20	Dec 19	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	39.0	38.9	39.2	0.1	-0.2
Goods Producing	4.5	4.5	4.7	0.0	-0.2
Service Providing	34.5	34.4	34.5	0.1	0.0
Government	4.5	4.6	4.6	-0.1	-0.1

Number of Employed

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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	67,980	66,391	66,308	1,589	1,672
Employment	65,769	63,237	64,556	2,532	1,213
Unemployment	2,211	3,154	1,752	-943	459
Unemployment Rate	3.3	4.8	2.6	-1.5	0.7

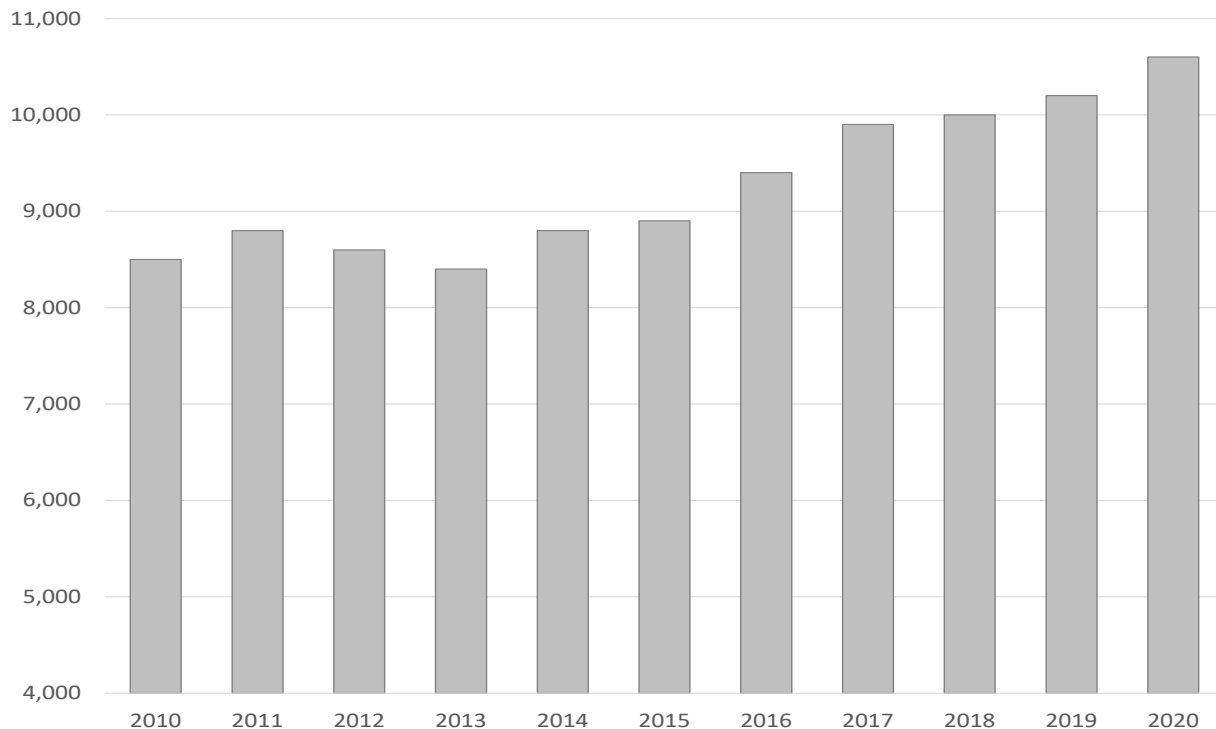
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	62.1	62.2	61.3	-0.1	0.8
Goods Producing	10.6	10.7	10.2	-0.1	0.4
Service Providing	51.5	51.5	51.1	0.0	0.4
Government	8.7	8.7	9.2	0.0	-0.5

Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Dec 20	Nov 20	Dec 19	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	33,664	33,238	34,617	426	-953
Employment	31,702	30,499	32,879	1,203	-1,177
Unemployment	1,962	2,739	1,738	-777	224
Unemployment Rate	5.8	8.2	5.0	-2.4	0.8

