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Workforce Services



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 2019 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 800 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.

NOVEMBER 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 2019 - 3rd Quarter 2020 (Average)

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

1.6% 3.9% 5.8% 6.0% 6.6% 9.6%

##### is for 3rd Quarter 2020.

The following definitions are used to calculate each measure of Labor Underutilization:

##### **Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.

* 1. **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).

##### **Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.

* 1. **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.

##### **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

Three-Quarter Comparison (Quarter Ending)

12.0

10.0

8.0



6.0

4.0

2.0

0.0

U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6 1st Q 2020 2nd Q 2020 3rd Q 2020



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### Civilian Labor Force Summary

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 6.2 percent between October and November. Arkansas’ civilian labor force declined 2,925, a result of 2,746 fewer employed and 179 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ job- less rate decreased to 6.7 percent in November, down from 6.9 percent in October.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate remained unchanged at 6.2 percent between October and November. While there were minor fluctuations in employment and unemployment, the changes were not significant enough to impact the rate.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,244,877 1,247,623 1,316,141 Employment 1,247,932 1,255,202 1,320,158

Unemployment 82,860 83,039 48,190 Unemployment 75,624 75,789 41,816

Unemployment Rate 6.2 6.2 3.5 Unemployment Rate 5.7 5.7 3.1

U.S. Unemployment 6.7 6.9 3.5 U.S. Unemployment 6.4 6.6 3.3

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 20** | **Oct 20** | **Nov 19** | **Nov 20** | **Oct 20** | **Nov 19** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,327,737 | 1,330,662 | 1,364,331 Civilian Labor Force | 1,323,556 | 1,330,991 | 1,361,974 |

1,400,000

###### Number of Employed (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2018 - November 2020

1,350,000

1,300,000

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

1,100,000



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### Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS) Nov 20 Oct 20 Nov 19 OTM OTY** | | | | | |
| Total Nonfarm | 1249.8 | 1243.1 | 1286.4 | 6.7 | -36.6 |
| Goods Producing | 208.0 | 207.0 | 221.3 | 1.0 | -13.3 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 60.3 | 60.7 | 58.9 | -0.4 | 1.4 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.1** | **5.1** | **5.9** | **0.0** | **-0.8** |
| **Construction** | **55.2** | **55.6** | **53.0** | **-0.4** | **2.2** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 35.1 | 35.0 | 34.1 | 0.1 | 1.0 |
| **Manufacturing** | **147.7** | **146.3** | **162.4** | **1.4** | **-14.7** |
| Durable Goods | 68.3 | 66.4 | 76.5 | 1.9 | -8.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 79.4 | 79.9 | 85.9 | -0.5 | -6.5 |
| Service Providing | 1041.8 | 1036.1 | 1065.1 | 5.7 | -23.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **268.6** | **262.8** | **256.7** | **5.8** | **11.9** |
| Wholesale Trade | 50.0 | 48.8 | 48.8 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Retail Trade | 144.6 | 142.2 | 138.5 | 2.4 | 6.1 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 74.0 | 71.8 | 69.4 | 2.2 | 4.6 |
| **Information** | **10.7** | **10.7** | **11.3** | **0.0** | **-0.6** |
| **Financial Activities** | **60.8** | **61.0** | **62.1** | **-0.2** | **-1.3** |
| Finance & Insurance | 47.9 | 47.9 | 48.4 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 12.9 | 13.1 | 13.7 | -0.2 | -0.8 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **147.9** | **148.8** | **147.0** | **-0.9** | **0.9** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 45.0 | 44.8 | 45.1 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| Management of Companies | 36.4 | 36.3 | 34.6 | 0.1 | 1.8 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 66.5 | 67.7 | 67.3 | -1.2 | -0.8 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **188.1** | **187.3** | **195.9** | **0.8** | **-7.8** |
| Educational Services | 16.3 | 16.3 | 16.7 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 171.8 | 171.0 | 179.2 | 0.8 | -7.4 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 60.4 | 59.9 | 61.4 | 0.5 | -1.0 |
| Social Assistance | 36.8 | 36.5 | 39.4 | 0.3 | -2.6 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **105.1** | **104.3** | **117.3** | **0.8** | **-12.2** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 9.7 | 10.5 | 10.1 | -0.8 | -0.4 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 95.4 | 93.8 | 107.2 | 1.6 | -11.8 |
| Accommodation Services | 8.4 | 8.5 | 11.0 | -0.1 | -2.6 |
| Food Services | 87.0 | 85.3 | 96.2 | 1.7 | -9.2 |
| **Other Services** | **55.9** | **56.1** | **60.0** | **-0.2** | **-4.1** |
| **Government** | **204.7** | **205.1** | **214.8** | **-0.4** | **-10.1** |
| Federal Government | 20.7 | 21.7 | 20.5 | -1.0 | 0.2 |
| State Government | 78.1 | 78.0 | 80.1 | 0.1 | -2.0 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.4 | 31.3 | 32.1 | 0.1 | -0.7 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.7 | 46.7 | 48.0 | 0.0 | -1.3 |
| Local Government | 105.9 | 105.4 | 114.2 | 0.5 | -8.3 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 63.3 | 62.9 | 69.9 | 0.4 | -6.6 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.6 | 42.5 | 44.3 | 0.1 | -1.7 |

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### Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**October 2020 - November 2020**

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 6,700 in November to total 1,249,800. Four major industry sec- tors posted gains. The largest increase occurred in **trade, transportation, and utilities** (+5,800). All subsectors reported hiring, related in large part to holiday shopping. Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 1,400. Gains in durable goods (+1,900) more than offset losses in nondurable goods manufacturing (-500). Smaller increases occurred in **educational and health services** (+800) and in **leisure and hos- pitality** (+800).

