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Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month's estimates are preliminary, while previous month's data is subject to revision.

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data collected for production workers in manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2020 benchmark.

Explanation of Terms and Concepts

Monthly Business

Survey of Employers

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Workforce Services. The data are based on establishment records and include all workers, full- or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

Metropolitan

Statistical Areas

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, commuting patterns and social and economic integration.

Current Population

Survey (CPS)

A monthly sample survey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

Civilian Labor Force

The sum of all employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

Unemployment

An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

Unemployment

Rate

The number of unemployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

Seasonal

Adjustment

A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally occur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/closing of schools.



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September Spotlight

Alternative Measure of Labor Underutilization

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

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quarter moving average. The most recent data available is for 3rd Quarter 2021.

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

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization					
State of Arkansas					
4th Quarter 2020 - 3rd Quarter 2021 (Average)					
U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6
2.2%	2.5%	4.8%	5.1%	5.7%	8.0%

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.

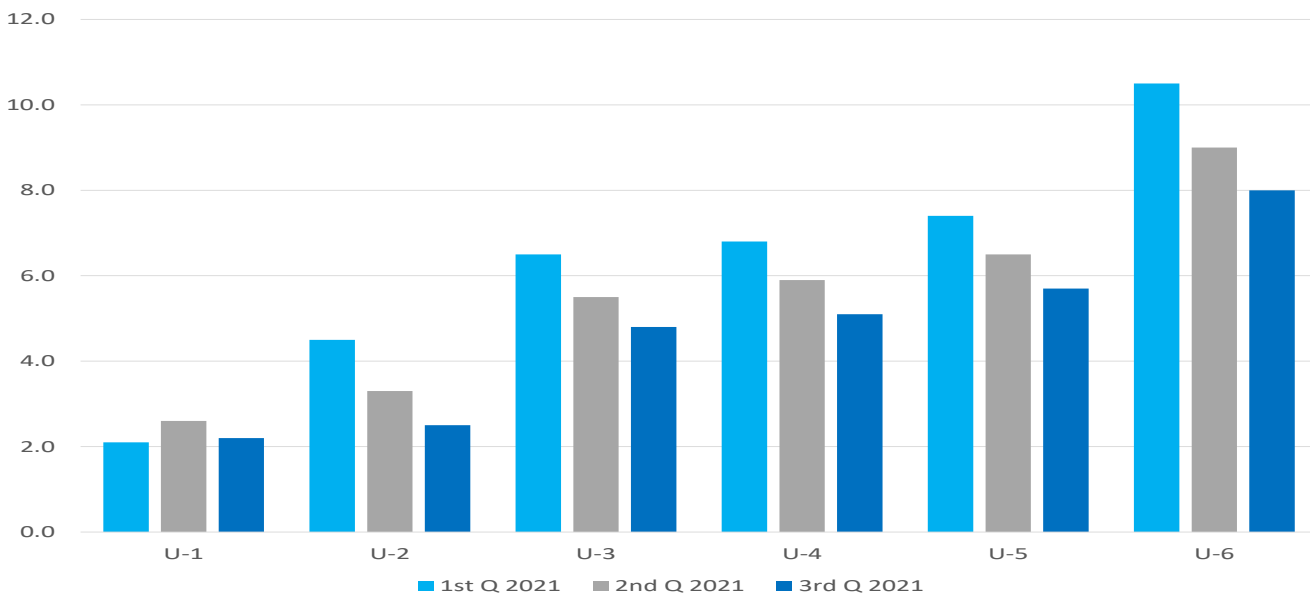
U-3 Measure: Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).

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)



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

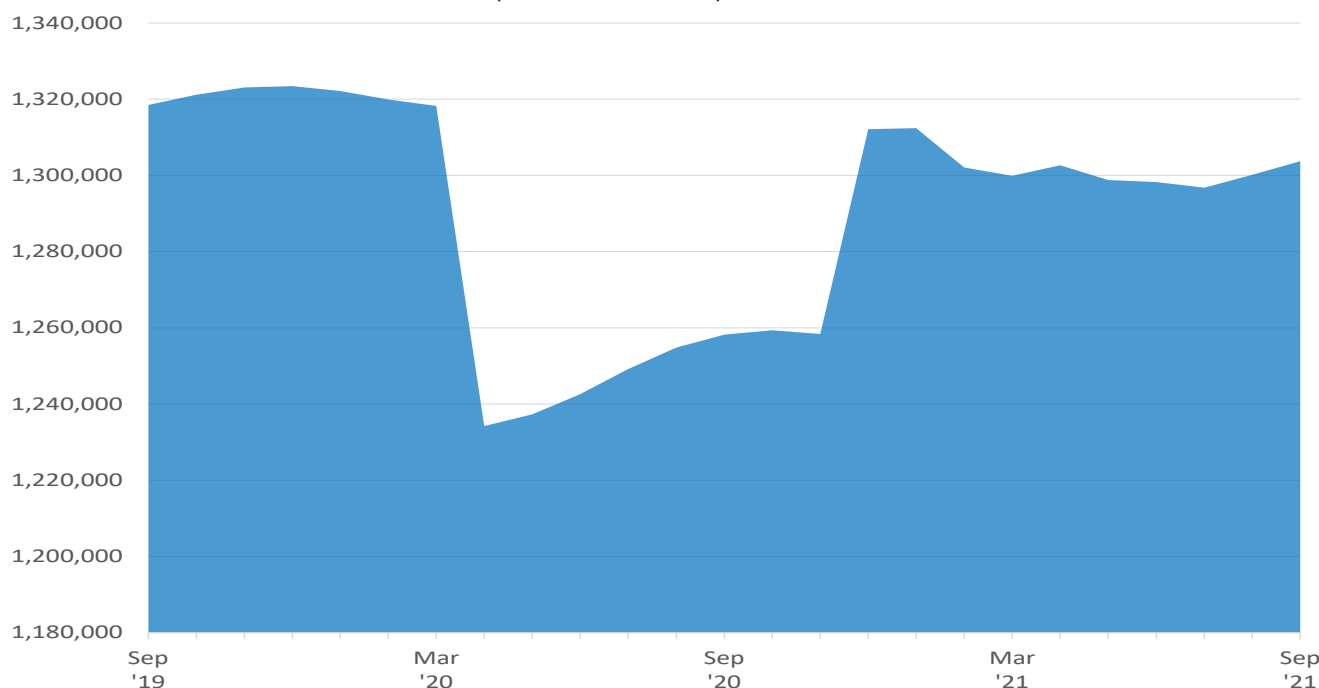
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased two-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.2 percent in August to 4.0 percent in September. Arkansas' civilian labor force increased 594, a result of 3,561 more employed and 2,967 fewer unemployed Arkansans. At 4.8 percent, the United States' jobless rate dropped four-tenths of a percentage point between August and September.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate declined for the third month in a row to 4.0 percent in September, remaining below the national rate of 4.8 percent. Approximately 3,561 Arkansans became employed this month and 45,532 more are employed now compared to September 2020."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20	Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20	
Civilian Labor Force	1,358,010	1,357,416	1,337,649	Civilian Labor Force	1,356,947	1,358,013	1,340,180
Employment	1,303,751	1,300,190	1,258,219	Employment	1,314,204	1,306,401	1,262,240
Unemployment	54,259	57,226	79,430	Unemployment	42,743	51,612	77,940
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.2	5.9	Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.8	5.8
U.S. Unemployment	4.8	5.2	7.8	U.S. Unemployment	4.6	5.3	7.7

Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)
September 2019 - September 2021



