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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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**Januar y Spotlight**

# Changes Affecting Data

### Arkansas Civilian Labor Force:

In accordance with guidelines from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Arkansas’ Civilian Labor Force (CLF) estimates have undergone annual processing. The purpose of annual pro- cessing is to incorporate more complete and accurate information into the estimation process.

All levels of data—State, counties, Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Micropolitan Statistical Areas, Local Workforce Development Areas, and cities—have been revised. In addition to the typical annual revision process, BLS incorporated a new estimation model into the methodology. Due to these up- dates, statewide CLF data was revised back to the beginning of series—January 1976. The new data are available at [www.discover.arkansas.gov.](http://www.discover.arkansas.gov/) Updated sub-state CLF estimates, revised back to January 1990, are also now available on the Discover Arkansas website and at [www.bls.gov.](http://www.bls.gov/)

### Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs:

In accordance with the same guidelines, the Current Employment Statistics program also re-estimated the Nonfarm Payroll Job series to include more comprehensive and precise information into the calcu- lations. Statewide and MSA estimates were revised back 5 quarters, to October 2019. All revised Non- farm Payroll Jobs data have been updated on the Discover Arkansas website.

# Upcoming Spotlight Topics

Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization Business Employment Dynamics

Wages by County

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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 declined three-tenths of a percentage point from 4.9 percent in December 2020 to 4.6 percent in Janu- ary 2021. The December 2020 unemployment rate was revised up from 4.2 percent to 4.9 percent (see Changes Affecting Data note in the Spotlight). Arkansas’ civilian labor force declined 3,360, a result of 3,635 fewer unemployed and 275 more employed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate declined four-tenths of a percentage point, from 6.7 percent in December 2020 to 6.3 percent in January 2021.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “The annual revision of Arkansas’ civilian labor force data shows that the impact of COVID on employment was not as large as originally estimated. Employ- ment was revised up for every month of 2020. Based on updated information, Arkansas’ unemployment rate peaked at 10.0 percent in April 2020 instead of the 10.8 percent originally calculated. All updated

statewide data are available on our website.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,312,417 1,312,142 1,322,159 Employment 1,280,641 1,302,339 1,299,739

Unemployment 63,536 67,171 50,132 Unemployment 68,999 64,314 56,515

Unemployment Rate 4.6 4.9 3.7 Unemployment Rate 5.1 4.7 4.2

U.S. Unemployment 6.3 6.7 3.5 U.S. Unemployment 6.8 6.5 4.0

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** | **Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,375,953 | 1,379,313 | 1,372,291 Civilian Labor Force | 1,349,640 | 1,366,653 | 1,356,254 |

**Unemployment Rates- Arkansas vs United States (Seasonally Adjusted)**

January: 2011 - 2021

10.0%

9.0%

8.0%

7.0%

6.0%

5.0%

4.0%

3.0%

2.0%

1.0%

0.0%

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

Arkansas United States

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1245.8 | 1263.8 | 1282.0 | -18.0 | -36.2 |
| Goods Producing | 216.2 | 216.6 | 218.6 | -0.4 | -2.4 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 58.9 | 59.3 | 57.6 | -0.4 | 1.3 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.2** | **5.3** | **5.7** | **-0.1** | **-0.5** |
| **Construction** | **53.7** | **54.0** | **51.9** | **-0.3** | **1.8** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 34.0 | 34.4 | 33.0 | -0.4 | 1.0 |
| **Manufacturing** | **157.3** | **157.3** | **161.0** | **0.0** | **-3.7** |
| Durable Goods | 76.1 | 75.9 | 76.5 | 0.2 | -0.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 81.2 | 81.4 | 84.5 | -0.2 | -3.3 |
| Service Providing | 1029.6 | 1047.2 | 1063.4 | -17.6 | -33.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **251.1** | **258.2** | **250.7** | **-7.1** | **0.4** |
| Wholesale Trade | 46.7 | 46.0 | 47.1 | 0.7 | -0.4 |
| Retail Trade | 138.2 | 143.7 | 135.5 | -5.5 | 2.7 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 66.2 | 68.5 | 68.1 | -2.3 | -1.9 |
| **Information** | **11.6** | **11.6** | **12.7** | **0.0** | **-1.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **63.9** | **63.5** | **64.1** | **0.4** | **-0.2** |
| Finance & Insurance | 50.6 | 50.2 | 50.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.3 | 13.3 | 13.8 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **140.7** | **142.8** | **143.5** | **-2.1** | **-2.8** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43.3 | 43.3 | 44.1 | 0.0 | -0.8 |
| Management of Companies | 33.8 | 34.0 | 34.2 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 63.6 | 65.5 | 65.2 | -1.9 | -1.6 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **187.1** | **189.2** | **195.0** | **-2.1** | **-7.9** |
| Educational Services | 15.6 | 15.9 | 16.5 | -0.3 | -0.9 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 171.5 | 173.3 | 178.5 | -1.8 | -7.0 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 59.3 | 59.6 | 60.2 | -0.3 | -0.9 |
| Social Assistance | 35.9 | 36.6 | 39.9 | -0.7 | -4.0 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **105.1** | **107.8** | **117.7** | **-2.7** | **-12.6** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.9 | 0.0 | -0.9 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 95.1 | 97.8 | 106.8 | -2.7 | -11.7 |
| Accommodation Services | 8.4 | 8.7 | 11.2 | -0.3 | -2.8 |
| Food Services | 86.7 | 89.1 | 95.6 | -2.4 | -8.9 |
| **Other Services** | **64.6** | **65.1** | **65.9** | **-0.5** | **-1.3** |
| **Government** | **205.5** | **209.0** | **213.8** | **-3.5** | **-8.3** |
| Federal Government | 20.3 | 20.8 | 20.6 | -0.5 | -0.3 |
| State Government | 75.6 | 77.4 | 77.7 | -1.8 | -2.1 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 29.0 | 30.8 | 29.8 | -1.8 | -0.8 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.6 | 46.6 | 47.9 | 0.0 | -1.3 |
| Local Government | 109.6 | 110.8 | 115.5 | -1.2 | -5.9 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 67.4 | 68.0 | 71.2 | -0.6 | -3.8 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.2 | 42.8 | 44.3 | -0.6 | -2.1 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**December 2020 - Januar y 2021**

