Arkansas

Labor Market report

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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 2020 benchmark.

**Explanation of Terms and Concepts**

**Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample sur- vey designed to pro- vide industry infor- mation on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bu- reau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Work- force Services. The data are based on establish- ment records and in- clude all workers, full- or part-time, who re- ceived pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas busi- ness establishments are surveyed.

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

A term applied by the

U.S. Office of Manage- ment and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, commuting patterns and social and economic integration.

**Current Population**

 **Survey (CPS)**

A monthly sample sur- vey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to pro- vide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conduct- ed each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The informa- tion is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the cal- endar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

**Civilian Labor Force**

The sum of all em- ployed and unem- ployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

**Employment**

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid work- ers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

**Unemployment**

An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seek- ing work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

**Unemployment Rate**

The number of unem- ployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

**Seasonal Adjustment**

A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally occur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, ma- jor holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

**November Spotlight**

# 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.

130,000

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.

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

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

State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)

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

**Quarter Ending**

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

**Category | Mar 21 | Jun 21 | Sep 21 | Dec 21 | Mar 22\***

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

**Employment Levels**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 1st Quarter 2022

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gross job gains..... | 62,875 | 57,786 | 68,367 | 79,698 | 61,175 |
| Gross job losses.... | 51,353 | 57,576 | 67,097 | 48,806 | 55,459 |
| **Net Change**.......... | **11,522** | **210** | **1,270** | **30,892** | **5,716** |

1st Quarter 2020 - 1st Quarter 2022

120,000

110,000

100,000

90,000

80,000

70,000

60,000

50,000

40,000

Mar '20 Jun '20 Sep '20 Dec '20 Mar '21 Jun '21 Sep '21 Dec '21 Mar '22 Gross Job Gains Gross Job Losses

**State of Arkansas**

# 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 increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.6 percent in October to 3.7 percent in November. Arkansas’ civilian labor force declined by 1,417, a result of 2,292 fewer employed and 875 additional unemployed Arkansans. At 3.7 percent, the United States’ jobless rate remained stable between Octo- ber and November.

BLS Programs Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate increased to 3.7 percent in November, as employment and labor force participation rates continued to decline. Compared to No- vember 2021, there are still 14,947 more employed in the State.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment Unemployment

1,302,339

49,405

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,304,631

48,530

3.7 3.6

56.6 56.7

3.7 3.7

1,287,392

43,941

3.3

56.3

4.2

Employment Unemployment

1,305,458

40,713

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,312,921 1,300,036

38,935 34,193

3.0 2.9 2.6

56.3 56.6 56.4

3.4 3.4 3.9

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** |  | **Nov 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,351,744 | 1,353,161 | 1,331,333 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,346,171 | 1,351,856 | 1,334,229 |

1,340,000

**Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2020 - November 2022

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

1,180,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2020 2021 2022

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Nov 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1329.2 | 1334.6 | 1311.2 | -5.4 | 18.0 |
| Goods Producing | 223.1 | 226.3 | 220.4 | -3.2 | 2.7 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 59.7 | 60.8 | 61.6 | -1.1 | -1.9 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **4.9** | **5.0** | **5.4** | **-0.1** | **-0.5** |
| **Construction** | **54.8** | **55.8** | **56.2** | **-1.0** | **-1.4** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 34.9 | 35.5 | 34.8 | -0.6 | 0.1 |
| **Manufacturing** | **163.4** | **165.5** | **158.8** | **-2.1** | **4.6** |
| Durable Goods | 77.1 | 78.5 | 75.6 | -1.4 | 1.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 86.3 | 87.0 | 83.2 | -0.7 | 3.1 |
| Service Providing | 1106.1 | 1108.3 | 1090.8 | -2.2 | 15.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **269.1** | **267.8** | **266.1** | **1.3** | **3.0** |
| Wholesale Trade | 52.1 | 52.8 | 49.0 | -0.7 | 3.1 |
| Retail Trade | 139.8 | 139.1 | 142.2 | 0.7 | -2.4 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 77.2 | 75.9 | 74.9 | 1.3 | 2.3 |
| **Information** | **13.0** | **13.3** | **12.2** | **-0.3** | **0.8** |
| **Financial Activities** | **69.0** | **69.7** | **66.7** | **-0.7** | **2.3** |
| Finance & Insurance | 53.7 | 54.3 | 52.4 | -0.6 | 1.3 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 15.3 | 15.4 | 14.3 | -0.1 | 1.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **149.7** | **151.2** | **150.7** | **-1.5** | **-1.0** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 45.6 | 45.0 | 45.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| Management of Companies | 40.7 | 40.6 | 35.5 | 0.1 | 5.2 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 63.4 | 65.6 | 69.8 | -2.2 | -6.4 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **201.9** | **200.9** | **197.6** | **1.0** | **4.3** |
| Educational Services | 19.3 | 18.9 | 17.8 | 0.4 | 1.5 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 182.6 | 182.0 | 179.8 | 0.6 | 2.8 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 63.3 | 63.5 | 61.1 | -0.2 | 2.2 |
| Social Assistance | 36.3 | 36.1 | 36.4 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **122.2** | **124.7** | **118.3** | **-2.5** | **3.9** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 11.2 | 11.7 | 11.0 | -0.5 | 0.2 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 111.0 | 113.0 | 107.3 | -2.0 | 3.7 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.6 | 12.0 | 10.7 | -0.4 | 0.9 |
| Food Services | 99.4 | 101.0 | 96.6 | -1.6 | 2.8 |
| **Other Services** | **67.2** | **67.6** | **66.4** | **-0.4** | **0.8** |
| **Government** | **214.0** | **213.1** | **212.8** | **0.9** | **1.2** |
| Federal Government | 20.8 | 20.8 | 20.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 78.2 | 78.0 | 77.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.9 | 31.7 | 31.5 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.3 | 46.3 | 46.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Local Government | 115.0 | 114.3 | 114.1 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 72.0 | 71.5 | 71.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 43.0 | 42.8 | 42.7 | 0.2 | 0.3 |

