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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 2020 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 1,000 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.

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**October Spotlight**

# A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Between September and October, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates declined in 28 states and the District of Columbia. Jobless rates were stable in 22 states. In October, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 1.9 percent in Nebraska to a high of 7.3 percent in California and Nevada. Arkansas ranked 16th among states, with a jobless rate of 3.7 percent. Twenty-six states, including Arkansas, posted jobless rates below the national rate of 4.6 percent.

Compared to October 2020, unemployment rates have declined in 45 states and the District of Co- lumbia. The largest rate decrease over-the-year occurred in Hawaii, down seven and seven-tenths of a percentage point. Five states posted annual unemployment rate declines of more than three full per- centage points. Arkansas’ unemployment rate is down from 5.6 percent in October 2020.

**Rank State Rate**

1. Nebraska 1.9
2. Utah 2.2
3. Oklahoma 2.7
4. Idaho 2.8

4 South Dakota 2.8

4 Vermont 2.8

1. New Hampshire 2.9
2. Alabama 3.1

8 Georgia 3.1

8 Montana 3.1

1. Wisconsin 3.2
2. Indiana 3.3

12 North Dakota 3.3

1. Minnesota 3.5
2. Virginia 3.6
3. **Arkansas 3.7**

16 Missouri 3.7

**Rank State Rate**

18 Iowa 3.9

18 Kansas 3.9

18 South Carolina 3.9

21 North Carolina 4.1

21 Wyoming 4.1

23 Kentucky 4.2

23 Tennessee 4.2

1. West Virginia 4.3
2. Oregon 4.4
3. Florida 4.6
4. Maine 4.9
5. Washington 5.0
6. Ohio 5.1
7. Arizona 5.2
8. Delaware 5.3

32 Massachusetts 5.3

34 Colorado 5.4

**Rank State Rate**

34 Louisiana 5.4

34 Rhode Island 5.4

34 Texas 5.4

1. Mississippi 5.5
2. Maryland 5.7
3. Illinois 6.0

40 Pennsylvania 6.0

42 Alaska 6.1

42 Michigan 6.1

44 District of Columbia 6.3

44 Hawaii 6.3

1. Connecticut 6.4
2. New Mexico 6.5
3. New York 6.9
4. New Jersey 7.0
5. California 7.3

50 Nevada 7.3

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 4.6 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**

**Arizona**

Continental U.S. Only

**New Mexico**

**Texas**

**South Carolina MississippiAlabama Georgia**

**Louisiana**

**Florida**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0%

> 9.0% [NONE]

**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 three-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.0 percent in September to 3.7 percent in October. Arkansas’ civilian labor force decreased 4,130, a result of 3,756 fewer employed and 374 fewer unem- ployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.8 percent in September to 4.6 percent in October.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate has been slowly but steadily declining since the peak of the pandemic 18 months ago. The state’s jobless rate is now at 3.7 percent, slightly lower than pre-pandemic unemployment rate of 3.8 percent in February 2020.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,303,039 1,303,413 1,259,359 Employment 1,312,673 1,313,744 1,266,366

Unemployment 50,520 54,276 74,007 Unemployment 32,021 42,810 63,908

Unemployment Rate 3.7 4.0 5.6 Unemployment Rate 2.4 3.2 4.8

U.S. Unemployment 4.6 4.8 6.9 U.S. Unemployment 4.3 4.6 6.6

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** |  | **Oct 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,353,559 | 1,357,689 | 1,333,366 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,344,694 | 1,356,554 | 1,330,274 |

