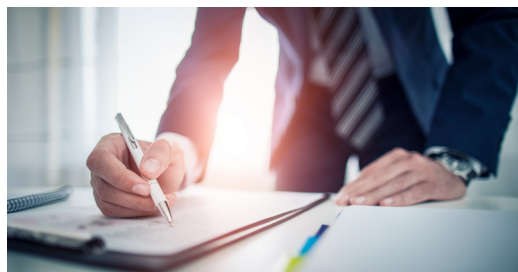




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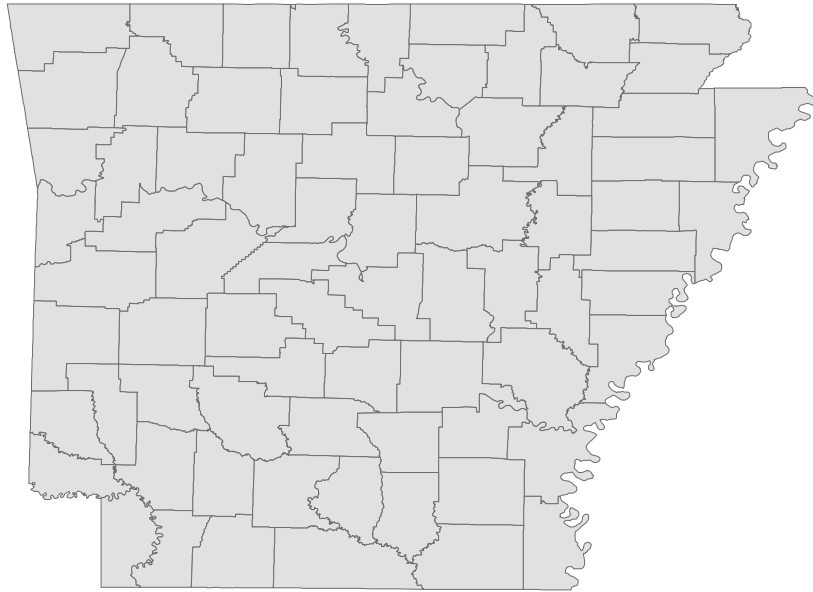


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Technical Notes

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 2018 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.

February Spotlight

Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

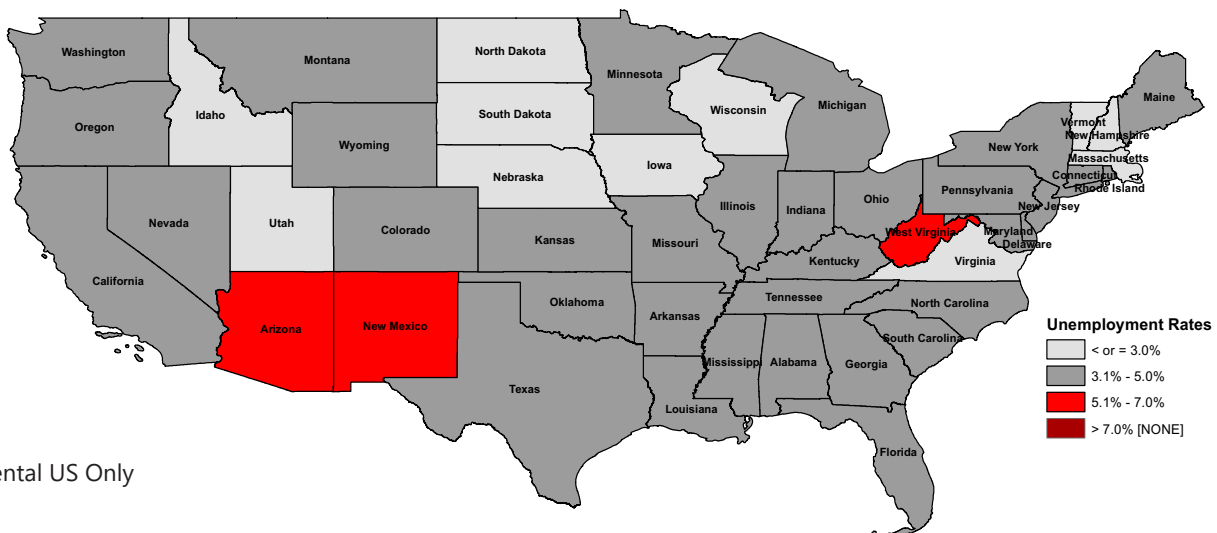
Due to differing economies and labor force conditions in various parts of the country, unemployment rates vary greatly from state to state. In February 2019, seasonally adjusted jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.4 percent in four states (Iowa, New Hampshire, North Dakota, and Vermont) to a high of 6.5 percent in Alaska. The unemployment rate in Arkansas increased to 3.8 percent in February, a ranking of 26 out of 51 states. By looking at the map below, it becomes apparent that trends exist among states that are located within the same region. While there are some exceptions, western states tend to have higher jobless rates than states located in the Midwest. Similarly, states located in the northeast generally experience lower unemployment rates than states located in the southeast. These regional trends occur because states often experience economic similarities based on shared industries, work forces, and climates.

Unemployment Rates, Ranked by State (Seasonally Adjusted)

February 2019

Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate
1	Iowa	2.4	18	Delaware	3.4	35	Michigan	4.0
1	New Hampshire	2.4	18	Kansas	3.4	35	New Jersey	4.0
1	North Dakota	2.4	18	Maine	3.4	35	Pennsylvania	4.0
1	Vermont	2.4	21	Florida	3.5	38	Kentucky	4.1
5	Hawaii	2.7	21	Indiana	3.5	39	California	4.2
6	Nebraska	2.8	23	Alabama	3.7	40	Illinois	4.3
7	Idaho	2.9	23	Colorado	3.7	40	Nevada	4.3
7	South Dakota	2.9	23	Maryland	3.7	42	Oregon	4.4
7	Virginia	2.9	26	Arkansas	3.8	43	Washington	4.5
7	Wisconsin	2.9	26	Connecticut	3.8	44	Ohio	4.6
11	Massachusetts	3.0	26	Montana	3.8	45	Mississippi	4.8
11	Utah	3.0	26	Texas	3.8	46	Louisiana	4.9
13	Minnesota	3.1	30	Georgia	3.9	47	Arizona	5.1
14	Missouri	3.2	30	New York	3.9	47	New Mexico	5.1
14	South Carolina	3.2	30	North Carolina	3.9	49	West Virginia	5.2
14	Tennessee	3.2	30	Rhode Island	3.9	50	District of Columbia	5.5
17	Oklahoma	3.3	30	Wyoming	3.9	51	Alaska	6.5

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 3.8 Percent



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State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

