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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment 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 classifi according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2017 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 Work- force Services. The data are based on es- tablishment 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 Man- agement and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specifi criteria of population density, com- muting patterns and social and economic integration.

###### Current Population Survey (CPS)

A monthly sample survey of the popula- tion 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 work- ing, 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 oc- cur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

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**November Spotlight**

**Business Employment Dynamics**

Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are pro- duced and published on a quarterly basis. At this time, BED data is only available at the national and statewide levels.

The information produced from BED statistics includes gross job gains and losses at estab- lishments with changes in em- ployment. These employment changes occur when establish- ments open/expand or close/ contract. Gross job gains are a combination of jobs created from both openings of new businesses and expansions at existing businesses. Gross job losses are a combination of jobs lost from both exist- ing businesses that close and those that reduce their number of employees. The net change is the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses.

**Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)**

State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)

**-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**3 months ending**

**----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**Category | Mar 17 | Jun 17 | Sep 17 | Dec 17 | Mar 18\***

**----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**Employment Levels**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 1st Quarter 2018

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gross job gains..... | 57,171 | 53,955 | 57,887 | 61,837 | 54,713 |
| Gross job losses.... | 51,795 | 57,494 | 55,030 | 51,164 | 51,129 |
| **Net Change**.......... | **5,376** | **-3,539** | **2,857** | **10,673** | **3,584** |

**Arkansas’ Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)**

##### 1st Quarter 2016 - 1st Quarter 2018

65,000

63,000

61,000

59,000

57,000

55,000

53,000

51,000

49,000

47,000

45,000

Mar '16 Jun '16 Sep '16 Dec '16 Mar '17 Jun '17 Sep '17 Dec '17 Mar '18

Gross Job Gains

 Gross Job Losses

## 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 unemploy- ment rate rose from 3.5 percent in October to 3.6 percent in November. Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased 1,604, a result of 867 more employed and 737 additional unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate remained unchanged at 3.7 percent between October and November.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate increased to 3.6 percent in November, after two months at 3.5 percent. The number of employed in the State increased for the second month in a row, but is still down slightly over-the-year.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Nov 18**1,348,194 | **Oct 18**1,346,590 | **Nov 17**1,357,161 | Civilian Labor Force | **Nov 18**1,349,735 | **Oct 18**1,353,831 | **Nov 17**1,352,672 |
| Employment | 1,300,010 | 1,299,143 | 1,306,710 | Employment | 1,304,695 | 1,309,163 | 1,308,626 |
| Unemployment | 48,184 | 47,447 | 50,451 | Unemployment | 45,040 | 44,668 | 44,046 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.7 | Unemployment Rate | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.1 | U.S. Unemployment | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.9 |

12.0

#### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates (Arkansas vs United States)

##### November: 2008 - 2018

10.0

8.0

6.0

4.0

2.0

0.0

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

Arkansas United States

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

### Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

**(NAICS)**

**Nov 18**

**Oct 18**

**Nov 17**

**OTM**

**OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Nonfarm** | 1264.8 | 1263.7 | 1252.3 | 1.1 | 12.5 |
| **Goods Producing** | 219.6 | 219.5 | 216.5 | 0.1 | 3.1 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | 59.1 | 59.5 | 58.0 | -0.4 | 1.1 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.5** | **5.6** | **5.8** | **-0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Construction** | **53.6** | **53.9** | **52.2** | **-0.3** | **1.4** |
| **Specialty Trade Contractors** | 32.9 | 33.5 | 31.7 | -0.6 | 1.2 |
| **Manufacturing** | **160.5** | **160.0** | **158.5** | **0.5** | **2.0** |
| **Durable Goods** | 76.2 | 75.6 | 74.9 | 0.6 | 1.3 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 84.3 | 84.4 | 83.6 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| **Service Providing** | 1045.2 | 1044.2 | 1035.8 | 1.0 | 9.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **255.2** | **252.0** | **253.6** | **3.2** | **1.6** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 48.2 | 47.4 | 47.0 | 0.8 | 1.2 |
| **Retail Trade** | 143.3 | 140.2 | 142.7 | 3.1 | 0.6 |
| **Transport, Warehousing & Utilities** | 63.7 | 64.4 | 63.9 | -0.7 | -0.2 |
| **Information** | **12.2** | **12.0** | **13.0** | **0.2** | **-0.8** |
| **Financial Activities** | **54.4** | **54.2** | **53.1** | **0.2** | **1.3** |
| **Finance & Insurance** | 40.5 | 40.4 | 39.7 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| **Real Estate & Rental & Leasing** | 13.9 | 13.8 | 13.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **150.9** | **153.2** | **147.5** | **-2.3** | **3.4** |
| **Professional, Scientific & Technical** | 44.0 | 43.7 | 43.5 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| **Management of Companies** | 36.0 | 35.9 | 35.0 | 0.1 | 1.0 |
| **Administrative & Support Services** | 70.9 | 73.6 | 69.0 | -2.7 | 1.9 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **191.5** | **192.4** | **189.3** | **-0.9** | **2.2** |
| **Educational Services** | 16.8 | 16.8 | 15.5 | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| **Health Care & Social Assistance** | 174.7 | 175.6 | 173.8 | -0.9 | 0.9 |
| **Ambulatory Health Care** | 58.0 | 57.9 | 57.4 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| **Social Assistance** | 39.6 | 39.7 | 40.0 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **116.6** | **117.3** | **114.9** | **-0.7** | **1.7** |
| **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** | 9.6 | 10.3 | 9.8 | -0.7 | -0.2 |
| **Accommodation & Food Services** | 107.0 | 107.0 | 105.1 | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| **Accommodation Services** | 10.9 | 11.0 | 11.1 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Food Services** | 96.1 | 96.0 | 94.0 | 0.1 | 2.1 |
| **Other Services** | **48.0** | **47.8** | **48.2** | **0.2** | **-0.2** |
| **Government** | **216.4** | **215.3** | **216.2** | **1.1** | **0.2** |
| **Federal Government** | 20.0 | 19.7 | 20.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 80.3 | 80.3 | 80.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Local Government** | 116.1 | 115.3 | 116.1 | 0.8 | 0.0 |

