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Labor Market report

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Arkansas Division of

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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**February Spotlight**

# Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional es- timates based on various definitions of ‘unemployment’. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quar- ter moving average. The most recent data available

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

2021 Annual Average

 **U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6**

1.9% 2.1% 4.1% 4.4% 5.0% 7.1%

is for the Annual Average of 2021.

The following definitions are used to calculate each measure of Labor Underutilization:

* 1. **Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.
	2. **Measure:** Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force. **U-3 Measure:** Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).
	3. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.
	4. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.
	5. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those em- ployed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas Comparison of Annual Averages

12.0

10.0

8.0

6.0

4.0

2.0

0.0

U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6

2019 AA 2020 AA 2021 AA

**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 decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.2 percent in January to 3.1 percent in February. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose 4,569, a result of 5,028 more employed and 459 fewer unemployed Arkansans. At 3.8 percent, the United States’ jobless rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point between January and February.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate declined to a re- cord low of 3.1 percent in February, as employment rose 5,028 and the labor force participation rate increased. There are now 28,287 more employed Arkansans than in February 2021.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment Unemployment

1,297,227

42,151

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,292,199

42,610

3.1% 3.2%

56.5% 56.3%

3.8% 4.0%

1,268,940

63,373

4.8%

56.7%

6.2%

Employment Unemployment

1,298,174

51,209

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,279,677 1,257,654

50,248 71,942

3.8% 3.8% 5.4%

56.9% 56.1% 56.6%

4.1% 4.4% 6.6%

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** |  | **Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,339,378 | 1,334,809 | 1,332,313 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,349,383 | 1,329,925 | 1,329,596 |

120,000

**Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

February: 2002 - 2022

100,000

80,000

60,000

40,000

20,000

0

'02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1300.7 | 1293.0 | 1256.4 | 7.7 | 44.3 |
| Goods Producing | 220.7 | 219.6 | 213.0 | 1.1 | 7.7 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 58.8 | 58.7 | 57.3 | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.1** | **5.2** | **5.2** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Construction** | **53.7** | **53.5** | **52.1** | **0.2** | **1.6** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 33.8 | 34.0 | 33.5 | -0.2 | 0.3 |
| **Manufacturing** | **161.9** | **160.9** | **155.7** | **1.0** | **6.2** |
| Durable Goods | 77.1 | 76.9 | 73.5 | 0.2 | 3.6 |
| Nondurable Goods | 84.8 | 84.0 | 82.2 | 0.8 | 2.6 |
| Service Providing | 1080.0 | 1073.4 | 1043.4 | 6.6 | 36.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **264.0** | **263.6** | **248.7** | **0.4** | **15.3** |
| Wholesale Trade | 50.7 | 50.4 | 46.6 | 0.3 | 4.1 |
| Retail Trade | 139.8 | 140.2 | 135.8 | -0.4 | 4.0 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 73.5 | 73.0 | 66.3 | 0.5 | 7.2 |
| **Information** | **12.0** | **12.3** | **11.3** | **-0.3** | **0.7** |
| **Financial Activities** | **65.7** | **66.4** | **65.4** | **-0.7** | **0.3** |
| Finance & Insurance | 51.4 | 52.0 | 51.7 | -0.6 | -0.3 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 14.3 | 14.4 | 13.7 | -0.1 | 0.6 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **148.8** | **148.5** | **142.3** | **0.3** | **6.5** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 46.4 | 45.7 | 43.9 | 0.7 | 2.5 |
| Management of Companies | 37.0 | 36.2 | 33.1 | 0.8 | 3.9 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 65.4 | 66.6 | 65.3 | -1.2 | 0.1 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **195.6** | **193.8** | **195.2** | **1.8** | **0.4** |
| Educational Services | 17.8 | 16.8 | 16.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 177.8 | 177.0 | 178.4 | 0.8 | -0.6 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 61.6 | 61.0 | 60.1 | 0.6 | 1.5 |
| Social Assistance | 35.2 | 35.3 | 36.9 | -0.1 | -1.7 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **116.4** | **113.7** | **105.5** | **2.7** | **10.9** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 11.4 | 10.6 | 9.7 | 0.8 | 1.7 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 105.0 | 103.1 | 95.8 | 1.9 | 9.2 |
| Accommodation Services | 10.5 | 10.3 | 8.5 | 0.2 | 2.0 |
| Food Services | 94.5 | 92.8 | 87.3 | 1.7 | 7.2 |
| **Other Services** | **66.2** | **65.7** | **66.2** | **0.5** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **211.3** | **209.4** | **208.8** | **1.9** | **2.5** |
| Federal Government | 20.4 | 20.6 | 20.3 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 77.8 | 75.6 | 77.7 | 2.2 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.4 | 29.2 | 31.1 | 2.2 | 0.3 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.4 | 46.4 | 46.6 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Local Government | 113.1 | 113.2 | 110.8 | -0.1 | 2.3 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 71.1 | 71.2 | 68.8 | -0.1 | 2.3 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.0 | 42.0 | 42.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Januar y 2022 - Februar y 2022**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs increased 7,700 in February to total 1,300,700. Gains were posted in eight major industry sectors. **Leisure and hospitality** added 2,700 jobs, with hiring across all subsec- tors. Jobs in **government** rose 1,900. All gains were in state government-educational services (+2,200), reflecting the re-opening of colleges and universities from winter break. **Educational and health ser- vices** increased 1,800. Hiring occurred in both educational services (+1,000) and health care and so- cial assistance (+800). **Manufacturing** added 1,000 jobs, mostly in nondurable goods manufacturing (+800).