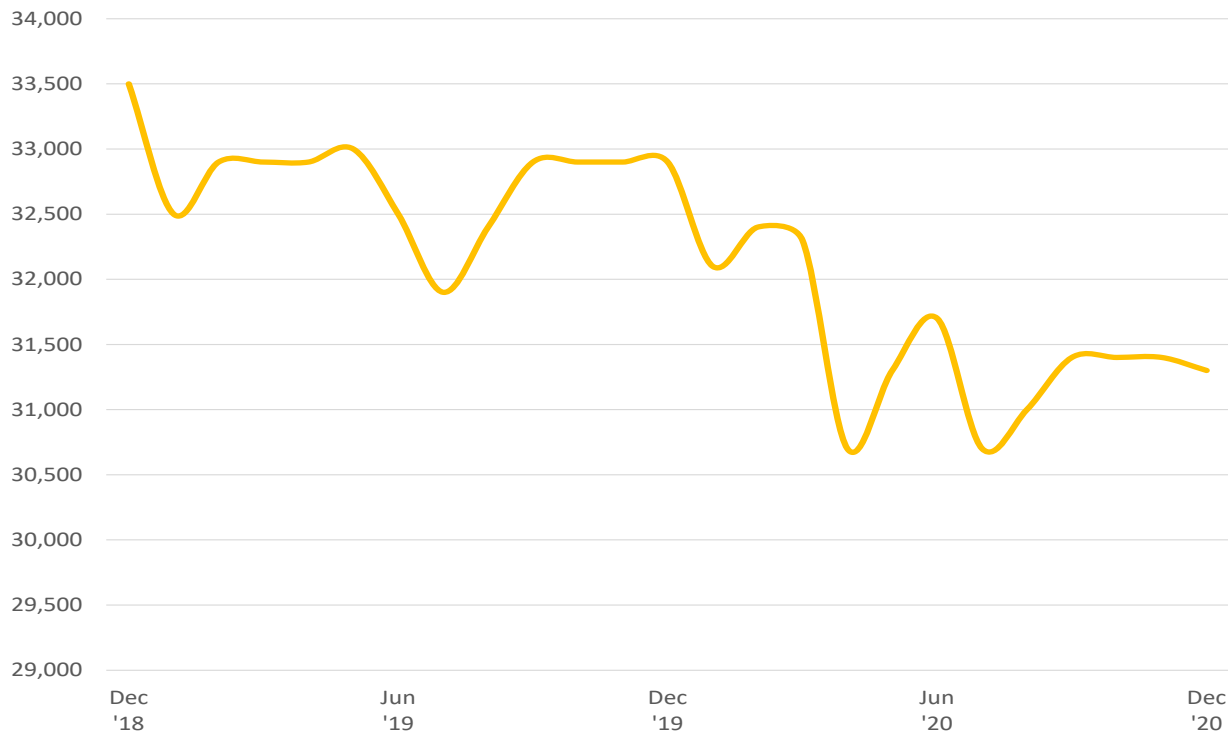
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Dec 20	Nov 20	Dec 19	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	31.3	31.4	32.9	-0.1	-1.6
Goods Producing	5.6	5.6	6.0	0.0	-0.4
Service Providing	25.7	25.8	26.9	-0.1	-1.2
Government	8.0	8.1	9.2	-0.1	-1.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Out-of-State MSAs

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 20</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	668,382	668,305	647,507	77	20,875
Employment	618,793	623,537	622,648	-4,744	-3,855
Unemployment	49,589	44,768	24,859	4,821	24,730
Unemployment Rate	7.4	6.7	3.8	0.7	3.6

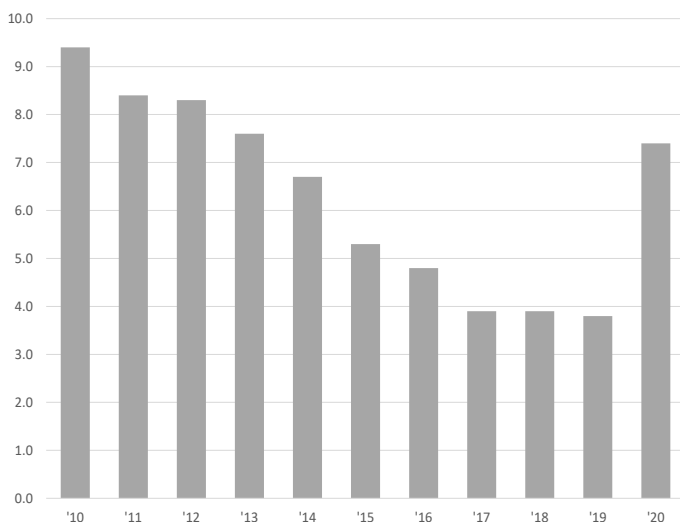
Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,942	65,448	65,290	494	652
Employment	62,200	60,910	62,805	1,290	-605
Unemployment	3,742	4,538	2,485	-796	1,257
Unemployment Rate	5.7	6.9	3.8	-1.2	1.9

Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates

December: 2010 - 2020



Texarkana MSA - Employment

December 2018 - December 2020





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MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND CITIES

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	December 2020				November 2020				December 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,627	9,250	377	3.9	9,359	8,858	501	5.4	9,756	9,415	341	3.5
Batesville Micro	16,702	16,096	606	3.6	16,229	15,420	809	5.0	16,555	15,937	618	3.7
Blytheville Micro	17,276	16,235	1,041	6.0	17,097	15,584	1,513	8.8	17,257	16,421	836	4.8
Camden Micro	12,126	11,673	453	3.7	11,817	11,176	641	5.4	12,215	11,637	578	4.7
El Dorado Micro	15,546	14,687	859	5.5	15,280	14,060	1,220	8.0	15,788	14,947	841	5.3
Forrest City Micro	8,159	7,705	454	5.6	8,013	7,384	629	7.8	8,095	7,716	379	4.7
Harrison Micro	19,310	18,717	593	3.1	18,781	17,936	845	4.5	19,285	18,688	597	3.1
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,253	5,819	434	6.9	6,171	5,606	565	9.2	6,329	5,938	391	6.2
Hope Micro	13,316	12,865	451	3.4	12,966	12,339	627	4.8	13,425	12,938	487	3.6
Magnolia Micro	9,450	8,904	546	5.8	9,163	8,522	641	7.0	9,151	8,784	367	4.0
Malvern Micro	13,873	13,347	526	3.8	13,517	12,768	749	5.5	13,898	13,445	453	3.3
Mountain Home Micro	16,163	15,537	626	3.9	15,717	14,866	851	5.4	16,140	15,523	617	3.8
Paragould Micro	20,022	19,328	694	3.5	19,535	18,561	974	5.0	19,978	19,316	662	3.3
Russellville Micro	37,292	35,905	1,387	3.7	36,250	34,425	1,825	5.0	37,321	35,828	1,493	4.0
Searcy Micro	33,442	32,010	1,432	4.3	32,545	30,618	1,927	5.9	33,765	32,279	1,486	4.4

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	December 2020				November 2020				December 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,382	11,927	455	3.7	12,102	11,445	657	5.4	12,248	11,893	355	2.9
Benton	16,926	16,378	548	3.2	16,405	15,614	791	4.8	17,356	16,905	451	2.6
Bentonville	27,319	26,598	721	2.6	26,529	25,522	1,007	3.8	27,074	26,521	553	2.0
Blytheville	5,892	5,468	424	7.2	5,940	5,249	691	11.6	5,891	5,531	360	6.1
Cabot	11,802	11,381	421	3.6	11,448	10,879	569	5.0	12,133	11,757	376	3.1
Conway	32,880	31,701	1,179	3.6	31,819	30,245	1,574	4.9	33,653	32,729	924	2.7
El Dorado	6,776	6,362	414	6.1	6,712	6,090	622	9.3	6,854	6,475	379	5.5
Fayetteville	48,878	47,266	1,612	3.3	47,692	45,357	2,335	4.9	48,244	47,134	1,110	2.3
Fort Smith	38,293	36,777	1,516	4.0	37,600	35,416	2,184	5.8	39,102	37,858	1,244	3.2
Hot Springs	14,764	13,935	829	5.6	14,626	13,331	1,295	8.9	14,434	13,867	567	3.9
Jacksonville	11,554	10,775	779	6.7	11,273	10,271	1,002	8.9	11,713	11,122	591	5.0
Jonesboro	40,409	39,128	1,281	3.2	39,532	37,596	1,936	4.9	39,391	38,379	1,012	2.6
Little Rock	95,461	90,677	4,784	5.0	93,655	86,438	7,217	7.7	96,600	93,594	3,006	3.1
North Little Rock	29,491	27,819	1,672	5.7	29,086	26,518	2,568	8.8	29,877	28,714	1,163	3.9
Paragould	12,713	12,212	501	3.9	12,448	11,728	720	5.8	12,638	12,205	433	3.4
Pine Bluff	16,015	14,836	1,179	7.4	15,959	14,253	1,706	10.7	16,355	15,381	974	6.0
Rogers	36,257	35,210	1,047	2.9	35,254	33,786	1,468	4.2	35,886	35,109	777	2.2
Russellville	13,381	12,917	464	3.5	12,952	12,369	583	4.5	13,337	12,875	462	3.5
Searcy	10,107	9,759	348	3.4	9,818	9,335	483	4.9	10,182	9,841	341	3.3
Sherwood	15,655	15,017	638	4.1	15,269	14,315	954	6.2	15,954	15,500	454	2.8
Springdale	40,111	38,938	1,173	2.9	39,058	37,365	1,693	4.3	39,679	38,828	851	2.1
Texarkana, AR	13,745	13,059	686	5.0	13,462	12,481	981	7.3	13,603	13,043	560	4.1
Van Buren	10,126	9,786	340	3.4	9,908	9,434	474	4.8	10,385	10,078	307	3.0
West Memphis	10,535	9,905	630	6.0	10,407	9,425	982	9.4	10,532	10,072	460	4.4



