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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 2022 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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# 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

4th Quarter 2022 - 3rd Quarter 2023 (Average)

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

1.0% 1.2% 3.2% 3.4% 4.0% 5.9%

is for 3rd Quarter 2023.

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

Three-Year Comparison of 3rd Quarter (Average)

9.0%

8.0%



7.0%

6.0%

5.0%

4.0%

3.0%

2.0%

1.0%

0.0%

U-4 U-5 U-6

3rd Q 2021 3rd Q 2022 3rd Q 2023

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# Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, an- nounced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose two-tenths of a percentage point, from 2.7% in August to 2.9% in September. The United States’ jobless rate remained stable at 3.8% in September.

In September, Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased by 2,798. The number of unemployed rose 2,561, as more Arkansans are actively seeking work. This pushed the labor force participation rate up one- tenth of a percentage point, to 57.8% in September. The labor force and the number of employed both remain at record high levels.

Compared to September 2022, there are 29,978 more employed and 7,698 fewer unemployed Arkan- sans. The States’ unemployment rate is down from 3.5% last September, while the labor force participa- tion rate is up three-tenths of a percentage point.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,352,437 1,352,200 1,323,459 Employment 1,352,523 1,349,153 1,330,617

Unemployment 39,900 37,339 47,598 Unemployment 45,037 46,102 44,440

Unemployment Rate 2.9% 2.7% 3.5% Unemployment Rate 3.2% 3.3% 3.2%

LF Participation Rate 57.8% 57.7% 57.5% LF Participation Rate 58.0% 58.0% 57.7%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** |  | **Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,392,337 | 1,389,539 | 1,371,057 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,397,560 | 1,395,255 | 1,375,057 |

#### Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2021 - September 2023

1,360,000

1,340,000

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| J F M A M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D |
| 2021 | 2022 |  | 2023 |  |  |  |  |

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1366.6 | 1358.4 | 1347.2 | 8.2 | 19.4 |
| Goods Producing | 233.0 | 233.8 | 228.8 | -0.8 | 4.2 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 71.1 | 69.7 | 65.0 | 1.4 | 6.1 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.0** | **5.0** | **5.2** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Construction** | **66.1** | **64.7** | **59.8** | **1.4** | **6.3** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 41.1 | 39.7 | 37.3 | 1.4 | 3.8 |
| **Manufacturing** | **161.9** | **164.1** | **163.8** | **-2.2** | **-1.9** |
| Durable Goods | 78.0 | 80.2 | 79.4 | -2.2 | -1.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 83.9 | 83.9 | 84.4 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| Service Providing | 1133.6 | 1124.6 | 1118.4 | 9.0 | 15.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **267.9** | **270.0** | **270.6** | **-2.1** | **-2.7** |
| Wholesale Trade | 53.8 | 54.6 | 51.3 | -0.8 | 2.5 |
| Retail Trade | 139.6 | 140.9 | 143.4 | -1.3 | -3.8 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 74.5 | 74.5 | 75.9 | 0.0 | -1.4 |
| **Information** | **11.4** | **11.9** | **12.8** | **-0.5** | **-1.4** |
| **Financial Activities** | **70.4** | **70.9** | **71.2** | **-0.5** | **-0.8** |
| Finance & Insurance | 55.7 | 56.2 | 56.4 | -0.5 | -0.7 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 14.7 | 14.7 | 14.8 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **154.0** | **153.3** | **154.3** | **0.7** | **-0.3** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 50.0 | 50.2 | 47.7 | -0.2 | 2.3 |
| Management of Companies | 41.9 | 41.2 | 38.1 | 0.7 | 3.8 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 62.1 | 61.9 | 68.5 | 0.2 | -6.4 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **210.2** | **206.7** | **202.1** | **3.5** | **8.1** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 18.9 | 16.8 | 18.6 | 2.1 | 0.3 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 191.3 | 189.9 | 183.5 | 1.4 | 7.8 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 67.6 | 67.1 | 63.1 | 0.5 | 4.5 |
| Social Assistance | 39.5 | 39.1 | 37.4 | 0.4 | 2.1 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **133.1** | **137.5** | **125.1** | **-4.4** | **8.0** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 15.0 | 16.8 | 13.3 | -1.8 | 1.7 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 118.1 | 120.7 | 111.8 | -2.6 | 6.3 |
| Accommodation Services | 12.2 | 12.6 | 11.4 | -0.4 | 0.8 |
| Food Services | 105.9 | 108.1 | 100.4 | -2.2 | 5.5 |
| **Other Services** | **74.4** | **75.1** | **71.7** | **-0.7** | **2.7** |
| **Government** | **212.2** | **199.2** | **210.6** | **13.0** | **1.6** |
| Federal Government | 21.5 | 21.3 | 20.6 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| State Government | 77.6 | 73.1 | 77.7 | 4.5 | -0.1 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.5 | 26.9 | 31.4 | 4.6 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.1 | 46.2 | 46.3 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Local Government | 113.1 | 104.8 | 112.3 | 8.3 | 0.8 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 69.1 | 60.1 | 68.6 | 9.0 | 0.5 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 44.0 | 44.7 | 43.7 | -0.7 | 0.3 |

