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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 2023 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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November Spotlight

Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)

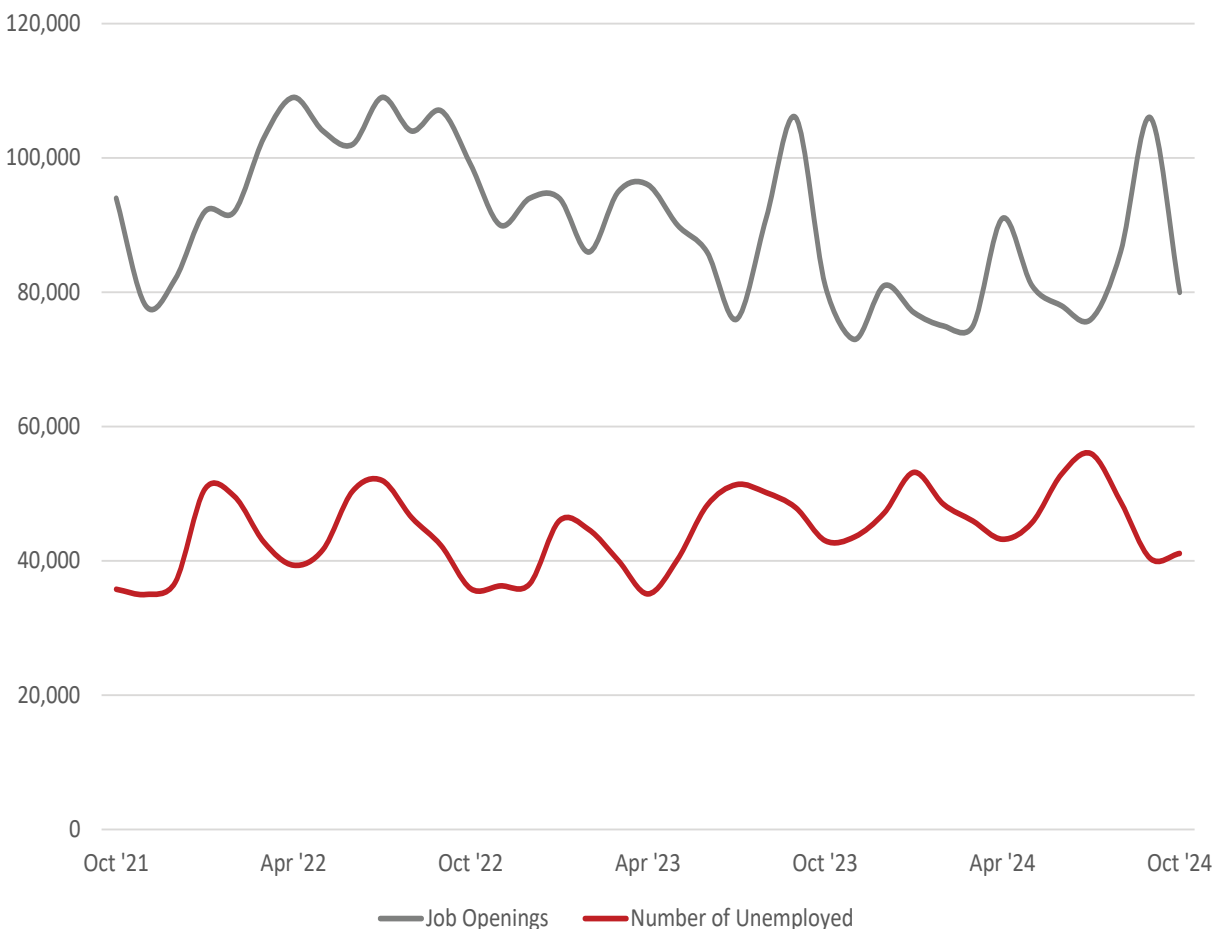
The Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) is a monthly survey developed and conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to address the need for data on job openings, hires, and separations. These data serve as demand-side indicators of labor shortages at the national and state levels. 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 available is for October 2024.

Job Openings vs Number of Unemployed (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

State of Arkansas

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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.

