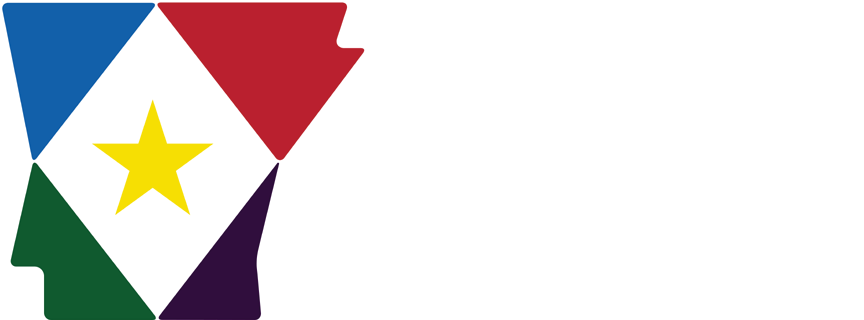
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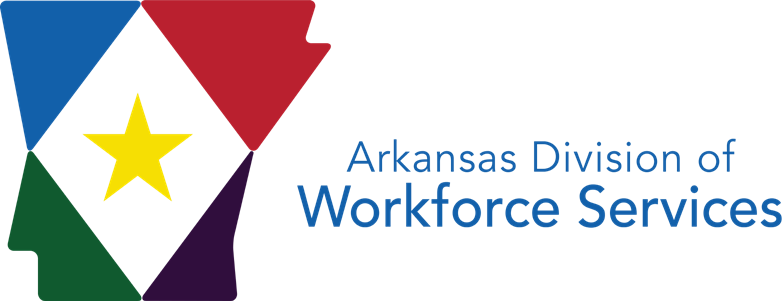
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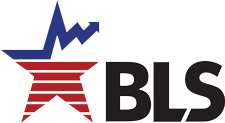
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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious month’s data is subject to revision.

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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**October Spotlight**

# Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

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

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

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

4th Quarter 2023 - 3rd Quarter 2024 Average

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

1.1% 1.4% 3.5% 3.8% 4.4% 6.1%

is the average of 4th Quarter 2023-3rd Quarter 2024.

The following definitions are used to calculate each

measure of Labor Underutilization:

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

#### Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

State of Arkansas

Comparison of 3rd Quarter Ending Averages

7.0%

6.0%



5.0%

4.0%

3.0%

2.0%

1.0%

0.0%

U-4 U-5 U-6

 3rd Q 2022  3rd Q 2023  3rd Q 2024

**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 unchanged at 3.3% between September and October. At 4.1%, the United States’ jobless rate also re- mained stable over the month.

Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose by 3,215 in October, as 3,092 additional Arkansans were employed. Both the civilian labor force and employment remain at record high levels. These modest gains were not enough to impact the unemployment rate or the labor force participation rate, which both held steady between September and October.

Compared to October 2023, there are 32,806 additional employed residents in Arkansas. The increase in employment and the size of the civilian labor force pushed up the labor force participation rate by five-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,366,073 1,362,981 1,333,267 Employment 1,370,801 1,373,601 1,336,569

Unemployment 45,934 45,811 51,119 Unemployment 40,964 40,365 43,000

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

LF Participation Rate 58.1% 58.1% 57.6% LF Participation Rate 58.1% 58.3% 57.4%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** |  | **Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,412,007 | 1,408,792 | 1,384,386 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,411,765 | 1,413,966 | 1,379,569 |

#### Unemployment Rates- Arkansas vs United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

October 2021 - October 2024

5.0%

4.5%

4.0%

3.5%

3.0%

2.5%

2.0%

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

Arkansas United States

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1385.2 | 1375.6 | 1363.8 | 9.6 | 21.4 |
| Goods Producing | 236.5 | 235.8 | 233.1 | 0.7 | 3.4 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 73.2 | 72.7 | 71.1 | 0.5 | 2.1 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.4** | **5.4** | **5.2** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Construction** | **67.8** | **67.3** | **65.9** | **0.5** | **1.9** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 43.7 | 43.0 | 41.8 | 0.7 | 1.9 |
| **Manufacturing** | **163.3** | **163.1** | **162.0** | **0.2** | **1.3** |
| Durable Goods | 78.2 | 77.5 | 77.8 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 85.1 | 85.6 | 84.2 | -0.5 | 0.9 |
| Service Providing | 1148.7 | 1139.8 | 1130.7 | 8.9 | 18.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **270.0** | **268.1** | **268.7** | **1.9** | **1.3** |
| Wholesale Trade | 51.6 | 50.3 | 52.8 | 1.3 | -1.2 |
| Retail Trade | 146.0 | 145.9 | 144.5 | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 72.4 | 71.9 | 71.4 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| **Information** | **12.6** | **12.3** | **12.9** | **0.3** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **71.0** | **70.1** | **70.1** | **0.9** | **0.9** |
| Finance & Insurance | 55.8 | 55.0 | 54.8 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 15.2 | 15.1 | 15.3 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **160.7** | **158.5** | **157.9** | **2.2** | **2.8** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 49.6 | 48.9 | 49.5 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Management of Companies | 38.2 | 37.8 | 38.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 72.9 | 71.8 | 70.3 | 1.1 | 2.6 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **222.8** | **220.1** | **210.5** | **2.7** | **12.3** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 20.0 | 19.6 | 19.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 202.8 | 200.5 | 190.9 | 2.3 | 11.9 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 71.7 | 71.1 | 66.2 | 0.6 | 5.5 |
| Social Assistance | 42.0 | 41.1 | 38.6 | 0.9 | 3.4 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **128.2** | **129.2** | **127.3** | **-1.0** | **0.9** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 13.4 | 14.1 | 13.2 | -0.7 | 0.2 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 114.8 | 115.1 | 114.1 | -0.3 | 0.7 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.4 | 11.7 | 11.5 | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| Food Services | 103.4 | 103.4 | 102.6 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| **Other Services** | **66.1** | **66.1** | **67.6** | **0.0** | **-1.5** |
| **Government** | **217.3** | **215.4** | **215.7** | **1.9** | **1.6** |
| Federal Government | 21.8 | 21.8 | 21.7 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 78.0 | 77.8 | 78.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 32.0 | 31.7 | 31.9 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.0 | 46.1 | 46.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Local Government | 117.5 | 115.8 | 116.0 | 1.7 | 1.5 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 72.5 | 70.6 | 71.4 | 1.9 | 1.1 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 45.0 | 45.2 | 44.6 | -0.2 | 0.4 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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

