

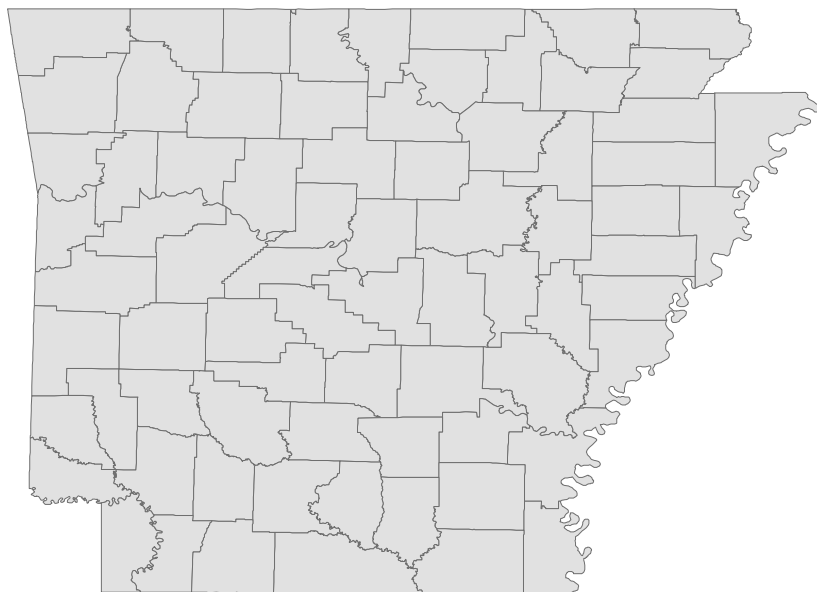
Arkansas Labor Market Report

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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 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 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 2016 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.

October Spotlight

A Comparative Looks at Unemployment

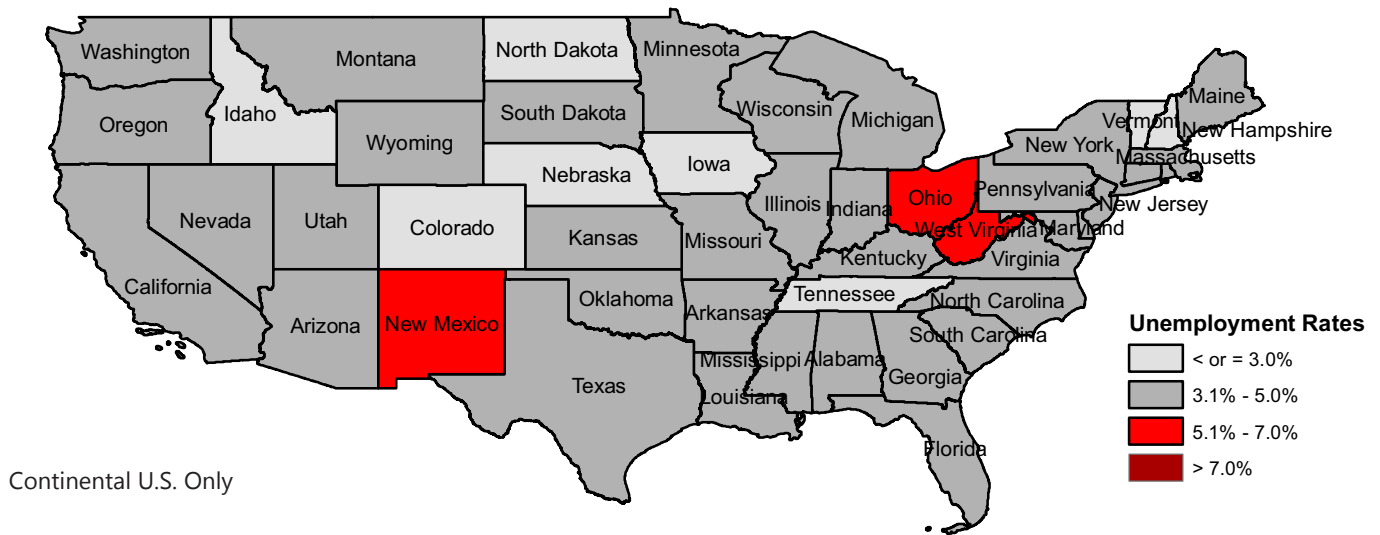
Due to differing economies and labor force conditions across various regions of the country, unemployment rates vary greatly from state to state. In October 2017, state jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Hawaii to a high of 7.2 percent in Alaska. The unemployment rate in Arkansas in October increased to 3.6 percent, a ranking of 16 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)

October 2017

Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate
1	Hawaii	2.2	16	Florida	3.6	33	Michigan	4.5
2	North Dakota	2.5	16	Kansas	3.6	33	Washington	4.5
3	Colorado	2.7	16	Virginia	3.6	37	Pennsylvania	4.7
3	Nebraska	2.7	21	Massachusetts	3.7	38	Delaware	4.8
3	New Hampshire	2.7	22	Maryland	3.8	38	Louisiana	4.8
6	Idaho	2.9	23	Indiana	3.9	38	New York	4.8
6	Vermont	2.9	23	Montana	3.9	41	California	4.9
8	Iowa	3.0	23	South Carolina	3.9	41	Illinois	4.9
8	Tennessee	3.0	23	Texas	3.9	41	Mississippi	4.9
10	Minnesota	3.3	27	North Carolina	4.1	41	New Jersey	4.9
10	Utah	3.3	28	Rhode Island	4.2	45	Kentucky	5.0
12	Wisconsin	3.4	28	Wyoming	4.2	45	Nevada	5.0
13	Maine	3.5	30	Georgia	4.3	47	Ohio	5.1
13	Missouri	3.5	30	Oregon	4.3	47	West Virginia	5.1
13	South Dakota	3.5	32	Oklahoma	4.4	49	New Mexico	6.1
16	Alabama	3.6	33	Arizona	4.5	50	District of Columbia	6.6
16	Arkansas	3.6	33	Connecticut	4.5	51	Alaska	7.2

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 4.1 Percent



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State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

