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.

**October Spotlight**

# A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Between September and October, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 24 states. Job- less rates were stable in 25 states and the District of Columbia. In October, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.1 percent in Minnesota and Utah to a high of 4.8 percent in the District of Columbia. Arkansas ranked 28th among states, with a jobless rate of 3.6 percent in October. Thirty states, includ- ing Arkansas, posted jobless rates below the national rate of 3.7 percent.

Compared to October 2021, unemployment rates have declined in 39 states and the District of Colum- bia. The largest rate decrease occurred in California, down two and one-tenth of a percentage point. The largest annual increase was in Oklahoma, up five-tenths of a percentage point. Arkansas’ unem- ployment rate increased two-tenths of a percentage point over-the-year, from 3.4 percent in October 2021 up to 3.6 percent in October 2022.

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

October 2022

**Rank State Rate**

1 Minnesota 2.1

1 Utah 2.1

3 North Dakota 2.3

3 Vermont 2.3

5 Nebraska 2.4

5 New Hampshire 2.4

5 South Dakota 2.4

8 Missouri 2.6

9 Alabama 2.7

9 Florida 2.7

9 Virginia 2.7

12 Kansas 2.8

13 Georgia 2.9

13 Idaho 2.9

13 Iowa 2.9

16 Indiana 3.0

16 Montana 3.0

**Rank State Rate**

18 Louisiana 3.3

18 South Carolina 3.3

18 Wisconsin 3.3

21 Hawaii 3.4

21 Oklahoma 3.4

21 Rhode Island 3.4

24 Massachusetts 3.5

24 New Jersey 3.5

24 Tennessee 3.5

24 Wyoming 3.5

**28 Arkansas 3.6**

28 Colorado 3.6

28 Maine 3.6

31 Mississippi 3.8

31 North Carolina 3.8

31 Washington 3.8

34 Arizona 3.9

**Rank State Rate**

34 Kentucky 3.9

36 California 4.0

36 Pennsylvania 4.0

36 Texas 4.0

36 West Virginia 4.0

40 Oregon 4.1

41 Michigan 4.2

41 Ohio 4.2

43 Connecticut 4.3

43 Delaware 4.3

43 New Mexico 4.3

46 New York 4.4

47 Alaska 4.5

47 Maryland 4.5

49 Illinois 4.6

49 Nevada 4.6

51 District of Columbia 4.8

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 3.7 Percent

**Washington**

**Oregon**

**Idaho**

**Montana**

**Wyoming**

**North Dakota**

**South Dakota Nebraska**

**Minnesota**

**Iowa**

**Wisconsin**

**Michigan**

**Maine**

**Vermont**

**New YorkNew Hampshire**

**Massachusetts**

**Pennsylvania**

**Nevada**

**Utah**

**Illinois Indiana**

**Ohio**

**New Jersey**

**California**

**Arizona**

**Colorado**

**New Mexico**

**Kansas Oklahoma**

**Missouri Arkansas**

**Kentucky Tennessee**

**West VirginiaMaryland Virginia**

**North Carolina South Carolina**

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**Texas**

**MississippiAlabama Georgia Louisiana**

**Florida**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 4.0%

4.1% - 5.0%

> 5.0% [NONE]

**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 rose one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.5 percent in September to 3.6 percent in October. Arkansas’ civilian labor force declined by 489, a result of 1,589 fewer employed and 1,100 more unem- ployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate increased two-tenths of a percentage point between September and October, rising from 3.5 percent to 3.7 percent.

BLS Programs Manager Susan Price said, “The number of employed Arkansans declined for the third month in a row, as the unemployment rate grew to 3.6 percent in October. While employment has decreased since July, there are still 17,802 more employed Arkansans compared to October 2021.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment Unemployment

1,304,653

48,526

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,306,242

47,426

3.6 3.5

56.7 56.8

3.7 3.5

1,286,851

44,895

3.4

56.3

4.6

Employment Unemployment

1,313,063

38,916

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,305,776 1,294,677

48,904 35,800

2.9 3.6 2.7

56.6 56.8 56.3

3.4 3.3 4.3

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** |  | **Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,353,179 | 1,353,668 | 1,331,746 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,351,979 | 1,354,680 | 1,330,477 |