**Februar y 2021 - Februar y 2022**

Compared to February 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 44,300. Nine major industry sec- tors reported growth, with four sectors adding 6,200 or more jobs each. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** posted the largest increase, up 15,300 jobs. Hiring occurred in all subsectors, with transpor- tation-warehousing-utilities adding 7,200 jobs. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** rose 10,900, mostly in food services (+7,200). Jobs in **professional and business services** increased 6,500. Most of the gains were in management of companies (+3,900) and professional-scientific-technical services (+2,500). **Manufacturing** added 6,200 jobs, with expansions in both durable goods (+3,600) and non- durable goods (+2,600) manufacturing. Notable increases were also seen in **government** (+2,500) and **construction** (+1,600).

**Jobs in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

February 2017 - February 2022

280,000

270,000

260,000

250,000

240,000

230,000

220,000

210,000

Feb '17 Aug '17 Feb '18 Aug '18 Feb '19 Aug '19 Feb '20 Aug '20 Feb '21 Aug '21 Feb '22

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# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Feb 22**

Average Weekly Hours 40.5

Average Hourly Earnings 20.12

Average Weekly Earnings 814.86

**Jan 22**

39.8

20.21

804.36

**Feb 21**

37.9

19.27

730.33

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Feb 22**

Average Weekly Hours 39.7

Average Hourly Earnings 21.38

Average Weekly Earnings 848.79

**Jan 22**

39.9

21.37

852.66

**Feb 21**

36.7

21.31

782.08

**Feb 22**

Average Weekly Hours 41.2

Average Hourly Earnings 19.05

Average Weekly Earnings 784.86

**Jan 22**

39.8

19.15

762.17

**Feb 21**

38.9

17.56

683.08

$900.00

**Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing (Production Workers)**

February: 2012 - 2022

$800.00

$700.00

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$600.00

$500.00

$400.00

$300.00

$200.00

$100.00

$0.00

2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 353,871 | 349,882 | 347,625 | 3,989 | 6,246 |
| **Employment** | 340,501 | 336,754 | 328,354 | 3,747 | 12,147 |
| **Unemployment** | 13,370 | 13,128 | 19,271 | 242 | -5,901 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.8 | 3.8 | 5.5 | 0.0 | -1.7 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 363.1 | 361.9 | 350.4 | 1.2 | 12.7 |
| **Goods Producing** 37.3 | 37.2 | 36.2 | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.8** | **17.9** | **17.7** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 19.5** | **19.3** | **18.5** | **0.2** | **1.0** |
| **Service Providing** 325.8 | 324.7 | 314.2 | 1.1 | 11.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 74.4** | **74.6** | **68.0** | **-0.2** | **6.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 16.6 | 16.5 | 15.3 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| **Retail Trade** 37.8 | 38.1 | 37.0 | -0.3 | 0.8 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.0 | 20.0 | 15.7 | 0.0 | 4.3 |
| **Information 5.4** | **5.5** | **5.1** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Financial Activities 22.6** | **22.7** | **22.3** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services 46.4** | **46.4** | **45.5** | **0.0** | **0.9** |
| **Educational & Health Services 58.7** | **58.0** | **57.7** | **0.7** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 32.5** | **32.1** | **29.0** | **0.4** | **3.5** |
| **Other Services 17.9** | **17.9** | **17.8** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Government 67.9** | **67.5** | **68.8** | **0.4** | **-0.9** |
| **Federal Government** 9.8 | 9.9 | 9.8 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 34.5 | 34.0 | 34.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| **Local Government** 23.6 | 23.6 | 24.7 | 0.0 | -1.1 |

**Number of Unemployed**

February: 2012 - 2022

30,000

**Jobs in Leisure & Hospitality**

February 2019 - February 2022

40,000

35,000

25,000

30,000

20,000

25,000

15,000 20,000

15,000

10,000

10,000

5,000

5,000

0

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

0

Feb '19 Aug '19 Feb '20 Aug '20 Feb '21 Aug '21 Feb '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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 295,784 | 288,429 | 282,965 | 7,355 | 12,819 |
| **Employment** | 288,037 | 280,877 | 271,807 | 7,160 | 16,230 |
| **Unemployment** | 7,747 | 7,552 | 11,158 | 195 | -3,411 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.6 | 2.6 | 3.9 | 0.0 | -1.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 282.4 | 276.9 | 265.8 | 5.5 | 16.6 |
| **Goods Producing** 45.2 | 45.1 | 44.2 | 0.1 | 1.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 13.7** | **13.6** | **13.2** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Manufacturing 31.5** | **31.5** | **31.0** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Service Providing** 237.2 | 231.8 | 221.6 | 5.4 | 15.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 62.0** | **60.7** | **57.7** | **1.3** | **4.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 13.3 | 13.2 | 12.6 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| **Retail Trade** 28.9 | 28.2 | 26.7 | 0.7 | 2.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 19.8 | 19.3 | 18.4 | 0.5 | 1.4 |
| **Information 2.1** | **2.1** | **1.9** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 8.9** | **9.0** | **8.9** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 56.7** | **55.6** | **51.2** | **1.1** | **5.5** |
| **Educational & Health Services 30.9** | **30.3** | **30.0** | **0.6** | **0.9** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 26.1** | **25.7** | **23.5** | **0.4** | **2.6** |
| **Other Services 9.9** | **9.8** | **9.7** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Government 40.6** | **38.6** | **38.7** | **2.0** | **1.9** |
| **Federal Government** 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 18.0 | 15.9 | 16.8 | 2.1 | 1.2 |
| **Local Government** 19.8 | 19.8 | 19.1 | 0.0 | 0.7 |