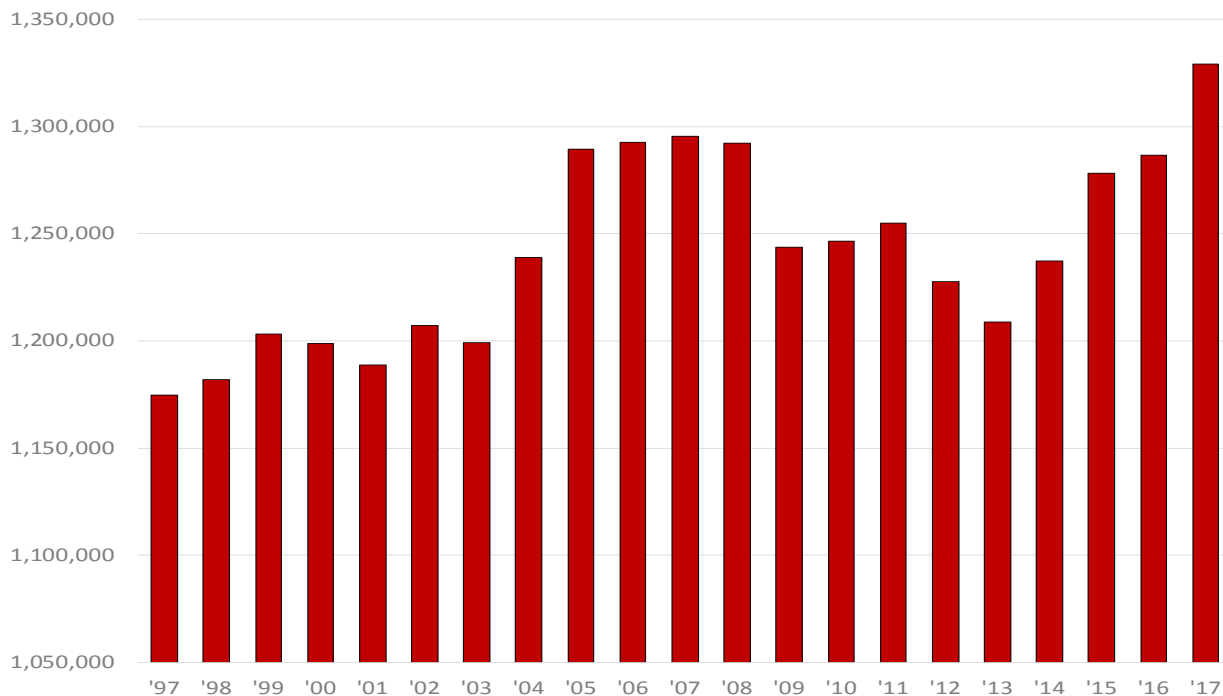
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose from 3.5 percent in September to 3.6 percent in October. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 1,191, a result of 1,870 fewer employed and 679 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate declined to 4.1 percent in October, down from 4.2 percent in September.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate rose one-tenth a percentage point in October, as employment declined slightly over the month. Even with this decrease, there are still 42,501 more employed in Arkansas compared to October 2016."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Oct 16</u>		<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Oct 16</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,378,419	1,379,610	1,340,169	Civilian Labor Force	1,374,813	1,375,221	1,342,421
Employment	1,329,105	1,330,975	1,286,604	Employment	1,331,212	1,328,742	1,296,015
Unemployment	49,314	48,635	53,565	Unemployment	43,601	46,479	46,406
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.5	4.0	Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.4	3.5
U.S. Unemployment	4.1	4.2	4.8	U.S. Unemployment	3.9	4.1	4.7

Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)
October: 1997 - 2017



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1266.8	1258.8	1243.3	8.0	23.5
Goods Producing	220.6	219.9	213.0	0.7	7.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	59.9	59.8	58.0	0.1	1.9
Mining & Logging	6.0	6.1	6.1	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	53.9	53.7	51.9	0.2	2.0
Specialty Trade Contractors	34.2	34.6	32.5	-0.4	1.7
Manufacturing	160.7	160.1	155.0	0.6	5.7
Durable Goods	73.6	73.8	73.2	-0.2	0.4
Nondurable Goods	87.1	86.3	81.8	0.8	5.3
Service Providing	1046.2	1038.9	1030.3	7.3	15.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	257.1	253.9	252.7	3.2	4.4
Wholesale Trade	48.5	47.7	46.0	0.8	2.5
Retail Trade	142.9	141.2	142.1	1.7	0.8
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	65.7	65.0	64.6	0.7	1.1
Information	13.2	13.1	13.5	0.1	-0.3
Financial Activities	51.0	51.3	51.5	-0.3	-0.5
Finance & Insurance	37.9	38.2	38.2	-0.3	-0.3
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.1	13.1	13.3	0.0	-0.2
Professional & Business Services	150.2	148.5	145.8	1.7	4.4
Professional, Scientific & Technical	44.3	44.0	42.7	0.3	1.6
Management of Companies	34.0	33.5	35.6	0.5	-1.6
Administrative & Support Services	71.9	71.0	67.5	0.9	4.4
Educational & Health Services	191.5	190.9	187.3	0.6	4.2
Educational Services	19.3	19.1	16.8	0.2	2.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	172.2	171.8	170.5	0.4	1.7
Ambulatory Health Care	59.3	58.5	55.7	0.8	3.6
Social Assistance	38.7	38.6	40.4	0.1	-1.7
Leisure & Hospitality	118.9	119.2	116.9	-0.3	2.0
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	10.4	11.4	10.0	-1.0	0.4
Accommodation & Food Services	108.5	107.8	106.9	0.7	1.6
Accommodation Services	12.3	12.6	11.4	-0.3	0.9
Food Services	96.2	95.2	95.5	1.0	0.7
Other Services	50.0	49.8	47.7	0.2	2.3
Government	214.3	212.2	214.9	2.1	-0.6
Federal Government	20.2	20.2	20.2	0.0	0.0
State Government	80.1	79.1	79.7	1.0	0.4
Local Government	114.0	112.9	115.0	1.1	-1.0

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

September 2017 - October 2017

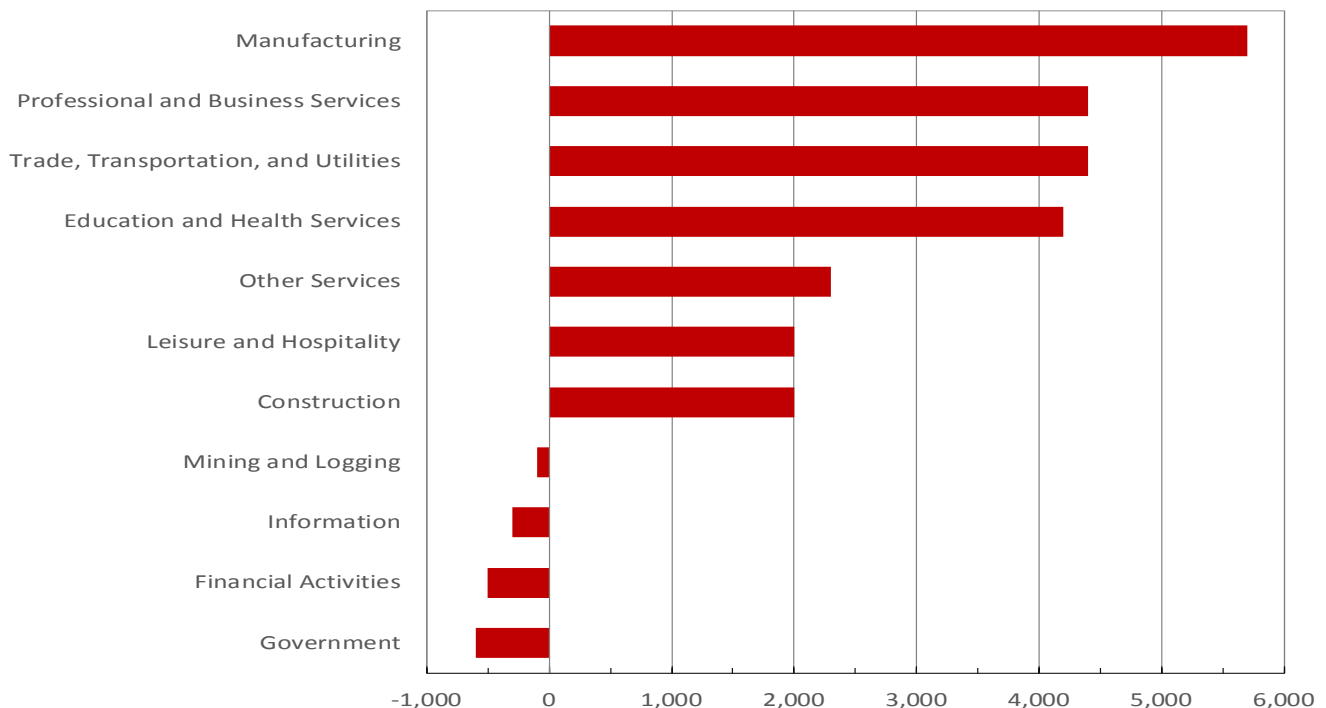
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs increased 8,000 in October to total 1,266,800. Eight major industry sectors posted gains, while three sectors reported minor declines. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 3,200, mostly in retail trade (+1,700). **Government** added 2,100 jobs. A majority of the hiring occurred at public education facilities, with expansions in both local (+1,100) and state (+1,000) government. Employment in **professional and business services** increased 1,700. Gains were posted in all three subsectors.

