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

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

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

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

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

State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)

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

**Quarter Ending**

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

**Category | Mar 22 | Jun 22 | Sep 22 | Dec 22 | Mar 23\***

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

**Employment Levels**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 1st Quarter 2023

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gross job gains..... | 65,839 | 63,722 | 67,914 | 66,289 | 61,533 |
| Gross job losses.... | 58,403 | 58,012 | 55,294 | 55,695 | 54,248 |
| **Net Change**.......... | **7,436** | **5,710** | **12,620** | **10,594** | **7,285** |

90,000

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

1st Quarter 2021 - 1st Quarter 2023

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80,000

70,000

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

10,000

0

Mar '21 Jun '21 Sep '21 Dec '21 Mar '22 Jun '22 Sep '22 Dec '22 Mar '23 Gross Job Gains Gross Job Losses

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# 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 rose two-tenths of a percentage point, from 3.1% in October to 3.3% in November. The United States’ jobless rate declined to 3.7% in Novem- ber, down two-tenths of a percentage point from October.

The civilian labor force in Arkansas decreased by 251 in November, as employment declined 2,937. Un- employment increased for the fourth consecutive month, as 2,686 more unemployed Arkansans began actively looking for work. The labor force participation rate declined a slight one-tenth of a percentage point over the month.

Compared to November 2022, there are 23,100 more employed in the State and 2,397 fewer unem- ployed. Arkansas’ unemployment rate is two-tenths of a percentage point lower, while the labor force participation rate is up three-tenths of a percentage point from 57.4% last November.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,347,648 1,350,585 1,324,548 Employment 1,338,041 1,346,154 1,325,289

Unemployment 45,279 42,593 47,676 Unemployment 42,384 39,483 38,916

Unemployment Rate 3.3% 3.1% 3.5% Unemployment Rate 3.1% 2.8% 2.9%

LF Participation Rate 57.7% 57.8% 57.4% LF Participation Rate 57.2% 57.4% 57.1%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** |  | **Nov 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,392,927 | 1,393,178 | 1,372,224 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,380,425 | 1,385,637 | 1,364,205 |

#### Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

November 2020 - November 2023

6.0%

5.0%

4.0%

3.0%

2.0%

1.0%

0.0%

Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23 Nov '23

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Nov 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1367.2 | 1370.4 | 1354.9 | -3.2 | 12.3 |
| Goods Producing | 231.4 | 234.2 | 226.6 | -2.8 | 4.8 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 70.8 | 72.3 | 63.3 | -1.5 | 7.5 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.0** | **5.0** | **5.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Construction** | **65.8** | **67.3** | **58.3** | **-1.5** | **7.5** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 41.0 | 42.1 | 35.9 | -1.1 | 5.1 |
| **Manufacturing** | **160.6** | **161.9** | **163.3** | **-1.3** | **-2.7** |
| Durable Goods | 76.9 | 78.1 | 78.7 | -1.2 | -1.8 |
| Nondurable Goods | 83.7 | 83.8 | 84.6 | -0.1 | -0.9 |
| Service Providing | 1135.8 | 1136.2 | 1128.3 | -0.4 | 7.5 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **272.2** | **270.7** | **278.0** | **1.5** | **-5.8** |
| Wholesale Trade | 53.4 | 54.1 | 52.5 | -0.7 | 0.9 |
| Retail Trade | 142.9 | 141.4 | 146.9 | 1.5 | -4.0 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 75.9 | 75.2 | 78.6 | 0.7 | -2.7 |
| **Information** | **11.5** | **11.5** | **12.9** | **0.0** | **-1.4** |
| **Financial Activities** | **71.6** | **71.0** | **71.1** | **0.6** | **0.5** |
| Finance & Insurance | 56.8 | 56.1 | 56.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 14.8 | 14.9 | 14.8 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **150.9** | **153.0** | **152.5** | **-2.1** | **-1.6** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 49.8 | 50.1 | 48.3 | -0.3 | 1.5 |
| Management of Companies | 40.9 | 41.5 | 38.5 | -0.6 | 2.4 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 60.2 | 61.4 | 65.7 | -1.2 | -5.5 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **210.9** | **210.2** | **204.1** | **0.7** | **6.8** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 19.5 | 19.6 | 19.5 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 191.4 | 190.6 | 184.6 | 0.8 | 6.8 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 68.1 | 68.1 | 63.6 | 0.0 | 4.5 |
| Social Assistance | 39.7 | 39.3 | 37.8 | 0.4 | 1.9 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **130.5** | **131.2** | **124.1** | **-0.7** | **6.4** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 13.3 | 14.1 | 12.5 | -0.8 | 0.8 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 117.2 | 117.1 | 111.6 | 0.1 | 5.6 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.8 | 12.0 | 11.2 | -0.2 | 0.6 |
| Food Services | 105.4 | 105.1 | 100.4 | 0.3 | 5.0 |
| **Other Services** | **74.1** | **74.4** | **72.8** | **-0.3** | **1.3** |
| **Government** | **214.1** | **214.2** | **212.8** | **-0.1** | **1.3** |
| Federal Government | 21.6 | 21.7 | 20.7 | -0.1 | 0.9 |
| State Government | 77.9 | 77.8 | 78.2 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.8 | 31.7 | 32.0 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.1 | 46.1 | 46.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Local Government | 114.6 | 114.7 | 113.9 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 70.8 | 70.9 | 70.4 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 43.8 | 43.8 | 43.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 |

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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

October 2023 - November 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Trade-Transport-Utilities

