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

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data col- lected for production workers in manufactur- ing industries.

Industries are classi- fied according to the North American In- dustry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 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.

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**Business Employment Dynamics (BED)**

Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced and published on a quarterly basis. At this time, BED data is only available at the national and statewide levels.

The information produced from BED statistics includes gross job gains and losses at estab- lishments with changes in em- ployment. These employment changes occur when establish- ments open/expand or close/ contract. Gross job gains are a combination of jobs created from both openings of new businesses and expansions at existing businesses. Gross job losses are a combination of jobs lost from both exist- ing businesses that close and those that reduce their number of employees. The net change is the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses.

**Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)**

State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)

**-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**Quarter Ending**

**----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**Category | Mar 19 | Jun 19 | Sep 19 | Dec 19 | Mar 20\***

**----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**Employment Levels**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 1st Quarter 2020

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gross job gains..... | 54,288 | 51,536 | 56,712 | 66,058 | 52,888 |
| Gross job losses.... | 52,811 | 58,717 | 59,055 | 49,413 | 56,439 |
| **Net Change**.......... | **1,477** | **-7,181** | **-2,343** | **16,645** | **-3,551** |

**Arkansas’ Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)**

1st Quarter 2018 - 1st Quarter 2020

70,000

65,000

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

Mar '18 Jun '18 Sep '18 Dec '18 Mar '19 Jun '19 Sep '19 Dec '19 Mar '20

Gross Job Gains Gross Job Losses

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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 declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 7.4 percent in August to 7.3 percent in September. Arkansas’ civilian labor force decreased 7,717, a result of 5,391 fewer employed and 2,326 fewer unem- ployed Arkansans. At 7.9 percent, the United States’ jobless rate dropped five-tenths of a percentage in September.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate decreased one- tenth of a percentage point in September. Employment and unemployment both declined slightly, as Arkansans continue to move in and out of the labor force.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,238,278 1,243,669 1,314,807 Employment 1,243,382 1,246,018 1,319,239

Unemployment 97,191 99,517 48,450 Unemployment 93,607 99,551 45,467

Unemployment Rate 7.3 7.4 3.6 Unemployment Rate 7.0 7.4 3.3

U.S. Unemployment 7.9 8.4 3.5 U.S. Unemployment 7.7 8.5 3.3

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 20** | **Aug 20** | **Sep 19** | **Sep 20** | **Aug 20** | **Sep 19** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,335,469 | 1,343,186 | 1,363,257 Civilian Labor Force | 1,336,989 | 1,345,569 | 1,364,706 |

120,000

**Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

September: 2000 - 2020



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100,000

80,000

60,000

40,000

20,000

0

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## Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Sep 20** | **Aug 20** | **Sep 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1232.4 | 1219.2 | 1279.2 | 13.2 | -46.8 |
| Goods Producing | 205.3 | 203.9 | 221.1 | 1.4 | -15.8 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 59.8 | 59.6 | 59.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.1** | **5.2** | **6.0** | **-0.1** | **-0.9** |
| **Construction** | **54.7** | **54.4** | **53.6** | **0.3** | **1.1** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 34.7 | 34.7 | 33.8 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| **Manufacturing** | **145.5** | **144.3** | **161.5** | **1.2** | **-16.0** |
| Durable Goods | 65.2 | 63.8 | 76.4 | 1.4 | -11.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 80.3 | 80.5 | 85.1 | -0.2 | -4.8 |
| Service Providing | 1027.1 | 1015.3 | 1058.1 | 11.8 | -31.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **257.5** | **258.4** | **251.1** | **-0.9** | **6.4** |
| Wholesale Trade | 48.9 | 48.8 | 47.3 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| Retail Trade | 137.2 | 138.8 | 135.8 | -1.6 | 1.4 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 71.4 | 70.8 | 68.0 | 0.6 | 3.4 |
| **Information** | **10.6** | **10.5** | **11.1** | **0.1** | **-0.5** |
| **Financial Activities** | **61.0** | **61.1** | **62.6** | **-0.1** | **-1.6** |
| Finance & Insurance | 47.8 | 47.8 | 48.8 | 0.0 | -1.0 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.2 | 13.3 | 13.8 | -0.1 | -0.6 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **144.9** | **145.0** | **145.1** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43.7 | 44.3 | 43.9 | -0.6 | -0.2 |
| Management of Companies | 36.2 | 36.0 | 33.8 | 0.2 | 2.4 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 65.0 | 64.7 | 67.4 | 0.3 | -2.4 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **187.7** | **182.6** | **194.5** | **5.1** | **-6.8** |
| Educational Services | 16.2 | 14.1 | 16.2 | 2.1 | 0.0 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 171.5 | 168.5 | 178.3 | 3.0 | -6.8 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 59.9 | 59.0 | 59.8 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| Social Assistance | 37.9 | 36.1 | 39.5 | 1.8 | -1.6 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **104.2** | **104.9** | **121.2** | **-0.7** | **-17.0** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 10.6 | 11.8 | 11.5 | -1.2 | -0.9 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 93.6 | 93.1 | 109.7 | 0.5 | -16.1 |
| Accommodation Services | 8.7 | 8.8 | 11.7 | -0.1 | -3.0 |
| Food Services | 84.9 | 84.3 | 98.0 | 0.6 | -13.1 |
| **Other Services** | **56.1** | **56.4** | **59.5** | **-0.3** | **-3.4** |
| **Government** | **205.1** | **196.4** | **213.0** | **8.7** | **-7.9** |
| Federal Government | 23.3 | 24.1 | 20.6 | -0.8 | 2.7 |
| State Government | 77.2 | 73.0 | 79.3 | 4.2 | -2.1 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 30.6 | 25.8 | 31.3 | 4.8 | -0.7 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.6 | 47.2 | 48.0 | -0.6 | -1.4 |
| Local Government | 104.6 | 99.3 | 113.1 | 5.3 | -8.5 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 62.6 | 57.1 | 68.6 | 5.5 | -6.0 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.0 | 42.2 | 44.5 | -0.2 | -2.5 |

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## Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**August 2020 - September 2020**

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 13,200 in September to total 1,232,400. Five major industry sectors added jobs, related in large part to seasonal hiring. Jobs in **government** rose 8,700. All gains were in local government, educational services (+5,500) and state government, educational services (+4,800), due to returning staff at public schools and universities. **Educational and health services** added 5,100 jobs. Expansions were posted in both health care and social assistance (+3,000) and edu- cational services (+2,100). Employment in **manufacturing** rose 1,200. All additions were in durable goods (+1,400), with reported hiring in fabricated metal product manufacturing and in transportation equipment manufacturing.

