

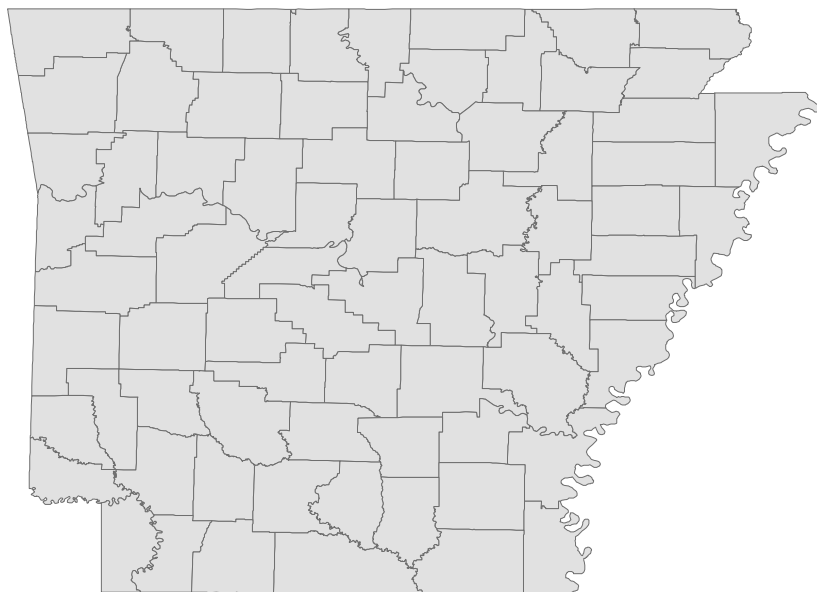
# Arkansas Labor Market Report

September 2017



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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.

## September Spotlight

### Seasonal Employment Trends (Part 2 of 2)

As discussed in the August Labor Market Report, employment in some major industry sectors is directly influenced by seasonal trends. When employment from multiple years is compared, these patterns become apparent. Seasonal trends are related to set schedules of operation, holidays, and weather patterns. Last month's Spotlight discussed the seasonal trends seen in state and local government, educational services, and **leisure and hospitality**. In this issue, the seasonality of **construction** and professional-scientific-technical services are highlighted, along with some of the industries that are *indirectly* affected by seasonal movements.

Employment in the **construction** sector is significantly affected by weather patterns. While construction operations run year round, more projects are commissioned during the spring and summer than in the winter. In general, employment in **construction** begins to increase in March, often peaking in August or September. Employment then tends to decline after October (see Chart 4). These weather patterns are a generalization, as non-typical weather events will also influence jobs in **construction**. On the other hand, large scale projects can cause employment spikes that are unrelated to the weather.

Found under the **professional and business services** sector, the professional-scientific-technical services subsector includes a particular type of business that is highly seasonal-- accounting and tax preparation services. Seasonal hiring related

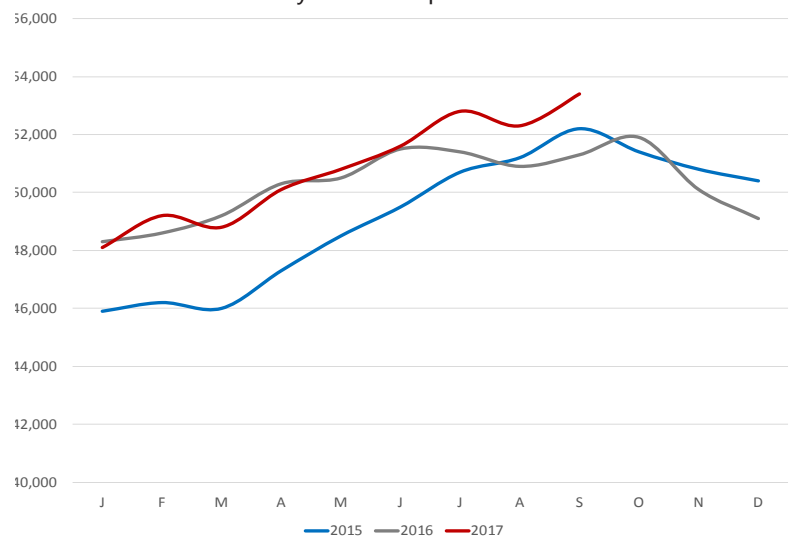
to tax preparation typically begins in November or December, with employment in the subsector peaking from February to April. Employment tends to remain fairly constant throughout the summer and fall months. While this seasonal trend is significant, employment in accounting and tax preparation is not large enough to affect the trend of the **professional and business services** sector as a whole.

There are also other seasonal businesses, many of which may not be visible when tracking the movement of a major industry sector. For example, landscaping services is influenced by weather and the seasons. Employment in landscaping services increases during the spring and summer months, but the number of workers is not large enough to impact the movement of the administrative and support services subsector as a whole. Similarly, employment in other services to buildings and dwellings (also under the administrative and support services subsector) tends to increase in the spring and summer. This includes activities such as cleaning swimming pools, driveways, and gutters and power-washing building exteriors.

It is important to keep in mind that some other industries are *indirectly* affected by these seasonal employment fluctuations. The timber industry, for example, relies heavily on the **construction** sector and may experience declines and increases in employment related to construction patterns. Similarly, movement within the retail trade sector will affect both wholesale trade and the transportation of goods. Some industries are indirectly affected by school closures in the summer. Employment in day care services (found under the social assistance subsector) increases in the summer when schools are closed, as does employment at businesses such as day camps and summer sports programs. There are also many non-profit organizations (under **Other Services**) with activities designed for children during the summer months.

**Chart 4. Employment in Construction**

January 2015 - September 2017



### 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 remained stable at 3.5 percent between August and September. Arkansas' civilian labor force rose 1,435, a result of 938 more unemployed and an additional 497 employed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.4 percent in August to 4.2 percent in September.