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas decreased 18,000 in January to total 1,245,800. Eight major industry sectors posted declines, with losses in some sectors related to seasonal factors. Jobs in **trade, trans- portation, and utilities** are down 7,100. Most of the contraction occurred in retail trade (-5,500), due in large part to the end of temporary holiday hiring. **Government** employment decreased 3,500. Job losses in state government, educational services (-1,800) accounted for much of the decline and was related in part to winter break at public colleges and universities. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** are down 2,700. All losses were reported in accommodation and food services (-2,700). Notable reduc- tions were also reported in **professional and business services** (-2,100) and in **educational and health services** (-2,100).

**Januar y 2020 - Januar y 2021**

Compared to January 2020, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment is down 36,200. Declines were posted in nine major industry sectors. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** decreased 12,600, mostly in ac- commodation and food services (-11,700). **Government** employment is down 8,300. Losses occurred in all subsectors, with local government reporting most of the reduction (-5,900). Jobs in **educational and health services** declined 7,900. Health care and social assistance posted most of the loss (-7,000). Employment in **manufacturing** decreased 3,700, largely in nondurable goods manufacturing (-3,300). Smaller contractions occurred in **professional and business services** (-2,800), **other services** (-1,300), and in **information** (-1,100).

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

January 2019 - January 2021

1,400,000

1,350,000

1,300,000

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

1,100,000

1,050,000

1,000,000

Jan '19

Jul '19

Jan '20

Jul '20

Jan '21

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Jan 21**

Average Weekly Hours 39.0

Average Hourly Earnings 19.48

Average Weekly Earnings 759.72

**Dec 20**

39.3

19.50

766.35

**Jan 20**

40.9

18.64

762.38

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Jan 21**

Average Weekly Hours 37.9

Average Hourly Earnings 20.84

Average Weekly Earnings 789.84

**Dec 20**

38.2

20.78

793.80

**Jan 20**

41.6

20.73

862.37

**Jan 21**

Average Weekly Hours 40.0

Average Hourly Earnings 18.30

Average Weekly Earnings 732.00

**Dec 20**

40.4

18.39

742.96

**Jan 20**

40.3

16.73

674.22

$20.00

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

January: 2011 - 2021

$19.00

$18.00

$17.00

$16.00

$15.00

$14.00

$13.00

$12.00

$11.00

$10.00

'11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21

## 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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 352,247 | 355,832 | 356,700 | -3,585 | -4,453 |
| **Employment** | 333,530 | 338,136 | 343,394 | -4,606 | -9,864 |
| **Unemployment** | 18,717 | 17,696 | 13,306 | 1,021 | 5,411 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.3 | 5.0 | 3.7 | 0.3 | 1.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 347.9 | 351.9 | 364.8 | -4.0 | -16.9 |
| **Goods Producing** 36.5 | 36.4 | 38.5 | 0.1 | -2.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.7** | **17.5** | **17.7** | **0.2** | **0.0** |
| **Manufacturing 18.8** | **18.9** | **20.8** | **-0.1** | **-2.0** |
| **Service Providing** 311.4 | 315.5 | 326.3 | -4.1 | -14.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 68.9** | **71.3** | **69.9** | **-2.4** | **-1.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 15.3 | 15.1 | 15.7 | 0.2 | -0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** 37.4 | 39.7 | 37.6 | -2.3 | -0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 16.2 | 16.5 | 16.6 | -0.3 | -0.4 |
| **Information 5.1** | **5.1** | **5.8** | **0.0** | **-0.7** |
| **Financial Activities 22.6** | **22.3** | **22.4** | **0.3** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 44.5** | **44.1** | **45.8** | **0.4** | **-1.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services 57.3** | **58.9** | **58.9** | **-1.6** | **-1.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 28.5** | **28.3** | **33.8** | **0.2** | **-5.3** |
| **Other Services 17.6** | **17.6** | **18.2** | **0.0** | **-0.6** |
| **Government 66.9** | **67.9** | **71.5** | **-1.0** | **-4.6** |
| **Federal Government** 9.6 | 9.9 | 9.8 | -0.3 | -0.2 |
| **State Government** 33.8 | 34.3 | 35.7 | -0.5 | -1.9 |
| **Local Government** 23.5 | 23.7 | 26.0 | -0.2 | -2.5 |

**Employment**

January 2019 - January 2021

355,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January: 2011 - 2021

330,000

350,000

345,000

320,000

340,000

335,000

310,000

330,000

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 325,000 |   |
| 320,000 |   |
| 315,000 |   |
| 310,000 |   |