**Employment**

February 2019 - February 2022

295,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

February: 2012 - 2022

290,000

290,000

285,000

270,000

280,000

250,000

275,000

230,000

270,000

265,000

210,000

260,000

190,000

255,000

250,000

170,000

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Feb '19 Aug '19 Feb '20 Aug '20 Feb '21 Aug '21 Feb '22

150,000

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

**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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 117,397 | 115,755 | 115,862 | 1,642 | 1,535 |
| **Employment** | 113,165 | 111,677 | 109,759 | 1,488 | 3,406 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,232 | 4,078 | 6,103 | 154 | -1,871 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6 | 3.5 | 5.3 | 0.1 | -1.7 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 111.4 | 110.4 | 108.2 | 1.0 | 3.2 |
| **Goods Producing** 23.0 | 22.7 | 21.6 | 0.3 | 1.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.0** | **4.9** | **4.7** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Manufacturing 18.0** | **17.8** | **16.9** | **0.2** | **1.1** |
| **Service Providing** 88.4 | 87.7 | 86.6 | 0.7 | 1.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.2** | **24.0** | **23.0** | **0.2** | **1.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.9 | 12.8 | 12.5 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Information 1.1** | **1.2** | **1.1** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 3.8** | **3.8** | **3.7** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.5** | **11.6** | **11.6** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.6** | **16.3** | **16.7** | **0.3** | **-0.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.2** | **9.1** | **8.6** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Other Services 4.2** | **4.2** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Government 17.8** | **17.5** | **17.6** | **0.3** | **0.2** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 0.3 | -0.2 |
| **Local Government** 14.0 | 14.0 | 13.6 | 0.0 | 0.4 |

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

February 2021 vs February 2022

Trade-Transport-Utilities

1,200

1,100

600

300

200

100

0

Manufacturing

Leisure & Hospitality

Mining-Logging-Construct

Government

Financial Activities

Information

Other Services

-100

Educational & Health

-100

Professional & Business

-100

-200 0 200 400 600 800 1,000 1,200 1,400

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 40,431 | 39,636 | 40,300 | 795 | 131 |
| **Employment** | 38,576 | 37,823 | 37,481 | 753 | 1,095 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,855 | 1,813 | 2,819 | 42 | -964 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.6 | 4.6 | 7.0 | 0.0 | -2.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 38.7 | 38.2 | 37.6 | 0.5 | 1.1 |
| 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 34.4 | 33.9 | 33.2 | 0.5 | 1.2 |
| 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 0.1 | -0.2 |

40,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

February 2017 - February 2022

Arkansas

Labor Market report

38,000

36,000

34,000

32,000

30,000

28,000

26,000

24,000

22,000

20,000

Feb '17 Aug '17 Feb '18 Aug '18 Feb '19 Aug '19 Feb '20 Aug '20 Feb '21 Aug '21 Feb '22

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,254 | 65,414 | 64,997 | 840 | 1,257 |
| **Employment** | 64,219 | 63,410 | 62,003 | 809 | 2,216 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,035 | 2,004 | 2,994 | 31 | -959 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.1 | 3.1 | 4.6 | 0.0 | -1.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 61.1 | 60.8 | 59.1 | 0.3 | 2.0 |
| 11.0 | 10.9 | 10.7 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 50.1 | 49.9 | 48.4 | 0.2 | 1.7 |
| 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 0.0 | -0.4 |

**Unemployment Rates**

February: 2002 - 2022

9.0

8.0

7.0

6.0

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

0.0

2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 33,126 | 32,478 | 33,528 | 648 | -402 |
| **Employment** | 31,122 | 30,462 | 30,937 | 660 | 185 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,004 | 2,016 | 2,591 | -12 | -587 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.0 | 6.2 | 7.7 | -0.2 | -1.7 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.2 | 30.7 | 31.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| 25.7 | 25.3 | 25.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| 8.4 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 0.2 | -0.3 |

40,000

**Number of Employed**

February: 2012 - 2022

Arkansas

Labor Market report

38,000

36,000

34,000

32,000

30,000

28,000

26,000

24,000

22,000

20,000

2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 650,040 | 645,857 | 639,368 | 4,183 | 10,672 |
| **Employment** | 619,273 | 611,990 | 592,867 | 7,283 | 26,406 |
| **Unemployment** | 30,767 | 33,867 | 46,501 | -3,100 | -15,734 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.7 | 5.2 | 7.3 | -0.5 | -2.6 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 22** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,528 | 63,581 | 63,141 | 947 | 1,387 |
| **Employment** | 61,349 | 60,410 | 58,947 | 939 | 2,402 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,179 | 3,171 | 4,194 | 8 | -1,015 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.9 | 5.0 | 6.6 | -0.1 | -1.7 |