October 2016 - October 2017

OTY verbiage from the PR Compared to October 2016, nonfarm payroll employment is up 23,500. Growth occurred in seven major industry sectors, with four adding 4,200 or more jobs, each. **Manufacturing** increased 5,700, mostly in nondurable goods manufacturing (+5,300). Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 4,400. Hiring was reported across all three subsectors, with the greatest expansion in wholesale trade (+2,500). **Professional and businesses services** added 4,400 jobs. The largest gains were posted in administrative and support services (+4,400). Employment in **educational and health services** increased 4,200. Additions occurred in both educational services (+2,500) and health care and social assistance (+1,700). Growth was also reported in **other services** (+2,300), **construction** (+2,000), and **leisure and hospitality** (+2,000).

Over-the-Year Job Growth by Industry Sector (Ranked)

October 2016 - October 2017



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State of Arkansas

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

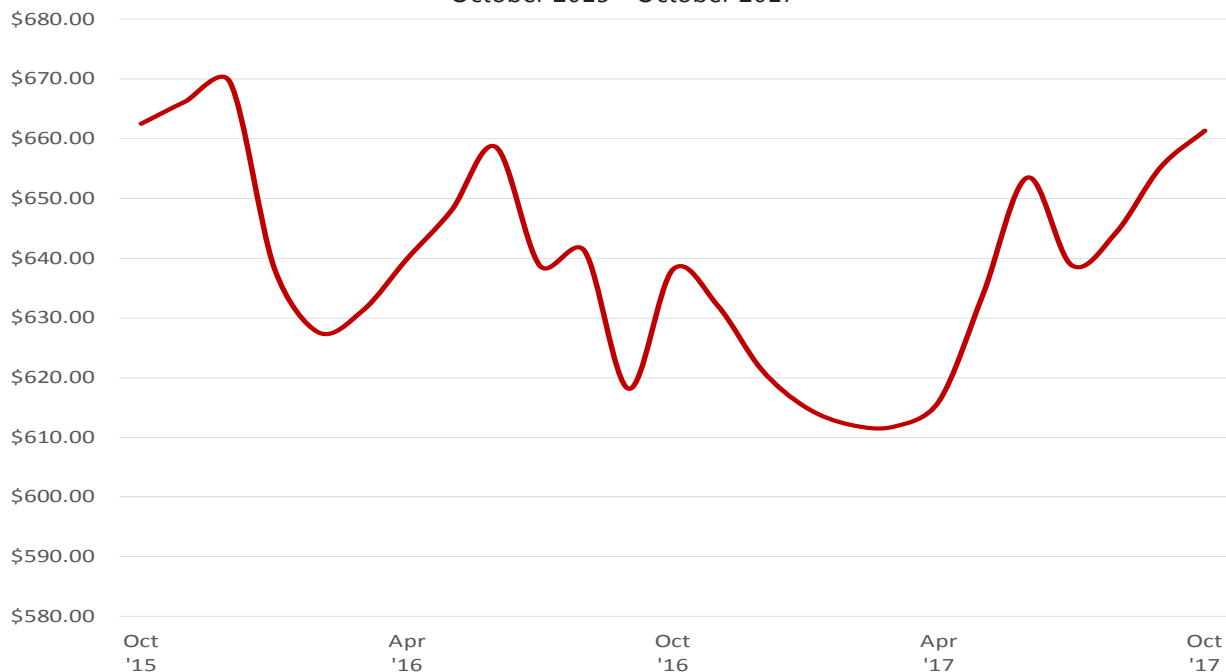
Manufacturing

	Oct 17	Sep 17	Oct 16
Average Weekly Hours	41.0	41.0	40.8
Average Hourly Earnings	16.13	15.98	15.64
Average Weekly Earnings	661.33	655.18	638.11

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	Oct 17	Sep 17	Oct 16		Oct 17	Sep 17	Oct 16
Average Weekly Hours	40.9	41.0	41.5	Average Weekly Hours	41.1	41.0	40.2
Average Hourly Earnings	17.88	17.78	17.42	Average Hourly Earnings	14.77	14.55	14.02
Average Weekly Earnings	731.29	728.98	722.93	Average Weekly Earnings	607.05	596.55	563.60

Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing (Productions Workers)
October 2015 - October 2017



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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)

	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	358,455	358,585	350,226	-130	8,229
Employment	348,141	347,508	339,247	633	8,894
Unemployment	10,314	11,077	10,979	-763	-665
Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.1	3.1	-0.2	-0.2

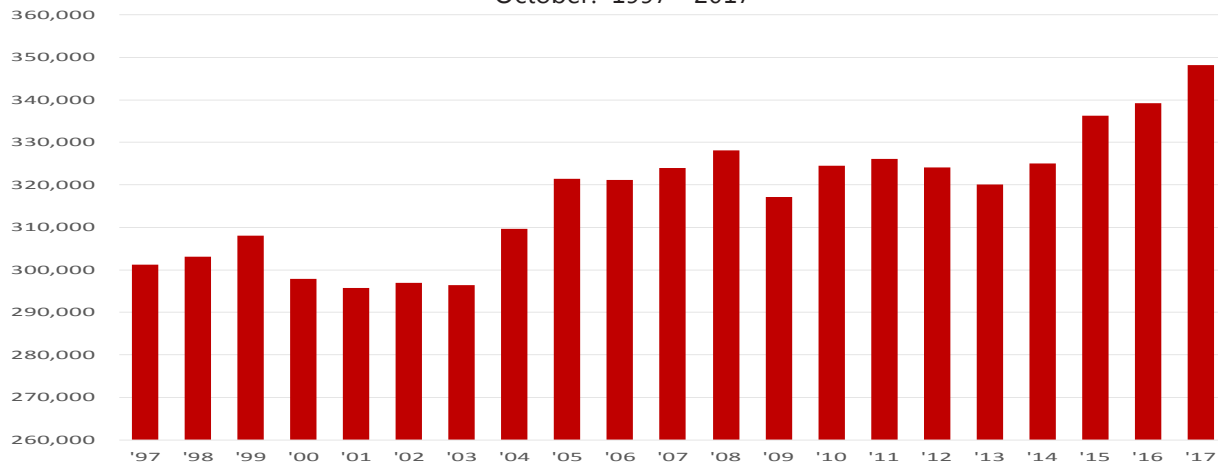
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	358.4	356.7	356.6	1.7	1.8
Goods Producing	38.6	38.2	37.0	0.4	1.6
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.5	18.1	16.9	0.4	1.6
Manufacturing	20.1	20.1	20.1	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	319.8	318.5	319.6	1.3	0.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	70.6	69.6	70.3	1.0	0.3
Wholesale Trade	14.9	14.9	15.0	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	39.5	38.7	39.4	0.8	0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.2	16.0	15.9	0.2	0.3
Information	6.0	6.0	6.3	0.0	-0.3
Financial Activities	20.5	20.5	20.5	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	47.0	47.3	48.1	-0.3	-1.1
Educational & Health Services	57.6	57.4	55.6	0.2	2.0
Leisure & Hospitality	33.2	33.0	34.0	0.2	-0.8
Other Services	14.8	14.9	14.5	-0.1	0.3
Government	70.1	69.8	70.3	0.3	-0.2
Federal Government	9.7	9.7	9.6	0.0	0.1
State Government	35.4	35.3	35.1	0.1	0.3
Local Government	25.0	24.8	25.6	0.2	-0.6

Number of Employed

October: 1997 - 2017



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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)

	Oct 17	Sep 17	Oct 16	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	279,658	278,467	266,858	1,191	12,800
Employment	272,998	271,282	260,094	1,716	12,904
Unemployment	6,660	7,185	6,764	-525	-104
Unemployment Rate	2.4	2.6	2.5	-0.2	-0.1