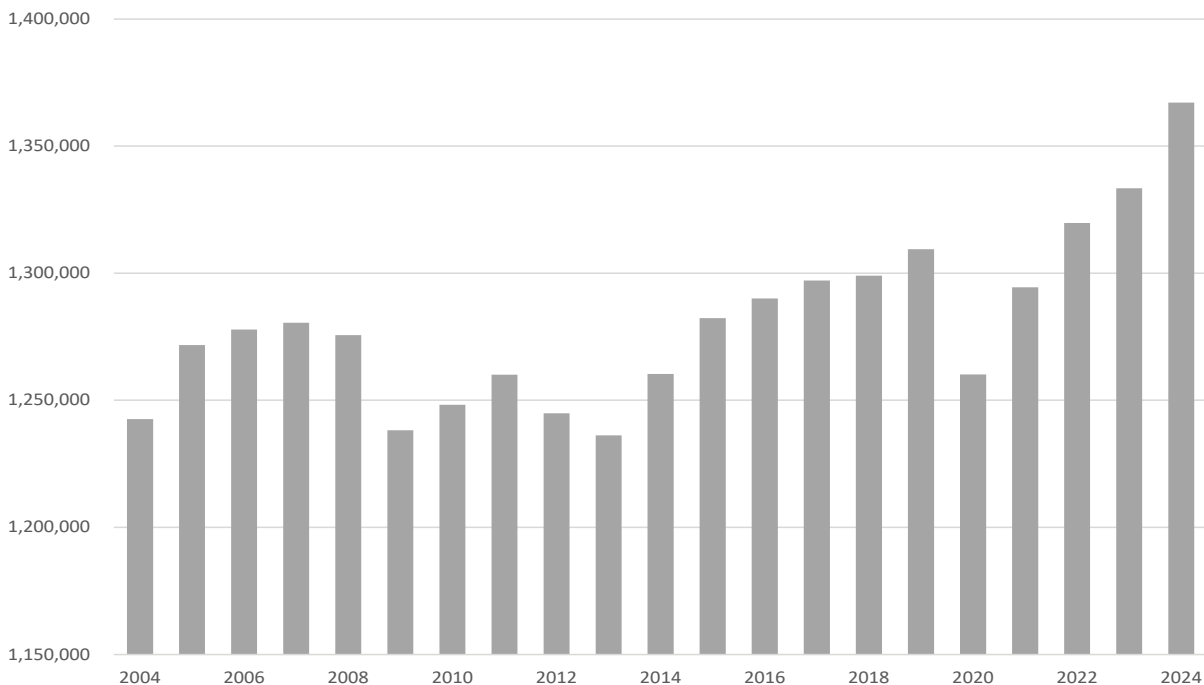
Compared to November 2023, there are 33,715 more employed Arkansans. The unemployment rate is down four-tenths of a percentage point, with 4,465 fewer unemployed actively looking for work. Arkansas' labor force participation rate has increased significantly over-the-year, up six-tenths of a percentage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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	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
Employment	1,367,088	1,366,015	1,333,373	Employment	1,362,879	1,370,485
Unemployment	46,628	45,959	51,093	Unemployment	43,825	41,101
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.3%	3.7%	Unemployment Rate	3.1%	2.9%
LF Participation Rate	58.2%	58.1%	57.6%	LF Participation Rate	57.9%	58.1%

Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

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State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

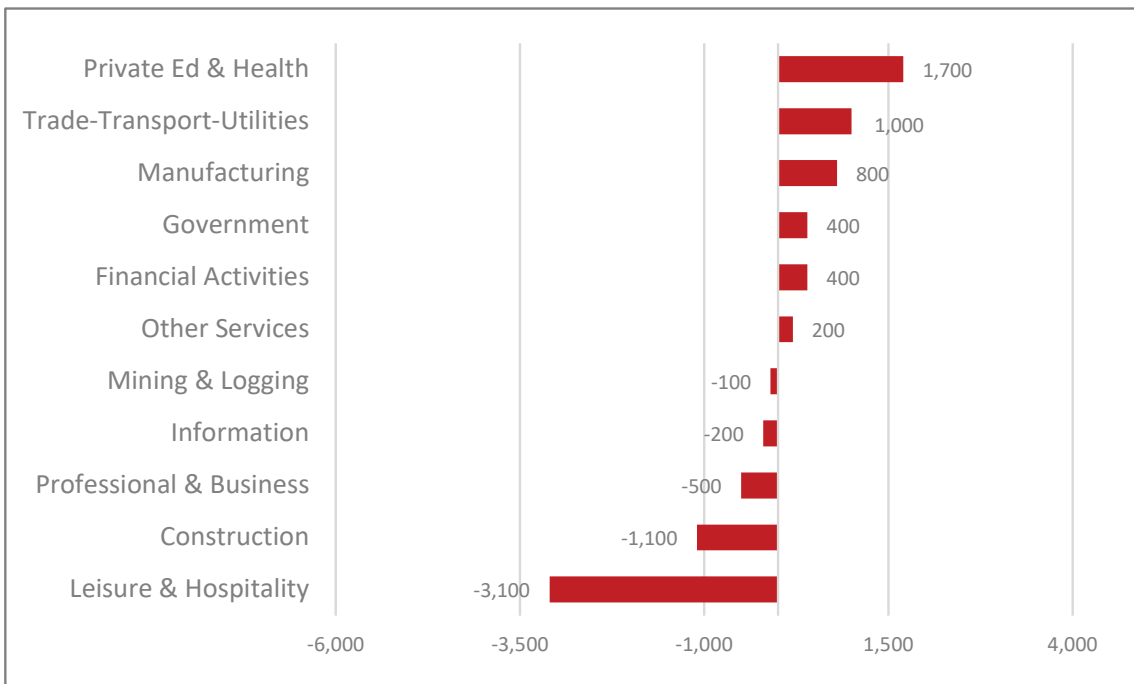
(NAICS)	<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1384.1	1384.6	1361.5	-0.5	22.6
Goods Producing	235.6	236.0	231.2	-0.4	4.4
Mining, Logging, & Construction	72.0	73.2	70.6	-1.2	1.4
Mining & Logging	5.3	5.4	5.2	-0.1	0.1
Construction	66.7	67.8	65.4	-1.1	1.3
Specialty 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