**State of Arkansas
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>Sep 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1276.8	1259.5	1242.8	17.3	34.0
Goods Producing	219.9	218.2	213.1	1.7	6.8
Mining, Logging, & Construction	58.4	57.7	59.0	0.7	-0.6
Mining & Logging	5.6	5.6	5.4	0.0	0.2
Construction	52.8	52.1	53.6	0.7	-0.8
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.1	32.7	34.1	0.4	-1.0
Manufacturing	161.5	160.5	154.1	1.0	7.4
Durable Goods	83.0	82.1	71.9	0.9	11.1
Nondurable Goods	78.5	78.4	82.2	0.1	-3.7
Service Providing	1056.9	1041.3	1029.7	15.6	27.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	253.5	249.9	247.1	3.6	6.4
Wholesale Trade	45.8	46.3	45.6	-0.5	0.2
Retail Trade	140.2	137.8	136.4	2.4	3.8
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	67.5	65.8	65.1	1.7	2.4
Information	12.3	12.6	11.4	-0.3	0.9
Financial Activities	67.4	66.5	63.4	0.9	4.0
Finance & Insurance	53.6	52.7	50.0	0.9	3.6
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.8	13.8	13.4	0.0	0.4
Professional & Business Services	147.5	147.9	137.5	-0.4	10.0
Professional, Scientific & Technical	42.8	43.3	41.3	-0.5	1.5
Management of Companies	35.1	34.7	33.6	0.4	1.5
Administrative & Support Services	69.6	69.9	62.6	-0.3	7.0
Educational & Health Services	188.5	187.3	187.1	1.2	1.4
Educational Services	16.9	14.4	15.8	2.5	1.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	171.6	172.9	171.3	-1.3	0.3
Ambulatory Health Care	60.8	60.9	59.0	-0.1	1.8
Social Assistance	35.4	36.1	37.1	-0.7	-1.7
Leisure & Hospitality	114.4	116.5	108.2	-2.1	6.2
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12.4	13.4	10.3	-1.0	2.1
Accommodation & Food Services	102.0	103.1	97.9	-1.1	4.1
Accommodation Services	10.3	10.4	9.2	-0.1	1.1
Food Services	91.7	92.7	88.7	-1.0	3.0
Other Services	67.9	67.2	64.8	0.7	3.1
Government	205.4	193.4	210.2	12.0	-4.8
Federal Government	20.7	20.5	23.3	0.2	-2.6
State Government	77.7	73.3	77.4	4.4	0.3
State Gov, Educational Services	31.3	26.7	30.7	4.6	0.6
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.4	46.6	46.7	-0.2	-0.3
Local Government	107.0	99.6	109.5	7.4	-2.5
Local Gov, Educational Services	63.6	55.6	66.3	8.0	-2.7
Local Gov, Excluding Education	43.4	44.0	43.2	-0.6	0.2

**State of Arkansas
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

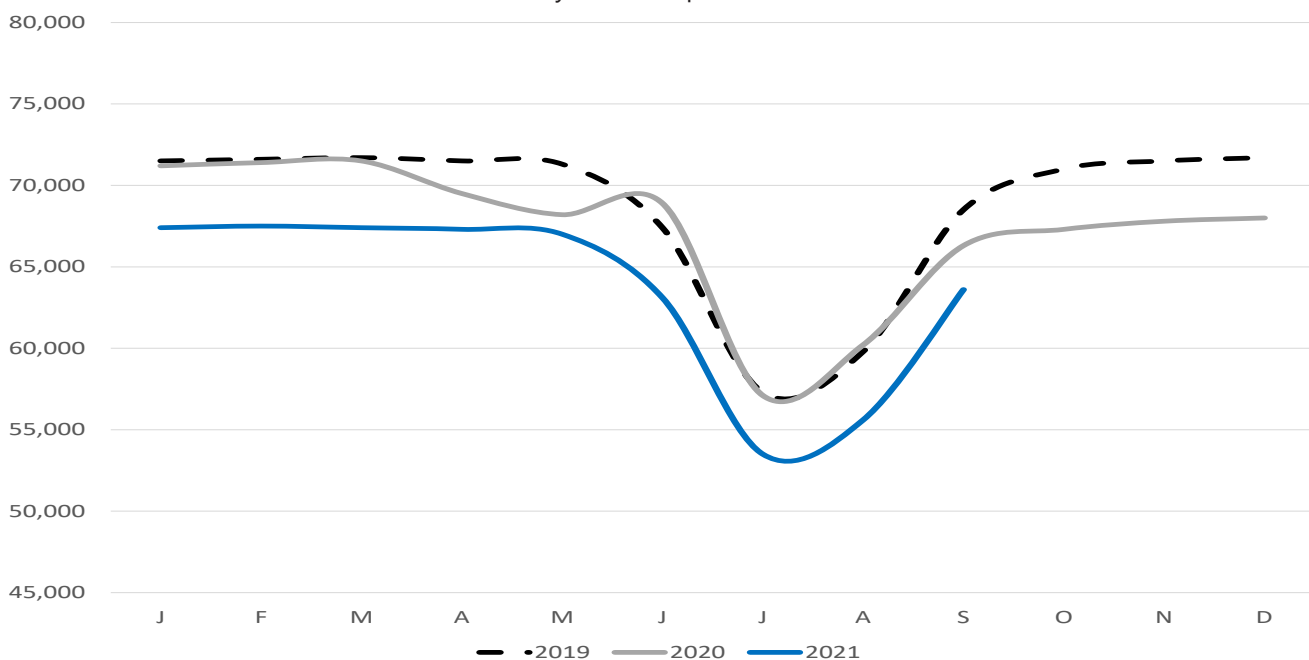
August 2021 - September 2021

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 17,300 in September to total 1,276,800. Gains were posted in seven major industry sectors. Jobs in **government** increased 12,000. Growth occurred in local government-educational services (+8,000) and state government-educational services (+4,600), as public schools and universities continued hiring for the new school year. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 3,600 jobs. Expansions in retail trade (+2,400) and transportation-warehousing-utilities (+1,700) more than offset a small decrease in wholesale trade (-500). Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 1,200, all in educational services (+2,500). Employment in **manufacturing** increased 1,000, mostly in durable goods (+900). **Leisure and hospitality** reported the largest decline, down 2,100 jobs. Contractions in arts-entertainment-recreation (-1,000) were attributed to typical seasonal losses.

September 2020 - September 2021

Compared to September 2020, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs have increased by 34,000. Nine major industry sectors posted growth, with five sectors adding 4,000 or more jobs each. Jobs in **professional and business services** rose 10,000, with gains reported in all subsectors. Jobs in **manufacturing** increased 7,400. Growth was reported in durable goods (+11,100), while jobs in nondurable goods declined 3,700. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 6,400 jobs, with hiring posted in all subsectors. **Leisure and hospitality** gained 6,200 jobs. Most of the expansion occurred in accommodation and foods services (+4,100). Jobs in **financial activities** rose 4,000, largely in finance and insurance (+3,600). **Government** reported the largest annual decline, down 4,800 jobs. A majority of the loss was split between federal (-2,600) and local (-2,500) government.

Jobs in Local Government - Educational Services* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
January 2019 - September 2021



*Includes all jobs at public elementary, middle, junior high, and high schools

**State of Arkansas
Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

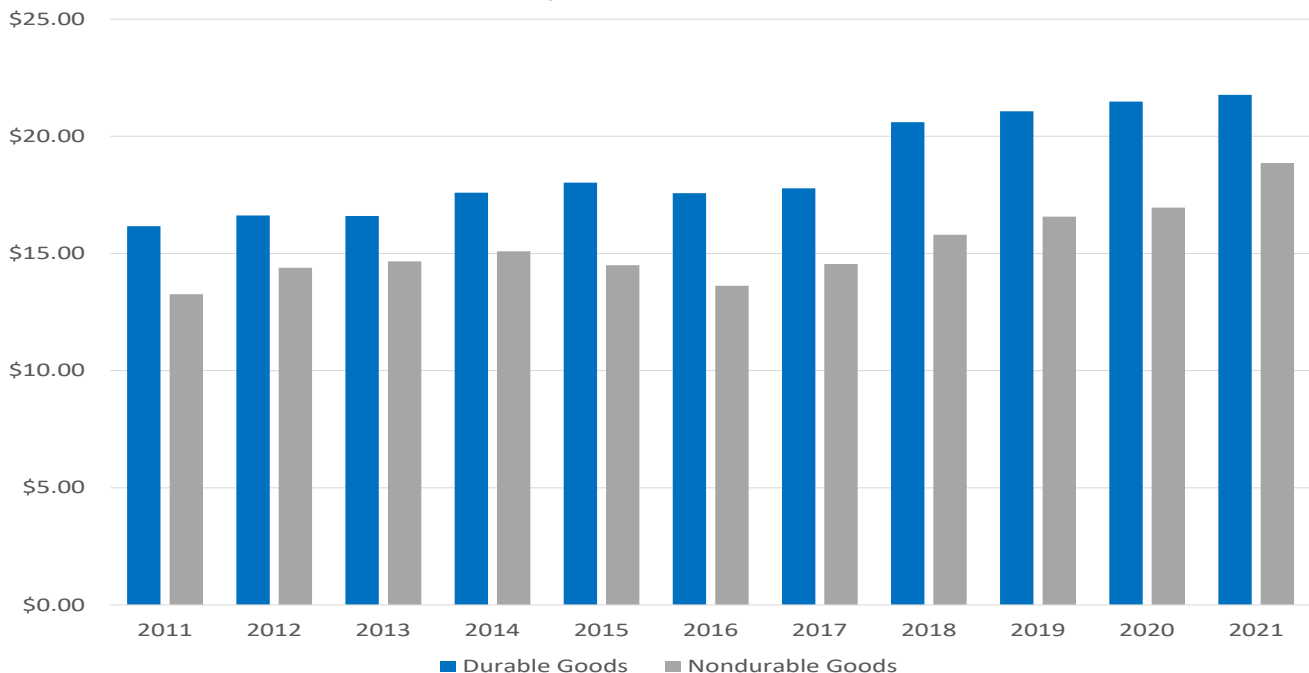
Manufacturing

	Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20
Average Weekly Hours	40.5	40.7	38.6
Average Hourly Earnings	20.34	20.46	18.96
Average Weekly Earnings	823.77	832.72	731.86

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20		Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20
Average Weekly Hours	40.0	40.1	36.7	Average Weekly Hours	41.1	41.4	40.3
Average Hourly Earnings	21.77	21.99	21.48	Average Hourly Earnings	18.86	18.92	16.96
Average Weekly Earnings	870.80	881.80	788.32	Average Weekly Earnings	775.15	783.29	683.49

Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods
September: 2011 - 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)

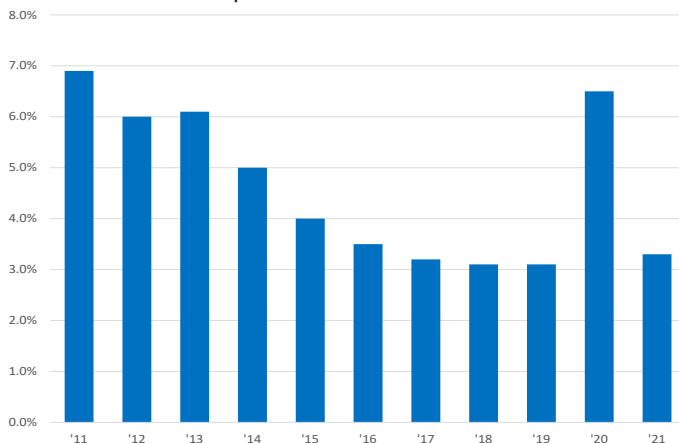
	Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	348,813	352,277	349,567	-3,464	-754
Employment	337,234	338,141	326,750	-907	10,484
Unemployment	11,579	14,136	22,817	-2,557	-11,238
Unemployment Rate	3.3	4.0	6.5	-0.7	-3.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	353.7	352.8	347.2	0.9	6.5
Goods Producing	36.5	36.7	36.8	-0.2	-0.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.5	17.7	17.9	-0.2	-0.4
Manufacturing	19.0	19.0	18.9	0.0	0.1
Service Providing	317.2	316.1	310.4	1.1	6.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	68.9	68.1	68.0	0.8	0.9
Wholesale Trade	15.1	15.3	15.0	-0.2	0.1
Retail Trade	37.7	36.9	37.0	0.8	0.7
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.1	15.9	16.0	0.2	0.1
Information	5.1	5.3	5.1	-0.2	0.0
Financial Activities	23.8	23.5	22.0	0.3	1.8
Professional & Business Services	43.5	44.7	43.2	-1.2	0.3
Educational & Health Services	59.4	59.0	57.0	0.4	2.4
Leisure & Hospitality	31.0	31.9	29.4	-0.9	1.6
Other Services	18.4	18.5	17.7	-0.1	0.7
Government	67.1	65.1	68.0	2.0	-0.9
Federal Government	9.8	9.8	10.3	0.0	-0.5
State Government	34.3	33.3	34.1	1.0	0.2
Local Government	23.0	22.0	23.6	1.0	-0.6

Unemployment Rates
September: 2011 - 2021



Jobs in Service Providing Industries
September 2019 - September 2021



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA = Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas and McDonald county in Missouri.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

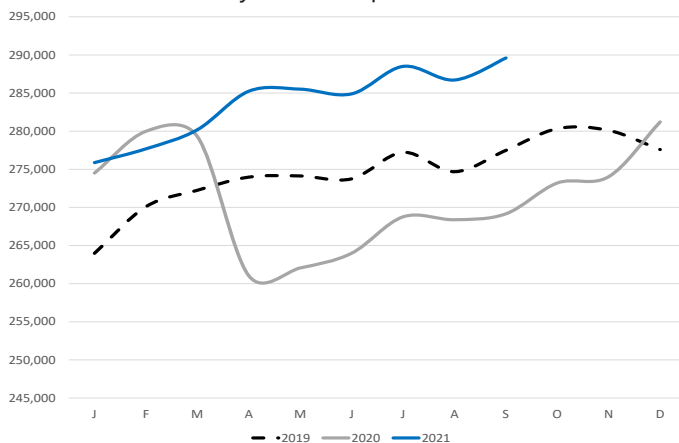
	Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	296,134	294,566	281,630	1,568	14,504
Employment	289,607	286,714	269,163	2,893	20,444
Unemployment	6,527	7,852	12,467	-1,325	-5,940
Unemployment Rate	2.2	2.7	4.4	-0.5	-2.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

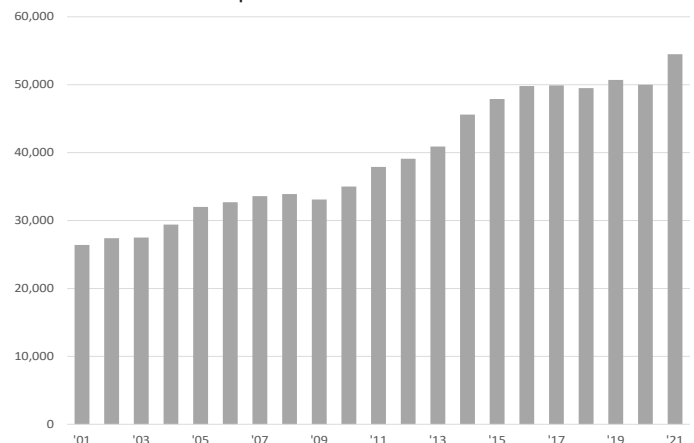
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	279.2	274.5	262.3	4.7	16.9
Goods Producing	45.8	45.5	43.8	0.3	2.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	14.1	14.0	13.1	0.1	1.0
Manufacturing	31.7	31.5	30.7	0.2	1.0
Service Providing	233.4	229.0	218.5	4.4	14.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	59.4	59.2	56.2	0.2	3.2
Wholesale Trade	12.4	12.5	11.9	-0.1	0.5
Retail Trade	28.5	28.3	26.3	0.2	2.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.5	18.4	18.0	0.1	0.5
Information	2.1	2.2	1.9	-0.1	0.2
Financial Activities	8.7	8.7	8.5	0.0	0.2
Professional & Business Services	54.5	54.3	50.0	0.2	4.5
Educational & Health Services	31.2	30.7	29.7	0.5	1.5
Leisure & Hospitality	27.9	27.9	24.0	0.0	3.9
Other Services	10.1	10.0	9.6	0.1	0.5
Government	39.5	36.0	38.6	3.5	0.9
Federal Government	2.9	2.9	3.3	0.0	-0.4
State Government	17.6	15.1	16.5	2.5	1.1
Local Government	19.0	18.0	18.8	1.0	0.2