90,000

**Memphis MSA - Unemployment**

February 2019 - February 2022

8.0

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**

February: 2012 - 2022

80,000

7.0

70,000

6.0

60,000

5.0

50,000

40,000

4.0

3.0

30,000

20,000

2.0

10,000

1.0

0

Arkansas

Labor Market report

Feb '19 Aug '19 Feb '20 Aug '20 Feb '21 Aug '21 Feb '22

0.0

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

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**February 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**January 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**February 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,797 | 8,409 | 388 | 4.4 | 8,631 | 8,232 | 399 | 4.6 | 8,868 | 8,369 | 499 | 5.6 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,428 | 15,812 | 616 | 3.7 | 16,258 | 15,654 | 604 | 3.7 | 16,503 | 15,650 | 853 | 5.2 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,181 | 15,042 | 1,139 | 7.0 | 16,054 | 14,941 | 1,113 | 6.9 | 16,447 | 14,995 | 1,452 | 8.8 |
| Camden Micro | 12,237 | 11,756 | 481 | 3.9 | 12,131 | 11,666 | 465 | 3.8 | 12,185 | 11,579 | 606 | 5.0 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,970 | 14,092 | 878 | 5.9 | 14,875 | 13,993 | 882 | 5.9 | 15,113 | 13,965 | 1,148 | 7.6 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,627 | 7,175 | 452 | 5.9 | 7,589 | 7,140 | 449 | 5.9 | 7,778 | 7,139 | 639 | 8.2 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,054 | 18,480 | 574 | 3.0 | 18,816 | 18,290 | 526 | 2.8 | 18,916 | 18,097 | 819 | 4.3 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,786 | 5,333 | 453 | 7.8 | 5,779 | 5,312 | 467 | 8.1 | 6,097 | 5,494 | 603 | 9.9 |
| Hope Micro | 12,424 | 11,950 | 474 | 3.8 | 12,357 | 11,881 | 476 | 3.9 | 12,701 | 12,104 | 597 | 4.7 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,873 | 8,454 | 419 | 4.7 | 8,829 | 8,375 | 454 | 5.1 | 8,994 | 8,382 | 612 | 6.8 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,940 | 13,417 | 523 | 3.8 | 13,767 | 13,269 | 498 | 3.6 | 13,915 | 13,211 | 704 | 5.1 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,259 | 15,636 | 623 | 3.8 | 16,065 | 15,474 | 591 | 3.7 | 16,296 | 15,440 | 856 | 5.3 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,487 | 18,835 | 652 | 3.3 | 19,270 | 18,635 | 635 | 3.3 | 19,296 | 18,340 | 956 | 5.0 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,248 | 33,806 | 1,442 | 4.1 | 34,796 | 33,344 | 1,452 | 4.2 | 35,101 | 33,296 | 1,805 | 5.1 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,112 | 32,776 | 1,336 | 3.9 | 33,783 | 32,463 | 1,320 | 3.9 | 33,549 | 31,708 | 1,841 | 5.5 |

