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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.



SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

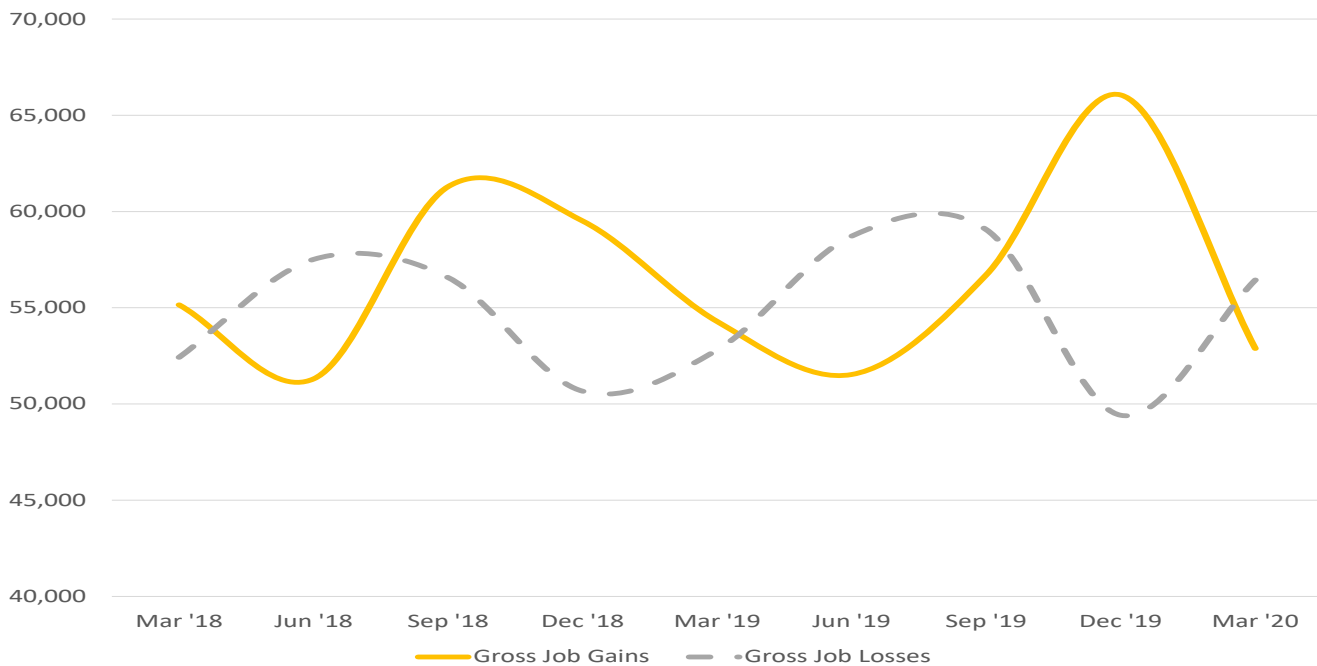
Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced 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)					
Quarter Ending					
Category	Mar 19	Jun 19	Sep 19	Dec 19	Mar 20*
Employment Levels					
Gross job gains.....	54,288	51,536	56,712	66,058	52,888
Gross job losses.....	52,811	58,717	59,055	49,413	56,439
Net Change.....	1,477	-7,181	-2,343	16,645	-3,551

*Most recent BED data available is for 1st Quarter 2020

Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)
1st Quarter 2018 - 1st Quarter 2020





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STATE OF ARKANSAS Civilian Labor Force Summary

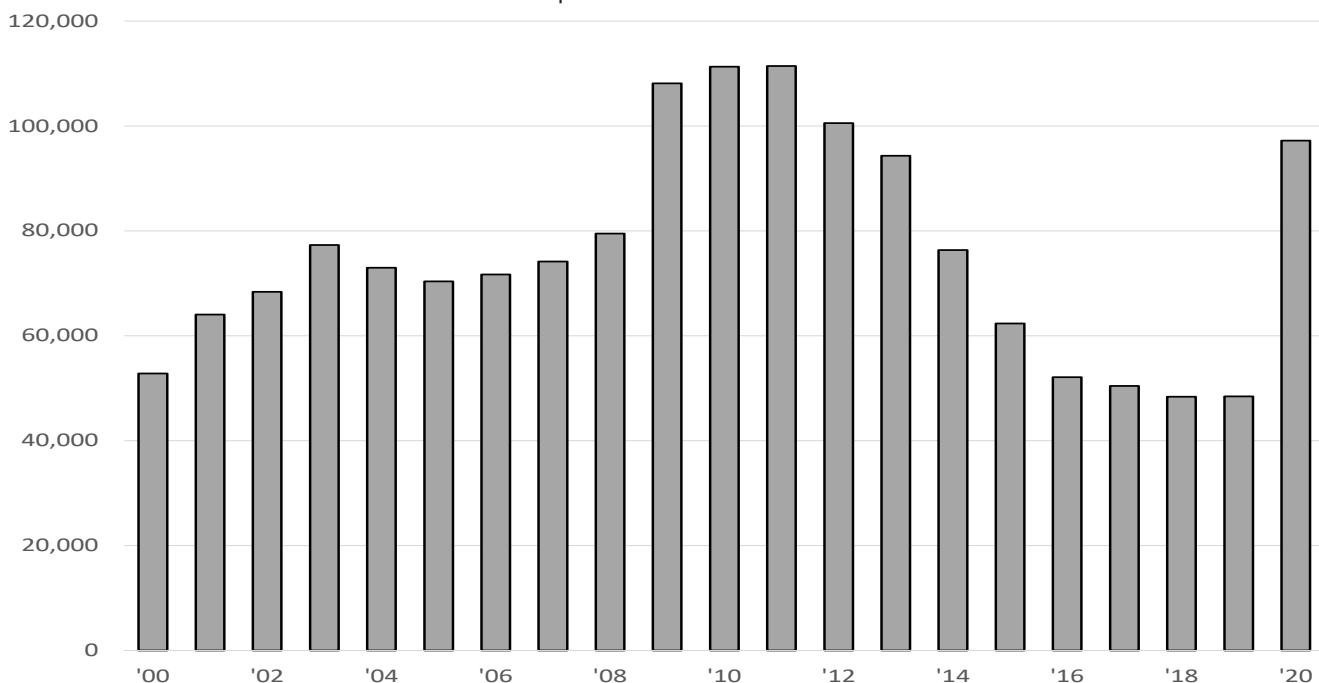
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 7.4 percent in August to 7.3 percent in September. Arkansas' civilian labor force decreased 7,717, a result of 5,391 fewer employed and 2,326 fewer unemployed Arkansans. At 7.9 percent, the United States' jobless rate dropped five-tenths of a percentage in September.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point in September. Employment and unemployment both declined slightly, as Arkansans continue to move in and out of the labor force."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Sep 20	Aug 20	Sep 19		Sep 20	Aug 20	Sep 19
Civilian Labor Force	1,335,469	1,343,186	1,363,257	Civilian Labor Force	1,336,989	1,345,569	1,364,706
Employment	1,238,278	1,243,669	1,314,807	Employment	1,243,382	1,246,018	1,319,239
Unemployment	97,191	99,517	48,450	Unemployment	93,607	99,551	45,467
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.4	3.6	Unemployment Rate	7.0	7.4	3.3
U.S. Unemployment	7.9	8.4	3.5	U.S. Unemployment	7.7	8.5	3.3