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# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**October 2022 - November 2022**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs decreased by 5,400 in November to total 1,329,200. Declines were posted in eight major industry sectors. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** dropped 2,500. Losses were reported across all subsectors, with jobs in food services down 1,600. **Manufacturing** decreased by 2,100 jobs. Most of the contraction was in durable goods manufacturing (-1,400). Jobs in **professional and business services** declined 1,500. All losses were in administrative and support services (-2,200), a subsector which includes employment agencies. **Construction** is down by 1,000 jobs, an expected seasonal decrease. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** posted the largest monthly gain, up 1,300. Hiring occurred in both transportation-warehousing-utilities (+1,300) and retail trade (+700), as retail- ers prepare for the holiday shopping season. Jobs in **educational and health services** rose by 1,000, with increases in both health care and social assistance (+600) and educational services (+400).

**November 2021 - November 2022**

Compared to November 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 18,000. Eight major industry sectors reported growth. Jobs in **manufacturing** rose by 4,600, mostly in nondurable goods manufac- turing (+3,100). **Educational and health services** added 4,300 jobs. Hiring occurred in both health care and social assistance (+2,800) and in educational services (+1,500). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** in- creased by 3,900, mostly in accommodation and food services (+3,700). Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 3,000. Gains in wholesale trade (+3,100) and transportation-warehousing-utilities (+2,300) were offset by losses in retail trade (-2,400). Notable growth was also posted in **financial activities** (+2,300) and **government** (+1,200). **Construction** (-1,400) and **professional and business services** (-1,000) both posted job declines over the year.

**Jobs in Manufacturing (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

November: 2002 - 2022

225,000

200,000

175,000

150,000

125,000

100,000

75,000

'02 '04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18 '20 '22

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# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Nov 22**

Average Weekly Hours 38.9

Average Hourly Earnings 20.57

Average Weekly Earnings 800.17

**Oct 22**

39.6

20.93

828.83

**Nov 21**

41.4

19.63

812.68

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Nov 22**

Average Weekly Hours 40.9

Average Hourly Earnings 22.92

Average Weekly Earnings 937.43

**Oct 22**

41.6

23.28

968.45

**Nov 21**

41.4

21.11

873.95

**Nov 22**

Average Weekly Hours 37.3

Average Hourly Earnings 18.39

Average Weekly Earnings 685.95

**Oct 22**

37.9

18.72

709.49

**Nov 21**

41.4

18.27

756.38

$19.50

**Average Hourly Earnings - Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

November 2019 - November 2022

$19.00

$18.50

$18.00

$17.50

$17.00

$16.50

$16.00

$15.50

$15.00

Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22

## 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 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 353,133 | 354,399 | 350,634 | -1,266 | 2,499 |
| **Employment** | 342,955 | 344,303 | 341,352 | -1,348 | 1,603 |
| **Unemployment** | 10,178 | 10,096 | 9,282 | 82 | 896 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Nov 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 373.0 | 374.2 | 366.0 | -1.2 | 7.0 |
| **Goods Producing** 38.3 | 38.8 | 37.6 | -0.5 | 0.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 18.3** | **18.6** | **18.2** | **-0.3** | **0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 20.0** | **20.2** | **19.4** | **-0.2** | **0.6** |
| **Service Providing** 334.7 | 335.4 | 328.4 | -0.7 | 6.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 76.8** | **76.2** | **74.9** | **0.6** | **1.9** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 16.8 | 17.0 | 16.0 | -0.2 | 0.8 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.6 | 38.3 | 38.7 | 0.3 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.4 | 20.9 | 20.2 | 0.5 | 1.2 |
| **Information 5.7** | **5.7** | **5.5** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 23.6** | **23.7** | **22.7** | **-0.1** | **0.9** |
| **Professional & Business Services 45.7** | **46.5** | **47.4** | **-0.8** | **-1.7** |
| **Educational & Health Services 60.6** | **60.4** | **59.2** | **0.2** | **1.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 36.4** | **37.1** | **32.4** | **-0.7** | **4.0** |
| **Other Services 18.3** | **18.3** | **18.0** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Government 67.6** | **67.5** | **68.3** | **0.1** | **-0.7** |
| **Federal Government** 10.1 | 10.1 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 34.7 | 34.6 | 34.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Local Government** 22.8 | 22.8 | 23.8 | 0.0 | -1.0 |