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

### October 2018 - November 2018

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 1,100 in November to total 1,264,800. Six major industry sectors added jobs, while employment in five sectors declined. The greatest gain occurred in **trade, transportation, and utilities** (+3,200). Most of the expansion was in retail trade (+3,100), as stores began seasonal hiring for the winter holidays. Jobs in **government** increased 1,100. A majority of the growth was posted in local government (+800), related to typical winter hiring at the city and county levels. Employment in **professional and business services** declined 2,300. All of the loss occurred in administrative and support services (-2,700), a subsector which includes a broad range of activities such as temporary help services, tour operators, and landscaping services.

**November 2017 - November 2018**

Compared to November 2017, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment is up 12,500. Growth was posted in eight major industry sectors, while three sectors decreased slightly. Jobs in **professional and busi- ness services** rose 3,400. Expansions occurred in all three subsectors. **Educational and health servic- es** added 2,200 jobs, mostly in educational services (+1,300). Jobs in **manufacturing** increased 2,000. Gains were posted in both durable (+1,300) and nondurable (+700) goods manufacturing. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** rose 1,700. All growth was in food services (+2,100). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 1,600 jobs, with hiring in both wholesale (+1,200) and retail (+600) trade.

260,000

#### Jobs in Trade-Transportation-Utilities (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

##### November 2015 - November 2018

258,000

256,000

254,000

252,000

250,000

248,000

246,000

244,000

242,000

240,000

Nov '15 May '16 Nov '16 May '17 Nov '17 May '18 Nov '18

## State of Arkansas

**Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

**Manufacturing**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 18** | **Oct 18** | **Nov 17** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 42.2 | 43.3 | 43.7 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 17.93 | 18.15 | 16.38 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 756.65 | 785.90 | 715.81 |

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Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Nov 18 Oct 18 Nov 17**

Average Weekly Hours 41.9 42.6

Average Hourly Earnings 15.54 16.03

Average Weekly Earnings 651.13 682.88

44.7

15.27

682.57

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 18** | **Oct 18** | **Nov 17** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 42.6 | 44.2 | 42.4 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 20.71 | 20.61 | 17.77 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 882.25 | 910.96 | 753.45 |

$1,000.00

#### Average Weekly Earnings: Durable Goods Manufacturing

##### November: 2003 - 2018

$900.00

$800.00

$700.00

$600.00

$500.00

$400.00

$300.00

'03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18

## 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.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 18** | **Oct 18** | **Nov 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 355,955 | 357,735 | 354,989 | -1,780 | 966 |
| **Employment** | 345,226 | 346,922 | 344,580 | -1,696 | 646 |
| **Unemployment** | 10,729 | 10,813 | 10,409 | -84 | 320 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

(In Thousands)

331.1

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS****Total Nonfarm** | **Nov 18**369.3 | **Oct 18**368.6 | **Nov 17**362.8 | **OTM**0.7 | **OT Y**6.5 |
| **Goods Producing** | 37.4 | 37.5 | 38.1 | -0.1 | -0.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **17.2** | **17.4** | **17.8** | **-0.2** | **-0.6** |
| **Manufacturing****Service Providing** | **20.2**331.9 | **20.1** | **20.3** | **0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 71.9** | **70.7** | **71.1 1.2 0.8** |  |
| **Wholesale Trade** 15.1 | 15.1 | 15.2 0.0 -0.1 |  |
| **Retail Trade** 40.2 | 39.2 | 39.8 1.0 0.4 |  |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 16.6 | 16.4 | 16.1 0.2 0.5 |  |
| **Information 5.5** | **5.5** | **5.9 0.0 -0.4** |  |
| **Financial Activities 21.2** | **21.2** | **21.0 0.0 0.2** |  |
| **Professional & Business Services 51.8** | **52.3** | **48.7 -0.5 3.1** |  |
| **Educational & Health Services 59.4** | **59.8** | **57.3 -0.4 2.1** |  |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 35.0** | **34.9** | **34.1 0.1 0.9** |  |
| **Other Services 15.5** | **15.5** | **15.4 0.0 0.1** |  |
| **Government 71.6** | **71.2** | **71.2 0.4 0.4** |  |
| **Federal Government** 9.6 | 9.4 | 9.5 0.2 0.1 |  |
| **State Government** 35.9 | 35.7 | 35.5 0.2 0.4 |  |
| **Local Government** 26.1 | 26.1 | 26.2 0.0 -0.1 |  |
| **Number of Employed** |  | **Jobs in Professional and Business Services** |  |
| January 2016 - November 2018355,000  | 55,000  | November: 2008 - 2018 |  |
| 350,000 |  |  |  |
|  | 50,000 |  |  |
| 345,000 |  |  |  |
| 340,000 |  |  |  |
|  | 45,000 |  |  |
| 335,000 |  |  |  |
| 330,000 | 40,000 |  |  |
| 325,000  |  |  |  |
| 320,000  | 35,000 |  |  |
| 315,000  |  |  |  |
| J F M A M J J A S O N D | 30,000 |  |  |
|  2016 2017 2018 |  | '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 | '18 |

