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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

## Technical Notes

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.



## NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT Alternative Measures 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.

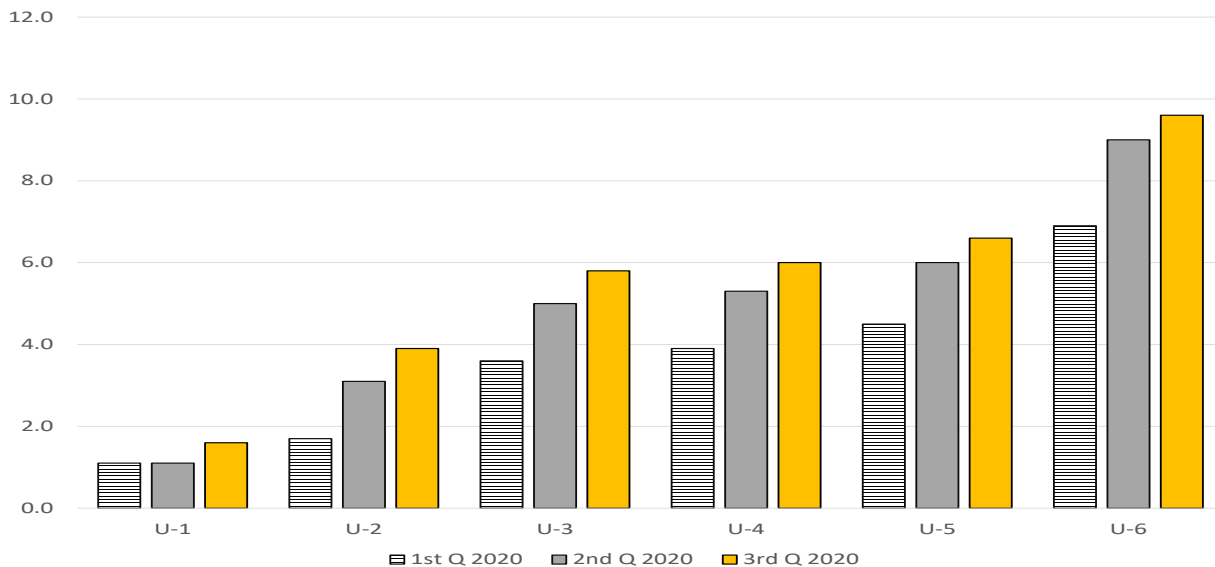
Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization					
State of Arkansas					
4th Quarter 2019 - 3rd Quarter 2020 (Average)					
U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6
1.6%	3.9%	5.8%	6.0%	6.6%	9.6%

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 3rd Quarter 2020.

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

- 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-Quarter Comparison (Quarter Ending)





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## STATE OF ARKANSAS Civilian Labor Force Summary

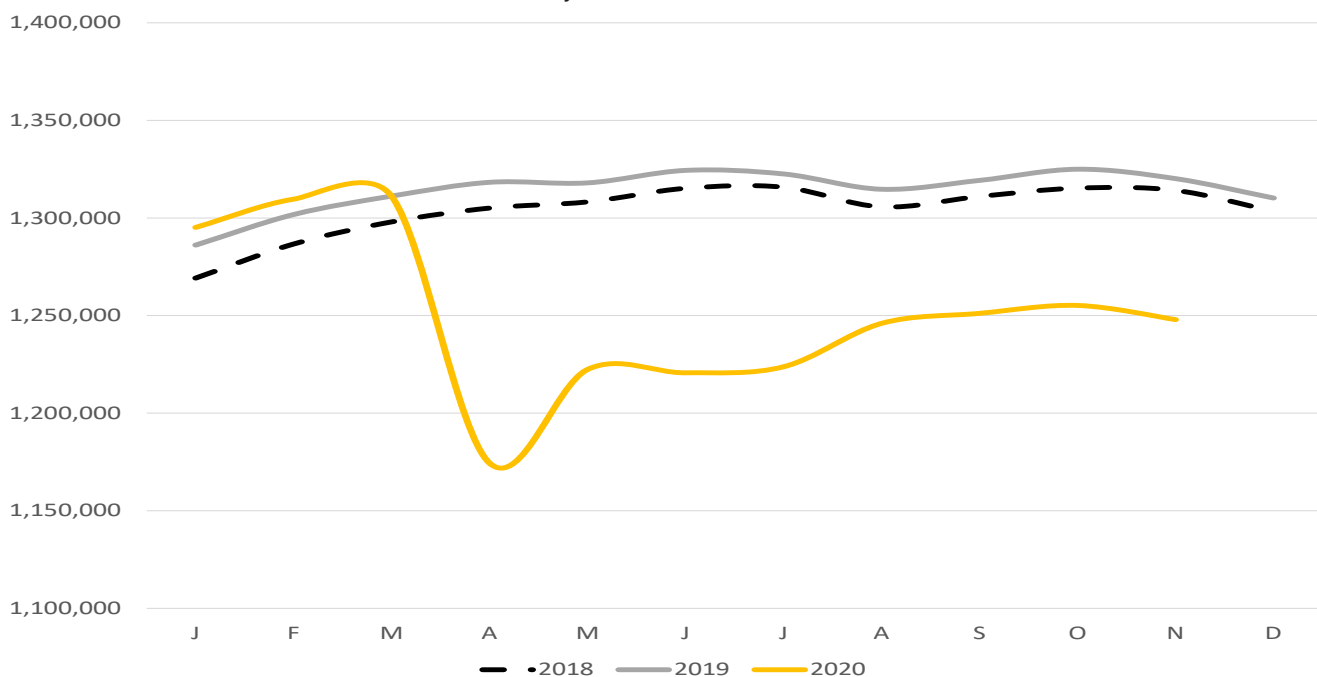
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 6.2 percent between October and November. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 2,925, a result of 2,746 fewer employed and 179 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate decreased to 6.7 percent in November, down from 6.9 percent in October.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate remained unchanged at 6.2 percent between October and November. While there were minor fluctuations in employment and unemployment, the changes were not significant enough to impact the rate."