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

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Sep 20</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1232.4	1219.2	1279.2	13.2	-46.8
Goods Producing	205.3	203.9	221.1	1.4	-15.8
Mining, Logging, & Construction	59.8	59.6	59.6	0.2	0.2
Mining & Logging	5.1	5.2	6.0	-0.1	-0.9
Construction	54.7	54.4	53.6	0.3	1.1
Specialty Trade Contractors	34.7	34.7	33.8	0.0	0.9
Manufacturing	145.5	144.3	161.5	1.2	-16.0
Durable Goods	65.2	63.8	76.4	1.4	-11.2
Nondurable Goods	80.3	80.5	85.1	-0.2	-4.8
Service Providing	1027.1	1015.3	1058.1	11.8	-31.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	257.5	258.4	251.1	-0.9	6.4
Wholesale Trade	48.9	48.8	47.3	0.1	1.6
Retail Trade	137.2	138.8	135.8	-1.6	1.4
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	71.4	70.8	68.0	0.6	3.4
Information	10.6	10.5	11.1	0.1	-0.5
Financial Activities	61.0	61.1	62.6	-0.1	-1.6
Finance & Insurance	47.8	47.8	48.8	0.0	-1.0
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.2	13.3	13.8	-0.1	-0.6
Professional & Business Services	144.9	145.0	145.1	-0.1	-0.2
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.7	44.3	43.9	-0.6	-0.2
Management of Companies	36.2	36.0	33.8	0.2	2.4
Administrative & Support Services	65.0	64.7	67.4	0.3	-2.4
Educational & Health Services	187.7	182.6	194.5	5.1	-6.8
Educational Services	16.2	14.1	16.2	2.1	0.0
Health Care & Social Assistance	171.5	168.5	178.3	3.0	-6.8
Ambulatory Health Care	59.9	59.0	59.8	0.9	0.1
Social Assistance	37.9	36.1	39.5	1.8	-1.6
Leisure & Hospitality	104.2	104.9	121.2	-0.7	-17.0
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	10.6	11.8	11.5	-1.2	-0.9
Accommodation & Food Services	93.6	93.1	109.7	0.5	-16.1
Accommodation Services	8.7	8.8	11.7	-0.1	-3.0
Food Services	84.9	84.3	98.0	0.6	-13.1
Other Services	56.1	56.4	59.5	-0.3	-3.4
Government	205.1	196.4	213.0	8.7	-7.9
Federal Government	23.3	24.1	20.6	-0.8	2.7
State Government	77.2	73.0	79.3	4.2	-2.1
State Gov, Educational Services	30.6	25.8	31.3	4.8	-0.7
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.6	47.2	48.0	-0.6	-1.4
Local Government	104.6	99.3	113.1	5.3	-8.5
Local Gov, Educational Services	62.6	57.1	68.6	5.5	-6.0
Local Gov, Excluding Education	42.0	42.2	44.5	-0.2	-2.5



STATE OF ARKANSAS Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

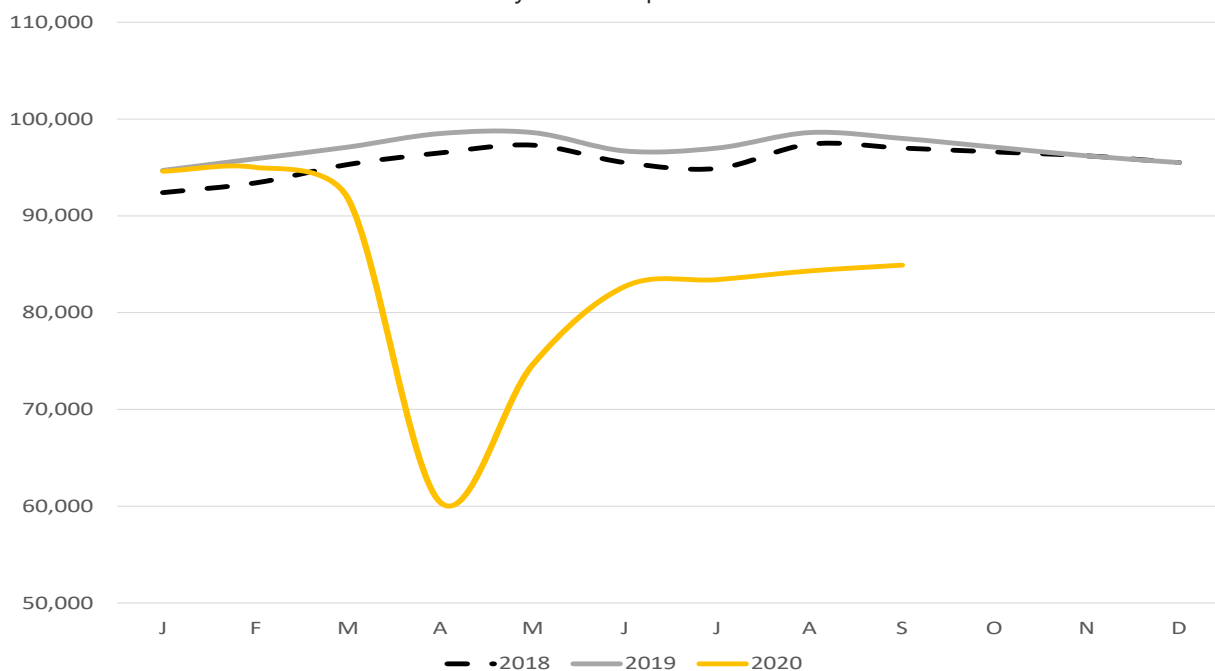
August 2020 - September 2020

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 13,200 in September to total 1,232,400. Five major industry sectors added jobs, related in large part to seasonal hiring. Jobs in **government** rose 8,700. All gains were in local government, educational services (+5,500) and state government, educational services (+4,800), due to returning staff at public schools and universities. **Educational and health services** added 5,100 jobs. Expansions were posted in both health care and social assistance (+3,000) and educational services (+2,100). Employment in **manufacturing** rose 1,200. All additions were in durable goods (+1,400), with reported hiring in fabricated metal product manufacturing and in transportation equipment manufacturing.

September 2019 - September 2020

Compared to September 2019, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment has declined 46,800. Nine major industry sectors posted job losses. The largest decrease was in **leisure and hospitality** (-17,000), mostly in food services (-13,100). Jobs in **manufacturing** declined 16,000. Most of the contractions were in durable goods manufacturing (-11,200). **Government** employment is down 7,900. Losses were reported in both local (-8,500) and state (-2,100) government. Employment in **educational and health services** decreased 6,800, all in health care and social assistance. Notable declines were also reported in **other services** (-3,400) and **financial activities** (-1,600). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** posted the largest annual increase, adding 6,400 jobs. Expansions were reported in all subsectors. Jobs in **construction** rose 1,100. Most of the hiring occurred in specialty trade contractors (+900), which includes activities such as roofing, electrical, and flooring contractors.

Jobs in Food Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
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Production Workers - Hours and Earnings

