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Arkansas Division of

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 2022 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.

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**Februar y Spotlight**

# Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional es- timates based on various definitions of ‘unemployment’. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quar- ter moving average. The most recent data available

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

2022 Annual Average

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

1.0% 1.6% 3.7% 4.0% 4.6% 6.8%

is for the Annual Average of 2022.

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

* 1. **Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.
  2. **Measure:** Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force. **U-3 Measure:** Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).
  3. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.
  4. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.
  5. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those em- ployed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

#### Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

State of Arkansas

Three-Year Comparison (Annual Average)

12.0%

10.0%



8.0%

6.0%

4.0%

2.0%

0.0%

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

2020 Annual Average 2021 Annual Average 2022 Annual Average



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**State of Arkansas**

# Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, an- nounced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point, from 3.4% in January to 3.2% in February. Rising to 3.6% in February, the United States’ jobless rate increased two-tenths of a percentage point over the month.

In February, Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose by 87. There were 3,051 more employed compared to January and 2,964 fewer unemployed, bringing down the unemployment rate to 3.2%. The labor force participation rate remained stable at 57.4% between January and February.

Compared to February 2022, there are 9,172 additional employed Arkansans. The unemployment rate is unchanged over the year, with a slight 274 more unemployed in the State. Arkansas’ labor force par- ticipation rate is down one-tenth of a percentage point, from 57.5% in February 2022.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,329,970 1,326,919 1,320,798 Employment 1,329,940 1,304,745 1,312,164

Unemployment 43,640 46,604 43,366 Unemployment 39,568 49,104 51,617

Unemployment Rate 3.2% 3.4% 3.2% Unemployment Rate 2.9% 3.6% 3.8%

LF Participation Rate 57.4% 57.4% 57.5% LF Participation Rate 57.2% 56.6% 57.5%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 23** | **Jan 23** | **Feb 22** |  | **Feb 23** | **Jan 23** | **Feb 22** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,373,610 | 1,373,523 | 1,364,164 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,369,508 | 1,353,849 | 1,363,781 |

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

February 2020 - February 2023

59.0%

58.5%

58.0%

57.5%

57.0%

56.5%

56.0%

55.5%

Feb '20 Aug '20 Feb '21 Aug '21 Feb '22 Aug '22 Feb '23

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Feb 23** | **Jan 22** | **Feb 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1347.9 | 1344.8 | 1318.4 | 3.1 | 29.5 |
| Goods Producing | 227.6 | 228.0 | 221.2 | -0.4 | 6.4 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 63.5 | 63.3 | 60.4 | 0.2 | 3.1 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **4.9** | **4.9** | **5.2** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Construction** | **58.6** | **58.4** | **55.2** | **0.2** | **3.4** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 35.8 | 36.0 | 34.9 | -0.2 | 0.9 |
| **Manufacturing** | **164.1** | **164.7** | **160.8** | **-0.6** | **3.3** |
| Durable Goods | 79.9 | 80.7 | 77.5 | -0.8 | 2.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 84.2 | 84.0 | 83.3 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| Service Providing | 1120.3 | 1116.8 | 1097.2 | 3.5 | 23.1 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **274.2** | **274.9** | **267.0** | **-0.7** | **7.2** |
| Wholesale Trade | 54.3 | 54.1 | 49.8 | 0.2 | 4.5 |
| Retail Trade | 142.3 | 142.3 | 143.2 | 0.0 | -0.9 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 77.6 | 78.5 | 74.0 | -0.9 | 3.6 |
| **Information** | **12.7** | **12.7** | **12.5** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Financial Activities** | **68.9** | **70.1** | **69.8** | **-1.2** | **-0.9** |
| Finance & Insurance | 54.8 | 55.7 | 55.5 | -0.9 | -0.7 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 14.1 | 14.4 | 14.3 | -0.3 | -0.2 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **151.2** | **150.5** | **150.8** | **0.7** | **0.4** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 48.9 | 48.0 | 47.4 | 0.9 | 1.5 |
| Management of Companies | 40.2 | 40.3 | 36.4 | -0.1 | 3.8 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 62.1 | 62.2 | 67.0 | -0.1 | -4.9 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **203.4** | **202.8** | **196.7** | **0.6** | **6.7** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 19.3 | 18.4 | 17.8 | 0.9 | 1.5 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 184.1 | 184.4 | 178.9 | -0.3 | 5.2 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 63.3 | 63.7 | 61.9 | -0.4 | 1.4 |
| Social Assistance | 38.2 | 38.3 | 36.6 | -0.1 | 1.6 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **122.1** | **120.3** | **116.9** | **1.8** | **5.2** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 12.3 | 12.0 | 11.3 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 109.8 | 108.3 | 105.6 | 1.5 | 4.2 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.0 | 10.8 | 10.3 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| Food Services | 98.8 | 97.5 | 95.3 | 1.3 | 3.5 |
| **Other Services** | **76.2** | **76.3** | **73.6** | **-0.1** | **2.6** |
| **Government** | **211.6** | **209.2** | **209.9** | **2.4** | **1.7** |
| Federal Government | 20.8 | 20.6 | 20.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| State Government | 77.9 | 75.7 | 77.8 | 2.2 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.7 | 29.5 | 31.4 | 2.2 | 0.3 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.2 | 46.2 | 46.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Local Government | 112.9 | 112.9 | 111.6 | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 70.1 | 70.1 | 69.6 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 |

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**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

#### Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

January 2023 - February 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Government

