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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

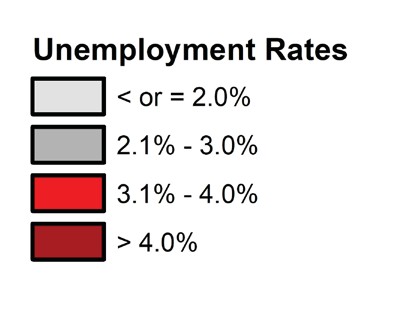
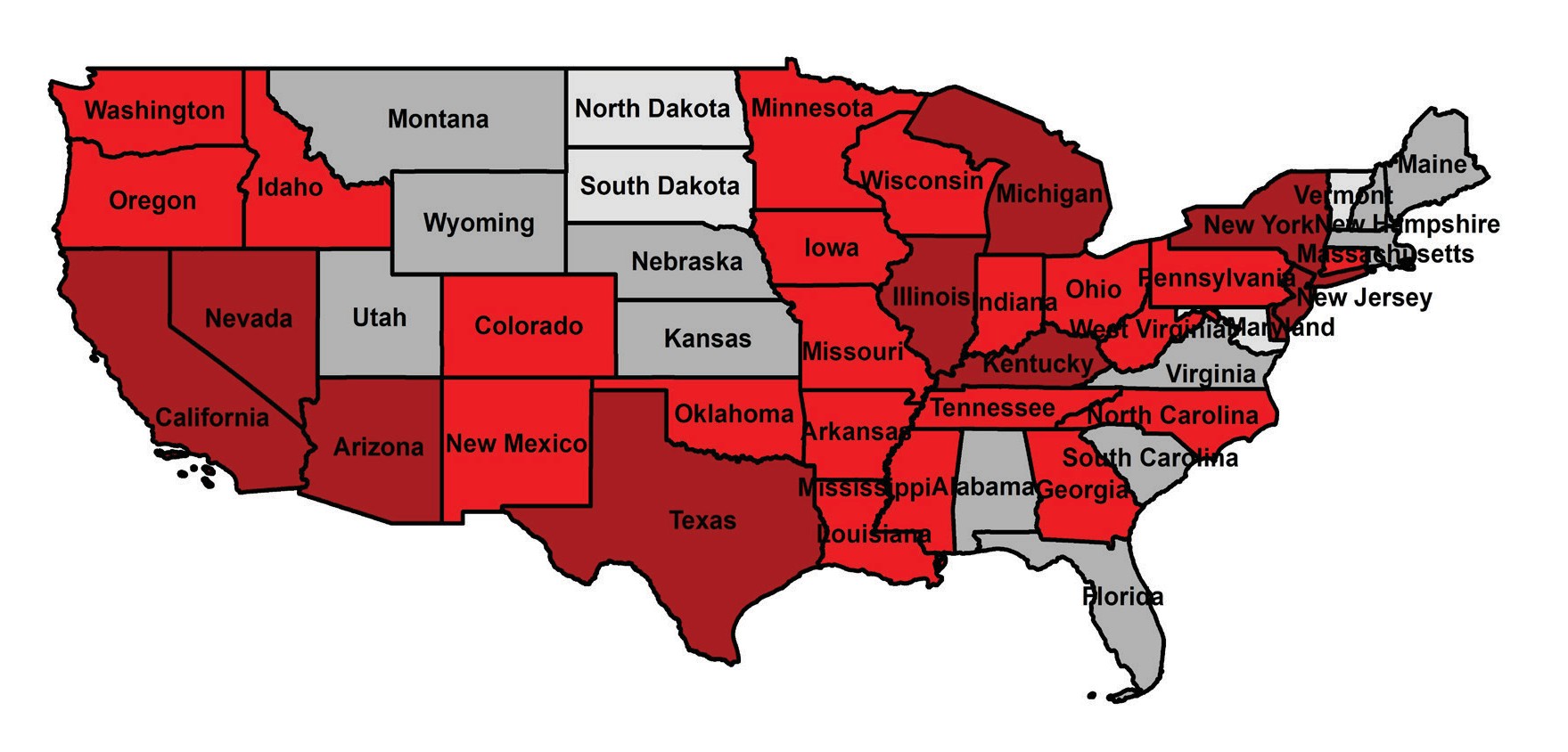
The number of unem- ployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

#### 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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**October Spotlight**

# A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Between September and October, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 26 states while remaining stable in 24 states and the District of Columbia. In October, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 1.7% in Maryland to a high of 5.4% in Nevada. Arkansas ranked 19th among states, with a jobless rate of 3.1% in October. Thirty-eight states, including Arkansas, posted jobless rates at or below the national rate of 3.9%.

Compared to October 2022, unemployment rates have declined in 21 states. The largest rate decrease occurred in Maryland, down one and five-tenths of a percentage point. Twelve states and the District of Columbia reported rate increases, with New Jersey up one and three-tenths of a percentage point over-the-year. Arkansas’ unemployment rate is down four-tenths of a percentage point, from 3.5% in October 2022 to 3.1% in October 2023.

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

October 2023

**Rank State Rate**

1 Maryland 1.7

2 North Dakota 1.9

3 South Dakota 2.0

3 Vermont 2.0

5 New Hampshire 2.1

6 Nebraska 2.2

7 Alabama 2.3

8 Rhode Island 2.7

8 Utah 2.7

8 Virginia 2.7

11 Florida 2.8

11 Maine 2.8

11 Massachusetts 2.8

11 Montana 2.8

15 Hawaii 2.9

15 Kansas 2.9

15 South Carolina 2.9

**Rank State Rate**

15 Wyoming 2.9

**19 Arkansas 3.1**

19 Missouri 3.1

21 Idaho 3.2

21 Iowa 3.2

21 Minnesota 3.2

21 Oklahoma 3.2

21 Wisconsin 3.2

26 Colorado 3.3

26 Louisiana 3.3

26 Mississippi 3.3

26 Tennessee 3.3

30 Georgia 3.4

30 North Carolina 3.4

30 Pennsylvania 3.4

1. Connecticut 3.5
2. Indiana 3.6

**Rank State Rate**

34 Ohio 3.6

34 Oregon 3.6

37 New Mexico 3.8

37 Washington 3.8

39 West Virginia 4.0

40 Michigan 4.1

40 Texas 4.1

42 Arizona 4.2

42 Delaware 4.2

42 Kentucky 4.2

42 New York 4.2

46 Alaska 4.3

47 Illinois 4.6

47 New Jersey 4.6

1. California 4.8
2. District of Columbia 5.0
3. Nevada 5.4

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 3.9 Percent

**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 increased two-tenths of a percentage point, from 2.9% in September to 3.1% in October. At 3.9%, the United States’ jobless rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point between September and October.

