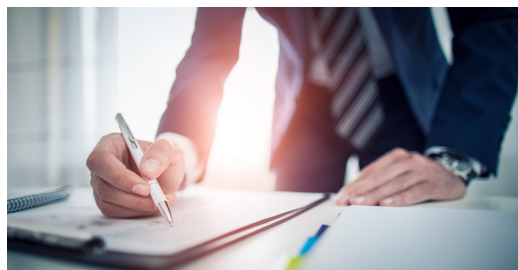




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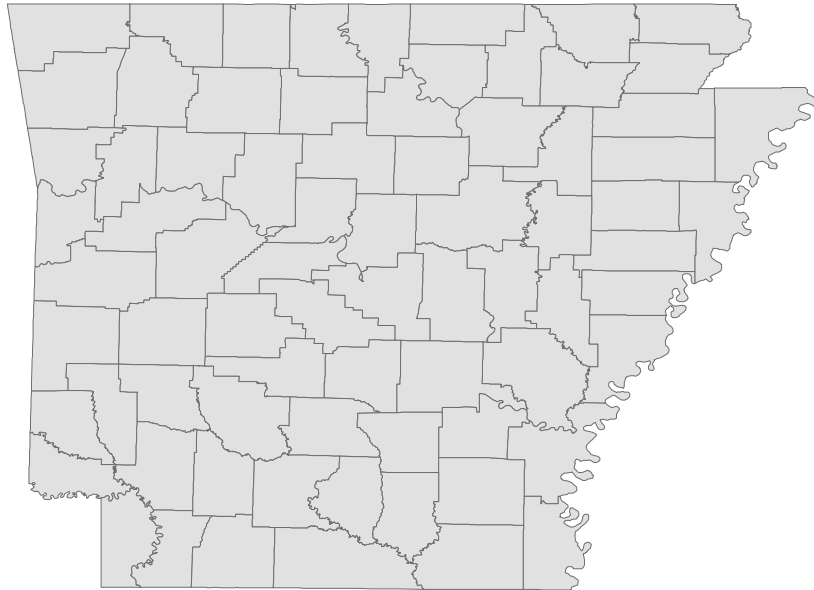


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Technical Notes

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.

September Spotlight

Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

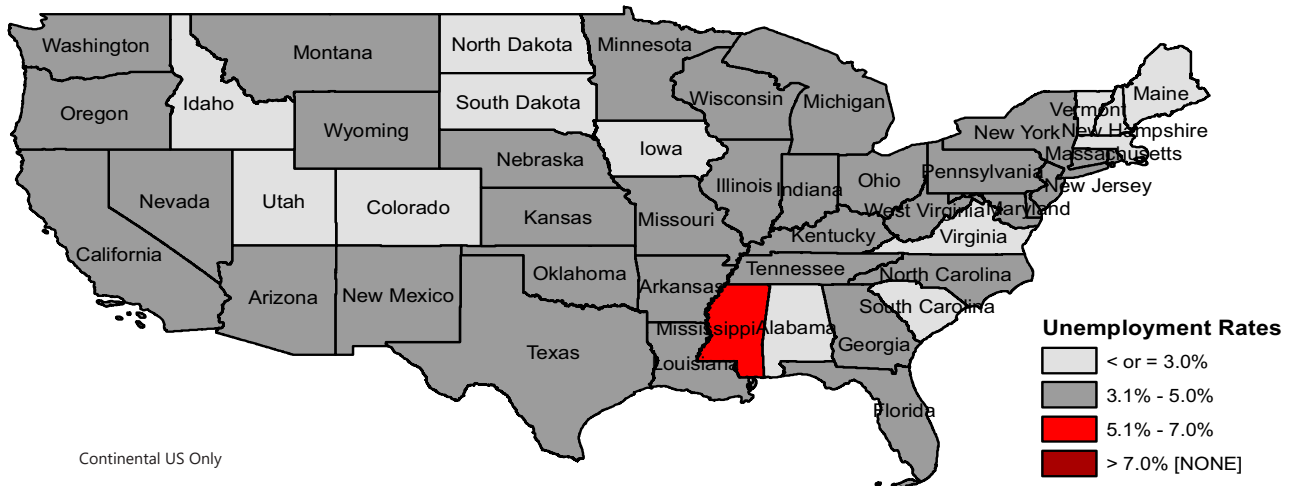
Due to differing economies and labor force conditions in various parts of the country, unemployment rates vary greatly from state to state. In September 2019, seasonally adjusted jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Vermont to a high of 6.2 percent in Alaska. The unemployment rate in Arkansas increased to 3.5 percent in September, a ranking of 27 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)

September 2019

Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate
1	Vermont	2.2	18	Florida	3.2	34	New York	3.9
2	Iowa	2.5	18	Indiana	3.2	36	California	4.0
2	New Hampshire	2.5	18	Kansas	3.2	36	Pennsylvania	4.0
2	North Dakota	2.5	18	Minnesota	3.2	38	Nevada	4.1
5	Colorado	2.7	18	Oklahoma	3.2	38	North Carolina	4.1
5	Hawaii	2.7	18	Wisconsin	3.2	38	Oregon	4.1
5	Utah	2.7	24	Montana	3.3	41	Michigan	4.2
5	Virginia	2.7	25	Tennessee	3.4	41	Ohio	4.2
9	Idaho	2.9	25	Texas	3.4	43	Louisiana	4.3
9	Maine	2.9	27	Arkansas	3.5	44	Kentucky	4.4
9	Massachusetts	2.9	27	Delaware	3.5	45	Washington	4.6
9	South Carolina	2.9	27	Georgia	3.5	46	West Virginia	4.7
13	Alabama	3.0	30	Connecticut	3.6	47	Arizona	4.9
13	South Dakota	3.0	30	Rhode Island	3.6	47	New Mexico	4.9
15	Missouri	3.1	32	Maryland	3.7	49	District of Columbia	5.4
15	Nebraska	3.1	33	Wyoming	3.8	49	Mississippi	5.4
15	New Jersey	3.1	34	Illinois	3.9	51	Alaska	6.2

