

2022 ARKANSAS LABOR MARKET REPORT

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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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January Spotlight Changes Affecting Data

Arkansas Civilian Labor Force

In accordance with guidelines from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Arkansas' Civilian Labor Force (CLF) estimates have undergone annual processing. The purpose of annual processing is to incorporate more complete and accurate information into the estimation process.

All levels of data—State, counties, Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Micropolitan Statistical Areas, Local Workforce Development Areas, and cities—have been revised. Statewide CLF data was revised back to January 2017. All sub-state CLF data were revised back to January 2010, due to the incorporation of updated Census Bureau population data. More information concerning annual processing is available [here](#).

All revised CLF data are available at <https://www.discover.arkansas.gov/Data-Search-Tool/LAUS>.

Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

In accordance with the same guidelines, the Current Employment Statistics program also re-estimated the Nonfarm Payroll Job series to include more comprehensive and precise information into the calculations. Statewide and MSA estimates were revised back to January 2015. All revised Nonfarm Payroll Jobs data have been updated on the Discover Arkansas website.

State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

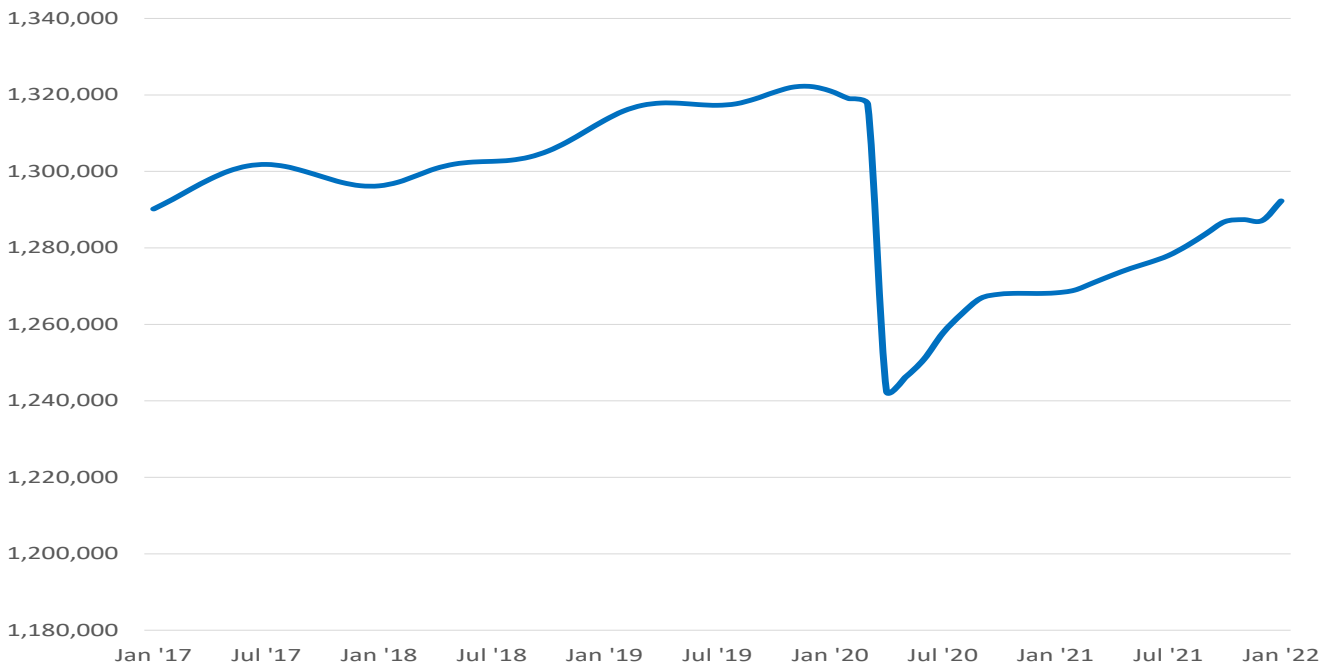
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.3 percent in December 2021 to 3.2 percent in January 2022. The December 2021 rate was revised up from 3.1 percent to 3.3 percent. Arkansas' civilian labor force increased 4,142, a result of 5,126 more employed and 984 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.9 percent in December 2021 to 4.0 percent in January 2022.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "The annual revision of Arkansas' civilian labor force data shows that seasonally adjusted employment was over-estimated throughout 2021, while unemployment was slightly over-estimated from May to November 2021. Based on the updated estimates, Arkansas' unemployment rate began January 2021 at 4.9 percent and slowly decreased throughout the year to reach a low of 3.3 percent in December, slightly higher than originally estimated. All updated statewide data are available on our website."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,334,885	1,330,743	1,333,060	Civilian Labor Force	1,330,129	1,330,940
Employment	1,292,292	1,287,166	1,268,247	Employment	1,279,978	1,295,042
Unemployment	42,593	43,577	64,813	Unemployment	50,151	35,898
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.3%	4.9%	Unemployment Rate	3.8%	2.7%
Labor Participation Rate	56.3%	56.2%	56.7%	Labor Participation Rate	56.1%	56.2%
U.S. Unemp Rate	4.0%	3.9%	6.4%	U.S. Unemp Rate	4.4%	3.7%

Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)
 January 2017 - January 2022





State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1293.8	1311.0	1256.1	-17.2	37.7
Goods Producing	219.2	219.7	213.8	-0.5	5.4
Mining, Logging, & Construction	58.4	60.9	58.3	-2.5	0.1
Mining & Logging	5.2	5.4	5.2	-0.2	0.0
Construction	53.2	55.5	53.1	-2.3	0.1
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.9	34.9	33.9	-1.0	0.0
Manufacturing	160.8	158.8	155.5	2.0	5.3
Durable Goods	76.8	75.7	73.6	1.1	3.2
Nondurable Goods	84.0	83.1	81.9	0.9	2.1
Service Providing	1074.6	1091.3	1042.3	-16.7	32.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	263.6	268.2	250.3	-4.6	13.3
Wholesale Trade	50.4	49.9	46.5	0.5	3.9
Retail Trade	140.5	143.4	136.8	-2.9	3.7
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	72.7	74.9	67.0	-2.2	5.7
Information	12.3	12.4	11.3	-0.1	1.0
Financial Activities	66.2	66.3	65.1	-0.1	1.1
Finance & Insurance	51.8	52.1	51.4	-0.3	0.4
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14.4	14.2	13.7	0.2	0.7
Professional & Business Services	148.9	151.6	142.3	-2.7	6.6
Professional, Scientific & Technical	45.6	45.5	43.4	0.1	2.2
Management of Companies	36.2	35.5	32.8	0.7	3.4
Administrative & Support Services	67.1	70.6	66.1	-3.5	1.0
Educational & Health Services	194.2	195.5	195.0	-1.3	-0.8
Educational Services	17.1	17.8	16.3	-0.7	0.8
Health Care & Social Assistance	177.1	177.7	178.7	-0.6	-1.6
Ambulatory Health Care	60.9	61.2	60.2	-0.3	0.7
Social Assistance	35.4	35.5	37.3	-0.1	-1.9
Leisure & Hospitality	114.2	118.1	105.2	-3.9	9.0
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	10.5	11.1	9.5	-0.6	1.0
Accommodation & Food Services	103.7	107.0	95.7	-3.3	8.0
Accommodation Services	10.3	10.5	8.4	-0.2	1.9
Food Services	93.4	96.5	87.3	-3.1	6.1
Other Services	65.8	66.3	66.1	-0.5	-0.3
Government	209.4	212.9	207.0	-3.5	2.4
Federal Government	20.6	21.0	20.4	-0.4	0.2
State Government	75.6	77.5	75.6	-1.9	0.0
State Gov, Educational Services	29.2	31.1	29.0	-1.9	0.2
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.4	46.4	46.6	0.0	-0.2
Local Government	113.2	114.4	111.0	-1.2	2.2
Local Gov, Educational Services	71.2	71.9	68.8	-0.7	2.4
Local Gov, Excluding Education	42.0	42.5	42.2	-0.5	-0.2