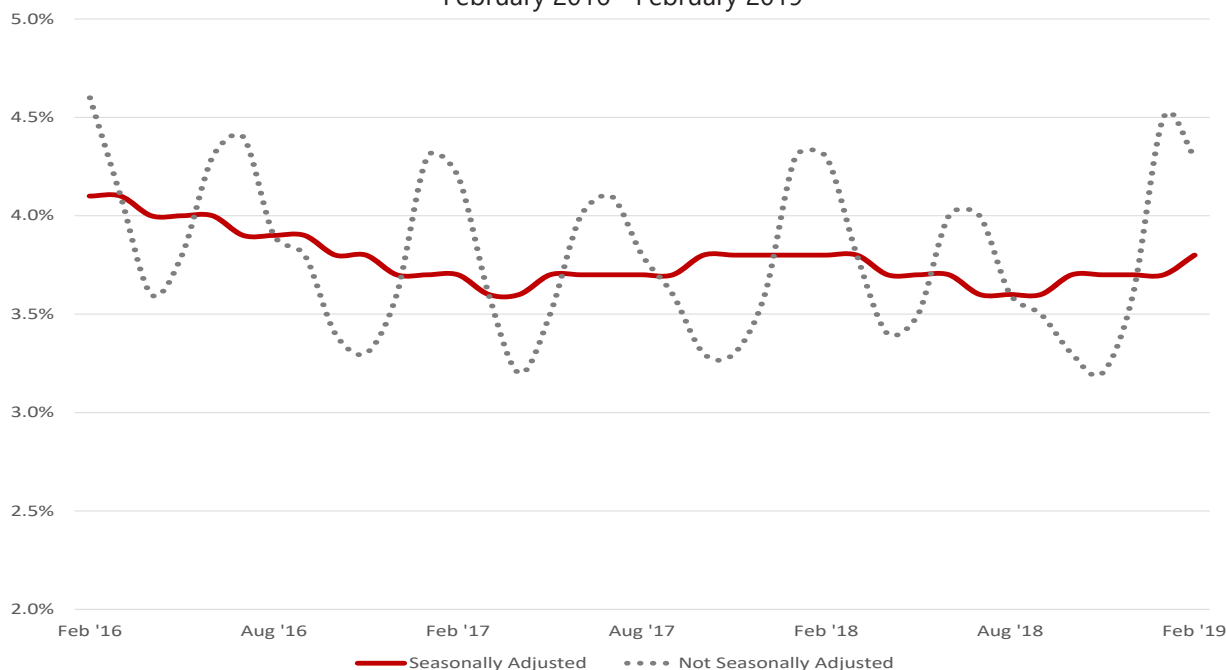
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.7 percent in January to 3.8 percent in February. Arkansas' civilian labor force rose 2,446, a result of 1,758 more employed and an additional 688 unemployed Arkansans. At 3.8 percent, the United States' jobless rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point between January and February.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "The number of employed in Arkansas rose 1,758 in February, adding slightly to the civilian labor force. There are currently 6,592 more employed Arkansans than in February 2018."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18		Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18
Civilian Labor Force	1,357,845	1,355,399	1,351,078	Civilian Labor Force	1,355,868	1,337,914	1,344,868
Employment	1,306,637	1,304,879	1,300,045	Employment	1,296,974	1,278,367	1,287,358
Unemployment	51,208	50,520	51,033	Unemployment	58,894	59,547	57,510
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.7	3.8	Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.5	4.3
U.S. Unemployment	3.8	4.0	4.1	U.S. Unemployment	4.1	4.4	4.4

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted vs Not Seasonally Adjusted)
February 2016 - February 2019



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Feb 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1264.7	1255.2	1253.1	9.5	11.6
Goods Producing	219.2	217.9	214.9	1.3	4.3
Mining, Logging, and Construction	54.7	55.2	55.1	-0.5	-0.4
Mining & Logging	5.7	5.8	5.9	-0.1	-0.2
Construction	49.0	49.4	49.2	-0.4	-0.2
Specialty Trade Contractors	30.8	31.2	30.8	-0.4	0.0
Manufacturing	164.5	162.7	159.8	1.8	4.7
Durable Goods	80.0	79.1	75.8	0.9	4.2
Nondurable Goods	84.5	83.6	84.0	0.9	0.5
Service Providing	1045.5	1037.3	1038.2	8.2	7.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	251.4	251.2	248.4	0.2	3.0
Wholesale Trade	48.5	48.4	47.0	0.1	1.5
Retail Trade	137.8	137.2	137.6	0.6	0.2
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	65.1	65.6	63.8	-0.5	1.3
Information	11.0	11.1	11.3	-0.1	-0.3
Financial Activities	60.4	60.9	59.8	-0.5	0.6
Finance & Insurance	47.1	47.5	46.4	-0.4	0.7
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.3	13.4	13.4	-0.1	-0.1
Professional & Business Services	144.4	142.1	146.5	2.3	-2.1
Professional, Scientific & Technical	45.2	44.5	44.2	0.7	1.0
Management of Companies	34.6	35.0	35.2	-0.4	-0.6
Administrative & Support Services	64.6	62.6	67.1	2.0	-2.5
Educational & Health Services	192.4	191.6	190.6	0.8	1.8
Educational Services	15.9	15.3	15.9	0.6	0.0
Health Care & Social Assistance	176.5	176.3	174.7	0.2	1.8
Ambulatory Health Care	58.5	58.7	57.5	-0.2	1.0
Social Assistance	40.3	40.2	39.9	0.1	0.4
Leisure & Hospitality	116.7	114.5	114.4	2.2	2.3
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	10.0	9.6	10.3	0.4	-0.3
Accommodation & Food Services	106.7	104.9	104.1	1.8	2.6
Accommodation Services	10.6	10.4	10.7	0.2	-0.1
Food Services	96.1	94.5	93.4	1.6	2.7
Other Services	53.4	53.2	52.8	0.2	0.6
Government	215.8	212.7	214.4	3.1	1.4
Federal Government	20.1	19.8	19.9	0.3	0.2
State Government	79.5	77.2	79.5	2.3	0.0
Local Government	116.2	115.7	115.0	0.5	1.2

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

January 2019 - February 2019

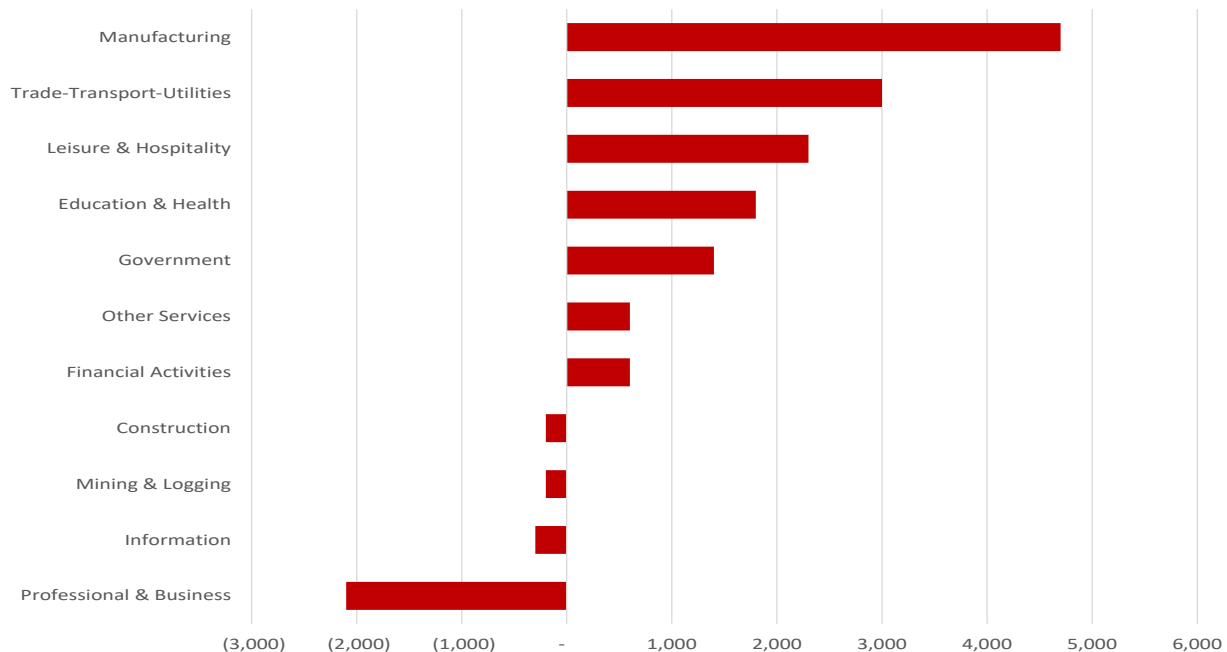
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs rose 9,500 in February to total 1,264,700. Employment gains were posted in seven major industry sectors, while four sectors declined slightly. **Government** added 3,100 jobs, as public school employees returned from the winter holiday break. Jobs in **professional and business services** increased 2,300. Most of the additions were in administrative and support services (+2,000), a subsector which includes employment agencies. **Leisure and hospitality** rose 2,200. A majority of the hiring occurred in food services (+1,600), as food contractors returned to schools and universities. **Manufacturing** added 1,800 jobs, split between durable goods (+900) and nondurable goods (+900) manufacturing.

February 2018 - February 2019

Compared to February 2018, nonfarm payroll employment in Arkansas is up 11,600. Seven major industry sectors added jobs, as four sectors declined. Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 4,700. Most of the growth was in durable goods (+4,200), with reported expansions in the manufacturing of items such as machinery, transportation equipment, and fabricated metal products. Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 3,000. Hiring was reported in all three subsectors. **Leisure and hospitality** added 2,300 jobs, all in food services (+2,700). Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 1,800. All gains were posted in health care and social assistance. **Government** employment expanded 1,400, mostly in local government (+1,200). **Professional and business services** posted the greatest decline (-2,100). Most of the loss occurred in administrative and support services (-2,500), which includes activities such as call centers, travel agencies, and janitorial services.

Over-the-Year Employment Changes by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

February 2018 vs February 2019



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

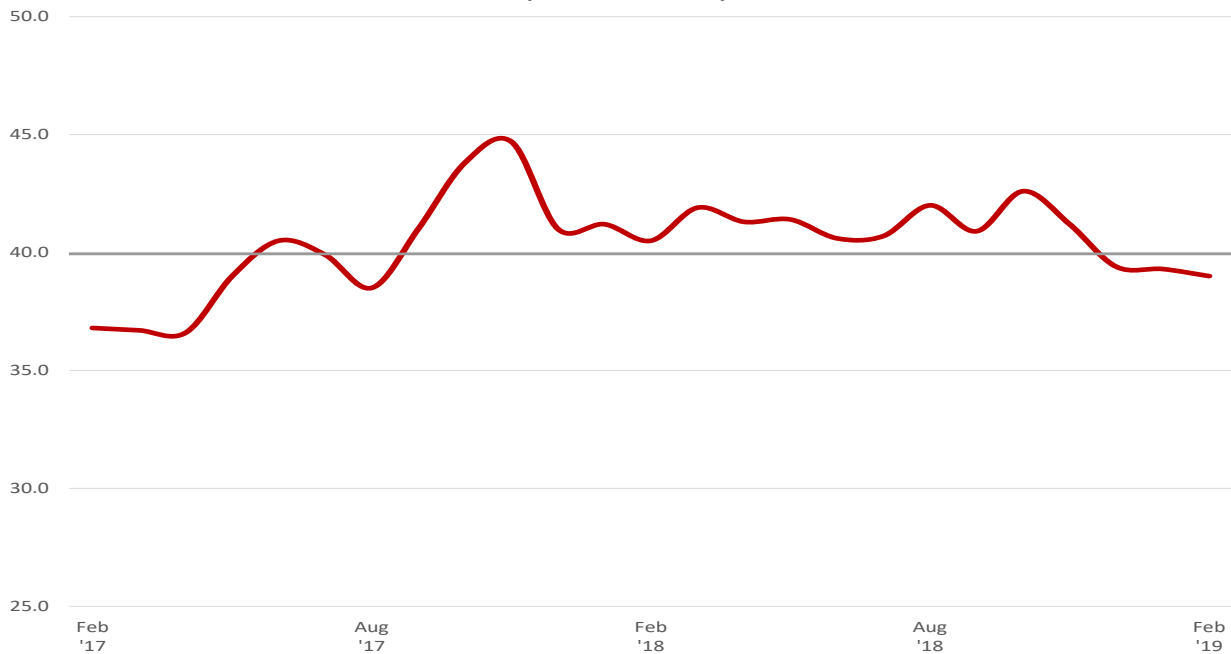
Manufacturing

	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18
Average Weekly Hours	40.3	41.0	41.2
Average Hourly Earnings	18.18	18.30	16.71
Average Weekly Earnings	732.65	750.30	688.45

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18		Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18
Average Weekly Hours	41.7	42.9	42.2	Average Weekly Hours	39.0	39.3	40.5
Average Hourly Earnings	19.80	20.11	18.55	Average Hourly Earnings	16.64	16.56	15.13
Average Weekly Earnings	825.66	862.72	782.81	Average Weekly Earnings	648.96	650.81	612.77

Average Weekly Hours Worked - Nondurable Goods Manufacturing
February 2017 - February 2019



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)

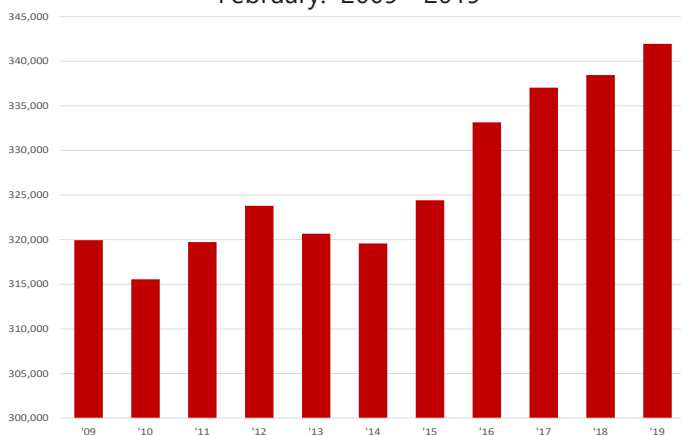
	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	355,704	350,889	352,148	4,815	3,556
Employment	341,940	337,077	338,451	4,863	3,489
Unemployment	13,764	13,812	13,697	-48	67
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