1,380,000

**Civilian Labor Force (Seasonally Adjusted)**

October: 2011 - 2021

1,360,000

1,340,000

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Oct 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1286.9 | 1274.8 | 1253.5 | 12.1 | 33.4 |
| Goods Producing | 220.6 | 219.1 | 214.8 | 1.5 | 5.8 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 58.8 | 58.2 | 60.0 | 0.6 | -1.2 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.7** | **5.6** | **5.4** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Construction** | **53.1** | **52.6** | **54.6** | **0.5** | **-1.5** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 34.0 | 33.0 | 34.6 | 1.0 | -0.6 |
| **Manufacturing** | **161.8** | **160.9** | **154.8** | **0.9** | **7.0** |
| Durable Goods | 83.4 | 83.0 | 73.4 | 0.4 | 10.0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 78.4 | 77.9 | 81.4 | 0.5 | -3.0 |
| Service Providing | 1066.3 | 1055.7 | 1038.7 | 10.6 | 27.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **257.1** | **253.6** | **252.0** | **3.5** | **5.1** |
| Wholesale Trade | 46.9 | 46.0 | 45.6 | 0.9 | 1.3 |
| Retail Trade | 141.0 | 140.5 | 140.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 69.2 | 67.1 | 65.8 | 2.1 | 3.4 |
| **Information** | **12.4** | **12.2** | **11.6** | **0.2** | **0.8** |
| **Financial Activities** | **67.2** | **67.3** | **63.8** | **-0.1** | **3.4** |
| Finance & Insurance | 53.3 | 53.5 | 50.2 | -0.2 | 3.1 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.9 | 13.8 | 13.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **149.4** | **146.9** | **141.2** | **2.5** | **8.2** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43.8 | 42.7 | 42.5 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Management of Companies | 35.1 | 35.1 | 33.7 | 0.0 | 1.4 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 70.5 | 69.1 | 65.0 | 1.4 | 5.5 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **189.6** | **188.3** | **187.5** | **1.3** | **2.1** |
| Educational Services | 17.2 | 17.0 | 16.2 | 0.2 | 1.0 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 172.4 | 171.3 | 171.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 60.0 | 60.8 | 59.4 | -0.8 | 0.6 |
| Social Assistance | 36.4 | 35.3 | 36.0 | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **115.5** | **114.1** | **108.1** | **1.4** | **7.4** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 12.2 | 12.3 | 10.4 | -0.1 | 1.8 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 103.3 | 101.8 | 97.7 | 1.5 | 5.6 |
| Accommodation Services | 10.2 | 10.3 | 9.0 | -0.1 | 1.2 |
| Food Services | 93.1 | 91.5 | 88.7 | 1.6 | 4.4 |
| **Other Services** | **68.8** | **67.9** | **65.2** | **0.9** | **3.6** |
| **Government** | **206.3** | **205.4** | **209.3** | **0.9** | **-3.0** |
| Federal Government | 20.6 | 20.7 | 21.6 | -0.1 | -1.0 |
| State Government | 78.2 | 77.7 | 77.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.8 | 31.3 | 30.9 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.4 | 46.4 | 46.7 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| Local Government | 107.5 | 107.0 | 110.1 | 0.5 | -2.6 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 64.5 | 63.6 | 67.3 | 0.9 | -2.8 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 43.0 | 43.4 | 42.8 | -0.4 | 0.2 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**September 2021 - October 2021**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs increased 12,100 in October to total 1,286,900. Ten major industry sectors posted gains. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 3,500. Hiring occurred in all subsectors, with transportation-warehousing-utilities adding 2,100 jobs. **Professional and busi- ness services** increased 2,500. Gains were split between administrative-support services (+1,400) and professional-scientific-technical services (+1,100). **Leisure and hospitality** added 1,400 jobs, all in food services (+1,600). Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 1,300. Most of the expansions occurred in social assistance (+1,100). Smaller increases were posted in **manufacturing** (+900), **other services** (+900), and **government** (+900).

**October 2020 - October 2021**

Compared to October 2020, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 33,400. Growth was reported in nine major industry sectors, with six sectors each adding 3,400 or more jobs. **Professional and business services** posted the largest annual increase, up 8,200 jobs. Hiring occurred in all subsectors, but most of the expansion was in administrative and support services (+5,500). Jobs in **leisure and hospital- ity** rose 7,400, with hiring reported across all subsectors. **Manufacturing** added 7,000 jobs. Expan- sions in durable goods (+10,000) were offset by declines in nondurable goods (-3,000). Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 5,100. Most of the hiring occurred in transportation-warehousing- utilities (+3,400). Notable growth was posted in **other services** (+3,600), **financial activities** (+3,400), and **educational and health services** (+2,100). Jobs in **government** declined 3,000, mostly in local government-educational services (-2,800).

**Jobs in Trade-Transportation-Utilities (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2019 - October 2021

265,000

260,000

255,000

250,000

245,000

240,000

235,000

230,000

225,000

220,000

215,000

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2019 2020 2021

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Oct 21**

Average Weekly Hours 40.1

Average Hourly Earnings 19.91

Average Weekly Earnings 798.39

**Sep 21**

40.5

20.33

823.37

**Oct 20**

38.7

19.31

747.30

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Oct 21**

Average Weekly Hours 40.0

Average Hourly Earnings 21.06

Average Weekly Earnings 842.40

**Sep 21**

40.0

21.75

870.00

**Oct 20**

38.2

21.18

809.08

**Oct 21**

Average Weekly Hours 40.3

Average Hourly Earnings 18.69

Average Weekly Earnings 753.21

**Sep 21**

41.1

18.86

775.15

**Oct 20**

39.1

17.69

691.68

$900.00

**Average Weekly Earnings for Production Workers- All Manufacturing**

October: 2011 - 2021

$800.00

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

$700.00

$600.00

$500.00

$400.00

$300.00

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

## 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)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 344,878 | 348,090 | 345,028 | -3,212 | -150 |
| **Employment** | 336,150 | 336,487 | 326,494 | -337 | 9,656 |
| **Unemployment** | 8,728 | 11,603 | 18,534 | -2,875 | -9,806 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.5 | 3.3 | 5.4 | -0.8 | -2.9 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 356.0 | 353.9 | 348.9 | 2.1 | 7.1 |
| **Goods Producing** 35.9 | 36.4 | 36.7 | -0.5 | -0.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.0** | **17.5** | **17.8** | **-0.5** | **-0.8** |
| **Manufacturing 18.9** | **18.9** | **18.9** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Service Providing** 320.1 | 317.5 | 312.2 | 2.6 | 7.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 69.1** | **68.9** | **69.1** | **0.2** | **0.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 15.2 | 15.2 | 15.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 37.6 | 37.6 | 38.0 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 16.3 | 16.1 | 16.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Information 5.2** | **5.1** | **5.2** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 23.8** | **23.7** | **22.2** | **0.1** | **1.6** |
| **Professional & Business Services 45.1** | **43.8** | **43.6** | **1.3** | **1.5** |
| **Educational & Health Services 59.7** | **59.4** | **57.3** | **0.3** | **2.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 31.7** | **31.1** | **29.3** | **0.6** | **2.4** |
| **Other Services 18.3** | **18.4** | **17.6** | **-0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Government 67.2** | **67.1** | **67.9** | **0.1** | **-0.7** |
| **Federal Government** 9.7 | 9.8 | 9.9 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| **State Government** 34.4 | 34.3 | 34.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** 23.1 | 23.0 | 23.7 | 0.1 | -0.6 |

**Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector**

October 2020 vs October 2021

Leisure & Hospitality

2,400

Education & Health

2,400

Financial Activities

1,600

Professional-Business

1,500

Other Services

700

Information 0

Trade-Transport-Utilities 0

Manufacturing 0

Government

-700

Mining-Logging-Construct

-800

-1,000 -500 0 500 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500 3,000

**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 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 295,234 | 295,094 | 283,362 | 140 | 11,872 |
| **Employment** | 290,384 | 288,560 | 273,206 | 1,824 | 17,178 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,850 | 6,534 | 10,156 | -1,684 | -5,306 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 1.6 | 2.2 | 3.6 | -0.6 | -2.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 283.1 | 278.8 | 267.5 | 4.3 | 15.6 |
| **Goods Producing** 45.9 | 45.7 | 44.2 | 0.2 | 1.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 14.3** | **14.1** | **13.3** | **0.2** | **1.0** |
| **Manufacturing 31.6** | **31.6** | **30.9** | **0.0** | **0.7** |
| **Service Providing** 237.2 | 233.1 | 223.3 | 4.1 | 13.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 59.9** | **59.4** | **57.8** | **0.5** | **2.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 12.6 | 12.5 | 12.0 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| **Retail Trade** 28.6 | 28.3 | 27.4 | 0.3 | 1.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 18.7 | 18.6 | 18.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Information 2.2** | **2.1** | **1.9** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Financial Activities 8.7** | **8.7** | **8.6** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 55.1** | **54.4** | **51.2** | **0.7** | **3.9** |
| **Educational & Health Services 31.6** | **31.0** | **30.5** | **0.6** | **1.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 28.9** | **27.9** | **24.4** | **1.0** | **4.5** |
| **Other Services 10.1** | **10.1** | **9.6** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Government 40.7** | **39.5** | **39.3** | **1.2** | **1.4** |
| **Federal Government** 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **State Government** 18.1 | 17.6 | 16.9 | 0.5 | 1.2 |
| **Local Government** 19.7 | 19.0 | 19.4 | 0.7 | 0.3 |

**Number of Unemployed**

October 2019 - October 2021

25,000

**Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality**

October: 2011 - 2021

35,000

30,000

20,000

25,000

15,000

20,000

10,000 15,000

10,000

5,000

5,000

0

Oct '19

Apr '20

Oct '20

Apr '21

Oct '21

0

'11

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'13

'14

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'16

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'19

'20

'21

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Fort Smith MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 118,161 | 118,720 | 117,571 | -559 | 590 |
| **Employment** | 115,518 | 115,432 | 111,944 | 86 | 3,574 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,643 | 3,288 | 5,627 | -645 | -2,984 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.2 | 2.8 | 4.8 | -0.6 | -2.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 112.8 | 112.6 | 110.1 | 0.2 | 2.7 |
| **Goods Producing** 22.8 | 22.7 | 22.3 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.6** | **5.7** | **5.5** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 17.2** | **17.0** | **16.8** | **0.2** | **0.4** |
| **Service Providing** 90.0 | 89.9 | 87.8 | 0.1 | 2.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 23.9** | **23.9** | **23.6** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.4 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.2 | 12.1 | 12.4 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 7.1 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Information 1.1** | **1.1** | **1.1** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 3.8** | **3.7** | **3.7** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 12.8** | **12.8** | **11.8** | **0.0** | **1.0** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.8** | **16.8** | **16.6** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.2** | **9.3** | **8.5** | **-0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Other Services 4.7** | **4.7** | **4.5** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government 17.7** | **17.6** | **18.0** | **0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **State Government** 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 13.8 | 13.7 | 13.9 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

**Employment**

October: 2001 - 2021

125,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2019 - October 2021

94,000

92,000

120,000

90,000

115,000

88,000

110,000

86,000

105,000

84,000

82,000

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76,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2019 2020 2021

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 39,972 | 40,792 | 40,302 | -820 | -330 |
| **Employment** | 38,775 | 39,212 | 37,705 | -437 | 1,070 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,197 | 1,580 | 2,597 | -383 | -1,400 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.0 | 3.9 | 6.4 | -0.9 | -3.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 38.2 | 38.5 | 37.8 | -0.3 | 0.4 |
| 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 33.5 | 33.8 | 33.2 | -0.3 | 0.3 |
| 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

42,000

**Number of Employed**

October 2018 - October 2021

41,000

40,000

39,000

38,000

37,000

36,000

35,000

34,000

33,000

32,000

31,000

Oct '18 Apr '19 Oct '19 Apr '20 Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,786 | 66,485 | 64,566 | 301 | 2,220 |
| **Employment** | 65,535 | 64,778 | 61,878 | 757 | 3,657 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,251 | 1,707 | 2,688 | -456 | -1,437 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 1.9 | 2.6 | 4.2 | -0.7 | -2.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 61.8 | 60.6 | 58.8 | 1.2 | 3.0 |
| 11.1 | 10.8 | 10.4 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| 50.7 | 49.8 | 48.4 | 0.9 | 2.3 |
| 8.3 | 8.2 | 8.5 | 0.1 | -0.2 |