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

#### Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

August 2023 - September 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Government

13,000

Private Ed & Health

Construction

3,500

Professional & Business

1,400

700

Mining & Logging

0

Information

Financial Activities Other Services

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Manufacturing

-500

-500

-700

-2,100

Leisure & Hospitality

-2,200

-4,400

-10,000

-5,000

0

5,000

10,000

15,000

#### Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

September 2022 - September 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Private Ed & Health

Leisure & Hospitality

Construction

**8,100**

**8,000**

**6,300**

Other Services **2,700**

Government **1,600**

Mining & Logging **-200**

Professional & Business **-300**

Financial Activities **-800**

Information **-1,400**

Manufacturing **-1,900**

Trade-Transport-Utilities **-2,700**

-5,000 -2,500

0

2,500

5,000

7,500 10,000

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# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**Sep 23**

Average Weekly Hours 39.0

Average Hourly Earnings $21.57

Average Weekly Earnings $841.23

**Aug 23**

40.0

$21.26

$850.40

**Sep 22**

39.4

$20.67

$814.40

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

**Sep 23**

41.9

**Aug 23**

43.9

$23.24

$991.77 $1,020.24

$23.67

**Sep 22**

42.0

$22.68

$952.56

**Sep 23**

Average Weekly Hours 36.4

Average Hourly Earnings $19.38

Average Weekly Earnings $705.43

**Aug 23**

36.3

$19.02

$690.43

**Sep 22**

37.0

$18.63

$689.31

#### Average Weekly Earnings - Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

September 2020 - September 2023

$800.00

$750.00

$700.00

$650.00

$600.00

$550.00

$500.00

Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23 Sep '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

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

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 365,949 | 367,545 | 359,032 | -1,596 | 6,917 |
| **Employment** | 354,786 | 356,429 | 347,739 | -1,643 | 7,047 |
| **Unemployment** | 11,163 | 11,116 | 11,293 | 47 | -130 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.1% | 3.0% | 3.1% | 0.1% | 0.0% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 386.4 | 385.1 | 379.1 | 1.3 | 7.3 |
| **Goods Producing** 40.9 | 40.7 | 39.3 | 0.2 | 1.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 21.1** | **20.7** | **19.4** | **0.4** | **1.7** |
| **Manufacturing 19.8** | **20.0** | **19.9** | **-0.2** | **-0.1** |
| **Service Providing** 345.5 | 344.4 | 339.8 | 1.1 | 5.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 76.5** | **76.6** | **77.2** | **-0.1** | **-0.7** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 18.3 | 18.3 | 17.4 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| **Retail Trade** 37.2 | 37.5 | 38.6 | -0.3 | -1.4 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.0 | 20.8 | 21.2 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| **Information 5.4** | **5.5** | **5.7** | **-0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities 24.6** | **24.7** | **24.9** | **-0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services 47.9** | **48.2** | **48.5** | **-0.3** | **-0.6** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 65.5** | **64.2** | **62.3** | **1.3** | **3.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 36.9** | **38.6** | **33.6** | **-1.7** | **3.3** |
| **Other Services 19.7** | **19.8** | **18.8** | **-0.1** | **0.9** |
| **Government 69.0** | **66.8** | **68.8** | **2.2** | **0.2** |
| **Federal Government** 10.3 | 10.1 | 9.9 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| **State Government** 34.1 | 33.2 | 34.4 | 0.9 | -0.3 |
| **Local Government** 24.6 | 23.5 | 24.5 | 1.1 | 0.1 |

#### Unemployment

September: 2003 - 2023

30,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

September 2020 - September 2023

400,000

390,000

25,000

380,000

20,000

370,000

15,000 360,000

350,000

10,000

340,000

5,000

330,000

0

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'03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19 '21 '23

320,000

Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23 Sep '23

**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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 318,864 | 317,062 | 308,361 | 1,802 | 10,503 |
| **Employment** | 311,066 | 309,226 | 301,206 | 1,840 | 9,860 |
| **Unemployment** | 7,798 | 7,836 | 7,155 | -38 | 643 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.4% | 2.5% | 2.3% | -0.1% | 0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 312.3 | 307.6 | 302.1 | 4.7 | 10.2 |
| **Goods Producing** 49.0 | 49.2 | 47.2 | -0.2 | 1.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 16.8** | **16.6** | **15.2** | **0.2** | **1.6** |
| **Manufacturing 32.2** | **32.6** | **32.0** | **-0.4** | **0.2** |
| **Service Providing** 263.3 | 258.4 | 254.9 | 4.9 | 8.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 63.5** | **63.6** | **63.2** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 14.4 | 14.6 | 13.6 | -0.2 | 0.8 |
| **Retail Trade** 28.7 | 28.6 | 29.0 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.4 | 20.4 | 20.6 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Information 2.2** | **2.3** | **2.3** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 10.2** | **10.2** | **10.3** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 61.2** | **60.5** | **58.2** | **0.7** | **3.0** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 35.4** | **34.6** | **33.8** | **0.8** | **1.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 30.7** | **31.4** | **30.3** | **-0.7** | **0.4** |
| **Other Services 16.2** | **16.2** | **15.2** | **0.0** | **1.0** |
| **Government 43.9** | **39.6** | **41.6** | **4.3** | **2.3** |
| **Federal Government** 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **State Government** 20.5 | 17.5 | 18.9 | 3.0 | 1.6 |
| **Local Government** 20.2 | 19.0 | 19.8 | 1.2 | 0.4 |

#### Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

September 2022 - September 2023

Professional & Business

3,000

2,300

1,600

1,600

1,000

400

300

200

Government

Private Ed & Health

Mining-Logging-Construct

Other Services

Leisure & Hospitality

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Manufacturing

Financial Activities

-100

Information

-100

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-500 0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500

**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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 120,433 | 120,515 | 118,054 | -82 | 2,379 |
| **Employment** | 115,865 | 116,017 | 114,211 | -152 | 1,654 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,568 | 4,498 | 3,843 | 70 | 725 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.8% | 3.7% | 3.3% | 0.1% | 0.5% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 115.5 | 114.7 | 114.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| **Goods Producing** 24.1 | 24.2 | 24.0 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.6** | **5.6** | **5.3** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Manufacturing 18.5** | **18.6** | **18.7** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Service Providing** 91.4 | 90.5 | 90.8 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.2** | **24.3** | **24.6** | **-0.1** | **-0.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.7 | 12.8 | 13.1 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| **Information 1.4** | **1.4** | **1.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 4.2** | **4.2** | **4.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.0** | **11.1** | **11.9** | **-0.1** | **-0.9** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 18.3** | **18.2** | **17.7** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.3** | **10.7** | **9.7** | **-0.4** | **0.6** |
| **Other Services 3.7** | **3.7** | **3.5** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government 18.3** | **16.9** | **17.8** | **1.4** | **0.5** |
| **Federal Government** 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 14.6 | 13.4 | 14.1 | 1.2 | 0.5 |

6.0%

#### Unemployment Rates

September 2020 - September 2023

10,500

#### Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality

September: 2013 - 2023

5.0%

10,000

4.0%

9,500

3.0%

9,000

2.0%

1.0%

8,500

0.0%

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Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23 Sep '23

8,000

'13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 42,122 | 42,423 | 42,019 | -301 | 103 |
| **Employment** | 40,593 | 40,914 | 40,449 | -321 | 144 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,529 | 1,509 | 1,570 | 20 | -41 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6% | 3.6% | 3.7% | 0.0% | -0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 41.5 | 41.4 | 41.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 36.8 | 36.7 | 36.6 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 0.2 | -0.2 |

43,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

September 2020 - September 2023

**September**

42,000

41,000

40,000

39,000

38,000

37,000

36,000

35,000

Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23 Sep '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 68,955 | 69,096 | 67,945 | -141 | 1,010 |
| **Employment** | 67,027 | 67,093 | 66,034 | -66 | 993 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,928 | 2,003 | 1,911 | -75 | 17 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.8% | 2.9% | 2.8% | -0.1% | 0.0% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 65.1 | 64.6 | 64.2 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| 11.9 | 11.9 | 12.1 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 53.2 | 52.7 | 52.1 | 0.5 | 1.1 |
| 9.3 | 8.8 | 9.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 |

75,000

#### Civilian Labor Force

September: 2013 - 2023

**September**

Civilian Labor Force = Employment + Unemployment

70,000

65,000

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 32,462 | 32,548 | 32,340 | -86 | 122 |
| **Employment** | 31,093 | 31,151 | 30,822 | -58 | 271 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,369 | 1,397 | 1,518 | -28 | -149 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.2% | 4.3% | 4.7% | -0.1% | -0.5% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.7 | 31.5 | 31.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.4 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| 26.2 | 25.9 | 26.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| 8.6 | 8.3 | 8.7 | 0.3 | -0.1 |

32,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January 2021 - September 2023

31,500

31,000

30,500

30,000

29,500

**September**

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2021 2022 2023

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 624,155 | 622,375 | 627,424 | 1,780 | -3,269 |
| **Employment** | 598,695 | 595,158 | 601,866 | 3,537 | -3,171 |
| **Unemployment** | 25,460 | 27,217 | 25,558 | -1,757 | -98 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1% | 4.4% | 4.1% | -0.3% | 0.0% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 23** | **Aug 23** | **Sep 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,326 | 63,455 | 62,220 | -129 | 1,106 |
| **Employment** | 60,854 | 60,772 | 59,605 | 82 | 1,249 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,472 | 2,683 | 2,615 | -211 | -143 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9% | 4.2% | 4.2% | -0.3% | -0.3% |