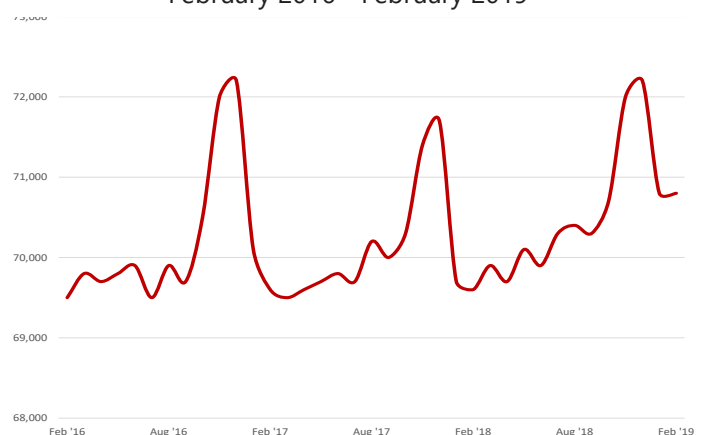
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NAICS	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	360.5	358.7	357.5	1.8	3.0
Goods Producing	37.0	37.4	37.0	-0.4	0.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	16.0	16.5	16.7	-0.5	-0.7
Manufacturing	21.0	20.9	20.3	0.1	0.7
Service Providing	323.5	321.3	320.5	2.2	3.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	70.8	70.8	69.6	0.0	1.2
Wholesale Trade	16.0	15.9	15.8	0.1	0.2
Retail Trade	38.9	39.0	38.5	-0.1	0.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	15.9	15.9	15.3	0.0	0.6
Information	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	21.4	21.4	20.8	0.0	0.6
Professional & Business Services	48.5	48.1	49.3	0.4	-0.8
Educational & Health Services	57.0	56.4	56.9	0.6	0.1
Leisure & Hospitality	34.3	33.9	33.3	0.4	1.0
Other Services	15.7	15.7	15.3	0.0	0.4
Government	71.6	70.8	71.0	0.8	0.6
Federal Government	9.6	9.5	9.6	0.1	0.0
State Government	35.9	35.3	35.5	0.6	0.4
Local Government	26.1	26.0	25.9	0.1	0.2

Number of Employed
February: 2009 - 2019



Jobs in Trade-Transportation-Utilities
February 2016 - February 2019



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)

	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	277,676	271,419	273,736	6,257	3,940
Employment	268,933	262,689	265,223	6,244	3,710
Unemployment	8,743	8,730	8,513	13	230
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.2	3.1	-0.1	0.0

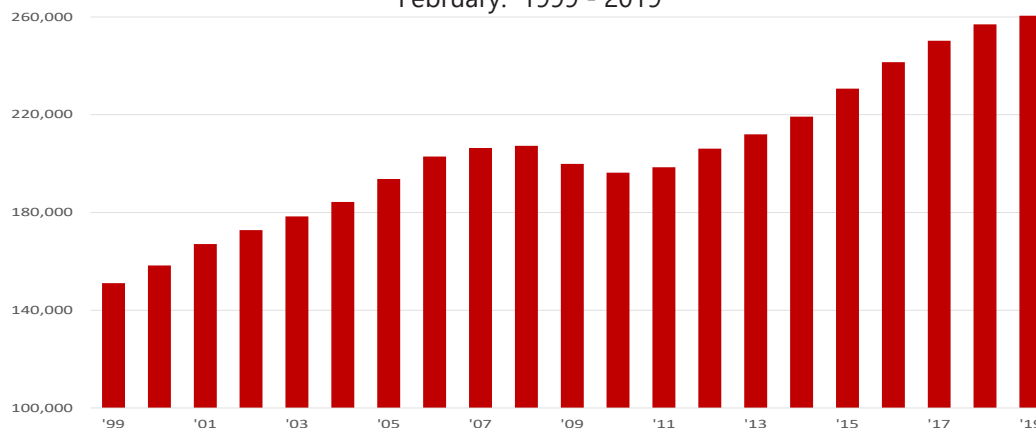
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	260.5	256.2	257.0	4.3	3.5
Goods Producing	41.8	41.6	40.9	0.2	0.9
Mining, Logging & Construction	11.6	11.5	11.3	0.1	0.3
Manufacturing	30.2	30.1	29.6	0.1	0.6
Service Providing	218.7	214.6	216.1	4.1	2.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	56.2	56.0	55.3	0.2	0.9
Wholesale Trade	12.4	12.3	12.2	0.1	0.2
Retail Trade	26.0	26.0	26.1	0.0	-0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.8	17.7	17.0	0.1	0.8
Information	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	8.2	8.2	8.1	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	49.7	49.7	50.2	0.0	-0.5
Educational & Health Services	29.8	29.5	29.2	0.3	0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	25.3	23.9	25.5	1.4	-0.2
Other Services	9.3	9.3	9.1	0.0	0.2
Government	38.1	35.9	36.7	2.2	1.4
Federal Government	2.7	2.6	2.6	0.1	0.1
State Government	16.1	14.2	15.1	1.9	1.0
Local Government	19.3	19.1	19.0	0.2	0.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

February: 1999 - 2019



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)

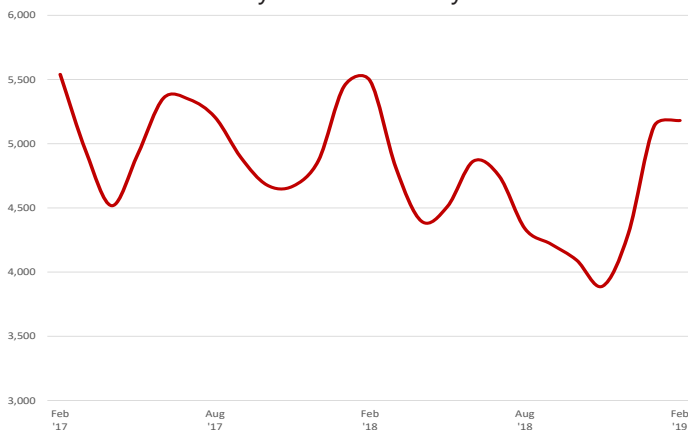
	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	119,037	117,339	120,122	1,698	-1,085
Employment	113,856	112,203	114,632	1,653	-776
Unemployment	5,181	5,136	5,490	45	-309
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.4	4.6	0.0	-0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

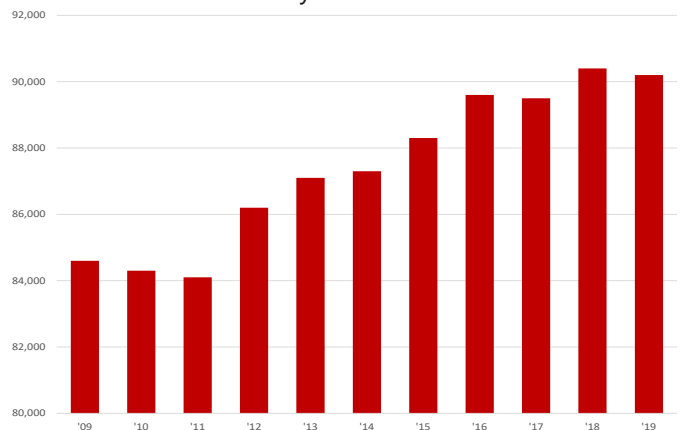
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NAICS	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	112.9	111.9	113.3	1.0	-0.4
Goods Producing	22.7	22.9	22.9	-0.2	-0.2
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.0	5.1	5.1	-0.1	-0.1
Manufacturing	17.7	17.8	17.8	-0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	90.2	89.0	90.4	1.2	-0.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.1	23.1	23.0	0.0	0.1
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	12.4	12.3	12.4	0.1	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.5	6.6	6.5	-0.1	0.0
Information	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	4.0	4.0	3.9	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	12.8	12.3	13.0	0.5	-0.2
Educational & Health Services	17.1	17.0	16.9	0.1	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.2	9.1	9.2	0.1	0.0
Other Services	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
Government	18.5	18.0	18.8	0.5	-0.3
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.1	2.7	3.1	0.4	0.0
Local Government	14.1	14.0	14.4	0.1	-0.3

