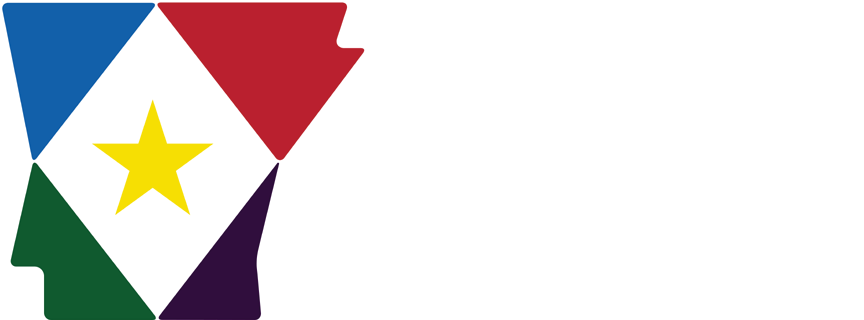
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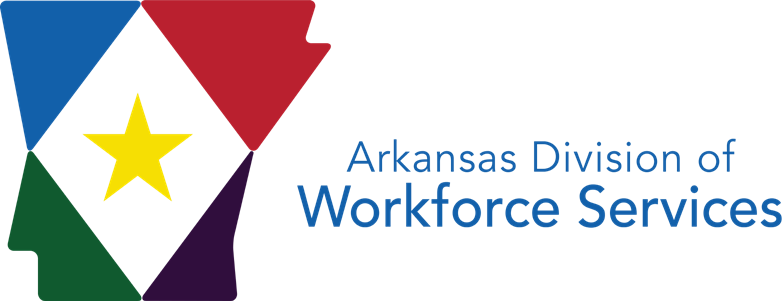
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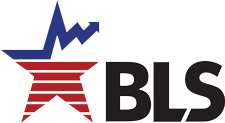
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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious month’s data is subject to revision.

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 2023 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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**November Spotlight**

# Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)

The Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) is a monthly survey developed and conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to address the need for data on job openings, hires, and separa- tions. These data serve as demand-side indicators of labor shortages at the national and state levels. The availability of unfilled jobs- the job opening rate- is an important measure of the tightness of job markets, parallel to existing measures of unemployment.

Data from a sample of approximately 21,000 US business establishments are collected by BLS monthly. JOLTS collects data on Total Employment, Job Openings, Hires, Quits, Layoffs and Discharges, and Other Separations. While data are available by industry sector at the national level, statewide level data are currently only available as a total figure representing all industry sectors. The most recent data avail- able is for October 2024.

### Job Openings vs Number of Unemployed (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

State of Arkansas

October 2021 - October 2024

120,000

100,000

80,000

60,000

40,000

20,000

0

Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22 Apr '23 Oct '23 Apr '24 Oct '24

Job Openings Number of Unemployed

**State of Arkansas**

# Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, Workforce Policy and Innovation, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.3% between October and November. The United States’ jobless rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, reaching 4.2% in November.

Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased by 1,742 in November, with 1,073 more employed in the State. An additional 669 unemployed Arkansans were actively looking for work compared to last month. Both the civilian labor force and employment in the State remain at record high levels.

Compared to November 2023, there are 33,715 more employed Arkansans. The unemployment rate is down four-tenths of a percentage point, with 4,465 fewer unemployed actively looking for work. Arkansas’ labor force participation rate has increased significantly over-the-year, up six-tenths of a percentage point to 58.2%. **Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,367,088 1,366,015 1,333,373 Employment 1,362,879 1,370,485 1,335,074

Unemployment 46,628 45,959 51,093 Unemployment 43,825 41,101 43,579

Unemployment Rate 3.3% 3.3% 3.7% Unemployment Rate 3.1% 2.9% 3.2%

LF Participation Rate 58.2% 58.1% 57.6% LF Participation Rate 57.9% 58.1% 57.3%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** |  | **Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,413,716 | 1,411,974 | 1,384,466 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,406,704 | 1,411,586 | 1,378,653 |

### Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

November: 2004 - 2024

1,400,000

1,350,000

1,300,000

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 2024

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1384.1 | 1384.6 | 1361.5 | -0.5 | 22.6 |
| Goods Producing | 235.6 | 236.0 | 231.2 | -0.4 | 4.4 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 72.0 | 73.2 | 70.6 | -1.2 | 1.4 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.3** | **5.4** | **5.2** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Construction** | **66.7** | **67.8** | **65.4** | **-1.1** | **1.3** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 42.7 | 43.7 | 41.4 | -1.0 | 1.3 |
| **Manufacturing** | **163.6** | **162.8** | **160.6** | **0.8** | **3.0** |
| Durable Goods | 78.4 | 77.7 | 76.3 | 0.7 | 2.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 85.2 | 85.1 | 84.3 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| Service Providing | 1148.5 | 1148.6 | 1130.3 | -0.1 | 18.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **271.4** | **270.4** | **270.8** | **1.0** | **0.6** |
| Wholesale Trade | 51.1 | 51.6 | 52.2 | -0.5 | -1.1 |
| Retail Trade | 147.5 | 146.3 | 146.0 | 1.2 | 1.5 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 72.8 | 72.5 | 72.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| **Information** | **12.4** | **12.6** | **12.8** | **-0.2** | **-0.4** |
| **Financial Activities** | **71.4** | **71.0** | **70.7** | **0.4** | **0.7** |
| Finance & Insurance | 56.2 | 55.7 | 55.4 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 15.2 | 15.3 | 15.3 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **159.8** | **160.3** | **156.4** | **-0.5** | **3.4** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 50.0 | 49.7 | 49.2 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| Management of Companies | 37.8 | 38.2 | 37.6 | -0.4 | 0.2 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 72.0 | 72.4 | 69.6 | -0.4 | 2.4 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **224.4** | **222.7** | **210.7** | **1.7** | **13.7** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 20.2 | 20.0 | 19.5 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 204.2 | 202.7 | 191.2 | 1.5 | 13.0 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 72.4 | 71.8 | 65.9 | 0.6 | 6.5 |
| Social Assistance | 42.8 | 41.8 | 39.0 | 1.0 | 3.8 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **125.1** | **128.2** | **125.6** | **-3.1** | **-0.5** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 12.8 | 13.8 | 12.6 | -1.0 | 0.2 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 112.3 | 114.4 | 113.0 | -2.1 | -0.7 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.1 | 11.4 | 11.2 | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| Food Services | 101.2 | 103.0 | 101.8 | -1.8 | -0.6 |
| **Other Services** | **66.3** | **66.1** | **67.2** | **0.2** | **-0.9** |
| **Government** | **217.7** | **217.3** | **216.1** | **0.4** | **1.6** |
| Federal Government | 21.8 | 21.8 | 21.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| State Government | 78.1 | 78.0 | 78.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 32.1 | 32.0 | 32.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.0 | 46.0 | 46.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Local Government | 117.8 | 117.5 | 116.4 | 0.3 | 1.4 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 72.6 | 72.5 | 71.6 | 0.1 | 1.0 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 45.2 | 45.0 | 44.8 | 0.2 | 0.4 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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