1,500

Private Ed & Health

Financial Activities

700

600

Mining & Logging

Information Government Other Services

Leisure & Hospitality

0

0

-100

-300

-700

Manufacturing -1,300

Construction -1,500 Professional & Business-2,100

-2,500 -2,000 -1,500 -1,000 -500 0

500 1,000 1,500 2,000

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

November 2022 - November 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Construction

Private Ed & Health Leisure & Hospitality

7,500

6,800

6,400

Government

Other Services Financial Activities Mining & Logging

1,300

1,300

500

0

Information

Professional & Business

Manufacturing

-1,400

-1,600

-2,700

Trade-Transport-Utilities -5,800

-8,000 -6,000 -4,000 -2,000 0 2,000 4,000 6,000 8,000 10,000

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# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**Nov 23**

Average Weekly Hours 39.0

Average Hourly Earnings $21.45

Average Weekly Earnings $836.55

**Oct 23**

39.0

$21.51

$838.89

**Nov 22**

39.6

$20.48

$811.01

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

**Nov 23**

42.7

**Oct 23**

43.5

$23.39

$997.47 $1,017.47

$23.36

**Nov 22**

41.1

$22.68

$932.15

**Nov 23**

Average Weekly Hours 35.6

Average Hourly Earnings $19.37

Average Weekly Earnings $689.57

**Oct 23**

34.9

$19.35

$675.32

**Nov 22**

38.3

$18.37

$703.57

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

November: 2013 - 2023

$25.00

$20.00

$15.00

$10.00

$5.00

$-

2013 2014

2015

2016 2017

2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

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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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 363,105 | 363,650 | 358,408 | -545 | 4,697 |
| **Employment** | 352,450 | 353,616 | 348,756 | -1,166 | 3,694 |
| **Unemployment** | 10,655 | 10,034 | 9,652 | 621 | 1,003 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.9% | 2.8% | 2.7% | 0.1% | 0.2% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Nov 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 388.7 | 388.6 | 382.4 | 0.1 | 6.3 |
| **Goods Producing** 40.8 | 41.2 | 38.8 | -0.4 | 2.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 21.1** | **21.3** | **18.9** | **-0.2** | **2.2** |
| **Manufacturing 19.7** | **19.9** | **19.9** | **-0.2** | **-0.2** |
| **Service Providing** 347.9 | 347.4 | 343.6 | 0.5 | 4.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 77.7** | **76.9** | **79.2** | **0.8** | **-1.5** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 18.3 | 18.6 | 17.9 | -0.3 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** 37.6 | 37.0 | 39.4 | 0.6 | -1.8 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.8 | 21.3 | 21.9 | 0.5 | -0.1 |
| **Information 5.5** | **5.5** | **5.8** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities 24.9** | **24.7** | **24.9** | **0.2** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 47.3** | **47.9** | **47.8** | **-0.6** | **-0.5** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 66.7** | **65.9** | **63.3** | **0.8** | **3.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 35.9** | **36.7** | **33.4** | **-0.8** | **2.5** |
| **Other Services 19.7** | **19.7** | **19.2** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Government 70.2** | **70.1** | **70.0** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Federal Government** 10.4 | 10.4 | 9.9 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **State Government** 34.4 | 34.3 | 34.5 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 25.4 | 25.4 | 25.6 | 0.0 | -0.2 |

#### Unemployment

November 2020 - November 2023

25,000

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

November: 2003 - 2023

360,000

340,000

20,000

320,000

15,000

300,000

280,000

10,000

260,000

240,000

5,000

220,000

0

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Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23 Nov '23

200,000

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 316,242 | 316,286 | 307,799 | -44 | 8,443 |
| **Employment** | 309,087 | 309,804 | 301,581 | -717 | 7,506 |
| **Unemployment** | 7,155 | 6,482 | 6,218 | 673 | 937 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.3% | 2.0% | 2.0% | 0.3% | 0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Nov 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 314.6 | 313.9 | 304.9 | 0.7 | 9.7 |
| **Goods Producing** 48.9 | 49.0 | 47.1 | -0.1 | 1.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 16.9** | **16.9** | **15.2** | **0.0** | **1.7** |
| **Manufacturing 32.0** | **32.1** | **31.9** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Service Providing** 265.7 | 264.9 | 257.8 | 0.8 | 7.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 64.5** | **64.3** | **65.0** | **0.2** | **-0.5** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 14.3 | 14.5 | 13.9 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** 29.3 | 29.1 | 29.8 | 0.2 | -0.5 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.9 | 20.7 | 21.3 | 0.2 | -0.4 |
| **Information 2.3** | **2.3** | **2.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 10.4** | **10.3** | **10.3** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 61.0** | **60.5** | **58.5** | **0.5** | **2.5** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 35.6** | **35.4** | **34.0** | **0.2** | **1.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 31.1** | **31.3** | **29.6** | **-0.2** | **1.5** |
| **Other Services 16.2** | **16.2** | **15.5** | **0.0** | **0.7** |
| **Government 44.6** | **44.6** | **42.5** | **0.0** | **2.1** |
| **Federal Government** 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **State Government** 20.9 | 21.0 | 19.5 | -0.1 | 1.4 |
| **Local Government** 20.5 | 20.4 | 20.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 |

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

November 2022 vs November 2023

Professional & Business

2,500

2,100

1,700

1,600

1,500

700

100

100

-100

Government

Mining-Logging-Construct

Private Ed & Health

Leisure & Hospitality

Other Services

Manufacturing

Financial Activities

Information

Trade-Transport-Utilities

-500

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-1,000 -500 0 500 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500 3,000