300,000

290,000

305,000

Jan '19

Jul '19

Jan '20

Jul '20

Jan '21

280,000

'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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 286,507 | 291,307 | 282,773 | -4,800 | 3,734 |
| **Employment** | 276,030 | 281,221 | 274,514 | -5,191 | 1,516 |
| **Unemployment** | 10,477 | 10,086 | 8,259 | 391 | 2,218 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 0.2 | 0.8 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 264.3 | 269.1 | 267.3 | -4.8 | -3.0 |
| **Goods Producing** 44.6 | 44.7 | 43.3 | -0.1 | 1.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 13.2** | **13.3** | **12.4** | **-0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Manufacturing 31.4** | **31.4** | **30.9** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Service Providing** 219.7 | 224.4 | 224.0 | -4.7 | -4.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 57.8** | **58.8** | **56.9** | **-1.0** | **0.9** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 12.2 | 12.1 | 12.3 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 27.3 | 28.0 | 25.8 | -0.7 | 1.5 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 18.3 | 18.7 | 18.8 | -0.4 | -0.5 |
| **Information 1.9** | **1.9** | **2.1** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 8.5** | **8.6** | **8.5** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 50.8** | **51.9** | **51.9** | **-1.1** | **-1.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services 30.1** | **30.1** | **30.7** | **0.0** | **-0.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 23.8** | **24.7** | **26.3** | **-0.9** | **-2.5** |
| **Other Services 9.6** | **9.6** | **9.9** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Government 37.2** | **38.8** | **37.7** | **-1.6** | **-0.5** |
| **Federal Government** 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 14.9 | 16.3 | 15.3 | -1.4 | -0.4 |
| **Local Government** 19.5 | 19.6 | 19.6 | -0.1 | -0.1 |

**Unemployment Rates**

January: 2011 - 2021

8.0%

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2019 - January 2021

285,000

7.0%

275,000

6.0%

5.0%

265,000

4.0%

255,000

3.0%

2.0%

245,000

1.0%

235,000

0.0%

'11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21

Jan '19

Jul '19

Jan '20

Jul '20

Jan '21

**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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 118,931 | 119,095 | 117,725 | -164 | 1,206 |
| **Employment** | 112,983 | 113,600 | 112,869 | -617 | 114 |
| **Unemployment** | 5,948 | 5,495 | 4,856 | 453 | 1,092 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 0.4 | 0.9 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 109.2 | 110.4 | 111.8 | -1.2 | -2.6 |
| **Goods Producing** 22.2 | 22.4 | 22.5 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.4** | **5.6** | **5.2** | **-0.2** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 16.8** | **16.8** | **17.3** | **0.0** | **-0.5** |
| **Service Providing** 87.0 | 88.0 | 89.3 | -1.0 | -2.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 23.7** | **24.2** | **23.2** | **-0.5** | **0.5** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.2 | 12.6 | 12.4 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 7.0 | 7.2 | 6.6 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| **Information 1.1** | **1.1** | **1.1** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 3.7** | **3.7** | **3.9** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.5** | **11.7** | **11.9** | **-0.2** | **-0.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.7** | **16.6** | **17.3** | **0.1** | **-0.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 8.2** | **8.2** | **9.1** | **0.0** | **-0.9** |
| **Other Services 4.5** | **4.4** | **4.5** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Government 17.6** | **18.1** | **18.3** | **-0.5** | **-0.7** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.3 | 2.8 | 2.7 | -0.5 | -0.4 |
| **Local Government** 14.0 | 14.0 | 14.3 | 0.0 | -0.3 |

**Unemployment**

January 2019 - January 2021

14,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January: 2011 - 2021

116,000

12,000

114,000

10,000

112,000

110,000

8,000

108,000

6,000

106,000

4,000

104,000

2,000

102,000

0

Jan '19

Jul '19

Jan '20

Jul '20

Jan '21

100,000

'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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,156 | 41,671 | 40,686 | -515 | 470 |
| **Employment** | 38,457 | 39,201 | 38,970 | -744 | -513 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,699 | 2,470 | 1,716 | 229 | 983 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.6 | 5.9 | 4.2 | 0.7 | 2.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 37.8 | 38.6 | 39.0 | -0.8 | -1.2 |
| 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.7 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| 33.3 | 34.0 | 34.3 | -0.7 | -1.0 |
| 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.3 | -0.1 | -0.3 |

40,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2016 - January 2021

38,000

36,000

34,000

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Jan '16 Jul '16 Jan '17 Jul '17 Jan '18 Jul '18 Jan '19 Jul '19 Jan '20 Jul '20 Jan '21

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,521 | 66,493 | 66,086 | -972 | -565 |
| **Employment** | 62,693 | 63,868 | 63,771 | -1,175 | -1,078 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,828 | 2,625 | 2,315 | 203 | 513 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 0.4 | 0.8 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 58.3 | 59.3 | 60.5 | -1.0 | -2.2 |
| 10.2 | 10.4 | 10.2 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| 48.1 | 48.9 | 50.3 | -0.8 | -2.2 |
| 8.2 | 8.3 | 9.1 | -0.1 | -0.9 |