September 2024 - October 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Private Ed & Health

2,700

Professional & Business

Government Trade-Transport-Utilities

2,200

1,900

1,900

Financial Activities 900

Construction

Information Manufacturing

500

300

200

Mining & Logging

Other Services

0

0

Leisure & Hospitality

-1,000

-2,000

-1,000

0

1,000

2,000

3,000

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

October 2023 - October 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Private Ed & Health

12,300

Professional & Business

Construction Government

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Manufacturing

2,800

1,900

1,600

Leisure & Hospitality

Financial Activities Mining & Logging

1,300

1,300

900

900

200

Information

Other Services

-300

-1,500

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

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**Oct 24**

Average Weekly Hours 38.0

Average Hourly Earnings $22.59

Average Weekly Earnings $858.42

**Sep 24**

37.1

$22.36

$829.56

**Oct 23**

39.0

$21.51

$838.89

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Oct 24**

Average Weekly Hours

**Oct 23**

43.5

Average Hourly Earnings $25.57

Average Weekly Earnings $1,043.26

40.8

**Sep 24**

40.4

$23.39

$989.40 $1,017.47

$24.49

**Oct 24**

Average Weekly Hours 35.4

Average Hourly Earnings $19.50

Average Weekly Earnings $690.30

**Sep 24**

34.1

$20.13

$686.43

**Oct 23**

34.9

$19.35

$675.32

$30.00

#### Average Hourly Earnings - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods

October: 2014 - 2024

$25.00

$20.00

$15.00

$10.00

$5.00

$0.00

2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

 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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 378,672 | 378,834 | 367,208 | -162 | 11,464 |
| **Employment** | 368,321 | 368,711 | 356,277 | -390 | 12,044 |
| **Unemployment** | 10,351 | 10,123 | 10,931 | 228 | -580 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.7% | 2.7% | 3.0% | 0.0% | -0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 401.4 | 399.8 | 393.9 | 1.6 | 7.5 |
| **Goods Producing** 43.5 | 43.3 | 41.8 | 0.2 | 1.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 22.7** | **22.6** | **21.7** | **0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Manufacturing 20.8** | **20.7** | **20.1** | **0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Service Providing** 357.9 | 356.5 | 352.1 | 1.4 | 5.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 78.1** | **78.0** | **78.0** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 17.6 | 17.4 | 17.9 | 0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.6 | 38.7 | 38.9 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.9 | 21.9 | 21.2 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| **Information 5.4** | **5.3** | **5.5** | **0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 27.9** | **27.7** | **27.8** | **0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 51.2** | **50.7** | **49.7** | **0.5** | **1.5** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 68.3** | **67.4** | **65.2** | **0.9** | **3.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 34.8** | **36.1** | **34.6** | **-1.3** | **0.2** |
| **Other Services 19.5** | **19.7** | **19.5** | **-0.2** | **0.0** |
| **Government 72.7** | **71.6** | **71.8** | **1.1** | **0.9** |
| **Federal Government** 10.7 | 10.7 | 10.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 34.3 | 34.2 | 34.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** 27.7 | 26.7 | 27.0 | 1.0 | 0.7 |

380,000

#### Employment

October 2021 - October 2024

70,000

#### Jobs in Private Education & Health Services

October: 2014 - 2024

370,000 65,000

360,000 60,000

350,000 55,000

340,000 50,000

330,000

45,000

320,000

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

40,000

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 322,991 | 322,591 | 312,905 | 400 | 10,086 |
| **Employment** | 316,172 | 315,668 | 305,898 | 504 | 10,274 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,819 | 6,923 | 7,007 | -104 | -188 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.1% | 2.1% | 2.2% | 0.0% | -0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 317.6 | 315.5 | 311.3 | 2.1 | 6.3 |
| **Goods Producing** 49.3 | 49.4 | 47.4 | -0.1 | 1.9 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.9** | **17.9** | **17.1** | **0.0** | **0.8** |
| **Manufacturing 31.4** | **31.5** | **30.3** | **-0.1** | **1.1** |
| **Service Providing** 268.3 | 266.1 | 263.9 | 2.2 | 4.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 62.8** | **62.5** | **63.5** | **0.3** | **-0.7** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 13.8 | 13.7 | 14.4 | 0.1 | -0.6 |
| **Retail Trade** 29.9 | 29.7 | 29.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 19.1 | 19.1 | 19.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Information 2.3** | **2.3** | **2.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 12.5** | **12.4** | **12.5** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 60.2** | **59.4** | **59.2** | **0.8** | **1.0** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 38.4** | **38.0** | **36.1** | **0.4** | **2.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 31.9** | **31.9** | **31.9** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Other Services 13.5** | **13.6** | **13.6** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Government 46.7** | **46.0** | **44.7** | **0.7** | **2.0** |
| **Federal Government** 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 22.5 | 22.0 | 21.0 | 0.5 | 1.5 |
| **Local Government** 21.0 | 20.8 | 20.5 | 0.2 | 0.5 |