70,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Goods Producing + Service Providing)**

October: 2011 - 2021

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

10,000

0

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

Goods Producing Service Providing

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 33,507 | 33,827 | 33,947 | -320 | -440 |
| **Employment** | 32,231 | 32,212 | 31,679 | 19 | 552 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,276 | 1,615 | 2,268 | -339 | -992 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.8 | 4.8 | 6.7 | -1.0 | -2.9 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 32.0 | 31.8 | 31.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 26.4 | 26.2 | 26.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| 8.9 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

33,500

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2019 - October 2021

33,000

32,500

32,000

31,500

31,000

30,500

30,000

29,500

29,000

28,500

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2019 2020 2021

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Out-of-State MSA

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

### Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 641,955 | 641,574 | 667,369 | 381 | -25,414 |
| **Employment** | 613,256 | 610,441 | 601,277 | 2,815 | 11,979 |
| **Unemployment** | 28,699 | 31,133 | 66,092 | -2,434 | -37,393 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.5 | 4.9 | 9.9 | -0.4 | -5.4 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 21** | **Sep 21** | **Oct 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,256 | 63,261 | 63,725 | -5 | -469 |
| **Employment** | 60,576 | 60,345 | 59,963 | 231 | 613 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,680 | 2,916 | 3,762 | -236 | -1,082 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.2 | 4.6 | 5.9 | -0.4 | -1.7 |

70,000

**Memphis MSA - Unemployment**

October: 2011 - 2021

64,000

**Texarkana MSA - Number of Employed**

October 2019 - October 2021

60,000

62,000

60,000

50,000

58,000

40,000

56,000

30,000

54,000

20,000

52,000

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48,000

Oct '19

Apr '20

Oct '20

Apr '21

Oct '21

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**October 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**September 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,888 | 8,639 | 249 | 2.8 | 9,075 | 8,735 | 340 | 3.7 | 9,240 | 8,825 | 415 | 4.5 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,476 | 16,093 | 383 | 2.3 | 16,740 | 16,221 | 519 | 3.1 | 16,244 | 15,539 | 705 | 4.3 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,454 | 15,724 | 730 | 4.4 | 16,738 | 15,820 | 918 | 5.5 | 16,768 | 15,532 | 1,236 | 7.4 |
| Camden Micro | 12,250 | 11,974 | 276 | 2.3 | 12,412 | 12,024 | 388 | 3.1 | 12,000 | 11,490 | 510 | 4.3 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,934 | 14,348 | 586 | 3.9 | 15,235 | 14,479 | 756 | 5.0 | 15,122 | 14,114 | 1,008 | 6.7 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,723 | 7,427 | 296 | 3.8 | 7,854 | 7,470 | 384 | 4.9 | 7,787 | 7,265 | 522 | 6.7 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,273 | 18,945 | 328 | 1.7 | 19,418 | 18,960 | 458 | 2.4 | 18,714 | 18,021 | 693 | 3.7 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,747 | 5,460 | 287 | 5.0 | 5,846 | 5,484 | 362 | 6.2 | 6,291 | 5,831 | 460 | 7.3 |
| Hope Micro | 12,693 | 12,407 | 286 | 2.3 | 12,885 | 12,513 | 372 | 2.9 | 12,795 | 12,282 | 513 | 4.0 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,827 | 8,552 | 275 | 3.1 | 8,944 | 8,578 | 366 | 4.1 | 8,929 | 8,413 | 516 | 5.8 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,697 | 13,369 | 328 | 2.4 | 13,934 | 13,493 | 441 | 3.2 | 13,813 | 13,185 | 628 | 4.5 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,457 | 16,097 | 360 | 2.2 | 16,750 | 16,253 | 497 | 3.0 | 16,202 | 15,503 | 699 | 4.3 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,543 | 19,157 | 386 | 2.0 | 19,724 | 19,207 | 517 | 2.6 | 18,964 | 18,175 | 789 | 4.2 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,311 | 34,504 | 807 | 2.3 | 35,598 | 34,471 | 1,127 | 3.2 | 35,436 | 33,988 | 1,448 | 4.1 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,888 | 33,089 | 799 | 2.4 | 34,253 | 33,195 | 1,058 | 3.1 | 33,211 | 31,700 | 1,511 | 4.5 |

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County Batesville Micro = Independence County Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

