**Arkansas**

**Labor Market**

**Report**

**February 2016**



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Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while previous data are subject to revision.

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the num- ber 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 manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2015 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 Area (MSA)**

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 unem- ployed. 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. Approxi- mately 800 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 dur- ing 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.

February Spotlight

A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Due to differing economies and labor force conditions in various parts of the country, unemployment rates vary greatly from state to state. In February 2016, state jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.7 percent in New Hampshire and South Dakota to a high of 6.6 percent in Alaska. The unemployment rate in Arkansas in February declined to 4.2 percent, a ranking of 15 out of 51 states. By looking at the map below, it becomes apparent that trends exist among states that are located within the same region. While there are some exceptions, western states tend to have higher jobless rates than states located in the midwest. Similarly, states located in the northeast generally experience lower unemployment rates than states located in the southeast. These regional trends occur because states often experience economic similarities based on shared industries, work forces, and climates.

**Unemployment Rates, Ranked by State (Seasonally Adjusted)**

February 2016

**Rank**

**State**

**Rate Rank State Rate Rank State Rate**

1 New Hampshire

1 South Dakota

3 North Dakota

4 Colorado

4 Nebraska

6 Hawaii

7 Utah

7 Vermont

9 Maine

10 Iowa

10 Minnesota

12 Idaho

13 Kansas

14 Virginia

**15 Arkansas**

15 Missouri

15 Montana

2.7

2.7

2.9

3.0

3.0

3.1

3.4

3.4

3.6

3.7

3.7

3.9

4.0

4.1

**4.2**

4.2

4.2

15 Oklahoma

19 New Jersey

20 Texas

21 Massachusetts

22 Delaware

22 Pennsylvania

22 Wisconsin

25 Indiana

25 Maryland

27 Michigan

27 New York

27 Oregon

30 Florida

30 Ohio

30 Tennessee

33 Wyoming

34 Georgia

4.2

4.3

4.4

4.5

4.6

4.6

4.6

4.7

4.7

4.8

4.8

4.8

4.9

4.9

4.9

5.0

5.4

34 Rhode Island

36 Arizona

36 California

36 Connecticut

36 North Carolina

36 South Carolina

41 Kentucky

41 Washington

43 Louisiana

43 Nevada

45 Alabama

46 Illinois

46 New Mexico

48 District of Columbia

48 Mississippi

48 West Virginia

51 Alaska

5.4

5.5

5.5

5.5

5.5

5.5

5.8

5.8

5.9

5.9

6.2

6.4

6.4

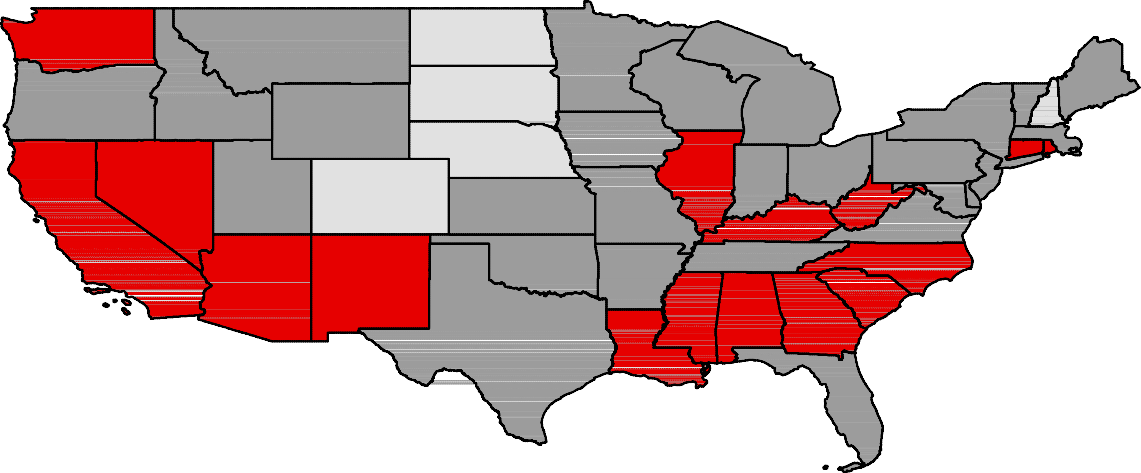
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6.6

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 4.9 Percent



Washington

Oregon

Idaho

Montana

Wyoming

North Dakota

South Dakota

Minnesota

Wisconsin

Michigan

Vermont

New York

Maine

New Hampshire

Nebraska

Iowa

Illinois Indiana

Ohio

Massachusetts

Pennsylvania Connecticut

New Jersey

Nevada

California

Utah

Colorado

Kansas

Missouri

Kentucky

West VirginiaMaryland

Virginia

Arizona

New Mexico

Oklahoma

Arkansas

Tennessee North Carolina

South Carolina

Continental U.S. Only

Texas

MississippiAlabama Georgia

Louisiana

Florida

Unemployment Rates

< or = 3.0%

3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

Civilian Labor Force Summar y

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.4 percent in January to 4.2 percent in February. Arkansas’ civilian labor force gained 8,360, a result of 10,702 more employed and 2,342 fewer unem- ployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate remained stable at 4.9 percent in February.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate has been in a steady decline, down one and four-tenths of a percentage point over the year. The state is now seven-tenths of a percentage point lower than the national rate.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Feb 16**  1,351,766 | **Jan 16**  1,343,406 | **Feb 15**  1,322,981 | Civilian Labor Force | **Feb 16**  1,354,104 | **Jan 16**  1,330,719 | **Feb 15**  1,315,170 |
| Employment | 1,294,595 | 1,283,893 | 1,249,403 | Employment | 1,290,530 | 1,268,269 | 1,235,168 |
| Unemployment | 57,171 | 59,513 | 73,578 | Unemployment | 63,574 | 62,450 | 80,002 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.2 | 4.4 | 5.6 | Unemployment Rate | 4.7 | 4.7 | 6.1 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.5 | U.S. Unemployment | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.8 |

7.5

**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted vs. Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

February 2014 - February 2016

7.0

6.5

6.0

5.5

5.0

4.5

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 4.0 |  | | | | | | | | |
|  | Feb | May | Aug | Nov | Feb | May | Aug | Nov | Feb |
|  | '14 | '14 | '14 | '14 | '15 | '15 | '15 | '15 | '16 |