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

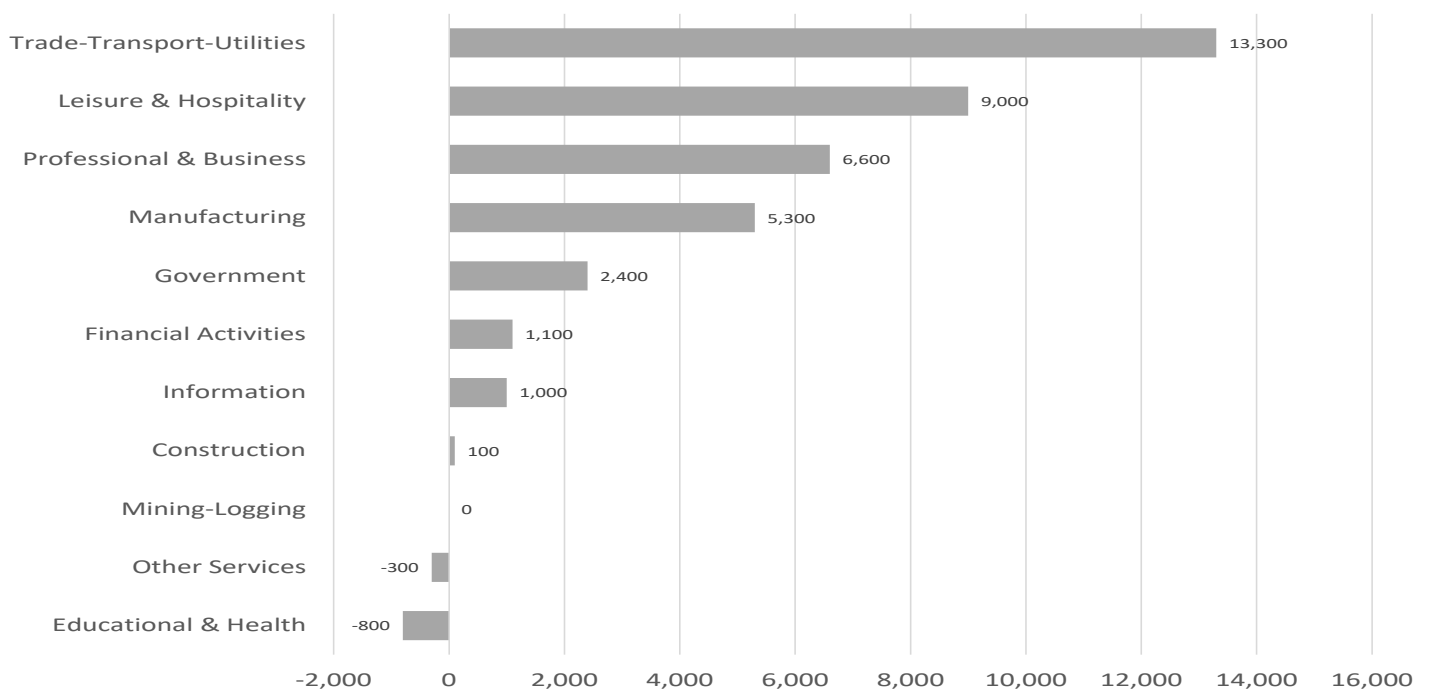
December 2021 - January 2022

Nonfarm payroll jobs declined 17,200 in January to total 1,293,800. Ten major industry sectors posted losses, mostly related to seasonal factors. The largest drop was in **trade, transportation, and utilities** (-4,600). Most of the loss was in retail trade (-2,900), marking the end of temporary hiring for the holidays. **Leisure and hospitality** decreased 3,900. Food services reported most of the declines (-3,100), as most food service contractors in schools and universities close for winter break. **Government** lost 3,500 jobs. The largest contractions were in state government-educational services (-1,900) and local government-educational services (-700), related to winter break at schools. Notable decreases were also posted in **professional and business services** (-2,700), **construction** (-2,300), and **educational and health services** (-1,300). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 2,000.

January 2021 - January 2022

Compared to January 2021, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs are up 37,700. Eight major industry sectors reported gains. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 13,300. Hiring occurred in all subsectors. **Leisure and hospitality** added 9,000 jobs, mostly in food services (+6,100). Jobs in **professional and business services** increased 6,600, with expansions in all subsectors. **Manufacturing** added 5,300 jobs, both in durable goods (+3,200) and nondurable goods (+2,100) manufacturing. Gains were also posted in **government** (+2,400), **financial activities** (+1,100), and **information** (+1,000).

Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
 January 2021 vs January 2022





State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

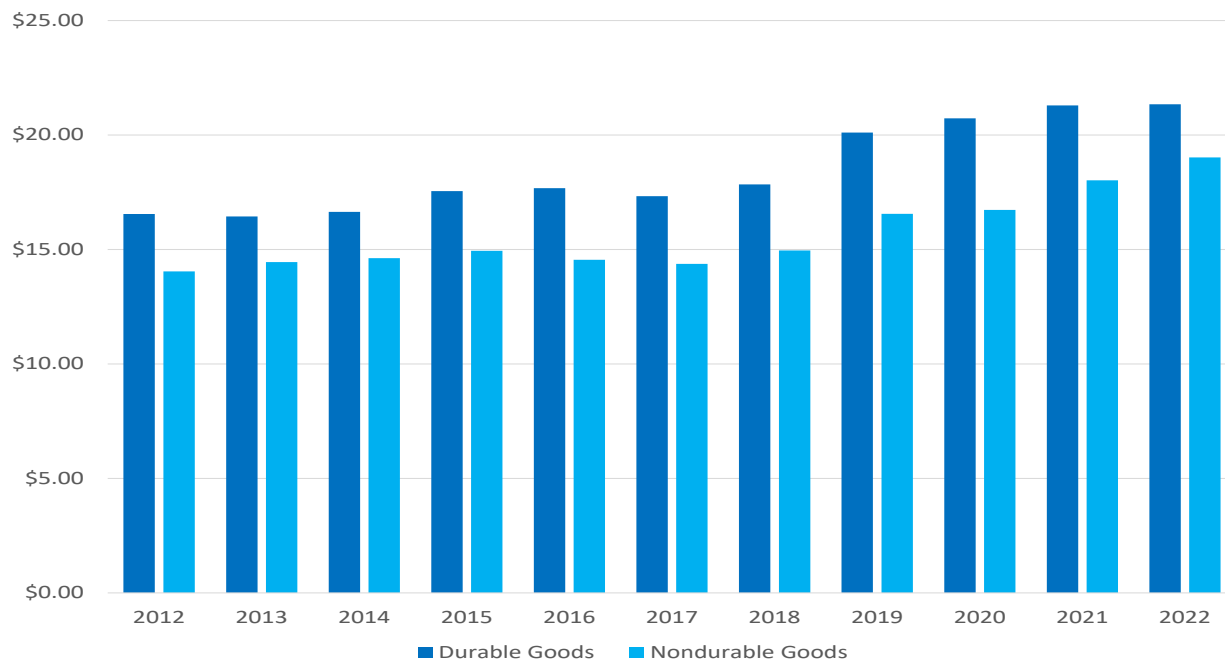
	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.9	42.0	39.2
Average Hourly Earnings	20.15	19.84	19.53
Average Weekly Earnings	803.99	833.28	765.58