Number of Employed
January 2019 - September 2021



Jobs in Professional and Business Services
September: 2001 - 2021



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fort Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA = Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	119,316	119,001	117,862	315	1,454
Employment	116,036	114,972	111,203	1,064	4,833
Unemployment	3,280	4,029	6,659	-749	-3,379
Unemployment Rate	2.7	3.4	5.6	-0.7	-2.9

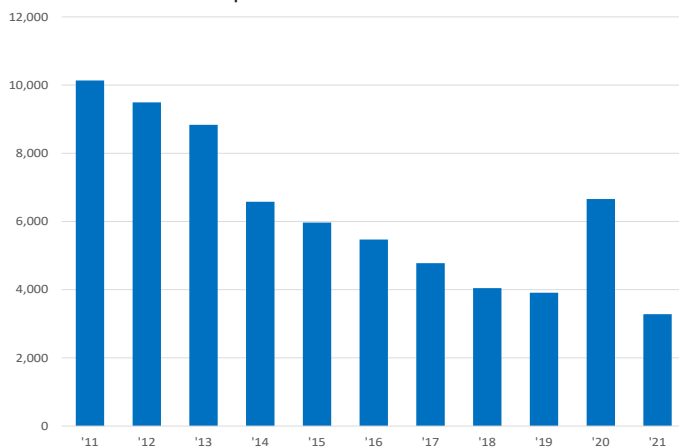
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	112.6	110.8	109.4	1.8	3.2
Goods Producing	22.8	22.5	22.2	0.3	0.6
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.7	5.7	5.5	0.0	0.2
Manufacturing	17.1	16.8	16.7	0.3	0.4
Service Providing	89.8	88.3	87.2	1.5	2.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.9	23.7	23.1	0.2	0.8
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.7	4.2	0.0	0.5
Retail Trade	12.1	12.0	12.4	0.1	-0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	7.1	7.0	6.5	0.1	0.6
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.7	3.7	3.7	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	12.8	12.4	11.5	0.4	1.3
Educational & Health Services	16.7	16.8	16.5	-0.1	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.3	9.6	8.9	-0.3	0.4
Other Services	4.7	4.7	4.4	0.0	0.3
Government	17.6	16.3	18.0	1.3	-0.4
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.5	0.0	-0.2
State Government	2.6	2.4	2.7	0.2	-0.1
Local Government	13.7	12.6	13.8	1.1	-0.1

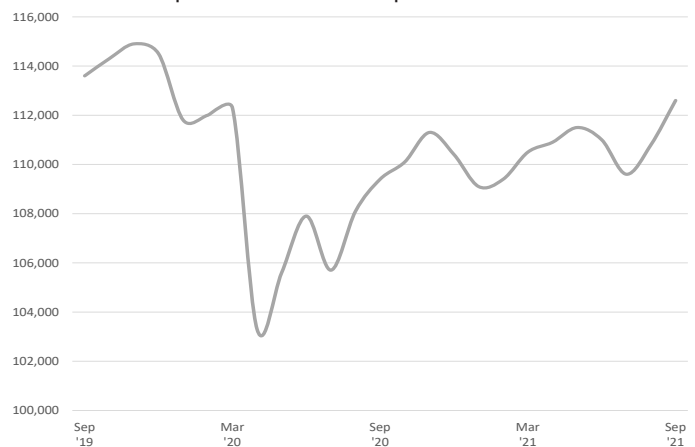
Unemployment

September: 2011 - 2021



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

September 2019 - September 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	41,004	41,589	40,873	-585	131
Employment	39,424	39,727	37,552	-303	1,872
Unemployment	1,580	1,862	3,321	-282	-1,741
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.5	8.1	-0.6	-4.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

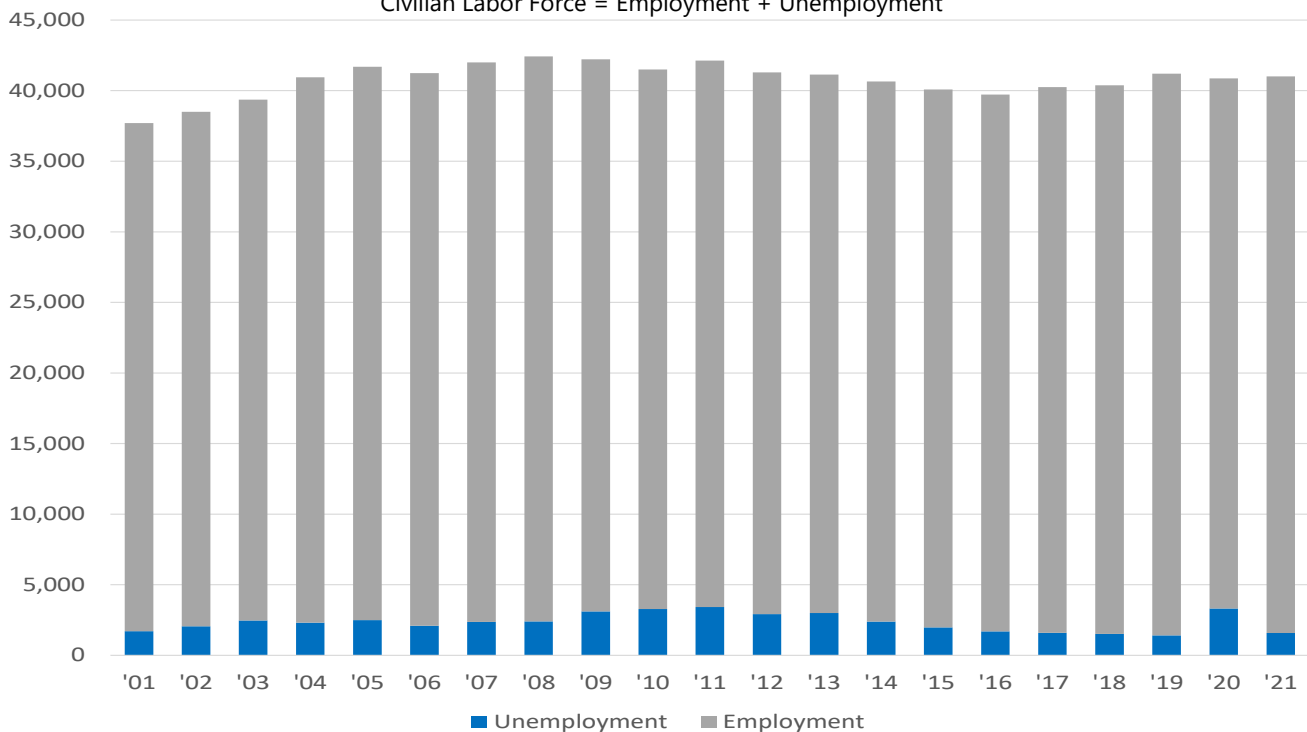
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	38.6	38.6	37.3	0.0	1.3
Goods Producing	4.7	4.6	4.5	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	33.9	34.0	32.8	-0.1	1.1
Government	4.1	3.9	4.1	0.2	0.0