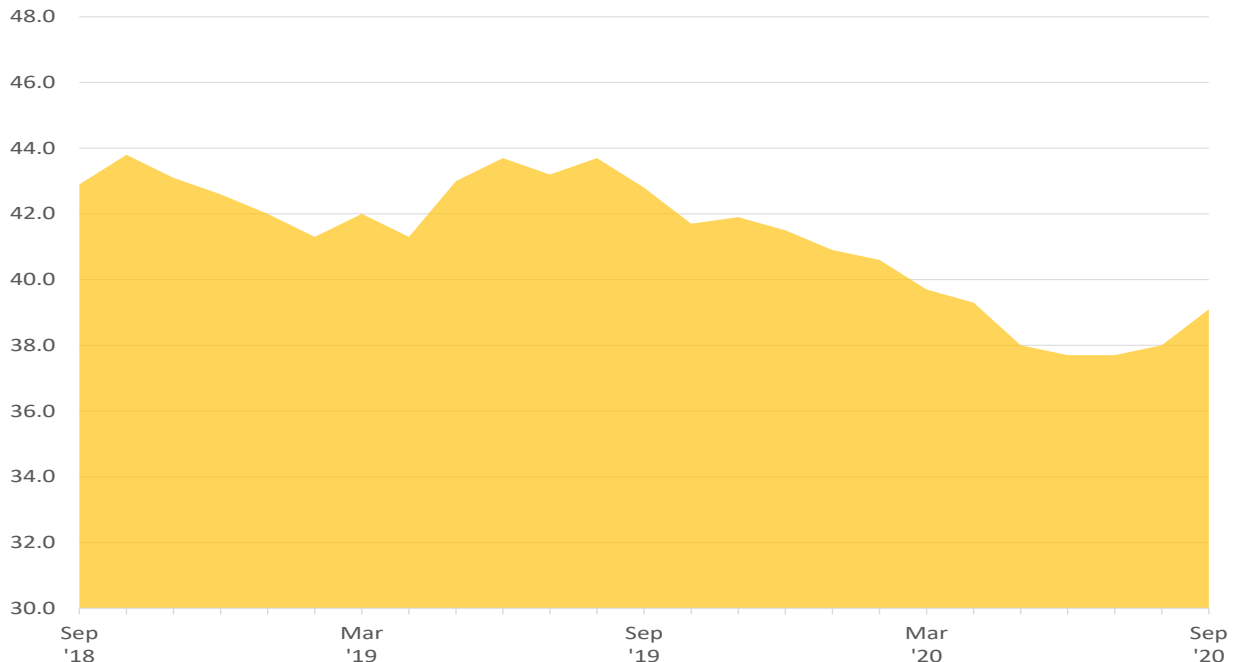
Manufacturing

	<u>Sep 20</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.1	38.0	42.8
Average Hourly Earnings	18.90	18.42	18.70
Average Weekly Earnings	738.99	699.96	797.36

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

	Durable Goods Manufacturing			Nondurable Goods Manufacturing		
	<u>Sep 20</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Sep 20</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>
Average Weekly Hours	38.0	37.2	42.1	40.0	38.7	43.5
Average Hourly Earnings	21.33	20.48	21.07	17.02	16.89	16.57
Average Weekly Earnings	810.54	761.86	887.05	680.80	653.64	720.80

Average Weekly Hours Worked- 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)

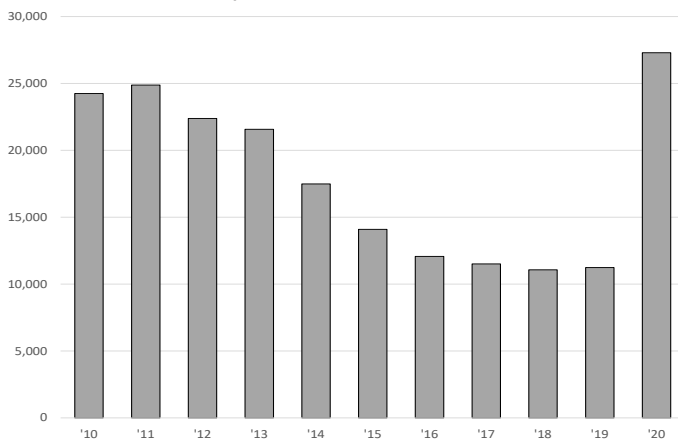
	Sep 20	Aug 20	Sep 19	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	348,307	351,783	356,936	-3,476	-8,629
Employment	321,012	322,324	345,703	-1,312	-24,691
Unemployment	27,295	29,459	11,233	-2,164	16,062
Unemployment Rate	7.8	8.4	3.1	-0.6	4.7

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

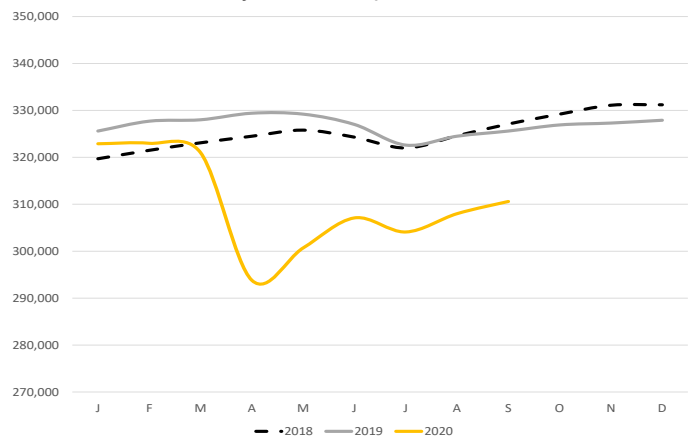
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 20	Aug 20	Sep 19	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	348.0	345.7	364.3	2.3	-16.3
Goods Producing	37.4	37.7	38.7	-0.3	-1.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.5	18.8	18.1	-0.3	0.4
Manufacturing	18.9	18.9	20.6	0.0	-1.7
Service Providing	310.6	308.0	325.6	2.6	-15.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	70.0	70.4	69.9	-0.4	0.1
Wholesale Trade	15.6	15.6	15.8	0.0	-0.2
Retail Trade	37.3	37.8	37.3	-0.5	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.1	17.0	16.8	0.1	0.3
Information	3.7	3.7	4.3	0.0	-0.6
Financial Activities	21.1	21.2	21.9	-0.1	-0.8
Professional & Business Services	46.4	46.9	47.8	-0.5	-1.4
Educational & Health Services	55.1	53.1	58.7	2.0	-3.6
Leisure & Hospitality	29.3	30.2	34.2	-0.9	-4.9
Other Services	17.5	17.6	18.5	-0.1	-1.0
Government	67.5	64.9	70.3	2.6	-2.8
Federal Government	10.6	10.7	9.7	-0.1	0.9
State Government	34.1	33.2	35.9	0.9	-1.8
Local Government	22.8	21.0	24.7	1.8	-1.9

Number of Unemployed
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Jobs in Service Providing Industries
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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)

	Sep 20	Aug 20	Sep 19	OTM	OTY
Civilian Labor Force	277,856	278,306	282,574	-450	-4,718
Employment	263,041	262,407	275,755	634	-12,714
Unemployment	14,815	15,899	6,819	-1,084	7,996
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.7	2.4	-0.4	2.9

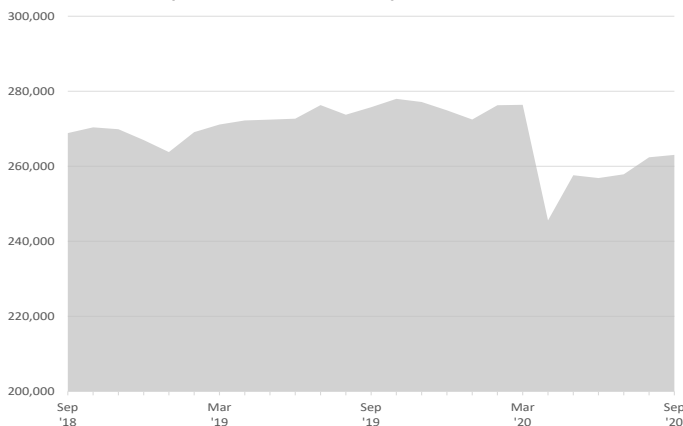
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 20	Aug 20	Sep 19	OTM	OTY
Total Nonfarm	261.4	257.8	266.3	3.6	-4.9
Goods Producing	41.2	41.3	42.8	-0.1	-1.6
Mining, Logging & Construction	12.7	12.6	12.6	0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	28.5	28.7	30.2	-0.2	-1.7
Service Providing	220.2	216.5	223.5	3.7	-3.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	57.7	57.7	56.6	0.0	1.1
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.5	12.2	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	26.2	26.5	26.1	-0.3	0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	19.0	18.7	18.3	0.3	0.7
Information	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	8.2	8.3	8.4	-0.1	-0.2
Professional & Business Services	51.8	51.4	50.5	0.4	1.3
Educational & Health Services	27.7	27.1	30.1	0.6	-2.4
Leisure & Hospitality	25.7	25.8	27.9	-0.1	-2.2
Other Services	9.4	9.4	9.6	0.0	-0.2
Government	37.8	34.9	38.4	2.9	-0.6
Federal Government	3.3	3.5	2.7	-0.2	0.6
State Government	16.5	14.2	16.9	2.3	-0.4
Local Government	18.0	17.2	18.8	0.8	-0.8