12.0%

#### Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates

September: 2013 - 2023

61,500

#### Texarkana MSA - Employment

September 2020 - September 2023

10.0%

61,000

60,500

8.0%

60,000

59,500

6.0% 59,000

4.0%

58,500

58,000

2.0%

57,500

57,000

0.0%

**September**

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

'22

'23

56,500

Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23 Sep '23

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,773 | 8,366 | 407 | 4.6 | 8,582 | 8,143 | 439 | 5.1 | 8,607 | 8,252 | 355 | 4.1 |
| Batesville Micro | 17,132 | 16,592 | 540 | 3.2 | 16,997 | 16,164 | 833 | 4.9 | 16,718 | 16,183 | 535 | 3.2 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,081 | 16,336 | 745 | 4.4 | 17,135 | 16,221 | 914 | 5.3 | 16,492 | 15,729 | 763 | 4.6 |
| Camden Micro | 12,169 | 11,741 | 428 | 3.5 | 11,950 | 11,533 | 417 | 3.5 | 12,037 | 11,595 | 442 | 3.7 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,977 | 14,322 | 655 | 4.4 | 14,891 | 14,221 | 670 | 4.5 | 14,838 | 14,157 | 681 | 4.6 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,425 | 7,067 | 358 | 4.8 | 7,512 | 7,127 | 385 | 5.1 | 7,525 | 7,155 | 370 | 4.9 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,422 | 18,807 | 615 | 3.2 | 19,027 | 18,425 | 602 | 3.2 | 19,234 | 18,653 | 581 | 3.0 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,224 | 4,922 | 302 | 5.8 | 5,272 | 4,948 | 324 | 6.1 | 5,574 | 5,229 | 345 | 6.2 |
| Hope Micro | 12,667 | 12,219 | 448 | 3.5 | 12,373 | 11,911 | 462 | 3.7 | 12,966 | 12,548 | 418 | 3.2 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,953 | 8,572 | 381 | 4.3 | 8,810 | 8,399 | 411 | 4.7 | 8,950 | 8,586 | 364 | 4.1 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,896 | 13,412 | 484 | 3.5 | 13,869 | 13,374 | 495 | 3.6 | 13,855 | 13,364 | 491 | 3.5 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 17,275 | 16,650 | 625 | 3.6 | 17,066 | 16,477 | 589 | 3.5 | 16,630 | 16,015 | 615 | 3.7 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,056 | 19,427 | 629 | 3.1 | 19,955 | 19,329 | 626 | 3.1 | 19,875 | 19,283 | 592 | 3.0 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,415 | 36,007 | 1,408 | 3.8 | 36,791 | 35,220 | 1,571 | 4.3 | 36,031 | 34,698 | 1,333 | 3.7 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,502 | 33,349 | 1,153 | 3.3 | 34,380 | 33,173 | 1,207 | 3.5 | 34,378 | 33,224 | 1,154 | 3.4 |

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

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**September 2023**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**August 2023**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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**

**September 2023**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**August 2023**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2022**

**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

**September**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 13,673 | 13,277 | 396 | 2.9 | 13,604 | 13,202 | 402 | 3.0 | 13,233 | 12,848 | 385 | 2.9 |
| Benton | 18,199 | 17,713 | 486 | 2.7 | 18,274 | 17,789 | 485 | 2.7 | 17,854 | 17,356 | 498 | 2.8 |
| Bentonville | 33,218 | 32,468 | 750 | 2.3 | 33,041 | 32,286 | 755 | 2.3 | 32,115 | 31,421 | 694 | 2.2 |
| Blytheville | 5,766 | 5,468 | 298 | 5.2 | 5,863 | 5,430 | 433 | 7.4 | 5,545 | 5,265 | 280 | 5.0 |
| Cabot | 12,311 | 11,962 | 349 | 2.8 | 12,373 | 12,036 | 337 | 2.7 | 12,087 | 11,745 | 342 | 2.8 |
| Conway | 35,405 | 34,377 | 1,028 | 2.9 | 35,581 | 34,540 | 1,041 | 2.9 | 34,726 | 33,710 | 1,016 | 2.9 |
| El Dorado | 6,484 | 6,163 | 321 | 5.0 | 6,444 | 6,120 | 324 | 5.0 | 6,437 | 6,092 | 345 | 5.4 |
| Fayetteville | 54,389 | 52,948 | 1,441 | 2.6 | 54,133 | 52,649 | 1,484 | 2.7 | 52,599 | 51,259 | 1,340 | 2.5 |
| Fort Smith | 38,999 | 37,499 | 1,500 | 3.8 | 39,046 | 37,529 | 1,517 | 3.9 | 38,449 | 37,297 | 1,152 | 3.0 |
| Hot Springs | 15,632 | 15,022 | 610 | 3.9 | 15,720 | 15,140 | 580 | 3.7 | 15,596 | 14,968 | 628 | 4.0 |
| Jacksonville | 11,911 | 11,427 | 484 | 4.1 | 11,932 | 11,476 | 456 | 3.8 | 11,646 | 11,194 | 452 | 3.9 |
| Jonesboro | 41,541 | 40,387 | 1,154 | 2.8 | 41,604 | 40,404 | 1,200 | 2.9 | 40,925 | 39,765 | 1,160 | 2.8 |
| Little Rock | 99,054 | 95,903 | 3,151 | 3.2 | 99,476 | 96,315 | 3,161 | 3.2 | 97,268 | 93,951 | 3,317 | 3.4 |
| North Little Rock | 30,553 | 29,491 | 1,062 | 3.5 | 30,674 | 29,617 | 1,057 | 3.4 | 30,014 | 28,890 | 1,124 | 3.7 |
| Paragould | 12,761 | 12,347 | 414 | 3.2 | 12,700 | 12,284 | 416 | 3.3 | 12,639 | 12,255 | 384 | 3.0 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,194 | 14,439 | 755 | 5.0 | 15,254 | 14,452 | 802 | 5.3 | 15,143 | 14,294 | 849 | 5.6 |
| Rogers | 40,749 | 39,832 | 917 | 2.3 | 40,537 | 39,609 | 928 | 2.3 | 39,427 | 38,547 | 880 | 2.2 |
| Russellville | 13,474 | 12,971 | 503 | 3.7 | 13,238 | 12,669 | 569 | 4.3 | 12,933 | 12,481 | 452 | 3.5 |
| Searcy | 10,416 | 10,071 | 345 | 3.3 | 10,386 | 10,018 | 368 | 3.5 | 10,391 | 10,033 | 358 | 3.4 |
| Sherwood | 16,546 | 16,094 | 452 | 2.7 | 16,614 | 16,163 | 451 | 2.7 | 16,224 | 15,767 | 457 | 2.8 |
| Springdale | 43,257 | 42,284 | 973 | 2.2 | 43,000 | 42,046 | 954 | 2.2 | 41,833 | 40,935 | 898 | 2.1 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,002 | 12,534 | 468 | 3.6 | 13,065 | 12,559 | 506 | 3.9 | 12,799 | 12,295 | 504 | 3.9 |
| Van Buren | 10,416 | 10,029 | 387 | 3.7 | 10,463 | 10,046 | 417 | 4.0 | 10,275 | 9,982 | 293 | 2.9 |
| West Memphis | 10,110 | 9,694 | 416 | 4.1 | 10,132 | 9,686 | 446 | 4.4 | 10,112 | 9,651 | 461 | 4.6 |

