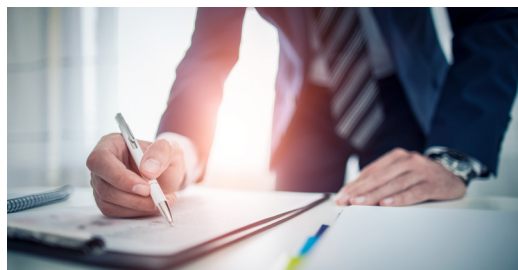




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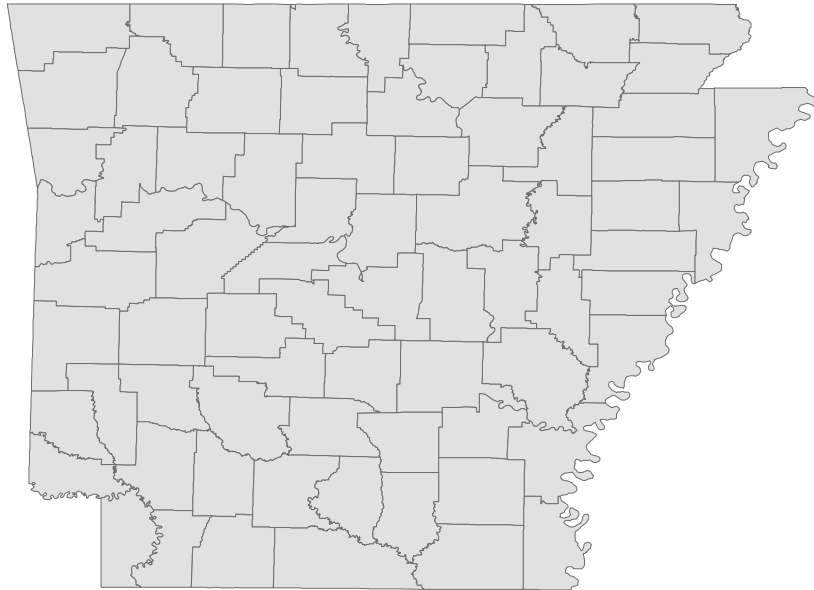


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Technical Notes

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.

November Spotlight

Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

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)

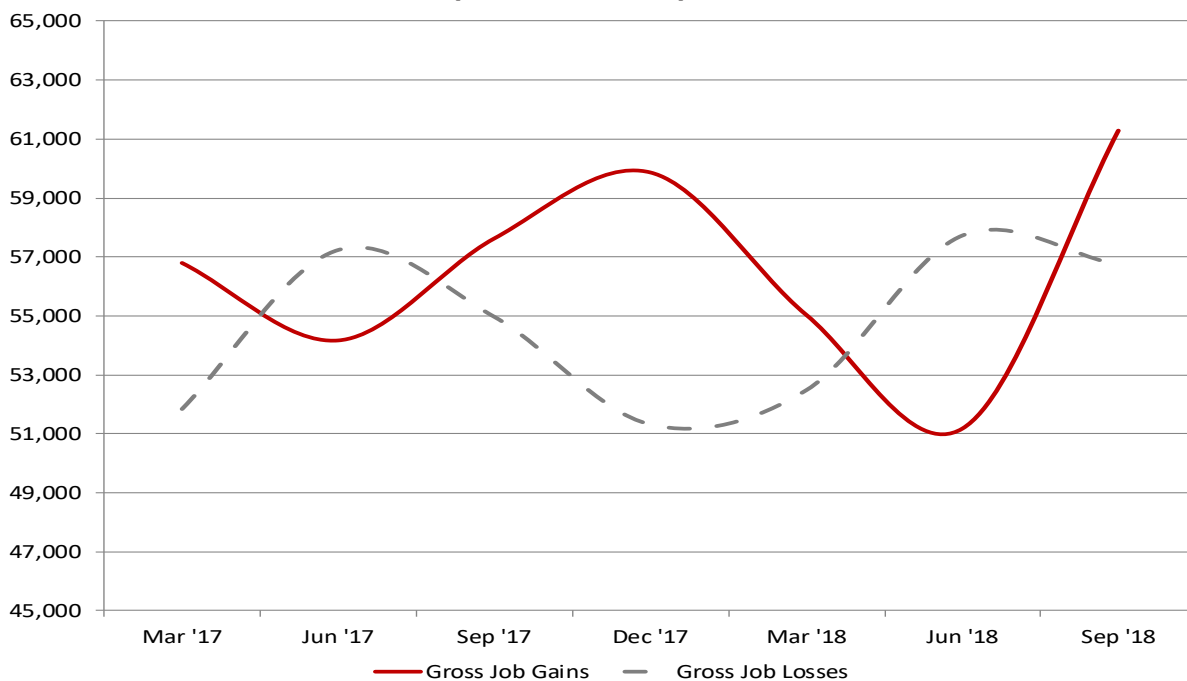
State of Arkansas
(Seasonally Adjusted)

3 months ending

Category	Mar 18	Jun 18	Sep 18	Dec 18	Mar 19*
Employment Levels					
Gross job gains.....	55,048	51,191	61,294	59,915	53,605
Gross job losses....	52,471	57,719	56,723	50,421	51,893
Net Change.....	2,577	-6,528	4,571	9,494	1,712

*Most recent BED data available is for 1st Quarter 2019

Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)
1st Quarter 2017 - 1st Quarter 2019



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

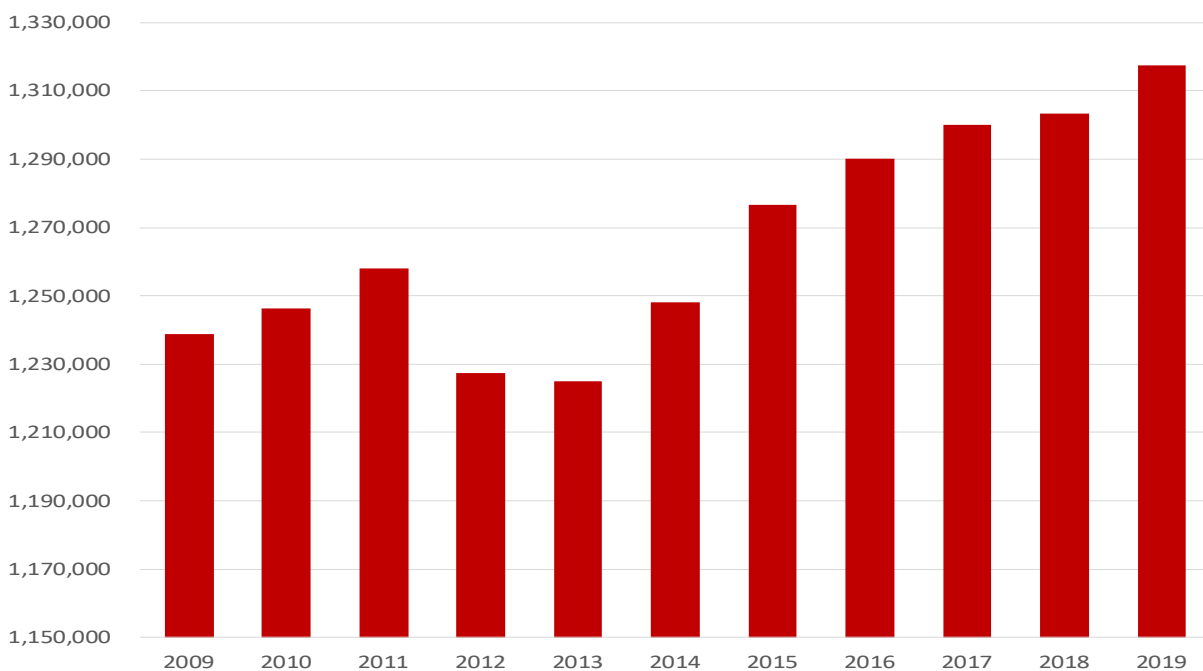
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.5 percent in October to 3.6 percent in November. Arkansas' civilian labor force rose 2,203, a result of 1,439 more employed and 764 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate declined to 3.5 percent in November, down from 3.6 percent in October.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "The number of employed and unemployed Arkansans increased for the second month in a row, adding to the size of the civilian labor force. While these gains were small, it was enough to push the unemployment rate up one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.6 percent."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Nov 18</u>	
Civilian Labor Force	1,366,004	1,363,801	1,353,117	Civilian Labor Force	1,368,523	1,371,482	1,351,062
Employment	1,317,445	1,316,006	1,303,436	Employment	1,324,791	1,327,931	1,307,657
Unemployment	48,559	47,795	49,681	Unemployment	43,732	43,551	43,405
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.5	3.7	Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.2	3.2
U.S. Unemployment	3.5	3.6	3.7	U.S. Unemployment	3.3	3.3	3.5

Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)
November: 2009 - 2019



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1292.3	1291.8	1276.7	0.5	15.6
Goods Producing	223.7	224.9	218.3	-1.2	5.4
Mining, Logging, and Construction	60.1	61.2	57.1	-1.1	3.0
Mining & Logging	5.7	5.7	6.0	0.0	-0.3
Construction	54.4	55.5	51.1	-1.1	3.3
Specialty Trade Contractors	34.6	34.7	32.2	-0.1	2.4
Manufacturing	163.6	163.7	161.2	-0.1	2.4
Durable Goods	77.2	77.3	77.1	-0.1	0.1
Nondurable Goods	86.4	86.4	84.1	0.0	2.3
Service Providing	1068.6	1066.9	1058.4	1.7	10.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	258.6	254.6	257.1	4.0	1.5
Wholesale Trade	50.3	49.5	48.9	0.8	1.4
Retail Trade	141.3	139.2	141.6	2.1	-0.3
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	67.0	65.9	66.6	1.1	0.4
Information	10.8	10.9	11.4	-0.1	-0.6
Financial Activities	62.0	62.2	60.6	-0.2	1.4
Finance & Insurance	48.4	48.4	47.0	0.0	1.4
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.6	13.8	13.6	-0.2	0.0
Professional & Business Services	149.0	148.8	146.0	0.2	3.0
Professional, Scientific & Technical	44.3	44.1	44.7	0.2	-0.4
Management of Companies	36.7	36.6	35.0	0.1	1.7
Administrative & Support Services	68.0	68.1	66.3	-0.1	1.7
Educational & Health Services	197.2	196.4	193.7	0.8	3.5
Educational Services	16.4	16.2	16.2	0.2	0.2
Health Care & Social Assistance	180.8	180.2	177.5	0.6	3.3
Ambulatory Health Care	60.9	59.9	59.1	1.0	1.8
Social Assistance	41.1	41.8	40.7	-0.7	0.4
Leisure & Hospitality	120.7	123.8	118.9	-3.1	1.8
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	9.9	10.9	9.9	-1.0	0.0
Accommodation & Food Services	110.8	112.9	109.0	-2.1	1.8
Accommodation Services	11.0	11.4	11.2	-0.4	-0.2
Food Services	99.8	101.5	97.8	-1.7	2.0
Other Services	53.4	53.6	53.6	-0.2	-0.2
Government	216.9	216.6	217.1	0.3	-0.2
Federal Government	20.4	20.5	20.3	-0.1	0.1
State Government	80.2	80.0	79.9	0.2	0.3
Local Government	116.3	116.1	116.9	0.2	-0.6

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

October 2019 - November 2019

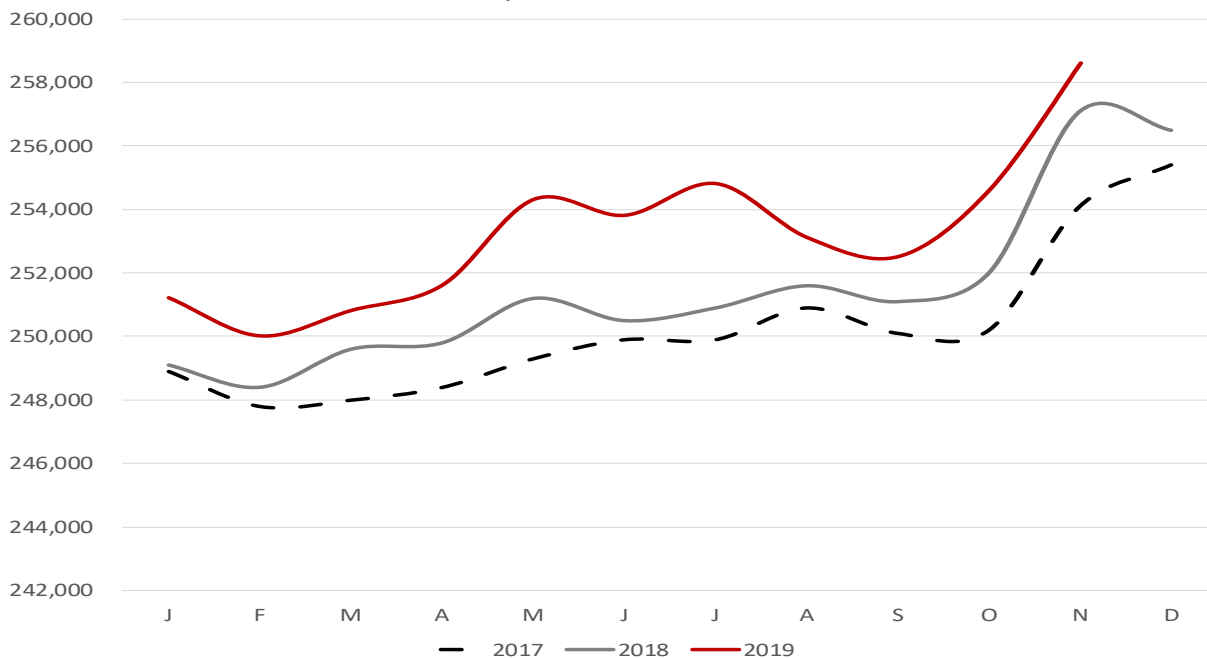
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs increased 500 in November to total 1,292,300. Four major industry sectors added jobs, more than offsetting losses in six sectors. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 4,000. Most of the gains were posted in retail trade (+2,100), due to temporary hiring for the holiday shopping season. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** declined 3,100. A majority of the loss was posted in food services (-1,700), a result of reported reductions at both full service and limited service restaurants. The contractions in arts, entertainment, and recreation (-1,000) are typical for this time of year. **Construction** jobs decreased 1,100, a result of both seasonal factors and the completion of certain projects.

November 2018 - November 2019

Compared to November 2018, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 15,600. Seven major industry sectors posted growth, with four adding 2,400 or more jobs, each. The largest increase was in **educational and health services**, up 3,500. Most of the expansion occurred in health care and social assistance (+3,300). Employment in **construction** rose 3,300, related in part to ongoing large projects. **Professional and business services** added 3,000 jobs. Gains were reported in management of companies (+1,700) and administrative-support services (+1,700). Jobs in **manufacturing** increased 2,400, largely in nondurable goods manufacturing (+2,300). Other notable expansions include **leisure and hospitality** (+1,800), **trade-transportation-utilities** (+1,500), and **financial activities** (+1,400).