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted



(In Thousands)

(NAICS)

**Feb 16 Jan 16 Feb 15**

**OTM OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Nonfarm | 1220.5 | 1209.2 | 1193.3 | 11.3 | 27.2 |
| Goods Producing | 208.9 | 208.2 | 210.5 | 0.7 | -1.6 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 54.8 | 54.0 | 54.9 | 0.8 | -0.1 |
| **Mining & Logging 7.1 7.1 8.7 0.0 -1.6** | | | | | |
| **Construction** | **47.7** | **46.9** | **46.2** | **0.8** | **1.5** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 31.0 | 30.2 | 29.3 | 0.8 | 1.7 |
| **Manufacturing** | **154.1** | **154.2** | **155.6** | **-0.1** | **-1.5** |
| Durable Goods | 74.9 | 74.9 | 77.1 | 0.0 | -2.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 79.2 | 79.3 | 78.5 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| Service Providing | 1011.6 | 1001.0 | 982.8 | 10.6 | 28.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **255.1** | **254.5** | **245.5** | **0.6** | **9.6** |
| Wholesale Trade | 47.7 | 47.3 | 46.6 | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| Retail Trade | 141.9 | 142.5 | 136.3 | -0.6 | 5.6 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 65.5 | 64.7 | 62.6 | 0.8 | 2.9 |
| I**nformation** | **13.7** | **13.7** | **13.2** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Financial Activities** | **49.5** | **49.7** | **48.7** | **-0.2** | **0.8** |
| Finance & Insurance | 36.4 | 36.6 | 35.9 | -0.2 | 0.5 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.1 | 13.1 | 12.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **139.4** | **138.3** | **137.2** | **1.1** | **2.2** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 44.2 | 43.7 | 42.2 | 0.5 | 2.0 |
| Management of Companies | 34.1 | 34.1 | 32.4 | 0.0 | 1.7 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 61.1 | 60.5 | 62.6 | 0.6 | -1.5 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **179.4** | **178.3** | **173.3** | **1.1** | **6.1** |
| Educational Services | 15.4 | 14.6 | 14.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 164.0 | 163.7 | 158.7 | 0.3 | 5.3 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 52.1 | 52.3 | 50.1 | -0.2 | 2.0 |
| Social Assistance | 41.0 | 40.0 | 38.0 | 1.0 | 3.0 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 114.1 111.4 106.1 2.7 8.0** | | | | | |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 104.5 | 101.9 | 96.9 | 2.6 | 7.6 |
| Accommodation Services | 10.8 | 10.5 | 10.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Food Services | 93.7 | 91.4 | 86.5 | 2.3 | 7.2 |
| **Other Services** | **44.1** | **43.8** | **43.0** | **0.3** | **1.1** |
| **Government** | **216.3** | **211.3** | **215.8** | **5.0** | **0.5** |
| Federal Government | 20.2 | 20.2 | 20.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 80.1 | 75.5 | 79.5 | 4.6 | 0.6 |
| Local Government | 116.0 | 115.6 | 116.2 | 0.4 | -0.2 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summar y

Januar y 2016 - Februar y 2016

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment rose 11,300 in February to total 1,220,500. Seven major indus- try sectors posted gains, while two sectors declined and two were unchanged. **Government** posted the greatest increase (+5,000). Additions in state (+4,600) and local (+400) government were attributed to the return of public school employees from winter break. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 2,700, a typical seasonal expansion. **Educational and health services** added 1,100 jobs. Most of the gains occurred in educational services (+800). Employment in **professional and business services** increased

1,100. Hiring was reported in administrative-support services (+600) and professional-scientific-techni-

cal services (+500).

Februar y 2015 - Februar y 2016

Since February 2015, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 27,200. Nine major industry sectors posted job growth, while employment in two sectors declined. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 9,600 jobs. Gains were reported across all subsectors, with retail trade up 5,600. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** increased 8,000. A majority of the expansion occurred in food services (+7,200). Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 6,100, mostly in health care and social assis- tance (+5,300). **Professional and business services** added 2,200 jobs. Professional-scientific-technical services (+2,000) and management of companies (+1,700) reported gains. Employment in **mining and logging** (-1,600) and **manufacturing** (-1,500) both declined over the year.

260,000

**Jobs in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

February: 2006 - 2016

255,000

250,000

245,000

240,000

235,000

230,000

225,000

220,000

215,000

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

**Feb 16 Jan 16**

**Feb 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

39.1

16.05

627.56

39.7

16.08

638.38

41.4

16.00

662.40

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Feb 16 Jan 16**

**Feb 15**

**Feb 16**

**Jan 16**

**Feb 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

40.5

17.66

715.23

40.0

17.68

707.20

40.2

17.24

693.05

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

37.7

14.40

542.88

39.5

14.55

574.73

42.5

14.86

631.55

$750.00

**Average Weekly Earnings in Durable Goods Manufacturing**

February: 2006 - 2016

$700.00

$650.00

$600.00

$550.00

$500.00

Little Rock-Nor th 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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 16** | **Jan 16** | **Feb 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 352,843 | 346,621 | 341,951 | 6,222 | 10,892 |
| Employment | 338,163 | 332,636 | 323,471 | 5,527 | 14,692 |
| Unemployment | 14,680 | 13,985 | 18,480 | 695 | -3,800 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.2 | 4.0 | 5.4 | 0.2 | -1.2 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Feb 16**  351.7 | **Jan 16**  349.2 | **Feb 15**  345.9 | **OTM**  2.5 | **OT Y**  5.8 |
| Goods Producing | 36.9 | 36.8 | 36.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **16.6** | **16.4** | **16.4** | **0.2** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.3** | **20.4** | **20.2** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| Service Providing 314.8 312.4 309.3 2.4 5.5 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **69.1** | **69.4** | **66.9** | **-0.3** | **2.2** |
| Wholesale Trade | 15.2 | 15.0 | 15.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Retail Trade | 39.2 | 39.7 | 37.5 | -0.5 | 1.7 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 14.7 | 14.7 | 14.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **Information** | **6.3** | **6.3** | **6.2** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.5** | **20.6** | **20.3** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **45.9** | **45.6** | **46.3** | **0.3** | **-0.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **52.4** | **51.9** | **52.3** | **0.5** | **0.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **34.3** | **33.0** | **31.5** | **1.3** | **2.8** |
| **Other Services** | **15.0** | **14.9** | **14.7** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Government** | **71.3** | **70.7** | **71.1** | **0.6** | **0.2** |
| Federal Government | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 35.0 | 34.5 | 34.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| Local Government | 26.7 | 26.6 | 26.8 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

