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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 2019 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 Areas

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.



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## FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT

### Alternative Measure of Labor Underutilization

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional estimates based on various definitions of 'unemployment'. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quarter moving average. The most recent data available is for Annual Average 2019.

The following definitions are used to calculate each measure of Labor Underutilization:

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization					
State of Arkansas					
Annual Average 2019					
U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6
1.0%	1.6%	3.5%	3.8%	4.6%	7.1%

**U-1 Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.

**U-2 Measure:** Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force.

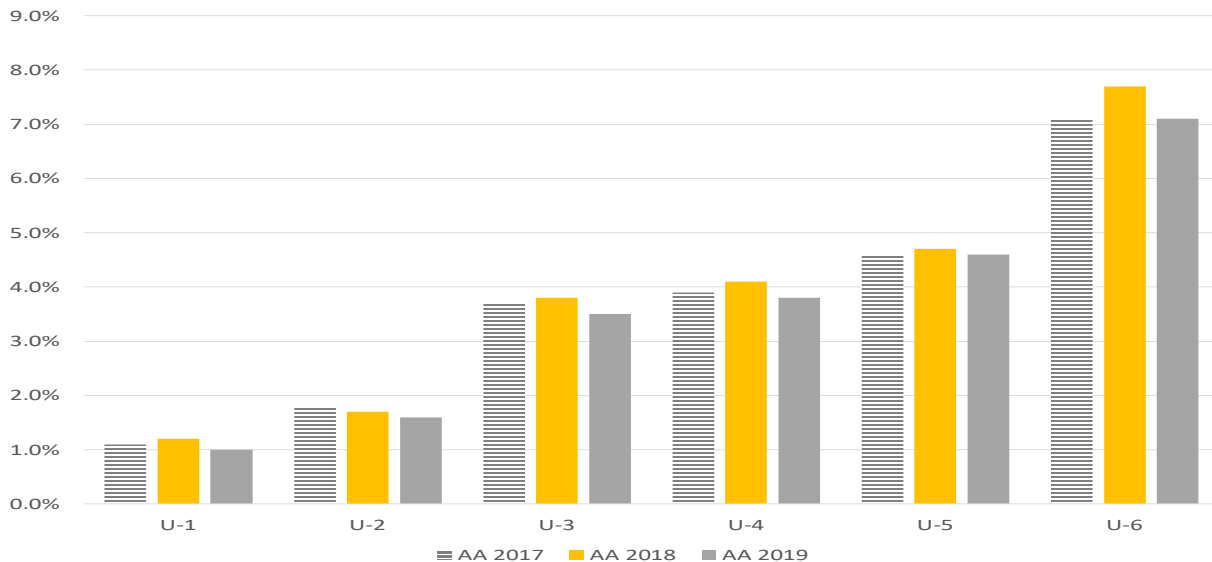
**U-3 Measure:** Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).

**U-4 Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.

**U-5 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

**U-6 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those employed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**  
State of Arkansas  
Three-Year Comparison (Annual Averages)





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## STATE OF ARKANSAS Civilian Labor Force Summary

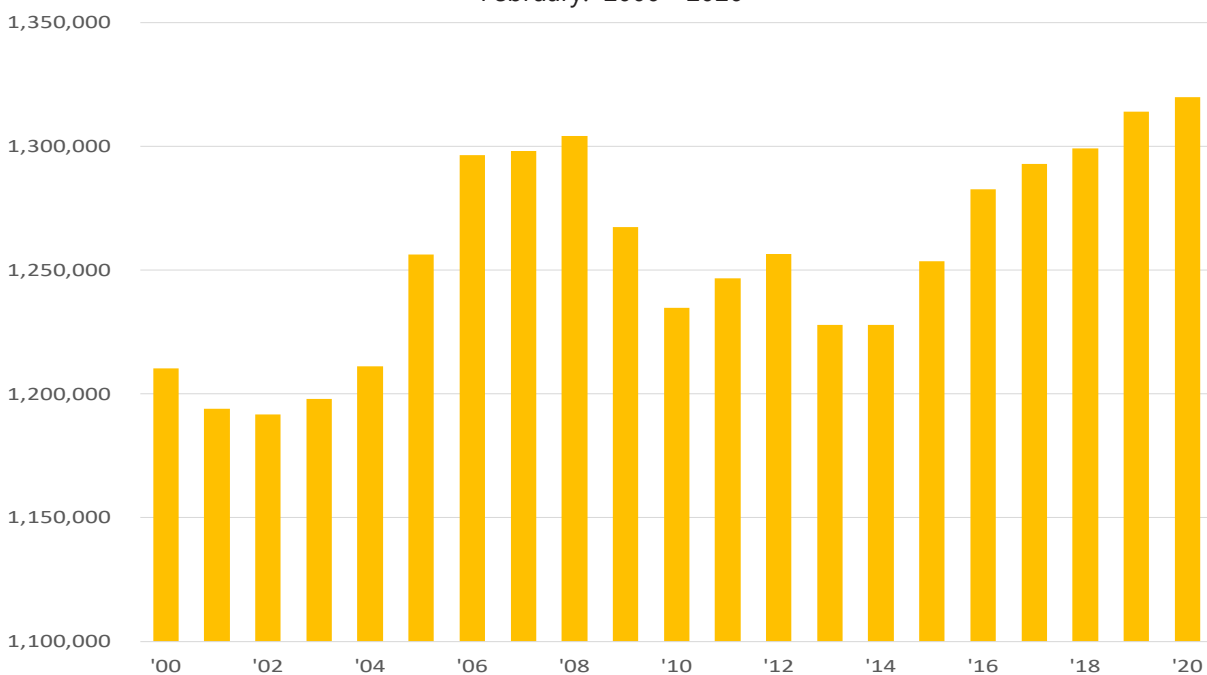
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.5 percent in February. Arkansas' civilian labor force added 970, a result of 1,239 more employed and 269 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.6 percent in January to 3.5 percent in February.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate has remained stable at 3.5 percent since October 2019. While the number of unemployed has declined for the last six consecutive months, the movement was not enough to impact the unemployment rate overall."