**November 2019 - November 2020**

Compared to November 2019, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs are down 36,600. Employment in eight major industry sectors declined. Jobs in **manufacturing** fell 14,700. Contractions occurred in both du- rable goods (-8,200) and nondurable goods (-6,500) manufacturing. Industries with the largest report- ed declines include the manufacturing of transportation equipment, food, and fabricated metal prod- ucts. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** decreased 12,200. While all subsectors reported losses, the largest was in food services (-9,200). Jobs in **government** are down 10,100. Most of the contrac- tion was in local government-educational services (-6,600). **Educational and health services** declined 7,800, largely in health care and social assistance (-7,400). Employment in **other services** decreased 4,100. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** are up 11,900. While all subsectors posted growth, the greatest gains were in retail trade (+6,100) and transportation-warehousing-utilities (+4,600). **Con- struction** added 2,200 jobs, related in part to multiple large-scale projects across the State.

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

November 2018 - November 2020

275,000

270,000

265,000

260,000

255,000

250,000

245,000

240,000

235,000

230,000

225,000

Nov '18 May '19 Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20

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### Production Workers - Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Nov 20**

Average Weekly Hours 39.2

Average Hourly Earnings 18.97

Average Weekly Earnings 743.62

**Oct 20**

38.8

19.03

738.36

**Nov 19**

41.9

18.61

779.76

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Nov 20**

Average Weekly Hours 37.1

Average Hourly Earnings 21.17

Average Weekly Earnings 785.41

**Oct 20**

38.2

21.22

810.60

**Nov 19**

43.8

20.79

910.60

**Nov 20**

Average Weekly Hours 40.9

Average Hourly Earnings 17.27

Average Weekly Earnings 706.34

**Oct 20**

39.3

17.29

679.50

**Nov 19**

40.3

16.55

666.97

$20.00

###### Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing - Production Workers

November: 2010 - 2020

$19.00

$18.00

$17.00

$16.00

$15.00

$14.00

$13.00

$12.00

$11.00

$10.00

2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Little Rock - North Little Rock - Conway MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 20** | **Oct 20** | **Nov 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 340,488 | 343,658 | 357,079 | -3,170 | -16,591 |
| **Employment** | 319,104 | 321,659 | 346,835 | -2,555 | -27,731 |
| **Unemployment** | 21,384 | 21,999 | 10,244 | -615 | 11,140 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.3 | 6.4 | 2.9 | -0.1 | 3.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Nov 20** | **Oct 20** | **Nov 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm 348.9 | 348.5 | 366.1 | 0.4 | -17.2 |
| Goods Producing 37.0 | 37.4 | 38.8 | -0.4 | -1.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 18.0** | **18.5** | **18.2** | **-0.5** | **-0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 19.0** | **18.9** | **20.6** | **0.1** | **-1.6** |
| Service Providing 311.9 | 311.1 | 327.3 | 0.8 | -15.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 72.5** | **71.4** | **71.2** | **1.1** | **1.3** |
| Wholesale Trade 15.8 | 15.6 | 15.9 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| Retail Trade 39.2 | 38.5 | 38.4 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities 17.5 | 17.3 | 16.9 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| **Information 3.6** | **3.6** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **-0.7** |
| **Financial Activities 21.3** | **21.2** | **21.9** | **0.1** | **-0.6** |
| **Professional & Business Services 45.7** | **46.9** | **48.3** | **-1.2** | **-2.6** |
| **Educational & Health Services 55.6** | **54.8** | **58.8** | **0.8** | **-3.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 28.9** | **29.0** | **33.6** | **-0.1** | **-4.7** |
| **Other Services 17.3** | **17.3** | **18.4** | **0.0** | **-1.1** |
| **Government 67.0** | **66.9** | **70.8** | **0.1** | **-3.8** |
| Federal Government 10.1 | 10.1 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| State Government 34.4 | 34.3 | 36.2 | 0.1 | -1.8 |
| Local Government 22.5 | 22.5 | 24.8 | 0.0 | -2.3 |

###### Employment

November 2018 - November 2020

380,000

###### Jobs in Service Providing Sectors

November: 2010 - 2020

340,000

330,000

360,000

320,000

340,000

310,000

320,000

300,000

290,000

300,000

280,000

280,000

Nov '18 May '19 Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20

270,000

'10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20

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### Fayetteville - Springdale - Rogers MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 20** | **Oct 20** | **Nov 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 278,544 | 278,859 | 283,345 | -315 | -4,801 |
| **Employment** | 266,718 | 266,987 | 277,125 | -269 | -10,407 |
| **Unemployment** | 11,826 | 11,872 | 6,220 | -46 | 5,606 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.2 | 4.3 | 2.2 | -0.1 | 2.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Nov 20** | **Oct 20** | **Nov 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm 267.5 | 265.2 | 268.7 | 2.3 | -1.2 |
| Goods Producing 41.5 | 41.5 | 43.2 | 0.0 | -1.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 12.7** | **12.8** | **12.7** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Manufacturing 28.8** | **28.7** | **30.5** | **0.1** | **-1.7** |
| Service Providing 226.0 | 223.7 | 225.5 | 2.3 | 0.5 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 60.0** | **58.4** | **57.2** | **1.6** | **2.8** |
| Wholesale Trade 12.9 | 12.5 | 12.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| Retail Trade 27.7 | 27.0 | 26.3 | 0.7 | 1.4 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities 19.4 | 18.9 | 18.6 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| **Information 1.9** | **1.9** | **2.1** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 8.3** | **8.3** | **8.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 53.9** | **53.3** | **51.2** | **0.6** | **2.7** |
| **Educational & Health Services 27.8** | **27.7** | **30.3** | **0.1** | **-2.5** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 26.3** | **26.1** | **27.1** | **0.2** | **-0.8** |
| **Other Services 9.4** | **9.4** | **9.7** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Government 38.4** | **38.6** | **39.6** | **-0.2** | **-1.2** |
| Federal Government 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.7 | -0.3 | 0.1 |
| State Government 16.8 | 16.9 | 17.3 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| Local Government 18.8 | 18.6 | 19.6 | 0.2 | -0.8 |

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

November 2019 vs November 2020

Trade-Transportation-Utilities 2,800

0

0

-200

-300

-800

-1,200

-1,700

Professional & Business 2,700

Mining-Logging-Construction

Financial Activities

Information

Other Services

Leisure & Hospitality

Government

Manufacturing

Education & Health -2,500

-3,000 -2,000 -1,000 0 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000

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### Fort Smith MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 20** | **Oct 20** | **Nov 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 116,095 | 116,214 | 119,034 | -119 | -2,939 |
| **Employment** | 109,361 | 109,386 | 115,087 | -25 | -5,726 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,734 | 6,828 | 3,947 | -94 | 2,787 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.8 | 5.9 | 3.3 | -0.1 | 2.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Nov 20** | **Oct 20** | **Nov 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm 110.4 | 109.5 | 114.4 | 0.9 | -4.0 |
| Goods Producing 22.3 | 22.1 | 23.5 | 0.2 | -1.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.8** | **5.7** | **5.9** | **0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 16.5** | **16.4** | **17.6** | **0.1** | **-1.1** |
| Service Providing 88.1 | 87.4 | 90.9 | 0.7 | -2.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.4** | **23.5** | **23.8** | **0.9** | **0.6** |
| Wholesale Trade 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.3 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| Retail Trade 13.3 | 12.9 | 12.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities 6.8 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| **Information 1.1** | **1.1** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 4.5** | **4.3** | **4.0** | **0.2** | **0.5** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.5** | **11.7** | **12.2** | **-0.2** | **-0.7** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.6** | **16.7** | **17.3** | **-0.1** | **-0.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 8.4** | **8.5** | **9.3** | **-0.1** | **-0.9** |
| **Other Services 4.4** | **4.4** | **4.5** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Government 17.2** | **17.2** | **18.6** | **0.0** | **-1.4** |
| Federal Government 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| State Government 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| Local Government 13.2 | 13.1 | 14.2 | 0.1 | -1.0 |

###### Number of Employed

November 2018 - November 2020

120,000

###### Jobs in Retail Trade

November: 2010 - 2020

14,000

115,000

13,500

110,000

105,000 13,000

100,000

12,500

95,000

90,000



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Nov '18 May '19 Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20

12,000

'10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20

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### Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 20** | **Oct 20** | **Nov 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 40,565 | 40,997 | 40,659 | -432 | -94 |
| **Employment** | 37,591 | 37,917 | 39,335 | -326 | -1,744 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,974 | 3,080 | 1,324 | -106 | 1,650 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 7.3 | 7.5 | 3.3 | -0.2 | 4.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 20** | **Oct 20** | **Nov 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 38.8 | 38.6 | 39.3 | 0.2 | -0.5 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 34.3 | 34.1 | 34.6 | 0.2 | -0.3 |
| 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

44,000

###### Employment

January 2018 - November 2020

42,000

40,000

38,000

36,000

34,000

32,000

30,000

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2018 2019 2020

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### Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 20** | **Oct 20** | **Nov 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,715 | 66,986 | 66,690 | -271 | 25 |
| **Employment** | 63,605 | 63,800 | 65,094 | -195 | -1,489 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,110 | 3,186 | 1,596 | -76 | 1,514 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.7 | 4.8 | 2.4 | -0.1 | 2.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 20** | **Oct 20** | **Nov 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 62.3 | 61.7 | 61.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| 10.7 | 10.6 | 10.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| 51.6 | 51.1 | 51.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| 8.7 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 0.0 | -0.5 |

12,000

###### Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

November: 2010 - 2020

11,000

10,000

9,000

8,000

7,000

6,000

5,000

4,000

2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 20** | **Oct 20** | **Nov 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 33,469 | 33,665 | 34,794 | -196 | -1,325 |
| **Employment** | 30,774 | 30,968 | 33,183 | -194 | -2,409 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,695 | 2,697 | 1,611 | -2 | 1,084 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 8.1 | 8.0 | 4.6 | 0.1 | 3.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 20** | **Oct 20** | **Nov 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.6 | 31.4 | 32.9 | 0.2 | -1.3 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| 26.0 | 25.8 | 27.0 | 0.2 | -1.0 |
| 8.3 | 8.3 | 9.2 | 0.0 | -0.9 |

35,000

###### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

November 2018 - November 2020

34,000

33,000

32,000

31,000

30,000

29,000

28,000

27,000

Nov '18 May '19 Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Out-of-State MSAs

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

**Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA**

The Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA = Fayette, Shelby, & Tipton counties in Tennessee; Benton, Desoto, Marshall, Tate, & Tunica counties in Mississippi; & Crittenden County in Arkansas.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 20** | **Oct 20** | **Nov 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 665,684 | 658,162 | 648,047 | 7,522 | 17,637 |
| **Employment** | 621,198 | 594,775 | 622,983 | 26,423 | -1,785 |
| **Unemployment** | 44,486 | 63,387 | 25,064 | -18,901 | 19,422 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.7 | 9.6 | 3.9 | -2.9 | 2.8 |

#### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 20** | **Oct 20** | **Nov 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,848 | 65,464 | 65,489 | 384 | 359 |
| **Employment** | 61,335 | 61,545 | 62,965 | -210 | -1,630 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,513 | 3,919 | 2,524 | 594 | 1,989 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.9 | 6.0 | 3.9 | 0.9 | 3.0 |

###### Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates

November: 2000 - 2020

12.0

###### Texarkana MSA - Unemployment

January 2018 - November 2020

9,000

8,000

10.0

7,000

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**LABOR MARKET REPORT**

November

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2018 2019 2020

MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND CITIES

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**November 2020**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**October 2020**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,392 | 8,895 | 497 | 5.3 | 9,437 | 8,947 | 490 | 5.2 | 9,803 | 9,483 | 320 | 3.3 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,277 | 15,486 | 791 | 4.9 | 16,425 | 15,591 | 834 | 5.1 | 16,553 | 15,952 | 601 | 3.6 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,131 | 15,651 | 1,480 | 8.6 | 17,190 | 15,726 | 1,464 | 8.5 | 17,233 | 16,530 | 703 | 4.1 |
| Camden Micro | 11,857 | 11,226 | 631 | 5.3 | 11,870 | 11,264 | 606 | 5.1 | 12,230 | 11,707 | 523 | 4.3 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,322 | 14,121 | 1,201 | 7.8 | 15,401 | 14,198 | 1,203 | 7.8 | 15,776 | 15,011 | 765 | 4.8 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,028 | 7,411 | 617 | 7.7 | 8,082 | 7,461 | 621 | 7.7 | 8,111 | 7,766 | 345 | 4.3 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,844 | 18,013 | 831 | 4.4 | 19,007 | 18,181 | 826 | 4.3 | 19,354 | 18,812 | 542 | 2.8 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,181 | 5,630 | 551 | 8.9 | 6,226 | 5,678 | 548 | 8.8 | 6,306 | 5,961 | 345 | 5.5 |
| Hope Micro | 13,011 | 12,393 | 618 | 4.7 | 13,089 | 12,478 | 611 | 4.7 | 13,494 | 13,048 | 446 | 3.3 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,190 | 8,557 | 633 | 6.9 | 9,203 | 8,588 | 615 | 6.7 | 9,224 | 8,868 | 356 | 3.9 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,559 | 12,820 | 739 | 5.5 | 13,652 | 12,903 | 749 | 5.5 | 13,983 | 13,549 | 434 | 3.1 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 15,761 | 14,931 | 830 | 5.3 | 15,850 | 15,029 | 821 | 5.2 | 16,191 | 15,639 | 552 | 3.4 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,609 | 18,646 | 963 | 4.9 | 19,719 | 18,783 | 936 | 4.7 | 20,052 | 19,444 | 608 | 3.0 |
| Russellville Micro | 36,377 | 34,573 | 1,804 | 5.0 | 36,535 | 34,811 | 1,724 | 4.7 | 37,337 | 36,065 | 1,272 | 3.4 |
| Searcy Micro | 32,651 | 30,752 | 1,899 | 5.8 | 32,759 | 30,974 | 1,785 | 5.4 | 33,758 | 32,436 | 1,322 | 3.9 |

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**

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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**LABOR MARKET REPORT**

November

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Not Seasonally Adjusted**  **November 2020 October 2020 November 2019 City CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bella Vista | 12,189 | 11,528 | 661 | 5.4 | 12,198 | 11,538 | 660 | 5.4 | 12,343 | 11,995 | 348 | 2.8 |
| Benton | 16,459 | 15,687 | 772 | 4.7 | 16,643 | 15,811 | 832 | 5.0 | 17,492 | 17,060 | 432 | 2.5 |
| Bentonville | 26,678 | 25,708 | 970 | 3.6 | 26,748 | 25,730 | 1,018 | 3.8 | 27,280 | 26,749 | 531 | 1.9 |
| Blytheville | 5,943 | 5,271 | 672 | 11.3 | 5,987 | 5,297 | 690 | 11.5 | 5,857 | 5,567 | 290 | 5.0 |
| Cabot | 11,493 | 10,930 | 563 | 4.9 | 11,542 | 11,027 | 515 | 4.5 | 12,194 | 11,842 | 352 | 2.9 |
| Conway | 31,933 | 30,386 | 1,547 | 4.8 | 32,179 | 30,643 | 1,536 | 4.8 | 33,859 | 33,009 | 850 | 2.5 |
| El Dorado | 6,713 | 6,117 | 596 | 8.9 | 6,803 | 6,150 | 653 | 9.6 | 6,853 | 6,502 | 351 | 5.1 |
| Fayetteville | 47,997 | 45,687 | 2,310 | 4.8 | 48,131 | 45,750 | 2,381 | 4.9 | 48,600 | 47,531 | 1,069 | 2.2 |
| Fort Smith | 37,770 | 35,625 | 2,145 | 5.7 | 37,832 | 35,666 | 2,166 | 5.7 | 39,367 | 38,227 | 1,140 | 2.9 |
| Hot Springs | 14,639 | 13,363 | 1,276 | 8.7 | 14,843 | 13,479 | 1,364 | 9.2 | 14,515 | 13,983 | 532 | 3.7 |
| Jacksonville | 11,311 | 10,319 | 992 | 8.8 | 11,418 | 10,398 | 1,020 | 8.9 | 11,724 | 11,225 | 499 | 4.3 |
| Jonesboro | 39,737 | 37,815 | 1,922 | 4.8 | 39,991 | 37,917 | 2,074 | 5.2 | 39,633 | 38,721 | 912 | 2.3 |
| Little Rock | 93,928 | 86,840 | 7,088 | 7.5 | 95,015 | 87,505 | 7,510 | 7.9 | 97,391 | 94,460 | 2,931 | 3.0 |
| North Little Rock | 29,136 | 26,642 | 2,494 | 8.6 | 29,469 | 26,846 | 2,623 | 8.9 | 29,984 | 28,979 | 1,005 | 3.4 |
| Paragould | 12,491 | 11,781 | 710 | 5.7 | 12,581 | 11,868 | 713 | 5.7 | 12,689 | 12,286 | 403 | 3.2 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,071 | 14,383 | 1,688 | 10.5 | 16,173 | 14,457 | 1,716 | 10.6 | 16,497 | 15,541 | 956 | 5.8 |
| Rogers | 35,489 | 34,032 | 1,457 | 4.1 | 35,504 | 34,062 | 1,442 | 4.1 | 36,152 | 35,410 | 742 | 2.1 |
| Russellville | 12,994 | 12,422 | 572 | 4.4 | 13,045 | 12,499 | 546 | 4.2 | 13,385 | 12,974 | 411 | 3.1 |
| Searcy | 9,845 | 9,375 | 470 | 4.8 | 9,897 | 9,443 | 454 | 4.6 | 10,209 | 9,889 | 320 | 3.1 |
| Sherwood | 15,322 | 14,381 | 941 | 6.1 | 15,482 | 14,492 | 990 | 6.4 | 16,069 | 15,644 | 425 | 2.6 |
| Springdale | 39,303 | 37,637 | 1,666 | 4.2 | 39,319 | 37,687 | 1,632 | 4.2 | 39,981 | 39,157 | 824 | 2.1 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,563 | 12,602 | 961 | 7.1 | 13,584 | 12,650 | 934 | 6.9 | 13,622 | 13,112 | 510 | 3.7 |
| Van Buren | 9,959 | 9,489 | 470 | 4.7 | 9,990 | 9,503 | 487 | 4.9 | 10,449 | 10,168 | 281 | 2.7 |
| West Memphis | 10,405 | 9,435 | 970 | 9.3 | 10,498 | 9,497 | 1,001 | 9.5 | 10,611 | 10,178 | 433 | 4.1 |

COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**November 2020 October 2020 November 2019**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,243 | 8,850 | 393 | 4.3 | 9,278 | 8,909 | 369 | 4.0 | 9,385 | 9,129 | 256 | 2.7 |
| Ashley | 7,323 | 6,670 | 653 | 8.9 | 7,379 | 6,709 | 670 | 9.1 | 7,566 | 7,196 | 370 | 4.9 |
| Baxter | 15,761 | 14,931 | 830 | 5.3 | 15,850 | 15,029 | 821 | 5.2 | 16,191 | 15,639 | 552 | 3.4 |
| Benton | 136,066 | 130,339 | 5,727 | 4.2 | 136,224 | 130,452 | 5,772 | 4.2 | 138,707 | 135,615 | 3,092 | 2.2 |
| Boone | 15,614 | 14,915 | 699 | 4.5 | 15,743 | 15,043 | 700 | 4.4 | 16,031 | 15,588 | 443 | 2.8 |
| Bradley | 4,398 | 4,156 | 242 | 5.5 | 4,400 | 4,178 | 222 | 5.0 | 4,453 | 4,307 | 146 | 3.3 |
| Calhoun | 2,381 | 2,265 | 116 | 4.9 | 2,391 | 2,278 | 113 | 4.7 | 2,443 | 2,352 | 91 | 3.7 |
| Carroll | 12,460 | 11,847 | 613 | 4.9 | 12,587 | 11,975 | 612 | 4.9 | 12,720 | 12,402 | 318 | 2.5 |
| Chicot | 3,161 | 2,816 | 345 | 10.9 | 3,191 | 2,843 | 348 | 10.9 | 3,239 | 3,053 | 186 | 5.7 |
| Clark | 9,392 | 8,895 | 497 | 5.3 | 9,437 | 8,947 | 490 | 5.2 | 9,803 | 9,483 | 320 | 3.3 |
| Clay | 5,429 | 5,167 | 262 | 4.8 | 5,480 | 5,227 | 253 | 4.6 | 5,613 | 5,368 | 245 | 4.4 |
| Cleburne | 8,848 | 8,248 | 600 | 6.8 | 8,939 | 8,349 | 590 | 6.6 | 9,092 | 8,709 | 383 | 4.2 |
| Cleveland | 3,092 | 2,893 | 199 | 6.4 | 3,117 | 2,921 | 196 | 6.3 | 3,213 | 3,098 | 115 | 3.6 |
| Columbia | 9,190 | 8,557 | 633 | 6.9 | 9,203 | 8,588 | 615 | 6.7 | 9,224 | 8,868 | 356 | 3.9 |
| Conway | 7,995 | 7,536 | 459 | 5.7 | 8,012 | 7,585 | 427 | 5.3 | 8,289 | 7,991 | 298 | 3.6 |
| Craighead | 56,317 | 53,718 | 2,599 | 4.6 | 56,541 | 53,863 | 2,678 | 4.7 | 56,299 | 55,005 | 1,294 | 2.3 |
| Crawford | 25,704 | 24,408 | 1,296 | 5.0 | 25,746 | 24,443 | 1,303 | 5.1 | 26,895 | 26,153 | 742 | 2.8 |
| Crittenden | 20,865 | 19,248 | 1,617 | 7.7 | 21,040 | 19,374 | 1,666 | 7.9 | 21,511 | 20,765 | 746 | 3.5 |
| Cross | 7,278 | 6,854 | 424 | 5.8 | 7,324 | 6,906 | 418 | 5.7 | 7,394 | 7,120 | 274 | 3.7 |
| Dallas | 2,668 | 2,542 | 126 | 4.7 | 2,681 | 2,558 | 123 | 4.6 | 2,831 | 2,714 | 117 | 4.1 |
| Desha | 5,260 | 4,904 | 356 | 6.8 | 5,296 | 4,937 | 359 | 6.8 | 5,410 | 5,200 | 210 | 3.9 |
| Drew | 7,578 | 7,102 | 476 | 6.3 | 7,625 | 7,154 | 471 | 6.2 | 7,935 | 7,572 | 363 | 4.6 |
