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Workforce Services



The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious 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 col- lected for production workers in manufactur- ing industries.

Industries are classi- fied according to the North American In- dustry 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 sur- vey designed to pro- vide industry infor- mation on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bu- reau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Work- force Services. The data are based on establish- ment records and in- clude all workers, full- or part-time, who re- ceived pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas busi- ness establishments are surveyed.

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

A term applied by the

U.S. Office of Manage- ment 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 sur- vey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to pro- vide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conduct- ed each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The informa- tion is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the cal- endar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

**Civilian Labor Force**

The sum of all em- ployed and unem- ployed 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 work- ers 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 seek- ing work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

**Unemployment Rate**

The number of unem- ployed 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, ma- jor holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT

**Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates**

Between September and October, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates declined in 37 states and the District of Columbia. Jobless rates increased in eight states, while rates in five states were stable. In October, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 3.0 percent in Nebraska to a high of 14.3 percent in Hawaii. Arkansas ranked 28th, with a jobless rate of 6.2 percent. Arkansas’ rate declined one full percentage point in October, while rates in eight states declined by more than two percentage points.

Compared to October 2019, unemployment rates are higher in all 50 states and the District of Co- lumbia. Nineteen states reported over-the-year rate increases of over three percentage points, while Arkansas is up two and seven-tenths of a percentage point. The largest annual rate increases were in Nevada and Hawaii, up 8.3 percent and 11.6 percent, respectively. The United States’ unemployment rate is up three and three-tenths of a percentage point compared to October 2019.

**Rank State Rate**

1. Nebraska 3.0
2. Vermont 3.2
3. Iowa 3.6

3 South Dakota 3.6

1. Utah 4.1
2. New Hampshire 4.2

6 South Carolina 4.2

1. Georgia 4.5
2. Minnesota 4.6

9 Missouri 4.6

1. North Dakota 4.8
2. Montana 4.9
3. Indiana 5.0
4. Kansas 5.3

14 Virginia 5.3

1. Maine 5.4
2. Idaho 5.5

**Rank State Rate**

17 Michigan 5.5

17 Wyoming 5.5

20 Delaware 5.6

20 Ohio 5.6

1. Wisconsin 5.7
2. Alabama 5.8
3. Alaska 5.9
4. Washington 6.0
5. Connecticut 6.1

26 Oklahoma 6.1

1. **Arkansas 6.2**
2. North Carolina 6.3
3. Colorado 6.4

30 West Virginia 6.4

1. Florida 6.5
2. Illinois 6.8
3. Oregon 6.9

**Rank State Rate**

34 Texas 6.9

1. Rhode Island 7.0
2. Pennsylvania 7.3
3. Kentucky 7.4

38 Massachusetts 7.4

38 Mississippi 7.4

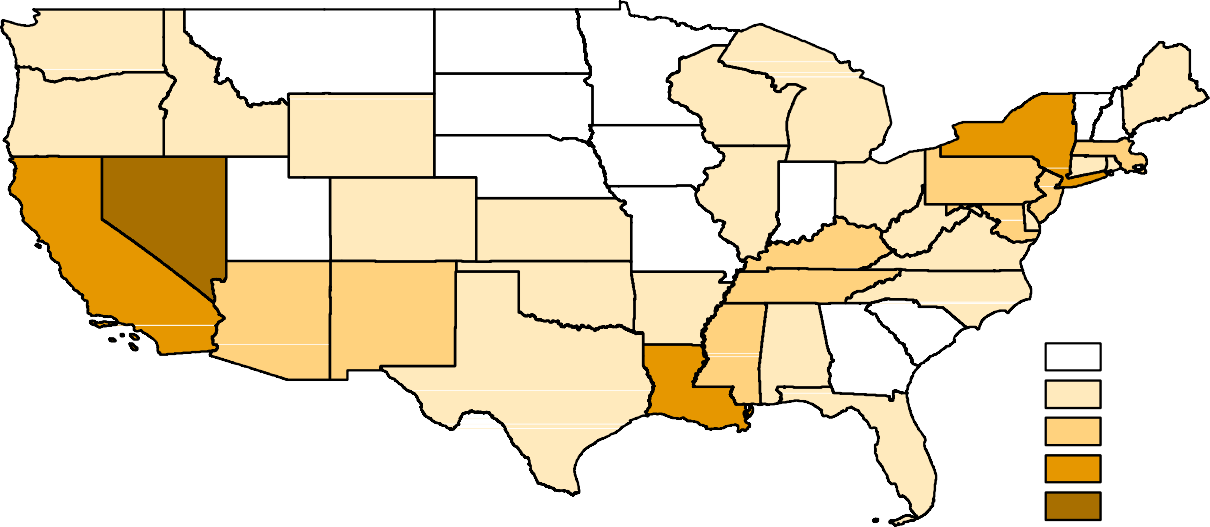
38 Tennessee 7.4

1. Maryland 7.8
2. Arizona 8.0
3. New Mexico 8.1
4. District of Columbia 8.2

45 New Jersey 8.2

1. California 9.3
2. Louisiana 9.4
3. New York 9.6
4. Nevada 12.0
5. Hawaii 14.3

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 6.9 Percent

**Washington**

**Idaho**

**Montana**

**North Dakota**

**South Dakota**

**Minnesota**

**Wisconsin**

**Michigan**

**Vermont**

**Maine**

**Oregon**

**Nevada**

**Utah**

**Wyoming**

**Nebraska**

**Iowa**

**Illinois Indiana**

**Ohio**

**New YorkNew Hampshire**

**Massachusetts PennsylvaniaNew Jersey**

**California**

**Colorado**

**Kansas**

**Oklahoma**

**Missouri**

**Arkansas**

**Kentucky Tennessee**

**West VirginiaMaryland Virginia**

**North Carolina**

Continental US Only

**Arizona**

**New Mexico**

**Texas**

**South Carolina MississippiAlabama Georgia**

**Louisiana**

**Florida**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 5.0% 5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0%

9.1% - 11.0%

> 11.0%

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 one full percentage point, from 7.2 percent in September (revised down from 7.3 per- cent) to 6.2 percent in October. Arkansas’ civilian labor force declined 12,370, a result of 14,117 fewer unemployed and 1,747 more employed Arkansans. At 6.9 percent, the United States’ jobless rate also declined one full percentage point between September and October.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate declined sharply in October to 6.2 percent. This was spurred by the decline in the number of unemployed Arkansans.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,248,547 1,246,800 1,315,900 Employment 1,255,555 1,251,151 1,324,968