**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 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 120,334 | 120,130 | 118,086 | 204 | 2,248 |
| **Employment** | 116,023 | 115,827 | 114,722 | 196 | 1,301 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,311 | 4,303 | 3,364 | 8 | 947 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6% | 3.6% | 2.8% | 0.0% | 0.8% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Nov 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 117.0 | 116.1 | 116.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| **Goods Producing** 24.2 | 24.4 | 23.8 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.7** | **5.8** | **5.2** | **-0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Manufacturing 18.5** | **18.6** | **18.6** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Service Providing** 92.8 | 91.7 | 92.2 | 1.1 | 0.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.8** | **24.3** | **25.0** | **0.5** | **-0.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.9 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Retail Trade** 13.2 | 12.8 | 13.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.7 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| **Information 1.4** | **1.4** | **1.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 4.3** | **4.2** | **4.2** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.3** | **11.1** | **12.2** | **0.2** | **-0.9** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 18.5** | **18.3** | **17.8** | **0.2** | **0.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.2** | **10.3** | **9.8** | **-0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Other Services 3.7** | **3.7** | **3.6** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Government 18.6** | **18.4** | **18.2** | **0.2** | **0.4** |
| **Federal Government** 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 14.8 | 14.7 | 14.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 |

120,000

#### Employment

November: 2013 - 2023

118,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

November 2020 - November 2023

116,000

116,000

114,000

112,000

112,000

108,000

110,000

108,000

104,000

106,000

100,000

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

104,000

Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23 Nov '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,544 | 41,587 | 41,683 | -43 | -139 |
| **Employment** | 40,133 | 40,265 | 40,316 | -132 | -183 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,411 | 1,322 | 1,367 | 89 | 44 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.4% | 3.2% | 3.3% | 0.2% | 0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 41.6 | 41.5 | 41.7 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| 37.0 | 36.8 | 37.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

9.0%

#### Unemployment Rates

November: 2003 - 2023

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8.0%

7.0%

6.0%

5.0%

4.0%

3.0%

2.0%

1.0%

0.0%

'03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 67,837 | 68,193 | 67,791 | -356 | 46 |
| **Employment** | 66,034 | 66,513 | 66,137 | -479 | -103 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,803 | 1,680 | 1,654 | 123 | 149 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.7% | 2.5% | 2.4% | 0.2% | 0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 65.2 | 65.2 | 65.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 11.6 | 11.7 | 12.2 | -0.1 | -0.6 |
| 53.6 | 53.5 | 52.9 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

70,000

#### Employment

November 2020 - November 2023

N**ovember**

68,000

66,000

64,000

62,000

60,000

58,000

Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23 Nov '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 31,851 | 32,064 | 31,943 | -213 | -92 |
| **Employment** | 30,531 | 30,807 | 30,598 | -276 | -67 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,320 | 1,257 | 1,345 | 63 | -25 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1% | 3.9% | 4.2% | 0.2% | -0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.7 | 31.8 | 31.6 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| 26.3 | 26.3 | 26.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

32,500

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January 2021 - November 2023

32,000

31,500

31,000

30,500

30,000

29,500

N**ovember**

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2021 2022 2023

**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 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 622,571 | 625,071 | 621,358 | -2,500 | 1,213 |
| **Employment** | 598,009 | 598,805 | 597,981 | -796 | 28 |
| **Unemployment** | 24,562 | 26,266 | 23,377 | -1,704 | 1,185 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9% | 4.2% | 3.8% | -0.3% | 0.1% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 23** | **Oct 23** | **Nov 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,416 | 63,158 | 62,077 | 258 | 1,339 |
| **Employment** | 61,242 | 60,929 | 59,685 | 313 | 1,557 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,174 | 2,229 | 2,392 | -55 | -218 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.4% | 3.5% | 3.9% | -0.1% | -0.5% |