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County	December 2020				November 2020				December 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,448	9,167	281	3.0	9,213	8,812	401	4.4	9,419	9,136	283	3.0
Ashley	7,393	6,921	472	6.4	7,302	6,642	660	9.0	7,585	7,158	427	5.6
Baxter	16,163	15,537	626	3.9	15,717	14,866	851	5.4	16,140	15,523	617	3.8
Benton	138,929	134,851	4,078	2.9	135,200	129,395	5,805	4.3	137,770	134,463	3,307	2.4
Boone	16,001	15,509	492	3.1	15,563	14,851	712	4.6	15,960	15,475	485	3.0
Bradley	4,472	4,296	176	3.9	4,385	4,138	247	5.6	4,489	4,332	157	3.5
Calhoun	2,428	2,344	84	3.5	2,373	2,255	118	5.0	2,441	2,345	96	3.9
Carroll	12,766	12,285	481	3.8	12,420	11,796	624	5.0	12,565	12,203	362	2.9
Chicot	3,167	2,901	266	8.4	3,158	2,803	355	11.2	3,259	3,041	218	6.7
Clark	9,627	9,250	377	3.9	9,359	8,858	501	5.4	9,756	9,415	341	3.5
Clay	5,539	5,326	213	3.8	5,411	5,145	266	4.9	5,625	5,341	284	5.0
Cleburne	9,013	8,564	449	5.0	8,823	8,212	611	6.9	9,065	8,638	427	4.7
Cleveland	3,108	2,967	141	4.5	3,071	2,868	203	6.6	3,208	3,081	127	4.0
Columbia	9,450	8,904	546	5.8	9,163	8,522	641	7.0	9,151	8,784	367	4.0
Conway	8,174	7,845	329	4.0	7,967	7,503	464	5.8	8,284	7,951	333	4.0
Craighead	57,412	55,583	1,829	3.2	56,043	53,407	2,636	4.7	55,922	54,519	1,403	2.5
Crawford	26,108	25,170	938	3.6	25,574	24,265	1,309	5.1	26,734	25,922	812	3.0
Crittenden	21,311	20,207	1,104	5.2	20,868	19,228	1,640	7.9	21,355	20,548	807	3.8
Cross	7,395	7,096	299	4.0	7,253	6,825	428	5.9	7,395	7,091	304	4.1
Dallas	2,732	2,639	93	3.4	2,664	2,531	133	5.0	2,826	2,703	123	4.4
Desha	5,319	5,063	256	4.8	5,241	4,882	359	6.8	5,382	5,147	235	4.4
Drew	7,726	7,353	373	4.8	7,559	7,072	487	6.4	7,936	7,548	388	4.9
Faulkner	60,172	58,049	2,123	3.5	58,336	55,382	2,954	5.1	61,703	59,931	1,772	2.9
Franklin	7,438	7,157	281	3.8	7,269	6,884	385	5.3	7,417	7,179	238	3.2
Fulton	5,016	4,829	187	3.7	4,882	4,639	243	5.0	4,931	4,758	173	3.5
Garland	41,296	39,199	2,097	5.1	40,519	37,501	3,018	7.4	40,408	39,008	1,400	3.5
Grant	8,099	7,813	286	3.5	7,859	7,466	393	5.0	8,323	8,072	251	3.0
Greene	20,022	19,328	694	3.5	19,535	18,561	974	5.0	19,978	19,316	662	3.3
Hempstead	9,727	9,411	316	3.2	9,472	9,032	440	4.6	9,825	9,467	358	3.6
Hot Spring	13,873	13,347	526	3.8	13,517	12,768	749	5.5	13,898	13,445	453	3.3
Howard	5,548	5,367	181	3.3	5,421	5,164	257	4.7	5,743	5,545	198	3.4
Independence	16,702	16,096	606	3.6	16,229	15,420	809	5.0	16,555	15,937	618	3.7
Izard	4,790	4,540	250	5.2	4,703	4,359	344	7.3	4,900	4,612	288	5.9
Jackson	5,599	5,300	299	5.3	5,503	5,111	392	7.1	5,871	5,464	407	6.9
Jefferson	26,768	25,110	1,658	6.2	26,435	24,124	2,311	8.7	27,477	26,032	1,445	5.3
Johnson	10,118	9,693	425	4.2	9,844	9,297	547	5.6	10,216	9,824	392	3.8
Lafayette	2,464	2,315	149	6.0	2,441	2,231	210	8.6	2,439	2,343	96	3.9
Lawrence	6,986	6,692	294	4.2	6,833	6,447	386	5.6	6,835	6,560	275	4.0
Lee	2,772	2,616	156	5.6	2,736	2,533	203	7.4	2,838	2,707	131	4.6
Lincoln	3,788	3,625	163	4.3	3,732	3,507	225	6.0	3,932	3,766	166	4.2
Little River	5,549	5,307	242	4.4	5,397	5,069	328	6.1	5,523	5,297	226	4.1
Logan	8,229	7,874	355	4.3	8,070	7,572	498	6.2	8,551	8,167	384	4.5
Lonoke	33,225	32,017	1,208	3.6	32,342	30,605	1,737	5.4	34,203	33,076	1,127	3.3
Madison	7,500	7,290	210	2.8	7,339	7,046	293	4.0	7,481	7,313	168	2.2
Marion	6,586	6,296	290	4.4	6,435	6,036	399	6.2	6,579	6,321	258	3.9
Miller	19,874	19,005	869	4.4	19,404	18,164	1,240	6.4	19,724	18,982	742	3.8