360,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries vs. Goods Producing Industries**

February: 1996 - 2016

340,000

320,000

300,000

280,000

260,000

240,000

220,000

200,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Service Pro viding Good s Prod ucing

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA



The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA= Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas & McDonald county in Missouri.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 16** | **Jan 16** | **Feb 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 262,828 | 255,142 | 247,269 | 7,686 | 15,559 |
| Employment | 254,061 | 246,838 | 236,305 | 7,223 | 17,756 |
| Unemployment | 8,767 | 8,304 | 10,964 | 463 | -2,197 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.3 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 0.0 | -1.1 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS Feb 16 Jan 16 Feb 15**

**OTM OT Y**

Total Nonfarm

Goods Producing

**Mining, Logging & Construction**

**Manufacturing**

Service Providing

**Trade, Transportation & Utilities**

Wholesale Trade

Retail Trade

Trans., Warehousing & Utilities

**Information**

**Financial Activities**

**Professional & Business Services**

**Educational & Health Services**

**Leisure & Hospitality**

**Other Services**

**Government**

Federal Government

State Government

Local Government

241.7

35.8

**9.7**

**26.1**

205.9

**55.2**

12.0

26.8

16.4

**2.1**

**6.8**

**48.5**

**26.5**

**25.0**

**7.2**

**34.6**

2.6

13.4

18.6

236.7

35.8

**9.6**

**26.2**

200.9

**54.7**

12.0

26.4

16.3

**2.1**

**6.8**

**47.4**

**26.2**

**23.8**

**7.1**

**32.8**

2.6

11.8

18.4

230.4

36.3

**9.0**

**27.3**

194.1

**52.0**

11.4

25.0

15.6

**2.0**

**6.6**

**45.6**

**25.1**

**22.1**

**7.1**

**33.6**

2.6

12.7

18.3

5.0

0.0

**0.1**

**-0.1**

5.0

**0.5**

0.0

0.4

0.1

**0.0**

**0.0**

**1.1**

**0.3**

**1.2**

**0.1**

**1.8**

0.0

1.6

0.2

11.3

-0.5

**0.7**

**-1.2**

11.8

**3.2**

0.6

1.8

0.8

**0.1**

**0.2**

**2.9**

**1.4**

**2.9**

**0.1**

**1.0**

0.0

0.7

0.3

260,000

**Number of Employed**

February 2014 - February 2016

250,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

February: 2006 - 2016

255,000

240,000

250,000

230,000

220,000

245,000

210,000

240,000

200,000

235,000

190,000

230,000

180,000

170,000

225,000

160,000

220,000

Feb '14 May '14 Aug '14 Nov '14 Feb '15 May '15 Aug '15 Nov '15 Feb '16

150,000

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

For t Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA= Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 16** | **Jan 16** | **Feb 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 122,540 | 120,783 | 120,181 | 1,757 | 2,359 |
| Employment | 116,267 | 114,611 | 112,764 | 1,656 | 3,503 |
| Unemployment | 6,273 | 6,172 | 7,417 | 101 | -1,144 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.1 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 0.0 | -1.1 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Feb 16**  113.0 | **Jan 16**  112.5 | **Feb 15**  112.5 | **OTM**  0.5 | **OT Y**  0.5 |
| Goods Producing | 23.6 | 23.5 | 24.1 | 0.1 | -0.5 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.7** | **5.8** | **6.3** | **-0.1** | **-0.6** |
| **Manufacturing** | **17.9** | **17.7** | **17.8** | **0.2** | **0.1** |
| Service Providing 89.4 89.0 88.4 0.4 1.0 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23.9** | **23.9** | **23.4** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| Wholesale Trade | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 13.0 | 12.9 | 12.5 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.8 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Information** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.7** | **3.8** | **3.8** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **11.6** | **11.6** | **12.3** | **0.0** | **-0.7** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.8** | **16.7** | **16.2** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.2** | **9.1** | **8.9** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Other Services** | **4.2** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Government** | **18.8** | **18.4** | **18.3** | **0.4** | **0.5** |
| Federal Government | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Local Government | 14.4 | 14.3 | 13.9 | 0.1 | 0.5 |

12.0

**Unemployment Rates**

February: 2006 - 2016

90,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

February: 2006 - 2016

10.0

88,000

8.0

86,000

6.0

84,000

4.0

82,000

2.0

80,000

0.0

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

78,000

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 16** | **Jan 16** | **Feb 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 40,735 | 40,169 | 39,381 | 566 | 1,354 |
| Employment | 38,728 | 38,163 | 36,835 | 565 | 1,893 |
| Unemployment | 2,007 | 2,006 | 2,546 | 1 | -539 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.9 | 5.0 | 6.5 | -0.1 | -1.6 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 16** | **Jan 16** | **Feb 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 37.8 | 37.7 | 37.0 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 33.4 | 33.3 | 32.6 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

34,500

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2014 - February 2016

34,000

33,500

33,000

32,500

32,000

31,500

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2014 2015 2016

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 16** | **Jan 16** | **Feb 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 62,461 | 61,824 | 59,683 | 637 | 2,778 |
| Employment | 59,882 | 59,252 | 56,330 | 630 | 3,552 |
| Unemployment | 2,579 | 2,572 | 3,353 | 7 | -774 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.1 | 4.2 | 5.6 | -0.1 | -1.5 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 16** | **Jan 16** | **Feb 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 55.1 | 55.0 | 53.1 | 0.1 | 2.0 |
| 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 46.3 | 46.2 | 44.5 | 0.1 | 1.8 |
| 9.0 | 8.9 | 8.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

62,000

**Number of Employed**

February: 1996 - 2016

60,000

58,000

56,000

54,000

52,000

50,000

48,000

46,000

44,000

42,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 16** | **Jan 16** | **Feb 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 36,946 | 36,054 | 36,852 | 892 | 94 |
| Employment | 34,628 | 33,748 | 33,941 | 880 | 687 |
| Unemployment | 2,318 | 2,306 | 2,911 | 12 | -593 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.3 | 6.4 | 7.9 | -0.1 | -1.6 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 16** | **Jan 16** | **Feb 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.7 | 33.1 | 33.9 | 0.6 | -0.2 |
| 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| 27.6 | 27.1 | 27.6 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| 9.6 | 9.3 | 9.6 | 0.3 | 0.0 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