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Feb 20	Jan 20	Feb 19	Feb 20	Jan 20	Feb 19
Civilian Labor Force	1,367,278	1,366,308	1,362,467	Civilian Labor Force	1,361,087	1,350,711
Employment	1,319,479	1,318,240	1,313,963	Employment	1,307,388	1,295,198
Unemployment	47,799	48,068	48,504	Unemployment	53,699	55,513
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.5	3.6	Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.1
U.S. Unemployment	3.5	3.6	3.8	U.S. Unemployment	3.8	4.0

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**  
February: 2000 - 2020





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## STATE OF ARKANSAS Civilian Labor Force Summary Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Feb 20</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1269.8	1269.7	1273.1	0.1	-3.3
Goods Producing	216.6	217.6	219.2	-1.0	-2.6
Mining, Logging, & Construction	57.4	57.5	56.2	-0.1	1.2
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.1	33.2	32.2	-0.1	0.9
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>159.2</b>	<b>160.1</b>	<b>163.0</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-3.8</b>
Durable Goods	74.9	75.1	78.2	-0.2	-3.3
Nondurable Goods	84.3	85.0	84.8	-0.7	-0.5
Service Providing	1053.2	1052.1	1053.9	1.1	-0.7
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>253.0</b>	<b>249.7</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Wholesale Trade	48.5	49.0	47.1	-0.5	1.4
Retail Trade	133.5	133.5	135.2	0.0	-1.7
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	68.0	70.5	67.4	-2.5	0.6
<b>Information</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
Finance & Insurance	47.5	47.9	48.6	-0.4	-1.1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.7	13.6	13.6	0.1	0.1
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>146.3</b>	<b>143.2</b>	<b>146.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	46.2	45.7	45.7	0.5	0.5
Management of Companies	35.0	34.9	33.8	0.1	1.2
Administrative & Support Services	65.1	62.6	66.6	2.5	-1.5
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>197.5</b>	<b>197.3</b>	<b>193.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Educational Services	16.5	16.1	16.3	0.4	0.2
Health Care & Social Assistance	181.0	181.2	177.5	-0.2	3.5
Ambulatory Health Care	62.1	62.5	59.2	-0.4	2.9
Social Assistance	40.1	39.8	40.2	0.3	-0.1
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>114.4</b>	<b>115.3</b>	<b>117.0</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	10.3	10.0	10.4	0.3	-0.1
Accommodation & Food Services	104.1	105.3	106.6	-1.2	-2.5
Accommodation Services	10.7	10.7	10.7	0.0	0.0
Food Services	93.4	94.6	95.9	-1.2	-2.5
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>212.9</b>	<b>210.9</b>	<b>214.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>-1.7</b>
Federal Government	20.3	20.6	20.2	-0.3	0.1
State Government	79.8	77.7	79.5	2.1	0.3
State Gov, Educational Services	31.9	29.8	31.5	2.1	0.4
State Gov, Excluding Education	47.9	47.9	48.0	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	112.8	112.6	114.9	0.2	-2.1
Local Gov, Educational Services	69.2	69.1	71.6	0.1	-2.4
Local Gov, Excluding Education	43.6	43.5	43.3	0.1	0.3



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## STATE OF ARKANSAS Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

### January 2020 - February 2020

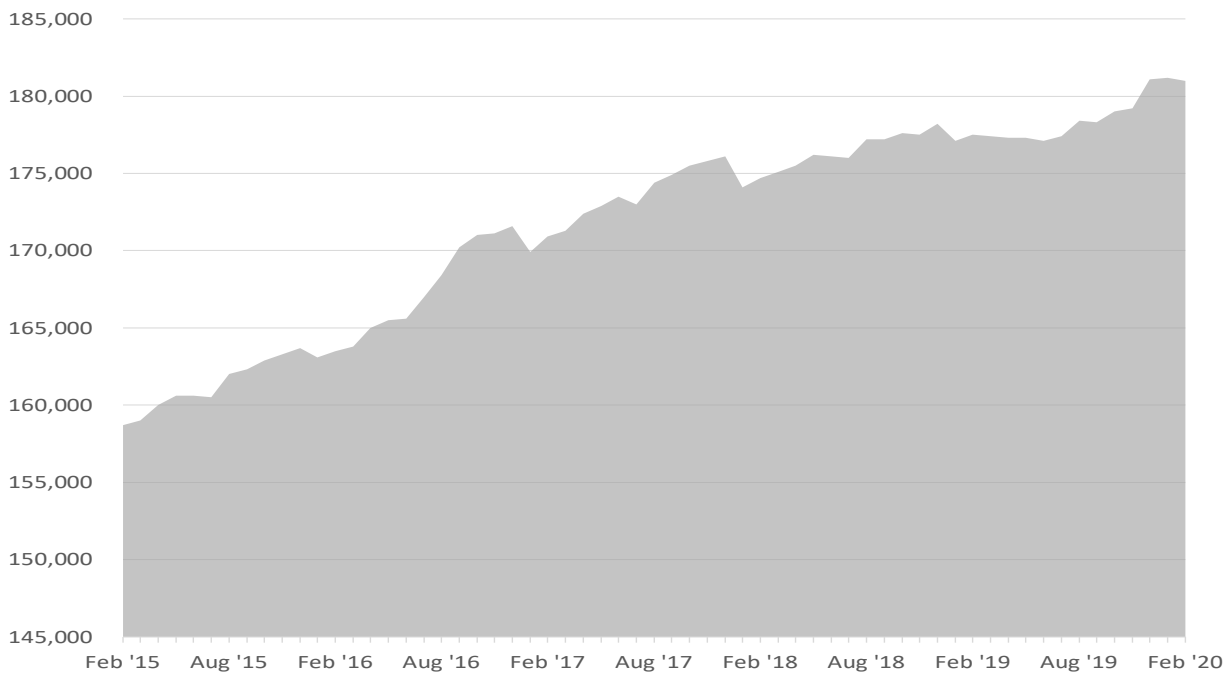
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 100 in February to total 1,269,800. Three major industry sectors added jobs, more than offsetting declines in five sectors. Job totals in three major sectors were unchanged. **Professional and business services** posted the largest increase, up 3,100. Most of the expansion was in administrative and support services (+2,500), a subsector which includes employment agencies. **Government** added 2,000 jobs. Gains were mostly in state government, educational services (+2,100), attributed to the re-opening of public colleges and universities after holiday break. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** decreased 3,000. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities posted a majority of the reduction (-2,500), with reported losses in delivery services and trucking.

### February 2019 - February 2020

Compared to February 2019, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs are down 3,300. Six major industry sectors posted declines, while employment in five sectors increased. The largest decrease occurred in **manufacturing** (-3,800). Durable goods reported most of the loss (-3,300), due to reductions in fabricated metal product manufacturing and the production of transportation equipment. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** are down 2,600, mostly in food services (-2,500). **Government** employment declined 1,700. A majority of the loss occurred in local government (-2,100), all in the educational services subsector (-2,400). Employment in **financial activities** decreased 1,000, all in finance and insurance (-1,100). **Educational and health services** added 3,700 jobs. Increases were largely in health care and social assistance (+3,500), with ambulatory health care accounting for most of the gains (+2,900).