2,400

Leisure & Hospitality

1,800

Professional & Business

700

Private Ed & Health

600

Construction

200

Information

0

Mining & Logging

0

Other Services

-100

Manufacturing

-600

Trade-Transport-Utilities

-700

Financial Activities-1,200

-1,500 -1,000 -500

0

500 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500 3,000

#### Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

February 2022 - February 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Private Ed & Health

7,200

6,700

Leisure & Hospitality

5,200

Construction

Manufacturing Other Services

3,400

3,300

2,600

Government

1,700

Professional & Business

400

Information

200

Mining & Logging

Financial Activities

-300

-900

-2,000-1,000 0 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 5,000 6,000 7,000 8,000

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**Feb 23**

Average Weekly Hours 37.8

Average Hourly Earnings $21.53

Average Weekly Earnings $813.83

**Jan 23**

37.9

$20.99

$795.52

**Feb 22**

40.3

$20.13

$811.24

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Feb 23**

Average Weekly Hours 40.9

Average Hourly Earnings $23.93

Average Weekly Earnings $978.74

**Jan 23**

41.3

$23.67

$977.57

**Feb 22**

39.2

$21.39

$838.49

**Feb 23**

Average Weekly Hours 35.1

Average Hourly Earnings $19.01

Average Weekly Earnings $667.25

**Jan 23**

34.9

$18.10

$631.69

**Feb 22**

41.2

$19.05

$784.86

$1,200.00

#### Average Weekly Earnings - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods

February: 2013 - 2023

$1,000.00

$800.00

$600.00

$400.00

$200.00

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$0.00

2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

**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)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 23** | **Jan 23** | **Feb 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 358,951 | 355,226 | 359,151 | 3,725 | -200 |
| **Employment** | 349,179 | 343,300 | 345,936 | 5,879 | 3,243 |
| **Unemployment** | 9,772 | 11,926 | 13,215 | -2,154 | -3,443 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.7% | 3.4% | 3.7% | -0.7% | -1.0% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Feb 23** | **Jan 23** | **Feb 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 379.6 | 376.9 | 372.6 | 2.7 | 7.0 |
| **Goods Producing** 39.0 | 39.0 | 38.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 19.1** | **19.0** | **18.4** | **0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Manufacturing 19.9** | **20.0** | **19.6** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Service Providing** 340.6 | 337.9 | 334.6 | 2.7 | 6.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 78.3** | **78.4** | **77.5** | **-0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 18.4 | 18.4 | 16.6 | 0.0 | 1.8 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.3 | 38.2 | 38.4 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.6 | 21.8 | 22.5 | -0.2 | -0.9 |
| **Information 5.8** | **5.8** | **5.6** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 24.2** | **24.5** | **24.5** | **-0.3** | **-0.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services 47.8** | **47.2** | **47.1** | **0.6** | **0.7** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 63.0** | **62.2** | **60.2** | **0.8** | **2.8** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 33.1** | **32.0** | **32.0** | **1.1** | **1.1** |
| **Other Services 19.1** | **19.1** | **18.4** | **0.0** | **0.7** |
| **Government 69.3** | **68.7** | **69.3** | **0.6** | **0.0** |
| **Federal Government** 9.9 | 9.8 | 9.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 34.1 | 33.6 | 34.5 | 0.5 | -0.4 |
| **Local Government** 25.3 | 25.3 | 24.9 | 0.0 | 0.4 |

#### Unemployment

February 2020 - February 2023

40,000

#### Jobs in Private Education and Health Services

February: 2013 - 2023

70,000

35,000

65,000

30,000

60,000

55,000

25,000

50,000

20,000 45,000

15,000

40,000

10,000

35,000

30,000

5,000

25,000

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**February**

Feb '20 Aug '20 Feb '21 Aug '21 Feb '22 Aug '22 Feb '23

20,000

'13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23

**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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 23** | **Jan 23** | **Feb 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 310,478 | 305,801 | 301,269 | 4,677 | 9,209 |
| **Employment** | 304,079 | 297,909 | 293,188 | 6,170 | 10,891 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,399 | 7,892 | 8,081 | -1,493 | -1,682 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.1% | 2.6% | 2.7% | -0.5% | -0.6% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Feb 23** | **Jan 23** | **Feb 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 304.2 | 301.6 | 290.2 | 2.6 | 14.0 |
| **Goods Producing** 47.1 | 47.1 | 45.7 | 0.0 | 1.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 15.1** | **15.2** | **14.1** | **-0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Manufacturing 32.0** | **31.9** | **31.6** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Service Providing** 257.1 | 254.5 | 244.5 | 2.6 | 12.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 64.0** | **64.5** | **60.6** | **-0.5** | **3.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 14.4 | 14.4 | 13.4 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| **Retail Trade** 28.6 | 28.8 | 28.8 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.0 | 21.3 | 18.4 | -0.3 | 2.6 |
| **Information 2.4** | **2.4** | **2.3** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 10.0** | **10.2** | **9.9** | **-0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 58.8** | **58.2** | **57.1** | **0.6** | **1.7** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 34.4** | **34.0** | **32.5** | **0.4** | **1.9** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 29.3** | **29.4** | **27.2** | **-0.1** | **2.1** |
| **Other Services 15.7** | **15.6** | **14.9** | **0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Government 42.5** | **40.2** | **40.0** | **2.3** | **2.5** |
| **Federal Government** 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 19.5 | 17.2 | 18.0 | 2.3 | 1.5 |
| **Local Government** 20.0 | 20.0 | 19.1 | 0.0 | 0.9 |

#### Employment

February: 2003 - 2023

350,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

February 2020 - February 2023

320,000

300,000

300,000

250,000

280,000

200,000

260,000

150,000

240,000

100,000

50,000

220,000

0

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'03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19 '21 '23