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 3.5 Percent



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

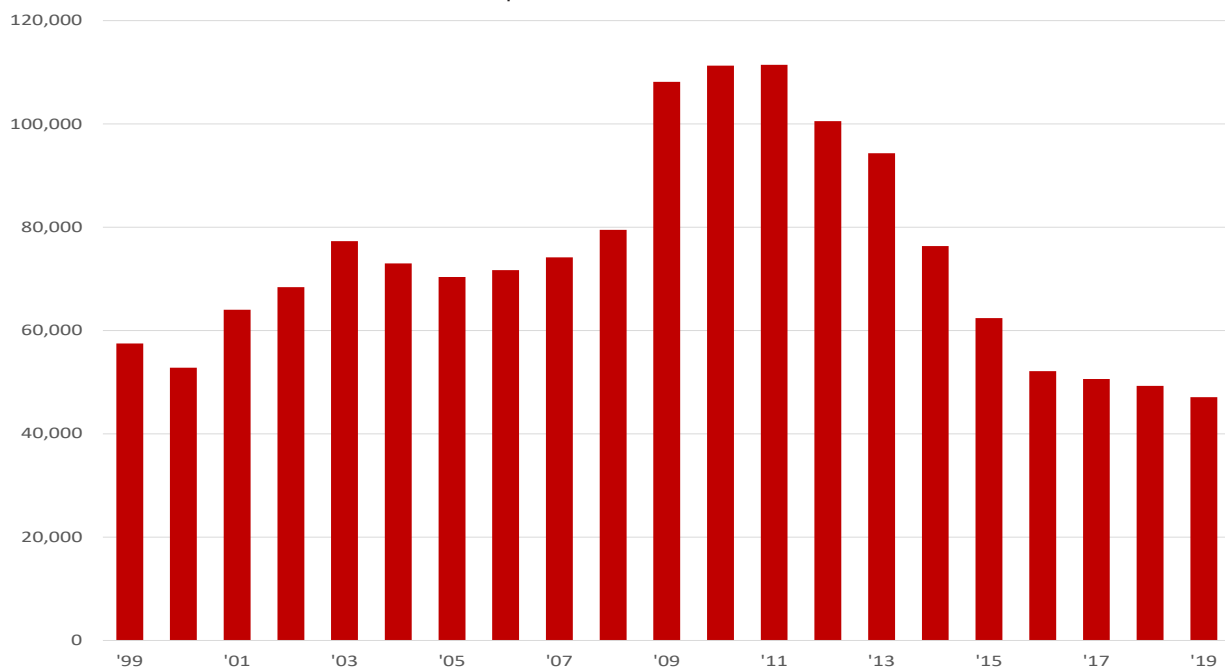
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.4 percent in August to 3.5 percent in September. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 319, a result of 552 fewer employed and 233 additional unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate declined to 3.5 percent in September, down from 3.7 percent in August.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Although Arkansas' unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point in September, the civilian labor force remained statistically stable. Compared to September 2018, Arkansas' labor force has grown by 10,487."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 19	Aug 19	Sep 18	Sep 19	Aug 19	Sep 18	
Civilian Labor Force	1,362,193	1,362,512	1,351,706	Civilian Labor Force	1,363,963	1,359,599	1,353,432
Employment	1,315,091	1,315,643	1,302,425	Employment	1,318,270	1,310,849	1,306,513
Unemployment	47,102	46,869	49,281	Unemployment	45,693	48,750	46,919
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.4	3.6	Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.6	3.5
U.S. Unemployment	3.5	3.7	3.7	U.S. Unemployment	3.3	3.8	3.6

Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)
September: 1999 - 2019



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Aug 19</u>	<u>Sep 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1286.2	1269.6	1270.3	16.6	15.9
Goods Producing	223.6	223.8	219.0	-0.2	4.6
Mining, Logging, and Construction	61.2	60.0	57.9	1.2	3.3
Mining & Logging	5.8	5.8	6.0	0.0	-0.2
Construction	55.4	54.2	51.9	1.2	3.5
Specialty Trade Contractors	34.0	33.3	32.8	0.7	1.2
Manufacturing	162.4	163.8	161.1	-1.4	1.3
Durable Goods	77.1	78.3	76.6	-1.2	0.5
Nondurable Goods	85.3	85.5	84.5	-0.2	0.8
Service Providing	1062.6	1045.8	1051.3	16.8	11.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	252.3	253.1	251.1	-0.8	1.2
Wholesale Trade	48.4	49.2	47.3	-0.8	1.1
Retail Trade	138.3	138.8	137.9	-0.5	0.4
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	65.6	65.1	65.9	0.5	-0.3
Information	11.0	11.0	11.0	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	63.3	63.6	60.8	-0.3	2.5
Finance & Insurance	49.3	49.1	47.2	0.2	2.1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14.0	14.5	13.6	-0.5	0.4
Professional & Business Services	146.9	144.7	147.7	2.2	-0.8
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.2	43.3	43.5	-0.1	-0.3
Management of Companies	36.2	36.3	34.7	-0.1	1.5
Administrative & Support Services	67.5	65.1	69.5	2.4	-2.0
Educational & Health Services	195.6	191.5	192.7	4.1	2.9
Educational Services	15.9	13.1	15.8	2.8	0.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	179.7	178.4	176.9	1.3	2.8
Ambulatory Health Care	59.0	59.1	58.7	-0.1	0.3
Social Assistance	41.8	41.0	39.8	0.8	2.0
Leisure & Hospitality	124.6	125.4	119.9	-0.8	4.7
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11.3	12.6	11.1	-1.3	0.2
Accommodation & Food Services	113.3	112.8	108.8	0.5	4.5
Accommodation Services	11.6	11.8	11.6	-0.2	0.0
Food Services	101.7	101.0	97.2	0.7	4.5
Other Services	53.1	53.7	53.9	-0.6	-0.8
Government	215.8	202.8	214.2	13.0	1.6
Federal Government	20.6	20.5	20.1	0.1	0.5
State Government	79.3	74.7	79.1	4.6	0.2
Local Government	115.9	107.6	115.0	8.3	0.9

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

August 2019 - September 2019

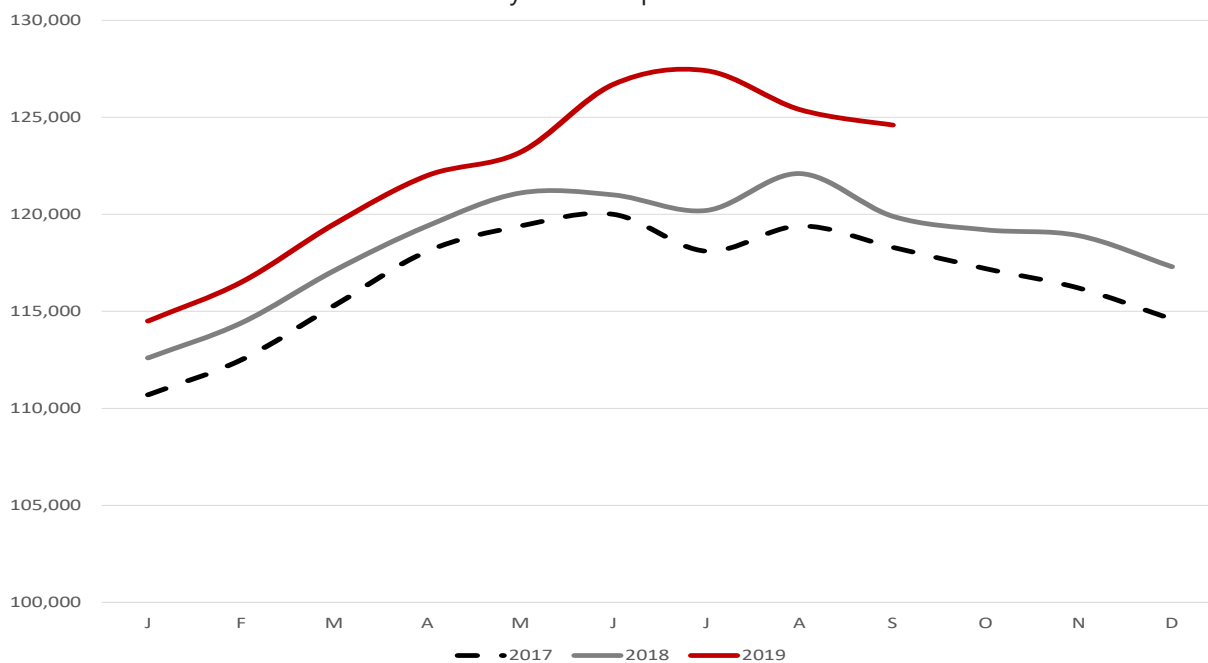
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs increased 16,600 in September to total 1,286,200. Four major industry sectors posted gains, more than offsetting declines in five sectors. **Government** added 13,000 jobs, mostly due to the return of teachers and staff at public schools and universities. Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 4,100. A majority of the expansion occurred in educational services (+2,800), related to staffing at private schools. Employment in **professional and business services** increased 2,200. All hiring was reported in administrative and support services (+2,400), a subsector which includes employment agencies. **Construction** added 1,200 jobs, as work continues on several major projects. **Manufacturing** posted the largest decline, down 1,400 jobs. Most of the losses were reported in durable goods (-1,200), related to reductions in fabricated metal product manufacturing and in machinery manufacturing.