**City Labor Force Statistics**

**City**

**CLF**

**October 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**September 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 12,733 | 12,454 | 279 | 2.2 | 12,769 | 12,376 | 393 | 3.1 | 12,254 | 11,703 | 551 | 4.5 |
| Benton | 17,027 | 16,689 | 338 | 2.0 | 17,160 | 16,705 | 455 | 2.7 | 16,905 | 16,203 | 702 | 4.2 |
| Bentonville | 30,008 | 29,619 | 389 | 1.3 | 29,937 | 29,433 | 504 | 1.7 | 28,728 | 27,834 | 894 | 3.1 |
| Blytheville | 5,573 | 5,281 | 292 | 5.2 | 5,681 | 5,313 | 368 | 6.5 | 5,803 | 5,217 | 586 | 10.1 |
| Cabot | 11,618 | 11,394 | 224 | 1.9 | 11,702 | 11,405 | 297 | 2.5 | 11,517 | 11,081 | 436 | 3.8 |
| Conway | 33,278 | 32,572 | 706 | 2.1 | 33,544 | 32,597 | 947 | 2.8 | 32,910 | 31,615 | 1,295 | 3.9 |
| El Dorado | 6,505 | 6,189 | 316 | 4.9 | 6,610 | 6,245 | 365 | 5.5 | 6,643 | 6,088 | 555 | 8.4 |
| Fayetteville | 50,384 | 49,534 | 850 | 1.7 | 50,426 | 49,214 | 1,212 | 2.4 | 48,495 | 46,514 | 1,981 | 4.1 |
| Fort Smith | 38,505 | 37,644 | 861 | 2.2 | 38,907 | 37,774 | 1,133 | 2.9 | 38,271 | 36,445 | 1,826 | 4.8 |
| Hot Springs | 14,876 | 14,355 | 521 | 3.5 | 15,199 | 14,516 | 683 | 4.5 | 15,124 | 13,959 | 1,165 | 7.7 |
| Jacksonville | 11,297 | 10,828 | 469 | 4.2 | 11,408 | 10,839 | 569 | 5.0 | 11,376 | 10,517 | 859 | 7.6 |
| Jonesboro | 39,978 | 39,234 | 744 | 1.9 | 39,790 | 38,776 | 1,014 | 2.5 | 38,771 | 37,022 | 1,749 | 4.5 |
| Little Rock | 94,016 | 91,020 | 2,996 | 3.2 | 95,005 | 91,118 | 3,887 | 4.1 | 94,733 | 88,405 | 6,328 | 6.7 |
| North Little Rock | 28,740 | 27,909 | 831 | 2.9 | 29,104 | 27,939 | 1,165 | 4.0 | 29,291 | 27,107 | 2,184 | 7.5 |
| Paragould | 12,421 | 12,135 | 286 | 2.3 | 12,530 | 12,167 | 363 | 2.9 | 12,117 | 11,513 | 604 | 5.0 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,754 | 15,045 | 709 | 4.5 | 15,972 | 15,040 | 932 | 5.8 | 16,237 | 14,796 | 1,441 | 8.9 |
| Rogers | 37,673 | 37,076 | 597 | 1.6 | 37,700 | 36,843 | 857 | 2.3 | 36,064 | 34,841 | 1,223 | 3.4 |
| Russellville | 12,594 | 12,336 | 258 | 2.0 | 12,731 | 12,324 | 407 | 3.2 | 12,601 | 12,147 | 454 | 3.6 |
| Searcy | 10,273 | 10,039 | 234 | 2.3 | 10,395 | 10,071 | 324 | 3.1 | 10,005 | 9,617 | 388 | 3.9 |
| Sherwood | 15,583 | 15,214 | 369 | 2.4 | 15,726 | 15,230 | 496 | 3.2 | 15,622 | 14,777 | 845 | 5.4 |
| Springdale | 41,127 | 40,461 | 666 | 1.6 | 41,125 | 40,199 | 926 | 2.3 | 39,399 | 37,996 | 1,403 | 3.6 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,063 | 12,614 | 449 | 3.4 | 13,137 | 12,581 | 556 | 4.2 | 13,095 | 12,307 | 788 | 6.0 |
| Van Buren | 10,228 | 10,010 | 218 | 2.1 | 10,316 | 10,046 | 270 | 2.6 | 10,122 | 9,702 | 420 | 4.1 |
| West Memphis | 10,215 | 9,891 | 324 | 3.2 | 10,352 | 9,899 | 453 | 4.4 | 10,322 | 9,491 | 831 | 8.1 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **CLF** | **October 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **September 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **October 2020****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,646 | 9,431 | 215 | 2.2 | 9,715 | 9,444 | 271 | 2.8 | 9,331 | 9,018 | 313 | 3.4 |
| Ashley | 6,726 | 6,420 | 306 | 4.5 | 6,896 | 6,507 | 389 | 5.6 | 7,069 | 6,510 | 559 | 7.9 |
| Baxter | 16,457 | 16,097 | 360 | 2.2 | 16,750 | 16,253 | 497 | 3.0 | 16,202 | 15,503 | 699 | 4.3 |
| Benton | 145,441 | 143,132 | 2,309 | 1.6 | 145,420 | 142,236 | 3,184 | 2.2 | 139,413 | 134,507 | 4,906 | 3.5 |
| Boone | 15,953 | 15,682 | 271 | 1.7 | 16,079 | 15,698 | 381 | 2.4 | 15,510 | 14,921 | 589 | 3.8 |
| Bradley | 4,048 | 3,934 | 114 | 2.8 | 4,159 | 4,007 | 152 | 3.7 | 4,267 | 4,081 | 186 | 4.4 |
| Calhoun | 2,445 | 2,398 | 47 | 1.9 | 2,473 | 2,407 | 66 | 2.7 | 2,402 | 2,308 | 94 | 3.9 |
