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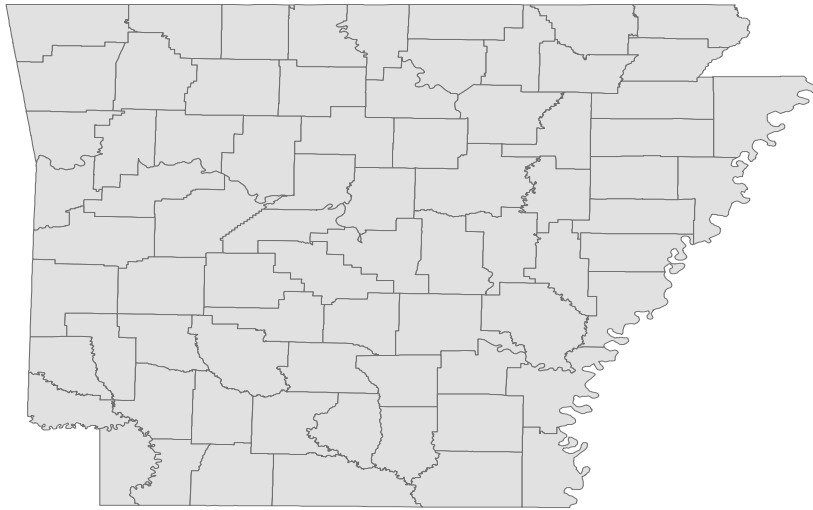
Labor Market Report

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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 2015 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.

September Spotlight

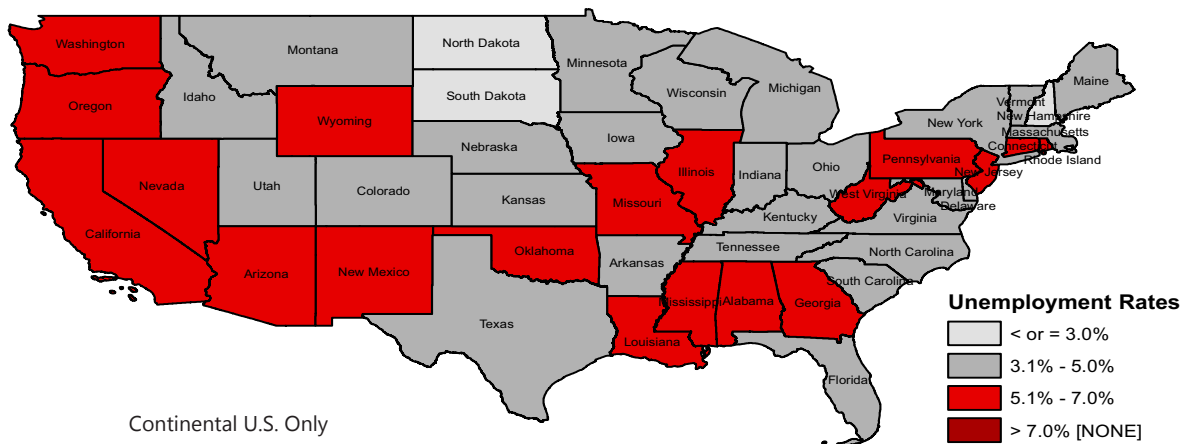
A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Due to differing economies and labor force conditions in various parts of the country, unemployment rates vary greatly from state to state. In September 2016, state jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.9 percent in New Hampshire and South Dakota to a high of 6.9 percent in Alaska. The unemployment rate in Arkansas in September rose to 4.0 percent, a ranking of 11 out of 51 states. By looking at the map below, it becomes apparent that trends exist among states that are located within the same region. While there are some exceptions, western states tend to have higher jobless rates than states located in the midwest. Similarly, states located in the northeast generally experience lower unemployment rates than states located in the southeast. These regional trends occur because states often experience economic similarities based on shared industries, work forces, and climates.

Unemployment Rates, Ranked by State (Seasonally Adjusted)
September 2016

Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate
1	New Hampshire	2.9	18	Delaware	4.3	34	Wyoming	5.3
1	South Dakota	2.9	18	Montana	4.3	36	Alabama	5.4
3	North Dakota	3.0	20	Kansas	4.4	36	Connecticut	5.4
4	Nebraska	3.2	21	Indiana	4.5	38	Arizona	5.5
5	Hawaii	3.3	22	Michigan	4.6	38	California	5.5
5	Vermont	3.3	22	Tennessee	4.6	38	Illinois	5.5
7	Utah	3.4	24	Florida	4.7	38	Oregon	5.5
8	Colorado	3.6	24	North Carolina	4.7	42	Rhode Island	5.6
8	Massachusetts	3.6	26	Ohio	4.8	42	Washington	5.6
10	Idaho	3.8	26	Texas	4.8	44	Pennsylvania	5.7
11	Arkansas	4.0	28	South Carolina	4.9	45	Nevada	5.8
11	Minnesota	4.0	29	Kentucky	5.0	45	West Virginia	5.8
11	Virginia	4.0	29	New York	5.0	47	Mississippi	6.0
14	Maine	4.1	31	Georgia	5.1	48	District of Columbia	6.1
14	Wisconsin	4.1	32	Missouri	5.2	49	Louisiana	6.4
16	Iowa	4.2	32	Oklahoma	5.2	50	New Mexico	6.7
16	Maryland	4.2	34	New Jersey	5.3	51	Alaska	6.9

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 5.0 Percent



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

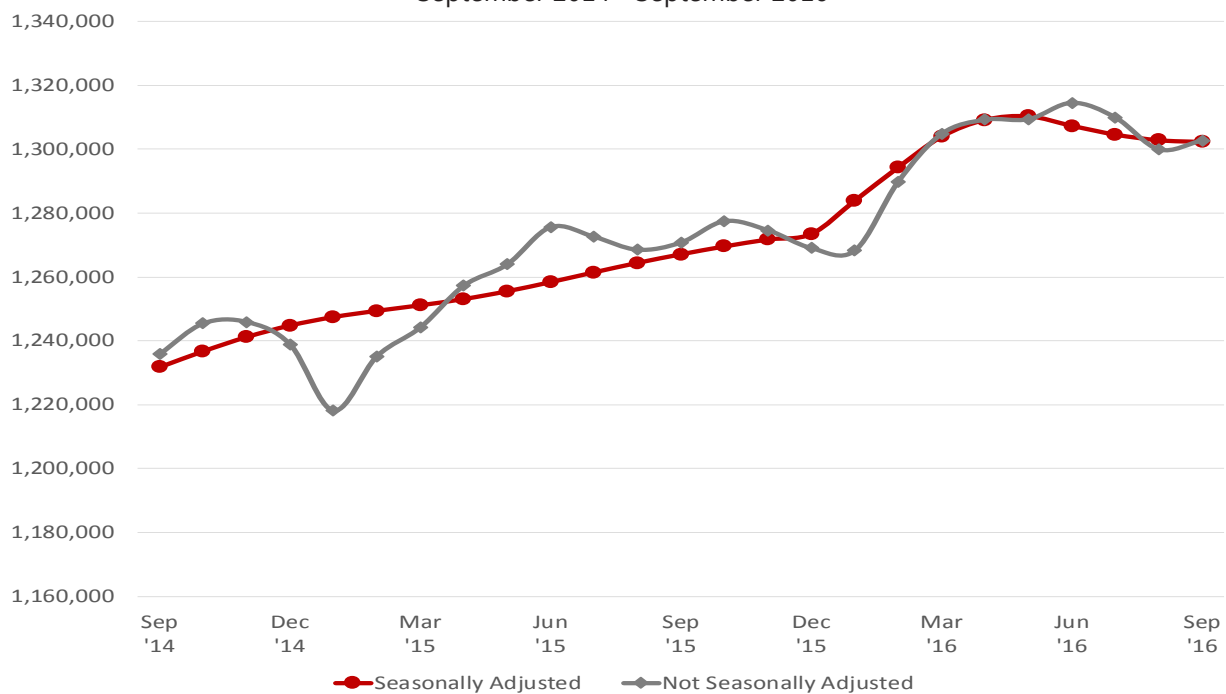
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.9 percent in August to 4.0 percent in September. Arkansas' civilian labor force increased 972, a result of 1,513 more unemployed and 541 fewer employed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point in September, reaching 5.0 percent.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point in September, caused by an increase of 1,513 unemployed. While unemployment is up slightly over the month, there are still 11,385 fewer unemployed Arkansans than in September 2015."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Sep 16	Aug 16	Sep 15	Sep 16	Aug 16	Sep 15
Civilian Labor Force	1,357,063	1,356,091	1,333,300	Civilian Labor Force	1,355,996	1,352,005
Employment	1,302,246	1,302,787	1,267,098	Employment	1,302,766	1,270,787
Unemployment	54,817	53,304	66,202	Unemployment	53,230	61,935
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.9	5.0	Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.6
U.S. Unemployment	5.0	4.9	5.1	U.S. Unemployment	4.8	4.9

