

2022 ARKANSAS LABOR MARKET REPORT

December



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Technical Notes

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 2020 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

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 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

Civilian Labor Force

The sum of all employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

Unemployment

An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

Unemployment

Rate

The number of unemployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

Seasonal

Adjustment

A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally occur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/closing of schools.



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December Spotlight Coming in 2023

2023 Arkansas Publication Schedule

<u>Reference Month</u>	<u>State Press Release</u>	<u>MSA's & Counties*</u>
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

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

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

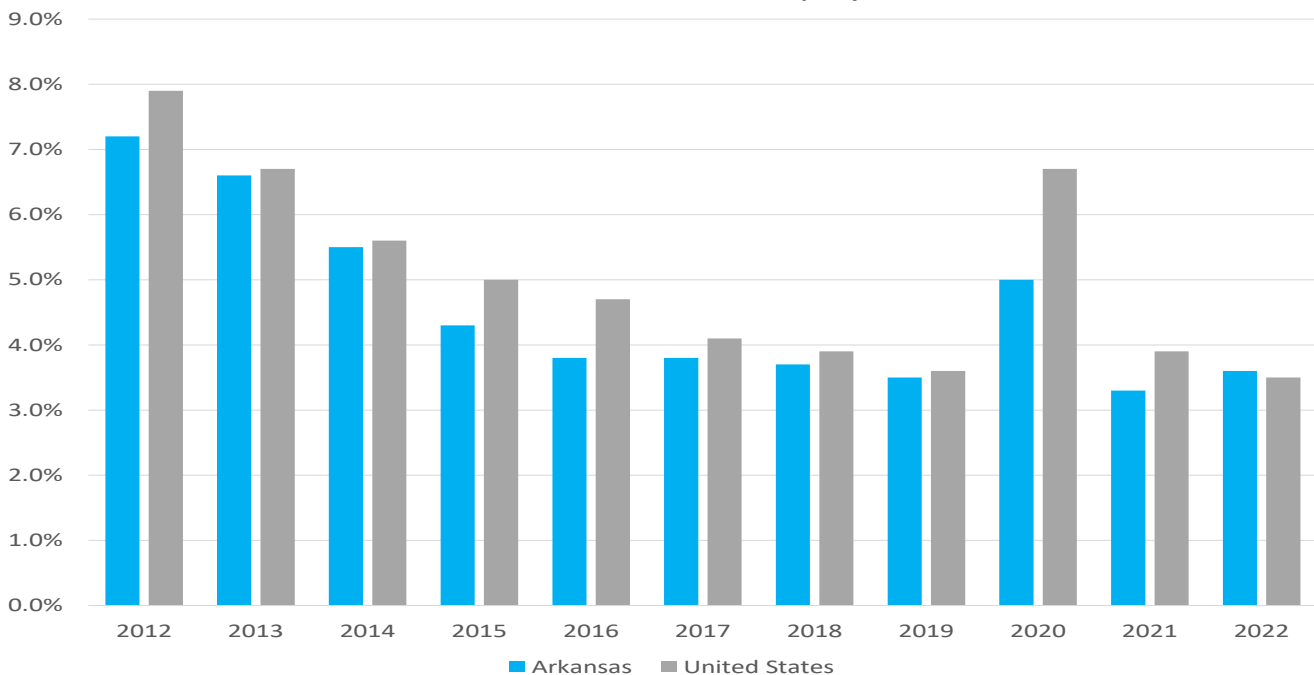
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.7 percent in November to 3.6 percent in December. Arkansas' civilian labor force rose 263, a result of 596 more employed and 333 fewer unemployed Arkansans. 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 unemployment rate has slowly increased throughout the second half of 2022, there are still 15,873 more employed 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			
	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
Employment	1,303,039	1,302,443	1,287,166	Employment	1,304,548	1,305,870	1,295,042
Unemployment	49,076	49,409	43,577	Unemployment	39,470	40,735	35,898
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.7	3.3	Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.0	2.7
Labor Participation Rate	56.5	56.6	56.2	Labor Participation Rate	56.2	56.4	56.2
U.S. Unemp Rate	3.5	3.6	3.9	U.S. Unemp Rate	3.3	3.4	3.7