60.0%

**Labor Force Participation Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**

October: 2012 - 2022

59.0%

58.0%

57.0%

56.0%

55.0%

54.0%

2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1334.7 | 1326.9 | 1305.2 | 7.8 | 29.5 |
| Goods Producing | 226.1 | 226.7 | 221.3 | -0.6 | 4.8 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 60.8 | 61.4 | 62.3 | -0.6 | -1.5 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.0** | **5.0** | **5.3** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Construction** | **55.8** | **56.4** | **57.0** | **-0.6** | **-1.2** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 35.6 | 35.9 | 35.3 | -0.3 | 0.3 |
| **Manufacturing** | **165.3** | **165.3** | **159.0** | **0.0** | **6.3** |
| Durable Goods | 78.4 | 78.3 | 76.1 | 0.1 | 2.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 86.9 | 87.0 | 82.9 | -0.1 | 4.0 |
| Service Providing | 1108.6 | 1100.2 | 1083.9 | 8.4 | 24.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **267.7** | **263.8** | **261.7** | **3.9** | **6.0** |
| Wholesale Trade | 52.9 | 51.9 | 48.6 | 1.0 | 4.3 |
| Retail Trade | 139.0 | 137.9 | 139.7 | 1.1 | -0.7 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 75.8 | 74.0 | 73.4 | 1.8 | 2.4 |
| **Information** | **13.2** | **13.2** | **12.0** | **0.0** | **1.2** |
| **Financial Activities** | **69.8** | **69.2** | **65.6** | **0.6** | **4.2** |
| Finance & Insurance | 54.3 | 54.0 | 51.5 | 0.3 | 2.8 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 15.5 | 15.2 | 14.1 | 0.3 | 1.4 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **151.8** | **150.9** | **148.4** | **0.9** | **3.4** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 45.8 | 44.5 | 45.3 | 1.3 | 0.5 |
| Management of Companies | 40.6 | 40.2 | 34.7 | 0.4 | 5.9 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 65.4 | 66.2 | 68.4 | -0.8 | -3.0 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **200.6** | **200.2** | **196.1** | **0.4** | **4.5** |
| Educational Services | 18.9 | 18.4 | 17.6 | 0.5 | 1.3 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 181.7 | 181.8 | 178.5 | -0.1 | 3.2 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 63.5 | 63.0 | 60.6 | 0.5 | 2.9 |
| Social Assistance | 35.9 | 35.9 | 36.1 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **124.7** | **124.9** | **120.7** | **-0.2** | **4.0** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 11.6 | 12.0 | 11.6 | -0.4 | 0.0 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 113.1 | 112.9 | 109.1 | 0.2 | 4.0 |
| Accommodation Services | 12.0 | 12.1 | 11.0 | -0.1 | 1.0 |
| Food Services | 101.1 | 100.8 | 98.1 | 0.3 | 3.0 |
| **Other Services** | **67.7** | **66.5** | **67.4** | **1.2** | **0.3** |
| **Government** | **213.1** | **211.5** | **212.0** | **1.6** | **1.1** |
| Federal Government | 20.8 | 20.7 | 20.6 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| State Government | 78.0 | 77.7 | 77.9 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.7 | 31.4 | 31.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.3 | 46.3 | 46.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Local Government | 114.3 | 113.1 | 113.5 | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 71.5 | 69.9 | 70.9 | 1.6 | 0.6 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.8 | 43.2 | 42.6 | -0.4 | 0.2 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**September 2022 - October 2022**

OTM verbiage from the PR Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 7,800 in October to total 1,334,700. Six major industry sectors posted gains. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 3,900 jobs. Hiring occurred in all subsectors, with jobs in transportation-warehousing-utilities up 1,800. Jobs in **govern- ment** increased by 1,600. Most of the gains were in local government-educational services (+1,600), as public schools across the State continue to hire. Jobs in **other services** rose by 1,200. This industry sec- tor includes activities such as automotive repair, drycleaning services, and civic and social organizations.

**October 2021 - October 2022**

Compared to October 2021, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs are up 29,500. Nine major industry sectors reported growth, with five sectors adding 4,000 or more jobs each. The largest gain was in **manu- facturing**, up 6,300 jobs. Most of the hiring was in nondurable goods manufacturing (+4,000). Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose by 6,000. Expansions in wholesale trade (+4,300) and transportation-warehousing-utilities (+2,400) more than offset losses in retail trade (-700). **Educational and health services** added 4,500 jobs. Most of the gains were in health care and social assistance (+3,200). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** increased by 4,000, with most of the hiring in food services (+3,000). There were also notable expansions in **professional and business services** (+3,400), **infor- mation** (+1,200), and **government** (+1,100). Jobs in **construction** are down by 1,200 over the year.

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

January 2020 - October 2022

1,350,000

1,300,000

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

1,100,000

1,050,000

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# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Oct 22**