September 2018 - September 2019

Compared to September 2018, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 15,900. Growth occurred in seven major industry sectors, while three sectors posted minor declines. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** rose 4,700, mostly in food services (+4,500). **Construction** added 3,500, related to ongoing projects. Jobs in **educational and health services** increased 2,900. A majority of the gains were in social assistance (+2,000), which includes activities such as day care services and vocational rehabilitation. Jobs in **financial activities** rose 2,500, largely in finance and insurance (+2,100). Notable expansions were also reported in **government** (+1,600), **manufacturing** (+1,300), and **trade-transportation-utilities** (+1,200).

Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2017 - September 2019



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

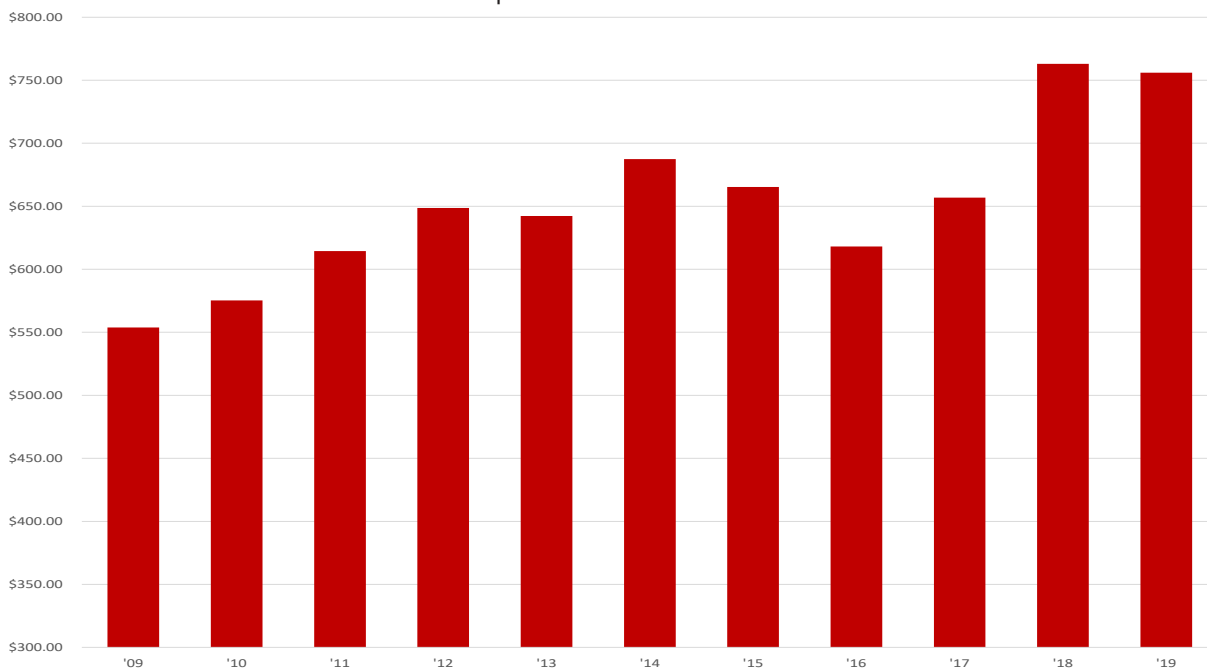
Manufacturing

	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Aug 19</u>	<u>Sep 18</u>
Average Weekly Hours	40.8	42.0	42.2
Average Hourly Earnings	18.53	18.72	18.08
Average Weekly Earnings	756.02	786.24	762.98

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Aug 19</u>	<u>Sep 18</u>		<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Aug 19</u>	<u>Sep 18</u>
Average Weekly Hours	42.0	43.0	43.7	Average Weekly Hours	39.7	41.1	40.9
Average Hourly Earnings	21.09	20.75	20.60	Average Hourly Earnings	16.17	16.83	15.80
Average Weekly Earnings	885.78	892.25	900.22	Average Weekly Earnings	641.95	691.71	646.22

Average Weekly Earnings- Production Workers in Manufacturing
September: 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)

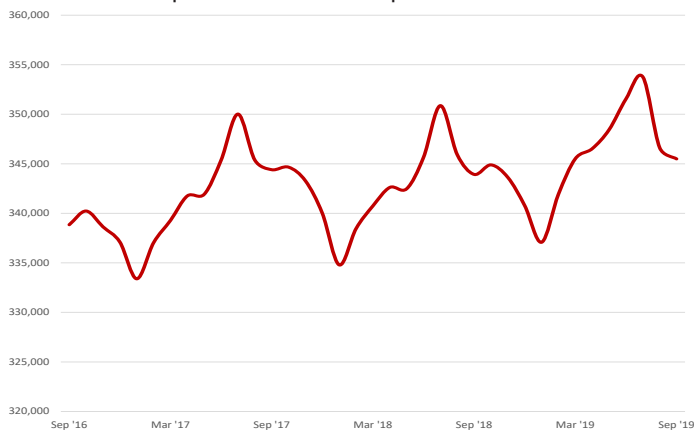
	Sep 19	Aug 19	Sep 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	356,778	358,362	355,268	-1,584	1,510
Employment	345,493	346,616	343,927	-1,123	1,566
Unemployment	11,285	11,746	11,341	-461	-56
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.3	3.2	-0.1	0.0

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

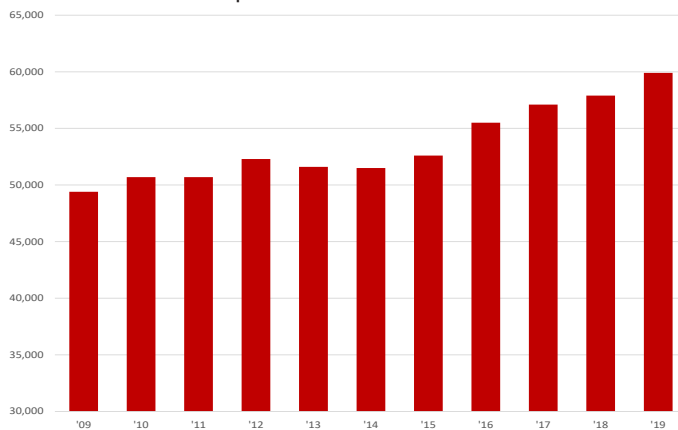
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NAICS	Sep 19	Aug 19	Sep 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	366.4	363.8	363.8	2.6	2.6
Goods Producing	38.5	38.4	38.6	0.1	-0.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.5	17.3	17.5	0.2	0.0
Manufacturing	21.0	21.1	21.1	-0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	327.9	325.4	325.2	2.5	2.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	70.5	70.6	70.3	-0.1	0.2
Wholesale Trade	16.3	16.4	15.9	-0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	38.0	38.1	38.5	-0.1	-0.5
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.2	16.1	15.9	0.1	0.3
Information	4.1	4.2	4.3	-0.1	-0.2
Financial Activities	21.6	21.7	21.3	-0.1	0.3
Professional & Business Services	48.0	48.2	49.8	-0.2	-1.8
Educational & Health Services	59.9	58.7	57.9	1.2	2.0
Leisure & Hospitality	36.1	36.2	34.4	-0.1	1.7
Other Services	16.0	16.2	15.9	-0.2	0.1
Government	71.7	69.6	71.3	2.1	0.4
Federal Government	9.8	9.8	9.6	0.0	0.2
State Government	35.9	34.9	35.6	1.0	0.3
Local Government	26.0	24.9	26.1	1.1	-0.1