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COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	December 2020				November 2020				December 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,276	16,235	1,041	6.0	17,097	15,584	1,513	8.8	17,257	16,421	836	4.8
Monroe	2,772	2,623	149	5.4	2,737	2,532	205	7.5	2,747	2,622	125	4.6
Montgomery	2,892	2,743	149	5.2	2,860	2,667	193	6.7	2,891	2,762	129	4.5
Nevada	3,589	3,454	135	3.8	3,494	3,307	187	5.4	3,600	3,471	129	3.6
Newton	3,309	3,208	101	3.1	3,218	3,085	133	4.1	3,325	3,213	112	3.4
Ouachita	9,698	9,329	369	3.8	9,444	8,921	523	5.5	9,774	9,292	482	4.9
Perry	4,086	3,932	154	3.8	3,966	3,763	203	5.1	4,215	4,063	152	3.6
Phillips	6,253	5,819	434	6.9	6,171	5,606	565	9.2	6,329	5,938	391	6.2
Pike	4,256	4,070	186	4.4	4,183	3,923	260	6.2	4,227	4,066	161	3.8
Poinsett	10,568	10,186	382	3.6	10,348	9,830	518	5.0	10,386	10,037	349	3.4
Polk	8,010	7,652	358	4.5	7,867	7,365	502	6.4	8,162	7,803	359	4.4
Pope	28,878	27,782	1,096	3.8	28,056	26,603	1,453	5.2	28,903	27,693	1,210	4.2
Prairie	3,559	3,420	139	3.9	3,491	3,301	190	5.4	3,599	3,442	157	4.4
Pulaski	185,504	176,151	9,353	5.0	181,725	167,916	13,809	7.6	188,032	181,818	6,214	3.3
Randolph	7,421	7,104	317	4.3	7,249	6,821	428	5.9	7,363	7,071	292	4.0
St. Francis	8,159	7,705	454	5.6	8,013	7,384	629	7.8	8,095	7,716	379	4.7
Saline	56,923	55,062	1,861	3.3	55,154	52,493	2,661	4.8	58,378	56,834	1,544	2.6
Scott	4,360	4,207	153	3.5	4,253	4,060	193	4.5	4,320	4,176	144	3.3
Searcy	2,826	2,715	111	3.9	2,759	2,607	152	5.5	2,819	2,674	145	5.1
Sebastian	55,144	52,997	2,147	3.9	54,109	51,037	3,072	5.7	56,319	54,555	1,764	3.1
Sevier	5,486	5,243	243	4.4	5,375	5,048	327	6.1	5,528	5,270	258	4.7
Sharp	5,741	5,444	297	5.2	5,611	5,219	392	7.0	5,670	5,387	283	5.0
Stone	4,671	4,422	249	5.3	4,604	4,273	331	7.2	4,613	4,402	211	4.6
Union	15,546	14,687	859	5.5	15,280	14,060	1,220	8.0	15,788	14,947	841	5.3
Van Buren	5,709	5,394	315	5.5	5,571	5,171	400	7.2	5,636	5,353	283	5.0
Washington	126,835	123,001	3,834	3.0	123,545	118,034	5,511	4.5	125,398	122,658	2,740	2.2
White	33,442	32,010	1,432	4.3	32,545	30,618	1,927	5.9	33,765	32,279	1,486	4.4
Woodruff	2,718	2,594	124	4.6	2,682	2,510	172	6.4	2,773	2,634	139	5.0
Yell	8,414	8,123	291	3.5	8,194	7,822	372	4.5	8,418	8,135	283	3.4

