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Labor Market report

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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.

**December Spotlight**

# Coming in 2023

**2023 Arkansas Publication Schedule**

\*Date when Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and county labor force statistics will be available on the Discover Arkansas website

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Reference Month | State Press Release | MSA’s & Counties\* |
| January | 03/13/23 | 03/17/23 |
| February | 03/24/23 | 04/05/23 |
| March | 04/21/23 | 05/03/23 |
| April | 05/19/23 | 05/31/23 |
| May | 06/16/23 | 06/28/23 |
| June | 07/21/23 | 08/02/23 |
| July | 08/18/23 | 08/30/23 |
| August | 09/19/23 | 09/27/23 |
| September | 10/20/23 | 11/01/23 |
| October | 11/17/23 | 11/30/23 |
| November | 12/22/23 | 01/04/24 |
| December | 01/23/24 | 01/31/24 |

**Upcoming Spotlight Topics**

**Business Employment Dynamics Labor Underutilization Rates**

**A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates Wages by County**

**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 3.7 percent in November to 3.6 percent in December. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose 263, a result of 596 more employed and 333 fewer unemployed Ar- kansans. In December, the United States’ jobless rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.5 percent.

BLS Programs Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate declined to 3.6 percent in December, as the number of employed in the State grew for the first time since July. While the unem- ployment rate has slowly increased throughout the second half of 2022, there are still 15,873 more em- ployed over the year and the labor force participation rate is up by three-tenths of a percentage point.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment Unemployment

1,303,039

49,076

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,302,443

49,409

3.6 3.7

56.5 56.6

3.5 3.6

1,287,166

43,577

3.3

56.2

3.9

Employment Unemployment

1,304,548

39,470

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,305,870 1,295,042

40,735 35,898

2.9 3.0 2.7

56.2 56.4 56.2

3.3 3.4 3.7

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** |  | **Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,352,115 | 1,351,852 | 1,330,743 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,344,018 | 1,346,605 | 1,330,940 |

9.0%

**Unemployment Rates- Arkansas vs United States**

December: 2012 - 2022 (Seasonally Adjusted)

8.0%

7.0%

6.0%

5.0%

4.0%

3.0%

2.0%

1.0%

0.0%

2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Arkansas United States

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1330.3 | 1331.2 | 1311.0 | -0.9 | 19.3 |
| Goods Producing | 224.3 | 223.5 | 219.7 | 0.8 | 4.6 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 60.5 | 59.7 | 60.9 | 0.8 | -0.4 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **4.9** | **4.9** | **5.4** | **0.0** | **-0.5** |
| **Construction** | **55.6** | **54.8** | **55.5** | **0.8** | **0.1** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 35.7 | 35.2 | 34.9 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| **Manufacturing** | **163.8** | **163.8** | **158.8** | **0.0** | **5.0** |
| Durable Goods | 78.0 | 77.5 | 75.7 | 0.5 | 2.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 85.8 | 86.3 | 83.1 | -0.5 | 2.7 |
| Service Providing | 1106.0 | 1107.7 | 1091.3 | -1.7 | 14.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **272.1** | **269.4** | **268.2** | **2.7** | **3.9** |
| Wholesale Trade | 52.7 | 52.3 | 49.9 | 0.4 | 2.8 |
| Retail Trade | 141.6 | 140.5 | 143.4 | 1.1 | -1.8 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 77.8 | 76.6 | 74.9 | 1.2 | 2.9 |
| **Information** | **13.0** | **13.0** | **12.4** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Financial Activities** | **69.0** | **69.0** | **66.3** | **0.0** | **2.7** |
| Finance & Insurance | 53.8 | 53.8 | 52.1 | 0.0 | 1.7 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 15.2 | 15.2 | 14.2 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **148.0** | **149.6** | **151.6** | **-1.6** | **-3.6** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 45.2 | 45.4 | 45.5 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Management of Companies | 41.3 | 40.7 | 35.5 | 0.6 | 5.8 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 61.5 | 63.5 | 70.6 | -2.0 | -9.1 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **200.5** | **202.0** | **195.5** | **-1.5** | **5.0** |
| Educational Services | 19.1 | 19.3 | 17.8 | -0.2 | 1.3 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 181.4 | 182.7 | 177.7 | -1.3 | 3.7 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 63.5 | 63.5 | 61.2 | 0.0 | 2.3 |
| Social Assistance | 36.2 | 36.3 | 35.5 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **122.2** | **123.5** | **118.1** | **-1.3** | **4.1** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 11.3 | 11.2 | 11.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 110.9 | 112.3 | 107.0 | -1.4 | 3.9 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.5 | 11.7 | 10.5 | -0.2 | 1.0 |
| Food Services | 99.4 | 100.6 | 96.5 | -1.2 | 2.9 |
| **Other Services** | **67.7** | **67.1** | **66.3** | **0.6** | **1.4** |
| **Government** | **213.5** | **214.1** | **212.9** | **-0.6** | **0.6** |
| Federal Government | 21.1 | 20.9 | 21.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 77.8 | 78.2 | 77.5 | -0.4 | 0.3 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.5 | 31.9 | 31.1 | -0.4 | 0.4 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.3 | 46.3 | 46.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Local Government | 114.6 | 115.0 | 114.4 | -0.4 | 0.2 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 71.8 | 72.0 | 71.9 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.8 | 43.0 | 42.5 | -0.2 | 0.3 |