Unemployment 83,203 97,320 48,278 Unemployment 76,007 93,700 42,231

Unemployment Rate 6.2 7.2 3.5 Unemployment Rate 5.7 7.0 3.1

U.S. Unemployment 6.9 7.9 3.6 U.S. Unemployment 6.6 7.7 3.3

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 20** | **Sep 20** | **Oct 19** | **Oct 20** | **Sep 20** | **Oct 19** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,331,750 | 1,344,120 | 1,364,178 Civilian Labor Force | 1,331,562 | 1,344,851 | 1,367,199 |

160,000

**Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

October 2018 - October 2020

140,000

120,000

100,000

80,000

60,000

40,000

20,000

0



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Oct '18

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Oct '19

Apr '20

Oct '20



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### Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS) Oct 20 Sep 20 Oct 19 OTM OTY** | | | | | |
| Total Nonfarm | 1243.9 | 1232.4 | 1286.5 | 11.5 | -42.6 |
| Goods Producing | 207.4 | 205.4 | 223.2 | 2.0 | -15.8 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 60.7 | 59.7 | 60.3 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.1** | **5.1** | **5.9** | **0.0** | **-0.8** |
| **Construction** | **55.6** | **54.6** | **54.4** | **1.0** | **1.2** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 35.0 | 34.5 | 34.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| **Manufacturing** | **146.7** | **145.7** | **162.9** | **1.0** | **-16.2** |
| Durable Goods | 66.5 | 65.1 | 76.9 | 1.4 | -10.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 80.2 | 80.6 | 86.0 | -0.4 | -5.8 |
| Service Providing | 1036.5 | 1027.0 | 1063.3 | 9.5 | -26.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **262.0** | **258.2** | **252.5** | **3.8** | **9.5** |
| Wholesale Trade | 48.4 | 49.0 | 48.2 | -0.6 | 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 141.7 | 137.8 | 136.1 | 3.9 | 5.6 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 71.9 | 71.4 | 68.2 | 0.5 | 3.7 |
| **Information** | **10.7** | **10.7** | **11.3** | **0.0** | **-0.6** |
| **Financial Activities** | **61.0** | **60.7** | **62.9** | **0.3** | **-1.9** |
| Finance & Insurance | 47.9 | 47.7 | 48.9 | 0.2 | -1.0 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.1 | 13.0 | 14.0 | 0.1 | -0.9 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **149.0** | **145.0** | **147.2** | **4.0** | **1.8** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 44.7 | 43.8 | 44.8 | 0.9 | -0.1 |
| Management of Companies | 36.4 | 36.3 | 34.5 | 0.1 | 1.9 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 67.9 | 64.9 | 67.9 | 3.0 | 0.0 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **187.8** | **186.9** | **195.5** | **0.9** | **-7.7** |
| Educational Services | 16.5 | 15.8 | 16.5 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 171.3 | 171.1 | 179.0 | 0.2 | -7.7 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 59.8 | 59.6 | 60.5 | 0.2 | -0.7 |
| Social Assistance | 37.0 | 37.4 | 39.6 | -0.4 | -2.6 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **104.4** | **104.6** | **119.8** | **-0.2** | **-15.4** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 10.5 | 10.6 | 11.2 | -0.1 | -0.7 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 93.9 | 94.0 | 108.6 | -0.1 | -14.7 |
| Accommodation Services | 8.5 | 8.7 | 11.5 | -0.2 | -3.0 |
| Food Services | 85.4 | 85.3 | 97.1 | 0.1 | -11.7 |
| **Other Services** | **56.3** | **55.7** | **60.2** | **0.6** | **-3.9** |
| **Government** | **205.3** | **205.2** | **213.9** | **0.1** | **-8.6** |
| Federal Government | 21.8 | 23.3 | 20.4 | -1.5 | 1.4 |
| State Government | 78.0 | 77.4 | 79.9 | 0.6 | -1.9 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.3 | 30.7 | 31.9 | 0.6 | -0.6 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.7 | 46.7 | 48.0 | 0.0 | -1.3 |
| Local Government | 105.5 | 104.5 | 113.6 | 1.0 | -8.1 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 63.0 | 62.4 | 69.5 | 0.6 | -6.5 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.5 | 42.1 | 44.1 | 0.4 | -1.6 |

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### Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**September 2020 - October 2020**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs increased 11,500 in October to total 1,243,900. Eight major industry sectors posted gains. **Professional and business services** added 4,000 jobs. Most of the expansion was in administrative and support services (+3,000), a subsector that includes employment agencies. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 3,800. A majority of the hiring occurred in retail trade (+3,900), as businesses prepare for the upcoming holiday shopping season. Employment in **manu- facturing** increased 1,000. Gains in durable goods (+1,400) more than offset the losses in nondurable goods (-400) manufacturing. **Construction** added 1,000 jobs, attributed in part to new and on-going large projects around the State.

**October 2019 - October 2020**

Compared to October 2019, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are down 42,600. Losses were reported in eight major industry sectors. Jobs in **manufacturing** dropped 16,200. Reductions were seen in both durable goods (-10,400) and nondurable goods (-5,800) manufacturing. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** declined 15,400. Losses occurred in all subsectors, with food services posting most of the decrease (-11,700). Jobs in **government** are down 8,600, all in local (-8,100) and state (-1,900) govern- ment. **Educational and health services** declined 7,700. All losses were in health care and social assis- tance (-7,700). Other notable contractions occurred in **other services** (-3,900) and **financial activities** (-1,900). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** posted the largest increase, adding 9,500 jobs. Most of the growth was in retail trade (+5,600) and transportation-warehousing-utilities (+3,700). Gains were also reported in **professional and business services** (+1,800) and in **construction** (+1,200).