| Faulkner | 58,544 | 55,640 | 2,904 | 5.0 | 58,979 | 56,112 | 2,867 | 4.9 | 62,075 | 60,443 | 1,632 | 2.6 |
| Franklin | 7,299 | 6,917 | 382 | 5.2 | 7,348 | 6,975 | 373 | 5.1 | 7,457 | 7,239 | 218 | 2.9 |
| Fulton | 4,899 | 4,660 | 239 | 4.9 | 4,954 | 4,734 | 220 | 4.4 | 4,925 | 4,770 | 155 | 3.1 |
| Garland | 40,565 | 37,591 | 2,974 | 7.3 | 40,997 | 37,917 | 3,080 | 7.5 | 40,659 | 39,335 | 1,324 | 3.3 |
| Grant | 7,889 | 7,501 | 388 | 4.9 | 7,937 | 7,556 | 381 | 4.8 | 8,379 | 8,134 | 245 | 2.9 |
| Greene | 19,609 | 18,646 | 963 | 4.9 | 19,719 | 18,783 | 936 | 4.7 | 20,052 | 19,444 | 608 | 3.0 |
| Hempstead | 9,504 | 9,071 | 433 | 4.6 | 9,560 | 9,136 | 424 | 4.4 | 9,869 | 9,544 | 325 | 3.3 |
| Hot Spring | 13,559 | 12,820 | 739 | 5.5 | 13,652 | 12,903 | 749 | 5.5 | 13,983 | 13,549 | 434 | 3.1 |
| Howard | 5,441 | 5,186 | 255 | 4.7 | 5,475 | 5,223 | 252 | 4.6 | 5,698 | 5,537 | 161 | 2.8 |
| Independence | 16,277 | 15,486 | 791 | 4.9 | 16,425 | 15,591 | 834 | 5.1 | 16,553 | 15,952 | 601 | 3.6 |
| Izard | 4,717 | 4,378 | 339 | 7.2 | 4,762 | 4,434 | 328 | 6.9 | 4,862 | 4,620 | 242 | 5.0 |
| Jackson | 5,516 | 5,133 | 383 | 6.9 | 5,536 | 5,172 | 364 | 6.6 | 5,830 | 5,484 | 346 | 5.9 |
| Jefferson | 26,618 | 24,344 | 2,274 | 8.5 | 26,760 | 24,469 | 2,291 | 8.6 | 27,654 | 26,303 | 1,351 | 4.9 |
| Johnson | 9,879 | 9,337 | 542 | 5.5 | 9,932 | 9,408 | 524 | 5.3 | 10,263 | 9,900 | 363 | 3.5 |
| Lafayette | 2,448 | 2,242 | 206 | 8.4 | 2,469 | 2,270 | 199 | 8.1 | 2,450 | 2,350 | 100 | 4.1 |
| Lawrence | 6,859 | 6,477 | 382 | 5.6 | 6,909 | 6,530 | 379 | 5.5 | 6,868 | 6,617 | 251 | 3.7 |
| Lee | 2,743 | 2,543 | 200 | 7.3 | 2,762 | 2,565 | 197 | 7.1 | 2,820 | 2,701 | 119 | 4.2 |
| Lincoln | 3,759 | 3,537 | 222 | 5.9 | 3,788 | 3,578 | 210 | 5.5 | 3,927 | 3,782 | 145 | 3.7 |
| Little River | 5,440 | 5,118 | 322 | 5.9 | 5,446 | 5,125 | 321 | 5.9 | 5,541 | 5,329 | 212 | 3.8 |
| Logan | 8,102 | 7,608 | 494 | 6.1 | 8,153 | 7,665 | 488 | 6.0 | 8,532 | 8,196 | 336 | 3.9 |
| Lonoke | 32,464 | 30,748 | 1,716 | 5.3 | 32,743 | 31,022 | 1,721 | 5.3 | 34,303 | 33,315 | 988 | 2.9 |
| Madison | 7,385 | 7,096 | 289 | 3.9 | 7,429 | 7,141 | 288 | 3.9 | 7,490 | 7,329 | 161 | 2.1 |
| Marion | 6,452 | 6,061 | 391 | 6.1 | 6,499 | 6,138 | 361 | 5.6 | 6,573 | 6,354 | 219 | 3.3 |
| Miller | 19,554 | 18,339 | 1,215 | 6.2 | 19,585 | 18,410 | 1,175 | 6.0 | 19,772 | 19,082 | 690 | 3.5 |