Average Weekly Hours 39.6

Average Hourly Earnings 20.93

Average Weekly Earnings 828.83

**Sep 22**

39.3

20.63

810.76

**Oct 21**

40.7

19.82

806.67

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Oct 22**

Average Weekly Hours 41.6

Average Hourly Earnings 23.28

Average Weekly Earnings 968.45

**Sep 22**

42.0

22.68

952.56

**Oct 21**

40.3

21.05

848.32

**Oct 22**

Average Weekly Hours 37.9

Average Hourly Earnings 18.72

Average Weekly Earnings 709.49

**Sep 22**

37.0

18.63

689.31

**Oct 21**

41.0

18.71

767.11

$23.00

**Average Hourly Earnings- Manufacturing (Production Workers)**

October: 2002 - 2022

$21.00

$19.00

$17.00

$15.00

$13.00

$11.00

$9.00

$7.00

$5.00

'02 '04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18 '20 '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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 353,950 | 354,092 | 347,610 | -142 | 6,340 |
| **Employment** | 343,868 | 341,565 | 337,824 | 2,303 | 6,044 |
| **Unemployment** | 10,082 | 12,527 | 9,786 | -2,445 | 296 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.8 | 3.5 | 2.8 | -0.7 | 0.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 373.7 | 371.5 | 364.1 | 2.2 | 9.6 |
| **Goods Producing** 38.7 | 38.5 | 37.8 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 18.6** | **18.6** | **18.4** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 20.1** | **19.9** | **19.4** | **0.2** | **0.7** |
| **Service Providing** 335.0 | 333.0 | 326.3 | 2.0 | 8.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 76.0** | **75.4** | **73.2** | **0.6** | **2.8** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 17.0 | 16.7 | 15.8 | 0.3 | 1.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.2 | 38.0 | 37.7 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.8 | 20.7 | 19.7 | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| **Information 5.7** | **5.7** | **5.4** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Financial Activities 23.7** | **23.5** | **22.3** | **0.2** | **1.4** |
| **Professional & Business Services 46.3** | **46.4** | **47.9** | **-0.1** | **-1.6** |
| **Educational & Health Services 60.4** | **59.9** | **58.1** | **0.5** | **2.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 37.1** | **36.8** | **33.3** | **0.3** | **3.8** |
| **Other Services 18.3** | **18.1** | **18.1** | **0.2** | **0.2** |
| **Government 67.5** | **67.2** | **68.0** | **0.3** | **-0.5** |
| **Federal Government** 10.1 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **State Government** 34.6 | 34.4 | 34.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Local Government** 22.8 | 22.8 | 23.8 | 0.0 | -1.0 |

**Number of Employed**

October 2019 - October 2022

355,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

October: 2012 - 2022

380,000

350,000 375,000

345,000 370,000

340,000 365,000

335,000 360,000

330,000 355,000

325,000 350,000

320,000 345,000

315,000 340,000

310,000 335,000

305,000

Oct '19 Apr '20 Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22

330,000

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

**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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 298,520 | 296,817 | 288,371 | 1,703 | 10,149 |
| **Employment** | 292,675 | 289,213 | 282,845 | 3,462 | 9,830 |
| **Unemployment** | 5,845 | 7,604 | 5,526 | -1,759 | 319 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.0 | 2.6 | 1.9 | -0.6 | 0.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 292.0 | 288.7 | 279.1 | 3.3 | 12.9 |
| **Goods Producing** 47.2 | 46.9 | 45.5 | 0.3 | 1.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 14.6** | **14.4** | **14.1** | **0.2** | **0.5** |
| **Manufacturing 32.6** | **32.5** | **31.4** | **0.1** | **1.2** |
| **Service Providing** 244.8 | 241.8 | 233.6 | 3.0 | 11.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 62.4** | **61.4** | **59.5** | **1.0** | **2.9** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 13.7 | 13.4 | 12.7 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| **Retail Trade** 28.7 | 28.3 | 27.8 | 0.4 | 0.9 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.0 | 19.7 | 19.0 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| **Information 2.2** | **2.2** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 9.5** | **9.3** | **8.9** | **0.2** | **0.6** |
| **Professional & Business Services 60.9** | **59.3** | **53.6** | **1.6** | **7.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services 30.6** | **31.3** | **31.1** | **-0.7** | **-0.5** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 26.7** | **26.8** | **27.9** | **-0.1** | **-1.2** |
| **Other Services 10.2** | **10.1** | **9.9** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Government 42.3** | **41.4** | **40.7** | **0.9** | **1.6** |
| **Federal Government** 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 19.4 | 18.9 | 18.1 | 0.5 | 1.3 |
| **Local Government** 20.0 | 19.6 | 19.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 |

**Unemployment**

October: 2002 - 2022

16,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2020 - October 2022

00,000

14,000

290,000

12,000

280,000

10,000

270,000

260,000

8,000

250,000

6,000

240,000

4,000

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2,000

0

'02

'04

'06

'08

'10

'12

'14

'16

'18

'20

'22

230,000

220,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2020 2021 2022

**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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 117,293 | 117,091 | 115,756 | 202 | 1,537 |
| **Employment** | 113,704 | 112,886 | 112,593 | 818 | 1,111 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,589 | 4,205 | 3,163 | -616 | 426 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.1 | 3.6 | 2.7 | -0.5 | 0.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 114.0 | 113.6 | 111.6 | 0.4 | 2.4 |
| **Goods Producing** 23.5 | 23.6 | 22.8 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.2** | **5.2** | **5.0** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 18.3** | **18.4** | **17.8** | **-0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Service Providing** 90.5 | 90.0 | 88.8 | 0.5 | 1.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.3** | **24.2** | **23.7** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.7 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 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 11.4** | **11.3** | **11.7** | **0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services 17.1** | **17.1** | **16.6** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.1** | **10.2** | **9.6** | **-0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Other Services 4.4** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Government 18.1** | **17.8** | **17.9** | **0.3** | **0.2** |
| **Federal Government** 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 14.2 | 14.1 | 14.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 |

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

October 2021 vs October 2022

Trade-Transport-Utilities

600

500

500

500

200

200

100

100

0

Manufacturing

Leisure & Hospitality

Educational & Health

Mining-Logging-Construct

Government

Financial Activities

Other Services

Information

Professional & Business

-300

-400 -300 -200 -100 0 100 200 300 400 500 600 700

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 40,404 | 40,645 | 40,277 | -241 | 127 |
| **Employment** | 38,961 | 38,896 | 38,935 | 65 | 26 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,443 | 1,749 | 1,342 | -306 | 101 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6 | 4.3 | 3.3 | -0.7 | 0.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 39.5 | 39.5 | 39.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 35.0 | 35.0 | 34.6 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