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

January 2017 - November 2019



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

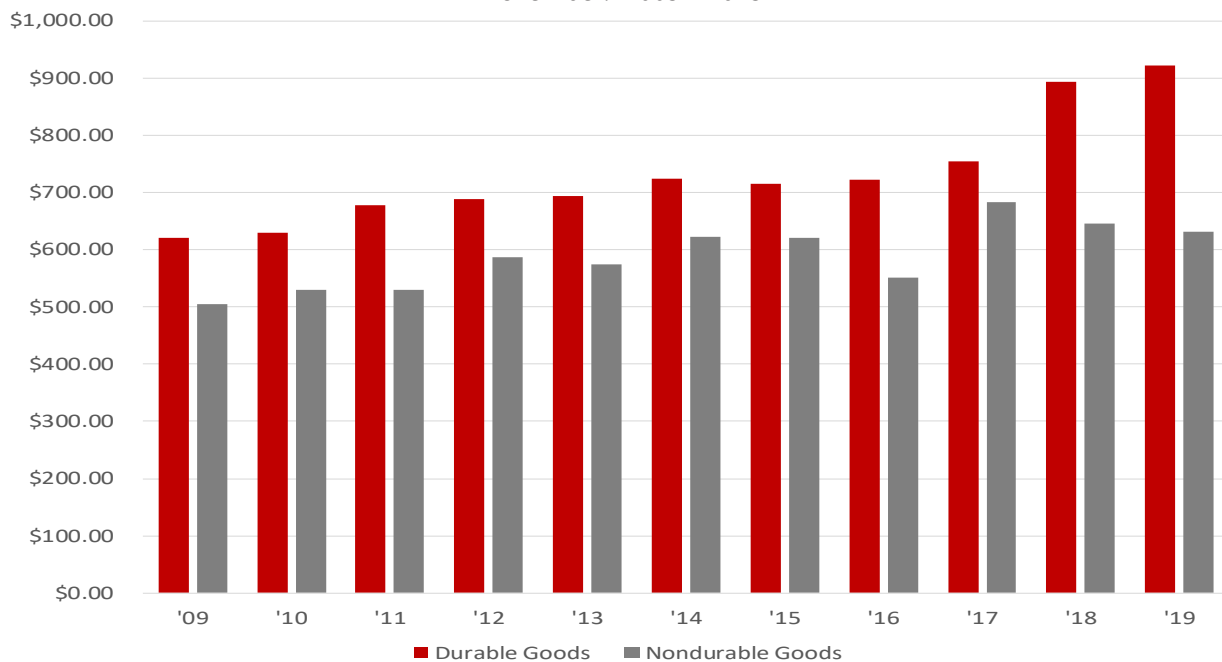
	Nov 19	Oct 19	Nov 18
Average Weekly Hours	40.7	40.4	42.1
Average Hourly Earnings	18.82	18.91	18.04
Average Weekly Earnings	765.97	763.96	759.48

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	Nov 19	Oct 19	Nov 18		Nov 19	Oct 19	Nov 18
Average Weekly Hours	43.9	43.1	43.2	Average Weekly Hours	38.0	38.0	41.2
Average Hourly Earnings	21.00	21.35	20.69	Average Hourly Earnings	16.62	16.52	15.68
Average Weekly Earnings	921.90	920.19	893.81	Average Weekly Earnings	631.56	627.76	646.02

Average Weekly Earnings for Production Workers - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods

November: 2009 - 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)

	Nov 19	Oct 19	Nov 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	359,984	360,122	353,968	-138	6,016
Employment	349,282	349,387	343,621	-105	5,661
Unemployment	10,702	10,735	10,347	-33	355
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1

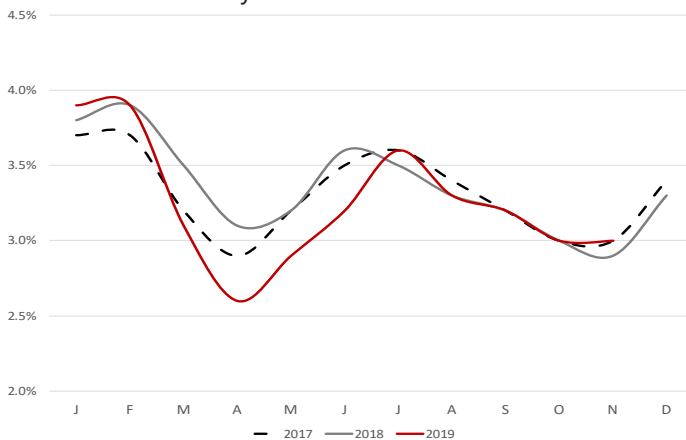
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 19	Oct 19	Nov 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	369.5	368.3	366.0	1.2	3.5
Goods Producing	38.5	38.4	38.0	0.1	0.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.8	17.7	17.0	0.1	0.8
Manufacturing	20.7	20.7	21.0	0.0	-0.3
Service Providing	331.0	329.9	328.0	1.1	3.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	72.1	71.2	72.0	0.9	0.1
Wholesale Trade	16.6	16.4	16.0	0.2	0.6
Retail Trade	39.2	38.6	40.0	0.6	-0.8
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.3	16.2	16.0	0.1	0.3
Information	4.2	4.1	4.3	0.1	-0.1
Financial Activities	21.6	21.6	21.4	0.0	0.2
Professional & Business Services	48.9	49.3	49.5	-0.4	-0.6
Educational & Health Services	60.6	59.9	57.8	0.7	2.8
Leisure & Hospitality	35.6	36.0	35.5	-0.4	0.1
Other Services	15.9	15.9	15.7	0.0	0.2
Government	72.1	71.9	71.8	0.2	0.3
Federal Government	9.9	9.8	9.8	0.1	0.1
State Government	36.2	36.1	35.9	0.1	0.3
Local Government	26.0	26.0	26.1	0.0	-0.1

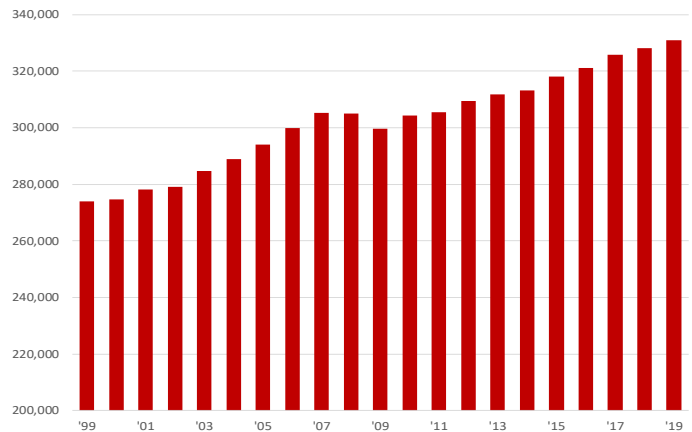
Unemployment Rates

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Jobs in Service Providing Sectors

November: 1999 - 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)