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Nov 20	Oct 20	Nov 19	Nov 20	Oct 20	Nov 19
Civilian Labor Force	1,327,737	1,330,662	1,364,331	Civilian Labor Force	1,323,556	1,330,991
Employment	1,244,877	1,247,623	1,316,141	Employment	1,247,932	1,255,202
Unemployment	82,860	83,039	48,190	Unemployment	75,624	75,789
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.2	3.5	Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.7
U.S. Unemployment	6.7	6.9	3.5	U.S. Unemployment	6.4	6.6

**Number of Employed (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**  
January 2018 - November 2020





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## STATE OF ARKANSAS Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Oct 20</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1249.8	1243.1	1286.4	6.7	-36.6
Goods Producing	208.0	207.0	221.3	1.0	-13.3
Mining, Logging, & Construction	60.3	60.7	58.9	-0.4	1.4
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	35.1	35.0	34.1	0.1	1.0
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>147.7</b>	<b>146.3</b>	<b>162.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-14.7</b>
Durable Goods	68.3	66.4	76.5	1.9	-8.2
Nondurable Goods	79.4	79.9	85.9	-0.5	-6.5
Service Providing	1041.8	1036.1	1065.1	5.7	-23.3
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>268.6</b>	<b>262.8</b>	<b>256.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>11.9</b>
Wholesale Trade	50.0	48.8	48.8	1.2	1.2
Retail Trade	144.6	142.2	138.5	2.4	6.1
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	74.0	71.8	69.4	2.2	4.6
<b>Information</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>62.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
Finance & Insurance	47.9	47.9	48.4	0.0	-0.5
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	12.9	13.1	13.7	-0.2	-0.8
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>147.9</b>	<b>148.8</b>	<b>147.0</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	45.0	44.8	45.1	0.2	-0.1
Management of Companies	36.4	36.3	34.6	0.1	1.8
Administrative & Support Services	66.5	67.7	67.3	-1.2	-0.8
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>188.1</b>	<b>187.3</b>	<b>195.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-7.8</b>
Educational Services	16.3	16.3	16.7	0.0	-0.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	171.8	171.0	179.2	0.8	-7.4
Ambulatory Health Care	60.4	59.9	61.4	0.5	-1.0
Social Assistance	36.8	36.5	39.4	0.3	-2.6
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>104.3</b>	<b>117.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-12.2</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	9.7	10.5	10.1	-0.8	-0.4
Accommodation & Food Services	95.4	93.8	107.2	1.6	-11.8
Accommodation Services	8.4	8.5	11.0	-0.1	-2.6
Food Services	87.0	85.3	96.2	1.7	-9.2
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-4.1</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>204.7</b>	<b>205.1</b>	<b>214.8</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-10.1</b>
Federal Government	20.7	21.7	20.5	-1.0	0.2
State Government	78.1	78.0	80.1	0.1	-2.0
State Gov, Educational Services	31.4	31.3	32.1	0.1	-0.7
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.7	46.7	48.0	0.0	-1.3
Local Government	105.9	105.4	114.2	0.5	-8.3
Local Gov, Educational Services	63.3	62.9	69.9	0.4	-6.6
Local Gov, Excluding Education	42.6	42.5	44.3	0.1	-1.7



### STATE OF ARKANSAS Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

#### October 2020 - November 2020

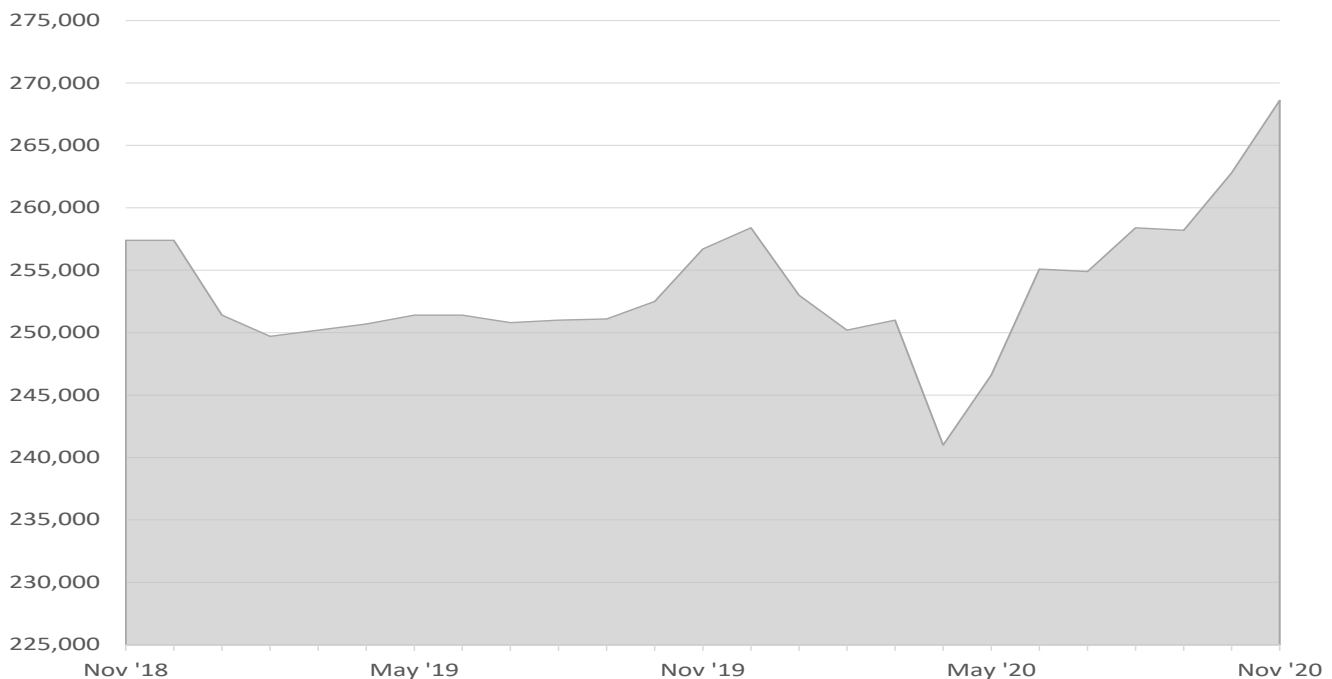
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 6,700 in November to total 1,249,800. Four major industry sectors posted gains. The largest increase occurred in **trade, transportation, and utilities** (+5,800). All subsectors reported hiring, related in large part to holiday shopping. Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 1,400. Gains in durable goods (+1,900) more than offset losses in nondurable goods manufacturing (-500). Smaller increases occurred in **educational and health services** (+800) and in **leisure and hospitality** (+800).

#### November 2019 - November 2020

Compared to November 2019, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs are down 36,600. Employment in eight major industry sectors declined. Jobs in **manufacturing** fell 14,700. Contractions occurred in both durable goods (-8,200) and nondurable goods (-6,500) manufacturing. Industries with the largest reported declines include the manufacturing of transportation equipment, food, and fabricated metal products. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** decreased 12,200. While all subsectors reported losses, the largest was in food services (-9,200). Jobs in **government** are down 10,100. Most of the contraction was in local government-educational services (-6,600). **Educational and health services** declined 7,800, largely in health care and social assistance (-7,400). Employment in **other services** decreased 4,100. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** are up 11,900. While all subsectors posted growth, the greatest gains were in retail trade (+6,100) and transportation-warehousing-utilities (+4,600). **Construction** added 2,200 jobs, related in part to multiple large-scale projects across the State.