**Job Change by Industry Sector**

November 2021 vs November 2022

Leisure & Hospitality

4,000

1,900

1,400

900

600

300

200

100

-700

-1,700

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Educational & Health

Financial Activities

Manufacturing

Other Services

Information

Mining-Logging-Construct

Government

Professional & Business

-2,000 -1,000 0 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 5,000

**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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 297,052 | 297,762 | 290,790 | -710 | 6,262 |
| **Employment** | 290,721 | 291,917 | 285,622 | -1,196 | 5,099 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,331 | 5,845 | 5,168 | 486 | 1,163 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Nov 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 291.0 | 291.3 | 281.2 | -0.3 | 9.8 |
| **Goods Producing** 46.6 | 47.3 | 45.2 | -0.7 | 1.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 14.4** | **14.7** | **14.0** | **-0.3** | **0.4** |
| **Manufacturing 32.2** | **32.6** | **31.2** | **-0.4** | **1.0** |
| **Service Providing** 244.4 | 244.0 | 236.0 | 0.4 | 8.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 62.9** | **62.5** | **61.0** | **0.4** | **1.9** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 13.5 | 13.7 | 12.8 | -0.2 | 0.7 |
| **Retail Trade** 28.8 | 28.7 | 28.6 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.6 | 20.1 | 19.6 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| **Information 2.2** | **2.2** | **2.1** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 9.4** | **9.4** | **9.0** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Professional & Business Services 60.1** | **60.1** | **54.9** | **0.0** | **5.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services 30.9** | **30.6** | **31.3** | **0.3** | **-0.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 26.3** | **26.7** | **27.1** | **-0.4** | **-0.8** |
| **Other Services 10.2** | **10.2** | **9.8** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Government 42.4** | **42.3** | **40.8** | **0.1** | **1.6** |
| **Federal Government** 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 19.4 | 19.4 | 18.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 |
| **Local Government** 20.1 | 20.0 | 19.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 |

**Employment**

November 2019 - November 2022

300,000

**Jobs in Professional & Business Services**

November: 2012 - 2022

65,000

290,000

60,000

55,000

280,000 50,000

270,000

45,000

40,000

260,000 35,000

250,000

30,000

25,000

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240,000

Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22

20,000

'12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22

**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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 117,053 | 117,297 | 116,178 | -244 | 875 |
| **Employment** | 113,568 | 113,705 | 113,219 | -137 | 349 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,485 | 3,592 | 2,959 | -107 | 526 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.5 | -0.1 | 0.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Nov 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 114.3 | 114.1 | 112.0 | 0.2 | 2.3 |
| **Goods Producing** 23.4 | 23.6 | 22.7 | -0.2 | 0.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.1** | **5.2** | **5.0** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 18.3** | **18.4** | **17.7** | **-0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Service Providing** 90.9 | 90.5 | 89.3 | 0.4 | 1.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.5** | **24.3** | **24.1** | **0.2** | **0.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.5 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.8 | 12.7 | 12.9 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 7.0 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| **Information 1.2** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 3.9** | **3.9** | **3.8** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.5** | **11.4** | **11.8** | **0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services 17.1** | **17.1** | **16.7** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.1** | **10.1** | **9.5** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Other Services 4.4** | **4.4** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Government 18.2** | **18.1** | **17.9** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Federal Government** 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 14.3 | 14.2 | 14.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 |

**Unemployment Rates**

November: 2002 - 2022

9.0%

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2020 - November 2022

116,000

8.0%

114,000

7.0%

112,000

6.0%

5.0%

110,000

108,000

106,000

4.0%

104,000

3.0%

102,000

2.0% 100,000

1.0%

98,000

0.0%

'02

'04

'06

'08

'10

'12

'14

'16

'18

'20

'22

96,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2020 2021 2022

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 40,399 | 40,473 | 39,896 | -74 | 503 |
| **Employment** | 38,948 | 39,029 | 38,625 | -81 | 323 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,451 | 1,444 | 1,271 | 7 | 180 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 39.7 | 39.6 | 38.8 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 35.2 | 35.1 | 34.4 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

41,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

November: 2002 - 2022

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40,000

39,000

38,000

37,000

36,000

35,000

34,000

33,000

32,000

2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,063 | 66,166 | 65,788 | -103 | 275 |
| **Employment** | 64,371 | 64,574 | 64,469 | -203 | -98 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,692 | 1,592 | 1,319 | 100 | 373 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 0.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 62.6 | 62.5 | 61.7 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| 11.1 | 11.2 | 11.3 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| 51.5 | 51.3 | 50.4 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

6,000

**Number of Unemployed**

November 2019 - November 2022

5,000

4,000

3,000

2,000

1,000

0

Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 32,494 | 32,612 | 32,460 | -118 | 34 |
| **Employment** | 30,966 | 31,024 | 31,062 | -58 | -96 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,528 | 1,588 | 1,398 | -60 | 130 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.3 | -0.2 | 0.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.7 | 31.6 | 31.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 26.1 | 26.1 | 25.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 0.0 | -0.2 |

