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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious 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 col- lected for production workers in manufactur- ing industries.

Industries are classi- fied according to the North American In- dustry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2020 benchmark.

**Explanation of Terms and Concepts**

**Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample sur- vey designed to pro- vide industry infor- mation on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bu- reau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Work- force Services. The data are based on establish- ment records and in- clude all workers, full- or part-time, who re- ceived pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas busi- ness establishments are surveyed.

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

A term applied by the

U.S. Office of Manage- ment 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 sur- vey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to pro- vide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conduct- ed each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The informa- tion is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the cal- endar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

**Civilian Labor Force**

The sum of all em- ployed and unem- ployed 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 work- ers 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 seek- ing work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

**Unemployment Rate**

The number of unem- ployed 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, ma- jor holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

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**August Spotlight**

# Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced and published on a quarterly basis. At this time, BED data is only available at the national and statewide levels.

The information produced from BED statistics includes gross job gains and losses at estab- lishments with changes in em- ployment. These employment changes occur when establish- ments open/expand or close/ contract. Gross job gains are a combination of jobs created from both openings of new businesses and expansions at existing businesses. Gross job losses are a combination of jobs lost from both exist- ing businesses that close and those that reduce their number of employees. The net change is the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses.

**Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)**

State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)

**-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**Quarter Ending**

**----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**Category | Dec 19 | Mar 20 | Jun 20 | Sep 20 | Dec 20\***

**----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**Employment Levels**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 4th Quarter 2020

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gross job gains..... | 66,058 | 52,888 | 47,653 | 72,104 | 69,930 |
| Gross job losses.... | 49,413 | 56,439 | 119,256 | 54,052 | 50,864 |
| **Net Change**.......... | **16,645** | **-3,551** | **-71,603** | **18,052** | **19,066** |

**Arkansas’ Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)**

4th Quarter 2018 - 4th Quarter 2020

130,000

120,000

110,000

100,000

90,000

80,000

70,000

60,000

50,000

40,000

Dec '18 Mar '19 Jun '19 Sep '19 Dec '19 Mar '20 Jun '20 Sep '20 Dec '20 Gross Job Gains Gross Job Losses

**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 decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 4.3 percent in July to 4.2 percent in August. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose 1,651, a result of 3,412 more employed and 1,761 fewer unemployed Arkansans. At 5.2 percent, the United States’ jobless rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point in August.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “At 4.2 percent, Arkansas’ unemployment rate de- clined for the second consecutive month. There are 3,412 more employed Arkansans than last month and 45,354 more employed compared to August 2020.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,300,179 1,296,767 1,254,825 Employment 1,306,344 1,306,924 1,263,284

Unemployment 57,210 58,971 86,531 Unemployment 51,514 62,998 84,611

Unemployment Rate 4.2 4.3 6.5 Unemployment Rate 3.8 4.6 6.3

U.S. Unemployment 5.2 5.4 8.4 U.S. Unemployment 5.3 5.7 8.5

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** |  | **Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,357,389 | 1,355,738 | 1,341,356 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,357,858 | 1,369,922 | 1,347,895 |

1,340,000

**Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)**

August: 2001 - 2021

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

1,180,000

1,160,000

1,140,000

2001 2003 2005 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017 2019 2021

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1259.2 | 1257.2 | 1226.9 | 2.0 | 32.3 |
| Goods Producing | 217.8 | 220.0 | 212.1 | -2.2 | 5.7 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 57.8 | 58.3 | 59.1 | -0.5 | -1.3 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.6** | **5.5** | **5.5** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Construction** | **52.2** | **52.8** | **53.6** | **-0.6** | **-1.4** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 33.1 | 33.2 | 34.1 | -0.1 | -1.0 |
| **Manufacturing** | **160.0** | **161.7** | **153.0** | **-1.7** | **7.0** |
| Durable Goods | 82.1 | 82.8 | 71.6 | -0.7 | 10.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 77.9 | 78.9 | 81.4 | -1.0 | -3.5 |
| Service Providing | 1041.4 | 1037.2 | 1014.8 | 4.2 | 26.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **250.1** | **250.6** | **247.4** | **-0.5** | **2.7** |
| Wholesale Trade | 46.2 | 46.8 | 45.9 | -0.6 | 0.3 |
| Retail Trade | 138.5 | 138.1 | 136.9 | 0.4 | 1.6 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 65.4 | 65.7 | 64.6 | -0.3 | 0.8 |
| **Information** | **12.6** | **12.5** | **11.3** | **0.1** | **1.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **66.1** | **67.0** | **63.9** | **-0.9** | **2.2** |
| Finance & Insurance | 52.3 | 53.2 | 50.2 | -0.9 | 2.1 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.8 | 13.8 | 13.7 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **147.8** | **146.9** | **135.3** | **0.9** | **12.5** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43.2 | 43.5 | 42.0 | -0.3 | 1.2 |
| Management of Companies | 34.8 | 34.5 | 32.9 | 0.3 | 1.9 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 69.8 | 68.9 | 60.4 | 0.9 | 9.4 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **188.2** | **186.5** | **183.7** | **1.7** | **4.5** |
| Educational Services | 14.4 | 14.2 | 12.7 | 0.2 | 1.7 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 173.8 | 172.3 | 171.0 | 1.5 | 2.8 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 61.1 | 60.4 | 59.1 | 0.7 | 2.0 |
| Social Assistance | 36.7 | 35.9 | 36.6 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **116.7** | **115.7** | **107.7** | **1.0** | **9.0** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 13.4 | 14.0 | 10.6 | -0.6 | 2.8 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 103.3 | 101.7 | 97.1 | 1.6 | 6.2 |
| Accommodation Services | 10.3 | 10.5 | 9.4 | -0.2 | 0.9 |
| Food Services | 93.0 | 91.2 | 87.7 | 1.8 | 5.3 |
| **Other Services** | **66.5** | **67.6** | **64.8** | **-1.1** | **1.7** |
| **Government** | **193.4** | **190.4** | **200.7** | **3.0** | **-7.3** |
| Federal Government | 20.5 | 20.6 | 24.1 | -0.1 | -3.6 |
| State Government | 73.3 | 71.6 | 73.0 | 1.7 | 0.3 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 26.7 | 25.0 | 25.8 | 1.7 | 0.9 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.6 | 46.6 | 47.2 | 0.0 | -0.6 |
| Local Government | 99.6 | 98.2 | 103.6 | 1.4 | -4.0 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 55.6 | 53.5 | 60.2 | 2.1 | -4.6 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 44.0 | 44.7 | 43.4 | -0.7 | 0.6 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**July 2021 - August 2021**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs rose 2,000 in August to total 1,259,200. Six major industry sectors post- ed gains, while five sectors reported job losses. **Government** posted the largest increase, adding 3,000 jobs. All expansions were in local government-educational services (+2,100) and state government-ed- ucational services (+1,700), related to the start of the 2021-2022 public school year. **Educational and health services** added 1,700 jobs, mostly in health care and social assistance (+1,500). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 1,000. Hiring in accommodation and food services (+1,600) more than offset sea- sonal contractions in arts, entertainment, and recreation (-600). **Manufacturing** declined 1,700. Losses occurred in both nondurable (-1,000) and durable (-700) goods manufacturing. Jobs in **other services** decreased 1,100. The sector includes activities such as commercial machinery repair, dry cleaning ser- vices, and civic organizations.