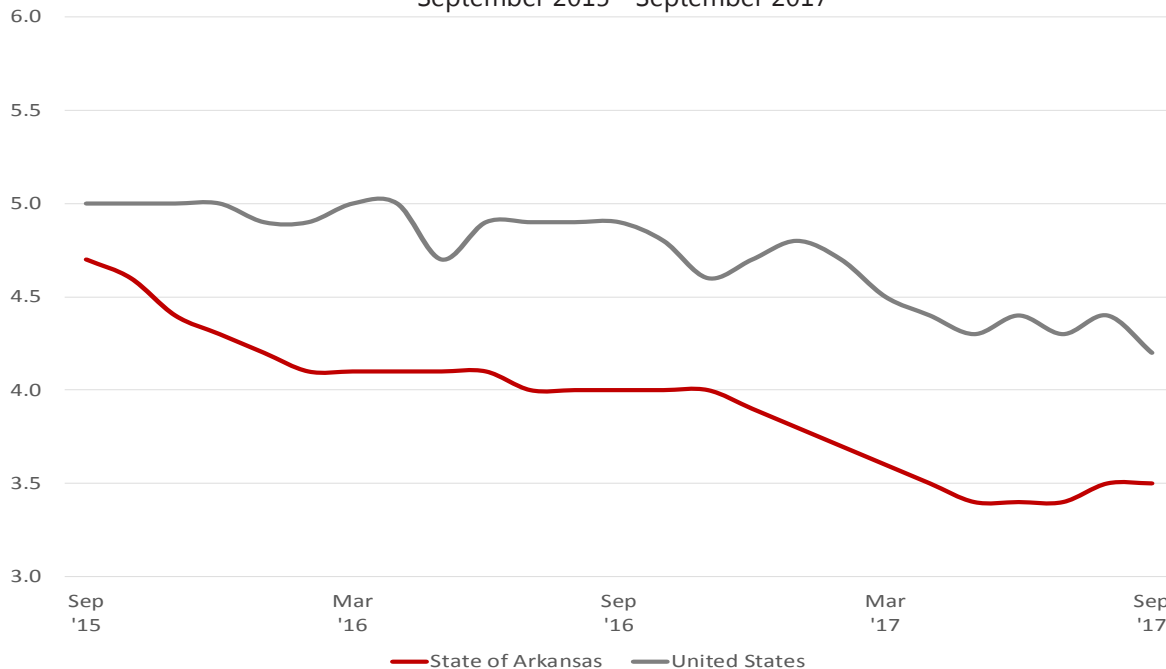
BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate remained stable at 3.5 percent in September. While the number of employed Arkansans increased slightly from last month, there are 43,387 more employed than in September 2016."

#### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 17	Aug 17	Sep 16	Sep 17	Aug 17	Sep 16	
Civilian Labor Force	1,379,592	1,378,157	1,341,482	Civilian Labor Force	1,375,186	1,372,881	1,345,513
Employment	1,330,925	1,330,428	1,287,538	Employment	1,328,621	1,324,256	1,293,350
Unemployment	48,667	47,729	53,944	Unemployment	46,565	48,625	52,163
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.5	4.0	Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.5	3.9
U.S. Unemployment	4.2	4.4	4.9	U.S. Unemployment	4.1	4.5	4.8

#### Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

State of Arkansas vs. United States  
September 2015 - September 2017



# State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1258.3	1242.8	1237.4	15.5	20.9
Goods Producing	219.7	217.3	213.0	2.4	6.7
Mining, Logging, and Construction	59.5	58.4	57.5	1.1	2.0
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>53.4</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	34.6	34.0	32.8	0.6	1.8
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>160.2</b>	<b>158.9</b>	<b>155.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Durable Goods	73.8	73.2	74.1	0.6	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	86.4	85.7	81.4	0.7	5.0
Service Providing	1038.6	1025.5	1024.4	13.1	14.2
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>253.5</b>	<b>255.5</b>	<b>252.2</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Wholesale Trade	47.4	48.3	46.3	-0.9	1.1
Retail Trade	140.9	141.9	141.7	-1.0	-0.8
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	65.2	65.3	64.2	-0.1	1.0
<b>Information</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>51.2</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>51.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Finance & Insurance	38.1	38.0	37.9	0.1	0.2
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.1	13.3	13.3	-0.2	-0.2
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>148.9</b>	<b>146.0</b>	<b>144.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	44.0	43.3	42.0	0.7	2.0
Management of Companies	33.5	33.9	35.5	-0.4	-2.0
Administrative & Support Services	71.4	68.8	66.7	2.6	4.7
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>190.6</b>	<b>187.5</b>	<b>185.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>5.3</b>
Educational Services	18.5	15.7	16.0	2.8	2.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	172.1	171.8	169.3	0.3	2.8
Ambulatory Health Care	58.7	58.4	55.3	0.3	3.4
Social Assistance	38.7	38.2	39.6	0.5	-0.9
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>119.2</b>	<b>123.2</b>	<b>117.5</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11.5	12.6	10.9	-1.1	0.6
Accommodation & Food Services	107.7	110.6	106.6	-2.9	1.1
Accommodation Services	12.6	12.8	11.6	-0.2	1.0
Food Services	95.1	97.8	95.0	-2.7	0.1
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>49.8</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>212.3</b>	<b>199.9</b>	<b>213.1</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
Federal Government	20.3	20.2	20.2	0.1	0.1
State Government	79.1	74.5	79.0	4.6	0.1
Local Government	112.9	105.2	113.9	7.7	-1.0

# State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

## August 2017 - September 2017

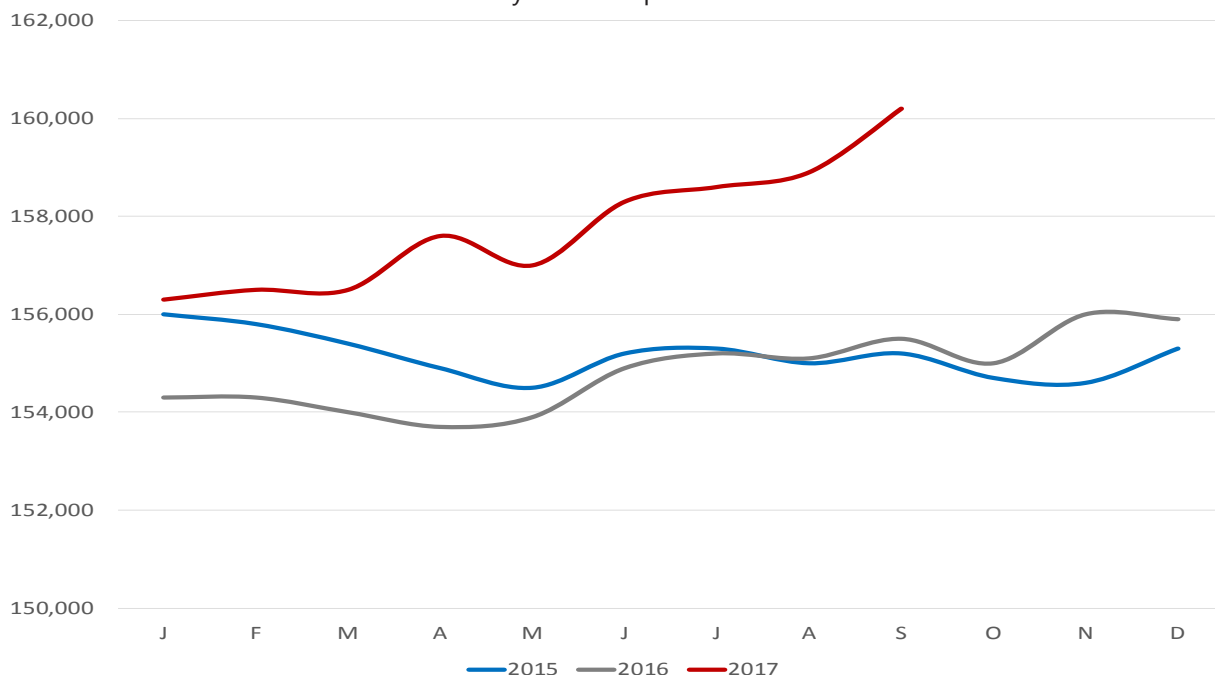
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 15,500 in September to total 1,258,300. Six major industries added jobs, while employment in four sectors declined. The largest increase occurred in **government** (+12,400). Expansions in local (+7,700) and state (+4,600) government reflect seasonal hiring at public schools and universities. Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 3,100. A majority of the gain was posted in educational services (+2,800), related to hiring at private facilities. **Professional and business services** added 2,900 jobs, largely in administrative and support services (+2,600). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 1,300. Gains occurred in both nondurable goods (+700) and durable goods (+600) manufacturing. **Leisure and hospitality** posted the greatest declined (-4,000). Employment fell in all subsectors, due in part to seasonal factors.