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# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**November 2022 - December 2022**

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas decreased by 900 in December to total 1,330,300. Four major in- dustry sectors posted declines, while three sectors added jobs. **Professional and business services** decreased by 1,600. Most of the loss was in administrative and support services (-2,000), a subsector which includes employment agencies. Jobs in **educational and health services** declined by 1,500. The contraction was largely in health care and social assistance (-1,300). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** were down 1,300, due in part to the temporary closure of food service contractors at educational facili- ties. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 2,700 jobs. Gains were posted across all subsectors, related in large part to hiring for the holiday shopping season.

**December 2021 - December 2022**

Compared to December 2021, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs are up 19,300. Nine major industry sec- tors reported annual growth, with five sectors adding 2,700 or more jobs each. **Manufacturing** jobs rose by 5,000, with expansions in both subsectors. Jobs in **educational and health services** increased 5,000. Most of the hiring occurred in health care and social assistance (+3,700). **Leisure and hospital- ity** added 4,100 jobs, largely in accommodation and food services (+3,900). Jobs in **trade, transpor- tation, and utilities** rose by 3,900. Expansions in transportation-warehousing-utilities (+2,900) and wholesale trade (+2,800) more than offset losses in retail trade (-1,800). **Financial services** increased by 2,700 jobs, with hiring in both subsectors. Jobs in **professional and business services** declined 3,600 over the year. Losses in administrative and support services (-9,100) were offset by gains in man- agement of companies (+5,800).

**Jobs in Educational and Health Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

December 2019 - December 2022

205,000

200,000

195,000

190,000

185,000

180,000

175,000

170,000

165,000

Dec '19 Jun '20 Dec '20 Jun '21 Dec '21 Jun '22 Dec'22

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# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Dec 22**

Average Weekly Hours 40.2

Average Hourly Earnings 20.36

Average Weekly Earnings 818.47

**Nov 22**

38.9

20.61

801.73

**Dec 21**

42.0

19.84

833.28

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Dec 22**

Average Weekly Hours 43.2

Average Hourly Earnings 22.72

Average Weekly Earnings 981.50

**Nov 22**

40.8

22.97

937.18

**Dec 21**

41.7

21.32

889.04

**Dec 22**

Average Weekly Hours 37.6

Average Hourly Earnings 18.06

Average Weekly Earnings 679.06

**Nov 22**

37.3

18.39

685.95

**Dec 21**

42.3

18.50

782.55

$1,200.00

**Average Weekly Earnings - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods**

December: 2012 - 2022

$1,000.00

$800.00

$600.00

$400.00

$200.00

$0.00

2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

# Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 353,640 | 353,381 | 350,674 | 259 | 2,966 |
| **Employment** | 343,843 | 343,203 | 341,122 | 640 | 2,721 |
| **Unemployment** | 9,797 | 10,178 | 9,552 | -381 | 245 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.7 | -0.1 | 0.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 373.4 | 373.5 | 366.4 | -0.1 | 7.0 |
| **Goods Producing** 38.2 | 38.4 | 37.6 | -0.2 | 0.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 18.4** | **18.4** | **18.3** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 19.8** | **20.0** | **19.3** | **-0.2** | **0.5** |
| **Service Providing** 335.2 | 335.1 | 328.8 | 0.1 | 6.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 77.8** | **77.0** | **76.0** | **0.8** | **1.8** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 16.9 | 16.9 | 16.3 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| **Retail Trade** 39.3 | 38.8 | 39.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.6 | 21.3 | 20.6 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| **Information 5.6** | **5.6** | **5.5** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 23.5** | **23.5** | **22.7** | **0.0** | **0.8** |
| **Professional & Business Services 45.5** | **45.7** | **47.7** | **-0.2** | **-2.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services 60.2** | **60.8** | **58.2** | **-0.6** | **2.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 36.6** | **36.5** | **32.4** | **0.1** | **4.2** |
| **Other Services 18.3** | **18.3** | **18.0** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Government 67.7** | **67.7** | **68.3** | **0.0** | **-0.6** |
| **Federal Government** 10.3 | 10.2 | 10.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** 34.6 | 34.7 | 34.4 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Local Government** 22.8 | 22.8 | 23.8 | 0.0 | -1.0 |

