

Arkansas

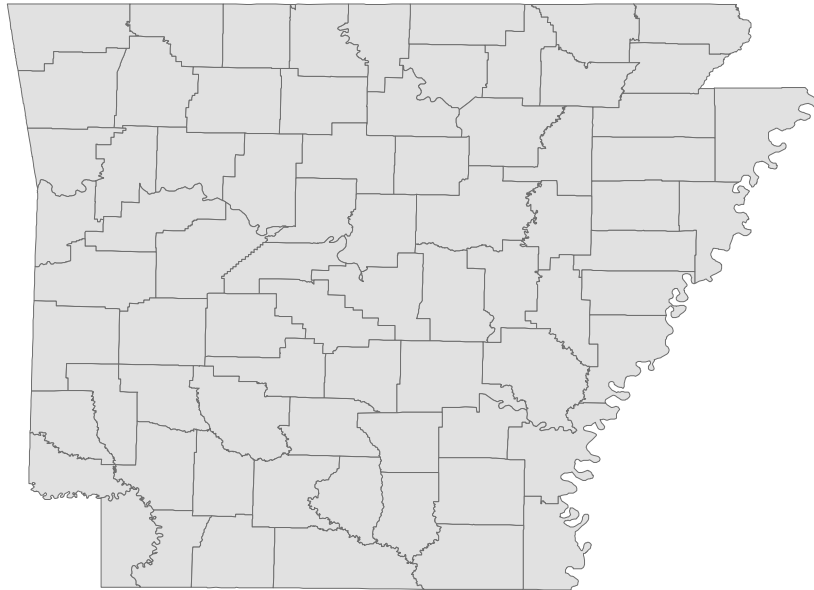
Labor Market Report



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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 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 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.

November Spotlight

Business Employment Dynamics

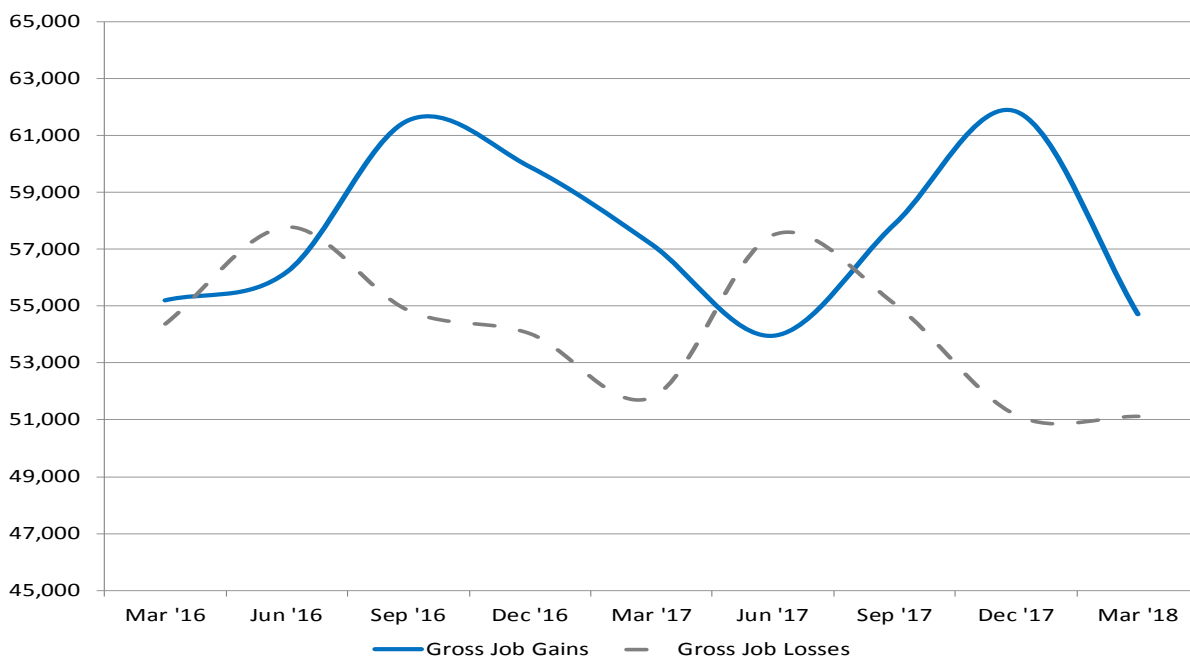
Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced 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 establishments with changes in employment. These employment changes occur when establishments 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 existing 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					
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