Arkansas’ civilian labor force added 803 in October, remaining at a record high level. Employment de- clined by 1,813 while unemployment rose 2,616, marking the third month in a row that more Arkansans are actively looking for work. The labor force participation rate was unchanged in October.

Compared to October 2022, there are 27,041 more employed and 5,413 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The unemployment rate is down four-tenths of a percentage point, while the labor force participation rate has grown by three-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,350,628 1,352,441 1,323,587 Employment 1,346,390 1,352,546 1,332,933

Unemployment 42,549 39,933 47,962 Unemployment 39,250 45,213 38,713

Unemployment Rate 3.1% 2.9% 3.5% Unemployment Rate 2.8% 3.2% 2.8%

LF Participation Rate 57.8% 57.8% 57.5% LF Participation Rate 57.5% 58.0% 57.5%

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** |  | **Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,393,177 | 1,392,374 | 1,371,549 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,385,640 | 1,397,759 | 1,371,646 |

#### Unemployment Rates- Arkansas vs United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

October: 2013 - 2023

8.0%

7.0%

6.0%

5.0%

4.0%

3.0%

2.0%

1.0%

0.0%

2013

2014

2015 2016 2017

2018

2019

2020 2021

2022

2023

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1370.4 | 1366.7 | 1358.7 | 3.7 | 11.7 |
| Goods Producing | 234.1 | 233.3 | 229.1 | 0.8 | 5.0 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 72.3 | 71.0 | 64.5 | 1.3 | 7.8 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.0** | **5.0** | **5.1** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Construction** | **67.3** | **66.0** | **59.4** | **1.3** | **7.9** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 42.1 | 41.1 | 36.8 | 1.0 | 5.3 |
| **Manufacturing** | **161.8** | **162.3** | **164.6** | **-0.5** | **-2.8** |
| Durable Goods | 77.9 | 78.3 | 79.7 | -0.4 | -1.8 |
| Nondurable Goods | 83.9 | 84.0 | 84.9 | -0.1 | -1.0 |
| Service Providing | 1136.3 | 1133.4 | 1129.6 | 2.9 | 6.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **270.8** | **268.8** | **275.9** | **2.0** | **-5.1** |
| Wholesale Trade | 54.1 | 53.7 | 53.1 | 0.4 | 1.0 |
| Retail Trade | 141.4 | 140.2 | 144.9 | 1.2 | -3.5 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 75.3 | 74.9 | 77.9 | 0.4 | -2.6 |
| **Information** | **11.7** | **11.3** | **13.0** | **0.4** | **-1.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **70.9** | **70.4** | **71.7** | **0.5** | **-0.8** |
| Finance & Insurance | 55.9 | 55.7 | 56.7 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 15.0 | 14.7 | 15.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **152.8** | **153.2** | **154.4** | **-0.4** | **-1.6** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 50.0 | 49.4 | 48.0 | 0.6 | 2.0 |
| Management of Companies | 41.5 | 41.9 | 38.4 | -0.4 | 3.1 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 61.3 | 61.9 | 68.0 | -0.6 | -6.7 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **210.3** | **210.2** | **203.4** | **0.1** | **6.9** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 19.6 | 19.3 | 19.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 190.7 | 190.9 | 184.3 | -0.2 | 6.4 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 68.2 | 67.6 | 63.4 | 0.6 | 4.8 |
| Social Assistance | 39.3 | 39.5 | 37.8 | -0.2 | 1.5 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **131.2** | **133.1** | **125.3** | **-1.9** | **5.9** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 14.2 | 14.8 | 13.0 | -0.6 | 1.2 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 117.0 | 118.3 | 112.3 | -1.3 | 4.7 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.8 | 12.2 | 11.4 | -0.4 | 0.4 |
| Food Services | 105.2 | 106.1 | 100.9 | -0.9 | 4.3 |
| **Other Services** | **74.4** | **74.2** | **73.3** | **0.2** | **1.1** |
| **Government** | **214.2** | **212.2** | **212.6** | **2.0** | **1.6** |
| Federal Government | 21.7 | 21.5 | 20.6 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| State Government | 77.8 | 77.6 | 78.1 | 0.2 | -0.3 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.7 | 31.5 | 31.8 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.1 | 46.1 | 46.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Local Government | 114.7 | 113.1 | 113.9 | 1.6 | 0.8 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 70.9 | 69.1 | 70.5 | 1.8 | 0.4 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 43.8 | 44.0 | 43.4 | -0.2 | 0.4 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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

September 2023 - October 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Government Trade-Transport-Utilities

Construction Financial Activities

Information Other Services

Private Ed & Health Mining & Logging

Professional & Business

Manufacturing Leisure & Hospitality

-1,900

2,000

2,000

1,300

500

400

200

100

0

-400

-500

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

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

October 2022 - October 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Construction Private Ed & Health Leisure & Hospitality

Government Other Services Mining & Logging Financial Activities

Information Professional & Business

Manufacturing Trade-Transport-Utilities

-5,100

900

-7,500 -5,000 -2,500 0 2,500 5,000 7,500 10,000

7,

6,900

5,900

1,600

1,100

-100

-800

-1,300

-1,600

-2,800

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# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**Oct 23**

Average Weekly Hours 39.7

Average Hourly Earnings $21.44

Average Weekly Earnings $851.17

**Sep 23**

39.3

$21.56

$847.31

**Oct 22**

39.6

$20.96

$830.02

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Oct 23**

Average Weekly Hours 42.6

Average Hourly Earnings $23.47

Average Weekly Earnings $999.82

**Sep 23**

41.9

$23.67

$991.77

**Oct 22**

41.5

$23.27

$965.71

**Oct 23**

Average Weekly Hours 37.0

Average Hourly Earnings $19.30

Average Weekly Earnings $714.10

**Sep 23**

37.0

$19.38

$717.06

**Oct 22**

37.9

$18.71

$709.11

#### Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing (Production Workers)