200,000

Feb '20 Aug '20 Feb '21 Aug '21 Feb '22 Aug '22 Feb '23

**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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 23** | **Jan 23** | **Feb 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 118,323 | 117,479 | 117,814 | 844 | 509 |
| **Employment** | 114,828 | 113,377 | 113,433 | 1,451 | 1,395 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,495 | 4,102 | 4,381 | -607 | -886 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.0% | 3.5% | 3.7% | -0.5% | -0.7% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Feb 23** | **Jan 23** | **Feb 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 115.0 | 114.3 | 112.5 | 0.7 | 2.5 |
| **Goods Producing** 24.0 | 23.9 | 23.0 | 0.1 | 1.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.3** | **5.3** | **4.9** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Manufacturing 18.7** | **18.6** | **18.1** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Service Providing** 91.0 | 90.4 | 89.5 | 0.6 | 1.5 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.7** | **24.8** | **24.1** | **-0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.3 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Information 1.4** | **1.4** | **1.3** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 4.1** | **4.2** | **4.2** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.4** | **11.4** | **12.0** | **0.0** | **-0.6** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 18.0** | **17.9** | **17.3** | **0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.7** | **9.5** | **9.3** | **0.2** | **0.4** |
| **Other Services 3.5** | **3.5** | **3.5** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government 18.2** | **17.7** | **17.8** | **0.5** | **0.4** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.4 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 14.5 | 14.4 | 14.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 |

#### Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

February 2022 vs February 2023

Private Ed & Health

700

600

600

400

400

400

100

0

-100

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Manufacturing

Leisure & Hospitality

Government

Mining-Logging-Construct

Information

Other Services

Financial Activities

Professional & Business

-600

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-800 -600 -400 -200 0 200 400 600 800

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 23** | **Jan 23** | **Feb 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,901 | 41,711 | 42,111 | 190 | -210 |
| **Employment** | 40,497 | 39,987 | 40,285 | 510 | 212 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,404 | 1,724 | 1,826 | -320 | -422 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.4% | 4.1% | 4.3% | -0.7% | -0.9% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 23** | **Jan 23** | **Feb 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 41.3 | 41.3 | 41.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| 36.6 | 36.5 | 36.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 0.1 | -0.2 |

7,000

#### Unemployment

February 2020 - February 2023

**February**

6,000

5,000

4,000

3,000

2,000

1,000

-

Feb '20 Aug '20 Feb '21 Aug '21 Feb '22 Aug '22 Feb '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 23** | **Jan 23** | **Feb 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 67,959 | 67,279 | 66,769 | 680 | 1,190 |
| **Employment** | 66,323 | 65,162 | 64,636 | 1,161 | 1,687 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,636 | 2,117 | 2,133 | -481 | -497 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.4% | 3.1% | 3.2% | -0.7% | -0.8% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 23** | **Jan 23** | **Feb 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 64.4 | 64.1 | 62.1 | 0.3 | 2.3 |
| 12.4 | 12.2 | 11.7 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| 52.0 | 51.9 | 50.4 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| 9.2 | 9.2 | 8.7 | 0.0 | 0.5 |

70,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

February: 2003 - 2023

**February**

65,000

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

2003 2005 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017 2019 2021 2023

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 23** | **Jan 23** | **Feb 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 32,246 | 31,873 | 32,681 | 373 | -435 |
| **Employment** | 30,948 | 30,254 | 30,832 | 694 | 116 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,298 | 1,619 | 1,849 | -321 | -551 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.0% | 5.1% | 5.7% | -1.1% | -1.7% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 23** | **Jan 23** | **Feb 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.6 | 31.3 | 31.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| 26.0 | 25.7 | 25.9 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| 8.6 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 |

35,000

#### Employment

February 2018 - February 2023

**February**

34,000

33,000

32,000

31,000

30,000

29,000

28,000

Feb '18 Aug '18 Feb '19 Aug '19 Feb '20 Aug '20 Feb '21 Aug '21 Feb '22 Aug '22 Feb '23

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 23** | **Jan 23** | **Feb 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 630,961 | 623,679 | 639,679 | 7,282 | -8,718 |
| **Employment** | 604,682 | 597,668 | 611,208 | 7,014 | -6,526 |
| **Unemployment** | 26,279 | 26,011 | 28,471 | 268 | -2,192 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.2% | 4.2% | 4.5% | 0.0% | -0.3% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 23** | **Jan 23** | **Feb 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 62,801 | 62,403 | 62,648 | 398 | 153 |
| **Employment** | 60,055 | 59,617 | 59,548 | 438 | 507 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,746 | 2,786 | 3,100 | -40 | -354 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.4% | 4.5% | 4.9% | -0.1% | -0.5% |