Employment- Seasonally Adjusted vs. Not Seasonally Adjusted
September 2014 - September 2016



State of Arkansas

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>Aug 16</u>	<u>Sep 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1235.6	1220.1	1221.4	15.5	14.2
Goods Producing	211.6	211.0	214.8	0.6	-3.2
Mining, Logging, and Construction	57.5	57.9	60.0	-0.4	-2.5
Mining & Logging	6.5	6.5	7.7	0.0	-1.2
Construction	51.0	51.4	52.3	-0.4	-1.3
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.9	34.4	32.2	-0.5	1.7
Manufacturing	154.1	153.1	154.8	1.0	-0.7
Durable Goods	73.7	73.7	75.7	0.0	-2.0
Nondurable Goods	80.4	79.4	79.1	1.0	1.3
Service Providing	1024.0	1009.1	1006.6	14.9	17.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	254.6	256.2	252.7	-1.6	1.9
Wholesale Trade	47.8	48.9	47.3	-1.1	0.5
Retail Trade	142.8	143.3	140.8	-0.5	2.0
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	64.0	64.0	64.6	0.0	-0.6
Information	13.6	13.7	13.4	-0.1	0.2
Financial Activities	49.5	49.8	49.3	-0.3	0.2
Finance & Insurance	36.3	36.6	36.2	-0.3	0.1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.2	13.2	13.1	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	144.5	145.1	140.6	-0.6	3.9
Professional, Scientific & Technical	42.9	43.0	40.4	-0.1	2.5
Management of Companies	35.0	35.3	33.8	-0.3	1.2
Administrative & Support Services	66.6	66.8	66.4	-0.2	0.2
Educational & Health Services	185.0	180.4	177.3	4.6	7.7
Educational Services	15.6	12.6	15.0	3.0	0.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	169.4	167.8	162.3	1.6	7.1
Ambulatory Health Care	53.8	52.9	51.3	0.9	2.5
Social Assistance	40.3	39.6	39.2	0.7	1.1
Leisure & Hospitality	116.9	117.3	114.5	-0.4	2.4
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11.3	12.2	11.0	-0.9	0.3
Accommodation & Food Services	105.6	105.1	103.5	0.5	2.1
Accommodation Services	11.8	12.0	11.4	-0.2	0.4
Food Services	93.8	93.1	92.1	0.7	1.7
Other Services	44.7	44.4	43.7	0.3	1.0
Government	215.2	202.2	215.1	13.0	0.1
Federal Government	20.5	20.6	20.2	-0.1	0.3
State Government	80.2	75.0	79.6	5.2	0.6
Local Government	114.5	106.6	115.3	7.9	-0.8

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

August 2016 - September 2016

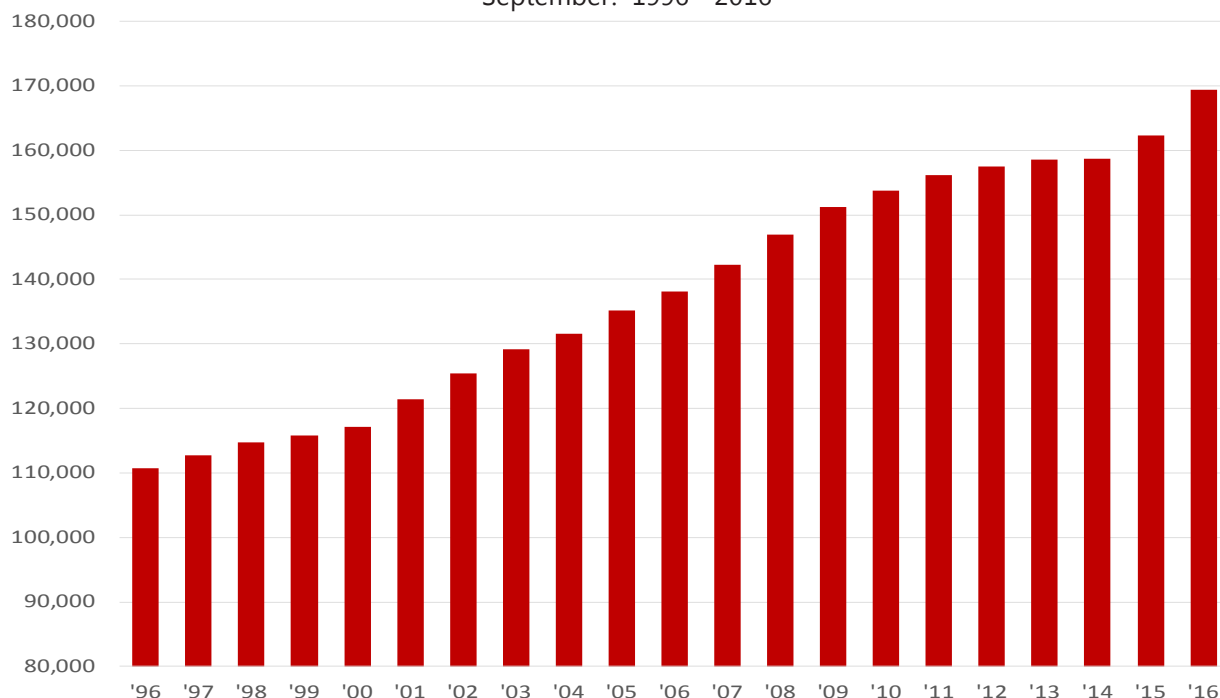
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 15,500 in September to total 1,235,600. Four major industry sectors added jobs, more than offsetting small declines in six sectors. Jobs in **government** rose 13,000. Gains in both local (+7,900) and state (+5,200) government were related to seasonal hiring at public schools and universities. **Educational and health services** added 4,600 jobs. A majority of the additions were in educational services (+3,000), attributed to hiring at private schools. Employment in **manufacturing** is up 1,000. All expansions were in nondurable goods manufacturing, related in part to reported hiring in food manufacturing. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** decreased 1,600. Losses occurred in wholesale (-1,100) and retail (-500) trade, both typical seasonal declines.