36,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

October 2019 - October 2022

Arkansas

Labor Market report

35,000

34,000

33,000

32,000

31,000

30,000

29,000

28,000

Oct '19 Apr '20 Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,215 | 66,042 | 65,694 | 173 | 521 |
| **Employment** | 64,625 | 63,992 | 64,276 | 633 | 349 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,590 | 2,050 | 1,418 | -460 | 172 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.4 | 3.1 | 2.2 | -0.7 | 0.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 62.5 | 61.8 | 61.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| 11.2 | 11.1 | 11.4 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| 51.3 | 50.7 | 50.1 | 0.6 | 1.2 |
| 8.6 | 8.3 | 8.7 | 0.3 | -0.1 |

66,000

**Employment**

January 2020 - October 2022

65,000

64,000

63,000

62,000

61,000

60,000

59,000

58,000

57,000

56,000

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2020 2021 2022

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 32,530 | 32,817 | 32,401 | -287 | 129 |
| **Employment** | 30,943 | 30,990 | 30,979 | -47 | -36 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,587 | 1,827 | 1,422 | -240 | 165 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.9 | 5.6 | 4.4 | -0.7 | 0.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.6 | 31.6 | 31.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 26.0 | 26.0 | 25.7 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 0.0 | -0.2 |

10.0%

**Unemployment Rates**

October: 2002 - 2022

Arkansas

Labor Market report

9.0%

8.0%

7.0%

6.0%

5.0%

4.0%

3.0%

2.0%

1.0%

0.0%

'02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 636,296 | 640,681 | 638,195 | -4,385 | -1,899 |
| **Employment** | 607,891 | 614,122 | 607,449 | -6,231 | 442 |
| **Unemployment** | 28,405 | 26,559 | 30,746 | 1,846 | -2,341 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 0.4 | -0.3 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 22** | **Sep 22** | **Oct 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,762 | 63,542 | 63,173 | 220 | 589 |
| **Employment** | 61,252 | 60,813 | 60,414 | 439 | 838 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,510 | 2,729 | 2,759 | -219 | -249 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.4 | -0.4 | -0.5 |

640,000

**Memphis MSA - Employment**

October 2019 - October 2022

8.0%

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**

October: 2012 - 2022

620,000 7.0%

600,000 6.0%

580,000 5.0%

560,000 4.0%

540,000 3.0%

520,000 2.0%

500,000 1.0%

480,000

Arkansas

Labor Market report

Oct '19 Apr '20 Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22

0.0%

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

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**October 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**September 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,610 | 8,283 | 327 | 3.8 | 8,718 | 8,331 | 387 | 4.4 | 8,805 | 8,533 | 272 | 3.1 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,497 | 16,053 | 444 | 2.7 | 16,609 | 16,030 | 579 | 3.5 | 16,178 | 15,758 | 420 | 2.6 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,530 | 15,698 | 832 | 5.0 | 16,564 | 15,587 | 977 | 5.9 | 16,098 | 15,292 | 806 | 5.0 |
| Camden Micro | 11,927 | 11,517 | 410 | 3.4 | 12,010 | 11,534 | 476 | 4.0 | 11,976 | 11,666 | 310 | 2.6 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,742 | 14,050 | 692 | 4.7 | 14,842 | 14,040 | 802 | 5.4 | 14,757 | 14,110 | 647 | 4.4 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,594 | 7,234 | 360 | 4.7 | 7,669 | 7,238 | 431 | 5.6 | 7,559 | 7,228 | 331 | 4.4 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,961 | 18,509 | 452 | 2.4 | 19,021 | 18,411 | 610 | 3.2 | 19,000 | 18,632 | 368 | 1.9 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,543 | 5,160 | 383 | 6.9 | 5,581 | 5,149 | 432 | 7.7 | 5,703 | 5,388 | 315 | 5.5 |
| Hope Micro | 12,719 | 12,338 | 381 | 3.0 | 12,832 | 12,380 | 452 | 3.5 | 12,395 | 12,081 | 314 | 2.5 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,764 | 8,430 | 334 | 3.8 | 8,767 | 8,359 | 408 | 4.7 | 8,744 | 8,439 | 305 | 3.5 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,547 | 13,128 | 419 | 3.1 | 13,649 | 13,122 | 527 | 3.9 | 13,651 | 13,289 | 362 | 2.7 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,555 | 16,059 | 496 | 3.0 | 16,770 | 16,119 | 651 | 3.9 | 16,124 | 15,725 | 399 | 2.5 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,532 | 19,030 | 502 | 2.6 | 19,632 | 19,001 | 631 | 3.2 | 19,317 | 18,888 | 429 | 2.2 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,332 | 34,285 | 1,047 | 3.0 | 35,493 | 34,073 | 1,420 | 4.0 | 35,216 | 34,323 | 893 | 2.5 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,980 | 33,004 | 976 | 2.9 | 34,154 | 32,905 | 1,249 | 3.7 | 33,715 | 32,831 | 884 | 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**