## September 2016 - September 2017

Compared to September 2016, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment is up 20,900. Seven major industry sectors posted growth, with five adding 2,100 or more jobs, each. **Educational and health services** increased 5,300. Gains occurred in both health care and social assistance (+2,800) and educational services (+2,500). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 4,700, all in nondurable goods manufacturing (+5,000). **Professional and business services** added 4,700 jobs. Expansions were largely in administrative and support services (+4,700), a subsector which includes employment agencies. Jobs in **other services** increased 2,300. This sector includes activities such as automotive repair, dry cleaning services, and civic organizations. **Construction** added 2,100 jobs, mostly in specialty trade construction (+1,800).

### Jobs in Manufacturing (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2015 - September 2017



# State of Arkansas

## Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

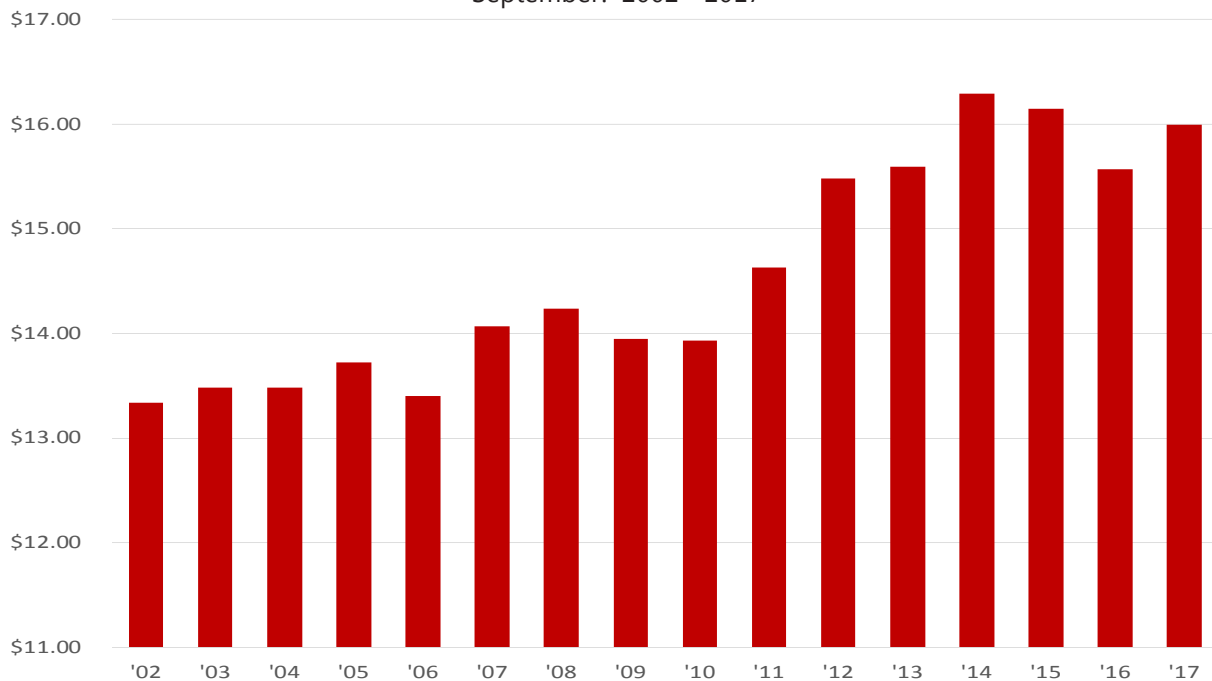
### Manufacturing

	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 16</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.0	39.6	39.7
Average Hourly Earnings	15.99	16.27	15.57
Average Weekly Earnings	655.59	644.29	618.13

### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 16</u>		<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 16</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.0	40.9	41.4	Average Weekly Hours	41.0	38.5	38.2
Average Hourly Earnings	17.78	17.94	17.57	Average Hourly Earnings	14.56	14.86	13.62
Average Weekly Earnings	728.98	733.75	727.40	Average Weekly Earnings	596.96	572.11	520.28

**Average Hourly Earnings- Manufacturing**  
September: 2002 - 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)

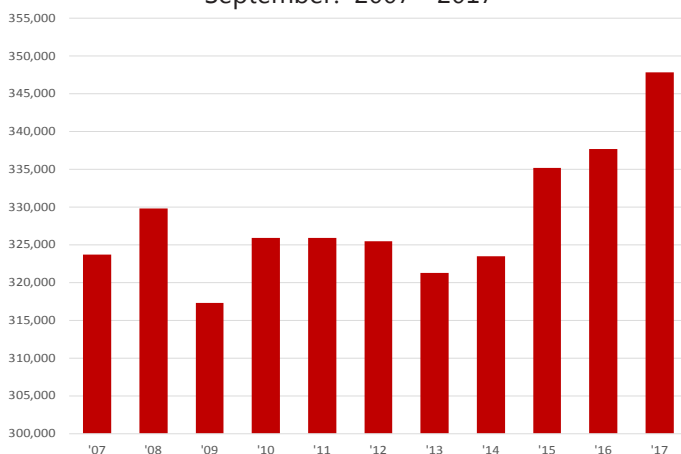
	<b>Sep 17</b>	<b>Aug 17</b>	<b>Sep 16</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	358,901	359,928	350,114	-1,027	8,787
Employment	347,802	348,547	337,705	-745	10,097
Unemployment	11,099	11,381	12,409	-282	-1,310
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.2	3.5	-0.1	-0.4

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

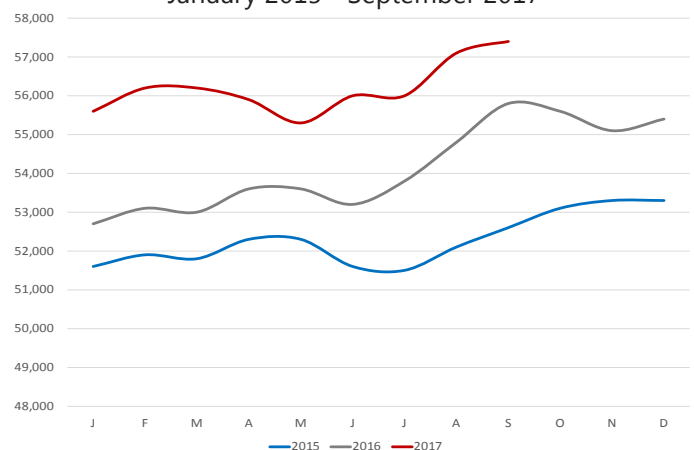
(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Sep 17</b>	<b>Aug 17</b>	<b>Sep 16</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>357.1</b>	<b>353.9</b>	<b>355.3</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Goods Producing	38.1	37.6	37.1	0.5	1.0
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
Service Providing	319.0	316.3	318.2	2.7	0.8
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>69.7</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Wholesale Trade	14.9	15.0	15.0	-0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	38.4	38.9	38.9	-0.5	-0.5
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.2	16.1	15.8	0.1	0.4
<b>Information</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>69.8</b>	<b>67.9</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
Federal Government	9.7	9.7	9.6	0.0	0.1
State Government	35.3	34.3	35.0	1.0	0.3
Local Government	24.8	23.9	25.5	0.9	-0.7