9.0%

#### Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates

November: 2013 - 2023

61,500

#### Texarkana MSA - Employment

November 2020 - November 2023

8.0%

61,000

7.0%

60,500

6.0%

5.0%

4.0%

60,000

59,500

59,000

58,500

3.0%

58,000

2.0%

57,500

1.0% 57,000

N**ovember**

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'23

56,500

Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23 Nov '23

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not Seasonally Adjusted  **November 2023 October 2023 November 2022 Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,675 | 8,303 | 372 | 4.3 | 8,715 | 8,348 | 367 | 4.2 | 8,484 | 8,143 | 341 | 4.0 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,974 | 16,484 | 490 | 2.9 | 16,945 | 16,498 | 447 | 2.6 | 16,589 | 16,132 | 457 | 2.8 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,785 | 16,085 | 700 | 4.2 | 17,057 | 16,346 | 711 | 4.2 | 16,243 | 15,550 | 693 | 4.3 |
| Camden Micro | 11,932 | 11,498 | 434 | 3.6 | 11,964 | 11,586 | 378 | 3.2 | 11,879 | 11,488 | 391 | 3.3 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,717 | 14,039 | 678 | 4.6 | 14,764 | 14,113 | 651 | 4.4 | 14,660 | 14,047 | 613 | 4.2 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,324 | 6,981 | 343 | 4.7 | 7,404 | 7,056 | 348 | 4.7 | 7,356 | 7,044 | 312 | 4.2 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,045 | 18,474 | 571 | 3.0 | 19,163 | 18,670 | 493 | 2.6 | 18,982 | 18,486 | 496 | 2.6 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,071 | 4,783 | 288 | 5.7 | 5,195 | 4,910 | 285 | 5.5 | 5,442 | 5,110 | 332 | 6.1 |
| Hope Micro | 12,638 | 12,227 | 411 | 3.3 | 12,738 | 12,339 | 399 | 3.1 | 12,744 | 12,366 | 378 | 3.0 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,918 | 8,583 | 335 | 3.8 | 8,917 | 8,596 | 321 | 3.6 | 8,935 | 8,587 | 348 | 3.9 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,704 | 13,245 | 459 | 3.3 | 13,745 | 13,325 | 420 | 3.1 | 13,677 | 13,273 | 404 | 3.0 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 17,021 | 16,425 | 596 | 3.5 | 16,997 | 16,474 | 523 | 3.1 | 16,356 | 15,836 | 520 | 3.2 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,777 | 19,158 | 619 | 3.1 | 19,871 | 19,344 | 527 | 2.7 | 19,964 | 19,057 | 907 | 4.5 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,117 | 35,825 | 1,292 | 3.5 | 37,413 | 36,207 | 1,206 | 3.2 | 35,418 | 34,274 | 1,144 | 3.2 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,003 | 32,932 | 1,071 | 3.1 | 34,038 | 33,045 | 993 | 2.9 | 34,095 | 33,097 | 998 | 2.9 |

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

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

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

### City Labor Force Statistics

**City**

**CLF**

**November 2023**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**October 2023**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 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

N**ovember**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 13,590 | 13,203 | 387 | 2.8 | 13,556 | 13,228 | 328 | 2.4 | 13,214 | 12,878 | 336 | 2.5 |
| Benton | 18,074 | 17,611 | 463 | 2.6 | 18,059 | 17,655 | 404 | 2.2 | 17,844 | 17,422 | 422 | 2.4 |
| Bentonville | 32,984 | 32,288 | 696 | 2.1 | 32,985 | 32,349 | 636 | 1.9 | 32,077 | 31,493 | 584 | 1.8 |
| Blytheville | 5,646 | 5,384 | 262 | 4.6 | 5,734 | 5,472 | 262 | 4.6 | 5,467 | 5,205 | 262 | 4.8 |
| Cabot | 12,132 | 11,829 | 303 | 2.5 | 12,196 | 11,920 | 276 | 2.3 | 12,013 | 11,722 | 291 | 2.4 |
| Conway | 35,085 | 34,131 | 954 | 2.7 | 35,168 | 34,266 | 902 | 2.6 | 34,651 | 33,778 | 873 | 2.5 |
| El Dorado | 6,416 | 6,041 | 375 | 5.8 | 6,433 | 6,073 | 360 | 5.6 | 6,352 | 6,045 | 307 | 4.8 |
| Fayetteville | 53,835 | 52,644 | 1,191 | 2.2 | 53,898 | 52,758 | 1,140 | 2.1 | 52,493 | 51,350 | 1,143 | 2.2 |
| Fort Smith | 38,762 | 37,438 | 1,324 | 3.4 | 38,685 | 37,363 | 1,322 | 3.4 | 38,400 | 37,378 | 1,022 | 2.7 |
| Hot Springs | 15,399 | 14,851 | 548 | 3.6 | 15,460 | 14,900 | 560 | 3.6 | 15,481 | 14,919 | 562 | 3.6 |
| Jacksonville | 11,802 | 11,363 | 439 | 3.7 | 11,814 | 11,389 | 425 | 3.6 | 11,640 | 11,241 | 399 | 3.4 |
| Jonesboro | 40,958 | 39,847 | 1,111 | 2.7 | 41,115 | 40,078 | 1,037 | 2.5 | 40,898 | 39,893 | 1,005 | 2.5 |
| Little Rock | 98,396 | 95,373 | 3,023 | 3.1 | 98,572 | 95,588 | 2,984 | 3.0 | 97,164 | 94,344 | 2,820 | 2.9 |
| North Little Rock | 30,401 | 29,328 | 1,073 | 3.5 | 30,414 | 29,394 | 1,020 | 3.4 | 29,911 | 29,011 | 900 | 3.0 |
| Paragould | 12,575 | 12,176 | 399 | 3.2 | 12,643 | 12,294 | 349 | 2.8 | 12,737 | 12,111 | 626 | 4.9 |
| Pine Bluff | 14,957 | 14,221 | 736 | 4.9 | 15,051 | 14,305 | 746 | 5.0 | 14,994 | 14,243 | 751 | 5.0 |
| Rogers | 40,434 | 39,611 | 823 | 2.0 | 40,431 | 39,686 | 745 | 1.8 | 39,413 | 38,636 | 777 | 2.0 |
| Russellville | 13,373 | 12,941 | 432 | 3.2 | 13,448 | 13,046 | 402 | 3.0 | 12,787 | 12,365 | 422 | 3.3 |
| Searcy | 10,251 | 9,945 | 306 | 3.0 | 10,260 | 9,979 | 281 | 2.7 | 10,276 | 9,995 | 281 | 2.7 |
| Sherwood | 16,466 | 16,005 | 461 | 2.8 | 16,446 | 16,041 | 405 | 2.5 | 16,228 | 15,833 | 395 | 2.4 |
| Springdale | 42,927 | 42,042 | 885 | 2.1 | 42,930 | 42,133 | 797 | 1.9 | 41,796 | 41,009 | 787 | 1.9 |
| Texarkana, AR | 12,927 | 12,488 | 439 | 3.4 | 12,950 | 12,526 | 424 | 3.3 | 12,735 | 12,304 | 431 | 3.4 |
| Van Buren | 10,305 | 9,989 | 316 | 3.1 | 10,307 | 9,992 | 315 | 3.1 | 10,240 | 9,979 | 261 | 2.5 |
| West Memphis | 9,966 | 9,555 | 411 | 4.1 | 10,008 | 9,586 | 422 | 4.2 | 10,073 | 9,659 | 414 | 4.1 |