September 2015 - September 2016

Compared to September 2015, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment has increased 14,200. Eight major industry sectors posted growth, while three sectors declined. **Educational and health services** added 7,700 jobs, mostly in health care and social assistance (+7,100). Jobs in **professional and business services** rose 3,900. Professional, scientific, and technical services posted a majority of the gain (+2,500). Employment in **leisure and hospitality** increased 2,400, mostly in food services (+1,700). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 1,900, as retail (+2,000) and wholesale trade (+500) offset losses in transportation-warehousing-utilities (-600). **Other services** added 1,000 jobs. The sector includes activities such as automotive repair, dry cleaning services, and social advocacy organizations. Declines were posted in **construction** (-1,300), **mining and logging** (-1,200), and **manufacturing** (-700).

Jobs in Health Care and Social Assistance (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September: 1996 - 2016



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State of Arkansas

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

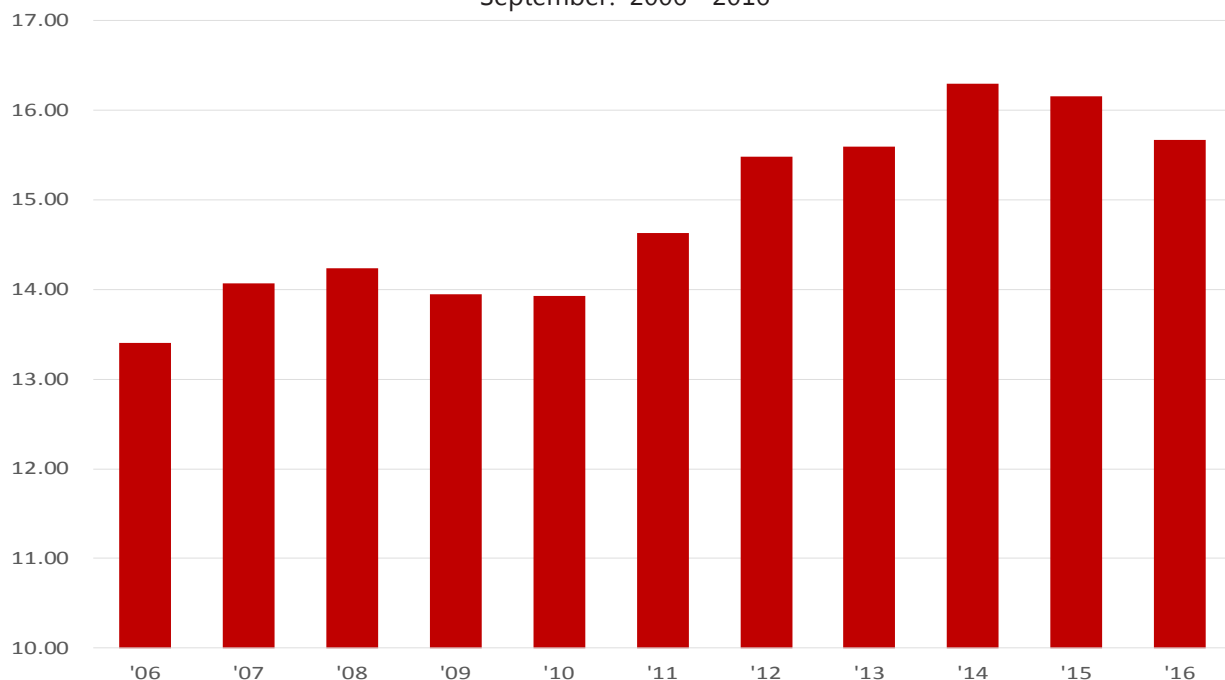
Manufacturing

	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>Aug 16</u>	<u>Sep 15</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.8	41.0	41.2
Average Hourly Earnings	15.67	15.65	16.15
Average Weekly Earnings	623.67	641.65	665.38

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>Aug 16</u>	<u>Sep 15</u>		<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>Aug 16</u>	<u>Sep 15</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.2	42.6	39.5	Average Weekly Hours	38.6	39.5	42.9
Average Hourly Earnings	17.67	17.36	18.02	Average Hourly Earnings	13.72	13.94	14.50
Average Weekly Earnings	728.00	739.54	711.79	Average Weekly Earnings	529.59	550.63	622.05

Average Hourly Earnings - Manufacturing
September: 2006 - 2016



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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)

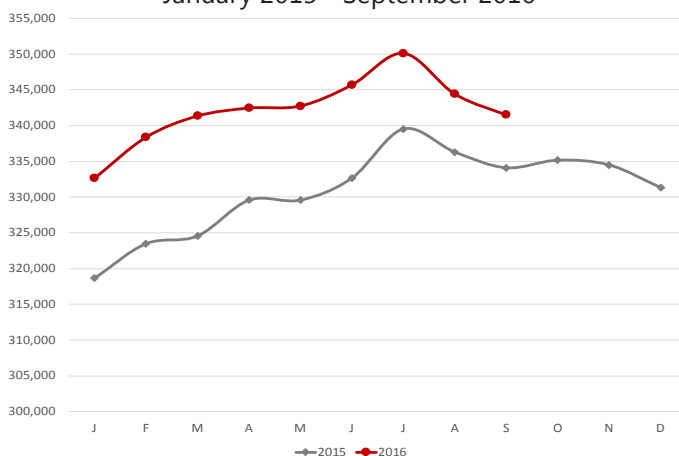
	Sep 16	Aug 16	Sep 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	354,215	356,569	348,804	-2,354	5,411
Employment	341,495	344,403	334,098	-2,908	7,397
Unemployment	12,720	12,166	14,706	554	-1,986
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.4	4.2	0.2	-0.6

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

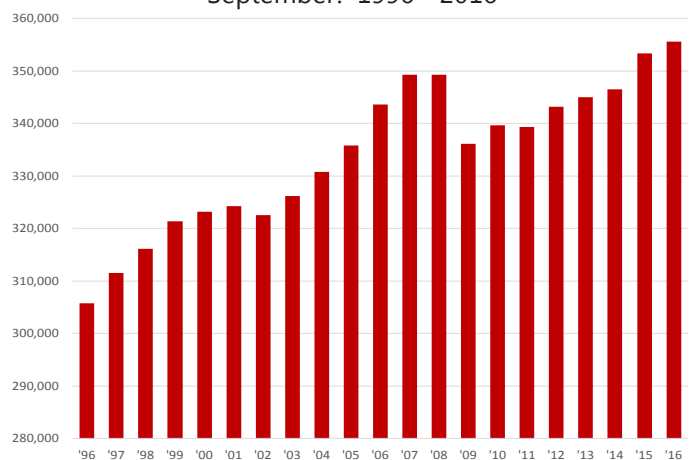
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 16	Aug 16	Sep 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	355.6	355.0	353.3	0.6	2.3
Goods Producing	36.4	36.8	37.8	-0.4	-1.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	16.0	16.5	17.5	-0.5	-1.5
Manufacturing	20.4	20.3	20.3	0.1	0.1
Service Providing	319.2	318.2	315.5	1.0	3.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	69.2	70.4	68.9	-1.2	0.3
Wholesale Trade	15.2	15.3	15.3	-0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	39.1	40.3	39.0	-1.2	0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	14.9	14.8	14.6	0.1	0.3
Information	6.1	6.1	6.5	0.0	-0.4
Financial Activities	20.6	20.8	20.6	-0.2	0.0
Professional & Business Services	48.3	48.8	46.9	-0.5	1.4
Educational & Health Services	53.9	53.2	52.9	0.7	1.0
Leisure & Hospitality	34.6	34.3	33.6	0.3	1.0
Other Services	15.3	15.4	15.1	-0.1	0.2
Government	71.2	69.2	71.0	2.0	0.2
Federal Government	9.8	9.8	9.6	0.0	0.2
State Government	35.1	34.1	34.8	1.0	0.3
Local Government	26.3	25.3	26.6	1.0	-0.3