| Carroll | 13,223 | 12,995 | 228 | 1.7 | 13,330 | 13,013 | 317 | 2.4 | 12,727 | 12,210 | 517 | 4.1 |
| Chicot | 3,047 | 2,882 | 165 | 5.4 | 3,149 | 2,941 | 208 | 6.6 | 3,220 | 2,924 | 296 | 9.2 |
| Clark | 8,888 | 8,639 | 249 | 2.8 | 9,075 | 8,735 | 340 | 3.7 | 9,240 | 8,825 | 415 | 4.5 |
| Clay | 5,442 | 5,322 | 120 | 2.2 | 5,537 | 5,375 | 162 | 2.9 | 5,446 | 5,231 | 215 | 3.9 |
| Cleburne | 9,024 | 8,780 | 244 | 2.7 | 9,226 | 8,896 | 330 | 3.6 | 8,942 | 8,442 | 500 | 5.6 |
| Cleveland | 3,149 | 3,073 | 76 | 2.4 | 3,167 | 3,069 | 98 | 3.1 | 3,182 | 3,017 | 165 | 5.2 |
| Columbia | 8,827 | 8,552 | 275 | 3.1 | 8,944 | 8,578 | 366 | 4.1 | 8,929 | 8,413 | 516 | 5.8 |
| Conway | 8,168 | 7,963 | 205 | 2.5 | 8,290 | 8,014 | 276 | 3.3 | 8,234 | 7,878 | 356 | 4.3 |
| Craighead | 56,655 | 55,629 | 1,026 | 1.8 | 56,384 | 54,980 | 1,404 | 2.5 | 54,757 | 52,492 | 2,265 | 4.1 |
| Crawford | 26,255 | 25,696 | 559 | 2.1 | 26,546 | 25,787 | 759 | 2.9 | 26,002 | 24,905 | 1,097 | 4.2 |
| Crittenden | 20,827 | 20,210 | 617 | 3.0 | 21,047 | 20,226 | 821 | 3.9 | 20,792 | 19,392 | 1,400 | 6.7 |
| Cross | 7,054 | 6,876 | 178 | 2.5 | 7,189 | 6,952 | 237 | 3.3 | 7,144 | 6,795 | 349 | 4.9 |
| Dallas | 2,768 | 2,691 | 77 | 2.8 | 2,812 | 2,707 | 105 | 3.7 | 2,827 | 2,721 | 106 | 3.7 |
| Desha | 5,044 | 4,850 | 194 | 3.8 | 5,079 | 4,825 | 254 | 5.0 | 5,223 | 4,922 | 301 | 5.8 |
| Drew | 7,806 | 7,578 | 228 | 2.9 | 7,894 | 7,598 | 296 | 3.7 | 7,597 | 7,198 | 399 | 5.3 |
| Faulkner | 60,400 | 59,139 | 1,261 | 2.1 | 60,875 | 59,185 | 1,690 | 2.8 | 59,829 | 57,402 | 2,427 | 4.1 |
| Franklin | 7,370 | 7,203 | 167 | 2.3 | 7,442 | 7,220 | 222 | 3.0 | 7,408 | 7,096 | 312 | 4.2 |
| Fulton | 5,000 | 4,901 | 99 | 2.0 | 5,051 | 4,913 | 138 | 2.7 | 4,818 | 4,629 | 189 | 3.9 |
| Garland | 39,972 | 38,775 | 1,197 | 3.0 | 40,792 | 39,212 | 1,580 | 3.9 | 40,302 | 37,705 | 2,597 | 6.4 |
| Grant | 8,046 | 7,885 | 161 | 2.0 | 8,119 | 7,900 | 219 | 2.7 | 8,010 | 7,690 | 320 | 4.0 |
| Greene | 19,543 | 19,157 | 386 | 2.0 | 19,724 | 19,207 | 517 | 2.6 | 18,964 | 18,175 | 789 | 4.2 |
| Hempstead | 9,273 | 9,079 | 194 | 2.1 | 9,416 | 9,156 | 260 | 2.8 | 9,350 | 8,992 | 358 | 3.8 |
| Hot Spring | 13,697 | 13,369 | 328 | 2.4 | 13,934 | 13,493 | 441 | 3.2 | 13,813 | 13,185 | 628 | 4.5 |
| Howard | 5,576 | 5,464 | 112 | 2.0 | 5,666 | 5,516 | 150 | 2.6 | 5,472 | 5,261 | 211 | 3.9 |
| Independence | 16,476 | 16,093 | 383 | 2.3 | 16,740 | 16,221 | 519 | 3.1 | 16,244 | 15,539 | 705 | 4.3 |
| Izard | 4,398 | 4,255 | 143 | 3.3 | 4,487 | 4,294 | 193 | 4.3 | 4,494 | 4,219 | 275 | 6.1 |
| Jackson | 5,637 | 5,464 | 173 | 3.1 | 5,731 | 5,505 | 226 | 3.9 | 5,762 | 5,453 | 309 | 5.4 |
| Jefferson | 26,556 | 25,462 | 1,094 | 4.1 | 26,829 | 25,454 | 1,375 | 5.1 | 26,969 | 25,040 | 1,929 | 7.2 |
| Johnson | 9,851 | 9,569 | 282 | 2.9 | 9,981 | 9,601 | 380 | 3.8 | 9,928 | 9,489 | 439 | 4.4 |
| Lafayette | 2,338 | 2,263 | 75 | 3.2 | 2,361 | 2,259 | 102 | 4.3 | 2,407 | 2,236 | 171 | 7.1 |
| Lawrence | 6,854 | 6,684 | 170 | 2.5 | 6,924 | 6,693 | 231 | 3.3 | 6,757 | 6,441 | 316 | 4.7 |
| Lee | 2,565 | 2,476 | 89 | 3.5 | 2,636 | 2,518 | 118 | 4.5 | 2,759 | 2,593 | 166 | 6.0 |
| Lincoln | 3,802 | 3,696 | 106 | 2.8 | 3,831 | 3,689 | 142 | 3.7 | 3,796 | 3,622 | 174 | 4.6 |
| Little River | 5,250 | 5,109 | 141 | 2.7 | 5,292 | 5,102 | 190 | 3.6 | 5,277 | 5,008 | 269 | 5.1 |
| Logan | 8,432 | 8,213 | 219 | 2.6 | 8,559 | 8,290 | 269 | 3.1 | 8,514 | 8,106 | 408 | 4.8 |
| Lonoke | 32,834 | 32,169 | 665 | 2.0 | 33,111 | 32,202 | 909 | 2.7 | 32,734 | 31,286 | 1,448 | 4.4 |
| Madison | 7,811 | 7,670 | 141 | 1.8 | 7,816 | 7,622 | 194 | 2.5 | 7,482 | 7,240 | 242 | 3.2 |