Number of Unemployed
February 2017 - February 2019



Jobs in Service Providing Sectors
February: 2009 - 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	41,074	40,608	40,730	466	344
Employment	39,206	38,660	38,835	546	371
Unemployment	1,868	1,948	1,895	-80	-27
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.8	4.7	-0.3	-0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	38.9	38.8	38.5	0.1	0.4
Goods Producing	4.4	4.3	4.4	0.1	0.0
Service Providing	34.5	34.5	34.1	0.0	0.4
Government	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

February 2014 - February 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Feb 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,684	63,789	63,833	895	851
Employment	62,367	61,422	61,473	945	894
Unemployment	2,317	2,367	2,360	-50	-43
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.7	3.7	-0.1	-0.1

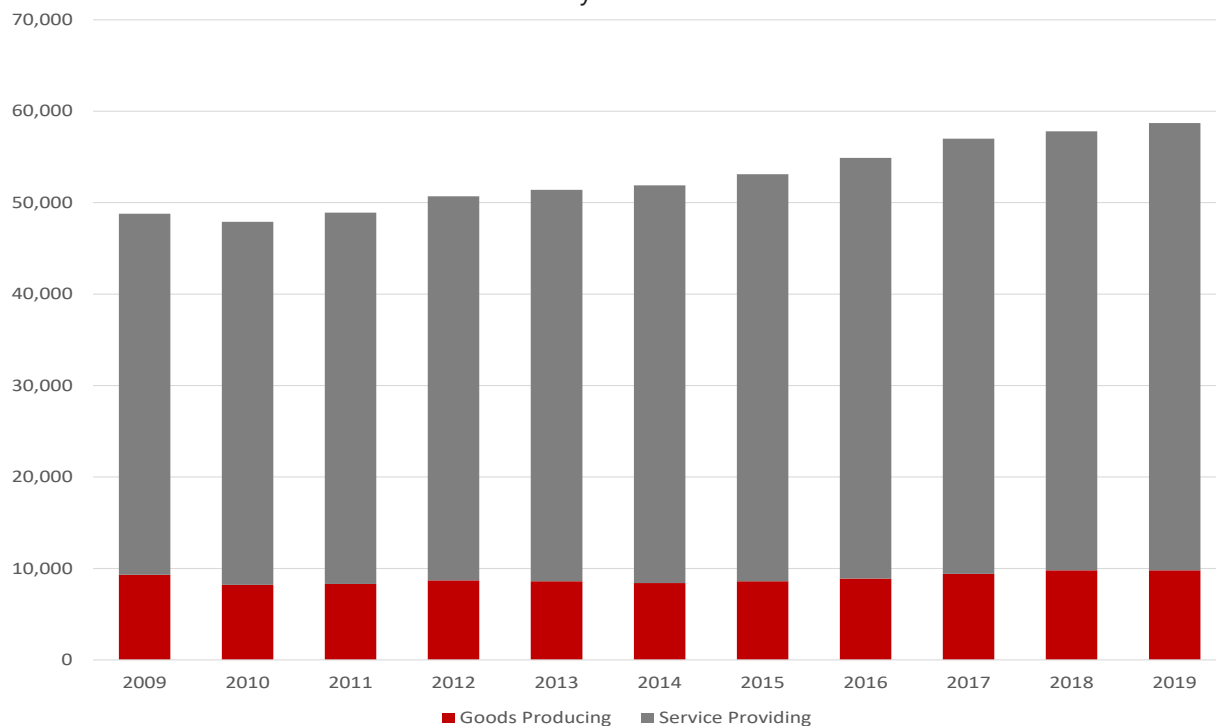
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Feb 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	58.7	58.2	57.8	0.5	0.9
Goods Producing	9.8	9.8	9.8	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	48.9	48.4	48.0	0.5	0.9
Government	9.1	9.0	9.2	0.1	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Goods Producing + Service Providing)

February: 2009 - 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	35,109	34,866	35,405	243	-296
Employment	32,988	32,689	33,423	299	-435
Unemployment	2,121	2,177	1,982	-56	139
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.2	5.6	-0.2	0.4

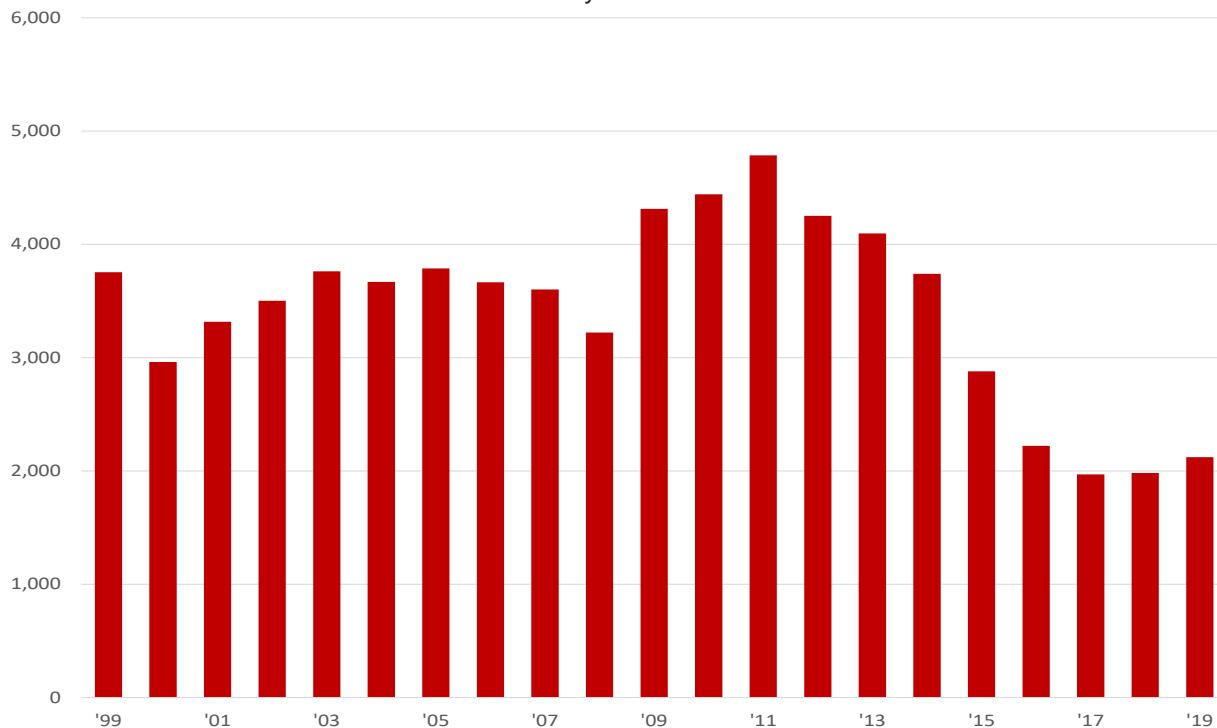
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	32.8	32.6	33.2	0.2	-0.4
Goods Producing	5.9	5.9	6.0	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	26.9	26.7	27.2	0.2	-0.3
Government	9.3	9.0	9.3	0.3	0.0

Number of Unemployed

February: 1999 - 2019



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.