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**November 2023 October 2023 November 2022**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,045 | 8,809 | 236 | 2.6 | 9,176 | 8,972 | 204 | 2.2 | 9,263 | 9,015 | 248 | 2.7 |
| Ashley | 6,350 | 6,019 | 331 | 5.2 | 6,476 | 6,164 | 312 | 4.8 | 6,621 | 6,286 | 335 | 5.1 |
| Baxter | 17,021 | 16,425 | 596 | 3.5 | 16,997 | 16,474 | 523 | 3.1 | 16,356 | 15,836 | 520 | 3.2 |
| Benton | 157,635 | 154,043 | 3,592 | 2.3 | 157,616 | 154,333 | 3,283 | 2.1 | 153,380 | 150,250 | 3,130 | 2.0 |
| Boone | 15,865 | 15,402 | 463 | 2.9 | 15,942 | 15,540 | 402 | 2.5 | 15,827 | 15,407 | 420 | 2.7 |
| Bradley | 3,958 | 3,796 | 162 | 4.1 | 3,998 | 3,852 | 146 | 3.7 | 3,945 | 3,757 | 188 | 4.8 |
| Calhoun | 2,325 | 2,259 | 66 | 2.8 | 2,355 | 2,298 | 57 | 2.4 | 2,331 | 2,263 | 68 | 2.9 |
| Carroll | 12,251 | 11,926 | 325 | 2.7 | 12,598 | 12,312 | 286 | 2.3 | 12,301 | 11,987 | 314 | 2.6 |
| Chicot | 2,763 | 2,614 | 149 | 5.4 | 2,833 | 2,683 | 150 | 5.3 | 2,831 | 2,691 | 140 | 4.9 |
| Clark | 8,675 | 8,303 | 372 | 4.3 | 8,715 | 8,348 | 367 | 4.2 | 8,484 | 8,143 | 341 | 4.0 |
| Clay | 5,271 | 5,067 | 204 | 3.9 | 5,379 | 5,202 | 177 | 3.3 | 5,302 | 5,084 | 218 | 4.1 |
| Cleburne | 8,896 | 8,579 | 317 | 3.6 | 8,996 | 8,719 | 277 | 3.1 | 8,810 | 8,491 | 319 | 3.6 |
| Cleveland | 3,019 | 2,915 | 104 | 3.4 | 3,054 | 2,971 | 83 | 2.7 | 3,029 | 2,928 | 101 | 3.3 |
| Columbia | 8,918 | 8,583 | 335 | 3.8 | 8,917 | 8,596 | 321 | 3.6 | 8,935 | 8,587 | 348 | 3.9 |
| Conway | 8,366 | 8,078 | 288 | 3.4 | 8,397 | 8,138 | 259 | 3.1 | 8,285 | 8,019 | 266 | 3.2 |
| Craighead | 57,908 | 56,424 | 1,484 | 2.6 | 58,140 | 56,751 | 1,389 | 2.4 | 57,861 | 56,490 | 1,371 | 2.4 |
| Crawford | 26,454 | 25,565 | 889 | 3.4 | 26,437 | 25,572 | 865 | 3.3 | 26,242 | 25,540 | 702 | 2.7 |
| Crittenden | 20,367 | 19,580 | 787 | 3.9 | 20,457 | 19,644 | 813 | 4.0 | 20,522 | 19,794 | 728 | 3.5 |
| Cross | 6,696 | 6,480 | 216 | 3.2 | 6,799 | 6,600 | 199 | 2.9 | 6,756 | 6,529 | 227 | 3.4 |
| Dallas | 2,660 | 2,560 | 100 | 3.8 | 2,657 | 2,577 | 80 | 3.0 | 2,680 | 2,587 | 93 | 3.5 |
| Desha | 4,830 | 4,630 | 200 | 4.1 | 4,930 | 4,733 | 197 | 4.0 | 4,879 | 4,665 | 214 | 4.4 |
| Drew | 7,617 | 7,337 | 280 | 3.7 | 7,707 | 7,452 | 255 | 3.3 | 7,343 | 7,058 | 285 | 3.9 |