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**

**February 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**January 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**February 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 | 12,796 | 12,286 | 510 | 4.0 | 12,418 | 11,974 | 444 | 3.6 | 12,235 | 11,592 | 643 | 5.3 |
| Benton | 17,556 | 16,995 | 561 | 3.2 | 17,328 | 16,805 | 523 | 3.0 | 17,065 | 16,388 | 677 | 4.0 |
| Bentonville | 30,694 | 30,045 | 649 | 2.1 | 29,920 | 29,283 | 637 | 2.1 | 29,325 | 28,348 | 977 | 3.3 |
| Blytheville | 5,344 | 5,035 | 309 | 5.8 | 5,377 | 5,001 | 376 | 7.0 | 5,533 | 5,019 | 514 | 9.3 |
| Cabot | 11,873 | 11,491 | 382 | 3.2 | 11,724 | 11,374 | 350 | 3.0 | 11,623 | 11,085 | 538 | 4.6 |
| Conway | 33,998 | 32,982 | 1,016 | 3.0 | 33,636 | 32,621 | 1,015 | 3.0 | 33,345 | 31,808 | 1,537 | 4.6 |
| El Dorado | 6,480 | 6,064 | 416 | 6.4 | 6,453 | 6,022 | 431 | 6.7 | 6,568 | 6,010 | 558 | 8.5 |
| Fayetteville | 50,340 | 48,979 | 1,361 | 2.7 | 49,121 | 47,738 | 1,383 | 2.8 | 48,276 | 46,219 | 2,057 | 4.3 |
| Fort Smith | 38,253 | 36,893 | 1,360 | 3.6 | 37,627 | 36,308 | 1,319 | 3.5 | 37,731 | 35,771 | 1,960 | 5.2 |
| Hot Springs | 15,042 | 14,275 | 767 | 5.1 | 14,730 | 13,997 | 733 | 5.0 | 15,109 | 13,870 | 1,239 | 8.2 |
| Jacksonville | 11,565 | 10,966 | 599 | 5.2 | 11,411 | 10,843 | 568 | 5.0 | 11,450 | 10,574 | 876 | 7.7 |
| Jonesboro | 39,855 | 38,684 | 1,171 | 2.9 | 39,310 | 38,185 | 1,125 | 2.9 | 39,143 | 37,345 | 1,798 | 4.6 |
| Little Rock | 96,029 | 92,036 | 3,993 | 4.2 | 95,128 | 91,007 | 4,121 | 4.3 | 94,977 | 88,744 | 6,233 | 6.6 |
| North Little Rock | 29,849 | 28,302 | 1,547 | 5.2 | 29,397 | 27,985 | 1,412 | 4.8 | 29,473 | 27,289 | 2,184 | 7.4 |
| Paragould | 12,413 | 11,970 | 443 | 3.6 | 12,294 | 11,843 | 451 | 3.7 | 12,320 | 11,656 | 664 | 5.4 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,631 | 14,465 | 1,166 | 7.5 | 15,347 | 14,148 | 1,199 | 7.8 | 15,944 | 14,383 | 1,561 | 9.8 |
| Rogers | 37,711 | 36,859 | 852 | 2.3 | 36,852 | 35,925 | 927 | 2.5 | 36,053 | 34,778 | 1,275 | 3.5 |
| Russellville | 12,617 | 12,167 | 450 | 3.6 | 12,424 | 11,994 | 430 | 3.5 | 12,547 | 11,985 | 562 | 4.5 |
| Searcy | 10,256 | 9,898 | 358 | 3.5 | 10,176 | 9,803 | 373 | 3.7 | 10,015 | 9,575 | 440 | 4.4 |
| Sherwood | 16,093 | 15,445 | 648 | 4.0 | 15,884 | 15,273 | 611 | 3.8 | 15,713 | 14,893 | 820 | 5.2 |
| Springdale | 40,176 | 39,116 | 1,060 | 2.6 | 39,160 | 38,125 | 1,035 | 2.6 | 38,351 | 36,912 | 1,439 | 3.8 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,271 | 12,639 | 632 | 4.8 | 13,073 | 12,412 | 661 | 5.1 | 13,020 | 12,074 | 946 | 7.3 |
| Van Buren | 10,217 | 9,871 | 346 | 3.4 | 10,054 | 9,720 | 334 | 3.3 | 10,010 | 9,572 | 438 | 4.4 |
| West Memphis | 10,112 | 9,653 | 459 | 4.5 | 10,045 | 9,527 | 518 | 5.2 | 10,203 | 9,309 | 894 | 8.8 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **February 2022** |  |  | **January 2022** |  |  | **February 2021** |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,464 | 9,088 | 376 | 4.0 | 9,409 | 9,040 | 369 | 3.9 | 9,232 | 8,830 | 402 | 4.4 |
| Ashley | 6,662 | 6,178 | 484 | 7.3 | 6,617 | 6,133 | 484 | 7.3 | 6,911 | 6,253 | 658 | 9.5 |
| Baxter | 16,259 | 15,636 | 623 | 3.8 | 16,065 | 15,474 | 591 | 3.7 | 16,296 | 15,440 | 856 | 5.3 |
| Benton | 147,151 | 143,341 | 3,810 | 2.6 | 143,380 | 139,707 | 3,673 | 2.6 | 140,661 | 135,247 | 5,414 | 3.8 |
| Boone | 15,855 | 15,390 | 465 | 2.9 | 15,651 | 15,228 | 423 | 2.7 | 15,739 | 15,071 | 668 | 4.2 |
| Bradley | 4,005 | 3,819 | 186 | 4.6 | 3,987 | 3,800 | 187 | 4.7 | 4,218 | 3,968 | 250 | 5.9 |
| Calhoun | 2,406 | 2,330 | 76 | 3.2 | 2,386 | 2,316 | 70 | 2.9 | 2,411 | 2,294 | 117 | 4.9 |