County Labor Force Summary

Between November and December, unemployment rates decreased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.8 percent in Madison County to a high of 8.4 percent in Chicot County.

In December, one county-- Chicot County-- posted an unemployment rate above 7.0 percent. That is down from nineteen counties at or above seven percent in November. Thirty-eight counties reported jobless rates at or below four percent. That is up significantly from one county at or below four percent last month.

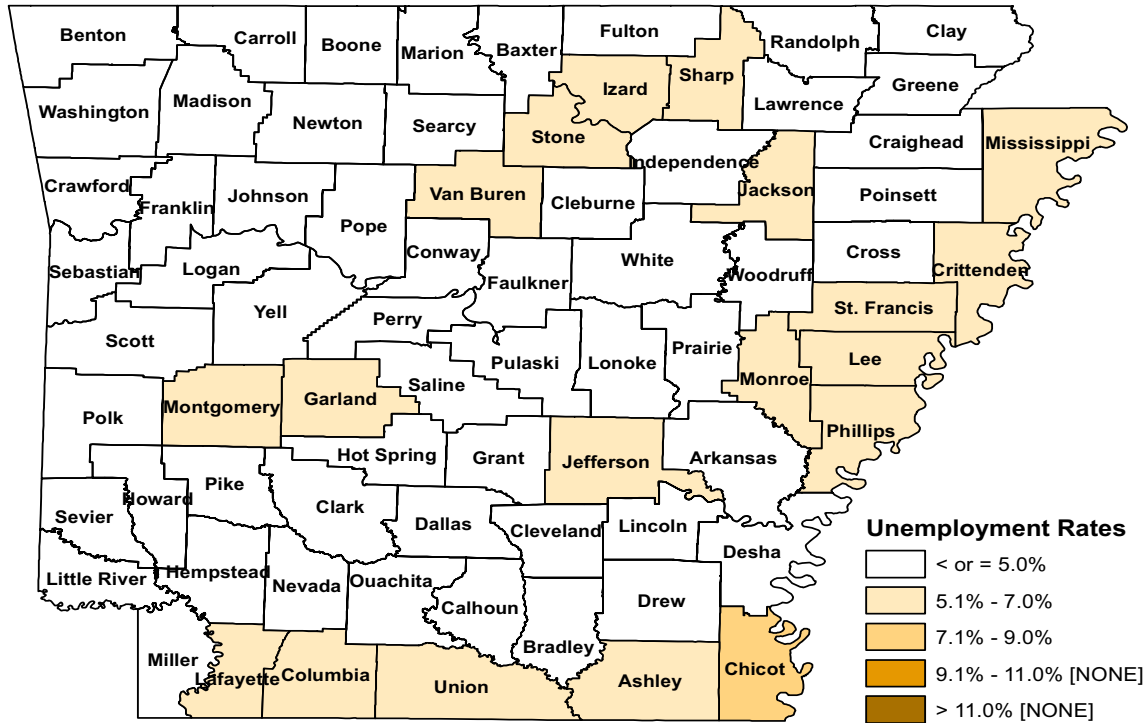
Compared to December 2019, unemployment rates are up in 54 Arkansas counties. Rates declined in nineteen counties, while two were stable compared to last December. Jobless rate changes ranged from an increase of two and one-tenths of a percentage point in Lafayette County to a decline of one and six-tenths of a percentage point in Jackson County.