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>		<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.9	41.7	38.6	Average Weekly Hours	39.9	42.3	39.7
Average Hourly Earnings	21.41	21.32	21.29	Average Hourly Earnings	19.02	18.50	18.02
Average Weekly Earnings	854.26	889.04	821.79	Average Weekly Earnings	758.90	782.55	715.39

Hourly Earnings for Production Workers - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods

January: 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>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	350,252	350,674	344,635	-422	5,617
Employment	337,160	341,122	325,128	-3,962	12,032
Unemployment	13,092	9,552	19,507	3,540	-6,415
Unemployment Rate	3.7	2.7	5.7	1.0	-2.0

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	362.6	366.4	350.9	-3.8	11.7
Goods Producing	37.3	37.6	36.3	-0.3	1.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.9	18.3	17.9	-0.4	0.0
Manufacturing	19.4	19.3	18.4	0.1	1.0
Service Providing	325.3	328.8	314.6	-3.5	10.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	74.6	76.0	68.5	-1.4	6.1
Wholesale Trade	16.5	16.3	15.2	0.2	1.3
Retail Trade	38.2	39.1	37.4	-0.9	0.8
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	19.9	20.6	15.9	-0.7	4.0
Information	5.5	5.5	5.1	0.0	0.4
Financial Activities	22.8	22.7	22.2	0.1	0.6
Professional & Business Services	46.8	47.7	45.7	-0.9	1.1
Educational & Health Services	58.1	58.2	57.9	-0.1	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	32.1	32.4	29.2	-0.3	2.9
Other Services	17.9	18.0	17.8	-0.1	0.1
Government	67.5	68.3	68.2	-0.8	-0.7
Federal Government	9.9	10.1	9.7	-0.2	0.2
State Government	34.0	34.4	33.8	-0.4	0.2
Local Government	23.6	23.8	24.7	-0.2	-1.1

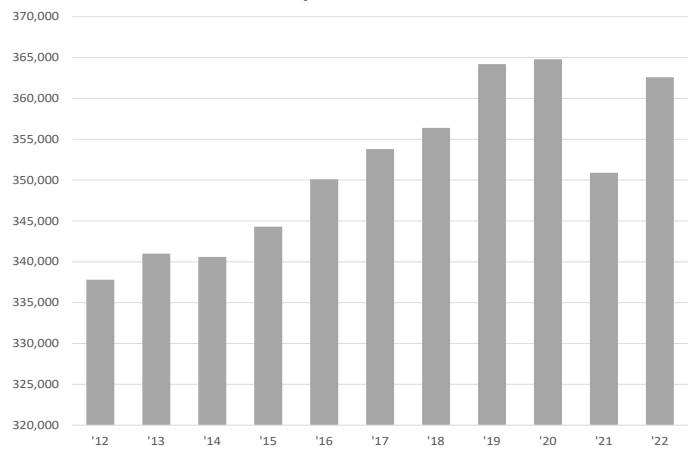
Employment

January 2019 - January 2022



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January: 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)

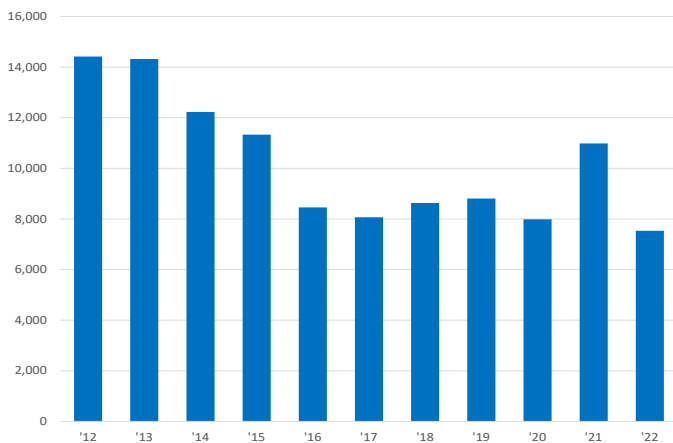
	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	288,521	290,164	277,370	-1,643	11,151
Employment	280,987	284,736	266,386	-3,749	14,601
Unemployment	7,534	5,428	10,984	2,106	-3,450
Unemployment Rate	2.6	1.9	4.0	0.7	-1.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

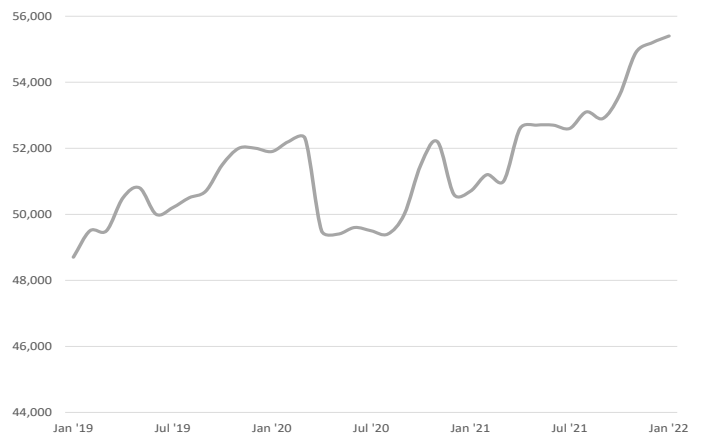
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	277.1	281.3	263.3	-4.2	13.8
Goods Producing	45.2	45.2	44.4	0.0	0.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	13.6	14.0	13.5	-0.4	0.1
Manufacturing	31.6	31.2	30.9	0.4	0.7
Service Providing	231.9	236.1	218.9	-4.2	13.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	60.7	61.9	57.8	-1.2	2.9
Wholesale Trade	13.2	13.1	12.6	0.1	0.6
Retail Trade	28.2	29.0	26.8	-0.8	1.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	19.3	19.8	18.4	-0.5	0.9
Information	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	0.2
Financial Activities	9.0	8.9	8.8	0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	55.4	55.2	50.7	0.2	4.7
Educational & Health Services	30.6	31.1	29.8	-0.5	0.8
Leisure & Hospitality	25.8	26.8	23.4	-1.0	2.4
Other Services	9.7	9.8	9.7	-0.1	0.0
Government	38.6	40.3	36.8	-1.7	1.8
Federal Government	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
State Government	15.9	17.5	14.9	-1.6	1.0
Local Government	19.8	19.9	19.1	-0.1	0.7