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

Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)
1st Quarter 2016 - 1st Quarter 2018



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

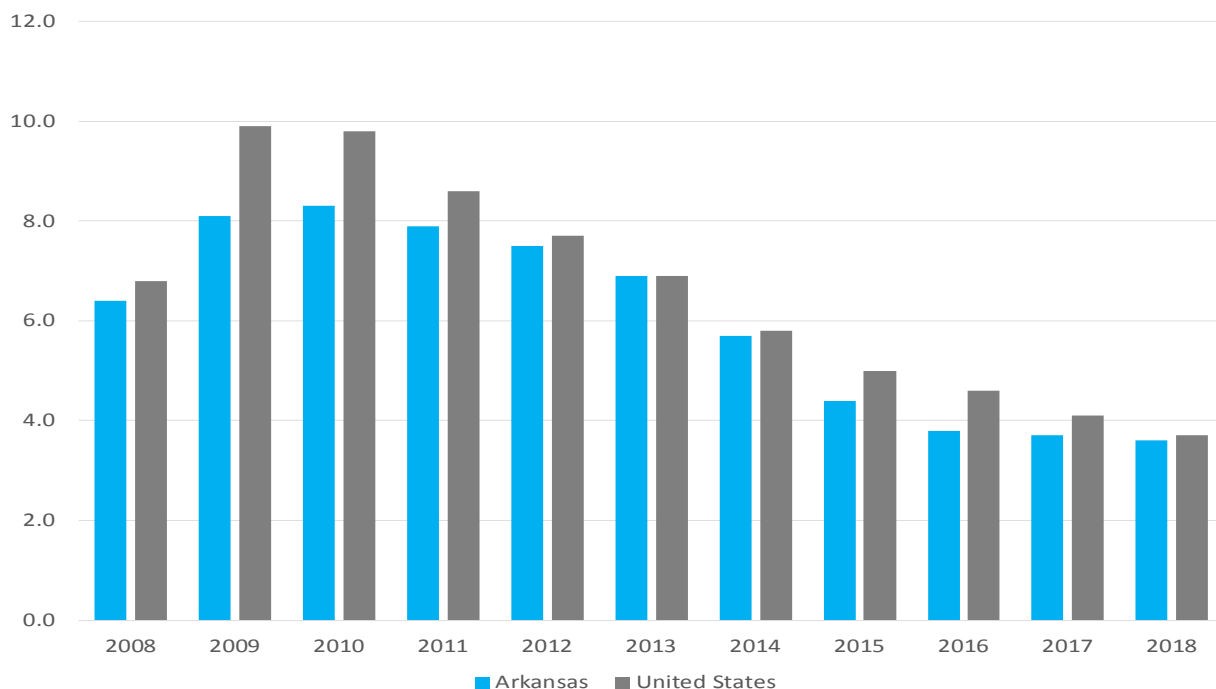
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose from 3.5 percent in October to 3.6 percent in November. Arkansas' civilian labor force increased 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		
	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>		<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,348,194	1,346,590	1,357,161	Civilian Labor Force	1,349,735	1,353,831	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

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates (Arkansas vs United States)
November: 2008 - 2018



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
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