October 2020 - October 2023

$880.00

$860.00

$840.00

$820.00

$800.00

$780.00

$760.00

$740.00

$720.00

$700.00

$680.00

$660.00

Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22 Apr '23 Oct '23

**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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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 363,637 | 365,701 | 360,028 | -2,064 | 3,609 |
| **Employment** | 353,738 | 354,470 | 350,059 | -732 | 3,679 |
| **Unemployment** | 9,899 | 11,231 | 9,969 | -1,332 | -70 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.7% | 3.1% | 2.8% | -0.4% | -0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 388.7 | 386.3 | 383.6 | 2.4 | 5.1 |
| **Goods Producing** 41.1 | 41.0 | 39.4 | 0.1 | 1.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 21.2** | **21.2** | **19.2** | **0.0** | **2.0** |
| **Manufacturing 19.9** | **19.8** | **20.2** | **0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Service Providing** 347.6 | 345.3 | 344.2 | 2.3 | 3.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 76.8** | **76.5** | **78.6** | **0.3** | **-1.8** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 18.6 | 18.3 | 18.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| **Retail Trade** 37.0 | 37.2 | 38.9 | -0.2 | -1.9 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.2 | 21.0 | 21.6 | 0.2 | -0.4 |
| **Information 5.6** | **5.4** | **5.8** | **0.2** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 24.7** | **24.6** | **25.1** | **0.1** | **-0.4** |
| **Professional & Business Services 47.9** | **47.6** | **48.7** | **0.3** | **-0.8** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 66.0** | **65.6** | **62.9** | **0.4** | **3.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 36.7** | **36.9** | **33.9** | **-0.2** | **2.8** |
| **Other Services 19.8** | **19.7** | **19.3** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Government 70.1** | **69.0** | **69.9** | **1.1** | **0.2** |
| **Federal Government** 10.4 | 10.3 | 9.8 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| **State Government** 34.3 | 34.1 | 34.5 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| **Local Government** 25.4 | 24.6 | 25.6 | 0.8 | -0.2 |

370,000

#### Employment

January 2021 - October 2023

70,000

#### Jobs in Private Education & Health Services

October: 2013 - 2023

360,000

65,000

350,000

340,000

330,000

320,000

310,000

60,000

55,000

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**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)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 316,488 | 318,652 | 309,213 | -2,164 | 7,275 |
| **Employment** | 310,037 | 310,827 | 303,221 | -790 | 6,816 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,451 | 7,825 | 5,992 | -1,374 | 459 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.0% | 2.5% | 1.9% | -0.5% | 0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 314.0 | 312.1 | 305.7 | 1.9 | 8.3 |
| **Goods Producing** 49.0 | 49.2 | 47.5 | -0.2 | 1.5 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 16.9** | **16.9** | **15.4** | **0.0** | **1.5** |
| **Manufacturing 32.1** | **32.3** | **32.1** | **-0.2** | **0.0** |
| **Service Providing** 265.0 | 262.9 | 258.2 | 2.1 | 6.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 64.3** | **63.6** | **64.5** | **0.7** | **-0.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 14.5 | 14.4 | 14.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** 29.1 | 28.7 | 29.4 | 0.4 | -0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.7 | 20.5 | 21.0 | 0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Information 2.3** | **2.2** | **2.4** | **0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 10.3** | **10.2** | **10.4** | **0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 60.4** | **60.9** | **59.0** | **-0.5** | **1.4** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 35.4** | **35.3** | **33.8** | **0.1** | **1.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 31.4** | **30.7** | **30.2** | **0.7** | **1.2** |
| **Other Services 16.3** | **16.1** | **15.6** | **0.2** | **0.7** |
| **Government 44.6** | **43.9** | **42.3** | **0.7** | **2.3** |
| **Federal Government** 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **State Government** 21.0 | 20.5 | 19.4 | 0.5 | 1.6 |
| **Local Government** 20.4 | 20.2 | 20.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 |

7.0%

#### Unemployment Rates

October: 2003 - 2023

270,000

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

October 2020 - October 2023

6.0% 260,000

5.0% 250,000

4.0% 240,000

3.0% 230,000

2.0% 220,000

1.0% 210,000

0.0%

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

200,000

Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22 Apr '23 Oct '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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 120,155 | 120,494 | 118,196 | -339 | 1,959 |
| **Employment** | 115,861 | 115,901 | 114,741 | -40 | 1,120 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,294 | 4,593 | 3,455 | -299 | 839 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6% | 3.8% | 2.9% | -0.2% | 0.7% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 116.1 | 115.6 | 115.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| **Goods Producing** 24.4 | 24.3 | 24.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.8** | **5.7** | **5.4** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Manufacturing 18.6** | **18.6** | **18.7** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Service Providing** 91.7 | 91.3 | 91.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.3** | **24.2** | **24.7** | **0.1** | **-0.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.8 | 12.7 | 13.0 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| **Information 1.4** | **1.4** | **1.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 4.2** | **4.2** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.1** | **10.9** | **11.9** | **0.2** | **-0.8** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 18.3** | **18.3** | **17.7** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.3** | **10.3** | **9.7** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Other Services 3.7** | **3.7** | **3.6** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Government 18.4** | **18.3** | **18.1** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Federal Government** 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Local Government** 14.7 | 14.6 | 14.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 |

118,000

#### Employment

October 2020 - October 2023

19,000

#### Jobs in Manufacturing

October: 2013 - 2023

116,000

18,000

114,000

112,000

17,000

110,000

16,000

108,000

15,000

106,000

104,000

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Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22 Apr '23 Oct '23

14,000

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

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,625 | 42,068 | 41,769 | -443 | -144 |
| **Employment** | 40,319 | 40,532 | 40,351 | -213 | -32 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,306 | 1,536 | 1,418 | -230 | -112 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.1% | 3.7% | 3.4% | -0.6% | -0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 41.6 | 41.4 | 41.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 36.9 | 36.7 | 36.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 |

3,000

#### Unemployment

January 2021 - October 2023

O**ctober**

2,500

2,000

1,500

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2021 2022 2023

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 68,105 | 68,912 | 67,858 | -807 | 247 |
| **Employment** | 66,449 | 66,970 | 66,221 | -521 | 228 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,656 | 1,942 | 1,637 | -286 | 19 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.4% | 2.8% | 2.4% | -0.4% | 0.0% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 65.1 | 65.1 | 64.7 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| 11.7 | 11.9 | 12.1 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| 53.4 | 53.2 | 52.6 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

70,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

October: 2013 - 2023

O**ctober**

65,000

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 32,065 | 32,404 | 32,191 | -339 | -126 |
| **Employment** | 30,815 | 31,028 | 30,750 | -213 | 65 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,250 | 1,376 | 1,441 | -126 | -191 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9% | 4.2% | 4.5% | -0.3% | -0.6% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.8 | 31.7 | 31.5 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 26.3 | 26.2 | 26.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

34,000

#### Employment

October 2020 - October 2023

O**ctober**

33,000

32,000

31,000

30,000

29,000

28,000

27,000

26,000

Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22 Apr '23 Oct '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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 623,856 | 623,536 | 623,711 | 320 | 145 |
| **Employment** | 597,581 | 598,061 | 597,735 | -480 | -154 |
| **Unemployment** | 26,275 | 25,475 | 25,976 | 800 | 299 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.2% | 4.1% | 4.2% | -0.1% | 0.0% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 23** | **Sep 23** | **Oct 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,086 | 63,289 | 62,240 | -203 | 846 |
| **Employment** | 60,853 | 60,824 | 59,737 | 29 | 1,116 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,233 | 2,465 | 2,503 | -232 | -270 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5% | 3.9% | 4.0% | -0.4% | -0.5% |