**Number of Employed**  
September: 2007 - 2017



**Jobs in Educational and Health Services**  
January 2015 - September 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)

	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	277,923	278,166	266,473	-243	11,450
Employment	270,724	270,648	258,836	76	11,888
Unemployment	7,199	7,518	7,637	-319	-438
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.7	2.9	-0.1	-0.3

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>255.6</b>	<b>252.5</b>	<b>249.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>6.3</b>
Goods Producing	39.4	39.3	38.4	0.1	1.0
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Service Providing	216.2	213.2	210.9	3.0	5.3
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Wholesale Trade	12.8	12.9	12.4	-0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	25.8	25.8	26.8	0.0	-1.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.7	17.7	17.3	0.0	0.4
<b>Information</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Federal Government	2.6	2.5	2.5	0.1	0.1
State Government	15.0	12.6	14.1	2.4	0.9
Local Government	18.4	17.2	18.1	1.2	0.3

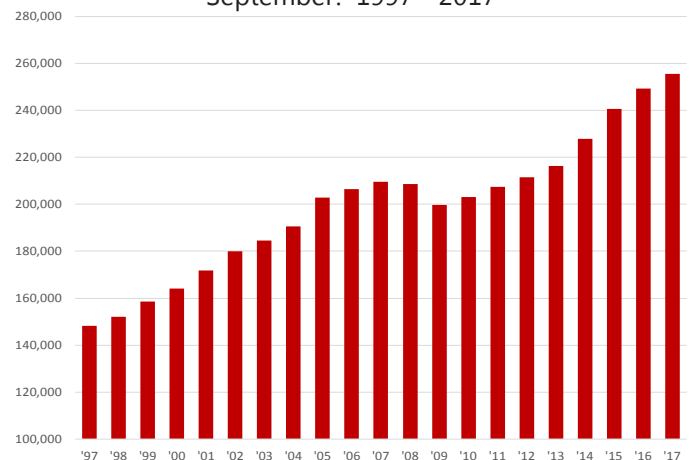
### Number of Employed

September 2015 - September 2017



### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

September: 1997 - 2017



## Labor Market Report

# 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>Sep 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	122,844	122,135	121,639	709	1,205
Employment	117,905	116,931	116,058	974	1,847
Unemployment	4,939	5,204	5,581	-265	-642
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.3	4.6	-0.3	-0.6

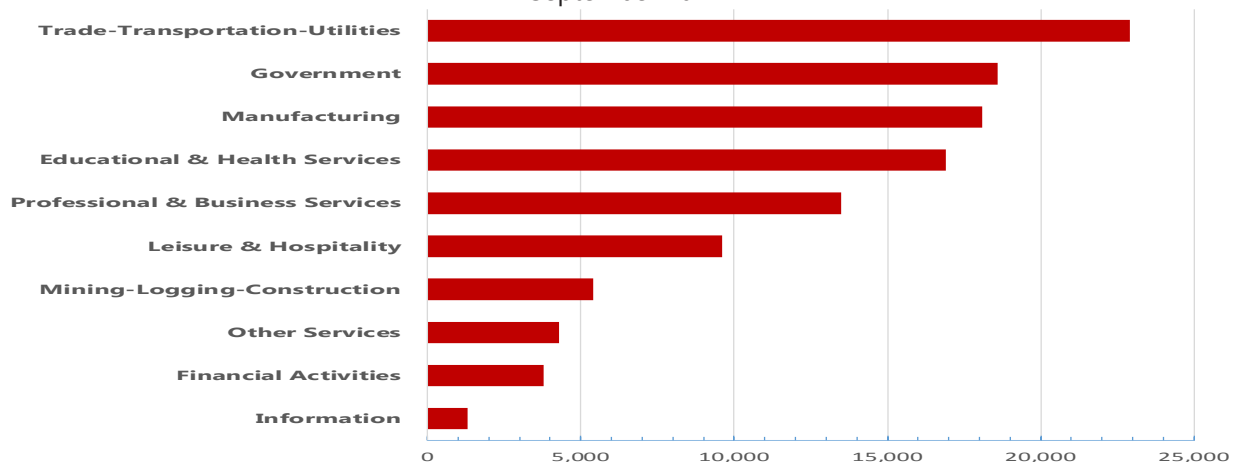
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	114.4	112.6	114.6	1.8	-0.2
Goods Producing	23.5	23.1	23.6	0.4	-0.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.4	5.4	5.6	0.0	-0.2
Manufacturing	18.1	17.7	18.0	0.4	0.1
Service Providing	90.9	89.5	91.0	1.4	-0.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.9	23.1	23.6	-0.2	-0.7
Wholesale Trade	4.0	4.0	3.9	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	12.4	12.6	13.1	-0.2	-0.7
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.5	6.5	6.6	0.0	-0.1
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	13.5	13.1	13.0	0.4	0.5
Educational & Health Services	16.9	16.8	16.7	0.1	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.6	9.9	9.8	-0.3	-0.2
Other Services	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	-0.1
Government	18.6	17.2	18.5	1.4	0.1
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.1	2.9	3.1	0.2	0.0
Local Government	14.2	13.0	14.1	1.2	0.1

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Ranked by Sector (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 2017



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# Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

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

	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,154	41,848	39,846	-694	1,308
Employment	39,610	40,273	38,143	-663	1,467
Unemployment	1,544	1,575	1,703	-31	-159
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.8	4.3	0.0	-0.5

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	38.4	38.5	37.6	-0.1	0.8
Goods Producing	4.7	4.6	4.4	0.1	0.3
Service Providing	33.7	33.9	33.2	-0.2	0.5
Government	4.5	4.2	4.5	0.3	0.0

### Number of Employed

September 2014 - September 2017



## Labor Market Report

# Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,439	64,584	62,628	-145	1,811
Employment	62,551	62,530	60,579	21	1,972
Unemployment	1,888	2,054	2,049	-166	-161
Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.2	3.3	-0.3	-0.4