45,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

February: 2006 - 2016

40,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

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.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 16** | **Jan 16** | **Feb 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 619,725 | 616,029 | 610,892 | 3,696 | 8,833 |
| Employment | 588,782 | 581,845 | 569,886 | 6,937 | 18,896 |
| Unemployment | 30,943 | 34,184 | 41,006 | -3,241 | -10,063 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.0 | 5.5 | 6.7 | -0.5 | -1.7 |

Texarkana MSA

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 16** | **Jan 16** | **Feb 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 65,579 | 65,219 | 64,153 | 360 | 1,426 |
| Employment | 62,619 | 62,136 | 60,604 | 483 | 2,015 |
| Unemployment | 2,960 | 3,083 | 3,549 | -123 | -589 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.5 | -0.2 | -1.0 |

55,000

**Unemployment- Memphis MSA**

February 2014 - February 2016

68,000

**Number of Employed- Texarkana MSA**

February: 2006 - 2016

50,000

66,000

45,000

64,000

40,000

62,000

35,000

60,000

30,000

58,000

25,000

Feb

'14

Aug

'14

Feb

'15

Aug

'15

Feb

'16

56,000

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**February 2016 January 2016 February 2015**

**Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,683 | 9,227 | 456 | 4.7 | 9,480 | 9,010 | 470 | 5.0 | 9,430 | 8,843 | 587 | 6.2 |
| Batesville Micro | 15,775 | 14,819 | 956 | 6.1 | 15,602 | 14,598 | 1,004 | 6.4 | 15,574 | 14,369 | 1,205 | 7.7 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,946 | 16,568 | 1,378 | 7.7 | 17,846 | 16,495 | 1,351 | 7.6 | 18,618 | 16,719 | 1,899 | 10.2 |
| Camden Micro | 12,311 | 11,605 | 706 | 5.7 | 12,188 | 11,472 | 716 | 5.9 | 12,225 | 11,305 | 920 | 7.5 |
| El Dorado Micro | 17,049 | 16,036 | 1,013 | 5.9 | 16,803 | 15,837 | 966 | 5.7 | 16,583 | 15,377 | 1,206 | 7.3 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,971 | 8,356 | 615 | 6.9 | 8,886 | 8,265 | 621 | 7.0 | 8,929 | 8,143 | 786 | 8.8 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,271 | 18,370 | 901 | 4.7 | 19,003 | 18,126 | 877 | 4.6 | 19,067 | 17,891 | 1,176 | 6.2 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,897 | 6,387 | 510 | 7.4 | 6,893 | 6,361 | 532 | 7.7 | 7,072 | 6,411 | 661 | 9.3 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,660 | 9,049 | 611 | 6.3 | 9,432 | 8,866 | 566 | 6.0 | 9,601 | 8,924 | 677 | 7.1 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,624 | 13,945 | 679 | 4.6 | 14,411 | 13,752 | 659 | 4.6 | 13,978 | 13,162 | 816 | 5.8 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,508 | 15,675 | 833 | 5.0 | 16,345 | 15,495 | 850 | 5.2 | 16,173 | 15,102 | 1,071 | 6.6 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,523 | 19,521 | 1,002 | 4.9 | 20,219 | 19,215 | 1,004 | 5.0 | 19,881 | 18,615 | 1,266 | 6.4 |
| Russellville Micro | 39,082 | 37,119 | 1,963 | 5.0 | 38,520 | 36,515 | 2,005 | 5.2 | 38,755 | 36,491 | 2,264 | 5.8 |
| Searcy Micro | 35,018 | 32,815 | 2,203 | 6.3 | 34,520 | 32,291 | 2,229 | 6.5 | 34,523 | 31,958 | 2,565 | 7.4 |

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 Magnolia Micro= Columbia County

Malvern Micro= Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro= Baxter County Paragould Micro= Greene County Russellville Micro= Pope & Yell counties Searcy Micro= White County

City Labor Force Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**February 2016 January 2016 February 2015**