Unemployment Rates- Arkansas vs United States
 December: 2012 - 2022 (Seasonally Adjusted)





State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
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



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

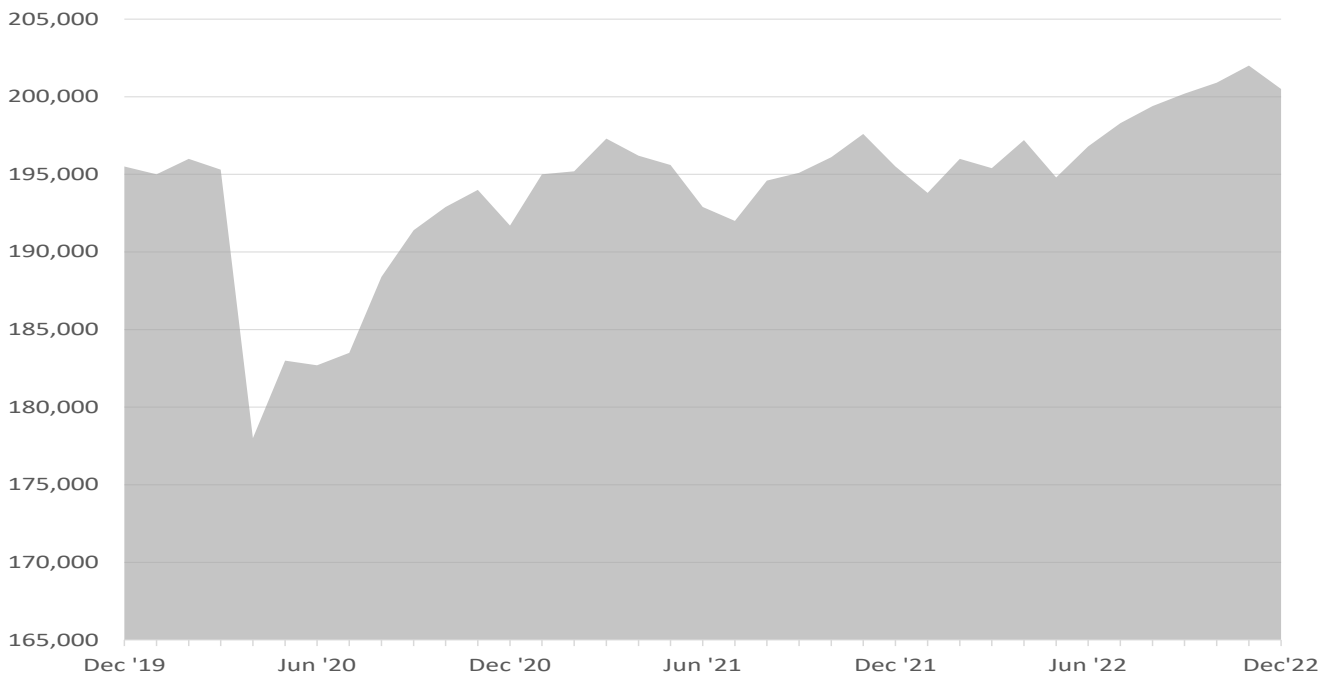
November 2022 - December 2022

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas decreased by 900 in December to total 1,330,300. Four major industry 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 facilities. **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 sectors 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 hospitality** added 4,100 jobs, largely in accommodation and food services (+3,900). Jobs in **trade, transportation, 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 management of companies (+5,800).

Jobs in Educational and Health Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
 December 2019 - December 2022





