

# Arkansas Labor Market

## January 2014

### Employment Headlines

Arkansas' Unemployment Rate Declines to 7.3 Percent

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Decrease 15,200 in January

### Employment Quick Facts

#### Unemployment Rates

Seasonally Adjusted

	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>
AR Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.4	7.5
US Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.7	7.9

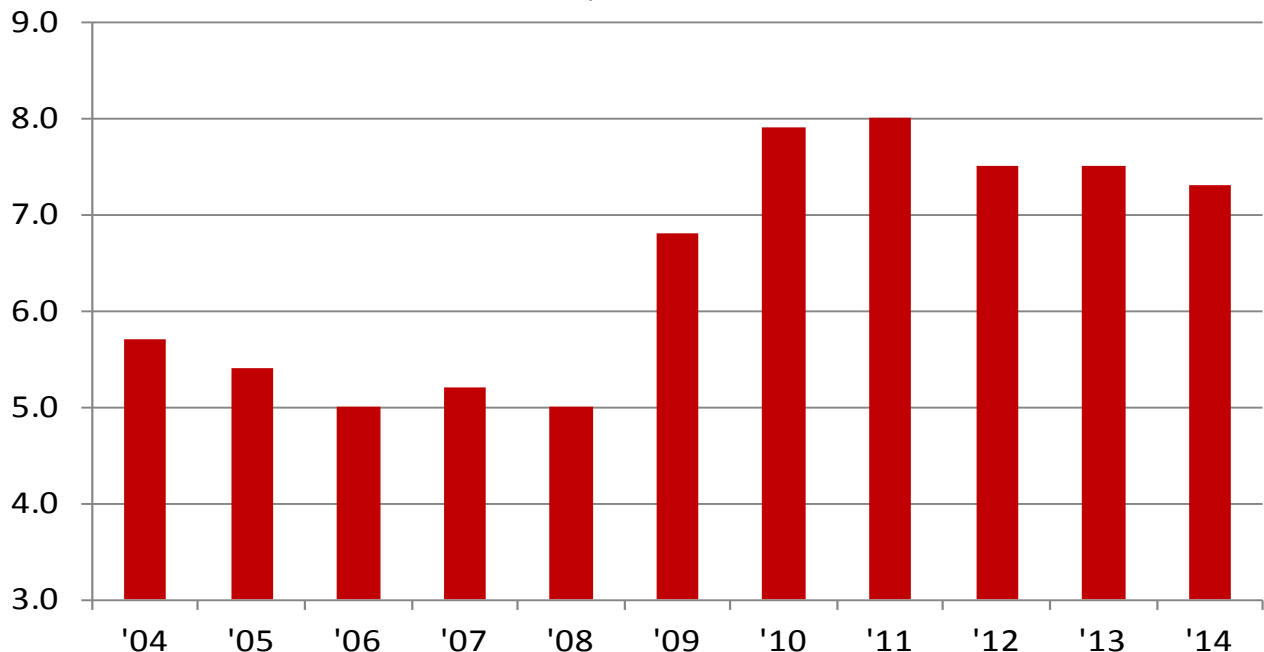
#### Nonfarm Payroll Summary

State of Arkansas

	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>
Total Nonfarm	1,172,300	1,187,500	1,159,100
Goods Producing	206,100	206,800	206,700
Service Providing	966,200	980,700	952,400

#### Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

State of Arkansas  
January: 2004 - 2014



# Nonfarm Payroll Employment

## State of Arkansas

### December 2013 - January 2014

Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs decreased 15,200 in January to total 1,172,300. Nine major industry sectors posted declines, while two sectors increased. Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** fell 6,200. Losses were mostly in retail trade (-5,400), a typical decline related to the end of the holiday shopping season. Jobs in **government** dropped 6,100. A majority of the decrease occurred in state (-4,300) and local (-1,600) government, reflecting the holiday break at public schools and universities. **Educational and health services** declined 1,000. Losses were posted in both health care-social assistance (-600) and educational services (-400).

### January 2013 - January 2014

Since January 2013, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas have increased 13,200. Seven major industry sectors posted growth, offsetting declines in four sectors. **Leisure and hospitality** added 4,200 jobs. Most of the increases occurred in food services (+3,500). Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 3,400. Growth was posted in all subsectors, with retail trade adding a majority of the jobs (+2,000). **Professional and business services** increased 3,000. Most of the gains were reported in administrative and support services (+2,300). Employment in **educational and health services** rose 2,700. Health care and social assistance (+2,300) posted a majority of the growth. Jobs in **construction** are up 1,200, mostly in specialty trade construction (+1,100).