**Jobs in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

November 2018 - November 2020





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### Production Workers - Hours and Earnings

#### Manufacturing

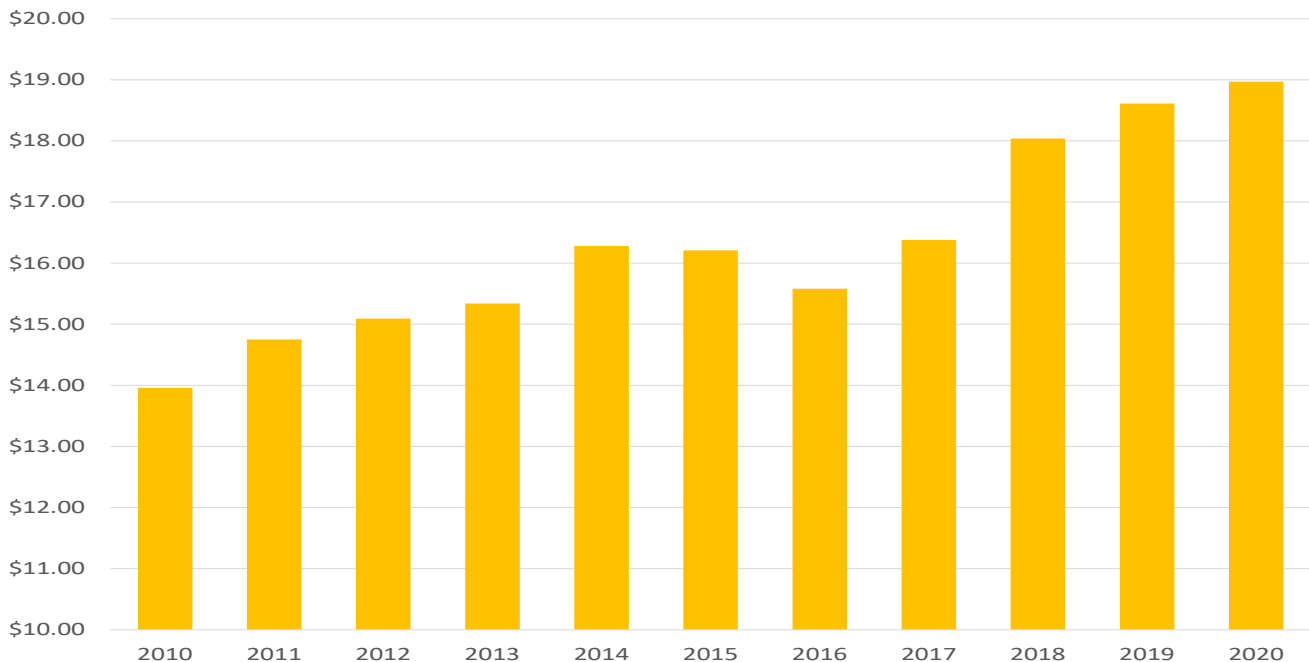
	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Oct 20</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.2	38.8	41.9
Average Hourly Earnings	18.97	19.03	18.61
Average Weekly Earnings	743.62	738.36	779.76

#### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Oct 20</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>		<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Oct 20</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>
Average Weekly Hours	37.1	38.2	43.8	Average Weekly Hours	40.9	39.3	40.3
Average Hourly Earnings	21.17	21.22	20.79	Average Hourly Earnings	17.27	17.29	16.55
Average Weekly Earnings	785.41	810.60	910.60	Average Weekly Earnings	706.34	679.50	666.97

#### Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing - Production Workers

November: 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>Nov 20</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	340,488	343,658	357,079	-3,170	-16,591
Employment	319,104	321,659	346,835	-2,555	-27,731
Unemployment	21,384	21,999	10,244	-615	11,140
Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.4	2.9	-0.1	3.4

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	348.9	348.5	366.1	0.4	-17.2
Goods Producing	37.0	37.4	38.8	-0.4	-1.8
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-1.6</b>
Service Providing	311.9	311.1	327.3	0.8	-15.4
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Wholesale Trade	15.8	15.6	15.9	0.2	-0.1
Retail Trade	39.2	38.5	38.4	0.7	0.8
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.5	17.3	16.9	0.2	0.6
<b>Information</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-3.2</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-4.7</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>70.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-3.8</b>
Federal Government	10.1	10.1	9.8	0.0	0.3
State Government	34.4	34.3	36.2	0.1	-1.8
Local Government	22.5	22.5	24.8	0.0	-2.3

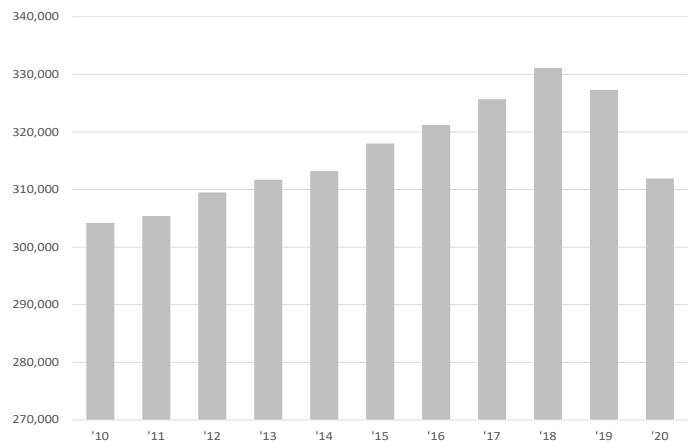
### Employment

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### Jobs in Service Providing Sectors

November: 2010 - 2020







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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>Nov 20</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	278,544	278,859	283,345	-315	-4,801
Employment	266,718	266,987	277,125	-269	-10,407
Unemployment	11,826	11,872	6,220	-46	5,606
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.3	2.2	-0.1	2.0

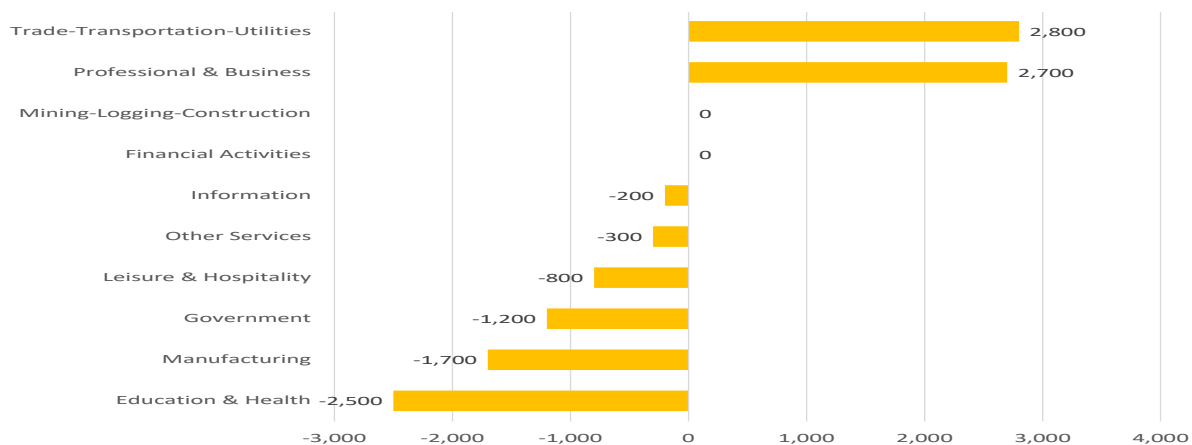
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	267.5	265.2	268.7	2.3	-1.2
Goods Producing	41.5	41.5	43.2	0.0	-1.7
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-1.7</b>
Service Providing	226.0	223.7	225.5	2.3	0.5
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Wholesale Trade	12.9	12.5	12.3	0.4	0.6
Retail Trade	27.7	27.0	26.3	0.7	1.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	19.4	18.9	18.6	0.5	0.8
<b>Information</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>51.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-2.5</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Federal Government	2.8	3.1	2.7	-0.3	0.1
State Government	16.8	16.9	17.3	-0.1	-0.5
Local Government	18.8	18.6	19.6	0.2	-0.8

#### Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector

November 2019 vs November 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>Nov 20</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	116,095	116,214	119,034	-119	-2,939
Employment	109,361	109,386	115,087	-25	-5,726
Unemployment	6,734	6,828	3,947	-94	2,787
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.9	3.3	-0.1	2.5

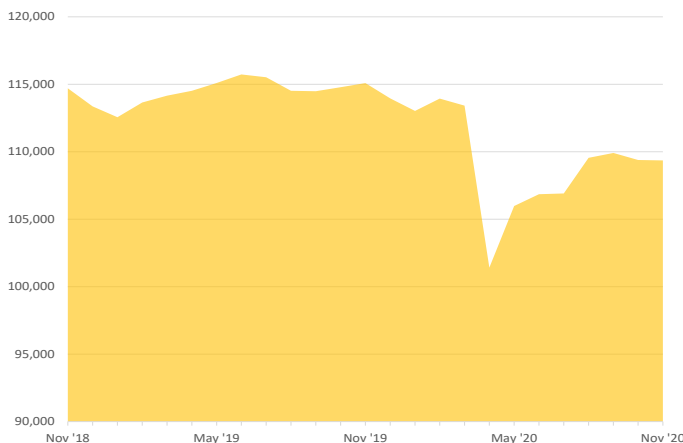
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	110.4	109.5	114.4	0.9	-4.0
Goods Producing	22.3	22.1	23.5	0.2	-1.2
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
Service Providing	88.1	87.4	90.9	0.7	-2.8
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Wholesale Trade	4.3	4.4	4.3	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	13.3	12.9	12.9	0.4	0.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.8	6.2	6.6	0.6	0.2
<b>Information</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
Federal Government	1.3	1.4	1.3	-0.1	0.0
State Government	2.7	2.7	3.1	0.0	-0.4
Local Government	13.2	13.1	14.2	0.1	-1.0

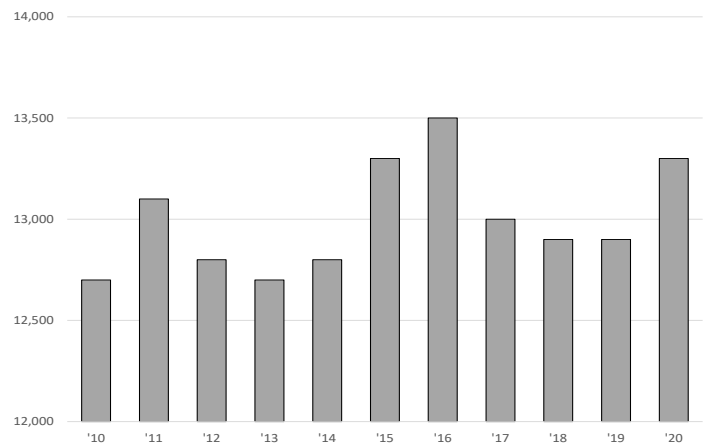
### Number of Employed

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### Jobs in Retail Trade

November: 2010 - 2020





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## METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	40,565	40,997	40,659	-432	-94
Employment	37,591	37,917	39,335	-326	-1,744
Unemployment	2,974	3,080	1,324	-106	1,650
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.5	3.3	-0.2	4.0

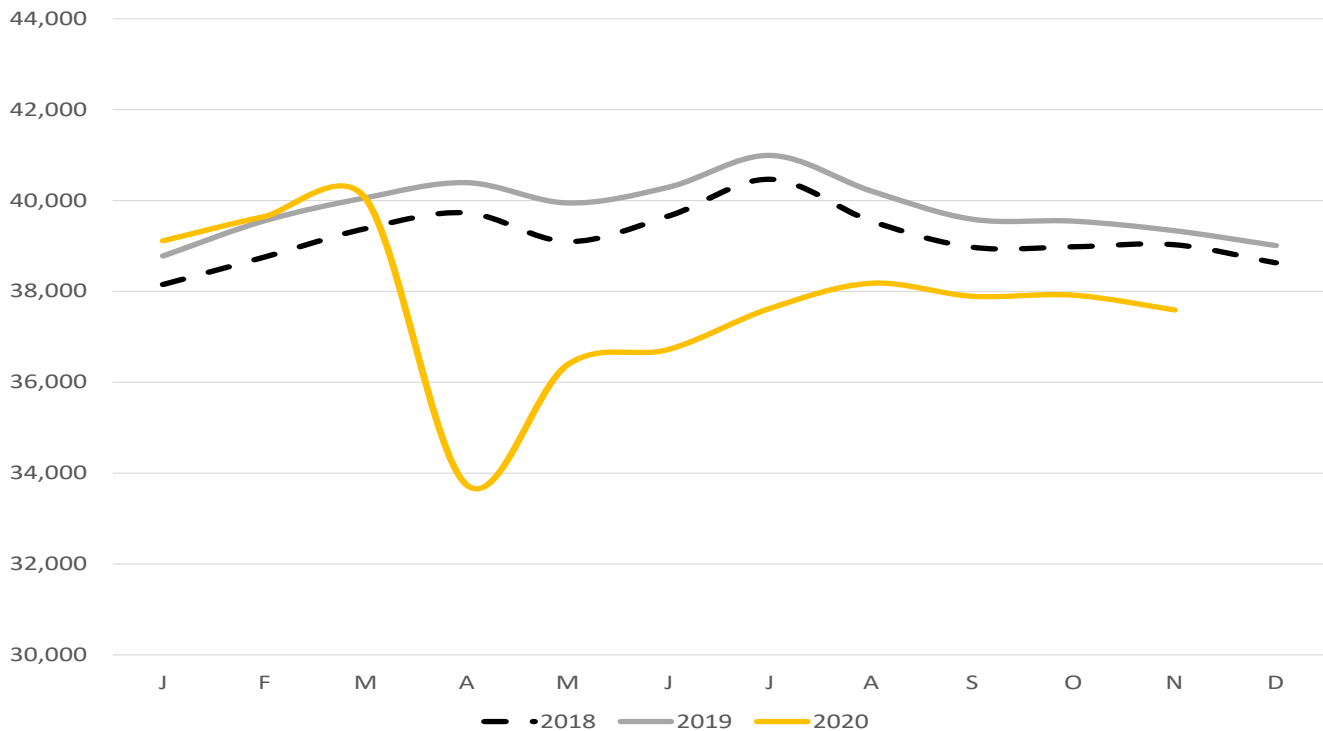
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	38.8	38.6	39.3	0.2	-0.5
Goods Producing	4.5	4.5	4.7	0.0	-0.2
Service Providing	34.3	34.1	34.6	0.2	-0.3
Government	4.6	4.5	4.7	0.1	-0.1