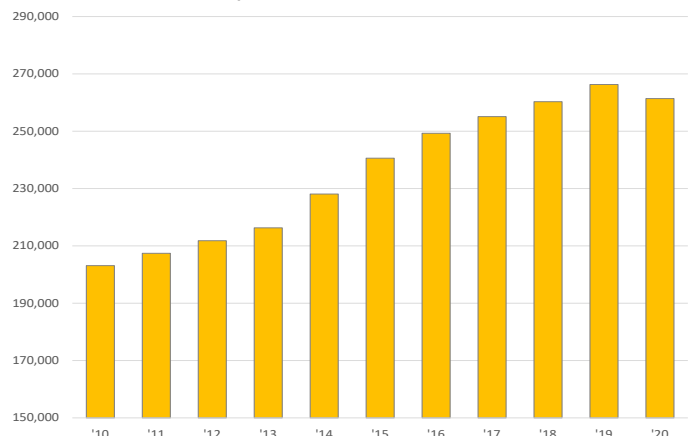
Employment

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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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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)

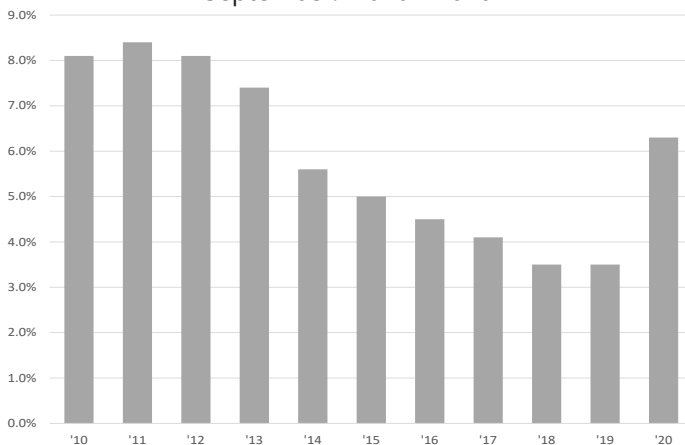
	Sep 20	Aug 20	Sep 19	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	117,038	117,282	118,583	-244	-1,545
Employment	109,652	109,552	114,487	100	-4,835
Unemployment	7,386	7,730	4,096	-344	3,290
Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.6	3.5	-0.3	2.8

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 20	Aug 20	Sep 19	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	109.2	109.3	113.5	-0.1	-4.3
Goods Producing	22.0	22.2	23.4	-0.2	-1.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.7	5.8	6.0	-0.1	-0.3
Manufacturing	16.3	16.4	17.4	-0.1	-1.1
Service Providing	87.2	87.1	90.1	0.1	-2.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.1	23.7	23.0	-0.6	0.1
Wholesale Trade	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	12.9	13.5	12.2	-0.6	0.7
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	5.9	5.9	6.6	0.0	-0.7
Information	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.1	0.0
Financial Activities	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	0.2
Professional & Business Services	11.6	11.5	12.2	0.1	-0.6
Educational & Health Services	16.6	16.5	17.3	0.1	-0.7
Leisure & Hospitality	8.9	9.0	9.4	-0.1	-0.5
Other Services	4.3	4.3	4.5	0.0	-0.2
Government	17.3	16.8	18.5	0.5	-1.2
Federal Government	1.5	1.5	1.3	0.0	0.2
State Government	2.7	2.7	3.1	0.0	-0.4
Local Government	13.1	12.6	14.1	0.5	-1.0

Unemployment Rates
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Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality
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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Sep 20</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,668	42,482	41,040	-814	628
Employment	37,660	38,179	39,588	-519	-1,928
Unemployment	4,008	4,303	1,452	-295	2,556
Unemployment Rate	9.6	10.1	3.5	-0.5	6.1

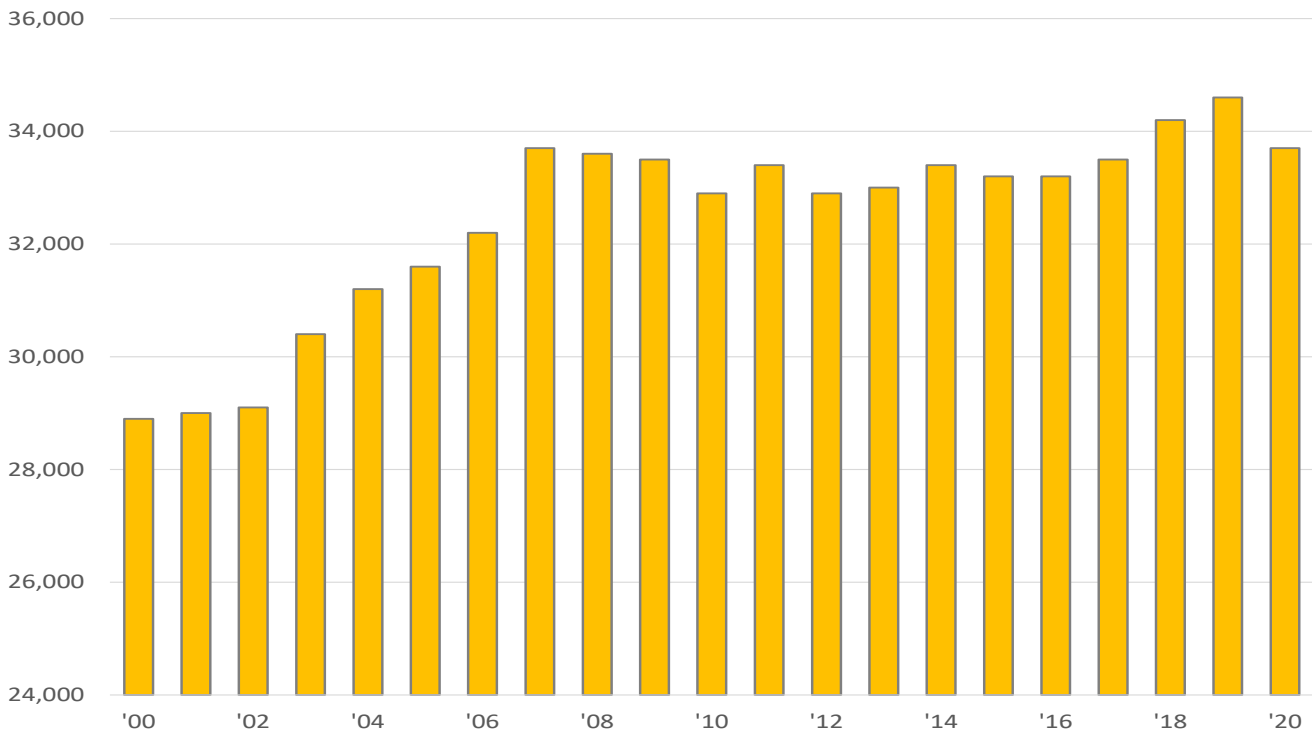
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 20</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	38.2	38.5	39.3	-0.3	-1.1
Goods Producing	4.5	4.5	4.7	0.0	-0.2
Service Providing	33.7	34.0	34.6	-0.3	-0.9
Government	4.5	4.5	4.6	0.0	-0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Sep 20</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	67,345	66,891	66,406	454	939
Employment	63,258	62,465	64,632	793	-1,374
Unemployment	4,087	4,426	1,774	-339	2,313
Unemployment Rate	6.1	6.6	2.7	-0.5	3.4