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

(NAICS)	Jan 14	Dec 13	Jan 13
Total Nonfarm	1,172,300	1,187,500	1,159,100
Goods Producing	206,100	206,800	206,700
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>9,400</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>9,600</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>45,100</b>	<b>45,200</b>	<b>43,900</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	28,800	29,000	27,700
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>151,600</b>	<b>152,000</b>	<b>153,200</b>
Durable Goods	75,600	75,800	75,600
Nondurable Goods	76,000	76,200	77,600
Service Providing	966,200	980,700	952,400
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>241,500</b>	<b>247,700</b>	<b>238,100</b>
Wholesale Trade	47,800	47,500	46,500
Retail Trade	132,500	137,900	130,500
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	61,200	62,300	61,100
<b>Information</b>	<b>13,700</b>	<b>14,100</b>	<b>14,200</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>49,800</b>	<b>50,500</b>	<b>48,900</b>
Finance & Insurance	36,800	37,100	36,100
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13,000	13,400	12,800
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>127,900</b>	<b>128,700</b>	<b>124,900</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	39,900	39,600	39,500
Management of Companies	31,700	31,700	31,400
Administrative & Support Services	56,300	57,400	54,000
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>173,100</b>	<b>174,100</b>	<b>170,400</b>
Educational Services	14,300	14,700	13,900
Health Care & Social Assistance	158,800	159,400	156,500
Ambulatory Health Care	48,500	48,500	47,600
Social Assistance	37,800	38,100	36,100
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>103,300</b>	<b>103,200</b>	<b>99,100</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	9,100	8,700	8,600
Accommodation & Food Services	94,200	94,500	90,500
Accommodation Services	10,200	10,500	10,000
Food Services	84,000	84,000	80,500
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>43,400</b>	<b>42,800</b>	<b>42,700</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>213,500</b>	<b>219,600</b>	<b>214,100</b>
Federal Government	20,100	20,300	20,600
State Government	74,300	78,600	73,700
Local Government	119,100	120,700	119,800

## Hours and Earnings of Arkansas Production Workers

(Manufacturing Industries)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan 14	Dec 13	Jan 13	Jan 14	Dec 13	Jan 13	Jan 14	Dec 13	Jan 13
<b>Manufacturing</b>	\$633.83	\$623.12	\$615.66	40.5	40.7	39.9	\$15.65	\$15.31	\$15.43
Durable Goods	685.98	687.86	677.33	41.2	42.2	41.2	16.65	16.30	16.44
Nondurable Goods	586.93	565.39	560.66	39.9	39.4	38.8	14.71	14.35	14.45

# Spotlight

## Changes Affecting 2012, 2013, and 2014 Data

### Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Statistics:

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Labor guidelines, Arkansas' Civilian Labor Force (CLF) estimates for 2012 and 2013 are undergoing annual processing. The purpose of annual processing is to incorporate more complete and accurate information into the estimation process. All levels of data are subject to revision, including the counties, cities, Metropolitan Statistical Areas, and Micropolitan Statistical Areas. Revised 2012 and 2013 CLF estimates for all sub-state areas were released to the public on April 18, 2014, at [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov). The sub-state estimates will be updated on the Discover Arkansas website in early May 2014.

The statewide revised 2012 and 2013 CLF estimates have been updated and are currently available at [www.discover.arkansas.gov](http://www.discover.arkansas.gov).

### Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs:

Nonfarm payroll employment estimates from April 2012 to December 2013 recently underwent the annual updating process. The revised estimates are available on the Discover Arkansas website.

## Upcoming 2014 Spotlight Topics Include:

A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

Wages in Arkansas

Local Employment Dynamics (LED)

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

Seasonal Employment Trends

The Year in Review

# Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

NAICS	Jan 14	Dec 13	Jan 13
Total Nonfarm	341,500	345,900	340,500
Goods Producing	35,100	35,500	36,000
Mining, Logging & Construction	15,500	15,900	16,200
Manufacturing	19,600	19,600	19,800
Service Providing	306,400	310,400	304,500
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	65,800	67,800	66,600
Wholesale Trade	15,500	15,700	15,700
Retail Trade	36,100	37,600	36,400
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	14,200	14,500	14,500
Information	7,000	7,200	7,300
Financial Activities	20,100	20,300	19,700
Professional & Business Services	45,100	45,400	43,600
Educational & Health Services	50,900	51,100	50,800
Leisure & Hospitality	30,500	31,000	29,900
Other Services	15,700	15,700	15,400
Government	71,300	71,900	71,200
Federal Government	9,600	9,600	9,600
State Government	33,900	34,300	33,700
Local Government	27,800	28,000	27,900