**October 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**September 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 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 | 12,773 | 12,483 | 290 | 2.3 | 12,732 | 12,327 | 405 | 3.2 | 12,342 | 12,054 | 288 | 2.3 |
| Benton | 17,565 | 17,163 | 402 | 2.3 | 17,579 | 17,046 | 533 | 3.0 | 17,235 | 16,857 | 378 | 2.2 |
| Bentonville | 31,051 | 30,528 | 523 | 1.7 | 30,885 | 30,147 | 738 | 2.4 | 29,946 | 29,477 | 469 | 1.6 |
| Blytheville | 5,586 | 5,255 | 331 | 5.9 | 5,584 | 5,218 | 366 | 6.6 | 5,448 | 5,119 | 329 | 6.0 |
| Cabot | 11,923 | 11,613 | 310 | 2.6 | 11,911 | 11,542 | 369 | 3.1 | 11,699 | 11,428 | 271 | 2.3 |
| Conway | 34,192 | 33,335 | 857 | 2.5 | 34,213 | 33,115 | 1,098 | 3.2 | 33,547 | 32,766 | 781 | 2.3 |
| El Dorado | 6,394 | 6,046 | 348 | 5.4 | 6,458 | 6,042 | 416 | 6.4 | 6,415 | 6,072 | 343 | 5.3 |
| Fayetteville | 50,845 | 49,807 | 1,038 | 2.0 | 50,642 | 49,188 | 1,454 | 2.9 | 49,078 | 48,117 | 961 | 2.0 |
| Fort Smith | 38,056 | 37,106 | 950 | 2.5 | 38,169 | 36,932 | 1,237 | 3.2 | 37,562 | 36,596 | 966 | 2.6 |
| Hot Springs | 14,987 | 14,418 | 569 | 3.8 | 15,095 | 14,394 | 701 | 4.6 | 14,993 | 14,408 | 585 | 3.9 |
| Jacksonville | 11,516 | 11,070 | 446 | 3.9 | 11,505 | 10,994 | 511 | 4.4 | 11,346 | 10,870 | 476 | 4.2 |
| Jonesboro | 39,879 | 38,914 | 965 | 2.4 | 39,770 | 38,525 | 1,245 | 3.1 | 39,517 | 38,686 | 831 | 2.1 |
| Little Rock | 96,072 | 92,905 | 3,167 | 3.3 | 96,062 | 92,271 | 3,791 | 3.9 | 94,556 | 91,229 | 3,327 | 3.5 |
| North Little Rock | 29,564 | 28,569 | 995 | 3.4 | 29,662 | 28,374 | 1,288 | 4.3 | 29,014 | 28,053 | 961 | 3.3 |
| Paragould | 12,428 | 12,094 | 334 | 2.7 | 12,487 | 12,076 | 411 | 3.3 | 12,322 | 12,004 | 318 | 2.6 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,266 | 14,354 | 912 | 6.0 | 15,436 | 14,373 | 1,063 | 6.9 | 15,169 | 14,355 | 814 | 5.4 |
| Rogers | 38,181 | 37,452 | 729 | 1.9 | 37,918 | 36,985 | 933 | 2.5 | 36,812 | 36,163 | 649 | 1.8 |
| Russellville | 12,700 | 12,332 | 368 | 2.9 | 12,729 | 12,252 | 477 | 3.7 | 12,627 | 12,337 | 290 | 2.3 |
| Searcy | 10,233 | 9,967 | 266 | 2.6 | 10,323 | 9,937 | 386 | 3.7 | 10,179 | 9,914 | 265 | 2.6 |
| Sherwood | 16,035 | 15,591 | 444 | 2.8 | 15,996 | 15,485 | 511 | 3.2 | 15,707 | 15,310 | 397 | 2.5 |
| Springdale | 40,498 | 39,774 | 724 | 1.8 | 40,234 | 39,280 | 954 | 2.4 | 39,182 | 38,423 | 759 | 1.9 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,160 | 12,706 | 454 | 3.4 | 13,148 | 12,591 | 557 | 4.2 | 12,998 | 12,511 | 487 | 3.7 |
| Van Buren | 10,172 | 9,930 | 242 | 2.4 | 10,199 | 9,886 | 313 | 3.1 | 10,037 | 9,799 | 238 | 2.4 |
| West Memphis | 10,202 | 9,739 | 463 | 4.5 | 10,261 | 9,735 | 526 | 5.1 | 9,926 | 9,551 | 375 | 3.8 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **October 2022** |  |  | **September 2022** |  |  | **October 2021** |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,570 | 9,325 | 245 | 2.6 | 9,569 | 9,264 | 305 | 3.2 | 9,449 | 9,210 | 239 | 2.5 |
| Ashley | 6,786 | 6,390 | 396 | 5.8 | 6,866 | 6,401 | 465 | 6.8 | 6,618 | 6,281 | 337 | 5.1 |
| Baxter | 16,555 | 16,059 | 496 | 3.0 | 16,770 | 16,119 | 651 | 3.9 | 16,124 | 15,725 | 399 | 2.5 |
| Benton | 148,595 | 145,646 | 2,949 | 2.0 | 147,699 | 143,828 | 3,871 | 2.6 | 143,284 | 140,634 | 2,650 | 1.8 |
| Boone | 15,775 | 15,396 | 379 | 2.4 | 15,823 | 15,312 | 511 | 3.2 | 15,794 | 15,489 | 305 | 1.9 |
| Bradley | 4,056 | 3,867 | 189 | 4.7 | 4,122 | 3,900 | 222 | 5.4 | 3,937 | 3,812 | 125 | 3.2 |
| Calhoun | 2,363 | 2,292 | 71 | 3.0 | 2,375 | 2,297 | 78 | 3.3 | 2,378 | 2,325 | 53 | 2.2 |