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County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

December 2020 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Madison	2.8	23	Hot Spring	3.8	50	Polk	4.5
2	Benton	2.9	23	Nevada	3.8	52	Woodruff	4.6
3	Arkansas	3.0	23	Ouachita	3.8	53	Desha	4.8
3	Washington	3.0	23	Perry	3.8	53	Drew	4.8
5	Boone	3.1	23	Pope	3.8	55	Cleburne	5.0
5	Newton	3.1	31	Baxter	3.9	55	Pulaski	5.0
7	Craighead	3.2	31	Bradley	3.9	57	Garland	5.1
7	Hempstead	3.2	31	Clark	3.9	58	Crittenden	5.2
9	Howard	3.3	31	Prairie	3.9	58	Izard	5.2
9	Saline	3.3	31	Searcy	3.9	58	Montgomery	5.2
11	Dallas	3.4	31	Sebastian	3.9	58	Sharp	5.2
12	Calhoun	3.5	37	Conway	4.0	62	Jackson	5.3
12	Faulkner	3.5	37	Cross	4.0	62	Stone	5.3
12	Grant	3.5	39	Johnson	4.2	64	Monroe	5.4
12	Greene	3.5	39	Lawrence	4.2	65	Union	5.5
12	Scott	3.5	41	Lincoln	4.3	65	Van Buren	5.5
12	Yell	3.5	41	Logan	4.3	67	Lee	5.6
18	Crawford	3.6	41	Randolph	4.3	67	St. Francis	5.6
18	Independence	3.6	41	White	4.3	69	Columbia	5.8
18	Lonoke	3.6	45	Little River	4.4	70	Lafayette	6.0
18	Poinsett	3.6	45	Marion	4.4	70	Mississippi	6.0
22	Fulton	3.7	45	Miller	4.4	72	Jefferson	6.2
23	Carroll	3.8	45	Pike	4.4	73	Ashley	6.4
23	Clay	3.8	45	Sevier	4.4	74	Phillips	6.9
23	Franklin	3.8	50	Cleveland	4.5	75	Chicot	8.4



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LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	December 2020				November 2020				December 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	246,694	236,645	10,049	4.1	240,130	225,791	14,339	6.0	252,062	244,129	7,933	3.1
City of Little Rock	95,461	90,677	4,784	5.0	93,655	86,438	7,217	7.7	96,600	93,594	3,006	3.1
Eastern	45,890	43,443	2,447	5.3	45,041	41,576	3,465	7.7	46,012	44,000	2,012	4.4
North Central	93,401	89,193	4,208	4.5	91,153	85,532	5,621	6.2	93,779	89,464	4,315	4.6
Northeast	125,224	120,454	4,770	3.8	122,516	115,795	6,721	5.5	123,366	119,265	4,101	3.3
Northwest	330,915	320,692	10,223	3.1	322,196	307,716	14,480	4.5	328,037	319,843	8,194	2.5
Southeast	79,288	75,216	4,072	5.1	77,955	72,314	5,641	7.2	81,010	77,313	3,697	4.6
Southwest	92,091	88,005	4,086	4.4	89,928	84,304	5,624	6.3	92,362	88,446	3,916	4.2
West Central	131,614	125,984	5,630	4.3	128,465	120,705	7,760	6.0	131,216	126,362	4,854	3.7
Western	109,289	105,057	4,232	3.9	107,142	101,183	5,959	5.6	111,503	107,802	3,701	3.3