State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

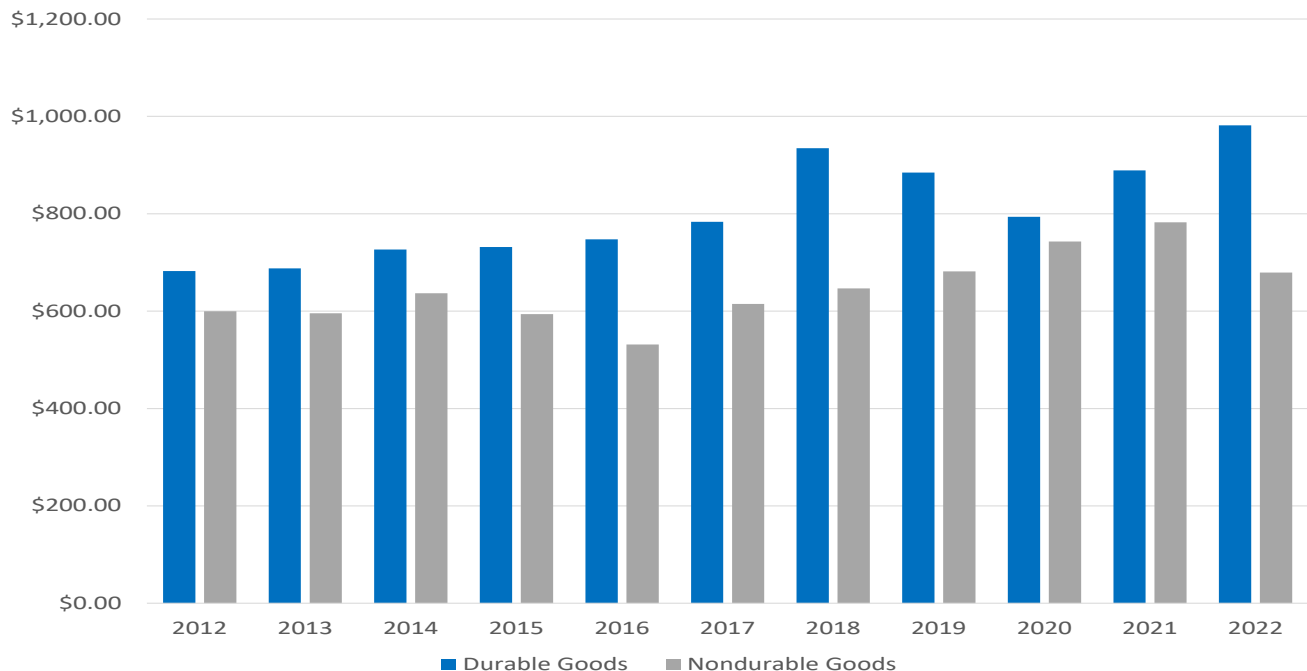
	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>
Average Weekly Hours	40.2	38.9	42.0
Average Hourly Earnings	20.36	20.61	19.84
Average Weekly Earnings	818.47	801.73	833.28

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>		<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>
Average Weekly Hours	43.2	40.8	41.7	Average Weekly Hours	37.6	37.3	42.3
Average Hourly Earnings	22.72	22.97	21.32	Average Hourly Earnings	18.06	18.39	18.50
Average Weekly Earnings	981.50	937.18	889.04	Average Weekly Earnings	679.06	685.95	782.55

Average Weekly Earnings - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods

December: 2012 - 2022





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)

	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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

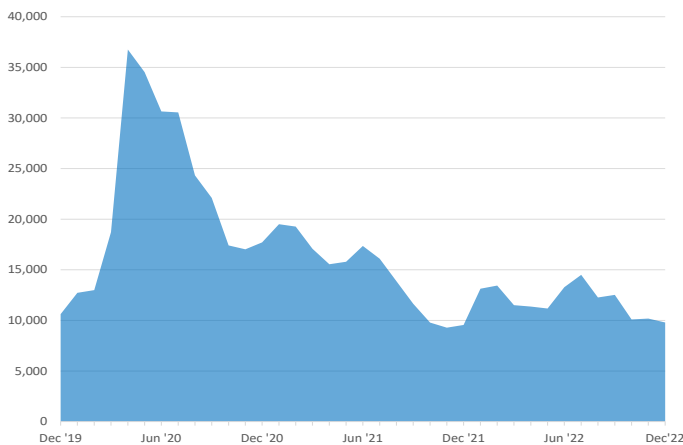
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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