	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	639,087	634,327	632,023	4,760	7,064
Employment	614,745	606,879	604,817	7,866	9,928
Unemployment	24,342	27,448	27,206	-3,106	-2,864
Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.3	4.3	-0.5	-0.5

Texarkana MSA

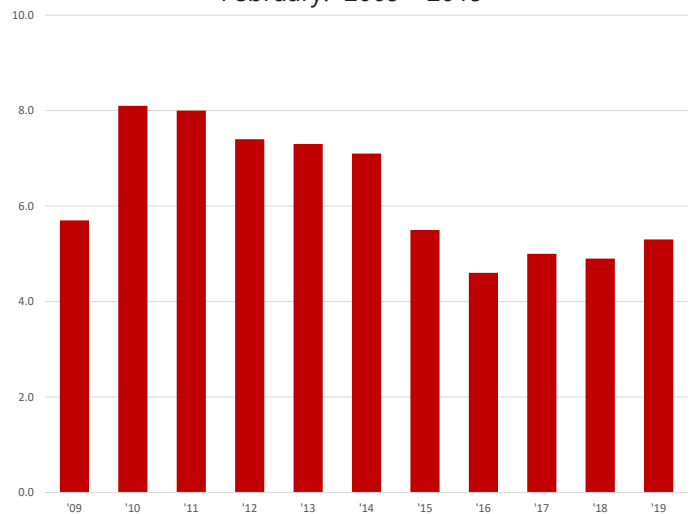
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	Feb 19	Jan 19	Feb 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	65,468	64,984	64,438	484	1,030
Employment	62,010	61,362	61,286	648	724
Unemployment	3,458	3,622	3,152	-164	306
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.6	4.9	-0.3	0.4

Memphis MSA - Number of Employed
February 2017 - February 2019



Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates
February: 2009 - 2019



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	February 2019				January 2019				February 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,794	9,412	382	3.9	9,604	9,169	435	4.5	9,472	9,070	402	4.2
Batesville Micro	16,575	15,793	782	4.7	16,364	15,585	779	4.8	16,161	15,436	725	4.5
Blytheville Micro	16,975	15,992	983	5.8	16,957	15,952	1,005	5.9	17,294	16,224	1,070	6.2
Camden Micro	12,594	11,799	795	6.3	12,487	11,674	813	6.5	12,073	11,464	609	5.0
El Dorado Micro	16,011	15,044	967	6.0	15,846	14,899	947	6.0	16,083	15,004	1,079	6.7
Forrest City Micro	8,327	7,781	546	6.6	8,257	7,718	539	6.5	8,306	7,798	508	6.1
Harrison Micro	19,381	18,569	812	4.2	19,099	18,309	790	4.1	19,193	18,350	843	4.4
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,562	6,082	480	7.3	6,574	6,104	470	7.1	6,656	6,151	505	7.6
Hope Micro	13,571	12,956	615	4.5	13,444	12,835	609	4.5	13,435	12,928	507	3.8
Magnolia Micro	9,157	8,695	462	5.0	9,054	8,576	478	5.3	9,032	8,548	484	5.4
Malvern Micro	14,058	13,458	600	4.3	13,882	13,281	601	4.3	13,975	13,391	584	4.2
Mountain Home Micro	16,431	15,600	831	5.1	16,263	15,400	863	5.3	16,264	15,499	765	4.7
Paragould Micro	19,939	19,074	865	4.3	19,730	18,880	850	4.3	19,648	18,827	821	4.2
Russellville Micro	37,490	35,587	1,903	5.1	37,143	35,101	2,042	5.5	37,524	35,651	1,873	5.0
Searcy Micro	34,015	32,093	1,922	5.7	33,593	31,657	1,936	5.8	33,926	32,147	1,779	5.2

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties

Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	February 2019				January 2019				February 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,426	11,834	592	4.8	12,168	11,552	616	5.1	12,208	11,660	548	4.5
Benton	17,196	16,608	588	3.4	16,986	16,360	626	3.7	17,064	16,434	630	3.7
Bentonville	26,317	25,588	729	2.8	25,720	24,980	740	2.9	25,972	25,213	759	2.9
Blytheville	5,743	5,409	334	5.8	5,728	5,395	333	5.8	5,857	5,487	370	6.3
Cabot	11,924	11,495	429	3.6	11,813	11,372	441	3.7	11,815	11,401	414	3.5
Conway	33,581	32,352	1,229	3.7	33,125	31,898	1,227	3.7	33,300	32,037	1,263	3.8
El Dorado	6,975	6,499	476	6.8	6,886	6,436	450	6.5	6,991	6,482	509	7.3
Fayetteville	47,835	46,349	1,486	3.1	46,739	45,241	1,498	3.2	47,089	45,687	1,402	3.0
Fort Smith	39,646	37,938	1,708	4.3	38,822	37,259	1,563	4.0	39,699	37,992	1,707	4.3
Hot Springs	14,605	13,911	694	4.8	14,504	13,718	786	5.4	14,519	13,780	739	5.1
Jacksonville	11,769	11,203	566	4.8	11,565	11,035	530	4.6	11,639	11,082	557	4.8
Jonesboro	38,296	36,958	1,338	3.5	37,698	36,351	1,347	3.6	37,735	36,400	1,335	3.5
Little Rock	97,730	93,869	3,861	4.0	96,308	92,465	3,843	4.0	96,648	92,860	3,788	3.9
North Little Rock	29,941	28,599	1,342	4.5	29,452	28,172	1,280	4.3	29,612	28,292	1,320	4.5
Paragould	12,539	11,946	593	4.7	12,415	11,825	590	4.8	12,331	11,792	539	4.4
Pine Bluff	16,619	15,478	1,141	6.9	16,448	15,309	1,139	6.9	16,718	15,663	1,055	6.3
Rogers	35,626	34,512	1,114	3.1	34,804	33,692	1,112	3.2	35,029	34,007	1,022	2.9
Russellville	13,430	12,848	582	4.3	13,283	12,645	638	4.8	13,464	12,857	607	4.5
Searcy	10,297	9,809	488	4.7	10,174	9,676	498	4.9	10,263	9,826	437	4.3
Sherwood	16,013	15,411	602	3.8	15,783	15,181	602	3.8	15,796	15,246	550	3.5
Springdale	39,311	38,163	1,148	2.9	38,366	37,251	1,115	2.9	38,769	37,617	1,152	3.0
Texarkana, AR	13,677	12,937	740	5.4	13,547	12,755	792	5.8	13,487	12,790	697	5.2
Van Buren	10,401	9,975	426	4.1	10,221	9,816	405	4.0	10,433	9,997	436	4.2
West Memphis	10,663	10,068	595	5.6	10,540	9,953	587	5.6	10,465	9,900	565	5.4