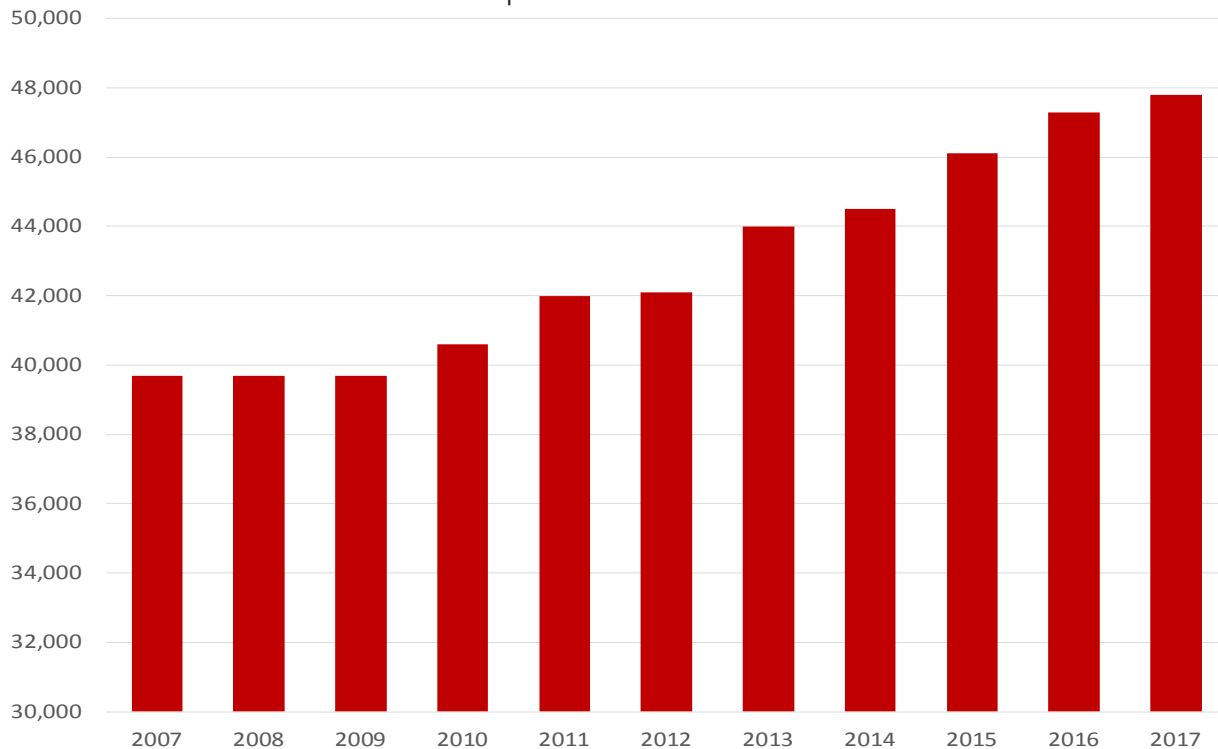
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	57.3	56.5	56.6	0.8	0.7
Goods Producing	9.5	9.5	9.3	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	47.8	47.0	47.3	0.8	0.5
Government	9.2	8.7	9.1	0.5	0.1

### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

September: 2007 - 2017



## Labor Market Report

# Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

	<b>Sep 17</b>	<b>Aug 17</b>	<b>Sep 16</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	35,995	36,031	36,062	-36	-67
Employment	34,362	34,286	34,160	76	202
Unemployment	1,633	1,745	1,902	-112	-269
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.8	5.3	-0.3	-0.8

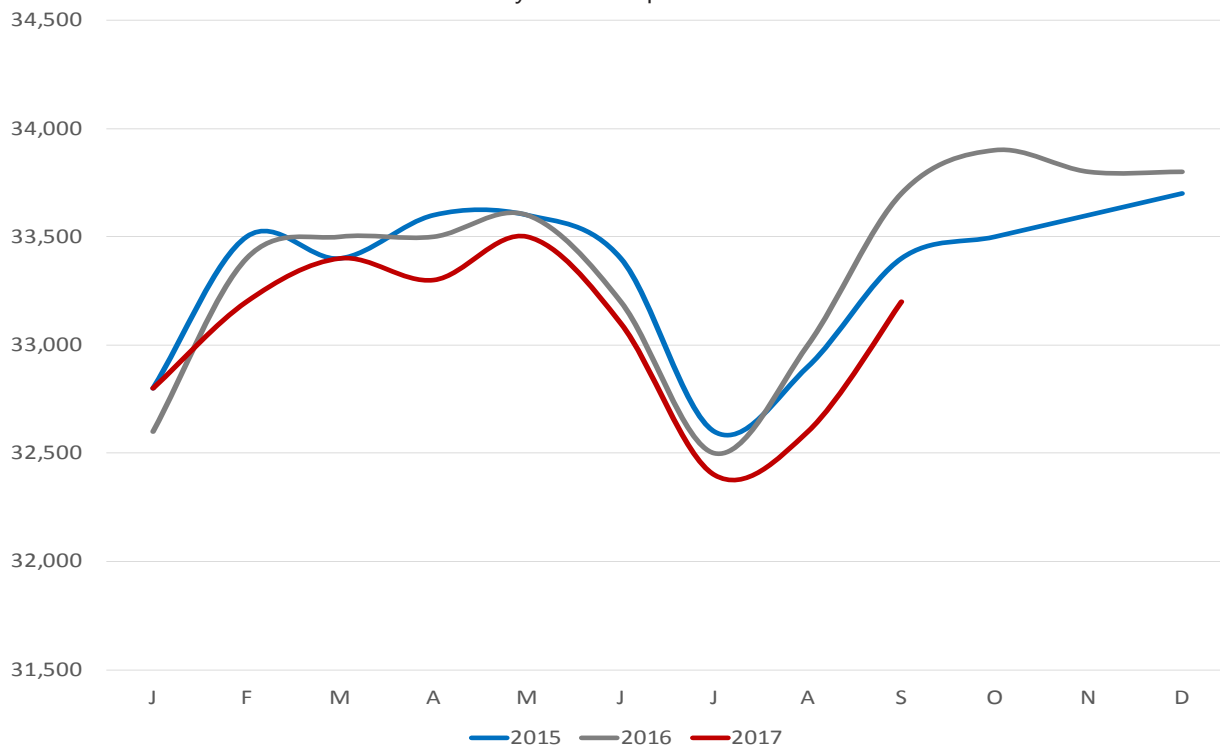
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Sep 17</b>	<b>Aug 17</b>	<b>Sep 16</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	33.2	32.6	33.7	0.6	-0.5
Goods Producing	6.0	5.9	6.2	0.1	-0.2
Service Providing	27.2	26.7	27.5	0.5	-0.3
Government	9.4	9.1	9.5	0.3	-0.1

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January 2015 - September 2017



## Labor Market Report

# 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 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	631,458	630,658	624,508	800	6,950
Employment	609,158	604,568	589,198	4,590	19,960
Unemployment	22,300	26,090	35,310	-3,790	-13,010
Unemployment Rate	3.5	4.1	5.7	-0.6	-2.2

#### Texarkana MSA

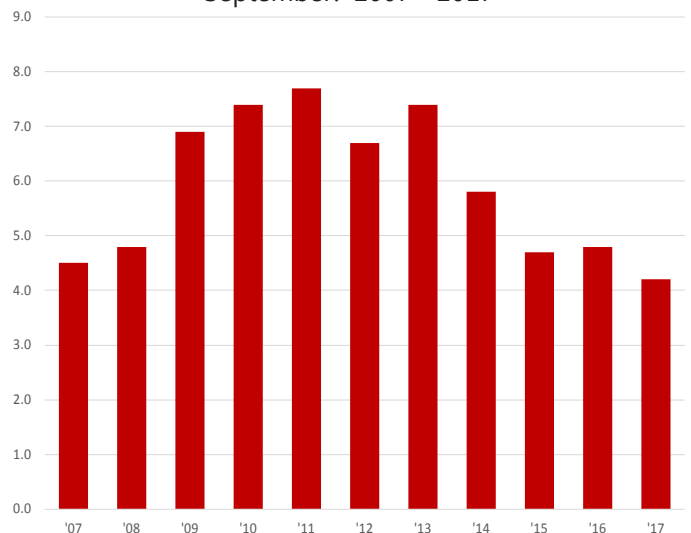
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,884	64,446	65,361	438	-477
Employment	62,158	61,409	62,193	749	-35
Unemployment	2,726	3,037	3,168	-311	-442
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.7	4.8	-0.5	-0.6