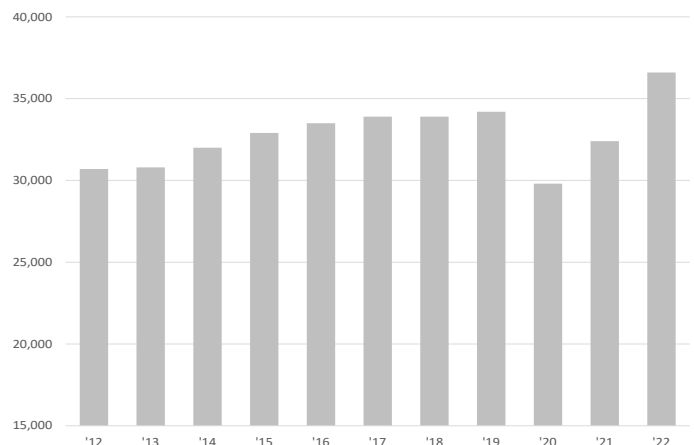
Unemployment

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Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality

December: 2012 - 2022



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	QTY
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

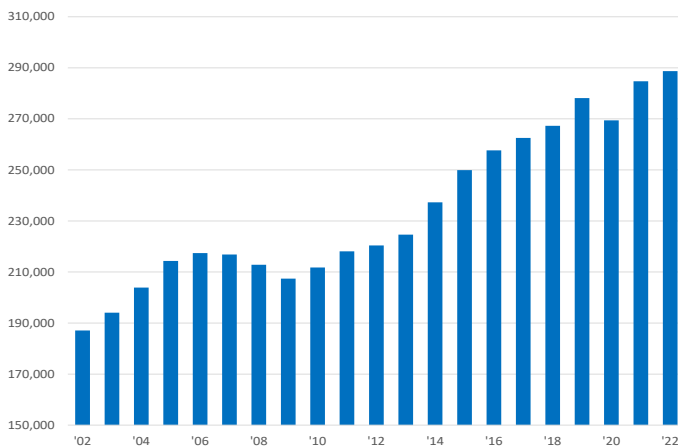
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Dec 22	Nov 22	Dec 21	OTM	QTY
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

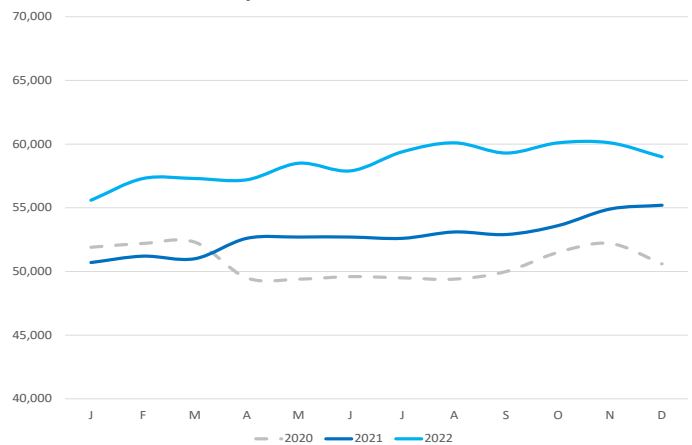
Employment

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Jobs in Professional and Business Services

January 2020 - December 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)

	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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

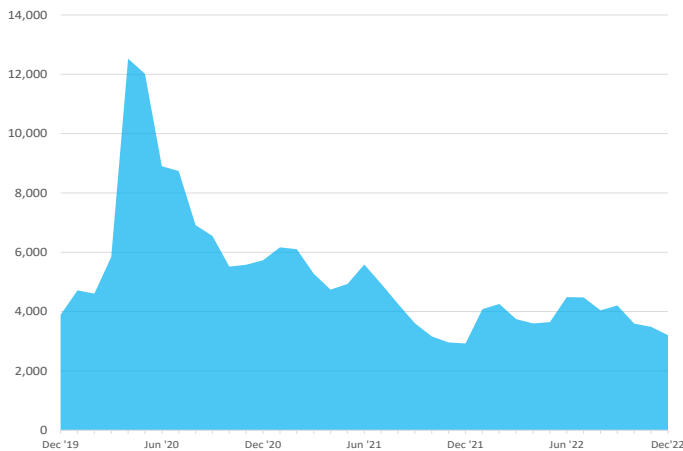
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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