**Over-the-Year Jobs Change by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

October 2019 vs October 2020

Trade-Transportation-Utilities

9,500

1,800

1,200

-600

-800

-1,900

-3,900

-7,700

-8,600

-15,400

6,200

Professional & Business

Construction

Information

Mining & Logging

Financial Activities

Other Services

Education & Health

Government

Leisure & Hospitality

Manufacturing -1

-20,000 -15,000 -10,000 -5,000 0 5,000 10,000 15,000

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### Production Workers - Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Oct 20**

Average Weekly Hours 38.8

Average Hourly Earnings 18.93

Average Weekly Earnings 734.48

**Sep 20**

38.7

18.87

730.27

**Oct 19**

41.7

18.59

775.20

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Oct 20**

Average Weekly Hours 38.2

Average Hourly Earnings 20.91

Average Weekly Earnings 798.76

**Sep 20**

36.7

21.48

788.32

**Oct 19**

44.0

20.98

923.12

**Oct 20**

Average Weekly Hours 39.3

Average Hourly Earnings 17.35

Average Weekly Earnings 681.86

**Sep 20**

40.3

16.96

683.49

**Oct 19**

39.8

16.30

648.74

$18.50

**Average Hourly Earnings in Nondurable Goods (Production Workers)**

October 2018 - October 2020

$18.00

$17.50

$17.00

$16.50

$16.00

$15.50

$15.00

$14.50

$14.00

Oct '18

Apr '19

Oct '19

Apr '20

Oct '20

#### 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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 20** | **Sep 20** | **Oct 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 343,608 | 349,820 | 358,233 | -6,212 | -14,625 |
| **Employment** | 321,559 | 322,401 | 347,822 | -842 | -26,263 |
| **Unemployment** | 22,049 | 27,419 | 10,411 | -5,370 | 11,638 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.4 | 7.8 | 2.9 | -1.4 | 3.5 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 20** | **Sep 20** | **Oct 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm 348.6 | 347.3 | 365.8 | 1.3 | -17.2 |
| Goods Producing 37.5 | 37.5 | 38.9 | 0.0 | -1.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 18.5** | **18.6** | **18.3** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 19.0** | **18.9** | **20.6** | **0.1** | **-1.6** |
| Service Providing 311.1 | 309.8 | 326.9 | 1.3 | -15.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 71.3** | **70.2** | **70.4** | **1.1** | **0.9** |
| Wholesale Trade 15.6 | 15.7 | 15.9 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| Retail Trade 38.5 | 37.4 | 37.7 | 1.1 | 0.8 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities 17.2 | 17.1 | 16.8 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Information 3.6** | **3.7** | **4.3** | **-0.1** | **-0.7** |
| **Financial Activities 21.2** | **21.1** | **21.9** | **0.1** | **-0.7** |
| **Professional & Business Services 46.8** | **46.5** | **49.0** | **0.3** | **-2.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services 54.9** | **54.5** | **58.4** | **0.4** | **-3.5** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 29.1** | **29.3** | **34.0** | **-0.2** | **-4.9** |
| **Other Services 17.3** | **17.4** | **18.4** | **-0.1** | **-1.1** |
| **Government 66.9** | **67.1** | **70.5** | **-0.2** | **-3.6** |
| Federal Government 10.1 | 10.6 | 9.7 | -0.5 | 0.4 |
| State Government 34.3 | 34.1 | 36.1 | 0.2 | -1.8 |
| Local Government 22.5 | 22.4 | 24.7 | 0.1 | -2.2 |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Number of Unemployed** | **Nonfarm Payroll Jobs** |
| 45,000 | January 2018 - October 2020 | October: 2010 - 2020  375,000 |
| 40,000 |  |  |

365,000

35,000

30,000

355,000

25,000

20,000

345,000

15,000

10,000

335,000

5,000 325,000

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315,000

2018 2019 2020



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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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 20** | **Sep 20** | **Oct 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 279,616 | 279,873 | 284,397 | -257 | -4,781 |
| **Employment** | 267,702 | 265,098 | 277,980 | 2,604 | -10,278 |
| **Unemployment** | 11,914 | 14,775 | 6,417 | -2,861 | 5,497 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3 | 5.3 | 2.3 | -1.0 | 2.0 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 20** | **Sep 20** | **Oct 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm 266.3 | 261.9 | 268.2 | 4.4 | -1.9 |
| Goods Producing 41.6 | 41.2 | 43.2 | 0.4 | -1.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 12.8** | **12.7** | **12.7** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 28.8** | **28.5** | **30.5** | **0.3** | **-1.7** |
| Service Providing 224.7 | 220.7 | 225.0 | 4.0 | -0.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 58.5** | **57.5** | **56.8** | **1.0** | **1.7** |
| Wholesale Trade 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Retail Trade 27.0 | 26.1 | 26.2 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities 19.0 | 18.9 | 18.4 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| **Information 1.9** | **1.9** | **2.1** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 8.3** | **8.2** | **8.4** | **0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 53.9** | **52.4** | **50.7** | **1.5** | **3.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services 28.3** | **27.6** | **30.0** | **0.7** | **-1.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 26.0** | **25.8** | **27.8** | **0.2** | **-1.8** |
| **Other Services 9.4** | **9.4** | **9.7** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Government 38.4** | **37.9** | **39.5** | **0.5** | **-1.1** |
| Federal Government 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.8 | -0.3 | 0.2 |
| State Government 16.9 | 16.5 | 17.3 | 0.4 | -0.4 |
| Local Government 18.5 | 18.1 | 19.4 | 0.4 | -0.9 |

**Unemployment Rates**

October: 2010 - 2020

7.0%

**Jobs in Service Providing Sectors**

October 2018 - October 2020

230,000

6.0%

220,000

5.0%

4.0%

210,000

3.0%

2.0% 200,000

1.0%

0.0%

190,000

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### 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 20** | **Sep 20** | **Oct 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 116,352 | 117,369 | 118,838 | -1,017 | -2,486 |
| **Employment** | 109,513 | 109,907 | 114,780 | -394 | -5,267 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,839 | 7,462 | 4,058 | -623 | 2,781 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.9 | 6.4 | 3.4 | -0.5 | 2.5 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 20** | **Sep 20** | **Oct 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm 109.7 | 109.0 | 113.6 | 0.7 | -3.9 |
| Goods Producing 22.1 | 22.0 | 23.4 | 0.1 | -1.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.7** | **5.7** | **6.0** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Manufacturing 16.4** | **16.3** | **17.4** | **0.1** | **-1.0** |
| Service Providing 87.6 | 87.0 | 90.2 | 0.6 | -2.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 23.5** | **23.2** | **23.2** | **0.3** | **0.3** |
| Wholesale Trade 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Retail Trade 12.9 | 12.9 | 12.5 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities 6.2 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Information 1.1** | **1.1** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 4.2** | **4.2** | **4.0** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.7** | **11.5** | **12.2** | **0.2** | **-0.5** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.7** | **16.6** | **17.3** | **0.1** | **-0.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 8.7** | **8.8** | **9.3** | **-0.1** | **-0.6** |
| **Other Services 4.4** | **4.3** | **4.5** | **0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Government 17.3** | **17.3** | **18.5** | **0.0** | **-1.2** |
| Federal Government 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.3 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| State Government 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| Local Government 13.2 | 13.1 | 14.1 | 0.1 | -0.9 |