Number of Employed
September 2016 - September 2019



Jobs in Educational and Health Services
September: 2009 - 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)

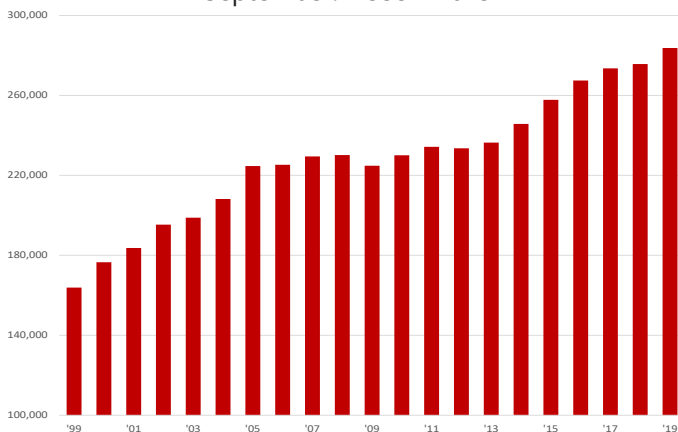
	Sep 19	Aug 19	Sep 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	283,708	281,814	275,697	1,894	8,011
Employment	276,979	274,459	268,436	2,520	8,543
Unemployment	6,729	7,355	7,261	-626	-532
Unemployment Rate	2.4	2.6	2.6	-0.2	-0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

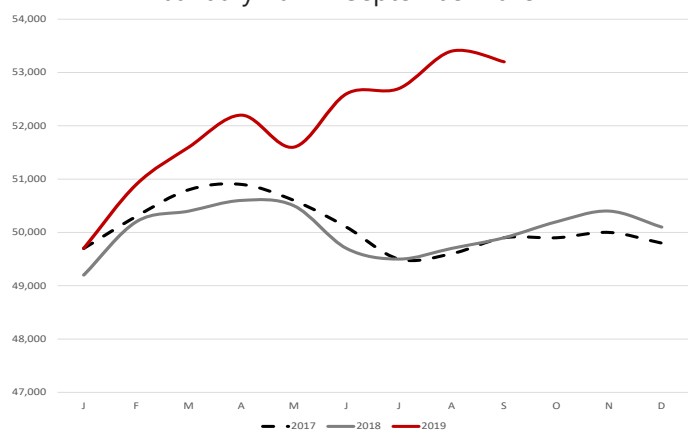
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NAICS	Sep 19	Aug 19	Sep 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	269.7	264.5	260.5	5.2	9.2
Goods Producing	42.6	42.8	41.5	-0.2	1.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	12.3	12.3	11.8	0.0	0.5
Manufacturing	30.3	30.5	29.7	-0.2	0.6
Service Providing	227.1	221.7	219.0	5.4	8.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	57.6	57.2	56.1	0.4	1.5
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.6	12.2	-0.1	0.3
Retail Trade	27.2	26.8	26.2	0.4	1.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.9	17.8	17.7	0.1	0.2
Information	2.2	2.2	2.0	0.0	0.2
Financial Activities	8.5	8.7	8.2	-0.2	0.3
Professional & Business Services	53.2	53.4	49.9	-0.2	3.3
Educational & Health Services	30.4	29.7	29.4	0.7	1.0
Leisure & Hospitality	27.3	26.3	27.0	1.0	0.3
Other Services	9.5	9.5	9.3	0.0	0.2
Government	38.4	34.7	37.1	3.7	1.3
Federal Government	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
State Government	16.9	14.4	15.8	2.5	1.1
Local Government	18.8	17.6	18.6	1.2	0.2

Civilian Labor Force
September: 1999 - 2019



Jobs in Professional & Business Services
January 2017 - September 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)

	Sep 19	Aug 19	Sep 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	118,128	118,744	118,788	-616	-660
Employment	114,009	114,304	114,569	-295	-560
Unemployment	4,119	4,440	4,219	-321	-100
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.7	3.6	-0.2	-0.1

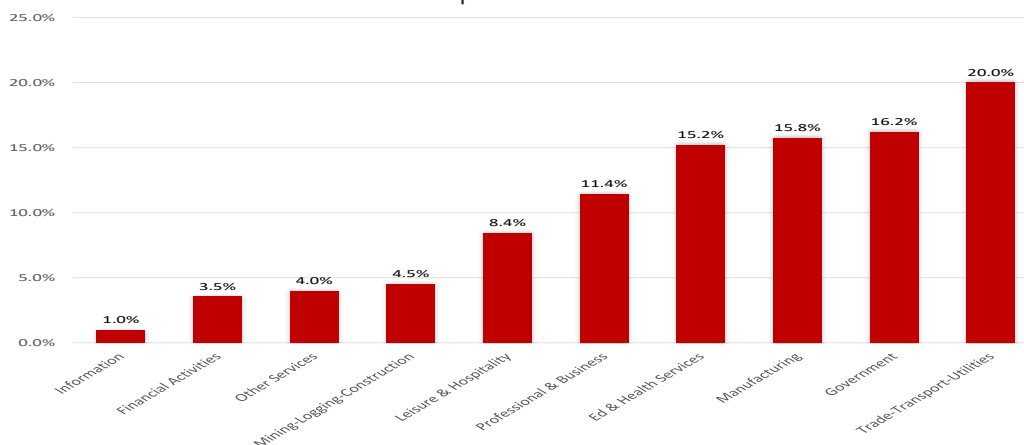
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 19	Aug 19	Sep 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	113.0	112.2	113.6	0.8	-0.6
Goods Producing	22.9	22.9	22.9	0.0	0.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.1	5.2	5.3	-0.1	-0.2
Manufacturing	17.8	17.7	17.6	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	90.1	89.3	90.7	0.8	-0.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.6	22.8	22.9	-0.2	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	12.0	12.2	12.3	-0.2	-0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.4	6.4	6.5	0.0	-0.1
Information	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	12.9	12.9	13.1	0.0	-0.2
Educational & Health Services	17.2	17.3	17.1	-0.1	0.1
Leisure & Hospitality	9.5	9.7	9.5	-0.2	0.0
Other Services	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
Government	18.3	17.0	18.4	1.3	-0.1
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.1	2.9	3.1	0.2	0.0
Local Government	13.9	12.8	14.0	1.1	-0.1