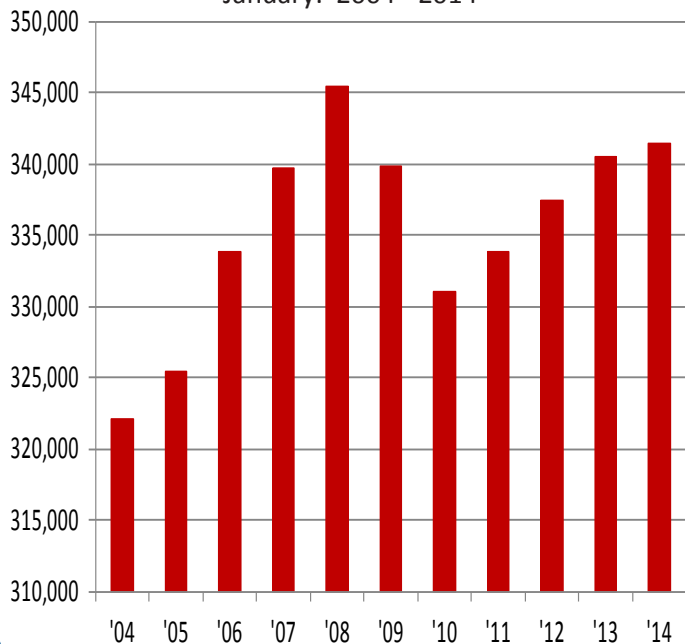
The LR-NLR-Conway MSA consists of the following counties:  
Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, and Saline

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Jan 14	Dec 13	Jan 13
Civilian Labor Force	333,350	337,725	334,825
Employment	309,800	316,550	310,000
Unemployment	23,550	21,175	24,825
Unemployment Rate	7.1	6.3	7.4

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January: 2004 - 2014



## Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

NAICS	Jan 14	Dec 13	Jan 13
Total Nonfarm	214,100	218,100	209,000
Goods Producing	34,400	34,500	34,200
Mining, Logging & Construction	8,100	8,100	7,800
Manufacturing	26,300	26,400	26,400
Service Providing	179,700	183,600	174,800
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	48,300	49,600	47,200
Wholesale Trade	10,400	10,400	10,100
Retail Trade	23,100	24,200	22,200
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	14,800	15,000	14,900
Information	1,800	1,900	1,900
Financial Activities	6,700	6,700	6,500
Professional & Business Services	40,600	41,000	39,500
Educational & Health Services	24,500	24,800	23,700
Leisure & Hospitality	20,700	21,100	19,700
Other Services	6,200	6,200	6,300
Government	30,900	32,300	30,000
Federal Government	2,500	2,500	2,400
State Government	10,500	11,600	9,900
Local Government	17,900	18,200	17,700

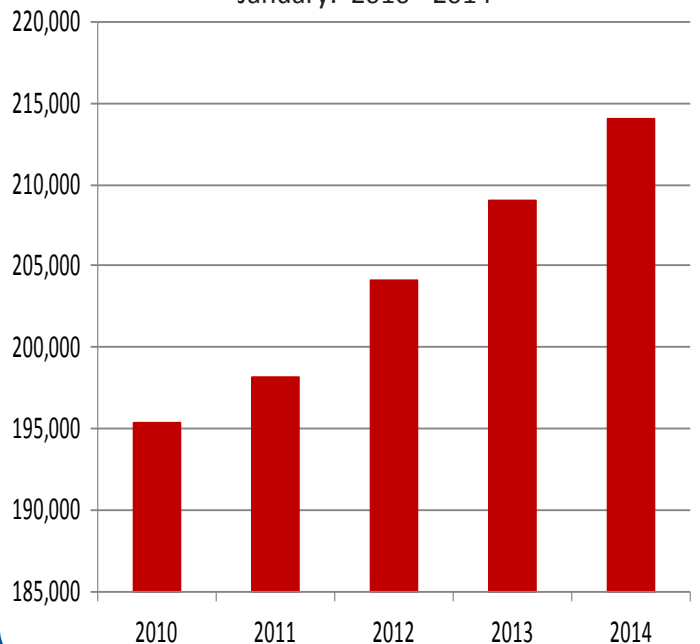
The FSR MSA consists of the following counties:  
Benton, Madison, Washington, and McDonald (in Missouri)