70,000

**Composition of the Civilian Labor Force**

January: 2011 - 2021

60,000

Civilian Labor Force = Employment + Unemployment

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

10,000

0

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

Unemployment Employment

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 34,548 | 34,939 | 34,149 | -391 | 399 |
| **Employment** | 32,043 | 32,637 | 32,048 | -594 | -5 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,505 | 2,302 | 2,101 | 203 | 404 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 7.3 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 0.7 | 1.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.4 | 32.0 | 32.0 | -0.6 | -0.6 |
| 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.9 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| 25.8 | 26.3 | 26.1 | -0.5 | -0.3 |
| 8.7 | 9.1 | 8.7 | -0.4 | 0.0 |

34,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2018 - January 2021

33,000

32,000

31,000

30,000

29,000

28,000

Jan '18 Jul '18 Jan '19 Jul '19 Jan '20 Jul '20 Jan '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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 642,312 | 651,858 | 639,738 | -9,546 | 2,574 |
| **Employment** | 597,423 | 606,594 | 610,422 | -9,171 | -12,999 |
| **Unemployment** | 44,889 | 45,264 | 29,316 | -375 | 15,573 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 7.0 | 6.9 | 4.6 | 0.1 | 2.4 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 21** | **Dec 20** | **Jan 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,611 | 64,045 | 64,369 | -434 | -758 |
| **Employment** | 59,408 | 60,285 | 61,543 | -877 | -2,135 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,203 | 3,760 | 2,826 | 443 | 1,377 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.6 | 5.9 | 4.4 | 0.7 | 2.2 |

620,000

**Memphis MSA - Number of Employed**

January: 2011 - 2021

9,000

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment**

January 2019 - January 2021

610,000

8,000

600,000

7,000

590,000

6,000

580,000

5,000

570,000

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Jan '19

Jul '19

Jan '20

Jul '20

Jan '21

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**January 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**December 2020**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**January 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,217 | 8,732 | 485 | 5.3 | 9,504 | 9,057 | 447 | 4.7 | 9,422 | 9,016 | 406 | 4.3 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,617 | 15,792 | 825 | 5.0 | 16,778 | 16,059 | 719 | 4.3 | 16,660 | 15,895 | 765 | 4.6 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,799 | 15,444 | 1,355 | 8.1 | 17,019 | 15,797 | 1,222 | 7.2 | 17,346 | 16,343 | 1,003 | 5.8 |
| Camden Micro | 12,199 | 11,623 | 576 | 4.7 | 12,338 | 11,812 | 526 | 4.3 | 12,329 | 11,638 | 691 | 5.6 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,395 | 14,285 | 1,110 | 7.2 | 15,525 | 14,514 | 1,011 | 6.5 | 15,686 | 14,654 | 1,032 | 6.6 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,905 | 7,315 | 590 | 7.5 | 7,962 | 7,431 | 531 | 6.7 | 8,164 | 7,696 | 468 | 5.7 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,839 | 18,094 | 745 | 4.0 | 19,151 | 18,446 | 705 | 3.7 | 19,177 | 18,391 | 786 | 4.1 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,443 | 5,879 | 564 | 8.8 | 6,435 | 5,927 | 508 | 7.9 | 6,315 | 5,849 | 466 | 7.4 |
| Hope Micro | 12,910 | 12,359 | 551 | 4.3 | 13,021 | 12,493 | 528 | 4.1 | 13,291 | 12,697 | 594 | 4.5 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,113 | 8,457 | 656 | 7.2 | 9,276 | 8,637 | 639 | 6.9 | 9,184 | 8,725 | 459 | 5.0 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,139 | 13,462 | 677 | 4.8 | 14,253 | 13,633 | 620 | 4.3 | 14,159 | 13,604 | 555 | 3.9 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,430 | 15,635 | 795 | 4.8 | 16,656 | 15,910 | 746 | 4.5 | 16,353 | 15,585 | 768 | 4.7 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,118 | 18,238 | 880 | 4.6 | 19,295 | 18,479 | 816 | 4.2 | 19,718 | 18,880 | 838 | 4.2 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,356 | 33,563 | 1,793 | 5.1 | 36,285 | 34,652 | 1,633 | 4.5 | 36,320 | 34,523 | 1,797 | 4.9 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,896 | 32,087 | 1,809 | 5.3 | 34,383 | 32,693 | 1,690 | 4.9 | 34,083 | 32,232 | 1,851 | 5.4 |