**September 2019 - September 2020**

Compared to September 2019, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment has declined 46,800. Nine ma- jor industry sectors posted job losses. The largest decrease was in **leisure and hospitality** (-17,000), mostly in food services (-13,100). Jobs in **manufacturing** declined 16,000. Most of the contractions were in durable goods manufacturing (-11,200). **Government** employment is down 7,900. Losses were reported in both local (-8,500) and state (-2,100) government. Employment in **educational and health services** decreased 6,800, all in health care and social assistance. Notable declines were also reported in **other services** (-3,400) and **financial activities** (-1,600). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** post- ed the largest annual increase, adding 6,400 jobs. Expansions were reported in all subsectors. Jobs in **construction** rose 1,100. Most of the hiring occurred in specialty trade contractors (+900), which includes activities such as roofing, electrical, and flooring contractors.

**Jobs in Food Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2018 - September 2020

110,000

100,000

90,000

80,000

70,000

60,000

50,000



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## Production Workers - Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Sep 20**

Average Weekly Hours 39.1

Average Hourly Earnings 18.90

Average Weekly Earnings 738.99

**Aug 20**

38.0

18.42

699.96

**Sep 19**

42.8

18.70

797.36

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Sep 20**

Average Weekly Hours 38.0

Average Hourly Earnings 21.33

Average Weekly Earnings 810.54

**Aug 20**

37.2

20.48

761.86

**Sep 19**

42.1

21.07

887.05

**Sep 20**

Average Weekly Hours 40.0

Average Hourly Earnings 17.02

Average Weekly Earnings 680.80

**Aug 20**

38.7

16.89

653.64

**Sep 19**

43.5

16.57

720.80

**Average Weekly Hours Worked- Manufacturing (Production Workers)**

September 2018 - September 2020

48.0

46.0

44.0

42.0

40.0

38.0

36.0

34.0

32.0

30.0



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Sep '18

Mar '19

Sep '19

Mar '20

Sep '20

### 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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 20** | **Aug 20** | **Sep 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 348,307 | 351,783 | 356,936 | -3,476 | -8,629 |
| **Employment** | 321,012 | 322,324 | 345,703 | -1,312 | -24,691 |
| **Unemployment** | 27,295 | 29,459 | 11,233 | -2,164 | 16,062 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 7.8 | 8.4 | 3.1 | -0.6 | 4.7 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Sep 20** | **Aug 20** | **Sep 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm 348.0 | 345.7 | 364.3 | 2.3 | -16.3 |
| Goods Producing 37.4 | 37.7 | 38.7 | -0.3 | -1.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 18.5** | **18.8** | **18.1** | **-0.3** | **0.4** |
| **Manufacturing 18.9** | **18.9** | **20.6** | **0.0** | **-1.7** |
| Service Providing 310.6 | 308.0 | 325.6 | 2.6 | -15.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 70.0** | **70.4** | **69.9** | **-0.4** | **0.1** |
| Wholesale Trade 15.6 | 15.6 | 15.8 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Retail Trade 37.3 | 37.8 | 37.3 | -0.5 | 0.0 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities 17.1 | 17.0 | 16.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Information 3.7** | **3.7** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **-0.6** |
| **Financial Activities 21.1** | **21.2** | **21.9** | **-0.1** | **-0.8** |
| **Professional & Business Services 46.4** | **46.9** | **47.8** | **-0.5** | **-1.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services 55.1** | **53.1** | **58.7** | **2.0** | **-3.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 29.3** | **30.2** | **34.2** | **-0.9** | **-4.9** |
| **Other Services 17.5** | **17.6** | **18.5** | **-0.1** | **-1.0** |
| **Government 67.5** | **64.9** | **70.3** | **2.6** | **-2.8** |
| Federal Government 10.6 | 10.7 | 9.7 | -0.1 | 0.9 |
| State Government 34.1 | 33.2 | 35.9 | 0.9 | -1.8 |
| Local Government 22.8 | 21.0 | 24.7 | 1.8 | -1.9 |

**Number of Unemployed**

September: 2010 - 2020

30,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2018 - September 2020

350,000

340,000

25,000

330,000

20,000

320,000

310,000

15,000

300,000

10,000

290,000

5,000

280,000



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'10

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'12

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'16

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270,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2018 2019 2020

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

## Fayetteville - Springdale - Rogers MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 20** | **Aug 20** | **Sep 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 277,856 | 278,306 | 282,574 | -450 | -4,718 |
| **Employment** | 263,041 | 262,407 | 275,755 | 634 | -12,714 |
| **Unemployment** | 14,815 | 15,899 | 6,819 | -1,084 | 7,996 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.3 | 5.7 | 2.4 | -0.4 | 2.9 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Sep 20** | **Aug 20** | **Sep 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm 261.4 | 257.8 | 266.3 | 3.6 | -4.9 |
| Goods Producing 41.2 | 41.3 | 42.8 | -0.1 | -1.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 12.7** | **12.6** | **12.6** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 28.5** | **28.7** | **30.2** | **-0.2** | **-1.7** |
| Service Providing 220.2 | 216.5 | 223.5 | 3.7 | -3.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 57.7** | **57.7** | **56.6** | **0.0** | **1.1** |
| Wholesale Trade 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Retail Trade 26.2 | 26.5 | 26.1 | -0.3 | 0.1 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities 19.0 | 18.7 | 18.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| **Information 1.9** | **1.9** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 8.2** | **8.3** | **8.4** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 51.8** | **51.4** | **50.5** | **0.4** | **1.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services 27.7** | **27.1** | **30.1** | **0.6** | **-2.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 25.7** | **25.8** | **27.9** | **-0.1** | **-2.2** |
| **Other Services 9.4** | **9.4** | **9.6** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Government 37.8** | **34.9** | **38.4** | **2.9** | **-0.6** |
| Federal Government 3.3 | 3.5 | 2.7 | -0.2 | 0.6 |
| State Government 16.5 | 14.2 | 16.9 | 2.3 | -0.4 |
| Local Government 18.0 | 17.2 | 18.8 | 0.8 | -0.8 |