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Jan 14	Dec 13	Jan 13
Civilian Labor Force	230,150	234,000	227,825
Employment	216,650	222,150	213,400
Unemployment	13,500	11,850	14,425
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.1	6.3

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January: 2010 - 2014



# Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Fort Smith MSA

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>
Total Nonfarm	115,500	117,300	114,400
Goods Producing	25,100	25,300	25,000
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>6,700</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>18,200</b>	<b>18,400</b>	<b>18,300</b>
Service Providing	90,400	92,000	89,400
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>24,200</b>	<b>24,800</b>	<b>23,500</b>
Wholesale Trade	4,100	4,100	4,100
Retail Trade	13,200	13,700	12,700
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6,900	7,000	6,700
<b>Information</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,300</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>4,200</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>16,400</b>	<b>16,600</b>	<b>16,900</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>9,200</b>	<b>8,700</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>4,200</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>18,800</b>	<b>19,400</b>	<b>18,600</b>
Federal Government	1,500	1,500	1,600
State Government	2,800	3,200	2,800
Local Government	14,500	14,700	14,200

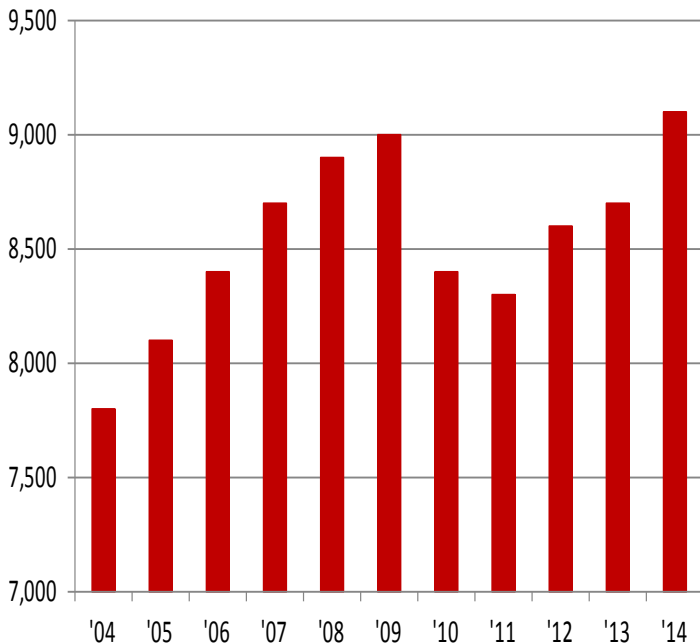
The FS MSA consists of the following counties: Crawford, Franklin, Sebastian, and LeFlore and Sequoyah (in Oklahoma)

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>
Civilian Labor Force	127,700	130,025	129,675
Employment	117,775	119,975	117,750
Unemployment	9,925	10,050	11,925
Unemployment Rate	7.8	7.7	9.2

### Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality

January: 2004 - 2014



## Hot Springs MSA

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>
Total Nonfarm	37,600	37,100	37,000
Goods Producing	4,400	4,500	4,300
Service Providing	33,200	32,600	32,700
Government	4,700	4,800	4,800

The HS MSA consists of the following county: Garland

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>
Civilian Labor Force	40,825	40,200	40,450
Employment	37,500	37,200	36,925
Unemployment	3,325	3,000	3,525
Unemployment Rate	8.1	7.5	8.7

## Jonesboro MSA

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>
Total Nonfarm	52,700	53,200	50,900
Goods Producing	8,600	8,600	8,400
Service Providing	44,100	44,600	42,500
Government	9,000	9,100	8,900

The Jonesboro MSA consists of the following counties:

Craighead and Poinsett

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>
Civilian Labor Force	59,375	59,750	58,375
Employment	54,775	55,775	53,575
Unemployment	4,600	3,975	4,800
Unemployment Rate	7.8	6.6	8.2

## Pine Bluff MSA

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>
Total Nonfarm	34,700	35,700	35,500
Goods Producing	7,000	7,000	7,500
Service Providing	27,700	28,700	28,000
Government	9,800	10,200	9,900

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

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>
Civilian Labor Force	40,450	40,925	41,175
Employment	36,050	36,950	36,725
Unemployment	4,400	3,975	4,450
Unemployment Rate	10.8	9.7	10.8

# Civilian Labor Force Statistics

## State of Arkansas

(Seasonally Adjusted)