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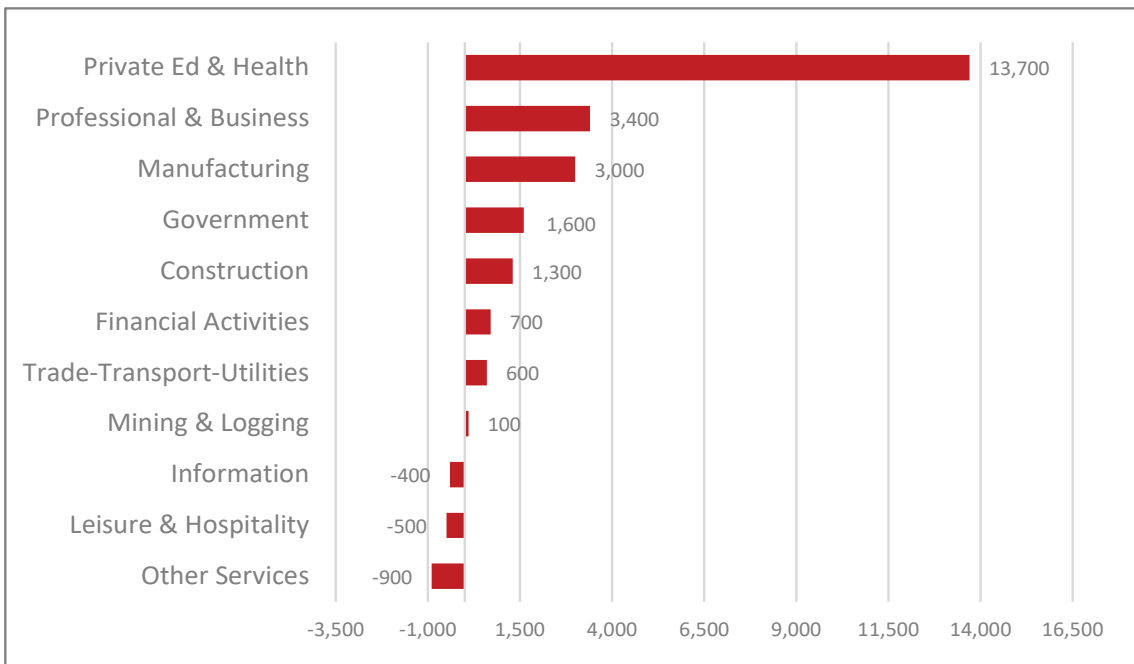
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State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector
October 2024 - November 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector
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State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

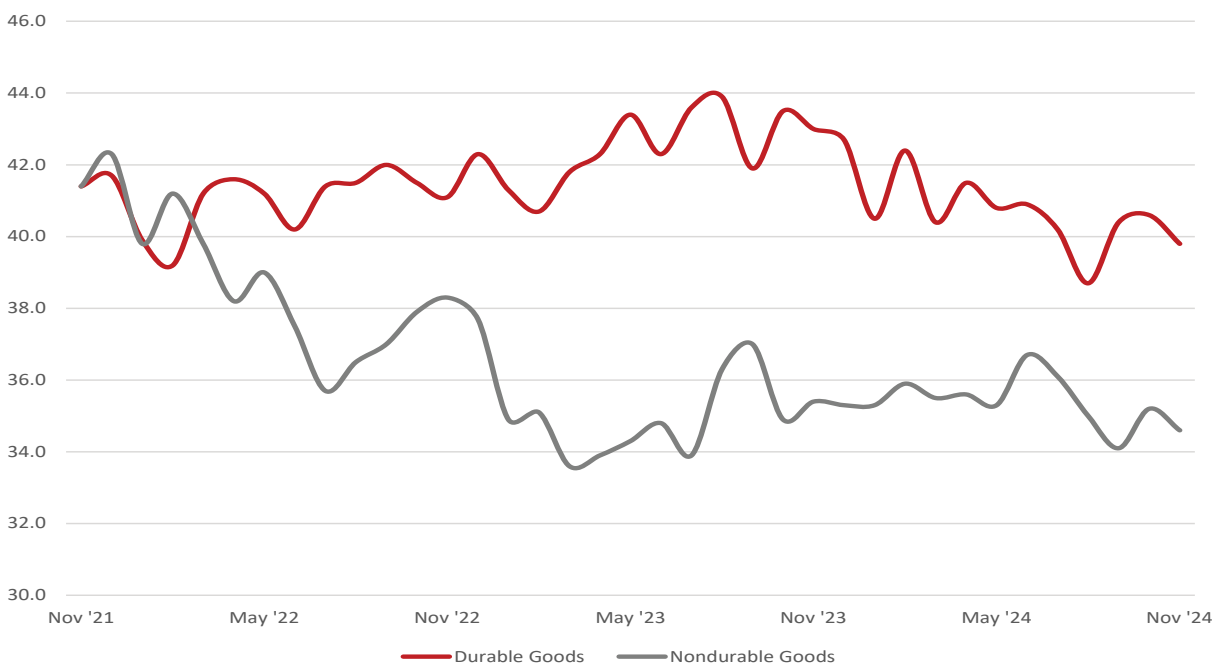
Manufacturing

	<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>
Average Weekly Hours	37.1	37.7	39.0
Average Hourly Earnings	\$23.12	\$22.46	\$21.27
Average Weekly Earnings	\$857.75	\$846.74	\$829.53