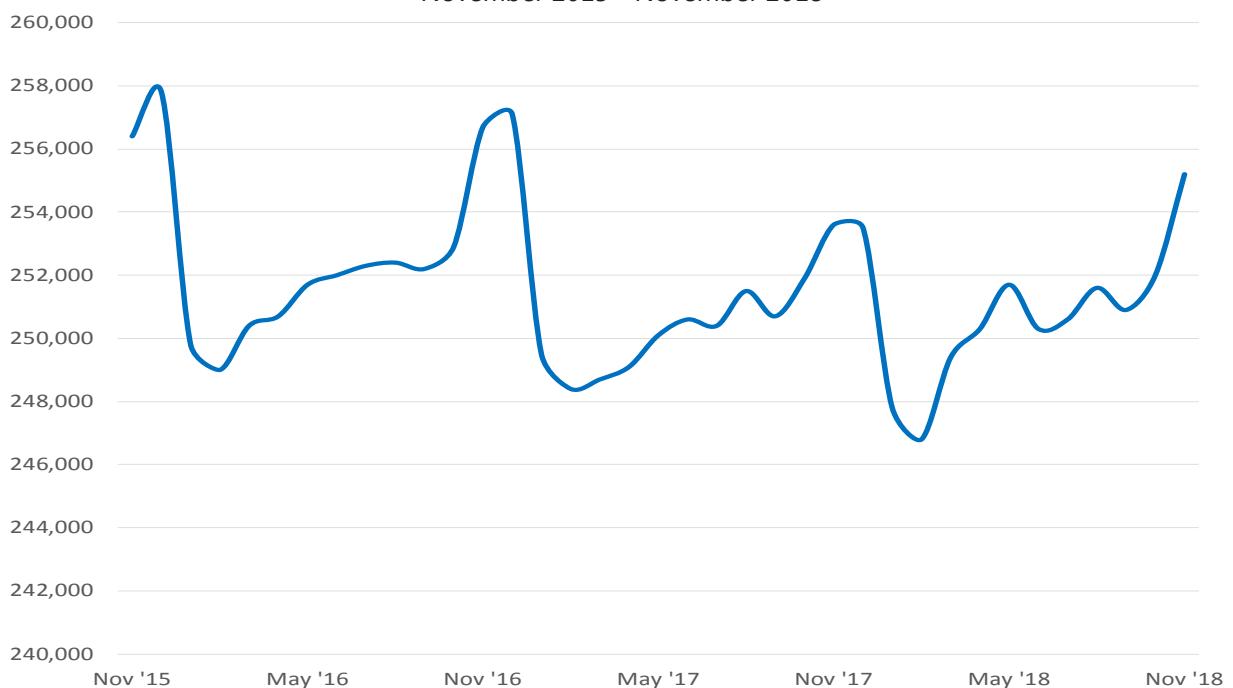
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 1,100 in November to total 1,264,800. Six major industry sectors added jobs, while employment in five sectors declined. The greatest gain occurred in **trade, transportation, and utilities** (+3,200). Most of the expansion was in retail trade (+3,100), as stores 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 business services** rose 3,400. Expansions occurred in all three subsectors. **Educational and health services** 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.

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

November 2015 - November 2018



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

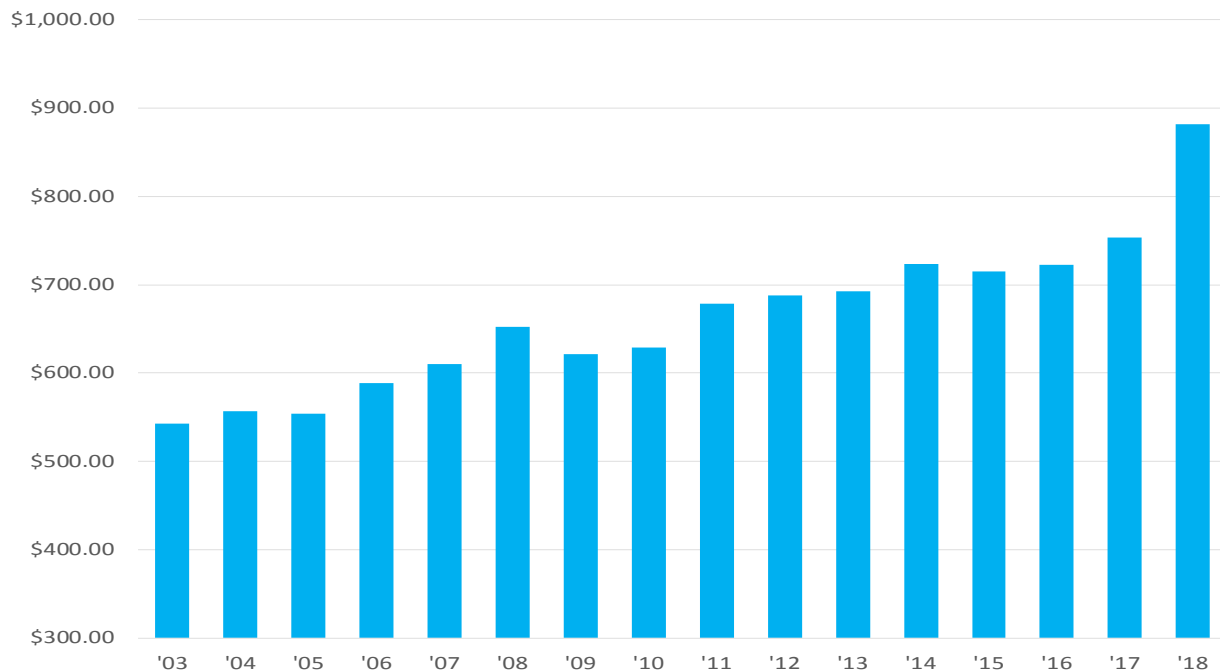
Manufacturing

	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>
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