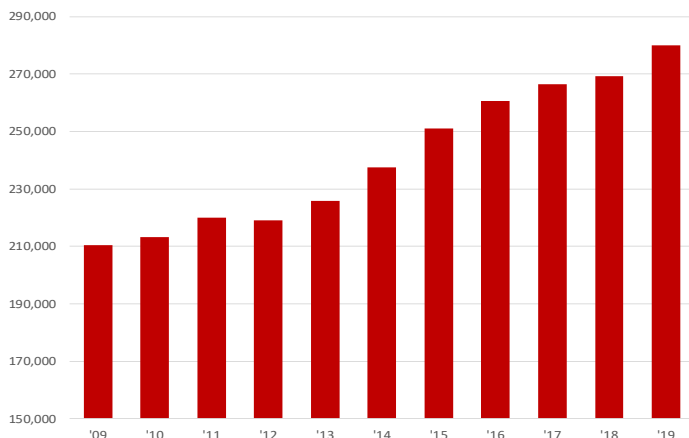
	Nov 19	Oct 19	Nov 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	286,326	286,907	275,869	-581	10,457
Employment	279,926	280,415	269,225	-489	10,701
Unemployment	6,400	6,492	6,644	-92	-244
Unemployment Rate	2.2	2.3	2.4	-0.1	-0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 19	Oct 19	Nov 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	271.9	271.3	262.5	0.6	9.4
Goods Producing	43.2	43.2	41.7	0.0	1.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	12.4	12.4	11.7	0.0	0.7
Manufacturing	30.8	30.8	30.0	0.0	0.8
Service Providing	228.7	228.1	220.8	0.6	7.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	58.2	57.8	57.4	0.4	0.8
Wholesale Trade	12.6	12.6	12.3	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	27.3	27.2	27.3	0.1	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.3	18.0	17.8	0.3	0.5
Information	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	8.5	8.5	8.2	0.0	0.3
Professional & Business Services	54.0	53.3	50.4	0.7	3.6
Educational & Health Services	30.7	30.6	29.7	0.1	1.0
Leisure & Hospitality	26.4	27.0	25.6	-0.6	0.8
Other Services	9.5	9.5	9.3	0.0	0.2
Government	39.3	39.3	38.1	0.0	1.2
Federal Government	2.6	2.7	2.6	-0.1	0.0
State Government	17.2	17.2	16.2	0.0	1.0
Local Government	19.5	19.4	19.3	0.1	0.2

Number of Employed
November: 2009 - 2019



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
November 2017 - November 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)

	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	118,861	118,795	118,675	66	186
Employment	114,805	114,673	114,785	132	20
Unemployment	4,056	4,122	3,890	-66	166
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.5	3.3	-0.1	0.1

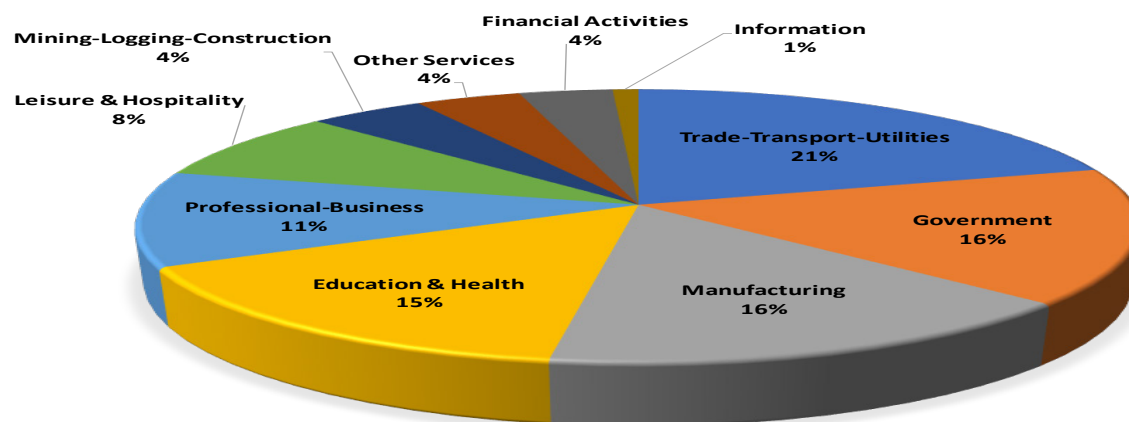
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	114.2	113.5	114.4	0.7	-0.2
Goods Producing	23.0	22.8	23.1	0.2	-0.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.0	5.0	5.2	0.0	-0.2
Manufacturing	18.0	17.8	17.9	0.2	0.1
Service Providing	91.2	90.7	91.3	0.5	-0.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.5	23.1	23.6	0.4	-0.1
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	12.7	12.4	12.7	0.3	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.6	6.5	6.7	0.1	-0.1
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	12.8	12.9	13.2	-0.1	-0.4
Educational & Health Services	17.5	17.3	17.1	0.2	0.4
Leisure & Hospitality	9.4	9.5	9.3	-0.1	0.1
Other Services	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
Government	18.4	18.3	18.5	0.1	-0.1
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0
Local Government	13.9	13.8	14.0	0.1	-0.1

Jobs by Industry Sector

November 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Nov 19	Oct 19	Nov 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	40,662	40,985	40,099	-323	563
Employment	39,276	39,565	38,636	-289	640
Unemployment	1,386	1,420	1,463	-34	-77
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.5	3.6	-0.1	-0.2

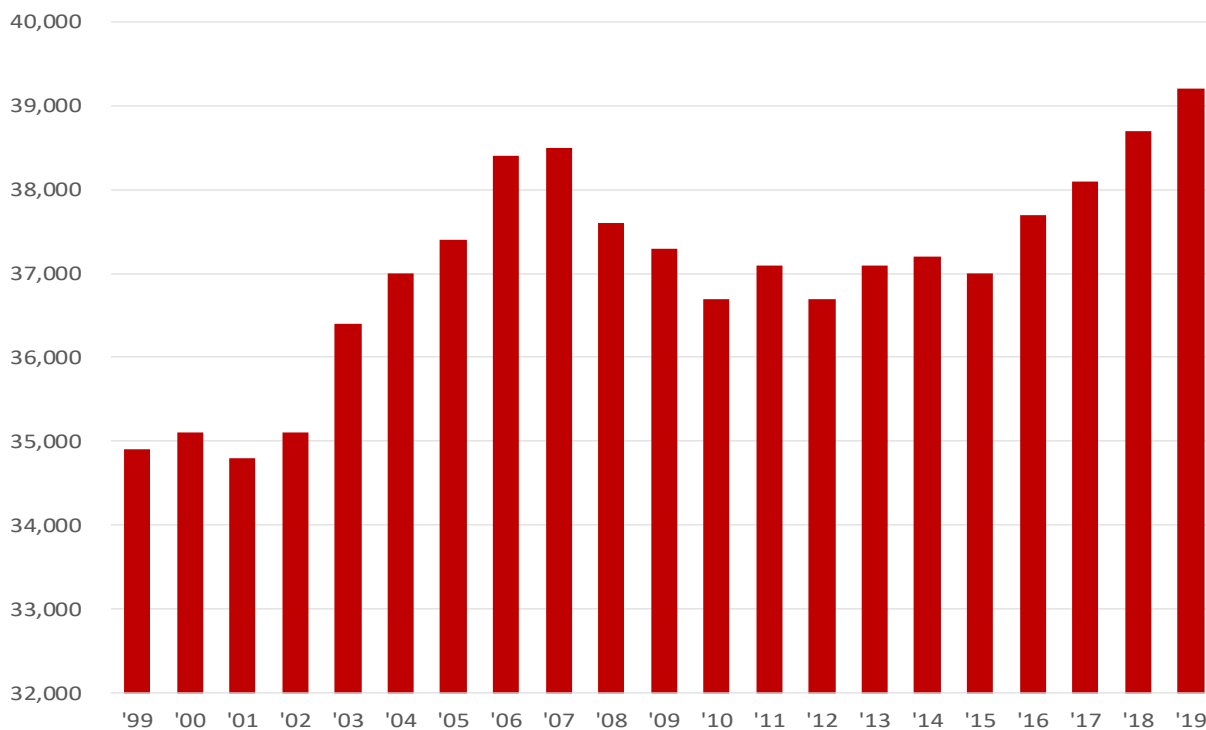
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 19	Oct 19	Nov 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	39.2	39.3	38.7	-0.1	0.5
Goods Producing	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	34.8	34.9	34.3	-0.1	0.5
Government	4.6	4.5	4.6	0.1	0.0