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	February 2019				January 2019				February 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	8,959	8,574	385	4.3	8,962	8,566	396	4.4	8,942	8,560	382	4.3
Ashley	7,883	7,373	510	6.5	7,869	7,349	520	6.6	7,691	7,183	508	6.6
Baxter	16,431	15,600	831	5.1	16,263	15,400	863	5.3	16,264	15,499	765	4.7
Benton	135,841	131,393	4,448	3.3	132,746	128,269	4,477	3.4	133,815	129,469	4,346	3.2
Boone	16,034	15,379	655	4.1	15,778	15,150	628	4.0	15,878	15,183	695	4.4
Bradley	4,488	4,235	253	5.6	4,493	4,243	250	5.6	4,269	4,031	238	5.6
Calhoun	2,475	2,324	151	6.1	2,460	2,315	145	5.9	2,383	2,270	113	4.7
Carroll	12,196	11,592	604	5.0	12,102	11,453	649	5.4	12,247	11,689	558	4.6
Chicot	3,250	2,966	284	8.7	3,275	2,986	289	8.8	3,393	3,081	312	9.2
Clark	9,794	9,412	382	3.9	9,604	9,169	435	4.5	9,472	9,070	402	4.2
Clay	5,637	5,266	371	6.6	5,677	5,287	390	6.9	5,805	5,488	317	5.5
Cleburne	9,035	8,500	535	5.9	8,906	8,377	529	5.9	9,144	8,642	502	5.5
Cleveland	3,249	3,089	160	4.9	3,247	3,081	166	5.1	3,297	3,142	155	4.7
Columbia	9,157	8,695	462	5.0	9,054	8,576	478	5.3	9,032	8,548	484	5.4
Conway	8,131	7,723	408	5.0	8,070	7,638	432	5.4	8,168	7,737	431	5.3
Craighead	54,460	52,570	1,890	3.5	53,623	51,707	1,916	3.6	53,665	51,776	1,889	3.5
Crawford	26,824	25,689	1,135	4.2	26,374	25,280	1,094	4.1	26,873	25,745	1,128	4.2
Crittenden	21,599	20,525	1,074	5.0	21,354	20,290	1,064	5.0	21,209	20,183	1,026	4.8
Cross	7,264	6,867	397	5.5	7,232	6,830	402	5.6	7,490	7,122	368	4.9
Dallas	2,870	2,700	170	5.9	2,853	2,687	166	5.8	2,841	2,697	144	5.1
Desha	5,309	5,023	286	5.4	5,339	5,041	298	5.6	5,352	5,060	292	5.5
Drew	7,930	7,421	509	6.4	7,870	7,367	503	6.4	7,753	7,283	470	6.1
Faulkner	61,541	59,269	2,272	3.7	60,762	58,437	2,325	3.8	61,072	58,692	2,380	3.9
Franklin	7,350	7,052	298	4.1	7,288	6,988	300	4.1	7,429	7,120	309	4.2
Fulton	4,904	4,648	256	5.2	4,866	4,598	268	5.5	4,762	4,529	233	4.9
Garland	41,074	39,206	1,868	4.5	40,608	38,660	1,948	4.8	40,730	38,835	1,895	4.7
Grant	8,311	8,008	303	3.6	8,254	7,926	328	4.0	8,220	7,934	286	3.5
Greene	19,939	19,074	865	4.3	19,730	18,880	850	4.3	19,648	18,827	821	4.2
Hempstead	9,938	9,480	458	4.6	9,862	9,403	459	4.7	9,822	9,465	357	3.6
Hot Spring	14,058	13,458	600	4.3	13,882	13,281	601	4.3	13,975	13,391	584	4.2
Howard	5,854	5,631	223	3.8	5,837	5,602	235	4.0	5,952	5,745	207	3.5
Independence	16,575	15,793	782	4.7	16,364	15,585	779	4.8	16,161	15,436	725	4.5
Izard	4,977	4,671	306	6.1	4,935	4,575	360	7.3	4,781	4,484	297	6.2
Jackson	5,733	5,289	444	7.7	5,750	5,291	459	8.0	5,761	5,358	403	7.0
Jefferson	27,894	26,142	1,752	6.3	27,662	25,856	1,806	6.5	28,074	26,454	1,620	5.8
Johnson	10,456	9,889	567	5.4	10,399	9,827	572	5.5	10,535	10,000	535	5.1
Lafayette	2,485	2,348	137	5.5	2,499	2,354	145	5.8	2,490	2,332	158	6.3
Lawrence	6,950	6,584	366	5.3	6,894	6,552	342	5.0	6,862	6,547	315	4.6
Lee	2,836	2,665	171	6.0	2,865	2,694	171	6.0	2,878	2,708	170	5.9
Lincoln	3,966	3,757	209	5.3	3,957	3,752	205	5.2	4,034	3,827	207	5.1
Little River	5,520	5,212	308	5.6	5,457	5,141	316	5.8	5,430	5,143	287	5.3
Logan	8,678	8,268	410	4.7	8,643	8,207	436	5.0	8,706	8,307	399	4.6
Lonoke	33,787	32,536	1,251	3.7	33,448	32,188	1,260	3.8	33,542	32,268	1,274	3.8
Madison	7,394	7,146	248	3.4	7,309	7,065	244	3.3	7,359	7,102	257	3.5
Marion	6,419	6,080	339	5.3	6,350	6,005	345	5.4	6,518	6,203	315	4.8
Miller	19,852	18,816	1,036	5.2	19,621	18,551	1,070	5.5	19,605	18,602	1,003	5.1

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	February 2019				January 2019				February 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,975	15,992	983	5.8	16,957	15,952	1,005	5.9	17,294	16,224	1,070	6.2
Monroe	2,740	2,599	141	5.1	2,744	2,605	139	5.1	2,761	2,628	133	4.8
Montgomery	2,939	2,760	179	6.1	2,951	2,764	187	6.3	2,961	2,786	175	5.9
Nevada	3,633	3,476	157	4.3	3,582	3,432	150	4.2	3,613	3,463	150	4.2
Newton	3,347	3,190	157	4.7	3,321	3,159	162	4.9	3,315	3,167	148	4.5
Ouachita	10,119	9,475	644	6.4	10,027	9,359	668	6.7	9,690	9,194	496	5.1
Perry	4,266	4,037	229	5.4	4,223	3,995	228	5.4	4,233	4,012	221	5.2
Phillips	6,562	6,082	480	7.3	6,574	6,104	470	7.1	6,656	6,151	505	7.6
Pike	4,267	4,066	201	4.7	4,265	4,052	213	5.0	4,187	3,985	202	4.8
Poinsett	10,224	9,797	427	4.2	10,166	9,715	451	4.4	10,168	9,697	471	4.6
Polk	8,006	7,612	394	4.9	7,990	7,570	420	5.3	7,997	7,618	379	4.7
Pope	29,027	27,568	1,459	5.0	28,713	27,134	1,579	5.5	29,050	27,588	1,462	5.0
Prairie	3,514	3,327	187	5.3	3,540	3,336	204	5.8	3,522	3,360	162	4.6
Pulaski	189,967	182,277	7,690	4.0	187,143	179,552	7,591	4.1	187,818	180,319	7,499	4.0
Randolph	7,307	6,957	350	4.8	7,212	6,864	348	4.8	7,091	6,745	346	4.9
St. Francis	8,327	7,781	546	6.6	8,257	7,718	539	6.5	8,306	7,798	508	6.1
Saline	57,832	55,813	2,019	3.5	57,059	54,979	2,080	3.6	57,263	55,226	2,037	3.6
Scott	4,403	4,222	181	4.1	4,422	4,226	196	4.4	4,364	4,174	190	4.4
Searcy	2,880	2,729	151	5.2	2,832	2,681	151	5.3	2,870	2,708	162	5.6
Sebastian	57,091	54,704	2,387	4.2	55,975	53,724	2,251	4.0	57,209	54,781	2,428	4.2
Sevier	5,598	5,292	306	5.5	5,588	5,267	321	5.7	5,496	5,207	289	5.3
Sharp	5,818	5,458	360	6.2	5,763	5,388	375	6.5	5,774	5,468	306	5.3
Stone	4,727	4,402	325	6.9	4,733	4,409	324	6.8	4,647	4,384	263	5.7
Union	16,011	15,044	967	6.0	15,846	14,899	947	6.0	16,083	15,004	1,079	6.7
Van Buren	5,872	5,508	364	6.2	5,851	5,463	388	6.6	5,969	5,601	368	6.2
Washington	123,860	120,159	3,701	3.0	120,948	117,286	3,662	3.0	121,994	118,442	3,552	2.9
White	34,015	32,093	1,922	5.7	33,593	31,657	1,936	5.8	33,926	32,147	1,779	5.2
Woodruff	2,768	2,595	173	6.3	2,819	2,632	187	6.6	2,808	2,652	156	5.6
Yell	8,463	8,019	444	5.2	8,430	7,967	463	5.5	8,474	8,063	411	4.9