10.0%

#### Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates

February: 2013 - 2023

62,000

#### Texarkana MSA - Employment

February 2020 - February 2023

9.0%

8.0%

60,000

7.0%

58,000

6.0%

56,000

5.0%

4.0%

54,000

3.0%

52,000

2.0%

1.0%

50,000

0.0%

**February**

'13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23

48,000

Feb '20 Aug '20 Feb '21 Aug '21 Feb '22 Aug '22 Feb '23

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,300 | 7,964 | 336 | 4.0 | 8,163 | 7,712 | 451 | 5.5 | 8,657 | 8,267 | 390 | 4.5 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,649 | 16,169 | 480 | 2.9 | 16,506 | 15,911 | 595 | 3.6 | 16,457 | 15,822 | 635 | 3.9 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,130 | 15,466 | 664 | 4.1 | 16,015 | 15,159 | 856 | 5.3 | 16,242 | 15,277 | 965 | 5.9 |
| Camden Micro | 11,952 | 11,535 | 417 | 3.5 | 11,842 | 11,345 | 497 | 4.2 | 12,129 | 11,629 | 500 | 4.1 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,642 | 14,044 | 598 | 4.1 | 14,594 | 13,836 | 758 | 5.2 | 14,966 | 14,158 | 808 | 5.4 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,413 | 7,076 | 337 | 4.5 | 7,350 | 6,943 | 407 | 5.5 | 7,691 | 7,268 | 423 | 5.5 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,143 | 18,584 | 559 | 2.9 | 18,888 | 18,218 | 670 | 3.5 | 19,126 | 18,500 | 626 | 3.3 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,516 | 5,163 | 353 | 6.4 | 5,478 | 5,039 | 439 | 8.0 | 5,747 | 5,358 | 389 | 6.8 |
| Hope Micro | 12,780 | 12,414 | 366 | 2.9 | 12,660 | 12,209 | 451 | 3.6 | 12,673 | 12,175 | 498 | 3.9 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,822 | 8,488 | 334 | 3.8 | 8,780 | 8,336 | 444 | 5.1 | 8,813 | 8,402 | 411 | 4.7 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,838 | 13,426 | 412 | 3.0 | 13,731 | 13,198 | 533 | 3.9 | 13,804 | 13,263 | 541 | 3.9 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,355 | 15,818 | 537 | 3.3 | 16,230 | 15,568 | 662 | 4.1 | 16,508 | 15,841 | 667 | 4.0 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,832 | 19,260 | 572 | 2.9 | 19,554 | 18,801 | 753 | 3.9 | 19,734 | 19,033 | 701 | 3.6 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,388 | 34,197 | 1,191 | 3.4 | 34,905 | 33,371 | 1,534 | 4.4 | 35,650 | 34,137 | 1,513 | 4.2 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,229 | 33,152 | 1,077 | 3.1 | 33,884 | 32,559 | 1,325 | 3.9 | 34,423 | 33,032 | 1,391 | 4.0 |

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

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**February 2023**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**January 2023**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**February 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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**

**February 2023**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**January 2023**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**February 2022**

**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

**February**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 13,370 | 12,975 | 395 | 3.0 | 13,151 | 12,712 | 439 | 3.3 | 13,031 | 12,513 | 518 | 4.0 |
| Benton | 17,831 | 17,435 | 396 | 2.2 | 17,661 | 17,152 | 509 | 2.9 | 17,856 | 17,268 | 588 | 3.3 |
| Bentonville | 32,379 | 31,731 | 648 | 2.0 | 31,839 | 31,087 | 752 | 2.4 | 31,328 | 30,601 | 727 | 2.3 |
| Blytheville | 5,414 | 5,177 | 237 | 4.4 | 5,389 | 5,074 | 315 | 5.8 | 5,378 | 5,114 | 264 | 4.9 |
| Cabot | 12,047 | 11,764 | 283 | 2.3 | 11,868 | 11,529 | 339 | 2.9 | 12,056 | 11,668 | 388 | 3.2 |
| Conway | 34,765 | 33,831 | 934 | 2.7 | 34,365 | 33,253 | 1,112 | 3.2 | 34,574 | 33,505 | 1,069 | 3.1 |
| El Dorado | 6,321 | 6,044 | 277 | 4.4 | 6,287 | 5,954 | 333 | 5.3 | 6,465 | 6,093 | 372 | 5.8 |
| Fayetteville | 52,858 | 51,748 | 1,110 | 2.1 | 52,076 | 50,699 | 1,377 | 2.6 | 51,304 | 49,883 | 1,421 | 2.8 |
| Fort Smith | 38,491 | 37,442 | 1,049 | 2.7 | 38,137 | 36,848 | 1,289 | 3.4 | 38,300 | 36,906 | 1,394 | 3.6 |
| Hot Springs | 15,543 | 14,986 | 557 | 3.6 | 15,455 | 14,797 | 658 | 4.3 | 15,667 | 14,908 | 759 | 4.8 |
| Jacksonville | 11,636 | 11,248 | 388 | 3.3 | 11,576 | 11,066 | 510 | 4.4 | 11,727 | 11,143 | 584 | 5.0 |
| Jonesboro | 40,968 | 39,975 | 993 | 2.4 | 40,553 | 39,316 | 1,237 | 3.1 | 40,180 | 38,939 | 1,241 | 3.1 |
| Little Rock | 97,159 | 94,404 | 2,755 | 2.8 | 96,352 | 92,879 | 3,473 | 3.6 | 97,362 | 93,519 | 3,843 | 3.9 |
| North Little Rock | 30,002 | 29,030 | 972 | 3.2 | 29,664 | 28,561 | 1,103 | 3.7 | 30,164 | 28,758 | 1,406 | 4.7 |
| Paragould | 12,620 | 12,240 | 380 | 3.0 | 12,442 | 11,949 | 493 | 4.0 | 12,566 | 12,096 | 470 | 3.7 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,090 | 14,383 | 707 | 4.7 | 14,986 | 14,087 | 899 | 6.0 | 15,370 | 14,330 | 1,040 | 6.8 |
| Rogers | 39,713 | 38,928 | 785 | 2.0 | 39,103 | 38,138 | 965 | 2.5 | 38,445 | 37,542 | 903 | 2.3 |
| Russellville | 12,720 | 12,317 | 403 | 3.2 | 12,575 | 12,043 | 532 | 4.2 | 12,769 | 12,290 | 479 | 3.8 |
| Searcy | 10,286 | 10,011 | 275 | 2.7 | 10,184 | 9,832 | 352 | 3.5 | 10,356 | 9,975 | 381 | 3.7 |
| Sherwood | 16,291 | 15,843 | 448 | 2.7 | 16,102 | 15,587 | 515 | 3.2 | 16,294 | 15,694 | 600 | 3.7 |
| Springdale | 42,123 | 41,325 | 798 | 1.9 | 41,530 | 40,489 | 1,041 | 2.5 | 40,928 | 39,838 | 1,090 | 2.7 |
| Texarkana, AR | 12,791 | 12,353 | 438 | 3.4 | 12,708 | 12,187 | 521 | 4.1 | 12,803 | 12,176 | 627 | 4.9 |
| Van Buren | 10,264 | 10,008 | 256 | 2.5 | 10,158 | 9,832 | 326 | 3.2 | 10,250 | 9,875 | 375 | 3.7 |
| West Memphis | 10,157 | 9,702 | 455 | 4.5 | 10,024 | 9,486 | 538 | 5.4 | 10,005 | 9,576 | 429 | 4.3 |