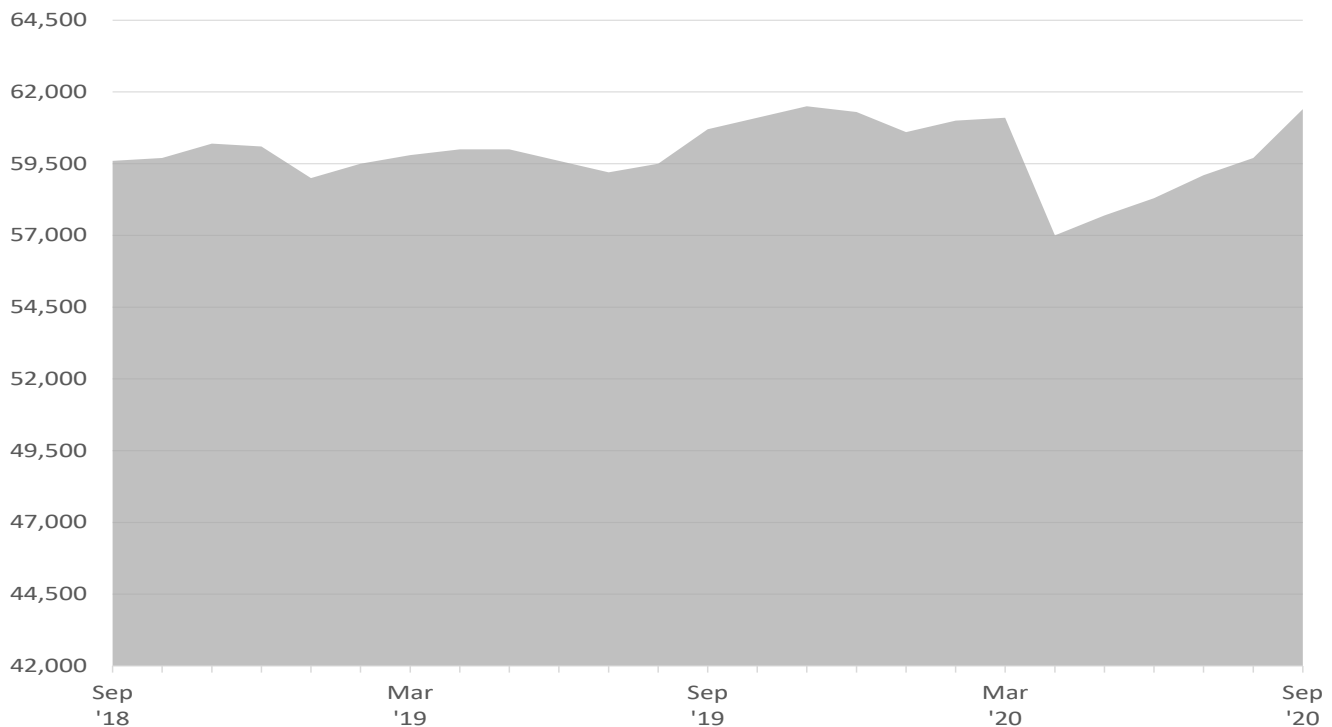
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 20</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	61.4	59.7	60.7	1.7	0.7
Goods Producing	10.6	10.4	10.3	0.2	0.3
Service Providing	50.8	49.3	50.4	1.5	0.4
Government	8.6	7.9	9.1	0.7	-0.5

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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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)

	Sep 20	Aug 20	Sep 19	OTM	OTY
Civilian Labor Force	33,823	34,099	34,911	-276	-1,088
Employment	30,612	30,847	33,209	-235	-2,597
Unemployment	3,211	3,252	1,702	-41	1,509
Unemployment Rate	9.5	9.5	4.9	0.0	4.6

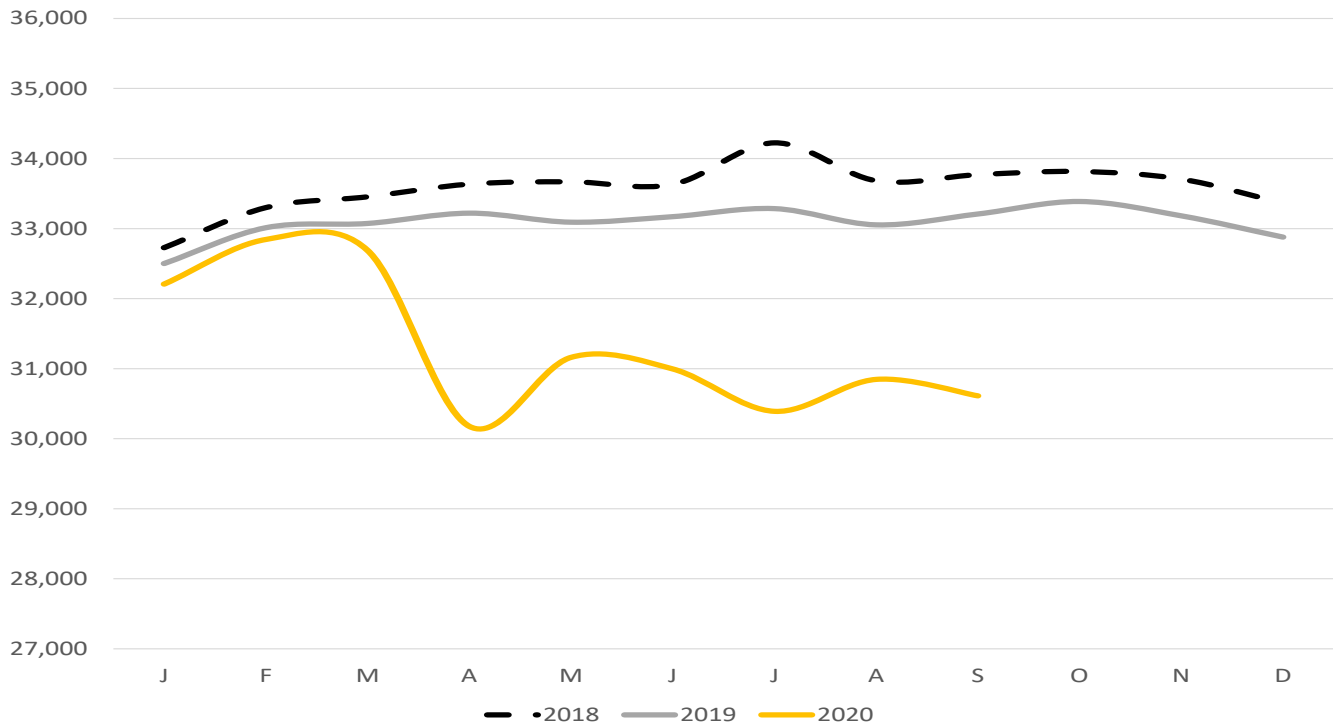
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 20	Aug 20	Sep 19	OTM	OTY
Total Nonfarm	31.1	31.0	32.9	0.1	-1.8
Goods Producing	5.5	5.5	6.0	0.0	-0.5
Service Providing	25.6	25.5	26.9	0.1	-1.3
Government	8.0	8.1	9.1	-0.1	-1.1

Number of Employed

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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.