| Carroll | 12,803 | 12,521 | 282 | 2.2 | 12,882 | 12,495 | 387 | 3.0 | 12,935 | 12,685 | 250 | 1.9 |
| Chicot | 2,918 | 2,739 | 179 | 6.1 | 2,988 | 2,767 | 221 | 7.4 | 2,992 | 2,810 | 182 | 6.1 |
| Clark | 8,610 | 8,283 | 327 | 3.8 | 8,718 | 8,331 | 387 | 4.4 | 8,805 | 8,533 | 272 | 3.1 |
| Clay | 5,409 | 5,240 | 169 | 3.1 | 5,472 | 5,256 | 216 | 3.9 | 5,364 | 5,230 | 134 | 2.5 |
| Cleburne | 8,953 | 8,642 | 311 | 3.5 | 9,108 | 8,718 | 390 | 4.3 | 8,957 | 8,686 | 271 | 3.0 |
| Cleveland | 3,101 | 2,993 | 108 | 3.5 | 3,125 | 2,999 | 126 | 4.0 | 3,088 | 3,007 | 81 | 2.6 |
| Columbia | 8,764 | 8,430 | 334 | 3.8 | 8,767 | 8,359 | 408 | 4.7 | 8,744 | 8,439 | 305 | 3.5 |
| Conway | 8,390 | 8,138 | 252 | 3.0 | 8,428 | 8,100 | 328 | 3.9 | 8,157 | 7,929 | 228 | 2.8 |
| Craighead | 56,422 | 55,103 | 1,319 | 2.3 | 56,253 | 54,552 | 1,701 | 3.0 | 55,948 | 54,781 | 1,167 | 2.1 |
| Crawford | 26,095 | 25,413 | 682 | 2.6 | 26,188 | 25,300 | 888 | 3.4 | 25,705 | 25,079 | 626 | 2.4 |
| Crittenden | 20,737 | 19,956 | 781 | 3.8 | 20,884 | 19,948 | 936 | 4.5 | 20,276 | 19,572 | 704 | 3.5 |
| Cross | 6,873 | 6,650 | 223 | 3.2 | 6,930 | 6,660 | 270 | 3.9 | 6,885 | 6,689 | 196 | 2.8 |
| Dallas | 2,683 | 2,589 | 94 | 3.5 | 2,703 | 2,589 | 114 | 4.2 | 2,735 | 2,652 | 83 | 3.0 |
| Desha | 4,981 | 4,737 | 244 | 4.9 | 4,971 | 4,688 | 283 | 5.7 | 4,962 | 4,746 | 216 | 4.4 |
| Drew | 7,165 | 6,874 | 291 | 4.1 | 7,245 | 6,888 | 357 | 4.9 | 7,518 | 7,264 | 254 | 3.4 |
| Faulkner | 62,104 | 60,549 | 1,555 | 2.5 | 62,127 | 60,149 | 1,978 | 3.2 | 60,934 | 59,516 | 1,418 | 2.3 |
| Franklin | 7,505 | 7,295 | 210 | 2.8 | 7,489 | 7,223 | 266 | 3.6 | 7,306 | 7,119 | 187 | 2.6 |
| Fulton | 4,954 | 4,823 | 131 | 2.6 | 5,006 | 4,823 | 183 | 3.7 | 4,967 | 4,858 | 109 | 2.2 |
| Garland | 40,404 | 38,961 | 1,443 | 3.6 | 40,645 | 38,896 | 1,749 | 4.3 | 40,277 | 38,935 | 1,342 | 3.3 |
| Grant | 8,328 | 8,100 | 228 | 2.7 | 8,331 | 8,048 | 283 | 3.4 | 8,137 | 7,958 | 179 | 2.2 |
| Greene | 19,532 | 19,030 | 502 | 2.6 | 19,632 | 19,001 | 631 | 3.2 | 19,317 | 18,888 | 429 | 2.2 |
| Hempstead | 9,305 | 9,038 | 267 | 2.9 | 9,382 | 9,069 | 313 | 3.3 | 9,067 | 8,854 | 213 | 2.3 |
| Hot Spring | 13,547 | 13,128 | 419 | 3.1 | 13,649 | 13,122 | 527 | 3.9 | 13,651 | 13,289 | 362 | 2.7 |
| Howard | 5,415 | 5,244 | 171 | 3.2 | 5,446 | 5,257 | 189 | 3.5 | 5,365 | 5,241 | 124 | 2.3 |
| Independence | 16,497 | 16,053 | 444 | 2.7 | 16,609 | 16,030 | 579 | 3.5 | 16,178 | 15,758 | 420 | 2.6 |
| Izard | 4,606 | 4,401 | 205 | 4.5 | 4,628 | 4,393 | 235 | 5.1 | 4,393 | 4,235 | 158 | 3.6 |
| Jackson | 5,441 | 5,193 | 248 | 4.6 | 5,500 | 5,213 | 287 | 5.2 | 5,582 | 5,392 | 190 | 3.4 |
| Jefferson | 25,711 | 24,378 | 1,333 | 5.2 | 25,938 | 24,410 | 1,528 | 5.9 | 25,601 | 24,379 | 1,222 | 4.8 |
| Johnson | 10,081 | 9,752 | 329 | 3.3 | 10,151 | 9,719 | 432 | 4.3 | 9,827 | 9,516 | 311 | 3.2 |
| Lafayette | 2,310 | 2,208 | 102 | 4.4 | 2,305 | 2,194 | 111 | 4.8 | 2,317 | 2,233 | 84 | 3.6 |
| Lawrence | 6,783 | 6,575 | 208 | 3.1 | 6,817 | 6,549 | 268 | 3.9 | 6,727 | 6,540 | 187 | 2.8 |
| Lee | 2,552 | 2,445 | 107 | 4.2 | 2,578 | 2,449 | 129 | 5.0 | 2,494 | 2,398 | 96 | 3.8 |
| Lincoln | 3,718 | 3,572 | 146 | 3.9 | 3,754 | 3,581 | 173 | 4.6 | 3,712 | 3,593 | 119 | 3.2 |
| Little River | 5,317 | 5,147 | 170 | 3.2 | 5,317 | 5,099 | 218 | 4.1 | 5,214 | 5,056 | 158 | 3.0 |
| Logan | 8,197 | 7,949 | 248 | 3.0 | 8,334 | 7,992 | 342 | 4.1 | 8,324 | 8,078 | 246 | 3.0 |
| Lonoke | 33,716 | 32,922 | 794 | 2.4 | 33,758 | 32,720 | 1,038 | 3.1 | 33,144 | 32,395 | 749 | 2.3 |
