**Arkansas**

**Labor Market**

**Report**

**January 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.

January Spotlight

Changes Affecting Published Data

Arkansas Civilian Labor Force:

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Labor guidelines, Arkansas’ Civilian Labor Force (CLF) es- timates are undergoing annual processing. The purpose of annual processing is to incorporate more complete and accurate information into the estimation process. All levels of data are subject to revision, including the counties, cities, Metropolitan Statistical Areas, and Micropolitan Statistical Areas. Revised

2010-2015 CLF estimates for all sub-state areas were released to the public on April 15, 2016, at [www.](http://www/) bls.gov. The sub-state estimates will also be updated on the Discover Arkansas website. Revised state- wide CLF estimates have already been updated and can be found at [www.discover.arkansas.gov.](http://www.discover.arkansas.gov/)

In addition to the typical data revisions, CLF data will now be published in an unrounded format begin- ning with the January 2016 estimates. This change will make Arkansas’ CLF data more consistent with those published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which have historically been published in an unround- ed format. Publishing unrounded estimates will also increase the accuracy of customized calculations performed by data users accessing the data on the Discover Arkansas website. All CLF data already published online will be updated to reflect this change. The unrounded estimates will be available at [www.discover.arkansas.gov.](http://www.discover.arkansas.gov/)

Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs:

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Labor guidelines, nonfarm payroll job estimation has also undergone an annual processing. State and MSA estimates for March 2014 through December 2015 were recently revised and are currently available on the Discover Arkansas website.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics added a new statewide Nonfarm Payroll summary cell titled Mining, Logging, and Construction, which is a sum of two major industry sectors-- **mining and logging** and **construction**. The cell is included starting with the January 2016 publication and has also been added to the series dating back to 1990.

Beginning with the publication of the January 2016 data, all nonfarm payroll jobs will be published in thousands. The publication in thousands will only impact the Press Release and the monthly Labor Market Report. All estimates published on the Discover Arkansas website will remain rounded to the hundreds.

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 dropped three-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.7 percent in December 2015 (revised down from 4.8 percent) to 4.4 percent in January 2016. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose 6,146, a result of

10,142 more employed and 3,996 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate de-

clined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 5.0 percent in December 2015 to 4.9 percent in January

2016.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “The number of employed in Arkansas rose 10,142 in January, adding to the civilian labor force and contributing to a three-tenths of a percent point drop in the unemployment rate. There are currently 36,167 more employed Arkansans than in January 2015.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Jan 16**  1,343,129 | **Dec 15**  1,336,983 | **Jan 15**  1,321,112 | Civilian Labor Force | **Jan 16**  1,330,038 | **Dec 15**  1,330,319 | **Jan 15**  1,302,219 |
| Employment | 1,283,621 | 1,273,479 | 1,247,454 | Employment | 1,267,598 | 1,269,034 | 1,218,158 |
| Unemployment | 59,508 | 63,504 | 73,658 | Unemployment | 62,440 | 61,285 | 84,061 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.4 | 4.7 | 5.6 | Unemployment Rate | 4.7 | 4.6 | 6.5 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.7 | U.S. Unemployment | 5.3 | 4.8 | 6.1 |

1,320,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

January: 2006 - 2016

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

1,180,000

1,160,000

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

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted



(In Thousands)

(NAICS)

**Jan 16 Dec 15 Jan 15**

**OTM OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Nonfarm | 1208.2 | 1232.7 | 1181.4 | -24.5 | 26.8 |
| Goods Producing | 208.2 | 212.1 | 210.5 | -3.9 | -2.3 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 53.8 | 57.0 | 54.6 | -3.2 | -0.8 |
| **Mining & Logging 7.0 7.5 8.7 -0.5 -1.7** | | | | | |
| **Construction** | **46.8** | **49.5** | **45.9** | **-2.7** | **0.9** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 30.2 | 32.0 | 29.1 | -1.8 | 1.1 |
| **Manufacturing** | **154.4** | **155.1** | **155.9** | **-0.7** | **-1.5** |
| Durable Goods | 75.1 | 74.6 | 77.2 | 0.5 | -2.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 79.3 | 80.5 | 78.7 | -1.2 | 0.6 |
| Service Providing | 1000.0 | 1020.6 | 970.9 | -20.6 | 29.1 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **254.3** | **262.4** | **245.8** | **-8.1** | **8.5** |
| Wholesale Trade | 47.2 | 48.1 | 46.4 | -0.9 | 0.8 |
| Retail Trade | 142.5 | 146.7 | 136.6 | -4.2 | 5.9 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 64.6 | 67.6 | 62.8 | -3.0 | 1.8 |
| I**nformation** | **13.7** | **13.8** | **13.2** | **-0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Financial Activities** | **49.7** | **49.6** | **48.8** | **0.1** | **0.9** |
| Finance & Insurance | 36.6 | 36.4 | 35.9 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.1 | 13.2 | 12.9 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **138.6** | **140.7** | **131.9** | **-2.1** | **6.7** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43.7 | 42.9 | 41.8 | 0.8 | 1.9 |
| Management of Companies | 34.1 | 35.0 | 32.4 | -0.9 | 1.7 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 60.8 | 62.8 | 57.7 | -2.0 | 3.1 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **177.7** | **179.4** | **172.8** | **-1.7** | **4.9** |
| Educational Services | 14.6 | 15.3 | 14.1 | -0.7 | 0.5 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 163.1 | 164.1 | 158.7 | -1.0 | 4.4 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 52.3 | 52.6 | 49.9 | -0.3 | 2.4 |
| Social Assistance | 39.9 | 40.0 | 37.9 | -0.1 | 2.0 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 110.9 112.2 104.4 -1.3 6.5** | | | | | |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 9.5 | 9.2 | 9.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 101.4 | 103.0 | 95.3 | -1.6 | 6.1 |
| Accommodation Services | 10.5 | 10.9 | 10.2 | -0.4 | 0.3 |
| Food Services | 90.9 | 92.1 | 85.1 | -1.2 | 5.8 |
| **Other Services** | **43.8** | **45.0** | **42.8** | **-1.2** | **1.0** |
| **Government** | **211.3** | **217.5** | **211.2** | **-6.2** | **0.1** |
| Federal Government | 20.2 | 20.6 | 20.2 | -0.4 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 75.5 | 79.8 | 74.9 | -4.3 | 0.6 |
| Local Government | 115.6 | 117.1 | 116.1 | -1.5 | -0.5 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summar y