**February**

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **February 2023** | |  |  | **January 2023** | |  |  | **February 2022** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,201 | 8,972 | 229 | 2.5 | 9,052 | 8,761 | 291 | 3.2 | 9,253 | 8,872 | 381 | 4.1 |
| Ashley | 6,655 | 6,307 | 348 | 5.2 | 6,595 | 6,167 | 428 | 6.5 | 6,870 | 6,451 | 419 | 6.1 |
| Baxter | 16,355 | 15,818 | 537 | 3.3 | 16,230 | 15,568 | 662 | 4.1 | 16,508 | 15,841 | 667 | 4.0 |
| Benton | 154,670 | 151,387 | 3,283 | 2.1 | 152,330 | 148,314 | 4,016 | 2.6 | 150,038 | 145,997 | 4,041 | 2.7 |
| Boone | 15,938 | 15,475 | 463 | 2.9 | 15,738 | 15,184 | 554 | 3.5 | 15,915 | 15,409 | 506 | 3.2 |
| Bradley | 4,012 | 3,818 | 194 | 4.8 | 3,952 | 3,706 | 246 | 6.2 | 4,172 | 3,973 | 199 | 4.8 |
| Calhoun | 2,351 | 2,284 | 67 | 2.8 | 2,313 | 2,231 | 82 | 3.5 | 2,383 | 2,305 | 78 | 3.3 |
| Carroll | 12,067 | 11,705 | 362 | 3.0 | 11,888 | 11,428 | 460 | 3.9 | 12,211 | 11,720 | 491 | 4.0 |
| Chicot | 2,881 | 2,739 | 142 | 4.9 | 2,852 | 2,663 | 189 | 6.6 | 3,029 | 2,805 | 224 | 7.4 |
| Clark | 8,300 | 7,964 | 336 | 4.0 | 8,163 | 7,712 | 451 | 5.5 | 8,657 | 8,267 | 390 | 4.5 |
| Clay | 5,302 | 5,085 | 217 | 4.1 | 5,231 | 4,950 | 281 | 5.4 | 5,389 | 5,133 | 256 | 4.8 |
| Cleburne | 8,811 | 8,466 | 345 | 3.9 | 8,704 | 8,286 | 418 | 4.8 | 8,909 | 8,455 | 454 | 5.1 |
| Cleveland | 3,072 | 2,976 | 96 | 3.1 | 3,013 | 2,892 | 121 | 4.0 | 3,095 | 2,966 | 129 | 4.2 |
| Columbia | 8,822 | 8,488 | 334 | 3.8 | 8,780 | 8,336 | 444 | 5.1 | 8,813 | 8,402 | 411 | 4.7 |
| Conway | 8,300 | 8,013 | 287 | 3.5 | 8,283 | 7,928 | 355 | 4.3 | 8,405 | 8,028 | 377 | 4.5 |
| Craighead | 57,958 | 56,605 | 1,353 | 2.3 | 57,401 | 55,672 | 1,729 | 3.0 | 56,884 | 55,139 | 1,745 | 3.1 |
| Crawford | 26,333 | 25,614 | 719 | 2.7 | 26,054 | 25,164 | 890 | 3.4 | 26,267 | 25,272 | 995 | 3.8 |
| Crittenden | 20,656 | 19,882 | 774 | 3.7 | 20,362 | 19,438 | 924 | 4.5 | 20,471 | 19,623 | 848 | 4.1 |
| Cross | 6,768 | 6,549 | 219 | 3.2 | 6,690 | 6,414 | 276 | 4.1 | 6,990 | 6,685 | 305 | 4.4 |
| Dallas | 2,692 | 2,588 | 104 | 3.9 | 2,683 | 2,557 | 126 | 4.7 | 2,795 | 2,671 | 124 | 4.4 |
| Desha | 4,848 | 4,641 | 207 | 4.3 | 4,784 | 4,517 | 267 | 5.6 | 4,929 | 4,623 | 306 | 6.2 |
| Drew | 7,442 | 7,155 | 287 | 3.9 | 7,373 | 7,006 | 367 | 5.0 | 7,585 | 7,210 | 375 | 4.9 |