Number of Employed
January 2015 - September 2016



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
September: 1996 - 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA= Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas & McDonald county in Missouri.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Sep 16	Aug 16	Sep 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	263,998	263,754	256,052	244	7,946
Employment	256,301	256,407	247,525	-106	8,776
Unemployment	7,697	7,347	8,527	350	-830
Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.8	3.3	0.1	-0.4

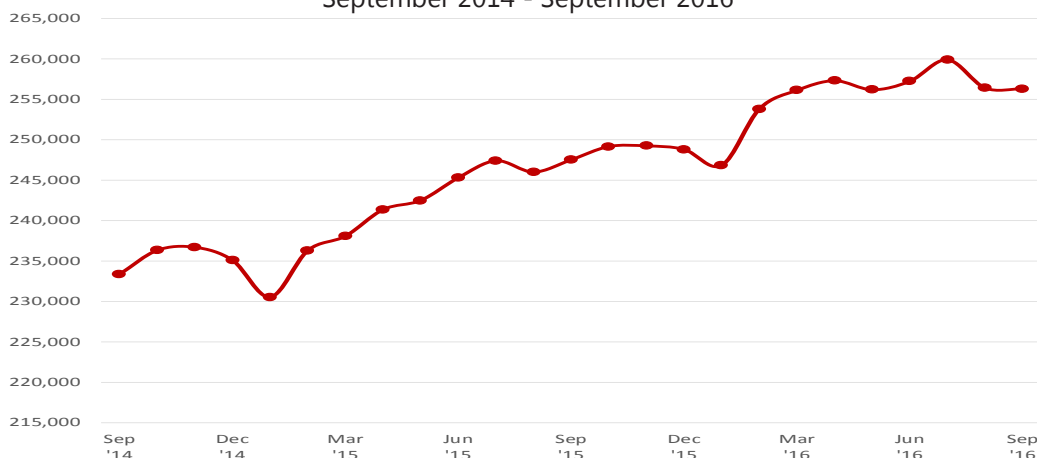
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 16	Aug 16	Sep 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	244.5	241.7	239.7	2.8	4.8
Goods Producing	36.6	36.6	37.3	0.0	-0.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	10.5	10.5	10.1	0.0	0.4
Manufacturing	26.1	26.1	27.2	0.0	-1.1
Service Providing	207.9	205.1	202.4	2.8	5.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	55.5	55.5	54.4	0.0	1.1
Wholesale Trade	12.3	12.3	11.9	0.0	0.4
Retail Trade	26.7	26.7	26.0	0.0	0.7
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.5	16.5	16.5	0.0	0.0
Information	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	7.0	7.0	6.9	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	49.7	50.4	47.7	-0.7	2.0
Educational & Health Services	27.3	26.4	26.2	0.9	1.1
Leisure & Hospitality	24.2	25.0	24.3	-0.8	-0.1
Other Services	7.4	7.4	7.2	0.0	0.2
Government	34.8	31.4	33.7	3.4	1.1
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
State Government	14.1	11.9	13.3	2.2	0.8
Local Government	18.1	16.9	17.8	1.2	0.3

Number of Employed

September 2014 - September 2016



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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)

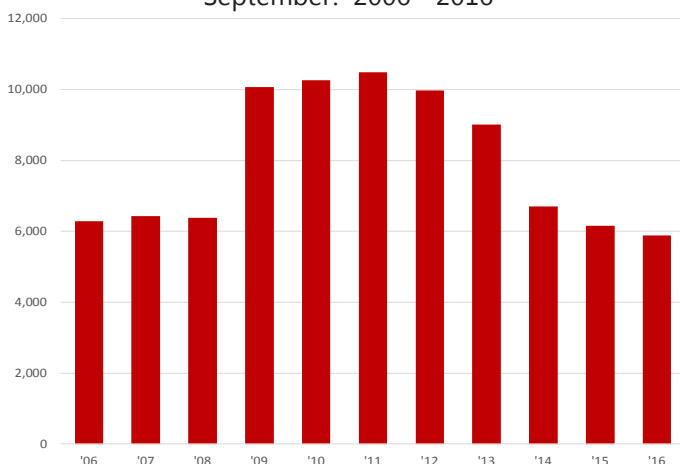
	Sep 16	Aug 16	Sep 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	121,716	121,781	121,361	-65	355
Employment	115,835	116,147	115,200	-312	635
Unemployment	5,881	5,634	6,161	247	-280
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.6	5.1	0.2	-0.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 16	Aug 16	Sep 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	114.0	113.2	113.8	0.8	0.2
Goods Producing	23.7	23.7	23.7	0.0	0.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.7	5.8	6.0	-0.1	-0.3
Manufacturing	18.0	17.9	17.7	0.1	0.3
Service Providing	90.3	89.5	90.1	0.8	0.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.6	23.9	23.7	-0.3	-0.1
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.3	4.1	-0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	12.9	13.0	12.8	-0.1	0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.5	6.6	6.8	-0.1	-0.3
Information	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.7	3.7	3.8	0.0	-0.1
Professional & Business Services	12.2	12.3	12.4	-0.1	-0.2
Educational & Health Services	16.7	16.7	16.7	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	9.7	9.8	9.5	-0.1	0.2
Other Services	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
Government	18.9	17.6	18.5	1.3	0.4
Federal Government	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
State Government	3.1	2.9	3.1	0.2	0.0
Local Government	14.4	13.3	14.1	1.1	0.3

Number of Unemployed
September: 2006 - 2016



Jobs in Service Providing Industries
September 2014 - September 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Sep 16	Aug 16	Sep 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	40,924	41,285	40,092	-361	832
Employment	39,175	39,617	38,000	-442	1,175
Unemployment	1,749	1,668	2,092	81	-343
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.0	5.2	0.3	-0.9

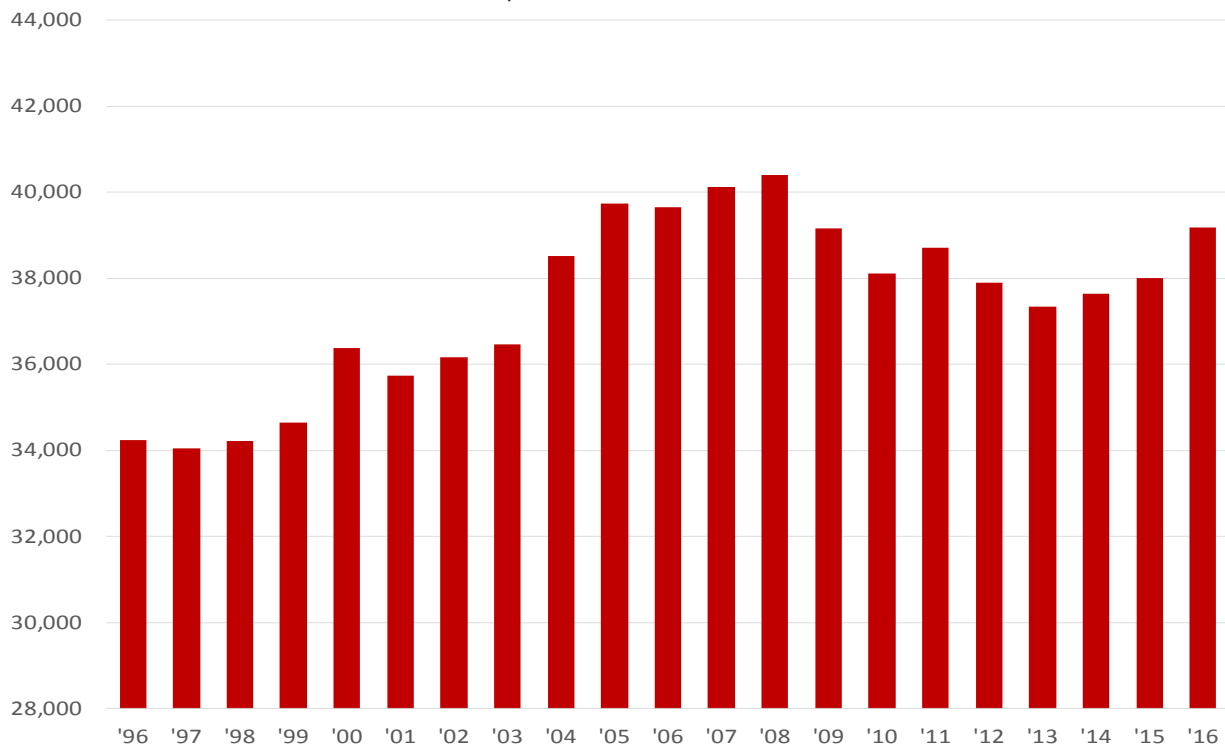
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 16	Aug 16	Sep 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	38.4	38.3	37.7	0.1	0.7
Goods Producing	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	33.9	33.8	33.2	0.1	0.7
Government	4.8	4.5	4.8	0.3	0.0