**August 2020 - August 2021**

Compared to August 2020, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 32,300. Nine major industry sectors posted growth, with six sectors adding 2,200 or more jobs, each. **Professional and business services** rose 12,500. A majority of the expansion was in administrative and support services (+9,400), a sub- sector which includes employment agencies. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** increased 9,000, mostly in accommodation and food services (+6,200). **Manufacturing** added 7,000 jobs. Hiring in durable goods (+10,500) were offset by contractions in nondurable goods (-3,500) manufacturing. Jobs in **edu- cational and health services** rose 4,500, spread across all subsectors. Other notable gains were posted in **trade-transportation-utilities** (+2,700) and in **financial services** (+2,200). **Government** reported the largest over-the-year decline, down 7,300. The greatest loss was reported in local government- educational services (-4,600).

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

August 2019 - August 2021

150,000

145,000

140,000

135,000

130,000

125,000

120,000

Aug '19

Feb '20

Aug '20

Feb '21

Aug '21

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Aug 21**

Average Weekly Hours 40.6

Average Hourly Earnings 20.35

Average Weekly Earnings 826.21

**Jul 21**

40.8

20.10

820.08

**Aug 20**

38.0

18.52

703.76

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Aug 21**

Average Weekly Hours 40.0

Average Hourly Earnings 21.76

Average Weekly Earnings 870.40

**Jul 21**

40.0

21.63

865.20

**Aug 20**

37.2

20.48

761.86

**Aug 21**

Average Weekly Hours 41.3

Average Hourly Earnings 18.92

Average Weekly Earnings 781.40

**Jul 21**

41.6

18.55

771.68

**Aug 20**

38.7

16.89

653.64

$23.00

**Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Manufacturing (Production Workers)**

August: 2011 - 2021

$21.00

$19.00

$17.00

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
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|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

$15.00

$13.00

$11.00

$9.00

$7.00

$5.00

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

## 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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 352,036 | 359,951 | 353,922 | -7,915 | -1,886 |
| **Employment** | 337,962 | 343,046 | 328,919 | -5,084 | 9,043 |
| **Unemployment** | 14,074 | 16,905 | 25,003 | -2,831 | -10,929 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.0 | 4.7 | 7.1 | -0.7 | -3.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 352.6 | 352.5 | 344.2 | 0.1 | 8.4 |
| **Goods Producing** 36.7 | 37.0 | 36.7 | -0.3 | 0.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.7** | **17.9** | **17.8** | **-0.2** | **-0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 19.0** | **19.1** | **18.9** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Service Providing** 315.9 | 315.5 | 307.5 | 0.4 | 8.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 68.0** | **68.3** | **68.3** | **-0.3** | **-0.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 15.3 | 15.3 | 15.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 36.9 | 37.1 | 37.2 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 15.8 | 15.9 | 16.0 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Information 5.3** | **5.3** | **5.2** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 23.3** | **23.6** | **22.1** | **-0.3** | **1.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 44.2** | **44.8** | **42.8** | **-0.6** | **1.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services 59.4** | **58.4** | **56.3** | **1.0** | **3.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 32.1** | **32.3** | **29.2** | **-0.2** | **2.9** |
| **Other Services 18.5** | **18.6** | **17.7** | **-0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Government 65.1** | **64.2** | **65.9** | **0.9** | **-0.8** |
| **Federal Government** 9.8 | 9.7 | 10.5 | 0.1 | -0.7 |
| **State Government** 33.3 | 32.7 | 33.2 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** 22.0 | 21.8 | 22.2 | 0.2 | -0.2 |