Composition of the Civilian Labor Force

September: 2001 - 2021

Civilian Labor Force = Employment + Unemployment



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	66,526	66,290	65,152	236	1,374
Employment	64,817	64,152	61,742	665	3,075
Unemployment	1,709	2,138	3,410	-429	-1,701
Unemployment Rate	2.6	3.2	5.2	-0.6	-2.6

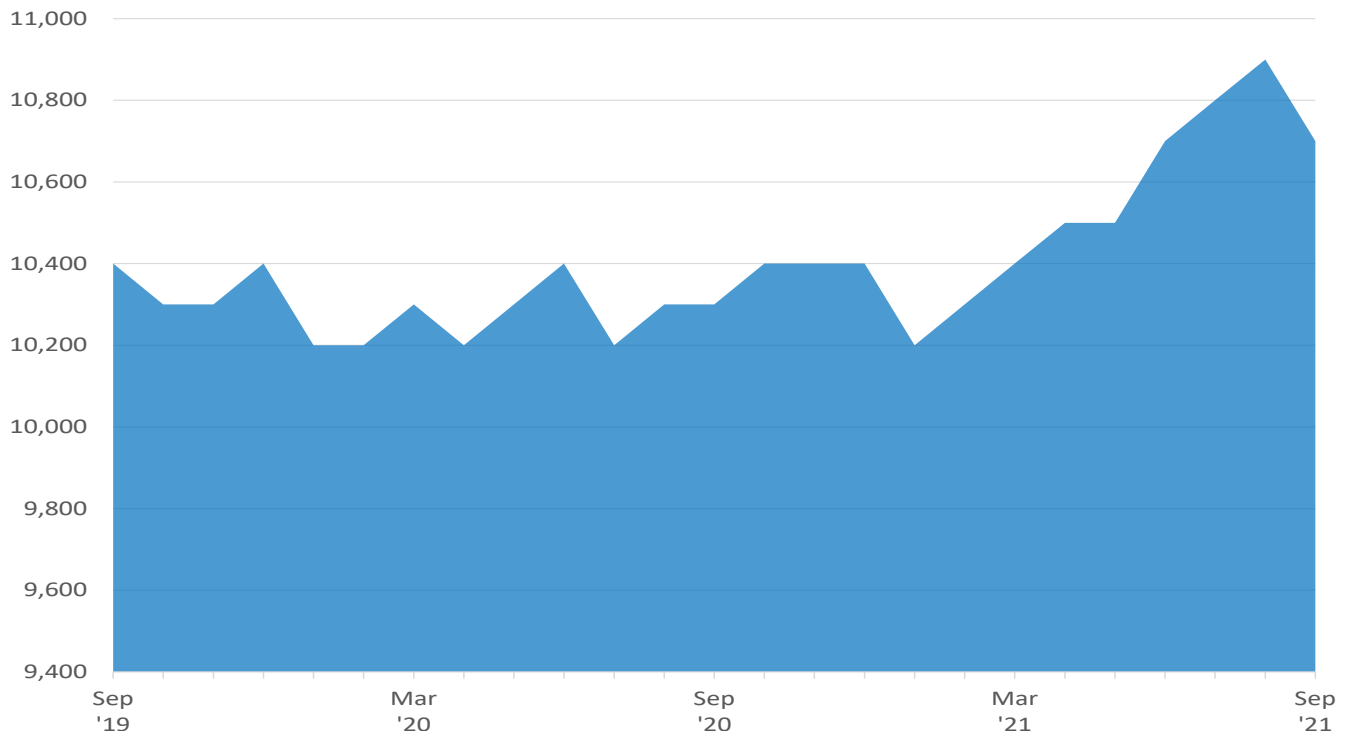
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	60.5	59.2	58.4	1.3	2.1
Goods Producing	10.7	10.9	10.3	-0.2	0.4
Service Providing	49.8	48.3	48.1	1.5	1.7
Government	8.2	7.7	8.5	0.5	-0.3

Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

September 2019 - September 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Pine Bluff MSA**

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

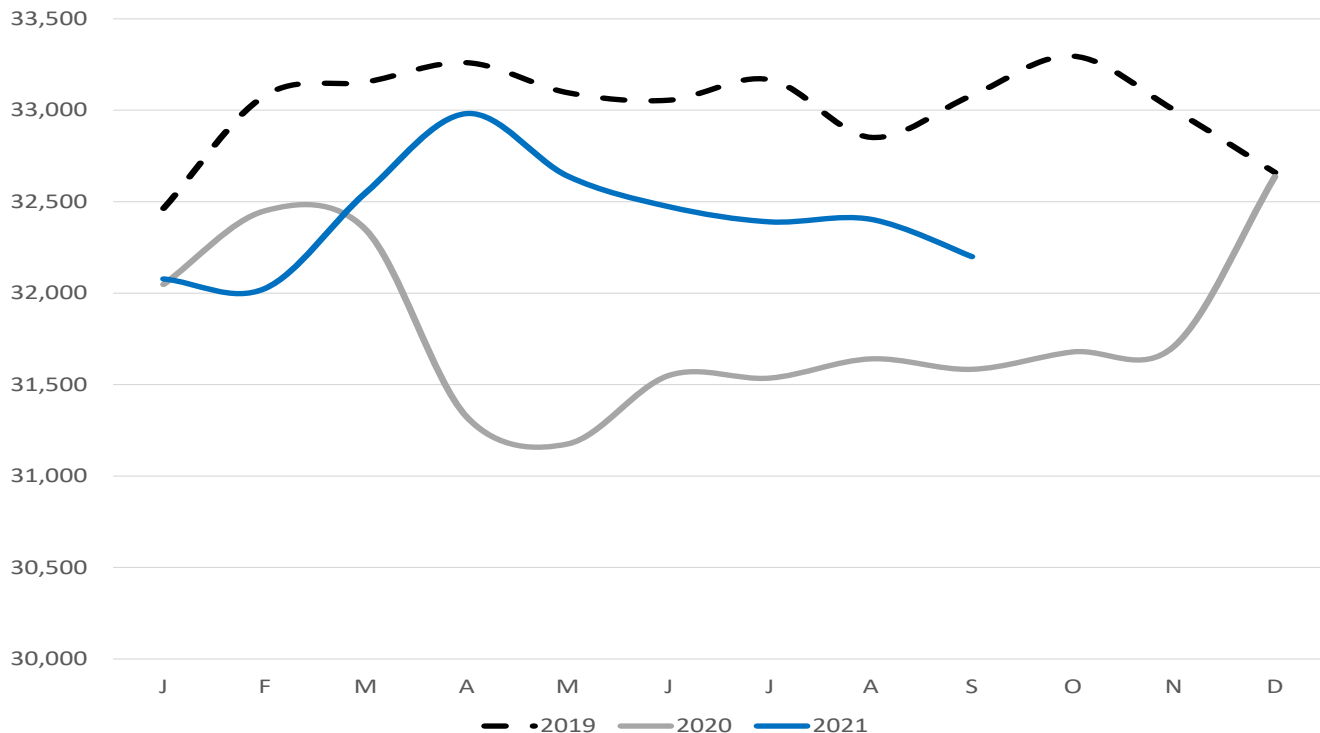
	Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	33,804	34,361	34,264	-557	-460
Employment	32,200	32,404	31,584	-204	616
Unemployment	1,604	1,957	2,680	-353	-1,076
Unemployment Rate	4.7	5.7	7.8	-1.0	-3.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 21	Aug 21	Sep 20	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	31.7	31.6	31.7	0.1	0.0
Goods Producing	5.6	5.6	5.7	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	26.1	26.0	26.0	0.1	0.1
Government	8.9	8.5	9.0	0.4	-0.1

Number of Employed
January 2019 - September 2021



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Out-of-State MSA

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

The Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA = Fayette, Shelby, & Tipton counties in Tennessee; Benton, Desoto, Marshall, Tate, & Tunica counties in Mississippi; & Crittenden County in Arkansas.