| Carroll | 12,378 | 11,924 | 454 | 3.7 | 12,205 | 11,772 | 433 | 3.5 | 12,370 | 11,698 | 672 | 5.4 |
| Chicot | 3,010 | 2,761 | 249 | 8.3 | 3,016 | 2,756 | 260 | 8.6 | 3,142 | 2,793 | 349 | 11.1 |
| Clark | 8,797 | 8,409 | 388 | 4.4 | 8,631 | 8,232 | 399 | 4.6 | 8,868 | 8,369 | 499 | 5.6 |
| Clay | 5,321 | 5,081 | 240 | 4.5 | 5,299 | 5,074 | 225 | 4.2 | 5,389 | 5,064 | 325 | 6.0 |
| Cleburne | 8,890 | 8,459 | 431 | 4.8 | 8,781 | 8,356 | 425 | 4.8 | 8,876 | 8,285 | 591 | 6.7 |
| Cleveland | 3,115 | 2,993 | 122 | 3.9 | 3,055 | 2,937 | 118 | 3.9 | 3,141 | 2,972 | 169 | 5.4 |
| Columbia | 8,873 | 8,454 | 419 | 4.7 | 8,829 | 8,375 | 454 | 5.1 | 8,994 | 8,382 | 612 | 6.8 |
| Conway | 8,292 | 7,931 | 361 | 4.4 | 8,201 | 7,870 | 331 | 4.0 | 8,283 | 7,820 | 463 | 5.6 |
| Craighead | 56,437 | 54,777 | 1,660 | 2.9 | 55,698 | 54,071 | 1,627 | 2.9 | 55,363 | 52,881 | 2,482 | 4.5 |
| Crawford | 26,197 | 25,263 | 934 | 3.6 | 25,770 | 24,876 | 894 | 3.5 | 25,736 | 24,498 | 1,238 | 4.8 |
| Crittenden | 20,675 | 19,781 | 894 | 4.3 | 20,437 | 19,522 | 915 | 4.5 | 20,561 | 19,075 | 1,486 | 7.2 |
| Cross | 6,910 | 6,609 | 301 | 4.4 | 6,869 | 6,561 | 308 | 4.5 | 7,056 | 6,629 | 427 | 6.1 |
| Dallas | 2,764 | 2,642 | 122 | 4.4 | 2,748 | 2,634 | 114 | 4.1 | 2,785 | 2,649 | 136 | 4.9 |
| Desha | 4,951 | 4,633 | 318 | 6.4 | 4,929 | 4,614 | 315 | 6.4 | 5,029 | 4,666 | 363 | 7.2 |
| Drew | 7,584 | 7,207 | 377 | 5.0 | 7,530 | 7,170 | 360 | 4.8 | 7,602 | 7,116 | 486 | 6.4 |
| Faulkner | 61,882 | 59,908 | 1,974 | 3.2 | 61,195 | 59,252 | 1,943 | 3.2 | 60,612 | 57,775 | 2,837 | 4.7 |
| Franklin | 7,257 | 6,984 | 273 | 3.8 | 7,192 | 6,939 | 253 | 3.5 | 7,227 | 6,873 | 354 | 4.9 |
| Fulton | 4,859 | 4,691 | 168 | 3.5 | 4,830 | 4,669 | 161 | 3.3 | 4,820 | 4,557 | 263 | 5.5 |
| Garland | 40,431 | 38,576 | 1,855 | 4.6 | 39,636 | 37,823 | 1,813 | 4.6 | 40,300 | 37,481 | 2,819 | 7.0 |
| Grant | 8,303 | 8,034 | 269 | 3.2 | 8,206 | 7,952 | 254 | 3.1 | 8,087 | 7,749 | 338 | 4.2 |
| Greene | 19,487 | 18,835 | 652 | 3.3 | 19,270 | 18,635 | 635 | 3.3 | 19,296 | 18,340 | 956 | 5.0 |
| Hempstead | 9,086 | 8,754 | 332 | 3.7 | 9,030 | 8,706 | 324 | 3.6 | 9,291 | 8,864 | 427 | 4.6 |
| Hot Spring | 13,940 | 13,417 | 523 | 3.8 | 13,767 | 13,269 | 498 | 3.6 | 13,915 | 13,211 | 704 | 5.1 |
| Howard | 5,439 | 5,261 | 178 | 3.3 | 5,383 | 5,212 | 171 | 3.2 | 5,531 | 5,298 | 233 | 4.2 |
| Independence | 16,428 | 15,812 | 616 | 3.7 | 16,258 | 15,654 | 604 | 3.7 | 16,503 | 15,650 | 853 | 5.2 |
| Izard | 4,307 | 4,058 | 249 | 5.8 | 4,257 | 4,020 | 237 | 5.6 | 4,380 | 4,074 | 306 | 7.0 |
| Jackson | 5,662 | 5,359 | 303 | 5.4 | 5,635 | 5,332 | 303 | 5.4 | 5,652 | 5,231 | 421 | 7.4 |
| Jefferson | 26,257 | 24,565 | 1,692 | 6.4 | 25,738 | 24,027 | 1,711 | 6.6 | 26,625 | 24,427 | 2,198 | 8.3 |
| Johnson | 9,918 | 9,466 | 452 | 4.6 | 9,854 | 9,392 | 462 | 4.7 | 9,920 | 9,333 | 587 | 5.9 |
| Lafayette | 2,305 | 2,180 | 125 | 5.4 | 2,292 | 2,172 | 120 | 5.2 | 2,353 | 2,164 | 189 | 8.0 |
| Lawrence | 6,743 | 6,471 | 272 | 4.0 | 6,687 | 6,425 | 262 | 3.9 | 6,824 | 6,442 | 382 | 5.6 |
| Lee | 2,519 | 2,372 | 147 | 5.8 | 2,512 | 2,369 | 143 | 5.7 | 2,630 | 2,439 | 191 | 7.3 |
| Lincoln | 3,754 | 3,564 | 190 | 5.1 | 3,685 | 3,498 | 187 | 5.1 | 3,762 | 3,538 | 224 | 6.0 |
| Little River | 5,371 | 5,142 | 229 | 4.3 | 5,269 | 5,049 | 220 | 4.2 | 5,230 | 4,909 | 321 | 6.1 |
| Logan | 8,398 | 8,054 | 344 | 4.1 | 8,306 | 7,978 | 328 | 3.9 | 8,499 | 8,015 | 484 | 5.7 |
| Lonoke | 33,659 | 32,575 | 1,084 | 3.2 | 33,281 | 32,244 | 1,037 | 3.1 | 32,917 | 31,424 | 1,493 | 4.5 |
| Madison | 7,586 | 7,371 | 215 | 2.8 | 7,429 | 7,216 | 213 | 2.9 | 7,302 | 6,980 | 322 | 4.4 |