**Number of Unemployed**

January 2019 - August 2021

45,000

**Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality**

August: 2011 - 2021

40,000

40,000

35,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

30,000

20,000

15,000

25,000

10,000

20,000

5,000

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2019 2020 2021

15,000

'11

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

**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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 295,155 | 298,063 | 281,939 | -2,908 | 13,216 |
| **Employment** | 287,302 | 288,504 | 268,389 | -1,202 | 18,913 |
| **Unemployment** | 7,853 | 9,559 | 13,550 | -1,706 | -5,697 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.7 | 3.2 | 4.8 | -0.5 | -2.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 275.1 | 272.2 | 257.4 | 2.9 | 17.7 |
| **Goods Producing** 45.5 | 45.6 | 43.7 | -0.1 | 1.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 14.0** | **14.0** | **13.2** | **0.0** | **0.8** |
| **Manufacturing 31.5** | **31.6** | **30.5** | **-0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Service Providing** 229.6 | 226.6 | 213.7 | 3.0 | 15.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 59.4** | **58.9** | **56.2** | **0.5** | **3.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **Retail Trade** 28.5 | 28.0 | 26.3 | 0.5 | 2.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 18.4 | 18.4 | 17.9 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **Information 2.2** | **2.2** | **1.8** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Financial Activities 8.7** | **8.8** | **8.7** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 54.2** | **53.7** | **49.4** | **0.5** | **4.8** |
| **Educational & Health Services 30.8** | **30.8** | **29.0** | **0.0** | **1.8** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 28.3** | **27.3** | **23.5** | **1.0** | **4.8** |
| **Other Services 10.0** | **10.0** | **9.6** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Government 36.0** | **34.9** | **35.5** | **1.1** | **0.5** |
| **Federal Government** 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 0.0 | -0.6 |
| **State Government** 15.1 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| **Local Government** 18.0 | 17.8 | 17.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 |

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

August 2020 vs August 2021

Leisure & Hospitality

Professional & Business

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Educational & Health

Manufacturing

Mining-Logging-Construct

Government

Other Services

Information

Financial Activities

0 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 5,000 6,000

**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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 118,669 | 119,956 | 118,171 | -1,287 | 498 |
| **Employment** | 114,664 | 115,263 | 111,054 | -599 | 3,610 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,005 | 4,693 | 7,117 | -688 | -3,112 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.4 | 3.9 | 6.0 | -0.5 | -2.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 110.5 | 109.6 | 108.1 | 0.9 | 2.4 |
| **Goods Producing** 22.6 | 22.7 | 21.9 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.8** | **5.8** | **5.4** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Manufacturing 16.8** | **16.9** | **16.5** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Service Providing** 87.9 | 86.9 | 86.2 | 1.0 | 1.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 23.6** | **23.5** | **23.1** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| **Retail Trade** 11.8 | 11.9 | 12.5 | -0.1 | -0.7 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **Information 1.1** | **1.1** | **1.1** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 3.7** | **3.8** | **3.7** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 12.1** | **12.5** | **11.3** | **-0.4** | **0.8** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.8** | **16.7** | **16.3** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.6** | **9.4** | **8.9** | **0.2** | **0.7** |
| **Other Services 4.7** | **4.7** | **4.5** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government 16.3** | **15.2** | **17.3** | **1.1** | **-1.0** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| **State Government** 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| **Local Government** 12.6 | 11.5 | 13.0 | 1.1 | -0.4 |

**Employment**

August 2019 - August 2021

118,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

August: 2011 - 2021

114,000

116,000 113,000

114,000 112,000

112,000

111,000

110,000

110,000

109,000

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 108,000 |   |
| 106,000 |   |
| 104,000 |   |
| 102,000 |   |

108,000

107,000

106,000

100,000

Aug '19

Feb '20

Aug '20

Feb '21

Aug '21

105,000

'11

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,406 | 42,768 | 41,997 | -1,362 | -591 |
| **Employment** | 39,552 | 40,452 | 38,353 | -900 | 1,199 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,854 | 2,316 | 3,644 | -462 | -1,790 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.5 | 5.4 | 8.7 | -0.9 | -4.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 38.4 | 38.8 | 37.5 | -0.4 | 0.9 |
| 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.5 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| 33.8 | 34.1 | 33.0 | -0.3 | 0.8 |
| 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 0.2 | -0.2 |

37,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2019 - August 2021

35,000

33,000

31,000

29,000

27,000

25,000

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2019 2020 2021

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,353 | 67,211 | 65,316 | -858 | 1,037 |
| **Employment** | 64,215 | 64,621 | 61,547 | -406 | 2,668 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,138 | 2,590 | 3,769 | -452 | -1,631 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.2 | 3.9 | 5.8 | -0.7 | -2.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 59.3 | 59.0 | 57.3 | 0.3 | 2.0 |
| 10.9 | 10.8 | 10.3 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| 48.4 | 48.2 | 47.0 | 0.2 | 1.4 |
| 7.7 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 0.0 | -0.4 |

70,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Goods Producing + Service Providing)**