Number of Unemployed
 January: 2012 - 2022



Jobs in Professional & Business Services
 January 2019 - January 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)

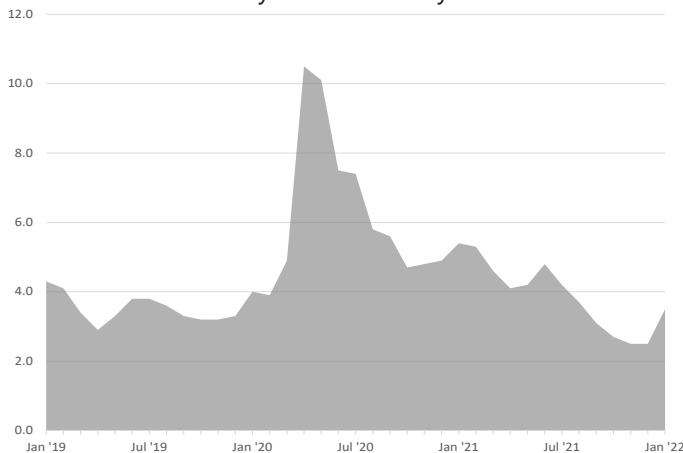
	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	115,902	115,747	114,692	155	1,210
Employment	111,834	112,821	108,528	-987	3,306
Unemployment	4,068	2,926	6,164	1,142	-2,096
Unemployment Rate	3.5	2.5	5.4	1.0	-1.9

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

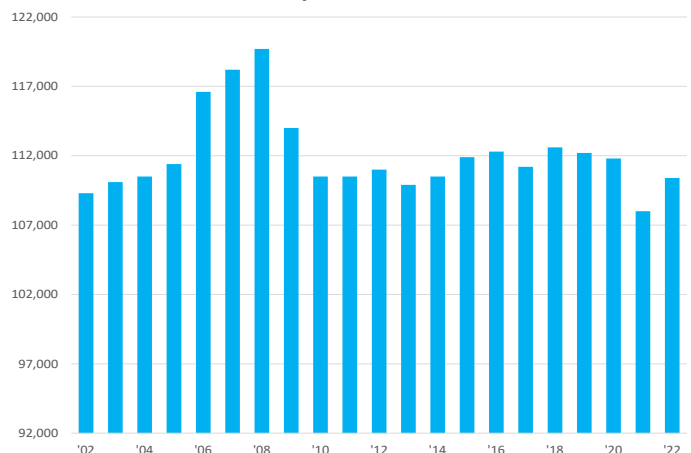
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	110.4	112.0	108.0	-1.6	2.4
Goods Producing	22.7	22.9	21.6	-0.2	1.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	4.9	5.0	4.8	-0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	17.8	17.9	16.8	-0.1	1.0
Service Providing	87.7	89.1	86.4	-1.4	1.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.0	24.5	23.1	-0.5	0.9
Wholesale Trade	4.6	4.6	4.2	0.0	0.4
Retail Trade	12.8	13.1	12.6	-0.3	0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.6	6.8	6.3	-0.2	0.3
Information	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.7	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	11.6	11.6	11.7	0.0	-0.1
Educational & Health Services	16.3	16.5	16.7	-0.2	-0.4
Leisure & Hospitality	9.1	9.4	8.6	-0.3	0.5
Other Services	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-0.1
Government	17.5	17.9	17.2	-0.4	0.3
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.2	2.6	2.3	-0.4	-0.1
Local Government	14.0	14.0	13.6	0.0	0.4

Unemployment Rates
 January 2019 - January 2022



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
 January: 2002 - 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	39,596	39,935	39,668	-339	-72
Employment	37,783	38,612	36,848	-829	935
Unemployment	1,813	1,323	2,820	490	-1,007
Unemployment Rate	4.6	3.3	7.1	1.3	-2.5

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	38.2	39.0	37.4	-0.8	0.8
Goods Producing	4.3	4.4	4.5	-0.1	-0.2
Service Providing	33.9	34.6	32.9	-0.7	1.0
Government	4.0	4.1	4.2	-0.1	-0.2

Employment

January 2017 - January 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,322	65,736	64,595	-414	727
Employment	63,325	64,329	61,616	-1,004	1,709
Unemployment	1,997	1,407	2,979	590	-982
Unemployment Rate	3.1	2.1	4.6	1.0	-1.5

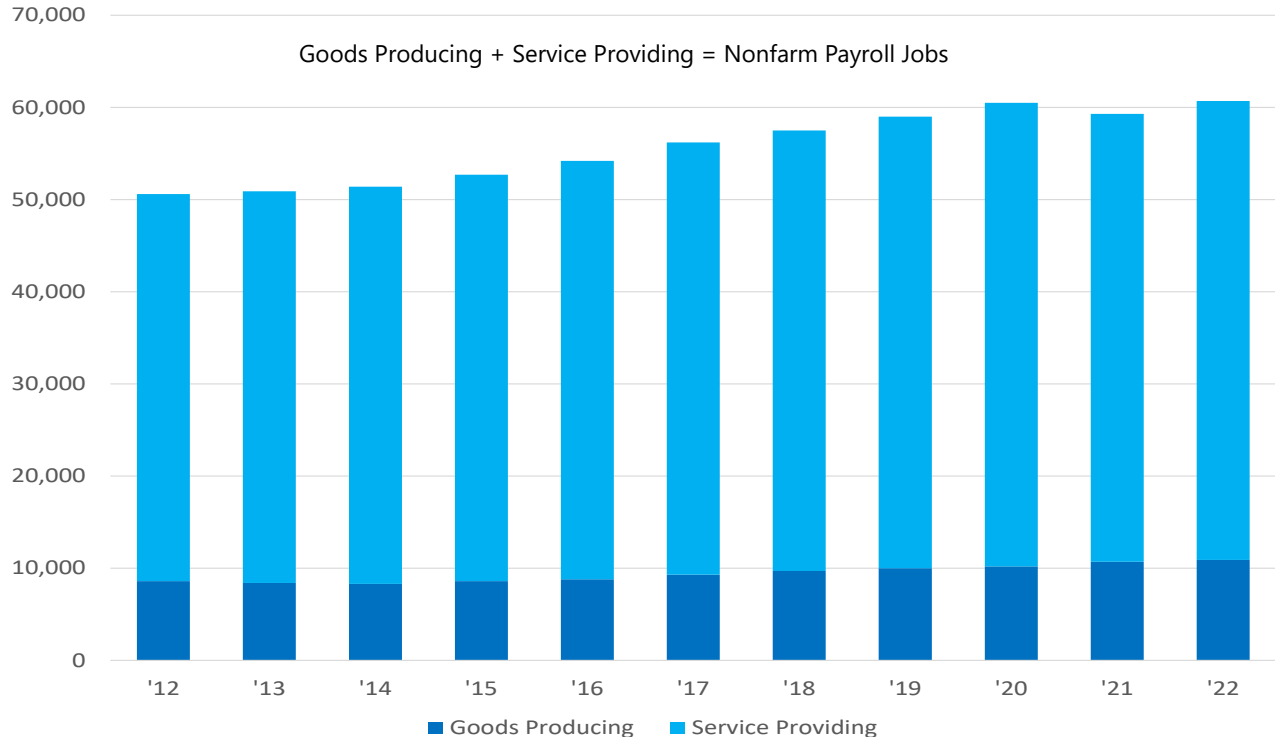
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	60.7	62.0	59.3	-1.3	1.4
Goods Producing	10.9	11.2	10.7	-0.3	0.2
Service Providing	49.8	50.8	48.6	-1.0	1.2
Government	8.5	8.7	8.9	-0.2	-0.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Goods Producing vs Service Providing)