| Madison | 7,681 | 7,530 | 151 | 2.0 | 7,662 | 7,455 | 207 | 2.7 | 7,492 | 7,337 | 155 | 2.1 |
| Marion | 6,305 | 6,106 | 199 | 3.2 | 6,402 | 6,147 | 255 | 4.0 | 6,129 | 5,963 | 166 | 2.7 |
| Miller | 19,210 | 18,573 | 637 | 3.3 | 19,187 | 18,405 | 782 | 4.1 | 18,907 | 18,288 | 619 | 3.3 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | **October 2022** |  |  | **September 2022** |  |  | **October 2021** |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 16,530 | 15,698 | 832 | 5.0 | 16,564 | 15,587 | 977 | 5.9 | 16,098 | 15,292 | 806 | 5.0 |
| Monroe | 2,499 | 2,395 | 104 | 4.2 | 2,520 | 2,405 | 115 | 4.6 | 2,572 | 2,472 | 100 | 3.9 |
| Montgomery | 2,837 | 2,727 | 110 | 3.9 | 2,971 | 2,830 | 141 | 4.7 | 2,853 | 2,755 | 98 | 3.4 |
| Nevada | 3,414 | 3,300 | 114 | 3.3 | 3,450 | 3,311 | 139 | 4.0 | 3,328 | 3,227 | 101 | 3.0 |
| Newton | 3,186 | 3,113 | 73 | 2.3 | 3,198 | 3,099 | 99 | 3.1 | 3,206 | 3,143 | 63 | 2.0 |
| Ouachita | 9,564 | 9,225 | 339 | 3.5 | 9,635 | 9,237 | 398 | 4.1 | 9,598 | 9,341 | 257 | 2.7 |
| Perry | 4,159 | 4,038 | 121 | 2.9 | 4,173 | 4,015 | 158 | 3.8 | 4,105 | 3,983 | 122 | 3.0 |
| Phillips | 5,543 | 5,160 | 383 | 6.9 | 5,581 | 5,149 | 432 | 7.7 | 5,703 | 5,388 | 315 | 5.5 |
| Pike | 4,104 | 3,986 | 118 | 2.9 | 4,178 | 4,026 | 152 | 3.6 | 4,146 | 4,007 | 139 | 3.4 |
| Poinsett | 9,793 | 9,522 | 271 | 2.8 | 9,789 | 9,440 | 349 | 3.6 | 9,746 | 9,495 | 251 | 2.6 |
| Polk | 7,741 | 7,510 | 231 | 3.0 | 7,810 | 7,515 | 295 | 3.8 | 7,753 | 7,529 | 224 | 2.9 |
| Pope | 27,448 | 26,627 | 821 | 3.0 | 27,558 | 26,454 | 1,104 | 4.0 | 27,320 | 26,637 | 683 | 2.5 |
| Prairie | 3,549 | 3,461 | 88 | 2.5 | 3,570 | 3,456 | 114 | 3.2 | 3,539 | 3,458 | 81 | 2.3 |
| Pulaski | 186,633 | 180,631 | 6,002 | 3.2 | 186,681 | 179,397 | 7,284 | 3.9 | 183,452 | 177,371 | 6,081 | 3.3 |
| Randolph | 7,127 | 6,931 | 196 | 2.8 | 7,166 | 6,915 | 251 | 3.5 | 7,277 | 7,098 | 179 | 2.5 |
| St. Francis | 7,594 | 7,234 | 360 | 4.7 | 7,669 | 7,238 | 431 | 5.6 | 7,559 | 7,228 | 331 | 4.4 |
| Saline | 59,010 | 57,628 | 1,382 | 2.3 | 59,022 | 57,236 | 1,786 | 3.0 | 57,838 | 56,601 | 1,237 | 2.1 |
| Scott | 4,104 | 4,016 | 88 | 2.1 | 4,144 | 4,018 | 126 | 3.0 | 4,224 | 4,135 | 89 | 2.1 |
| Searcy | 2,949 | 2,839 | 110 | 3.7 | 3,075 | 2,946 | 129 | 4.2 | 2,922 | 2,834 | 88 | 3.0 |
| Sebastian | 54,873 | 53,453 | 1,420 | 2.6 | 55,056 | 53,203 | 1,853 | 3.4 | 54,083 | 52,718 | 1,365 | 2.5 |
| Sevier | 5,406 | 5,237 | 169 | 3.1 | 5,464 | 5,244 | 220 | 4.0 | 5,345 | 5,193 | 152 | 2.8 |
| Sharp | 5,833 | 5,643 | 190 | 3.3 | 5,902 | 5,647 | 255 | 4.3 | 5,670 | 5,491 | 179 | 3.2 |
| Stone | 4,562 | 4,409 | 153 | 3.4 | 4,616 | 4,418 | 198 | 4.3 | 4,571 | 4,437 | 134 | 2.9 |
| Union | 14,742 | 14,050 | 692 | 4.7 | 14,842 | 14,040 | 802 | 5.4 | 14,757 | 14,110 | 647 | 4.4 |
| Van Buren | 5,966 | 5,758 | 208 | 3.5 | 6,032 | 5,763 | 269 | 4.5 | 5,818 | 5,635 | 183 | 3.1 |
| Washington | 131,336 | 128,840 | 2,496 | 1.9 | 130,578 | 127,241 | 3,337 | 2.6 | 126,857 | 124,470 | 2,387 | 1.9 |
| White | 33,980 | 33,004 | 976 | 2.9 | 34,154 | 32,905 | 1,249 | 3.7 | 33,715 | 32,831 | 884 | 2.6 |
| Woodruff | 2,794 | 2,715 | 79 | 2.8 | 2,814 | 2,710 | 104 | 3.7 | 2,807 | 2,717 | 90 | 3.2 |
| Yell | 7,884 | 7,658 | 226 | 2.9 | 7,935 | 7,619 | 316 | 4.0 | 7,896 | 7,686 | 210 | 2.7 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between September and October, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Job- less rates ranged from a low of 1.9 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.9 percent in Phil- lips County.