October 2024 - November 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Private Ed & Health

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Manufacturing Government Financial Activities Other Services

1,700

1,000

800

400

400

200

Mining & Logging

Information Professional & Business

-100

-200

-500

Construction

-1,100

Leisure & Hospitality

-3,100

-6,000

-3,500

-1,000

1,500

4,000

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

November 2023 - November 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Private Ed & Health

13,700

Professional & Business

3,400

Manufacturing

3,000

Government

1,600

Construction

Financial Activities Trade-Transport-Utilities Mining & Logging

1,300

700

600

100

Information

Leisure & Hospitality Other Services

-400

-500

-900

-3,500 -1,000 1,500 4,000 6,500 9,000 11,500 14,000 16,500

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Nov 24**

Average Weekly Hours 37.1

Average Hourly Earnings $23.12

Average Weekly Earnings $857.75

**Oct 24**

37.7

$22.46

$846.74

**Nov 23**

39.0

$21.27

$829.53

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Nov 24**

Average Weekly Hours

Average Hourly Earnings $25.54

39.8

**Oct 24**

40.6

Average Weekly Earnings $1,016.49 $1,020.28

$25.13

**Nov 23**

43.0

$23.19

$997.17

**Nov 24**

Average Weekly Hours 34.6

Average Hourly Earnings $20.62

Average Weekly Earnings $713.45

**Oct 24**

35.2

$19.70

$693.44

**Nov 23**

35.4

$19.18

$678.97

### Average Weekly Hours Worked - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods

November 2021 - November 2024

46.0

44.0

42.0

40.0

38.0

36.0

34.0

32.0

30.0

Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23 Nov '23 May '24 Nov '24

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 377,135 | 379,342 | 368,209 | -2,207 | 8,926 |
| **Employment** | 366,163 | 368,929 | 357,219 | -2,766 | 8,944 |
| **Unemployment** | 10,972 | 10,413 | 10,990 | 559 | -18 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.9% | 2.7% | 3.0% | 0.2% | -0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 400.8 | 402.2 | 394.4 | -1.4 | 6.4 |
| **Goods Producing** 43.3 | 43.5 | 41.7 | -0.2 | 1.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 22.5** | **22.8** | **21.5** | **-0.3** | **1.0** |
| **Manufacturing 20.8** | **20.7** | **20.2** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Service Providing** 357.5 | 358.7 | 352.7 | -1.2 | 4.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 79.0** | **78.5** | **78.9** | **0.5** | **0.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 17.6 | 17.7 | 17.6 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Retail Trade** 39.1 | 38.7 | 39.4 | 0.4 | -0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 22.3 | 22.1 | 21.9 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| **Information 5.3** | **5.3** | **5.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 27.9** | **27.9** | **28.0** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 50.5** | **51.0** | **49.4** | **-0.5** | **1.1** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 69.0** | **68.5** | **65.6** | **0.5** | **3.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 33.4** | **35.3** | **33.9** | **-1.9** | **-0.5** |
| **Other Services 19.6** | **19.5** | **19.5** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Government 72.8** | **72.7** | **72.0** | **0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Federal Government** 10.7 | 10.7 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 34.4 | 34.3 | 34.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** 27.7 | 27.7 | 27.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 |

370,000

### Employment

November: 2014 - 2024

405,000

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

November 2021 - November 2024

360,000

350,000

400,000

395,000

390,000

340,000

385,000

330,000

380,000

375,000

320,000

370,000

310,000

365,000

360,000

300,000

'14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

355,000

Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23 Nov '23 May '24 Nov '24

**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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 321,217 | 322,429 | 313,578 | -1,212 | 7,639 |
| **Employment** | 313,735 | 315,601 | 306,249 | -1,866 | 7,486 |
| **Unemployment** | 7,482 | 6,828 | 7,329 | 654 | 153 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.3% | 2.1% | 2.3% | 0.2% | 0.0% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 316.8 | 317.1 | 311.4 | -0.3 | 5.4 |
| **Goods Producing** 49.3 | 49.1 | 47.5 | 0.2 | 1.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.7** | **18.0** | **17.0** | **-0.3** | **0.7** |
| **Manufacturing 31.6** | **31.1** | **30.5** | **0.5** | **1.1** |
| **Service Providing** 267.5 | 268.0 | 263.9 | -0.5 | 3.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 63.4** | **62.9** | **64.0** | **0.5** | **-0.6** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 13.9 | 13.9 | 14.1 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 30.4 | 30.0 | 30.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 19.1 | 19.0 | 19.5 | 0.1 | -0.4 |
| **Information 2.3** | **2.3** | **2.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 12.5** | **12.5** | **12.5** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 59.3** | **60.0** | **59.1** | **-0.7** | **0.2** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 38.7** | **38.5** | **36.3** | **0.2** | **2.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 30.9** | **31.6** | **31.5** | **-0.7** | **-0.6** |
| **Other Services 13.6** | **13.5** | **13.5** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Government 46.8** | **46.7** | **44.7** | **0.1** | **2.1** |
| **Federal Government** 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 22.7 | 22.5 | 21.1 | 0.2 | 1.6 |
| **Local Government** 20.9 | 21.0 | 20.4 | -0.1 | 0.5 |