660,000

#### Memphis MSA - Civilian Labor Force

October 2020 - October 2023

8.0%

#### Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates

October: 2013 - 2023

7.0%

650,000

6.0%

640,000

5.0%

630,000 4.0%

3.0%

620,000

2.0%

610,000

1.0%

600,000

O**ctober**

Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22 Apr '23 Oct '23

0.0%

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

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not Seasonally Adjusted  **October 2023 September 2023 October 2022 Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,720 | 8,347 | 373 | 4.3 | 8,877 | 8,471 | 406 | 4.6 | 8,504 | 8,178 | 326 | 3.8 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,947 | 16,497 | 450 | 2.7 | 17,146 | 16,607 | 539 | 3.1 | 16,576 | 16,126 | 450 | 2.7 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,052 | 16,344 | 708 | 4.2 | 17,141 | 16,385 | 756 | 4.4 | 16,460 | 15,758 | 702 | 4.3 |
| Camden Micro | 11,958 | 11,584 | 374 | 3.1 | 12,093 | 11,669 | 424 | 3.5 | 11,903 | 11,484 | 419 | 3.5 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,755 | 14,112 | 643 | 4.4 | 14,899 | 14,241 | 658 | 4.4 | 14,731 | 14,089 | 642 | 4.4 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,397 | 7,053 | 344 | 4.7 | 7,503 | 7,139 | 364 | 4.9 | 7,452 | 7,110 | 342 | 4.6 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,157 | 18,669 | 488 | 2.5 | 19,314 | 18,700 | 614 | 3.2 | 19,124 | 18,649 | 475 | 2.5 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,194 | 4,910 | 284 | 5.5 | 5,229 | 4,929 | 300 | 5.7 | 5,536 | 5,202 | 334 | 6.0 |
| Hope Micro | 12,735 | 12,337 | 398 | 3.1 | 12,917 | 12,466 | 451 | 3.5 | 12,908 | 12,519 | 389 | 3.0 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,914 | 8,596 | 318 | 3.6 | 9,019 | 8,641 | 378 | 4.2 | 8,906 | 8,580 | 326 | 3.7 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,755 | 13,330 | 425 | 3.1 | 13,913 | 13,429 | 484 | 3.5 | 13,745 | 13,317 | 428 | 3.1 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,991 | 16,472 | 519 | 3.1 | 17,314 | 16,687 | 627 | 3.6 | 16,384 | 15,867 | 517 | 3.2 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,864 | 19,339 | 525 | 2.6 | 20,153 | 19,516 | 637 | 3.2 | 19,717 | 19,197 | 520 | 2.6 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,414 | 36,205 | 1,209 | 3.2 | 37,638 | 36,233 | 1,405 | 3.7 | 35,640 | 34,566 | 1,074 | 3.0 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,033 | 33,045 | 988 | 2.9 | 34,412 | 33,255 | 1,157 | 3.4 | 34,150 | 33,161 | 989 | 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**

**October 2023**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**September 2023**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 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

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 13,557 | 13,237 | 320 | 2.4 | 13,660 | 13,266 | 394 | 2.9 | 13,245 | 12,939 | 306 | 2.3 |
| Benton | 18,065 | 17,662 | 403 | 2.2 | 18,181 | 17,697 | 484 | 2.7 | 17,890 | 17,474 | 416 | 2.3 |
| Bentonville | 32,998 | 32,372 | 626 | 1.9 | 33,198 | 32,442 | 756 | 2.3 | 32,182 | 31,643 | 539 | 1.7 |
| Blytheville | 5,731 | 5,471 | 260 | 4.5 | 5,782 | 5,485 | 297 | 5.1 | 5,545 | 5,275 | 270 | 4.9 |
| Cabot | 12,199 | 11,924 | 275 | 2.3 | 12,304 | 11,951 | 353 | 2.9 | 12,123 | 11,816 | 307 | 2.5 |
| Conway | 35,159 | 34,278 | 881 | 2.5 | 35,374 | 34,346 | 1,028 | 2.9 | 34,805 | 33,931 | 874 | 2.5 |
| El Dorado | 6,433 | 6,073 | 360 | 5.6 | 6,457 | 6,128 | 329 | 5.1 | 6,380 | 6,063 | 317 | 5.0 |
| Fayetteville | 53,936 | 52,796 | 1,140 | 2.1 | 54,345 | 52,906 | 1,439 | 2.6 | 52,676 | 51,619 | 1,057 | 2.0 |
| Fort Smith | 38,698 | 37,370 | 1,328 | 3.4 | 38,988 | 37,487 | 1,501 | 3.8 | 38,293 | 37,320 | 973 | 2.5 |
| Hot Springs | 15,453 | 14,920 | 533 | 3.4 | 15,617 | 14,999 | 618 | 4.0 | 15,490 | 14,932 | 558 | 3.6 |
| Jacksonville | 11,813 | 11,393 | 420 | 3.6 | 11,895 | 11,417 | 478 | 4.0 | 11,699 | 11,271 | 428 | 3.7 |
| Jonesboro | 41,068 | 40,039 | 1,029 | 2.5 | 41,520 | 40,352 | 1,168 | 2.8 | 40,878 | 39,886 | 992 | 2.4 |
| Little Rock | 98,549 | 95,620 | 2,929 | 3.0 | 99,005 | 95,818 | 3,187 | 3.2 | 97,630 | 94,594 | 3,036 | 3.1 |
| North Little Rock | 30,415 | 29,404 | 1,011 | 3.3 | 30,544 | 29,465 | 1,079 | 3.5 | 30,053 | 29,088 | 965 | 3.2 |
| Paragould | 12,634 | 12,291 | 343 | 2.7 | 12,823 | 12,403 | 420 | 3.3 | 12,543 | 12,200 | 343 | 2.7 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,048 | 14,309 | 739 | 4.9 | 15,177 | 14,409 | 768 | 5.1 | 15,074 | 14,266 | 808 | 5.4 |
| Rogers | 40,458 | 39,714 | 744 | 1.8 | 40,719 | 39,801 | 918 | 2.3 | 39,581 | 38,821 | 760 | 1.9 |
| Russellville | 13,451 | 13,045 | 406 | 3.0 | 13,556 | 13,053 | 503 | 3.7 | 12,815 | 12,437 | 378 | 2.9 |
| Searcy | 10,260 | 9,979 | 281 | 2.7 | 10,389 | 10,042 | 347 | 3.3 | 10,289 | 10,014 | 275 | 2.7 |
| Sherwood | 16,458 | 16,047 | 411 | 2.5 | 16,532 | 16,080 | 452 | 2.7 | 16,303 | 15,875 | 428 | 2.6 |
| Springdale | 42,957 | 42,163 | 794 | 1.8 | 43,231 | 42,251 | 980 | 2.3 | 41,966 | 41,221 | 745 | 1.8 |
| Texarkana, AR | 12,932 | 12,505 | 427 | 3.3 | 12,988 | 12,525 | 463 | 3.6 | 12,793 | 12,339 | 454 | 3.5 |
| Van Buren | 10,312 | 9,993 | 319 | 3.1 | 10,418 | 10,026 | 392 | 3.8 | 10,233 | 9,986 | 247 | 2.4 |
| West Memphis | 9,980 | 9,564 | 416 | 4.2 | 10,095 | 9,672 | 423 | 4.2 | 10,052 | 9,612 | 440 | 4.4 |