Number of Employed

September: 1996 - 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Sep 16	Aug 16	Sep 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	63,599	63,281	61,167	318	2,432
Employment	61,514	61,217	58,599	297	2,915
Unemployment	2,085	2,064	2,568	21	-483
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.3	4.2	0.0	-0.9

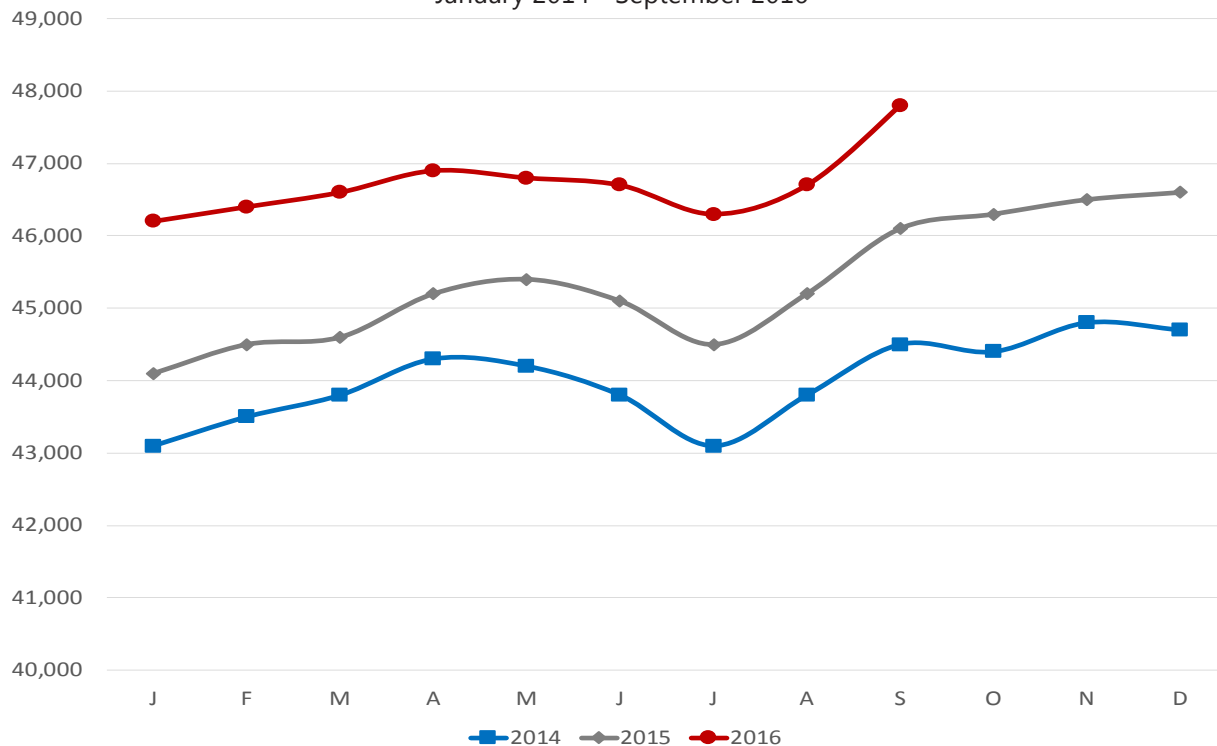
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 16	Aug 16	Sep 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	57.0	55.9	55.1	1.1	1.9
Goods Producing	9.2	9.2	9.0	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	47.8	46.7	46.1	1.1	1.7
Government	9.0	8.5	8.9	0.5	0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January 2014 - September 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Sep 16	Aug 16	Sep 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	36,100	36,262	36,346	-162	-246
Employment	34,136	34,225	34,028	-89	108
Unemployment	1,964	2,037	2,318	-73	-354
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.6	6.4	-0.2	-1.0

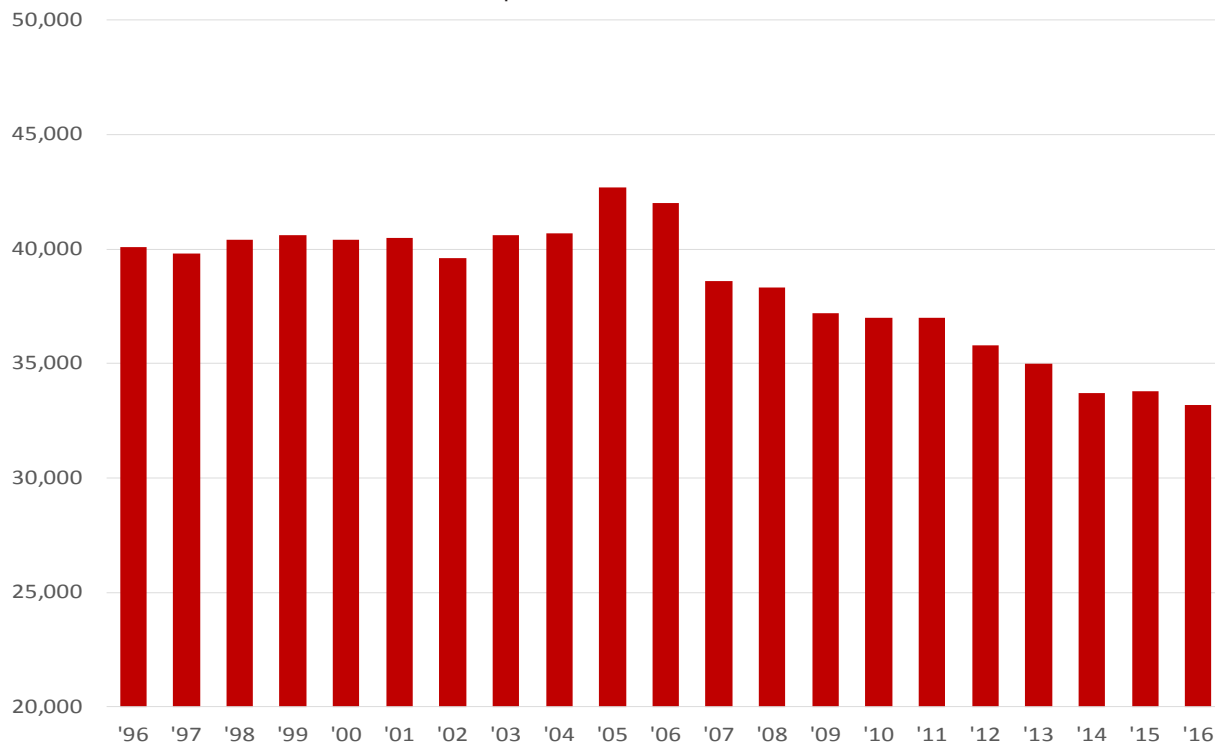
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 16	Aug 16	Sep 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	33.2	32.9	33.8	0.3	-0.6
Goods Producing	5.9	5.9	6.2	0.0	-0.3
Service Providing	27.3	27.0	27.6	0.3	-0.3
Government	9.3	9.0	9.5	0.3	-0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

September: 1996 - 2016



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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.