**Number of Unemployed**

October: 2000 - 2010

12,000

10,000

8,000

6,000

4,000

2,000

0

'00 '02 '04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18 '20

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 20** | **Sep 20** | **Oct 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,001 | 41,883 | 40,921 | -882 | 80 |
| **Employment** | 37,908 | 37,893 | 39,546 | 15 | -1,638 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,093 | 3,990 | 1,375 | -897 | 1,718 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 7.5 | 9.5 | 3.4 | -2.0 | 4.1 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 20** | **Sep 20** | **Oct 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 38.6 | 38.2 | 39.3 | 0.4 | -0.7 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 34.1 | 33.7 | 34.6 | 0.4 | -0.5 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

37,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2018 - October 2020



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36,000

35,000

34,000

33,000

32,000

31,000

30,000

29,000

28,000

27,000

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| J F M A M J | J | A | S | O | N | D |
| 2018 2019 |  | 2020 |  |  |  |  |

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 20** | **Sep 20** | **Oct 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 67,040 | 67,841 | 66,775 | -801 | 265 |
| **Employment** | 63,842 | 63,755 | 65,129 | 87 | -1,287 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,198 | 4,086 | 1,646 | -888 | 1,552 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.8 | 6.0 | 2.5 | -1.2 | 2.3 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 20** | **Sep 20** | **Oct 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 61.9 | 61.5 | 61.1 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| 10.7 | 10.6 | 10.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| 51.2 | 50.9 | 50.8 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| 8.7 | 8.6 | 9.1 | 0.1 | -0.4 |

70,000

65,000

**Composition of the Civilian Labor Force**

October: 2010 - 2020

Civilian Labor Force = Employment + Unemployment

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

35,000

30,000



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2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Employment Unemployment

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### Pine Bluff MSA

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

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 20** | **Sep 20** | **Oct 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 33,639 | 34,218 | 34,975 | -579 | -1,336 |
| **Employment** | 30,936 | 30,986 | 33,388 | -50 | -2,452 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,703 | 3,232 | 1,587 | -529 | 1,116 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 8.0 | 9.4 | 4.5 | -1.4 | 3.5 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 20** | **Sep 20** | **Oct 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.4 | 31.4 | 32.9 | 0.0 | -1.5 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| 25.8 | 25.8 | 27.0 | 0.0 | -1.2 |
| 8.3 | 8.3 | 9.2 | 0.0 | -0.9 |

35,000

**Employment**

October 2018 - October 2020

34,000

33,000

32,000

31,000

30,000

29,000

28,000



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October

Oct '18

Apr '19

Oct '19

Apr '20

Oct '20

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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 20** | **Sep 20** | **Oct 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 658,003 | 650,913 | 645,219 | 7,090 | 12,784 |
| **Employment** | 594,403 | 591,288 | 620,195 | 3,115 | -25,792 |
| **Unemployment** | 63,600 | 59,625 | 25,024 | 3,975 | 38,576 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 9.7 | 9.2 | 3.9 | 0.5 | 5.8 |

##### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 20** | **Sep 20** | **Oct 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,373 | 66,017 | 65,251 | -644 | 122 |
| **Employment** | 61,424 | 61,259 | 62,690 | 165 | -1,266 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,949 | 4,758 | 2,561 | -809 | 1,388 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.0 | 7.2 | 3.9 | -1.2 | 2.1 |

**Memphis MSA - Number of Employed**

October: 2010 - 2020

640,000

**Texarkana MSA - Employment**

October 2018 - October 2020

64,000

62,000

620,000

60,000

600,000

58,000

580,000

56,000

54,000

560,000

52,000

540,000

50,000

520,000

48,000

Oct

Apr

Oct

Apr

Oct

'10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20



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October

'18

'19

'19

'20

'20

MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND CITIES

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**October 2020**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**September 2020**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,434 | 8,943 | 491 | 5.2 | 9,506 | 8,908 | 598 | 6.3 | 9,821 | 9,493 | 328 | 3.3 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,420 | 15,583 | 837 | 5.1 | 16,466 | 15,522 | 944 | 5.7 | 16,570 | 15,977 | 593 | 3.6 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,186 | 15,718 | 1,468 | 8.5 | 17,367 | 15,571 | 1,796 | 10.3 | 17,393 | 16,702 | 691 | 4.0 |
| Camden Micro | 11,866 | 11,258 | 608 | 5.1 | 11,930 | 11,195 | 735 | 6.2 | 12,299 | 11,785 | 514 | 4.2 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,393 | 14,191 | 1,202 | 7.8 | 15,616 | 14,137 | 1,479 | 9.5 | 15,816 | 15,082 | 734 | 4.6 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,075 | 7,454 | 621 | 7.7 | 8,144 | 7,398 | 746 | 9.2 | 8,181 | 7,832 | 349 | 4.3 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,000 | 18,172 | 828 | 4.4 | 19,125 | 18,126 | 999 | 5.2 | 19,443 | 18,888 | 555 | 2.9 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,223 | 5,675 | 548 | 8.8 | 6,236 | 5,604 | 632 | 10.1 | 6,336 | 6,000 | 336 | 5.3 |
| Hope Micro | 13,085 | 12,471 | 614 | 4.7 | 13,197 | 12,399 | 798 | 6.0 | 13,592 | 13,131 | 461 | 3.4 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,198 | 8,583 | 615 | 6.7 | 9,292 | 8,541 | 751 | 8.1 | 9,247 | 8,889 | 358 | 3.9 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,653 | 12,898 | 755 | 5.5 | 13,815 | 12,868 | 947 | 6.9 | 14,049 | 13,588 | 461 | 3.3 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 15,846 | 15,022 | 824 | 5.2 | 15,987 | 14,995 | 992 | 6.2 | 16,215 | 15,670 | 545 | 3.4 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,710 | 18,776 | 934 | 4.7 | 19,868 | 18,670 | 1,198 | 6.0 | 20,130 | 19,526 | 604 | 3.0 |
| Russellville Micro | 36,523 | 34,791 | 1,732 | 4.7 | 36,805 | 34,603 | 2,202 | 6.0 | 37,518 | 36,273 | 1,245 | 3.3 |
| Searcy Micro | 32,750 | 30,959 | 1,791 | 5.5 | 33,087 | 30,917 | 2,170 | 6.6 | 33,766 | 32,512 | 1,254 | 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