December 2015 - Januar y 2016

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas dropped 24,500 in January to total 1,208,200. Ten major industry sectors posted employment declines. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** decreased 8,100. Losses throughout all three subsectors were largely attributed to the end of the holiday shopping season. **Government** employment fell 6,200, mostly related to the winter break at public schools and uni- versities. Jobs in **construction** dropped 2,700, due to both seasonal declines and the completion of large-scale projects. **Professional and business services** decreased 2,100. The largest loss occurred in administrative and support services (-2,000), which includes employment agencies.

Januar y 2015 - Januar y 2016

Since January 2015, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment rose 26,800. Growth was reported in nine major industry sectors, while two sectors declined slightly. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** posted the largest increase (+8,500). A majority of the expansion occurred in retail trade (+5,900). Employment in **professional and business services** rose 6,700, with gains reported in all three subsectors. **Leisure and hospitality** added 6,500 jobs, mostly in food services (+5,800). Employment in **educational and health services** increased 4,900. Most of the growth occurred in health care and social assistance (+4,400). **Mining and logging** posted the largest loss (-1,700), due to current economic conditions.

1,220,000

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

January: 2006 - 2016

1,200,000

1,180,000

1,160,000

1,140,000

1,120,000

1,100,000

1,080,000

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Jan 16 Dec 15**

**Jan 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

39.8

$16.09

$640.38

40.6

$16.47

$668.68

41.3

$16.20

$669.06

Durable Goods Manufacturing Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Jan 16 Dec 15**

**Jan 15**

**Jan 16 Dec 15**

**Jan 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

40.1

$17.69

$709.37

41.0

$17.85

$731.85

40.8

$17.55

$716.04

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

39.5

$14.55

$574.73

40.3

$15.15

$610.55

41.7

$14.94

$623.00

$17.00

**Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing**

January: 2006 - 2016

$16.50

$16.00

$15.50

$15.00

$14.50

$14.00

$13.50

$13.00

$12.50

$12.00

Little Rock-Nor th Little Rock-Conway MSA

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



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 16** | **Dec 15** | **Jan 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 346,430 | 345,303 | 337,832 | 1,127 | 8,598 |
| Employment | 332,447 | 331,332 | 318,635 | 1,115 | 13,812 |
| Unemployment | 13,983 | 13,971 | 19,197 | 12 | -5,214 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.0 | 4.0 | 5.7 | 0.0 | -1.7 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Jan 16**  348.9 | **Dec 15**  355.1 | **Jan 15**  343.7 | **OTM**  -6.2 | **OT Y**  5.2 |
| Goods Producing | 36.7 | 37.1 | 36.6 | -0.4 | 0.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **16.3** | **16.6** | **16.4** | **-0.3** | **-0.1** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.4** | **20.5** | **20.2** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| Service Providing 312.2 318.0 307.1 -5.8 5.1 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **69.4** | **72.0** | **67.1** | **-2.6** | **2.3** |
| Wholesale Trade | 15.0 | 15.3 | 15.0 | -0.3 | 0.0 |
| Retail Trade | 39.7 | 41.6 | 37.7 | -1.9 | 2.0 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 14.7 | 15.1 | 14.4 | -0.4 | 0.3 |
| **Information** | **6.3** | **6.4** | **6.2** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.6** | **20.8** | **20.3** | **-0.2** | **0.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **45.6** | **46.3** | **45.0** | **-0.7** | **0.6** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **51.8** | **52.7** | **51.9** | **-0.9** | **-0.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **33.0** | **33.2** | **31.2** | **-0.2** | **1.8** |
| **Other Services** | **14.9** | **15.0** | **14.7** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **70.6** | **71.6** | **70.7** | **-1.0** | **-0.1** |
| Federal Government | 9.5 | 9.8 | 9.6 | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| State Government | 34.5 | 34.9 | 34.2 | -0.4 | 0.3 |
| Local Government | 26.6 | 26.9 | 26.9 | -0.3 | -0.3 |

9.0

**Unemployment Rates**

January: 2006 - 2016

315,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January: 2006 - 2016

8.0

310,000

7.0

6.0

305,000

5.0

300,000

4.0

295,000

3.0

290,000

2.0

1.0

285,000

0.0

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

280,000

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

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA



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



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 16** | **Dec 15** | **Jan 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 255,005 | 256,898 | 241,986 | -1,893 | 13,019 |
| Employment | 246,697 | 248,805 | 230,541 | -2,108 | 16,156 |
| Unemployment | 8,308 | 8,093 | 11,445 | 215 | -3,137 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.3 | 3.2 | 4.7 | 0.1 | -1.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



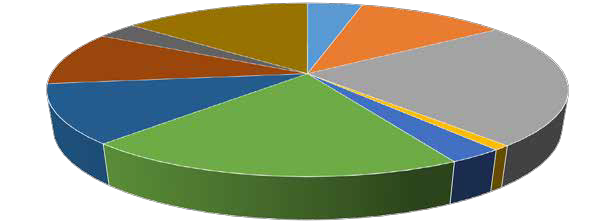
(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Jan 16**  236.4 | **Dec 15**  243.0 | **Jan 15**  225.9 | **OTM**  -6.6 | **OT Y**  10.5 |
| Goods Producing | 35.8 | 36.7 | 36.1 | -0.9 | -0.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **9.6** | **10.0** | **8.8** | **-0.4** | **0.8** |
| **Manufacturing** | **26.2** | **26.7** | **27.3** | **-0.5** | **-1.1** |
| Service Providing 200.6 206.3 189.8 -5.7 10.8 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **54.7** | **56.4** | **51.6** | **-1.7** | **3.1** |
| Wholesale Trade | 12.0 | 12.0 | 11.3 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Retail Trade | 26.4 | 27.6 | 25.0 | -1.2 | 1.4 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 16.3 | 16.8 | 15.3 | -0.5 | 1.0 |
| **Information** | **2.1** | **2.0** | **2.0** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **6.8** | **6.9** | **6.6** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **47.4** | **48.6** | **44.4** | **-1.2** | **3.0** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **26.1** | **26.4** | **25.0** | **-0.3** | **1.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **23.6** | **24.5** | **21.5** | **-0.9** | **2.1** |
| **Other Services** | **7.1** | **7.2** | **7.0** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Government** | **32.8** | **34.3** | **31.7** | **-1.5** | **1.1** |
| Federal Government | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 11.8 | 13.0 | 11.1 | -1.2 | 0.7 |
| Local Government | 18.4 | 18.7 | 18.1 | -0.3 | 0.3 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs by Industry (Percent of Total)**