August: 2011 - 2021

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

10,000

0

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

Goods Producing Service Providing

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 34,381 | 34,727 | 34,421 | -346 | -40 |
| **Employment** | 32,435 | 32,390 | 31,641 | 45 | 794 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,946 | 2,337 | 2,780 | -391 | -834 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.7 | 6.7 | 8.1 | -1.0 | -2.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.6 | 31.2 | 31.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 26.0 | 25.6 | 25.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| 8.5 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 0.2 | -0.1 |

4,000

**Number of Unemployed**

August 2019 - August 2021

3,500

3,000

2,500

2,000

1,500

1,000

500

0

Aug '19

Feb '20

Aug '20

Feb '21

Aug '21

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 651,099 | 662,461 | 658,410 | -11,362 | -7,311 |
| **Employment** | 611,342 | 616,637 | 586,640 | -5,295 | 24,702 |
| **Unemployment** | 39,757 | 45,824 | 71,770 | -6,067 | -32,013 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.1 | 6.9 | 10.9 | -0.8 | -4.8 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 21** | **Jul 21** | **Aug 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,073 | 63,867 | 63,855 | -794 | -782 |
| **Employment** | 59,832 | 60,110 | 59,774 | -278 | 58 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,241 | 3,757 | 4,081 | -516 | -840 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.1 | 5.9 | 6.4 | -0.8 | -1.3 |

630,000

**Memphis MSA - Employment**

August: 2011 - 2021

9,000

**Texarkana MSA - Number of Unemployed**

August 2019 - August 2021

620,000

8,000

610,000

7,000

600,000

6,000

590,000

5,000

580,000

4,000

570,000

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Aug '19

Feb '20

Aug '20

Feb '21

Aug '21

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**August 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**July 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,881 | 8,457 | 424 | 4.8 | 8,740 | 8,212 | 528 | 6.0 | 9,224 | 8,692 | 532 | 5.8 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,298 | 15,656 | 642 | 3.9 | 16,431 | 15,640 | 791 | 4.8 | 16,166 | 15,307 | 859 | 5.3 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,572 | 15,450 | 1,122 | 6.8 | 16,804 | 15,262 | 1,542 | 9.2 | 17,068 | 15,470 | 1,598 | 9.4 |
| Camden Micro | 12,163 | 11,719 | 444 | 3.7 | 12,135 | 11,609 | 526 | 4.3 | 12,088 | 11,424 | 664 | 5.5 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,351 | 14,443 | 908 | 5.9 | 15,295 | 14,200 | 1,095 | 7.2 | 15,478 | 14,148 | 1,330 | 8.6 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,838 | 7,394 | 444 | 5.7 | 7,797 | 7,246 | 551 | 7.1 | 8,030 | 7,378 | 652 | 8.1 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,747 | 18,216 | 531 | 2.8 | 18,602 | 17,936 | 666 | 3.6 | 18,669 | 17,757 | 912 | 4.9 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,039 | 5,618 | 421 | 7.0 | 5,929 | 5,416 | 513 | 8.7 | 6,419 | 5,856 | 563 | 8.8 |
| Hope Micro | 12,651 | 12,191 | 460 | 3.6 | 12,687 | 12,121 | 566 | 4.5 | 12,857 | 12,152 | 705 | 5.5 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,733 | 8,283 | 450 | 5.2 | 8,539 | 7,976 | 563 | 6.6 | 8,880 | 8,235 | 645 | 7.3 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,988 | 13,475 | 513 | 3.7 | 14,136 | 13,494 | 642 | 4.5 | 14,119 | 13,272 | 847 | 6.0 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,397 | 15,826 | 571 | 3.5 | 16,431 | 15,735 | 696 | 4.2 | 16,595 | 15,697 | 898 | 5.4 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,274 | 18,651 | 623 | 3.2 | 19,425 | 18,633 | 792 | 4.1 | 19,224 | 18,116 | 1,108 | 5.8 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,048 | 33,655 | 1,393 | 4.0 | 34,955 | 33,186 | 1,769 | 5.1 | 34,945 | 32,973 | 1,972 | 5.6 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,825 | 32,537 | 1,288 | 3.8 | 33,299 | 31,737 | 1,562 | 4.7 | 33,825 | 31,823 | 2,002 | 5.9 |