**City Labor Force Statistics**

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County Paragould Micro = Greene County Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties Searcy Micro = White County



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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Not Seasonally Adjusted**  **October 2020 September 2020 October 2019**  **City CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bella Vista | 12,243 | 11,569 | 674 | 5.5 | 12,279 | 11,459 | 820 | 6.7 | 12,375 | 12,028 | 347 | 2.8 |
| Benton | 16,634 | 15,806 | 828 | 5.0 | 16,816 | 15,858 | 958 | 5.7 | 17,563 | 17,102 | 461 | 2.6 |
| Bentonville | 26,825 | 25,799 | 1,026 | 3.8 | 26,939 | 25,555 | 1,384 | 5.1 | 27,369 | 26,822 | 547 | 2.0 |
| Blytheville | 5,976 | 5,294 | 682 | 11.4 | 6,037 | 5,244 | 793 | 13.1 | 5,894 | 5,625 | 269 | 4.6 |
| Cabot | 11,545 | 11,024 | 521 | 4.5 | 11,695 | 11,015 | 680 | 5.8 | 12,260 | 11,899 | 361 | 2.9 |
| Conway | 32,164 | 30,634 | 1,530 | 4.8 | 32,590 | 30,711 | 1,879 | 5.8 | 33,975 | 33,106 | 869 | 2.6 |
| El Dorado | 6,804 | 6,147 | 657 | 9.7 | 6,976 | 6,124 | 852 | 12.2 | 6,893 | 6,533 | 360 | 5.2 |
| Fayetteville | 48,279 | 45,871 | 2,408 | 5.0 | 48,528 | 45,450 | 3,078 | 6.3 | 48,730 | 47,658 | 1,072 | 2.2 |
| Fort Smith | 37,868 | 35,702 | 2,166 | 5.7 | 38,377 | 35,791 | 2,586 | 6.7 | 39,338 | 38,138 | 1,200 | 3.1 |
| Hot Springs | 14,853 | 13,476 | 1,377 | 9.3 | 15,207 | 13,470 | 1,737 | 11.4 | 14,636 | 14,058 | 578 | 3.9 |
| Jacksonville | 11,428 | 10,395 | 1,033 | 9.0 | 11,691 | 10,429 | 1,262 | 10.8 | 11,733 | 11,252 | 481 | 4.1 |
| Jonesboro | 40,014 | 37,943 | 2,071 | 5.2 | 40,597 | 37,930 | 2,667 | 6.6 | 39,683 | 38,716 | 967 | 2.4 |
| Little Rock | 94,913 | 87,478 | 7,435 | 7.8 | 97,352 | 87,765 | 9,587 | 9.8 | 97,643 | 94,691 | 2,952 | 3.0 |
| North Little Rock | 29,515 | 26,837 | 2,678 | 9.1 | 30,354 | 26,925 | 3,429 | 11.3 | 30,046 | 29,050 | 996 | 3.3 |
| Paragould | 12,579 | 11,863 | 716 | 5.7 | 12,710 | 11,797 | 913 | 7.2 | 12,736 | 12,337 | 399 | 3.1 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,162 | 14,443 | 1,719 | 10.6 | 16,543 | 14,491 | 2,052 | 12.4 | 16,574 | 15,622 | 952 | 5.7 |
| Rogers | 35,582 | 34,153 | 1,429 | 4.0 | 35,580 | 33,829 | 1,751 | 4.9 | 36,297 | 35,507 | 790 | 2.2 |
| Russellville | 13,035 | 12,492 | 543 | 4.2 | 13,119 | 12,447 | 672 | 5.1 | 13,471 | 13,034 | 437 | 3.2 |
| Searcy | 9,897 | 9,439 | 458 | 4.6 | 9,998 | 9,426 | 572 | 5.7 | 10,238 | 9,912 | 326 | 3.2 |
| Sherwood | 15,468 | 14,487 | 981 | 6.3 | 15,732 | 14,535 | 1,197 | 7.6 | 16,115 | 15,682 | 433 | 2.7 |
| Springdale | 39,423 | 37,787 | 1,636 | 4.1 | 39,501 | 37,439 | 2,062 | 5.2 | 40,159 | 39,261 | 898 | 2.2 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,552 | 12,618 | 934 | 6.9 | 13,740 | 12,608 | 1,132 | 8.2 | 13,554 | 13,057 | 497 | 3.7 |
| Van Buren | 9,995 | 9,513 | 482 | 4.8 | 10,140 | 9,519 | 621 | 6.1 | 10,450 | 10,155 | 295 | 2.8 |
| West Memphis | 10,497 | 9,481 | 1,016 | 9.7 | 10,709 | 9,384 | 1,325 | 12.4 | 10,593 | 10,127 | 466 | 4.4 |

#### COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **CLF** | **October 2020**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **September 2020**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **October 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,273 | 8,904 | 369 | 4.0 | 9,259 | 8,811 | 448 | 4.8 | 9,450 | 9,211 | 239 | 2.5 |
| Ashley | 7,381 | 6,705 | 676 | 9.2 | 7,422 | 6,653 | 769 | 10.4 | 7,592 | 7,265 | 327 | 4.3 |
| Baxter | 15,846 | 15,022 | 824 | 5.2 | 15,987 | 14,995 | 992 | 6.2 | 16,215 | 15,670 | 545 | 3.4 |
| Benton | 136,590 | 130,801 | 5,789 | 4.2 | 136,733 | 129,563 | 7,170 | 5.2 | 139,190 | 135,989 | 3,201 | 2.3 |
| Boone | 15,737 | 15,035 | 702 | 4.5 | 15,860 | 15,008 | 852 | 5.4 | 16,101 | 15,643 | 458 | 2.8 |
| Bradley | 4,401 | 4,176 | 225 | 5.1 | 4,377 | 4,114 | 263 | 6.0 | 4,516 | 4,362 | 154 | 3.4 |
| Calhoun | 2,389 | 2,276 | 113 | 4.7 | 2,375 | 2,249 | 126 | 5.3 | 2,459 | 2,377 | 82 | 3.3 |
| Carroll | 12,584 | 11,968 | 616 | 4.9 | 12,672 | 11,911 | 761 | 6.0 | 13,075 | 12,749 | 326 | 2.5 |
| Chicot | 3,191 | 2,842 | 349 | 10.9 | 3,180 | 2,792 | 388 | 12.2 | 3,279 | 3,097 | 182 | 5.6 |
| Clark | 9,434 | 8,943 | 491 | 5.2 | 9,506 | 8,908 | 598 | 6.3 | 9,821 | 9,493 | 328 | 3.3 |
| Clay | 5,479 | 5,224 | 255 | 4.7 | 5,460 | 5,143 | 317 | 5.8 | 5,642 | 5,429 | 213 | 3.8 |
| Cleburne | 8,933 | 8,345 | 588 | 6.6 | 9,022 | 8,331 | 691 | 7.7 | 9,160 | 8,779 | 381 | 4.2 |
| Cleveland | 3,115 | 2,918 | 197 | 6.3 | 3,135 | 2,906 | 229 | 7.3 | 3,243 | 3,128 | 115 | 3.5 |
| Columbia | 9,198 | 8,583 | 615 | 6.7 | 9,292 | 8,541 | 751 | 8.1 | 9,247 | 8,889 | 358 | 3.9 |
| Conway | 8,011 | 7,583 | 428 | 5.3 | 8,086 | 7,569 | 517 | 6.4 | 8,340 | 8,030 | 310 | 3.7 |
| Craighead | 56,588 | 53,899 | 2,689 | 4.8 | 57,336 | 53,881 | 3,455 | 6.0 | 56,337 | 54,998 | 1,339 | 2.4 |
| Crawford | 25,774 | 24,468 | 1,306 | 5.1 | 26,083 | 24,483 | 1,600 | 6.1 | 26,915 | 26,121 | 794 | 3.0 |
| Crittenden | 21,019 | 19,342 | 1,677 | 8.0 | 21,314 | 19,144 | 2,170 | 10.2 | 21,432 | 20,660 | 772 | 3.6 |
| Cross | 7,323 | 6,903 | 420 | 5.7 | 7,316 | 6,832 | 484 | 6.6 | 7,469 | 7,195 | 274 | 3.7 |
| Dallas | 2,682 | 2,558 | 124 | 4.6 | 2,699 | 2,541 | 158 | 5.9 | 2,841 | 2,729 | 112 | 3.9 |
| Desha | 5,294 | 4,934 | 360 | 6.8 | 5,301 | 4,858 | 443 | 8.4 | 5,462 | 5,258 | 204 | 3.7 |
| Drew | 7,623 | 7,150 | 473 | 6.2 | 7,643 | 7,074 | 569 | 7.4 | 7,952 | 7,612 | 340 | 4.3 |
| Faulkner | 58,965 | 56,095 | 2,870 | 4.9 | 59,711 | 56,236 | 3,475 | 5.8 | 62,297 | 60,622 | 1,675 | 2.7 |
| Franklin | 7,349 | 6,974 | 375 | 5.1 | 7,396 | 6,935 | 461 | 6.2 | 7,554 | 7,328 | 226 | 3.0 |
| Fulton | 4,954 | 4,732 | 222 | 4.5 | 4,983 | 4,724 | 259 | 5.2 | 4,956 | 4,797 | 159 | 3.2 |
| Garland | 41,001 | 37,908 | 3,093 | 7.5 | 41,883 | 37,893 | 3,990 | 9.5 | 40,921 | 39,546 | 1,375 | 3.4 |
| Grant | 7,936 | 7,553 | 383 | 4.8 | 8,014 | 7,545 | 469 | 5.9 | 8,417 | 8,174 | 243 | 2.9 |
| Greene | 19,710 | 18,776 | 934 | 4.7 | 19,868 | 18,670 | 1,198 | 6.0 | 20,130 | 19,526 | 604 | 3.0 |
| Hempstead | 9,559 | 9,130 | 429 | 4.5 | 9,620 | 9,068 | 552 | 5.7 | 9,943 | 9,611 | 332 | 3.3 |
| Hot Spring | 13,653 | 12,898 | 755 | 5.5 | 13,815 | 12,868 | 947 | 6.9 | 14,049 | 13,588 | 461 | 3.3 |
| Howard | 5,474 | 5,219 | 255 | 4.7 | 5,480 | 5,158 | 322 | 5.9 | 5,733 | 5,578 | 155 | 2.7 |
| Independence | 16,420 | 15,583 | 837 | 5.1 | 16,466 | 15,522 | 944 | 5.7 | 16,570 | 15,977 | 593 | 3.6 |
| Izard | 4,756 | 4,431 | 325 | 6.8 | 4,809 | 4,416 | 393 | 8.2 | 4,857 | 4,644 | 213 | 4.4 |
| Jackson | 5,534 | 5,168 | 366 | 6.6 | 5,518 | 5,089 | 429 | 7.8 | 5,884 | 5,540 | 344 | 5.8 |
| Jefferson | 26,739 | 24,444 | 2,295 | 8.6 | 27,277 | 24,526 | 2,751 | 10.1 | 27,765 | 26,440 | 1,325 | 4.8 |
| Johnson | 9,931 | 9,403 | 528 | 5.3 | 10,002 | 9,351 | 651 | 6.5 | 10,237 | 9,862 | 375 | 3.7 |
| Lafayette | 2,469 | 2,269 | 200 | 8.1 | 2,481 | 2,245 | 236 | 9.5 | 2,463 | 2,358 | 105 | 4.3 |
| Lawrence | 6,911 | 6,530 | 381 | 5.5 | 6,949 | 6,467 | 482 | 6.9 | 6,897 | 6,661 | 236 | 3.4 |
| Lee | 2,759 | 2,563 | 196 | 7.1 | 2,753 | 2,506 | 247 | 9.0 | 2,854 | 2,742 | 112 | 3.9 |
| Lincoln | 3,785 | 3,574 | 211 | 5.6 | 3,806 | 3,554 | 252 | 6.6 | 3,967 | 3,820 | 147 | 3.7 |
| Little River | 5,432 | 5,111 | 321 | 5.9 | 5,491 | 5,104 | 387 | 7.0 | 5,519 | 5,308 | 211 | 3.8 |
| Logan | 8,155 | 7,663 | 492 | 6.0 | 8,210 | 7,619 | 591 | 7.2 | 8,597 | 8,245 | 352 | 4.1 |
| Lonoke | 32,749 | 31,012 | 1,737 | 5.3 | 33,045 | 30,989 | 2,056 | 6.2 | 34,462 | 33,475 | 987 | 2.9 |
| Madison | 7,448 | 7,158 | 290 | 3.9 | 7,368 | 7,026 | 342 | 4.6 | 7,577 | 7,398 | 179 | 2.4 |
| Marion | 6,494 | 6,134 | 360 | 5.5 | 6,566 | 6,135 | 431 | 6.6 | 6,636 | 6,399 | 237 | 3.6 |
| Miller | 19,543 | 18,363 | 1,180 | 6.0 | 19,736 | 18,348 | 1,388 | 7.0 | 19,685 | 19,002 | 683 | 3.5 |