January 2016

Mining-Logging-Construction



Other Services

Leisure & Hospitality

Education & Health

Services

Government

Professional & Business Services

Manufacturing

Trade-Transportation- Utilities

Information

Financial Activities

For t Smith MSA

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



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 16** | **Dec 15** | **Jan 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 120,742 | 120,607 | 119,008 | 135 | 1,734 |
| Employment | 114,565 | 114,470 | 111,586 | 95 | 2,979 |
| Unemployment | 6,177 | 6,137 | 7,422 | 40 | -1,245 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.1 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 0.0 | -1.1 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Jan 16**  112.3 | **Dec 15**  114.2 | **Jan 15**  111.9 | **OTM**  -1.9 | **OT Y**  0.4 |
| Goods Producing | 23.6 | 23.8 | 24.6 | -0.2 | -1.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.8** | **6.0** | **6.5** | **-0.2** | **-0.7** |
| **Manufacturing** | **17.8** | **17.8** | **18.1** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| Service Providing 88.7 90.4 87.3 -1.7 1.4 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23.8** | **24.4** | **23.5** | **-0.6** | **0.3** |
| Wholesale Trade | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.9 | 13.2 | 12.5 | -0.3 | 0.4 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 6.7 | 7.0 | 6.9 | -0.3 | -0.2 |
| **Information** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.8** | **3.7** | **3.8** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **11.5** | **12.1** | **11.6** | **-0.6** | **-0.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.7** | **16.7** | **16.2** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.0** | **9.1** | **8.8** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Other Services** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **18.4** | **18.9** | **17.9** | **-0.5** | **0.5** |
| Federal Government | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 2.8 | 3.2 | 2.8 | -0.4 | 0.0 |
| Local Government | 14.3 | 14.4 | 13.8 | -0.1 | 0.5 |

125,000

**Number of Employed**

January: 2006 - 2016

17,000

**Jobs in Educational and Health Services**

January: 2006 - 2016

16,500

120,000

16,000

15,500

115,000

15,000

110,000

14,500

14,000

105,000

13,500

13,000

100,000

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

12,500

'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)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 16** | **Dec 15** | **Jan 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 40,046 | 39,554 | 39,297 | 492 | 749 |
| Employment | 38,038 | 37,547 | 36,581 | 491 | 1,457 |
| Unemployment | 2,008 | 2,007 | 2,716 | 1 | -708 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.0 | 5.1 | 6.9 | -0.1 | -1.9 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 16** | **Dec 15** | **Jan 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 37.5 | 37.7 | 37.1 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| 33.1 | 33.2 | 32.7 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 | -0.1 | 0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

3,300

**Number of Unemployed**

January 2014 - January 2016

3,100

2,900

2,700

2,500

2,300

2,100

1,900

1,700

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1,500 |  | | | | | | | | |
|  | Jan | Apr | Jul | Oct | Jan | Apr | Jul | Oct | Jan |
|  | '14 | '14 | '14 | '14 | '15 | '15 | '15 | '15 | '16 |

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 16** | **Dec 15** | **Jan 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 61,786 | 61,309 | 59,279 | 477 | 2,507 |
| Employment | 59,216 | 58,789 | 55,616 | 427 | 3,600 |
| Unemployment | 2,570 | 2,520 | 3,663 | 50 | -1,093 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.2 | 4.1 | 6.2 | 0.1 | -2.0 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 16** | **Dec 15** | **Jan 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 55.0 | 55.5 | 52.7 | -0.5 | 2.3 |
| 8.8 | 8.9 | 8.6 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| 46.2 | 46.6 | 44.1 | -0.4 | 2.1 |
| 8.9 | 9.0 | 8.8 | -0.1 | 0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

56,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January: 2006 - 2016

54,000

52,000

50,000

48,000

46,000

44,000

Pine Bluff MSA

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



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|  | **Jan 16** | **Dec 15** | **Jan 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 36,041 | 36,518 | 36,098 | -477 | -57 |
| Employment | 33,735 | 34,213 | 32,974 | -478 | 761 |
| Unemployment | 2,306 | 2,305 | 3,124 | 1 | -818 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.4 | 6.3 | 8.7 | 0.1 | -2.3 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 16** | **Dec 15** | **Jan 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.1 | 34.1 | 33.2 | -1.0 | -0.1 |
| 6.0 | 6.2 | 6.3 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| 27.1 | 27.9 | 26.9 | -0.8 | 0.2 |
| 9.3 | 9.7 | 9.4 | -0.4 | -0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

45,000

**Number of Employed**

January: 2006 - 2016

43,000

41,000

39,000

37,000

35,000

33,000

31,000

29,000

27,000

25,000

Out-of-State MSA



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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|  | **Jan 16** | **Dec 15** | **Jan 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 614,773 | 618,741 | 611,798 | -3,968 | 2,975 |
| Employment | 580,401 | 581,040 | 566,778 | -639 | 13,623 |
| Unemployment | 34,372 | 37,701 | 45,020 | -3,329 | -10,648 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.6 | 6.1 | 7.4 | -0.5 | -1.8 |