324.7

0.8

7.2

#####

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA**

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 18** | **Oct 18** | **Nov 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 275,730 | 276,651 | 274,486 | -921 | 1,244 |
| **Employment** | 268,928 | 269,764 | 267,598 | -836 | 1,330 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,802 | 6,887 | 6,888 | -85 | -86 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(In Thousands)

220.7

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS****Total Nonfarm** | **Nov 18**263.8 | **Oct 18**262.9 | **Nov 17**258.4 | **OTM**0.9 | **OT Y**5.4 |
| **Goods Producing** | 42.5 | 42.2 | 40.4 | 0.3 | 2.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **12.3** | **12.3** | **11.4** | **0.0** | **0.9** |
| **Manufacturing****Service Providing** | **30.2**221.3 | **29.9** | **29.0** | **0.3** | **1.2** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 57.4 57.0 57.0** | 0.6**0.4** | 3.3**0.4** |  |
| **Wholesale Trade** 13.6 13.6 13.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 |  |
| **Retail Trade** 26.7 26.5 27.1 | 0.2 | -0.4 |  |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 17.1 16.9 16.7 | 0.2 | 0.4 |  |
| **Information 1.9 1.8 1.9** | **0.1** | **0.0** |  |
| **Financial Activities 8.0 7.9 7.9** | **0.1** | **0.1** |  |
| **Professional & Business Services 50.1 50.3 50.4** | **-0.2** | **-0.3** |  |
| **Educational & Health Services 30.0 29.9 29.0** | **0.1** | **1.0** |  |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 26.5 26.7 25.8** | **-0.2** | **0.7** |  |
| **Other Services 9.1 9.1 9.0** | **0.0** | **0.1** |  |
| **Government 38.3 38.0 37.0** | **0.3** | **1.3** |  |
| **Federal Government** 2.6 2.5 2.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 |  |
| **State Government** 16.3 16.2 15.4 | 0.1 | 0.9 |  |
| **Local Government** 19.4 19.3 19.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 |  |
| **Over-the-Year Job Changes by Industry (Ranked)** |  |  |  |
| November 2018 |  |  |  |
| Government |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing |  |  |  |
| Educational & Health |  |  |  |
| Mining-Logging-Construction |  |  |  |
| Leisure & Hospitality |  |  |  |
| Tr ade-Transport-Utilities |  |  |  |
| Fina ncial Activities |  |  |  |
| Other Services |  |  |  |
| Informa tion |  |  |  |
| Professiona l & Business |  |  |  |
| -400 -200 0 200 400 600 800 | 1,000 | 1,200 | 1,400 |

218.0

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## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fort Smith MSA**

The Fort Smith MSA = Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 18** | **Oct 18** | **Nov 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 117,312 | 117,652 | 119,233 | -340 | -1,921 |
| **Employment** | 113,333 | 113,521 | 114,539 | -188 | -1,206 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,979 | 4,131 | 4,694 | -152 | -715 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.9 | -0.1 | -0.5 |

(In Thousands)

89.8

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS****Total Nonfarm** | **Nov 18**113.3 | **Oct 18**112.6 | **Nov 17**112.8 | **OTM**0.7 | **OT Y**0.5 |
| **Goods Producing** | 23.0 | 22.8 | 22.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.3** | **5.4** | **5.4** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Manufacturing****Service Providing** | **17.7**90.3 | **17.4** | **17.4** | **0.3** | **0.3** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **22.8** | **22.3** | **23.0** | 0.5**0.5** | 0.3**-0.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** | 12.6 | 12.2 | 12.7 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Information** | **1.1** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.9** | **3.9** | **3.8** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **13.0** | **12.9** | **12.6** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.6** | **16.7** | **16.8** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.4** | **9.5** | **9.3** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Other Services** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **19.1** | **18.9** | **18.9** | **0.2** | **0.2** |
| **Federal Government** | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** | 14.5 | 14.4 | 14.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

90.0

#### Unemployment Rates

##### November: 1998 - 2018

9.0

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

##### November 2016 - November 2018

116,000

8.0

115,000

114,000

7.0

113,000

6.0

112,000

5.0

111,000

4.0

110,000

109,000

3.0

108,000

2.0

'98 '00 '02 '04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18

107,000

Nov '16 May '17 Nov '17 May '18 Nov '18

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 18** | **Oct 18** | **Nov 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 39,059 | 39,466 | 39,407 | -407 | -348 |
| **Employment** | 37,546 | 37,941 | 37,998 | -395 | -452 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,513 | 1,525 | 1,409 | -12 | 104 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 0.0 | 0.3 |

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 18** | **Oct 18** | **Nov 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 37.8 | 38.0 | 37.5 | -0.2 | 0.3 |
| 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 33.1 | 33.3 | 33.0 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 |

39,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

##### November: 1998 - 2018

38,000

37,000

36,000

35,000

34,000

33,000

32,000

1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 18** | **Oct 18** | **Nov 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,823 | 64,921 | 64,371 | -98 | 452 |
| **Employment** | 63,016 | 63,108 | 62,600 | -92 | 416 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,807 | 1,813 | 1,771 | -6 | 36 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 18** | **Oct 18** | **Nov 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 59.9 | 59.6 | 58.6 | 0.3 | 1.3 |
| 9.8 | 9.9 | 9.8 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| 50.1 | 49.7 | 48.8 | 0.4 | 1.3 |
| 9.5 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

51,000

#### Jobs in Service Providing Sectors

##### January 2016 - November 2018

50,000

49,000

48,000

47,000

46,000

45,000

44,000

43,000

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2016 2017 2018

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Pine Bluff MSA**

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 18** | **Oct 18** | **Nov 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 34,607 | 34,800 | 35,299 | -193 | -692 |
| **Employment** | 32,934 | 33,164 | 33,737 | -230 | -803 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,673 | 1,636 | 1,562 | 37 | 111 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 |