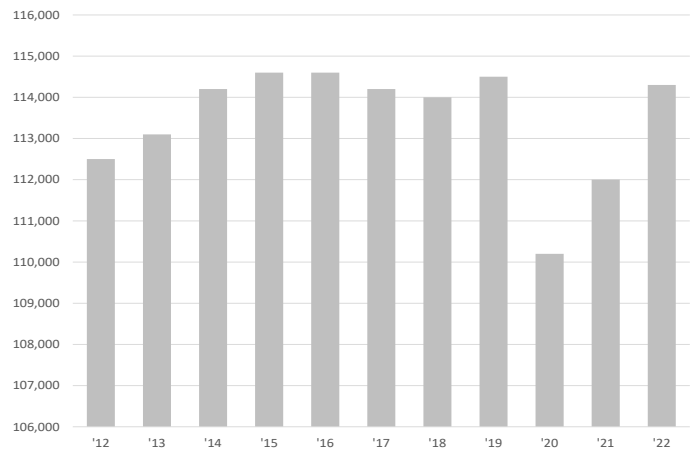
Unemployment

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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

December: 2012 - 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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

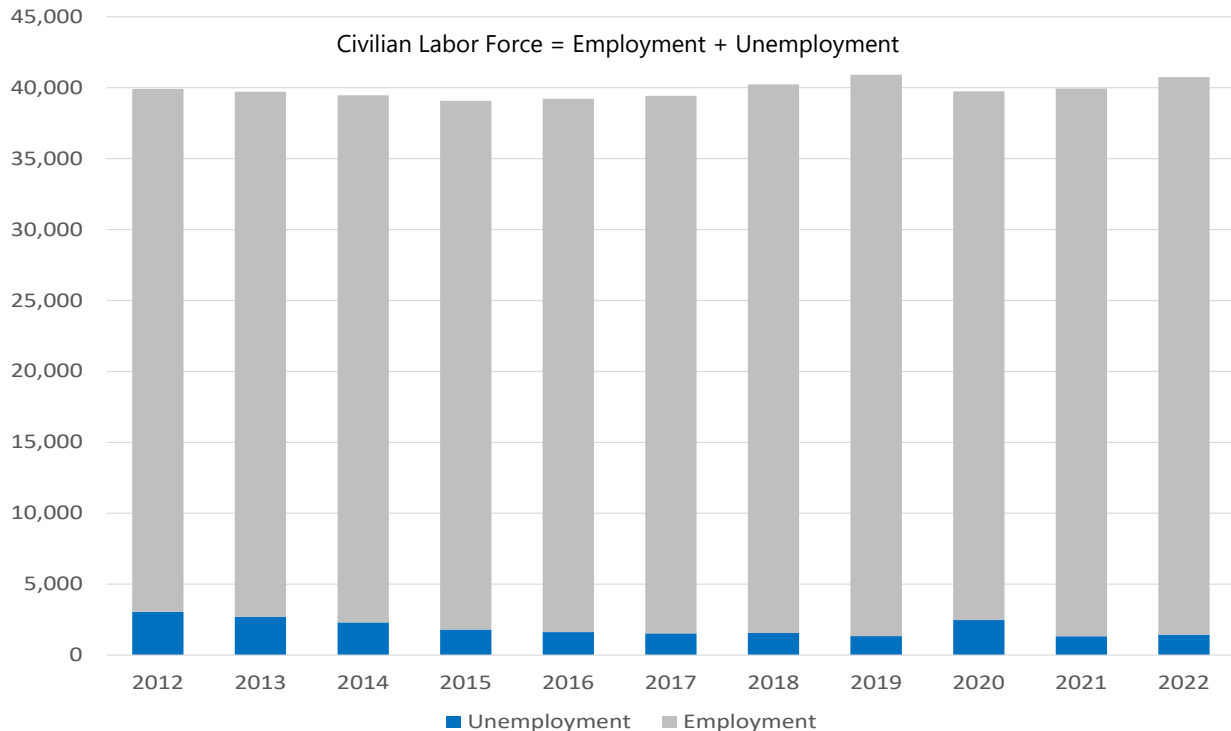
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	40.1	39.8	39.0	0.3	1.1
Goods Producing	4.6	4.5	4.4	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	35.5	35.3	34.6	0.2	0.9
Government	4.0	4.1	4.1	-0.1	-0.1