January: 2012 - 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	32,469	32,556	33,375	-87	-906
Employment	30,461	31,084	30,774	-623	-313
Unemployment	2,008	1,472	2,601	536	-593
Unemployment Rate	6.2	4.5	7.8	1.7	-1.6

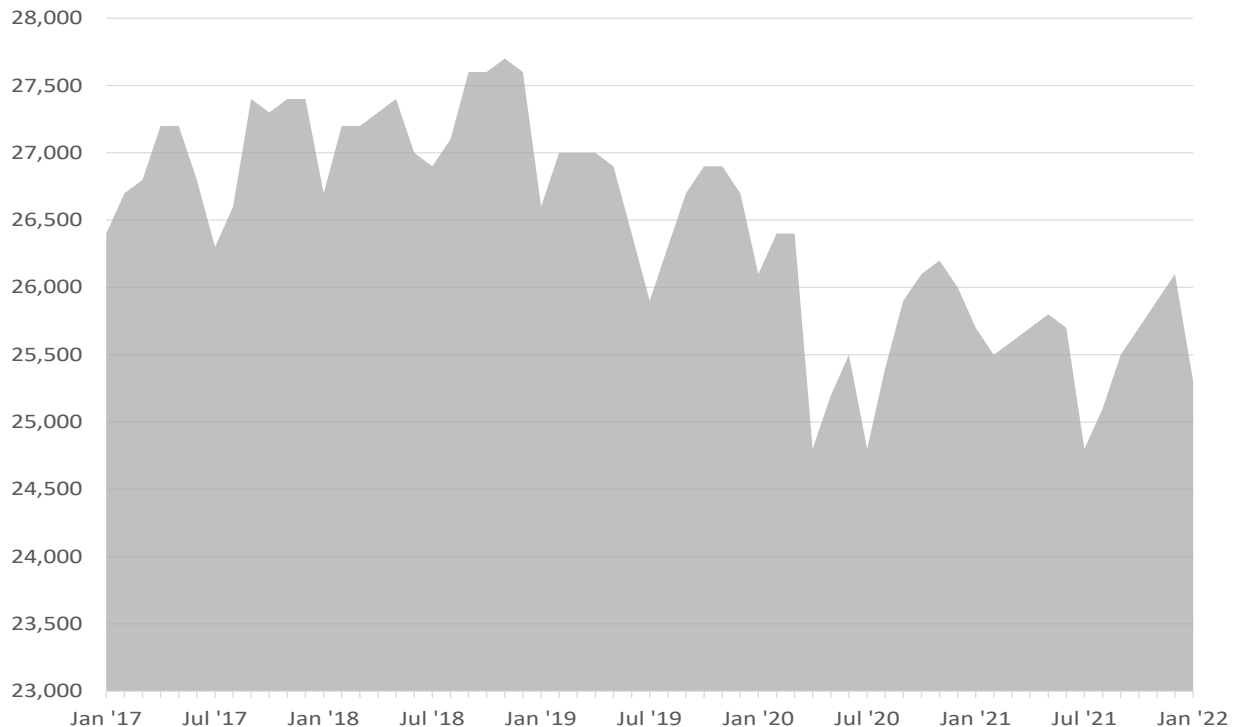
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	30.7	31.5	31.3	-0.8	-0.6
Goods Producing	5.4	5.4	5.6	0.0	-0.2
Service Providing	25.3	26.1	25.7	-0.8	-0.4
Government	8.2	8.5	8.6	-0.3	-0.4

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January 2017 - January 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.

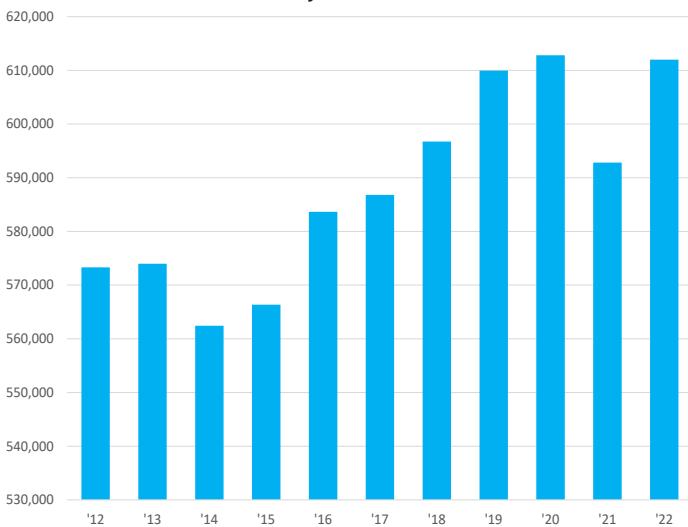
	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	645,870	646,075	643,120	-205	2,750
Employment	611,984	618,993	592,810	-7,009	19,174
Unemployment	33,886	27,082	50,310	6,804	-16,424
Unemployment Rate	5.2	4.2	7.8	1.0	-2.6

Texarkana MSA

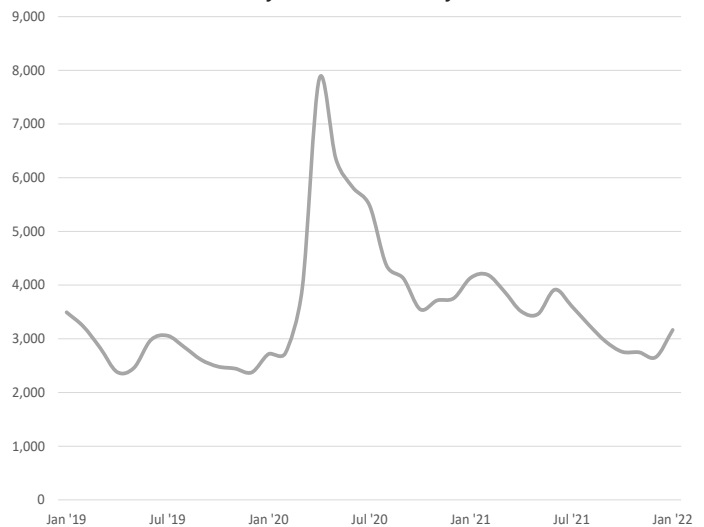
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,528	63,692	62,533	-164	995
Employment	60,362	61,032	58,397	-670	1,965
Unemployment	3,166	2,660	4,136	506	-970
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.2	6.6	0.8	-1.6