Texarkana MSA

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

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|  | **Jan 16** | **Dec 15** | **Jan 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 65,219 | 64,888 | 63,945 | 331 | 1,274 |
| Employment | 62,136 | 61,976 | 60,166 | 160 | 1,970 |
| Unemployment | 3,083 | 2,912 | 3,779 | 171 | -696 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.7 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 0.2 | -1.2 |

600,000

**Number of Employed- Memphis MSA**

January: 2006 - 2016

9.0

**Unemployment Rates- Texarkana MSA**

January: 2006 - 2016

590,000

8.0

580,000

7.0

570,000

560,000

550,000

6.0

5.0

540,000

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530,000

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**Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp**

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| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,480 | 9,010 | 470 | 5.0 | 9,515 | 9,087 | 428 | 4.5 | 9,295 | 8,663 | 632 | 6.8 |
| Batesville Micro | 15,603 | 14,599 | 1,004 | 6.4 | 15,587 | 14,584 | 1,003 | 6.4 | 15,446 | 14,207 | 1,239 | 8.0 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,846 | 16,496 | 1,350 | 7.6 | 18,054 | 16,702 | 1,352 | 7.5 | 18,708 | 16,823 | 1,885 | 10.1 |
| Camden Micro | 12,189 | 11,473 | 716 | 5.9 | 12,168 | 11,433 | 735 | 6.0 | 12,154 | 11,215 | 939 | 7.7 |
| El Dorado Micro | 16,803 | 15,838 | 965 | 5.7 | 16,659 | 15,708 | 951 | 5.7 | 16,411 | 15,160 | 1,251 | 7.6 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,884 | 8,264 | 620 | 7.0 | 8,888 | 8,288 | 600 | 6.8 | 8,921 | 8,098 | 823 | 9.2 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,005 | 18,127 | 878 | 4.6 | 18,975 | 18,125 | 850 | 4.5 | 18,966 | 17,747 | 1,219 | 6.4 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,893 | 6,362 | 531 | 7.7 | 6,885 | 6,373 | 512 | 7.4 | 7,185 | 6,447 | 738 | 10.3 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,433 | 8,867 | 566 | 6.0 | 9,512 | 8,905 | 607 | 6.4 | 9,376 | 8,670 | 706 | 7.5 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,399 | 13,742 | 657 | 4.6 | 14,297 | 13,635 | 662 | 4.6 | 13,811 | 12,966 | 845 | 6.1 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,344 | 15,496 | 848 | 5.2 | 16,302 | 15,447 | 855 | 5.2 | 16,064 | 14,963 | 1,101 | 6.9 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,220 | 19,215 | 1,005 | 5.0 | 20,119 | 19,135 | 984 | 4.9 | 19,669 | 18,364 | 1,305 | 6.6 |
| Russellville Micro | 38,521 | 36,517 | 2,004 | 5.2 | 38,715 | 36,729 | 1,986 | 5.1 | 38,566 | 36,170 | 2,396 | 6.2 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,516 | 32,289 | 2,227 | 6.5 | 34,282 | 32,253 | 2,029 | 5.9 | 34,240 | 31,560 | 2,680 | 7.8 |

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



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| Bella Vista | 11,759 | 11,262 | 497 | 4.2 | 11,814 | 11,352 | 462 | 3.9 | 11,118 | 10,510 | 608 | 5.5 |
| Benton | 15,915 | 15,337 | 578 | 3.6 | 15,877 | 15,280 | 597 | 3.8 | 15,512 | 14,688 | 824 | 5.3 |
| Bentonville | 21,910 | 21,167 | 743 | 3.4 | 22,062 | 21,336 | 726 | 3.3 | 20,604 | 19,754 | 850 | 4.1 |
| Blytheville | 6,115 | 5,632 | 483 | 7.9 | 6,208 | 5,702 | 506 | 8.2 | 6,490 | 5,744 | 746 | 11.5 |
| Cabot | 11,600 | 11,197 | 403 | 3.5 | 11,571 | 11,184 | 387 | 3.3 | 11,325 | 10,777 | 548 | 4.8 |
| Conway | 32,554 | 31,257 | 1,297 | 4.0 | 32,453 | 31,164 | 1,289 | 4.0 | 31,726 | 29,969 | 1,757 | 5.5 |
| El Dorado | 7,302 | 6,830 | 472 | 6.5 | 7,213 | 6,774 | 439 | 6.1 | 7,118 | 6,538 | 580 | 8.1 |
| Fayetteville | 44,287 | 42,954 | 1,333 | 3.0 | 44,637 | 43,302 | 1,335 | 3.0 | 42,008 | 40,088 | 1,920 | 4.6 |
| Fort Smith | 39,700 | 37,914 | 1,786 | 4.5 | 39,603 | 37,830 | 1,773 | 4.5 | 39,209 | 36,788 | 2,421 | 6.2 |
| Hot Springs | 13,976 | 13,222 | 754 | 5.4 | 13,834 | 13,052 | 782 | 5.7 | 13,763 | 12,716 | 1,047 | 7.6 |
| Jacksonville | 11,716 | 11,122 | 594 | 5.1 | 11,661 | 11,079 | 582 | 5.0 | 11,455 | 10,650 | 805 | 7.0 |
| Jonesboro | 35,918 | 34,514 | 1,404 | 3.9 | 35,606 | 34,234 | 1,372 | 3.9 | 34,376 | 32,354 | 2,022 | 5.9 |
| Little Rock | 95,668 | 91,822 | 3,846 | 4.0 | 95,289 | 91,465 | 3,824 | 4.0 | 93,152 | 87,927 | 5,225 | 5.6 |
| North Little Rock | 29,800 | 28,486 | 1,314 | 4.4 | 29,691 | 28,375 | 1,316 | 4.4 | 29,165 | 27,278 | 1,887 | 6.5 |
| Paragould | 12,606 | 11,964 | 642 | 5.1 | 12,558 | 11,914 | 644 | 5.1 | 12,230 | 11,434 | 796 | 6.5 |
| Pine Bluff | 17,156 | 15,929 | 1,227 | 7.2 | 17,371 | 16,136 | 1,235 | 7.1 | 17,247 | 15,538 | 1,709 | 9.9 |
| Rogers | 32,325 | 31,292 | 1,033 | 3.2 | 32,572 | 31,542 | 1,030 | 3.2 | 30,877 | 29,204 | 1,673 | 5.4 |
| Russellville | 13,678 | 13,016 | 662 | 4.8 | 13,750 | 13,076 | 674 | 4.9 | 13,698 | 12,868 | 830 | 6.1 |
| Searcy | 10,467 | 9,951 | 516 | 4.9 | 10,444 | 9,940 | 504 | 4.8 | 10,374 | 9,726 | 648 | 6.2 |
| Sherwood | 15,323 | 14,815 | 508 | 3.3 | 15,255 | 14,758 | 497 | 3.3 | 14,897 | 14,187 | 710 | 4.8 |
| Springdale | 37,108 | 35,977 | 1,131 | 3.0 | 37,377 | 36,268 | 1,109 | 3.0 | 35,244 | 33,577 | 1,667 | 4.7 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,721 | 13,053 | 668 | 4.9 | 13,684 | 13,022 | 662 | 4.8 | 13,287 | 12,434 | 853 | 6.4 |
| Van Buren | 10,391 | 9,903 | 488 | 4.7 | 10,378 | 9,891 | 487 | 4.7 | 10,305 | 9,628 | 677 | 6.6 |
| West Memphis | 10,617 | 10,044 | 573 | 5.4 | 10,673 | 10,116 | 557 | 5.2 | 10,625 | 9,637 | 988 | 9.3 |