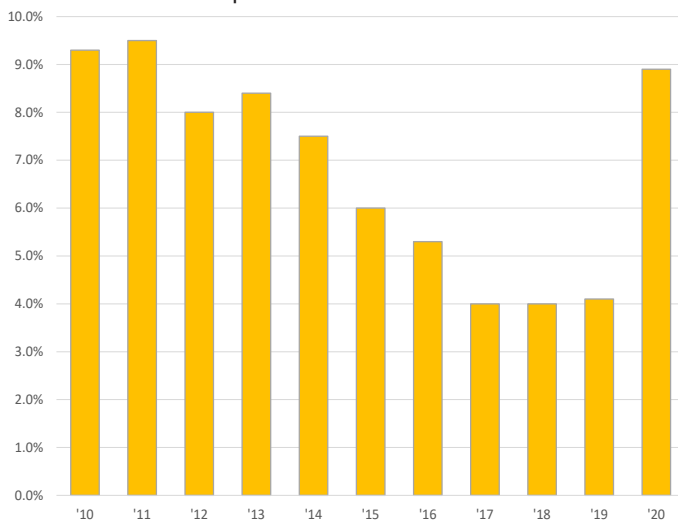
	<u>Sep 20</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	649,953	662,101	644,028	-12,148	5,925
Employment	591,975	583,109	617,860	8,866	-25,885
Unemployment	57,978	78,992	26,168	-21,014	31,810
Unemployment Rate	8.9	11.9	4.1	-3.0	4.8

Texarkana MSA

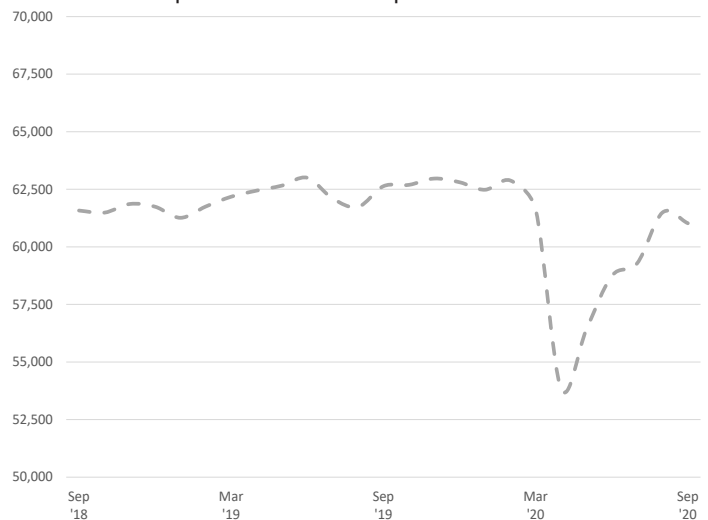
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Sep 20</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,815	65,931	65,295	-116	520
Employment	61,024	61,492	62,633	-468	-1,609
Unemployment	4,791	4,439	2,662	352	2,129
Unemployment Rate	7.3	6.7	4.1	0.6	3.2

Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates
September: 2010 - 2020



Texarkana MSA - Employment
September 2018 - September 2020





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MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND CITIES

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	September 2020				August 2020				September 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,453	8,853	600	6.3	9,490	8,865	625	6.6	9,813	9,467	346	3.5
Batesville Micro	16,371	15,426	945	5.8	16,463	15,448	1,015	6.2	16,639	16,000	639	3.8
Blytheville Micro	17,268	15,475	1,793	10.4	17,402	15,517	1,885	10.8	17,407	16,634	773	4.4
Camden Micro	11,860	11,128	732	6.2	11,913	11,143	770	6.5	12,255	11,723	532	4.3
El Dorado Micro	15,516	14,050	1,466	9.4	15,623	14,067	1,556	10.0	15,826	15,056	770	4.9
Forrest City Micro	8,090	7,350	740	9.1	8,137	7,371	766	9.4	8,193	7,812	381	4.7
Harrison Micro	19,014	18,015	999	5.3	19,111	18,039	1,072	5.6	19,420	18,822	598	3.1
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,198	5,570	628	10.1	6,255	5,592	663	10.6	6,317	5,955	362	5.7
Hope Micro	13,128	12,323	805	6.1	13,181	12,346	835	6.3	13,634	13,145	489	3.6
Magnolia Micro	9,241	8,488	753	8.1	9,263	8,499	764	8.2	9,239	8,858	381	4.1
Malvern Micro	13,736	12,792	944	6.9	13,852	12,853	999	7.2	14,025	13,543	482	3.4
Mountain Home Micro	15,894	14,902	992	6.2	15,962	14,914	1,048	6.6	16,339	15,745	594	3.6
Paragould Micro	19,753	18,550	1,203	6.1	19,849	18,547	1,302	6.6	20,142	19,475	667	3.3
Russellville Micro	36,593	34,390	2,203	6.0	36,777	34,451	2,326	6.3	37,466	36,055	1,411	3.8
Searcy Micro	32,907	30,738	2,169	6.6	33,144	30,788	2,356	7.1	33,834	32,475	1,359	4.0

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	September 2020				August 2020				September 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,185	11,368	817	6.7	12,139	11,342	797	6.6	12,306	11,933	373	3.0
Benton	16,756	15,790	966	5.8	16,955	15,851	1,104	6.5	17,486	17,003	483	2.8
Bentonville	26,732	25,351	1,381	5.2	26,661	25,294	1,367	5.1	27,220	26,612	608	2.2
Blytheville	5,995	5,212	783	13.1	6,070	5,226	844	13.9	5,932	5,602	330	5.6
Cabot	11,649	10,967	682	5.9	11,730	11,023	707	6.0	12,194	11,812	382	3.1
Conway	32,446	30,578	1,868	5.8	32,706	30,706	2,000	6.1	33,851	32,912	939	2.8
El Dorado	6,907	6,086	821	11.9	6,970	6,093	877	12.6	6,898	6,522	376	5.5
Fayetteville	48,165	45,087	3,078	6.4	48,313	44,986	3,327	6.9	48,464	47,304	1,160	2.4
Fort Smith	38,229	35,635	2,594	6.8	38,761	36,015	2,746	7.1	39,335	38,047	1,288	3.3
Hot Springs	15,127	13,388	1,739	11.5	15,467	13,572	1,895	12.3	14,697	14,073	624	4.2
Jacksonville	11,696	10,384	1,312	11.2	11,927	10,425	1,502	12.6	11,759	11,185	574	4.9
Jonesboro	40,300	37,634	2,666	6.6	40,004	37,145	2,859	7.1	39,484	38,435	1,049	2.7
Little Rock	96,772	87,388	9,384	9.7	97,858	87,728	10,130	10.4	97,170	94,128	3,042	3.1
North Little Rock	30,205	26,810	3,395	11.2	30,641	26,914	3,727	12.2	29,983	28,877	1,106	3.7
Paragould	12,633	11,721	912	7.2	12,707	11,719	988	7.8	12,750	12,305	445	3.5
Pine Bluff	16,343	14,314	2,029	12.4	16,429	14,417	2,012	12.2	16,546	15,543	1,003	6.1
Rogers	35,310	33,559	1,751	5.0	35,453	33,484	1,969	5.6	36,083	35,228	855	2.4
Russellville	13,042	12,370	672	5.2	13,147	12,385	762	5.8	13,435	12,965	470	3.5
Searcy	9,943	9,371	572	5.8	9,995	9,386	609	6.1	10,264	9,901	363	3.5
Sherwood	15,695	14,472	1,223	7.8	15,758	14,529	1,229	7.8	16,086	15,588	498	3.1
Springdale	39,203	37,140	2,063	5.3	39,322	37,057	2,265	5.8	39,875	38,969	906	2.3
Texarkana, AR	13,636	12,515	1,121	8.2	13,682	12,486	1,196	8.7	13,573	13,030	543	4.0
Van Buren	10,096	9,477	619	6.1	10,261	9,582	679	6.6	10,414	10,122	292	2.8
West Memphis	10,647	9,309	1,338	12.6	10,778	9,358	1,420	13.2	10,588	10,069	519	4.9