Memphis MSA - Employment
 January: 2012 - 2022



Texarkana MSA - Unemployed
 January 2019 - January 2022



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	January 2022				December 2021				January 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,630	8,231	399	4.6	8,752	8,475	277	3.2	8,725	8,213	512	5.9
Batesville Micro	16,251	15,650	601	3.7	16,277	15,853	424	2.6	16,399	15,555	844	5.1
Blytheville Micro	16,050	14,937	1,113	6.9	15,936	15,115	821	5.2	16,304	14,897	1,407	8.6
Camden Micro	12,130	11,664	466	3.8	12,082	11,752	330	2.7	12,083	11,480	603	5.0
El Dorado Micro	14,872	13,990	882	5.9	14,795	14,147	648	4.4	14,989	13,835	1,154	7.7
Forrest City Micro	7,586	7,137	449	5.9	7,494	7,166	328	4.4	7,731	7,115	616	8.0
Harrison Micro	18,811	18,286	525	2.8	18,817	18,460	357	1.9	18,737	17,966	771	4.1
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,780	5,311	469	8.1	5,619	5,280	339	6.0	6,070	5,482	588	9.7
Hope Micro	12,345	11,877	468	3.8	12,256	11,921	335	2.7	12,653	12,079	574	4.5
Magnolia Micro	8,827	8,373	454	5.1	8,752	8,441	311	3.6	8,962	8,295	667	7.4
Malvern Micro	13,764	13,267	497	3.6	13,688	13,333	355	2.6	13,793	13,093	700	5.1
Mountain Home Micro	16,061	15,470	591	3.7	16,137	15,730	407	2.5	16,119	15,284	835	5.2
Paragould Micro	19,253	18,626	627	3.3	19,099	18,680	419	2.2	19,081	18,158	923	4.8
Russellville Micro	34,783	33,336	1,447	4.2	35,011	34,022	989	2.8	34,718	32,886	1,832	5.3
Searcy Micro	33,789	32,464	1,325	3.9	33,821	32,897	924	2.7	33,331	31,463	1,868	5.6

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	January 2022				December 2021				January 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,416	11,979	437	3.5	12,463	12,151	312	2.5	11,954	11,354	600	5.0
Benton	17,346	16,825	521	3.0	17,380	17,040	340	2.0	16,893	16,223	670	4.0
Bentonville	29,916	29,294	622	2.1	30,149	29,715	434	1.4	28,762	27,765	997	3.5
Blytheville	5,376	5,000	376	7.0	5,333	5,060	273	5.1	5,530	4,987	543	9.8
Cabot	11,742	11,388	354	3.0	11,734	11,465	269	2.3	11,504	10,990	514	4.5
Conway	33,678	32,661	1,017	3.0	33,795	33,030	765	2.3	33,049	31,499	1,550	4.7
El Dorado	6,447	6,020	427	6.6	6,390	6,088	302	4.7	6,538	5,954	584	8.9
Fayetteville	49,101	47,757	1,344	2.7	49,365	48,444	921	1.9	47,327	45,270	2,057	4.3
Fort Smith	37,641	36,338	1,303	3.5	37,741	36,802	939	2.5	37,257	35,314	1,943	5.2
Hot Springs	14,705	13,982	723	4.9	14,861	14,289	572	3.8	14,914	13,636	1,278	8.6
Jacksonville	11,408	10,856	552	4.8	11,468	10,996	472	4.1	11,365	10,467	898	7.9
Jonesboro	39,236	38,133	1,103	2.8	39,591	38,802	789	2.0	38,867	37,097	1,770	4.6
Little Rock	95,293	91,117	4,176	4.4	95,576	92,287	3,289	3.4	94,147	87,848	6,299	6.7
North Little Rock	29,392	28,019	1,373	4.7	29,289	28,379	910	3.1	29,287	27,014	2,273	7.8
Paragould	12,276	11,838	438	3.6	12,175	11,872	303	2.5	12,179	11,540	639	5.2
Pine Bluff	15,330	14,148	1,182	7.7	15,332	14,483	849	5.5	15,858	14,297	1,561	9.8
Rogers	36,862	35,939	923	2.5	37,041	36,454	587	1.6	35,364	34,063	1,301	3.7
Russellville	12,412	11,991	421	3.4	12,569	12,277	292	2.3	12,412	11,827	585	4.7
Searcy	10,170	9,803	367	3.6	10,174	9,934	240	2.4	9,974	9,501	473	4.7
Sherwood	15,897	15,291	606	3.8	15,880	15,487	393	2.5	15,572	14,742	830	5.3
Springdale	39,182	38,140	1,042	2.7	39,453	38,688	765	1.9	37,606	36,153	1,453	3.9
Texarkana, AR	13,050	12,393	657	5.0	13,081	12,593	488	3.7	12,848	11,927	921	7.2
Van Buren	10,059	9,728	331	3.3	10,078	9,826	252	2.5	9,905	9,457	448	4.5
West Memphis	10,036	9,515	521	5.2	10,066	9,670	396	3.9	10,083	9,207	876	8.7