350,000

#### Employment

October: 2004 - 2024

62,000

#### Jobs in Professional & Business Services

October 2021 - October 2024

300,000

60,000

58,000

250,000

56,000

200,000

54,000

150,000

52,000

100,000

2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 2024

50,000

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 121,984 | 122,448 | 120,843 | -464 | 1,141 |
| **Employment** | 118,288 | 118,554 | 116,260 | -266 | 2,028 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,696 | 3,894 | 4,583 | -198 | -887 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.0% | 3.2% | 3.8% | -0.2% | -0.8% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 118.7 | 118.2 | 117.2 | 0.5 | 1.5 |
| **Goods Producing** 25.8 | 25.8 | 25.1 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 6.2** | **6.2** | **6.0** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 19.6** | **19.6** | **19.1** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Service Providing** 92.9 | 92.4 | 92.1 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.0** | **23.8** | **24.1** | **0.2** | **-0.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.9 | 12.8 | 13.1 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Information 1.4** | **1.4** | **1.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 4.8** | **4.8** | **4.8** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 12.1** | **12.0** | **12.0** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 19.6** | **19.4** | **18.7** | **0.2** | **0.9** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.3** | **10.3** | **10.1** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Other Services 3.9** | **3.9** | **4.0** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Government 16.8** | **16.8** | **17.0** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Federal Government** 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.3 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

6.0%

#### Unemployment Rates

October: 2014 - 2024

120,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

October 2021 - October 2024

5.0% 118,000

4.0% 116,000

3.0% 114,000

2.0% 112,000

1.0% 110,000

0.0%

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

108,000

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

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,738 | 41,487 | 41,290 | 251 | 448 |
| **Employment** | 40,389 | 40,168 | 39,849 | 221 | 540 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,349 | 1,319 | 1,441 | 30 | -92 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.2% | 3.2% | 3.5% | 0.0% | -0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 41.4 | 41.0 | 41.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 36.9 | 36.6 | 36.7 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 |

41,500

#### Employment

October 2021 - October 2024

41,000

40,500

40,000

39,500

39,000

38,500

38,000

37,500

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

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 69,308 | 69,332 | 67,422 | -24 | 1,886 |
| **Employment** | 67,529 | 67,576 | 65,589 | -47 | 1,940 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,779 | 1,756 | 1,833 | 23 | -54 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.6% | 2.5% | 2.7% | 0.1% | -0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 65.8 | 65.5 | 64.6 | 0.3 | 1.2 |
| 11.8 | 11.7 | 11.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| 54.0 | 53.8 | 53.2 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.3 | -0.1 | 0.0 |

14,000

#### Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

October: 2004 - 2024

12,000

10,000

8,000

6,000

4,000

2,000

0

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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 32,132 | 32,100 | 31,867 | 32 | 265 |
| **Employment** | 30,751 | 30,792 | 30,501 | -41 | 250 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,381 | 1,308 | 1,366 | 73 | 15 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3% | 4.1% | 4.3% | 0.2% | 0.0% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.4 | 31.2 | 31.6 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 26.0 | 25.9 | 26.2 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 0.0 | -0.2 |

2,500

#### Unemployment

October 2021 - October 2024

2,000

1,500

1,000

500

0

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 623,874 | 621,528 | 618,328 | 2,346 | 5,546 |
| **Employment** | 596,894 | 594,285 | 593,242 | 2,609 | 3,652 |
| **Unemployment** | 26,980 | 27,243 | 25,086 | -263 | 1,894 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3% | 4.4% | 4.1% | -0.1% | 0.2% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 24** | **Sep 24** | **Oct 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,386 | 63,072 | 62,171 | 314 | 1,215 |
| **Employment** | 60,825 | 60,620 | 59,902 | 205 | 923 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,561 | 2,452 | 2,269 | 109 | 292 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.0% | 3.9% | 3.6% | 0.1% | 0.4% |

9.0%

#### Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates

October: 2014 - 2024

62,500

#### Texarkana MSA - Employment

October 2021 - October 2024

8.0%

7.0%

61,000

6.0%

5.0%

59,500

4.0%

3.0%

58,000

2.0%

56,500

1.0%

0.0%

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

55,000

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

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not Seasonally Adjusted  **October 2024 September 2024 October 2023 Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,997 | 8,635 | 362 | 4.0 | 9,061 | 8,711 | 350 | 3.9 | 8,586 | 8,187 | 399 | 4.6 |
| Batesville Micro | 17,158 | 16,715 | 443 | 2.6 | 17,233 | 16,779 | 454 | 2.6 | 16,637 | 16,152 | 485 | 2.9 |
| Blytheville Micro | 19,092 | 18,381 | 711 | 3.7 | 19,165 | 18,480 | 685 | 3.6 | 17,069 | 16,294 | 775 | 4.5 |
| Camden Micro | 12,198 | 11,761 | 437 | 3.6 | 12,260 | 11,859 | 401 | 3.3 | 11,962 | 11,551 | 411 | 3.4 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,768 | 14,002 | 766 | 5.2 | 14,838 | 14,111 | 727 | 4.9 | 14,707 | 13,999 | 708 | 4.8 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,478 | 7,084 | 394 | 5.3 | 7,540 | 7,166 | 374 | 5.0 | 7,421 | 7,043 | 378 | 5.1 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,921 | 18,381 | 540 | 2.9 | 18,899 | 18,365 | 534 | 2.8 | 19,136 | 18,594 | 542 | 2.8 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,055 | 4,779 | 276 | 5.5 | 5,078 | 4,825 | 253 | 5.0 | 5,193 | 4,881 | 312 | 6.0 |
| Hope Micro | 12,033 | 11,635 | 398 | 3.3 | 12,146 | 11,767 | 379 | 3.1 | 12,397 | 11,965 | 432 | 3.5 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,024 | 8,708 | 316 | 3.5 | 9,073 | 8,749 | 324 | 3.6 | 8,897 | 8,550 | 347 | 3.9 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,752 | 13,295 | 457 | 3.3 | 13,794 | 13,352 | 442 | 3.2 | 13,606 | 13,149 | 457 | 3.4 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,983 | 16,439 | 544 | 3.2 | 17,096 | 16,576 | 520 | 3.0 | 16,557 | 15,984 | 573 | 3.5 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,759 | 19,137 | 622 | 3.1 | 19,842 | 19,235 | 607 | 3.1 | 19,537 | 18,961 | 576 | 2.9 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,386 | 36,187 | 1,199 | 3.2 | 37,433 | 36,209 | 1,224 | 3.3 | 36,646 | 35,333 | 1,313 | 3.6 |
| Searcy Micro | 35,236 | 34,165 | 1,071 | 3.0 | 35,296 | 34,242 | 1,054 | 3.0 | 33,731 | 32,654 | 1,077 | 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**