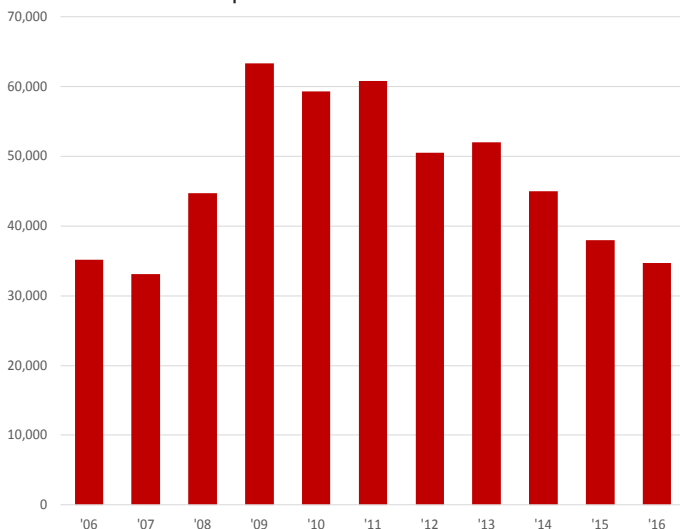
	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>Aug 16</u>	<u>Sep 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	624,751	623,981	611,394	770	13,357
Employment	590,045	589,828	573,409	217	16,636
Unemployment	34,706	34,153	37,985	553	-3,279
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.5	6.2	0.1	-0.6

Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>Aug 16</u>	<u>Sep 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,519	64,894	64,881	625	638
Employment	62,305	61,614	61,800	691	505
Unemployment	3,214	3,280	3,081	-66	133
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.1	4.7	-0.2	0.2

Number of Unemployed- Memphis MSA
September: 2006 - 2016



Employment - Texarkana MSA
September 2014 - September 2016



Labor Market Report

Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Micro Area	September 2016				August 2016				September 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,850	9,428	422	4.3	9,625	9,196	429	4.5	9,552	9,106	446	4.7
Batesville Micro	16,222	15,457	765	4.7	15,646	14,862	784	5.0	15,798	14,833	965	6.1
Blytheville Micro	18,131	16,922	1,209	6.7	17,888	16,610	1,278	7.1	18,201	16,765	1,436	7.9
Camden Micro	12,394	11,765	629	5.1	12,364	11,687	677	5.5	12,199	11,501	698	5.7
El Dorado Micro	17,026	16,111	915	5.4	16,993	16,037	956	5.6	17,005	16,027	978	5.8
Forrest City Micro	8,956	8,521	435	4.9	9,026	8,574	452	5.0	8,847	8,249	598	6.8
Harrison Micro	19,518	18,814	704	3.6	18,962	18,324	638	3.4	19,154	18,291	863	4.5
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,798	6,412	386	5.7	6,764	6,394	370	5.5	6,869	6,400	469	6.8
Magnolia Micro	9,599	9,078	521	5.4	9,377	8,844	533	5.7	9,595	8,984	611	6.4
Malvern Micro	14,521	13,962	559	3.8	14,412	13,900	512	3.6	14,250	13,574	676	4.7
Mountain Home Micro	16,394	15,686	708	4.3	16,128	15,473	655	4.1	16,321	15,489	832	5.1
Paragould Micro	20,081	19,216	865	4.3	19,788	19,006	782	4.0	19,705	18,760	945	4.8
Russellville Micro	38,593	36,916	1,677	4.3	37,728	35,974	1,754	4.6	38,665	36,826	1,839	4.8
Searcy Micro	34,767	33,100	1,667	4.8	34,521	32,852	1,669	4.8	34,403	32,455	1,948	5.7

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

Magnolia Micro= Columbia County

Malvern Micro= Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro= Baxter County

Paragould Micro= Greene County

Russellville Micro= Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro= White County

City Labor Force Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

City	September 2016				August 2016				September 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,139	11,719	420	3.5	12,092	11,722	370	3.1	11,786	11,310	476	4.0
Benton	16,329	15,765	564	3.5	16,414	15,900	514	3.1	16,061	15,431	630	3.9
Bentonville	22,644	22,026	618	2.7	22,614	22,032	582	2.6	21,950	21,257	693	3.2
Blytheville	6,277	5,778	499	7.9	6,176	5,671	505	8.2	6,327	5,724	603	9.5
Cabot	11,834	11,465	369	3.1	11,925	11,561	364	3.1	11,636	11,188	448	3.9
Conway	33,271	32,096	1,175	3.5	33,511	32,374	1,137	3.4	32,746	31,399	1,347	4.1
El Dorado	7,398	6,948	450	6.1	7,378	6,916	462	6.3	7,394	6,911	483	6.5
Fayetteville	45,990	44,691	1,299	2.8	46,012	44,714	1,298	2.8	44,593	43,143	1,450	3.3
Fort Smith	40,329	38,825	1,504	3.7	40,409	38,993	1,416	3.5	40,023	38,219	1,804	4.5
Hot Springs	14,305	13,617	688	4.8	14,420	13,771	649	4.5	14,021	13,209	812	5.8
Jacksonville	11,990	11,433	557	4.6	12,042	11,530	512	4.3	11,805	11,191	614	5.2
Jonesboro	37,083	35,900	1,183	3.2	36,868	35,724	1,144	3.1	35,700	34,222	1,478	4.1
Little Rock	97,828	94,389	3,439	3.5	98,571	95,191	3,380	3.4	96,488	92,390	4,098	4.2
North Little Rock	30,500	29,282	1,218	4.0	30,656	29,531	1,125	3.7	30,105	28,662	1,443	4.8
Paragould	12,546	11,964	582	4.6	12,340	11,834	506	4.1	12,311	11,680	631	5.1
Pine Bluff	17,256	16,147	1,109	6.4	17,373	16,185	1,188	6.8	17,441	16,123	1,318	7.6
Rogers	33,450	32,562	888	2.7	33,419	32,572	847	2.5	32,500	31,426	1,074	3.3
Russellville	13,764	13,180	584	4.2	13,467	12,837	630	4.7	13,810	13,172	638	4.6
Searcy	10,656	10,201	455	4.3	10,555	10,124	431	4.1	10,543	10,002	541	5.1
Sherwood	15,716	15,230	486	3.1	15,816	15,359	457	2.9	15,437	14,907	530	3.4
Springdale	38,509	37,433	1,076	2.8	38,440	37,452	988	2.6	37,315	36,136	1,179	3.2
Texarkana, AR	13,834	13,214	620	4.5	13,813	13,160	653	4.7	13,702	13,018	684	5.0
Van Buren	10,503	10,125	378	3.6	10,541	10,168	373	3.5	10,437	9,952	485	4.6
West Memphis	10,825	10,247	578	5.3	10,922	10,361	561	5.1	10,653	10,023	630	5.9

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County Labor Force Statistics