| Faulkner | 63,719 | 61,994 | 1,725 | 2.7 | 63,845 | 62,240 | 1,605 | 2.5 | 62,976 | 61,353 | 1,623 | 2.6 |
| Franklin | 7,422 | 7,189 | 233 | 3.1 | 7,520 | 7,312 | 208 | 2.8 | 7,375 | 7,168 | 207 | 2.8 |
| Fulton | 4,518 | 4,351 | 167 | 3.7 | 4,588 | 4,448 | 140 | 3.1 | 4,904 | 4,762 | 142 | 2.9 |
| Garland | 41,544 | 40,133 | 1,411 | 3.4 | 41,587 | 40,265 | 1,322 | 3.2 | 41,683 | 40,316 | 1,367 | 3.3 |
| Grant | 8,504 | 8,267 | 237 | 2.8 | 8,530 | 8,320 | 210 | 2.5 | 8,418 | 8,190 | 228 | 2.7 |
| Greene | 19,777 | 19,158 | 619 | 3.1 | 19,871 | 19,344 | 527 | 2.7 | 19,964 | 19,057 | 907 | 4.5 |
| Hempstead | 9,235 | 8,939 | 296 | 3.2 | 9,321 | 9,035 | 286 | 3.1 | 9,311 | 9,045 | 266 | 2.9 |
| Hot Spring | 13,704 | 13,245 | 459 | 3.3 | 13,745 | 13,325 | 420 | 3.1 | 13,677 | 13,273 | 404 | 3.0 |
| Howard | 5,119 | 4,957 | 162 | 3.2 | 5,206 | 5,052 | 154 | 3.0 | 5,214 | 5,049 | 165 | 3.2 |
| Independence | 16,974 | 16,484 | 490 | 2.9 | 16,945 | 16,498 | 447 | 2.6 | 16,589 | 16,132 | 457 | 2.8 |
| Izard | 4,612 | 4,395 | 217 | 4.7 | 4,655 | 4,477 | 178 | 3.8 | 4,515 | 4,313 | 202 | 4.5 |
| Jackson | 5,237 | 4,992 | 245 | 4.7 | 5,322 | 5,080 | 242 | 4.5 | 5,358 | 5,119 | 239 | 4.5 |
| Jefferson | 25,228 | 24,151 | 1,077 | 4.3 | 25,349 | 24,294 | 1,055 | 4.2 | 25,293 | 24,188 | 1,105 | 4.4 |
| Johnson | 10,157 | 9,678 | 479 | 4.7 | 10,161 | 9,693 | 468 | 4.6 | 10,021 | 9,680 | 341 | 3.4 |
| Lafayette | 2,206 | 2,108 | 98 | 4.4 | 2,240 | 2,153 | 87 | 3.9 | 2,286 | 2,177 | 109 | 4.8 |
| Lawrence | 6,896 | 6,675 | 221 | 3.2 | 6,981 | 6,777 | 204 | 2.9 | 6,837 | 6,626 | 211 | 3.1 |
| Lee | 2,480 | 2,361 | 119 | 4.8 | 2,547 | 2,428 | 119 | 4.7 | 2,468 | 2,368 | 100 | 4.1 |
| Lincoln | 3,604 | 3,465 | 139 | 3.9 | 3,661 | 3,542 | 119 | 3.3 | 3,621 | 3,482 | 139 | 3.8 |
| Little River | 5,237 | 5,072 | 165 | 3.2 | 5,231 | 5,077 | 154 | 2.9 | 5,171 | 4,997 | 174 | 3.4 |
| Logan | 8,241 | 7,930 | 311 | 3.8 | 8,312 | 8,021 | 291 | 3.5 | 8,124 | 7,862 | 262 | 3.2 |
| Lonoke | 34,459 | 33,534 | 925 | 2.7 | 34,642 | 33,791 | 851 | 2.5 | 34,060 | 33,230 | 830 | 2.4 |
| Madison | 7,955 | 7,758 | 197 | 2.5 | 8,066 | 7,897 | 169 | 2.1 | 7,769 | 7,612 | 157 | 2.0 |
| Marion | 6,026 | 5,784 | 242 | 4.0 | 6,091 | 5,873 | 218 | 3.6 | 6,213 | 6,006 | 207 | 3.3 |
| Miller | 18,869 | 18,254 | 615 | 3.3 | 18,875 | 18,310 | 565 | 3.0 | 18,574 | 17,985 | 589 | 3.2 |