**Employment**

September 2018 - September 2020

300,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

September: 2010 - 2020

290,000

270,000

280,000

250,000

260,000

230,000

240,000

210,000

190,000

220,000

170,000



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200,000

Sep '18

Mar '19

Sep '19

Mar '20

Sep '20

150,000

'10

'11

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

## Fort Smith MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 20** | **Aug 20** | **Sep 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 117,038 | 117,282 | 118,583 | -244 | -1,545 |
| **Employment** | 109,652 | 109,552 | 114,487 | 100 | -4,835 |
| **Unemployment** | 7,386 | 7,730 | 4,096 | -344 | 3,290 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.3 | 6.6 | 3.5 | -0.3 | 2.8 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Sep 20** | **Aug 20** | **Sep 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm 109.2 | 109.3 | 113.5 | -0.1 | -4.3 |
| Goods Producing 22.0 | 22.2 | 23.4 | -0.2 | -1.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.7** | **5.8** | **6.0** | **-0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Manufacturing 16.3** | **16.4** | **17.4** | **-0.1** | **-1.1** |
| Service Providing 87.2 | 87.1 | 90.1 | 0.1 | -2.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 23.1** | **23.7** | **23.0** | **-0.6** | **0.1** |
| Wholesale Trade 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Retail Trade 12.9 | 13.5 | 12.2 | -0.6 | 0.7 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 0.0 | -0.7 |
| **Information 1.2** | **1.1** | **1.2** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 4.2** | **4.2** | **4.0** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.6** | **11.5** | **12.2** | **0.1** | **-0.6** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.6** | **16.5** | **17.3** | **0.1** | **-0.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 8.9** | **9.0** | **9.4** | **-0.1** | **-0.5** |
| **Other Services 4.3** | **4.3** | **4.5** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Government 17.3** | **16.8** | **18.5** | **0.5** | **-1.2** |
| Federal Government 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| State Government 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| Local Government 13.1 | 12.6 | 14.1 | 0.5 | -1.0 |

**Unemployment Rates**

September: 2010 - 2020

9.0%

**Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality**

September 2018 - September 2020

12,000

8.0%

7.0%

10,000

6.0%

5.0%

8,000

4.0%

3.0%

2.0%

6,000

1.0%

4,000

0.0%



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Sep '18

Mar '19

Sep '19

Mar '20

Sep '20

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

## Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 20** | **Aug 20** | **Sep 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,668 | 42,482 | 41,040 | -814 | 628 |
| **Employment** | 37,660 | 38,179 | 39,588 | -519 | -1,928 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,008 | 4,303 | 1,452 | -295 | 2,556 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 9.6 | 10.1 | 3.5 | -0.5 | 6.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 20** | **Aug 20** | **Sep 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 38.2 | 38.5 | 39.3 | -0.3 | -1.1 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 33.7 | 34.0 | 34.6 | -0.3 | -0.9 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

36,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

September: 2000 - 2020



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34,000

32,000

30,000

28,000

26,000

24,000

'00 '02 '04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18 '20

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

## Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 20** | **Aug 20** | **Sep 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 67,345 | 66,891 | 66,406 | 454 | 939 |
| **Employment** | 63,258 | 62,465 | 64,632 | 793 | -1,374 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,087 | 4,426 | 1,774 | -339 | 2,313 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.1 | 6.6 | 2.7 | -0.5 | 3.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

**Sep 20**

61.4

10.6

50.8

8.6

**Aug 20**

59.7

10.4

49.3

7.9

**Sep 19**

60.7

10.3

50.4

9.1

**OTM**

1.7

0.2

1.5

0.7

**OTY**

0.7

0.3

0.4

-0.5

64,500

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

September 2018 - September 2020

62,000

59,500

57,000

54,500

52,000

49,500

47,000

44,500

42,000



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Sep '18

Mar '19

Sep '19

Mar '20

Sep '20

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

## Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 20** | **Aug 20** | **Sep 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 33,823 | 34,099 | 34,911 | -276 | -1,088 |
| **Employment** | 30,612 | 30,847 | 33,209 | -235 | -2,597 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,211 | 3,252 | 1,702 | -41 | 1,509 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 9.5 | 9.5 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 4.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 20** | **Aug 20** | **Sep 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.1 | 31.0 | 32.9 | 0.1 | -1.8 |
| 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| 25.6 | 25.5 | 26.9 | 0.1 | -1.3 |
| 8.0 | 8.1 | 9.1 | -0.1 | -1.1 |

36,000

**Number of Employed**

January 2018 - September 2020



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35,000

34,000

33,000

32,000

31,000

30,000

29,000

28,000

27,000

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
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| 2018 2019 |  | 2020 |  |  |  |  |

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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 20** | **Aug 20** | **Sep 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 649,953 | 662,101 | 644,028 | -12,148 | 5,925 |
| **Employment** | 591,975 | 583,109 | 617,860 | 8,866 | -25,885 |
| **Unemployment** | 57,978 | 78,992 | 26,168 | -21,014 | 31,810 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 8.9 | 11.9 | 4.1 | -3.0 | 4.8 |

#### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 20** | **Aug 20** | **Sep 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,815 | 65,931 | 65,295 | -116 | 520 |
| **Employment** | 61,024 | 61,492 | 62,633 | -468 | -1,609 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,791 | 4,439 | 2,662 | 352 | 2,129 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 7.3 | 6.7 | 4.1 | 0.6 | 3.2 |

**Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates**

September: 2010 - 2020

10.0%

**Texarkana MSA - Employment**

September 2018 - September 2020

70,000

9.0%

67,500

8.0%

7.0%

6.0%

5.0%

65,000

62,500

60,000

4.0% 57,500

3.0%

55,000

2.0%

1.0%

52,500

50,000

0.0%



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**ARKANSAS**

**LABOR MARKET REPORT**

September

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

Sep '18

Mar '19

Sep '19

Mar '20

Sep '20

MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND CITIES

## Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**September 2020**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**August 2020**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,453 | 8,853 | 600 | 6.3 | 9,490 | 8,865 | 625 | 6.6 | 9,813 | 9,467 | 346 | 3.5 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,371 | 15,426 | 945 | 5.8 | 16,463 | 15,448 | 1,015 | 6.2 | 16,639 | 16,000 | 639 | 3.8 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,268 | 15,475 | 1,793 | 10.4 | 17,402 | 15,517 | 1,885 | 10.8 | 17,407 | 16,634 | 773 | 4.4 |
| Camden Micro | 11,860 | 11,128 | 732 | 6.2 | 11,913 | 11,143 | 770 | 6.5 | 12,255 | 11,723 | 532 | 4.3 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,516 | 14,050 | 1,466 | 9.4 | 15,623 | 14,067 | 1,556 | 10.0 | 15,826 | 15,056 | 770 | 4.9 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,090 | 7,350 | 740 | 9.1 | 8,137 | 7,371 | 766 | 9.4 | 8,193 | 7,812 | 381 | 4.7 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,014 | 18,015 | 999 | 5.3 | 19,111 | 18,039 | 1,072 | 5.6 | 19,420 | 18,822 | 598 | 3.1 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,198 | 5,570 | 628 | 10.1 | 6,255 | 5,592 | 663 | 10.6 | 6,317 | 5,955 | 362 | 5.7 |
| Hope Micro | 13,128 | 12,323 | 805 | 6.1 | 13,181 | 12,346 | 835 | 6.3 | 13,634 | 13,145 | 489 | 3.6 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,241 | 8,488 | 753 | 8.1 | 9,263 | 8,499 | 764 | 8.2 | 9,239 | 8,858 | 381 | 4.1 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,736 | 12,792 | 944 | 6.9 | 13,852 | 12,853 | 999 | 7.2 | 14,025 | 13,543 | 482 | 3.4 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 15,894 | 14,902 | 992 | 6.2 | 15,962 | 14,914 | 1,048 | 6.6 | 16,339 | 15,745 | 594 | 3.6 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,753 | 18,550 | 1,203 | 6.1 | 19,849 | 18,547 | 1,302 | 6.6 | 20,142 | 19,475 | 667 | 3.3 |
| Russellville Micro | 36,593 | 34,390 | 2,203 | 6.0 | 36,777 | 34,451 | 2,326 | 6.3 | 37,466 | 36,055 | 1,411 | 3.8 |
| Searcy Micro | 32,907 | 30,738 | 2,169 | 6.6 | 33,144 | 30,788 | 2,356 | 7.1 | 33,834 | 32,475 | 1,359 | 4.0 |

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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**ARKANSAS**