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County	September 2020				August 2020				September 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,205	8,757	448	4.9	9,234	8,787	447	4.8	9,418	9,173	245	2.6
Ashley	7,382	6,612	770	10.4	7,417	6,627	790	10.7	7,591	7,238	353	4.7
Baxter	15,894	14,902	992	6.2	15,962	14,914	1,048	6.6	16,339	15,745	594	3.6
Benton	135,711	128,527	7,184	5.3	135,783	128,240	7,543	5.6	138,373	134,921	3,452	2.5
Boone	15,768	14,916	852	5.4	15,845	14,932	913	5.8	16,078	15,588	490	3.0
Bradley	4,352	4,088	264	6.1	4,373	4,104	269	6.2	4,527	4,368	159	3.5
Calhoun	2,363	2,236	127	5.4	2,375	2,243	132	5.6	2,442	2,357	85	3.5
Carroll	12,596	11,838	758	6.0	12,709	11,865	844	6.6	13,110	12,761	349	2.7
Chicot	3,167	2,775	392	12.4	3,182	2,792	390	12.3	3,289	3,091	198	6.0
Clark	9,453	8,853	600	6.3	9,490	8,865	625	6.6	9,813	9,467	346	3.5
Clay	5,428	5,112	316	5.8	5,489	5,138	351	6.4	5,672	5,430	242	4.3
Cleburne	8,969	8,282	687	7.7	9,033	8,300	733	8.1	9,280	8,885	395	4.3
Cleveland	3,100	2,871	229	7.4	3,123	2,898	225	7.2	3,216	3,107	109	3.4
Columbia	9,241	8,488	753	8.1	9,263	8,499	764	8.2	9,239	8,858	381	4.1
Conway	8,044	7,528	516	6.4	8,078	7,545	533	6.6	8,372	8,025	347	4.1
Craighead	56,915	53,461	3,454	6.1	56,531	52,766	3,765	6.7	56,047	54,599	1,448	2.6
Crawford	25,979	24,376	1,603	6.2	26,304	24,647	1,657	6.3	26,879	26,036	843	3.1
Crittenden	21,157	18,991	2,166	10.2	21,440	19,091	2,349	11.0	21,402	20,541	861	4.0
Cross	7,276	6,790	486	6.7	7,336	6,812	524	7.1	7,470	7,186	284	3.8
Dallas	2,684	2,525	159	5.9	2,696	2,530	166	6.2	2,820	2,697	123	4.4
Desha	5,274	4,828	446	8.5	5,339	4,850	489	9.2	5,359	5,138	221	4.1
Drew	7,600	7,030	570	7.5	7,642	7,054	588	7.7	7,923	7,570	353	4.5
Faulkner	59,466	55,993	3,473	5.8	59,963	56,226	3,737	6.2	62,060	60,266	1,794	2.9
Franklin	7,360	6,895	465	6.3	7,402	6,929	473	6.4	7,565	7,320	245	3.2
Fulton	4,954	4,695	259	5.2	4,977	4,707	270	5.4	5,036	4,857	179	3.6
Garland	41,668	37,660	4,008	9.6	42,482	38,179	4,303	10.1	41,040	39,588	1,452	3.5
Grant	7,984	7,512	472	5.9	8,040	7,550	490	6.1	8,360	8,105	255	3.1
Greene	19,753	18,550	1,203	6.1	19,849	18,547	1,302	6.6	20,142	19,475	667	3.3
Hempstead	9,572	9,012	560	5.9	9,605	9,031	574	6.0	9,964	9,615	349	3.5
Hot Spring	13,736	12,792	944	6.9	13,852	12,853	999	7.2	14,025	13,543	482	3.4
Howard	5,448	5,126	322	5.9	5,480	5,144	336	6.1	5,728	5,568	160	2.8
Independence	16,371	15,426	945	5.8	16,463	15,448	1,015	6.2	16,639	16,000	639	3.8
Izard	4,782	4,389	393	8.2	4,840	4,399	441	9.1	4,948	4,700	248	5.0
Jackson	5,488	5,058	430	7.8	5,547	5,081	466	8.4	5,812	5,462	350	6.0
Jefferson	26,959	24,227	2,732	10.1	27,157	24,401	2,756	10.1	27,741	26,306	1,435	5.2
Johnson	9,946	9,293	653	6.6	10,009	9,312	697	7.0	10,236	9,822	414	4.0
Lafayette	2,466	2,232	234	9.5	2,468	2,242	226	9.2	2,443	2,329	114	4.7
Lawrence	6,909	6,424	485	7.0	6,933	6,422	511	7.4	6,901	6,634	267	3.9
Lee	2,738	2,491	247	9.0	2,761	2,506	255	9.2	2,827	2,706	121	4.3
Lincoln	3,764	3,514	250	6.6	3,819	3,548	271	7.1	3,954	3,796	158	4.0
Little River	5,453	5,066	387	7.1	5,456	5,053	403	7.4	5,507	5,286	221	4.0
Logan	8,168	7,575	593	7.3	8,239	7,611	628	7.6	8,599	8,219	380	4.4
Lonoke	32,916	30,854	2,062	6.3	33,262	31,009	2,253	6.8	34,427	33,229	1,198	3.5
Madison	7,312	6,970	342	4.7	7,330	6,983	347	4.7	7,503	7,320	183	2.4
Marion	6,528	6,097	431	6.6	6,544	6,104	440	6.7	6,739	6,477	262	3.9
Miller	19,589	18,213	1,376	7.0	19,672	18,170	1,502	7.6	19,693	18,963	730	3.7

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	Not Seasonally Adjusted											
	September 2020				August 2020				September 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,268	15,475	1,793	10.4	17,402	15,517	1,885	10.8	17,407	16,634	773	4.4
Monroe	2,710	2,496	214	7.9	2,732	2,510	222	8.1	2,776	2,662	114	4.1
Montgomery	2,874	2,654	220	7.7	2,918	2,682	236	8.1	2,997	2,868	129	4.3
Nevada	3,556	3,311	245	6.9	3,576	3,315	261	7.3	3,670	3,530	140	3.8
Newton	3,246	3,099	147	4.5	3,266	3,107	159	4.9	3,342	3,234	108	3.2
Ouachita	9,497	8,892	605	6.4	9,538	8,900	638	6.7	9,813	9,366	447	4.6
Perry	4,049	3,805	244	6.0	4,079	3,825	254	6.2	4,232	4,085	147	3.5
Phillips	6,198	5,570	628	10.1	6,255	5,592	663	10.6	6,317	5,955	362	5.7
Pike	4,200	3,915	285	6.8	4,215	3,932	283	6.7	4,290	4,142	148	3.4
Poinsett	10,430	9,797	633	6.1	10,360	9,699	661	6.4	10,359	10,033	326	3.1
Polk	7,923	7,361	562	7.1	7,989	7,387	602	7.5	8,200	7,847	353	4.3
Pope	28,349	26,607	1,742	6.1	28,497	26,638	1,859	6.5	29,000	27,885	1,115	3.8
Prairie	3,499	3,295	204	5.8	3,530	3,315	215	6.1	3,639	3,475	164	4.5
Pulaski	187,546	169,762	17,784	9.5	189,647	170,423	19,224	10.1	189,092	182,855	6,237	3.3
Randolph	7,320	6,831	489	6.7	7,365	6,846	519	7.0	7,375	7,132	243	3.3
St. Francis	8,090	7,350	740	9.1	8,137	7,371	766	9.4	8,193	7,812	381	4.7
Saline	56,346	53,086	3,260	5.8	56,792	53,291	3,501	6.2	58,765	57,163	1,602	2.7
Scott	4,251	4,036	215	5.1	4,277	4,058	219	5.1	4,376	4,233	143	3.3
Searcy	2,822	2,642	180	6.4	2,842	2,646	196	6.9	2,964	2,834	130	4.4
Sebastian	55,043	51,352	3,691	6.7	55,762	51,900	3,862	6.9	56,617	54,828	1,789	3.2
Sevier	5,400	5,046	354	6.6	5,425	5,063	362	6.7	5,569	5,313	256	4.6
Sharp	5,679	5,267	412	7.3	5,715	5,274	441	7.7	5,782	5,514	268	4.6
Stone	4,633	4,292	341	7.4	4,669	4,313	356	7.6	4,690	4,510	180	3.8
Union	15,516	14,050	1,466	9.4	15,623	14,067	1,556	10.0	15,826	15,056	770	4.9
Van Buren	5,657	5,224	433	7.7	5,671	5,237	434	7.7	5,762	5,502	260	4.5
Washington	124,214	117,330	6,884	5.5	124,399	117,068	7,331	5.9	126,003	123,101	2,902	2.3
White	32,907	30,738	2,169	6.6	33,144	30,788	2,356	7.1	33,834	32,475	1,359	4.0
Woodruff	2,640	2,471	169	6.4	2,667	2,487	180	6.7	2,798	2,660	138	4.9
Yell	8,244	7,783	461	5.6	8,280	7,813	467	5.6	8,466	8,170	296	3.5