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**

**January 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**December 2020**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**January 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 | 12,453 | 11,841 | 612 | 4.9 | 12,616 | 12,073 | 543 | 4.3 | 12,262 | 11,777 | 485 | 4.0 |
| Benton | 17,174 | 16,559 | 615 | 3.6 | 17,445 | 16,790 | 655 | 3.8 | 17,610 | 17,052 | 558 | 3.2 |
| Bentonville | 29,079 | 28,160 | 919 | 3.2 | 29,602 | 28,714 | 888 | 3.0 | 28,729 | 28,009 | 720 | 2.5 |
| Blytheville | 5,698 | 5,187 | 511 | 9.0 | 5,814 | 5,306 | 508 | 8.7 | 5,888 | 5,489 | 399 | 6.8 |
| Cabot | 11,811 | 11,292 | 519 | 4.4 | 11,934 | 11,439 | 495 | 4.1 | 12,047 | 11,614 | 433 | 3.6 |
| Conway | 33,779 | 32,279 | 1,500 | 4.4 | 34,117 | 32,717 | 1,400 | 4.1 | 34,421 | 33,224 | 1,197 | 3.5 |
| El Dorado | 6,713 | 6,162 | 551 | 8.2 | 6,762 | 6,260 | 502 | 7.4 | 6,842 | 6,321 | 521 | 7.6 |
| Fayetteville | 49,034 | 47,042 | 1,992 | 4.1 | 49,861 | 47,958 | 1,903 | 3.8 | 48,084 | 46,786 | 1,298 | 2.7 |
| Fort Smith | 38,872 | 36,976 | 1,896 | 4.9 | 39,209 | 37,426 | 1,783 | 4.5 | 38,833 | 37,254 | 1,579 | 4.1 |
| Hot Springs | 15,466 | 14,237 | 1,229 | 7.9 | 15,505 | 14,512 | 993 | 6.4 | 15,140 | 14,427 | 713 | 4.7 |
| Jacksonville | 11,678 | 10,750 | 928 | 7.9 | 11,792 | 10,901 | 891 | 7.6 | 11,699 | 11,072 | 627 | 5.4 |
| Jonesboro | 39,183 | 37,537 | 1,646 | 4.2 | 39,781 | 38,254 | 1,527 | 3.8 | 39,518 | 38,195 | 1,323 | 3.3 |
| Little Rock | 96,381 | 90,370 | 6,011 | 6.2 | 97,273 | 91,639 | 5,634 | 5.8 | 96,681 | 93,071 | 3,610 | 3.7 |
| North Little Rock | 29,752 | 27,710 | 2,042 | 6.9 | 30,063 | 28,099 | 1,964 | 6.5 | 29,862 | 28,538 | 1,324 | 4.4 |
| Paragould | 12,155 | 11,553 | 602 | 5.0 | 12,297 | 11,706 | 591 | 4.8 | 12,499 | 11,960 | 539 | 4.3 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,499 | 14,992 | 1,507 | 9.1 | 16,658 | 15,281 | 1,377 | 8.3 | 16,126 | 14,999 | 1,127 | 7.0 |
| Rogers | 36,512 | 35,250 | 1,262 | 3.5 | 37,175 | 35,943 | 1,232 | 3.3 | 36,057 | 35,061 | 996 | 2.8 |
| Russellville | 12,583 | 12,007 | 576 | 4.6 | 12,940 | 12,407 | 533 | 4.1 | 12,929 | 12,359 | 570 | 4.4 |
| Searcy | 10,174 | 9,735 | 439 | 4.3 | 10,334 | 9,919 | 415 | 4.0 | 10,224 | 9,779 | 445 | 4.4 |
| Sherwood | 15,968 | 15,105 | 863 | 5.4 | 16,092 | 15,317 | 775 | 4.8 | 16,136 | 15,556 | 580 | 3.6 |
| Springdale | 39,851 | 38,429 | 1,422 | 3.6 | 40,572 | 39,178 | 1,394 | 3.4 | 39,336 | 38,220 | 1,116 | 2.8 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,341 | 12,448 | 893 | 6.7 | 13,416 | 12,623 | 793 | 5.9 | 13,410 | 12,731 | 679 | 5.1 |
| Van Buren | 10,260 | 9,833 | 427 | 4.2 | 10,364 | 9,950 | 414 | 4.0 | 10,310 | 9,905 | 405 | 3.9 |
| West Memphis | 10,390 | 9,588 | 802 | 7.7 | 10,615 | 9,871 | 744 | 7.0 | 10,355 | 9,784 | 571 | 5.5 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **CLF** | **January 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **December 2020****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **January 2020****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,372 | 9,015 | 357 | 3.8 | 9,572 | 9,243 | 329 | 3.4 | 9,446 | 9,109 | 337 | 3.6 |
| Ashley | 7,122 | 6,465 | 657 | 9.2 | 7,078 | 6,524 | 554 | 7.8 | 7,230 | 6,679 | 551 | 7.6 |
| Baxter | 16,430 | 15,635 | 795 | 4.8 | 16,656 | 15,910 | 746 | 4.5 | 16,353 | 15,585 | 768 | 4.7 |
| Benton | 141,136 | 136,083 | 5,053 | 3.6 | 143,616 | 138,759 | 4,857 | 3.4 | 139,537 | 135,355 | 4,182 | 3.0 |
| Boone | 15,609 | 14,995 | 614 | 3.9 | 15,880 | 15,294 | 586 | 3.7 | 15,872 | 15,248 | 624 | 3.9 |
| Bradley | 4,376 | 4,137 | 239 | 5.5 | 4,401 | 4,194 | 207 | 4.7 | 4,485 | 4,275 | 210 | 4.7 |