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COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**County**

**November 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 17,131 | 15,651 | 1,480 | 8.6 | 17,190 | 15,726 | 1,464 | 8.5 | 17,233 | 16,530 | 703 | 4.1 |
| Monroe | 2,744 | 2,543 | 201 | 7.3 | 2,743 | 2,561 | 182 | 6.6 | 2,718 | 2,611 | 107 | 3.9 |
| Montgomery | 2,869 | 2,679 | 190 | 6.6 | 2,904 | 2,728 | 176 | 6.1 | 2,891 | 2,766 | 125 | 4.3 |
| Nevada | 3,507 | 3,322 | 185 | 5.3 | 3,529 | 3,342 | 187 | 5.3 | 3,625 | 3,504 | 121 | 3.3 |
| Newton | 3,230 | 3,098 | 132 | 4.1 | 3,264 | 3,138 | 126 | 3.9 | 3,323 | 3,224 | 99 | 3.0 |
| Ouachita | 9,476 | 8,961 | 515 | 5.4 | 9,479 | 8,986 | 493 | 5.2 | 9,787 | 9,355 | 432 | 4.4 |
| Perry | 3,982 | 3,781 | 201 | 5.0 | 4,019 | 3,824 | 195 | 4.9 | 4,221 | 4,087 | 134 | 3.2 |
| Phillips | 6,181 | 5,630 | 551 | 8.9 | 6,226 | 5,678 | 548 | 8.8 | 6,306 | 5,961 | 345 | 5.5 |
| Pike | 4,196 | 3,940 | 256 | 6.1 | 4,223 | 3,988 | 235 | 5.6 | 4,204 | 4,059 | 145 | 3.4 |
| Poinsett | 10,398 | 9,887 | 511 | 4.9 | 10,445 | 9,937 | 508 | 4.9 | 10,391 | 10,089 | 302 | 2.9 |
| Polk | 7,892 | 7,396 | 496 | 6.3 | 7,943 | 7,479 | 464 | 5.8 | 8,151 | 7,823 | 328 | 4.0 |
| Pope | 28,152 | 26,717 | 1,435 | 5.1 | 28,254 | 26,884 | 1,370 | 4.8 | 28,922 | 27,905 | 1,017 | 3.5 |
| Prairie | 3,505 | 3,317 | 188 | 5.4 | 3,542 | 3,360 | 182 | 5.1 | 3,576 | 3,443 | 133 | 3.7 |
| Pulaski | 182,257 | 168,697 | 13,560 | 7.4 | 184,164 | 169,990 | 14,174 | 7.7 | 189,276 | 183,501 | 5,775 | 3.1 |
| Randolph | 7,269 | 6,851 | 418 | 5.8 | 7,299 | 6,914 | 385 | 5.3 | 7,345 | 7,106 | 239 | 3.3 |
| St. Francis | 8,028 | 7,411 | 617 | 7.7 | 8,082 | 7,461 | 621 | 7.7 | 8,111 | 7,766 | 345 | 4.3 |
| Saline | 55,352 | 52,737 | 2,615 | 4.7 | 55,816 | 53,155 | 2,661 | 4.8 | 58,825 | 57,355 | 1,470 | 2.5 |
| Scott | 4,269 | 4,078 | 191 | 4.5 | 4,296 | 4,113 | 183 | 4.3 | 4,307 | 4,175 | 132 | 3.1 |
| Searcy | 2,768 | 2,619 | 149 | 5.4 | 2,812 | 2,659 | 153 | 5.4 | 2,814 | 2,698 | 116 | 4.1 |
| Sebastian | 54,364 | 51,338 | 3,026 | 5.6 | 54,404 | 51,397 | 3,007 | 5.5 | 56,702 | 55,087 | 1,615 | 2.8 |
| Sevier | 5,391 | 5,069 | 322 | 6.0 | 5,430 | 5,124 | 306 | 5.6 | 5,498 | 5,275 | 223 | 4.1 |
| Sharp | 5,630 | 5,242 | 388 | 6.9 | 5,667 | 5,305 | 362 | 6.4 | 5,681 | 5,428 | 253 | 4.5 |
| Stone | 4,622 | 4,292 | 330 | 7.1 | 4,673 | 4,368 | 305 | 6.5 | 4,623 | 4,433 | 190 | 4.1 |
| Union | 15,322 | 14,121 | 1,201 | 7.8 | 15,401 | 14,198 | 1,203 | 7.8 | 15,776 | 15,011 | 765 | 4.8 |
| Van Buren | 5,585 | 5,195 | 390 | 7.0 | 5,632 | 5,261 | 371 | 6.6 | 5,662 | 5,415 | 247 | 4.4 |
| Washington | 124,326 | 118,893 | 5,433 | 4.4 | 124,504 | 119,055 | 5,449 | 4.4 | 126,299 | 123,692 | 2,607 | 2.1 |
| White | 32,651 | 30,752 | 1,899 | 5.8 | 32,759 | 30,974 | 1,785 | 5.4 | 33,758 | 32,436 | 1,322 | 3.9 |
| Woodruff | 2,690 | 2,522 | 168 | 6.2 | 2,699 | 2,541 | 158 | 5.9 | 2,753 | 2,625 | 128 | 4.6 |
| Yell | 8,225 | 7,856 | 369 | 4.5 | 8,281 | 7,927 | 354 | 4.3 | 8,415 | 8,160 | 255 | 3.0 |