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

**City Labor Force Statistics**

**City**

**CLF**

**August 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**July 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County Paragould Micro = Greene County Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties Searcy Micro = White County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 12,706 | 12,319 | 387 | 3.0 | 12,855 | 12,370 | 485 | 3.8 | 12,192 | 11,504 | 688 | 5.6 |
| Benton | 17,276 | 16,768 | 508 | 2.9 | 17,665 | 17,033 | 632 | 3.6 | 17,273 | 16,332 | 941 | 5.4 |
| Bentonville | 29,983 | 29,297 | 686 | 2.3 | 30,293 | 29,418 | 875 | 2.9 | 28,554 | 27,359 | 1,195 | 4.2 |
| Blytheville | 5,581 | 5,189 | 392 | 7.0 | 5,780 | 5,126 | 654 | 11.3 | 5,914 | 5,196 | 718 | 12.1 |
| Cabot | 11,869 | 11,491 | 378 | 3.2 | 12,055 | 11,622 | 433 | 3.6 | 11,733 | 11,137 | 596 | 5.1 |
| Conway | 33,962 | 32,752 | 1,210 | 3.6 | 34,693 | 33,240 | 1,453 | 4.2 | 33,568 | 31,849 | 1,719 | 5.1 |
| El Dorado | 6,674 | 6,230 | 444 | 6.7 | 6,699 | 6,125 | 574 | 8.6 | 6,858 | 6,102 | 756 | 11.0 |
| Fayetteville | 50,509 | 48,990 | 1,519 | 3.0 | 51,111 | 49,207 | 1,904 | 3.7 | 48,558 | 45,736 | 2,822 | 5.8 |
| Fort Smith | 38,824 | 37,488 | 1,336 | 3.4 | 39,286 | 37,732 | 1,554 | 4.0 | 38,819 | 36,481 | 2,338 | 6.0 |
| Hot Springs | 15,524 | 14,642 | 882 | 5.7 | 16,028 | 14,975 | 1,053 | 6.6 | 15,821 | 14,198 | 1,623 | 10.3 |
| Jacksonville | 11,542 | 10,879 | 663 | 5.7 | 11,871 | 11,051 | 820 | 6.9 | 11,857 | 10,599 | 1,258 | 10.6 |
| Jonesboro | 39,734 | 38,394 | 1,340 | 3.4 | 40,301 | 38,680 | 1,621 | 4.0 | 39,288 | 36,847 | 2,441 | 6.2 |
| Little Rock | 96,287 | 91,452 | 4,835 | 5.0 | 98,501 | 92,895 | 5,606 | 5.7 | 97,736 | 89,101 | 8,635 | 8.8 |
| North Little Rock | 29,592 | 28,042 | 1,550 | 5.2 | 30,378 | 28,484 | 1,894 | 6.2 | 30,468 | 27,321 | 3,147 | 10.3 |
| Paragould | 12,248 | 11,815 | 433 | 3.5 | 12,354 | 11,803 | 551 | 4.5 | 12,314 | 11,476 | 838 | 6.8 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,330 | 15,116 | 1,214 | 7.4 | 16,543 | 15,118 | 1,425 | 8.6 | 16,517 | 14,792 | 1,725 | 10.4 |
| Rogers | 37,634 | 36,673 | 961 | 2.6 | 37,885 | 36,825 | 1,060 | 2.8 | 35,904 | 34,247 | 1,657 | 4.6 |
| Russellville | 12,491 | 12,003 | 488 | 3.9 | 12,428 | 11,856 | 572 | 4.6 | 12,442 | 11,793 | 649 | 5.2 |
| Searcy | 10,268 | 9,871 | 397 | 3.9 | 10,081 | 9,629 | 452 | 4.5 | 10,175 | 9,655 | 520 | 5.1 |
| Sherwood | 15,831 | 15,286 | 545 | 3.4 | 16,220 | 15,527 | 693 | 4.3 | 15,935 | 14,893 | 1,042 | 6.5 |
| Springdale | 41,144 | 40,017 | 1,127 | 2.7 | 41,521 | 40,193 | 1,328 | 3.2 | 39,288 | 37,359 | 1,929 | 4.9 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,249 | 12,565 | 684 | 5.2 | 13,604 | 12,779 | 825 | 6.1 | 13,376 | 12,350 | 1,026 | 7.7 |
| Van Buren | 10,306 | 9,987 | 319 | 3.1 | 10,413 | 10,034 | 379 | 3.6 | 10,287 | 9,700 | 587 | 5.7 |
| West Memphis | 10,582 | 9,963 | 619 | 5.8 | 10,844 | 10,051 | 793 | 7.3 | 10,615 | 9,414 | 1,201 | 11.3 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**August 2021 July 2021 August 2020**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,800 | 9,484 | 316 | 3.2 | 9,750 | 9,380 | 370 | 3.8 | 9,400 | 9,024 | 376 | 4.0 |
| Ashley | 6,847 | 6,368 | 479 | 7.0 | 6,850 | 6,247 | 603 | 8.8 | 7,261 | 6,595 | 666 | 9.2 |
| Baxter | 16,397 | 15,826 | 571 | 3.5 | 16,431 | 15,735 | 696 | 4.2 | 16,595 | 15,697 | 898 | 5.4 |
| Benton | 145,344 | 141,577 | 3,767 | 2.6 | 146,685 | 142,163 | 4,522 | 3.1 | 138,652 | 132,212 | 6,440 | 4.6 |
| Boone | 15,501 | 15,057 | 444 | 2.9 | 15,383 | 14,833 | 550 | 3.6 | 15,482 | 14,705 | 777 | 5.0 |
| Bradley | 4,099 | 3,909 | 190 | 4.6 | 4,064 | 3,831 | 233 | 5.7 | 4,228 | 4,001 | 227 | 5.4 |