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>		<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>
Average Weekly Hours	42.6	44.2	42.4	Average Weekly Hours	41.9	42.6	44.7
Average Hourly Earnings	20.71	20.61	17.77	Average Hourly Earnings	15.54	16.03	15.27
Average Weekly Earnings	882.25	910.96	753.45	Average Weekly Earnings	651.13	682.88	682.57

Average Weekly Earnings: Durable Goods Manufacturing
November: 2003 - 2018



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)

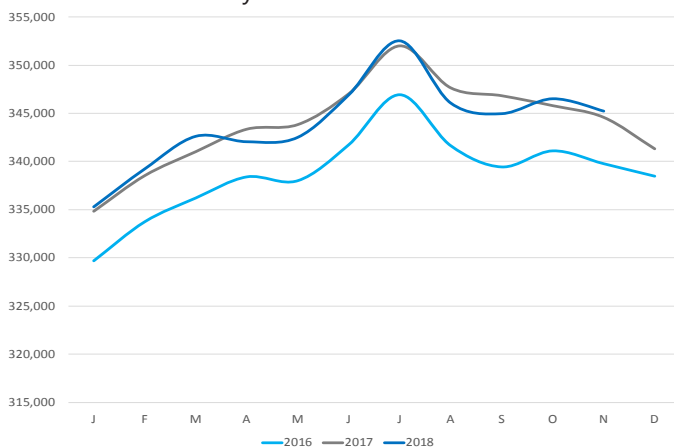
	Nov 18	Oct 18	Nov 17	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	355,955	357,735	354,989	-1,780	966
Employment	345,226	346,922	344,580	-1,696	646
Unemployment	10,729	10,813	10,409	-84	320
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

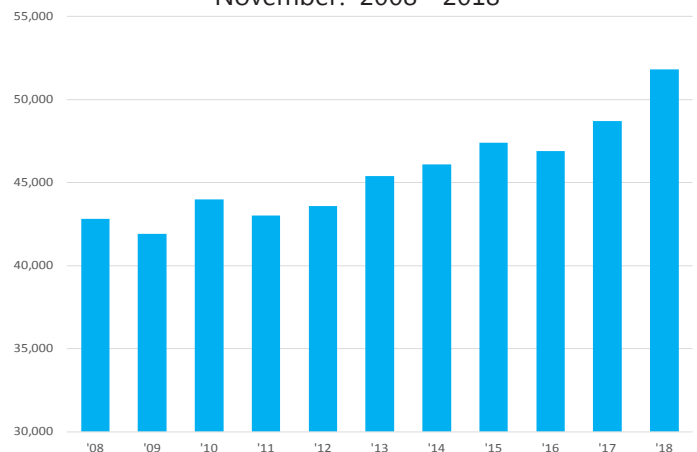
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 18	Oct 18	Nov 17	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	369.3	368.6	362.8	0.7	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	20.2	20.1	20.3	0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	331.9	331.1	324.7	0.8	7.2
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
January 2016 - November 2018



Jobs in Professional and Business Services
November: 2008 - 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Nov 18	Oct 18	Nov 17	OTM	QTY
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