Composition of the Civilian Labor Force

December: 2012 - 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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

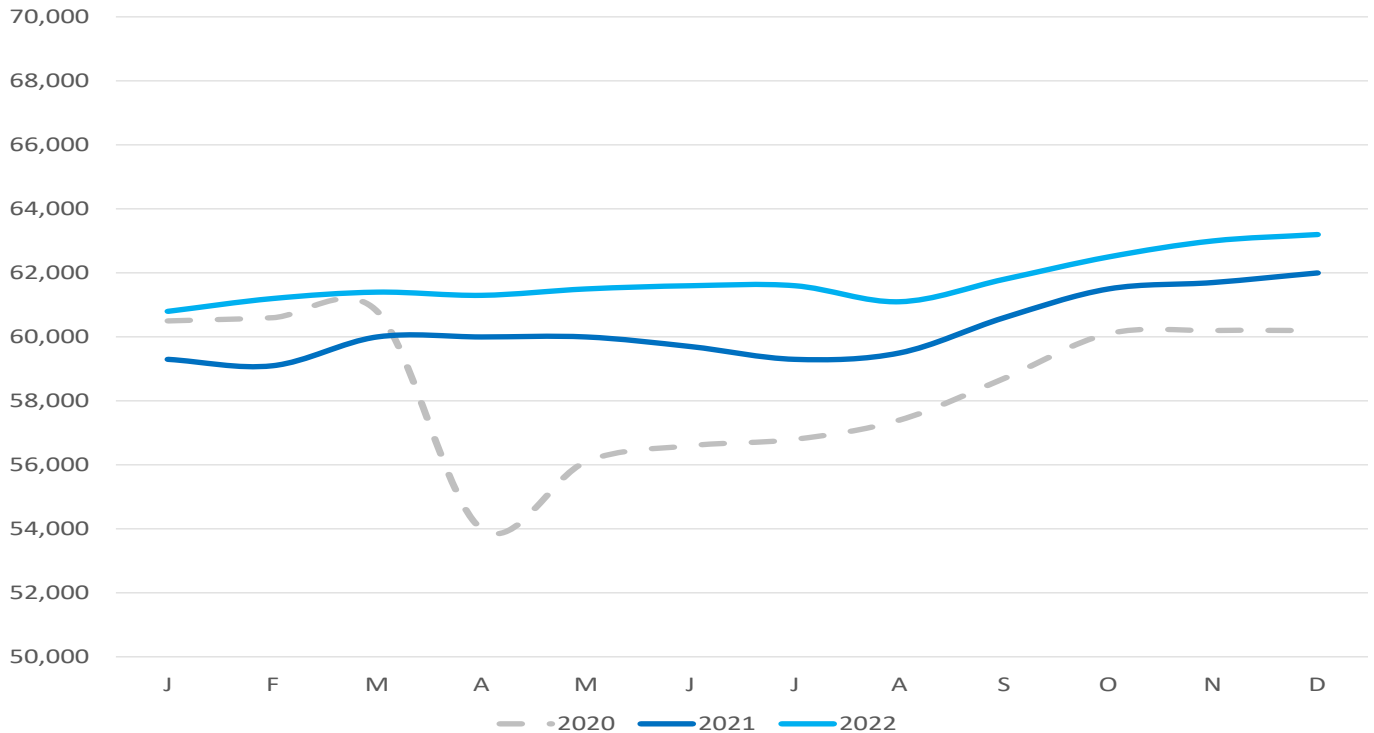
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	63.2	63.0	62.0	0.2	1.2
Goods Producing	11.4	11.2	11.2	0.2	0.2
Service Providing	51.8	51.8	50.8	0.0	1.0
Government	8.6	8.6	8.7	0.0	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January 2020 - December 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	32.1	31.7	31.5	0.4	0.6
Goods Producing	5.8	5.6	5.4	0.2	0.4
Service Providing	26.3	26.1	26.1	0.2	0.2
Government	8.3	8.3	8.5	0.0	-0.2

Employment

December 2019 - December 2022





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.