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 18** | **Oct 18** | **Nov 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 32.8 | 32.9 | 33.3 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| 26.8 | 26.8 | 27.2 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.7 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

50,000

45,000

#### Civilian Labor Force

##### November: 2008 - 2018

Employment + Unemployment = Civilian Labor Force

40,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

0

'08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18

Employment Unemployment

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Out-of-State MSA**

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 18** | **Oct 18** | **Nov 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 644,123 | 641,709 | 636,556 | 2,414 | 7,567 |
| **Employment** | 619,550 | 614,441 | 613,040 | 5,109 | 6,510 |
| **Unemployment** | 24,573 | 27,268 | 23,516 | -2,695 | 1,057 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.8 | 4.2 | 3.7 | -0.4 | 0.1 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 18** | **Oct 18** | **Nov 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,513 | 65,333 | 64,790 | 180 | 723 |
| **Employment** | 62,406 | 62,196 | 62,177 | 210 | 229 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,107 | 3,137 | 2,613 | -30 | 494 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.0 | -0.1 | 0.7 |

#### Memphis - Number of Employed

##### November 2015 - November 2018

75,000

#### Texarkana - Civilian Labor Force

##### November: 2008 - 2018

650,000

630,000

70,000

610,000

65,000

590,000

60,000

570,000

550,000

55,000

530,000

Nov '15 May '16 Nov '16 May '17 Nov '17 May '18 Nov '18

50,000

'08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18

## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**Micro Area**

**November 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,723 | 9,379 | 344 | 3.5 | 9,729 | 9,401 | 328 | 3.4 | 9,663 | 9,340 | 323 | 3.3 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,202 | 15,550 | 652 | 4.0 | 16,157 | 15,556 | 601 | 3.7 | 16,283 | 15,690 | 593 | 3.6 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,555 | 16,727 | 828 | 4.7 | 17,655 | 16,878 | 777 | 4.4 | 17,750 | 16,922 | 828 | 4.7 |
| Camden Micro | 12,159 | 11,656 | 503 | 4.1 | 12,217 | 11,715 | 502 | 4.1 | 12,092 | 11,606 | 486 | 4.0 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,935 | 15,191 | 744 | 4.7 | 15,985 | 15,248 | 737 | 4.6 | 16,066 | 15,330 | 736 | 4.6 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,285 | 7,888 | 397 | 4.8 | 8,306 | 7,929 | 377 | 4.5 | 8,319 | 7,943 | 376 | 4.5 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,133 | 18,555 | 578 | 3.0 | 19,194 | 18,590 | 604 | 3.1 | 19,176 | 18,575 | 601 | 3.1 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,579 | 6,225 | 354 | 5.4 | 6,541 | 6,204 | 337 | 5.2 | 6,515 | 6,160 | 355 | 5.4 |
| Hope Micro | 13,579 | 13,093 | 486 | 3.6 | 13,607 | 13,144 | 463 | 3.4 | 13,509 | 13,102 | 407 | 3.0 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,906 | 8,536 | 370 | 4.2 | 8,926 | 8,562 | 364 | 4.1 | 9,102 | 8,711 | 391 | 4.3 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,775 | 13,313 | 462 | 3.4 | 13,860 | 13,391 | 469 | 3.4 | 14,143 | 13,680 | 463 | 3.3 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,338 | 15,699 | 639 | 3.9 | 16,328 | 15,726 | 602 | 3.7 | 16,322 | 15,685 | 637 | 3.9 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,659 | 19,044 | 615 | 3.1 | 19,643 | 19,048 | 595 | 3.0 | 19,670 | 19,042 | 628 | 3.2 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,449 | 36,010 | 1,439 | 3.8 | 37,510 | 36,141 | 1,369 | 3.6 | 38,437 | 36,985 | 1,452 | 3.8 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,629 | 32,296 | 1,333 | 4.0 | 33,669 | 32,397 | 1,272 | 3.8 | 33,778 | 32,470 | 1,308 | 3.9 |