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	January 2022				December 2021				January 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,408	9,038	370	3.9	9,416	9,159	257	2.7	9,190	8,821	369	4.0
Ashley	6,615	6,131	484	7.3	6,494	6,140	354	5.5	6,852	6,181	671	9.8
Baxter	16,061	15,470	591	3.7	16,137	15,730	407	2.5	16,119	15,284	835	5.2
Benton	143,422	139,760	3,662	2.6	144,345	141,766	2,579	1.8	137,792	132,465	5,327	3.9
Boone	15,648	15,225	423	2.7	15,687	15,393	294	1.9	15,590	14,957	633	4.1
Bradley	3,987	3,799	188	4.7	3,904	3,781	123	3.2	4,184	3,931	253	6.0
Calhoun	2,386	2,316	70	2.9	2,360	2,310	50	2.1	2,394	2,279	115	4.8
Carroll	12,203	11,770	433	3.5	12,322	12,055	267	2.2	12,165	11,493	672	5.5
Chicot	3,016	2,756	260	8.6	2,918	2,727	191	6.5	3,158	2,793	365	11.6
Clark	8,630	8,231	399	4.6	8,752	8,475	277	3.2	8,725	8,213	512	5.9
Clay	5,300	5,073	227	4.3	5,196	5,048	148	2.8	5,402	5,112	290	5.4
Cleburne	8,781	8,356	425	4.8	8,774	8,487	287	3.3	8,826	8,238	588	6.7
Cleveland	3,055	2,936	119	3.9	3,045	2,966	79	2.6	3,140	2,964	176	5.6
Columbia	8,827	8,373	454	5.1	8,752	8,441	311	3.6	8,962	8,295	667	7.4
Conway	8,204	7,873	331	4.0	8,206	7,975	231	2.8	8,245	7,796	449	5.4
Craighead	55,617	53,998	1,619	2.9	56,100	54,944	1,156	2.1	54,999	52,531	2,468	4.5
Crawford	25,787	24,896	891	3.5	25,769	25,148	621	2.4	25,417	24,203	1,214	4.8
Crittenden	20,414	19,497	917	4.5	20,502	19,816	686	3.3	20,375	18,866	1,509	7.4
Cross	6,864	6,559	305	4.4	6,780	6,566	214	3.2	7,011	6,603	408	5.8
Dallas	2,748	2,633	115	4.2	2,721	2,642	79	2.9	2,782	2,650	132	4.7
Desh	4,925	4,613	312	6.3	4,864	4,647	217	4.5	4,982	4,620	362	7.3
Drew	7,527	7,168	359	4.8	7,425	7,163	262	3.5	7,551	7,043	508	6.7
Faulkner	61,261	59,324	1,937	3.2	61,379	59,995	1,384	2.3	60,098	57,214	2,884	4.8
Franklin	7,193	6,939	254	3.5	7,144	6,963	181	2.5	7,181	6,834	347	4.8
Fulton	4,830	4,668	162	3.4	4,808	4,696	112	2.3	4,860	4,605	255	5.2
Garland	39,596	37,783	1,813	4.6	39,935	38,612	1,323	3.3	39,668	36,848	2,820	7.1
Grant	8,214	7,962	252	3.1	8,192	8,016	176	2.1	8,027	7,681	346	4.3
Greene	19,253	18,626	627	3.3	19,099	18,680	419	2.2	19,081	18,158	923	4.8
Hempstead	9,022	8,703	319	3.5	8,951	8,720	231	2.6	9,259	8,849	410	4.4
Hot Spring	13,764	13,267	497	3.6	13,688	13,333	355	2.6	13,793	13,093	700	5.1
Howard	5,380	5,210	170	3.2	5,306	5,182	124	2.3	5,472	5,239	233	4.3
Independence	16,251	15,650	601	3.7	16,277	15,853	424	2.6	16,399	15,555	844	5.1
Izard	4,255	4,019	236	5.5	4,298	4,120	178	4.1	4,338	4,013	325	7.5
Jackson	5,633	5,331	302	5.4	5,496	5,284	212	3.9	5,648	5,233	415	7.3
Jefferson	25,730	24,027	1,703	6.6	25,867	24,596	1,271	4.9	26,489	24,281	2,208	8.3
Johnson	9,854	9,390	464	4.7	9,799	9,467	332	3.4	9,856	9,267	589	6.0
Lafayette	2,292	2,171	121	5.3	2,233	2,149	84	3.8	2,353	2,161	192	8.2
Lawrence	6,684	6,422	262	3.9	6,587	6,404	183	2.8	6,785	6,419	366	5.4
Lee	2,513	2,369	144	5.7	2,406	2,307	99	4.1	2,631	2,432	199	7.6
Lincoln	3,684	3,498	186	5.0	3,644	3,522	122	3.3	3,746	3,529	217	5.8
Little River	5,258	5,042	216	4.1	5,291	5,125	166	3.1	5,167	4,849	318	6.2
Logan	8,302	7,977	325	3.9	8,207	7,976	231	2.8	8,372	7,914	458	5.5
Lonoke	33,320	32,282	1,038	3.1	33,241	32,502	739	2.2	32,649	31,155	1,494	4.6
Madison	7,432	7,218	214	2.9	7,348	7,197	151	2.1	7,165	6,874	291	4.1
Marion	5,981	5,737	244	4.1	5,972	5,806	166	2.8	5,920	5,553	367	6.2
Miller	18,972	18,116	856	4.5	19,054	18,408	646	3.4	18,604	17,434	1,170	6.3

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	January 2022				December 2021				January 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,050	14,937	1,113	6.9	15,936	15,115	821	5.2	16,304	14,897	1,407	8.6
Monroe	2,614	2,472	142	5.4	2,531	2,432	99	3.9	2,653	2,467	186	7.0
Montgomery	2,802	2,641	161	5.7	2,643	2,529	114	4.3	2,848	2,655	193	6.8
Nevada	3,323	3,174	149	4.5	3,305	3,201	104	3.1	3,394	3,230	164	4.8
Newton	3,163	3,061	102	3.2	3,130	3,067	63	2.0	3,147	3,009	138	4.4
Ouachita	9,744	9,348	396	4.1	9,722	9,442	280	2.9	9,689	9,201	488	5.0
Perry	4,122	3,942	180	4.4	4,092	3,965	127	3.1	4,017	3,807	210	5.2
Phillips	5,780	5,311	469	8.1	5,619	5,280	339	6.0	6,070	5,482	588	9.7
Pike	4,104	3,923	181	4.4	4,019	3,889	130	3.2	4,173	3,938	235	5.6
Poinsett	9,705	9,327	378	3.9	9,636	9,385	251	2.6	9,596	9,085	511	5.3
Polk	7,698	7,370	328	4.3	7,595	7,355	240	3.2	7,805	7,338	467	6.0
Pope	27,020	25,890	1,130	4.2	27,275	26,507	768	2.8	26,964	25,537	1,427	5.3
Prairie	3,471	3,361	110	3.2	3,431	3,354	77	2.2	3,510	3,327	183	5.2
Pulaski	185,157	177,155	8,002	4.3	185,350	179,428	5,922	3.2	182,938	170,798	12,140	6.6
Randolph	7,214	6,951	263	3.6	7,155	6,975	180	2.5	7,336	6,929	407	5.5
St. Francis	7,586	7,137	449	5.9	7,494	7,166	328	4.4	7,731	7,115	616	8.0
Saline	58,178	56,495	1,683	2.9	58,420	57,216	1,204	2.1	56,906	54,473	2,433	4.3
Scott	4,217	4,089	128	3.0	4,127	4,039	88	2.1	4,236	4,048	188	4.4
Searcy	2,853	2,710	143	5.0	2,822	2,733	89	3.2	2,755	2,596	159	5.8
Sebastian	54,191	52,347	1,844	3.4	54,348	53,016	1,332	2.5	53,659	50,872	2,787	5.2
Sevier	5,296	5,078	218	4.1	5,278	5,115	163	3.1	5,415	5,102	313	5.8
Sharp	5,570	5,305	265	4.8	5,553	5,367	186	3.3	5,557	5,167	390	7.0
Stone	4,376	4,159	217	5.0	4,323	4,171	152	3.5	4,513	4,177	336	7.4
Union	14,872	13,990	882	5.9	14,795	14,147	648	4.4	14,989	13,835	1,154	7.7
Van Buren	5,751	5,469	282	4.9	5,665	5,476	189	3.3	5,705	5,303	402	7.0
Washington	126,807	123,537	3,270	2.6	127,686	125,315	2,371	1.9	121,980	117,104	4,876	4.0
White	33,789	32,464	1,325	3.9	33,821	32,897	924	2.7	33,331	31,463	1,868	5.6
Woodruff	2,812	2,685	127	4.5	2,744	2,655	89	3.2	2,788	2,609	179	6.4
Yell	7,763	7,446	317	4.1	7,736	7,515	221	2.9	7,754	7,349	405	5.2