**Unemployment**

December 2019 - December 2022

40,000

**Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality**

December: 2012 - 2022

40,000

35,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

30,000

20,000

15,000

25,000

10,000

20,000

5,000

0

Dec '19 Jun '20 Dec '20 Jun '21 Dec '21 Jun '22 Dec'22

15,000

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

'22

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA = Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas and McDonald county in Missouri.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 294,714 | 296,946 | 290,164 | -2,232 | 4,550 |
| **Employment** | 288,680 | 290,609 | 284,736 | -1,929 | 3,944 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,034 | 6,337 | 5,428 | -303 | 606 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.9 | -0.1 | 0.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 288.5 | 290.7 | 281.3 | -2.2 | 7.2 |
| **Goods Producing** 46.4 | 46.7 | 45.2 | -0.3 | 1.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 14.4** | **14.5** | **14.0** | **-0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Manufacturing 32.0** | **32.2** | **31.2** | **-0.2** | **0.8** |
| **Service Providing** 242.1 | 244.0 | 236.1 | -1.9 | 6.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 62.9** | **62.8** | **61.9** | **0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 13.7 | 13.5 | 13.1 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| **Retail Trade** 28.7 | 28.9 | 29.0 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.5 | 20.4 | 19.8 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| **Information 2.1** | **2.1** | **2.1** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 9.4** | **9.4** | **8.9** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Professional & Business Services 59.0** | **60.1** | **55.2** | **-1.1** | **3.8** |
| **Educational & Health Services 30.6** | **30.8** | **31.1** | **-0.2** | **-0.5** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 25.7** | **26.2** | **26.8** | **-0.5** | **-1.1** |
| **Other Services 10.3** | **10.2** | **9.8** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Government 42.1** | **42.4** | **40.3** | **-0.3** | **1.8** |
| **Federal Government** 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 18.9 | 19.4 | 17.5 | -0.5 | 1.4 |
| **Local Government** 20.2 | 20.1 | 19.9 | 0.1 | 0.3 |

**Employment**

December: 2002 - 2022

310,000

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services**

January 2020 - December 2022

70,000

290,000

65,000

270,000

60,000

250,000

55,000

230,000

210,000 50,000

190,000

45,000

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170,000

150,000

'02

'04

'06

'08

'10

'12

'14

'16

'18

'20

'22

40,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2020 2021 2022

**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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 117,021 | 117,353 | 115,747 | -332 | 1,274 |
| **Employment** | 113,819 | 113,870 | 112,821 | -51 | 998 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,202 | 3,483 | 2,926 | -281 | 276 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.5 | -0.3 | 0.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 114.3 | 114.6 | 112.0 | -0.3 | 2.3 |
| **Goods Producing** 23.3 | 23.4 | 22.9 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.2** | **5.1** | **5.0** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 18.1** | **18.3** | **17.9** | **-0.2** | **0.2** |
| **Service Providing** 91.0 | 91.2 | 89.1 | -0.2 | 1.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.6** | **24.5** | **24.5** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.9 | 12.9 | 13.1 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 7.0 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Information 1.2** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 3.9** | **3.9** | **3.8** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.5** | **11.7** | **11.6** | **-0.2** | **-0.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services 17.1** | **17.1** | **16.5** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.1** | **10.2** | **9.4** | **-0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Other Services 4.4** | **4.4** | **4.2** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government 18.2** | **18.2** | **17.9** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Federal Government** 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 14.3 | 14.3 | 14.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |

**Unemployment**

December 2019 - December 2022

14,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

December: 2012 - 2022

116,000

12,000

115,000

114,000

10,000

113,000

112,000

8,000

111,000

6,000

110,000

4,000

109,000

108,000

2,000

107,000

0

Dec '19 Jun '20 Dec '20 Jun '21 Dec '21 Jun '22 Dec'22

106,000

'12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 40,743 | 40,449 | 39,935 | 294 | 808 |
| **Employment** | 39,301 | 38,998 | 38,612 | 303 | 689 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,442 | 1,451 | 1,323 | -9 | 119 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.3 | -0.1 | 0.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 40.1 | 39.8 | 39.0 | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 35.5 | 35.3 | 34.6 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 |

45,000

40,000

**Composition of the Civilian Labor Force**

December: 2012 - 2022

Civilian Labor Force = Employment + Unemployment

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35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

0

2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Unemployment Employment

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,598 | 66,319 | 65,736 | 279 | 862 |
| **Employment** | 65,001 | 64,628 | 64,329 | 373 | 672 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,597 | 1,691 | 1,407 | -94 | 190 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.1 | -0.1 | 0.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 63.2 | 63.0 | 62.0 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| 11.4 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 51.8 | 51.8 | 50.8 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

70,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2020 - December 2022

68,000

66,000

64,000

62,000

60,000

58,000

56,000

54,000

52,000

50,000

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2020 2021 2022

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 32,759 | 32,495 | 32,556 | 264 | 203 |
| **Employment** | 31,242 | 30,966 | 31,084 | 276 | 158 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,517 | 1,529 | 1,472 | -12 | 45 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.5 | -0.1 | 0.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 32.1 | 31.7 | 31.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| 26.3 | 26.1 | 26.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 0.0 | -0.2 |

33,000

**Employment**

December 2019 - December 2022

Arkansas

Labor Market report

32,500

32,000

31,500

31,000

30,500

30,000

29,500

29,000

Dec '19 Jun '20 Dec '20 Jun '21 Dec '21 Jun '22 Dec'22

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 629,481 | 631,993 | 646,075 | -2,512 | -16,594 |
| **Employment** | 606,236 | 606,180 | 618,993 | 56 | -12,757 |
| **Unemployment** | 23,245 | 25,813 | 27,082 | -2,568 | -3,837 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.2 | -0.4 | -0.5 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 22** | **Nov 22** | **Dec 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,958 | 63,790 | 63,692 | 168 | 266 |
| **Employment** | 61,626 | 61,363 | 61,032 | 263 | 594 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,332 | 2,427 | 2,660 | -95 | -328 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.2 | -0.2 | -0.6 |