33,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2020 - November 2022

32,500

32,000

31,500

31,000

30,500

30,000

29,500

29,000

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2020 2021 2022

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Out-of-State MSA

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

### Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 633,217 | 637,185 | 642,129 | -3,968 | -8,912 |
| **Employment** | 607,354 | 608,832 | 614,699 | -1,478 | -7,345 |
| **Unemployment** | 25,863 | 28,353 | 27,430 | -2,490 | -1,567 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.3 | -0.3 | -0.2 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 22** | **Oct 22** | **Nov 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,678 | 63,774 | 63,516 | -96 | 162 |
| **Employment** | 61,252 | 61,259 | 60,767 | -7 | 485 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,426 | 2,515 | 2,749 | -89 | -323 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.3 | -0.1 | -0.5 |

**Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates**

November: 2012 - 2022

**Texarkana MSA - Employment**

November 2019 - November 2022

9.0 64,000

8.0

62,000

7.0

60,000

6.0

58,000

5.0

4.0

56,000

54,000

3.0

52,000

2.0

1.0

50,000

0.0

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'12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22

48,000

Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**November 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**October 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,606 | 8,251 | 355 | 4.1 | 8,609 | 8,283 | 326 | 3.8 | 8,820 | 8,562 | 258 | 2.9 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,530 | 16,060 | 470 | 2.8 | 16,498 | 16,052 | 446 | 2.7 | 16,257 | 15,862 | 395 | 2.4 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,323 | 15,495 | 828 | 5.1 | 16,529 | 15,698 | 831 | 5.0 | 16,031 | 15,248 | 783 | 4.9 |
| Camden Micro | 11,911 | 11,510 | 401 | 3.4 | 11,924 | 11,516 | 408 | 3.4 | 12,057 | 11,746 | 311 | 2.6 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,689 | 14,010 | 679 | 4.6 | 14,742 | 14,050 | 692 | 4.7 | 14,815 | 14,174 | 641 | 4.3 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,519 | 7,172 | 347 | 4.6 | 7,599 | 7,234 | 365 | 4.8 | 7,538 | 7,224 | 314 | 4.2 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,844 | 18,350 | 494 | 2.6 | 18,962 | 18,509 | 453 | 2.4 | 18,909 | 18,572 | 337 | 1.8 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,449 | 5,065 | 384 | 7.0 | 5,542 | 5,159 | 383 | 6.9 | 5,649 | 5,335 | 314 | 5.6 |
| Hope Micro | 12,642 | 12,254 | 388 | 3.1 | 12,719 | 12,338 | 381 | 3.0 | 12,391 | 12,072 | 319 | 2.6 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,806 | 8,437 | 369 | 4.2 | 8,765 | 8,430 | 335 | 3.8 | 8,811 | 8,516 | 295 | 3.3 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,508 | 13,093 | 415 | 3.1 | 13,556 | 13,137 | 419 | 3.1 | 13,714 | 13,363 | 351 | 2.6 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,554 | 16,032 | 522 | 3.2 | 16,553 | 16,058 | 495 | 3.0 | 16,163 | 15,781 | 382 | 2.4 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,786 | 18,881 | 905 | 4.6 | 19,530 | 19,027 | 503 | 2.6 | 19,253 | 18,862 | 391 | 2.0 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,137 | 33,975 | 1,162 | 3.3 | 35,329 | 34,283 | 1,046 | 3.0 | 35,141 | 34,260 | 881 | 2.5 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,986 | 32,954 | 1,032 | 3.0 | 33,988 | 33,011 | 977 | 2.9 | 33,863 | 32,997 | 866 | 2.6 |

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County Batesville Micro = Independence County Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