Percent of Jobs by Industry Sector

September 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Aug 19</u>	<u>Sep 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	40,914	41,612	40,425	-698	489
Employment	39,457	40,047	38,856	-590	601
Unemployment	1,457	1,565	1,569	-108	-112
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.8	3.9	-0.2	-0.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Aug 19</u>	<u>Sep 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.3	39.6	38.7	-0.3	0.6
Goods Producing	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	34.8	35.1	34.2	-0.3	0.6
Government	4.5	4.3	4.6	0.2	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

September 2016 - September 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

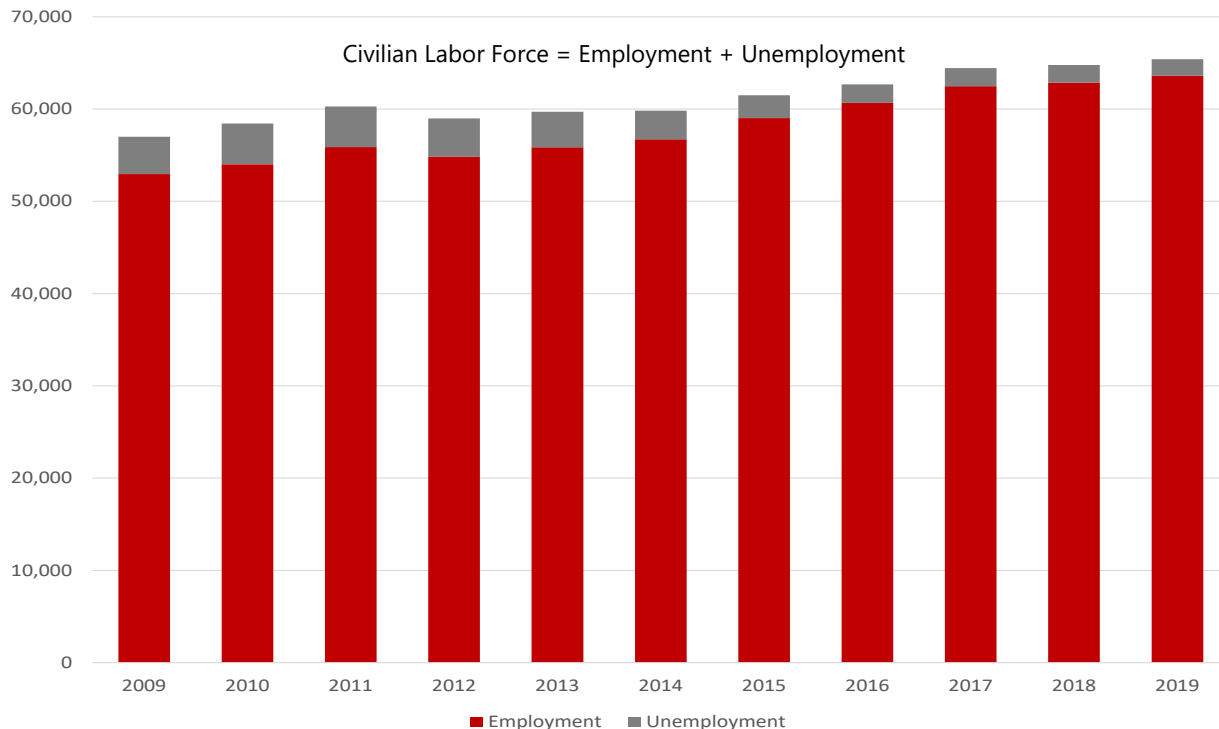
	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Aug 19</u>	<u>Sep 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,393	65,333	64,771	60	622
Employment	63,611	63,409	62,873	202	738
Unemployment	1,782	1,924	1,898	-142	-116
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.9	2.9	-0.2	-0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Aug 19</u>	<u>Sep 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	60.2	59.3	59.3	0.9	0.9
Goods Producing	10.2	10.2	10.2	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	50.0	49.1	49.1	0.9	0.9
Government	9.2	8.7	9.1	0.5	0.1

Civilian Labor Force
September: 2009 - 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Sep 19	Aug 19	Sep 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	34,976	35,140	35,370	-164	-394
Employment	33,252	33,293	33,686	-41	-434
Unemployment	1,724	1,847	1,684	-123	40
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.3	4.8	-0.4	0.1

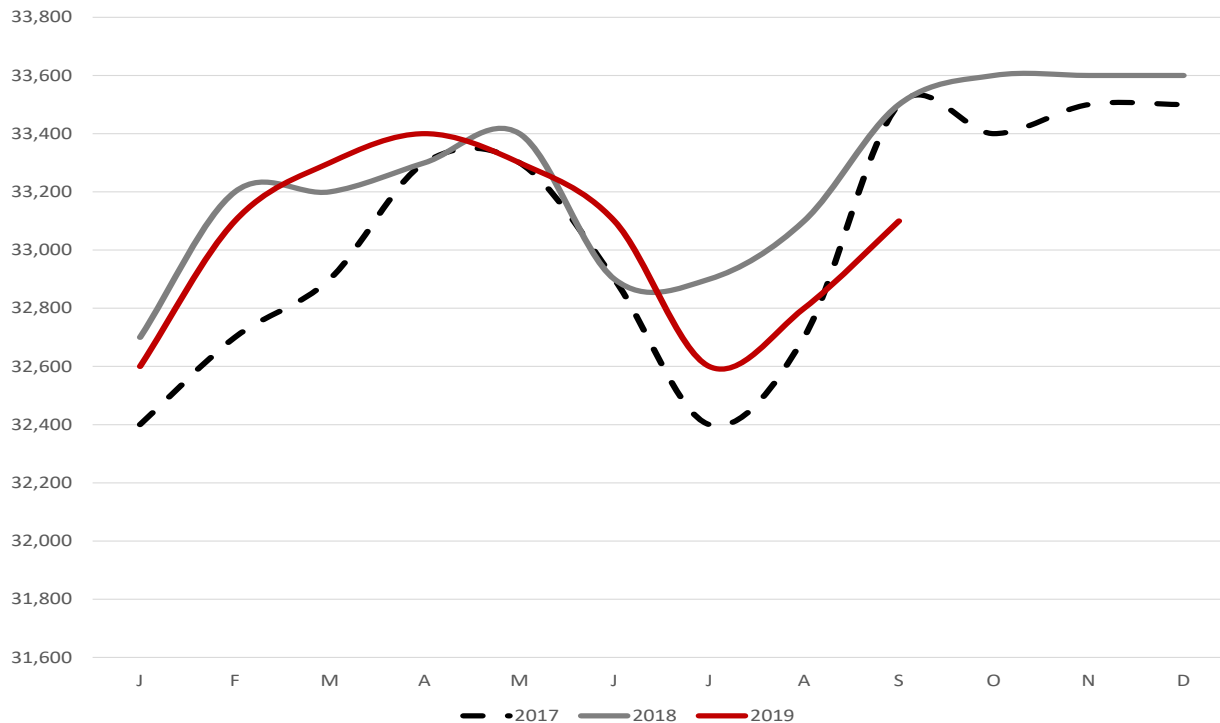
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 19	Aug 19	Sep 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	33.1	32.8	33.5	0.3	-0.4
Goods Producing	6.0	6.0	6.1	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	27.1	26.8	27.4	0.3	-0.3
Government	9.1	8.8	9.2	0.3	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January 2017 - September 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>Sep 19</u>	<u>Aug 19</u>	<u>Sep 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	648,472	651,867	630,566	-3,395	17,906
Employment	622,071	624,520	605,359	-2,449	16,712
Unemployment	26,401	27,347	25,207	-946	1,194
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.2	4.0	-0.1	0.1