60,000

**Memphis MSA - Unemployment**

December: 2012 - 2022

64,000

**Texarkana MSA - Employment**

December 2019 - December 2022

50,000

62,000

60,000

40,000

58,000

30,000

56,000

20,000

54,000

10,000

52,000

Arkansas

Labor Market report

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'12

'13

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'18

'19

'20

'21

'22

50,000

Dec '19 Jun '20 Dec '20 Jun '21 Dec '21 Jun '22 Dec'22

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**December 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**November 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**December 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,537 | 8,188 | 349 | 4.1 | 8,601 | 8,246 | 355 | 4.1 | 8,752 | 8,475 | 277 | 3.2 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,590 | 16,115 | 475 | 2.9 | 16,523 | 16,051 | 472 | 2.9 | 16,277 | 15,853 | 424 | 2.6 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,267 | 15,440 | 827 | 5.1 | 16,312 | 15,486 | 826 | 5.1 | 15,936 | 15,115 | 821 | 5.2 |
| Camden Micro | 11,934 | 11,530 | 404 | 3.4 | 11,905 | 11,504 | 401 | 3.4 | 12,082 | 11,752 | 330 | 2.7 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,715 | 14,034 | 681 | 4.6 | 14,684 | 14,002 | 682 | 4.6 | 14,795 | 14,147 | 648 | 4.4 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,481 | 7,131 | 350 | 4.7 | 7,513 | 7,166 | 347 | 4.6 | 7,494 | 7,166 | 328 | 4.4 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,835 | 18,338 | 497 | 2.6 | 18,835 | 18,339 | 496 | 2.6 | 18,817 | 18,460 | 357 | 1.9 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,430 | 5,035 | 395 | 7.3 | 5,446 | 5,062 | 384 | 7.1 | 5,619 | 5,280 | 339 | 6.0 |
| Hope Micro | 12,581 | 12,195 | 386 | 3.1 | 12,636 | 12,247 | 389 | 3.1 | 12,256 | 11,921 | 335 | 2.7 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,764 | 8,395 | 369 | 4.2 | 8,801 | 8,432 | 369 | 4.2 | 8,752 | 8,441 | 311 | 3.6 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,530 | 13,135 | 395 | 2.9 | 13,510 | 13,095 | 415 | 3.1 | 13,688 | 13,333 | 355 | 2.6 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,577 | 16,051 | 526 | 3.2 | 16,546 | 16,023 | 523 | 3.2 | 16,137 | 15,730 | 407 | 2.5 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,387 | 18,848 | 539 | 2.8 | 19,791 | 18,885 | 906 | 4.6 | 19,099 | 18,680 | 419 | 2.2 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,148 | 33,909 | 1,239 | 3.5 | 35,122 | 33,956 | 1,166 | 3.3 | 35,011 | 34,022 | 989 | 2.8 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,969 | 32,972 | 997 | 2.9 | 33,974 | 32,943 | 1,031 | 3.0 | 33,821 | 32,897 | 924 | 2.7 |

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**

**City**

**CLF**

**December 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**November 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**December 2021**