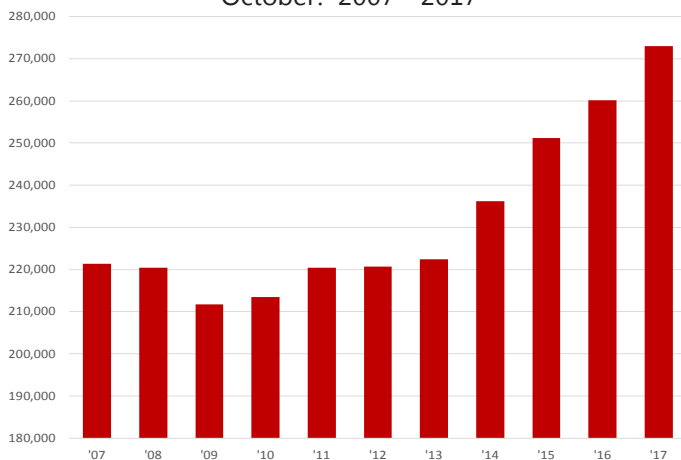
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Oct 17	Sep 17	Oct 16	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	258.2	256.1	250.5	2.1	7.7
Goods Producing	39.1	39.3	38.3	-0.2	0.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	11.0	11.1	10.5	-0.1	0.5
Manufacturing	28.1	28.2	27.8	-0.1	0.3
Service Providing	219.1	216.8	212.2	2.3	6.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	56.5	56.3	56.3	0.2	0.2
Wholesale Trade	12.9	12.8	12.4	0.1	0.5
Retail Trade	25.8	25.8	26.7	0.0	-0.9
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.8	17.7	17.2	0.1	0.6
Information	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	8.0	8.0	7.7	0.0	0.3
Professional & Business Services	52.7	51.8	50.7	0.9	2.0
Educational & Health Services	28.9	28.8	27.9	0.1	1.0
Leisure & Hospitality	26.4	26.2	24.5	0.2	1.9
Other Services	7.8	7.8	7.6	0.0	0.2
Government	36.9	36.0	35.6	0.9	1.3
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	0.1
State Government	15.3	15.0	14.4	0.3	0.9
Local Government	19.0	18.4	18.7	0.6	0.3

Employment

October: 2007 - 2017



Jobs in Professional and Business Services

October 2015 - October 2017



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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)

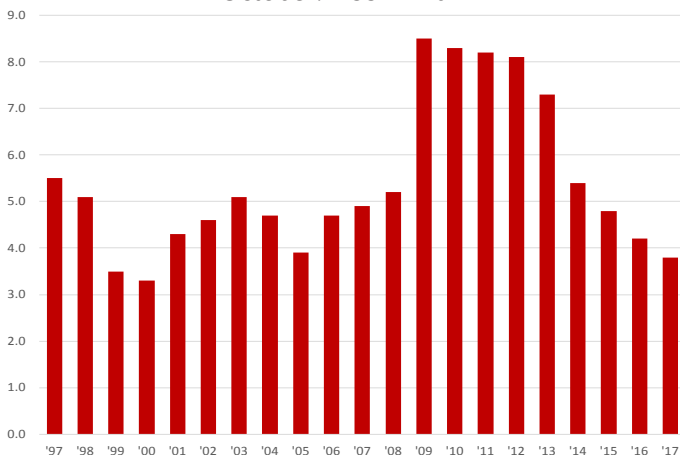
	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	122,455	122,563	121,476	-108	979
Employment	117,753	117,631	116,363	122	1,390
Unemployment	4,702	4,932	5,113	-230	-411
Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.0	4.2	-0.2	-0.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

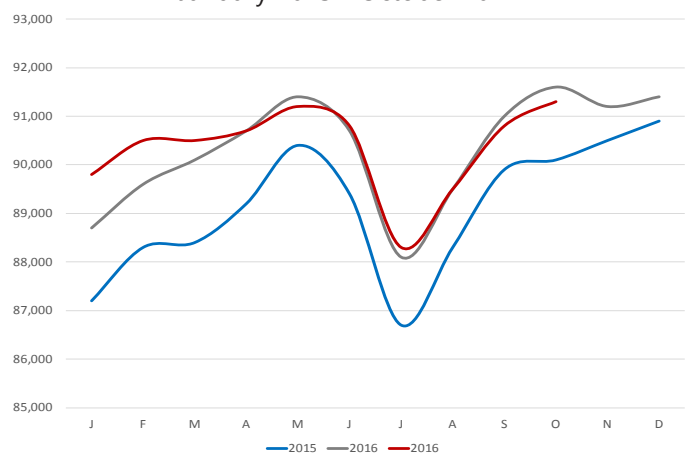
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	114.2	114.1	114.9	0.1	-0.7
Goods Producing	22.9	23.3	23.3	-0.4	-0.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.3	5.4	5.5	-0.1	-0.2
Manufacturing	17.6	17.9	17.8	-0.3	-0.2
Service Providing	91.3	90.8	91.6	0.5	-0.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.9	22.8	23.9	0.1	-1.0
Wholesale Trade	4.0	3.9	3.9	0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	12.4	12.4	13.3	0.0	-0.9
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.5	6.5	6.7	0.0	-0.2
Information	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.8	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	13.8	13.5	13.1	0.3	0.7
Educational & Health Services	16.8	16.9	16.8	-0.1	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	9.6	9.6	9.7	0.0	-0.1
Other Services	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	-0.1
Government	18.8	18.6	18.7	0.2	0.1
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.2	3.1	3.2	0.1	0.0
Local Government	14.3	14.2	14.2	0.1	0.1

Unemployment Rates
October: 1997 - 2017



Jobs in Service-Providing Industries
January 2015 - October 2017



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Oct 17	Sep 17	Oct 16	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	40,446	41,093	39,419	-647	1,027
Employment	39,017	39,551	37,831	-534	1,186
Unemployment	1,429	1,542	1,588	-113	-159
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.8	4.0	-0.3	-0.5

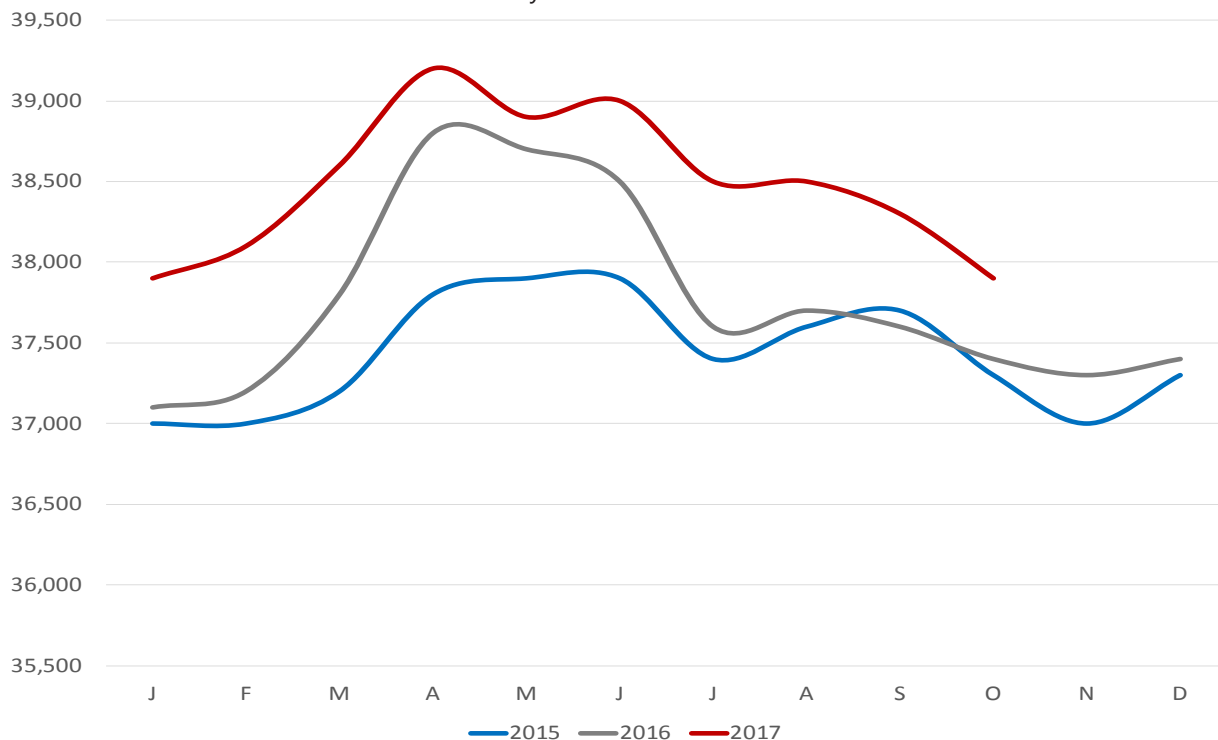
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Oct 17	Sep 17	Oct 16	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	37.9	38.3	37.4	-0.4	0.5
Goods Producing	4.6	4.7	4.4	-0.1	0.2
Service Providing	33.3	33.6	33.0	-0.3	0.3
Government	4.4	4.5	4.5	-0.1	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January 2015 - October 2017