| Calhoun | 2,436 | 2,324 | 112 | 4.6 | 2,454 | 2,357 | 97 | 4.0 | 2,451 | 2,325 | 126 | 5.1 |
| Carroll | 12,270 | 11,610 | 660 | 5.4 | 12,568 | 12,000 | 568 | 4.5 | 12,543 | 11,988 | 555 | 4.4 |
| Chicot | 3,240 | 2,880 | 360 | 11.1 | 3,252 | 2,940 | 312 | 9.6 | 3,209 | 2,921 | 288 | 9.0 |
| Clark | 9,217 | 8,732 | 485 | 5.3 | 9,504 | 9,057 | 447 | 4.7 | 9,422 | 9,016 | 406 | 4.3 |
| Clay | 5,465 | 5,173 | 292 | 5.3 | 5,504 | 5,255 | 249 | 4.5 | 5,557 | 5,220 | 337 | 6.1 |
| Cleburne | 8,969 | 8,395 | 574 | 6.4 | 9,073 | 8,546 | 527 | 5.8 | 9,073 | 8,551 | 522 | 5.8 |
| Cleveland | 3,205 | 3,034 | 171 | 5.3 | 3,250 | 3,083 | 167 | 5.1 | 3,197 | 3,031 | 166 | 5.2 |
| Columbia | 9,113 | 8,457 | 656 | 7.2 | 9,276 | 8,637 | 639 | 6.9 | 9,184 | 8,725 | 459 | 5.0 |
| Conway | 8,422 | 7,995 | 427 | 5.1 | 8,515 | 8,125 | 390 | 4.6 | 8,379 | 7,963 | 416 | 5.0 |
| Craighead | 55,555 | 53,223 | 2,332 | 4.2 | 56,421 | 54,239 | 2,182 | 3.9 | 56,015 | 54,155 | 1,860 | 3.3 |
| Crawford | 26,424 | 25,241 | 1,183 | 4.5 | 26,649 | 25,541 | 1,108 | 4.2 | 26,464 | 25,426 | 1,038 | 3.9 |
| Crittenden | 20,976 | 19,591 | 1,385 | 6.6 | 21,465 | 20,168 | 1,297 | 6.0 | 21,010 | 19,990 | 1,020 | 4.9 |
| Cross | 7,193 | 6,789 | 404 | 5.6 | 7,236 | 6,886 | 350 | 4.8 | 7,408 | 7,046 | 362 | 4.9 |
| Dallas | 2,874 | 2,748 | 126 | 4.4 | 2,894 | 2,787 | 107 | 3.7 | 2,770 | 2,632 | 138 | 5.0 |
| Desha | 5,223 | 4,877 | 346 | 6.6 | 5,293 | 4,991 | 302 | 5.7 | 5,409 | 5,123 | 286 | 5.3 |
| Drew | 7,739 | 7,242 | 497 | 6.4 | 7,784 | 7,345 | 439 | 5.6 | 7,872 | 7,386 | 486 | 6.2 |
| Faulkner | 61,353 | 58,606 | 2,747 | 4.5 | 61,937 | 59,402 | 2,535 | 4.1 | 62,524 | 60,323 | 2,201 | 3.5 |
| Franklin | 7,444 | 7,108 | 336 | 4.5 | 7,520 | 7,188 | 332 | 4.4 | 7,437 | 7,146 | 291 | 3.9 |
| Fulton | 4,873 | 4,624 | 249 | 5.1 | 4,899 | 4,675 | 224 | 4.6 | 4,998 | 4,774 | 224 | 4.5 |
| Garland | 41,156 | 38,457 | 2,699 | 6.6 | 41,671 | 39,201 | 2,470 | 5.9 | 40,686 | 38,970 | 1,716 | 4.2 |
| Grant | 8,188 | 7,846 | 342 | 4.2 | 8,290 | 7,953 | 337 | 4.1 | 8,405 | 8,075 | 330 | 3.9 |
| Greene | 19,118 | 18,238 | 880 | 4.6 | 19,295 | 18,479 | 816 | 4.2 | 19,718 | 18,880 | 838 | 4.2 |
| Hempstead | 9,435 | 9,043 | 392 | 4.2 | 9,510 | 9,139 | 371 | 3.9 | 9,732 | 9,287 | 445 | 4.6 |
| Hot Spring | 14,139 | 13,462 | 677 | 4.8 | 14,253 | 13,633 | 620 | 4.3 | 14,159 | 13,604 | 555 | 3.9 |
| Howard | 5,537 | 5,312 | 225 | 4.1 | 5,579 | 5,368 | 211 | 3.8 | 5,579 | 5,347 | 232 | 4.2 |
| Independence | 16,617 | 15,792 | 825 | 5.0 | 16,778 | 16,059 | 719 | 4.3 | 16,660 | 15,895 | 765 | 4.6 |
| Izard | 4,436 | 4,112 | 324 | 7.3 | 4,567 | 4,272 | 295 | 6.5 | 4,721 | 4,401 | 320 | 6.8 |
| Jackson | 5,890 | 5,496 | 394 | 6.7 | 5,904 | 5,552 | 352 | 6.0 | 5,830 | 5,391 | 439 | 7.5 |
| Jefferson | 27,502 | 25,372 | 2,130 | 7.7 | 27,809 | 25,862 | 1,947 | 7.0 | 27,103 | 25,385 | 1,718 | 6.3 |
| Johnson | 10,211 | 9,644 | 567 | 5.6 | 10,255 | 9,756 | 499 | 4.9 | 10,309 | 9,810 | 499 | 4.8 |
| Lafayette | 2,434 | 2,244 | 190 | 7.8 | 2,437 | 2,262 | 175 | 7.2 | 2,402 | 2,267 | 135 | 5.6 |
| Lawrence | 6,821 | 6,467 | 354 | 5.2 | 6,878 | 6,536 | 342 | 5.0 | 6,887 | 6,557 | 330 | 4.8 |
| Lee | 2,791 | 2,600 | 191 | 6.8 | 2,810 | 2,628 | 182 | 6.5 | 2,799 | 2,617 | 182 | 6.5 |
| Lincoln | 3,841 | 3,637 | 204 | 5.3 | 3,880 | 3,692 | 188 | 4.8 | 3,849 | 3,632 | 217 | 5.6 |
| Little River | 5,389 | 5,074 | 315 | 5.8 | 5,437 | 5,152 | 285 | 5.2 | 5,474 | 5,197 | 277 | 5.1 |
| Logan | 8,668 | 8,231 | 437 | 5.0 | 8,668 | 8,254 | 414 | 4.8 | 8,695 | 8,237 | 458 | 5.3 |
| Lonoke | 33,339 | 31,883 | 1,456 | 4.4 | 33,716 | 32,297 | 1,419 | 4.2 | 34,037 | 32,790 | 1,247 | 3.7 |