| Calhoun | 2,442 | 2,365 | 77 | 3.2 | 2,417 | 2,330 | 87 | 3.6 | 2,398 | 2,286 | 112 | 4.7 |
| Carroll | 13,337 | 12,960 | 377 | 2.8 | 13,077 | 12,607 | 470 | 3.6 | 13,155 | 12,441 | 714 | 5.4 |
| Chicot | 3,261 | 2,999 | 262 | 8.0 | 3,211 | 2,907 | 304 | 9.5 | 3,253 | 2,925 | 328 | 10.1 |
| Clark | 8,881 | 8,457 | 424 | 4.8 | 8,740 | 8,212 | 528 | 6.0 | 9,224 | 8,692 | 532 | 5.8 |
| Clay | 5,543 | 5,351 | 192 | 3.5 | 5,427 | 5,181 | 246 | 4.5 | 5,555 | 5,254 | 301 | 5.4 |
| Cleburne | 9,083 | 8,706 | 377 | 4.2 | 9,144 | 8,695 | 449 | 4.9 | 9,141 | 8,516 | 625 | 6.8 |
| Cleveland | 3,225 | 3,109 | 116 | 3.6 | 3,230 | 3,088 | 142 | 4.4 | 3,193 | 3,002 | 191 | 6.0 |
| Columbia | 8,733 | 8,283 | 450 | 5.2 | 8,539 | 7,976 | 563 | 6.6 | 8,880 | 8,235 | 645 | 7.3 |
| Conway | 8,342 | 8,020 | 322 | 3.9 | 8,359 | 7,961 | 398 | 4.8 | 8,390 | 7,934 | 456 | 5.4 |
| Craighead | 56,218 | 54,438 | 1,780 | 3.2 | 57,001 | 54,843 | 2,158 | 3.8 | 55,453 | 52,244 | 3,209 | 5.8 |
| Crawford | 26,515 | 25,636 | 879 | 3.3 | 26,816 | 25,756 | 1,060 | 4.0 | 26,308 | 24,899 | 1,409 | 5.4 |
| Crittenden | 21,417 | 20,357 | 1,060 | 4.9 | 21,914 | 20,536 | 1,378 | 6.3 | 21,230 | 19,234 | 1,996 | 9.4 |
| Cross | 7,190 | 6,899 | 291 | 4.0 | 6,942 | 6,584 | 358 | 5.2 | 7,309 | 6,864 | 445 | 6.1 |
| Dallas | 2,857 | 2,740 | 117 | 4.1 | 2,857 | 2,715 | 142 | 5.0 | 2,866 | 2,726 | 140 | 4.9 |
| Desha | 5,158 | 4,859 | 299 | 5.8 | 5,009 | 4,646 | 363 | 7.2 | 5,278 | 4,866 | 412 | 7.8 |
| Drew | 7,580 | 7,210 | 370 | 4.9 | 7,449 | 7,005 | 444 | 6.0 | 7,646 | 7,144 | 502 | 6.6 |
| Faulkner | 61,512 | 59,466 | 2,046 | 3.3 | 62,853 | 60,352 | 2,501 | 4.0 | 61,015 | 57,827 | 3,188 | 5.2 |
| Franklin | 7,463 | 7,205 | 258 | 3.5 | 7,347 | 7,022 | 325 | 4.4 | 7,464 | 7,067 | 397 | 5.3 |
| Fulton | 4,843 | 4,673 | 170 | 3.5 | 4,906 | 4,696 | 210 | 4.3 | 4,724 | 4,491 | 233 | 4.9 |
| Garland | 41,406 | 39,552 | 1,854 | 4.5 | 42,768 | 40,452 | 2,316 | 5.4 | 41,997 | 38,353 | 3,644 | 8.7 |
| Grant | 8,209 | 7,957 | 252 | 3.1 | 8,346 | 8,044 | 302 | 3.6 | 8,139 | 7,724 | 415 | 5.1 |
| Greene | 19,274 | 18,651 | 623 | 3.2 | 19,425 | 18,633 | 792 | 4.1 | 19,224 | 18,116 | 1,108 | 5.8 |
| Hempstead | 9,257 | 8,933 | 324 | 3.5 | 9,263 | 8,872 | 391 | 4.2 | 9,374 | 8,891 | 483 | 5.2 |
| Hot Spring | 13,988 | 13,475 | 513 | 3.7 | 14,136 | 13,494 | 642 | 4.5 | 14,119 | 13,272 | 847 | 6.0 |
| Howard | 5,635 | 5,466 | 169 | 3.0 | 5,570 | 5,354 | 216 | 3.9 | 5,571 | 5,282 | 289 | 5.2 |
| Independence | 16,298 | 15,656 | 642 | 3.9 | 16,431 | 15,640 | 791 | 4.8 | 16,166 | 15,307 | 859 | 5.3 |
| Izard | 4,548 | 4,324 | 224 | 4.9 | 4,358 | 4,087 | 271 | 6.2 | 4,647 | 4,273 | 374 | 8.0 |
| Jackson | 5,785 | 5,508 | 277 | 4.8 | 5,651 | 5,319 | 332 | 5.9 | 5,890 | 5,493 | 397 | 6.7 |
| Jefferson | 27,243 | 25,582 | 1,661 | 6.1 | 27,580 | 25,585 | 1,995 | 7.2 | 27,394 | 25,034 | 2,360 | 8.6 |
| Johnson | 9,531 | 9,058 | 473 | 5.0 | 9,581 | 8,987 | 594 | 6.2 | 9,742 | 9,154 | 588 | 6.0 |
| Lafayette | 2,362 | 2,237 | 125 | 5.3 | 2,336 | 2,181 | 155 | 6.6 | 2,409 | 2,217 | 192 | 8.0 |
| Lawrence | 6,690 | 6,415 | 275 | 4.1 | 6,519 | 6,161 | 358 | 5.5 | 6,615 | 6,186 | 429 | 6.5 |
| Lee | 2,743 | 2,600 | 143 | 5.2 | 2,690 | 2,531 | 159 | 5.9 | 2,869 | 2,652 | 217 | 7.6 |
| Lincoln | 3,913 | 3,744 | 169 | 4.3 | 3,917 | 3,717 | 200 | 5.1 | 3,834 | 3,605 | 229 | 6.0 |
| Little River | 5,308 | 5,091 | 217 | 4.1 | 5,444 | 5,176 | 268 | 4.9 | 5,362 | 5,020 | 342 | 6.4 |
| Logan | 8,693 | 8,363 | 330 | 3.8 | 8,550 | 8,142 | 408 | 4.8 | 8,776 | 8,246 | 530 | 6.0 |
| Lonoke | 33,498 | 32,443 | 1,055 | 3.1 | 34,099 | 32,815 | 1,284 | 3.8 | 33,345 | 31,444 | 1,901 | 5.7 |