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	September 2016				August 2016				September 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,380	9,066	314	3.3	9,403	9,104	299	3.2	9,398	9,038	360	3.8
Ashley	8,152	7,651	501	6.1	7,975	7,473	502	6.3	8,110	7,554	556	6.9
Baxter	16,394	15,686	708	4.3	16,128	15,473	655	4.1	16,321	15,489	832	5.1
Benton	125,608	121,920	3,688	2.9	125,398	121,958	3,440	2.7	121,838	117,668	4,170	3.4
Boone	16,089	15,514	575	3.6	15,619	15,101	518	3.3	15,806	15,091	715	4.5
Bradley	4,618	4,366	252	5.5	4,444	4,181	263	5.9	4,300	4,037	263	6.1
Calhoun	2,384	2,264	120	5.0	2,370	2,249	121	5.1	2,327	2,201	126	5.4
Carroll	13,267	12,849	418	3.2	13,375	13,007	368	2.8	12,664	12,207	457	3.6
Chicot	3,611	3,389	222	6.1	3,613	3,398	215	6.0	3,620	3,322	298	8.2
Clark	9,850	9,428	422	4.3	9,625	9,196	429	4.5	9,552	9,106	446	4.7
Clay	6,131	5,820	311	5.1	6,132	5,823	309	5.0	6,146	5,788	358	5.8
Cleburne	9,629	9,106	523	5.4	9,528	8,987	541	5.7	9,599	8,986	613	6.4
Cleveland	3,350	3,202	148	4.4	3,361	3,212	149	4.4	3,342	3,173	169	5.1
Columbia	9,599	9,078	521	5.4	9,377	8,844	533	5.7	9,595	8,984	611	6.4
Conway	8,705	8,238	467	5.4	8,736	8,224	512	5.9	8,659	8,148	511	5.9
Craighead	52,999	51,348	1,651	3.1	52,728	51,096	1,632	3.1	51,014	48,948	2,066	4.0
Crawford	27,062	26,024	1,038	3.8	27,152	26,134	1,018	3.7	26,878	25,579	1,299	4.8
Crittenden	21,751	20,763	988	4.5	21,965	20,995	970	4.4	21,507	20,309	1,198	5.6
Cross	8,013	7,678	335	4.2	8,009	7,693	316	3.9	7,973	7,604	369	4.6
Dallas	3,031	2,890	141	4.7	3,042	2,889	153	5.0	2,848	2,655	193	6.8
Desha	5,592	5,321	271	4.8	5,586	5,302	284	5.1	5,436	5,089	347	6.4
Drew	8,160	7,748	412	5.0	7,742	7,297	445	5.7	7,802	7,323	479	6.1
Faulkner	60,831	58,577	2,254	3.7	61,356	59,085	2,271	3.7	59,904	57,306	2,598	4.3
Franklin	7,429	7,134	295	4.0	7,428	7,142	286	3.9	7,336	6,994	342	4.7
Fulton	4,754	4,568	186	3.9	4,595	4,416	179	3.9	4,771	4,535	236	4.9
Garland	40,924	39,175	1,749	4.3	41,285	39,617	1,668	4.0	40,092	38,000	2,092	5.2
Grant	8,434	8,135	299	3.5	8,469	8,199	270	3.2	8,291	7,936	355	4.3
Greene	20,081	19,216	865	4.3	19,788	19,006	782	4.0	19,705	18,760	945	4.8
Hempstead	10,115	9,729	386	3.8	9,734	9,371	363	3.7	9,901	9,452	449	4.5
Hot Spring	14,521	13,962	559	3.8	14,412	13,900	512	3.6	14,250	13,574	676	4.7
Howard	5,861	5,666	195	3.3	5,801	5,605	196	3.4	5,874	5,633	241	4.1
Independence	16,222	15,457	765	4.7	15,646	14,862	784	5.0	15,798	14,833	965	6.1
Izard	5,098	4,841	257	5.0	4,990	4,725	265	5.3	5,075	4,764	311	6.1
Jackson	6,164	5,798	366	5.9	6,140	5,777	363	5.9	6,002	5,611	391	6.5
Jefferson	28,663	27,049	1,614	5.6	28,800	27,114	1,686	5.9	28,926	27,009	1,917	6.6
Johnson	10,539	10,053	486	4.6	10,051	9,568	483	4.8	10,388	9,850	538	5.2
Lafayette	2,598	2,443	155	6.0	2,545	2,387	158	6.2	2,597	2,406	191	7.4
Lawrence	7,177	6,881	296	4.1	6,884	6,575	309	4.5	6,988	6,622	366	5.2
Lee	3,080	2,931	149	4.8	3,082	2,942	140	4.5	3,034	2,845	189	6.2
Lincoln	4,087	3,885	202	4.9	4,101	3,899	202	4.9	4,078	3,846	232	5.7
Little River	5,711	5,441	270	4.7	5,704	5,413	291	5.1	5,633	5,358	275	4.9
Logan	9,218	8,798	420	4.6	9,201	8,793	408	4.4	9,208	8,699	509	5.5
Lonoke	33,649	32,492	1,157	3.4	33,850	32,764	1,086	3.2	33,006	31,707	1,299	3.9
Madison	7,383	7,157	226	3.1	7,386	7,168	218	3.0	7,118	6,862	256	3.6
Marion	6,702	6,432	270	4.0	6,604	6,354	250	3.8	6,607	6,290	317	4.8
Miller	19,960	19,131	829	4.2	19,912	19,053	859	4.3	19,777	18,848	929	4.7

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County	September 2016				August 2016				September 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	18,131	16,922	1,209	6.7	17,888	16,610	1,278	7.1	18,201	16,765	1,436	7.9
Monroe	2,952	2,816	136	4.6	2,971	2,837	134	4.5	2,897	2,734	163	5.6
Montgomery	3,157	3,001	156	4.9	3,179	3,034	145	4.6	3,094	2,896	198	6.4
Nevada	3,771	3,630	141	3.7	3,627	3,493	134	3.7	3,712	3,538	174	4.7
Newton	3,429	3,300	129	3.8	3,343	3,223	120	3.6	3,348	3,200	148	4.4
Ouachita	10,010	9,501	509	5.1	9,994	9,438	556	5.6	9,872	9,300	572	5.8
Perry	4,267	4,073	194	4.5	4,301	4,110	191	4.4	4,214	3,976	238	5.6
Phillips	6,798	6,412	386	5.7	6,764	6,394	370	5.5	6,869	6,400	469	6.8
Pike	4,271	4,090	181	4.2	4,285	4,121	164	3.8	4,098	3,869	229	5.6
Poinsett	10,600	10,166	434	4.1	10,553	10,121	432	4.1	10,153	9,651	502	4.9
Polk	8,180	7,781	399	4.9	8,171	7,786	385	4.7	8,121	7,666	455	5.6
Pope	29,614	28,316	1,298	4.4	28,949	27,578	1,371	4.7	29,721	28,298	1,423	4.8
Prairie	3,693	3,559	134	3.6	3,651	3,517	134	3.7	3,616	3,453	163	4.5
Pulaski	190,498	183,535	6,963	3.7	191,745	185,094	6,651	3.5	187,746	179,648	8,098	4.3
Randolph	6,279	5,993	286	4.6	6,165	5,884	281	4.6	6,115	5,746	369	6.0
St. Francis	8,956	8,521	435	4.9	9,026	8,574	452	5.0	8,847	8,249	598	6.8
Saline	56,536	54,683	1,853	3.3	56,848	55,151	1,697	3.0	55,643	53,525	2,118	3.8
Scott	4,498	4,331	167	3.7	4,460	4,297	163	3.7	4,402	4,204	198	4.5
Searcy	3,039	2,898	141	4.6	3,033	2,903	130	4.3	3,070	2,923	147	4.8
Sebastian	58,027	55,836	2,191	3.8	58,139	56,077	2,062	3.5	57,571	54,965	2,606	4.5
Sevier	5,700	5,422	278	4.9	5,652	5,382	270	4.8	5,590	5,263	327	5.8
Sharp	6,126	5,816	310	5.1	5,924	5,617	307	5.2	6,068	5,690	378	6.2
Stone	4,767	4,535	232	4.9	4,785	4,554	231	4.8	4,703	4,430	273	5.8
Union	17,026	16,111	915	5.4	16,993	16,037	956	5.6	17,005	16,027	978	5.8
Van Buren	6,498	6,105	393	6.0	6,413	6,002	411	6.4	6,417	6,024	393	6.1
Washington	119,893	116,605	3,288	2.7	119,809	116,666	3,143	2.6	116,261	112,568	3,693	3.2
White	34,767	33,100	1,667	4.8	34,521	32,852	1,669	4.8	34,403	32,455	1,948	5.7
Woodruff	2,965	2,814	151	5.1	2,962	2,806	156	5.3	2,929	2,759	170	5.8
Yell	8,979	8,600	379	4.2	8,779	8,396	383	4.4	8,944	8,528	416	4.7