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

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**City**

**CLF**

**November 2018**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**October 2018**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County Paragould Micro = Greene County Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties Searcy Micro = White County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 12,510 | 12,059 | 451 | 3.6 | 12,527 | 12,097 | 430 | 3.4 | 12,426 | 12,006 | 420 | 3.4 |
| Benton | 17,324 | 16,821 | 503 | 2.9 | 17,409 | 16,907 | 502 | 2.9 | 17,257 | 16,798 | 459 | 2.7 |
| Bentonville | 25,589 | 25,000 | 589 | 2.3 | 25,673 | 25,081 | 592 | 2.3 | 25,555 | 24,891 | 664 | 2.6 |
| Blytheville | 5,998 | 5,696 | 302 | 5.0 | 6,036 | 5,747 | 289 | 4.8 | 6,087 | 5,762 | 325 | 5.3 |
| Cabot | 11,935 | 11,597 | 338 | 2.8 | 11,972 | 11,638 | 334 | 2.8 | 11,884 | 11,550 | 334 | 2.8 |
| Conway | 33,553 | 32,601 | 952 | 2.8 | 33,719 | 32,750 | 969 | 2.9 | 33,561 | 32,543 | 1,018 | 3.0 |
| El Dorado | 6,955 | 6,602 | 353 | 5.1 | 7,003 | 6,626 | 377 | 5.4 | 7,003 | 6,662 | 341 | 4.9 |
| Fayetteville | 47,755 | 46,592 | 1,163 | 2.4 | 47,912 | 46,728 | 1,184 | 2.5 | 47,538 | 46,406 | 1,132 | 2.4 |
| Fort Smith | 39,028 | 37,734 | 1,294 | 3.3 | 39,055 | 37,756 | 1,299 | 3.3 | 39,452 | 38,143 | 1,309 | 3.3 |
| Hot Springs | 14,091 | 13,467 | 624 | 4.4 | 14,261 | 13,608 | 653 | 4.6 | 14,179 | 13,629 | 550 | 3.9 |
| Jacksonville | 11,800 | 11,352 | 448 | 3.8 | 11,868 | 11,412 | 456 | 3.8 | 11,790 | 11,335 | 455 | 3.9 |
| Jonesboro | 38,220 | 37,173 | 1,047 | 2.7 | 38,306 | 37,245 | 1,061 | 2.8 | 37,950 | 36,954 | 996 | 2.6 |
| Little Rock | 98,142 | 95,074 | 3,068 | 3.1 | 98,662 | 95,579 | 3,083 | 3.1 | 97,802 | 94,932 | 2,870 | 2.9 |
| North Little Rock | 30,163 | 29,137 | 1,026 | 3.4 | 30,290 | 29,292 | 998 | 3.3 | 30,082 | 29,094 | 988 | 3.3 |
| Paragould | 12,361 | 11,942 | 419 | 3.4 | 12,345 | 11,944 | 401 | 3.2 | 12,360 | 11,940 | 420 | 3.4 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,464 | 15,511 | 953 | 5.8 | 16,583 | 15,640 | 943 | 5.7 | 16,787 | 15,913 | 874 | 5.2 |
| Rogers | 35,422 | 34,549 | 873 | 2.5 | 35,548 | 34,660 | 888 | 2.5 | 35,288 | 34,399 | 889 | 2.5 |
| Russellville | 13,526 | 13,064 | 462 | 3.4 | 13,578 | 13,123 | 455 | 3.4 | 13,932 | 13,441 | 491 | 3.5 |
| Searcy | 10,397 | 10,006 | 391 | 3.8 | 10,431 | 10,037 | 394 | 3.8 | 10,400 | 10,060 | 340 | 3.3 |
| Sherwood | 15,850 | 15,401 | 449 | 2.8 | 15,903 | 15,483 | 420 | 2.6 | 15,777 | 15,378 | 399 | 2.5 |
| Springdale | 39,428 | 38,508 | 920 | 2.3 | 39,549 | 38,622 | 927 | 2.3 | 39,262 | 38,353 | 909 | 2.3 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,714 | 13,055 | 659 | 4.8 | 13,716 | 13,045 | 671 | 4.9 | 13,720 | 13,162 | 558 | 4.1 |
| Van Buren | 10,233 | 9,894 | 339 | 3.3 | 10,232 | 9,894 | 338 | 3.3 | 10,332 | 9,986 | 346 | 3.3 |
| West Memphis | 10,889 | 10,448 | 441 | 4.0 | 10,840 | 10,414 | 426 | 3.9 | 10,884 | 10,450 | 434 | 4.0 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**November 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,106 | 8,819 | 287 | 3.2 | 9,160 | 8,893 | 267 | 2.9 | 8,962 | 8,687 | 275 | 3.1 |
| Ashley | 7,625 | 7,244 | 381 | 5.0 | 7,659 | 7,301 | 358 | 4.7 | 7,643 | 7,281 | 362 | 4.7 |
| Baxter | 16,338 | 15,699 | 639 | 3.9 | 16,328 | 15,726 | 602 | 3.7 | 16,322 | 15,685 | 637 | 3.9 |
| Benton | 133,809 | 130,343 | 3,466 | 2.6 | 134,268 | 130,762 | 3,506 | 2.6 | 133,324 | 129,775 | 3,549 | 2.7 |
| Boone | 15,774 | 15,291 | 483 | 3.1 | 15,830 | 15,330 | 500 | 3.2 | 15,819 | 15,314 | 505 | 3.2 |
| Bradley | 4,501 | 4,326 | 175 | 3.9 | 4,514 | 4,339 | 175 | 3.9 | 4,475 | 4,311 | 164 | 3.7 |
| Calhoun | 2,364 | 2,282 | 82 | 3.5 | 2,363 | 2,286 | 77 | 3.3 | 2,346 | 2,261 | 85 | 3.6 |