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## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **October 2023** | |  |  | **September 2023** | |  |  | **October 2022** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,169 | 8,971 | 198 | 2.2 | 9,251 | 9,009 | 242 | 2.6 | 9,388 | 9,142 | 246 | 2.6 |
| Ashley | 6,477 | 6,163 | 314 | 4.8 | 6,588 | 6,250 | 338 | 5.1 | 6,751 | 6,399 | 352 | 5.2 |
| Baxter | 16,991 | 16,472 | 519 | 3.1 | 17,314 | 16,687 | 627 | 3.6 | 16,384 | 15,867 | 517 | 3.2 |
| Benton | 157,698 | 154,443 | 3,255 | 2.1 | 158,728 | 154,780 | 3,948 | 2.5 | 154,017 | 150,968 | 3,049 | 2.0 |
| Boone | 15,938 | 15,539 | 399 | 2.5 | 16,072 | 15,566 | 506 | 3.1 | 15,915 | 15,516 | 399 | 2.5 |
| Bradley | 4,001 | 3,852 | 149 | 3.7 | 4,078 | 3,909 | 169 | 4.1 | 4,015 | 3,806 | 209 | 5.2 |
| Calhoun | 2,355 | 2,297 | 58 | 2.5 | 2,385 | 2,314 | 71 | 3.0 | 2,359 | 2,285 | 74 | 3.1 |
| Carroll | 12,596 | 12,311 | 285 | 2.3 | 12,793 | 12,426 | 367 | 2.9 | 12,697 | 12,405 | 292 | 2.3 |
| Chicot | 2,826 | 2,683 | 143 | 5.1 | 2,874 | 2,718 | 156 | 5.4 | 2,905 | 2,758 | 147 | 5.1 |
| Clark | 8,720 | 8,347 | 373 | 4.3 | 8,877 | 8,471 | 406 | 4.6 | 8,504 | 8,178 | 326 | 3.8 |
| Clay | 5,379 | 5,202 | 177 | 3.3 | 5,466 | 5,253 | 213 | 3.9 | 5,385 | 5,211 | 174 | 3.2 |
| Cleburne | 8,999 | 8,719 | 280 | 3.1 | 9,203 | 8,856 | 347 | 3.8 | 8,945 | 8,631 | 314 | 3.5 |
| Cleveland | 3,055 | 2,972 | 83 | 2.7 | 3,097 | 2,991 | 106 | 3.4 | 3,085 | 2,974 | 111 | 3.6 |
| Columbia | 8,914 | 8,596 | 318 | 3.6 | 9,019 | 8,641 | 378 | 4.2 | 8,906 | 8,580 | 326 | 3.7 |
| Conway | 8,402 | 8,140 | 262 | 3.1 | 8,497 | 8,182 | 315 | 3.7 | 8,327 | 8,070 | 257 | 3.1 |
| Craighead | 58,067 | 56,696 | 1,371 | 2.4 | 58,751 | 57,140 | 1,611 | 2.7 | 57,839 | 56,479 | 1,360 | 2.4 |
| Crawford | 26,440 | 25,576 | 864 | 3.3 | 26,637 | 25,660 | 977 | 3.7 | 26,256 | 25,556 | 700 | 2.7 |
| Crittenden | 20,400 | 19,598 | 802 | 3.9 | 20,652 | 19,820 | 832 | 4.0 | 20,458 | 19,696 | 762 | 3.7 |
| Cross | 6,798 | 6,599 | 199 | 2.9 | 6,885 | 6,654 | 231 | 3.4 | 6,857 | 6,635 | 222 | 3.2 |
| Dallas | 2,658 | 2,577 | 81 | 3.0 | 2,694 | 2,601 | 93 | 3.5 | 2,689 | 2,596 | 93 | 3.5 |
| Desha | 4,926 | 4,732 | 194 | 3.9 | 4,940 | 4,735 | 205 | 4.1 | 4,964 | 4,742 | 222 | 4.5 |
| Drew | 7,710 | 7,452 | 258 | 3.3 | 7,800 | 7,512 | 288 | 3.7 | 7,469 | 7,181 | 288 | 3.9 |
| Faulkner | 63,837 | 62,262 | 1,575 | 2.5 | 64,273 | 62,386 | 1,887 | 2.9 | 63,217 | 61,631 | 1,586 | 2.5 |
| Franklin | 7,521 | 7,312 | 209 | 2.8 | 7,558 | 7,310 | 248 | 3.3 | 7,491 | 7,277 | 214 | 2.9 |
| Fulton | 4,588 | 4,447 | 141 | 3.1 | 4,645 | 4,474 | 171 | 3.7 | 4,996 | 4,860 | 136 | 2.7 |
| Garland | 41,625 | 40,319 | 1,306 | 3.1 | 42,068 | 40,532 | 1,536 | 3.7 | 41,769 | 40,351 | 1,418 | 3.4 |
| Grant | 8,534 | 8,323 | 211 | 2.5 | 8,593 | 8,343 | 250 | 2.9 | 8,481 | 8,243 | 238 | 2.8 |
| Greene | 19,864 | 19,339 | 525 | 2.6 | 20,153 | 19,516 | 637 | 3.2 | 19,717 | 19,197 | 520 | 2.6 |
| Hempstead | 9,319 | 9,034 | 285 | 3.1 | 9,450 | 9,128 | 322 | 3.4 | 9,441 | 9,168 | 273 | 2.9 |
| Hot Spring | 13,755 | 13,330 | 425 | 3.1 | 13,913 | 13,429 | 484 | 3.5 | 13,745 | 13,317 | 428 | 3.1 |
| Howard | 5,209 | 5,052 | 157 | 3.0 | 5,317 | 5,125 | 192 | 3.6 | 5,300 | 5,123 | 177 | 3.3 |
| Independence | 16,947 | 16,497 | 450 | 2.7 | 17,146 | 16,607 | 539 | 3.1 | 16,576 | 16,126 | 450 | 2.7 |
| Izard | 4,654 | 4,476 | 178 | 3.8 | 4,706 | 4,493 | 213 | 4.5 | 4,583 | 4,379 | 204 | 4.5 |
| Jackson | 5,325 | 5,080 | 245 | 4.6 | 5,423 | 5,166 | 257 | 4.7 | 5,452 | 5,205 | 247 | 4.5 |
| Jefferson | 25,347 | 24,300 | 1,047 | 4.1 | 25,593 | 24,470 | 1,123 | 4.4 | 25,414 | 24,227 | 1,187 | 4.7 |
| Johnson | 10,159 | 9,692 | 467 | 4.6 | 10,128 | 9,728 | 400 | 3.9 | 10,017 | 9,689 | 328 | 3.3 |
| Lafayette | 2,242 | 2,153 | 89 | 4.0 | 2,258 | 2,157 | 101 | 4.5 | 2,324 | 2,221 | 103 | 4.4 |
| Lawrence | 6,978 | 6,775 | 203 | 2.9 | 7,059 | 6,812 | 247 | 3.5 | 6,921 | 6,715 | 206 | 3.0 |