| Marion | 6,115 | 5,964 | 151 | 2.5 | 6,221 | 6,014 | 207 | 3.3 | 5,979 | 5,672 | 307 | 5.1 |
| Miller | 18,971 | 18,409 | 562 | 3.0 | 19,093 | 18,360 | 733 | 3.8 | 18,949 | 17,961 | 988 | 5.2 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **CLF** | **October 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **September 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **October 2020****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 16,454 | 15,724 | 730 | 4.4 | 16,738 | 15,820 | 918 | 5.5 | 16,768 | 15,532 | 1,236 | 7.4 |
| Monroe | 2,669 | 2,578 | 91 | 3.4 | 2,724 | 2,612 | 112 | 4.1 | 2,665 | 2,511 | 154 | 5.8 |
| Montgomery | 2,909 | 2,822 | 87 | 3.0 | 3,059 | 2,942 | 117 | 3.8 | 2,995 | 2,847 | 148 | 4.9 |
| Nevada | 3,420 | 3,328 | 92 | 2.7 | 3,469 | 3,357 | 112 | 3.2 | 3,445 | 3,290 | 155 | 4.5 |
| Newton | 3,320 | 3,263 | 57 | 1.7 | 3,339 | 3,262 | 77 | 2.3 | 3,204 | 3,100 | 104 | 3.2 |
| Ouachita | 9,805 | 9,576 | 229 | 2.3 | 9,939 | 9,617 | 322 | 3.2 | 9,598 | 9,182 | 416 | 4.3 |
| Perry | 4,152 | 4,041 | 111 | 2.7 | 4,187 | 4,040 | 147 | 3.5 | 4,077 | 3,913 | 164 | 4.0 |
| Phillips | 5,747 | 5,460 | 287 | 5.0 | 5,846 | 5,484 | 362 | 6.2 | 6,291 | 5,831 | 460 | 7.3 |
| Pike | 4,255 | 4,130 | 125 | 2.9 | 4,352 | 4,195 | 157 | 3.6 | 4,247 | 4,048 | 199 | 4.7 |
| Poinsett | 10,131 | 9,906 | 225 | 2.2 | 10,101 | 9,798 | 303 | 3.0 | 9,809 | 9,386 | 423 | 4.3 |
| Polk | 7,775 | 7,571 | 204 | 2.6 | 7,901 | 7,630 | 271 | 3.4 | 7,871 | 7,484 | 387 | 4.9 |
| Pope | 27,317 | 26,700 | 617 | 2.3 | 27,539 | 26,674 | 865 | 3.1 | 27,442 | 26,291 | 1,151 | 4.2 |
| Prairie | 3,631 | 3,557 | 74 | 2.0 | 3,671 | 3,570 | 101 | 2.8 | 3,611 | 3,457 | 154 | 4.3 |
| Pulaski | 182,416 | 176,980 | 5,436 | 3.0 | 184,323 | 177,171 | 7,152 | 3.9 | 183,821 | 171,896 | 11,925 | 6.5 |
| Randolph | 7,498 | 7,334 | 164 | 2.2 | 7,578 | 7,354 | 224 | 3.0 | 7,423 | 7,097 | 326 | 4.4 |
| St. Francis | 7,723 | 7,427 | 296 | 3.8 | 7,854 | 7,470 | 384 | 4.9 | 7,787 | 7,265 | 522 | 6.7 |
| Saline | 57,030 | 55,936 | 1,094 | 1.9 | 57,475 | 55,989 | 1,486 | 2.6 | 56,557 | 54,307 | 2,250 | 4.0 |
| Scott | 4,311 | 4,229 | 82 | 1.9 | 4,366 | 4,250 | 116 | 2.7 | 4,311 | 4,157 | 154 | 3.6 |
| Searcy | 2,872 | 2,792 | 80 | 2.8 | 3,002 | 2,892 | 110 | 3.7 | 2,781 | 2,654 | 127 | 4.6 |
| Sebastian | 55,475 | 54,250 | 1,225 | 2.2 | 56,084 | 54,438 | 1,646 | 2.9 | 55,058 | 52,522 | 2,536 | 4.6 |
| Sevier | 5,435 | 5,297 | 138 | 2.5 | 5,517 | 5,329 | 188 | 3.4 | 5,405 | 5,148 | 257 | 4.8 |
| Sharp | 5,698 | 5,536 | 162 | 2.8 | 5,784 | 5,553 | 231 | 4.0 | 5,605 | 5,298 | 307 | 5.5 |
| Stone | 4,555 | 4,434 | 121 | 2.7 | 4,630 | 4,461 | 169 | 3.7 | 4,600 | 4,345 | 255 | 5.5 |
| Union | 14,934 | 14,348 | 586 | 3.9 | 15,235 | 14,479 | 756 | 5.0 | 15,122 | 14,114 | 1,008 | 6.7 |
| Van Buren | 5,870 | 5,706 | 164 | 2.8 | 5,969 | 5,747 | 222 | 3.7 | 5,680 | 5,364 | 316 | 5.6 |
| Washington | 130,985 | 128,867 | 2,118 | 1.6 | 130,945 | 128,035 | 2,910 | 2.2 | 125,627 | 121,011 | 4,616 | 3.7 |
| White | 33,888 | 33,089 | 799 | 2.4 | 34,253 | 33,195 | 1,058 | 3.1 | 33,211 | 31,700 | 1,511 | 4.5 |
| Woodruff | 2,769 | 2,688 | 81 | 2.9 | 2,817 | 2,708 | 109 | 3.9 | 2,795 | 2,663 | 132 | 4.7 |
| Yell | 7,994 | 7,804 | 190 | 2.4 | 8,059 | 7,797 | 262 | 3.3 | 7,994 | 7,697 | 297 | 3.7 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between September and October, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Job- less rates ranged from a low of one and six-tenths of a percentage point in Benton and Washing- ton counties to a high of five and four-tenths of a percentage point in Chicot County.