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Oct 17	Sep 17	Oct 16	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	64,437	64,584	62,541	-147	1,896
Employment	62,679	62,700	60,708	-21	1,971
Unemployment	1,758	1,884	1,833	-126	-75
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.9	2.9	-0.2	-0.2

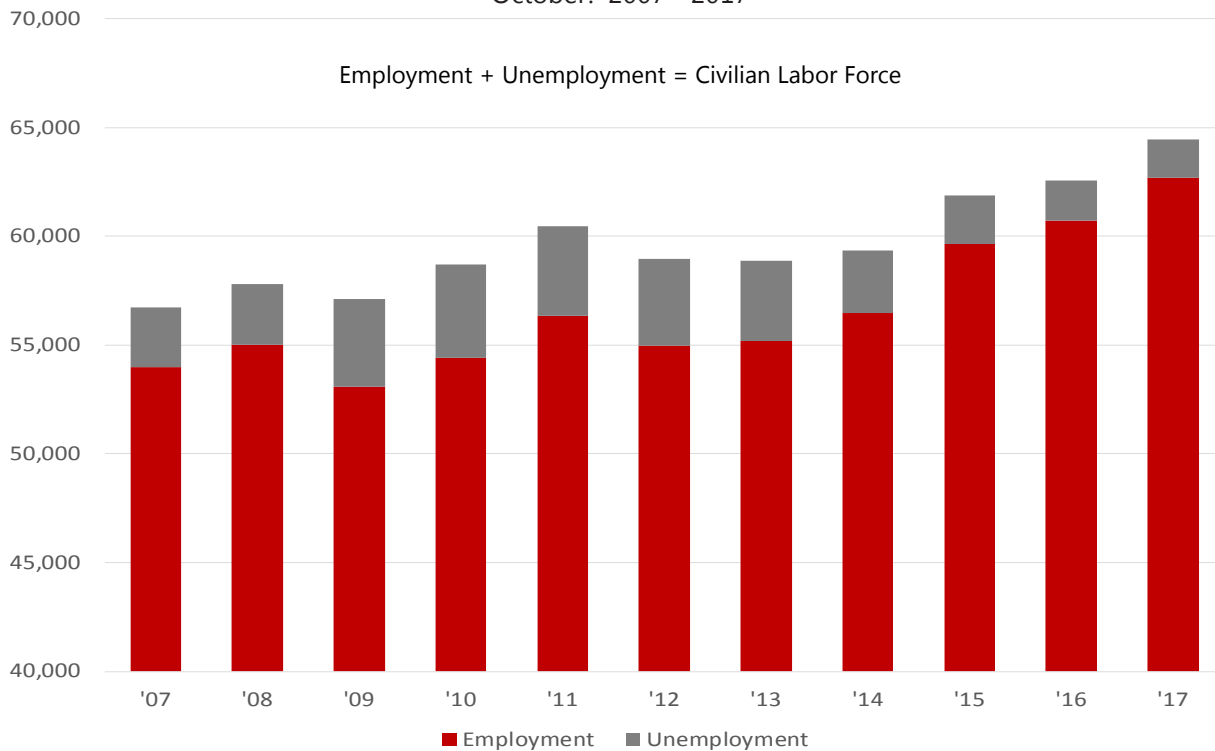
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Oct 17	Sep 17	Oct 16	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	57.4	57.4	56.7	0.0	0.7
Goods Producing	9.4	9.5	9.2	-0.1	0.2
Service Providing	48.0	47.9	47.5	0.1	0.5
Government	9.3	9.2	9.2	0.1	0.1

Employment and Unemployment

October: 2007 - 2017



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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)

	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	36,113	35,979	36,018	134	95
Employment	34,563	34,344	34,336	219	227
Unemployment	1,550	1,635	1,682	-85	-132
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.5	4.7	-0.2	-0.4

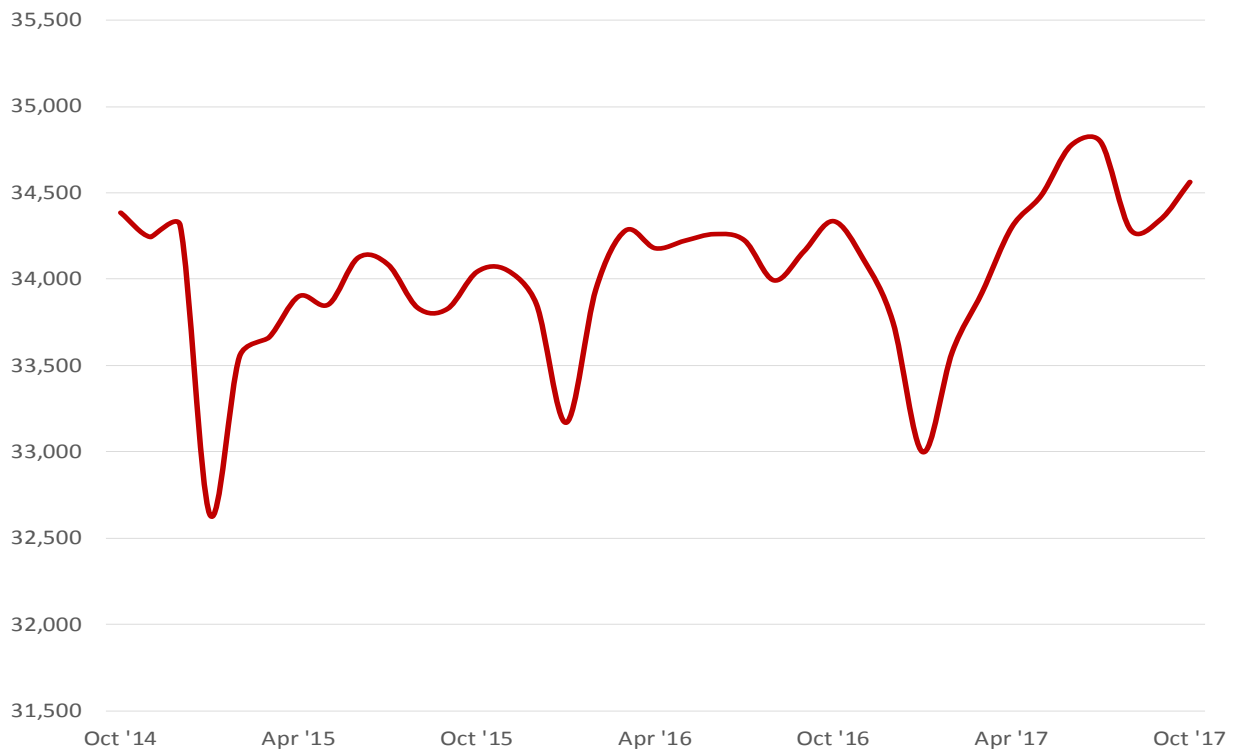
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	33.3	33.2	33.9	0.1	-0.6
Goods Producing	6.0	6.0	6.2	0.0	-0.2
Service Providing	27.3	27.2	27.7	0.1	-0.4
Government	9.5	9.4	9.7	0.1	-0.2

Number of Employed

October 2014 - October 2017



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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.