Texarkana MSA

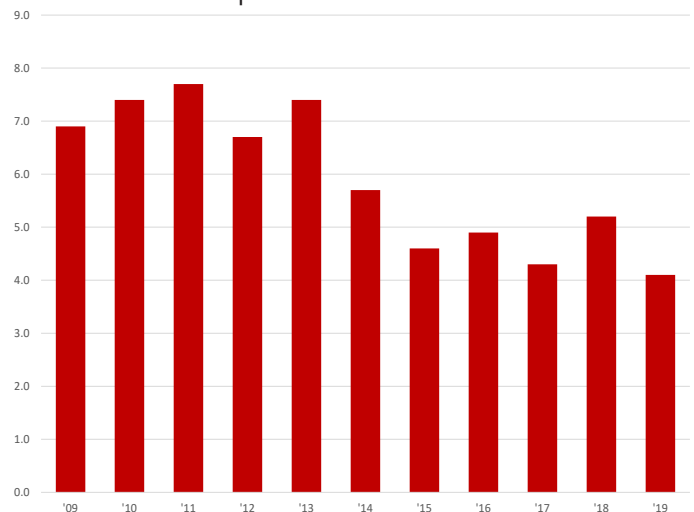
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Aug 19</u>	<u>Sep 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,668	64,108	65,016	560	-348
Employment	62,028	61,248	61,632	780	396
Unemployment	2,640	2,860	3,384	-220	-744
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.5	5.2	-0.4	-1.1

Memphis MSA - Number of Employed
September 2017 - September 2019



Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates
September: 2009 - 2019



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	September 2019				August 2019				September 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,872	9,520	352	3.6	9,636	9,230	406	4.2	9,683	9,313	370	3.8
Batesville Micro	16,667	16,027	640	3.8	16,068	15,386	682	4.2	16,493	15,868	625	3.8
Blytheville Micro	17,522	16,736	786	4.5	17,357	16,434	923	5.3	17,382	16,547	835	4.8
Camden Micro	12,209	11,672	537	4.4	12,069	11,491	578	4.8	12,285	11,773	512	4.2
El Dorado Micro	15,856	15,076	780	4.9	15,792	14,954	838	5.3	15,923	15,141	782	4.9
Forrest City Micro	8,182	7,794	388	4.7	8,277	7,863	414	5.0	8,298	7,898	400	4.8
Harrison Micro	19,490	18,887	603	3.1	19,055	18,416	639	3.4	19,311	18,708	603	3.1
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,483	6,116	367	5.7	6,440	6,050	390	6.1	6,552	6,175	377	5.8
Hope Micro	13,737	13,241	496	3.6	13,308	12,775	533	4.0	13,593	13,117	476	3.5
Magnolia Micro	9,191	8,807	384	4.2	8,906	8,476	430	4.8	9,181	8,790	391	4.3
Malvern Micro	13,851	13,366	485	3.5	13,834	13,299	535	3.9	13,945	13,450	495	3.5
Mountain Home Micro	16,293	15,697	596	3.7	16,150	15,507	643	4.0	16,493	15,864	629	3.8
Paragould Micro	20,021	19,352	669	3.3	19,934	19,235	699	3.5	19,818	19,193	625	3.2
Russellville Micro	37,537	36,113	1,424	3.8	36,584	34,946	1,638	4.5	37,525	36,021	1,504	4.0
Searcy Micro	33,772	32,414	1,358	4.0	33,485	32,112	1,373	4.1	33,721	32,421	1,300	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	September 2019				August 2019				September 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,551	12,179	372	3.0	12,463	12,073	390	3.1	12,259	11,811	448	3.7
Benton	17,251	16,770	481	2.8	17,363	16,826	537	3.1	17,212	16,693	519	3.0
Bentonville	26,929	26,334	595	2.2	26,756	26,106	650	2.4	26,160	25,539	621	2.4
Blytheville	5,995	5,660	335	5.6	5,998	5,558	440	7.3	5,893	5,596	297	5.0
Cabot	12,034	11,654	380	3.2	12,083	11,687	396	3.3	11,970	11,602	368	3.1
Conway	33,636	32,696	940	2.8	33,810	32,805	1,005	3.0	33,592	32,546	1,046	3.1
El Dorado	6,894	6,513	381	5.5	6,890	6,460	430	6.2	6,954	6,541	413	5.9
Fayetteville	48,848	47,694	1,154	2.4	48,582	47,288	1,294	2.7	47,494	46,255	1,239	2.6
Fort Smith	39,119	37,820	1,299	3.3	39,284	37,942	1,342	3.4	39,444	38,094	1,350	3.4
Hot Springs	14,628	14,000	628	4.3	14,866	14,210	656	4.4	14,431	13,787	644	4.5
Jacksonville	11,887	11,311	576	4.8	11,884	11,348	536	4.5	11,755	11,260	495	4.2
Jonesboro	38,704	37,653	1,051	2.7	38,637	37,537	1,100	2.8	38,313	37,213	1,100	2.9
Little Rock	97,850	94,777	3,073	3.1	98,419	95,090	3,329	3.4	97,622	94,346	3,276	3.4
North Little Rock	29,990	28,876	1,114	3.7	30,045	28,971	1,074	3.6	29,754	28,745	1,009	3.4
Paragould	12,564	12,120	444	3.5	12,529	12,047	482	3.8	12,438	12,021	417	3.4
Pine Bluff	16,584	15,571	1,013	6.1	16,705	15,591	1,114	6.7	16,752	15,779	973	5.8
Rogers	36,368	35,519	849	2.3	36,111	35,211	900	2.5	35,358	34,446	912	2.6
Russellville	13,487	13,012	475	3.5	13,086	12,586	500	3.8	13,478	12,979	499	3.7
Searcy	10,273	9,908	365	3.6	10,215	9,815	400	3.9	10,321	9,910	411	4.0
Sherwood	16,053	15,560	493	3.1	16,123	15,612	511	3.2	15,933	15,490	443	2.8
Springdale	40,172	39,271	901	2.2	39,920	38,936	984	2.5	39,064	38,086	978	2.5
Texarkana, AR	13,510	12,961	549	4.1	13,530	12,938	592	4.4	13,655	12,897	758	5.6
Van Buren	10,257	9,964	293	2.9	10,334	9,993	341	3.3	10,387	10,035	352	3.4
West Memphis	10,681	10,160	521	4.9	10,817	10,277	540	5.0	10,522	10,075	447	4.2