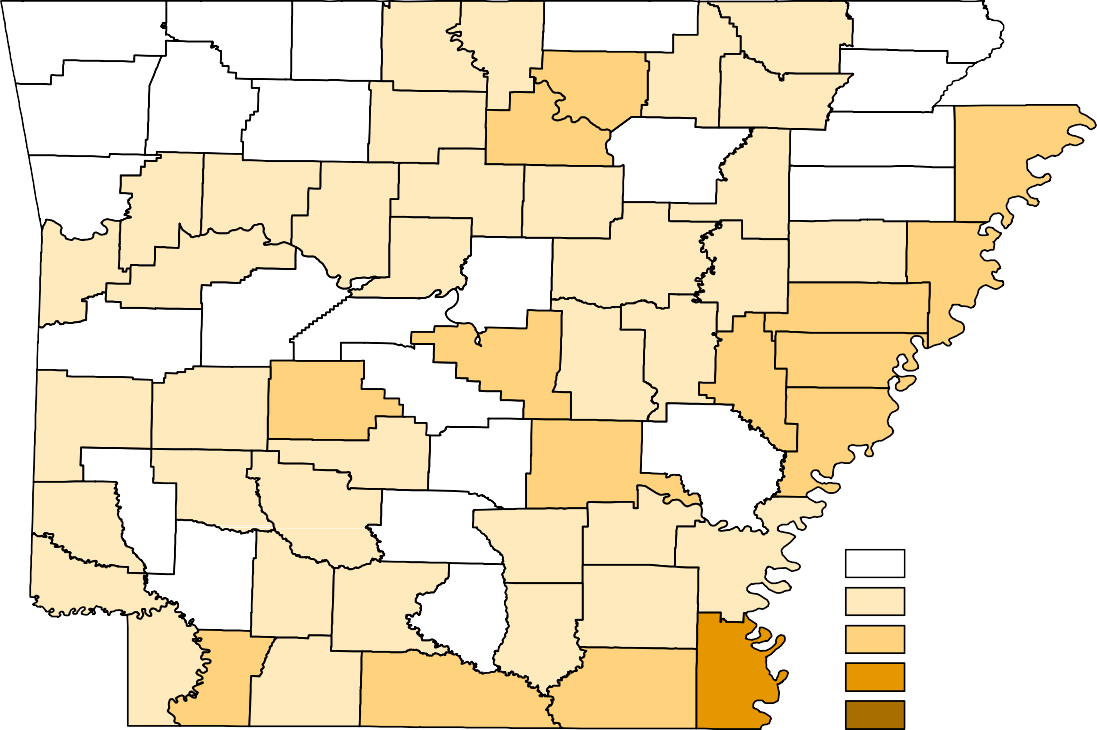
### County Labor Force Summary

Between October and November, unemployment rates increased in 52 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates were stable in fourteen counties, while nine counties posted rate declines. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 3.9 percent in Madison County to a high of 10.9 percent in Chicot County.

In November, sixteen counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is up slightly from the 12 counties at or above seven percent last month. One county-- Madison County-- reported a jobless rate below 4 percent.

Compared to November 2019, unemployment rates are up in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rate increases ranged from as small as a four-tenths of a percentage point gain in Clay County to as much as a five and two-tenths of a percentage point increase in Chicot County.

### County Unemployment Rates



**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Greene**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Crawford**

**Independence**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Faulkner**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Clark**

**Dallas Cleveland Lincoln**

**Desha**

**Little River HempsteadNevada**

**Ouachita Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Bradley**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 5.0% 5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0%

9.1% - 11.0%

> 11.0% [NONE]



**Rank County Rate**

1. Madison 3.9
2. Newton 4.1
3. Benton 4.2
4. Arkansas 4.3
5. Washington 4.4
6. Boone 4.5

6 Scott 4.5

6 Yell 4.5

9 Craighead 4.6

9 Hempstead 4.6

11 Dallas 4.7

11 Howard 4.7

11 Saline 4.7

1. Clay 4.8
2. Calhoun 4.9

15 Carroll 4.9

15 Fulton 4.9

15 Grant 4.9

15 Greene 4.9

15 Independence 4.9

15 Poinsett 4.9

22 Crawford 5.0

22 Faulkner 5.0

22 Perry 5.0

25 Pope 5.1

**Rank County**

1. Franklin
2. Baxter

27 Clark

27 Lonoke

27 Nevada

31 Ouachita

31 Prairie

31 Searcy

34 Bradley

34 Hot Spring

34 Johnson

37 Lawrence

37 Sebastian

1. Conway
2. Cross

40 Randolph

40 White

43 Lincoln

43 Little River

1. Sevier
2. Logan

46 Marion

46 Pike

49 Miller

49 Woodruff

**Rate**

5.2

5.3

5.3

5.3

5.3

5.4

5.4

5.4

5.5

5.5

5.5

5.6

5.6

5.7

5.8

5.8

5.8

5.9

5.9

6.0

6.1

6.1

6.1

6.2

6.2

**Rank County**

51 Drew

51 Polk

1. Cleveland
2. Montgomery
3. Cleburne

55 Desha

57 Columbia

57 Jackson

57 Sharp

1. Van Buren
2. Stone
3. Izard
4. Garland

63 Lee

63 Monroe

1. Pulaski
2. Crittenden

67 St. Francis

1. Union
2. Lafayette
3. Jefferson
4. Mississippi
5. Ashley

73 Phillips

75 Chicot

**Rate**

6.3

6.3

6.4

6.6

6.8

6.8

6.9

6.9

6.9

7.0

7.1

7.2

7.3

7.3

7.3

7.4

7.7

7.7

7.8

8.4

8.5

8.6

8.9

8.9

10.9

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**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

**November 2020 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**LWDA**

**CLF**

**November 2020**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**October 2020**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 240,938 226,842

City of Little Rock 93,928 86,840

Eastern 45,095 41,686

North Central 91,435 85,908

Northeast 123,012 116,397

Northwest 324,062 309,799

Southeast 78,321 72,773

Southwest 90,322 84,793

West Central 128,814 121,152

Western 107,630 101,745

14,096 5.9

7,088 7.5

3,409 7.6

5,527 6.0

6,615 5.4

14,263 4.4

5,548 7.1

5,529 6.1

7,662 5.9

5,885 5.5

242,972 228,695 14,277 5.9

95,015 87,505 7,510 7.9

45,434 41,984 3,450 7.6

92,046 86,729 5,317 5.8

123,583 116,980 6,603 5.3

324,912 310,630 14,282 4.4

78,771 73,254 5,517 7.0

90,649 85,238 5,411 6.0

129,711 122,111 7,600 5.9

107,890 102,072 5,818 5.4

253,382 246,208 7,174 2.8

97,391 94,460 2,931 3.0

46,142 44,313 1,829 4.0

93,739 89,872 3,867 4.1

123,801 120,159 3,642 2.9

330,148 322,541 7,607 2.3

81,161 77,774 3,387 4.2

92,514 88,921 3,593 3.9

131,650 127,235 4,415 3.4

112,044 108,673 3,371 3.0



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North Central

Northeast Northwest Southeast

Southwest West Central Western