**Number of Unemployed - Memphis MSA**  
September 2015 - September 2017



**Unemployment Rates - Texarkana MSA**  
September: 2007 - 2017



## Labor Market Report

# Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

## Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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

Micro Area	September 2017				August 2017				September 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,903	9,563	340	3.4	9,715	9,344	371	3.8	9,514	9,100	414	4.4
Batesville Micro	16,554	15,943	611	3.7	16,044	15,361	683	4.3	16,157	15,413	744	4.6
Blytheville Micro	18,385	17,529	856	4.7	18,355	17,291	1,064	5.8	18,413	17,238	1,175	6.4
Camden Micro	12,379	11,863	516	4.2	12,322	11,778	544	4.4	12,238	11,631	607	5.0
El Dorado Micro	16,296	15,516	780	4.8	16,264	15,444	820	5.0	16,312	15,413	899	5.5
Forrest City Micro	8,549	8,155	394	4.6	8,668	8,252	416	4.8	8,931	8,512	419	4.7
Harrison Micro	19,450	18,811	639	3.3	18,961	18,357	604	3.2	19,404	18,710	694	3.6
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,536	6,167	369	5.6	6,547	6,178	369	5.6	6,632	6,261	371	5.6
Hope Micro	13,881	13,440	441	3.2	13,438	12,971	467	3.5	13,726	13,207	519	3.8
Magnolia Micro	9,319	8,893	426	4.6	9,137	8,670	467	5.1	9,207	8,699	508	5.5
Malvern Micro	14,495	13,977	518	3.6	14,470	13,939	531	3.7	14,042	13,496	546	3.9
Mountain Home Micro	16,969	16,282	687	4.0	16,721	16,054	667	4.0	16,397	15,703	694	4.2
Paragould Micro	20,189	19,540	649	3.2	20,107	19,430	677	3.4	19,742	18,893	849	4.3
Russellville Micro	38,882	37,307	1,575	4.1	38,108	36,367	1,741	4.6	38,430	36,798	1,632	4.2
Searcy Micro	34,275	32,941	1,334	3.9	34,076	32,689	1,387	4.1	34,018	32,380	1,638	4.8

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	September 2017				August 2017				September 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,693	12,250	443	3.5	12,686	12,247	439	3.5	12,110	11,690	420	3.5
Benton	16,714	16,271	443	2.7	16,761	16,303	458	2.7	16,336	15,789	547	3.3
Bentonville	25,050	24,346	704	2.8	25,127	24,340	787	3.1	23,859	23,233	626	2.6
Blytheville	6,297	5,976	321	5.1	6,310	5,895	415	6.6	6,367	5,877	490	7.7
Cabot	11,947	11,583	364	3.0	12,008	11,620	388	3.2	11,653	11,282	371	3.2
Conway	33,828	32,807	1,021	3.0	33,948	32,884	1,064	3.1	33,041	31,870	1,171	3.5
El Dorado	7,107	6,716	391	5.5	7,080	6,685	395	5.6	7,116	6,672	444	6.2
Fayetteville	48,599	47,448	1,151	2.4	48,713	47,445	1,268	2.6	46,578	45,291	1,287	2.8
Fort Smith	41,132	39,766	1,366	3.3	40,985	39,593	1,392	3.4	40,397	38,916	1,481	3.7
Hot Springs	14,367	13,774	593	4.1	14,621	14,005	616	4.2	13,945	13,264	681	4.9
Jacksonville	12,019	11,546	473	3.9	12,051	11,567	484	4.0	11,737	11,202	535	4.6
Jonesboro	37,981	36,903	1,078	2.8	38,041	36,875	1,166	3.1	36,858	35,696	1,162	3.2
Little Rock	99,110	96,010	3,100	3.1	99,382	96,188	3,194	3.2	96,533	93,151	3,382	3.5
North Little Rock	30,686	29,606	1,080	3.5	30,761	29,661	1,100	3.6	29,901	28,725	1,176	3.9
Paragould	12,655	12,218	437	3.5	12,603	12,150	453	3.6	12,403	11,814	589	4.7
Pine Bluff	17,164	16,265	899	5.2	17,199	16,215	984	5.7	17,216	16,142	1,074	6.2
Rogers	35,523	34,587	936	2.6	35,536	34,579	957	2.7	33,886	33,006	880	2.6
Russellville	13,947	13,427	520	3.7	13,630	13,075	555	4.1	13,756	13,222	534	3.9
Searcy	10,529	10,167	362	3.4	10,496	10,090	406	3.9	10,444	9,994	450	4.3
Sherwood	15,976	15,525	451	2.8	16,011	15,554	457	2.9	15,574	15,063	511	3.3
Springdale	40,276	39,337	939	2.3	40,292	39,335	957	2.4	38,609	37,549	1,060	2.7
Texarkana, AR	13,968	13,367	601	4.3	14,030	13,381	649	4.6	13,866	13,229	637	4.6
Van Buren	10,592	10,261	331	3.1	10,558	10,222	336	3.2	10,418	10,056	362	3.5
West Memphis	10,838	10,401	437	4.0	11,068	10,529	539	4.9	10,643	10,080	563	5.3