County Labor Force Summary

Between August and September, sixty-five of Arkansas' 75 counties posted unemployment rate declines. Rates in five counties increased while five counties were stable over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 4.5 percent in Newton County to a high of 12.4 percent in Chicot County.

In September, twenty-nine counties reported unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is down from 36 counties at or above seven percent in August. Monthly jobless rate changes ranged from a decline of nine-tenths of a percentage point in Izard County to an increase of three-tenths of a percentage point in Lafayette County.

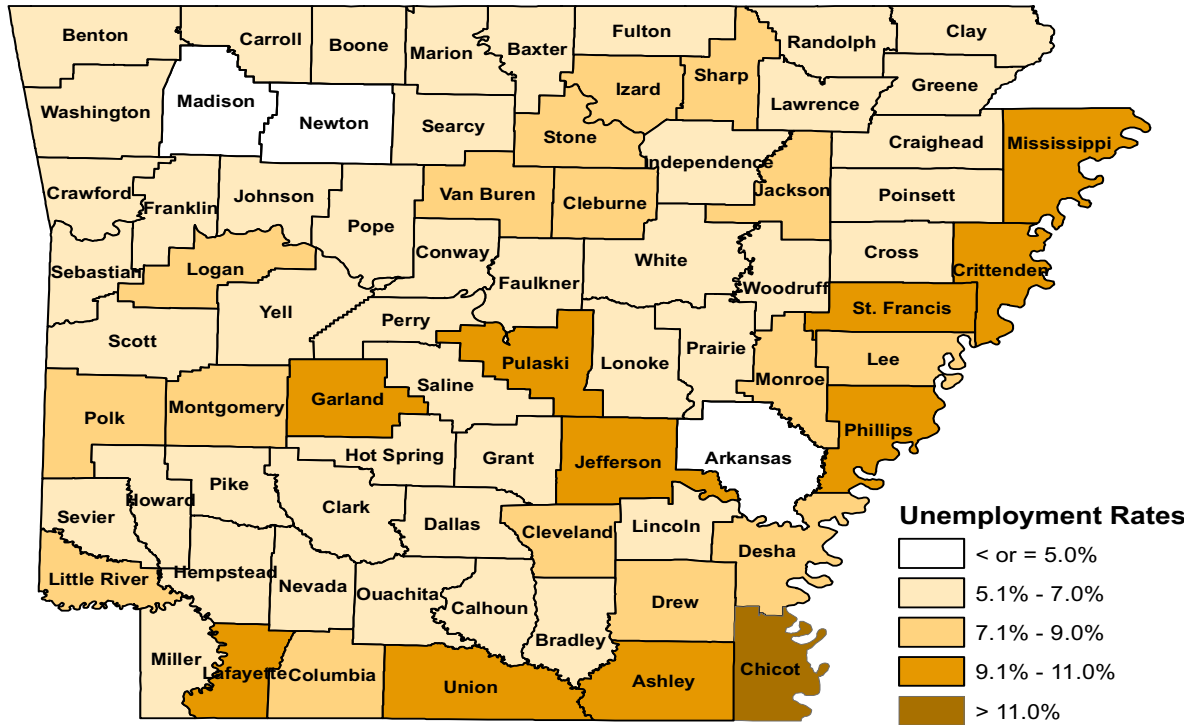
Compared to September 2019, unemployment rates are up in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rate increases ranged from a gain of one and three-tenths of a percentage point in Newton and Prairie counties to an increase of six and four-tenths of a percentage point in Chicot County.



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County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

September 2020 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Newton	4.5	22	Pope	6.1	51	Logan	7.3
2	Madison	4.7	27	Baxter	6.2	51	Sharp	7.3
3	Arkansas	4.9	27	Crawford	6.2	53	Cleveland	7.4
4	Scott	5.1	29	Clark	6.3	53	Stone	7.4
5	Fulton	5.2	29	Franklin	6.3	55	Drew	7.5
6	Benton	5.3	29	Lonoke	6.3	56	Cleburne	7.7
7	Boone	5.4	32	Conway	6.4	56	Montgomery	7.7
7	Calhoun	5.4	32	Ouachita	6.4	56	Van Buren	7.7
9	Washington	5.5	32	Searcy	6.4	59	Jackson	7.8
10	Yell	5.6	32	Woodruff	6.4	60	Monroe	7.9
11	Clay	5.8	36	Johnson	6.6	61	Columbia	8.1
11	Faulkner	5.8	36	Lincoln	6.6	62	Izard	8.2
11	Independence	5.8	36	Marion	6.6	63	Desha	8.5
11	Prairie	5.8	36	Sevier	6.6	64	Lee	9.0
11	Saline	5.8	36	White	6.6	65	St. Francis	9.1
16	Dallas	5.9	41	Cross	6.7	66	Union	9.4
16	Grant	5.9	41	Randolph	6.7	67	Lafayette	9.5
16	Hempstead	5.9	41	Sebastian	6.7	67	Pulaski	9.5
16	Howard	5.9	44	Pike	6.8	69	Garland	9.6
20	Carroll	6.0	45	Hot Spring	6.9	70	Jefferson	10.1
20	Perry	6.0	45	Nevada	6.9	70	Phillips	10.1
22	Bradley	6.1	47	Lawrence	7.0	72	Crittenden	10.2
22	Craighead	6.1	47	Miller	7.0	73	Ashley	10.4
22	Greene	6.1	49	Little River	7.1	73	Mississippi	10.4
22	Poinsett	6.1	49	Polk	7.1	75	Chicot	12.4



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LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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LWDA	September 2020				August 2020				September 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	245,711	228,098	17,613	7.2	248,068	229,046	19,022	7.7	253,589	245,522	8,067	3.2
City of Little Rock	96,772	87,388	9,384	9.7	97,858	87,728	10,130	10.4	97,170	94,128	3,042	3.1
Eastern	45,459	41,192	4,267	9.4	45,929	41,372	4,557	9.9	46,209	44,200	2,009	4.3
North Central	92,080	85,842	6,238	6.8	92,726	86,034	6,692	7.2	94,581	90,565	4,016	4.2
Northeast	124,023	115,650	8,373	6.8	123,929	114,935	8,994	7.3	123,903	119,937	3,966	3.2
Northwest	324,091	306,321	17,770	5.5	324,680	305,859	18,821	5.8	330,451	321,981	8,470	2.6
Southeast	78,787	72,214	6,573	8.3	79,326	72,611	6,715	8.5	81,378	77,892	3,486	4.3
Southwest	90,785	84,197	6,588	7.3	91,177	84,257	6,920	7.6	92,714	88,938	3,776	4.1
West Central	130,563	120,890	9,673	7.4	131,900	121,644	10,256	7.8	132,471	127,595	4,876	3.7
Western	108,724	101,595	7,129	6.6	109,973	102,532	7,441	6.8	112,236	108,483	3,753	3.3