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

N**ovember**

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N**ovember**

**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 16,785 | 16,085 | 700 | 4.2 | 17,057 | 16,346 | 711 | 4.2 | 16,243 | 15,550 | 693 | 4.3 |
| Monroe | 2,407 | 2,325 | 82 | 3.4 | 2,469 | 2,394 | 75 | 3.0 | 2,483 | 2,387 | 96 | 3.9 |
| Montgomery | 2,768 | 2,635 | 133 | 4.8 | 2,874 | 2,755 | 119 | 4.1 | 2,660 | 2,548 | 112 | 4.2 |
| Nevada | 3,403 | 3,288 | 115 | 3.4 | 3,417 | 3,304 | 113 | 3.3 | 3,433 | 3,321 | 112 | 3.3 |
| Newton | 3,180 | 3,072 | 108 | 3.4 | 3,221 | 3,130 | 91 | 2.8 | 3,155 | 3,079 | 76 | 2.4 |
| Ouachita | 9,607 | 9,239 | 368 | 3.8 | 9,609 | 9,288 | 321 | 3.3 | 9,548 | 9,225 | 323 | 3.4 |
| Perry | 4,252 | 4,094 | 158 | 3.7 | 4,285 | 4,137 | 148 | 3.5 | 4,180 | 4,057 | 123 | 2.9 |
| Phillips | 5,071 | 4,783 | 288 | 5.7 | 5,195 | 4,910 | 285 | 5.5 | 5,442 | 5,110 | 332 | 6.1 |
| Pike | 3,970 | 3,840 | 130 | 3.3 | 4,050 | 3,929 | 121 | 3.0 | 3,899 | 3,774 | 125 | 3.2 |
| Poinsett | 9,929 | 9,610 | 319 | 3.2 | 10,053 | 9,762 | 291 | 2.9 | 9,930 | 9,647 | 283 | 2.8 |
| Polk | 7,849 | 7,577 | 272 | 3.5 | 7,938 | 7,693 | 245 | 3.1 | 7,764 | 7,523 | 241 | 3.1 |
| Pope | 28,962 | 27,942 | 1,020 | 3.5 | 29,131 | 28,167 | 964 | 3.3 | 27,593 | 26,697 | 896 | 3.2 |
| Prairie | 3,502 | 3,394 | 108 | 3.1 | 3,573 | 3,474 | 99 | 2.8 | 3,528 | 3,431 | 97 | 2.7 |
| Pulaski | 191,419 | 185,428 | 5,991 | 3.1 | 191,588 | 185,846 | 5,742 | 3.0 | 188,867 | 183,429 | 5,438 | 2.9 |
| Randolph | 7,075 | 6,839 | 236 | 3.3 | 7,111 | 6,903 | 208 | 2.9 | 7,097 | 6,881 | 216 | 3.0 |
| St. Francis | 7,324 | 6,981 | 343 | 4.7 | 7,404 | 7,056 | 348 | 4.7 | 7,356 | 7,044 | 312 | 4.2 |
| Saline | 60,752 | 59,133 | 1,619 | 2.7 | 60,760 | 59,282 | 1,478 | 2.4 | 59,907 | 58,497 | 1,410 | 2.4 |
| Scott | 4,359 | 4,224 | 135 | 3.1 | 4,439 | 4,318 | 121 | 2.7 | 4,192 | 4,098 | 94 | 2.2 |
| Searcy | 2,857 | 2,745 | 112 | 3.9 | 2,867 | 2,765 | 102 | 3.6 | 2,768 | 2,660 | 108 | 3.9 |
| Sebastian | 55,873 | 53,931 | 1,942 | 3.5 | 55,717 | 53,823 | 1,894 | 3.4 | 55,293 | 53,845 | 1,448 | 2.6 |
| Sevier | 5,423 | 5,221 | 202 | 3.7 | 5,487 | 5,307 | 180 | 3.3 | 5,393 | 5,212 | 181 | 3.4 |
| Sharp | 5,944 | 5,731 | 213 | 3.6 | 5,956 | 5,787 | 169 | 2.8 | 5,820 | 5,628 | 192 | 3.3 |
| Stone | 4,342 | 4,165 | 177 | 4.1 | 4,452 | 4,307 | 145 | 3.3 | 4,475 | 4,312 | 163 | 3.6 |
| Union | 14,717 | 14,039 | 678 | 4.6 | 14,764 | 14,113 | 651 | 4.4 | 14,660 | 14,047 | 613 | 4.2 |
| Van Buren | 5,989 | 5,759 | 230 | 3.8 | 6,030 | 5,831 | 199 | 3.3 | 5,890 | 5,683 | 207 | 3.5 |
| Washington | 139,109 | 136,179 | 2,930 | 2.1 | 139,135 | 136,475 | 2,660 | 1.9 | 135,527 | 132,832 | 2,695 | 2.0 |
| White | 34,003 | 32,932 | 1,071 | 3.1 | 34,038 | 33,045 | 993 | 2.9 | 34,095 | 33,097 | 998 | 2.9 |
| Woodruff | 2,795 | 2,705 | 90 | 3.2 | 2,873 | 2,786 | 87 | 3.0 | 2,779 | 2,700 | 79 | 2.8 |
| Yell | 8,155 | 7,883 | 272 | 3.3 | 8,282 | 8,040 | 242 | 2.9 | 7,825 | 7,577 | 248 | 3.2 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**November 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