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**September 2023 August 2023 September 2022**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,332 | 9,092 | 240 | 2.6 | 9,409 | 9,178 | 231 | 2.5 | 9,399 | 9,123 | 276 | 2.9 |
| Ashley | 6,454 | 6,115 | 339 | 5.3 | 6,467 | 6,113 | 354 | 5.5 | 6,818 | 6,441 | 377 | 5.5 |
| Baxter | 17,275 | 16,650 | 625 | 3.6 | 17,066 | 16,477 | 589 | 3.5 | 16,630 | 16,015 | 615 | 3.7 |
| Benton | 158,833 | 154,902 | 3,931 | 2.5 | 157,921 | 154,032 | 3,889 | 2.5 | 153,550 | 149,905 | 3,645 | 2.4 |
| Boone | 16,162 | 15,656 | 506 | 3.1 | 15,814 | 15,326 | 488 | 3.1 | 16,004 | 15,516 | 488 | 3.0 |
| Bradley | 4,073 | 3,905 | 168 | 4.1 | 4,009 | 3,837 | 172 | 4.3 | 4,072 | 3,848 | 224 | 5.5 |
| Calhoun | 2,400 | 2,328 | 72 | 3.0 | 2,359 | 2,298 | 61 | 2.6 | 2,382 | 2,308 | 74 | 3.1 |
| Carroll | 12,764 | 12,397 | 367 | 2.9 | 12,839 | 12,490 | 349 | 2.7 | 12,836 | 12,469 | 367 | 2.9 |
| Chicot | 2,884 | 2,726 | 158 | 5.5 | 2,938 | 2,769 | 169 | 5.8 | 2,962 | 2,789 | 173 | 5.8 |
| Clark | 8,773 | 8,366 | 407 | 4.6 | 8,582 | 8,143 | 439 | 5.1 | 8,607 | 8,252 | 355 | 4.1 |
| Clay | 5,472 | 5,261 | 211 | 3.9 | 5,529 | 5,324 | 205 | 3.7 | 5,456 | 5,254 | 202 | 3.7 |
| Cleburne | 9,191 | 8,844 | 347 | 3.8 | 9,093 | 8,733 | 360 | 4.0 | 9,107 | 8,747 | 360 | 4.0 |
| Cleveland | 3,104 | 2,997 | 107 | 3.4 | 3,119 | 3,013 | 106 | 3.4 | 3,103 | 2,984 | 119 | 3.8 |
| Columbia | 8,953 | 8,572 | 381 | 4.3 | 8,810 | 8,399 | 411 | 4.7 | 8,950 | 8,586 | 364 | 4.1 |
| Conway | 8,422 | 8,108 | 314 | 3.7 | 8,419 | 8,101 | 318 | 3.8 | 8,357 | 8,053 | 304 | 3.6 |
| Craighead | 58,787 | 57,189 | 1,598 | 2.7 | 58,865 | 57,213 | 1,652 | 2.8 | 57,896 | 56,308 | 1,588 | 2.7 |
| Crawford | 26,635 | 25,668 | 967 | 3.6 | 26,673 | 25,711 | 962 | 3.6 | 26,377 | 25,546 | 831 | 3.2 |
| Crittenden | 20,690 | 19,865 | 825 | 4.0 | 20,713 | 19,848 | 865 | 4.2 | 20,609 | 19,777 | 832 | 4.0 |
| Cross | 6,867 | 6,639 | 228 | 3.3 | 6,948 | 6,726 | 222 | 3.2 | 6,895 | 6,649 | 246 | 3.6 |
| Dallas | 2,646 | 2,552 | 94 | 3.6 | 2,640 | 2,543 | 97 | 3.7 | 2,716 | 2,611 | 105 | 3.9 |
| Desha | 4,949 | 4,745 | 204 | 4.1 | 4,994 | 4,769 | 225 | 4.5 | 4,952 | 4,715 | 237 | 4.8 |
| Drew | 7,687 | 7,403 | 284 | 3.7 | 7,667 | 7,357 | 310 | 4.0 | 7,549 | 7,226 | 323 | 4.3 |