**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 | 12,656 | 12,317 | 339 | 2.7 | 12,742 | 12,402 | 340 | 2.7 | 12,463 | 12,151 | 312 | 2.5 |
| Benton | 17,600 | 17,181 | 419 | 2.4 | 17,575 | 17,143 | 432 | 2.5 | 17,380 | 17,040 | 340 | 2.0 |
| Bentonville | 30,711 | 30,120 | 591 | 1.9 | 30,920 | 30,328 | 592 | 1.9 | 30,149 | 29,715 | 434 | 1.4 |
| Blytheville | 5,490 | 5,168 | 322 | 5.9 | 5,502 | 5,184 | 318 | 5.8 | 5,333 | 5,060 | 273 | 5.1 |
| Cabot | 11,810 | 11,542 | 268 | 2.3 | 11,840 | 11,540 | 300 | 2.5 | 11,734 | 11,465 | 269 | 2.3 |
| Conway | 34,191 | 33,296 | 895 | 2.6 | 34,135 | 33,242 | 893 | 2.6 | 33,795 | 33,030 | 765 | 2.3 |
| El Dorado | 6,388 | 6,039 | 349 | 5.5 | 6,372 | 6,026 | 346 | 5.4 | 6,390 | 6,088 | 302 | 4.7 |
| Fayetteville | 50,198 | 49,116 | 1,082 | 2.2 | 50,629 | 49,457 | 1,172 | 2.3 | 49,365 | 48,444 | 921 | 1.9 |
| Fort Smith | 38,166 | 37,177 | 989 | 2.6 | 38,220 | 37,168 | 1,052 | 2.8 | 37,741 | 36,802 | 939 | 2.5 |
| Hot Springs | 15,134 | 14,544 | 590 | 3.9 | 15,030 | 14,431 | 599 | 4.0 | 14,861 | 14,289 | 572 | 3.8 |
| Jacksonville | 11,524 | 11,086 | 438 | 3.8 | 11,493 | 11,061 | 432 | 3.8 | 11,468 | 10,996 | 472 | 4.1 |
| Jonesboro | 40,188 | 39,225 | 963 | 2.4 | 40,003 | 38,975 | 1,028 | 2.6 | 39,591 | 38,802 | 789 | 2.0 |
| Little Rock | 95,929 | 93,043 | 2,886 | 3.0 | 95,886 | 92,831 | 3,055 | 3.2 | 95,576 | 92,287 | 3,289 | 3.4 |
| North Little Rock | 29,594 | 28,611 | 983 | 3.3 | 29,516 | 28,546 | 970 | 3.3 | 29,289 | 28,379 | 910 | 3.1 |
| Paragould | 12,338 | 11,979 | 359 | 2.9 | 12,628 | 12,002 | 626 | 5.0 | 12,175 | 11,872 | 303 | 2.5 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,454 | 14,563 | 891 | 5.8 | 15,293 | 14,415 | 878 | 5.7 | 15,332 | 14,483 | 849 | 5.5 |
| Rogers | 37,718 | 36,952 | 766 | 2.0 | 37,997 | 37,207 | 790 | 2.1 | 37,041 | 36,454 | 587 | 1.6 |
| Russellville | 12,669 | 12,244 | 425 | 3.4 | 12,675 | 12,248 | 427 | 3.4 | 12,569 | 12,277 | 292 | 2.3 |
| Searcy | 10,224 | 9,957 | 267 | 2.6 | 10,233 | 9,948 | 285 | 2.8 | 10,174 | 9,934 | 240 | 2.4 |
| Sherwood | 16,028 | 15,614 | 414 | 2.6 | 16,001 | 15,579 | 422 | 2.6 | 15,880 | 15,487 | 393 | 2.5 |
| Springdale | 40,002 | 39,224 | 778 | 1.9 | 40,298 | 39,497 | 801 | 2.0 | 39,453 | 38,688 | 765 | 1.9 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,197 | 12,743 | 454 | 3.4 | 13,149 | 12,692 | 457 | 3.5 | 13,081 | 12,593 | 488 | 3.7 |
| Van Buren | 10,191 | 9,918 | 273 | 2.7 | 10,192 | 9,925 | 267 | 2.6 | 10,078 | 9,826 | 252 | 2.5 |
| West Memphis | 10,209 | 9,783 | 426 | 4.2 | 10,233 | 9,787 | 446 | 4.4 | 10,066 | 9,670 | 396 | 3.9 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **December 2022** |  |  | **November 2022** |  |  | **December 2021** |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,476 | 9,233 | 243 | 2.6 | 9,452 | 9,193 | 259 | 2.7 | 9,416 | 9,159 | 257 | 2.7 |
| Ashley | 6,613 | 6,215 | 398 | 6.0 | 6,664 | 6,276 | 388 | 5.8 | 6,494 | 6,140 | 354 | 5.5 |
| Baxter | 16,577 | 16,051 | 526 | 3.2 | 16,546 | 16,023 | 523 | 3.2 | 16,137 | 15,730 | 407 | 2.5 |
| Benton | 146,786 | 143,701 | 3,085 | 2.1 | 147,870 | 144,694 | 3,176 | 2.1 | 144,345 | 141,766 | 2,579 | 1.8 |
| Boone | 15,705 | 15,292 | 413 | 2.6 | 15,701 | 15,283 | 418 | 2.7 | 15,687 | 15,393 | 294 | 1.9 |
| Bradley | 4,015 | 3,821 | 194 | 4.8 | 3,996 | 3,815 | 181 | 4.5 | 3,904 | 3,781 | 123 | 3.2 |
| Calhoun | 2,330 | 2,262 | 68 | 2.9 | 2,336 | 2,267 | 69 | 3.0 | 2,360 | 2,310 | 50 | 2.1 |
| Carroll | 12,272 | 11,949 | 323 | 2.6 | 12,414 | 12,098 | 316 | 2.5 | 12,322 | 12,055 | 267 | 2.2 |