| Lee | 2,547 | 2,427 | 120 | 4.7 | 2,557 | 2,436 | 121 | 4.7 | 2,532 | 2,431 | 101 | 4.0 |
| Lincoln | 3,663 | 3,543 | 120 | 3.3 | 3,714 | 3,567 | 147 | 4.0 | 3,692 | 3,549 | 143 | 3.9 |
| Little River | 5,222 | 5,068 | 154 | 2.9 | 5,259 | 5,079 | 180 | 3.4 | 5,168 | 4,995 | 173 | 3.3 |
| Logan | 8,313 | 8,020 | 293 | 3.5 | 8,457 | 8,125 | 332 | 3.9 | 8,201 | 7,943 | 258 | 3.1 |
| Lonoke | 34,643 | 33,802 | 841 | 2.4 | 34,882 | 33,879 | 1,003 | 2.9 | 34,309 | 33,495 | 814 | 2.4 |
| Madison | 8,073 | 7,901 | 172 | 2.1 | 8,138 | 7,921 | 217 | 2.7 | 7,926 | 7,771 | 155 | 2.0 |
| Marion | 6,086 | 5,872 | 214 | 3.5 | 6,203 | 5,956 | 247 | 4.0 | 6,305 | 6,099 | 206 | 3.3 |
| Miller | 18,850 | 18,280 | 570 | 3.0 | 18,951 | 18,309 | 642 | 3.4 | 18,672 | 18,037 | 635 | 3.4 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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|  |  | **October 2023** | |  |  | **September 2023** | |  |  | **October 2022** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 17,052 | 16,344 | 708 | 4.2 | 17,141 | 16,385 | 756 | 4.4 | 16,460 | 15,758 | 702 | 4.3 |
| Monroe | 2,469 | 2,393 | 76 | 3.1 | 2,520 | 2,426 | 94 | 3.7 | 2,542 | 2,442 | 100 | 3.9 |
| Montgomery | 2,878 | 2,756 | 122 | 4.2 | 2,952 | 2,808 | 144 | 4.9 | 2,792 | 2,684 | 108 | 3.9 |
| Nevada | 3,416 | 3,303 | 113 | 3.3 | 3,467 | 3,338 | 129 | 3.7 | 3,467 | 3,351 | 116 | 3.3 |
| Newton | 3,219 | 3,130 | 89 | 2.8 | 3,242 | 3,134 | 108 | 3.3 | 3,209 | 3,133 | 76 | 2.4 |
| Ouachita | 9,603 | 9,287 | 316 | 3.3 | 9,708 | 9,355 | 353 | 3.6 | 9,544 | 9,199 | 345 | 3.6 |
| Perry | 4,285 | 4,138 | 147 | 3.4 | 4,306 | 4,147 | 159 | 3.7 | 4,221 | 4,104 | 117 | 2.8 |
| Phillips | 5,194 | 4,910 | 284 | 5.5 | 5,229 | 4,929 | 300 | 5.7 | 5,536 | 5,202 | 334 | 6.0 |
| Pike | 4,051 | 3,929 | 122 | 3.0 | 4,128 | 3,986 | 142 | 3.4 | 3,976 | 3,860 | 116 | 2.9 |
| Poinsett | 10,038 | 9,753 | 285 | 2.8 | 10,161 | 9,830 | 331 | 3.3 | 10,019 | 9,742 | 277 | 2.8 |
| Polk | 7,933 | 7,692 | 241 | 3.0 | 8,031 | 7,747 | 284 | 3.5 | 7,863 | 7,628 | 235 | 3.0 |
| Pope | 29,129 | 28,165 | 964 | 3.3 | 29,296 | 28,184 | 1,112 | 3.8 | 27,693 | 26,852 | 841 | 3.0 |
| Prairie | 3,572 | 3,475 | 97 | 2.7 | 3,594 | 3,481 | 113 | 3.1 | 3,593 | 3,503 | 90 | 2.5 |
| Pulaski | 191,575 | 185,910 | 5,665 | 3.0 | 192,509 | 186,294 | 6,215 | 3.2 | 189,707 | 183,914 | 5,793 | 3.1 |
| Randolph | 7,115 | 6,903 | 212 | 3.0 | 7,192 | 6,946 | 246 | 3.4 | 7,155 | 6,957 | 198 | 2.8 |
| St. Francis | 7,397 | 7,053 | 344 | 4.7 | 7,503 | 7,139 | 364 | 4.9 | 7,452 | 7,110 | 342 | 4.6 |
| Saline | 60,763 | 59,303 | 1,460 | 2.4 | 61,138 | 59,421 | 1,717 | 2.8 | 60,093 | 58,672 | 1,421 | 2.4 |
| Scott | 4,440 | 4,317 | 123 | 2.8 | 4,483 | 4,335 | 148 | 3.3 | 4,275 | 4,186 | 89 | 2.1 |
| Searcy | 2,867 | 2,765 | 102 | 3.6 | 3,002 | 2,888 | 114 | 3.8 | 2,810 | 2,696 | 114 | 4.1 |
| Sebastian | 55,724 | 53,833 | 1,891 | 3.4 | 56,056 | 54,002 | 2,054 | 3.7 | 55,205 | 53,761 | 1,444 | 2.6 |
| Sevier | 5,488 | 5,307 | 181 | 3.3 | 5,589 | 5,371 | 218 | 3.9 | 5,461 | 5,287 | 174 | 3.2 |
| Sharp | 5,955 | 5,786 | 169 | 2.8 | 6,059 | 5,833 | 226 | 3.7 | 5,879 | 5,689 | 190 | 3.2 |
| Stone | 4,451 | 4,307 | 144 | 3.2 | 4,527 | 4,354 | 173 | 3.8 | 4,613 | 4,461 | 152 | 3.3 |
| Union | 14,755 | 14,112 | 643 | 4.4 | 14,899 | 14,241 | 658 | 4.4 | 14,731 | 14,089 | 642 | 4.4 |
| Van Buren | 6,033 | 5,832 | 201 | 3.3 | 6,115 | 5,884 | 231 | 3.8 | 5,976 | 5,765 | 211 | 3.5 |
| Washington | 139,228 | 136,574 | 2,654 | 1.9 | 140,215 | 136,858 | 3,357 | 2.4 | 136,074 | 133,528 | 2,546 | 1.9 |
| White | 34,033 | 33,045 | 988 | 2.9 | 34,412 | 33,255 | 1,157 | 3.4 | 34,150 | 33,161 | 989 | 2.9 |
| Woodruff | 2,871 | 2,785 | 86 | 3.0 | 2,897 | 2,800 | 97 | 3.3 | 2,838 | 2,764 | 74 | 2.6 |
| Yell | 8,285 | 8,040 | 245 | 3.0 | 8,342 | 8,049 | 293 | 3.5 | 7,947 | 7,714 | 233 | 2.9 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Not Seasonally Adjusted

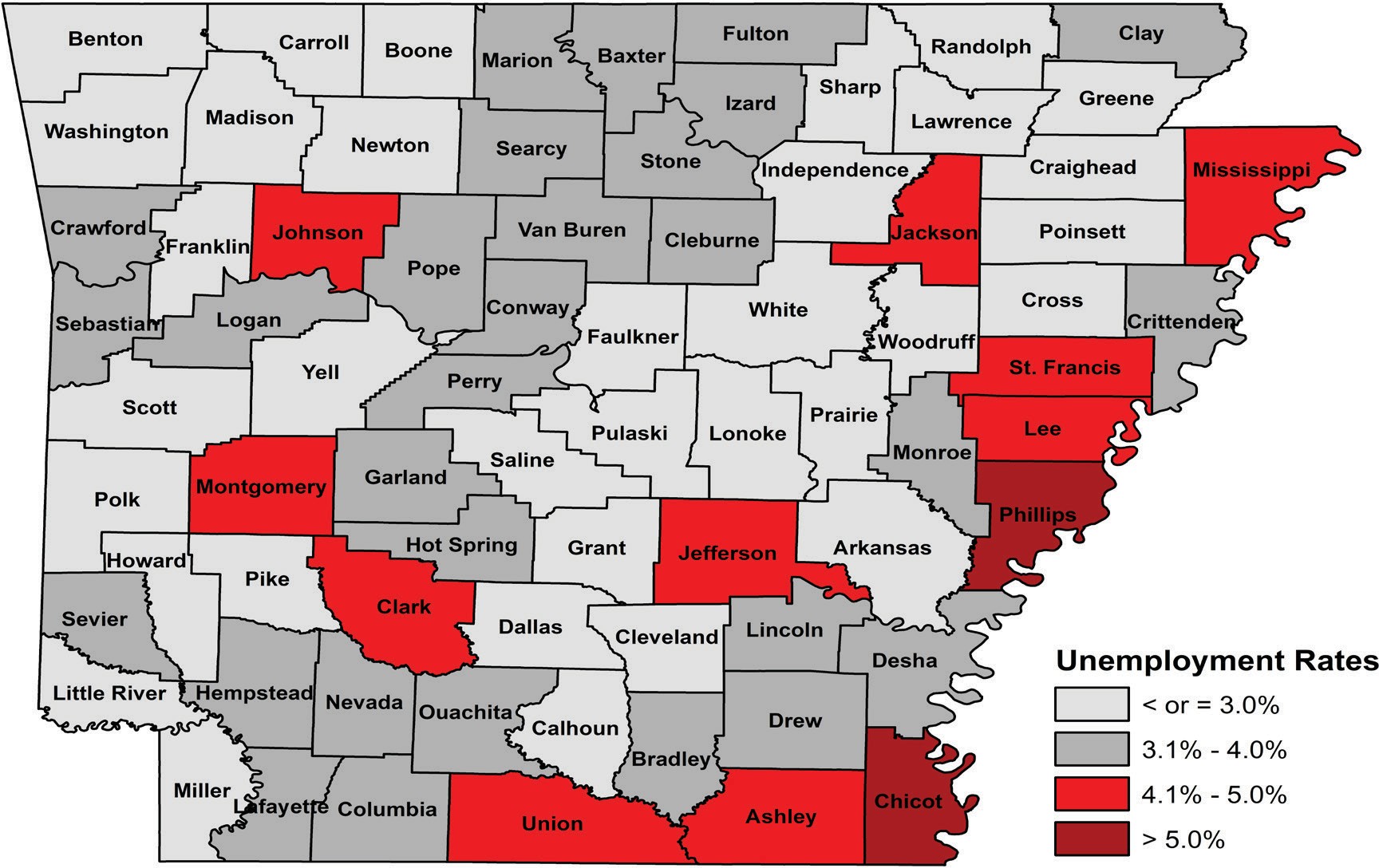
Between September and October, unemployment rates declined in 72 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates in two counties- Lee and Union- remained stable over the month while Johnson County reported a rate increase. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 1.9% in Washington County to a high of 5.5% in Phillips County.