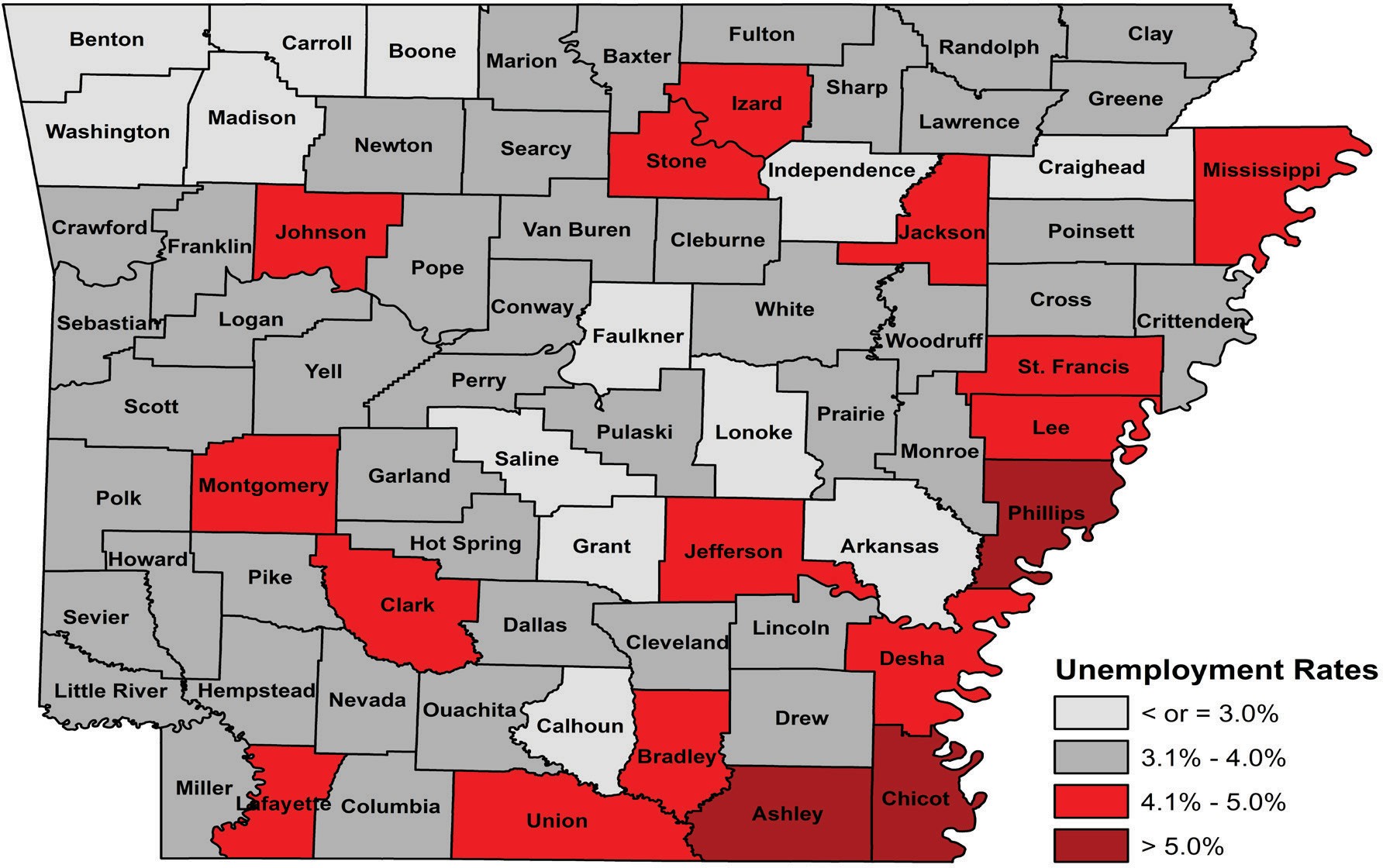
Between October and November, unemployment rates increased in 72 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Only Crittenden County posted a rate decline over-the-month (-0.1%), while rates in Mississippi and St. Francis counties were unchanged. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.1% in Washington County to a high of 5.7% in Phillips County.

In November, thirteen counties posted unemployment rates at or below three percent. That is down from 34 counties at or below 3% in October. For the 10th month in a row, no county in Arkansas had a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to November 2022, rates are up in 57 Arkansas counties. Unemployment rates in 15 counties were lower than last year, while 3 counties remained stable. The largest annual rate in- creases were in Newton (+1.0%) and Johnson (+1.3%) counties.

N**ovember**

**County Unemployment Rates**



# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

November 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 2.1

2 Benton 2.3

3 Madison 2.5

4 Arkansas 2.6

4 Craighead 2.6

6 Carroll 2.7

6 Faulkner 2.7

6 Lonoke 2.7

6 Saline 2.7

10 Calhoun 2.8

10 Grant 2.8

12 Boone 2.9

12 Independence 2.9

14 Franklin 3.1

14 Greene 3.1

14 Prairie 3.1

14 Pulaski 3.1

14 Scott 3.1

14 White 3.1

20 Cross 3.2

20 Hempstead 3.2

20 Howard 3.2

20 Lawrence 3.2

20 Little River 3.2

20 Poinsett 3.2

**Rank County**

20 Woodruff

27 Hot Spring

27 Miller

27 Pike

27 Randolph

27 Yell

32 Cleveland

32 Conway

32 Crawford

32 Garland

32 Monroe

32 Nevada

32 Newton

39 Baxter

39 Polk

39 Pope

39 Sebastian

43 Cleburne

43 Sharp

45 Drew

45 Fulton

45 Perry

45 Sevier

49 Columbia

49 Dallas

**Rate**

3.2

3.3

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**Rank County**

49 Logan

49 Ouachita

49 Van Buren

54 Clay

54 Crittenden

54 Lincoln

54 Searcy

58 Marion

59 Bradley

59 Desha

59 Stone

62 Mississippi

63 Clark

63 Jefferson

65 Lafayette

66 Union

67 Izard

67 Jackson

67 Johnson

67 St. Francis

71 Lee

71 Montgomery

1. Ashley
2. Chicot
3. Phillips

**Rate**

3.8

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5.7

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## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**November 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 257,862 250,435

City of Little Rock 98,396 95,373

Eastern 41,938 40,185

North Central 93,310 90,093

Northeast 123,641 119,858

Northwest 361,899 353,334

Southeast 74,918 72,003

Southwest 87,719 84,519

West Central 130,553 125,831

Western 110,198 106,416

7,427

3,023

1,753

3,217

3,783

8,565

2,915

3,200

4,722

3,782

2.9

3.1

4.2

3.4

3.1

2.4

3.9

3.6

3.6

3.4

258,305 251,439

98,572 95,588

42,402

40,638

93,855 90,978

124,592 121,085

362,533 354,799

75,714 72,983

88,079 85,110

131,227 126,797

110,363 106,739

6,866 2.7

2,984 3.0

1,764 4.2

2,877 3.1

3,507 2.8

7,734 2.1

2,731 3.6

2,969 3.4

4,430 3.4

3,624 3.3

254,657 247,983 6,674 2.6

97,164 94,344 2,820 2.9

42,544 40,845 1,699 4.0

93,235 90,237 2,998 3.2

123,234 119,335 3,899 3.2

353,296 345,669 7,627 2.2

75,243 72,260 2,983 4.0

87,536 84,495 3,041 3.5

128,307 124,084 4,223 3.3

108,990 106,036 2,954 2.7