County Labor Force Summary

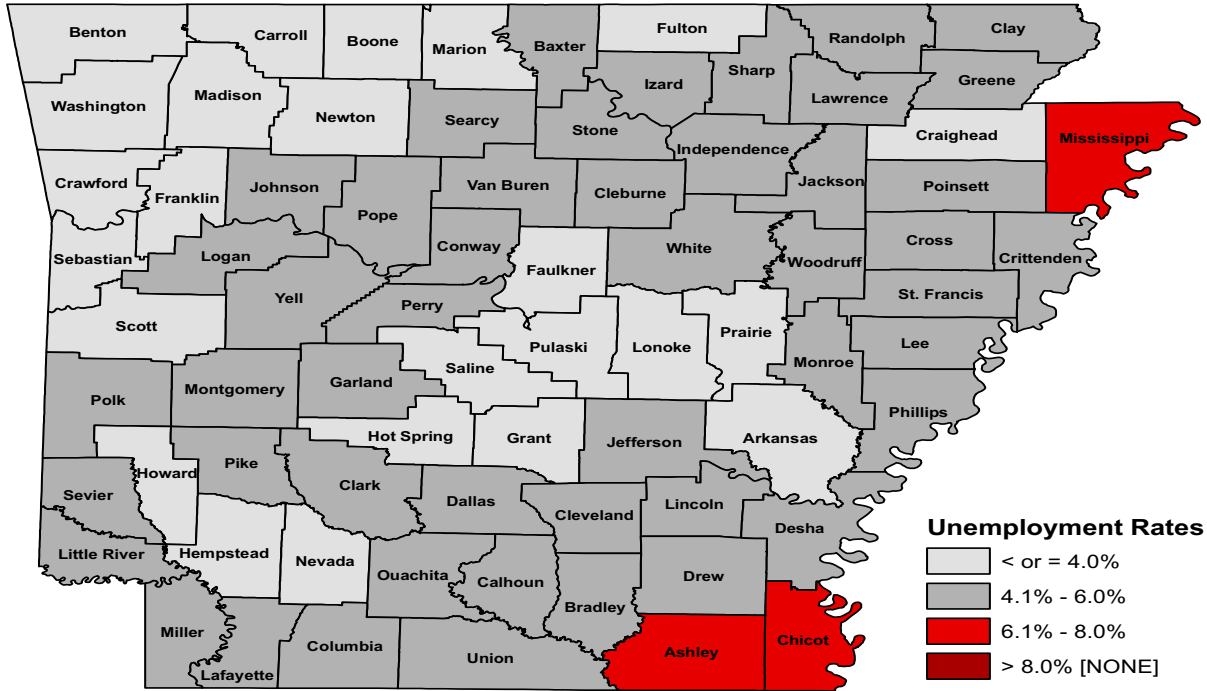
Between August and September, unemployment rates increased in 35 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Twenty-nine counties posted rate declines, while 11 were unchanged over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.7 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.7 percent in Mississippi County.

In September, twenty-four counties had unemployment rates at or below four percent, down from 28 counties at or above four percent last month). No county posted rates above eight percent, for the third consecutive month.

Compared to September 2015, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties.

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Ranked by Unemployment Rates

September 2016- Not Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.7	25	Poinsett	4.1	50	Montgomery	4.9
2	Benton	2.9	27	Cross	4.2	50	Polk	4.9
3	Craighead	3.1	27	Miller	4.2	50	St. Francis	4.9
3	Madison	3.1	27	Pike	4.2	50	Sevier	4.9
5	Carroll	3.2	27	Yell	4.2	50	Stone	4.9
6	Arkansas	3.3	31	Baxter	4.3	56	Calhoun	5.0
6	Howard	3.3	31	Clark	4.3	56	Drew	5.0
6	Saline	3.3	31	Garland	4.3	56	Izard	5.0
9	Lonoke	3.4	31	Greene	4.3	59	Clay	5.1
10	Grant	3.5	35	Cleveland	4.4	59	Ouachita	5.1
11	Boone	3.6	35	Pope	4.4	59	Sharp	5.1
11	Prairie	3.6	37	Crittenden	4.5	59	Woodruff	5.1
13	Faulkner	3.7	37	Perry	4.5	63	Cleburne	5.4
13	Nevada	3.7	39	Johnson	4.6	63	Columbia	5.4
13	Pulaski	3.7	39	Logan	4.6	63	Conway	5.4
13	Scott	3.7	39	Monroe	4.6	63	Union	5.4
17	Crawford	3.8	39	Randolph	4.6	67	Bradley	5.5
17	Hempstead	3.8	39	Searcy	4.6	68	Jefferson	5.6
17	Hot Spring	3.8	44	Dallas	4.7	69	Phillips	5.7
17	Newton	3.8	44	Independence	4.7	70	Jackson	5.9
17	Sebastian	3.8	44	Little River	4.7	71	Lafayette	6.0
22	Fulton	3.9	47	Desha	4.8	71	Van Buren	6.0
23	Franklin	4.0	47	Lee	4.8	73	Ashley	6.1
23	Marion	4.0	47	White	4.8	73	Chicot	6.1
25	Lawrence	4.1	50	Lincoln	4.9	75	Mississippi	6.7

Labor Market Report

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LWDA	September 2016				August 2016				September 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	250,331	241,273	9,058	3.6	251,850	243,257	8,593	3.4	246,324	235,983	10,341	4.2
City of Little Rock	97,828	94,389	3,439	3.5	98,571	95,191	3,380	3.4	96,488	92,390	4,098	4.2
Eastern	48,598	46,305	2,293	4.7	48,846	46,598	2,248	4.6	48,230	45,407	2,823	5.9
North Central	96,990	92,140	4,850	5.0	95,504	90,598	4,906	5.1	95,765	90,087	5,678	5.9
Northeast	121,398	116,346	5,052	4.2	120,138	115,115	5,023	4.2	118,322	112,280	6,042	5.1
Northwest	311,804	302,361	9,443	3.0	310,695	301,853	8,842	2.8	303,033	292,298	10,735	3.5
Southeast	84,047	79,812	4,235	5.0	83,494	79,179	4,315	5.2	83,303	78,327	4,976	6.0
Southwest	95,766	91,306	4,460	4.7	94,751	90,161	4,590	4.8	94,731	89,665	5,066	5.3
West Central	134,827	128,936	5,891	4.4	133,602	127,744	5,858	4.4	133,012	126,245	6,767	5.1
Western	114,414	109,904	4,510	3.9	114,551	110,229	4,322	3.8	113,516	108,107	5,409	4.8