| Madison | 7,542 | 7,261 | 281 | 3.7 | 7,622 | 7,374 | 248 | 3.3 | 7,427 | 7,215 | 212 | 2.9 |
| Marion | 6,025 | 5,666 | 359 | 6.0 | 6,073 | 5,731 | 342 | 5.6 | 6,427 | 6,098 | 329 | 5.1 |
| Miller | 19,311 | 18,166 | 1,145 | 5.9 | 19,445 | 18,422 | 1,023 | 5.3 | 19,473 | 18,580 | 893 | 4.6 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **CLF** | **January 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **December 2020****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **January 2020****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 16,799 | 15,444 | 1,355 | 8.1 | 17,019 | 15,797 | 1,222 | 7.2 | 17,346 | 16,343 | 1,003 | 5.8 |
| Monroe | 2,740 | 2,558 | 182 | 6.6 | 2,728 | 2,553 | 175 | 6.4 | 2,737 | 2,598 | 139 | 5.1 |
| Montgomery | 2,964 | 2,788 | 176 | 5.9 | 2,991 | 2,818 | 173 | 5.8 | 2,904 | 2,725 | 179 | 6.2 |
| Nevada | 3,475 | 3,316 | 159 | 4.6 | 3,511 | 3,354 | 157 | 4.5 | 3,559 | 3,410 | 149 | 4.2 |
| Newton | 3,230 | 3,099 | 131 | 4.1 | 3,271 | 3,152 | 119 | 3.6 | 3,305 | 3,143 | 162 | 4.9 |
| Ouachita | 9,763 | 9,299 | 464 | 4.8 | 9,884 | 9,455 | 429 | 4.3 | 9,878 | 9,313 | 565 | 5.7 |
| Perry | 4,184 | 3,977 | 207 | 4.9 | 4,210 | 4,025 | 185 | 4.4 | 4,291 | 4,084 | 207 | 4.8 |
| Phillips | 6,443 | 5,879 | 564 | 8.8 | 6,435 | 5,927 | 508 | 7.9 | 6,315 | 5,849 | 466 | 7.4 |
| Pike | 4,296 | 4,072 | 224 | 5.2 | 4,326 | 4,106 | 220 | 5.1 | 4,210 | 4,008 | 202 | 4.8 |
| Poinsett | 9,966 | 9,470 | 496 | 5.0 | 10,072 | 9,629 | 443 | 4.4 | 10,071 | 9,616 | 455 | 4.5 |
| Polk | 7,967 | 7,512 | 455 | 5.7 | 8,043 | 7,622 | 421 | 5.2 | 8,098 | 7,600 | 498 | 6.1 |
| Pope | 27,383 | 25,987 | 1,396 | 5.1 | 28,143 | 26,853 | 1,290 | 4.6 | 28,177 | 26,749 | 1,428 | 5.1 |
| Prairie | 3,631 | 3,455 | 176 | 4.8 | 3,664 | 3,501 | 163 | 4.4 | 3,611 | 3,455 | 156 | 4.3 |
| Pulaski | 187,357 | 175,717 | 11,640 | 6.2 | 189,195 | 178,184 | 11,011 | 5.8 | 188,358 | 180,969 | 7,389 | 3.9 |
| Randolph | 7,538 | 7,146 | 392 | 5.2 | 7,606 | 7,235 | 371 | 4.9 | 7,369 | 7,013 | 356 | 4.8 |
| St. Francis | 7,905 | 7,315 | 590 | 7.5 | 7,962 | 7,431 | 531 | 6.7 | 8,164 | 7,696 | 468 | 5.7 |
| Saline | 57,826 | 55,501 | 2,325 | 4.0 | 58,484 | 56,275 | 2,209 | 3.8 | 59,085 | 57,153 | 1,932 | 3.3 |
| Scott | 4,393 | 4,207 | 186 | 4.2 | 4,412 | 4,232 | 180 | 4.1 | 4,398 | 4,224 | 174 | 4.0 |
| Searcy | 2,763 | 2,609 | 154 | 5.6 | 2,789 | 2,657 | 132 | 4.7 | 2,798 | 2,620 | 178 | 6.4 |
| Sebastian | 55,989 | 53,287 | 2,702 | 4.8 | 56,472 | 53,936 | 2,536 | 4.5 | 55,935 | 53,688 | 2,247 | 4.0 |
| Sevier | 5,469 | 5,159 | 310 | 5.7 | 5,557 | 5,272 | 285 | 5.1 | 5,502 | 5,191 | 311 | 5.7 |
| Sharp | 5,669 | 5,295 | 374 | 6.6 | 5,712 | 5,362 | 350 | 6.1 | 5,731 | 5,385 | 346 | 6.0 |
| Stone | 4,543 | 4,217 | 326 | 7.2 | 4,614 | 4,322 | 292 | 6.3 | 4,543 | 4,266 | 277 | 6.1 |
| Union | 15,395 | 14,285 | 1,110 | 7.2 | 15,525 | 14,514 | 1,011 | 6.5 | 15,686 | 14,654 | 1,032 | 6.6 |
| Van Buren | 5,743 | 5,356 | 387 | 6.7 | 5,780 | 5,407 | 373 | 6.5 | 5,727 | 5,380 | 347 | 6.1 |
| Washington | 127,077 | 122,384 | 4,693 | 3.7 | 129,311 | 124,768 | 4,543 | 3.5 | 125,189 | 121,719 | 3,470 | 2.8 |
| White | 33,896 | 32,087 | 1,809 | 5.3 | 34,383 | 32,693 | 1,690 | 4.9 | 34,083 | 32,232 | 1,851 | 5.4 |
| Woodruff | 2,839 | 2,662 | 177 | 6.2 | 2,836 | 2,692 | 144 | 5.1 | 2,823 | 2,657 | 166 | 5.9 |
| Yell | 7,973 | 7,576 | 397 | 5.0 | 8,142 | 7,799 | 343 | 4.2 | 8,143 | 7,774 | 369 | 4.5 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between December 2020 and January 2021, unemployment rates increased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 3.6 percent in Benton County to a high of 11.1 per- cent in Chicot County.