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	September 2019				August 2019				September 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,567	9,317	250	2.6	9,576	9,317	259	2.7	9,180	8,898	282	3.1
Ashley	7,748	7,388	360	4.6	7,619	7,218	401	5.3	7,768	7,401	367	4.7
Baxter	16,293	15,697	596	3.7	16,150	15,507	643	4.0	16,493	15,864	629	3.8
Benton	138,642	135,226	3,416	2.5	137,690	134,052	3,638	2.6	134,851	131,141	3,710	2.8
Boone	16,121	15,628	493	3.1	15,765	15,234	531	3.4	15,977	15,480	497	3.1
Bradley	4,574	4,414	160	3.5	4,415	4,240	175	4.0	4,339	4,165	174	4.0
Calhoun	2,403	2,318	85	3.5	2,381	2,283	98	4.1	2,413	2,336	77	3.2
Carroll	12,907	12,557	350	2.7	12,991	12,628	363	2.8	12,845	12,486	359	2.8
Chicot	3,299	3,099	200	6.1	3,333	3,116	217	6.5	3,317	3,124	193	5.8
Clark	9,872	9,520	352	3.6	9,636	9,230	406	4.2	9,683	9,313	370	3.8
Clay	5,697	5,452	245	4.3	5,728	5,476	252	4.4	5,707	5,482	225	3.9
Cleburne	9,315	8,916	399	4.3	9,212	8,811	401	4.4	9,173	8,786	387	4.2
Cleveland	3,246	3,134	112	3.5	3,265	3,138	127	3.9	3,290	3,173	117	3.6
Columbia	9,191	8,807	384	4.2	8,906	8,476	430	4.8	9,181	8,790	391	4.3
Conway	8,203	7,854	349	4.3	8,183	7,827	356	4.4	8,129	7,808	321	3.9
Craighead	55,010	53,559	1,451	2.6	54,959	53,393	1,566	2.8	54,476	52,933	1,543	2.8
Crawford	26,506	25,659	847	3.2	26,677	25,735	942	3.5	26,772	25,843	929	3.5
Crittenden	21,579	20,712	867	4.0	21,884	20,951	933	4.3	21,408	20,539	869	4.1
Cross	7,328	7,040	288	3.9	7,361	7,052	309	4.2	7,320	7,037	283	3.9
Dallas	2,832	2,706	126	4.4	2,832	2,693	139	4.9	2,736	2,623	113	4.1
Desha	5,550	5,325	225	4.1	5,541	5,305	236	4.3	5,434	5,211	223	4.1
Drew	7,898	7,542	356	4.5	7,613	7,225	388	5.1	7,732	7,386	346	4.5
Faulkner	61,699	59,899	1,800	2.9	62,008	60,099	1,909	3.1	61,512	59,625	1,887	3.1
Franklin	7,384	7,136	248	3.4	7,382	7,105	277	3.8	7,386	7,133	253	3.4
Fulton	4,943	4,767	176	3.6	4,789	4,595	194	4.1	4,931	4,763	168	3.4
Garland	40,914	39,457	1,457	3.6	41,612	40,047	1,565	3.8	40,425	38,856	1,569	3.9
Grant	8,373	8,119	254	3.0	8,416	8,140	276	3.3	8,333	8,085	248	3.0
Greene	20,021	19,352	669	3.3	19,934	19,235	699	3.5	19,818	19,193	625	3.2
Hempstead	10,055	9,699	356	3.5	9,749	9,359	390	4.0	9,962	9,609	353	3.5
Hot Spring	13,851	13,366	485	3.5	13,834	13,299	535	3.9	13,945	13,450	495	3.5
Howard	5,641	5,477	164	2.9	5,598	5,416	182	3.3	5,856	5,646	210	3.6
Independence	16,667	16,027	640	3.8	16,068	15,386	682	4.2	16,493	15,868	625	3.8
Izard	5,036	4,785	251	5.0	4,930	4,671	259	5.3	5,058	4,813	245	4.8
Jackson	5,884	5,528	356	6.1	5,886	5,524	362	6.2	5,789	5,448	341	5.9
Jefferson	27,751	26,299	1,452	5.2	27,876	26,332	1,544	5.5	28,056	26,650	1,406	5.0
Johnson	10,359	9,945	414	4.0	10,003	9,523	480	4.8	10,365	9,965	400	3.9
Lafayette	2,483	2,367	116	4.7	2,444	2,320	124	5.1	2,468	2,349	119	4.8
Lawrence	6,933	6,664	269	3.9	6,648	6,349	299	4.5	7,001	6,759	242	3.5
Lee	2,844	2,721	123	4.3	2,859	2,725	134	4.7	2,891	2,755	136	4.7
Lincoln	3,979	3,819	160	4.0	3,999	3,823	176	4.4	4,024	3,863	161	4.0
Little River	5,444	5,221	223	4.1	5,448	5,208	240	4.4	5,503	5,196	307	5.6
Logan	8,594	8,212	382	4.4	8,610	8,214	396	4.6	8,711	8,374	337	3.9
Lonoke	34,183	32,984	1,199	3.5	34,162	33,078	1,084	3.2	33,866	32,837	1,029	3.0
Madison	7,607	7,423	184	2.4	7,559	7,360	199	2.6	7,427	7,219	208	2.8
Marion	6,652	6,388	264	4.0	6,586	6,329	257	3.9	6,496	6,230	266	4.1
Miller	19,588	18,850	738	3.8	19,618	18,817	801	4.1	19,736	18,757	979	5.0

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	September 2019				August 2019				September 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,522	16,736	786	4.5	17,357	16,434	923	5.3	17,382	16,547	835	4.8
Monroe	2,789	2,672	117	4.2	2,792	2,680	112	4.0	2,752	2,648	104	3.8
Montgomery	3,016	2,885	131	4.3	3,006	2,868	138	4.6	3,032	2,897	135	4.5
Nevada	3,682	3,542	140	3.8	3,559	3,416	143	4.0	3,631	3,508	123	3.4
Newton	3,369	3,259	110	3.3	3,290	3,182	108	3.3	3,334	3,228	106	3.2
Ouachita	9,806	9,354	452	4.6	9,688	9,208	480	5.0	9,872	9,437	435	4.4
Perry	4,244	4,095	149	3.5	4,283	4,107	176	4.1	4,236	4,076	160	3.8
Phillips	6,483	6,116	367	5.7	6,440	6,050	390	6.1	6,552	6,175	377	5.8
Pike	4,288	4,139	149	3.5	4,336	4,167	169	3.9	4,259	4,100	159	3.7
Poinsett	10,383	10,052	331	3.2	10,374	10,016	358	3.5	10,295	9,940	355	3.4
Polk	8,126	7,772	354	4.4	8,094	7,742	352	4.3	7,980	7,673	307	3.8
Pope	29,045	27,921	1,124	3.9	28,303	27,007	1,296	4.6	29,027	27,849	1,178	4.1
Prairie	3,624	3,458	166	4.6	3,563	3,426	137	3.8	3,569	3,439	130	3.6
Pulaski	190,329	184,041	6,288	3.3	191,251	184,648	6,603	3.5	189,492	183,205	6,287	3.3
Randolph	7,414	7,171	243	3.3	7,304	7,036	268	3.7	7,227	6,975	252	3.5
St. Francis	8,182	7,794	388	4.7	8,277	7,863	414	5.0	8,298	7,898	400	4.8
Saline	57,950	56,355	1,595	2.8	58,242	56,544	1,698	2.9	57,829	56,099	1,730	3.0
Scott	4,337	4,192	145	3.3	4,284	4,138	146	3.4	4,400	4,252	148	3.4
Searcy	2,902	2,771	131	4.5	2,953	2,804	149	5.0	2,984	2,862	122	4.1
Sebastian	56,339	54,533	1,806	3.2	56,636	54,710	1,926	3.4	56,860	54,928	1,932	3.4
Sevier	5,475	5,214	261	4.8	5,450	5,163	287	5.3	5,581	5,320	261	4.7
Sharp	5,880	5,611	269	4.6	5,686	5,407	279	4.9	5,818	5,560	258	4.4
Stone	4,913	4,730	183	3.7	4,933	4,746	187	3.8	4,841	4,638	203	4.2
Union	15,856	15,076	780	4.9	15,792	14,954	838	5.3	15,923	15,141	782	4.9
Van Buren	5,742	5,483	259	4.5	5,643	5,365	278	4.9	5,924	5,638	286	4.8
Washington	126,523	123,646	2,877	2.3	125,748	122,592	3,156	2.5	123,003	119,915	3,088	2.5
White	33,772	32,414	1,358	4.0	33,485	32,112	1,373	4.1	33,721	32,421	1,300	3.9
Woodruff	2,810	2,670	140	5.0	2,812	2,664	148	5.3	2,837	2,709	128	4.5
Yell	8,492	8,192	300	3.5	8,281	7,939	342	4.1	8,498	8,172	326	3.8