In October, sixty counties posted an unemployment rate at or below four percent. That is up sharply from 43 counties at or below four percent last month. For a third consecutive month, no county had a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to October 2021, unemployment rates are up in 64 Arkansas counties. Six counties re- ported the same unemployment rate compared to last year, while rates in five counties declined. The average annual rate gain was four-tenths of a percentage point. The largest unemployment rate declines were in Pike and Woodruff counties, down five-tenths and four-tenths of a percent- age 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 HempsteadNevada**

**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

October 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 1.9

2 Benton 2.0

2 Madison 2.0

4 Scott 2.1

5 Carroll 2.2

6 Craighead 2.3

6 Newton 2.3

6 Saline 2.3

9 Boone 2.4

9 Lonoke 2.4

11 Faulkner 2.5

11 Prairie 2.5

13 Arkansas 2.6

13 Crawford 2.6

13 Fulton 2.6

13 Greene 2.6

13 Sebastian 2.6

18 Grant 2.7

18 Independence 2.7

20 Franklin 2.8

20 Poinsett 2.8

20 Randolph 2.8

20 Woodruff 2.8

24 Hempstead 2.9

24 Perry 2.9

**Rank County**

24 Pike

24 White

24 Yell

29 Baxter

29 Calhoun

29 Conway

29 Logan

29 Polk

29 Pope

35 Clay

35 Hot Spring

35 Lawrence

35 Sevier

39 Cross

39 Howard

39 Little River

39 Marion

39 Pulaski

44 Johnson

44 Miller

44 Nevada

44 Sharp

48 Stone

49 Cleburne

49 Cleveland

**Rate**

2.9

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**Rank County**

49 Dallas

49 Ouachita

49 Van Buren

54 Garland

55 Searcy

56 Clark

56 Columbia

56 Crittenden

59 Lincoln

59 Montgomery

61 Drew

62 Lee

62 Monroe

64 Lafayette

65 Izard

66 Jackson

67 Bradley

67 St. Francis

67 Union

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

**Rate**

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Arkansas

Labor Market report

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|  | **October 2022** |  |  | **September 2022** |  |  | **October 2021** |  |
| **LWDA** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) 251,439 City of Little Rock 96,072 Eastern 43,299North Central 93,586Northeast 121,596Northwest 345,185Southeast 76,334Southwest 88,493West Central 127,464Western 108,515 | 244,68192,90541,44590,641118,099338,05072,97585,333123,298105,636 | 6,7583,1671,8542,9453,4977,1353,3593,1604,1662,879 | 2.73.34.33.12.92.14.43.63.32.7 | 251,61696,06243,64294,369121,693344,08976,90988,873128,406109,021 | 243,09292,27141,44490,620117,300334,64272,94685,101123,112105,251 | 8,5243,7912,1983,7494,3939,4473,9633,7725,2943,770 | 3.43.95.04.03.62.75.24.24.13.5 | 246,92394,55642,91792,658120,477334,74376,01487,755127,037107,395 | 240,58491,22941,27590,040117,324328,28073,06084,959123,270104,658 | 6,3393,3271,6422,6183,1536,4632,9542,7963,7672,737 | 2.63.53.82.82.61.93.93.23.02.5 |
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## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted