Arkansas Labor Market February 2014

Employment Headlines

Arkansas' Unemployment Rate Drops to 7.1 Percent

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Up 6,200 in February

Employment Quick Facts

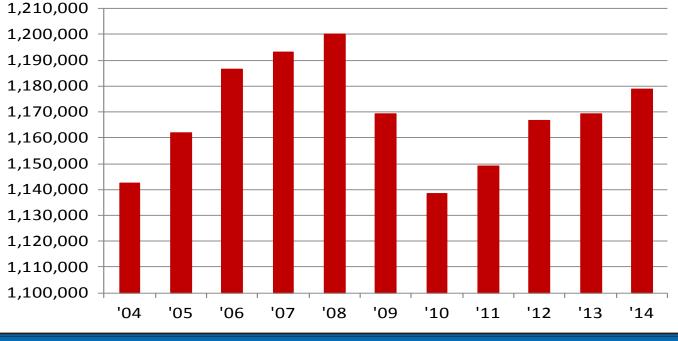
Unemplo	yment Rates
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Seasonally Adjusted				
	<u>Feb 13</u>			
AR Unemployment Rate	7.1	7.3	7.5	
US Unemployment Rate	6.7	6.6	7.7	

Nonfarm Payroll Summary						
State of Arkansas						
<u>Feb 14 Jan 14 Feb 13</u>						
Total Nonfarm	1,178,900	1,172,700	1,169,300			
Goods Producing	207,100	206,100	206,900			
Service Providing	971,800	966,600	962,400			

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs State of Arkansas

February: 2004 - 2014



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Nonfarm Payroll Employment

State of Arkansas

January 2014 - February 2014

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 6,200 in February to total 1,178,900. Seven major industry sectors posted gains, while four sectors declined slightly. **Government** added 5,100 jobs. A majority of the additions were in state (+4,600) and local (+600) government, as public schools and universities returned to full capacity after the holiday break. Employment in **leisure and hospital-ity** rose 900, an expected seasonal increase. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** posted the greatest decline (-900). Losses in retail trade (-700) were mostly seasonal.

February 2013 - February 2014

Since February 2013, Arkansas gained 9,600 nonfarm payroll jobs. Employment increased in six major industry sectors, offsetting minor declines in four sectors. One industry sector remained stable. Leisure and hospitality posted the largest growth (+3,800). Most of the gains were in food services (+3,000), as limited service restaurants reported a majority of the expansion. Trade, transportation, and utilities added 2,800 jobs. Increases were posted in both retail (+1,600) and wholesale (+1,500) trade. Jobs in educational and health services rose 2,600. A majority of the growth occurred in health care and social assistance (+2,300), which includes hospitals, nursing care facilities, and child day cares.

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs					
(NAICS)	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>		
Total Nonfarm	1,178,900	1,172,700	1,169,300		
Goods Producing	207,100	206,100	206,900		
Mining & Logging	9,300	9,400	9,600		
Construction	45,300	45,000	44,400		
Specialty Trade Contractors	28,800	28,700	27,900		
Manufacturing	152,500	151,700	152,900		
Durable Goods	75,700	75,700	75,400		
Nondurable Goods	76,800	76,000	77,500		
Service Providing	971,800	966,600	962,400		
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	240,800	241,700	238,000		
Wholesale Trade	48,200	47,800	46,700		
Retail Trade	131,800	132,500	130,200		
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	60,800	61,400	61,100		
Information	13,600	13,700	14,200		
Financial Activities	49,000	49,800	49,000		
Finance & Insurance	36,300	36,800	36,100		
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	12,700	13,000	12,900		
Professional & Business Services	128,000	127,900	127,200		
Professional, Scientific & Technical	39,600	39,800	40,300		
Management of Companies	31,600	31,600	31,400		
Administrative & Support Services	56,800	56,500	55,500		
Educational & Health Services	174,200	173,500	171,600		
Educational Services	14,800	14,300	14,500		
Health Care & Social Assistance	159,400	159,200	157,100		
Ambulatory Health Care	49,300	48,700	47,600		
Social Assistance	38,100	38,000	36,300		
Leisure & Hospitality	104,100	103,200	100,300		
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	9,400	9,200	8,800		
Accommodation & Food Services	94,700	94,000	91,500		
Accommodation Services	10,500	10,300	10,300		
Food Services	84,200	83,700	81,200		
Other Services	43,500	43,300	42,800		
Government	218,600	213,500	219,300		
Federal Government	20,000	20,100	20,500		
State Government	78,900	74,300	78,400		
Local Government	119,700	119,100	120,400		

Hours and Earnings of Arkansas Production Workers

(Manufacturing Industries)

	Avera	ge Weekly E	arnings	Avera	age Weekly	Hours	Avera	ge Hourly B	Earnings
	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
Manufacturing Durable Goods Nondurable Goods	\$627.52 686.00 575.16	\$633.36 685.57 586.26	\$611.72 674.00 554.28	40.2 41.5 39.1	40.6 41.2 40.1	40.7 43.4 38.2	\$15.61 16.53 14.71	\$15.60 16.64 14.62	\$15.03 15.53 14.51

Spotlight

Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

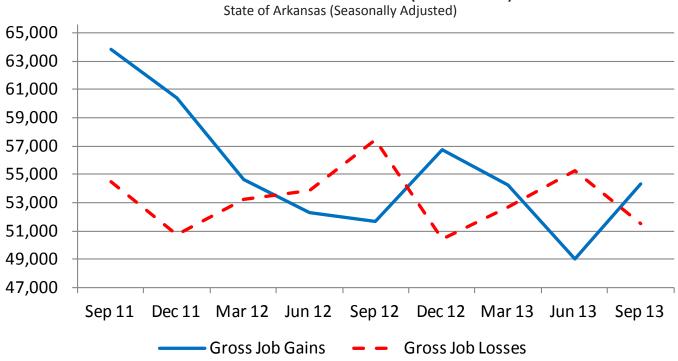
Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED statistics, are a relatively new employment statistic. BED is primarily concerned with tracking employment changes at the establishment level, meaning each individual business location.

BED statistics are linked closely to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program and are calculated from quarterly reports provided by individual employers. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced on a quarterly basis, with longitudinal data dating back to 1992. At this time, BED data is only published at the national and state level. No statistics currently exist to provide data at the county or city levels in Arkansas.

The information produced from BED statistics includes gross job gains and losses at establishments with changes in employment. These employment changes occur when establishments 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 existing 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)					
		3	months end	ded	
Category Sep 12 Dec 12 Mar 13 Jun 13 Sep 13*					
Employment Levels					
Gross job gains	51,668	56,703	54,198	48,982	54,326
Gross job losses	57,464	50,392	52,714	55,245	51,476
Net Change	-5,796	6,311	1,484	-6,263	2,850
*Most recent BED data available is for 3rd Quarter 2013					

The chart below shows gross job gains versus gross job losses for a nine quarter period (3rd Q 2011- 3rd Q 2013).



Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector)

Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

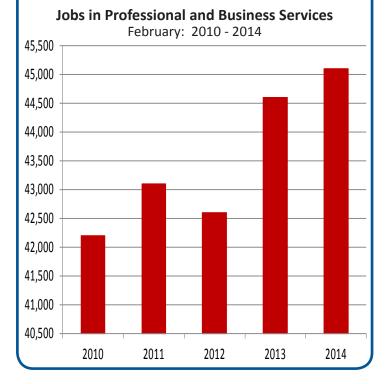
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

NAICS	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
Total Nonfarm	342,500	341,200	342,800
Goods Producing	35,600	35,100	35,900
Mining, Logging & Construction	16,000	15,500	16,200
Manufacturing	19,600	19,600	19,700
Service Providing	306,900	306,100	306,900
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	65,200	65,800	66,400
Wholesale Trade	15,600	15,500	15,800
Retail Trade	35,500	36,100	36,200
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	14,100	14,200	14,400
Information	7,000	7,000	7,400
Financial Activities	20,100	20,100	19,800
Professional & Business Services	,	44,900	44,600
Educational & Health Services	51,400	50,900	51,200
Leisure & Hospitality	30,600	30,500	30,200
Other Services	15,700	15,700	15,500
Government	71,800	71,200	71,800
Federal Government	9,500	9,500	9,500
State Government	34,400	33,900	34,200
Local Government	27,900	27,800	28,100

The LR-NLR-Conway MSA consists of the following counties: Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, and Saline

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
Civilian Labor Force	336,450	333,025	337,875
Employment	313,950	309,500	313,325
Unemployment	22,500	23,525	24,550
Unemployment Rate	6.7	7.1	7.3



Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

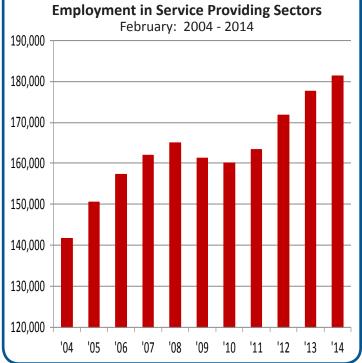
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

NAICS	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
Total Nonfarm	215,600	213,900	212,000
Goods Producing	34,300	34,300	34,400
Mining, Logging & Construction	8,100	8,100	7,900
Manufacturing	26,200	26,200	26,500
Service Providing	181,300	179,600	177,600
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	47,800	48,300	47,200
Wholesale Trade	10,400	10,400	10,100
Retail Trade	22,700	23,100	22,100
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	14,700	14,800	15,000
Information	1,800	1,800	1,900
Financial Activities	6,700	6,700	6,500
Professional & Business Services	40,700	40,600	39,900
Educational & Health Services	24,700	24,500	24,100
Leisure & Hospitality	20,900	20,600	20,100
Other Services	6,200	6,200	6,300
Government	32,500	30,900	31,600
Federal Government	2,500	2,500	2,400
State Government	12,000	10,500	11,400
Local Government	18,000	17,900	17,800

The FSR MSA consists of the following counties: Benton, Madison, Washington, and McDonald (in Missouri)

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
Civilian Labor Force	233,800	230,050	231,050
Employment	220,750	216,600	216,900
Unemployment	13,050	13,450	14,150
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.9	6.1



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fort Smith MSA

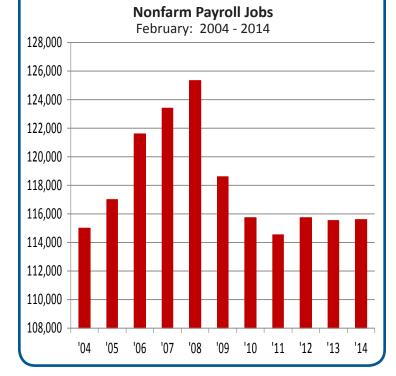
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

NAICS	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
Total Nonfarm	115,600	115,400	115,500
Goods Producing	24,900	25,000	25,000
Mining, Logging & Construction	6,700	6,800	6,900
Manufacturing	18,200	18,200	18,100
Service Providing	90,700	90,400	90,500
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24,000	24,100	23,400
Wholesale Trade	4,100	4,100	4,100
Retail Trade	13,000	13,100	12,600
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6,900	6,900	6,700
Information	1,300	1,300	1,300
Financial Activities	4,100	4,200	4,200
Professional & Business Services	,	12,300	12,300
Educational & Health Services	16,400	16,400	16,900
Leisure & Hospitality	9,000	9,100	8,800
Other Services	4,100	4,200	4,200
Government	19,400	18,800	19,400
Federal Government	1,500	1,500	1,600
State Government	3,100	2,800	3,200
Local Government	14,800	14,500	14,600

The FS MSA consists of the following counties: Crawford, Franklin, Sebastian, and LeFlore and Sequoyah (in Oklahoma)

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
Civilian Labor Force	128,525	127,575	130,225
Employment	119,025	117,675	118,800
Unemployment	9,500	9,900	11,425
Unemployment Rate	7.4	7.8	8.8



Hot Springs MSA

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

NAICS	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
Total Nonfarm	37,800	37,700	37,100
Goods Producing	4,500	4,500	4,300
Service Providing	33,300	33,200	32,800
Government	4,800	4,700	4,900

The HS MSA consists of the following county: Garland

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,175	40,850	40,625
Employment	38,025	37,525	37,175
Unemployment	3,150	3,325	3,450
Unemployment Rate	7.7	8.1	8.5

Jonesboro MSA

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

NAICS	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
Total Nonfarm	52,800	52,700	51,400
Goods Producing	8,600	8,600	8,600
Service Providing	44,200	44,100	42,800
Government	9,100	9,000	9,100

The Jonesboro MSA consists of the following counties: Craighead and Poinsett

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
59,950	59,325	58,700
55,700	54,725	54,225
4,250	4,600	4,475
7.1	7.8	7.6
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Pine Bluff MSA

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

NAICS	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
Total Nonfarm	35,100	34,800	35,700
Goods Producing	7,000	7,000	7,300
Service Providing	28,100	27,800	28,400
Government	10,000	9,800	10,200

The PB MSA consists of the following counties: Cleveland, Jefferson, and Lincoln

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,025	40,475	41,550
Employment	36,850	36,100	37,225
Unemployment	4,175	4,375	4,325
Unemployment Rate	10.2	10.8	10.4

Civilian Labor Force Statistics

State of Arkansas

(Seasonally Adjusted)							(Not Se	easonally A	djusted)	
	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u> 0TY</u>	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u> 0TY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,330,700	1,328,200	1,328,200	2,500	2,500	1,321,800	1,304,500	1,316,700	17,300	5,100
Employment	1,236,600	1,231,200	1,229,200	5,400	7,400	1,222,000	1,199,100	1,208,900	22,900	13,100
Unemployment	94,100	97,000	99,000	-2,900	-4,900	99,800	105,400	107,800	-5,600	-8,000
Unemployment Rate	e 7.1	7.3	7.5	-0.2	-0.4	7.5	8.1	8.2	-0.6	-0.7
U.S. Unemployment F	Rate 6.7	6.6	7.7	0.1	-1.0	7.0	7.0	8.1	0.0	-1.1

Out-of-State MSAs

Memphi	is, Tennessee	Texa	arkana, Tex	as		
	Feb 14 Jan 14	<u>Feb 13</u>		<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
Civilian Labor Force Employment Unemployment Unemployment Rate	590,550 591,300 541,025 541,525 49,525 49,775 8.4 8.4	608,375 550,425 57,950 9.5	Civilian Labor Force Employment Unemployment Unemployment Rate	62,375 57,900 4,475 7.2	62,100 57,500 4,600 7.4	62,750 58,200 4,550 7.3

Between January and February, unemployment rates declined in 73 of Arkansas' 75 counties. One county posted a rate increase, while one remained the same.

In February, three counties enjoyed jobless rates at or below six percent. Nineteen counties posted rates at or above ten percent, down from 27 counties in January.

Since February 2013, unemployment rates are down in 64 counties. Nine counties posted rate increases, while two remained the same.

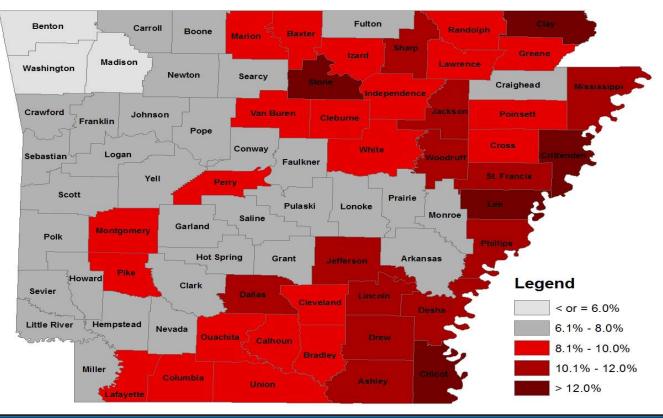
	Lowest Rates							
<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>						
1	Washington	5.4						
2	Benton	5.6						
3	Madison	6.0						
4	Saline	6.1						
4	Scott	6.1						
	<u>Highest Rates</u>							
<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>						
72	Stone	12.3						
73	Lee	12.4						
74	Chicot	12.5						
74	Clay	12.5						

Unemployment Rates by County

Rank	County	Feb 14	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
6	Arkansas	6.2	6.7	7.9	73	Lee	12.4	13.8	12.3
70	Ashley	12.0	12.9	13.1	59	Lincoln	10.1	10.1	9.9
37	Baxter	8.3	8.7	9.1	28	Little River	7.6	8.3	8.1
2	Benton	5.6	5.9	6.3	16	Logan	7.0	7.8	8.4
35	Boone	8.0	8.6	8.6	8	Lonoke	6.4	6.6	6.9
57	Bradley	10.0	10.2	10.2	3	Madison	6.0	6.3	6.2
50	Calhoun	9.1	9.5	10.6	41	Marion	8.5	9.0	9.4
19	Carroll	7.1	8.0	7.2	35	Miller	8.0	8.8	7.8
74	Chicot	12.5	13.6	12.2	63	Mississippi	11.2	12.1	11.6
28	Clark	7.6	8.6	9.7	32	Monroe	7.9	8.8	9.2
74	Clay	12.5	13.5	13.2	47	Montgomery		10.0	9.0
51	Cleburne	9.4	10.1	8.8	9	Nevada	6.5	7.4	9.1
37	Cleveland	8.3	9.1	8.2	28	Newton	7.6	8.2	8.4
40	Columbia	8.4	9.3	9.5	53	Ouachita	9.5	10.2	10.2
32	Conway	7.9	8.9	8.8	47	Perry	9.0	10.0	10.6
13	Craighead	6.8	7.4	7.4	69	Phillips	11.7	12.8	12.1
23	Crawford	7.4	8.0	8.6	44	Pike	8.8	9.5	9.5
71	Crittenden	12.1	11.9	11.3	42	Poinsett	8.6	9.2	8.7
37	Cross	8.3	9.1	9.7	26	Polk	7.5	7.9	8.4
63 68	Dallas	11.2	11.7	11.3	23 14	Pope	7.4	8.3	7.9
68 61	Desha	11.6	12.5	12.5 11.7	14	Prairie	6.9	7.7	7.5
21	Drew	10.6 7.3	11.9	7.5	51	Pulaski Randolph	6.7	7.0	7.3
10 ²¹	Faulkner	7.3 6.6	7.8	7.5 7.7	66	St. Francis	9.4	10.2	10.5
26	Franklin	7.5	6.8	8.1	4	St. Francis Saline	11.4	12.3	6.6
20 31	Fulton Garland	7.3	8.0 8.1	8.1 8.5	4	Scott	6.1	6.3	6.7 9.1
16	Ganand Grant	7.0	8.1 7.3	8.3 7.3	32	Searcy	6.1	6.8	9.1 8.2
46	Greene	8.9	7.5 9.6	9.7	16	Sebastian	7.9 7.0	8.8 7.4	8.2 8.4
21	Hempstead		9.0 8.1	8.2	20	Sevier	7.0	7.4 7.7	8.4 11.4
11	Hot Spring	6.7	7.2	8.0	20 67	Sharp	11.5	12.1	11.4
11	Howard	6.9	7.5	8.0	72	Stone	12.3	12.1	12.0
56	Independen		10.4	9.9	42	Union	8.6	8.9	9.0
44	Izard	8.8	9.7	9.5	53	Van Buren	9.5	10.2	9.0
63	Jackson	11.2	12.4	11.4	1	Washington	9.3 5.4	5.7	6.0
60	Jefferson	10.4	12.4	10.8	47	White	9.0	9.8	9.7
23	Johnson	7.4	7.9	7.4	62	Woodruff	10.8	9.8 11.9	12.0
57	Lafayette	10.0	10.7	11.0	7	Yell	6.3	6.9	6.7
53	Lawrence	9.5	10.7	10.2			0.5	0.7	0.7
			10.2						

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Technical Notes

The Arkansas Labor Market is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month's estimates are preliminary, while previous data are 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 collected for production workers in manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2013 benchmark.

Explanation of Terms and Concepts

Monthly Business Survey of Employers

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Workforce Services. The data are based on establishment records and include all workers, full-or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately 5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Management 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 survey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

Civilian Labor Force

The sum of all employed and unemployed 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 workers 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 seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

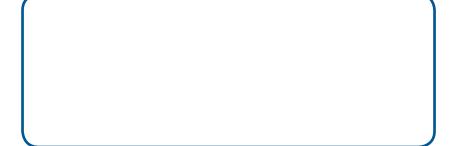
Unemployment Rate

The number of unemployed 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, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/closing of schools.

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