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| Arkansas | 9,378 | 8,977 | 401 | 4.3 | 9,409 | 9,026 | 383 | 4.1 | 9,480 | 8,949 | 531 | 5.6 |
| Ashley | 8,274 | 7,692 | 582 | 7.0 | 8,182 | 7,622 | 560 | 6.8 | 8,242 | 7,397 | 845 | 10.3 |
| Baxter | 16,344 | 15,496 | 848 | 5.2 | 16,302 | 15,447 | 855 | 5.2 | 16,064 | 14,963 | 1,101 | 6.9 |
| Benton | 121,251 | 117,166 | 4,085 | 3.4 | 122,122 | 118,102 | 4,020 | 3.3 | 115,001 | 109,348 | 5,653 | 4.9 |
| Boone | 15,645 | 14,929 | 716 | 4.6 | 15,607 | 14,915 | 692 | 4.4 | 15,595 | 14,600 | 995 | 6.4 |
| Bradley | 4,634 | 4,403 | 231 | 5.0 | 4,625 | 4,393 | 232 | 5.0 | 4,424 | 4,085 | 339 | 7.7 |
| Calhoun | 2,360 | 2,223 | 137 | 5.8 | 2,358 | 2,226 | 132 | 5.6 | 2,349 | 2,190 | 159 | 6.8 |
| Carroll | 12,262 | 11,553 | 709 | 5.8 | 12,431 | 11,836 | 595 | 4.8 | 12,233 | 11,284 | 949 | 7.8 |
| Chicot | 3,654 | 3,345 | 309 | 8.5 | 3,666 | 3,375 | 291 | 7.9 | 3,799 | 3,319 | 480 | 12.6 |
| Clark | 9,480 | 9,010 | 470 | 5.0 | 9,515 | 9,087 | 428 | 4.5 | 9,295 | 8,663 | 632 | 6.8 |
| Clay | 6,322 | 5,830 | 492 | 7.8 | 6,346 | 5,889 | 457 | 7.2 | 6,358 | 5,808 | 550 | 8.7 |
| Cleburne | 9,492 | 8,786 | 706 | 7.4 | 9,502 | 8,871 | 631 | 6.6 | 9,560 | 8,694 | 866 | 9.1 |
| Cleveland | 3,360 | 3,183 | 177 | 5.3 | 3,409 | 3,240 | 169 | 5.0 | 3,380 | 3,131 | 249 | 7.4 |
| Columbia | 9,433 | 8,867 | 566 | 6.0 | 9,512 | 8,905 | 607 | 6.4 | 9,376 | 8,670 | 706 | 7.5 |
| Conway | 8,615 | 8,115 | 500 | 5.8 | 8,607 | 8,108 | 499 | 5.8 | 8,506 | 7,891 | 615 | 7.2 |
| Craighead | 51,388 | 49,365 | 2,023 | 3.9 | 50,943 | 48,964 | 1,979 | 3.9 | 49,167 | 46,276 | 2,891 | 5.9 |
| Crawford | 26,730 | 25,452 | 1,278 | 4.8 | 26,703 | 25,423 | 1,280 | 4.8 | 26,403 | 24,745 | 1,658 | 6.3 |
| Crittenden | 21,481 | 20,351 | 1,130 | 5.3 | 21,608 | 20,497 | 1,111 | 5.1 | 21,306 | 19,528 | 1,778 | 8.3 |
| Cross | 8,034 | 7,565 | 469 | 5.8 | 8,065 | 7,625 | 440 | 5.5 | 8,073 | 7,475 | 598 | 7.4 |
| Dallas | 2,908 | 2,734 | 174 | 6.0 | 2,896 | 2,718 | 178 | 6.1 | 2,852 | 2,569 | 283 | 9.9 |
| Desha | 5,499 | 5,101 | 398 | 7.2 | 5,575 | 5,197 | 378 | 6.8 | 5,567 | 4,996 | 571 | 10.3 |
| Drew | 8,029 | 7,515 | 514 | 6.4 | 8,118 | 7,619 | 499 | 6.1 | 7,991 | 7,249 | 742 | 9.3 |
| Faulkner | 59,619 | 57,047 | 2,572 | 4.3 | 59,442 | 56,876 | 2,566 | 4.3 | 58,096 | 54,696 | 3,400 | 5.9 |
| Franklin | 7,475 | 7,121 | 354 | 4.7 | 7,390 | 7,042 | 348 | 4.7 | 7,342 | 6,920 | 422 | 5.7 |
| Fulton | 4,795 | 4,553 | 242 | 5.0 | 4,803 | 4,566 | 237 | 4.9 | 4,753 | 4,445 | 308 | 6.5 |
| Garland | 40,046 | 38,038 | 2,008 | 5.0 | 39,554 | 37,547 | 2,007 | 5.1 | 39,297 | 36,581 | 2,716 | 6.9 |
| Grant | 8,298 | 7,942 | 356 | 4.3 | 8,289 | 7,928 | 361 | 4.4 | 8,103 | 7,643 | 460 | 5.7 |
| Greene | 20,220 | 19,215 | 1,005 | 5.0 | 20,119 | 19,135 | 984 | 4.9 | 19,669 | 18,364 | 1,305 | 6.6 |
| Hempstead | 9,807 | 9,368 | 439 | 4.5 | 9,795 | 9,359 | 436 | 4.5 | 9,796 | 9,179 | 617 | 6.3 |
| Hot Spring | 14,399 | 13,742 | 657 | 4.6 | 14,297 | 13,635 | 662 | 4.6 | 13,811 | 12,966 | 845 | 6.1 |
| Howard | 6,011 | 5,789 | 222 | 3.7 | 5,826 | 5,593 | 233 | 4.0 | 6,173 | 5,864 | 309 | 5.0 |
| Independence | 15,603 | 14,599 | 1,004 | 6.4 | 15,587 | 14,584 | 1,003 | 6.4 | 15,446 | 14,207 | 1,239 | 8.0 |
| Izard | 4,968 | 4,630 | 338 | 6.8 | 5,039 | 4,700 | 339 | 6.7 | 4,865 | 4,461 | 404 | 8.3 |
| Jackson | 6,189 | 5,721 | 468 | 7.6 | 6,157 | 5,726 | 431 | 7.0 | 6,288 | 5,595 | 693 | 11.0 |
| Jefferson | 28,562 | 26,685 | 1,877 | 6.6 | 28,922 | 27,031 | 1,891 | 6.5 | 28,561 | 26,030 | 2,531 | 8.9 |
| Johnson | 10,530 | 9,922 | 608 | 5.8 | 10,505 | 9,960 | 545 | 5.2 | 10,257 | 9,540 | 717 | 7.0 |
| Lafayette | 2,624 | 2,448 | 176 | 6.7 | 2,660 | 2,475 | 185 | 7.0 | 2,646 | 2,422 | 224 | 8.5 |