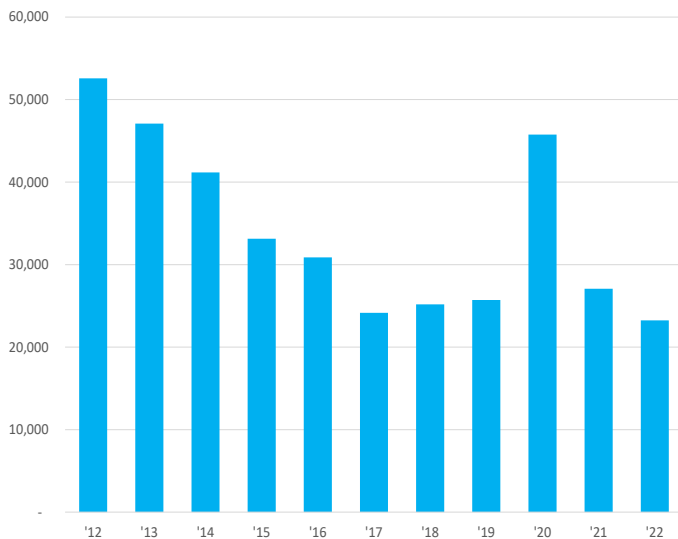
	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	629,481	631,993	646,075	-2,512	-16,594
Employment	606,236	606,180	618,993	56	-12,757
Unemployment	23,245	25,813	27,082	-2,568	-3,837
Unemployment Rate	3.7	4.1	4.2	-0.4	-0.5

Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
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

Memphis MSA - Unemployment
 December: 2012 - 2022



Texarkana MSA - Employment
 December 2019 - December 2022



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	December 2022				November 2022				December 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	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

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	December 2022				November 2022				December 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
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

County	December 2022				November 2022				December 2021			
	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												
County	December 2022				November 2022				December 2021			
	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