| Faulkner | 64,319 | 62,442 | 1,877 | 2.9 | 64,618 | 62,737 | 1,881 | 2.9 | 63,065 | 61,230 | 1,835 | 2.9 |
| Franklin | 7,596 | 7,349 | 247 | 3.3 | 7,613 | 7,360 | 253 | 3.3 | 7,496 | 7,249 | 247 | 3.3 |
| Fulton | 4,705 | 4,532 | 173 | 3.7 | 4,516 | 4,338 | 178 | 3.9 | 5,065 | 4,890 | 175 | 3.5 |
| Garland | 42,122 | 40,593 | 1,529 | 3.6 | 42,423 | 40,914 | 1,509 | 3.6 | 42,019 | 40,449 | 1,570 | 3.7 |
| Grant | 8,602 | 8,351 | 251 | 2.9 | 8,647 | 8,404 | 243 | 2.8 | 8,458 | 8,191 | 267 | 3.2 |
| Greene | 20,056 | 19,427 | 629 | 3.1 | 19,955 | 19,329 | 626 | 3.1 | 19,875 | 19,283 | 592 | 3.0 |
| Hempstead | 9,269 | 8,948 | 321 | 3.5 | 9,059 | 8,730 | 329 | 3.6 | 9,483 | 9,192 | 291 | 3.1 |
| Hot Spring | 13,896 | 13,412 | 484 | 3.5 | 13,869 | 13,374 | 495 | 3.6 | 13,855 | 13,364 | 491 | 3.5 |
| Howard | 5,239 | 5,047 | 192 | 3.7 | 5,205 | 5,011 | 194 | 3.7 | 5,343 | 5,166 | 177 | 3.3 |
| Independence | 17,132 | 16,592 | 540 | 3.2 | 16,997 | 16,164 | 833 | 4.9 | 16,718 | 16,183 | 535 | 3.2 |
| Izard | 4,580 | 4,372 | 208 | 4.5 | 4,589 | 4,309 | 280 | 6.1 | 4,607 | 4,394 | 213 | 4.6 |
| Jackson | 5,422 | 5,164 | 258 | 4.8 | 5,526 | 5,237 | 289 | 5.2 | 5,523 | 5,262 | 261 | 4.7 |
| Jefferson | 25,637 | 24,522 | 1,115 | 4.3 | 25,693 | 24,544 | 1,149 | 4.5 | 25,517 | 24,275 | 1,242 | 4.9 |
| Johnson | 10,071 | 9,673 | 398 | 4.0 | 9,711 | 9,300 | 411 | 4.2 | 10,089 | 9,693 | 396 | 3.9 |
| Lafayette | 2,253 | 2,153 | 100 | 4.4 | 2,230 | 2,127 | 103 | 4.6 | 2,333 | 2,232 | 101 | 4.3 |
| Lawrence | 7,066 | 6,819 | 247 | 3.5 | 6,902 | 6,662 | 240 | 3.5 | 6,968 | 6,724 | 244 | 3.5 |
| Lee | 2,578 | 2,456 | 122 | 4.7 | 2,623 | 2,496 | 127 | 4.8 | 2,564 | 2,451 | 113 | 4.4 |
| Lincoln | 3,721 | 3,574 | 147 | 4.0 | 3,736 | 3,594 | 142 | 3.8 | 3,720 | 3,563 | 157 | 4.2 |
| Little River | 5,265 | 5,083 | 182 | 3.5 | 5,271 | 5,093 | 178 | 3.4 | 5,178 | 4,976 | 202 | 3.9 |
| Logan | 8,409 | 8,077 | 332 | 3.9 | 8,459 | 8,112 | 347 | 4.1 | 8,351 | 8,030 | 321 | 3.8 |
| Lonoke | 34,910 | 33,909 | 1,001 | 2.9 | 35,109 | 34,120 | 989 | 2.8 | 34,261 | 33,295 | 966 | 2.8 |
| Madison | 8,144 | 7,927 | 217 | 2.7 | 8,132 | 7,931 | 201 | 2.5 | 7,933 | 7,738 | 195 | 2.5 |
| Marion | 6,370 | 6,123 | 247 | 3.9 | 6,266 | 6,031 | 235 | 3.8 | 6,413 | 6,173 | 240 | 3.7 |
| Miller | 18,968 | 18,322 | 646 | 3.4 | 19,037 | 18,358 | 679 | 3.6 | 18,681 | 17,972 | 709 | 3.8 |

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**September**

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**September**

**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 17,081 | 16,336 | 745 | 4.4 | 17,135 | 16,221 | 914 | 5.3 | 16,492 | 15,729 | 763 | 4.6 |
| Monroe | 2,480 | 2,386 | 94 | 3.8 | 2,517 | 2,418 | 99 | 3.9 | 2,569 | 2,468 | 101 | 3.9 |
| Montgomery | 2,938 | 2,793 | 145 | 4.9 | 2,983 | 2,845 | 138 | 4.6 | 2,922 | 2,792 | 130 | 4.4 |
| Nevada | 3,398 | 3,271 | 127 | 3.7 | 3,314 | 3,181 | 133 | 4.0 | 3,483 | 3,356 | 127 | 3.6 |
| Newton | 3,260 | 3,151 | 109 | 3.3 | 3,213 | 3,099 | 114 | 3.5 | 3,230 | 3,137 | 93 | 2.9 |
| Ouachita | 9,769 | 9,413 | 356 | 3.6 | 9,591 | 9,235 | 356 | 3.7 | 9,655 | 9,287 | 368 | 3.8 |
| Perry | 4,310 | 4,150 | 160 | 3.7 | 4,331 | 4,176 | 155 | 3.6 | 4,226 | 4,084 | 142 | 3.4 |
| Phillips | 5,224 | 4,922 | 302 | 5.8 | 5,272 | 4,948 | 324 | 6.1 | 5,574 | 5,229 | 345 | 6.2 |
| Pike | 4,143 | 4,001 | 142 | 3.4 | 4,182 | 4,041 | 141 | 3.4 | 4,053 | 3,915 | 138 | 3.4 |
| Poinsett | 10,168 | 9,838 | 330 | 3.2 | 10,231 | 9,880 | 351 | 3.4 | 10,049 | 9,726 | 323 | 3.2 |
| Polk | 8,024 | 7,740 | 284 | 3.5 | 8,057 | 7,774 | 283 | 3.5 | 7,942 | 7,671 | 271 | 3.4 |
| Pope | 29,119 | 28,005 | 1,114 | 3.8 | 28,604 | 27,355 | 1,249 | 4.4 | 27,986 | 26,948 | 1,038 | 3.7 |
| Prairie | 3,630 | 3,518 | 112 | 3.1 | 3,622 | 3,515 | 107 | 3.0 | 3,627 | 3,521 | 106 | 2.9 |
| Pulaski | 192,624 | 186,459 | 6,165 | 3.2 | 193,436 | 187,261 | 6,175 | 3.2 | 189,072 | 182,664 | 6,408 | 3.4 |
| Randolph | 7,263 | 7,016 | 247 | 3.4 | 7,208 | 6,959 | 249 | 3.5 | 7,220 | 6,988 | 232 | 3.2 |
| St. Francis | 7,425 | 7,067 | 358 | 4.8 | 7,512 | 7,127 | 385 | 5.1 | 7,525 | 7,155 | 370 | 4.9 |
| Saline | 61,184 | 59,475 | 1,709 | 2.8 | 61,404 | 59,731 | 1,673 | 2.7 | 59,950 | 58,275 | 1,675 | 2.8 |
| Scott | 4,426 | 4,278 | 148 | 3.3 | 4,407 | 4,266 | 141 | 3.2 | 4,322 | 4,203 | 119 | 2.8 |
| Searcy | 2,863 | 2,750 | 113 | 3.9 | 2,883 | 2,768 | 115 | 4.0 | 2,917 | 2,796 | 121 | 4.1 |
| Sebastian | 56,065 | 54,019 | 2,046 | 3.6 | 56,110 | 54,063 | 2,047 | 3.6 | 55,447 | 53,728 | 1,719 | 3.1 |
| Sevier | 5,581 | 5,362 | 219 | 3.9 | 5,559 | 5,346 | 213 | 3.8 | 5,529 | 5,322 | 207 | 3.7 |
| Sharp | 6,129 | 5,902 | 227 | 3.7 | 5,955 | 5,663 | 292 | 4.9 | 5,962 | 5,726 | 236 | 4.0 |
| Stone | 4,656 | 4,481 | 175 | 3.8 | 4,730 | 4,536 | 194 | 4.1 | 4,684 | 4,503 | 181 | 3.9 |
| Union | 14,977 | 14,322 | 655 | 4.4 | 14,891 | 14,221 | 670 | 4.5 | 14,838 | 14,157 | 681 | 4.6 |
| Van Buren | 6,130 | 5,900 | 230 | 3.8 | 6,042 | 5,810 | 232 | 3.8 | 6,049 | 5,798 | 251 | 4.1 |
| Washington | 140,312 | 136,966 | 3,346 | 2.4 | 139,539 | 136,193 | 3,346 | 2.4 | 135,706 | 132,598 | 3,108 | 2.3 |
| White | 34,502 | 33,349 | 1,153 | 3.3 | 34,380 | 33,173 | 1,207 | 3.5 | 34,378 | 33,224 | 1,154 | 3.4 |
| Woodruff | 2,901 | 2,804 | 97 | 3.3 | 2,902 | 2,810 | 92 | 3.2 | 2,862 | 2,771 | 91 | 3.2 |
| Yell | 8,296 | 8,002 | 294 | 3.5 | 8,187 | 7,865 | 322 | 3.9 | 8,045 | 7,750 | 295 | 3.7 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**September 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

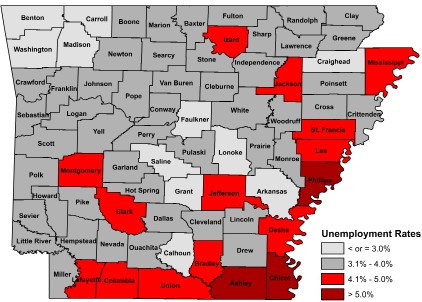
Between August and September, unemployment rates decreased in 40 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates increased in nineteen counties, while 16 counties remained stable over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.4% in Washington County to a high of 5.8% in Phillips County.

In September, eleven counties posted unemployment rates at or below 3%. That is down slightly from 12 counties at or below 3% last month. For the 8th month in a row, no Arkansas county had a jobless rate above 7%.

Compared to September 2022, thirty-two counties reported an unemployment rate decline while another 32 had rate increases. Eleven counties had no change over the year. Bradley County posted the largest rate decline, down one and four-tenths of a percentage point. Jobless rate increases ranged from as little as one-tenth of a percentage point to as much as five-tenths of a percentage point.

**September**

**County Unemployment Rates**



# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

September 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 2.4

2 Benton 2.5

3 Arkansas 2.6

4 Craighead 2.7

4 Madison 2.7

6 Saline 2.8

7 Carroll 2.9

7 Faulkner 2.9

7 Grant 2.9

7 Lonoke 2.9

11 Calhoun 3.0

12 Boone 3.1

12 Greene 3.1

12 Prairie 3.1

15 Independence 3.2

15 Poinsett 3.2

15 Pulaski 3.2

18 Cross 3.3

18 Franklin 3.3

18 Newton 3.3

18 Scott 3.3

18 White 3.3

18 Woodruff 3.3

24 Cleveland 3.4

24 Miller 3.4

**Rank County**

24 Pike

24 Randolph

28 Hempstead

28 Hot Spring

28 Lawrence

28 Little River

28 Polk

28 Yell

34 Baxter

34 Crawford

34 Dallas

34 Garland

34 Ouachita

34 Sebastian

40 Conway

40 Drew

40 Fulton

40 Howard

40 Nevada

40 Perry

40 Sharp

47 Cleburne

47 Monroe

47 Pope

47 Stone

**Rate**

3.4

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**Rank County**

47 Van Buren

52 Clay

52 Logan

52 Marion

52 Searcy

52 Sevier

57 Crittenden

57 Johnson

57 Lincoln

60 Bradley

60 Desha

62 Columbia

62 Jefferson

64 Lafayette

64 Mississippi

64 Union

1. Izard
2. Clark
3. Lee
4. Jackson

70 St. Francis

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

**Rate**

3.8

3.9

3.9

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3.9

3.9

4.0

4.0

4.0

4.1

4.1

4.3

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4.6

4.7

4.8

4.8

4.9

5.3

5.5

5.8

**September**

## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**September 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 260,093 252,286

City of Little Rock 99,054 95,903

Eastern 42,784 40,949

North Central 95,348 91,940

Northeast 125,893 121,886

Northwest 365,983 356,522

Southeast 76,443 73,430

Southwest 88,718 85,373

West Central 132,090 127,103

Western 111,155 107,131

7,807 3.0

3,151 3.2

1,835 4.3

3,408 3.6

4,007 3.2

9,461 2.6

3,013 3.9

3,345 3.8

4,987 3.8

4,024 3.6

261,230 253,467 7,763 3.0

99,476 96,315 3,161 3.2

43,068 41,145 1,923 4.5

94,730 90,773 3,957 4.2

125,825 121,588 4,237 3.4

363,673 354,347 9,326 2.6

76,679 73,578 3,101 4.0

87,966 84,542 3,424 3.9

131,291 126,114 5,177 3.9

111,319 107,286 4,033 3.6

255,276 247,502 7,774 3.0

97,268 93,951 3,317 3.4

43,167 41,261 1,906 4.4

94,955 91,498 3,457 3.6

123,956 120,012 3,944 3.2

355,219 346,347 8,872 2.5

76,550 73,155 3,395 4.4

88,571 85,165 3,406 3.8

130,159 125,300 4,859 3.7

109,935 106,427 3,508 3.2