**City Labor Force Statistics**

**City**

**CLF**

**November 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**October 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 12,745 | 12,407 | 338 | 2.7 | 12,743 | 12,451 | 292 | 2.3 | 12,472 | 12,186 | 286 | 2.3 |
| Benton | 17,560 | 17,130 | 430 | 2.4 | 17,590 | 17,185 | 405 | 2.3 | 17,384 | 17,043 | 341 | 2.0 |
| Bentonville | 30,932 | 30,341 | 591 | 1.9 | 30,965 | 30,448 | 517 | 1.7 | 30,240 | 29,800 | 440 | 1.5 |
| Blytheville | 5,506 | 5,187 | 319 | 5.8 | 5,583 | 5,255 | 328 | 5.9 | 5,406 | 5,104 | 302 | 5.6 |
| Cabot | 11,836 | 11,533 | 303 | 2.6 | 11,933 | 11,628 | 305 | 2.6 | 11,754 | 11,502 | 252 | 2.1 |
| Conway | 34,112 | 33,218 | 894 | 2.6 | 34,236 | 33,377 | 859 | 2.5 | 33,793 | 33,069 | 724 | 2.1 |
| El Dorado | 6,376 | 6,029 | 347 | 5.4 | 6,391 | 6,046 | 345 | 5.4 | 6,429 | 6,100 | 329 | 5.1 |
| Fayetteville | 50,646 | 49,478 | 1,168 | 2.3 | 50,719 | 49,677 | 1,042 | 2.1 | 49,513 | 48,595 | 918 | 1.9 |
| Fort Smith | 38,144 | 37,094 | 1,050 | 2.8 | 38,069 | 37,116 | 953 | 2.5 | 37,774 | 36,868 | 906 | 2.4 |
| Hot Springs | 15,010 | 14,413 | 597 | 4.0 | 15,011 | 14,443 | 568 | 3.8 | 14,839 | 14,293 | 546 | 3.7 |
| Jacksonville | 11,486 | 11,053 | 433 | 3.8 | 11,531 | 11,084 | 447 | 3.9 | 11,473 | 10,996 | 477 | 4.2 |
| Jonesboro | 39,847 | 38,819 | 1,028 | 2.6 | 39,849 | 38,883 | 966 | 2.4 | 39,560 | 38,852 | 708 | 1.8 |
| Little Rock | 95,821 | 92,763 | 3,058 | 3.2 | 96,186 | 93,024 | 3,162 | 3.3 | 95,450 | 92,289 | 3,161 | 3.3 |
| North Little Rock | 29,489 | 28,525 | 964 | 3.3 | 29,606 | 28,605 | 1,001 | 3.4 | 29,306 | 28,379 | 927 | 3.2 |
| Paragould | 12,625 | 12,000 | 625 | 5.0 | 12,425 | 12,092 | 333 | 2.7 | 12,292 | 11,988 | 304 | 2.5 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,295 | 14,415 | 880 | 5.8 | 15,311 | 14,393 | 918 | 6.0 | 15,266 | 14,445 | 821 | 5.4 |
| Rogers | 38,014 | 37,223 | 791 | 2.1 | 38,093 | 37,355 | 738 | 1.9 | 37,117 | 36,559 | 558 | 1.5 |
| Russellville | 12,683 | 12,254 | 429 | 3.4 | 12,699 | 12,332 | 367 | 2.9 | 12,619 | 12,343 | 276 | 2.2 |
| Searcy | 10,236 | 9,951 | 285 | 2.8 | 10,237 | 9,969 | 268 | 2.6 | 10,181 | 9,964 | 217 | 2.1 |
| Sherwood | 15,990 | 15,567 | 423 | 2.6 | 16,052 | 15,611 | 441 | 2.7 | 15,818 | 15,488 | 330 | 2.1 |
| Springdale | 40,308 | 39,513 | 795 | 2.0 | 40,393 | 39,671 | 722 | 1.8 | 39,540 | 38,808 | 732 | 1.9 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,128 | 12,673 | 455 | 3.5 | 13,171 | 12,714 | 457 | 3.5 | 13,036 | 12,570 | 466 | 3.6 |
| Van Buren | 10,173 | 9,906 | 267 | 2.6 | 10,172 | 9,932 | 240 | 2.4 | 10,082 | 9,856 | 226 | 2.2 |
| West Memphis | 10,251 | 9,804 | 447 | 4.4 | 10,204 | 9,746 | 458 | 4.5 | 10,008 | 9,642 | 366 | 3.7 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**November 2022 October 2022 November 2021**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,458 | 9,199 | 259 | 2.7 | 9,572 | 9,325 | 247 | 2.6 | 9,426 | 9,183 | 243 | 2.6 |
| Ashley | 6,667 | 6,279 | 388 | 5.8 | 6,786 | 6,389 | 397 | 5.9 | 6,575 | 6,236 | 339 | 5.2 |
| Baxter | 16,554 | 16,032 | 522 | 3.2 | 16,553 | 16,058 | 495 | 3.0 | 16,163 | 15,781 | 382 | 2.4 |
| Benton | 147,928 | 144,755 | 3,173 | 2.1 | 148,218 | 145,267 | 2,951 | 2.0 | 144,638 | 142,172 | 2,466 | 1.7 |
| Boone | 15,708 | 15,292 | 416 | 2.6 | 15,776 | 15,396 | 380 | 2.4 | 15,750 | 15,469 | 281 | 1.8 |
| Bradley | 3,998 | 3,817 | 181 | 4.5 | 4,055 | 3,867 | 188 | 4.6 | 3,910 | 3,790 | 120 | 3.1 |
| Calhoun | 2,337 | 2,268 | 69 | 3.0 | 2,362 | 2,292 | 70 | 3.0 | 2,368 | 2,322 | 46 | 1.9 |
| Carroll | 12,422 | 12,105 | 317 | 2.6 | 12,801 | 12,521 | 280 | 2.2 | 12,547 | 12,311 | 236 | 1.9 |