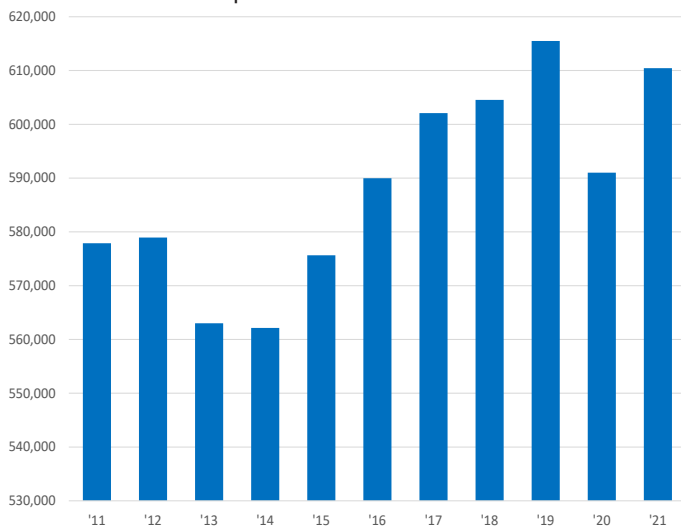
	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>Sep 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	641,621	651,310	661,047	-9,689	-19,426
Employment	610,441	611,394	591,012	-953	19,429
Unemployment	31,180	39,916	70,035	-8,736	-38,855
Unemployment Rate	4.9	6.1	10.6	-1.2	-5.7

Texarkana MSA

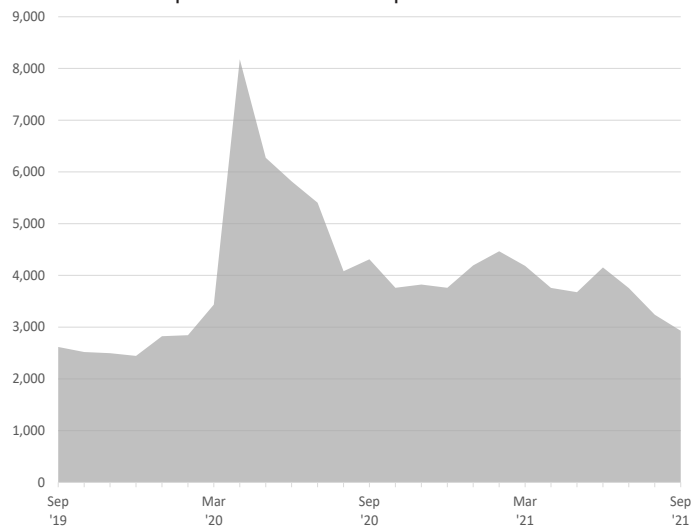
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>Sep 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,278	63,055	63,174	223	104
Employment	60,347	59,814	58,862	533	1,485
Unemployment	2,931	3,241	4,312	-310	-1,381
Unemployment Rate	4.6	5.1	6.8	-0.5	-2.2

Memphis MSA - Number of Employed
September: 2011 - 2021



Texarkana MSA - Unemployment
September 2019 - September 2021



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	September 2021				August 2021				September 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,062	8,721	341	3.8	8,885	8,459	426	4.8	9,375	8,876	499	5.3
Batesville Micro	16,780	16,260	520	3.1	16,300	15,661	639	3.9	16,405	15,624	781	4.8
Blytheville Micro	16,554	15,636	918	5.5	16,576	15,455	1,121	6.8	16,972	15,479	1,493	8.8
Camden Micro	12,297	11,910	387	3.1	12,165	11,724	441	3.6	12,081	11,470	611	5.1
El Dorado Micro	15,343	14,591	752	4.9	15,358	14,448	910	5.9	15,420	14,190	1,230	8.0
Forrest City Micro	7,706	7,324	382	5.0	7,843	7,399	444	5.7	7,873	7,253	620	7.9
Harrison Micro	19,122	18,662	460	2.4	18,751	18,222	529	2.8	18,897	18,062	835	4.4
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,933	5,572	361	6.1	6,042	5,619	423	7.0	6,315	5,795	520	8.2
Hope Micro	12,861	12,491	370	2.9	12,656	12,195	461	3.6	12,985	12,327	658	5.1
Magnolia Micro	8,948	8,581	367	4.1	8,737	8,286	451	5.2	8,996	8,375	621	6.9
Malvern Micro	13,969	13,527	442	3.2	14,005	13,492	513	3.7	13,960	13,176	784	5.6
Mountain Home Micro	16,530	16,033	497	3.0	16,403	15,832	571	3.5	16,445	15,612	833	5.1
Paragould Micro	19,369	18,851	518	2.7	19,275	18,653	622	3.2	19,238	18,235	1,003	5.2
Russellville Micro	35,779	34,654	1,125	3.1	35,060	33,665	1,395	4.0	35,506	33,681	1,825	5.1
Searcy Micro	33,936	32,880	1,056	3.1	33,838	32,548	1,290	3.8	33,570	31,772	1,798	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

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	September 2021				August 2021				September 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,822	12,422	400	3.1	12,682	12,292	390	3.1	12,206	11,536	670	5.5
Benton	17,187	16,742	445	2.6	17,290	16,777	513	3.0	17,025	16,227	798	4.7
Bentonville	30,041	29,543	498	1.7	29,911	29,235	676	2.3	28,615	27,435	1,180	4.1
Blytheville	5,629	5,252	377	6.7	5,586	5,191	395	7.1	5,858	5,199	659	11.2
Cabot	11,733	11,431	302	2.6	11,878	11,496	382	3.2	11,607	11,052	555	4.8
Conway	33,624	32,670	954	2.8	33,992	32,770	1,222	3.6	33,220	31,637	1,583	4.8
El Dorado	6,635	6,293	342	5.2	6,677	6,232	445	6.7	6,836	6,121	715	10.5
Fayetteville	50,603	49,398	1,205	2.4	50,426	48,887	1,539	3.1	48,405	45,862	2,543	5.3
Fort Smith	39,070	37,933	1,137	2.9	38,922	37,581	1,341	3.4	38,527	36,362	2,165	5.6
Hot Springs	15,277	14,595	682	4.5	15,603	14,707	896	5.7	15,365	13,902	1,463	9.5
Jacksonville	11,443	10,863	580	5.1	11,544	10,885	659	5.7	11,588	10,532	1,056	9.1
Jonesboro	39,838	38,799	1,039	2.6	39,701	38,356	1,345	3.4	39,189	36,980	2,209	5.6
Little Rock	95,188	91,319	3,869	4.1	96,380	91,502	4,878	5.1	96,508	88,534	7,974	8.3
North Little Rock	29,170	28,001	1,169	4.0	29,612	28,057	1,555	5.3	29,984	27,147	2,837	9.5
Paragould	12,306	11,941	365	3.0	12,247	11,816	431	3.5	12,305	11,551	754	6.1
Pine Bluff	15,954	15,034	920	5.8	16,329	15,101	1,228	7.5	16,481	14,775	1,706	10.4
Rogers	37,842	36,981	861	2.3	37,562	36,595	967	2.6	35,801	34,342	1,459	4.1
Russellville	12,797	12,391	406	3.2	12,494	12,007	487	3.9	12,619	12,060	559	4.4
Searcy	10,295	9,975	320	3.1	10,273	9,875	398	3.9	10,121	9,639	482	4.8
Sherwood	15,733	15,264	469	3.0	15,845	15,294	551	3.5	15,812	14,798	1,014	6.4
Springdale	41,284	40,350	934	2.3	41,040	39,931	1,109	2.7	39,182	37,463	1,719	4.4
Texarkana, AR	13,165	12,609	556	4.2	13,249	12,562	687	5.2	13,163	12,224	939	7.1
Van Buren	10,363	10,088	275	2.7	10,332	10,011	321	3.1	10,193	9,663	530	5.2
West Memphis	10,395	9,928	467	4.5	10,592	9,978	614	5.8	10,455	9,374	1,081	10.3