#### Employment

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## METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Oct 20</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	66,715	66,986	66,690	-271	25
Employment	63,605	63,800	65,094	-195	-1,489
Unemployment	3,110	3,186	1,596	-76	1,514
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.8	2.4	-0.1	2.3

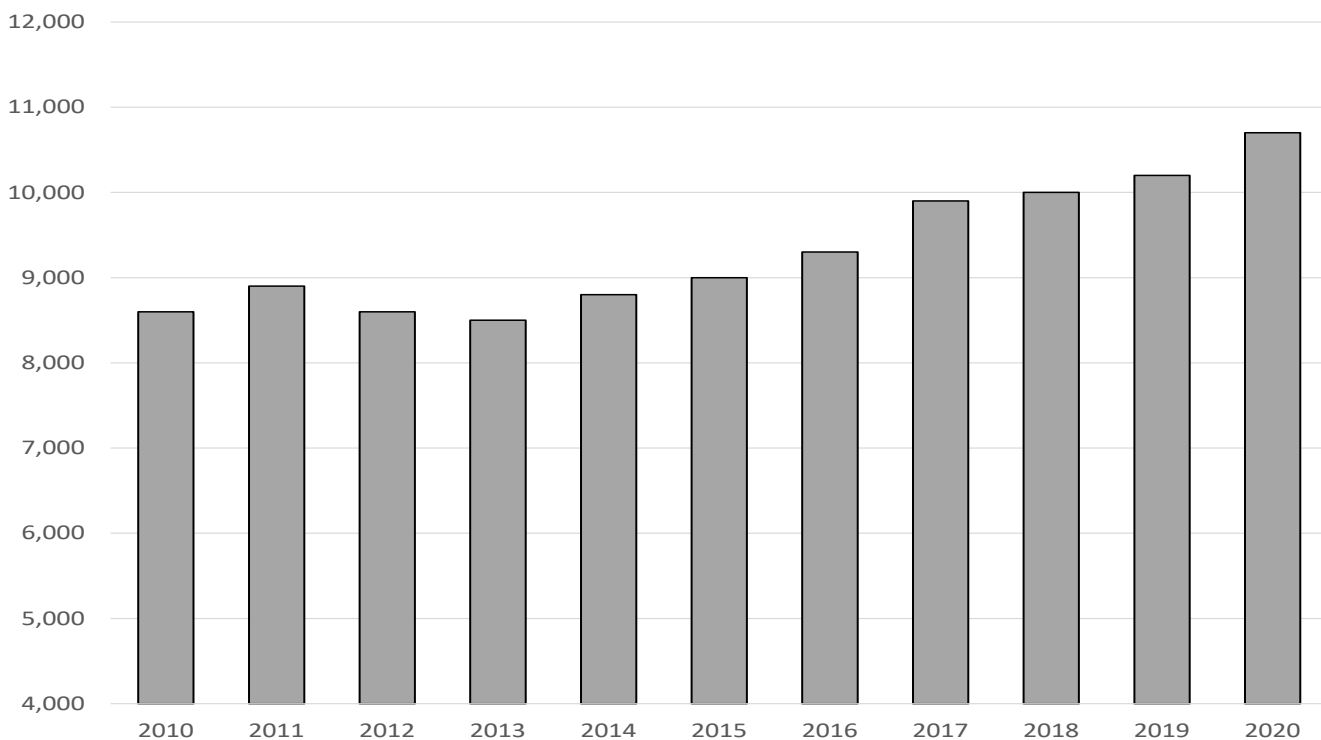
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Oct 20</u>	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	62.3	61.7	61.5	0.6	0.8
Goods Producing	10.7	10.6	10.2	0.1	0.5
Service Providing	51.6	51.1	51.3	0.5	0.3
Government	8.7	8.7	9.2	0.0	-0.5

### Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

November: 2010 - 2020





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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>Nov 20</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>OTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	33,469	33,665	34,794	-196	-1,325
Employment	30,774	30,968	33,183	-194	-2,409
Unemployment	2,695	2,697	1,611	-2	1,084
Unemployment Rate	8.1	8.0	4.6	0.1	3.5

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>OTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	31.6	31.4	32.9	0.2	-1.3
Goods Producing	5.6	5.6	5.9	0.0	-0.3
Service Providing	26.0	25.8	27.0	0.2	-1.0
Government	8.3	8.3	9.2	0.0	-0.9

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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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.

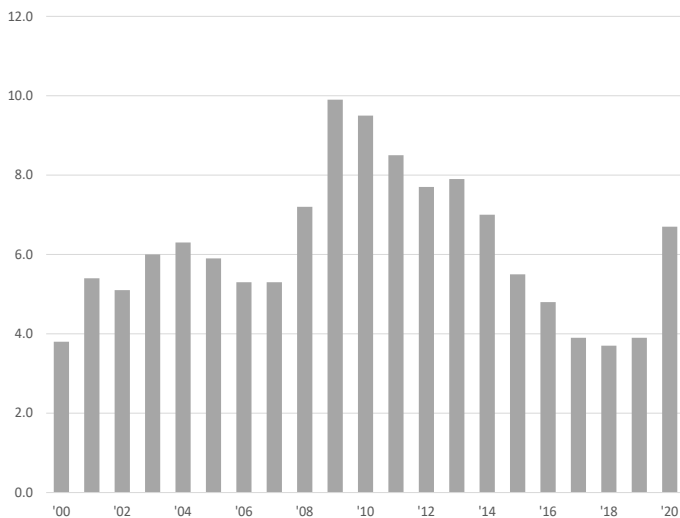
	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	665,684	658,162	648,047	7,522	17,637
Employment	621,198	594,775	622,983	26,423	-1,785
Unemployment	44,486	63,387	25,064	-18,901	19,422
Unemployment Rate	6.7	9.6	3.9	-2.9	2.8

##### Texarkana MSA

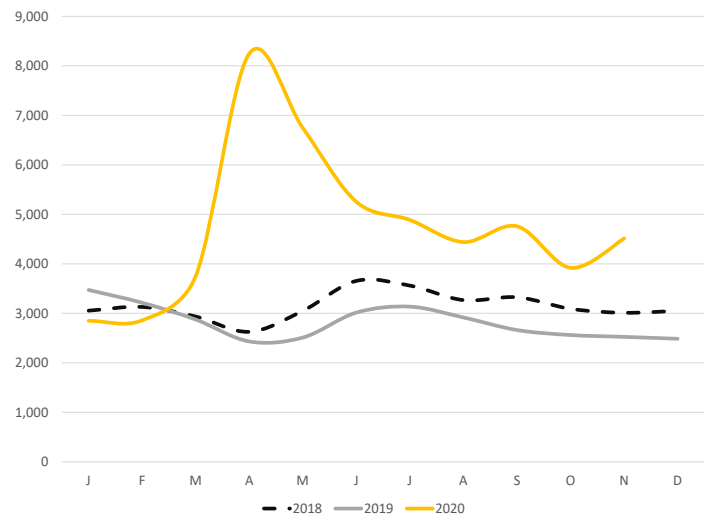
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	65,848	65,464	65,489	384	359
Employment	61,335	61,545	62,965	-210	-1,630
Unemployment	4,513	3,919	2,524	594	1,989
Unemployment Rate	6.9	6.0	3.9	0.9	3.0

**Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates**  
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**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment**  
January 2018 - November 2020





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## MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND CITIES

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

#### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	November 2020				October 2020				November 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,392	8,895	497	5.3	9,437	8,947	490	5.2	9,803	9,483	320	3.3
Batesville Micro	16,277	15,486	791	4.9	16,425	15,591	834	5.1	16,553	15,952	601	3.6
Blytheville Micro	17,131	15,651	1,480	8.6	17,190	15,726	1,464	8.5	17,233	16,530	703	4.1
Camden Micro	11,857	11,226	631	5.3	11,870	11,264	606	5.1	12,230	11,707	523	4.3
El Dorado Micro	15,322	14,121	1,201	7.8	15,401	14,198	1,203	7.8	15,776	15,011	765	4.8
Forrest City Micro	8,028	7,411	617	7.7	8,082	7,461	621	7.7	8,111	7,766	345	4.3
Harrison Micro	18,844	18,013	831	4.4	19,007	18,181	826	4.3	19,354	18,812	542	2.8
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,181	5,630	551	8.9	6,226	5,678	548	8.8	6,306	5,961	345	5.5
Hope Micro	13,011	12,393	618	4.7	13,089	12,478	611	4.7	13,494	13,048	446	3.3
Magnolia Micro	9,190	8,557	633	6.9	9,203	8,588	615	6.7	9,224	8,868	356	3.9
Malvern Micro	13,559	12,820	739	5.5	13,652	12,903	749	5.5	13,983	13,549	434	3.1
Mountain Home Micro	15,761	14,931	830	5.3	15,850	15,029	821	5.2	16,191	15,639	552	3.4
Paragould Micro	19,609	18,646	963	4.9	19,719	18,783	936	4.7	20,052	19,444	608	3.0
Russellville Micro	36,377	34,573	1,804	5.0	36,535	34,811	1,724	4.7	37,337	36,065	1,272	3.4
Searcy Micro	32,651	30,752	1,899	5.8	32,759	30,974	1,785	5.4	33,758	32,436	1,322	3.9

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties

Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

#### City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	November 2020				October 2020				November 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,189	11,528	661	5.4	12,198	11,538	660	5.4	12,343	11,995	348	2.8
Benton	16,459	15,687	772	4.7	16,643	15,811	832	5.0	17,492	17,060	432	2.5
Bentonville	26,678	25,708	970	3.6	26,748	25,730	1,018	3.8	27,280	26,749	531	1.9
Blytheville	5,943	5,271	672	11.3	5,987	5,297	690	11.5	5,857	5,567	290	5.0
Cabot	11,493	10,930	563	4.9	11,542	11,027	515	4.5	12,194	11,842	352	2.9
Conway	31,933	30,386	1,547	4.8	32,179	30,643	1,536	4.8	33,859	33,009	850	2.5
El Dorado	6,713	6,117	596	8.9	6,803	6,150	653	9.6	6,853	6,502	351	5.1
Fayetteville	47,997	45,687	2,310	4.8	48,131	45,750	2,381	4.9	48,600	47,531	1,069	2.2
Fort Smith	37,770	35,625	2,145	5.7	37,832	35,666	2,166	5.7	39,367	38,227	1,140	2.9
Hot Springs	14,639	13,363	1,276	8.7	14,843	13,479	1,364	9.2	14,515	13,983	532	3.7
Jacksonville	11,311	10,319	992	8.8	11,418	10,398	1,020	8.9	11,724	11,225	499	4.3
Jonesboro	39,737	37,815	1,922	4.8	39,991	37,917	2,074	5.2	39,633	38,721	912	2.3
Little Rock	93,928	86,840	7,088	7.5	95,015	87,505	7,510	7.9	97,391	94,460	2,931	3.0
North Little Rock	29,136	26,642	2,494	8.6	29,469	26,846	2,623	8.9	29,984	28,979	1,005	3.4
Paragould	12,491	11,781	710	5.7	12,581	11,868	713	5.7	12,689	12,286	403	3.2
Pine Bluff	16,071	14,383	1,688	10.5	16,173	14,457	1,716	10.6	16,497	15,541	956	5.8
Rogers	35,489	34,032	1,457	4.1	35,504	34,062	1,442	4.1	36,152	35,410	742	2.1
Russellville	12,994	12,422	572	4.4	13,045	12,499	546	4.2	13,385	12,974	411	3.1
Searcy	9,845	9,375	470	4.8	9,897	9,443	454	4.6	10,209	9,889	320	3.1
Sherwood	15,322	14,381	941	6.1	15,482	14,492	990	6.4	16,069	15,644	425	2.6
Springdale	39,303	37,637	1,666	4.2	39,319	37,687	1,632	4.2	39,981	39,157	824	2.1
Texarkana, AR	13,563	12,602	961	7.1	13,584	12,650	934	6.9	13,622	13,112	510	3.7
Van Buren	9,959	9,489	470	4.7	9,990	9,503	487	4.9	10,449	10,168	281	2.7
West Memphis	10,405	9,435	970	9.3	10,498	9,497	1,001	9.5	10,611	10,178	433	4.1