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>		<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.8	40.6	43.0	Average Weekly Hours	34.6	35.2	35.4
Average Hourly Earnings	\$25.54	\$25.13	\$23.19	Average Hourly Earnings	\$20.62	\$19.70	\$19.18
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,016.49	\$1,020.28	\$997.17	Average Weekly Earnings	\$713.45	\$693.44	\$678.97

Average Weekly Hours Worked - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods
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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%

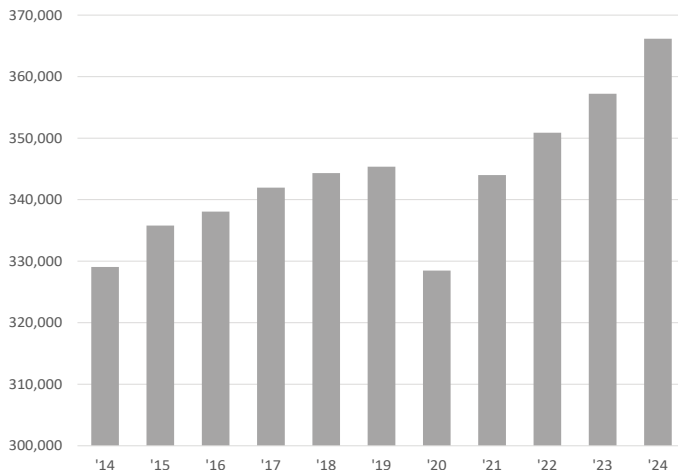
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(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

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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)

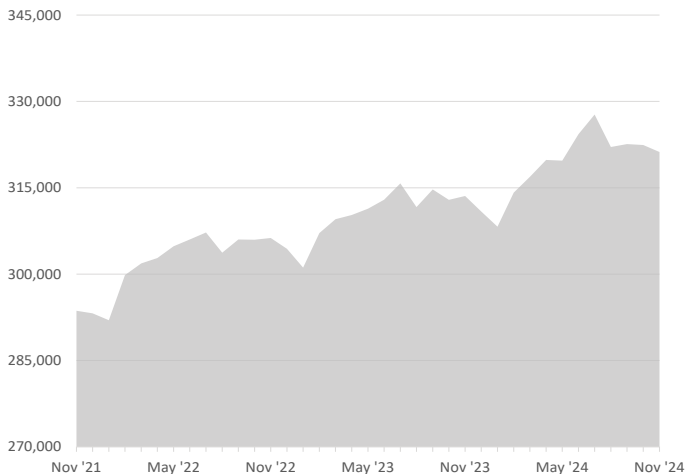
	Nov 24	Oct 24	Nov 23	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	321,217	322,429	313,578	-1,212	7,639
Employment	313,735	315,601	306,249	-1,866	7,486
Unemployment	7,482	6,828	7,329	654	153
Unemployment Rate	2.3%	2.1%	2.3%	0.2%	0.0%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

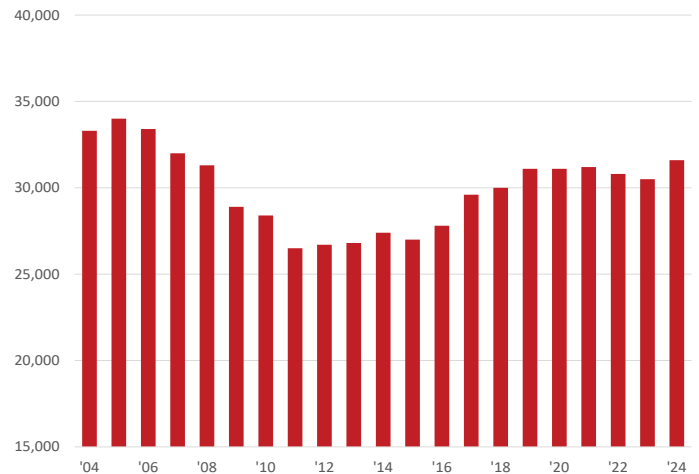
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 24	Oct 24	Nov 23	OTM	QTY
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

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Jobs in Manufacturing
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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>Nov 24</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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%