**LABOR MARKET REPORT**

September

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Not Seasonally Adjusted**  **September 2020 August 2020 September 2019 City CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bella Vista | 12,185 | 11,368 | 817 | 6.7 | 12,139 | 11,342 | 797 | 6.6 | 12,306 | 11,933 | 373 | 3.0 |
| Benton | 16,756 | 15,790 | 966 | 5.8 | 16,955 | 15,851 | 1,104 | 6.5 | 17,486 | 17,003 | 483 | 2.8 |
| Bentonville | 26,732 | 25,351 | 1,381 | 5.2 | 26,661 | 25,294 | 1,367 | 5.1 | 27,220 | 26,612 | 608 | 2.2 |
| Blytheville | 5,995 | 5,212 | 783 | 13.1 | 6,070 | 5,226 | 844 | 13.9 | 5,932 | 5,602 | 330 | 5.6 |
| Cabot | 11,649 | 10,967 | 682 | 5.9 | 11,730 | 11,023 | 707 | 6.0 | 12,194 | 11,812 | 382 | 3.1 |
| Conway | 32,446 | 30,578 | 1,868 | 5.8 | 32,706 | 30,706 | 2,000 | 6.1 | 33,851 | 32,912 | 939 | 2.8 |
| El Dorado | 6,907 | 6,086 | 821 | 11.9 | 6,970 | 6,093 | 877 | 12.6 | 6,898 | 6,522 | 376 | 5.5 |
| Fayetteville | 48,165 | 45,087 | 3,078 | 6.4 | 48,313 | 44,986 | 3,327 | 6.9 | 48,464 | 47,304 | 1,160 | 2.4 |
| Fort Smith | 38,229 | 35,635 | 2,594 | 6.8 | 38,761 | 36,015 | 2,746 | 7.1 | 39,335 | 38,047 | 1,288 | 3.3 |
| Hot Springs | 15,127 | 13,388 | 1,739 | 11.5 | 15,467 | 13,572 | 1,895 | 12.3 | 14,697 | 14,073 | 624 | 4.2 |
| Jacksonville | 11,696 | 10,384 | 1,312 | 11.2 | 11,927 | 10,425 | 1,502 | 12.6 | 11,759 | 11,185 | 574 | 4.9 |
| Jonesboro | 40,300 | 37,634 | 2,666 | 6.6 | 40,004 | 37,145 | 2,859 | 7.1 | 39,484 | 38,435 | 1,049 | 2.7 |
| Little Rock | 96,772 | 87,388 | 9,384 | 9.7 | 97,858 | 87,728 | 10,130 | 10.4 | 97,170 | 94,128 | 3,042 | 3.1 |
| North Little Rock | 30,205 | 26,810 | 3,395 | 11.2 | 30,641 | 26,914 | 3,727 | 12.2 | 29,983 | 28,877 | 1,106 | 3.7 |
| Paragould | 12,633 | 11,721 | 912 | 7.2 | 12,707 | 11,719 | 988 | 7.8 | 12,750 | 12,305 | 445 | 3.5 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,343 | 14,314 | 2,029 | 12.4 | 16,429 | 14,417 | 2,012 | 12.2 | 16,546 | 15,543 | 1,003 | 6.1 |
| Rogers | 35,310 | 33,559 | 1,751 | 5.0 | 35,453 | 33,484 | 1,969 | 5.6 | 36,083 | 35,228 | 855 | 2.4 |
| Russellville | 13,042 | 12,370 | 672 | 5.2 | 13,147 | 12,385 | 762 | 5.8 | 13,435 | 12,965 | 470 | 3.5 |
| Searcy | 9,943 | 9,371 | 572 | 5.8 | 9,995 | 9,386 | 609 | 6.1 | 10,264 | 9,901 | 363 | 3.5 |
| Sherwood | 15,695 | 14,472 | 1,223 | 7.8 | 15,758 | 14,529 | 1,229 | 7.8 | 16,086 | 15,588 | 498 | 3.1 |
| Springdale | 39,203 | 37,140 | 2,063 | 5.3 | 39,322 | 37,057 | 2,265 | 5.8 | 39,875 | 38,969 | 906 | 2.3 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,636 | 12,515 | 1,121 | 8.2 | 13,682 | 12,486 | 1,196 | 8.7 | 13,573 | 13,030 | 543 | 4.0 |
| Van Buren | 10,096 | 9,477 | 619 | 6.1 | 10,261 | 9,582 | 679 | 6.6 | 10,414 | 10,122 | 292 | 2.8 |
| West Memphis | 10,647 | 9,309 | 1,338 | 12.6 | 10,778 | 9,358 | 1,420 | 13.2 | 10,588 | 10,069 | 519 | 4.9 |

### COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

## Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**September 2020 August 2020 September 2019**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,205 | 8,757 | 448 | 4.9 | 9,234 | 8,787 | 447 | 4.8 | 9,418 | 9,173 | 245 | 2.6 |
| Ashley | 7,382 | 6,612 | 770 | 10.4 | 7,417 | 6,627 | 790 | 10.7 | 7,591 | 7,238 | 353 | 4.7 |
| Baxter | 15,894 | 14,902 | 992 | 6.2 | 15,962 | 14,914 | 1,048 | 6.6 | 16,339 | 15,745 | 594 | 3.6 |
| Benton | 135,711 | 128,527 | 7,184 | 5.3 | 135,783 | 128,240 | 7,543 | 5.6 | 138,373 | 134,921 | 3,452 | 2.5 |
| Boone | 15,768 | 14,916 | 852 | 5.4 | 15,845 | 14,932 | 913 | 5.8 | 16,078 | 15,588 | 490 | 3.0 |
| Bradley | 4,352 | 4,088 | 264 | 6.1 | 4,373 | 4,104 | 269 | 6.2 | 4,527 | 4,368 | 159 | 3.5 |
| Calhoun | 2,363 | 2,236 | 127 | 5.4 | 2,375 | 2,243 | 132 | 5.6 | 2,442 | 2,357 | 85 | 3.5 |
| Carroll | 12,596 | 11,838 | 758 | 6.0 | 12,709 | 11,865 | 844 | 6.6 | 13,110 | 12,761 | 349 | 2.7 |
| Chicot | 3,167 | 2,775 | 392 | 12.4 | 3,182 | 2,792 | 390 | 12.3 | 3,289 | 3,091 | 198 | 6.0 |
| Clark | 9,453 | 8,853 | 600 | 6.3 | 9,490 | 8,865 | 625 | 6.6 | 9,813 | 9,467 | 346 | 3.5 |
| Clay | 5,428 | 5,112 | 316 | 5.8 | 5,489 | 5,138 | 351 | 6.4 | 5,672 | 5,430 | 242 | 4.3 |
| Cleburne | 8,969 | 8,282 | 687 | 7.7 | 9,033 | 8,300 | 733 | 8.1 | 9,280 | 8,885 | 395 | 4.3 |
| Cleveland | 3,100 | 2,871 | 229 | 7.4 | 3,123 | 2,898 | 225 | 7.2 | 3,216 | 3,107 | 109 | 3.4 |
| Columbia | 9,241 | 8,488 | 753 | 8.1 | 9,263 | 8,499 | 764 | 8.2 | 9,239 | 8,858 | 381 | 4.1 |
| Conway | 8,044 | 7,528 | 516 | 6.4 | 8,078 | 7,545 | 533 | 6.6 | 8,372 | 8,025 | 347 | 4.1 |
| Craighead | 56,915 | 53,461 | 3,454 | 6.1 | 56,531 | 52,766 | 3,765 | 6.7 | 56,047 | 54,599 | 1,448 | 2.6 |
| Crawford | 25,979 | 24,376 | 1,603 | 6.2 | 26,304 | 24,647 | 1,657 | 6.3 | 26,879 | 26,036 | 843 | 3.1 |
| Crittenden | 21,157 | 18,991 | 2,166 | 10.2 | 21,440 | 19,091 | 2,349 | 11.0 | 21,402 | 20,541 | 861 | 4.0 |
| Cross | 7,276 | 6,790 | 486 | 6.7 | 7,336 | 6,812 | 524 | 7.1 | 7,470 | 7,186 | 284 | 3.8 |
| Dallas | 2,684 | 2,525 | 159 | 5.9 | 2,696 | 2,530 | 166 | 6.2 | 2,820 | 2,697 | 123 | 4.4 |
| Desha | 5,274 | 4,828 | 446 | 8.5 | 5,339 | 4,850 | 489 | 9.2 | 5,359 | 5,138 | 221 | 4.1 |
| Drew | 7,600 | 7,030 | 570 | 7.5 | 7,642 | 7,054 | 588 | 7.7 | 7,923 | 7,570 | 353 | 4.5 |
| Faulkner | 59,466 | 55,993 | 3,473 | 5.8 | 59,963 | 56,226 | 3,737 | 6.2 | 62,060 | 60,266 | 1,794 | 2.9 |
| Franklin | 7,360 | 6,895 | 465 | 6.3 | 7,402 | 6,929 | 473 | 6.4 | 7,565 | 7,320 | 245 | 3.2 |
| Fulton | 4,954 | 4,695 | 259 | 5.2 | 4,977 | 4,707 | 270 | 5.4 | 5,036 | 4,857 | 179 | 3.6 |
| Garland | 41,668 | 37,660 | 4,008 | 9.6 | 42,482 | 38,179 | 4,303 | 10.1 | 41,040 | 39,588 | 1,452 | 3.5 |
| Grant | 7,984 | 7,512 | 472 | 5.9 | 8,040 | 7,550 | 490 | 6.1 | 8,360 | 8,105 | 255 | 3.1 |
| Greene | 19,753 | 18,550 | 1,203 | 6.1 | 19,849 | 18,547 | 1,302 | 6.6 | 20,142 | 19,475 | 667 | 3.3 |
| Hempstead | 9,572 | 9,012 | 560 | 5.9 | 9,605 | 9,031 | 574 | 6.0 | 9,964 | 9,615 | 349 | 3.5 |
| Hot Spring | 13,736 | 12,792 | 944 | 6.9 | 13,852 | 12,853 | 999 | 7.2 | 14,025 | 13,543 | 482 | 3.4 |
| Howard | 5,448 | 5,126 | 322 | 5.9 | 5,480 | 5,144 | 336 | 6.1 | 5,728 | 5,568 | 160 | 2.8 |
| Independence | 16,371 | 15,426 | 945 | 5.8 | 16,463 | 15,448 | 1,015 | 6.2 | 16,639 | 16,000 | 639 | 3.8 |
| Izard | 4,782 | 4,389 | 393 | 8.2 | 4,840 | 4,399 | 441 | 9.1 | 4,948 | 4,700 | 248 | 5.0 |
| Jackson | 5,488 | 5,058 | 430 | 7.8 | 5,547 | 5,081 | 466 | 8.4 | 5,812 | 5,462 | 350 | 6.0 |
| Jefferson | 26,959 | 24,227 | 2,732 | 10.1 | 27,157 | 24,401 | 2,756 | 10.1 | 27,741 | 26,306 | 1,435 | 5.2 |
| Johnson | 9,946 | 9,293 | 653 | 6.6 | 10,009 | 9,312 | 697 | 7.0 | 10,236 | 9,822 | 414 | 4.0 |
| Lafayette | 2,466 | 2,232 | 234 | 9.5 | 2,468 | 2,242 | 226 | 9.2 | 2,443 | 2,329 | 114 | 4.7 |
| Lawrence | 6,909 | 6,424 | 485 | 7.0 | 6,933 | 6,422 | 511 | 7.4 | 6,901 | 6,634 | 267 | 3.9 |
| Lee | 2,738 | 2,491 | 247 | 9.0 | 2,761 | 2,506 | 255 | 9.2 | 2,827 | 2,706 | 121 | 4.3 |
| Lincoln | 3,764 | 3,514 | 250 | 6.6 | 3,819 | 3,548 | 271 | 7.1 | 3,954 | 3,796 | 158 | 4.0 |
| Little River | 5,453 | 5,066 | 387 | 7.1 | 5,456 | 5,053 | 403 | 7.4 | 5,507 | 5,286 | 221 | 4.0 |
| Logan | 8,168 | 7,575 | 593 | 7.3 | 8,239 | 7,611 | 628 | 7.6 | 8,599 | 8,219 | 380 | 4.4 |
| Lonoke | 32,916 | 30,854 | 2,062 | 6.3 | 33,262 | 31,009 | 2,253 | 6.8 | 34,427 | 33,229 | 1,198 | 3.5 |
| Madison | 7,312 | 6,970 | 342 | 4.7 | 7,330 | 6,983 | 347 | 4.7 | 7,503 | 7,320 | 183 | 2.4 |
| Marion | 6,528 | 6,097 | 431 | 6.6 | 6,544 | 6,104 | 440 | 6.7 | 6,739 | 6,477 | 262 | 3.9 |
| Miller | 19,589 | 18,213 | 1,376 | 7.0 | 19,672 | 18,170 | 1,502 | 7.6 | 19,693 | 18,963 | 730 | 3.7 |

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COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS



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## Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**County**