| Chicot | 2,844 | 2,673 | 171 | 6.0 | 2,917 | 2,739 | 178 | 6.1 | 2,942 | 2,764 | 178 | 6.1 |
| Clark | 8,606 | 8,251 | 355 | 4.1 | 8,609 | 8,283 | 326 | 3.8 | 8,820 | 8,562 | 258 | 2.9 |
| Clay | 5,335 | 5,115 | 220 | 4.1 | 5,407 | 5,239 | 168 | 3.1 | 5,278 | 5,150 | 128 | 2.4 |
| Cleburne | 8,832 | 8,503 | 329 | 3.7 | 8,954 | 8,643 | 311 | 3.5 | 8,854 | 8,583 | 271 | 3.1 |
| Cleveland | 3,066 | 2,963 | 103 | 3.4 | 3,107 | 2,999 | 108 | 3.5 | 3,059 | 2,982 | 77 | 2.5 |
| Columbia | 8,806 | 8,437 | 369 | 4.2 | 8,765 | 8,430 | 335 | 3.8 | 8,811 | 8,516 | 295 | 3.3 |
| Conway | 8,366 | 8,091 | 275 | 3.3 | 8,394 | 8,142 | 252 | 3.0 | 8,187 | 7,968 | 219 | 2.7 |
| Craighead | 56,370 | 54,969 | 1,401 | 2.5 | 56,381 | 55,059 | 1,322 | 2.3 | 56,100 | 55,016 | 1,084 | 1.9 |
| Crawford | 26,069 | 25,351 | 718 | 2.8 | 26,100 | 25,418 | 682 | 2.6 | 25,825 | 25,225 | 600 | 2.3 |
| Crittenden | 20,866 | 20,090 | 776 | 3.7 | 20,753 | 19,971 | 782 | 3.8 | 20,415 | 19,758 | 657 | 3.2 |
| Cross | 6,782 | 6,546 | 236 | 3.5 | 6,873 | 6,650 | 223 | 3.2 | 6,844 | 6,648 | 196 | 2.9 |
| Dallas | 2,679 | 2,581 | 98 | 3.7 | 2,682 | 2,589 | 93 | 3.5 | 2,745 | 2,663 | 82 | 3.0 |
| Desha | 4,898 | 4,660 | 238 | 4.9 | 4,980 | 4,737 | 243 | 4.9 | 4,923 | 4,717 | 206 | 4.2 |
| Drew | 7,050 | 6,751 | 299 | 4.2 | 7,165 | 6,874 | 291 | 4.1 | 7,457 | 7,212 | 245 | 3.3 |
| Faulkner | 62,002 | 60,337 | 1,665 | 2.7 | 62,180 | 60,625 | 1,555 | 2.5 | 61,389 | 60,065 | 1,324 | 2.2 |
| Franklin | 7,397 | 7,184 | 213 | 2.9 | 7,506 | 7,296 | 210 | 2.8 | 7,215 | 7,042 | 173 | 2.4 |
| Fulton | 4,866 | 4,723 | 143 | 2.9 | 4,954 | 4,823 | 131 | 2.6 | 4,853 | 4,744 | 109 | 2.2 |
| Garland | 40,399 | 38,948 | 1,451 | 3.6 | 40,473 | 39,029 | 1,444 | 3.6 | 39,896 | 38,625 | 1,271 | 3.2 |
| Grant | 8,288 | 8,057 | 231 | 2.8 | 8,339 | 8,110 | 229 | 2.7 | 8,206 | 8,036 | 170 | 2.1 |
| Greene | 19,786 | 18,881 | 905 | 4.6 | 19,530 | 19,027 | 503 | 2.6 | 19,253 | 18,862 | 391 | 2.0 |
| Hempstead | 9,235 | 8,963 | 272 | 2.9 | 9,304 | 9,038 | 266 | 2.9 | 9,052 | 8,837 | 215 | 2.4 |
| Hot Spring | 13,508 | 13,093 | 415 | 3.1 | 13,556 | 13,137 | 419 | 3.1 | 13,714 | 13,363 | 351 | 2.6 |
| Howard | 5,338 | 5,171 | 167 | 3.1 | 5,414 | 5,243 | 171 | 3.2 | 5,352 | 5,226 | 126 | 2.4 |
| Independence | 16,530 | 16,060 | 470 | 2.8 | 16,498 | 16,052 | 446 | 2.7 | 16,257 | 15,862 | 395 | 2.4 |
| Izard | 4,546 | 4,334 | 212 | 4.7 | 4,607 | 4,401 | 206 | 4.5 | 4,326 | 4,163 | 163 | 3.8 |
| Jackson | 5,355 | 5,105 | 250 | 4.7 | 5,439 | 5,192 | 247 | 4.5 | 5,557 | 5,367 | 190 | 3.4 |
| Jefferson | 25,757 | 24,480 | 1,277 | 5.0 | 25,779 | 24,444 | 1,335 | 5.2 | 25,740 | 24,531 | 1,209 | 4.7 |
| Johnson | 10,101 | 9,745 | 356 | 3.5 | 10,081 | 9,752 | 329 | 3.3 | 9,893 | 9,579 | 314 | 3.2 |
| Lafayette | 2,278 | 2,167 | 111 | 4.9 | 2,310 | 2,208 | 102 | 4.4 | 2,280 | 2,198 | 82 | 3.6 |
| Lawrence | 6,702 | 6,481 | 221 | 3.3 | 6,781 | 6,574 | 207 | 3.1 | 6,675 | 6,497 | 178 | 2.7 |
| Lee | 2,486 | 2,380 | 106 | 4.3 | 2,551 | 2,445 | 106 | 4.2 | 2,448 | 2,355 | 93 | 3.8 |
| Lincoln | 3,671 | 3,523 | 148 | 4.0 | 3,726 | 3,581 | 145 | 3.9 | 3,661 | 3,549 | 112 | 3.1 |
| Little River | 5,328 | 5,149 | 179 | 3.4 | 5,321 | 5,150 | 171 | 3.2 | 5,269 | 5,108 | 161 | 3.1 |
| Logan | 8,130 | 7,866 | 264 | 3.2 | 8,198 | 7,949 | 249 | 3.0 | 8,266 | 8,042 | 224 | 2.7 |
| Lonoke | 33,538 | 32,693 | 845 | 2.5 | 33,759 | 32,962 | 797 | 2.4 | 33,318 | 32,607 | 711 | 2.1 |
| Madison | 7,522 | 7,360 | 162 | 2.2 | 7,663 | 7,512 | 151 | 2.0 | 7,431 | 7,289 | 142 | 1.9 |
| Marion | 6,226 | 6,015 | 211 | 3.4 | 6,304 | 6,106 | 198 | 3.1 | 6,015 | 5,858 | 157 | 2.6 |
| Miller | 19,143 | 18,525 | 618 | 3.2 | 19,224 | 18,585 | 639 | 3.3 | 18,995 | 18,375 | 620 | 3.3 |