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COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **CLF** | **October 2020**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **September 2020**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **October 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 17,186 | 15,718 | 1,468 | 8.5 | 17,367 | 15,571 | 1,796 | 10.3 | 17,393 | 16,702 | 691 | 4.0 |
| Monroe | 2,742 | 2,559 | 183 | 6.7 | 2,727 | 2,512 | 215 | 7.9 | 2,767 | 2,661 | 106 | 3.8 |
| Montgomery | 2,905 | 2,726 | 179 | 6.2 | 2,891 | 2,671 | 220 | 7.6 | 2,941 | 2,819 | 122 | 4.1 |
| Nevada | 3,526 | 3,341 | 185 | 5.2 | 3,577 | 3,331 | 246 | 6.9 | 3,649 | 3,520 | 129 | 3.5 |
| Newton | 3,263 | 3,137 | 126 | 3.9 | 3,265 | 3,118 | 147 | 4.5 | 3,342 | 3,245 | 97 | 2.9 |
| Ouachita | 9,477 | 8,982 | 495 | 5.2 | 9,555 | 8,946 | 609 | 6.4 | 9,840 | 9,408 | 432 | 4.4 |
| Perry | 4,018 | 3,823 | 195 | 4.9 | 4,065 | 3,822 | 243 | 6.0 | 4,245 | 4,108 | 137 | 3.2 |
| Phillips | 6,223 | 5,675 | 548 | 8.8 | 6,236 | 5,604 | 632 | 10.1 | 6,336 | 6,000 | 336 | 5.3 |
| Pike | 4,221 | 3,986 | 235 | 5.6 | 4,222 | 3,939 | 283 | 6.7 | 4,245 | 4,098 | 147 | 3.5 |
| Poinsett | 10,452 | 9,943 | 509 | 4.9 | 10,505 | 9,874 | 631 | 6.0 | 10,438 | 10,131 | 307 | 2.9 |
| Polk | 7,938 | 7,475 | 463 | 5.8 | 7,968 | 7,407 | 561 | 7.0 | 8,159 | 7,837 | 322 | 3.9 |
| Pope | 28,246 | 26,869 | 1,377 | 4.9 | 28,515 | 26,772 | 1,743 | 6.1 | 29,011 | 28,034 | 977 | 3.4 |
| Prairie | 3,540 | 3,358 | 182 | 5.1 | 3,516 | 3,313 | 203 | 5.8 | 3,612 | 3,484 | 128 | 3.5 |
| Pulaski | 184,127 | 169,937 | 14,190 | 7.7 | 188,412 | 170,495 | 17,917 | 9.5 | 189,786 | 183,949 | 5,837 | 3.1 |
| Randolph | 7,298 | 6,911 | 387 | 5.3 | 7,360 | 6,874 | 486 | 6.6 | 7,382 | 7,152 | 230 | 3.1 |
| St. Francis | 8,075 | 7,454 | 621 | 7.7 | 8,144 | 7,398 | 746 | 9.2 | 8,181 | 7,832 | 349 | 4.3 |
| Saline | 55,813 | 53,139 | 2,674 | 4.8 | 56,573 | 53,314 | 3,259 | 5.8 | 59,026 | 57,494 | 1,532 | 2.6 |
| Scott | 4,299 | 4,112 | 187 | 4.3 | 4,275 | 4,060 | 215 | 5.0 | 4,346 | 4,212 | 134 | 3.1 |
| Searcy | 2,807 | 2,657 | 150 | 5.3 | 2,839 | 2,658 | 181 | 6.4 | 2,848 | 2,728 | 120 | 4.2 |
| Sebastian | 54,456 | 51,449 | 3,007 | 5.5 | 55,260 | 51,577 | 3,683 | 6.7 | 56,640 | 54,959 | 1,681 | 3.0 |
| Sevier | 5,427 | 5,122 | 305 | 5.6 | 5,432 | 5,077 | 355 | 6.5 | 5,549 | 5,311 | 238 | 4.3 |
| Sharp | 5,664 | 5,303 | 361 | 6.4 | 5,714 | 5,299 | 415 | 7.3 | 5,723 | 5,470 | 253 | 4.4 |
| Stone | 4,672 | 4,366 | 306 | 6.5 | 4,657 | 4,318 | 339 | 7.3 | 4,680 | 4,504 | 176 | 3.8 |
| Union | 15,393 | 14,191 | 1,202 | 7.8 | 15,616 | 14,137 | 1,479 | 9.5 | 15,816 | 15,082 | 734 | 4.6 |
| Van Buren | 5,634 | 5,259 | 375 | 6.7 | 5,687 | 5,255 | 432 | 7.6 | 5,698 | 5,453 | 245 | 4.3 |
| Washington | 124,840 | 119,372 | 5,468 | 4.4 | 125,134 | 118,275 | 6,859 | 5.5 | 126,763 | 124,020 | 2,743 | 2.2 |
| White | 32,750 | 30,959 | 1,791 | 5.5 | 33,087 | 30,917 | 2,170 | 6.6 | 33,766 | 32,512 | 1,254 | 3.7 |
| Woodruff | 2,699 | 2,540 | 159 | 5.9 | 2,654 | 2,486 | 168 | 6.3 | 2,803 | 2,678 | 125 | 4.5 |
| Yell | 8,277 | 7,922 | 355 | 4.3 | 8,290 | 7,831 | 459 | 5.5 | 8,507 | 8,239 | 268 | 3.2 |

### County Labor Force Summary

Between September and October, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Job- less rates ranged from a low of 3.9 percent in Madison and Newton counties to a high of 10.9 percent in Chicot County.

In October, twelve counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is down sharpy from the 28 counties at or above seven percent last month. For the first time since March, three counties posted jobless rates at or below four percent.