In October, thirty-four counties posted an unemployment rate at or below 3%. That is up sharply from 11 counties at or below 3% last month. For the 9th consecutive month, no county reported a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to October 2022, unemployment rates are down in 32 Arkansas counties. Rates in- creased in 26 counties while 17 counties were unchanged compared to last year. Rate changes ranged from a one and five-tenths of a percentage point drop in Bradley County to a gain of one and three-tenths of a percentage point in Johnson County.

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**County Unemployment Rates**



# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

October 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 1.9

2 Benton 2.1

2 Madison 2.1

4 Arkansas 2.2

5 Carroll 2.3

6 Craighead 2.4

6 Lonoke 2.4

6 Saline 2.4

9 Boone 2.5

9 Calhoun 2.5

9 Faulkner 2.5

9 Grant 2.5

13 Greene 2.6

14 Cleveland 2.7

14 Independence 2.7

14 Prairie 2.7

17 Franklin 2.8

17 Newton 2.8

17 Poinsett 2.8

17 Scott 2.8

17 Sharp 2.8

22 Cross 2.9

22 Lawrence 2.9

22 Little River 2.9

22 White 2.9

**Rank County**

26 Dallas

26 Howard

26 Miller

26 Pike

26 Polk

26 Pulaski

26 Randolph

26 Woodruff

26 Yell

35 Baxter

35 Cleburne

35 Conway

35 Fulton

35 Garland

35 Hempstead

35 Hot Spring

35 Monroe

43 Stone

44 Clay

44 Crawford

44 Drew

44 Lincoln

44 Nevada

44 Ouachita

44 Pope

**Rate**

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.1

3.1

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3.1

3.2

3.3

3.3

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**Rank County**

44 Sevier

44 Van Buren

53 Perry

53 Sebastian

55 Logan

55 Marion

57 Columbia

57 Searcy

59 Bradley

60 Izard

61 Crittenden

61 Desha

63 Lafayette

64 Jefferson

65 Mississippi

65 Montgomery

67 Clark

68 Union

69 Jackson

69 Johnson

71 Lee

71 St. Francis

1. Ashley
2. Chicot
3. Phillips

**Rate**

3.3

3.3

3.4

3.4

3.5

3.5

3.6

3.6

3.7

3.8

3.9

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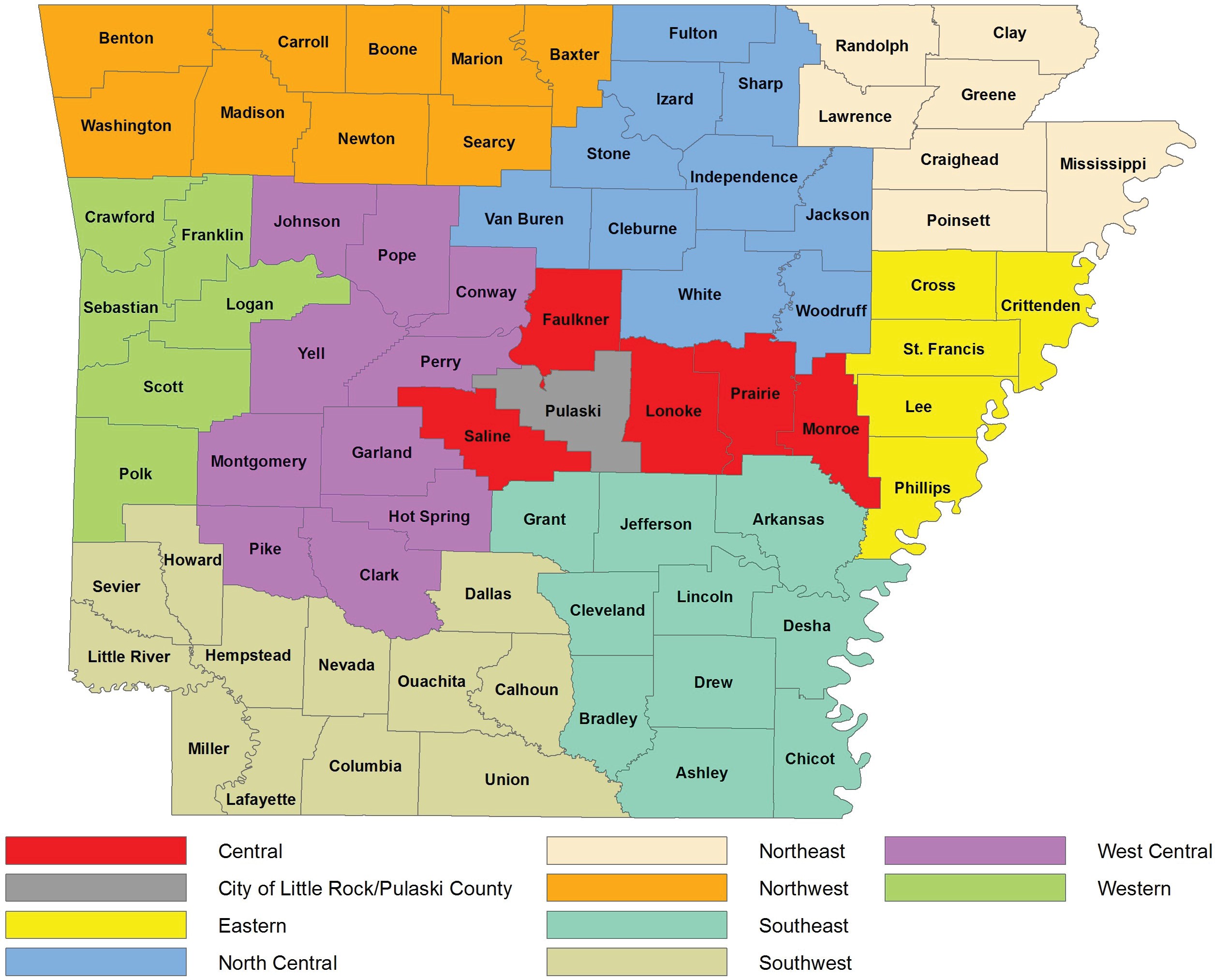
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## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**October 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 258,310 251,525

City of Little Rock 98,549 95,620

Eastern 42,336 40,587

North Central 93,856 90,974

Northeast 124,493 121,012

Northwest 362,696 355,007

Southeast 75,708 72,991

Southwest 88,031 85,066

West Central 131,289 126,856

Western 110,371 106,750

6,785

2,929

1,749

2,882

3,481

7,689

2,717

2,965

4,433

3,621

2.6

3.0

4.1

3.1

2.8

2.1

3.6

3.4

3.4

3.3

259,911 252,069

99,005 95,818

42,826

40,978

95,133 91,722

125,923 121,882

365,707 356,216

76,528 73,504

88,996 85,659

132,507 127,516

111,222 107,179

7,842 3.0

3,187 3.2

1,848 4.3

3,411 3.6

4,041 3.2

9,491 2.6

3,024 4.0

3,337 3.7

4,991 3.8

4,043 3.6

255,831 249,063 6,768 2.6

97,630 94,594 3,036 3.1

42,835 41,074 1,761 4.1

94,008 91,041 2,967 3.2

123,496 120,059 3,437 2.8

355,337 347,983 7,354 2.1

76,164 73,021 3,143 4.1

88,062 84,931 3,131 3.6

128,991 124,819 4,172 3.2

109,291 106,351 2,940 2.7