| Carroll | 12,505 | 12,171 | 334 | 2.7 | 12,794 | 12,448 | 346 | 2.7 | 13,077 | 12,722 | 355 | 2.7 |
| Chicot | 3,410 | 3,209 | 201 | 5.9 | 3,407 | 3,219 | 188 | 5.5 | 3,458 | 3,251 | 207 | 6.0 |
| Clark | 9,723 | 9,379 | 344 | 3.5 | 9,729 | 9,401 | 328 | 3.4 | 9,663 | 9,340 | 323 | 3.3 |
| Clay | 5,812 | 5,586 | 226 | 3.9 | 5,790 | 5,564 | 226 | 3.9 | 5,805 | 5,581 | 224 | 3.9 |
| Cleburne | 9,104 | 8,738 | 366 | 4.0 | 9,140 | 8,777 | 363 | 4.0 | 9,282 | 8,891 | 391 | 4.2 |
| Cleveland | 3,231 | 3,114 | 117 | 3.6 | 3,238 | 3,122 | 116 | 3.6 | 3,294 | 3,173 | 121 | 3.7 |
| Columbia | 8,906 | 8,536 | 370 | 4.2 | 8,926 | 8,562 | 364 | 4.1 | 9,102 | 8,711 | 391 | 4.3 |
| Conway | 8,098 | 7,775 | 323 | 4.0 | 8,124 | 7,817 | 307 | 3.8 | 8,223 | 7,906 | 317 | 3.9 |
| Craighead | 54,405 | 52,924 | 1,481 | 2.7 | 54,510 | 53,027 | 1,483 | 2.7 | 54,016 | 52,613 | 1,403 | 2.6 |
| Crawford | 26,189 | 25,338 | 851 | 3.2 | 26,212 | 25,337 | 875 | 3.3 | 26,440 | 25,573 | 867 | 3.3 |
| Crittenden | 21,957 | 21,151 | 806 | 3.7 | 21,885 | 21,082 | 803 | 3.7 | 21,942 | 21,154 | 788 | 3.6 |
| Cross | 7,476 | 7,173 | 303 | 4.1 | 7,471 | 7,199 | 272 | 3.6 | 7,645 | 7,371 | 274 | 3.6 |
| Dallas | 2,864 | 2,756 | 108 | 3.8 | 2,866 | 2,754 | 112 | 3.9 | 2,943 | 2,831 | 112 | 3.8 |
| Desha | 5,554 | 5,337 | 217 | 3.9 | 5,579 | 5,372 | 207 | 3.7 | 5,406 | 5,189 | 217 | 4.0 |
| Drew | 8,000 | 7,643 | 357 | 4.5 | 7,957 | 7,621 | 336 | 4.2 | 7,968 | 7,620 | 348 | 4.4 |
| Faulkner | 61,265 | 59,473 | 1,792 | 2.9 | 61,565 | 59,744 | 1,821 | 3.0 | 61,192 | 59,367 | 1,825 | 3.0 |
| Franklin | 7,347 | 7,117 | 230 | 3.1 | 7,372 | 7,134 | 238 | 3.2 | 7,489 | 7,259 | 230 | 3.1 |
| Fulton | 4,724 | 4,547 | 177 | 3.7 | 4,708 | 4,542 | 166 | 3.5 | 4,689 | 4,517 | 172 | 3.7 |
| Garland | 39,059 | 37,546 | 1,513 | 3.9 | 39,466 | 37,941 | 1,525 | 3.9 | 39,407 | 37,998 | 1,409 | 3.6 |
| Grant | 8,379 | 8,154 | 225 | 2.7 | 8,421 | 8,188 | 233 | 2.8 | 8,351 | 8,113 | 238 | 2.8 |
| Greene | 19,659 | 19,044 | 615 | 3.1 | 19,643 | 19,048 | 595 | 3.0 | 19,670 | 19,042 | 628 | 3.2 |
| Hempstead | 9,969 | 9,597 | 372 | 3.7 | 9,978 | 9,630 | 348 | 3.5 | 9,888 | 9,595 | 293 | 3.0 |
| Hot Spring | 13,775 | 13,313 | 462 | 3.4 | 13,860 | 13,391 | 469 | 3.4 | 14,143 | 13,680 | 463 | 3.3 |
| Howard | 5,832 | 5,633 | 199 | 3.4 | 5,880 | 5,679 | 201 | 3.4 | 5,809 | 5,657 | 152 | 2.6 |
| Independence | 16,202 | 15,550 | 652 | 4.0 | 16,157 | 15,556 | 601 | 3.7 | 16,283 | 15,690 | 593 | 3.6 |
| Izard | 4,829 | 4,568 | 261 | 5.4 | 4,773 | 4,568 | 205 | 4.3 | 4,939 | 4,684 | 255 | 5.2 |
| Jackson | 5,814 | 5,479 | 335 | 5.8 | 5,822 | 5,500 | 322 | 5.5 | 5,792 | 5,507 | 285 | 4.9 |
| Jefferson | 27,419 | 26,020 | 1,399 | 5.1 | 27,602 | 26,236 | 1,366 | 4.9 | 27,987 | 26,694 | 1,293 | 4.6 |
| Johnson | 10,507 | 10,113 | 394 | 3.7 | 10,427 | 10,038 | 389 | 3.7 | 10,767 | 10,361 | 406 | 3.8 |
| Lafayette | 2,536 | 2,420 | 116 | 4.6 | 2,507 | 2,396 | 111 | 4.4 | 2,519 | 2,406 | 113 | 4.5 |
| Lawrence | 6,983 | 6,730 | 253 | 3.6 | 6,958 | 6,717 | 241 | 3.5 | 7,003 | 6,780 | 223 | 3.2 |
| Lee | 2,912 | 2,789 | 123 | 4.2 | 2,925 | 2,800 | 125 | 4.3 | 2,869 | 2,752 | 117 | 4.1 |
| Lincoln | 3,957 | 3,800 | 157 | 4.0 | 3,960 | 3,806 | 154 | 3.9 | 4,018 | 3,870 | 148 | 3.7 |
| Little River | 5,574 | 5,297 | 277 | 5.0 | 5,589 | 5,302 | 287 | 5.1 | 5,591 | 5,333 | 258 | 4.6 |
| Logan | 8,724 | 8,402 | 322 | 3.7 | 8,748 | 8,429 | 319 | 3.6 | 8,833 | 8,541 | 292 | 3.3 |
| Lonoke | 33,920 | 32,955 | 965 | 2.8 | 34,071 | 33,071 | 1,000 | 2.9 | 33,795 | 32,821 | 974 | 2.9 |
| Madison | 7,548 | 7,361 | 187 | 2.5 | 7,539 | 7,342 | 197 | 2.6 | 7,470 | 7,284 | 186 | 2.5 |
| Marion | 6,506 | 6,238 | 268 | 4.1 | 6,512 | 6,259 | 253 | 3.9 | 6,420 | 6,190 | 230 | 3.6 |
| Miller | 19,752 | 18,888 | 864 | 4.4 | 19,757 | 18,873 | 884 | 4.5 | 19,798 | 19,043 | 755 | 3.8 |