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**November 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 16,323 | 15,495 | 828 | 5.1 | 16,529 | 15,698 | 831 | 5.0 | 16,031 | 15,248 | 783 | 4.9 |
| Monroe | 2,442 | 2,339 | 103 | 4.2 | 2,499 | 2,395 | 104 | 4.2 | 2,539 | 2,445 | 94 | 3.7 |
| Montgomery | 2,707 | 2,588 | 119 | 4.4 | 2,837 | 2,728 | 109 | 3.8 | 2,717 | 2,616 | 101 | 3.7 |
| Nevada | 3,407 | 3,291 | 116 | 3.4 | 3,415 | 3,300 | 115 | 3.4 | 3,339 | 3,235 | 104 | 3.1 |
| Newton | 3,136 | 3,058 | 78 | 2.5 | 3,186 | 3,113 | 73 | 2.3 | 3,159 | 3,103 | 56 | 1.8 |
| Ouachita | 9,574 | 9,242 | 332 | 3.5 | 9,562 | 9,224 | 338 | 3.5 | 9,689 | 9,424 | 265 | 2.7 |
| Perry | 4,124 | 3,994 | 130 | 3.2 | 4,164 | 4,043 | 121 | 2.9 | 4,104 | 3,985 | 119 | 2.9 |
| Phillips | 5,449 | 5,065 | 384 | 7.0 | 5,542 | 5,159 | 383 | 6.9 | 5,649 | 5,335 | 314 | 5.6 |
| Pike | 4,032 | 3,900 | 132 | 3.3 | 4,104 | 3,986 | 118 | 2.9 | 4,072 | 3,946 | 126 | 3.1 |
| Poinsett | 9,693 | 9,402 | 291 | 3.0 | 9,785 | 9,515 | 270 | 2.8 | 9,688 | 9,453 | 235 | 2.4 |
| Polk | 7,655 | 7,406 | 249 | 3.3 | 7,742 | 7,510 | 232 | 3.0 | 7,674 | 7,460 | 214 | 2.8 |
| Pope | 27,368 | 26,459 | 909 | 3.3 | 27,446 | 26,626 | 820 | 3.0 | 27,330 | 26,650 | 680 | 2.5 |
| Prairie | 3,487 | 3,390 | 97 | 2.8 | 3,549 | 3,461 | 88 | 2.5 | 3,482 | 3,409 | 73 | 2.1 |
| Pulaski | 186,223 | 180,355 | 5,868 | 3.2 | 186,875 | 180,862 | 6,013 | 3.2 | 185,224 | 179,432 | 5,792 | 3.1 |
| Randolph | 7,072 | 6,854 | 218 | 3.1 | 7,126 | 6,930 | 196 | 2.8 | 7,216 | 7,043 | 173 | 2.4 |
| St. Francis | 7,519 | 7,172 | 347 | 4.6 | 7,599 | 7,234 | 365 | 4.8 | 7,538 | 7,224 | 314 | 4.2 |
| Saline | 58,958 | 57,519 | 1,439 | 2.4 | 59,082 | 57,701 | 1,381 | 2.3 | 58,393 | 57,227 | 1,166 | 2.0 |
| Scott | 4,019 | 3,922 | 97 | 2.4 | 4,104 | 4,016 | 88 | 2.1 | 4,170 | 4,088 | 82 | 2.0 |
| Searcy | 2,912 | 2,803 | 109 | 3.7 | 2,948 | 2,839 | 109 | 3.7 | 2,874 | 2,792 | 82 | 2.9 |
| Sebastian | 54,924 | 53,436 | 1,488 | 2.7 | 54,886 | 53,467 | 1,419 | 2.6 | 54,378 | 53,110 | 1,268 | 2.3 |
| Sevier | 5,344 | 5,161 | 183 | 3.4 | 5,404 | 5,236 | 168 | 3.1 | 5,305 | 5,157 | 148 | 2.8 |
| Sharp | 5,781 | 5,582 | 199 | 3.4 | 5,833 | 5,643 | 190 | 3.3 | 5,592 | 5,423 | 169 | 3.0 |
| Stone | 4,428 | 4,258 | 170 | 3.8 | 4,561 | 4,409 | 152 | 3.3 | 4,418 | 4,283 | 135 | 3.1 |
| Union | 14,689 | 14,010 | 679 | 4.6 | 14,742 | 14,050 | 692 | 4.7 | 14,815 | 14,174 | 641 | 4.3 |
| Van Buren | 5,891 | 5,676 | 215 | 3.6 | 5,966 | 5,759 | 207 | 3.5 | 5,745 | 5,572 | 173 | 3.0 |
| Washington | 130,743 | 127,990 | 2,753 | 2.1 | 130,999 | 128,505 | 2,494 | 1.9 | 127,952 | 125,706 | 2,246 | 1.8 |
| White | 33,986 | 32,954 | 1,032 | 3.0 | 33,988 | 33,011 | 977 | 2.9 | 33,863 | 32,997 | 866 | 2.6 |
| Woodruff | 2,737 | 2,651 | 86 | 3.1 | 2,794 | 2,715 | 79 | 2.8 | 2,770 | 2,682 | 88 | 3.2 |
| Yell | 7,769 | 7,516 | 253 | 3.3 | 7,883 | 7,657 | 226 | 2.9 | 7,811 | 7,610 | 201 | 2.6 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between October and November, unemployment rates increased in 55 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Jobless rates declined in ten counties, while remaining stable in ten counties. Rates ranged from a low of 2.1 percent in Benton and Washington counties to a high of 7.0 percent in Phillips County.