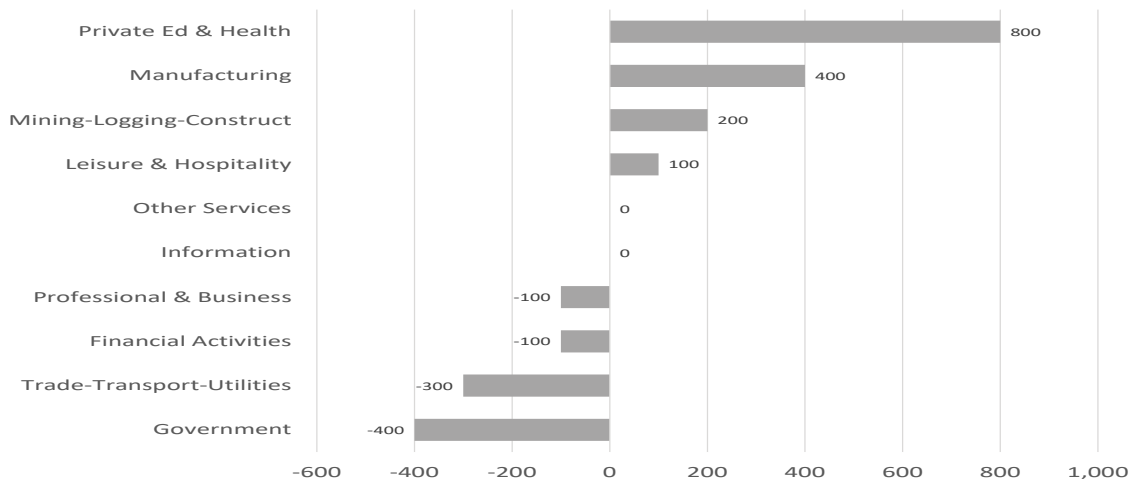
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
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%

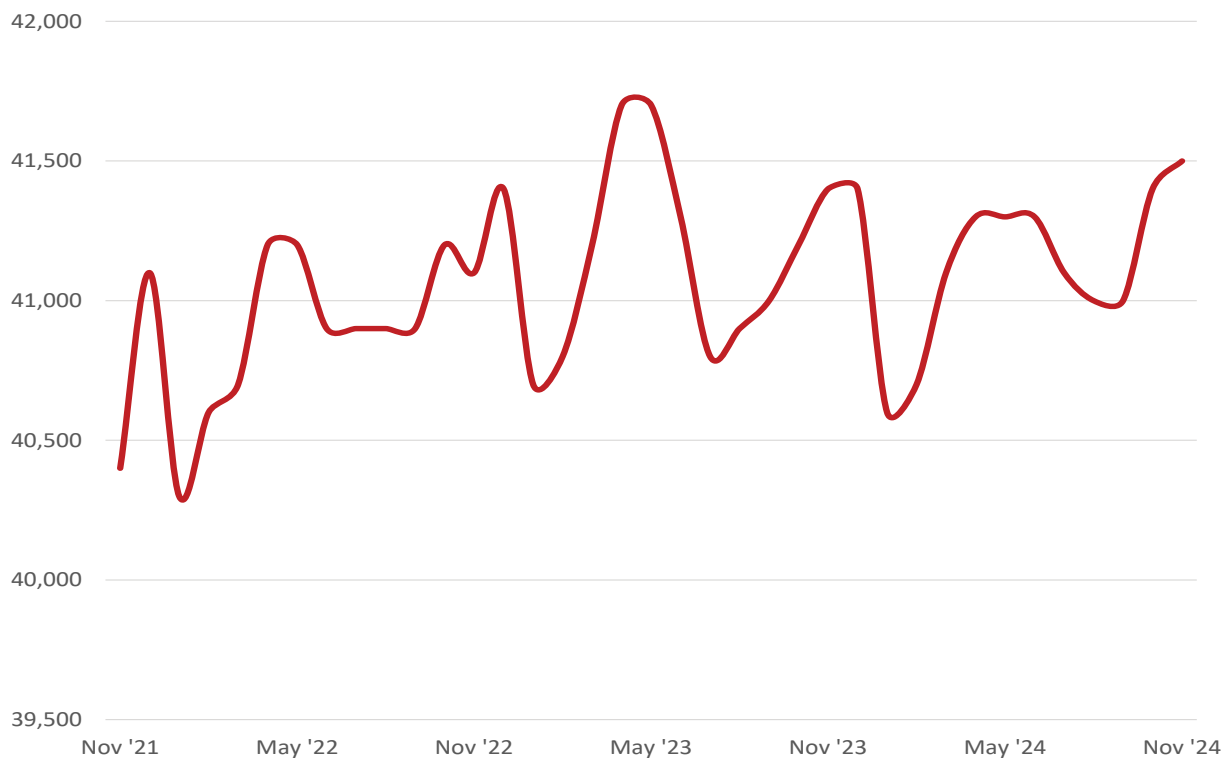
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	41.5	41.4	41.4	0.1	0.1
Goods Producing	4.5	4.5	4.4	0.0	0.1
Service Providing	37.0	36.9	37.0	0.1	0.0
Government	4.7	4.6	4.7	0.1	0.0

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Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
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%