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

November: 1999 - 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Nov 19	Oct 19	Nov 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	66,130	66,146	64,643	-16	1,487
Employment	64,461	64,452	62,894	9	1,567
Unemployment	1,669	1,694	1,749	-25	-80
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.6	2.7	-0.1	-0.2

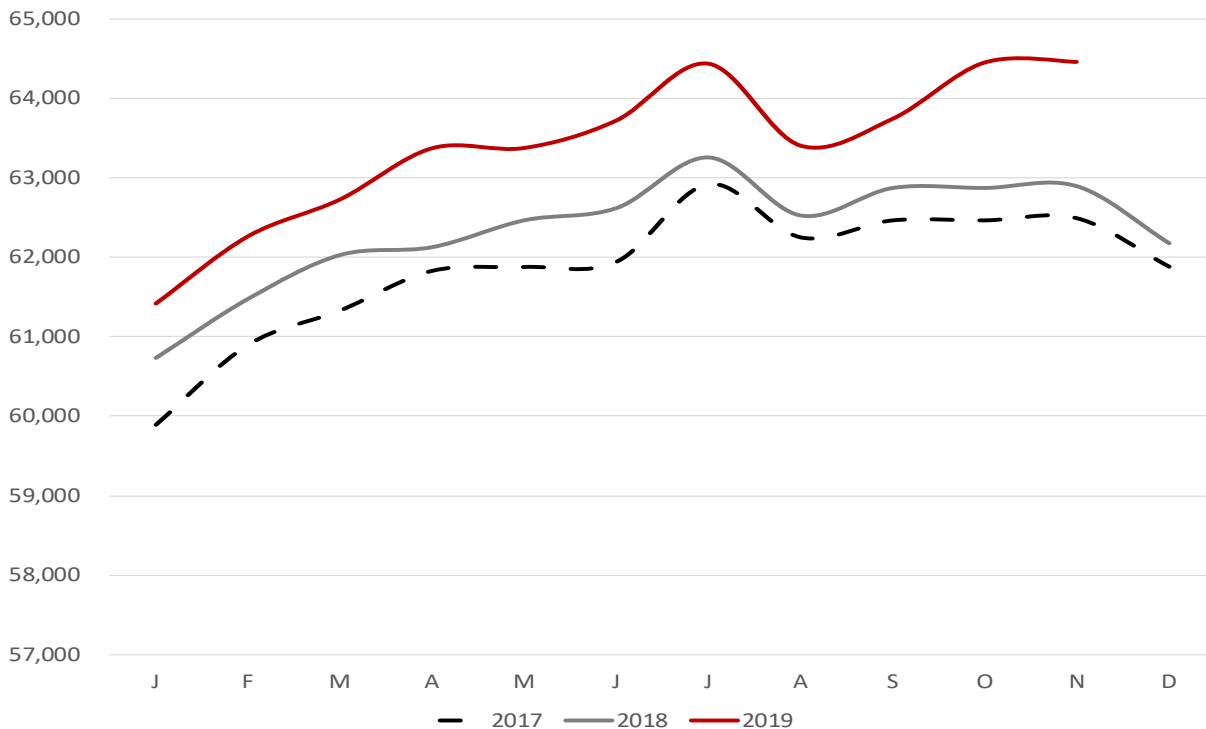
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 19	Oct 19	Nov 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	61.0	60.6	59.4	0.4	1.6
Goods Producing	10.2	10.2	10.0	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	50.8	50.4	49.4	0.4	1.4
Government	9.3	9.2	9.1	0.1	0.2

Number of Employed

January 2017 - November 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	34,907	35,246	35,338	-339	-431
Employment	33,211	33,601	33,735	-390	-524
Unemployment	1,696	1,645	1,603	51	93
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.7	4.5	0.2	0.4

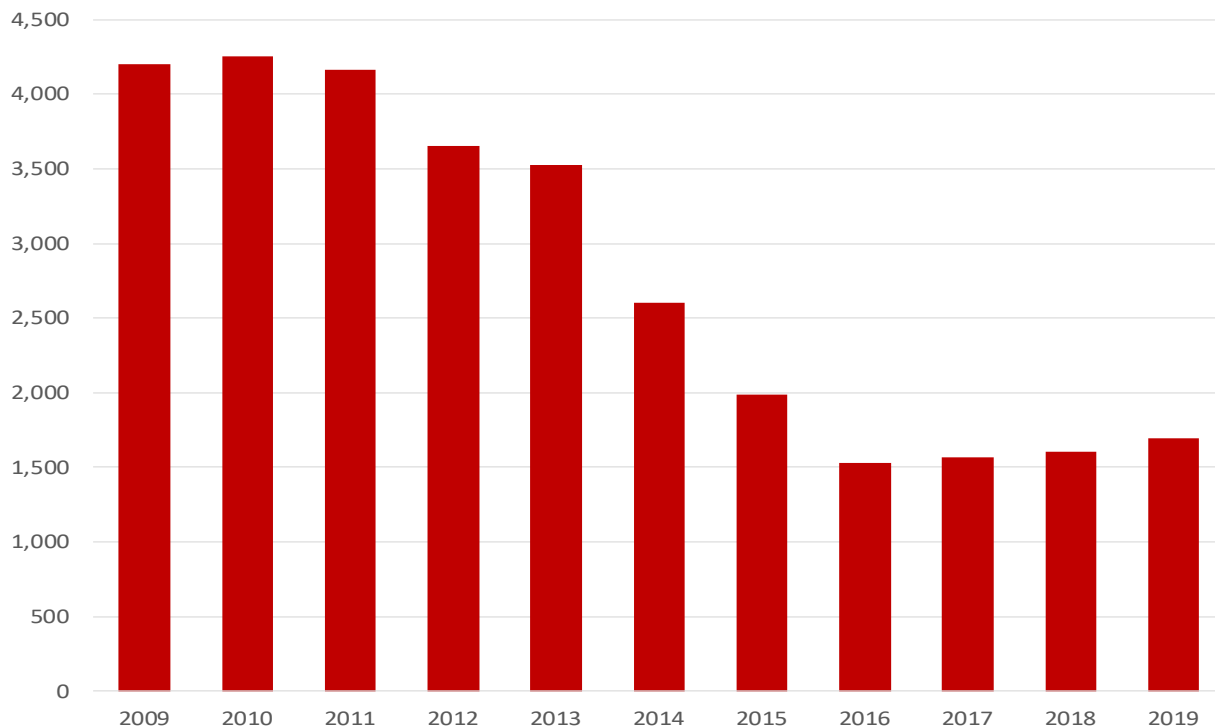
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	33.0	33.1	33.6	-0.1	-0.6
Goods Producing	5.9	5.9	6.0	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	27.1	27.2	27.6	-0.1	-0.5
Government	9.2	9.1	9.3	0.1	-0.1

Number of Unemployed

November: 2009 - 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.