### Jobs in Health Care and Social Assistance (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

February 2015 - February 2020





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## STATE OF ARKANSAS

### Production Workers - Hours and Earnings

#### Manufacturing

	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>
Average Weekly Hours	40.6	40.9	41.3
Average Hourly Earnings	18.32	18.62	18.07
Average Weekly Earnings	743.79	761.56	744.64

#### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>		<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>
Average Weekly Hours	41.1	41.6	42.0	Average Weekly Hours	40.2	40.3	40.7
Average Hourly Earnings	20.34	20.73	19.57	Average Hourly Earnings	16.53	16.73	16.65
Average Weekly Earnings	835.97	862.37	821.94	Average Weekly Earnings	664.51	674.22	677.66

#### Average Hourly Earnings - Durable Goods Manufacturing

February: 2010 - 2020





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## 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)

	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	354,753	353,879	358,936	874	-4,183
Employment	341,902	340,819	346,038	1,083	-4,136
Unemployment	12,851	13,060	12,898	-209	-47
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.7	3.6	-0.1	0.0

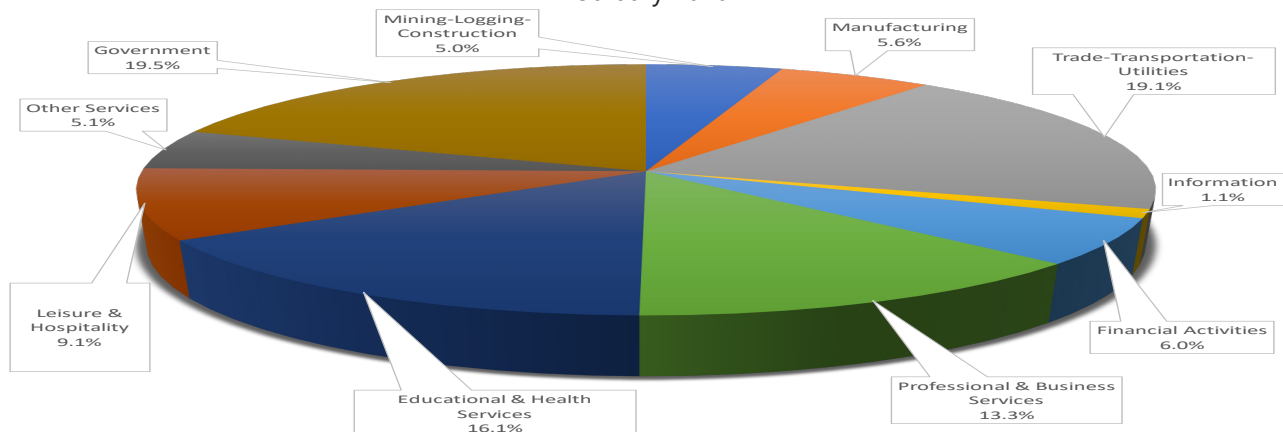
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	361.3	361.4	366.4	-0.1	-5.1
Goods Producing	38.4	38.5	38.7	-0.1	-0.3
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
Service Providing	322.9	322.9	327.7	0.0	-4.8
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>69.7</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Wholesale Trade	15.8	15.8	15.8	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	36.4	36.9	37.7	-0.5	-1.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.9	17.0	16.8	-0.1	0.1
<b>Information</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>57.9</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
Federal Government	9.7	9.8	9.6	-0.1	0.1
State Government	36.2	35.7	35.9	0.5	0.3
Local Government	24.6	24.5	26.1	0.1	-1.5

### Percentage of Jobs by Industry Sector

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## 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)

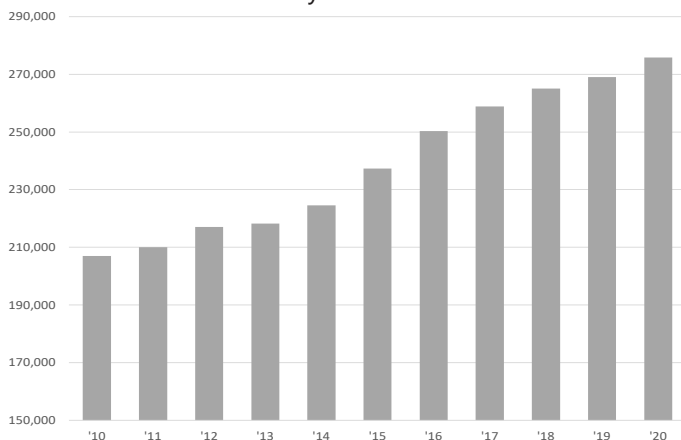
	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	283,501	280,519	277,382	2,982	6,119
Employment	275,865	272,459	269,088	3,406	6,777
Unemployment	7,636	8,060	8,294	-424	-658
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.9	3.0	-0.2	-0.3

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

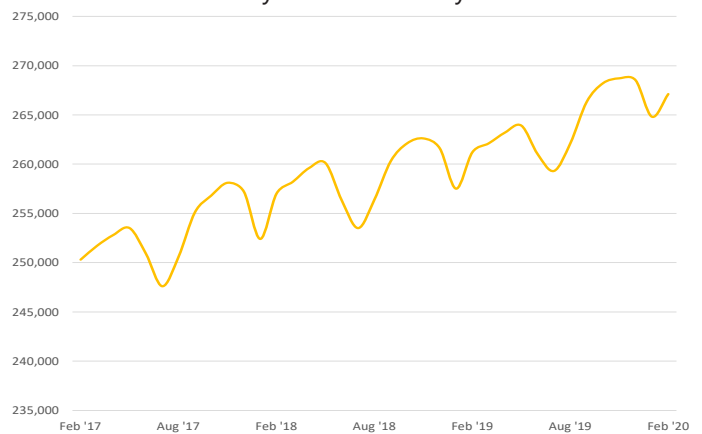
(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	267.1	264.8	261.2	2.3	5.9
Goods Producing	43.1	42.8	41.9	0.3	1.2
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Service Providing	224.0	222.0	219.3	2.0	4.7
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Wholesale Trade	12.3	12.3	12.1	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	25.4	25.4	25.7	0.0	-0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.5	18.7	18.3	-0.2	0.2
<b>Information</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Federal Government	2.8	2.8	2.7	0.0	0.1
State Government	17.2	15.3	16.1	1.9	1.1
Local Government	19.5	19.4	19.1	0.1	0.4

**Number of Employed**  
February: 2010 - 2020



**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
February 2017 - February 2020





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## 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)

	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	118,432	117,820	118,596	612	-164
Employment	113,913	113,022	113,647	891	266
Unemployment	4,519	4,798	4,949	-279	-430
Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.1	4.2	-0.3	-0.4

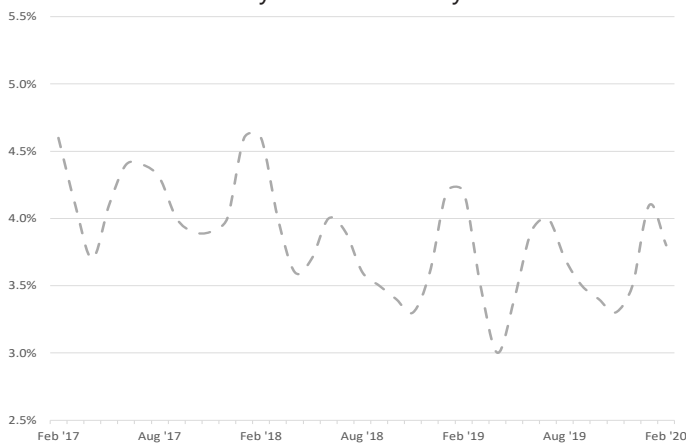
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	112.8	112.2	113.1	0.6	-0.3
Goods Producing	23.2	23.3	23.0	-0.1	0.2
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Service Providing	89.6	88.9	90.1	0.7	-0.5
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
Wholesale Trade	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	12.4	12.4	12.3	0.0	0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.1	6.3	6.6	-0.2	-0.5
<b>Information</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.0	2.7	3.1	0.3	-0.1
Local Government	14.3	14.2	14.2	0.1	0.1