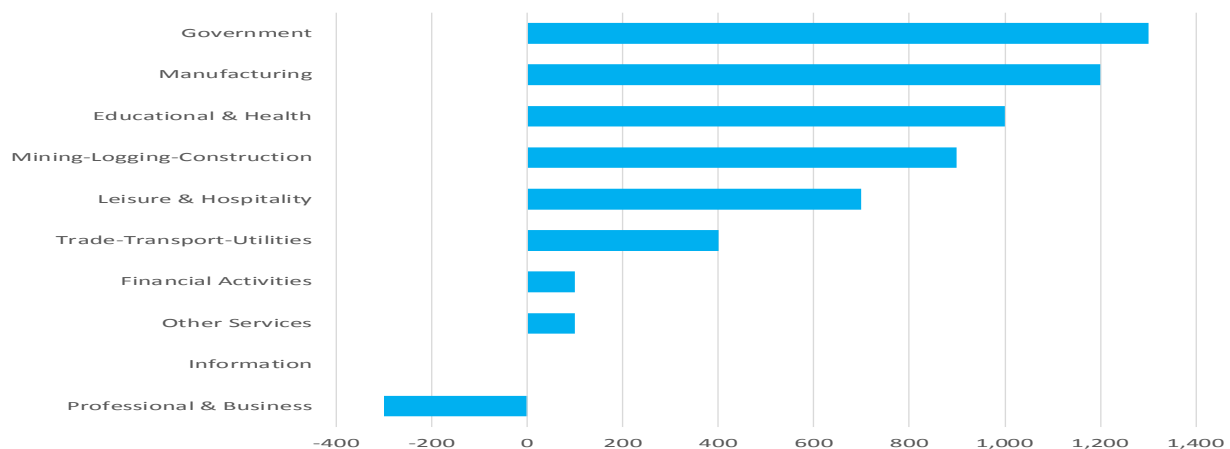
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 18	Oct 18	Nov 17	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	263.8	262.9	258.4	0.9	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	30.2	29.9	29.0	0.3	1.2
Service Providing	221.3	220.7	218.0	0.6	3.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	57.4	57.0	57.0	0.4	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



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)

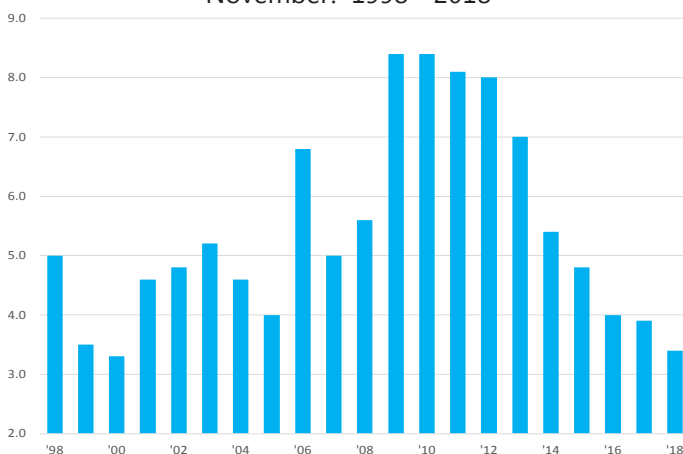
	Nov 18	Oct 18	Nov 17	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	117,312	117,652	119,233	-340	-1,921
Employment	113,333	113,521	114,539	-188	-1,206
Unemployment	3,979	4,131	4,694	-152	-715
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.5	3.9	-0.1	-0.5

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 18	Oct 18	Nov 17	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	113.3	112.6	112.8	0.7	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	17.7	17.4	17.4	0.3	0.3
Service Providing	90.3	89.8	90.0	0.5	0.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.8	22.3	23.0	0.5	-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

Unemployment Rates
November: 1998 - 2018



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
November 2016 - November 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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