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## COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	November 2020				October 2020				November 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,243	8,850	393	4.3	9,278	8,909	369	4.0	9,385	9,129	256	2.7
Ashley	7,323	6,670	653	8.9	7,379	6,709	670	9.1	7,566	7,196	370	4.9
Baxter	15,761	14,931	830	5.3	15,850	15,029	821	5.2	16,191	15,639	552	3.4
Benton	136,066	130,339	5,727	4.2	136,224	130,452	5,772	4.2	138,707	135,615	3,092	2.2
Boone	15,614	14,915	699	4.5	15,743	15,043	700	4.4	16,031	15,588	443	2.8
Bradley	4,398	4,156	242	5.5	4,400	4,178	222	5.0	4,453	4,307	146	3.3
Calhoun	2,381	2,265	116	4.9	2,391	2,278	113	4.7	2,443	2,352	91	3.7
Carroll	12,460	11,847	613	4.9	12,587	11,975	612	4.9	12,720	12,402	318	2.5
Chicot	3,161	2,816	345	10.9	3,191	2,843	348	10.9	3,239	3,053	186	5.7
Clark	9,392	8,895	497	5.3	9,437	8,947	490	5.2	9,803	9,483	320	3.3
Clay	5,429	5,167	262	4.8	5,480	5,227	253	4.6	5,613	5,368	245	4.4
Cleburne	8,848	8,248	600	6.8	8,939	8,349	590	6.6	9,092	8,709	383	4.2
Cleveland	3,092	2,893	199	6.4	3,117	2,921	196	6.3	3,213	3,098	115	3.6
Columbia	9,190	8,557	633	6.9	9,203	8,588	615	6.7	9,224	8,868	356	3.9
Conway	7,995	7,536	459	5.7	8,012	7,585	427	5.3	8,289	7,991	298	3.6
Craighead	56,317	53,718	2,599	4.6	56,541	53,863	2,678	4.7	56,299	55,005	1,294	2.3
Crawford	25,704	24,408	1,296	5.0	25,746	24,443	1,303	5.1	26,895	26,153	742	2.8
Crittenden	20,865	19,248	1,617	7.7	21,040	19,374	1,666	7.9	21,511	20,765	746	3.5
Cross	7,278	6,854	424	5.8	7,324	6,906	418	5.7	7,394	7,120	274	3.7
Dallas	2,668	2,542	126	4.7	2,681	2,558	123	4.6	2,831	2,714	117	4.1
Desha	5,260	4,904	356	6.8	5,296	4,937	359	6.8	5,410	5,200	210	3.9
Drew	7,578	7,102	476	6.3	7,625	7,154	471	6.2	7,935	7,572	363	4.6
Faulkner	58,544	55,640	2,904	5.0	58,979	56,112	2,867	4.9	62,075	60,443	1,632	2.6
Franklin	7,299	6,917	382	5.2	7,348	6,975	373	5.1	7,457	7,239	218	2.9
Fulton	4,899	4,660	239	4.9	4,954	4,734	220	4.4	4,925	4,770	155	3.1
Garland	40,565	37,591	2,974	7.3	40,997	37,917	3,080	7.5	40,659	39,335	1,324	3.3
Grant	7,889	7,501	388	4.9	7,937	7,556	381	4.8	8,379	8,134	245	2.9
Greene	19,609	18,646	963	4.9	19,719	18,783	936	4.7	20,052	19,444	608	3.0
Hempstead	9,504	9,071	433	4.6	9,560	9,136	424	4.4	9,869	9,544	325	3.3
Hot Spring	13,559	12,820	739	5.5	13,652	12,903	749	5.5	13,983	13,549	434	3.1
Howard	5,441	5,186	255	4.7	5,475	5,223	252	4.6	5,698	5,537	161	2.8
Independence	16,277	15,486	791	4.9	16,425	15,591	834	5.1	16,553	15,952	601	3.6
Izard	4,717	4,378	339	7.2	4,762	4,434	328	6.9	4,862	4,620	242	5.0
Jackson	5,516	5,133	383	6.9	5,536	5,172	364	6.6	5,830	5,484	346	5.9
Jefferson	26,618	24,344	2,274	8.5	26,760	24,469	2,291	8.6	27,654	26,303	1,351	4.9
Johnson	9,879	9,337	542	5.5	9,932	9,408	524	5.3	10,263	9,900	363	3.5
Lafayette	2,448	2,242	206	8.4	2,469	2,270	199	8.1	2,450	2,350	100	4.1
Lawrence	6,859	6,477	382	5.6	6,909	6,530	379	5.5	6,868	6,617	251	3.7
Lee	2,743	2,543	200	7.3	2,762	2,565	197	7.1	2,820	2,701	119	4.2
Lincoln	3,759	3,537	222	5.9	3,788	3,578	210	5.5	3,927	3,782	145	3.7
Little River	5,440	5,118	322	5.9	5,446	5,125	321	5.9	5,541	5,329	212	3.8
Logan	8,102	7,608	494	6.1	8,153	7,665	488	6.0	8,532	8,196	336	3.9
Lonoke	32,464	30,748	1,716	5.3	32,743	31,022	1,721	5.3	34,303	33,315	988	2.9
Madison	7,385	7,096	289	3.9	7,429	7,141	288	3.9	7,490	7,329	161	2.1
Marion	6,452	6,061	391	6.1	6,499	6,138	361	5.6	6,573	6,354	219	3.3
Miller	19,554	18,339	1,215	6.2	19,585	18,410	1,175	6.0	19,772	19,082	690	3.5

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## COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	Not Seasonally Adjusted											
	November 2020				October 2020				November 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,131	15,651	1,480	8.6	17,190	15,726	1,464	8.5	17,233	16,530	703	4.1
Monroe	2,744	2,543	201	7.3	2,743	2,561	182	6.6	2,718	2,611	107	3.9
Montgomery	2,869	2,679	190	6.6	2,904	2,728	176	6.1	2,891	2,766	125	4.3
Nevada	3,507	3,322	185	5.3	3,529	3,342	187	5.3	3,625	3,504	121	3.3
Newton	3,230	3,098	132	4.1	3,264	3,138	126	3.9	3,323	3,224	99	3.0
Ouachita	9,476	8,961	515	5.4	9,479	8,986	493	5.2	9,787	9,355	432	4.4
Perry	3,982	3,781	201	5.0	4,019	3,824	195	4.9	4,221	4,087	134	3.2
Phillips	6,181	5,630	551	8.9	6,226	5,678	548	8.8	6,306	5,961	345	5.5
Pike	4,196	3,940	256	6.1	4,223	3,988	235	5.6	4,204	4,059	145	3.4
Poinsett	10,398	9,887	511	4.9	10,445	9,937	508	4.9	10,391	10,089	302	2.9
Polk	7,892	7,396	496	6.3	7,943	7,479	464	5.8	8,151	7,823	328	4.0
Pope	28,152	26,717	1,435	5.1	28,254	26,884	1,370	4.8	28,922	27,905	1,017	3.5
Prairie	3,505	3,317	188	5.4	3,542	3,360	182	5.1	3,576	3,443	133	3.7
Pulaski	182,257	168,697	13,560	7.4	184,164	169,990	14,174	7.7	189,276	183,501	5,775	3.1
Randolph	7,269	6,851	418	5.8	7,299	6,914	385	5.3	7,345	7,106	239	3.3
St. Francis	8,028	7,411	617	7.7	8,082	7,461	621	7.7	8,111	7,766	345	4.3
Saline	55,352	52,737	2,615	4.7	55,816	53,155	2,661	4.8	58,825	57,355	1,470	2.5
Scott	4,269	4,078	191	4.5	4,296	4,113	183	4.3	4,307	4,175	132	3.1
Searcy	2,768	2,619	149	5.4	2,812	2,659	153	5.4	2,814	2,698	116	4.1
Sebastian	54,364	51,338	3,026	5.6	54,404	51,397	3,007	5.5	56,702	55,087	1,615	2.8
Sevier	5,391	5,069	322	6.0	5,430	5,124	306	5.6	5,498	5,275	223	4.1
Sharp	5,630	5,242	388	6.9	5,667	5,305	362	6.4	5,681	5,428	253	4.5
Stone	4,622	4,292	330	7.1	4,673	4,368	305	6.5	4,623	4,433	190	4.1
Union	15,322	14,121	1,201	7.8	15,401	14,198	1,203	7.8	15,776	15,011	765	4.8
Van Buren	5,585	5,195	390	7.0	5,632	5,261	371	6.6	5,662	5,415	247	4.4
Washington	124,326	118,893	5,433	4.4	124,504	119,055	5,449	4.4	126,299	123,692	2,607	2.1
White	32,651	30,752	1,899	5.8	32,759	30,974	1,785	5.4	33,758	32,436	1,322	3.9
Woodruff	2,690	2,522	168	6.2	2,699	2,541	158	5.9	2,753	2,625	128	4.6
Yell	8,225	7,856	369	4.5	8,281	7,927	354	4.3	8,415	8,160	255	3.0

### County Labor Force Summary

Between October and November, unemployment rates increased in 52 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates were stable in fourteen counties, while nine counties posted rate declines. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 3.9 percent in Madison County to a high of 10.9 percent in Chicot County.