| Madison | 7,896 | 7,673 | 223 | 2.8 | 7,908 | 7,629 | 279 | 3.5 | 7,378 | 7,084 | 294 | 4.0 |
| Marion | 6,181 | 5,944 | 237 | 3.8 | 6,235 | 5,937 | 298 | 4.8 | 6,149 | 5,774 | 375 | 6.1 |
| Miller | 19,211 | 18,337 | 874 | 4.5 | 19,750 | 18,650 | 1,100 | 5.6 | 19,306 | 18,024 | 1,282 | 6.6 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**August 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**July 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 16,572 | 15,450 | 1,122 | 6.8 | 16,804 | 15,262 | 1,542 | 9.2 | 17,068 | 15,470 | 1,598 | 9.4 |
| Monroe | 2,707 | 2,576 | 131 | 4.8 | 2,651 | 2,487 | 164 | 6.2 | 2,740 | 2,549 | 191 | 7.0 |
| Montgomery | 3,130 | 2,996 | 134 | 4.3 | 3,082 | 2,923 | 159 | 5.2 | 3,044 | 2,846 | 198 | 6.5 |
| Nevada | 3,394 | 3,258 | 136 | 4.0 | 3,424 | 3,249 | 175 | 5.1 | 3,483 | 3,261 | 222 | 6.4 |
| Newton | 3,246 | 3,159 | 87 | 2.7 | 3,219 | 3,103 | 116 | 3.6 | 3,187 | 3,052 | 135 | 4.2 |
| Ouachita | 9,721 | 9,354 | 367 | 3.8 | 9,718 | 9,279 | 439 | 4.5 | 9,690 | 9,138 | 552 | 5.7 |
| Perry | 4,242 | 4,074 | 168 | 4.0 | 4,317 | 4,121 | 196 | 4.5 | 4,151 | 3,936 | 215 | 5.2 |
| Phillips | 6,039 | 5,618 | 421 | 7.0 | 5,929 | 5,416 | 513 | 8.7 | 6,419 | 5,856 | 563 | 8.8 |
| Pike | 4,481 | 4,302 | 179 | 4.0 | 4,315 | 4,111 | 204 | 4.7 | 4,348 | 4,106 | 242 | 5.6 |
| Poinsett | 10,135 | 9,777 | 358 | 3.5 | 10,210 | 9,778 | 432 | 4.2 | 9,863 | 9,303 | 560 | 5.7 |
| Polk | 8,009 | 7,682 | 327 | 4.1 | 7,821 | 7,402 | 419 | 5.4 | 8,075 | 7,560 | 515 | 6.4 |
| Pope | 27,067 | 25,978 | 1,089 | 4.0 | 27,055 | 25,660 | 1,395 | 5.2 | 27,105 | 25,524 | 1,581 | 5.8 |
| Prairie | 3,679 | 3,563 | 116 | 3.2 | 3,559 | 3,418 | 141 | 4.0 | 3,619 | 3,439 | 180 | 5.0 |
| Pulaski | 186,642 | 177,821 | 8,821 | 4.7 | 191,180 | 180,626 | 10,554 | 5.5 | 189,556 | 173,249 | 16,307 | 8.6 |
| Randolph | 7,524 | 7,247 | 277 | 3.7 | 7,464 | 7,122 | 342 | 4.6 | 7,429 | 6,988 | 441 | 5.9 |
| St. Francis | 7,838 | 7,394 | 444 | 5.7 | 7,797 | 7,246 | 551 | 7.1 | 8,030 | 7,378 | 652 | 8.1 |
| Saline | 57,933 | 56,201 | 1,732 | 3.0 | 59,156 | 57,088 | 2,068 | 3.5 | 57,716 | 54,739 | 2,977 | 5.2 |
| Scott | 4,304 | 4,168 | 136 | 3.2 | 4,249 | 4,080 | 169 | 4.0 | 4,283 | 4,099 | 184 | 4.3 |
| Searcy | 3,046 | 2,919 | 127 | 4.2 | 2,933 | 2,781 | 152 | 5.2 | 3,006 | 2,837 | 169 | 5.6 |
| Sebastian | 55,955 | 54,026 | 1,929 | 3.4 | 56,653 | 54,377 | 2,276 | 4.0 | 55,865 | 52,574 | 3,291 | 5.9 |
| Sevier | 5,579 | 5,346 | 233 | 4.2 | 5,547 | 5,264 | 283 | 5.1 | 5,543 | 5,236 | 307 | 5.5 |
| Sharp | 5,579 | 5,306 | 273 | 4.9 | 5,646 | 5,321 | 325 | 5.8 | 5,588 | 5,214 | 374 | 6.7 |
| Stone | 4,873 | 4,671 | 202 | 4.1 | 4,747 | 4,490 | 257 | 5.4 | 4,779 | 4,475 | 304 | 6.4 |
| Union | 15,351 | 14,443 | 908 | 5.9 | 15,295 | 14,200 | 1,095 | 7.2 | 15,478 | 14,148 | 1,330 | 8.6 |
| Van Buren | 5,903 | 5,645 | 258 | 4.4 | 5,874 | 5,564 | 310 | 5.3 | 5,766 | 5,398 | 368 | 6.4 |
| Washington | 130,973 | 127,452 | 3,521 | 2.7 | 132,385 | 128,016 | 4,369 | 3.3 | 125,220 | 118,985 | 6,235 | 5.0 |
| White | 33,825 | 32,537 | 1,288 | 3.8 | 33,299 | 31,737 | 1,562 | 4.7 | 33,825 | 31,823 | 2,002 | 5.9 |
| Woodruff | 2,871 | 2,740 | 131 | 4.6 | 2,736 | 2,571 | 165 | 6.0 | 2,780 | 2,626 | 154 | 5.5 |
| Yell | 7,981 | 7,677 | 304 | 3.8 | 7,900 | 7,526 | 374 | 4.7 | 7,840 | 7,449 | 391 | 5.0 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between July and August, unemployment rates decreased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.6 percent in Benton County to a high of 8.0 percent in Chicot County. Over-the-month rate declines ranged from as much as a two and four-tenths of a percentage point drop in Mississippi County to a four-tenths of a percentage point decrease in Chicot County.