| Lawrence | 7,018 | 6,635 | 383 | 5.5 | 7,069 | 6,698 | 371 | 5.2 | 7,135 | 6,534 | 601 | 8.4 |
| Lee | 3,210 | 3,001 | 209 | 6.5 | 3,215 | 3,023 | 192 | 6.0 | 3,261 | 2,965 | 296 | 9.1 |
| Lincoln | 4,119 | 3,867 | 252 | 6.1 | 4,187 | 3,942 | 245 | 5.9 | 4,157 | 3,813 | 344 | 8.3 |
| Little River | 5,678 | 5,372 | 306 | 5.4 | 5,643 | 5,354 | 289 | 5.1 | 5,523 | 5,116 | 407 | 7.4 |
| Logan | 9,185 | 8,715 | 470 | 5.1 | 9,189 | 8,711 | 478 | 5.2 | 8,937 | 8,365 | 572 | 6.4 |
| Lonoke | 32,985 | 31,732 | 1,253 | 3.8 | 32,944 | 31,696 | 1,248 | 3.8 | 32,298 | 30,543 | 1,755 | 5.4 |
| Madison | 7,237 | 6,967 | 270 | 3.7 | 7,318 | 7,070 | 248 | 3.4 | 6,957 | 6,618 | 339 | 4.9 |
| Marion | 6,468 | 6,133 | 335 | 5.2 | 6,466 | 6,145 | 321 | 5.0 | 6,424 | 5,991 | 433 | 6.7 |
| Miller | 19,846 | 18,899 | 947 | 4.8 | 19,781 | 18,853 | 928 | 4.7 | 19,182 | 18,002 | 1,180 | 6.2 |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 17,846 | 16,496 | 1,350 | 7.6 | 18,054 | 16,702 | 1,352 | 7.5 | 18,708 | 16,823 | 1,885 | 10.1 |
| Monroe | 2,969 | 2,787 | 182 | 6.1 | 2,944 | 2,767 | 177 | 6.0 | 3,053 | 2,818 | 235 | 7.7 |
| Montgomery | 3,171 | 2,960 | 211 | 6.7 | 3,227 | 3,016 | 211 | 6.5 | 3,200 | 2,914 | 286 | 8.9 |
| Nevada | 3,637 | 3,480 | 157 | 4.3 | 3,629 | 3,467 | 162 | 4.5 | 3,612 | 3,393 | 219 | 6.1 |
| Newton | 3,360 | 3,198 | 162 | 4.8 | 3,368 | 3,210 | 158 | 4.7 | 3,371 | 3,147 | 224 | 6.6 |
| Ouachita | 9,829 | 9,250 | 579 | 5.9 | 9,810 | 9,207 | 603 | 6.1 | 9,805 | 9,025 | 780 | 8.0 |
| Perry | 4,231 | 3,982 | 249 | 5.9 | 4,229 | 3,982 | 247 | 5.8 | 4,192 | 3,836 | 356 | 8.5 |
| Phillips | 6,893 | 6,362 | 531 | 7.7 | 6,885 | 6,373 | 512 | 7.4 | 7,185 | 6,447 | 738 | 10.3 |
| Pike | 4,163 | 3,941 | 222 | 5.3 | 4,147 | 3,927 | 220 | 5.3 | 4,203 | 3,888 | 315 | 7.5 |
| Poinsett | 10,398 | 9,851 | 547 | 5.3 | 10,366 | 9,825 | 541 | 5.2 | 10,112 | 9,340 | 772 | 7.6 |
| Polk | 8,317 | 7,862 | 455 | 5.5 | 8,370 | 7,924 | 446 | 5.3 | 8,339 | 7,760 | 579 | 6.9 |
| Pope | 29,532 | 27,963 | 1,569 | 5.3 | 29,646 | 28,093 | 1,553 | 5.2 | 29,501 | 27,646 | 1,855 | 6.3 |
| Prairie | 3,759 | 3,584 | 175 | 4.7 | 3,786 | 3,613 | 173 | 4.6 | 3,755 | 3,533 | 222 | 5.9 |
| Pulaski | 186,130 | 178,543 | 7,587 | 4.1 | 185,388 | 177,849 | 7,539 | 4.1 | 181,461 | 170,969 | 10,492 | 5.8 |
| Randolph | 5,967 | 5,566 | 401 | 6.7 | 6,110 | 5,719 | 391 | 6.4 | 6,303 | 5,627 | 676 | 10.7 |
| St. Francis | 8,884 | 8,264 | 620 | 7.0 | 8,888 | 8,288 | 600 | 6.8 | 8,921 | 8,098 | 823 | 9.2 |
| Saline | 55,167 | 53,201 | 1,966 | 3.6 | 55,011 | 53,001 | 2,010 | 3.7 | 53,682 | 50,948 | 2,734 | 5.1 |
| Scott | 4,556 | 4,364 | 192 | 4.2 | 4,550 | 4,364 | 186 | 4.1 | 4,493 | 4,253 | 240 | 5.3 |
| Searcy | 3,076 | 2,910 | 166 | 5.4 | 3,077 | 2,920 | 157 | 5.1 | 2,921 | 2,698 | 223 | 7.6 |
| Sebastian | 57,095 | 54,526 | 2,569 | 4.5 | 57,000 | 54,405 | 2,595 | 4.6 | 56,260 | 52,906 | 3,354 | 6.0 |
| Sevier | 5,604 | 5,285 | 319 | 5.7 | 5,627 | 5,305 | 322 | 5.7 | 5,778 | 5,209 | 569 | 9.8 |
| Sharp | 5,972 | 5,555 | 417 | 7.0 | 5,954 | 5,562 | 392 | 6.6 | 5,954 | 5,405 | 549 | 9.2 |
| Stone | 4,552 | 4,239 | 313 | 6.9 | 4,632 | 4,344 | 288 | 6.2 | 4,658 | 4,254 | 404 | 8.7 |
| Union | 16,803 | 15,838 | 965 | 5.7 | 16,659 | 15,708 | 951 | 5.7 | 16,411 | 15,160 | 1,251 | 7.6 |
| Van Buren | 6,531 | 6,066 | 465 | 7.1 | 6,456 | 6,023 | 433 | 6.7 | 6,376 | 5,824 | 552 | 8.7 |
| Washington | 115,601 | 112,074 | 3,527 | 3.1 | 116,419 | 112,981 | 3,438 | 3.0 | 109,521 | 104,596 | 4,925 | 4.5 |
| White | 34,516 | 32,289 | 2,227 | 6.5 | 34,282 | 32,253 | 2,029 | 5.9 | 34,240 | 31,560 | 2,680 | 7.8 |
| Woodruff | 3,023 | 2,808 | 215 | 7.1 | 3,036 | 2,838 | 198 | 6.5 | 3,143 | 2,869 | 274 | 8.7 |
| Yell | 8,989 | 8,554 | 435 | 4.8 | 9,069 | 8,636 | 433 | 4.8 | 9,065 | 8,524 | 541 | 6.0 |