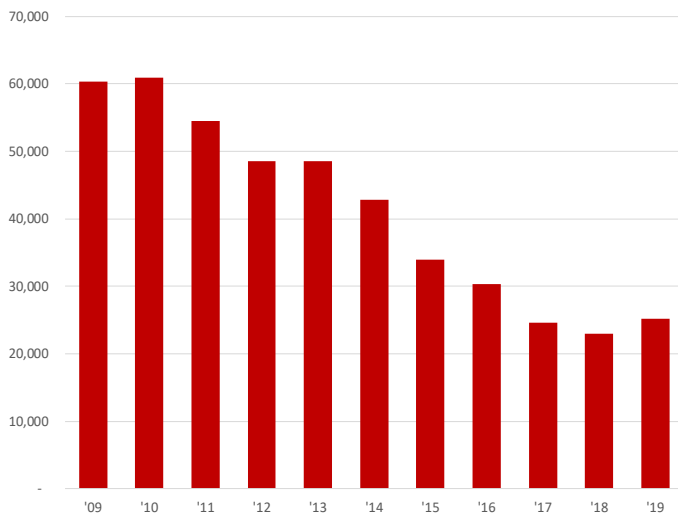
	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	649,688	646,723	639,381	2,965	10,307
Employment	624,442	621,998	616,430	2,444	8,012
Unemployment	25,246	24,725	22,951	521	2,295
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.8	3.6	0.1	0.3

Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,217	64,953	65,391	264	-174
Employment	62,649	62,369	62,326	280	323
Unemployment	2,568	2,584	3,065	-16	-497
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.0	4.7	-0.1	-0.8

Memphis MSA - Number of Unemployed
November: 2009 - 2019



Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates
November 2017 - November 2019



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	November 2019				October 2019				November 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,786	9,447	339	3.5	9,787	9,446	341	3.5	9,923	9,595	328	3.3
Batesville Micro	16,480	15,853	627	3.8	16,471	15,861	610	3.7	16,250	15,623	627	3.9
Blytheville Micro	17,529	16,787	742	4.2	17,663	16,942	721	4.1	17,627	16,839	788	4.5
Camden Micro	12,347	11,797	550	4.5	12,373	11,840	533	4.3	12,150	11,670	480	4.0
El Dorado Micro	15,767	14,963	804	5.1	15,780	15,018	762	4.8	15,794	15,081	713	4.5
Forrest City Micro	8,108	7,747	361	4.5	8,169	7,805	364	4.5	8,251	7,875	376	4.6
Harrison Micro	19,397	18,826	571	2.9	19,458	18,881	577	3.0	18,984	18,431	553	2.9
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,392	6,026	366	5.7	6,412	6,060	352	5.5	6,578	6,240	338	5.1
Hope Micro	13,500	13,027	473	3.5	13,576	13,096	480	3.5	13,628	13,160	468	3.4
Magnolia Micro	9,166	8,807	359	3.9	9,190	8,820	370	4.0	8,946	8,591	355	4.0
Malvern Micro	13,956	13,502	454	3.3	14,007	13,532	475	3.4	13,908	13,461	447	3.2
Mountain Home Micro	16,359	15,781	578	3.5	16,355	15,796	559	3.4	16,539	15,922	617	3.7
Paragould Micro	19,944	19,307	637	3.2	19,988	19,366	622	3.1	19,603	19,010	593	3.0
Russellville Micro	37,102	35,767	1,335	3.6	37,249	35,961	1,288	3.5	37,598	36,217	1,381	3.7
Searcy Micro	33,938	32,543	1,395	4.1	33,863	32,573	1,290	3.8	33,743	32,465	1,278	3.8

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties

Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	November 2019				October 2019				November 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,680	12,315	365	2.9	12,687	12,330	357	2.8	12,274	11,838	436	3.6
Benton	17,404	16,955	449	2.6	17,425	16,954	471	2.7	17,150	16,664	486	2.8
Bentonville	27,171	26,629	542	2.0	27,211	26,661	550	2.0	26,181	25,598	583	2.2
Blytheville	5,984	5,677	307	5.1	6,011	5,730	281	4.7	5,982	5,695	287	4.8
Cabot	12,137	11,772	365	3.0	12,170	11,800	370	3.0	11,969	11,641	328	2.7
Conway	33,931	33,043	888	2.6	33,948	33,055	893	2.6	33,443	32,525	918	2.7
El Dorado	6,834	6,464	370	5.4	6,862	6,488	374	5.5	6,853	6,515	338	4.9
Fayetteville	49,317	48,212	1,105	2.2	49,358	48,265	1,093	2.2	47,481	46,353	1,128	2.4
Fort Smith	39,506	38,310	1,196	3.0	39,402	38,162	1,240	3.1	39,280	38,038	1,242	3.2
Hot Springs	14,492	13,936	556	3.8	14,635	14,039	596	4.1	14,309	13,709	600	4.2
Jacksonville	11,956	11,438	518	4.3	11,936	11,437	499	4.2	11,670	11,240	430	3.7
Jonesboro	39,119	38,169	950	2.4	39,128	38,136	992	2.5	38,182	37,170	1,012	2.7
Little Rock	98,914	95,842	3,072	3.1	98,890	95,832	3,058	3.1	97,130	94,180	2,950	3.0
North Little Rock	30,253	29,200	1,053	3.5	30,222	29,197	1,025	3.4	29,676	28,694	982	3.3
Paragould	12,512	12,092	420	3.4	12,538	12,129	409	3.3	12,310	11,906	404	3.3
Pine Bluff	16,570	15,562	1,008	6.1	16,719	15,730	989	5.9	16,680	15,766	914	5.5
Rogers	36,683	35,917	766	2.1	36,766	35,960	806	2.2	35,380	34,525	855	2.4
Russellville	13,324	12,890	434	3.3	13,400	12,946	454	3.4	13,459	13,018	441	3.3
Searcy	10,285	9,947	338	3.3	10,293	9,956	337	3.3	10,295	9,923	372	3.6
Sherwood	16,181	15,735	446	2.8	16,180	15,733	447	2.8	15,897	15,462	435	2.7
Springdale	40,555	39,699	856	2.1	40,658	39,743	915	2.3	39,058	38,167	891	2.3
Texarkana, AR	13,645	13,109	536	3.9	13,581	13,065	516	3.8	13,640	13,005	635	4.7
Van Buren	10,384	10,090	294	2.8	10,365	10,063	302	2.9	10,370	10,044	326	3.1
West Memphis	10,755	10,301	454	4.2	10,720	10,241	479	4.5	10,657	10,235	422	4.0