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	September 2021				August 2021				September 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,699	9,428	271	2.8	9,802	9,487	315	3.2	9,329	8,956	373	4.0
Ashley	6,832	6,441	391	5.7	6,847	6,370	477	7.0	7,174	6,540	634	8.8
Baxter	16,530	16,033	497	3.0	16,403	15,832	571	3.5	16,445	15,612	833	5.1
Benton	145,945	142,767	3,178	2.2	145,044	141,276	3,768	2.6	138,585	132,580	6,005	4.3
Boone	15,831	15,448	383	2.4	15,505	15,062	443	2.9	15,679	14,967	712	4.5
Bradley	4,190	4,039	151	3.6	4,099	3,910	189	4.6	4,303	4,086	217	5.0
Calhoun	2,451	2,385	66	2.7	2,442	2,366	76	3.1	2,393	2,289	104	4.3
Carroll	13,167	12,848	319	2.4	13,339	12,964	375	2.8	12,848	12,216	632	4.9
Chicot	3,160	2,952	208	6.6	3,262	3,000	262	8.0	3,247	2,922	325	10.0
Clark	9,062	8,721	341	3.8	8,885	8,459	426	4.8	9,375	8,876	499	5.3
Clay	5,436	5,274	162	3.0	5,545	5,353	192	3.5	5,486	5,221	265	4.8
Cleburne	9,134	8,806	328	3.6	9,088	8,709	379	4.2	9,174	8,595	579	6.3
Cleveland	3,167	3,069	98	3.1	3,224	3,107	117	3.6	3,183	2,991	192	6.0
Columbia	8,948	8,581	367	4.1	8,737	8,286	451	5.2	8,996	8,375	621	6.9
Conway	8,332	8,058	274	3.3	8,346	8,024	322	3.9	8,351	7,919	432	5.2
Craighead	56,416	55,012	1,404	2.5	56,164	54,384	1,780	3.2	55,320	52,433	2,887	5.2
Crawford	26,652	25,896	756	2.8	26,577	25,698	879	3.3	26,135	24,803	1,332	5.1
Crittenden	21,093	20,285	808	3.8	21,452	20,387	1,065	5.0	20,950	19,152	1,798	8.6
Cross	7,069	6,831	238	3.4	7,192	6,901	291	4.0	7,201	6,798	403	5.6
Dallas	2,850	2,745	105	3.7	2,859	2,741	118	4.1	2,853	2,723	130	4.6
Desha	5,068	4,814	254	5.0	5,161	4,861	300	5.8	5,173	4,805	368	7.1
Drew	7,657	7,362	295	3.9	7,584	7,213	371	4.9	7,670	7,195	475	6.2
Faulkner	61,002	59,317	1,685	2.8	61,547	59,498	2,049	3.3	60,353	57,441	2,912	4.8
Franklin	7,445	7,222	223	3.0	7,469	7,212	257	3.4	7,407	7,028	379	5.1
Fulton	5,004	4,865	139	2.8	4,845	4,675	170	3.5	4,904	4,685	219	4.5
Garland	41,004	39,424	1,580	3.9	41,589	39,727	1,862	4.5	40,873	37,552	3,321	8.1
Grant	8,137	7,918	219	2.7	8,214	7,960	254	3.1	8,054	7,666	388	4.8
Greene	19,369	18,851	518	2.7	19,275	18,653	622	3.2	19,238	18,235	1,003	5.2
Hempstead	9,401	9,141	260	2.8	9,260	8,936	324	3.5	9,469	9,013	456	4.8
Hot Spring	13,969	13,527	442	3.2	14,005	13,492	513	3.7	13,960	13,176	784	5.6
Howard	5,634	5,485	149	2.6	5,637	5,468	169	3.0	5,534	5,269	265	4.8
Independence	16,780	16,260	520	3.1	16,300	15,661	639	3.9	16,405	15,624	781	4.8
Izard	4,578	4,384	194	4.2	4,549	4,325	224	4.9	4,622	4,296	326	7.1
Jackson	5,666	5,440	226	4.0	5,789	5,510	279	4.8	5,758	5,398	360	6.3
Jefferson	26,809	25,443	1,366	5.1	27,228	25,557	1,671	6.1	27,288	25,005	2,283	8.4
Johnson	9,840	9,458	382	3.9	9,535	9,061	474	5.0	10,036	9,497	539	5.4
Lafayette	2,353	2,251	102	4.3	2,364	2,238	126	5.3	2,405	2,209	196	8.1
Lawrence	6,893	6,662	231	3.4	6,688	6,415	273	4.1	6,807	6,411	396	5.8
Lee	2,638	2,520	118	4.5	2,744	2,601	143	5.2	2,776	2,572	204	7.3
Lincoln	3,828	3,688	140	3.7	3,909	3,740	169	4.3	3,793	3,588	205	5.4
Little River	5,300	5,113	187	3.5	5,308	5,090	218	4.1	5,290	4,970	320	6.0
Logan	8,597	8,328	269	3.1	8,700	8,369	331	3.8	8,644	8,156	488	5.6
Lonoke	33,184	32,274	910	2.7	33,515	32,459	1,056	3.2	32,908	31,205	1,703	5.2
Madison	7,845	7,649	196	2.5	7,881	7,658	223	2.8	7,357	7,073	284	3.9
Marion	6,218	6,011	207	3.3	6,185	5,946	239	3.9	6,128	5,767	361	5.9
Miller	19,134	18,401	733	3.8	19,207	18,333	874	4.6	18,991	17,840	1,151	6.1

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	September 2021				August 2021				September 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,554	15,636	918	5.5	16,576	15,455	1,121	6.8	16,972	15,479	1,493	8.8
Monroe	2,644	2,533	111	4.2	2,710	2,577	133	4.9	2,682	2,504	178	6.6
Montgomery	3,097	2,979	118	3.8	3,133	2,999	134	4.3	3,034	2,854	180	5.9
Nevada	3,460	3,350	110	3.2	3,396	3,259	137	4.0	3,516	3,314	202	5.7
Newton	3,291	3,214	77	2.3	3,246	3,160	86	2.6	3,218	3,095	123	3.8
Ouachita	9,846	9,525	321	3.3	9,723	9,358	365	3.8	9,688	9,181	507	5.2
Perry	4,197	4,049	148	3.5	4,245	4,077	168	4.0	4,108	3,904	204	5.0
Phillips	5,933	5,572	361	6.1	6,042	5,619	423	7.0	6,315	5,795	520	8.2
Pike	4,419	4,261	158	3.6	4,482	4,303	179	4.0	4,322	4,088	234	5.4
Poinsett	10,110	9,805	305	3.0	10,126	9,768	358	3.5	9,832	9,309	523	5.3
Polk	7,909	7,638	271	3.4	8,012	7,684	328	4.1	7,964	7,501	463	5.8
Pope	27,681	26,818	863	3.1	27,077	25,986	1,091	4.0	27,548	26,102	1,446	5.2
Prairie	3,646	3,545	101	2.8	3,681	3,564	117	3.2	3,606	3,439	167	4.6
Pulaski	184,698	177,562	7,136	3.9	186,787	177,917	8,870	4.7	187,037	172,146	14,891	8.0
Randolph	7,588	7,363	225	3.0	7,526	7,249	277	3.7	7,465	7,062	403	5.4
St. Francis	7,706	7,324	382	5.0	7,843	7,399	444	5.7	7,873	7,253	620	7.9
Saline	57,595	56,114	1,481	2.6	57,969	56,230	1,739	3.0	57,107	54,388	2,719	4.8
Scott	4,334	4,220	114	2.6	4,306	4,171	135	3.1	4,320	4,146	174	4.0
Searcy	3,006	2,898	108	3.6	3,047	2,920	127	4.2	2,960	2,807	153	5.2
Sebastian	56,313	54,667	1,646	2.9	56,095	54,160	1,935	3.4	55,473	52,403	3,070	5.5
Sevier	5,528	5,339	189	3.4	5,579	5,348	231	4.1	5,458	5,164	294	5.4
Sharp	5,751	5,520	231	4.0	5,581	5,308	273	4.9	5,682	5,339	343	6.0
Stone	4,751	4,583	168	3.5	4,874	4,673	201	4.1	4,620	4,339	281	6.1
Union	15,343	14,591	752	4.9	15,358	14,448	910	5.9	15,420	14,190	1,230	8.0
Van Buren	5,952	5,731	221	3.7	5,906	5,647	259	4.4	5,782	5,424	358	6.2
Washington	131,419	128,512	2,907	2.2	130,703	127,183	3,520	2.7	125,023	119,313	5,710	4.6
White	33,936	32,880	1,056	3.1	33,838	32,548	1,290	3.8	33,570	31,772	1,798	5.4
Woodruff	2,823	2,714	109	3.9	2,872	2,741	131	4.6	2,769	2,629	140	5.1
Yell	8,098	7,836	262	3.2	7,983	7,679	304	3.8	7,958	7,579	379	4.8