**October 2024**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**September 2024**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 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 | 13,876 | 13,508 | 368 | 2.7 | 13,860 | 13,488 | 372 | 2.7 | 13,418 | 13,058 | 360 | 2.7 |
| Benton | 18,826 | 18,396 | 430 | 2.3 | 18,845 | 18,407 | 438 | 2.3 | 18,226 | 17,789 | 437 | 2.4 |
| Bentonville | 33,688 | 33,035 | 653 | 1.9 | 33,651 | 32,984 | 667 | 2.0 | 32,623 | 31,934 | 689 | 2.1 |
| Blytheville | 6,411 | 6,153 | 258 | 4.0 | 6,433 | 6,186 | 247 | 3.8 | 5,735 | 5,454 | 281 | 4.9 |
| Cabot | 12,702 | 12,387 | 315 | 2.5 | 12,725 | 12,427 | 298 | 2.3 | 12,307 | 12,005 | 302 | 2.5 |
| Conway | 36,529 | 35,665 | 864 | 2.4 | 36,589 | 35,700 | 889 | 2.4 | 35,498 | 34,521 | 977 | 2.8 |
| El Dorado | 6,420 | 6,026 | 394 | 6.1 | 6,429 | 6,072 | 357 | 5.6 | 6,415 | 6,024 | 391 | 6.1 |
| Fayetteville | 55,014 | 53,850 | 1,164 | 2.1 | 54,947 | 53,750 | 1,197 | 2.2 | 53,317 | 52,083 | 1,234 | 2.3 |
| Fort Smith | 39,668 | 38,511 | 1,157 | 2.9 | 39,685 | 38,512 | 1,173 | 3.0 | 39,007 | 37,567 | 1,440 | 3.7 |
| Hot Springs | 15,533 | 14,946 | 587 | 3.8 | 15,413 | 14,864 | 549 | 3.6 | 15,350 | 14,746 | 604 | 3.9 |
| Jacksonville | 12,305 | 11,871 | 434 | 3.5 | 12,307 | 11,879 | 428 | 3.5 | 11,937 | 11,476 | 461 | 3.9 |
| Jonesboro | 41,818 | 40,715 | 1,103 | 2.6 | 41,798 | 40,715 | 1,083 | 2.6 | 40,660 | 39,519 | 1,141 | 2.8 |
| Little Rock | 102,822 | 99,632 | 3,190 | 3.1 | 102,744 | 99,701 | 3,043 | 3.0 | 99,582 | 96,316 | 3,266 | 3.3 |
| North Little Rock | 31,754 | 30,637 | 1,117 | 3.5 | 31,750 | 30,659 | 1,091 | 3.4 | 30,723 | 29,618 | 1,105 | 3.6 |
| Paragould | 12,577 | 12,162 | 415 | 3.3 | 12,625 | 12,225 | 400 | 3.2 | 12,431 | 12,050 | 381 | 3.1 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,111 | 14,300 | 811 | 5.4 | 15,028 | 14,304 | 724 | 4.8 | 14,978 | 14,162 | 816 | 5.4 |
| Rogers | 41,331 | 40,528 | 803 | 1.9 | 41,264 | 40,465 | 799 | 1.9 | 39,986 | 39,178 | 808 | 2.0 |
| Russellville | 13,442 | 13,050 | 392 | 2.9 | 13,459 | 13,041 | 418 | 3.1 | 13,161 | 12,727 | 434 | 3.3 |
| Searcy | 10,630 | 10,317 | 313 | 2.9 | 10,663 | 10,340 | 323 | 3.0 | 10,165 | 9,861 | 304 | 3.0 |
| Sherwood | 17,189 | 16,720 | 469 | 2.7 | 17,136 | 16,732 | 404 | 2.4 | 16,604 | 16,164 | 440 | 2.6 |
| Springdale | 43,936 | 43,006 | 930 | 2.1 | 43,843 | 42,928 | 915 | 2.1 | 42,464 | 41,594 | 870 | 2.0 |
| Texarkana, AR | 12,937 | 12,482 | 455 | 3.5 | 12,862 | 12,414 | 448 | 3.5 | 12,759 | 12,290 | 469 | 3.7 |
| Van Buren | 10,611 | 10,290 | 321 | 3.0 | 10,611 | 10,304 | 307 | 2.9 | 10,389 | 10,045 | 344 | 3.3 |
| West Memphis | 10,065 | 9,568 | 497 | 4.9 | 10,014 | 9,570 | 444 | 4.4 | 9,870 | 9,407 | 463 | 4.7 |

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **October 2024** | |  |  | **September 2024** | |  |  | **October 2023** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 8,636 | 8,393 | 243 | 2.8 | 8,667 | 8,446 | 221 | 2.5 | 9,127 | 8,906 | 221 | 2.4 |
| Ashley | 6,685 | 6,336 | 349 | 5.2 | 6,710 | 6,373 | 337 | 5.0 | 6,467 | 6,127 | 340 | 5.3 |
| Baxter | 16,983 | 16,439 | 544 | 3.2 | 17,096 | 16,576 | 520 | 3.0 | 16,557 | 15,984 | 573 | 3.5 |
| Benton | 161,012 | 157,606 | 3,406 | 2.1 | 160,812 | 157,364 | 3,448 | 2.1 | 155,939 | 152,356 | 3,583 | 2.3 |
| Boone | 15,765 | 15,311 | 454 | 2.9 | 15,738 | 15,292 | 446 | 2.8 | 15,920 | 15,478 | 442 | 2.8 |
| Bradley | 4,087 | 3,917 | 170 | 4.2 | 4,139 | 3,984 | 155 | 3.7 | 4,036 | 3,877 | 159 | 3.9 |
| Calhoun | 2,392 | 2,323 | 69 | 2.9 | 2,415 | 2,353 | 62 | 2.6 | 2,353 | 2,291 | 62 | 2.6 |
| Carroll | 12,463 | 12,122 | 341 | 2.7 | 12,559 | 12,218 | 341 | 2.7 | 12,437 | 12,126 | 311 | 2.5 |
| Chicot | 2,766 | 2,592 | 174 | 6.3 | 2,813 | 2,650 | 163 | 5.8 | 2,840 | 2,678 | 162 | 5.7 |
| Clark | 8,997 | 8,635 | 362 | 4.0 | 9,061 | 8,711 | 350 | 3.9 | 8,586 | 8,187 | 399 | 4.6 |
| Clay | 5,437 | 5,257 | 180 | 3.3 | 5,510 | 5,334 | 176 | 3.2 | 5,354 | 5,161 | 193 | 3.6 |
| Cleburne | 9,156 | 8,860 | 296 | 3.2 | 9,278 | 8,967 | 311 | 3.4 | 8,987 | 8,685 | 302 | 3.4 |
| Cleveland | 3,050 | 2,952 | 98 | 3.2 | 3,068 | 2,966 | 102 | 3.3 | 3,031 | 2,941 | 90 | 3.0 |
| Columbia | 9,024 | 8,708 | 316 | 3.5 | 9,073 | 8,749 | 324 | 3.6 | 8,897 | 8,550 | 347 | 3.9 |
| Conway | 8,121 | 7,855 | 266 | 3.3 | 8,149 | 7,891 | 258 | 3.2 | 8,252 | 7,966 | 286 | 3.5 |
| Craighead | 59,125 | 57,653 | 1,472 | 2.5 | 59,110 | 57,654 | 1,456 | 2.5 | 57,479 | 55,960 | 1,519 | 2.6 |
| Crawford | 27,114 | 26,334 | 780 | 2.9 | 27,164 | 26,370 | 794 | 2.9 | 26,646 | 25,707 | 939 | 3.5 |
| Crittenden | 20,497 | 19,606 | 891 | 4.3 | 20,405 | 19,611 | 794 | 3.9 | 20,166 | 19,277 | 889 | 4.4 |
| Cross | 6,914 | 6,680 | 234 | 3.4 | 6,939 | 6,716 | 223 | 3.2 | 6,796 | 6,577 | 219 | 3.2 |
| Dallas | 2,635 | 2,549 | 86 | 3.3 | 2,658 | 2,568 | 90 | 3.4 | 2,622 | 2,536 | 86 | 3.3 |
| Desha | 4,710 | 4,459 | 251 | 5.3 | 4,761 | 4,520 | 241 | 5.1 | 4,934 | 4,720 | 214 | 4.3 |
| Drew | 7,647 | 7,350 | 297 | 3.9 | 7,720 | 7,439 | 281 | 3.6 | 7,281 | 7,003 | 278 | 3.8 |
| Faulkner | 66,345 | 64,781 | 1,564 | 2.4 | 66,455 | 64,844 | 1,611 | 2.4 | 64,447 | 62,704 | 1,743 | 2.7 |
| Franklin | 7,600 | 7,391 | 209 | 2.8 | 7,624 | 7,418 | 206 | 2.7 | 7,505 | 7,279 | 226 | 3.0 |
| Fulton | 4,404 | 4,279 | 125 | 2.8 | 4,418 | 4,284 | 134 | 3.0 | 4,557 | 4,405 | 152 | 3.3 |
| Garland | 41,738 | 40,389 | 1,349 | 3.2 | 41,487 | 40,168 | 1,319 | 3.2 | 41,290 | 39,849 | 1,441 | 3.5 |
| Grant | 8,860 | 8,662 | 198 | 2.2 | 8,900 | 8,697 | 203 | 2.3 | 8,611 | 8,381 | 230 | 2.7 |
| Greene | 19,759 | 19,137 | 622 | 3.1 | 19,842 | 19,235 | 607 | 3.1 | 19,537 | 18,961 | 576 | 2.9 |
| Hempstead | 8,815 | 8,519 | 296 | 3.4 | 8,897 | 8,623 | 274 | 3.1 | 9,071 | 8,762 | 309 | 3.4 |
| Hot Spring | 13,752 | 13,295 | 457 | 3.3 | 13,794 | 13,352 | 442 | 3.2 | 13,606 | 13,149 | 457 | 3.4 |
| Howard | 5,083 | 4,936 | 147 | 2.9 | 5,180 | 5,047 | 133 | 2.6 | 5,223 | 5,054 | 169 | 3.2 |
| Independence | 17,158 | 16,715 | 443 | 2.6 | 17,233 | 16,779 | 454 | 2.6 | 16,637 | 16,152 | 485 | 2.9 |
| Izard | 4,865 | 4,664 | 201 | 4.1 | 4,875 | 4,678 | 197 | 4.0 | 4,485 | 4,292 | 193 | 4.3 |
| Jackson | 5,396 | 5,199 | 197 | 3.7 | 5,528 | 5,327 | 201 | 3.6 | 5,376 | 5,114 | 262 | 4.9 |
| Jefferson | 25,410 | 24,286 | 1,124 | 4.4 | 25,346 | 24,293 | 1,053 | 4.2 | 25,200 | 24,052 | 1,148 | 4.6 |
| Johnson | 9,525 | 9,100 | 425 | 4.5 | 9,592 | 9,161 | 431 | 4.5 | 9,818 | 9,305 | 513 | 5.2 |
| Lafayette | 2,241 | 2,139 | 102 | 4.6 | 2,245 | 2,143 | 102 | 4.5 | 2,177 | 2,082 | 95 | 4.4 |
| Lawrence | 6,840 | 6,633 | 207 | 3.0 | 6,842 | 6,646 | 196 | 2.9 | 6,817 | 6,594 | 223 | 3.3 |
| Lee | 2,468 | 2,352 | 116 | 4.7 | 2,515 | 2,403 | 112 | 4.5 | 2,542 | 2,413 | 129 | 5.1 |
| Lincoln | 3,672 | 3,513 | 159 | 4.3 | 3,686 | 3,533 | 153 | 4.2 | 3,636 | 3,508 | 128 | 3.5 |
| Little River | 5,243 | 5,073 | 170 | 3.2 | 5,211 | 5,051 | 160 | 3.1 | 5,148 | 4,979 | 169 | 3.3 |
| Logan | 8,208 | 7,917 | 291 | 3.5 | 8,309 | 8,021 | 288 | 3.5 | 8,242 | 7,928 | 314 | 3.8 |
| Lonoke | 35,950 | 35,115 | 835 | 2.3 | 36,073 | 35,227 | 846 | 2.3 | 34,956 | 34,033 | 923 | 2.6 |
| Madison | 8,191 | 7,997 | 194 | 2.4 | 8,237 | 8,034 | 203 | 2.5 | 7,985 | 7,800 | 185 | 2.3 |
| Marion | 5,878 | 5,678 | 200 | 3.4 | 5,922 | 5,721 | 201 | 3.4 | 5,935 | 5,697 | 238 | 4.0 |
| Miller | 18,883 | 18,246 | 637 | 3.4 | 18,772 | 18,147 | 625 | 3.3 | 18,585 | 17,965 | 620 | 3.3 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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|  |  | **October 2024** | |  |  | **September 2024** | |  |  | **October 2023** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 19,092 | 18,381 | 711 | 3.7 | 19,165 | 18,480 | 685 | 3.6 | 17,069 | 16,294 | 775 | 4.5 |
| Monroe | 2,389 | 2,273 | 116 | 4.9 | 2,436 | 2,325 | 111 | 4.6 | 2,429 | 2,348 | 81 | 3.3 |
| Montgomery | 2,820 | 2,709 | 111 | 3.9 | 2,899 | 2,782 | 117 | 4.0 | 2,909 | 2,781 | 128 | 4.4 |
| Nevada | 3,218 | 3,116 | 102 | 3.2 | 3,249 | 3,144 | 105 | 3.2 | 3,326 | 3,203 | 123 | 3.7 |
| Newton | 3,156 | 3,070 | 86 | 2.7 | 3,161 | 3,073 | 88 | 2.8 | 3,216 | 3,116 | 100 | 3.1 |
| Ouachita | 9,806 | 9,438 | 368 | 3.8 | 9,845 | 9,506 | 339 | 3.4 | 9,609 | 9,260 | 349 | 3.6 |
| Perry | 4,427 | 4,284 | 143 | 3.2 | 4,426 | 4,293 | 133 | 3.0 | 4,325 | 4,165 | 160 | 3.7 |
| Phillips | 5,055 | 4,779 | 276 | 5.5 | 5,078 | 4,825 | 253 | 5.0 | 5,193 | 4,881 | 312 | 6.0 |
| Pike | 3,965 | 3,827 | 138 | 3.5 | 4,015 | 3,885 | 130 | 3.2 | 4,019 | 3,886 | 133 | 3.3 |
| Poinsett | 10,183 | 9,876 | 307 | 3.0 | 10,222 | 9,922 | 300 | 2.9 | 9,943 | 9,629 | 314 | 3.2 |
| Polk | 7,619 | 7,365 | 254 | 3.3 | 7,681 | 7,419 | 262 | 3.4 | 7,665 | 7,401 | 264 | 3.4 |
| Pope | 29,106 | 28,177 | 929 | 3.2 | 29,118 | 28,157 | 961 | 3.3 | 28,529 | 27,480 | 1,049 | 3.7 |
| Prairie | 3,624 | 3,525 | 99 | 2.7 | 3,617 | 3,526 | 91 | 2.5 | 3,568 | 3,461 | 107 | 3.0 |
| Pulaski | 199,843 | 193,710 | 6,133 | 3.1 | 199,681 | 193,844 | 5,837 | 2.9 | 193,526 | 187,263 | 6,263 | 3.2 |
| Randolph | 7,492 | 7,274 | 218 | 2.9 | 7,535 | 7,304 | 231 | 3.1 | 7,036 | 6,808 | 228 | 3.2 |
| St. Francis | 7,478 | 7,084 | 394 | 5.3 | 7,540 | 7,166 | 374 | 5.0 | 7,421 | 7,043 | 378 | 5.1 |
| Saline | 63,247 | 61,769 | 1,478 | 2.3 | 63,299 | 61,806 | 1,493 | 2.4 | 61,343 | 59,731 | 1,612 | 2.6 |
| Scott | 4,284 | 4,182 | 102 | 2.4 | 4,330 | 4,224 | 106 | 2.4 | 4,407 | 4,276 | 131 | 3.0 |
| Searcy | 2,678 | 2,591 | 87 | 3.2 | 2,847 | 2,753 | 94 | 3.3 | 2,850 | 2,740 | 110 | 3.9 |
| Sebastian | 57,074 | 55,478 | 1,596 | 2.8 | 57,102 | 55,479 | 1,623 | 2.8 | 56,178 | 54,117 | 2,061 | 3.7 |
| Sevier | 5,505 | 5,338 | 167 | 3.0 | 5,563 | 5,390 | 173 | 3.1 | 5,453 | 5,256 | 197 | 3.6 |
| Sharp | 6,182 | 5,985 | 197 | 3.2 | 6,202 | 5,996 | 206 | 3.3 | 5,912 | 5,729 | 183 | 3.1 |
| Stone | 4,614 | 4,456 | 158 | 3.4 | 4,652 | 4,495 | 157 | 3.4 | 4,593 | 4,436 | 157 | 3.4 |
| Union | 14,768 | 14,002 | 766 | 5.2 | 14,838 | 14,111 | 727 | 4.9 | 14,707 | 13,999 | 708 | 4.8 |
| Van Buren | 6,030 | 5,827 | 203 | 3.4 | 6,078 | 5,874 | 204 | 3.4 | 5,920 | 5,703 | 217 | 3.7 |
| Washington | 142,142 | 139,299 | 2,843 | 2.0 | 141,959 | 139,042 | 2,917 | 2.1 | 137,613 | 134,729 | 2,884 | 2.1 |
| White | 35,236 | 34,165 | 1,071 | 3.0 | 35,296 | 34,242 | 1,054 | 3.0 | 33,731 | 32,654 | 1,077 | 3.2 |
| Woodruff | 2,949 | 2,856 | 93 | 3.2 | 2,989 | 2,901 | 88 | 2.9 | 2,874 | 2,777 | 97 | 3.4 |
| Yell | 8,280 | 8,010 | 270 | 3.3 | 8,315 | 8,052 | 263 | 3.2 | 8,117 | 7,853 | 264 | 3.3 |

# County Labor Force Summary

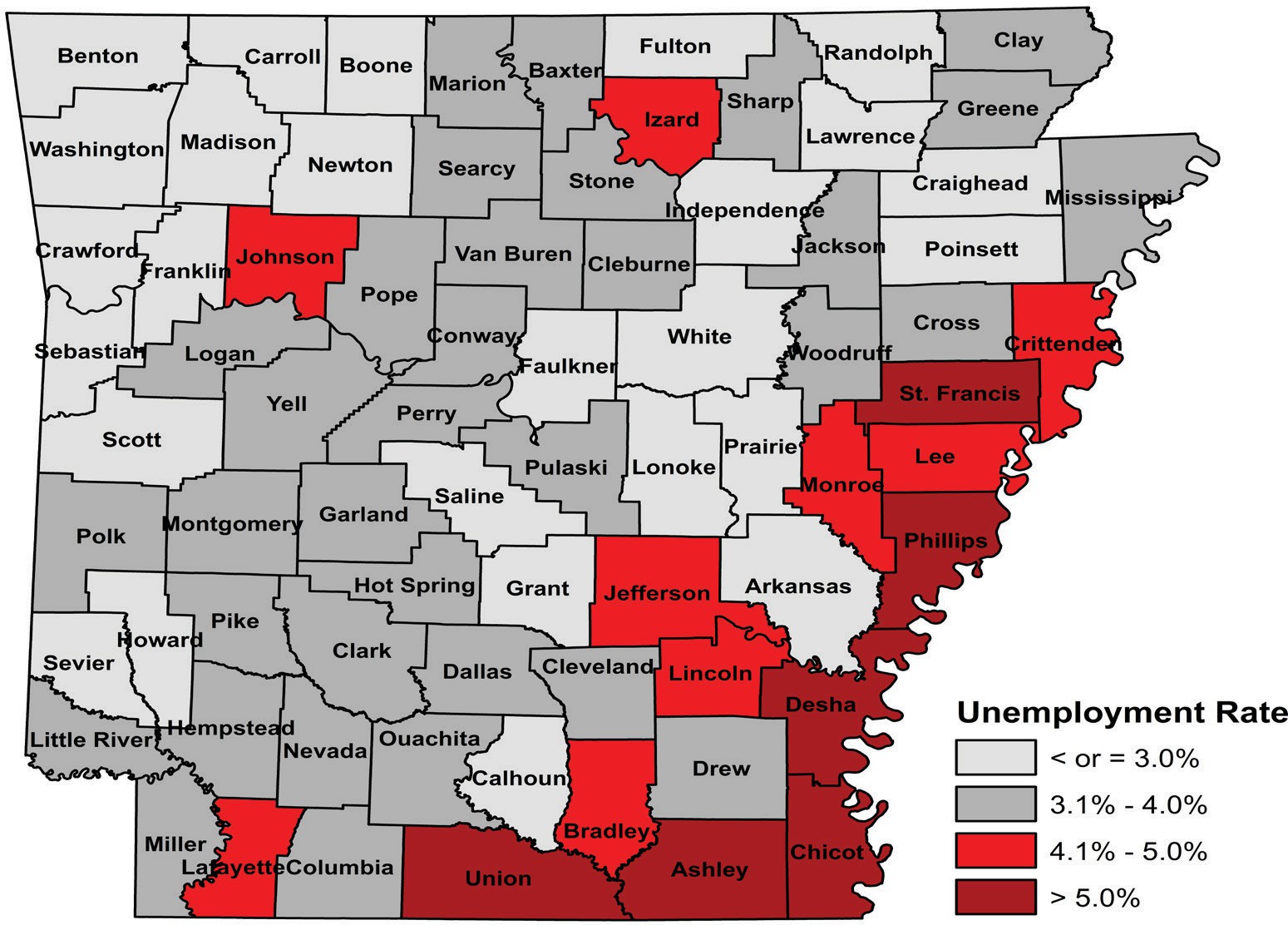
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Between September and October, unemployment rates increased in 40 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates were unchanged in 18 counties and declined in 17 counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.0% in Washington County to a high of 6.3% in Chicot County.

In October, twenty-six counties posted unemployment rates at or below 3.0%. That is down slightly from 28 counties at or below three percent in September. For the 3rd consecutive month, no county had a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to October 2023, unemployment rates are down in 50 Arkansas counties. Twenty-one counties posted rate increases over the year, while 4 counties were unchanged. Jackson County had the greatest annual rate decline, down one and two-tenths of a percentage point. The largest gain was in Monroe County, up one and six-tenths of a percentage point.

**County Unemployment Rates**



# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

October 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 2.0

2 Benton 2.1

3 Grant 2.2

4 Lonoke 2.3

4 Saline 2.3

6 Faulkner 2.4

6 Madison 2.4

6 Scott 2.4

9 Craighead 2.5

10 Independence 2.6

11 Carroll 2.7

11 Newton 2.7

11 Prairie 2.7

14 Arkansas 2.8

14 Franklin 2.8

14 Fulton 2.8

14 Sebastian 2.8

18 Boone 2.9

18 Calhoun 2.9

18 Crawford 2.9

18 Howard 2.9

18 Randolph 2.9

23 Lawrence 3.0

23 Poinsett 3.0

23 Sevier 3.0

**Rank County**

23 White

27 Greene

27 Pulaski

29 Baxter

29 Cleburne

29 Cleveland

29 Garland

29 Little River

29 Nevada

29 Perry

29 Pope

29 Searcy

29 Sharp

29 Woodruff

40 Clay

40 Conway

40 Dallas

40 Hot Spring

40 Polk

40 Yell

46 Cross

46 Hempstead

46 Marion

46 Miller

46 Stone

**Rate**

3.0

3.1

3.1

3.2

3.2

3.2

3.2

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**Rank County**

46 Van Buren

52 Columbia

52 Logan

52 Pike

55 Jackson

55 Mississippi

57 Ouachita

58 Drew

58 Montgomery

60 Clark

61 Izard

62 Bradley

63 Crittenden

63 Lincoln

65 Jefferson

66 Johnson

67 Lafayette

68 Lee

69 Monroe

70 Ashley

70 Union

72 Desha

72 St. Francis

1. Phillips
2. Chicot

**Rate**

3.4

3.5

3.5

3.5

3.7

3.7

3.8

3.9

3.9

4.0

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5.3

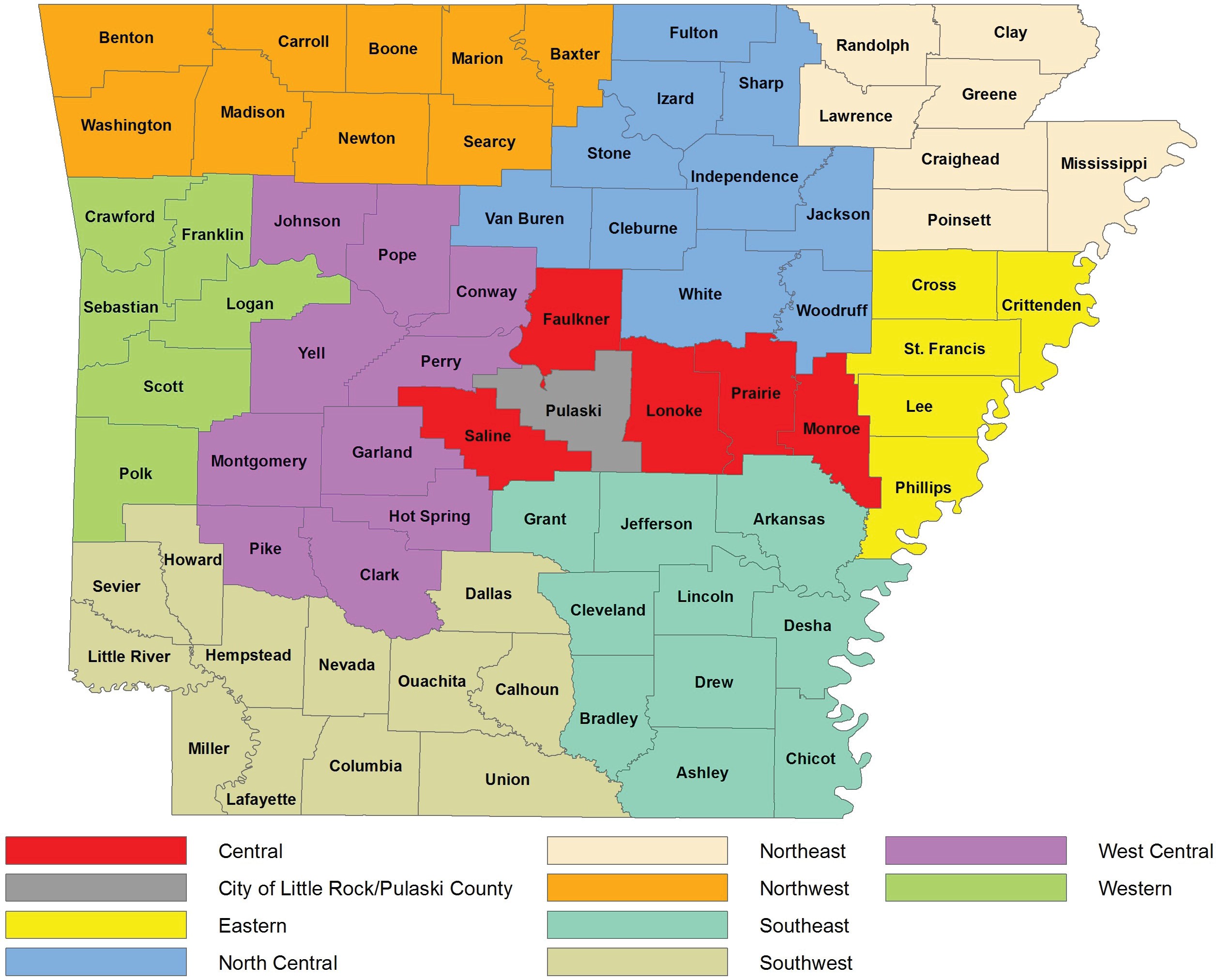
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## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**October 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 268,576 261,541

City of Little Rock 102,822 99,632

Eastern 42,412 40,501

North Central 95,990 93,006

Northeast 127,928 124,211

Northwest 368,268 360,113

Southeast 75,523 72,460

Southwest 87,613 84,387

West Central 130,731 126,281

Western 111,899 108,667

7,035

3,190

1,911

2,984

3,717

8,155

3,063

3,226

4,450

3,232

2.6

3.1

4.5

3.1

2.9

2.2

4.1

3.7

3.4

2.9

268,817 261,871

102,744 99,701

42,477

40,721

96,549 93,543

128,226 124,575

368,331 360,073

75,810 72,901

87,946 84,832

130,856 126,452

112,210 108,931

6,946 2.6

3,043 3.0

1,756 4.1

3,006 3.1

3,651 2.8

8,258 2.2

2,909 3.8

3,114 3.5

4,404 3.4

3,279 2.9

260,687 253,224 7,463 2.9

99,582 96,316 3,266 3.3

42,118 40,191 1,927 4.6

93,072 89,947 3,125 3.4

123,235 119,407 3,828 3.1

358,452 350,026 8,426 2.4

75,163 72,193 2,970 4.0

87,171 83,937 3,234 3.7

129,451 124,621 4,830 3.7

110,643 106,708 3,935 3.6