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	November 2019				October 2019				November 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,536	9,266	270	2.8	9,589	9,338	251	2.6	9,086	8,811	275	3.0
Ashley	7,773	7,381	392	5.0	7,814	7,473	341	4.4	7,693	7,328	365	4.7
Baxter	16,359	15,781	578	3.5	16,355	15,796	559	3.4	16,539	15,922	617	3.7
Benton	139,926	136,740	3,186	2.3	140,153	136,904	3,249	2.3	134,848	131,444	3,404	2.5
Boone	16,049	15,584	465	2.9	16,096	15,621	475	3.0	15,693	15,229	464	3.0
Bradley	4,501	4,349	152	3.4	4,557	4,398	159	3.5	4,514	4,347	167	3.7
Calhoun	2,435	2,339	96	3.9	2,441	2,356	85	3.5	2,417	2,338	79	3.3
Carroll	12,508	12,175	333	2.7	12,841	12,505	336	2.6	12,536	12,213	323	2.6
Chicot	3,308	3,110	198	6.0	3,339	3,150	189	5.7	3,291	3,100	191	5.8
Clark	9,786	9,447	339	3.5	9,787	9,446	341	3.5	9,923	9,595	328	3.3
Clay	5,633	5,376	257	4.6	5,652	5,431	221	3.9	5,854	5,638	216	3.7
Cleburne	9,204	8,803	401	4.4	9,257	8,863	394	4.3	9,132	8,782	350	3.8
Cleveland	3,245	3,124	121	3.7	3,290	3,171	119	3.6	3,312	3,201	111	3.4
Columbia	9,166	8,807	359	3.9	9,190	8,820	370	4.0	8,946	8,591	355	4.0
Conway	8,246	7,933	313	3.8	8,274	7,954	320	3.9	8,182	7,867	315	3.8
Craighead	55,642	54,293	1,349	2.4	55,620	54,246	1,374	2.5	54,304	52,872	1,432	2.6
Crawford	26,759	25,984	775	2.9	26,731	25,914	817	3.1	26,686	25,865	821	3.1
Crittenden	21,782	21,000	782	3.6	21,674	20,877	797	3.7	21,638	20,865	773	3.6
Cross	7,349	7,065	284	3.9	7,416	7,131	285	3.8	7,411	7,120	291	3.9
Dallas	2,846	2,721	125	4.4	2,848	2,730	118	4.1	2,870	2,769	101	3.5
Desha	5,552	5,329	223	4.0	5,594	5,382	212	3.8	5,525	5,318	207	3.7
Drew	7,895	7,513	382	4.8	7,898	7,544	354	4.5	7,982	7,641	341	4.3
Faulkner	62,240	60,535	1,705	2.7	62,280	60,558	1,722	2.8	61,320	59,586	1,734	2.8
Franklin	7,401	7,173	228	3.1	7,473	7,238	235	3.1	7,402	7,179	223	3.0
Fulton	4,870	4,712	158	3.2	4,897	4,735	162	3.3	4,751	4,582	169	3.6
Garland	40,662	39,276	1,386	3.4	40,985	39,565	1,420	3.5	40,099	38,636	1,463	3.6
Grant	8,466	8,210	256	3.0	8,483	8,231	252	3.0	8,333	8,114	219	2.6
Greene	19,944	19,307	637	3.2	19,988	19,366	622	3.1	19,603	19,010	593	3.0
Hempstead	9,886	9,542	344	3.5	9,945	9,599	346	3.5	10,012	9,654	358	3.6
Hot Spring	13,956	13,502	454	3.3	14,007	13,532	475	3.4	13,908	13,461	447	3.2
Howard	5,612	5,443	169	3.0	5,642	5,482	160	2.8	5,854	5,663	191	3.3
Independence	16,480	15,853	627	3.8	16,471	15,861	610	3.7	16,250	15,623	627	3.9
Izard	4,926	4,671	255	5.2	4,911	4,691	220	4.5	4,877	4,625	252	5.2
Jackson	5,883	5,520	363	6.2	5,930	5,573	357	6.0	5,832	5,513	319	5.5
Jefferson	27,707	26,284	1,423	5.1	27,942	26,567	1,375	4.9	27,970	26,628	1,342	4.8
Johnson	10,292	9,915	377	3.7	10,251	9,867	384	3.7	10,522	10,141	381	3.6
Lafayette	2,488	2,384	104	4.2	2,497	2,388	109	4.4	2,529	2,418	111	4.4
Lawrence	6,952	6,690	262	3.8	6,975	6,731	244	3.5	6,989	6,750	239	3.4
Lee	2,855	2,729	126	4.4	2,888	2,770	118	4.1	2,931	2,812	119	4.1
Lincoln	3,955	3,803	152	3.8	4,014	3,863	151	3.8	4,056	3,906	150	3.7
Little River	5,514	5,291	223	4.0	5,495	5,274	221	4.0	5,508	5,243	265	4.8
Logan	8,530	8,180	350	4.1	8,585	8,221	364	4.2	8,729	8,422	307	3.5
Lonoke	34,346	33,320	1,026	3.0	34,410	33,397	1,013	2.9	33,882	32,947	935	2.8
Madison	7,646	7,478	168	2.2	7,716	7,533	183	2.4	7,516	7,337	179	2.4
Marion	6,560	6,331	229	3.5	6,611	6,367	244	3.7	6,447	6,190	257	4.0
Miller	19,791	19,066	725	3.7	19,711	19,002	709	3.6	19,747	18,914	833	4.2

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	November 2019				October 2019				November 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,529	16,787	742	4.2	17,663	16,942	721	4.1	17,627	16,839	788	4.5
Monroe	2,724	2,609	115	4.2	2,769	2,658	111	4.0	2,697	2,593	104	3.9
Montgomery	2,925	2,792	133	4.5	2,968	2,842	126	4.2	3,032	2,905	127	4.2
Nevada	3,614	3,485	129	3.6	3,631	3,497	134	3.7	3,616	3,506	110	3.0
Newton	3,348	3,242	106	3.2	3,362	3,260	102	3.0	3,291	3,202	89	2.7
Ouachita	9,912	9,458	454	4.6	9,932	9,484	448	4.5	9,733	9,332	401	4.1
Perry	4,270	4,129	141	3.3	4,280	4,138	142	3.3	4,251	4,091	160	3.8
Phillips	6,392	6,026	366	5.7	6,412	6,060	352	5.5	6,578	6,240	338	5.1
Pike	4,257	4,105	152	3.6	4,293	4,141	152	3.5	4,258	4,108	150	3.5
Poinsett	10,488	10,168	320	3.1	10,526	10,206	320	3.0	10,339	10,022	317	3.1
Polk	8,022	7,678	344	4.3	8,018	7,686	332	4.1	7,990	7,719	271	3.4
Pope	28,726	27,659	1,067	3.7	28,789	27,778	1,011	3.5	29,017	27,933	1,084	3.7
Prairie	3,571	3,431	140	3.9	3,600	3,467	133	3.7	3,595	3,465	130	3.6
Pulaski	192,160	186,109	6,051	3.1	192,132	186,090	6,042	3.1	188,635	182,882	5,753	3.0
Randolph	7,359	7,113	246	3.3	7,387	7,151	236	3.2	7,238	7,008	230	3.2
St. Francis	8,108	7,747	361	4.5	8,169	7,805	364	4.5	8,251	7,875	376	4.6
Saline	58,502	56,979	1,523	2.6	58,537	56,973	1,564	2.7	57,547	56,001	1,546	2.7
Scott	4,307	4,168	139	3.2	4,339	4,200	139	3.2	4,419	4,283	136	3.1
Searcy	2,869	2,747	122	4.3	2,898	2,773	125	4.3	2,907	2,792	115	4.0
Sebastian	56,937	55,240	1,697	3.0	56,766	55,027	1,739	3.1	56,582	54,848	1,734	3.1
Sevier	5,424	5,188	236	4.4	5,464	5,217	247	4.5	5,571	5,342	229	4.1
Sharp	5,675	5,410	265	4.7	5,705	5,445	260	4.6	5,761	5,514	247	4.3
Stone	4,704	4,505	199	4.2	4,753	4,571	182	3.8	4,856	4,638	218	4.5
Union	15,767	14,963	804	5.1	15,780	15,018	762	4.8	15,794	15,081	713	4.5
Van Buren	5,683	5,424	259	4.6	5,709	5,457	252	4.4	5,857	5,586	271	4.6
Washington	127,684	124,988	2,696	2.1	127,918	125,126	2,792	2.2	122,997	120,169	2,828	2.3
White	33,938	32,543	1,395	4.1	33,863	32,573	1,290	3.8	33,743	32,465	1,278	3.8
Woodruff	2,786	2,651	135	4.8	2,831	2,702	129	4.6	2,853	2,727	126	4.4
Yell	8,376	8,108	268	3.2	8,460	8,183	277	3.3	8,581	8,284	297	3.5