In November, sixteen counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is up slightly from the 12 counties at or above seven percent last month. One county-- Madison County-- reported a jobless rate below 4 percent.

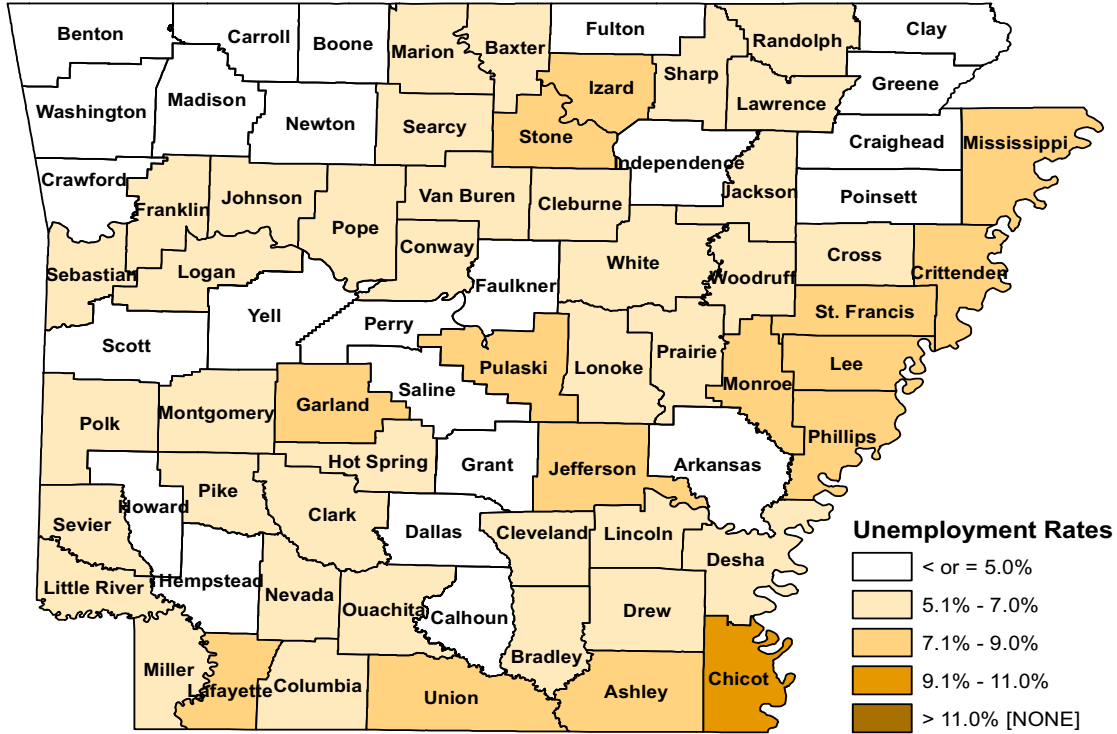
Compared to November 2019, unemployment rates are up in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rate increases ranged from as small as a four-tenths of a percentage point gain in Clay County to as much as a five and two-tenths of a percentage point increase in Chicot County.



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## County Unemployment Rates



## Ranked by Unemployment Rates

November 2020 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Madison	3.9	26	Franklin	5.2	51	Drew	6.3
2	Newton	4.1	27	Baxter	5.3	51	Polk	6.3
3	Benton	4.2	27	Clark	5.3	53	Cleveland	6.4
4	Arkansas	4.3	27	Lonoke	5.3	54	Montgomery	6.6
5	Washington	4.4	27	Nevada	5.3	55	Cleburne	6.8
6	Boone	4.5	31	Ouachita	5.4	55	Desha	6.8
6	Scott	4.5	31	Prairie	5.4	57	Columbia	6.9
6	Yell	4.5	31	Searcy	5.4	57	Jackson	6.9
9	Craighead	4.6	34	Bradley	5.5	57	Sharp	6.9
9	Hempstead	4.6	34	Hot Spring	5.5	60	Van Buren	7.0
11	Dallas	4.7	34	Johnson	5.5	61	Stone	7.1
11	Howard	4.7	37	Lawrence	5.6	62	Izard	7.2
11	Saline	4.7	37	Sebastian	5.6	63	Garland	7.3
14	Clay	4.8	39	Conway	5.7	63	Lee	7.3
15	Calhoun	4.9	40	Cross	5.8	63	Monroe	7.3
15	Carroll	4.9	40	Randolph	5.8	66	Pulaski	7.4
15	Fulton	4.9	40	White	5.8	67	Crittenden	7.7
15	Grant	4.9	43	Lincoln	5.9	67	St. Francis	7.7
15	Greene	4.9	43	Little River	5.9	69	Union	7.8
15	Independence	4.9	45	Sevier	6.0	70	Lafayette	8.4
15	Poinsett	4.9	46	Logan	6.1	71	Jefferson	8.5
22	Crawford	5.0	46	Marion	6.1	72	Mississippi	8.6
22	Faulkner	5.0	46	Pike	6.1	73	Ashley	8.9
22	Perry	5.0	49	Miller	6.2	73	Phillips	8.9
25	Pope	5.1	49	Woodruff	6.2	75	Chicot	10.9



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## LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	November 2020				October 2020				November 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	240,938	226,842	14,096	5.9	242,972	228,695	14,277	5.9	253,382	246,208	7,174	2.8
City of Little Rock	93,928	86,840	7,088	7.5	95,015	87,505	7,510	7.9	97,391	94,460	2,931	3.0
Eastern	45,095	41,686	3,409	7.6	45,434	41,984	3,450	7.6	46,142	44,313	1,829	4.0
North Central	91,435	85,908	5,527	6.0	92,046	86,729	5,317	5.8	93,739	89,872	3,867	4.1
Northeast	123,012	116,397	6,615	5.4	123,583	116,980	6,603	5.3	123,801	120,159	3,642	2.9
Northwest	324,062	309,799	14,263	4.4	324,912	310,630	14,282	4.4	330,148	322,541	7,607	2.3
Southeast	78,321	72,773	5,548	7.1	78,771	73,254	5,517	7.0	81,161	77,774	3,387	4.2
Southwest	90,322	84,793	5,529	6.1	90,649	85,238	5,411	6.0	92,514	88,921	3,593	3.9
West Central	128,814	121,152	7,662	5.9	129,711	122,111	7,600	5.9	131,650	127,235	4,415	3.4
Western	107,630	101,745	5,885	5.5	107,890	102,072	5,818	5.4	112,044	108,673	3,371	3.0