| Chicot | 2,816 | 2,650 | 166 | 5.9 | 2,843 | 2,672 | 171 | 6.0 | 2,918 | 2,727 | 191 | 6.5 |
| Clark | 8,537 | 8,188 | 349 | 4.1 | 8,601 | 8,246 | 355 | 4.1 | 8,752 | 8,475 | 277 | 3.2 |
| Clay | 5,263 | 5,057 | 206 | 3.9 | 5,331 | 5,112 | 219 | 4.1 | 5,196 | 5,048 | 148 | 2.8 |
| Cleburne | 8,795 | 8,465 | 330 | 3.8 | 8,830 | 8,500 | 330 | 3.7 | 8,774 | 8,487 | 287 | 3.3 |
| Cleveland | 3,071 | 2,976 | 95 | 3.1 | 3,066 | 2,963 | 103 | 3.4 | 3,045 | 2,966 | 79 | 2.6 |
| Columbia | 8,764 | 8,395 | 369 | 4.2 | 8,801 | 8,432 | 369 | 4.2 | 8,752 | 8,441 | 311 | 3.6 |
| Conway | 8,402 | 8,131 | 271 | 3.2 | 8,365 | 8,090 | 275 | 3.3 | 8,206 | 7,975 | 231 | 2.8 |
| Craighead | 56,859 | 55,544 | 1,315 | 2.3 | 56,590 | 55,190 | 1,400 | 2.5 | 56,100 | 54,944 | 1,156 | 2.1 |
| Crawford | 26,066 | 25,383 | 683 | 2.6 | 26,118 | 25,401 | 717 | 2.7 | 25,769 | 25,148 | 621 | 2.4 |
| Crittenden | 20,804 | 20,048 | 756 | 3.6 | 20,832 | 20,055 | 777 | 3.7 | 20,502 | 19,816 | 686 | 3.3 |
| Cross | 6,716 | 6,499 | 217 | 3.2 | 6,780 | 6,543 | 237 | 3.5 | 6,780 | 6,566 | 214 | 3.2 |
| Dallas | 2,671 | 2,570 | 101 | 3.8 | 2,678 | 2,580 | 98 | 3.7 | 2,721 | 2,642 | 79 | 2.9 |
| Desha | 4,885 | 4,636 | 249 | 5.1 | 4,895 | 4,657 | 238 | 4.9 | 4,864 | 4,647 | 217 | 4.5 |
| Drew | 7,074 | 6,776 | 298 | 4.2 | 7,045 | 6,747 | 298 | 4.2 | 7,425 | 7,163 | 262 | 3.5 |
| Faulkner | 62,105 | 60,479 | 1,626 | 2.6 | 62,043 | 60,380 | 1,663 | 2.7 | 61,379 | 59,995 | 1,384 | 2.3 |
| Franklin | 7,332 | 7,140 | 192 | 2.6 | 7,397 | 7,184 | 213 | 2.9 | 7,144 | 6,963 | 181 | 2.5 |
| Fulton | 4,862 | 4,721 | 141 | 2.9 | 4,863 | 4,720 | 143 | 2.9 | 4,808 | 4,696 | 112 | 2.3 |
| Garland | 40,743 | 39,301 | 1,442 | 3.5 | 40,449 | 38,998 | 1,451 | 3.6 | 39,935 | 38,612 | 1,323 | 3.3 |
| Grant | 8,272 | 8,065 | 207 | 2.5 | 8,294 | 8,063 | 231 | 2.8 | 8,192 | 8,016 | 176 | 2.1 |
| Greene | 19,387 | 18,848 | 539 | 2.8 | 19,791 | 18,885 | 906 | 4.6 | 19,099 | 18,680 | 419 | 2.2 |
| Hempstead | 9,187 | 8,915 | 272 | 3.0 | 9,231 | 8,958 | 273 | 3.0 | 8,951 | 8,720 | 231 | 2.6 |
| Hot Spring | 13,530 | 13,135 | 395 | 2.9 | 13,510 | 13,095 | 415 | 3.1 | 13,688 | 13,333 | 355 | 2.6 |
| Howard | 5,312 | 5,158 | 154 | 2.9 | 5,335 | 5,168 | 167 | 3.1 | 5,306 | 5,182 | 124 | 2.3 |
| Independence | 16,590 | 16,115 | 475 | 2.9 | 16,523 | 16,051 | 472 | 2.9 | 16,277 | 15,853 | 424 | 2.6 |
| Izard | 4,566 | 4,315 | 251 | 5.5 | 4,545 | 4,332 | 213 | 4.7 | 4,298 | 4,120 | 178 | 4.1 |
| Jackson | 5,331 | 5,053 | 278 | 5.2 | 5,352 | 5,102 | 250 | 4.7 | 5,496 | 5,284 | 212 | 3.9 |
| Jefferson | 26,014 | 24,732 | 1,282 | 4.9 | 25,758 | 24,480 | 1,278 | 5.0 | 25,867 | 24,596 | 1,271 | 4.9 |
| Johnson | 10,074 | 9,714 | 360 | 3.6 | 10,096 | 9,740 | 356 | 3.5 | 9,799 | 9,467 | 332 | 3.4 |
| Lafayette | 2,255 | 2,144 | 111 | 4.9 | 2,278 | 2,166 | 112 | 4.9 | 2,233 | 2,149 | 84 | 3.8 |
| Lawrence | 6,654 | 6,447 | 207 | 3.1 | 6,708 | 6,487 | 221 | 3.3 | 6,587 | 6,404 | 183 | 2.8 |
| Lee | 2,464 | 2,347 | 117 | 4.7 | 2,485 | 2,378 | 107 | 4.3 | 2,406 | 2,307 | 99 | 4.1 |
| Lincoln | 3,674 | 3,534 | 140 | 3.8 | 3,671 | 3,523 | 148 | 4.0 | 3,644 | 3,522 | 122 | 3.3 |
| Little River | 5,339 | 5,181 | 158 | 3.0 | 5,337 | 5,157 | 180 | 3.4 | 5,291 | 5,125 | 166 | 3.1 |
| Logan | 8,116 | 7,841 | 275 | 3.4 | 8,133 | 7,865 | 268 | 3.3 | 8,207 | 7,976 | 231 | 2.8 |
| Lonoke | 33,513 | 32,718 | 795 | 2.4 | 33,563 | 32,715 | 848 | 2.5 | 33,241 | 32,502 | 739 | 2.2 |
| Madison | 7,424 | 7,264 | 160 | 2.2 | 7,519 | 7,357 | 162 | 2.2 | 7,348 | 7,197 | 151 | 2.1 |