## Labor Market Report

# County Labor Force Statistics

## Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	September 2017				August 2017				September 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,149	8,871	278	3.0	9,198	8,930	268	2.9	9,341	9,038	303	3.2
Ashley	7,937	7,543	394	5.0	7,826	7,410	416	5.3	7,681	7,191	490	6.4
Baxter	16,969	16,282	687	4.0	16,721	16,054	667	4.0	16,397	15,703	694	4.2
Benton	133,568	129,847	3,721	2.8	133,648	129,819	3,829	2.9	127,586	123,912	3,674	2.9
Boone	16,051	15,527	524	3.3	15,630	15,141	489	3.1	15,997	15,429	568	3.6
Bradley	4,580	4,392	188	4.1	4,417	4,228	189	4.3	4,354	4,109	245	5.6
Calhoun	2,399	2,309	90	3.8	2,388	2,300	88	3.7	2,393	2,279	114	4.8
Carroll	13,428	13,063	365	2.7	13,547	13,197	350	2.6	13,375	12,960	415	3.1
Chicot	3,463	3,269	194	5.6	3,498	3,299	199	5.7	3,557	3,342	215	6.0
Clark	9,903	9,563	340	3.4	9,715	9,344	371	3.8	9,514	9,100	414	4.4
Clay	5,923	5,685	238	4.0	5,973	5,723	250	4.2	6,025	5,722	303	5.0
Cleburne	9,557	9,141	416	4.4	9,458	9,037	421	4.5	9,527	9,013	514	5.4
Cleveland	3,320	3,181	139	4.2	3,328	3,184	144	4.3	3,323	3,181	142	4.3
Columbia	9,319	8,893	426	4.6	9,137	8,670	467	5.1	9,207	8,699	508	5.5
Conway	8,398	8,046	352	4.2	8,384	8,019	365	4.4	8,394	7,936	458	5.5
Craighead	53,993	52,494	1,499	2.8	54,068	52,454	1,614	3.0	52,404	50,777	1,627	3.1
Crawford	27,260	26,362	898	3.3	27,192	26,263	929	3.4	26,845	25,837	1,008	3.8
Crittenden	21,973	21,134	839	3.8	22,355	21,394	961	4.3	21,438	20,482	956	4.5
Cross	7,881	7,604	277	3.5	7,923	7,639	284	3.6	7,979	7,654	325	4.1
Dallas	2,971	2,845	126	4.2	2,987	2,854	133	4.5	2,884	2,750	134	4.6
Desha	5,467	5,239	228	4.2	5,480	5,245	235	4.3	5,465	5,201	264	4.8
Drew	8,044	7,690	354	4.4	7,742	7,350	392	5.1	7,814	7,395	419	5.4
Faulkner	61,695	59,810	1,885	3.1	61,903	59,951	1,952	3.2	60,302	58,103	2,199	3.6
Franklin	7,549	7,311	238	3.2	7,540	7,289	251	3.3	7,424	7,139	285	3.8
Fulton	4,765	4,589	176	3.7	4,626	4,434	192	4.2	4,681	4,491	190	4.1
Garland	41,154	39,610	1,544	3.8	41,848	40,273	1,575	3.8	39,846	38,143	1,703	4.3
Grant	8,466	8,219	247	2.9	8,504	8,244	260	3.1	8,290	8,000	290	3.5
Greene	20,189	19,540	649	3.2	20,107	19,430	677	3.4	19,742	18,893	849	4.3
Hempstead	10,124	9,799	325	3.2	9,801	9,464	337	3.4	10,019	9,639	380	3.8
Hot Spring	14,495	13,977	518	3.6	14,470	13,939	531	3.7	14,042	13,496	546	3.9
Howard	5,913	5,742	171	2.9	5,871	5,700	171	2.9	5,947	5,756	191	3.2
Independence	16,554	15,943	611	3.7	16,044	15,361	683	4.3	16,157	15,413	744	4.6
Izard	5,033	4,783	250	5.0	4,956	4,682	274	5.5	5,026	4,772	254	5.1
Jackson	5,922	5,626	296	5.0	5,975	5,647	328	5.5	5,971	5,615	356	6.0
Jefferson	28,649	27,308	1,341	4.7	28,671	27,223	1,448	5.1	28,666	27,100	1,566	5.5
Johnson	10,915	10,478	437	4.0	10,481	10,018	463	4.4	10,661	10,188	473	4.4
Lafayette	2,488	2,363	125	5.0	2,447	2,313	134	5.5	2,537	2,387	150	5.9
Lawrence	7,019	6,784	235	3.3	6,775	6,520	255	3.8	7,012	6,722	290	4.1
Lee	3,010	2,872	138	4.6	3,039	2,899	140	4.6	3,121	2,976	145	4.6
Lincoln	4,026	3,873	153	3.8	4,032	3,879	153	3.8	4,073	3,879	194	4.8
Little River	5,689	5,422	267	4.7	5,703	5,424	279	4.9	5,628	5,360	268	4.8
Logan	9,053	8,730	323	3.6	9,058	8,725	333	3.7	9,141	8,728	413	4.5
Lonoke	33,945	32,916	1,029	3.0	34,085	33,022	1,063	3.1	33,196	32,062	1,134	3.4
Madison	7,513	7,312	201	2.7	7,544	7,343	201	2.7	7,296	7,074	222	3.0
Marion	6,683	6,433	250	3.7	6,604	6,363	241	3.6	6,568	6,308	260	4.0
Miller	20,167	19,348	819	4.1	20,239	19,368	871	4.3	20,004	19,148	856	4.3

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# County Labor Force Statistics

## Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

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County	September 2017				August 2017				September 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	18,385	17,529	856	4.7	18,355	17,291	1,064	5.8	18,413	17,238	1,175	6.4
Monroe	2,801	2,687	114	4.1	2,840	2,727	113	4.0	2,849	2,720	129	4.5
Montgomery	3,111	2,976	135	4.3	3,146	3,007	139	4.4	3,102	2,947	155	5.0
Nevada	3,757	3,641	116	3.1	3,637	3,507	130	3.6	3,707	3,568	139	3.7
Newton	3,399	3,284	115	3.4	3,331	3,216	115	3.5	3,407	3,281	126	3.7
Ouachita	9,980	9,554	426	4.3	9,934	9,478	456	4.6	9,845	9,352	493	5.0
Perry	4,244	4,089	155	3.7	4,265	4,107	158	3.7	4,178	3,992	186	4.5
Phillips	6,536	6,167	369	5.6	6,547	6,178	369	5.6	6,632	6,261	371	5.6
Pike	4,298	4,140	158	3.7	4,345	4,182	163	3.8	4,143	3,969	174	4.2
Poinsett	10,446	10,057	389	3.7	10,516	10,076	440	4.2	10,224	9,802	422	4.1
Polk	7,954	7,627	327	4.1	8,018	7,691	327	4.1	8,112	7,720	392	4.8
Pope	30,006	28,760	1,246	4.2	29,393	28,005	1,388	4.7	29,586	28,320	1,266	4.3
Prairie	3,760	3,619	141	3.8	3,727	3,583	144	3.9	3,657	3,524	133	3.6
Pulaski	192,536	186,401	6,135	3.2	193,041	186,747	6,294	3.3	187,628	180,850	6,778	3.6
Randolph	7,120	6,860	260	3.7	7,011	6,736	275	3.9	6,807	6,524	283	4.2
St. Francis	8,549	8,155	394	4.6	8,668	8,252	416	4.8	8,931	8,512	419	4.7
Saline	58,015	56,367	1,648	2.8	58,130	56,476	1,654	2.8	56,520	54,698	1,822	3.2
Scott	4,536	4,371	165	3.6	4,507	4,355	152	3.4	4,465	4,303	162	3.6
Searcy	2,992	2,859	133	4.4	3,033	2,895	138	4.5	3,029	2,888	141	4.7
Sebastian	59,076	57,090	1,986	3.4	58,881	56,841	2,040	3.5	58,019	55,870	2,149	3.7
Sevier	5,712	5,465	247	4.3	5,697	5,447	250	4.4	5,636	5,364	272	4.8
Sharp	6,152	5,897	255	4.1	5,969	5,701	268	4.5	6,112	5,808	304	5.0
Stone	4,824	4,625	199	4.1	4,877	4,669	208	4.3	4,757	4,530	227	4.8
Union	16,296	15,516	780	4.8	16,264	15,444	820	5.0	16,312	15,413	899	5.5
Van Buren	6,002	5,708	294	4.9	5,893	5,598	295	5.0	6,021	5,631	390	6.5
Washington	125,983	123,051	2,932	2.3	126,114	123,044	3,070	2.4	120,720	117,459	3,261	2.7
White	34,275	32,941	1,334	3.9	34,076	32,689	1,387	4.1	34,018	32,380	1,638	4.8
Woodruff	2,997	2,868	129	4.3	3,012	2,885	127	4.2	2,993	2,849	144	4.8
Yell	8,876	8,547	329	3.7	8,715	8,362	353	4.1	8,844	8,478	366	4.1