In August, three counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is down from eight counties at or above seven percent last month. Forty counties had jobless rates at or below four percent, up significantly from eighteen counties at or below four percent in July.

Compared to August 2020, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Crittenden County posted the largest jobless rate decrease, down four and five-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Crawford Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Greene**

**Craighead Mississippi Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Faulkner**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland Lincoln**

**Little River**

**Hempstead**

**Nevada Ouachita**

**Desha**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Calhoun**

**Bradley**

**LafayetteColumbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0%

> 9.0% [NONE]

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

August 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County**

1. Benton
2. Newton

2 Washington

4 Carroll

4 Madison

1. Boone
2. Howard

7 Saline

9 Grant

9 Lonoke

11 Arkansas

11 Calhoun

11 Craighead

11 Greene

11 Prairie

11 Scott

17 Crawford

17 Faulkner

1. Sebastian
2. Baxter

20 Clay

20 Franklin

20 Fulton

20 Hempstead

20 Poinsett

**Rate**

2.6

2.7

2.7

2.8

2.8

2.9

3.0

3.0

3.1

3.1

3.2

3.2

3.2

3.2

3.2

3.2

3.3

3.3

3.4

3.5

3.5

3.5

3.5

3.5

3.5

**Rank County Rate**

1. Cleveland 3.6
2. Hot Spring 3.7

27 Randolph 3.7

29 Logan 3.8

29 Marion 3.8

29 Ouachita 3.8

29 White 3.8

29 Yell 3.8

34 Conway 3.9

34 Independence 3.9

36 Cross 4.0

36 Nevada 4.0

36 Perry 4.0

36 Pike 4.0

36 Pope 4.0

41 Dallas 4.1

41 Lawrence 4.1

41 Little River 4.1

41 Polk 4.1

41 Stone 4.1

46 Cleburne 4.2

46 Searcy 4.2

46 Sevier 4.2

49 Lincoln 4.3

49 Montgomery 4.3

**Rank County**

1. Van Buren
2. Garland

52 Miller

54 Bradley

54 Woodruff

1. Pulaski
2. Clark

57 Jackson

57 Monroe

60 Crittenden

60 Drew

60 Izard

60 Sharp

1. Johnson
2. Columbia

65 Lee

1. Lafayette
2. St. Francis
3. Desha
4. Union
5. Jefferson
6. Mississippi
7. Ashley

73 Phillips

75 Chicot

**Rate**

4.4

4.5

4.5

4.6

4.6

4.7

4.8

4.8

4.8

4.9

4.9

4.9

4.9

5.0

5.2

5.2

5.3

5.7

5.8

5.9

6.1

6.8

7.0

7.0

8.0

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



**LWDA**

**CLF**

**August 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**July 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 249,684 240,618

City of Little Rock 96,287 91,452

Eastern 45,227 42,868

North Central 93,608 89,766

Northeast 121,956 117,329

Northwest 341,921 332,567

Southeast 79,335 75,221

Southwest 89,850 85,853

West Central 129,049 123,589

Western 110,939 107,080

9,066 3.6

4,835 5.0

2,359 5.2

3,842 4.1

4,627 3.8

9,354 2.7

4,114 5.2

3,997 4.4

5,460 4.2

3,859 3.5

254,997 243,891 11,106 4.4

98,501 92,895 5,606 5.7

45,272 42,313 2,959 6.5

92,792 88,120 4,672 5.0

122,850 116,980 5,870 4.8

344,256 332,804 11,452 3.3

79,406 74,450 4,956 6.2

90,160 85,246 4,914 5.5

130,253 123,447 6,806 5.2

111,436 106,779 4,657 4.2

250,255 234,146 16,109 6.4

97,736 89,101 8,635 8.8

45,857 41,984 3,873 8.4

93,306 87,616 5,690 6.1

121,207 113,561 7,646 6.3

328,824 312,787 16,037 4.9

79,626 73,920 5,706 7.2

90,360 84,464 5,896 6.5

129,960 121,266 8,694 6.7

110,771 104,445 6,326 5.7