**September 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 17,268 | 15,475 | 1,793 | 10.4 | 17,402 | 15,517 | 1,885 | 10.8 | 17,407 | 16,634 | 773 | 4.4 |
| Monroe | 2,710 | 2,496 | 214 | 7.9 | 2,732 | 2,510 | 222 | 8.1 | 2,776 | 2,662 | 114 | 4.1 |
| Montgomery | 2,874 | 2,654 | 220 | 7.7 | 2,918 | 2,682 | 236 | 8.1 | 2,997 | 2,868 | 129 | 4.3 |
| Nevada | 3,556 | 3,311 | 245 | 6.9 | 3,576 | 3,315 | 261 | 7.3 | 3,670 | 3,530 | 140 | 3.8 |
| Newton | 3,246 | 3,099 | 147 | 4.5 | 3,266 | 3,107 | 159 | 4.9 | 3,342 | 3,234 | 108 | 3.2 |
| Ouachita | 9,497 | 8,892 | 605 | 6.4 | 9,538 | 8,900 | 638 | 6.7 | 9,813 | 9,366 | 447 | 4.6 |
| Perry | 4,049 | 3,805 | 244 | 6.0 | 4,079 | 3,825 | 254 | 6.2 | 4,232 | 4,085 | 147 | 3.5 |
| Phillips | 6,198 | 5,570 | 628 | 10.1 | 6,255 | 5,592 | 663 | 10.6 | 6,317 | 5,955 | 362 | 5.7 |
| Pike | 4,200 | 3,915 | 285 | 6.8 | 4,215 | 3,932 | 283 | 6.7 | 4,290 | 4,142 | 148 | 3.4 |
| Poinsett | 10,430 | 9,797 | 633 | 6.1 | 10,360 | 9,699 | 661 | 6.4 | 10,359 | 10,033 | 326 | 3.1 |
| Polk | 7,923 | 7,361 | 562 | 7.1 | 7,989 | 7,387 | 602 | 7.5 | 8,200 | 7,847 | 353 | 4.3 |
| Pope | 28,349 | 26,607 | 1,742 | 6.1 | 28,497 | 26,638 | 1,859 | 6.5 | 29,000 | 27,885 | 1,115 | 3.8 |
| Prairie | 3,499 | 3,295 | 204 | 5.8 | 3,530 | 3,315 | 215 | 6.1 | 3,639 | 3,475 | 164 | 4.5 |
| Pulaski | 187,546 | 169,762 | 17,784 | 9.5 | 189,647 | 170,423 | 19,224 | 10.1 | 189,092 | 182,855 | 6,237 | 3.3 |
| Randolph | 7,320 | 6,831 | 489 | 6.7 | 7,365 | 6,846 | 519 | 7.0 | 7,375 | 7,132 | 243 | 3.3 |
| St. Francis | 8,090 | 7,350 | 740 | 9.1 | 8,137 | 7,371 | 766 | 9.4 | 8,193 | 7,812 | 381 | 4.7 |
| Saline | 56,346 | 53,086 | 3,260 | 5.8 | 56,792 | 53,291 | 3,501 | 6.2 | 58,765 | 57,163 | 1,602 | 2.7 |
| Scott | 4,251 | 4,036 | 215 | 5.1 | 4,277 | 4,058 | 219 | 5.1 | 4,376 | 4,233 | 143 | 3.3 |
| Searcy | 2,822 | 2,642 | 180 | 6.4 | 2,842 | 2,646 | 196 | 6.9 | 2,964 | 2,834 | 130 | 4.4 |
| Sebastian | 55,043 | 51,352 | 3,691 | 6.7 | 55,762 | 51,900 | 3,862 | 6.9 | 56,617 | 54,828 | 1,789 | 3.2 |
| Sevier | 5,400 | 5,046 | 354 | 6.6 | 5,425 | 5,063 | 362 | 6.7 | 5,569 | 5,313 | 256 | 4.6 |
| Sharp | 5,679 | 5,267 | 412 | 7.3 | 5,715 | 5,274 | 441 | 7.7 | 5,782 | 5,514 | 268 | 4.6 |
| Stone | 4,633 | 4,292 | 341 | 7.4 | 4,669 | 4,313 | 356 | 7.6 | 4,690 | 4,510 | 180 | 3.8 |
| Union | 15,516 | 14,050 | 1,466 | 9.4 | 15,623 | 14,067 | 1,556 | 10.0 | 15,826 | 15,056 | 770 | 4.9 |
| Van Buren | 5,657 | 5,224 | 433 | 7.7 | 5,671 | 5,237 | 434 | 7.7 | 5,762 | 5,502 | 260 | 4.5 |
| Washington | 124,214 | 117,330 | 6,884 | 5.5 | 124,399 | 117,068 | 7,331 | 5.9 | 126,003 | 123,101 | 2,902 | 2.3 |
| White | 32,907 | 30,738 | 2,169 | 6.6 | 33,144 | 30,788 | 2,356 | 7.1 | 33,834 | 32,475 | 1,359 | 4.0 |
| Woodruff | 2,640 | 2,471 | 169 | 6.4 | 2,667 | 2,487 | 180 | 6.7 | 2,798 | 2,660 | 138 | 4.9 |
| Yell | 8,244 | 7,783 | 461 | 5.6 | 8,280 | 7,813 | 467 | 5.6 | 8,466 | 8,170 | 296 | 3.5 |

## County Labor Force Summary

Between August and September, sixty-five of Arkansas’ 75 counties posted unemployment rate declines. Rates in five counties increased while five counties were stable over-the-month. Job- less rates ranged from a low of 4.5 percent in Newton County to a high of 12.4 percent in Chicot County.

In September, twenty-nine counties reported unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is down from 36 counties at or above seven percent in August. Monthly jobless rate changes ranged from a decline of nine-tenths of a percentage point in Izard County to an increase of three-tenths of a percentage point in Lafayette County.

Compared to September 2019, unemployment rates are up in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rate increases ranged from a gain of one and three-tenths of a percentage point in Newton and Prairie counties to an increase of six and four-tenths of a percentage point in Chicot County.