In November, fifty-five counties reported an unemployment rate at or below four percent. That is down slightly from 60 counties at or below four percent last month. Only one county-- Phillips County-- posted a jobless rate at or above seven percent in November.

Compared to November 2021, unemployment rates are up in 72 Arkansas counties. Three coun- ties-- Chicot, Miller, and Woodruff-- reported slight jobless rate declines over-the-year. The largest annual rate increases occurred in Clay and Greene counties, up one and seven-tenths of a percentage point and two and six-tenths of a percentage point, respectively.

**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 Hempstead**

**Nevada Ouachita Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Bradley**

**LafayetteColumbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

November 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Benton 2.1

1 Washington 2.1

3 Madison 2.2

4 Saline 2.4

4 Scott 2.4

6 Craighead 2.5

6 Lonoke 2.5

6 Newton 2.5

9 Boone 2.6

9 Carroll 2.6

11 Arkansas 2.7

11 Faulkner 2.7

11 Sebastian 2.7

14 Crawford 2.8

14 Grant 2.8

14 Independence 2.8

14 Prairie 2.8

18 Franklin 2.9

18 Fulton 2.9

18 Hempstead 2.9

21 Calhoun 3.0

21 Poinsett 3.0

21 White 3.0

24 Hot Spring 3.1

24 Howard 3.1

**Rank County**

24 Randolph

24 Woodruff

28 Baxter

28 Logan

28 Miller

28 Perry

28 Pulaski

33 Conway

33 Lawrence

33 Pike

33 Polk

33 Pope

33 Yell

39 Cleveland

39 Little River

39 Marion

39 Nevada

39 Sevier

39 Sharp

45 Cross

45 Johnson

45 Ouachita

48 Garland

48 Van Buren

50 Cleburne

**Rate**

3.1

3.1

3.2

3.2

3.2

3.2

3.2

3.3

3.3

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3.4

3.4

3.5

3.5

3.5

3.6

3.6

3.7

**Rank County**

50 Crittenden

50 Dallas

50 Searcy

54 Stone

55 Lincoln

56 Clark

56 Clay

58 Columbia

58 Drew

58 Monroe

61 Lee

62 Montgomery

63 Bradley

64 Greene

64 St. Francis

64 Union

67 Izard

67 Jackson

69 Desha

69 Lafayette

1. Jefferson
2. Mississippi
3. Ashley
4. Chicot
5. Phillips

**Rate**

3.7

3.7

3.7

3.8

4.0

4.1

4.1

4.2

4.2

4.2

4.3

4.4

4.5

4.6

4.6

4.6

4.7

4.7

4.9

4.9

5.0

5.1

5.8

6.0

7.0

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## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**November 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 250,829 243,870

City of Little Rock 95,821 92,763

Eastern 43,102 41,253

North Central 92,952 89,846

Northeast 121,281 117,197

Northwest 343,151 335,410

Southeast 75,697 72,402

Southwest 88,158 84,965

West Central 126,980 122,585

Western 108,194 105,165

6,959 2.8

3,058 3.2

1,849 4.3

3,106 3.3

4,084 3.4

7,741 2.3

3,295 4.4

3,193 3.6

4,395 3.5

3,029 2.8

251,758 244,982 6,776 2.7

96,186 93,024 3,162 3.3

43,318 41,459 1,859 4.3

93,594 90,648 2,946 3.1

121,539 118,042 3,497 2.9

344,448 337,317 7,131 2.1

76,426 73,065 3,361 4.4

88,505 85,345 3,160 3.6

127,547 123,383 4,164 3.3

108,536 105,656 2,880 2.7

248,895 242,896 5,999 2.4

95,450 92,289 3,161 3.3

42,894 41,320 1,574 3.7

92,235 89,676 2,559 2.8

120,241 117,269 2,972 2.5

336,529 330,481 6,048 1.8

75,899 73,000 2,899 3.8

88,020 85,235 2,785 3.2

126,544 122,904 3,640 2.9

107,528 104,967 2,561 2.4