For the second consecutive month, no Arkansas county reported an unemployment rate above seven percent. Seventy counties posted jobless rates at or below four percent, up from 62 coun- ties with rates at or below four percent last month.

Compared to October 2020, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Annual jobless rate declines ranged from a nine-tenths of a percentage point decrease in Dallas County to as much as a three and nine-tenths of a percentage point drop in Lafayette County. Unem- ployment rates in 7 counties were down more than three percentage points over-the-year.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Crawford Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Greene**

**Craighead Mississippi Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**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**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Calhoun**

**Bradley**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rate**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0% [NONE]

> 9.0% [NONE]

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

October 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County**

1 Benton

1 Washington

3 Boone

3 Carroll

3 Newton

6 Craighead

6 Madison

8 Calhoun

8 Saline

8 Scott

11 Fulton

11 Grant

11 Greene

11 Howard

11 Lonoke

11 Prairie

17 Crawford

17 Faulkner

17 Hempstead

20 Arkansas

20 Baxter

20 Clay

20 Poinsett

20 Randolph

20 Sebastian

**Rate**

1.6

1.6

1.7

1.7

1.7

1.8

1.8

1.9

1.9

1.9

2.0

2.0

2.0

2.0

2.0

2.0

2.1

2.1

2.1

2.2

2.2

2.2

2.2

2.2

2.2

**Rank County Rate**

26 Franklin 2.3

26 Independence 2.3

26 Ouachita 2.3

26 Pope 2.3

30 Cleveland 2.4

30 Hot Spring 2.4

30 White 2.4

30 Yell 2.4

34 Conway 2.5

34 Cross 2.5

34 Lawrence 2.5

34 Marion 2.5

34 Sevier 2.5

39 Logan 2.6

39 Polk 2.6

41 Cleburne 2.7

41 Little River 2.7

41 Nevada 2.7

41 Perry 2.7

41 Stone 2.7

46 Bradley 2.8

46 Clark 2.8

46 Dallas 2.8

46 Lincoln 2.8

46 Searcy 2.8

**Rank County**

46 Sharp

46 Van Buren

53 Drew

53 Johnson

53 Pike

53 Woodruff

57 Crittenden

57 Garland

57 Miller

57 Montgomery

57 Pulaski

62 Columbia

62 Jackson

1. Lafayette
2. Izard
3. Monroe
4. Lee
5. Desha

68 St. Francis

1. Union
2. Jefferson
3. Mississippi
4. Ashley
5. Phillips
6. Chicot

**Rate**

2.8

2.8

2.9

2.9

2.9

2.9

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.1

3.1

3.2

3.3

3.4

3.5

3.8

3.8

3.9

4.1

4.4

4.5

5.0

5.4

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



**LWDA**

**CLF**

**October 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**September 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 244,964 239,339

City of Little Rock 94,016 91,020

Eastern 43,916 42,449

North Central 93,315 90,946

Northeast 122,577 119,756

Northwest 342,177 336,462

Southeast 77,870 75,211

Southwest 89,042 86,514

West Central 127,203 123,812

Western 109,618 107,162

5,625 2.3

2,996 3.2

1,467 3.3

2,369 2.5

2,821 2.3

5,715 1.7

2,659 3.4

2,528 2.8

3,391 2.7

2,456 2.2

247,174 239,611 7,563 3.1

95,005 91,118 3,887 4.1

44,572 42,650 1,922 4.3

94,688 91,493 3,195 3.4

122,986 119,227 3,759 3.1

342,902 335,025 7,877 2.3

78,838 75,434 3,404 4.3

90,217 86,867 3,350 3.7

129,268 124,703 4,565 3.5

110,898 107,615 3,283 3.0

244,484 232,454 12,030 4.9

94,733 88,405 6,328 6.7

44,773 41,876 2,897 6.5

92,151 87,652 4,499 4.9

119,924 114,354 5,570 4.6

328,925 316,818 12,107 3.7

78,664 74,022 4,642 5.9

89,183 84,634 4,549 5.1

128,272 121,878 6,394 5.0

109,164 104,270 4,894 4.5