345,000

### Civilian Labor Force

November 2021 - November 2024

40,000

### Jobs in Manufacturing

November: 2004 - 2024

330,000 35,000

315,000 30,000

300,000 25,000

285,000 20,000

270,000

Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23 Nov '23 May '24 Nov '24

15,000

'04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18 '20 '22 '24

**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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 121,634 | 121,727 | 121,254 | -93 | 380 |
| **Employment** | 117,753 | 118,024 | 116,827 | -271 | 926 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,881 | 3,703 | 4,427 | 178 | -546 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.2% | 3.0% | 3.7% | 0.2% | -0.5% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 118.7 | 118.5 | 118.1 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| **Goods Producing** 25.8 | 25.8 | 25.2 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 6.2** | **6.3** | **6.0** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 19.6** | **19.5** | **19.2** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Service Providing** 92.9 | 92.7 | 92.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.3** | **24.0** | **24.6** | **0.3** | **-0.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 13.1 | 12.9 | 13.4 | 0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Information 1.4** | **1.4** | **1.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 4.8** | **4.8** | **4.9** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 12.0** | **12.0** | **12.1** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 19.6** | **19.5** | **18.8** | **0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.1** | **10.3** | **10.0** | **-0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Other Services 3.9** | **3.9** | **3.9** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government 16.8** | **16.8** | **17.2** | **0.0** | **-0.4** |
| **Federal Government** 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Local Government** 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 |

### Over-the-Year Job Change by Major Industry Sector

November 2023 vs November 2024

Private Ed & Health

800

400

200

100

0

0

-100

-100

-300

Manufacturing

Mining-Logging-Construct

Leisure & Hospitality

Other Services

Information

Professional & Business

Financial Activities

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Government

-400

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

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,619 | 41,692 | 41,321 | -73 | 298 |
| **Employment** | 40,207 | 40,337 | 39,864 | -130 | 343 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,412 | 1,355 | 1,457 | 57 | -45 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.4% | 3.3% | 3.5% | 0.1% | -0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 41.5 | 41.4 | 41.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 37.0 | 36.9 | 37.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 |

42,000

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

November 2021 - November 2024

41,500

41,000

40,500

40,000

39,500

Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23 Nov '23 May '24 Nov '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 69,221 | 69,283 | 67,231 | -62 | 1,990 |
| **Employment** | 67,271 | 67,496 | 65,374 | -225 | 1,897 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,950 | 1,787 | 1,857 | 163 | 93 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.8% | 2.6% | 2.8% | 0.2% | 0.0% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 65.9 | 65.8 | 64.6 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| 11.7 | 11.8 | 11.3 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| 54.2 | 54.0 | 53.3 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

70,000

### Employment

November: 2004 - 2024

65,000

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
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|  |  |

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 2024

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 31,985 | 32,130 | 31,783 | -145 | 202 |
| **Employment** | 30,566 | 30,749 | 30,423 | -183 | 143 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,419 | 1,381 | 1,360 | 38 | 59 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.4% | 4.3% | 4.3% | 0.1% | 0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.4 | 31.4 | 31.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| 26.1 | 26.0 | 26.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

33,000

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

November 2021 - November 2024

32,500

32,000

31,500

31,000

30,500

30,000

29,500

29,000

Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23 Nov '23 May '24 Nov '24

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 626,320 | 623,621 | 617,394 | 2,699 | 8,926 |
| **Employment** | 599,406 | 596,778 | 594,440 | 2,628 | 4,966 |
| **Unemployment** | 26,914 | 26,843 | 22,954 | 71 | 3,960 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3% | 4.3% | 3.7% | 0.0% | 0.6% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 24** | **Oct 24** | **Nov 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,679 | 63,455 | 62,419 | 224 | 1,260 |
| **Employment** | 61,087 | 60,898 | 60,213 | 189 | 874 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,592 | 2,557 | 2,206 | 35 | 386 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1% | 4.0% | 3.5% | 0.1% | 0.6% |

### Memphis MSA - Unemployment

November: 2014 - 2024

60,000

62,000

### Texarkana MSA - Employment

November 2021 - November 2024

50,000

61,000

60,000

40,000

59,000

30,000

58,000

20,000

57,000

10,000

56,000

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'14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

55,000

Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23 Nov '23 May '24 Nov '24

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not Seasonally Adjusted  **November 2024 October 2024 November 2023 Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,998 | 8,631 | 367 | 4.1 | 8,993 | 8,632 | 361 | 4.0 | 8,560 | 8,182 | 378 | 4.4 |
| Batesville Micro | 17,196 | 16,710 | 486 | 2.8 | 17,152 | 16,710 | 442 | 2.6 | 16,725 | 16,223 | 502 | 3.0 |
| Blytheville Micro | 18,945 | 18,213 | 732 | 3.9 | 19,094 | 18,375 | 719 | 3.8 | 16,836 | 16,116 | 720 | 4.3 |
| Camden Micro | 12,137 | 11,707 | 430 | 3.5 | 12,196 | 11,757 | 439 | 3.6 | 12,003 | 11,558 | 445 | 3.7 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,728 | 13,954 | 774 | 5.3 | 14,763 | 13,997 | 766 | 5.2 | 14,701 | 14,003 | 698 | 4.7 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,437 | 7,053 | 384 | 5.2 | 7,478 | 7,082 | 396 | 5.3 | 7,357 | 7,006 | 351 | 4.8 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,850 | 18,260 | 590 | 3.1 | 18,913 | 18,375 | 538 | 2.8 | 19,080 | 18,489 | 591 | 3.1 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,030 | 4,743 | 287 | 5.7 | 5,056 | 4,777 | 279 | 5.5 | 5,076 | 4,778 | 298 | 5.9 |
| Hope Micro | 11,976 | 11,562 | 414 | 3.5 | 12,035 | 11,632 | 403 | 3.3 | 12,355 | 11,939 | 416 | 3.4 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,050 | 8,717 | 333 | 3.7 | 9,021 | 8,705 | 316 | 3.5 | 8,925 | 8,582 | 343 | 3.8 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,704 | 13,233 | 471 | 3.4 | 13,753 | 13,294 | 459 | 3.3 | 13,614 | 13,135 | 479 | 3.5 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 17,002 | 16,414 | 588 | 3.5 | 16,979 | 16,434 | 545 | 3.2 | 16,625 | 16,015 | 610 | 3.7 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,755 | 19,076 | 679 | 3.4 | 19,752 | 19,130 | 622 | 3.1 | 19,523 | 18,867 | 656 | 3.4 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,293 | 35,997 | 1,296 | 3.5 | 37,374 | 36,176 | 1,198 | 3.2 | 36,558 | 35,242 | 1,316 | 3.6 |
| Searcy Micro | 35,260 | 34,083 | 1,177 | 3.3 | 35,242 | 34,168 | 1,074 | 3.0 | 33,808 | 32,712 | 1,096 | 3.2 |