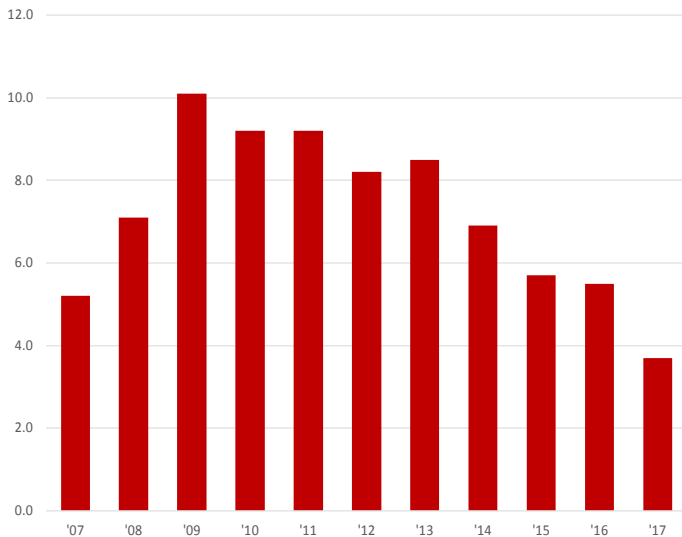
	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	630,651	630,308	628,223	343	2,428
Employment	607,392	608,149	593,946	-757	13,446
Unemployment	23,259	22,159	34,277	1,100	-11,018
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.5	5.5	0.2	-1.8

Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,704	64,941	65,156	-227	-452
Employment	62,238	62,227	62,192	11	46
Unemployment	2,466	2,714	2,964	-248	-498
Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.2	4.5	-0.4	-0.7

Unemployment Rates - Memphis MSA
October: 2007 - 2017



Number of Unemployed - Texarkana MSA
October 2015 - October 2017



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Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Micro Area	October 2017				September 2017				October 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,844	9,499	345	3.5	9,902	9,563	339	3.4	9,669	9,300	369	3.8
Batesville Micro	16,449	15,854	595	3.6	16,554	15,943	611	3.7	15,844	15,181	663	4.2
Blytheville Micro	18,478	17,675	803	4.3	18,382	17,529	853	4.6	18,280	17,298	982	5.4
Camden Micro	12,339	11,848	491	4.0	12,378	11,862	516	4.2	12,160	11,626	534	4.4
El Dorado Micro	16,200	15,466	734	4.5	16,294	15,516	778	4.8	16,214	15,421	793	4.9
Forrest City Micro	8,518	8,143	375	4.4	8,547	8,152	395	4.6	8,757	8,372	385	4.4
Harrison Micro	19,331	18,743	588	3.0	19,448	18,811	637	3.3	19,346	18,734	612	3.2
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,564	6,208	356	5.4	6,535	6,167	368	5.6	6,568	6,236	332	5.1
Hope Micro	13,790	13,377	413	3.0	13,881	13,440	441	3.2	13,655	13,201	454	3.3
Magnolia Micro	9,266	8,885	381	4.1	9,318	8,893	425	4.6	9,258	8,795	463	5.0
Malvern Micro	14,431	13,955	476	3.3	14,487	13,970	517	3.6	14,055	13,569	486	3.5
Mountain Home Micro	16,721	16,094	627	3.7	16,966	16,282	684	4.0	15,911	15,279	632	4.0
Paragould Micro	20,149	19,521	628	3.1	20,196	19,548	648	3.2	19,770	18,978	792	4.0
Russellville Micro	39,011	37,618	1,393	3.6	38,880	37,307	1,573	4.0	38,248	36,797	1,451	3.8
Searcy Micro	34,279	33,012	1,267	3.7	34,269	32,936	1,333	3.9	34,044	32,606	1,438	4.2

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

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	October 2017				September 2017				October 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,763	12,352	411	3.2	12,717	12,275	442	3.5	12,120	11,748	372	3.1
Benton	16,691	16,275	416	2.5	16,699	16,257	442	2.6	16,321	15,862	459	2.8
Bentonville	25,212	24,548	664	2.6	25,101	24,396	705	2.8	23,880	23,348	532	2.2
Blytheville	6,331	6,026	305	4.8	6,297	5,976	321	5.1	6,291	5,897	394	6.3
Cabot	11,973	11,636	337	2.8	11,938	11,574	364	3.0	11,656	11,332	324	2.8
Conway	33,802	32,841	961	2.8	33,796	32,778	1,018	3.0	33,092	32,009	1,083	3.3
El Dorado	7,059	6,695	364	5.2	7,106	6,716	390	5.5	7,059	6,675	384	5.4
Fayetteville	48,888	47,827	1,061	2.2	48,692	47,546	1,146	2.4	46,649	45,508	1,141	2.4
Fort Smith	40,889	39,605	1,284	3.1	41,049	39,685	1,364	3.3	40,305	39,031	1,274	3.2
Hot Springs	14,125	13,568	557	3.9	14,350	13,754	596	4.2	13,782	13,156	626	4.5
Jacksonville	11,992	11,549	443	3.7	12,007	11,536	471	3.9	11,733	11,254	479	4.1
Jonesboro	37,918	36,932	986	2.6	38,066	36,992	1,074	2.8	36,824	35,775	1,049	2.8
Little Rock	98,892	96,039	2,853	2.9	99,023	95,929	3,094	3.1	96,621	93,586	3,035	3.1
North Little Rock	30,595	29,615	980	3.2	30,661	29,581	1,080	3.5	29,882	28,859	1,023	3.4
Paragould	12,629	12,207	422	3.3	12,659	12,223	436	3.4	12,427	11,867	560	4.5
Pine Bluff	17,177	16,333	844	4.9	17,157	16,257	900	5.2	17,169	16,232	937	5.5
Rogers	35,764	34,875	889	2.5	35,593	34,658	935	2.6	33,999	33,170	829	2.4
Russellville	13,963	13,512	451	3.2	13,946	13,427	519	3.7	13,703	13,222	481	3.5
Searcy	10,532	10,189	343	3.3	10,528	10,166	362	3.4	10,445	10,064	381	3.6
Sherwood	15,942	15,530	412	2.6	15,963	15,512	451	2.8	15,589	15,133	456	2.9
Springdale	40,544	39,653	891	2.2	40,356	39,418	938	2.3	38,644	37,729	915	2.4
Texarkana, AR	14,003	13,446	557	4.0	13,988	13,387	601	4.3	13,846	13,260	586	4.2
Van Buren	10,554	10,241	313	3.0	10,572	10,240	332	3.1	10,396	10,086	310	3.0
West Memphis	10,835	10,427	408	3.8	10,819	10,382	437	4.0	10,702	10,168	534	5.0