| Marion | 6,226 | 6,007 | 219 | 3.5 | 6,221 | 6,011 | 210 | 3.4 | 5,972 | 5,806 | 166 | 2.8 |
| Miller | 19,234 | 18,628 | 606 | 3.2 | 19,175 | 18,553 | 622 | 3.2 | 19,054 | 18,408 | 646 | 3.4 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **December 2022** |  |  | **November 2022** |  |  | **December 2021** |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 16,267 | 15,440 | 827 | 5.1 | 16,312 | 15,486 | 826 | 5.1 | 15,936 | 15,115 | 821 | 5.2 |
| Monroe | 2,448 | 2,343 | 105 | 4.3 | 2,441 | 2,338 | 103 | 4.2 | 2,531 | 2,432 | 99 | 3.9 |
| Montgomery | 2,650 | 2,519 | 131 | 4.9 | 2,707 | 2,588 | 119 | 4.4 | 2,643 | 2,529 | 114 | 4.3 |
| Nevada | 3,394 | 3,280 | 114 | 3.4 | 3,405 | 3,289 | 116 | 3.4 | 3,305 | 3,201 | 104 | 3.1 |
| Newton | 3,130 | 3,046 | 84 | 2.7 | 3,134 | 3,056 | 78 | 2.5 | 3,130 | 3,067 | 63 | 2.0 |
| Ouachita | 9,604 | 9,268 | 336 | 3.5 | 9,569 | 9,237 | 332 | 3.5 | 9,722 | 9,442 | 280 | 2.9 |
| Perry | 4,117 | 3,993 | 124 | 3.0 | 4,127 | 3,997 | 130 | 3.1 | 4,092 | 3,965 | 127 | 3.1 |
| Phillips | 5,430 | 5,035 | 395 | 7.3 | 5,446 | 5,062 | 384 | 7.1 | 5,619 | 5,280 | 339 | 6.0 |
| Pike | 3,993 | 3,873 | 120 | 3.0 | 4,029 | 3,898 | 131 | 3.3 | 4,019 | 3,889 | 130 | 3.2 |
| Poinsett | 9,739 | 9,457 | 282 | 2.9 | 9,729 | 9,438 | 291 | 3.0 | 9,636 | 9,385 | 251 | 2.6 |
| Polk | 7,598 | 7,347 | 251 | 3.3 | 7,651 | 7,402 | 249 | 3.3 | 7,595 | 7,355 | 240 | 3.2 |
| Pope | 27,404 | 26,436 | 968 | 3.5 | 27,356 | 26,444 | 912 | 3.3 | 27,275 | 26,507 | 768 | 2.8 |
| Prairie | 3,443 | 3,361 | 82 | 2.4 | 3,487 | 3,389 | 98 | 2.8 | 3,431 | 3,354 | 77 | 2.2 |
| Pulaski | 186,548 | 180,899 | 5,649 | 3.0 | 186,354 | 180,487 | 5,867 | 3.1 | 185,350 | 179,428 | 5,922 | 3.2 |
| Randolph | 7,026 | 6,813 | 213 | 3.0 | 7,070 | 6,851 | 219 | 3.1 | 7,155 | 6,975 | 180 | 2.5 |
| St. Francis | 7,481 | 7,131 | 350 | 4.7 | 7,513 | 7,166 | 347 | 4.6 | 7,494 | 7,166 | 328 | 4.4 |
| Saline | 59,085 | 57,689 | 1,396 | 2.4 | 59,000 | 57,561 | 1,439 | 2.4 | 58,420 | 57,216 | 1,204 | 2.1 |
| Scott | 4,006 | 3,917 | 89 | 2.2 | 4,018 | 3,921 | 97 | 2.4 | 4,127 | 4,039 | 88 | 2.1 |
| Searcy | 2,872 | 2,755 | 117 | 4.1 | 2,909 | 2,801 | 108 | 3.7 | 2,822 | 2,733 | 89 | 3.2 |
| Sebastian | 54,962 | 53,556 | 1,406 | 2.6 | 55,031 | 53,543 | 1,488 | 2.7 | 54,348 | 53,016 | 1,332 | 2.5 |
| Sevier | 5,345 | 5,172 | 173 | 3.2 | 5,340 | 5,158 | 182 | 3.4 | 5,278 | 5,115 | 163 | 3.1 |
| Sharp | 5,778 | 5,572 | 206 | 3.6 | 5,778 | 5,579 | 199 | 3.4 | 5,553 | 5,367 | 186 | 3.3 |
| Stone | 4,370 | 4,196 | 174 | 4.0 | 4,426 | 4,256 | 170 | 3.8 | 4,323 | 4,171 | 152 | 3.5 |
| Union | 14,715 | 14,034 | 681 | 4.6 | 14,684 | 14,002 | 682 | 4.6 | 14,795 | 14,147 | 648 | 4.4 |
| Van Buren | 5,862 | 5,630 | 232 | 4.0 | 5,889 | 5,675 | 214 | 3.6 | 5,665 | 5,476 | 189 | 3.3 |
| Washington | 129,608 | 127,053 | 2,555 | 2.0 | 130,692 | 127,936 | 2,756 | 2.1 | 127,686 | 125,315 | 2,371 | 1.9 |
| White | 33,969 | 32,972 | 997 | 2.9 | 33,974 | 32,943 | 1,031 | 3.0 | 33,821 | 32,897 | 924 | 2.7 |
| Woodruff | 2,736 | 2,645 | 91 | 3.3 | 2,735 | 2,650 | 85 | 3.1 | 2,744 | 2,655 | 89 | 3.2 |
| Yell | 7,744 | 7,473 | 271 | 3.5 | 7,766 | 7,512 | 254 | 3.3 | 7,736 | 7,515 | 221 | 2.9 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between November and December, unemployment rates declined in 34 of Arkansas’ 75 coun- ties. Rate increases occurred in 24 counties, while seventeen counties were unchanged over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.0 percent in Washington County to a high of 7.3 percent in Phillips County.