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**

**November 2024**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**October 2024**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2023**

**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 | 13,809 | 13,406 | 403 | 2.9 | 13,853 | 13,484 | 369 | 2.7 | 13,482 | 13,080 | 402 | 3.0 |
| Benton | 18,767 | 18,290 | 477 | 2.5 | 18,863 | 18,427 | 436 | 2.3 | 18,319 | 17,851 | 468 | 2.6 |
| Bentonville | 33,518 | 32,785 | 733 | 2.2 | 33,630 | 32,975 | 655 | 1.9 | 32,703 | 31,988 | 715 | 2.2 |
| Blytheville | 6,348 | 6,097 | 251 | 4.0 | 6,408 | 6,151 | 257 | 4.0 | 5,661 | 5,395 | 266 | 4.7 |
| Cabot | 12,666 | 12,310 | 356 | 2.8 | 12,721 | 12,408 | 313 | 2.5 | 12,293 | 11,986 | 307 | 2.5 |
| Conway | 36,420 | 35,451 | 969 | 2.7 | 36,589 | 35,723 | 866 | 2.4 | 35,568 | 34,589 | 979 | 2.8 |
| El Dorado | 6,334 | 6,005 | 329 | 5.2 | 6,413 | 6,023 | 390 | 6.1 | 6,413 | 6,026 | 387 | 6.0 |
| Fayetteville | 54,748 | 53,437 | 1,311 | 2.4 | 54,925 | 53,753 | 1,172 | 2.1 | 53,385 | 52,155 | 1,230 | 2.3 |
| Fort Smith | 39,557 | 38,322 | 1,235 | 3.1 | 39,582 | 38,425 | 1,157 | 2.9 | 39,150 | 37,786 | 1,364 | 3.5 |
| Hot Springs | 15,467 | 14,879 | 588 | 3.8 | 15,506 | 14,927 | 579 | 3.7 | 15,332 | 14,752 | 580 | 3.8 |
| Jacksonville | 12,240 | 11,803 | 437 | 3.6 | 12,321 | 11,891 | 430 | 3.5 | 11,966 | 11,518 | 448 | 3.7 |
| Jonesboro | 41,773 | 40,566 | 1,207 | 2.9 | 41,807 | 40,695 | 1,112 | 2.7 | 40,596 | 39,446 | 1,150 | 2.8 |
| Little Rock | 102,404 | 99,060 | 3,344 | 3.3 | 103,022 | 99,798 | 3,224 | 3.1 | 99,835 | 96,672 | 3,163 | 3.2 |
| North Little Rock | 31,550 | 30,462 | 1,088 | 3.4 | 31,815 | 30,688 | 1,127 | 3.5 | 30,818 | 29,727 | 1,091 | 3.5 |
| Paragould | 12,583 | 12,124 | 459 | 3.6 | 12,570 | 12,158 | 412 | 3.3 | 12,420 | 11,991 | 429 | 3.5 |
| Pine Bluff | 14,992 | 14,221 | 771 | 5.1 | 15,106 | 14,300 | 806 | 5.3 | 14,929 | 14,170 | 759 | 5.1 |
| Rogers | 41,132 | 40,222 | 910 | 2.2 | 41,254 | 40,454 | 800 | 1.9 | 40,107 | 39,243 | 864 | 2.2 |
| Russellville | 13,438 | 12,985 | 453 | 3.4 | 13,446 | 13,046 | 400 | 3.0 | 13,165 | 12,729 | 436 | 3.3 |
| Searcy | 10,627 | 10,292 | 335 | 3.2 | 10,640 | 10,318 | 322 | 3.0 | 10,194 | 9,878 | 316 | 3.1 |
| Sherwood | 17,124 | 16,624 | 500 | 2.9 | 17,220 | 16,748 | 472 | 2.7 | 16,710 | 16,223 | 487 | 2.9 |
| Springdale | 43,644 | 42,677 | 967 | 2.2 | 43,856 | 42,928 | 928 | 2.1 | 42,563 | 41,652 | 911 | 2.1 |
| Texarkana, AR | 12,971 | 12,505 | 466 | 3.6 | 12,961 | 12,498 | 463 | 3.6 | 12,759 | 12,311 | 448 | 3.5 |
| Van Buren | 10,544 | 10,238 | 306 | 2.9 | 10,584 | 10,267 | 317 | 3.0 | 10,403 | 10,080 | 323 | 3.1 |
| West Memphis | 10,080 | 9,572 | 508 | 5.0 | 10,060 | 9,564 | 496 | 4.9 | 9,825 | 9,412 | 413 | 4.2 |

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**November 2024 October 2024 November 2023**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 8,573 | 8,307 | 266 | 3.1 | 8,634 | 8,390 | 244 | 2.8 | 9,029 | 8,791 | 238 | 2.6 |
| Ashley | 6,600 | 6,242 | 358 | 5.4 | 6,681 | 6,333 | 348 | 5.2 | 6,349 | 6,009 | 340 | 5.4 |
| Baxter | 17,002 | 16,414 | 588 | 3.5 | 16,979 | 16,434 | 545 | 3.2 | 16,625 | 16,015 | 610 | 3.7 |
| Benton | 160,187 | 156,416 | 3,771 | 2.4 | 160,730 | 157,321 | 3,409 | 2.1 | 156,313 | 152,612 | 3,701 | 2.4 |
| Boone | 15,708 | 15,214 | 494 | 3.1 | 15,759 | 15,306 | 453 | 2.9 | 15,895 | 15,416 | 479 | 3.0 |
| Bradley | 4,100 | 3,901 | 199 | 4.9 | 4,090 | 3,916 | 174 | 4.3 | 4,004 | 3,839 | 165 | 4.1 |
| Calhoun | 2,378 | 2,309 | 69 | 2.9 | 2,391 | 2,322 | 69 | 2.9 | 2,337 | 2,269 | 68 | 2.9 |
| Carroll | 12,168 | 11,785 | 383 | 3.1 | 12,458 | 12,118 | 340 | 2.7 | 12,135 | 11,800 | 335 | 2.8 |
| Chicot | 2,757 | 2,580 | 177 | 6.4 | 2,765 | 2,591 | 174 | 6.3 | 2,771 | 2,621 | 150 | 5.4 |
| Clark | 8,998 | 8,631 | 367 | 4.1 | 8,993 | 8,632 | 361 | 4.0 | 8,560 | 8,182 | 378 | 4.4 |
| Clay | 5,397 | 5,212 | 185 | 3.4 | 5,436 | 5,256 | 180 | 3.3 | 5,265 | 5,052 | 213 | 4.0 |
| Cleburne | 9,122 | 8,774 | 348 | 3.8 | 9,158 | 8,860 | 298 | 3.3 | 8,921 | 8,590 | 331 | 3.7 |
| Cleveland | 3,044 | 2,930 | 114 | 3.7 | 3,049 | 2,952 | 97 | 3.2 | 3,013 | 2,905 | 108 | 3.6 |
| Columbia | 9,050 | 8,717 | 333 | 3.7 | 9,021 | 8,705 | 316 | 3.5 | 8,925 | 8,582 | 343 | 3.8 |
| Conway | 8,113 | 7,817 | 296 | 3.6 | 8,126 | 7,859 | 267 | 3.3 | 8,245 | 7,947 | 298 | 3.6 |
| Craighead | 59,059 | 57,443 | 1,616 | 2.7 | 59,105 | 57,625 | 1,480 | 2.5 | 57,389 | 55,857 | 1,532 | 2.7 |
| Crawford | 27,040 | 26,201 | 839 | 3.1 | 27,060 | 26,275 | 785 | 2.9 | 26,704 | 25,798 | 906 | 3.4 |
| Crittenden | 20,493 | 19,614 | 879 | 4.3 | 20,502 | 19,598 | 904 | 4.4 | 20,097 | 19,287 | 810 | 4.0 |
| Cross | 6,910 | 6,644 | 266 | 3.8 | 6,912 | 6,678 | 234 | 3.4 | 6,714 | 6,491 | 223 | 3.3 |
| Dallas | 2,640 | 2,544 | 96 | 3.6 | 2,633 | 2,548 | 85 | 3.2 | 2,632 | 2,531 | 101 | 3.8 |
| Desha | 4,665 | 4,411 | 254 | 5.4 | 4,708 | 4,458 | 250 | 5.3 | 4,841 | 4,640 | 201 | 4.2 |
| Drew | 7,665 | 7,357 | 308 | 4.0 | 7,650 | 7,347 | 303 | 4.0 | 7,207 | 6,925 | 282 | 3.9 |
| Faulkner | 66,123 | 64,392 | 1,731 | 2.6 | 66,456 | 64,887 | 1,569 | 2.4 | 64,594 | 62,827 | 1,767 | 2.7 |
| Franklin | 7,556 | 7,317 | 239 | 3.2 | 7,597 | 7,386 | 211 | 2.8 | 7,433 | 7,194 | 239 | 3.2 |
| Fulton | 4,379 | 4,229 | 150 | 3.4 | 4,402 | 4,278 | 124 | 2.8 | 4,504 | 4,330 | 174 | 3.9 |
| Garland | 41,619 | 40,207 | 1,412 | 3.4 | 41,692 | 40,337 | 1,355 | 3.3 | 41,321 | 39,864 | 1,457 | 3.5 |
| Grant | 8,830 | 8,611 | 219 | 2.5 | 8,874 | 8,676 | 198 | 2.2 | 8,621 | 8,377 | 244 | 2.8 |
| Greene | 19,755 | 19,076 | 679 | 3.4 | 19,752 | 19,130 | 622 | 3.1 | 19,523 | 18,867 | 656 | 3.4 |
| Hempstead | 8,767 | 8,464 | 303 | 3.5 | 8,815 | 8,517 | 298 | 3.4 | 9,030 | 8,730 | 300 | 3.3 |
| Hot Spring | 13,704 | 13,233 | 471 | 3.4 | 13,753 | 13,294 | 459 | 3.3 | 13,614 | 13,135 | 479 | 3.5 |
| Howard | 5,050 | 4,901 | 149 | 3.0 | 5,081 | 4,934 | 147 | 2.9 | 5,146 | 4,981 | 165 | 3.2 |
| Independence | 17,196 | 16,710 | 486 | 2.8 | 17,152 | 16,710 | 442 | 2.6 | 16,725 | 16,223 | 502 | 3.0 |
| Izard | 4,875 | 4,641 | 234 | 4.8 | 4,863 | 4,662 | 201 | 4.1 | 4,452 | 4,232 | 220 | 4.9 |
| Jackson | 5,406 | 5,194 | 212 | 3.9 | 5,393 | 5,197 | 196 | 3.6 | 5,299 | 5,052 | 247 | 4.7 |
| Jefferson | 25,290 | 24,151 | 1,139 | 4.5 | 25,410 | 24,285 | 1,125 | 4.4 | 25,177 | 24,065 | 1,112 | 4.4 |
| Johnson | 9,585 | 9,149 | 436 | 4.5 | 9,523 | 9,097 | 426 | 4.5 | 9,836 | 9,347 | 489 | 5.0 |
| Lafayette | 2,234 | 2,126 | 108 | 4.8 | 2,241 | 2,139 | 102 | 4.6 | 2,151 | 2,052 | 99 | 4.6 |
| Lawrence | 6,803 | 6,585 | 218 | 3.2 | 6,838 | 6,630 | 208 | 3.0 | 6,747 | 6,523 | 224 | 3.3 |