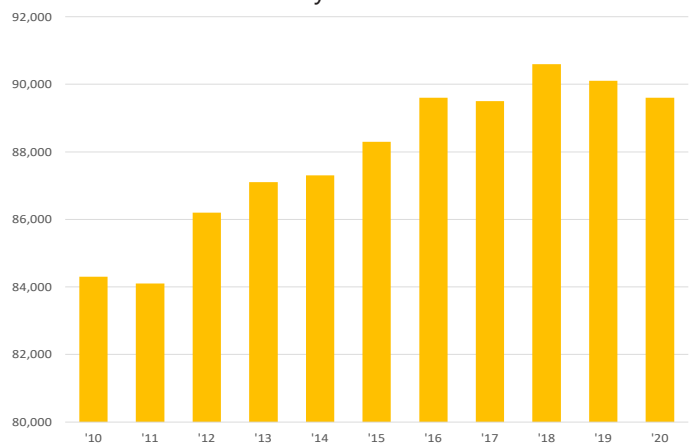
#### Unemployment Rates

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#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

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## METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

#### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	41,253	40,802	41,300	451	-47
Employment	39,584	39,115	39,553	469	31
Unemployment	1,669	1,687	1,747	-18	-78
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.1	4.2	-0.1	-0.2

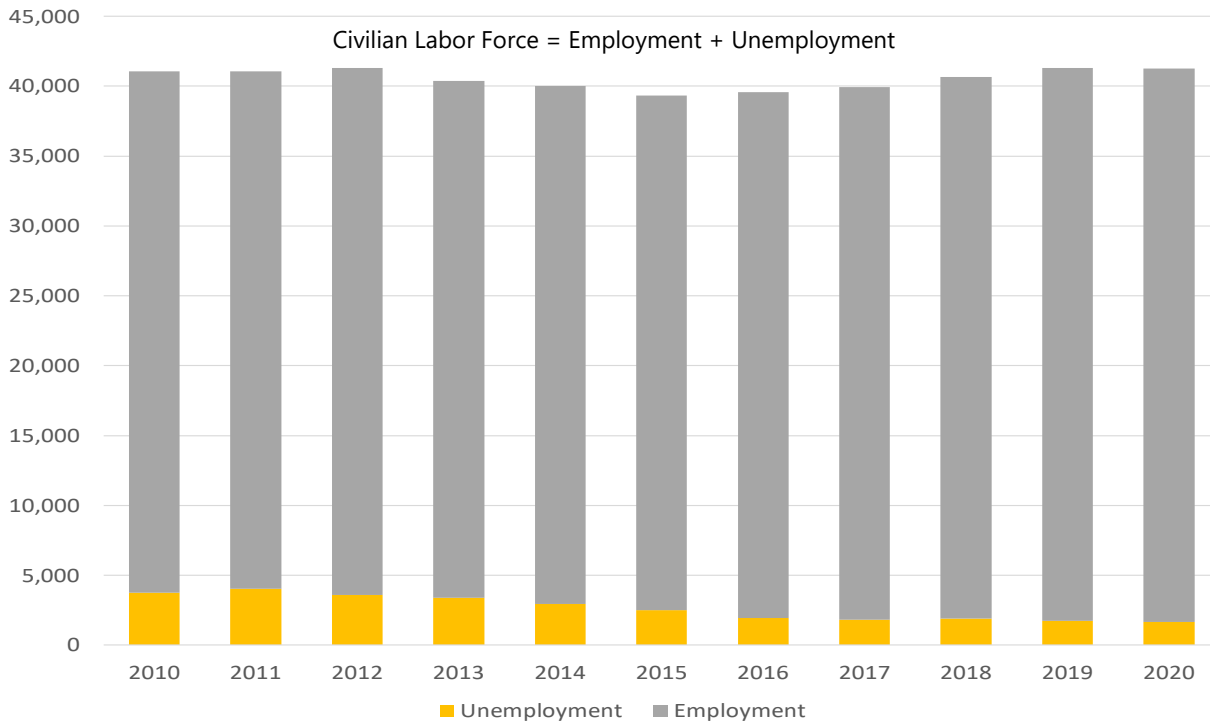
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	39.4	39.2	39.4	0.2	0.0
Goods Producing	4.6	4.6	4.6	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	34.8	34.6	34.8	0.2	0.0
Government	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0

#### Composition of the Civilian Labor Force

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## METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

#### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	66,838	66,235	65,031	603	1,807
Employment	64,721	63,974	62,868	747	1,853
Unemployment	2,117	2,261	2,163	-144	-46
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.4	3.3	-0.2	-0.1

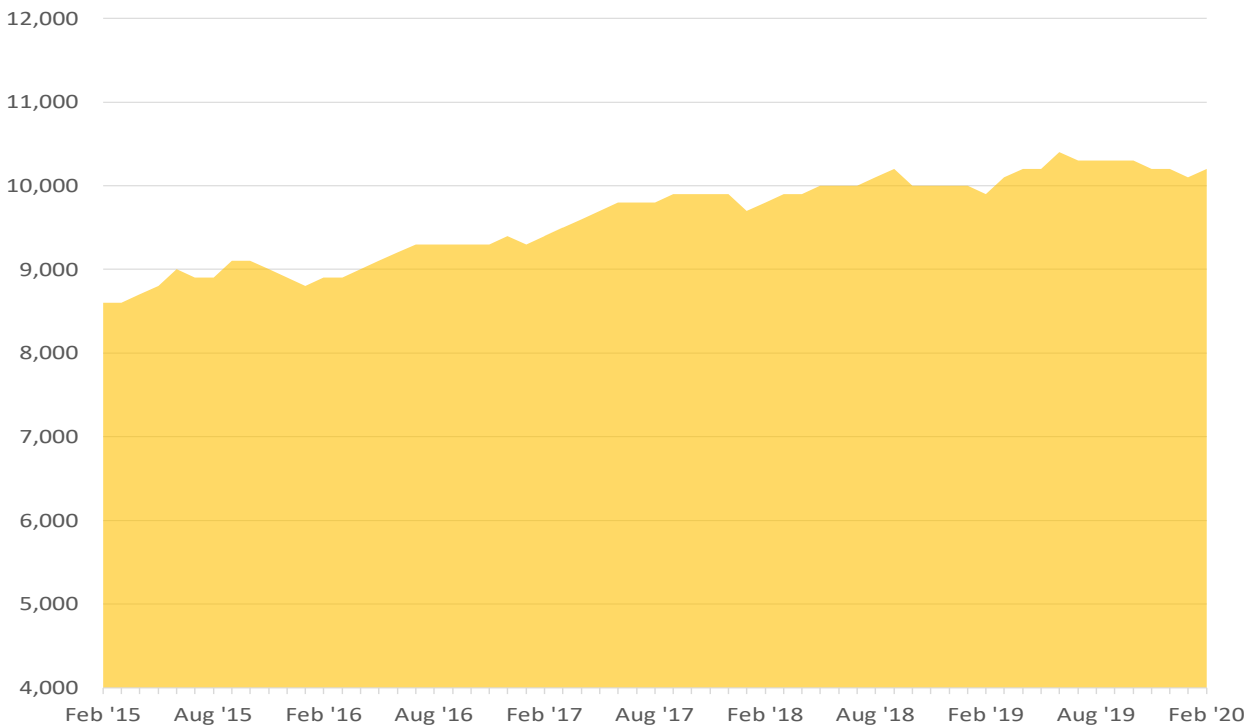
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	61.0	60.6	59.5	0.4	1.5
Goods Producing	10.2	10.1	9.9	0.1	0.3
Service Providing	50.8	50.5	49.6	0.3	1.2
Government	9.1	9.1	9.2	0.0	-0.1

#### Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

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## METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Pine Bluff MSA

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

#### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	34,778	34,284	34,987	494	-209
Employment	32,775	32,207	33,013	568	-238
Unemployment	2,003	2,077	1,974	-74	29
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.1	5.6	-0.3	0.2

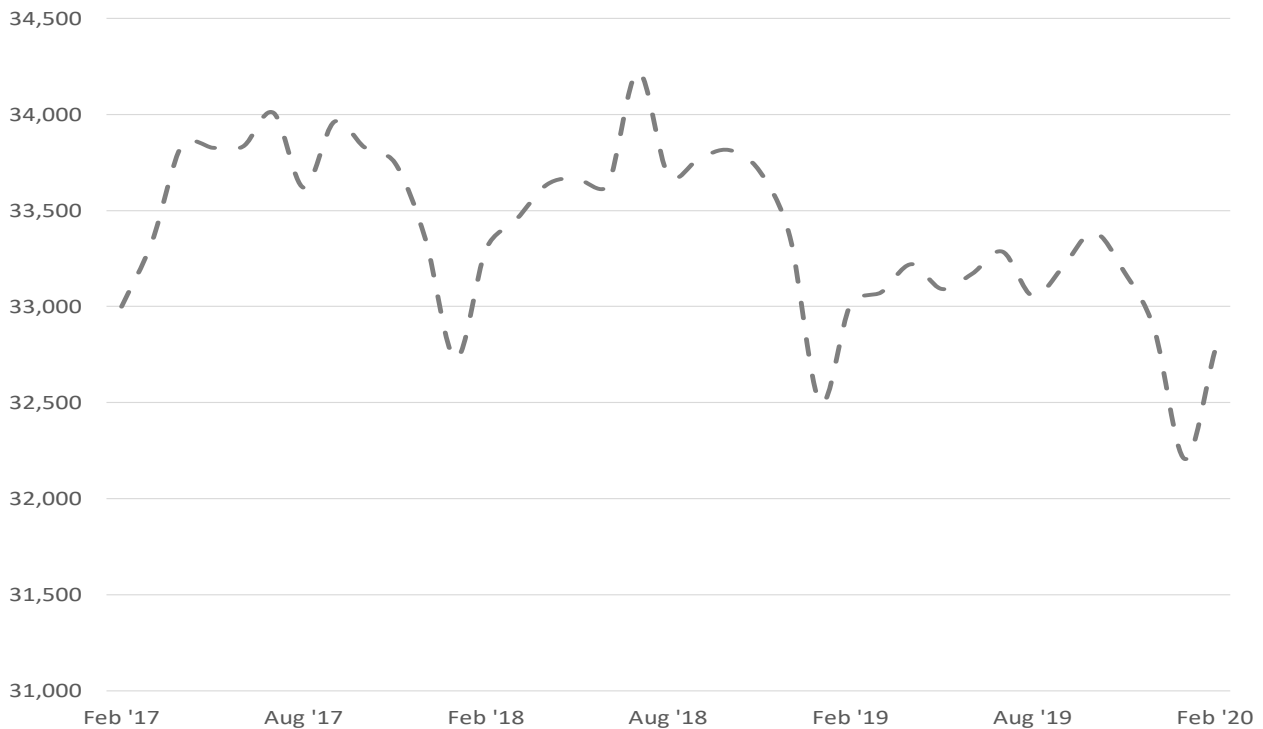
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	32.4	32.1	32.9	0.3	-0.5
Goods Producing	5.8	5.8	5.9	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	26.6	26.3	27.0	0.3	-0.4
Government	9.1	8.9	9.2	0.2	-0.1

#### Number of Employed

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## METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Out-of-State MSAs

#### 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.

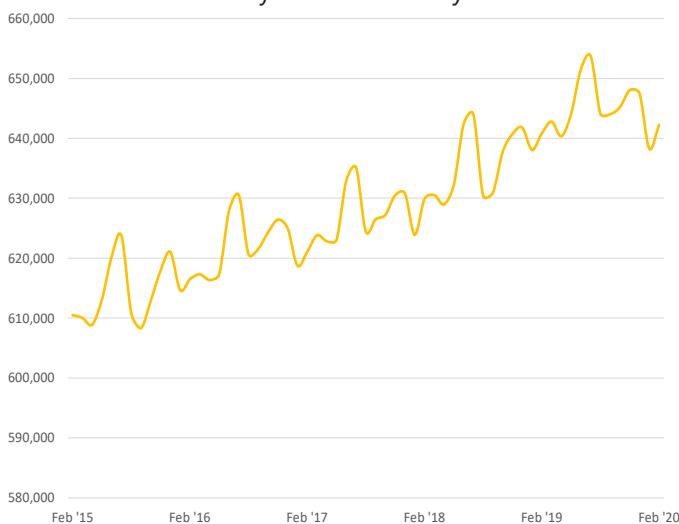
	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	642,245	638,277	640,813	3,968	1,432
Employment	614,164	610,044	614,716	4,120	-552
Unemployment	28,081	28,233	26,097	-152	1,984
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.4	4.1	0.0	0.3

##### Texarkana MSA

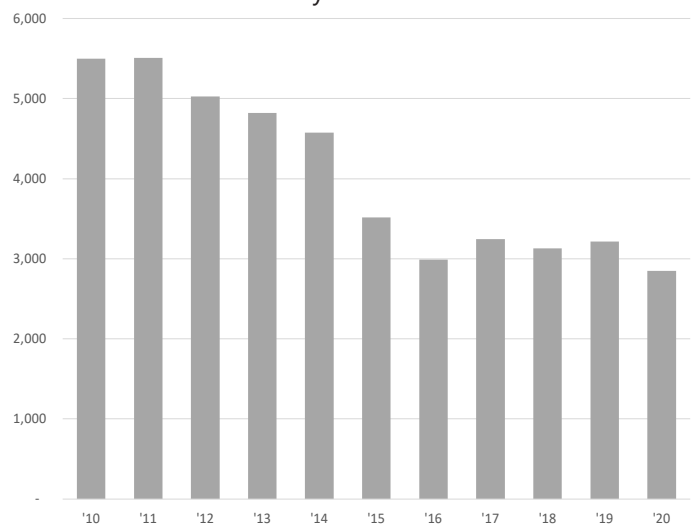
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	65,704	65,327	64,966	377	738
Employment	62,857	62,479	61,752	378	1,105
Unemployment	2,847	2,848	3,214	-1	-367
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.4	4.9	-0.1	-0.6