| Marion | 6,058 | 5,794 | 264 | 4.4 | 5,983 | 5,738 | 245 | 4.1 | 6,030 | 5,653 | 377 | 6.3 |
| Miller | 19,326 | 18,475 | 851 | 4.4 | 19,001 | 18,144 | 857 | 4.5 | 18,852 | 17,649 | 1,203 | 6.4 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **February 2022** |  |  | **January 2022** |  |  | **February 2021** |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 16,181 | 15,042 | 1,139 | 7.0 | 16,054 | 14,941 | 1,113 | 6.9 | 16,447 | 14,995 | 1,452 | 8.8 |
| Monroe | 2,613 | 2,478 | 135 | 5.2 | 2,614 | 2,473 | 141 | 5.4 | 2,635 | 2,458 | 177 | 6.7 |
| Montgomery | 2,806 | 2,654 | 152 | 5.4 | 2,802 | 2,642 | 160 | 5.7 | 2,842 | 2,662 | 180 | 6.3 |
| Nevada | 3,338 | 3,196 | 142 | 4.3 | 3,327 | 3,175 | 152 | 4.6 | 3,410 | 3,240 | 170 | 5.0 |
| Newton | 3,199 | 3,090 | 109 | 3.4 | 3,165 | 3,062 | 103 | 3.3 | 3,177 | 3,026 | 151 | 4.8 |
| Ouachita | 9,831 | 9,426 | 405 | 4.1 | 9,745 | 9,350 | 395 | 4.1 | 9,774 | 9,285 | 489 | 5.0 |
| Perry | 4,164 | 3,978 | 186 | 4.5 | 4,121 | 3,938 | 183 | 4.4 | 4,051 | 3,839 | 212 | 5.2 |
| Phillips | 5,786 | 5,333 | 453 | 7.8 | 5,779 | 5,312 | 467 | 8.1 | 6,097 | 5,494 | 603 | 9.9 |
| Pike | 4,130 | 3,939 | 191 | 4.6 | 4,104 | 3,924 | 180 | 4.4 | 4,202 | 3,946 | 256 | 6.1 |
| Poinsett | 9,817 | 9,442 | 375 | 3.8 | 9,716 | 9,339 | 377 | 3.9 | 9,634 | 9,122 | 512 | 5.3 |
| Polk | 7,747 | 7,414 | 333 | 4.3 | 7,699 | 7,372 | 327 | 4.2 | 7,803 | 7,336 | 467 | 6.0 |
| Pope | 27,382 | 26,270 | 1,112 | 4.1 | 27,031 | 25,896 | 1,135 | 4.2 | 27,277 | 25,877 | 1,400 | 5.1 |
| Prairie | 3,489 | 3,369 | 120 | 3.4 | 3,472 | 3,361 | 111 | 3.2 | 3,499 | 3,303 | 196 | 5.6 |
| Pulaski | 187,036 | 178,941 | 8,095 | 4.3 | 184,962 | 176,940 | 8,022 | 4.3 | 184,483 | 172,541 | 11,942 | 6.5 |
| Randolph | 7,307 | 7,033 | 274 | 3.7 | 7,215 | 6,953 | 262 | 3.6 | 7,413 | 7,004 | 409 | 5.5 |
| St. Francis | 7,627 | 7,175 | 452 | 5.9 | 7,589 | 7,140 | 449 | 5.9 | 7,778 | 7,139 | 639 | 8.2 |
| Saline | 58,827 | 57,065 | 1,762 | 3.0 | 58,117 | 56,428 | 1,689 | 2.9 | 57,475 | 55,026 | 2,449 | 4.3 |
| Scott | 4,236 | 4,104 | 132 | 3.1 | 4,218 | 4,090 | 128 | 3.0 | 4,238 | 4,053 | 185 | 4.4 |
| Searcy | 2,883 | 2,736 | 147 | 5.1 | 2,853 | 2,711 | 142 | 5.0 | 2,771 | 2,606 | 165 | 6.0 |
| Sebastian | 55,038 | 53,146 | 1,892 | 3.4 | 54,151 | 52,304 | 1,847 | 3.4 | 54,295 | 51,530 | 2,765 | 5.1 |
| Sevier | 5,336 | 5,110 | 226 | 4.2 | 5,301 | 5,079 | 222 | 4.2 | 5,411 | 5,090 | 321 | 5.9 |
| Sharp | 5,625 | 5,349 | 276 | 4.9 | 5,571 | 5,306 | 265 | 4.8 | 5,616 | 5,216 | 400 | 7.1 |
| Stone | 4,383 | 4,168 | 215 | 4.9 | 4,376 | 4,160 | 216 | 4.9 | 4,480 | 4,145 | 335 | 7.5 |
| Union | 14,970 | 14,092 | 878 | 5.9 | 14,875 | 13,993 | 882 | 5.9 | 15,113 | 13,965 | 1,148 | 7.6 |
| Van Buren | 5,789 | 5,508 | 281 | 4.9 | 5,750 | 5,468 | 282 | 4.9 | 5,794 | 5,393 | 401 | 6.9 |
| Washington | 130,084 | 126,699 | 3,385 | 2.6 | 126,767 | 123,489 | 3,278 | 2.6 | 124,504 | 119,561 | 4,943 | 4.0 |
| White | 34,112 | 32,776 | 1,336 | 3.9 | 33,783 | 32,463 | 1,320 | 3.9 | 33,549 | 31,708 | 1,841 | 5.5 |
| Woodruff | 2,810 | 2,685 | 125 | 4.4 | 2,812 | 2,686 | 126 | 4.5 | 2,789 | 2,600 | 189 | 6.8 |
| Yell | 7,866 | 7,536 | 330 | 4.2 | 7,765 | 7,448 | 317 | 4.1 | 7,824 | 7,419 | 405 | 5.2 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between January and February, unemployment rates increased in 36 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Twenty-two counties remained stable, while rates in 17 counties declined. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.6 percent in Benton and Washington counties to a high of 8.3 percent in Chicot County.