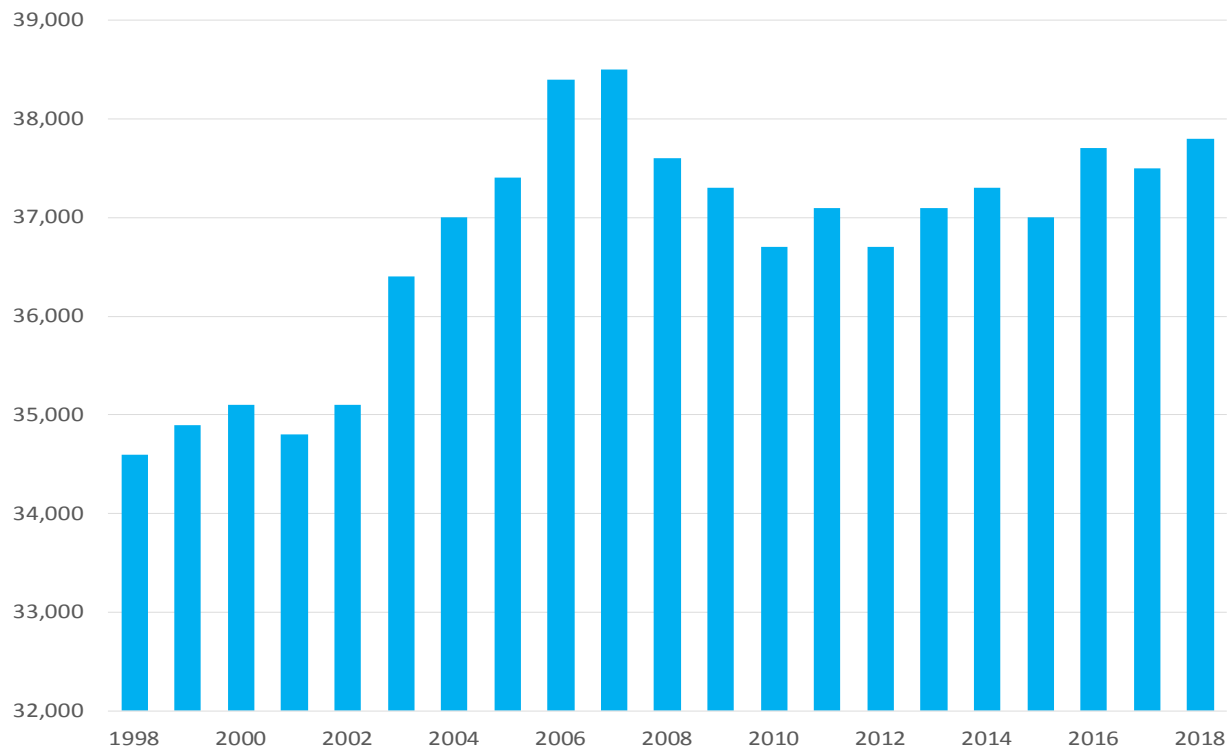
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	37.8	38.0	37.5	-0.2	0.3
Goods Producing	4.7	4.7	4.5	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	33.1	33.3	33.0	-0.2	0.1
Government	4.7	4.5	4.7	0.2	0.0

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

November: 1998 - 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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

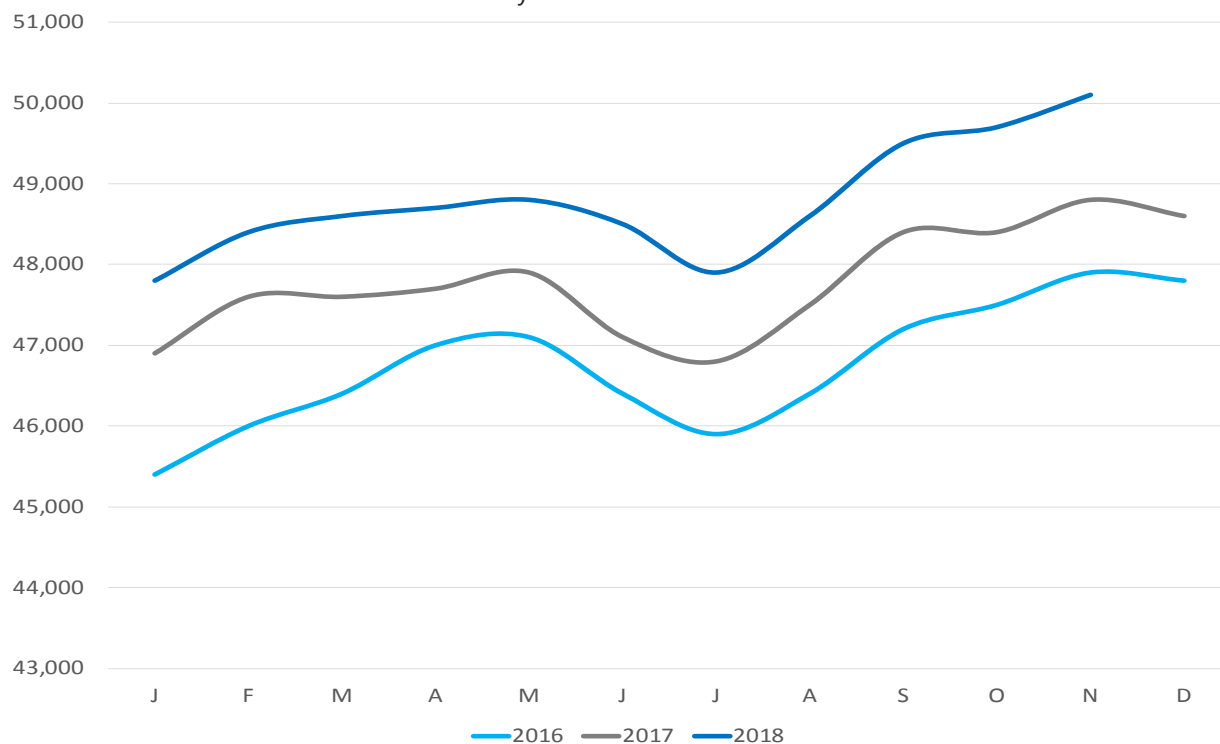
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	59.9	59.6	58.6	0.3	1.3
Goods Producing	9.8	9.9	9.8	-0.1	0.0
Service Providing	50.1	49.7	48.8	0.4	1.3
Government	9.5	9.4	9.4	0.1	0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Sectors