## County Labor Force Summary

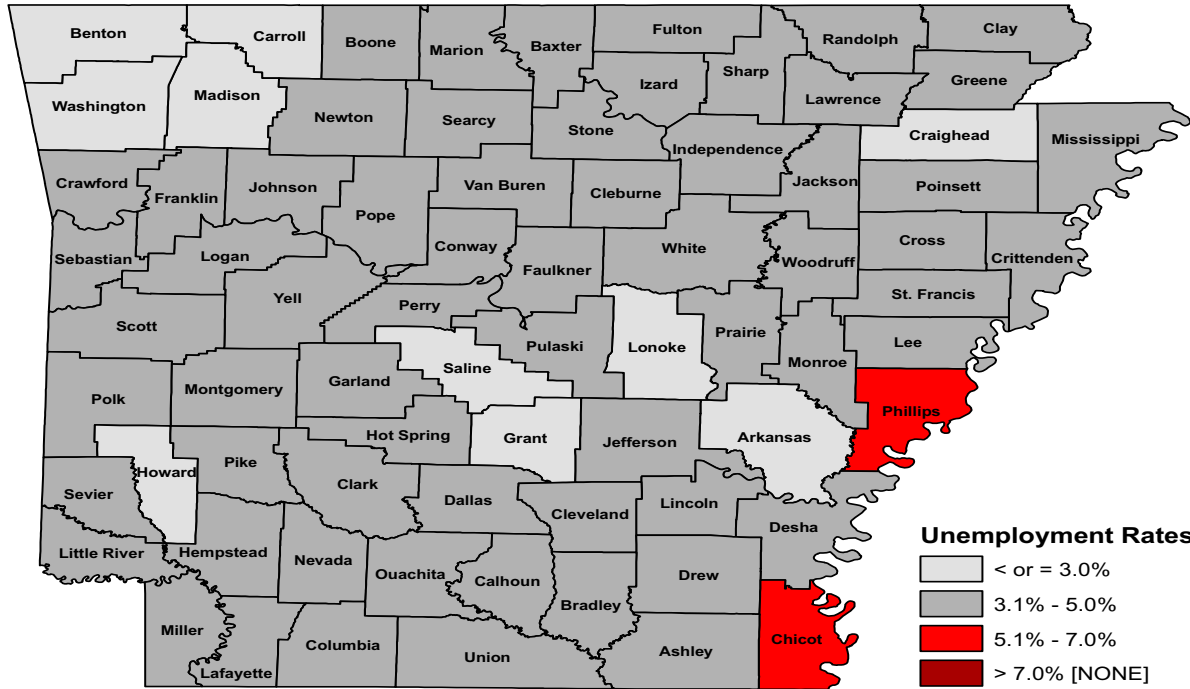
Between August and September, unemployment rates declined in 57 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Ten counties were unchanged over the month, while eight counties posted rate increases. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in Washington County to a high of 5.6 percent in Chicot and Phillips counties.

In September, forty-three counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is up from 36 counties at or below four percent last month. For the 7th month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to September 2016, unemployment rates are down in 71 counties. Three counties were the same as last year, while one-- Prairie County-- increased slightly over the year.

## Labor Market Report

### County Labor Force Statistics



### Ranked by Unemployment Rates

September 2017- Not Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.3	24	Scott	3.6	50	Conway	4.2
2	Carroll	2.7	27	Fulton	3.7	50	Dallas	4.2
2	Madison	2.7	27	Independence	3.7	50	Desha	4.2
4	Benton	2.8	27	Marion	3.7	50	Pope	4.2
4	Craighead	2.8	27	Perry	3.7	55	Montgomery	4.3
4	Saline	2.8	27	Pike	3.7	55	Ouachita	4.3
7	Grant	2.9	27	Poinsett	3.7	55	Sevier	4.3
7	Howard	2.9	27	Randolph	3.7	55	Woodruff	4.3
9	Arkansas	3.0	27	Yell	3.7	59	Cleburne	4.4
9	Lonoke	3.0	35	Calhoun	3.8	59	Drew	4.4
11	Faulkner	3.1	35	Crittenden	3.8	59	Searcy	4.4
11	Nevada	3.1	35	Garland	3.8	62	Columbia	4.6
13	Franklin	3.2	35	Lincoln	3.8	62	Lee	4.6
13	Greene	3.2	35	Prairie	3.8	62	St. Francis	4.6
13	Hempstead	3.2	40	White	3.9	65	Jefferson	4.7
13	Pulaski	3.2	41	Baxter	4.0	65	Little River	4.7
17	Boone	3.3	41	Clay	4.0	65	Mississippi	4.7
17	Crawford	3.3	41	Johnson	4.0	68	Union	4.8
17	Lawrence	3.3	44	Bradley	4.1	69	Van Buren	4.9
20	Clark	3.4	44	Miller	4.1	70	Ashley	5.0
20	Newton	3.4	44	Monroe	4.1	70	Izard	5.0
20	Sebastian	3.4	44	Polk	4.1	70	Jackson	5.0
23	Cross	3.5	44	Sharp	4.1	70	Lafayette	5.0
24	Hot Spring	3.6	44	Stone	4.1	74	Chicot	5.6
24	Logan	3.6	50	Cleveland	4.2	74	Phillips	5.6

## Labor Market Report

# Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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

LWDA	September 2017				August 2017				September 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	253,642	245,790	7,852	3.1	254,344	246,318	8,026	3.2	247,619	238,806	8,813	3.6
City of Little Rock	99,110	96,010	3,100	3.1	99,382	96,188	3,194	3.2	96,533	93,151	3,382	3.5
Eastern	47,949	45,932	2,017	4.2	48,532	46,362	2,170	4.5	48,101	45,885	2,216	4.6
North Central	96,081	92,121	3,960	4.1	94,886	90,703	4,183	4.4	95,263	90,502	4,761	5.0
Northeast	123,075	118,949	4,126	3.4	122,805	118,230	4,575	3.7	120,627	115,678	4,949	4.1
Northwest	326,586	317,658	8,928	2.7	326,172	317,072	9,100	2.8	314,375	305,014	9,361	3.0
Southeast	83,101	79,585	3,516	4.2	82,696	78,992	3,704	4.5	82,564	78,436	4,128	5.0
Southwest	94,815	90,897	3,918	4.1	94,105	89,969	4,136	4.4	94,119	89,715	4,404	4.7
West Central	135,400	130,186	5,214	3.9	134,762	129,256	5,506	4.1	132,310	126,569	5,741	4.3
Western	115,428	111,491	3,937	3.4	115,196	111,164	4,032	3.5	114,006	109,597	4,409	3.9