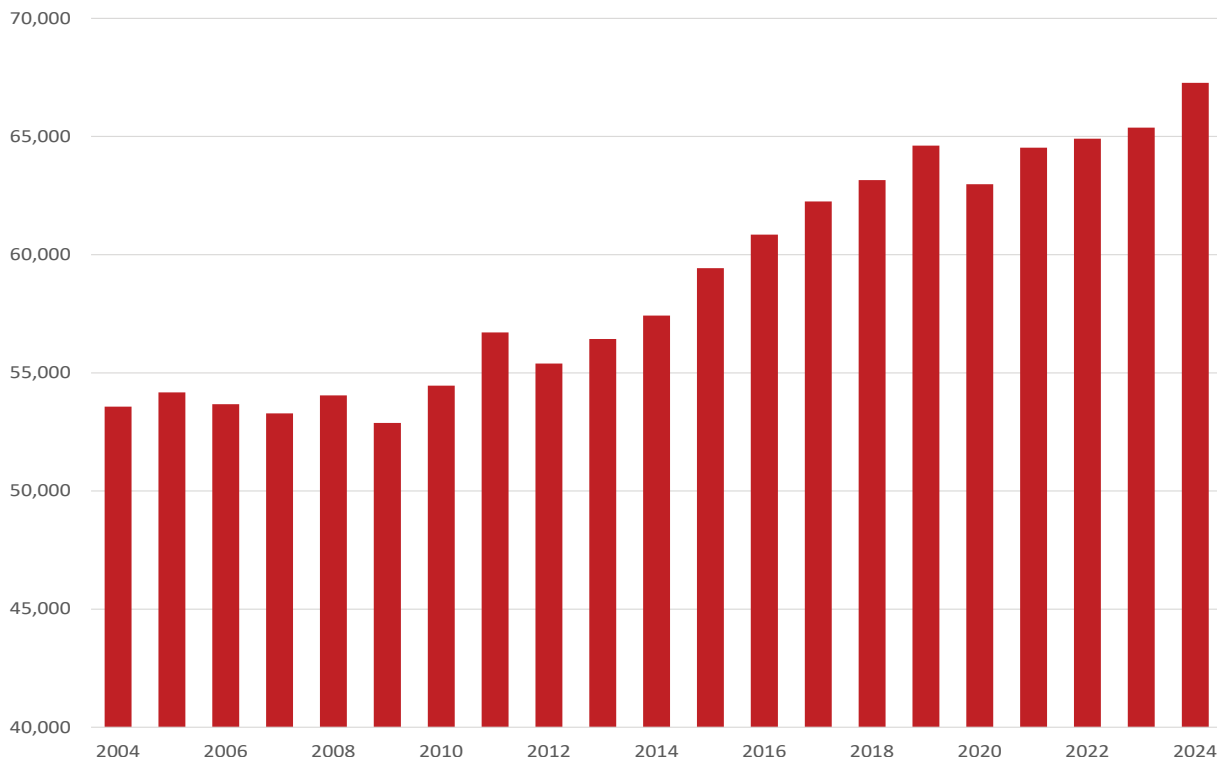
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	65.9	65.8	64.6	0.1	1.3
Goods Producing	11.7	11.8	11.3	-0.1	0.4
Service Providing	54.2	54.0	53.3	0.2	0.9
Government	9.3	9.3	9.2	0.0	0.1

Employment

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Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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%

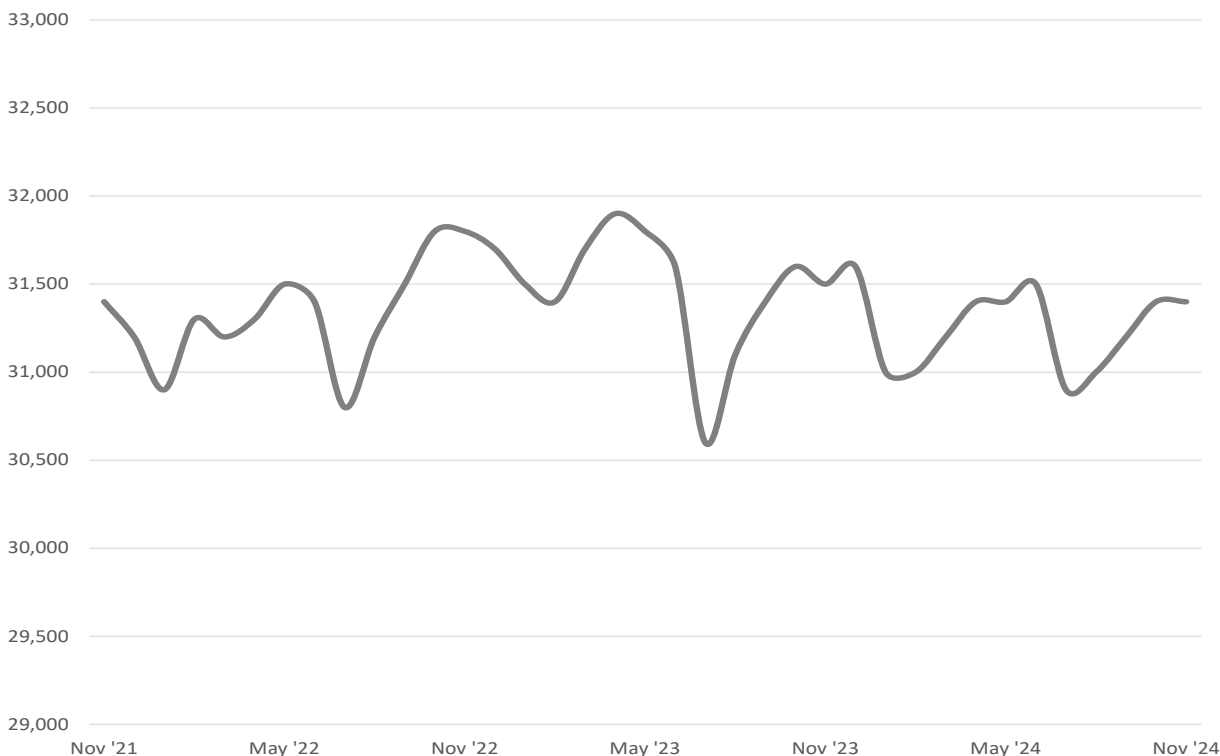
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.4	31.4	31.5	0.0	-0.1
Goods Producing	5.3	5.4	5.3	-0.1	0.0
Service Providing	26.1	26.0	26.2	0.1	-0.1
Government	8.5	8.4	8.6	0.1	-0.1