**Memphis MSA - Civilian Labor Force**  
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**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment**  
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## MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND CITIES

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

#### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	February 2020				January 2020				February 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,711	9,347	364	3.7	9,520	9,124	396	4.2	9,728	9,375	353	3.6
Batesville Micro	16,613	15,885	728	4.4	16,491	15,736	755	4.6	16,485	15,751	734	4.5
Blytheville Micro	17,219	16,187	1,032	6.0	17,055	16,062	993	5.8	17,181	16,274	907	5.3
Camden Micro	12,258	11,590	668	5.4	12,175	11,493	682	5.6	12,291	11,552	739	6.0
El Dorado Micro	15,816	14,866	950	6.0	15,801	14,781	1,020	6.5	15,876	14,979	897	5.7
Forrest City Micro	8,125	7,676	449	5.5	8,076	7,611	465	5.8	8,165	7,658	507	6.2
Harrison Micro	19,373	18,653	720	3.7	19,208	18,431	777	4.0	19,321	18,566	755	3.9
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,372	5,916	456	7.2	6,335	5,868	467	7.4	6,464	6,021	443	6.9
Hope Micro	13,536	12,954	582	4.3	13,404	12,816	588	4.4	13,718	13,147	571	4.2
Magnolia Micro	9,180	8,750	430	4.7	9,109	8,658	451	5.0	9,180	8,750	430	4.7
Malvern Micro	13,966	13,437	529	3.8	13,840	13,294	546	3.9	13,893	13,334	559	4.0
Mountain Home Micro	16,073	15,372	701	4.4	16,005	15,255	750	4.7	16,293	15,513	780	4.8
Paragould Micro	20,285	19,455	830	4.1	20,018	19,194	824	4.1	19,983	19,174	809	4.0
Russellville Micro	37,194	35,576	1,618	4.4	36,853	35,083	1,770	4.8	37,513	35,737	1,776	4.7
Searcy Micro	33,800	32,010	1,790	5.3	33,578	31,757	1,821	5.4	33,890	32,099	1,791	5.3

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 2020				January 2020				February 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,397	11,930	467	3.8	12,254	11,782	472	3.9	12,202	11,643	559	4.6
Benton	17,331	16,810	521	3.0	17,305	16,762	543	3.1	17,591	17,032	559	3.2
Bentonville	27,288	26,605	683	2.5	26,949	26,275	674	2.5	26,660	25,964	696	2.6
Blytheville	5,859	5,452	407	6.9	5,806	5,410	396	6.8	5,789	5,481	308	5.3
Cabot	12,102	11,700	402	3.3	12,073	11,645	428	3.5	12,182	11,778	404	3.3
Conway	33,651	32,554	1,097	3.3	33,608	32,443	1,165	3.5	34,088	32,934	1,154	3.4
El Dorado	6,899	6,440	459	6.7	6,919	6,403	516	7.5	6,930	6,488	442	6.4
Fayetteville	48,486	47,289	1,197	2.5	47,958	46,697	1,261	2.6	47,558	46,157	1,401	2.9
Fort Smith	39,182	37,742	1,440	3.7	38,954	37,399	1,555	4.0	39,314	37,723	1,591	4.0
Hot Springs	14,699	14,072	627	4.3	14,593	13,905	688	4.7	14,708	14,061	647	4.4
Jacksonville	11,645	11,058	587	5.0	11,640	11,028	612	5.3	11,729	11,205	524	4.5
Jonesboro	39,666	38,471	1,195	3.0	39,332	38,045	1,287	3.3	38,680	37,427	1,253	3.2
Little Rock	96,580	93,061	3,519	3.6	96,354	92,802	3,552	3.7	97,908	94,298	3,610	3.7
North Little Rock	29,876	28,550	1,326	4.4	29,777	28,471	1,306	4.4	30,185	28,930	1,255	4.2
Paragould	12,834	12,293	541	4.2	12,658	12,128	530	4.2	12,672	12,115	557	4.4
Pine Bluff	16,363	15,324	1,039	6.3	16,185	15,072	1,113	6.9	16,545	15,484	1,061	6.4
Rogers	36,152	35,220	932	2.6	35,747	34,783	964	2.7	35,419	34,371	1,048	3.0
Russellville	13,288	12,780	508	3.8	13,173	12,612	561	4.3	13,419	12,879	540	4.0
Searcy	10,177	9,759	418	4.1	10,121	9,682	439	4.3	10,240	9,786	454	4.4
Sherwood	15,978	15,412	566	3.5	15,938	15,369	569	3.6	16,178	15,617	561	3.5
Springdale	39,976	38,956	1,020	2.6	39,564	38,469	1,095	2.8	39,107	38,023	1,084	2.8
Texarkana, AR	13,674	13,050	624	4.6	13,606	12,939	667	4.9	13,487	12,800	687	5.1
Van Buren	10,434	10,049	385	3.7	10,351	9,952	399	3.9	10,415	10,017	398	3.8
West Memphis	10,573	10,039	534	5.1	10,486	9,922	564	5.4	10,456	9,904	552	5.3