In December, fifty-six counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is up slightly from 55 counties at or below four percent in November. Only one county reported a job- less rate above seven percent, the same as last month.

Compared to December 2021, unemployment rates are up in 65 Arkansas counties. Rates were down in eight counties and remained stable in two counties. Jobless rate gains ranged from as little as one-tenth of a percentage point increase in eight counties to as much as a one and six- tenths of a percentage point gain in Bradley County. Clay, Lafayette, Phillips, Jackson, Izard, and Bradley counties all posted jobless rate increases of over one full percentage point.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Greene**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Crawford**

**Independence**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Faulkner**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**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**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada Ouachita Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Bradley**

**LafayetteColumbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0%

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

December 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 2.0

2 Benton 2.1

3 Madison 2.2

3 Scott 2.2

5 Craighead 2.3

6 Lonoke 2.4

6 Prairie 2.4

6 Saline 2.4

9 Grant 2.5

10 Arkansas 2.6

10 Boone 2.6

10 Carroll 2.6

10 Crawford 2.6

10 Faulkner 2.6

10 Franklin 2.6

10 Sebastian 2.6

17 Newton 2.7

18 Greene 2.8

19 Calhoun 2.9

19 Fulton 2.9

19 Hot Spring 2.9

19 Howard 2.9

19 Independence 2.9

19 Poinsett 2.9

19 White 2.9

**Rank County**

26 Hempstead

26 Little River

26 Perry

26 Pike

26 Pulaski

26 Randolph

32 Cleveland

32 Lawrence

34 Baxter

34 Conway

34 Cross

34 Miller

34 Sevier

39 Polk

39 Woodruff

41 Logan

41 Nevada

43 Garland

43 Marion

43 Ouachita

43 Pope

43 Yell

48 Crittenden

48 Johnson

48 Sharp

**Rate**

3.0

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**Rank County**

51 Cleburne

51 Dallas

51 Lincoln

54 Clay

55 Stone

55 Van Buren

57 Clark

57 Searcy

59 Columbia

59 Drew

61 Monroe

62 Union

63 Lee

63 St. Francis

65 Bradley

66 Jefferson

66 Lafayette

66 Montgomery

69 Desha

69 Mississippi

1. Jackson
2. Izard
3. Chicot
4. Ashley
5. Phillips

**Rate**

3.8

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3.8

3.9

4.0

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7.3

Arkansas

Labor Market report

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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|  | **December 2022** |  | **November 2022** |  |  | **December 2021** |  |
| **LWDA** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) 251,213 | 244,446 | 6,767 | 2.7 | 251,002 | 244,039 | 6,963 | 2.8 | 248,776 | 242,640 | 6,136 | 2.5 |
| City of Little Rock 95,929 | 93,043 | 2,886 | 3.0 | 95,886 | 92,831 | 3,055 | 3.2 | 95,576 | 92,287 | 3,289 | 3.4 |
| Eastern 42,895North Central 92,859Northeast 121,195Northwest 340,600Southeast 75,910Southwest 88,150West Central 127,194Western 108,080 | 41,06089,684117,606333,11872,63885,007122,763105,184 | 1,8353,1753,5897,4823,2723,1434,4312,896 | 4.33.43.02.24.33.63.52.7 | 43,05692,915121,531343,00675,68488,169127,006108,348 | 41,20489,808117,449335,25972,38984,967122,608105,316 | 1,8523,1074,0827,7473,2953,2024,3983,032 | 4.33.33.42.34.43.63.52.8 | 42,80191,759119,709335,44975,76987,768126,145107,190 | 41,13589,006116,551329,06272,71784,882122,267104,497 | 1,6662,7533,1586,3873,0522,8863,8782,693 | 3.93.02.61.94.03.33.12.5 |
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