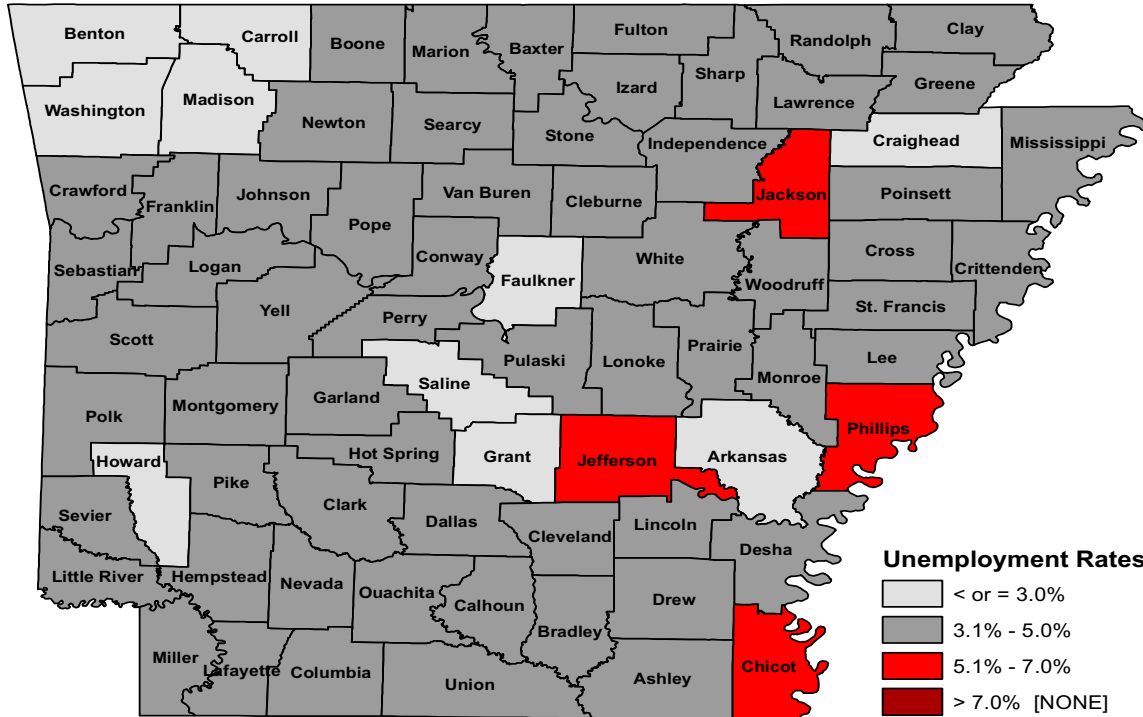
County Labor Force Summary

Between August and September, unemployment rates declined in 69 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates increased in five counties, while one county was unchanged. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.1 percent in Chicot and Jackson counties.

In September, forty-five counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is up from 33 counties at or below four percent last month. For the second month, no county reported an unemployment rate above seven percent.

Compared to September 2018, jobless rates are down in 37 Arkansas counties. Unemployment rates increased in 26 counties, while twelve counties were stable compared to last year.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

September 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.3	21	Lonoke	3.5	50	Cleburne	4.3
2	Madison	2.4	21	Perry	3.5	50	Conway	4.3
3	Benton	2.5	21	Pike	3.5	50	Lee	4.3
4	Arkansas	2.6	21	Yell	3.5	50	Montgomery	4.3
4	Craighead	2.6	30	Clark	3.6	55	Dallas	4.4
6	Carroll	2.7	30	Fulton	3.6	55	Logan	4.4
7	Saline	2.8	30	Garland	3.6	55	Polk	4.4
8	Faulkner	2.9	33	Baxter	3.7	58	Drew	4.5
8	Howard	2.9	33	Stone	3.7	58	Mississippi	4.5
10	Grant	3.0	35	Independence	3.8	58	Searcy	4.5
11	Boone	3.1	35	Miller	3.8	58	Van Buren	4.5
12	Crawford	3.2	35	Nevada	3.8	62	Ashley	4.6
12	Poinsett	3.2	38	Cross	3.9	62	Ouachita	4.6
12	Sebastian	3.2	38	Lawrence	3.9	62	Prairie	4.6
15	Greene	3.3	38	Pope	3.9	62	Sharp	4.6
15	Newton	3.3	41	Crittenden	4.0	66	Lafayette	4.7
15	Pulaski	3.3	41	Johnson	4.0	66	St. Francis	4.7
15	Randolph	3.3	41	Lincoln	4.0	68	Sevier	4.8
15	Scott	3.3	41	Marion	4.0	69	Union	4.9
20	Franklin	3.4	41	White	4.0	70	Izard	5.0
21	Bradley	3.5	46	Desha	4.1	70	Woodruff	5.0
21	Calhoun	3.5	46	Little River	4.1	72	Jefferson	5.2
21	Cleveland	3.5	48	Columbia	4.2	73	Phillips	5.7
21	Hempstead	3.5	48	Monroe	4.2	74	Chicot	6.1
21	Hot Spring	3.5	50	Clay	4.3	74	Jackson	6.1

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	September 2019				August 2019				September 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	252,724	244,632	8,092	3.2	253,599	245,385	8,214	3.2	251,398	243,507	7,891	3.1
City of Little Rock	97,850	94,777	3,073	3.1	98,419	95,090	3,329	3.4	97,622	94,346	3,276	3.4
Eastern	46,416	44,383	2,033	4.4	46,821	44,641	2,180	4.7	46,469	44,404	2,065	4.4
North Central	94,962	90,931	4,031	4.2	93,444	89,281	4,163	4.5	94,585	90,644	3,941	4.2
Northeast	122,980	118,986	3,994	3.2	122,304	117,939	4,365	3.6	121,906	117,829	4,077	3.3
Northwest	331,016	322,595	8,421	2.5	328,732	319,688	9,044	2.8	323,410	314,425	8,985	2.8
Southeast	81,985	78,456	3,529	4.3	81,653	77,854	3,799	4.7	81,473	77,956	3,517	4.3
Southwest	92,456	88,631	3,825	4.1	91,465	87,313	4,152	4.5	92,862	88,712	4,150	4.5
West Central	132,284	127,374	4,910	3.7	131,477	126,014	5,463	4.2	131,599	126,486	5,113	3.9
Western	111,286	107,504	3,782	3.4	111,683	107,644	4,039	3.6	112,109	108,203	3,906	3.5