County Labor Force Summar y

Between December 2015 and January 2016, unemployment rates increased in 48 of Arkansas’

75 counties. Rates declined in eleven counties, while remaining stable in sixteen. Jobless rates

ranged from a low of 3.1 percent in Washington County, to a high of 8.5 percent in Chicot County.

In January, seven counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. Only one coun- ty-- Chicot County-- had a rate above eight percent.

Compared to January 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

Sebastian

Franklin

Logan

Johnson

Pope

Van Buren

Conway

Cleburne

Independence

White

Jackson

Poinsett

Cross

Crittenden

Scott

Polk

Yell

Montgomery

Garland

Perry

Saline

Faulkner

Pulaski

Lonoke

Prairie

Woodruff

Monroe

St. Francis

Lee

Phillips

Sevier

Howard

Pike

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

Desha

Unemployment Rates

Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Nevada

Ouachita

Calhoun

Bradley

Drew

Chicot

< or = 4.0%

4.1% - 6.0%

Lafayette

Columbia

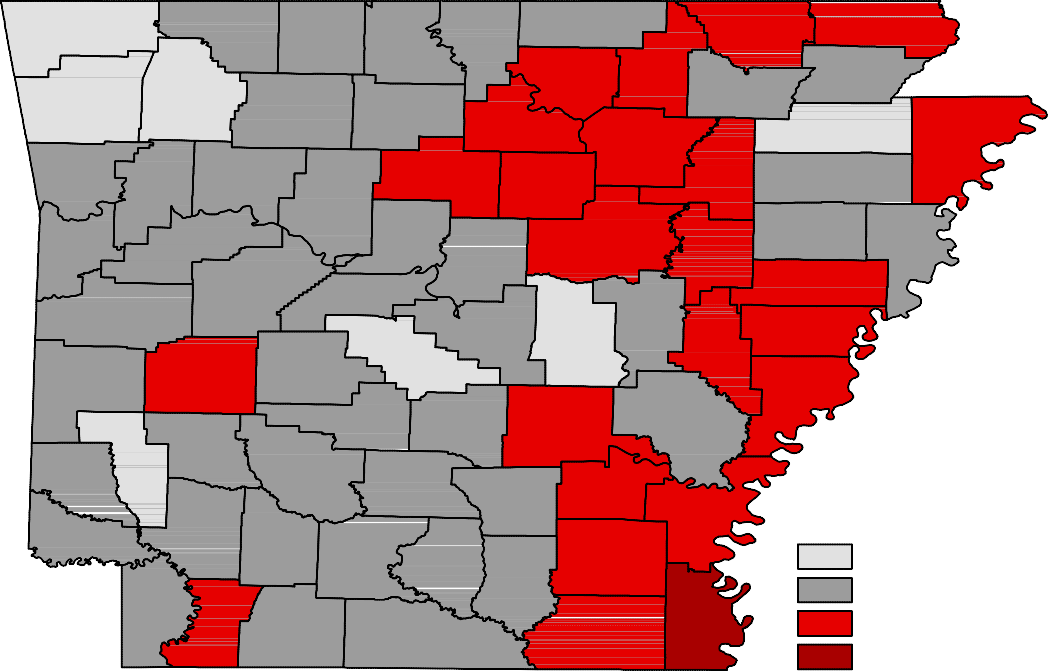
Union

Ashley

6.1% - 8.0%

> 8.0%

Ranked by Unemployment Rates



Januar y 2016- Not Seasonally Adjusted



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  3.1 | **Rank**  24 | **County**  Fulton | **Rate**  5.0 | **Rank**  50 | **County**  Dallas | **Rate**  6.0 |
| 2 | Benton | 3.4 | 24 | Garland | 5.0 | 52 | Lincoln | 6.1 |
| 3 | Saline | 3.6 | 24 | Greene | 5.0 | 52 | Monroe | 6.1 |
| 4 | Howard | 3.7 | 29 | Logan | 5.1 | 54 | Drew | 6.4 |
| 4 | Madison | 3.7 | 30 | Baxter | 5.2 | 54 | Independence | 6.4 |
| 6 | Lonoke | 3.8 | 30 | Marion | 5.2 | 56 | Lee | 6.5 |
| 7 | Craighead | 3.9 | 32 | Cleveland | 5.3 | 56 | White | 6.5 |
| 8 | Pulaski | 4.1 | 32 | Crittenden | 5.3 | 58 | Jefferson | 6.6 |
| 9 | Scott | 4.2 | 32 | Pike | 5.3 | 59 | Lafayette | 6.7 |
| 10 | Arkansas | 4.3 | 32 | Poinsett | 5.3 | 59 | Montgomery | 6.7 |
| 10 | Faulkner | 4.3 | 32 | Pope | 5.3 | 59 | Randolph | 6.7 |
| 10 | Grant | 4.3 | 37 | Little River | 5.4 | 62 | Izard | 6.8 |
| 10 | Nevada | 4.3 | 37 | Searcy | 5.4 | 63 | Stone | 6.9 |
| 14 | Hempstead | 4.5 | 39 | Lawrence | 5.5 | 64 | Ashley | 7.0 |
| 14 | Sebastian | 4.5 | 39 | Polk | 5.5 | 64 | St. Francis | 7.0 |
| 16 | Boone | 4.6 | 41 | Sevier | 5.7 | 64 | Sharp | 7.0 |