January 2016 - November 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

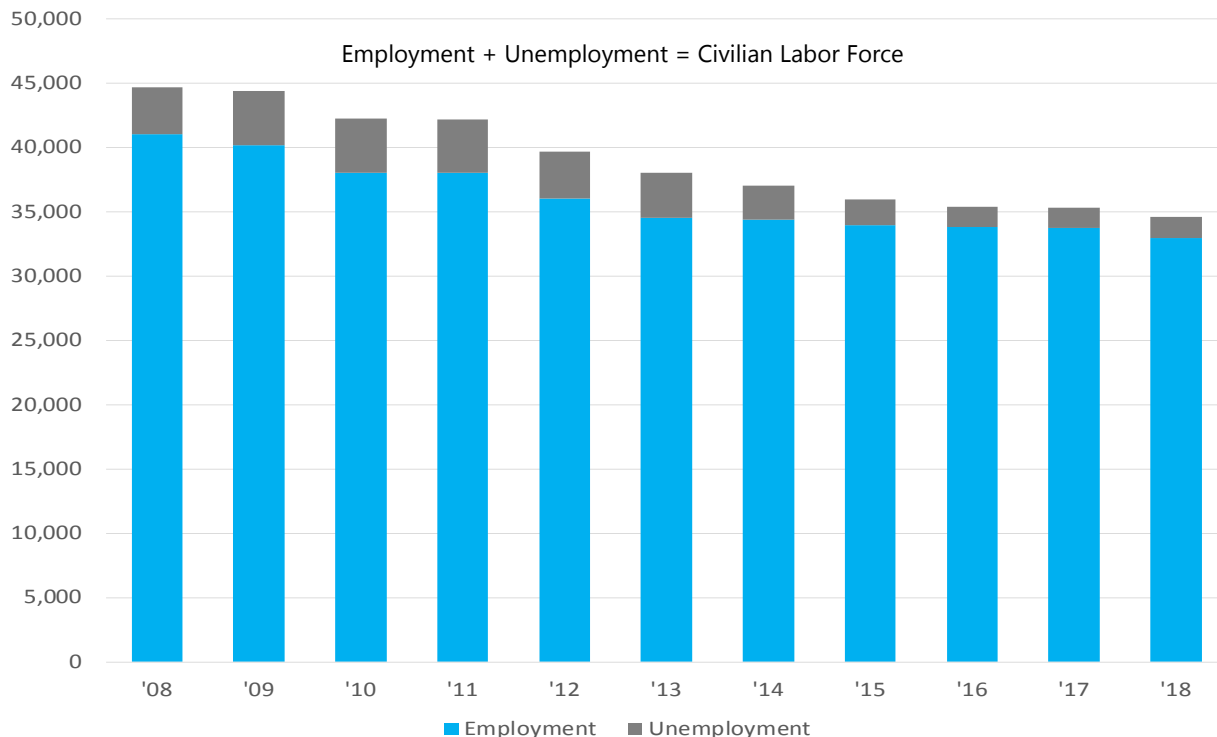
Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Nov 18	Oct 18	Nov 17	OTM	QTY
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

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

NAICS	Nov 18	Oct 18	Nov 17	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	32.8	32.9	33.3	-0.1	-0.5
Goods Producing	6.0	6.1	6.1	-0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	26.8	26.8	27.2	0.0	-0.4
Government	9.6	9.5	9.7	0.1	-0.1

Civilian Labor Force
November: 2008 - 2018



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>Nov 18</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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