Compared to October 2019, all 75 Arkansas counties posted unemployment rate increases. Gains ranged from as low as seven-tenths of a percentage point in Dallas County to as much as a five and three-tenths of a percentage point increase in Chicot County. On average, jobless rates in Arkansas counties are up two and two-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

### County Unemployment Rates



**Rank County**

1 Madison

1 Newton

1. Arkansas
2. Benton
3. Scott

5 Yell

1. Washington
2. Boone

8 Fulton

8 Hempstead

1. Dallas
2. Calhoun

12 Clay

12 Greene

12 Howard

16 Craighead

16 Grant

16 Saline

19 Carroll

19 Faulkner

19 Perry

19 Poinsett

19 Pope

24 Bradley

24 Crawford

**Rate**

3.9

3.9

4.0

4.2

4.3

4.3

4.4

4.5

4.5

4.5

4.6

4.7

4.7

4.7

4.7

4.8

4.8

4.8

4.9

4.9

4.9

4.9

4.9

5.1

5.1

**Rank County Rate**

24 Franklin 5.1

24 Independence 5.1

24 Prairie 5.1

29 Baxter 5.2

29 Clark 5.2

29 Nevada 5.2

29 Ouachita 5.2

33 Conway 5.3

33 Johnson 5.3

33 Lonoke 5.3

33 Randolph 5.3

33 Searcy 5.3

38 Hot Spring 5.5

38 Lawrence 5.5

38 Marion 5.5

38 Sebastian 5.5

38 White 5.5

43 Lincoln 5.6

43 Pike 5.6

43 Sevier 5.6

1. Cross 5.7
2. Polk 5.8
3. Little River 5.9

48 Woodruff 5.9

50 Logan 6.0

**Rank County**

50 Miller

52 Drew

52 Montgomery

1. Cleveland
2. Sharp
3. Stone
4. Cleburne

57 Jackson

59 Columbia

59 Monroe

59 Van Buren

62 Desha

62 Izard

1. Lee
2. Garland
3. Pulaski

66 St. Francis

1. Union
2. Crittenden
3. Lafayette
4. Mississippi
5. Jefferson
6. Phillips
7. Ashley
8. Chicot

**Rate**

6.0

6.2

6.2

6.3

6.4

6.5

6.6

6.6

6.7

6.7

6.7

6.8

6.8

7.1

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7.7

7.8

8.0

8.1

8.5

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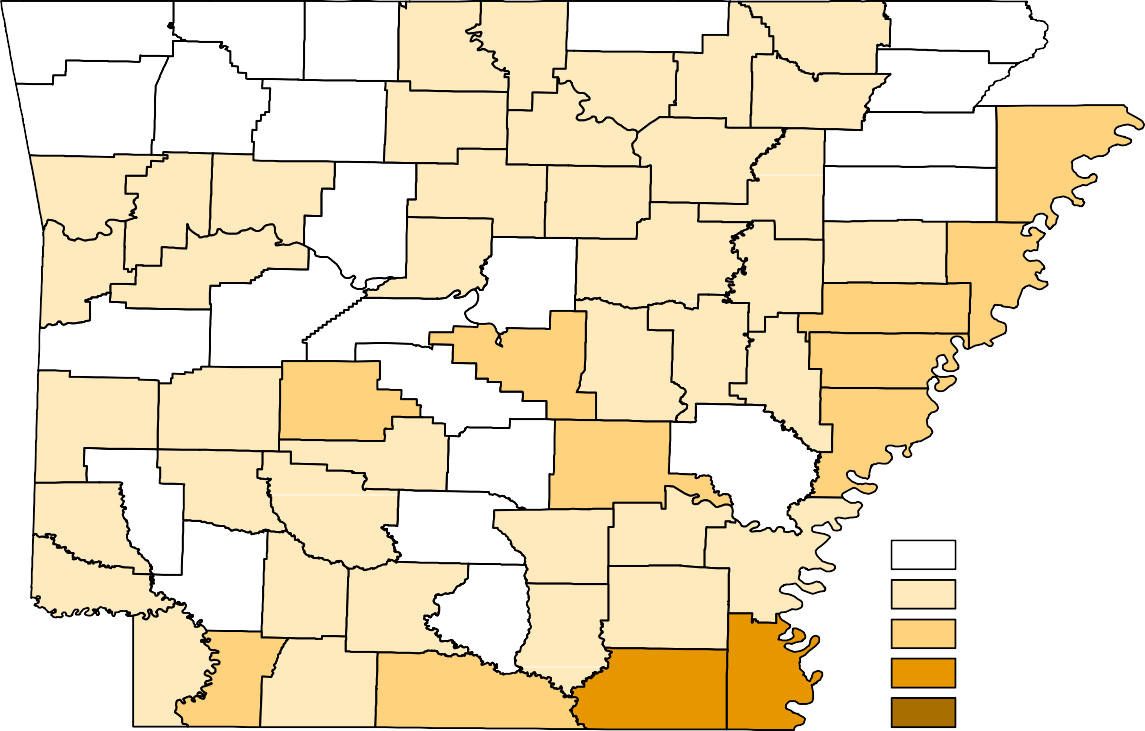
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**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Greene**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Crawford Franklin Johnson**

**Jackson**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Van Buren**

**Conway**

**Cleburne**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Faulkner**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland Lincoln**

**Little River**

**Hempstead**

**Nevada Ouachita**

**Desha**

**Calhoun**

**Bradley**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 5.0% 5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0%

9.1% - 11.0%

> 11.0% [NONE]

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

**October 2020 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

#### LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**LWDA**

**CLF**

**October 2020**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**September 2020**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 243,023 228,622

City of Little Rock 94,913 87,478

Eastern 45,399 41,937

North Central 92,016 86,686

Northeast 123,624 117,001

Northwest 325,609 311,284

Southeast 78,738 73,200

Southwest 90,569 85,145

West Central 129,697 122,061

Western 107,971 102,141

14,401 5.9

7,435 7.8

3,462 7.6

5,330 5.8

6,623 5.4

14,325 4.4

5,538 7.0

5,424 6.0

7,636 5.9

5,830 5.4

246,632 229,094 17,538 7.1

97,352 87,765 9,587 9.8

45,763 41,484 4,279 9.4

92,597 86,357 6,240 6.7

124,845 116,480 8,365 6.7

326,424 308,689 17,735 5.4

79,414 72,833 6,581 8.3

91,354 84,745 6,609 7.2

131,275 121,624 9,651 7.4

109,192 102,081 7,111 6.5

254,307 246,994 7,313 2.9

97,643 94,691 2,952 3.0

46,272 44,429 1,843 4.0

94,097 90,354 3,743 4.0

124,219 120,599 3,620 2.9

331,747 323,841 7,906 2.4

81,643 78,367 3,276 4.0

92,744 89,173 3,571 3.9

132,317 127,817 4,500 3.4

112,211 108,702 3,509 3.1



**Benton**

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**Marion**

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**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

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North Central

Northeast Northwest Southeast

Southwest West Central Western