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,328,000	1,327,300	1,329,400	700	-1,400	1,304,100	1,314,900	1,307,400	-10,800	-3,300
Employment	1,231,200	1,228,800	1,230,000	2,400	1,200	1,199,000	1,220,300	1,195,400	-21,300	3,600
Unemployment	96,800	98,500	99,400	-1,700	-2,600	105,100	94,600	112,000	10,500	-6,900
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.4	7.5	-0.1	-0.2	8.1	7.2	8.6	0.9	-0.5
U.S. Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.7	7.9	-0.1	-1.3	7.0	6.5	8.5	0.5	-1.5

## Out-of-State MSAs

### Memphis, Tennessee

	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>
Civilian Labor Force	590,700	594,225	609,350
Employment	540,850	543,525	548,600
Unemployment	49,850	50,700	60,750
Unemployment Rate	8.4	8.5	10.0

### Texarkana, Texas

	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>
Civilian Labor Force	61,925	62,450	63,025
Employment	57,375	58,100	58,325
Unemployment	4,550	4,350	4,700
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.0	7.5

Between December 2013 and January 2014, unemployment rates increased in 72 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates declined in three counties.

In January, two counties enjoyed jobless rates at or below six percent. Twenty-seven counties posted rates at or above ten percent, up from fifteen counties in December.

Compared to January 2013, unemployment rates have declined in 62 counties. Eleven counties reported rate increases, while two remained the same.

## Unemployment Rates by County

<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>
8	Arkansas	6.8	6.1	8.6	75	Lee	13.8	10.9	13.1
70	Ashley	12.8	11.9	13.8	53	Lincoln	10.2	9.4	9.9
32	Baxter	8.6	7.7	9.2	28	Little River	8.1	7.5	8.5
2	Benton	6.0	5.2	6.5	19	Logan	7.8	7.1	8.8
32	Boone	8.6	7.1	8.7	5	Lonoke	6.6	5.7	7.2
53	Bradley	10.2	8.8	10.3	3	Madison	6.3	5.4	5.8
46	Calhoun	9.6	8.0	10.4	35	Marion	8.8	7.8	9.3
21	Carroll	7.9	6.1	7.7	31	Miller	8.3	7.8	8.9
73	Chicot	13.5	11.5	12.8	66	Mississippi	12.2	10.4	12.0
32	Clark	8.6	7.6	10.9	37	Monroe	8.9	8.3	9.9
73	Clay	13.5	11.6	13.6	49	Montgomery	10.0	9.7	10.0
49	Cleburne	10.0	7.5	9.3	16	Nevada	7.5	6.8	8.8
41	Cleveland	9.2	8.0	8.5	25	Newton	8.0	8.1	9.0
43	Columbia	9.3	8.2	9.8	53	Ouachita	10.2	9.0	10.8
39	Conway	9.0	7.5	9.2	52	Perry	10.1	8.1	11.6
14	Craighead	7.4	6.3	7.9	70	Phillips	12.8	11.4	12.9
25	Crawford	8.0	8.3	9.1	44	Pike	9.4	8.1	9.9
63	Crittenden	11.8	10.8	12.3	41	Poinsett	9.2	8.0	9.7
40	Cross	9.1	8.1	10.2	21	Polk	7.9	7.6	8.7
61	Dallas	11.7	9.9	11.6	30	Pope	8.2	7.4	8.6
69	Desha	12.5	10.9	13.1	17	Prairie	7.7	6.6	8.2
61	Drew	11.7	10.2	12.6	10	Pulaski	7.0	6.3	7.4
19	Faulkner	7.8	7.0	8.0	49	Randolph	10.0	9.1	11.3
5	Franklin	6.6	6.0	8.4	67	St. Francis	12.3	10.6	12.6
25	Fulton	8.0	7.0	8.2	3	Saline	6.3	5.6	6.7
28	Garland	8.1	7.5	8.7	7	Scott	6.7	5.9	6.9
12	Grant	7.3	6.1	7.4	35	Searcy	8.8	7.5	8.9
46	Greene	9.6	8.6	10.1	12	Sebastian	7.3	8.1	8.8
21	Hempstead	7.9	7.4	8.5	17	Sevier	7.7	7.1	8.8
11	Hot Spring	7.2	6.5	8.1	64	Sharp	12.0	10.5	11.8
14	Howard	7.4	6.5	8.1	72	Stone	13.0	11.3	13.0
58	Independence	10.4	9.5	10.7	37	Union	8.9	8.0	9.2
45	Izard	9.5	9.4	10.2	53	Van Buren	10.2	9.1	11.1
68	Jackson	12.4	11.1	12.0	1	Washington	5.7	4.9	6.3
60	Jefferson	11.1	10.0	11.2	48	White	9.7	8.3	10.4
21	Johnson	7.9	6.8	8.4	64	Woodruff	12.0	10.8	12.9
59	Lafayette	10.8	9.9	11.9	9	Yell	6.9	6.0	7.2
53	Lawrence	10.2	8.8	10.8					