## County Unemployment Rates



**Rank County Rate**

1. Newton 4.5
2. Madison 4.7
3. Arkansas 4.9
4. Scott 5.1
5. Fulton 5.2
6. Benton 5.3
7. Boone 5.4

7 Calhoun 5.4

1. Washington 5.5
2. Yell 5.6
3. Clay 5.8

11 Faulkner 5.8

11 Independence 5.8

11 Prairie 5.8

11 Saline 5.8

16 Dallas 5.9

16 Grant 5.9

16 Hempstead 5.9

16 Howard 5.9

20 Carroll 6.0

20 Perry 6.0

22 Bradley 6.1

22 Craighead 6.1

22 Greene 6.1

22 Poinsett 6.1

**Rank County**

22 Pope

27 Baxter

27 Crawford

29 Clark

29 Franklin

29 Lonoke

32 Conway

32 Ouachita

32 Searcy

32 Woodruff

36 Johnson

36 Lincoln

36 Marion

36 Sevier

36 White

41 Cross

41 Randolph

41 Sebastian

1. Pike
2. Hot Spring

45 Nevada

47 Lawrence

47 Miller

49 Little River

49 Polk

**Rate**

6.1

6.2

6.2

6.3

6.3

6.3

6.4

6.4

6.4

6.4

6.6

6.6

6.6

6.6

6.6

6.7

6.7

6.7

6.8

6.9

6.9

7.0

7.0

7.1

7.1

**Rank County**

51 Logan

51 Sharp

53 Cleveland

53 Stone

1. Drew
2. Cleburne

56 Montgomery

56 Van Buren

1. Jackson
2. Monroe
3. Columbia
4. Izard
5. Desha
6. Lee
7. St. Francis
8. Union
9. Lafayette

67 Pulaski

1. Garland
2. Jefferson

70 Phillips

1. Crittenden
2. Ashley

73 Mississippi

75 Chicot

**Rate**

7.3

7.3

7.4

7.4

7.5

7.7

7.7

7.7

7.8

7.9

8.1

8.2

8.5

9.0

9.1

9.4

9.5

9.5

9.6

10.1

10.1

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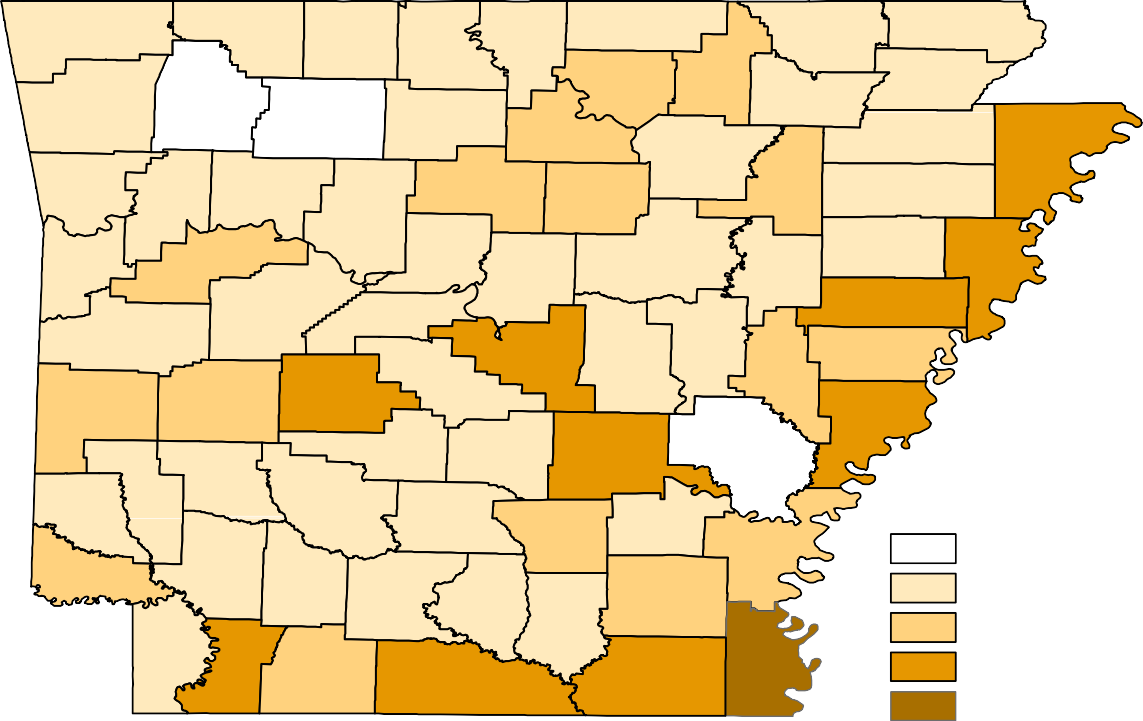
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**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Randolph**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Lawrence**

**Greene**

**Newton Searcy**

**Stone**

**Craighead**

**Independence**

**Mississippi**

**Crawford 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**

**Bradley**

**MillerLafayetteColumbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 5.0% 5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0%

9.1% - 11.0%

> 11.0%

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

**September 2020 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

### LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS

## Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**LWDA**

**CLF**

**September 2020**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**August 2020**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 245,711 228,098

City of Little Rock 96,772 87,388

Eastern 45,459 41,192

North Central 92,080 85,842

Northeast 124,023 115,650

Northwest 324,091 306,321

Southeast 78,787 72,214

Southwest 90,785 84,197

West Central 130,563 120,890

Western 108,724 101,595

17,613 7.2

9,384 9.7

4,267 9.4

6,238 6.8

8,373 6.8

17,770 5.5

6,573 8.3

6,588 7.3

9,673 7.4

7,129 6.6

248,068 229,046 19,022 7.7

97,858 87,728 10,130 10.4

45,929 41,372 4,557 9.9

92,726 86,034 6,692 7.2

123,929 114,935 8,994 7.3

324,680 305,859 18,821 5.8

79,326 72,611 6,715 8.5

91,177 84,257 6,920 7.6

131,900 121,644 10,256 7.8

109,973 102,532 7,441 6.8

253,589 245,522 8,067 3.2

97,170 94,128 3,042 3.1

46,209 44,200 2,009 4.3

94,581 90,565 4,016 4.2

123,903 119,937 3,966 3.2

330,451 321,981 8,470 2.6

81,378 77,892 3,486 4.3

92,714 88,938 3,776 4.1

132,471 127,595 4,876 3.7

112,236 108,483 3,753 3.3



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North Central

Northeast Northwest Southeast

Southwest West Central Western