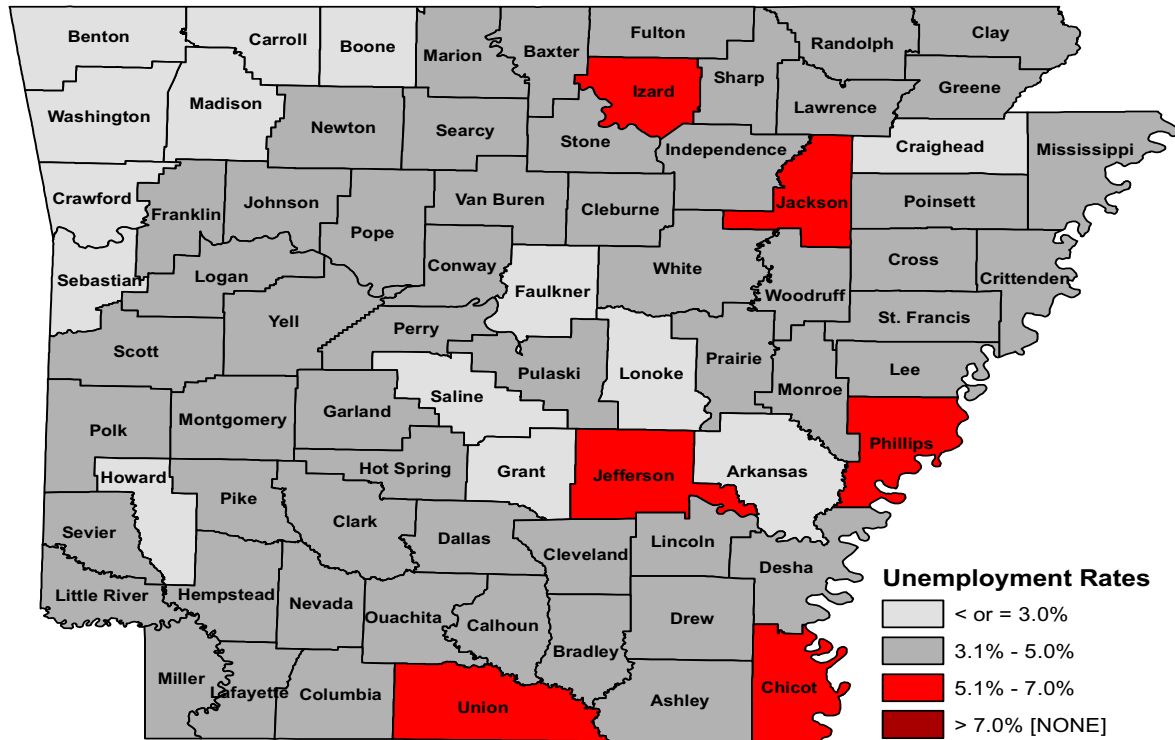
County Labor Force Summary

Between October and November, unemployment rates increased in 41 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates declined in twenty-one counties and remained stable in thirteen. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.1 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.2 percent in Jackson County.

In November, forty-eight counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down slightly from 52 counties at or below four percent in October. For the fourth month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to November 2018, unemployment rates are up in 41 Arkansas counties. Twenty-seven counties posted rate declines, while seven counties were the same over-the-year.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

November 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.1	26	Bradley	3.4	51	Lafayette	4.2
2	Madison	2.2	26	Garland	3.4	51	Mississippi	4.2
3	Benton	2.3	28	Baxter	3.5	51	Monroe	4.2
4	Craighead	2.4	28	Clark	3.5	51	Stone	4.2
5	Saline	2.6	28	Hempstead	3.5	55	Polk	4.3
6	Carroll	2.7	28	Marion	3.5	55	Searcy	4.3
6	Faulkner	2.7	32	Crittenden	3.6	57	Cleburne	4.4
8	Arkansas	2.8	32	Nevada	3.6	57	Dallas	4.4
9	Boone	2.9	32	Pike	3.6	57	Lee	4.4
9	Crawford	2.9	35	Cleveland	3.7	57	Sevier	4.4
11	Grant	3.0	35	Johnson	3.7	61	Montgomery	4.5
11	Howard	3.0	35	Miller	3.7	61	St. Francis	4.5
11	Lonoke	3.0	35	Pope	3.7	63	Clay	4.6
11	Sebastian	3.0	39	Conway	3.8	63	Ouachita	4.6
15	Franklin	3.1	39	Independence	3.8	63	Van Buren	4.6
15	Poinsett	3.1	39	Lawrence	3.8	66	Sharp	4.7
15	Pulaski	3.1	39	Lincoln	3.8	67	Drew	4.8
18	Fulton	3.2	43	Calhoun	3.9	67	Woodruff	4.8
18	Greene	3.2	43	Columbia	3.9	69	Ashley	5.0
18	Newton	3.2	43	Cross	3.9	70	Jefferson	5.1
18	Scott	3.2	43	Prairie	3.9	70	Union	5.1
18	Yell	3.2	47	Desha	4.0	72	Izard	5.2
23	Hot Spring	3.3	47	Little River	4.0	73	Phillips	5.7
23	Perry	3.3	49	Logan	4.1	74	Chicot	6.0
23	Randolph	3.3	49	White	4.1	75	Jackson	6.2

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	November 2019				October 2019				November 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	254,629	247,141	7,488	2.9	254,838	247,311	7,527	3.0	250,546	243,294	7,252	2.9
City of Little Rock	98,914	95,842	3,072	3.1	98,890	95,832	3,058	3.1	97,130	94,180	2,950	3.0
Eastern	46,486	44,567	1,919	4.1	46,559	44,643	1,916	4.1	46,809	44,912	1,897	4.1
North Central	94,149	90,092	4,057	4.3	94,327	90,471	3,856	4.1	93,912	90,055	3,857	4.1
Northeast	123,547	119,734	3,813	3.1	123,811	120,073	3,738	3.0	121,954	118,139	3,815	3.1
Northwest	332,949	325,066	7,883	2.4	333,950	325,885	8,065	2.4	322,774	314,498	8,276	2.6
Southeast	81,938	78,369	3,569	4.4	82,520	79,117	3,403	4.1	81,762	78,394	3,368	4.1
Southwest	92,455	88,687	3,768	4.1	92,576	88,867	3,709	4.0	92,597	88,851	3,746	4.0
West Central	131,496	126,866	4,630	3.5	132,094	127,446	4,648	3.5	131,773	127,021	4,752	3.6
Western	111,956	108,423	3,533	3.2	111,912	108,286	3,626	3.2	111,808	108,316	3,492	3.1