| 16 | Hot Spring | 4.6 | 41 | Union | 5.7 | 67 | Van Buren | 7.1 |
| 18 | Franklin | 4.7 | 43 | Calhoun | 5.8 | 67 | Woodruff | 7.1 |
| 18 | Prairie | 4.7 | 43 | Carroll | 5.8 | 69 | Desha | 7.2 |
| 20 | Crawford | 4.8 | 43 | Conway | 5.8 | 70 | Cleburne | 7.4 |
| 20 | Miller | 4.8 | 43 | Cross | 5.8 | 71 | Jackson | 7.6 |
| 20 | Newton | 4.8 | 43 | Johnson | 5.8 | 71 | Mississippi | 7.6 |
| 20 | Yell | 4.8 | 48 | Ouachita | 5.9 | 73 | Phillips | 7.7 |
| 24 | Bradley | 5.0 | 48 | Perry | 5.9 | 74 | Clay | 7.8 |
| 24 | Clark | 5.0 | 50 | Columbia | 6.0 | 75 | Chicot | 8.5 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**January 2016 December 2015 January 2015**

**LWDA CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

Central (minus LR) 244,961

235,072

9,889

4.0

244,226

234,337

9,889

4.0

239,193

225,580

13,613

5.7

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| City of Little Rock | 95,668 | 91,822 | 3,846 | 4.0 | 95,289 | 91,465 | 3,824 | 4.0 | 93,152 | 87,927 | 5,225 | 5.6 |
| Eastern | 48,502 | 45,543 | 2,959 | 6.1 | 48,661 | 45,806 | 2,855 | 5.9 | 48,746 | 44,513 | 4,233 | 8.7 |
| North Central | 95,641 | 89,246 | 6,395 | 6.7 | 95,448 | 89,467 | 5,981 | 6.3 | 95,283 | 87,314 | 7,969 | 8.4 |
| Northeast | 119,159 | 112,958 | 6,201 | 5.2 | 119,007 | 112,932 | 6,075 | 5.1 | 117,452 | 108,772 | 8,680 | 7.4 |
| Northwest | 301,244 | 290,426 | 10,818 | 3.6 | 303,110 | 292,626 | 10,484 | 3.5 | 288,087 | 273,245 | 14,842 | 5.2 |
| Southeast | 83,807 | 78,710 | 5,097 | 6.1 | 84,382 | 79,373 | 5,009 | 5.9 | 83,704 | 76,612 | 7,092 | 8.5 |
| Southwest | 94,540 | 89,553 | 4,987 | 5.3 | 94,196 | 89,170 | 5,026 | 5.3 | 93,503 | 86,799 | 6,704 | 7.2 |
| West Central | 133,156 | 126,227 | 6,929 | 5.2 | 132,796 | 125,991 | 6,805 | 5.1 | 131,327 | 122,449 | 8,878 | 6.8 |
| Western | 113,358 | 108,040 | 5,318 | 4.7 | 113,202 | 107,869 | 5,333 | 4.7 | 111,774 | 104,949 | 6,825 | 6.1 |

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

Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Nevada

Ouachita

Calhoun

Bradley

Drew

Chicot

Lafayette

Columbia

Union

Ashley

Central (minus LR) Eastern

North Central

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

Southwest

West Central

Western



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