| Faulkner | 63,153 | 61,450 | 1,703 | 2.7 | 62,455 | 60,400 | 2,055 | 3.3 | 62,893 | 60,858 | 2,035 | 3.2 |
| Franklin | 7,460 | 7,242 | 218 | 2.9 | 7,342 | 7,085 | 257 | 3.5 | 7,448 | 7,162 | 286 | 3.8 |
| Fulton | 4,954 | 4,803 | 151 | 3.0 | 4,929 | 4,732 | 197 | 4.0 | 5,020 | 4,840 | 180 | 3.6 |
| Garland | 41,901 | 40,497 | 1,404 | 3.4 | 41,711 | 39,987 | 1,724 | 4.1 | 42,111 | 40,285 | 1,826 | 4.3 |
| Grant | 8,433 | 8,215 | 218 | 2.6 | 8,314 | 8,051 | 263 | 3.2 | 8,449 | 8,160 | 289 | 3.4 |
| Greene | 19,832 | 19,260 | 572 | 2.9 | 19,554 | 18,801 | 753 | 3.9 | 19,734 | 19,033 | 701 | 3.6 |
| Hempstead | 9,353 | 9,086 | 267 | 2.9 | 9,249 | 8,927 | 322 | 3.5 | 9,266 | 8,916 | 350 | 3.8 |
| Hot Spring | 13,838 | 13,426 | 412 | 3.0 | 13,731 | 13,198 | 533 | 3.9 | 13,804 | 13,263 | 541 | 3.9 |
| Howard | 5,284 | 5,126 | 158 | 3.0 | 5,173 | 4,982 | 191 | 3.7 | 5,453 | 5,265 | 188 | 3.4 |
| Independence | 16,649 | 16,169 | 480 | 2.9 | 16,506 | 15,911 | 595 | 3.6 | 16,457 | 15,822 | 635 | 3.9 |
| Izard | 4,450 | 4,262 | 188 | 4.2 | 4,428 | 4,166 | 262 | 5.9 | 4,407 | 4,151 | 256 | 5.8 |
| Jackson | 5,413 | 5,163 | 250 | 4.6 | 5,361 | 5,018 | 343 | 6.4 | 5,557 | 5,245 | 312 | 5.6 |
| Jefferson | 25,489 | 24,426 | 1,063 | 4.2 | 25,258 | 23,923 | 1,335 | 5.3 | 25,862 | 24,336 | 1,526 | 5.9 |
| Johnson | 10,057 | 9,692 | 365 | 3.6 | 9,952 | 9,504 | 448 | 4.5 | 10,180 | 9,722 | 458 | 4.5 |
| Lafayette | 2,299 | 2,195 | 104 | 4.5 | 2,259 | 2,139 | 120 | 5.3 | 2,341 | 2,219 | 122 | 5.2 |
| Lawrence | 6,871 | 6,676 | 195 | 2.8 | 6,763 | 6,517 | 246 | 3.6 | 6,850 | 6,571 | 279 | 4.1 |
| Lee | 2,544 | 2,421 | 123 | 4.8 | 2,497 | 2,342 | 155 | 6.2 | 2,600 | 2,456 | 144 | 5.5 |
| Lincoln | 3,685 | 3,546 | 139 | 3.8 | 3,602 | 3,439 | 163 | 4.5 | 3,724 | 3,530 | 194 | 5.2 |
| Little River | 5,185 | 5,011 | 174 | 3.4 | 5,156 | 4,944 | 212 | 4.1 | 5,187 | 4,951 | 236 | 4.5 |
| Logan | 8,174 | 7,885 | 289 | 3.5 | 8,069 | 7,715 | 354 | 4.4 | 8,370 | 8,015 | 355 | 4.2 |
| Lonoke | 34,180 | 33,348 | 832 | 2.4 | 33,706 | 32,682 | 1,024 | 3.0 | 34,203 | 33,077 | 1,126 | 3.3 |
| Madison | 7,912 | 7,732 | 180 | 2.3 | 7,709 | 7,497 | 212 | 2.8 | 7,717 | 7,490 | 227 | 2.9 |
| Marion | 6,229 | 5,999 | 230 | 3.7 | 6,205 | 5,909 | 296 | 4.8 | 6,145 | 5,865 | 280 | 4.6 |
| Miller | 18,681 | 18,058 | 623 | 3.3 | 18,563 | 17,815 | 748 | 4.0 | 18,653 | 17,798 | 855 | 4.6 |