**City CLF Emp Unemp**

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| Bella Vista | 12,115 | 11,607 | 508 | 4.2 | 11,764 | 11,268 | 496 | 4.2 | 11,373 | 10,786 | 587 | 5.2 |
| Benton | 16,214 | 15,604 | 610 | 3.8 | 15,923 | 15,346 | 577 | 3.6 | 15,720 | 14,920 | 800 | 5.1 |
| Bentonville | 22,595 | 21,815 | 780 | 3.5 | 21,922 | 21,179 | 743 | 3.4 | 21,095 | 20,272 | 823 | 3.9 |
| Blytheville | 6,161 | 5,657 | 504 | 8.2 | 6,115 | 5,632 | 483 | 7.9 | 6,520 | 5,708 | 812 | 12.5 |
| Cabot | 11,818 | 11,378 | 440 | 3.7 | 11,606 | 11,203 | 403 | 3.5 | 11,423 | 10,906 | 517 | 4.5 |
| Conway | 33,180 | 31,793 | 1,387 | 4.2 | 32,574 | 31,275 | 1,299 | 4.0 | 32,053 | 30,413 | 1,640 | 5.1 |
| El Dorado | 7,392 | 6,915 | 477 | 6.5 | 7,303 | 6,830 | 473 | 6.5 | 7,177 | 6,631 | 546 | 7.6 |
| Fayetteville | 45,665 | 44,268 | 1,397 | 3.1 | 44,311 | 42,978 | 1,333 | 3.0 | 42,985 | 41,135 | 1,850 | 4.3 |
| Fort Smith | 40,411 | 38,609 | 1,802 | 4.5 | 39,713 | 37,929 | 1,784 | 4.5 | 39,609 | 37,300 | 2,309 | 5.8 |
| Hot Springs | 14,196 | 13,462 | 734 | 5.2 | 14,019 | 13,266 | 753 | 5.4 | 13,808 | 12,804 | 1,004 | 7.3 |
| Jacksonville | 11,916 | 11,315 | 601 | 5.0 | 11,721 | 11,128 | 593 | 5.1 | 11,565 | 10,820 | 745 | 6.4 |
| Jonesboro | 36,334 | 34,913 | 1,421 | 3.9 | 35,940 | 34,536 | 1,404 | 3.9 | 34,692 | 32,809 | 1,883 | 5.4 |
| Little Rock | 97,332 | 93,421 | 3,911 | 4.0 | 95,720 | 91,874 | 3,846 | 4.0 | 94,393 | 89,327 | 5,066 | 5.4 |
| North Little Rock | 30,346 | 28,982 | 1,364 | 4.5 | 29,818 | 28,502 | 1,316 | 4.4 | 29,554 | 27,712 | 1,842 | 6.2 |
| Paragould | 12,796 | 12,154 | 642 | 5.0 | 12,606 | 11,964 | 642 | 5.1 | 12,356 | 11,590 | 766 | 6.2 |
| Pine Bluff | 17,586 | 16,363 | 1,223 | 7.0 | 17,162 | 15,935 | 1,227 | 7.1 | 17,602 | 16,032 | 1,570 | 8.9 |
| Rogers | 33,351 | 32,250 | 1,101 | 3.3 | 32,342 | 31,310 | 1,032 | 3.2 | 31,548 | 29,970 | 1,578 | 5.0 |
| Russellville | 13,913 | 13,238 | 675 | 4.9 | 13,678 | 13,015 | 663 | 4.8 | 13,786 | 13,006 | 780 | 5.7 |
| Searcy | 10,663 | 10,113 | 550 | 5.2 | 10,468 | 9,951 | 517 | 4.9 | 10,494 | 9,849 | 645 | 6.1 |
| Sherwood | 15,643 | 15,073 | 570 | 3.6 | 15,332 | 14,824 | 508 | 3.3 | 15,108 | 14,413 | 695 | 4.6 |
| Springdale | 38,277 | 37,078 | 1,199 | 3.1 | 37,132 | 35,998 | 1,134 | 3.1 | 35,975 | 34,454 | 1,521 | 4.2 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,927 | 13,258 | 669 | 4.8 | 13,782 | 13,114 | 668 | 4.8 | 13,421 | 12,609 | 812 | 6.1 |
| Van Buren | 10,564 | 10,079 | 485 | 4.6 | 10,395 | 9,907 | 488 | 4.7 | 10,428 | 9,746 | 682 | 6.5 |
| West Memphis | 10,810 | 10,189 | 621 | 5.7 | 10,636 | 10,064 | 572 | 5.4 | 10,654 | 9,751 | 903 | 8.5 |