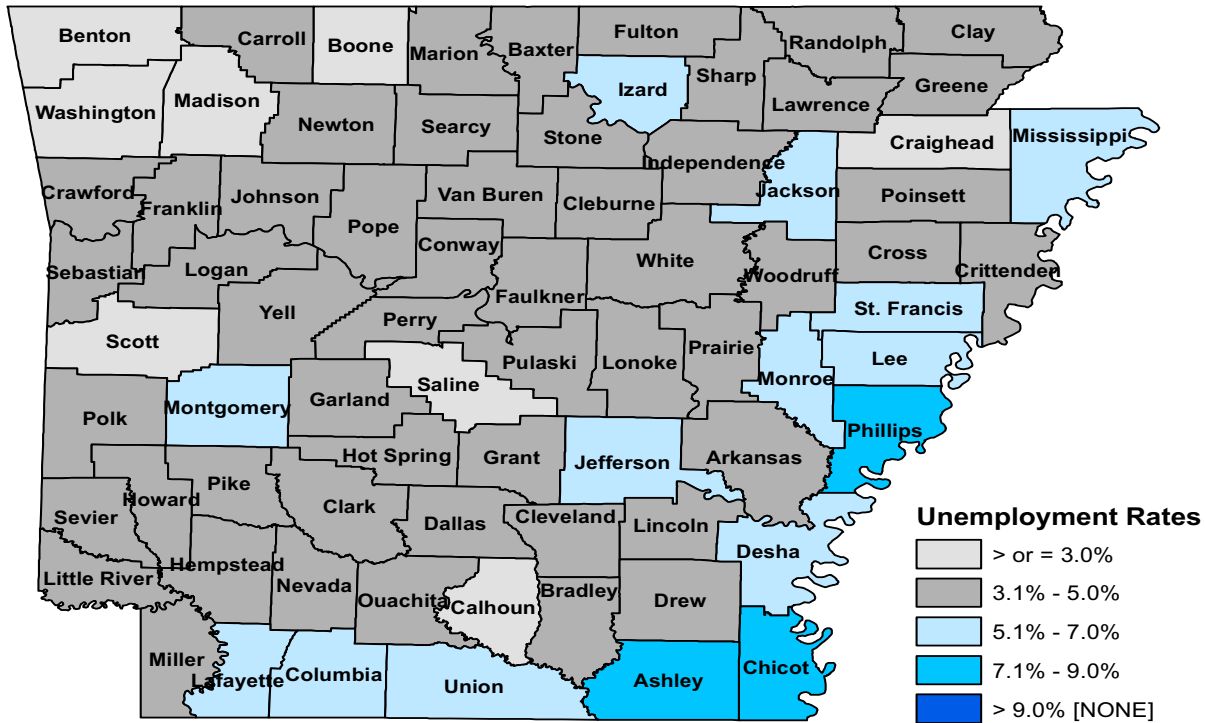
County Labor Force Summary

Between December 2021 and January 2022, unemployment rates increased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.6 percent in Benton and Washington counties to a high of 8.6 percent in Chicot County.

In January, thirty-two counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down from 64 counties at or below four percent in December. Three counties reported jobless rates at or above seven percent.

Compared to January 2021, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rate declines ranged from a three percentage point drop in Chicot County to a one-tenth of a percentage point decrease in Arkansas County. On average, unemployment rates for Arkansas counties are down one and six-tenths of a percentage point between January 2021 and January 2022.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

January 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	2.6	26	Arkansas	3.9	50	Garland	4.6
1	Washington	2.6	26	Cleveland	3.9	52	Bradley	4.7
3	Boone	2.7	26	Lawrence	3.9	52	Johnson	4.7
4	Calhoun	2.9	26	Logan	3.9	54	Cleburne	4.8
4	Craighead	2.9	26	Poinsett	3.9	54	Drew	4.8
4	Madison	2.9	26	White	3.9	54	Sharp	4.8
4	Saline	2.9	32	Conway	4.0	57	Van Buren	4.9
8	Scott	3.0	33	Little River	4.1	58	Lincoln	5.0
9	Grant	3.1	33	Marion	4.1	58	Searcy	5.0
9	Lonoke	3.1	33	Ouachita	4.1	58	Stone	5.0
11	Faulkner	3.2	33	Sevier	4.1	61	Columbia	5.1
11	Howard	3.2	33	Yell	4.1	62	Lafayette	5.3
11	Newton	3.2	38	Dallas	4.2	63	Jackson	5.4
11	Prairie	3.2	38	Pope	4.2	63	Monroe	5.4
15	Greene	3.3	40	Clay	4.3	65	Izard	5.5
16	Fulton	3.4	40	Polk	4.3	66	Lee	5.7
16	Sebastian	3.4	40	Pulaski	4.3	66	Montgomery	5.7
18	Carroll	3.5	43	Cross	4.4	68	St. Francis	5.9
18	Crawford	3.5	43	Perry	4.4	68	Union	5.9
18	Franklin	3.5	43	Pike	4.4	70	Desha	6.3
18	Hempstead	3.5	46	Crittenden	4.5	71	Jefferson	6.6
22	Hot Spring	3.6	46	Miller	4.5	72	Mississippi	6.9
22	Randolph	3.6	46	Nevada	4.5	73	Ashley	7.3
24	Baxter	3.7	46	Woodruff	4.5	74	Phillips	8.1
24	Independence	3.7	50	Clark	4.6	75	Chicot	8.6

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	January 2022				December 2021				January 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	248,708	239,972	8,736	3.5	248,776	242,640	6,136	2.5	244,607	231,586	13,021	5.3
City of Little Rock	95,293	91,117	4,176	4.4	95,576	92,287	3,289	3.4	94,147	87,848	6,299	6.7
Eastern	43,157	40,873	2,284	5.3	42,801	41,135	1,666	3.9	43,818	40,498	3,320	7.6
North Central	92,048	88,106	3,942	4.3	91,759	89,006	2,753	3.0	91,965	86,363	5,602	6.1
Northeast	119,823	115,334	4,489	3.7	119,709	116,551	3,158	2.6	119,503	113,131	6,372	5.3
Northwest	333,570	324,488	9,082	2.7	335,449	329,062	6,387	1.9	322,633	309,335	13,298	4.1
Southeast	76,161	71,928	4,233	5.6	75,769	72,717	3,052	4.0	77,319	71,844	5,475	7.1
Southwest	88,120	84,154	3,966	4.5	87,768	84,882	2,886	3.3	88,480	83,124	5,356	6.1
West Central	125,859	120,386	5,473	4.3	126,145	122,267	3,878	3.1	126,043	118,503	7,540	6.0
Western	107,388	103,618	3,770	3.5	107,190	104,497	2,693	2.5	106,670	101,209	5,461	5.1