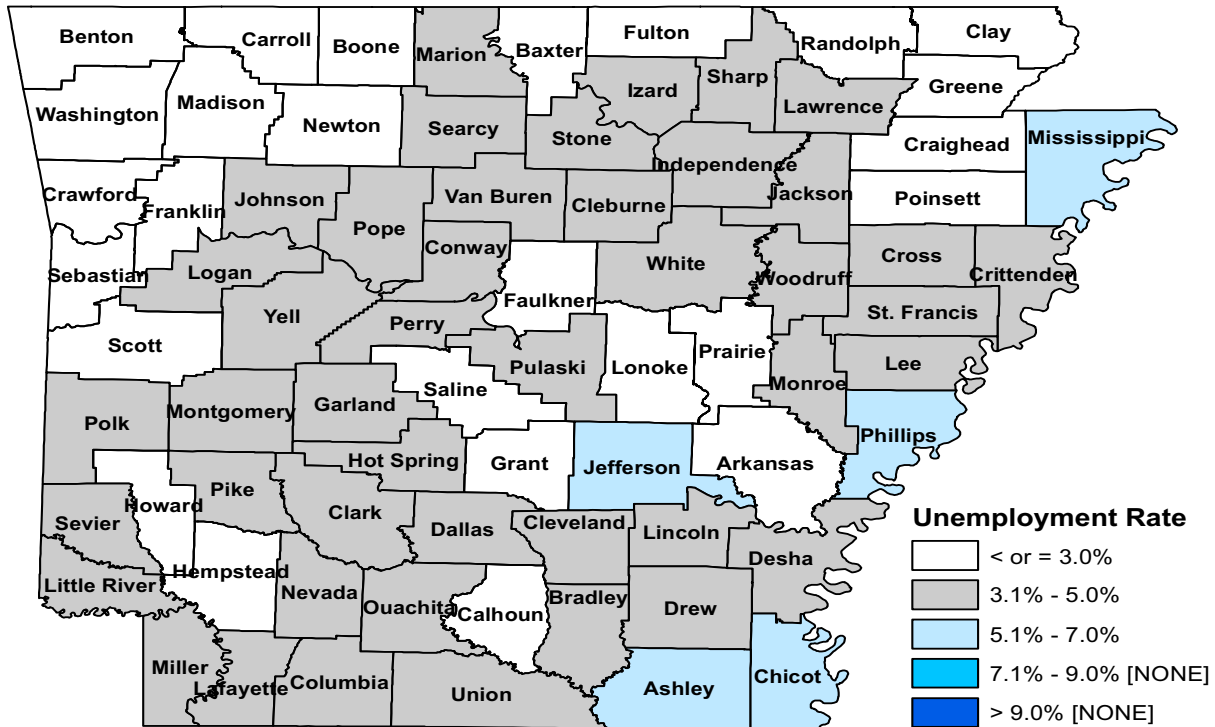
County Labor Force Summary

Between August and September, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Benton and Washington counties to a high of 6.6 percent in Chicot County.

In September, no Arkansas county posted an unemployment rate at or above seven percent. Last month, three counties had rates at or above seven percent. Sixty-two counties reported jobless rates at or below four percent. That is up sharply from 40 counties at or below four percent in August.

Compared to September 2020, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Over-the-year rate declines ranged from a nine-tenths of a percentage point decrease in Dallas County to as much as a four and eight-tenths of a percentage point drop in Crittenden County.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

September 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	2.2	22	Randolph	3.0	49	Van Buren	3.7
1	Washington	2.2	27	Cleveland	3.1	52	Clark	3.8
3	Newton	2.3	27	Independence	3.1	52	Crittenden	3.8
4	Boone	2.4	27	Logan	3.1	52	Miller	3.8
4	Carroll	2.4	27	Pope	3.1	52	Montgomery	3.8
6	Craighead	2.5	27	White	3.1	56	Drew	3.9
6	Madison	2.5	32	Hot Spring	3.2	56	Garland	3.9
8	Howard	2.6	32	Nevada	3.2	56	Johnson	3.9
8	Saline	2.6	32	Yell	3.2	56	Pulaski	3.9
8	Scott	2.6	35	Conway	3.3	56	Woodruff	3.9
11	Calhoun	2.7	35	Marion	3.3	61	Jackson	4.0
11	Grant	2.7	35	Ouachita	3.3	61	Sharp	4.0
11	Greene	2.7	38	Cross	3.4	63	Columbia	4.1
11	Lonoke	2.7	38	Lawrence	3.4	64	Izard	4.2
15	Arkansas	2.8	38	Polk	3.4	64	Monroe	4.2
15	Crawford	2.8	38	Sevier	3.4	66	Lafayette	4.3
15	Faulkner	2.8	42	Little River	3.5	67	Lee	4.5
15	Fulton	2.8	42	Perry	3.5	68	Union	4.9
15	Hempstead	2.8	42	Stone	3.5	69	Desha	5.0
15	Prairie	2.8	45	Bradley	3.6	69	St. Francis	5.0
21	Sebastian	2.9	45	Cleburne	3.6	71	Jefferson	5.1
22	Baxter	3.0	45	Pike	3.6	72	Mississippi	5.5
22	Clay	3.0	45	Searcy	3.6	73	Ashley	5.7
22	Franklin	3.0	49	Dallas	3.7	74	Phillips	6.1
22	Poinsett	3.0	49	Lincoln	3.7	75	Chicot	6.6

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	September 2021				August 2021				September 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	247,581	240,026	7,555	3.1	249,829	240,743	9,086	3.6	247,185	232,589	14,596	5.9
City of Little Rock	95,188	91,319	3,869	4.1	96,380	91,502	4,878	5.1	96,508	88,534	7,974	8.3
Eastern	44,439	42,532	1,907	4.3	45,273	42,907	2,366	5.2	45,115	41,570	3,545	7.9
North Central	94,375	91,183	3,192	3.4	93,642	89,797	3,845	4.1	93,286	88,101	5,185	5.6
Northeast	122,366	118,603	3,763	3.1	121,900	117,277	4,623	3.8	121,120	114,150	6,970	5.8
Northwest	343,252	335,380	7,872	2.3	341,353	332,001	9,352	2.7	328,243	313,430	14,813	4.5
Southeast	78,547	75,154	3,393	4.3	79,330	75,205	4,125	5.2	79,214	73,754	5,460	6.9
Southwest	90,248	86,907	3,341	3.7	89,870	85,871	3,999	4.4	90,013	84,537	5,476	6.1
West Central	129,699	125,131	4,568	3.5	129,280	123,807	5,473	4.2	129,565	121,547	8,018	6.2
Western	111,250	107,971	3,279	2.9	111,159	107,294	3,865	3.5	109,943	104,037	5,906	5.4