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**February**

**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **February 2023** | |  |  | **January 2023** | |  |  | **February 2022** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 16,130 | 15,466 | 664 | 4.1 | 16,015 | 15,159 | 856 | 5.3 | 16,242 | 15,277 | 965 | 5.9 |
| Monroe | 2,526 | 2,424 | 102 | 4.0 | 2,484 | 2,355 | 129 | 5.2 | 2,572 | 2,437 | 135 | 5.2 |
| Montgomery | 2,763 | 2,636 | 127 | 4.6 | 2,682 | 2,514 | 168 | 6.3 | 2,833 | 2,675 | 158 | 5.6 |
| Nevada | 3,427 | 3,328 | 99 | 2.9 | 3,411 | 3,282 | 129 | 3.8 | 3,407 | 3,259 | 148 | 4.3 |
| Newton | 3,205 | 3,109 | 96 | 3.0 | 3,150 | 3,034 | 116 | 3.7 | 3,211 | 3,091 | 120 | 3.7 |
| Ouachita | 9,601 | 9,251 | 350 | 3.6 | 9,529 | 9,114 | 415 | 4.4 | 9,746 | 9,324 | 422 | 4.3 |
| Perry | 4,211 | 4,079 | 132 | 3.1 | 4,168 | 3,995 | 173 | 4.2 | 4,230 | 4,036 | 194 | 4.6 |
| Phillips | 5,516 | 5,163 | 353 | 6.4 | 5,478 | 5,039 | 439 | 8.0 | 5,747 | 5,358 | 389 | 6.8 |
| Pike | 3,928 | 3,810 | 118 | 3.0 | 3,869 | 3,716 | 153 | 4.0 | 4,111 | 3,919 | 192 | 4.7 |
| Poinsett | 10,001 | 9,718 | 283 | 2.8 | 9,878 | 9,490 | 388 | 3.9 | 9,885 | 9,497 | 388 | 3.9 |
| Polk | 7,833 | 7,578 | 255 | 3.3 | 7,717 | 7,410 | 307 | 4.0 | 7,851 | 7,507 | 344 | 4.4 |
| Pope | 27,517 | 26,595 | 922 | 3.4 | 27,207 | 26,003 | 1,204 | 4.4 | 27,699 | 26,535 | 1,164 | 4.2 |
| Prairie | 3,510 | 3,415 | 95 | 2.7 | 3,455 | 3,332 | 123 | 3.6 | 3,497 | 3,369 | 128 | 3.7 |
| Pulaski | 188,948 | 183,544 | 5,404 | 2.9 | 187,218 | 180,579 | 6,639 | 3.5 | 189,538 | 181,824 | 7,714 | 4.1 |
| Randolph | 7,210 | 6,955 | 255 | 3.5 | 7,073 | 6,803 | 270 | 3.8 | 7,375 | 7,092 | 283 | 3.8 |
| St. Francis | 7,413 | 7,076 | 337 | 4.5 | 7,350 | 6,943 | 407 | 5.5 | 7,691 | 7,268 | 423 | 5.5 |
| Saline | 60,026 | 58,543 | 1,483 | 2.5 | 59,365 | 57,593 | 1,772 | 3.0 | 59,838 | 57,981 | 1,857 | 3.1 |
| Scott | 4,272 | 4,170 | 102 | 2.4 | 4,200 | 4,074 | 126 | 3.0 | 4,154 | 4,014 | 140 | 3.4 |
| Searcy | 2,790 | 2,658 | 132 | 4.7 | 2,772 | 2,610 | 162 | 5.8 | 2,813 | 2,659 | 154 | 5.5 |
| Sebastian | 55,433 | 53,938 | 1,495 | 2.7 | 54,913 | 53,082 | 1,831 | 3.3 | 55,121 | 53,165 | 1,956 | 3.5 |
| Sevier | 5,438 | 5,259 | 179 | 3.3 | 5,342 | 5,129 | 213 | 4.0 | 5,402 | 5,161 | 241 | 4.5 |
| Sharp | 5,843 | 5,638 | 205 | 3.5 | 5,845 | 5,561 | 284 | 4.9 | 5,736 | 5,453 | 283 | 4.9 |
| Stone | 4,480 | 4,297 | 183 | 4.1 | 4,413 | 4,187 | 226 | 5.1 | 4,511 | 4,292 | 219 | 4.9 |
| Union | 14,642 | 14,044 | 598 | 4.1 | 14,594 | 13,836 | 758 | 5.2 | 14,966 | 14,158 | 808 | 5.4 |
| Van Buren | 5,920 | 5,691 | 229 | 3.9 | 5,880 | 5,599 | 281 | 4.8 | 5,887 | 5,593 | 294 | 5.0 |
| Washington | 136,544 | 133,861 | 2,683 | 2.0 | 134,522 | 131,149 | 3,373 | 2.5 | 132,558 | 129,038 | 3,520 | 2.7 |
| White | 34,229 | 33,152 | 1,077 | 3.1 | 33,884 | 32,559 | 1,325 | 3.9 | 34,423 | 33,032 | 1,391 | 4.0 |
| Woodruff | 2,822 | 2,722 | 100 | 3.5 | 2,774 | 2,651 | 123 | 4.4 | 2,790 | 2,670 | 120 | 4.3 |
| Yell | 7,871 | 7,602 | 269 | 3.4 | 7,698 | 7,368 | 330 | 4.3 | 7,951 | 7,602 | 349 | 4.4 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Not Seasonally Adjusted

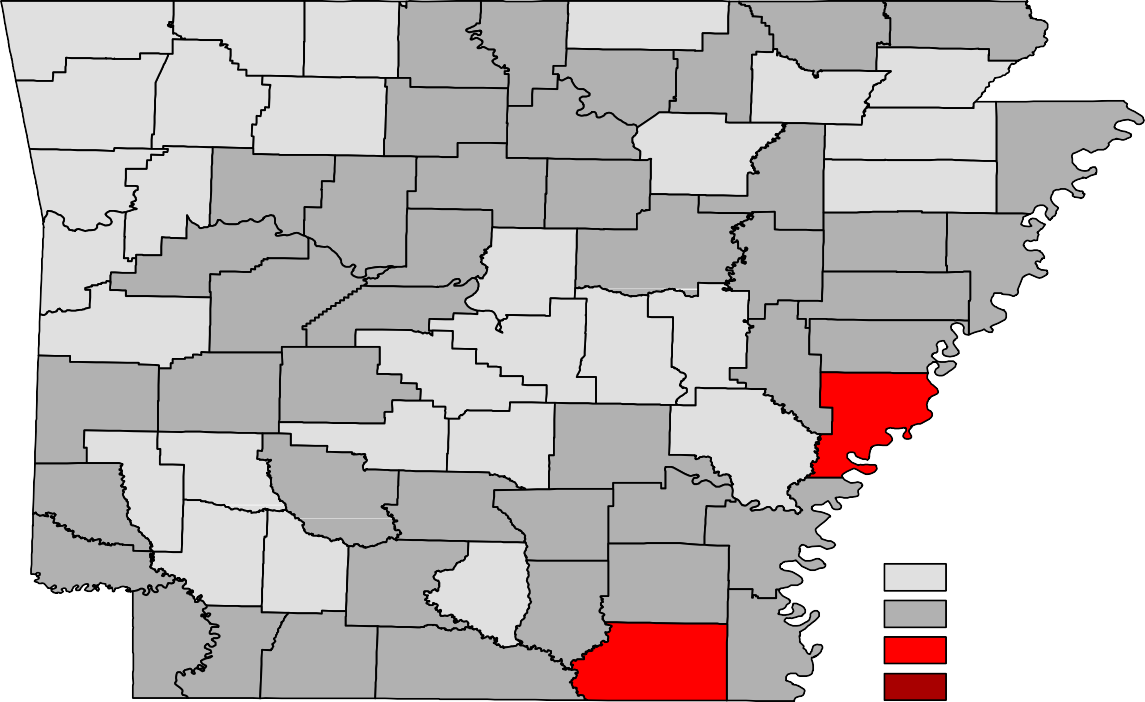
Between January and February, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rates ranged from a low of 2.0% in Washington County to a high of 6.4% in Phillips County.

In February, twenty-nine counties posted unemployment rates at or below three percent. That is up sharply from seven counties at or below three percent in January. No county reported a job- less rate above seven percent, down from one county above seven percent last month.

Compared to February 2022, jobless rates are down in 74 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. The rate in one county-- Bradley County-- was unchanged over the year. Thirty-five counties posted an an- nual rate decline of more than one full percentage point. Chicot County had the largest unem- ployment decline, down two and five-tenths of a percentage point compared to February 2022.

**February**

**County Unemployment Rates**



**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Greene**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Crawford**

**Independence**

**Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Faulkner**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Monroe**

**Lee**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Saline**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Clark**

**Dallas Cleveland Lincoln**

**Desha**

**Little River HempsteadNevada**

**Ouachita Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Bradley**

**Lafayette**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rate**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

February 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 2.0

2 Benton 2.1

3 Craighead 2.3

3 Madison 2.3

5 Lonoke 2.4

5 Scott 2.4

7 Arkansas 2.5

7 Saline 2.5

9 Grant 2.6

10 Crawford 2.7

10 Faulkner 2.7

10 Prairie 2.7

10 Sebastian 2.7

14 Calhoun 2.8

14 Lawrence 2.8

14 Poinsett 2.8

17 Boone 2.9

17 Franklin 2.9

17 Greene 2.9

17 Hempstead 2.9

17 Independence 2.9

17 Nevada 2.9

17 Pulaski 2.9

24 Carroll 3.0

24 Fulton 3.0

**Rank County**

24 Hot Spring

24 Howard

24 Newton

24 Pike

30 Cleveland

30 Perry

30 White

33 Cross

34 Baxter

34 Miller

34 Polk

34 Sevier

38 Garland

38 Little River

38 Pope

38 Yell

42 Conway

42 Logan

42 Randolph

42 Sharp

42 Woodruff

47 Johnson

47 Ouachita

49 Crittenden

49 Marion

**Rate**

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.2

3.3

3.3

3.3

3.3

3.4

3.4

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3.4

3.5

3.5

3.5

3.5

3.5

3.6

3.6

3.7

3.7

**Rank County**

51 Columbia

51 Lincoln

53 Cleburne

53 Dallas

53 Drew

53 Van Buren

57 Clark

57 Monroe

59 Clay

59 Mississippi

59 Stone

59 Union

63 Izard

63 Jefferson

65 Desha

66 Lafayette

66 St. Francis

68 Jackson

68 Montgomery

70 Searcy

71 Bradley

71 Lee

1. Chicot
2. Ashley
3. Phillips

**Rate**

3.8

3.8

3.9

3.9

3.9

3.9

4.0

4.0

4.1

4.1

4.1

4.1

4.2

4.2

4.3

4.5

4.5

4.6

4.6

4.7

4.8

4.8

4.9

5.2

6.4

**February**

## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**February 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**January 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**February 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 255,184 248,320

City of Little Rock 97,159 94,404

Eastern 42,897 41,091

North Central 93,571 90,363

Northeast 123,304 119,765

Northwest 355,710 347,744

Southeast 75,718 72,795

Southwest 87,775 84,718

West Central 128,686 124,314

Western 109,505 106,427

6,864 2.7

2,755 2.8

1,806 4.2

3,208 3.4

3,539 2.9

7,966 2.2

2,923 3.9

3,057 3.5

4,372 3.4

3,078 2.8

252,331 244,062 8,269 3.3

96,352 92,879 3,473 3.6

42,377 40,176 2,201 5.2

92,724 88,670 4,054 4.4

121,915 117,392 4,523 3.7

350,544 340,693 9,851 2.8

74,795 71,125 3,670 4.9

87,052 83,292 3,760 4.3

127,464 121,925 5,539 4.3

108,295 104,530 3,765 3.5

255,179 246,027 9,152 3.6

97,362 93,519 3,843 3.9

43,499 41,390 2,109 4.8

93,697 89,553 4,144 4.4

122,359 117,742 4,617 3.8

347,116 337,110 10,006 2.9

76,968 72,926 4,042 5.3

88,412 84,429 3,983 4.5

129,981 124,332 5,649 4.3

109,211 105,135 4,076 3.7