| Lee | 2,458 | 2,342 | 116 | 4.7 | 2,466 | 2,351 | 115 | 4.7 | 2,481 | 2,358 | 123 | 5.0 |
| Lincoln | 3,651 | 3,485 | 166 | 4.5 | 3,671 | 3,512 | 159 | 4.3 | 3,593 | 3,453 | 140 | 3.9 |
| Little River | 5,266 | 5,087 | 179 | 3.4 | 5,248 | 5,079 | 169 | 3.2 | 5,170 | 5,000 | 170 | 3.3 |
| Logan | 8,190 | 7,872 | 318 | 3.9 | 8,203 | 7,911 | 292 | 3.6 | 8,200 | 7,879 | 321 | 3.9 |
| Lonoke | 35,817 | 34,897 | 920 | 2.6 | 36,014 | 35,173 | 841 | 2.3 | 34,929 | 33,977 | 952 | 2.7 |
| Madison | 8,134 | 7,923 | 211 | 2.6 | 8,179 | 7,983 | 196 | 2.4 | 7,889 | 7,689 | 200 | 2.5 |
| Marion | 5,838 | 5,624 | 214 | 3.7 | 5,875 | 5,676 | 199 | 3.4 | 5,886 | 5,638 | 248 | 4.2 |
| Miller | 18,932 | 18,280 | 652 | 3.4 | 18,909 | 18,269 | 640 | 3.4 | 18,628 | 17,996 | 632 | 3.4 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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| Mississippi | 18,945 | 18,213 | 732 | 3.9 | 19,094 | 18,375 | 719 | 3.8 | 16,836 | 16,116 | 720 | 4.3 |
| Monroe | 2,379 | 2,261 | 118 | 5.0 | 2,387 | 2,272 | 115 | 4.8 | 2,376 | 2,292 | 84 | 3.5 |
| Montgomery | 2,786 | 2,663 | 123 | 4.4 | 2,818 | 2,707 | 111 | 3.9 | 2,809 | 2,674 | 135 | 4.8 |
| Nevada | 3,209 | 3,098 | 111 | 3.5 | 3,220 | 3,115 | 105 | 3.3 | 3,325 | 3,209 | 116 | 3.5 |
| Newton | 3,142 | 3,046 | 96 | 3.1 | 3,154 | 3,069 | 85 | 2.7 | 3,185 | 3,073 | 112 | 3.5 |
| Ouachita | 9,759 | 9,398 | 361 | 3.7 | 9,805 | 9,435 | 370 | 3.8 | 9,666 | 9,289 | 377 | 3.9 |
| Perry | 4,400 | 4,254 | 146 | 3.3 | 4,434 | 4,290 | 144 | 3.2 | 4,312 | 4,147 | 165 | 3.8 |
| Phillips | 5,030 | 4,743 | 287 | 5.7 | 5,056 | 4,777 | 279 | 5.5 | 5,076 | 4,778 | 298 | 5.9 |
| Pike | 3,933 | 3,795 | 138 | 3.5 | 3,964 | 3,826 | 138 | 3.5 | 3,947 | 3,817 | 130 | 3.3 |
| Poinsett | 10,162 | 9,828 | 334 | 3.3 | 10,178 | 9,871 | 307 | 3.0 | 9,842 | 9,517 | 325 | 3.3 |
| Polk | 7,599 | 7,333 | 266 | 3.5 | 7,618 | 7,363 | 255 | 3.3 | 7,600 | 7,322 | 278 | 3.7 |
| Pope | 29,049 | 28,037 | 1,012 | 3.5 | 29,096 | 28,168 | 928 | 3.2 | 28,521 | 27,483 | 1,038 | 3.6 |
| Prairie | 3,615 | 3,500 | 115 | 3.2 | 3,625 | 3,526 | 99 | 2.7 | 3,509 | 3,397 | 112 | 3.2 |
| Pulaski | 198,958 | 192,598 | 6,360 | 3.2 | 200,210 | 194,032 | 6,178 | 3.1 | 194,155 | 187,954 | 6,201 | 3.2 |
| Randolph | 7,503 | 7,269 | 234 | 3.1 | 7,488 | 7,271 | 217 | 2.9 | 7,016 | 6,778 | 238 | 3.4 |
| St. Francis | 7,437 | 7,053 | 384 | 5.2 | 7,478 | 7,082 | 396 | 5.3 | 7,357 | 7,006 | 351 | 4.8 |
| Saline | 63,007 | 61,411 | 1,596 | 2.5 | 63,354 | 61,871 | 1,483 | 2.3 | 61,598 | 59,937 | 1,661 | 2.7 |
| Scott | 4,258 | 4,143 | 115 | 2.7 | 4,281 | 4,179 | 102 | 2.4 | 4,339 | 4,201 | 138 | 3.2 |
| Searcy | 2,704 | 2,600 | 104 | 3.8 | 2,677 | 2,590 | 87 | 3.2 | 2,843 | 2,726 | 117 | 4.1 |
| Sebastian | 56,935 | 55,205 | 1,730 | 3.0 | 56,953 | 55,353 | 1,600 | 2.8 | 56,430 | 54,433 | 1,997 | 3.5 |
| Sevier | 5,500 | 5,307 | 193 | 3.5 | 5,503 | 5,337 | 166 | 3.0 | 5,404 | 5,197 | 207 | 3.8 |
| Sharp | 6,160 | 5,945 | 215 | 3.5 | 6,178 | 5,983 | 195 | 3.2 | 5,922 | 5,705 | 217 | 3.7 |
| Stone | 4,574 | 4,401 | 173 | 3.8 | 4,612 | 4,455 | 157 | 3.4 | 4,497 | 4,316 | 181 | 4.0 |
| Union | 14,728 | 13,954 | 774 | 5.3 | 14,763 | 13,997 | 766 | 5.2 | 14,701 | 14,003 | 698 | 4.7 |
| Van Buren | 6,009 | 5,772 | 237 | 3.9 | 6,030 | 5,828 | 202 | 3.3 | 5,898 | 5,659 | 239 | 4.1 |
| Washington | 141,368 | 138,231 | 3,137 | 2.2 | 141,895 | 139,048 | 2,847 | 2.0 | 137,921 | 134,916 | 3,005 | 2.2 |
| White | 35,260 | 34,083 | 1,177 | 3.3 | 35,242 | 34,168 | 1,074 | 3.0 | 33,808 | 32,712 | 1,096 | 3.2 |
| Woodruff | 2,922 | 2,818 | 104 | 3.6 | 2,951 | 2,855 | 96 | 3.3 | 2,803 | 2,711 | 92 | 3.3 |
| Yell | 8,244 | 7,960 | 284 | 3.4 | 8,278 | 8,008 | 270 | 3.3 | 8,037 | 7,759 | 278 | 3.5 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**November 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2023**

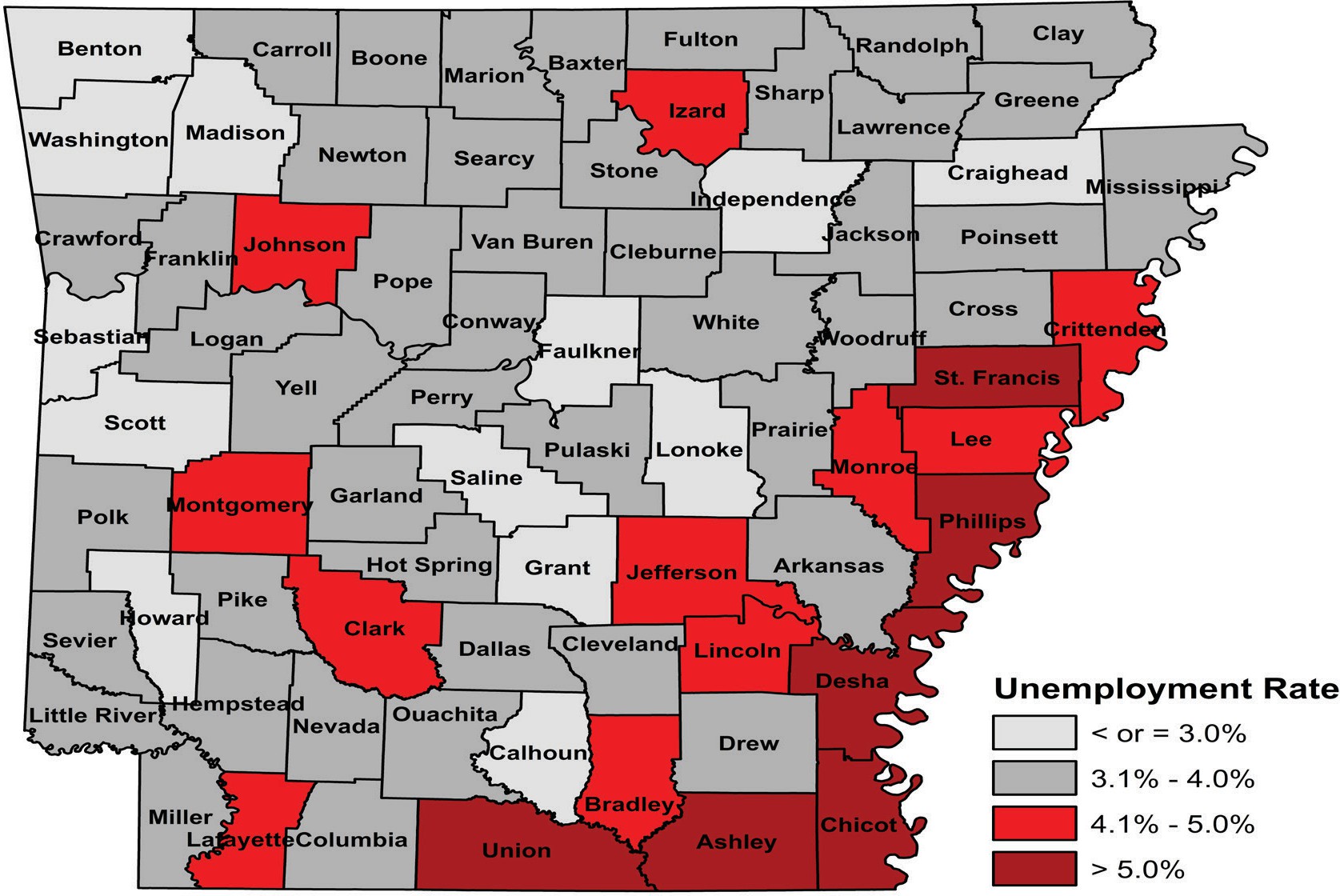
**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Between October and November, unemployment rates increased in 66 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Six counties remained stable over-the-month, while rates in 3 counties declined. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2% in Washington County to a high of 6.4% in Chicot County.

In November, thirteen counties had unemployment rates at or below 3%. That is down from 26 counties at or below three percent in October. For the 4th consecutive month, no county posted a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to November 2023, rates are down in 38 Arkansas counties. Twenty-three counties reported annual rate increases, while 14 counties remained stable. The largest decline occurred in Jackson County, down eight-tenths of a percentage point. Chicot (+1.0%), Desha (+1.2%), and Monroe (+1.5%) counties posted the largest jobless rate increases over-the-year.

**County Unemployment Rates**



# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

November 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 2.2

2 Benton 2.4

3 Grant 2.5

3 Saline 2.5

5 Faulkner 2.6

5 Lonoke 2.6

5 Madison 2.6

8 Craighead 2.7

8 Scott 2.7

10 Independence 2.8

11 Calhoun 2.9

12 Howard 3.0

12 Sebastian 3.0

14 Arkansas 3.1

14 Boone 3.1

14 Carroll 3.1

14 Crawford 3.1

14 Newton 3.1

14 Randolph 3.1

20 Franklin 3.2

20 Lawrence 3.2

20 Prairie 3.2

20 Pulaski 3.2

24 Perry 3.3

24 Poinsett 3.3

**Rank County**

24 White

27 Clay

27 Fulton

27 Garland

27 Greene

27 Hot Spring

27 Little River

27 Miller

27 Yell

35 Baxter

35 Hempstead

35 Nevada

35 Pike

35 Polk

35 Pope

35 Sevier

35 Sharp

43 Conway

43 Dallas

43 Woodruff

46 Cleveland

46 Columbia

46 Marion

46 Ouachita

50 Cleburne

**Rate**

3.3

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**Rank County**

50 Cross

50 Searcy

50 Stone

54 Jackson

54 Logan

54 Mississippi

54 Van Buren

58 Drew

59 Clark

60 Crittenden

61 Montgomery

62 Jefferson

62 Johnson

62 Lincoln

65 Lee

66 Izard

66 Lafayette

1. Bradley
2. Monroe
3. St. Francis
4. Union
5. Ashley

72 Desha

1. Phillips
2. Chicot

**Rate**

3.8

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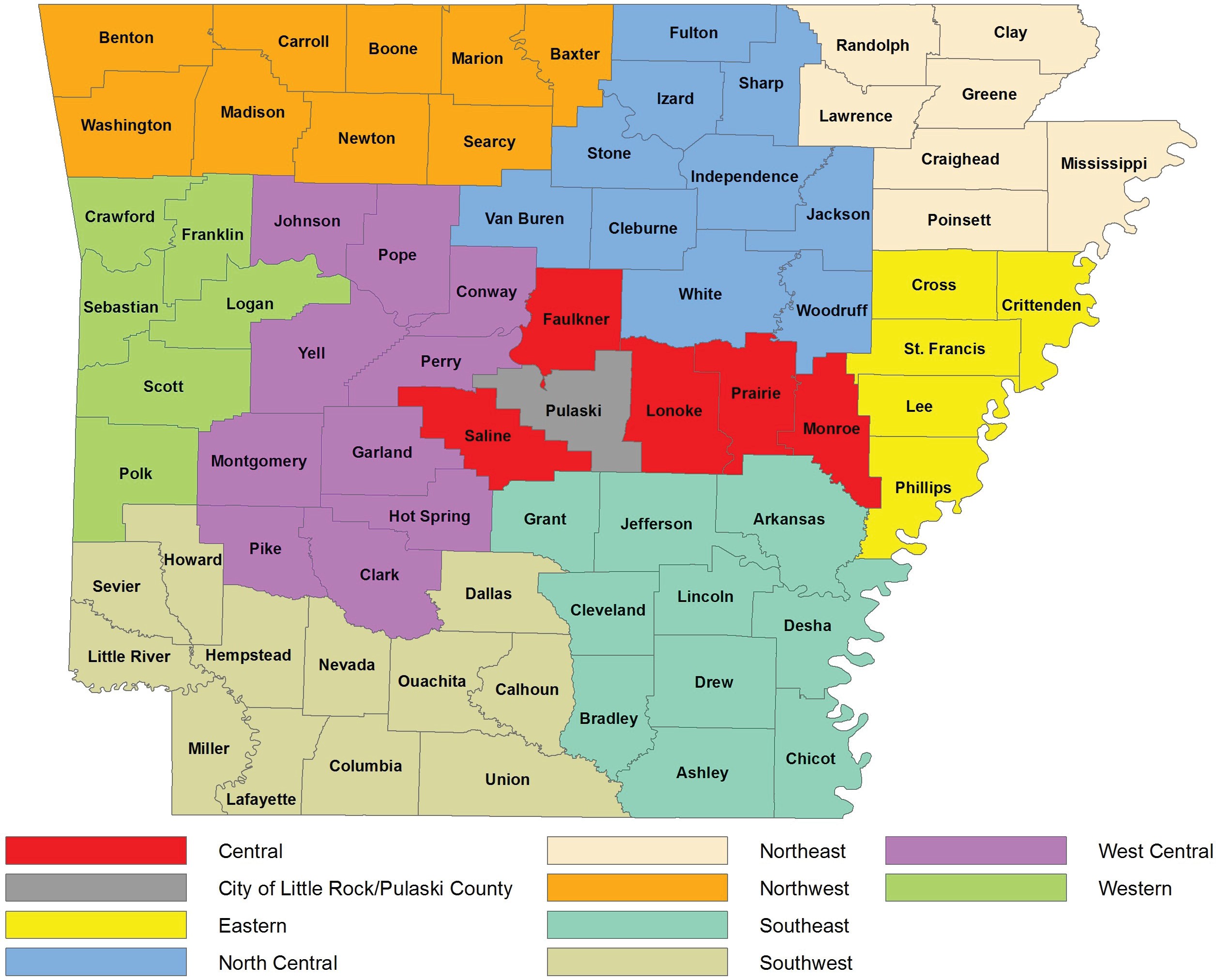
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## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**November 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 267,495 259,999

City of Little Rock 102,404 99,060

Eastern 42,328 40,396

North Central 95,903 92,567

Northeast 127,624 123,626

Northwest 366,251 357,253

Southeast 75,175 71,975

Southwest 87,513 84,185

West Central 130,431 125,746

Western 111,578 108,071

7,496

3,344

1,932

3,336

3,998

8,998

3,200

3,328

4,685

3,507

2.8

3.3

4.6

3.5

3.1

2.5

4.3

3.8

3.6

3.1

269,024 261,963

103,022 99,798

42,414

40,486

95,981 92,996

127,891 124,158

367,706 359,545

75,532 72,460

87,630 84,397

130,677 126,218

111,712 108,467

7,061 2.6

3,224 3.1

1,928 4.5

2,985 3.1

3,733 2.9

8,161 2.2

3,072 4.1

3,233 3.7

4,459 3.4

3,245 2.9

261,326 253,712 7,614 2.9

99,835 96,672 3,163 3.2

41,725 39,920 1,805 4.3

92,829 89,530 3,299 3.6

122,618 118,710 3,908 3.2

358,692 349,885 8,807 2.5

74,605 71,625 2,980 4.0

87,115 83,839 3,276 3.8

129,202 124,355 4,847 3.8

110,706 106,827 3,879 3.5