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	October 2017				September 2017				October 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,226	8,964	262	2.8	9,146	8,871	275	3.0	9,294	9,015	279	3.0
Ashley	7,882	7,510	372	4.7	7,940	7,543	397	5.0	7,954	7,502	452	5.7
Baxter	16,721	16,094	627	3.7	16,966	16,282	684	4.0	15,911	15,279	632	4.0
Benton	134,415	130,928	3,487	2.6	133,832	130,116	3,716	2.8	127,814	124,528	3,286	2.6
Boone	15,945	15,457	488	3.1	16,049	15,527	522	3.3	15,952	15,452	500	3.1
Bradley	4,575	4,405	170	3.7	4,578	4,392	186	4.1	4,531	4,319	212	4.7
Calhoun	2,408	2,325	83	3.4	2,399	2,309	90	3.8	2,374	2,278	96	4.0
Carroll	13,418	13,072	346	2.6	13,427	13,063	364	2.7	13,104	12,747	357	2.7
Chicot	3,500	3,292	208	5.9	3,463	3,269	194	5.6	3,518	3,315	203	5.8
Clark	9,844	9,499	345	3.5	9,902	9,563	339	3.4	9,669	9,300	369	3.8
Clay	5,916	5,701	215	3.6	5,922	5,685	237	4.0	5,928	5,652	276	4.7
Cleburne	9,449	9,044	405	4.3	9,555	9,140	415	4.3	9,409	8,956	453	4.8
Cleveland	3,350	3,219	131	3.9	3,318	3,179	139	4.2	3,319	3,193	126	3.8
Columbia	9,266	8,885	381	4.1	9,318	8,893	425	4.6	9,258	8,795	463	5.0
Conway	8,363	8,040	323	3.9	8,394	8,043	351	4.2	8,372	7,956	416	5.0
Craighead	53,909	52,534	1,375	2.6	54,115	52,620	1,495	2.8	52,348	50,889	1,459	2.8
Crawford	27,166	26,311	855	3.1	27,205	26,308	897	3.3	26,803	25,913	890	3.3
Crittenden	21,967	21,187	780	3.6	21,934	21,095	839	3.8	21,552	20,661	891	4.1
Cross	7,848	7,586	262	3.3	7,880	7,604	276	3.5	7,909	7,609	300	3.8
Dallas	2,967	2,849	118	4.0	2,971	2,845	126	4.2	2,912	2,795	117	4.0
Desha	5,576	5,362	214	3.8	5,467	5,239	228	4.2	5,475	5,236	239	4.4
Drew	8,058	7,724	334	4.1	8,042	7,690	352	4.4	7,993	7,603	390	4.9
Faulkner	61,636	59,872	1,764	2.9	61,641	59,758	1,883	3.1	60,311	58,356	1,955	3.2
Franklin	7,553	7,328	225	3.0	7,545	7,308	237	3.1	7,255	7,006	249	3.4
Fulton	4,696	4,531	165	3.5	4,765	4,589	176	3.7	4,638	4,471	167	3.6
Garland	40,446	39,017	1,429	3.5	41,093	39,551	1,542	3.8	39,419	37,831	1,588	4.0
Grant	8,494	8,263	231	2.7	8,460	8,213	247	2.9	8,295	8,039	256	3.1
Greene	20,149	19,521	628	3.1	20,196	19,548	648	3.2	19,770	18,978	792	4.0
Hempstead	10,065	9,766	299	3.0	10,123	9,799	324	3.2	9,975	9,635	340	3.4
Hot Spring	14,431	13,955	476	3.3	14,487	13,970	517	3.6	14,055	13,569	486	3.5
Howard	5,910	5,757	153	2.6	5,912	5,741	171	2.9	5,876	5,701	175	3.0
Independence	16,449	15,854	595	3.6	16,554	15,943	611	3.7	15,844	15,181	663	4.2
Izard	4,953	4,740	213	4.3	5,032	4,783	249	4.9	4,975	4,769	206	4.1
Jackson	5,994	5,711	283	4.7	5,921	5,626	295	5.0	6,041	5,718	323	5.3
Jefferson	28,695	27,422	1,273	4.4	28,637	27,294	1,343	4.7	28,637	27,252	1,385	4.8
Johnson	10,903	10,497	406	3.7	10,912	10,477	435	4.0	10,478	10,071	407	3.9
Lafayette	2,501	2,388	113	4.5	2,488	2,363	125	5.0	2,587	2,453	134	5.2
Lawrence	7,080	6,852	228	3.2	7,024	6,789	235	3.3	6,951	6,707	244	3.5
Lee	3,039	2,918	121	4.0	3,010	2,872	138	4.6	3,067	2,943	124	4.0
Lincoln	4,068	3,922	146	3.6	4,024	3,871	153	3.8	4,062	3,891	171	4.2
Little River	5,711	5,462	249	4.4	5,696	5,431	265	4.7	5,632	5,378	254	4.5
Logan	9,060	8,756	304	3.4	9,049	8,727	322	3.6	9,112	8,753	359	3.9
Lonoke	34,026	33,066	960	2.8	33,915	32,889	1,026	3.0	33,203	32,203	1,000	3.0
Madison	7,635	7,448	187	2.4	7,527	7,326	201	2.7	7,294	7,097	197	2.7
Marion	6,568	6,344	224	3.4	6,682	6,433	249	3.7	6,508	6,277	231	3.5
Miller	20,241	19,462	779	3.8	20,195	19,377	818	4.1	19,967	19,193	774	3.9

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County	October 2017				September 2017				October 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	18,478	17,675	803	4.3	18,382	17,529	853	4.6	18,280	17,298	982	5.4
Monroe	2,825	2,717	108	3.8	2,802	2,687	115	4.1	2,784	2,665	119	4.3
Montgomery	3,142	3,007	135	4.3	3,109	2,975	134	4.3	2,840	2,708	132	4.6
Nevada	3,725	3,611	114	3.1	3,758	3,641	117	3.1	3,680	3,566	114	3.1
Newton	3,386	3,286	100	3.0	3,399	3,284	115	3.4	3,394	3,282	112	3.3
Ouachita	9,931	9,523	408	4.1	9,979	9,553	426	4.3	9,786	9,348	438	4.5
Perry	4,262	4,105	157	3.7	4,241	4,086	155	3.7	4,174	4,005	169	4.0
Phillips	6,564	6,208	356	5.4	6,535	6,167	368	5.6	6,568	6,236	332	5.1
Pike	4,307	4,151	156	3.6	4,296	4,139	157	3.7	4,150	3,992	158	3.8
Poinsett	10,528	10,145	383	3.6	10,469	10,080	389	3.7	10,193	9,819	374	3.7
Polk	8,011	7,705	306	3.8	7,954	7,627	327	4.1	8,140	7,788	352	4.3
Pope	30,035	28,942	1,093	3.6	30,004	28,760	1,244	4.1	29,442	28,321	1,121	3.8
Prairie	3,773	3,644	129	3.4	3,758	3,618	140	3.7	3,620	3,496	124	3.4
Pulaski	192,132	186,456	5,676	3.0	192,365	186,243	6,122	3.2	187,701	181,695	6,006	3.2
Randolph	7,140	6,890	250	3.5	7,119	6,860	259	3.6	6,471	6,224	247	3.8
St. Francis	8,518	8,143	375	4.4	8,547	8,152	395	4.6	8,757	8,372	385	4.4
Saline	57,905	56,379	1,526	2.6	57,963	56,319	1,644	2.8	56,542	54,949	1,593	2.8
Scott	4,565	4,413	152	3.3	4,535	4,370	165	3.6	4,420	4,276	144	3.3
Searcy	2,896	2,773	123	4.2	2,992	2,859	133	4.4	3,041	2,926	115	3.8
Sebastian	58,731	56,859	1,872	3.2	58,953	56,973	1,980	3.4	57,906	56,034	1,872	3.2
Sevier	5,733	5,500	233	4.1	5,712	5,465	247	4.3	5,647	5,399	248	4.4
Sharp	6,103	5,845	258	4.2	6,151	5,897	254	4.1	5,984	5,712	272	4.5
Stone	4,823	4,632	191	4.0	4,823	4,625	198	4.1	4,707	4,498	209	4.4
Union	16,200	15,466	734	4.5	16,294	15,516	778	4.8	16,214	15,421	793	4.9
Van Buren	5,939	5,657	282	4.7	6,000	5,707	293	4.9	5,930	5,577	353	6.0
Washington	126,788	124,035	2,753	2.2	126,229	123,305	2,924	2.3	120,876	118,021	2,855	2.4
White	34,279	33,012	1,267	3.7	34,269	32,936	1,333	3.9	34,044	32,606	1,438	4.2
Woodruff	3,046	2,918	128	4.2	2,996	2,868	128	4.3	2,969	2,836	133	4.5
Yell	8,976	8,676	300	3.3	8,876	8,547	329	3.7	8,806	8,476	330	3.7

County Labor Force Summary

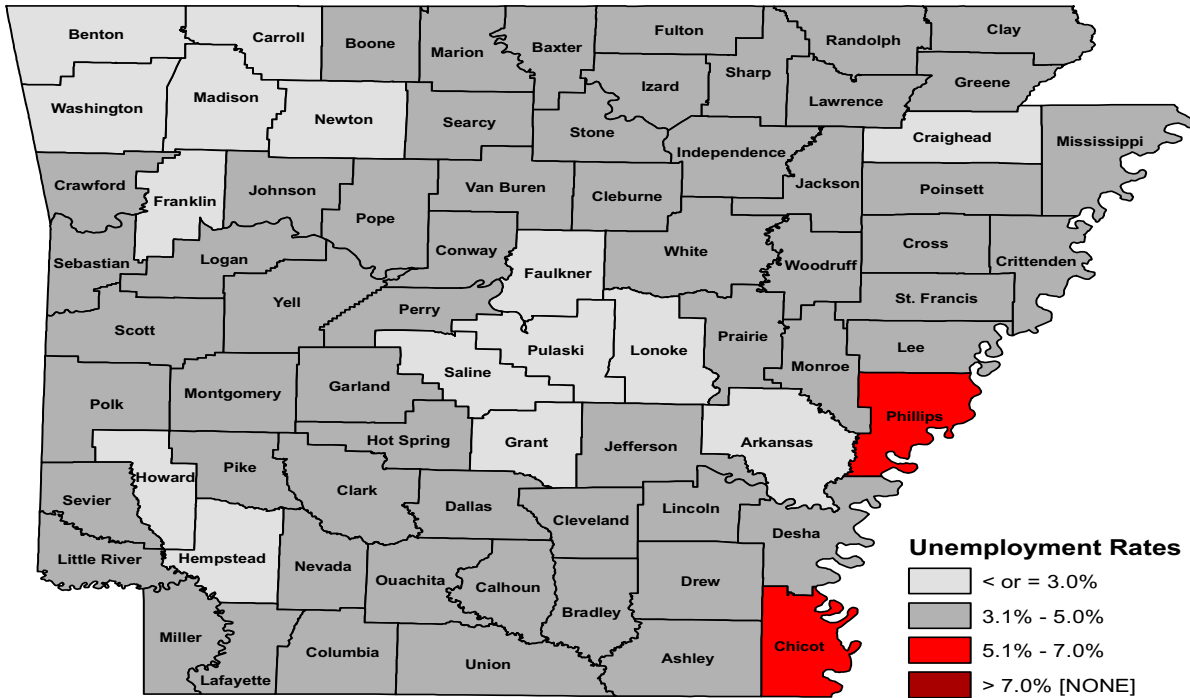
Between September and October, unemployment rates declined in 68 Arkansas counties. Four counties were unchanged, while 3 counties increased over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Washington County to a high of 5.9 percent in Chicot County.

In October, fifty-four counties posted jobless rates at or below four percent. That is up from 43 counties at or below four percent in September. For the 8th month in a row, no county reported an unemployment rate above eight percent.

Compared to October 2016, jobless rates have decreased in 61 counties in Arkansas. Nine counties were the same as last year, while five posted rate increases.

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Ranked by Unemployment Rates

October 2017- Not Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.2	26	Calhoun	3.4	50	Conway	3.9
2	Madison	2.4	26	Logan	3.4	52	Dallas	4.0
3	Benton	2.6	26	Marion	3.4	52	Lee	4.0
3	Carroll	2.6	26	Prairie	3.4	52	Stone	4.0
3	Craighead	2.6	30	Clark	3.5	55	Columbia	4.1
3	Howard	2.6	30	Fulton	3.5	55	Drew	4.1
3	Saline	2.6	30	Garland	3.5	55	Ouachita	4.1
8	Grant	2.7	30	Randolph	3.5	55	Sevier	4.1
9	Arkansas	2.8	34	Clay	3.6	59	Searcy	4.2
9	Lonoke	2.8	34	Crittenden	3.6	59	Sharp	4.2
11	Faulkner	2.9	34	Independence	3.6	59	Woodruff	4.2
12	Franklin	3.0	34	Lincoln	3.6	62	Cleburne	4.3
12	Hempstead	3.0	34	Pike	3.6	62	Izard	4.3
12	Newton	3.0	34	Poinsett	3.6	62	Mississippi	4.3
12	Pulaski	3.0	34	Pope	3.6	62	Montgomery	4.3
16	Boone	3.1	41	Baxter	3.7	66	Jefferson	4.4
16	Crawford	3.1	41	Bradley	3.7	66	Little River	4.4
16	Greene	3.1	41	Johnson	3.7	66	St. Francis	4.4
16	Nevada	3.1	41	Perry	3.7	69	Lafayette	4.5
20	Lawrence	3.2	41	White	3.7	69	Union	4.5
20	Sebastian	3.2	46	Desha	3.8	71	Ashley	4.7
22	Cross	3.3	46	Miller	3.8	71	Jackson	4.7
22	Hot Spring	3.3	46	Monroe	3.8	71	Van Buren	4.7
22	Scott	3.3	46	Polk	3.8	74	Phillips	5.4
22	Yell	3.3	50	Cleveland	3.9	75	Chicot	5.9

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Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LWDA	October 2017				September 2017				October 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	253,405	246,095	7,310	2.9	253,421	245,585	7,836	3.1	247,540	239,778	7,762	3.1
City of Little Rock	98,892	96,039	2,853	2.9	99,023	95,929	3,094	3.1	96,621	93,586	3,035	3.1
Eastern	47,936	46,042	1,894	4.0	47,906	45,890	2,016	4.2	47,853	45,821	2,032	4.2
North Central	95,731	91,944	3,787	4.0	96,066	92,114	3,952	4.1	94,541	90,324	4,217	4.5
Northeast	123,200	119,318	3,882	3.2	123,227	119,111	4,116	3.3	119,941	115,567	4,374	3.6
Northwest	327,772	319,437	8,335	2.5	327,103	318,195	8,908	2.7	313,894	305,609	8,285	2.6
Southeast	83,424	80,083	3,341	4.0	83,075	79,561	3,514	4.2	83,078	79,365	3,713	4.5
Southwest	94,658	90,994	3,664	3.9	94,845	90,933	3,912	4.1	93,908	89,962	3,946	4.2
West Central	134,709	129,889	4,820	3.6	135,314	130,111	5,203	3.8	131,405	126,229	5,176	3.9
Western	115,086	111,372	3,714	3.2	115,241	111,313	3,928	3.4	113,636	109,770	3,866	3.4