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County	February 2020				January 2020				February 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,331	9,018	313	3.4	9,260	8,924	336	3.6	9,312	8,957	355	3.8
Ashley	7,746	7,198	548	7.1	7,675	7,131	544	7.1	7,859	7,384	475	6.0
Baxter	16,073	15,372	701	4.4	16,005	15,255	750	4.7	16,293	15,513	780	4.8
Benton	138,773	134,888	3,885	2.8	137,257	133,215	4,042	2.9	135,850	131,637	4,213	3.1
Boone	16,016	15,441	575	3.6	15,882	15,266	616	3.9	16,000	15,393	607	3.8
Bradley	4,527	4,331	196	4.3	4,491	4,284	207	4.6	4,512	4,276	236	5.2
Calhoun	2,466	2,339	127	5.2	2,436	2,312	124	5.1	2,448	2,307	141	5.8
Carroll	12,420	11,918	502	4.0	12,291	11,744	547	4.5	12,232	11,665	567	4.6
Chicot	3,279	2,992	287	8.8	3,244	2,959	285	8.8	3,271	3,009	262	8.0
Clark	9,711	9,347	364	3.7	9,520	9,124	396	4.2	9,728	9,375	353	3.6
Clay	5,650	5,316	334	5.9	5,581	5,247	334	6.0	5,632	5,289	343	6.1
Cleburne	9,105	8,596	509	5.6	8,993	8,478	515	5.7	9,220	8,720	500	5.4
Cleveland	3,231	3,077	154	4.8	3,179	3,015	164	5.2	3,214	3,067	147	4.6
Columbia	9,180	8,750	430	4.7	9,109	8,658	451	5.0	9,180	8,750	430	4.7
Conway	8,284	7,892	392	4.7	8,256	7,846	410	5.0	8,149	7,769	380	4.7
Craighead	56,339	54,649	1,690	3.0	55,856	54,045	1,811	3.2	54,935	53,166	1,769	3.2
Crawford	26,837	25,848	989	3.7	26,619	25,597	1,022	3.8	26,826	25,765	1,061	4.0
Crittenden	21,425	20,480	945	4.4	21,248	20,242	1,006	4.7	21,205	20,205	1,000	4.7
Cross	7,393	7,055	338	4.6	7,326	6,968	358	4.9	7,299	6,930	369	5.1
Dallas	2,829	2,686	143	5.1	2,815	2,675	140	5.0	2,814	2,659	155	5.5
Desha	5,352	5,074	278	5.2	5,309	5,028	281	5.3	5,396	5,131	265	4.9
Drew	7,940	7,466	474	6.0	7,883	7,402	481	6.1	7,827	7,355	472	6.0
Faulkner	61,688	59,611	2,077	3.4	61,559	59,407	2,152	3.5	62,438	60,306	2,132	3.4
Franklin	7,474	7,185	289	3.9	7,394	7,108	286	3.9	7,394	7,117	277	3.7
Fulton	4,971	4,755	216	4.3	4,918	4,697	221	4.5	4,890	4,648	242	4.9
Garland	41,253	39,584	1,669	4.0	40,802	39,115	1,687	4.1	41,300	39,553	1,747	4.2
Grant	8,357	8,030	327	3.9	8,319	7,996	323	3.9	8,368	8,084	284	3.4
Greene	20,285	19,455	830	4.1	20,018	19,194	824	4.1	19,983	19,174	809	4.0
Hempstead	9,911	9,481	430	4.3	9,816	9,376	440	4.5	10,028	9,604	424	4.2
Hot Spring	13,966	13,437	529	3.8	13,840	13,294	546	3.9	13,893	13,334	559	4.0
Howard	5,787	5,564	223	3.9	5,726	5,493	233	4.1	5,735	5,528	207	3.6
Independence	16,613	15,885	728	4.4	16,491	15,736	755	4.6	16,485	15,751	734	4.5
Izard	4,883	4,556	327	6.7	4,787	4,474	313	6.5	4,890	4,606	284	5.8
Jackson	5,877	5,453	424	7.2	5,813	5,380	433	7.4	5,819	5,409	410	7.0
Jefferson	27,574	25,935	1,639	5.9	27,208	25,509	1,699	6.2	27,839	26,207	1,632	5.9
Johnson	10,226	9,761	465	4.5	10,172	9,681	491	4.8	10,416	9,887	529	5.1
Lafayette	2,476	2,348	128	5.2	2,452	2,318	134	5.5	2,481	2,355	126	5.1
Lawrence	6,894	6,571	323	4.7	6,834	6,510	324	4.7	6,821	6,481	340	5.0
Lee	2,872	2,694	178	6.2	2,845	2,664	181	6.4	2,815	2,658	157	5.6
Lincoln	3,973	3,763	210	5.3	3,897	3,683	214	5.5	3,934	3,739	195	5.0
Little River	5,577	5,295	282	5.1	5,528	5,254	274	5.0	5,479	5,193	286	5.2
Logan	8,523	8,114	409	4.8	8,487	8,034	453	5.3	8,545	8,162	383	4.5
Lonoke	34,179	32,916	1,263	3.7	33,986	32,760	1,226	3.6	34,317	33,134	1,183	3.4
Madison	7,559	7,352	207	2.7	7,432	7,223	209	2.8	7,297	7,064	233	3.2
Marion	6,645	6,333	312	4.7	6,596	6,274	322	4.9	6,631	6,314	317	4.8
Miller	19,850	18,992	858	4.3	19,707	18,830	877	4.5	19,593	18,628	965	4.9

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County	February 2020				January 2020				February 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,219	16,187	1,032	6.0	17,055	16,062	993	5.8	17,181	16,274	907	5.3
Monroe	2,806	2,670	136	4.8	2,768	2,630	138	5.0	2,761	2,631	130	4.7
Montgomery	2,938	2,768	170	5.8	2,877	2,701	176	6.1	2,904	2,737	167	5.8
Nevada	3,625	3,473	152	4.2	3,588	3,440	148	4.1	3,690	3,543	147	4.0
Newton	3,357	3,212	145	4.3	3,326	3,165	161	4.8	3,321	3,173	148	4.5
Ouachita	9,792	9,251	541	5.5	9,739	9,181	558	5.7	9,843	9,245	598	6.1
Perry	4,230	4,048	182	4.3	4,227	4,024	203	4.8	4,282	4,069	213	5.0
Phillips	6,372	5,916	456	7.2	6,335	5,868	467	7.4	6,464	6,021	443	6.9
Pike	4,256	4,061	195	4.6	4,209	4,010	199	4.7	4,186	4,001	185	4.4
Poinsett	10,499	10,072	427	4.1	10,379	9,929	450	4.3	10,096	9,702	394	3.9
Polk	8,238	7,772	466	5.7	8,152	7,667	485	5.9	8,035	7,667	368	4.6
Pope	28,754	27,487	1,267	4.4	28,533	27,127	1,406	4.9	29,063	27,700	1,363	4.7
Prairie	3,583	3,422	161	4.5	3,537	3,383	154	4.4	3,508	3,335	173	4.9
Pulaski	187,970	180,782	7,188	3.8	187,545	180,280	7,265	3.9	190,358	183,185	7,173	3.8
Randolph	7,457	7,119	338	4.5	7,356	7,006	350	4.8	7,233	6,902	331	4.6
St. Francis	8,125	7,676	449	5.5	8,076	7,611	465	5.8	8,165	7,658	507	6.2
Saline	58,329	56,515	1,814	3.1	58,243	56,352	1,891	3.2	59,173	57,260	1,913	3.2
Scott	4,351	4,185	166	3.8	4,301	4,129	172	4.0	4,296	4,129	167	3.9
Searcy	2,823	2,652	171	6.1	2,794	2,618	176	6.3	2,805	2,663	142	5.1
Sebastian	56,463	54,388	2,075	3.7	56,107	53,894	2,213	3.9	56,586	54,361	2,225	3.9
Sevier	5,539	5,240	299	5.4	5,479	5,174	305	5.6	5,518	5,235	283	5.1
Sharp	5,716	5,378	338	5.9	5,666	5,325	341	6.0	5,791	5,455	336	5.8
Stone	4,602	4,340	262	5.7	4,556	4,284	272	6.0	4,681	4,379	302	6.5
Union	15,816	14,866	950	6.0	15,801	14,781	1,020	6.5	15,876	14,979	897	5.7
Van Buren	5,669	5,337	332	5.9	5,652	5,311	341	6.0	5,715	5,373	342	6.0
Washington	126,247	123,061	3,186	2.5	124,899	121,521	3,378	2.7	123,613	120,115	3,498	2.8
White	33,800	32,010	1,790	5.3	33,578	31,757	1,821	5.4	33,890	32,099	1,791	5.3
Woodruff	2,750	2,607	143	5.2	2,749	2,584	165	6.0	2,735	2,574	161	5.9
Yell	8,440	8,089	351	4.2	8,320	7,956	364	4.4	8,450	8,037	413	4.9

### County Labor Force Summary

Between January and February, unemployment rates declined in 61 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates increased in eight counties while six counties remained stable. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.5 percent in Washington County to a high of 8.8 percent in Chicot County.