### Lowest Rates

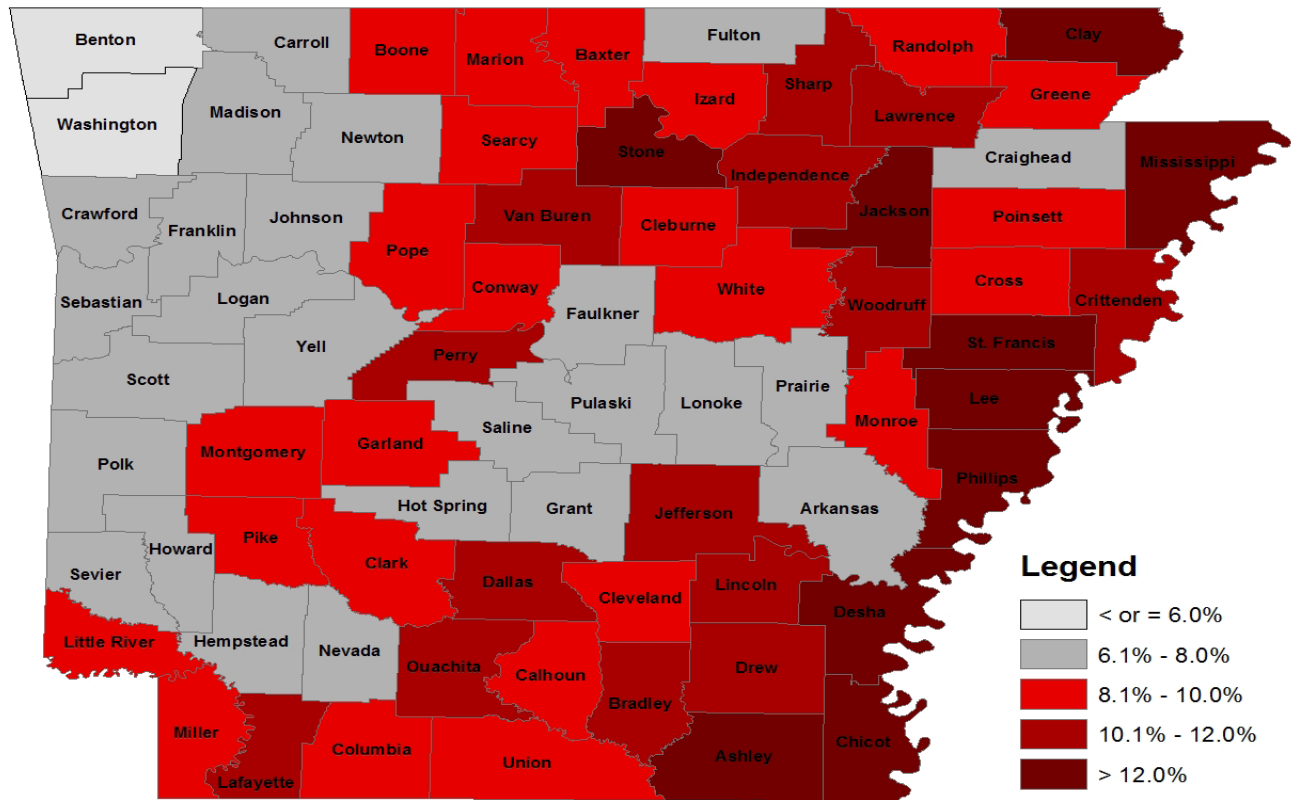
<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>
1	Washington	5.7
2	Benton	6.0
3	Madison	6.3
3	Saline	6.3
5	Franklin	6.6
5	Lonoke	6.6

### Highest Rates

<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>
72	Stone	13.0
73	Chicot	13.5
73	Clay	13.5
75	Lee	13.8

# Civilian Labor Force Statistics

For complete County Labor Force Statistics, please visit our website at [www.discover.arkansas.gov](http://www.discover.arkansas.gov)



## 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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