In January, eleven counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is up from six counties at or above seven percent in December. Six counties reported jobless rates at or below four percent, down from twelve counties at or below four percent last month.

Compared to January 2020, unemployment rates are up in 58 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates in fourteen counties were down over-the-year, while three counties remained stable. Jobless rate changes ranged from a decline of nine-tenths of a percentage point in Ouachita County to an increase of two and four-tenths of a percentage point in Garland County.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Greene**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Crawford**

**Independence**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Faulkner**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**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**

**Desha**

**Little River HempsteadNevada**

**Ouachita Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Bradley**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% [NONE] 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

7.0% - 9.0%

> 9.0%

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

January 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County**

1. Benton
2. Madison

2 Washington

1. Arkansas
2. Boone
3. Saline
4. Howard

7 Newton

9 Craighead

9 Grant

9 Hempstead

9 Scott

13 Dallas

13 Lonoke

15 Crawford

15 Faulkner

15 Franklin

18 Calhoun

18 Greene

18 Nevada

21 Baxter

21 Hot Spring

21 Ouachita

21 Prairie

21 Sebastian

**Rate**

3.6

3.7

3.7

3.8

3.9

4.0

4.1

4.1

4.2

4.2

4.2

4.2

4.4

4.4

4.5

4.5

4.5

4.6

4.6

4.6

4.8

4.8

4.8

4.8

4.8

**Rank County Rate**

1. Perry 4.9
2. Independence 5.0

27 Logan 5.0

27 Poinsett 5.0

27 Yell 5.0

31 Conway 5.1

31 Fulton 5.1

31 Pope 5.1

34 Lawrence 5.2

34 Pike 5.2

34 Randolph 5.2

37 Clark 5.3

37 Clay 5.3

37 Cleveland 5.3

37 Lincoln 5.3

37 White 5.3

1. Carroll 5.4
2. Bradley 5.5
3. Cross 5.6

44 Johnson 5.6

44 Searcy 5.6

47 Polk 5.7

47 Sevier 5.7

1. Little River 5.8
2. Miller 5.9

**Rank County**

50 Montgomery

1. Marion
2. Pulaski

53 Woodruff

55 Cleburne

55 Drew

57 Crittenden

57 Desha

57 Garland

57 Monroe

57 Sharp

62 Jackson

62 Van Buren

1. Lee
2. Columbia

65 Stone

65 Union

1. Izard
2. St. Francis
3. Jefferson
4. Lafayette
5. Mississippi
6. Phillips
7. Ashley
8. Chicot

**Rate**

5.9

6.0

6.2

6.2

6.4

6.4

6.6

6.6

6.6

6.6

6.6

6.7

6.7

6.8

7.2

7.2

7.2

7.3

7.5

7.7

7.8

8.1

8.8

9.2

11.1

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



**LWDA**

**CLF**

**January 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**December 2020**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**January 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 249,865 237,350

City of Little Rock 96,381 90,370

Eastern 45,308 42,174

North Central 93,475 88,036

Northeast 121,262 115,161

Northwest 332,082 319,342

Southeast 79,808 74,505

Southwest 90,631 85,427

West Central 129,945 122,690

Western 110,885 105,586

12,515 5.0

6,011 6.2

3,134 6.9

5,439 5.8

6,101 5.0

12,740 3.8

5,303 6.6

5,204 5.7

7,255 5.6

5,299 4.8

252,451 240,573 11,878 4.7

97,273 91,639 5,634 5.8

45,908 43,040 2,868 6.2

94,546 89,580 4,966 5.3

122,795 117,170 5,625 4.6

337,786 325,645 12,141 3.6

80,609 75,827 4,782 5.9

91,509 86,719 4,790 5.2

132,010 125,373 6,637 5.0

111,764 106,773 4,991 4.5

253,671 244,217 9,454 3.7

96,681 93,071 3,610 3.7

45,696 43,198 2,498 5.5

94,189 88,932 5,257 5.6

122,963 117,784 5,179 4.2

329,451 318,971 10,480 3.2

80,205 75,616 4,589 5.7

91,690 86,928 4,762 5.2

130,680 124,703 5,977 4.6

111,027 106,321 4,706 4.2