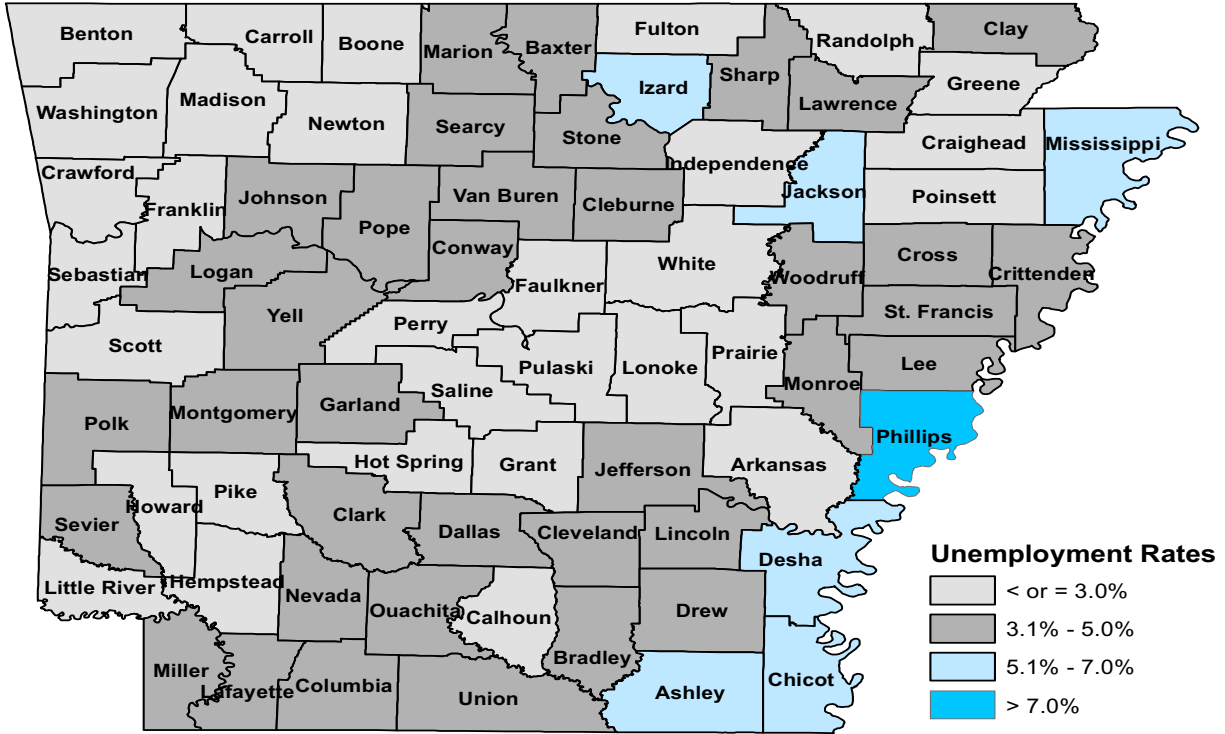
County Labor Force Summary

Between November and December, unemployment rates declined in 34 of Arkansas' 75 counties. 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 jobless 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



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	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.0	26	Hempstead	3.0	51	Cleburne	3.8
2	Benton	2.1	26	Little River	3.0	51	Dallas	3.8
3	Madison	2.2	26	Perry	3.0	51	Lincoln	3.8
3	Scott	2.2	26	Pike	3.0	54	Clay	3.9
5	Craighead	2.3	26	Pulaski	3.0	55	Stone	4.0
6	Lonoke	2.4	26	Randolph	3.0	55	Van Buren	4.0
6	Prairie	2.4	32	Cleveland	3.1	57	Clark	4.1
6	Saline	2.4	32	Lawrence	3.1	57	Searcy	4.1
9	Grant	2.5	34	Baxter	3.2	59	Columbia	4.2
10	Arkansas	2.6	34	Conway	3.2	59	Drew	4.2
10	Boone	2.6	34	Cross	3.2	61	Monroe	4.3
10	Carroll	2.6	34	Miller	3.2	62	Union	4.6
10	Crawford	2.6	34	Sevier	3.2	63	Lee	4.7
10	Faulkner	2.6	39	Polk	3.3	63	St. Francis	4.7
10	Franklin	2.6	39	Woodruff	3.3	65	Bradley	4.8
10	Sebastian	2.6	41	Logan	3.4	66	Jefferson	4.9
17	Newton	2.7	41	Nevada	3.4	66	Lafayette	4.9
18	Greene	2.8	43	Garland	3.5	66	Montgomery	4.9
19	Calhoun	2.9	43	Marion	3.5	69	Desha	5.1
19	Fulton	2.9	43	Ouachita	3.5	69	Mississippi	5.1
19	Hot Spring	2.9	43	Pope	3.5	71	Jackson	5.2
19	Howard	2.9	43	Yell	3.5	72	Izard	5.5
19	Independence	2.9	48	Crittenden	3.6	73	Chicot	5.9
19	Poinsett	2.9	48	Johnson	3.6	74	Ashley	6.0
19	White	2.9	48	Sharp	3.6	75	Phillips	7.3

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	December 2022				November 2022				December 2021			
	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	42,895	41,060	1,835	4.3	43,056	41,204	1,852	4.3	42,801	41,135	1,666	3.9
North Central	92,859	89,684	3,175	3.4	92,915	89,808	3,107	3.3	91,759	89,006	2,753	3.0
Northeast	121,195	117,606	3,589	3.0	121,531	117,449	4,082	3.4	119,709	116,551	3,158	2.6
Northwest	340,600	333,118	7,482	2.2	343,006	335,259	7,747	2.3	335,449	329,062	6,387	1.9
Southeast	75,910	72,638	3,272	4.3	75,684	72,389	3,295	4.4	75,769	72,717	3,052	4.0
Southwest	88,150	85,007	3,143	3.6	88,169	84,967	3,202	3.6	87,768	84,882	2,886	3.3
West Central	127,194	122,763	4,431	3.5	127,006	122,608	4,398	3.5	126,145	122,267	3,878	3.1
Western	108,080	105,184	2,896	2.7	108,348	105,316	3,032	2.8	107,190	104,497	2,693	2.5