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## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**November 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 17,555 | 16,727 | 828 | 4.7 | 17,655 | 16,878 | 777 | 4.4 | 17,750 | 16,922 | 828 | 4.7 |
| Monroe | 2,711 | 2,602 | 109 | 4.0 | 2,737 | 2,628 | 109 | 4.0 | 2,749 | 2,637 | 112 | 4.1 |
| Montgomery | 3,047 | 2,915 | 132 | 4.3 | 3,054 | 2,922 | 132 | 4.3 | 2,949 | 2,819 | 130 | 4.4 |
| Nevada | 3,610 | 3,496 | 114 | 3.2 | 3,629 | 3,514 | 115 | 3.2 | 3,621 | 3,507 | 114 | 3.1 |
| Newton | 3,359 | 3,264 | 95 | 2.8 | 3,364 | 3,260 | 104 | 3.1 | 3,357 | 3,261 | 96 | 2.9 |
| Ouachita | 9,795 | 9,374 | 421 | 4.3 | 9,854 | 9,429 | 425 | 4.3 | 9,746 | 9,345 | 401 | 4.1 |
| Perry | 4,209 | 4,042 | 167 | 4.0 | 4,199 | 4,049 | 150 | 3.6 | 4,186 | 4,030 | 156 | 3.7 |
| Phillips | 6,579 | 6,225 | 354 | 5.4 | 6,541 | 6,204 | 337 | 5.2 | 6,515 | 6,160 | 355 | 5.4 |
| Pike | 4,281 | 4,123 | 158 | 3.7 | 4,275 | 4,117 | 158 | 3.7 | 4,271 | 4,110 | 161 | 3.8 |
| Poinsett | 10,418 | 10,092 | 326 | 3.1 | 10,411 | 10,081 | 330 | 3.2 | 10,355 | 9,987 | 368 | 3.6 |
| Polk | 8,035 | 7,750 | 285 | 3.5 | 7,982 | 7,691 | 291 | 3.6 | 7,959 | 7,654 | 305 | 3.8 |
| Pope | 28,884 | 27,756 | 1,128 | 3.9 | 28,939 | 27,882 | 1,057 | 3.7 | 29,710 | 28,559 | 1,151 | 3.9 |
| Prairie | 3,610 | 3,474 | 136 | 3.8 | 3,611 | 3,479 | 132 | 3.7 | 3,719 | 3,581 | 138 | 3.7 |
| Pulaski | 190,324 | 184,346 | 5,978 | 3.1 | 191,279 | 185,324 | 5,955 | 3.1 | 189,725 | 184,070 | 5,655 | 3.0 |
| Randolph | 7,181 | 6,941 | 240 | 3.3 | 7,194 | 6,953 | 241 | 3.4 | 6,927 | 6,661 | 266 | 3.8 |
| St. Francis | 8,285 | 7,888 | 397 | 4.8 | 8,306 | 7,929 | 377 | 4.5 | 8,319 | 7,943 | 376 | 4.5 |
| Saline | 57,858 | 56,256 | 1,602 | 2.8 | 58,200 | 56,546 | 1,654 | 2.8 | 57,740 | 56,179 | 1,561 | 2.7 |
| Scott | 4,434 | 4,293 | 141 | 3.2 | 4,421 | 4,280 | 141 | 3.2 | 4,453 | 4,303 | 150 | 3.4 |
| Searcy | 2,837 | 2,716 | 121 | 4.3 | 2,852 | 2,740 | 112 | 3.9 | 2,873 | 2,750 | 123 | 4.3 |
| Sebastian | 56,023 | 54,217 | 1,806 | 3.2 | 56,087 | 54,248 | 1,839 | 3.3 | 56,699 | 54,804 | 1,895 | 3.3 |
| Sevier | 5,570 | 5,333 | 237 | 4.3 | 5,575 | 5,324 | 251 | 4.5 | 5,716 | 5,485 | 231 | 4.0 |
| Sharp | 5,792 | 5,538 | 254 | 4.4 | 5,822 | 5,563 | 259 | 4.4 | 6,015 | 5,773 | 242 | 4.0 |
| Stone | 4,845 | 4,620 | 225 | 4.6 | 4,802 | 4,610 | 192 | 4.0 | 4,797 | 4,600 | 197 | 4.1 |
| Union | 15,935 | 15,191 | 744 | 4.7 | 15,985 | 15,248 | 737 | 4.6 | 16,066 | 15,330 | 736 | 4.6 |
| Van Buren | 5,872 | 5,590 | 282 | 4.8 | 5,871 | 5,603 | 268 | 4.6 | 6,060 | 5,779 | 281 | 4.6 |
| Washington | 123,672 | 120,759 | 2,913 | 2.4 | 124,069 | 121,113 | 2,956 | 2.4 | 123,104 | 120,277 | 2,827 | 2.3 |
| White | 33,629 | 32,296 | 1,333 | 4.0 | 33,669 | 32,397 | 1,272 | 3.8 | 33,778 | 32,470 | 1,308 | 3.9 |
| Woodruff | 2,882 | 2,750 | 132 | 4.6 | 2,883 | 2,761 | 122 | 4.2 | 2,912 | 2,782 | 130 | 4.5 |
| Yell | 8,565 | 8,254 | 311 | 3.6 | 8,571 | 8,259 | 312 | 3.6 | 8,727 | 8,426 | 301 | 3.4 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between October and November, unemployment rates rose in 35 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Twen- ty-three counties were unchanged over the month, while rates in seventeen counties declined. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.4 percent in Washington County to a high of 5.9 percent in Chicot County.