In February, thirty counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down slightly from 32 counties at or below four percent last month. Four counties reported jobless rates at or above seven percent, compared to 3 counties at or above seven percent in January.

Compared to February 2021, jobless rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rate decreases ranged from a four-tenths of a percentage point decline in Arkansas County to as large as a two and nine-tenths of a percentage point drop in Crittenden County. On average, jobless rates in Arkansas counties decreased one and six-tenths of a percentage point 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**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Jefferson**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland Lincoln**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Bradley**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0%

> 9.0% [NONE]

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

February 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Benton 2.6

1 Washington 2.6

1. Madison 2.8
2. Boone 2.9

4 Craighead 2.9

1. Saline 3.0
2. Scott 3.1
3. Calhoun 3.2

8 Faulkner 3.2

8 Grant 3.2

8 Lonoke 3.2

12 Greene 3.3

12 Howard 3.3

14 Newton 3.4

14 Prairie 3.4

14 Sebastian 3.4

1. Fulton 3.5
2. Crawford 3.6
3. Carroll 3.7

19 Hempstead 3.7

19 Independence 3.7

19 Randolph 3.7

23 Baxter 3.8

23 Franklin 3.8

23 Hot Spring 3.8

**Rank County**

23 Poinsett

27 Cleveland

27 White

29 Arkansas

29 Lawrence

31 Logan

31 Ouachita

31 Pope

34 Sevier

34 Yell

36 Crittenden

36 Little River

36 Nevada

36 Polk

36 Pulaski

41 Clark

41 Conway

41 Cross

41 Dallas

41 Marion

41 Miller

41 Woodruff

48 Clay

48 Perry

50 Bradley

**Rate**

3.8

3.9

3.9

4.0

4.0

4.1

4.1

4.1

4.2

4.2

4.3

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4.6

**Rank County**

50 Garland

50 Johnson

50 Pike

1. Columbia
2. Cleburne
3. Sharp

56 Stone

56 Van Buren

1. Drew
2. Lincoln

60 Searcy

1. Monroe
2. Jackson

63 Lafayette

63 Montgomery

66 Izard

66 Lee

68 St. Francis

68 Union

70 Desha

70 Jefferson

1. Mississippi
2. Ashley
3. Phillips
4. Chicot

**Rate**

4.6

4.6

4.6

4.7

4.8

4.9

4.9

4.9

5.0

5.1

5.1

5.2

5.4

5.4

5.4

5.8

5.8

5.9

5.9

6.4

6.4

7.0

7.3

7.8

8.3

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## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **February 2022** |  |  | **January 2022** |  |  | **February 2021** |  |
| **LWDA** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) 251,477 | 242,300 | 9,177 | 3.6 | 248,513 | 239,691 | 8,822 | 3.5 | 246,644 | 233,783 | 12,861 | 5.2 |
| City of Little Rock 96,029 | 92,036 | 3,993 | 4.2 | 95,128 | 91,007 | 4,121 | 4.3 | 94,977 | 88,744 | 6,233 | 6.6 |
| Eastern 43,517 | 41,270 | 2,247 | 5.2 | 43,186 | 40,904 | 2,282 | 5.3 | 44,122 | 40,776 | 3,346 | 7.6 |
| North Central 92,865 | 88,865 | 4,000 | 4.3 | 92,053 | 88,114 | 3,939 | 4.3 | 92,459 | 86,859 | 5,600 | 6.1 |
| Northeast 121,293Northwest 341,453Southeast 77,105Southwest 89,045West Central 127,726Western 108,873 | 116,681331,98172,84285,062122,176104,965 | 4,6129,4724,2633,9835,5503,908 | 3.82.85.54.54.33.6 | 119,939333,49876,17288,186125,912107,336 | 115,438324,39771,92784,205120,434103,559 | 4,5019,1014,2453,9815,4783,777 | 3.82.75.64.54.43.5 | 120,366328,85077,74989,155127,482107,798 | 113,848315,28272,31283,789119,957102,305 | 6,51813,5685,4375,3667,5255,493 | 5.44.17.06.05.95.1 |
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