**February 2016 January 2016 February 2015**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

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| Arkansas | 9,432 | 9,041 | 391 | 4.1 | 9,376 | 8,976 | 400 | 4.3 | 9,348 | 8,861 | 487 | 5.2 |
| Ashley | 8,323 | 7,754 | 569 | 6.8 | 8,273 | 7,691 | 582 | 7.0 | 8,185 | 7,401 | 784 | 9.6 |
| Baxter | 16,508 | 15,675 | 833 | 5.0 | 16,345 | 15,495 | 850 | 5.2 | 16,173 | 15,102 | 1,071 | 6.6 |
| Benton | 125,042 | 120,753 | 4,289 | 3.4 | 121,314 | 117,231 | 4,083 | 3.4 | 117,616 | 112,215 | 5,401 | 4.6 |
| Boone | 15,866 | 15,133 | 733 | 4.6 | 15,643 | 14,928 | 715 | 4.6 | 15,697 | 14,734 | 963 | 6.1 |
| Bradley | 4,661 | 4,431 | 230 | 4.9 | 4,637 | 4,402 | 235 | 5.1 | 4,386 | 4,066 | 320 | 7.3 |
| Calhoun | 2,376 | 2,244 | 132 | 5.6 | 2,360 | 2,223 | 137 | 5.8 | 2,340 | 2,194 | 146 | 6.2 |
| Carroll | 12,408 | 11,766 | 642 | 5.2 | 12,261 | 11,552 | 709 | 5.8 | 12,308 | 11,482 | 826 | 6.7 |
| Chicot | 3,660 | 3,366 | 294 | 8.0 | 3,654 | 3,345 | 309 | 8.5 | 3,741 | 3,297 | 444 | 11.9 |
| Clark | 9,683 | 9,227 | 456 | 4.7 | 9,480 | 9,010 | 470 | 5.0 | 9,430 | 8,843 | 587 | 6.2 |
| Clay | 6,311 | 5,862 | 449 | 7.1 | 6,321 | 5,830 | 491 | 7.8 | 6,358 | 5,808 | 550 | 8.7 |
| Cleburne | 9,661 | 8,922 | 739 | 7.6 | 9,493 | 8,786 | 707 | 7.4 | 9,538 | 8,745 | 793 | 8.3 |
| Cleveland | 3,438 | 3,258 | 180 | 5.2 | 3,361 | 3,184 | 177 | 5.3 | 3,437 | 3,199 | 238 | 6.9 |
| Columbia | 9,660 | 9,049 | 611 | 6.3 | 9,432 | 8,866 | 566 | 6.0 | 9,601 | 8,924 | 677 | 7.1 |
| Conway | 8,803 | 8,226 | 577 | 6.6 | 8,617 | 8,116 | 501 | 5.8 | 8,573 | 7,993 | 580 | 6.8 |
| Craighead | 51,981 | 49,936 | 2,045 | 3.9 | 51,421 | 49,396 | 2,025 | 3.9 | 49,587 | 46,927 | 2,660 | 5.4 |
| Crawford | 27,193 | 25,905 | 1,288 | 4.7 | 26,740 | 25,462 | 1,278 | 4.8 | 26,736 | 25,050 | 1,686 | 6.3 |
| Crittenden | 21,802 | 20,646 | 1,156 | 5.3 | 21,523 | 20,393 | 1,130 | 5.3 | 21,400 | 19,759 | 1,641 | 7.7 |
| Cross | 8,107 | 7,656 | 451 | 5.6 | 8,033 | 7,564 | 469 | 5.8 | 8,043 | 7,491 | 552 | 6.9 |
| Dallas | 2,947 | 2,772 | 175 | 5.9 | 2,908 | 2,734 | 174 | 6.0 | 2,869 | 2,610 | 259 | 9.0 |
| Desha | 5,528 | 5,133 | 395 | 7.1 | 5,499 | 5,101 | 398 | 7.2 | 5,510 | 4,983 | 527 | 9.6 |
| Drew | 8,149 | 7,621 | 528 | 6.5 | 8,033 | 7,515 | 518 | 6.4 | 8,009 | 7,310 | 699 | 8.7 |
| Faulkner | 60,863 | 58,024 | 2,839 | 4.7 | 59,652 | 57,079 | 2,573 | 4.3 | 58,750 | 55,506 | 3,244 | 5.5 |
| Franklin | 7,581 | 7,201 | 380 | 5.0 | 7,475 | 7,121 | 354 | 4.7 | 7,390 | 6,953 | 437 | 5.9 |
| Fulton | 4,840 | 4,592 | 248 | 5.1 | 4,794 | 4,552 | 242 | 5.0 | 4,723 | 4,429 | 294 | 6.2 |
| Garland | 40,735 | 38,728 | 2,007 | 4.9 | 40,169 | 38,163 | 2,006 | 5.0 | 39,381 | 36,835 | 2,546 | 6.5 |
| Grant | 8,445 | 8,068 | 377 | 4.5 | 8,304 | 7,946 | 358 | 4.3 | 8,182 | 7,737 | 445 | 5.4 |
| Greene | 20,523 | 19,521 | 1,002 | 4.9 | 20,219 | 19,215 | 1,004 | 5.0 | 19,881 | 18,615 | 1,266 | 6.4 |
| Hempstead | 9,940 | 9,478 | 462 | 4.6 | 9,806 | 9,367 | 439 | 4.5 | 9,814 | 9,212 | 602 | 6.1 |
| Hot Spring | 14,624 | 13,945 | 679 | 4.6 | 14,411 | 13,752 | 659 | 4.6 | 13,978 | 13,162 | 816 | 5.8 |
| Howard | 6,104 | 5,864 | 240 | 3.9 | 6,009 | 5,788 | 221 | 3.7 | 6,224 | 5,919 | 305 | 4.9 |
| Independence | 15,775 | 14,819 | 956 | 6.1 | 15,602 | 14,598 | 1,004 | 6.4 | 15,574 | 14,369 | 1,205 | 7.7 |
| Izard | 5,092 | 4,742 | 350 | 6.9 | 4,968 | 4,630 | 338 | 6.8 | 4,935 | 4,551 | 384 | 7.8 |
| Jackson | 6,235 | 5,766 | 469 | 7.5 | 6,187 | 5,720 | 467 | 7.5 | 6,183 | 5,556 | 627 | 10.1 |
| Jefferson | 29,293 | 27,412 | 1,881 | 6.4 | 28,572 | 26,695 | 1,877 | 6.6 | 29,212 | 26,857 | 2,355 | 8.1 |
| Johnson | 10,610 | 10,018 | 592 | 5.6 | 10,529 | 9,921 | 608 | 5.8 | 10,288 | 9,594 | 694 | 6.7 |
| Lafayette | 2,659 | 2,475 | 184 | 6.9 | 2,623 | 2,447 | 176 | 6.7 | 2,668 | 2,434 | 234 | 8.8 |
| Lawrence | 7,096 | 6,718 | 378 | 5.3 | 7,017 | 6,635 | 382 | 5.4 | 7,094 | 6,556 | 538 | 7.6 |
| Lee | 3,235 | 3,042 | 193 | 6.0 | 3,210 | 3,001 | 209 | 6.5 | 3,269 | 2,984 | 285 | 8.7 |
| Lincoln | 4,215 | 3,958 | 257 | 6.1 | 4,121 | 3,869 | 252 | 6.1 | 4,203 | 3,885 | 318 | 7.6 |
| Little River | 5,741 | 5,455 | 286 | 5.0 | 5,704 | 5,398 | 306 | 5.4 | 5,560 | 5,191 | 369 | 6.6 |
| Logan | 9,314 | 8,829 | 485 | 5.2 | 9,184 | 8,714 | 470 | 5.1 | 9,021 | 8,469 | 552 | 6.1 |
| Lonoke | 33,571 | 32,246 | 1,325 | 3.9 | 33,004 | 31,750 | 1,254 | 3.8 | 32,578 | 30,908 | 1,670 | 5.1 |
| Madison | 7,422 | 7,144 | 278 | 3.7 | 7,240 | 6,970 | 270 | 3.7 | 7,028 | 6,706 | 322 | 4.6 |
| Marion | 6,531 | 6,199 | 332 | 5.1 | 6,467 | 6,133 | 334 | 5.2 | 6,440 | 6,025 | 415 | 6.4 |
| Miller | 20,105 | 19,195 | 910 | 4.5 | 19,934 | 18,987 | 947 | 4.8 | 19,407 | 18,256 | 1,151 | 5.9 |

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| **County** | **CLF** | **Februa**  **Emp** | **ry 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Januar**  **Emp** | **y 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Febru**  **Emp** | **ry 2015**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 17,946 | 16,568 | 1,378 | 7.7 | 17,846 | 16,495 | 1,351 | 7.6 | 18,618 | 16,719 | 1,899 | 10.2 |
| Monroe | 2,980 | 2,810 | 170 | 5.7 | 2,969 | 2,787 | 182 | 6.1 | 3,020 | 2,791 | 229 | 7.6 |
| Montgomery | 3,205 | 3,003 | 202 | 6.3 | 3,172 | 2,961 | 211 | 6.7 | 3,153 | 2,886 | 267 | 8.5 |
| Nevada | 3,685 | 3,525 | 160 | 4.3 | 3,637 | 3,480 | 157 | 4.3 | 3,631 | 3,418 | 213 | 5.9 |
| Newton | 3,405 | 3,237 | 168 | 4.9 | 3,360 | 3,198 | 162 | 4.8 | 3,370 | 3,157 | 213 | 6.3 |
| Ouachita | 9,935 | 9,361 | 574 | 5.8 | 9,828 | 9,249 | 579 | 5.9 | 9,885 | 9,111 | 774 | 7.8 |
| Perry | 4,307 | 4,045 | 262 | 6.1 | 4,233 | 3,984 | 249 | 5.9 | 4,197 | 3,876 | 321 | 7.6 |
| Phillips | 6,897 | 6,387 | 510 | 7.4 | 6,893 | 6,361 | 532 | 7.7 | 7,072 | 6,411 | 661 | 9.3 |
| Pike | 4,186 | 3,965 | 221 | 5.3 | 4,163 | 3,941 | 222 | 5.3 | 4,138 | 3,841 | 297 | 7.2 |
| Poinsett | 10,480 | 9,946 | 534 | 5.1 | 10,403 | 9,856 | 547 | 5.3 | 10,096 | 9,403 | 693 | 6.9 |
| Polk | 8,415 | 7,943 | 472 | 5.6 | 8,315 | 7,861 | 454 | 5.5 | 8,296 | 7,744 | 552 | 6.7 |
| Pope | 29,961 | 28,441 | 1,520 | 5.1 | 29,531 | 27,961 | 1,570 | 5.3 | 29,674 | 27,941 | 1,733 | 5.8 |
| Prairie | 3,798 | 3,620 | 178 | 4.7 | 3,760 | 3,585 | 175 | 4.7 | 3,784 | 3,581 | 203 | 5.4 |
| Pulaski | 189,483 | 181,653 | 7,830 | 4.1 | 186,231 | 178,645 | 7,586 | 4.1 | 183,832 | 173,691 | 10,141 | 5.5 |
| Randolph | 6,036 | 5,657 | 379 | 6.3 | 5,967 | 5,566 | 401 | 6.7 | 6,238 | 5,639 | 599 | 9.6 |
| St. Francis | 8,971 | 8,356 | 615 | 6.9 | 8,886 | 8,265 | 621 | 7.0 | 8,929 | 8,143 | 786 | 8.8 |
| Saline | 56,174 | 54,127 | 2,047 | 3.6 | 55,197 | 53,232 | 1,965 | 3.6 | 54,412 | 51,753 | 2,659 | 4.9 |
| Scott | 4,593 | 4,400 | 193 | 4.2 | 4,557 | 4,365 | 192 | 4.2 | 4,486 | 4,241 | 245 | 5.5 |
| Searcy | 3,096 | 2,937 | 159 | 5.1 | 3,074 | 2,909 | 165 | 5.4 | 2,928 | 2,691 | 237 | 8.1 |
| Sebastian | 58,115 | 55,526 | 2,589 | 4.5 | 57,115 | 54,548 | 2,567 | 4.5 | 56,922 | 53,643 | 3,279 | 5.8 |
| Sevier | 5,684 | 5,351 | 333 | 5.9 | 5,604 | 5,285 | 319 | 5.7 | 5,557 | 5,180 | 377 | 6.8 |
| Sharp | 6,022 | 5,606 | 416 | 6.9 | 5,972 | 5,555 | 417 | 7.0 | 5,961 | 5,433 | 528 | 8.9 |
| Stone | 4,550 | 4,258 | 292 | 6.4 | 4,552 | 4,239 | 313 | 6.9 | 4,610 | 4,234 | 376 | 8.2 |
| Union | 17,049 | 16,036 | 1,013 | 5.9 | 16,803 | 15,837 | 966 | 5.7 | 16,583 | 15,377 | 1,206 | 7.3 |
| Van Buren | 6,645 | 6,146 | 499 | 7.5 | 6,532 | 6,066 | 466 | 7.1 | 6,414 | 5,887 | 527 | 8.2 |
| Washington | 119,231 | 115,503 | 3,728 | 3.1 | 115,664 | 112,136 | 3,528 | 3.1 | 112,002 | 107,327 | 4,675 | 4.2 |
| White | 35,018 | 32,815 | 2,203 | 6.3 | 34,520 | 32,291 | 2,229 | 6.5 | 34,523 | 31,958 | 2,565 | 7.4 |
| Woodruff | 3,032 | 2,815 | 217 | 7.2 | 3,023 | 2,808 | 215 | 7.1 | 3,087 | 2,840 | 247 | 8.0 |
| Yell | 9,121 | 8,678 | 443 | 4.9 | 8,989 | 8,554 | 435 | 4.8 | 9,081 | 8,550 | 531 | 5.8 |

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County Labor Force Summar y

Between January and February, unemployment rates declined in 36 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Twenty-three counties posted rate increases, while unemployment rates remained stable in six- teen counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 3.1 percent in Washington County to a high of

8.0 percent in Chicot County.

In February, seven counties posted unemployment rates below four percent. No county reported

a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to February 2015, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties.

Benton

Washington

Carroll

Madison

Boone

Newton

Marion

Searcy

Baxter

Stone

Fulton

Izard

Sharp

Randolph

Lawrence

Clay

Greene

Craighead

Mississippi

Crawford

Franklin

Johnson

Pope

Van Buren

Cleburne

Independence

Jackson

Poinsett

Cross

Sebastian

Scott

Logan

Yell

Conway

Perry

Saline

Faulkner

Pulaski

White

Lonoke

Prairie

Woodruff

Monroe

St. Francis

Lee

Crittenden

Polk

Sevier

Montgomery

Pike

Howard

Garland

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

Desha

Phillips

Unemployment Rates

Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Nevada

Ouachita

Calhoun

Bradley

Drew

Chicot

< or = 4.0%

4.1% - 6.0%

6.1% - 8.0%

Lafayette

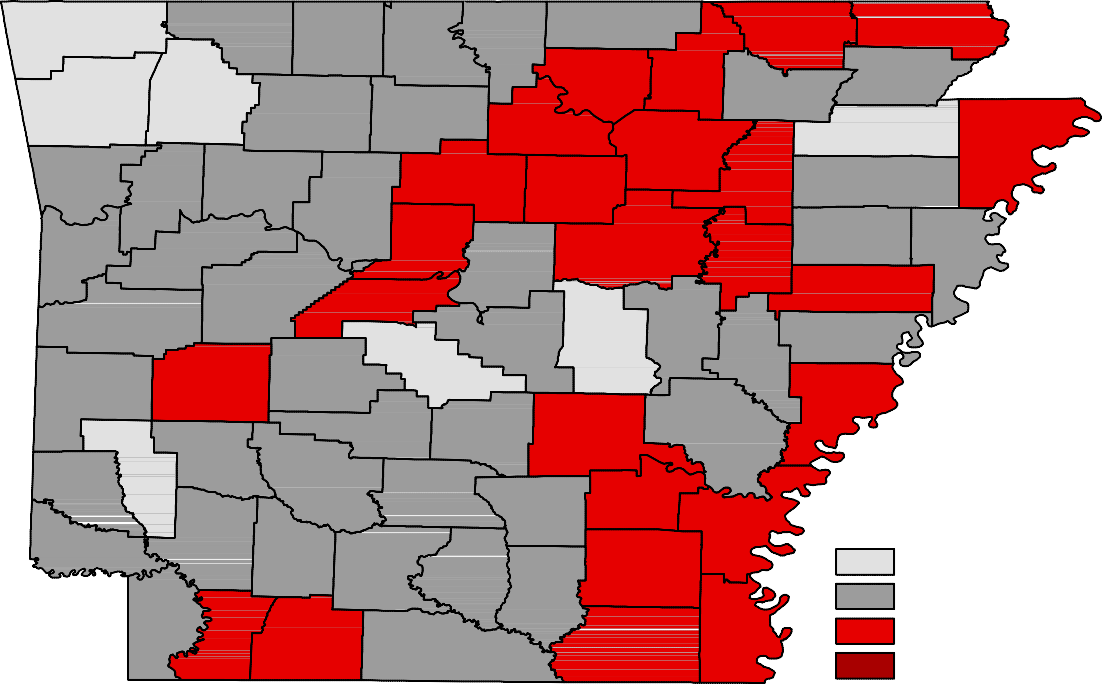
Columbia

Union

Ashley

> 8.0% [NONE]

Ranked by Unemployment Rates



Februar y 2016- Not Seasonally Adjusted



|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  3.1 | **Rank**  22 | **County**  Yell | **Rate**  4.9 | **Rank**  51 | **County**  Independence | **Rate**  6.1 |
| 2 | Benton | 3.4 | 27 | Baxter | 5.0 | 51 | Lincoln | 6.1 |
| 3 | Saline | 3.6 | 27 | Franklin | 5.0 | 51 | Perry | 6.1 |
| 4 | Madison | 3.7 | 27 | Little River | 5.0 | 54 | Columbia | 6.3 |
| 5 | Craighead | 3.9 | 30 | Fulton | 5.1 | 54 | Montgomery | 6.3 |
| 5 | Howard | 3.9 | 30 | Marion | 5.1 | 54 | Randolph | 6.3 |
| 5 | Lonoke | 3.9 | 30 | Poinsett | 5.1 | 54 | White | 6.3 |
| 8 | Arkansas | 4.1 | 30 | Pope | 5.1 | 58 | Jefferson | 6.4 |
| 8 | Pulaski | 4.1 | 30 | Searcy | 5.1 | 58 | Stone | 6.4 |
| 10 | Scott | 4.2 | 35 | Carroll | 5.2 | 60 | Drew | 6.5 |
| 11 | Nevada | 4.3 | 35 | Cleveland | 5.2 | 61 | Conway | 6.6 |
| 12 | Grant | 4.5 | 35 | Logan | 5.2 | 62 | Ashley | 6.8 |
| 12 | Miller | 4.5 | 38 | Crittenden | 5.3 | 63 | Izard | 6.9 |
| 12 | Sebastian | 4.5 | 38 | Lawrence | 5.3 | 63 | Lafayette | 6.9 |
| 15 | Boone | 4.6 | 38 | Pike | 5.3 | 63 | St. Francis | 6.9 |
| 15 | Hempstead | 4.6 | 41 | Calhoun | 5.6 | 63 | Sharp | 6.9 |
| 15 | Hot Spring | 4.6 | 41 | Cross | 5.6 | 67 | Clay | 7.1 |
| 18 | Clark | 4.7 | 41 | Johnson | 5.6 | 67 | Desha | 7.1 |
| 18 | Crawford | 4.7 | 41 | Polk | 5.6 | 69 | Woodruff | 7.2 |
| 18 | Faulkner | 4.7 | 45 | Monroe | 5.7 | 70 | Phillips | 7.4 |
| 18 | Prairie | 4.7 | 46 | Ouachita | 5.8 | 71 | Jackson | 7.5 |
| 22 | Bradley | 4.9 | 47 | Dallas | 5.9 | 71 | Van Buren | 7.5 |
| 22 | Garland | 4.9 | 47 | Sevier | 5.9 | 73 | Cleburne | 7.6 |
| 22 | Greene | 4.9 | 47 | Union | 5.9 | 74 | Mississippi | 7.7 |
| 22 | Newton | 4.9 | 50 | Lee | 6.0 | 75 | Chicot | 8.0 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**February 2016 January 2016 February 2015**

**LWDA CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

Central (minus LR) 249,537

239,059

10,478

4.2

245,093

235,204

9,889

4.0

241,983

228,903

13,080

5.4

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| City of Little Rock | 97,332 | 93,421 | 3,911 | 4.0 | 95,720 | 91,874 | 3,846 | 4.0 | 94,393 | 89,327 | 5,066 | 5.4 |
| Eastern | 49,012 | 46,087 | 2,925 | 6.0 | 48,545 | 45,584 | 2,961 | 6.1 | 48,713 | 44,788 | 3,925 | 8.1 |
| North Central | 96,870 | 90,481 | 6,389 | 6.6 | 95,643 | 89,245 | 6,398 | 6.7 | 95,548 | 88,002 | 7,546 | 7.9 |
| Northeast | 120,373 | 114,208 | 6,165 | 5.1 | 119,194 | 112,993 | 6,201 | 5.2 | 117,872 | 109,667 | 8,205 | 7.0 |
| Northwest | 309,509 | 298,347 | 11,162 | 3.6 | 301,368 | 290,552 | 10,816 | 3.6 | 293,562 | 279,439 | 14,123 | 4.8 |
| Southeast | 85,144 | 80,042 | 5,102 | 6.0 | 83,830 | 78,724 | 5,106 | 6.1 | 84,213 | 77,596 | 6,617 | 7.9 |
| Southwest | 95,885 | 90,805 | 5,080 | 5.3 | 94,648 | 89,661 | 4,987 | 5.3 | 94,139 | 87,826 | 6,313 | 6.7 |
| West Central | 135,235 | 128,276 | 6,959 | 5.1 | 133,294 | 126,363 | 6,931 | 5.2 | 131,893 | 123,521 | 8,372 | 6.3 |
| Western | 115,211 | 109,804 | 5,407 | 4.7 | 113,386 | 108,071 | 5,315 | 4.7 | 112,851 | 106,100 | 6,751 | 6.0 |

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Central (minus LR) Eastern

North Central

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

Southwest

West Central

Western



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