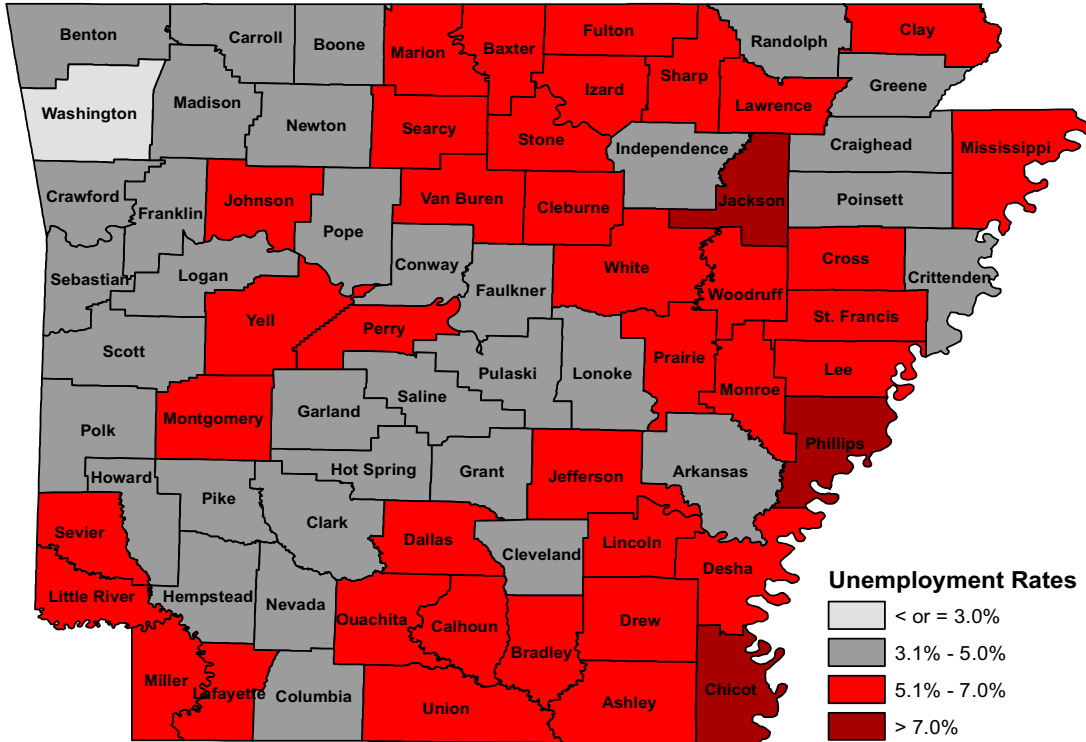
County Labor Force Summary

Between January and February, unemployment rates declined in 50 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Jobless rates were unchanged in thirteen counties, while twelve counties increased over-the-month. Rates ranged from a low of 3.0 percent in Washington County to a high of 8.7 percent in Chicot County.

In February, eleven counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. Three counties reported jobless rates at or above seven percent, down from four counties at or above seven percent in January.

Compared to February 2018, unemployment rates are up in 44 Arkansas counties. Rates declined in twenty-three counties and eight were the same as last year.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

February 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	3.0	24	Newton	4.7	49	Sevier	5.5
2	Benton	3.3	24	Pike	4.7	52	Bradley	5.6
3	Madison	3.4	28	Randolph	4.8	52	Little River	5.6
4	Craighead	3.5	29	Cleveland	4.9	54	White	5.7
4	Saline	3.5	29	Polk	4.9	55	Mississippi	5.8
6	Grant	3.6	31	Carroll	5.0	56	Cleburne	5.9
7	Faulkner	3.7	31	Columbia	5.0	56	Dallas	5.9
7	Lonoke	3.7	31	Conway	5.0	58	Lee	6.0
9	Howard	3.8	31	Crittenden	5.0	58	Union	6.0
10	Clark	3.9	31	Pope	5.0	60	Calhoun	6.1
11	Pulaski	4.0	36	Baxter	5.1	60	Izard	6.1
12	Boone	4.1	36	Monroe	5.1	60	Montgomery	6.1
12	Franklin	4.1	38	Fulton	5.2	63	Sharp	6.2
12	Scott	4.1	38	Miller	5.2	63	Van Buren	6.2
15	Crawford	4.2	38	Searcy	5.2	65	Jefferson	6.3
15	Poinsett	4.2	38	Yell	5.2	65	Woodruff	6.3
15	Sebastian	4.2	42	Lawrence	5.3	67	Drew	6.4
18	Arkansas	4.3	42	Lincoln	5.3	67	Ouachita	6.4
18	Greene	4.3	42	Marion	5.3	69	Ashley	6.5
18	Hot Spring	4.3	42	Prairie	5.3	70	Clay	6.6
18	Nevada	4.3	46	Desha	5.4	70	St. Francis	6.6
22	Garland	4.5	46	Johnson	5.4	72	Stone	6.9
23	Hempstead	4.6	46	Perry	5.4	73	Phillips	7.3
24	Independence	4.7	49	Cross	5.5	74	Jackson	7.7
24	Logan	4.7	49	Lafayette	5.5	75	Chicot	8.7

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	February 2019				January 2019				February 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	251,651	241,952	9,699	3.9	248,388	238,632	9,756	3.9	249,330	239,633	9,697	3.9
City of Little Rock	97,730	93,869	3,861	4.0	96,308	92,465	3,843	4.0	96,648	92,860	3,788	3.9
Eastern	46,588	43,920	2,668	5.7	46,282	43,636	2,646	5.7	46,539	43,962	2,577	5.5
North Central	94,424	88,957	5,467	5.8	93,580	87,975	5,605	6.0	93,733	88,701	5,032	5.4
Northeast	121,492	116,240	5,252	4.3	120,259	114,957	5,302	4.4	120,533	115,304	5,229	4.3
Northwest	324,402	313,268	11,134	3.4	317,649	306,468	11,181	3.5	320,260	309,462	10,798	3.4
Southeast	81,239	76,588	4,651	5.7	80,928	76,167	4,761	5.9	81,025	76,555	4,470	5.5
Southwest	93,512	88,493	5,019	5.4	92,686	87,586	5,100	5.5	92,437	87,670	4,767	5.2
West Central	132,475	126,138	6,337	4.8	131,145	124,487	6,658	5.1	131,785	125,467	6,318	4.8
Western	112,352	107,547	4,805	4.3	110,692	105,995	4,697	4.2	112,578	107,745	4,833	4.3