In February, twenty counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is up slightly from 16 counties at or below four percent in January. Four counties reported jobless rates at or above seven percent, the same number as last month.

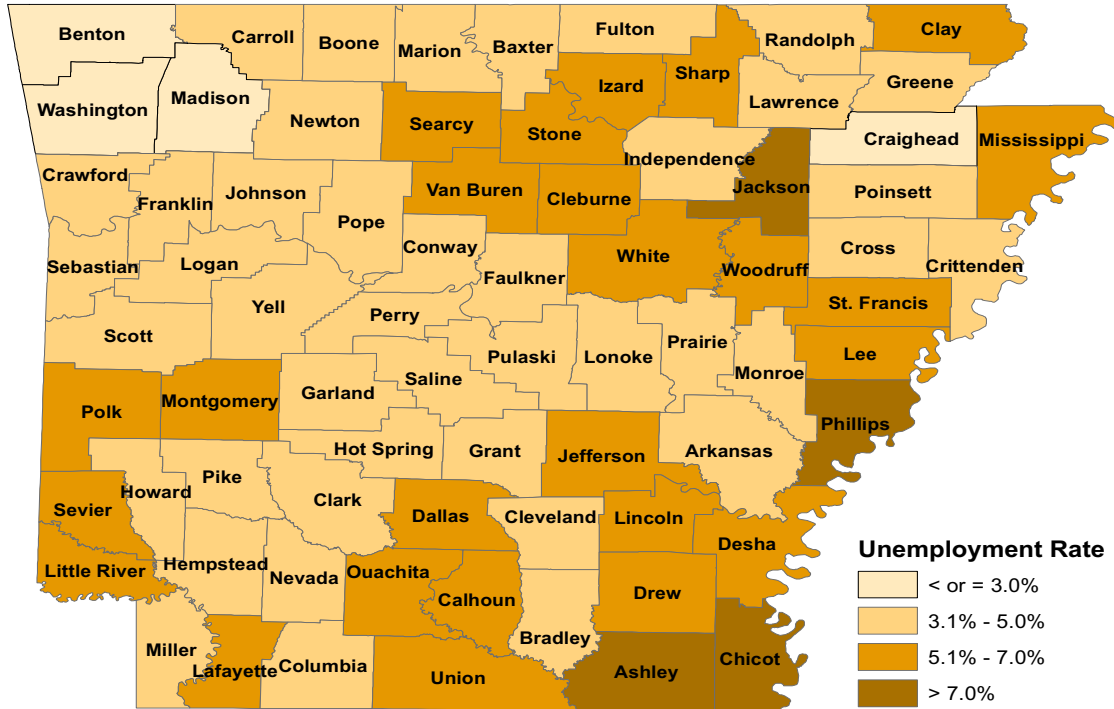
Compared to February 2019, unemployment rates are down in 38 Arkansas counties. Rates were up over-the-year in twenty-nine counties, while jobless rates in eight counties were the same.



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## County Unemployment Rates



## Ranked by Unemployment Rates

February 2020 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.5	25	Fulton	4.3	49	Lafayette	5.2
2	Madison	2.7	25	Hempstead	4.3	49	Woodruff	5.2
3	Benton	2.8	25	Miller	4.3	53	Lincoln	5.3
4	Craighead	3.0	25	Newton	4.3	53	White	5.3
5	Saline	3.1	25	Perry	4.3	55	Sevier	5.4
6	Arkansas	3.4	31	Baxter	4.4	56	Ouachita	5.5
6	Faulkner	3.4	31	Crittenden	4.4	56	St. Francis	5.5
8	Boone	3.6	31	Independence	4.4	58	Cleburne	5.6
9	Clark	3.7	31	Pope	4.4	59	Polk	5.7
9	Crawford	3.7	35	Johnson	4.5	59	Stone	5.7
9	Lonoke	3.7	35	Prairie	4.5	61	Montgomery	5.8
9	Sebastian	3.7	35	Randolph	4.5	62	Clay	5.9
13	Hot Spring	3.8	38	Cross	4.6	62	Jefferson	5.9
13	Pulaski	3.8	38	Pike	4.6	62	Sharp	5.9
13	Scott	3.8	40	Columbia	4.7	62	Van Buren	5.9
16	Franklin	3.9	40	Conway	4.7	66	Drew	6.0
16	Grant	3.9	40	Lawrence	4.7	66	Mississippi	6.0
16	Howard	3.9	40	Marion	4.7	66	Union	6.0
19	Carroll	4.0	44	Cleveland	4.8	69	Searcy	6.1
19	Garland	4.0	44	Logan	4.8	70	Lee	6.2
21	Greene	4.1	44	Monroe	4.8	71	Izard	6.7
21	Poinsett	4.1	47	Dallas	5.1	72	Ashley	7.1
23	Nevada	4.2	47	Little River	5.1	73	Jackson	7.2
23	Yell	4.2	49	Calhoun	5.2	73	Phillips	7.2
25	Bradley	4.3	49	Desha	5.2	75	Chicot	8.8



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## LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	February 2020				January 2020				February 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	251,975	242,855	9,120	3.6	251,284	242,010	9,274	3.7	254,647	245,553	9,094	3.6
City of Little Rock	96,580	93,061	3,519	3.6	96,354	92,802	3,552	3.7	97,908	94,298	3,610	3.7
Eastern	46,187	43,821	2,366	5.1	45,830	43,353	2,477	5.4	45,948	43,472	2,476	5.4
North Central	93,986	88,917	5,069	5.4	93,203	88,026	5,177	5.6	94,116	89,014	5,102	5.4
Northeast	124,343	119,369	4,974	4.0	123,079	117,993	5,086	4.1	121,881	116,988	4,893	4.0
Northwest	329,913	320,229	9,684	2.9	326,482	316,281	10,201	3.1	324,042	313,537	10,505	3.2
Southeast	81,310	76,884	4,426	5.4	80,465	75,931	4,534	5.6	81,532	77,209	4,323	5.3
Southwest	92,848	88,285	4,563	4.9	92,196	87,492	4,704	5.1	92,685	88,026	4,659	5.0
West Central	132,058	126,474	5,584	4.2	130,756	124,878	5,878	4.5	132,371	126,462	5,909	4.5
Western	111,886	107,492	4,394	3.9	111,060	106,429	4,631	4.2	111,682	107,201	4,481	4.0