In November, fifty counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down slightly from 54 counties at or below four percent last month. For the 6th consecutive month, no county reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to November 2017, unemployment rates are up in 41 Arkansas counties. Twenty-three

counties posted rate decreases and 11 were the same over-the-year.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Boone**

**Randolph**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Sharp**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Madison**

**Washington**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

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**Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller**

**Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Lafayette**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

November 2018 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**1 | **County**Washington | **Rate**2.4 | **Rank**24 | **County**Polk | **Rate**3.5 | **Rank**51 | **County**Cross | **Rate**4.1 |
| 2 | Madison | 2.5 | 27 | Cleveland | 3.6 | 51 | Marion | 4.1 |
| 3 | Benton | 2.6 | 27 | Lawrence | 3.6 | 53 | Columbia | 4.2 |
| 4 | Carroll | 2.7 | 27 | Yell | 3.6 | 53 | Lee | 4.2 |
| 4 | Craighead | 2.7 | 30 | Crittenden | 3.7 | 55 | Montgomery | 4.3 |
| 4 | Grant | 2.7 | 30 | Fulton | 3.7 | 55 | Ouachita | 4.3 |
| 7 | Lonoke | 2.8 | 30 | Hempstead | 3.7 | 55 | Searcy | 4.3 |
| 7 | Newton | 2.8 | 30 | Johnson | 3.7 | 55 | Sevier | 4.3 |
| 7 | Saline | 2.8 | 30 | Logan | 3.7 | 59 | Miller | 4.4 |
| 10 | Faulkner | 2.9 | 30 | Pike | 3.7 | 59 | Sharp | 4.4 |
| 11 | Boone | 3.1 | 36 | Dallas | 3.8 | 61 | Drew | 4.5 |
| 11 | Franklin | 3.1 | 36 | Prairie | 3.8 | 62 | Lafayette | 4.6 |
| 11 | Greene | 3.1 | 38 | Baxter | 3.9 | 62 | Stone | 4.6 |
| 11 | Poinsett | 3.1 | 38 | Bradley | 3.9 | 62 | Woodruff | 4.6 |
| 11 | Pulaski | 3.1 | 38 | Clay | 3.9 | 65 | Mississippi | 4.7 |
| 16 | Arkansas | 3.2 | 38 | Desha | 3.9 | 65 | Union | 4.7 |
| 16 | Crawford | 3.2 | 38 | Garland | 3.9 | 67 | St. Francis | 4.8 |
| 16 | Nevada | 3.2 | 38 | Pope | 3.9 | 67 | Van Buren | 4.8 |
| 16 | Scott | 3.2 | 44 | Cleburne | 4.0 | 69 | Ashley | 5.0 |
| 16 | Sebastian | 3.2 | 44 | Conway | 4.0 | 69 | Little River | 5.0 |
| 21 | Randolph | 3.3 | 44 | Independence | 4.0 | 71 | Jefferson | 5.1 |
| 22 | Hot Spring | 3.4 | 44 | Lincoln | 4.0 | 72 | Izard | 5.4 |
| 22 | Howard | 3.4 | 44 | Monroe | 4.0 | 72 | Phillips | 5.4 |
| 24 | Calhoun | 3.5 | 44 | Perry | 4.0 | 74 | Jackson | 5.8 |
| 24 | Clark | 3.5 | 44 | White | 4.0 | 75 | Chicot | 5.9 |

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **LWDA CLF** | **November 2018****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **October 2018****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **November 2017****CLF Emp Unemp Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) | 251,546 | 244,032 | 7,514 | 3.0 | 252,801 | 245,213 | 7,588 | 3.0 | 251,118 | 243,723 | 7,395 | 2.9 |
| City of Little Rock | 98,142 | 95,074 | 3,068 | 3.1 | 98,662 | 95,579 | 3,083 | 3.1 | 97,802 | 94,932 | 2,870 | 2.9 |
| Eastern | 47,209 | 45,226 | 1,983 | 4.2 | 47,128 | 45,214 | 1,914 | 4.1 | 47,290 | 45,380 | 1,910 | 4.0 |
| North Central | 93,693 | 89,676 | 4,017 | 4.3 | 93,647 | 89,877 | 3,770 | 4.0 | 94,547 | 90,693 | 3,854 | 4.1 |
| Northeast | 122,013 | 118,044 | 3,969 | 3.3 | 122,161 | 118,268 | 3,893 | 3.2 | 121,526 | 117,586 | 3,940 | 3.2 |
| Northwest | 322,348 | 313,842 | 8,506 | 2.6 | 323,556 | 314,980 | 8,576 | 2.7 | 321,766 | 313,258 | 8,508 | 2.6 |
| Southeast | 81,182 | 77,666 | 3,516 | 4.3 | 81,497 | 78,097 | 3,400 | 4.2 | 81,562 | 78,189 | 3,373 | 4.1 |
| Southwest | 92,707 | 88,803 | 3,904 | 4.2 | 92,909 | 88,997 | 3,912 | 4.2 | 93,145 | 89,504 | 3,641 | 3.9 |
| West Central | 130,148 | 125,216 | 4,932 | 3.8 | 130,644 | 125,817 | 4,827 | 3.7 | 132,046 | 127,229 | 4,817 | 3.6 |
| Western | 110,752 | 107,117 | 3,635 | 3.3 | 110,822 | 107,119 | 3,703 | 3.3 | 111,873 | 108,134 | 3,739 | 3.3 |

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