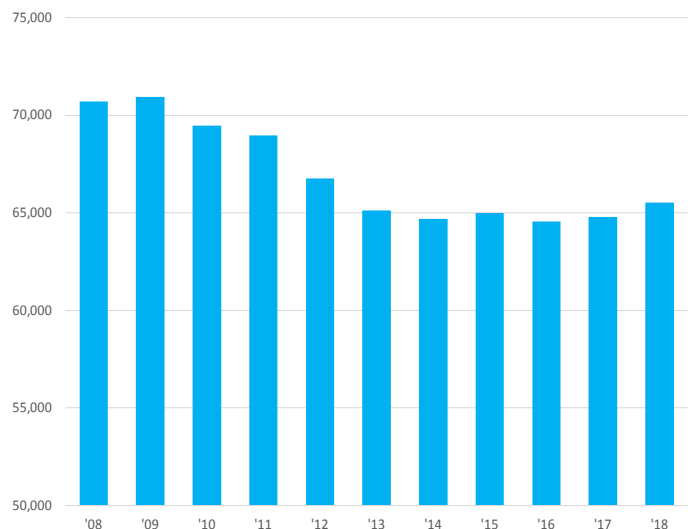
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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



Texarkana - Civilian Labor Force
November: 2008 - 2018



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	November 2018				October 2018				November 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	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

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	November 2018				October 2018				November 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
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				October 2018				November 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	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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County	Not Seasonally Adjusted											
	November 2018				October 2018				November 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	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

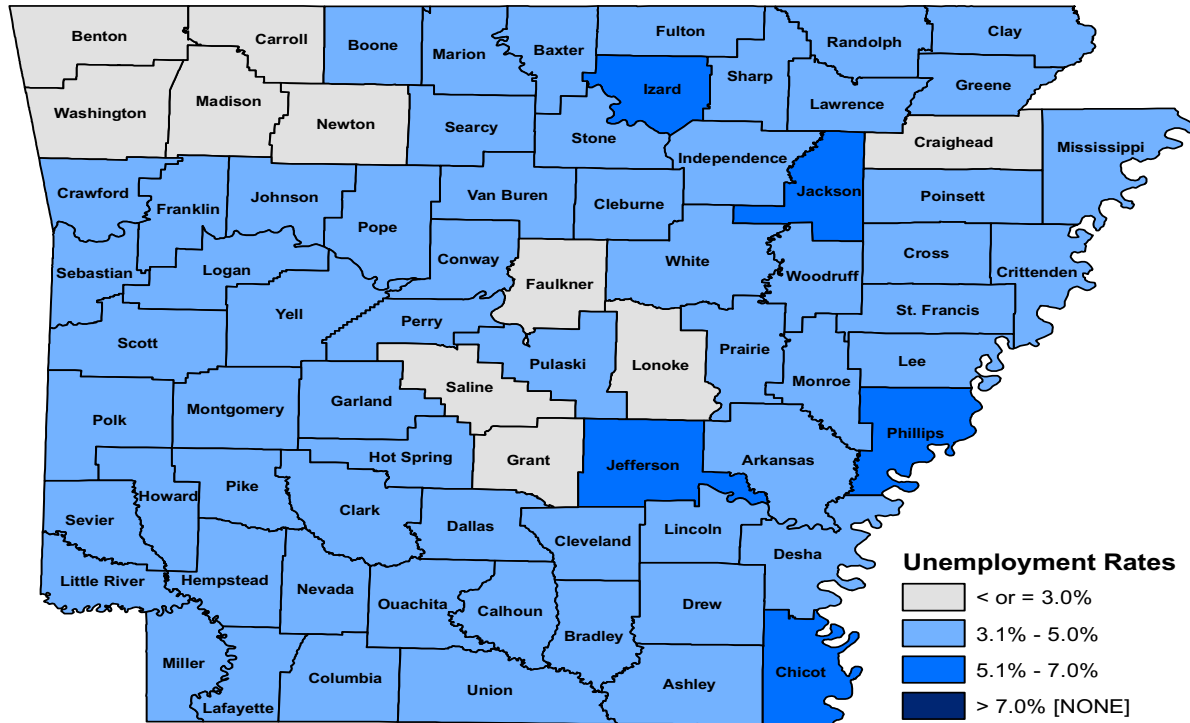
County Labor Force Summary

Between October and November, unemployment rates rose in 35 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Twenty-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



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

November 2018 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.4	24	Polk	3.5	51	Cross	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	November 2018				October 2018				November 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	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