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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	QTY
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%

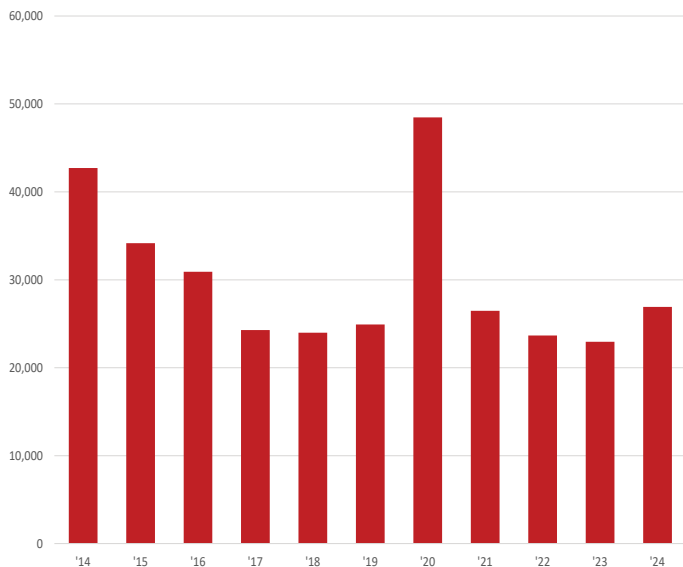
Texarkana MSA

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

	Nov 24	Oct 24	Nov 23	OTM	QTY
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%

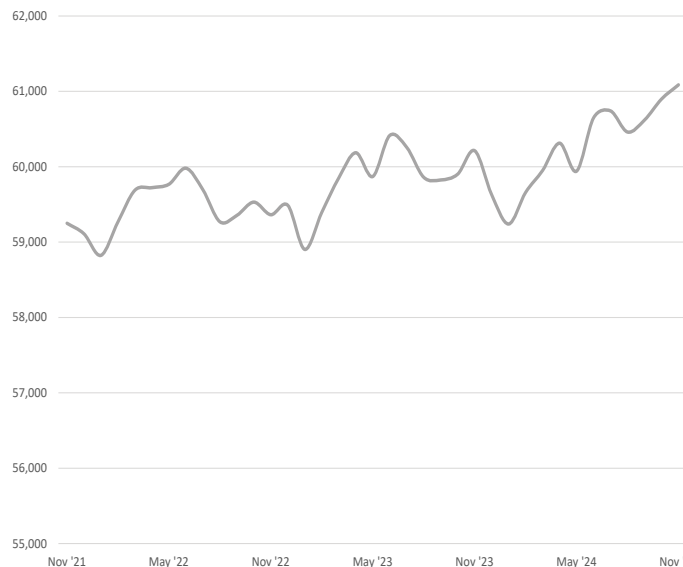
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Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Micro Area	November 2024				October 2024				November 2023			
	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

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

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City	November 2024				October 2024				November 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
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

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	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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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
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

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.

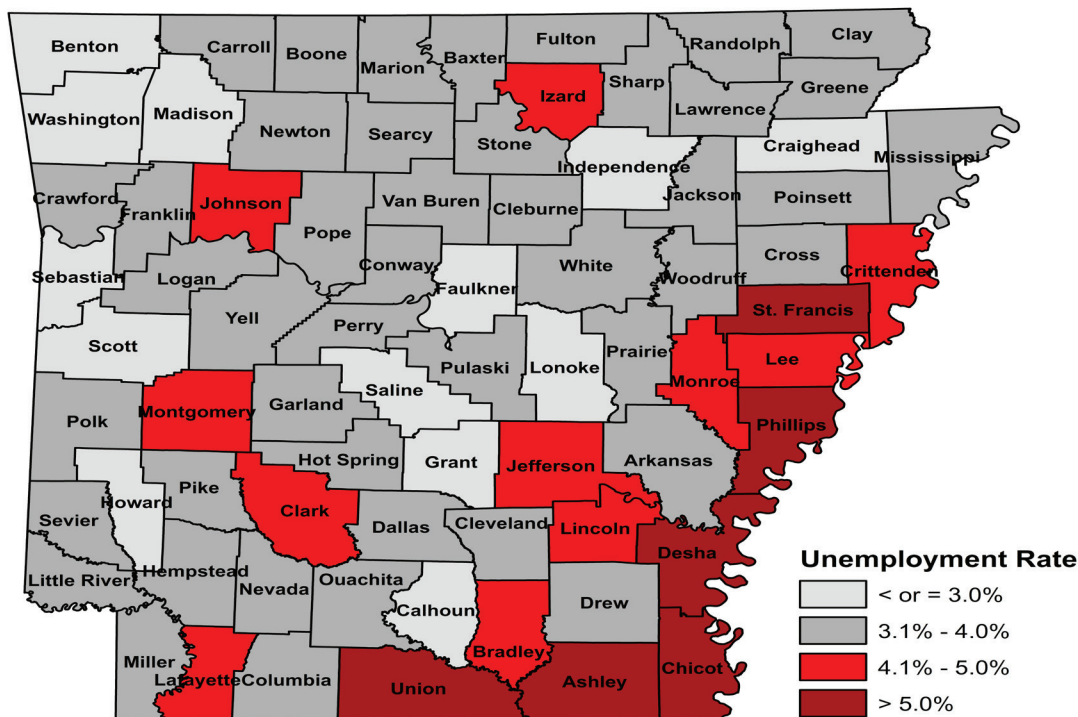
In November, thirteen counties had unemployment rates at or below 3%. That is down from 26 counties at or below three percent in October. For the 4th consecutive month, no county posted a jobless rate above seven percent.

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.

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County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

November 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.2	24	White	3.3	50	Cross	3.8
2	Benton	2.4	27	Clay	3.4	50	Searcy	3.8
3	Grant	2.5	27	Fulton	3.4	50	Stone	3.8
3	Saline	2.5	27	Garland	3.4	54	Jackson	3.9
5	Faulkner	2.6	27	Greene	3.4	54	Logan	3.9
5	Lonoke	2.6	27	Hot Spring	3.4	54	Mississippi	3.9
5	Madison	2.6	27	Little River	3.4	54	Van Buren	3.9
8	Craighead	2.7	27	Miller	3.4	58	Drew	4.0
8	Scott	2.7	27	Yell	3.4	59	Clark	4.1
10	Independence	2.8	35	Baxter	3.5	60	Crittenden	4.3
11	Calhoun	2.9	35	Hempstead	3.5	61	Montgomery	4.4
12	Howard	3.0	35	Nevada	3.5	62	Jefferson	4.5
12	Sebastian	3.0	35	Pike	3.5	62	Johnson	4.5
14	Arkansas	3.1	35	Polk	3.5	62	Lincoln	4.5
14	Boone	3.1	35	Pope	3.5	65	Lee	4.7
14	Carroll	3.1	35	Sevier	3.5	66	Izard	4.8
14	Crawford	3.1	35	Sharp	3.5	66	Lafayette	4.8
14	Newton	3.1	35	Conway	3.6	68	Bradley	4.9
14	Randolph	3.1	43	Dallas	3.6	69	Monroe	5.0
20	Franklin	3.2	43	Woodruff	3.6	70	St. Francis	5.2
20	Lawrence	3.2	46	Cleveland	3.7	71	Union	5.3
20	Prairie	3.2	46	Columbia	3.7	72	Ashley	5.4
20	Pulaski	3.2	46	Marion	3.7	72	Desha	5.4
24	Perry	3.3	46	Ouachita	3.7	74	Phillips	5.7
24	Poinsett	3.3	50	Cleburne	3.8	75	Chicot	6.4

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LWDA	November 2024				October 2024				November 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	267,495	259,999	7,496	2.8	269,024	261,963	7,061	2.6	261,326	253,712	7,614	2.9
City of 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
Eastern	42,328	40,396	1,932	4.6	42,414	40,486	1,928	4.5	41,725	39,920	1,805	4.3
North Central	95,903	92,567	3,336	3.5	95,981	92,996	2,985	3.1	92,829	89,530	3,299	3.6
Northeast	127,624	123,626	3,998	3.1	127,891	124,158	3,733	2.9	122,618	118,710	3,908	3.2
Northwest	366,251	357,253	8,998	2.5	367,706	359,545	8,161	2.2	358,692	349,885	8,807	2.5
Southeast	75,175	71,975	3,200	4.3	75,532	72,460	3,072	4.1	74,605	71,625	2,980	4.0
Southwest	87,513	84,185	3,328	3.8	87,630	84,397	3,233	3.7	87,115	83,839	3,276	3.8
West Central	130,431	125,746	4,685	3.6	130,677	126,218	4,459	3.4	129,202	124,355	4,847	3.8
Western	111,578	108,071	3,507	3.1	111,712	108,467	3,245	2.9	110,706	106,827	3,879	3.5

