Arkansas

Labor Market report

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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.

**January 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 processing is to incorporate more complete and accurate information into the estimation process.

All levels of data—State, counties, Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Micropoli- tan Statistical Areas, Local Workforce Development Areas, and cities—have been revised. Statewide CLF data was revised back to January 2017. All sub-state CLF data were revised back to January 2010, due to the incorporation of updated Cen- sus Bureau population data. More information concerning annual processing is available [here](https://www.bls.gov/lau/important-information-on-revisions-to-data-for-model-based-areas-in-2022.htm).

All revised CLF data are available at [https://www.discover.arkansas.gov/Data-](https://www.discover.arkansas.gov/Data-Search-Tool/LAUS) [Search-Tool/LAUS](https://www.discover.arkansas.gov/Data-Search-Tool/LAUS).

### 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 calculations. Statewide and MSA estimates were revised back to January 2015. All revised Nonfarm Payroll Jobs data have been up- dated on the Discover Arkansas website.

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# 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 one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.3 percent in December 2021 to 3.2 percent in January 2022. The December 2021 rate was revised up from 3.1 percent to 3.3 percent. Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased 4,142, a result of 5,126 more employed and 984 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.9 percent in December 2021 to 4.0 percent in Janu- ary 2022.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “The annual revision of Arkansas’ civilian labor force data shows that seasonally adjusted employment was over-estimated throughout 2021, while unemploy- ment was slightly over-estimated from May to November 2021. Based on the updated estimates, Arkansas’ unemployment rate began January 2021 at 4.9 percent and slowly decreased throughout the year to reach a low of 3.3 percent in December, slightly higher than originally estimated. All updated statewide data are available on our website.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment Unemployment

1,292,292

42,593

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,287,166

43,577

3.2% 3.3%

56.3% 56.2%

4.0% 3.9%

1,268,247

64,813

4.9%

56.7%

6.4%

Employment Unemployment

1,279,978

50,151

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,295,042 1,243,444

35,898 71,744

3.8% 2.7% 5.5%

56.1% 56.2% 56.0%

4.4% 3.7% 6.8%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** |  | **Jan 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,334,885 | 1,330,743 | 1,333,060 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,330,129 | 1,330,940 | 1,315,188 |

1,340,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2017 - January 2022

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

1,180,000

Jan '17 Jul '17 Jan '18 Jul '18 Jan '19 Jul '19 Jan '20 Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Jan 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1293.8 | 1311.0 | 1256.1 | -17.2 | 37.7 |
| Goods Producing | 219.2 | 219.7 | 213.8 | -0.5 | 5.4 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 58.4 | 60.9 | 58.3 | -2.5 | 0.1 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.2** | **5.4** | **5.2** | **-0.2** | **0.0** |
| **Construction** | **53.2** | **55.5** | **53.1** | **-2.3** | **0.1** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 33.9 | 34.9 | 33.9 | -1.0 | 0.0 |
| **Manufacturing** | **160.8** | **158.8** | **155.5** | **2.0** | **5.3** |
| Durable Goods | 76.8 | 75.7 | 73.6 | 1.1 | 3.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 84.0 | 83.1 | 81.9 | 0.9 | 2.1 |
| Service Providing | 1074.6 | 1091.3 | 1042.3 | -16.7 | 32.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **263.6** | **268.2** | **250.3** | **-4.6** | **13.3** |
| Wholesale Trade | 50.4 | 49.9 | 46.5 | 0.5 | 3.9 |
| Retail Trade | 140.5 | 143.4 | 136.8 | -2.9 | 3.7 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 72.7 | 74.9 | 67.0 | -2.2 | 5.7 |
| **Information** | **12.3** | **12.4** | **11.3** | **-0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **66.2** | **66.3** | **65.1** | **-0.1** | **1.1** |
| Finance & Insurance | 51.8 | 52.1 | 51.4 | -0.3 | 0.4 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 14.4 | 14.2 | 13.7 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **148.9** | **151.6** | **142.3** | **-2.7** | **6.6** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 45.6 | 45.5 | 43.4 | 0.1 | 2.2 |
| Management of Companies | 36.2 | 35.5 | 32.8 | 0.7 | 3.4 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 67.1 | 70.6 | 66.1 | -3.5 | 1.0 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **194.2** | **195.5** | **195.0** | **-1.3** | **-0.8** |
| Educational Services | 17.1 | 17.8 | 16.3 | -0.7 | 0.8 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 177.1 | 177.7 | 178.7 | -0.6 | -1.6 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 60.9 | 61.2 | 60.2 | -0.3 | 0.7 |
| Social Assistance | 35.4 | 35.5 | 37.3 | -0.1 | -1.9 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **114.2** | **118.1** | **105.2** | **-3.9** | **9.0** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 10.5 | 11.1 | 9.5 | -0.6 | 1.0 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 103.7 | 107.0 | 95.7 | -3.3 | 8.0 |
| Accommodation Services | 10.3 | 10.5 | 8.4 | -0.2 | 1.9 |
| Food Services | 93.4 | 96.5 | 87.3 | -3.1 | 6.1 |
| **Other Services** | **65.8** | **66.3** | **66.1** | **-0.5** | **-0.3** |
| **Government** | **209.4** | **212.9** | **207.0** | **-3.5** | **2.4** |
| Federal Government | 20.6 | 21.0 | 20.4 | -0.4 | 0.2 |
| State Government | 75.6 | 77.5 | 75.6 | -1.9 | 0.0 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 29.2 | 31.1 | 29.0 | -1.9 | 0.2 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.4 | 46.4 | 46.6 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Local Government | 113.2 | 114.4 | 111.0 | -1.2 | 2.2 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 71.2 | 71.9 | 68.8 | -0.7 | 2.4 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.0 | 42.5 | 42.2 | -0.5 | -0.2 |

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# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**December 2021 - Januar y 2022**

Nonfarm payroll jobs declined 17,200 in January to total 1,293,800. Ten major industry sectors posted losses, mostly related to seasonal factors. The largest drop was in **trade, transportation, and utilities** (-4,600). Most of the loss was in retail trade (-2,900), marking the end of temporary hiring for the holi- days. **Leisure and hospitality** decreased 3,900. Food services reported most of the declines (-3,100), as most food service contractors in schools and universities close for winter break. **Government** lost 3,500 jobs. The largest contractions were in state government-educational services (-1,900) and local government-educational services (-700), related to winter break at schools. Notable decreases were also posted in **professional and business services** (-2,700), **construction** (-2,300), and **educational and health services** (-1,300). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 2,000.

**Januar y 2021 - Januar y 2022**

Compared to January 2021, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs are up 37,700. Eight major industry sectors reported gains. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 13,300. Hiring occurred in all subsec- tors. **Leisure and hospitality** added 9,000 jobs, mostly in food services (+6,100). Jobs in **professional and business** services increased 6,600, with expansions in all subsectors. **Manufacturing** added 5,300 jobs, both in durable goods (+3,200) and nondurable goods (+2,100) manufacturing. Gains were also posted in **government** (+2,400), **financial activities** (+1,100), and **information** (+1,000).

**Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2021 vs January 2022

Trade-Transport-Utilities

13,300

9,000

6,600

5,300

2,400

1,100

1,000

100

0

-300

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Leisure & Hospitality

Professional & Business

Manufacturing

Government

Financial Activities

Information

Construction

Mining-Logging

Other Services

Educational & Health -8

-2,000 0 2,000 4,000 6,000 8,000 10,000 12,000 14,000 16,000

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# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Jan 22**

Average Weekly Hours 39.9

Average Hourly Earnings 20.15

Average Weekly Earnings 803.99

**Dec 21**

42.0

19.84

833.28

**Jan 21**

39.2

19.53

765.58

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Jan 22**

Average Weekly Hours 39.9

Average Hourly Earnings 21.41

Average Weekly Earnings 854.26

**Dec 21**

41.7

21.32

889.04

**Jan 21**

38.6

21.29

821.79

**Jan 22**

Average Weekly Hours 39.9

Average Hourly Earnings 19.02

Average Weekly Earnings 758.90

**Dec 21**

42.3

18.50

782.55

**Jan 21**

39.7

18.02

715.39

$25.00

**Hourly Earnings for Production Workers - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods**

January: 2012 - 2022

$20.00

$15.00

$10.00

$5.00

$0.00

2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

## 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 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 350,252 | 350,674 | 344,635 | -422 | 5,617 |
| **Employment** | 337,160 | 341,122 | 325,128 | -3,962 | 12,032 |
| **Unemployment** | 13,092 | 9,552 | 19,507 | 3,540 | -6,415 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7 | 2.7 | 5.7 | 1.0 | -2.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jan 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 362.6 | 366.4 | 350.9 | -3.8 | 11.7 |
| **Goods Producing** 37.3 | 37.6 | 36.3 | -0.3 | 1.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.9** | **18.3** | **17.9** | **-0.4** | **0.0** |
| **Manufacturing 19.4** | **19.3** | **18.4** | **0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Service Providing** 325.3 | 328.8 | 314.6 | -3.5 | 10.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 74.6** | **76.0** | **68.5** | **-1.4** | **6.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 16.5 | 16.3 | 15.2 | 0.2 | 1.3 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.2 | 39.1 | 37.4 | -0.9 | 0.8 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 19.9 | 20.6 | 15.9 | -0.7 | 4.0 |
| **Information 5.5** | **5.5** | **5.1** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Financial Activities 22.8** | **22.7** | **22.2** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Professional & Business Services 46.8** | **47.7** | **45.7** | **-0.9** | **1.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services 58.1** | **58.2** | **57.9** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 32.1** | **32.4** | **29.2** | **-0.3** | **2.9** |
| **Other Services 17.9** | **18.0** | **17.8** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Government 67.5** | **68.3** | **68.2** | **-0.8** | **-0.7** |
| **Federal Government** 9.9 | 10.1 | 9.7 | -0.2 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** 34.0 | 34.4 | 33.8 | -0.4 | 0.2 |
| **Local Government** 23.6 | 23.8 | 24.7 | -0.2 | -1.1 |

**Employment**

January 2019 - January 2022

355,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January: 2012 - 2022

370,000

350,000 365,000

345,000 360,000

340,000 355,000

335,000

350,000

330,000

345,000

325,000

340,000

320,000

335,000

315,000

330,000

310,000

325,000

305,000

Jan '19 Jul '19 Jan '20 Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22

320,000

'12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22

**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 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 288,521 | 290,164 | 277,370 | -1,643 | 11,151 |
| **Employment** | 280,987 | 284,736 | 266,386 | -3,749 | 14,601 |
| **Unemployment** | 7,534 | 5,428 | 10,984 | 2,106 | -3,450 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.6 | 1.9 | 4.0 | 0.7 | -1.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jan 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 277.1 | 281.3 | 263.3 | -4.2 | 13.8 |
| **Goods Producing** 45.2 | 45.2 | 44.4 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 13.6** | **14.0** | **13.5** | **-0.4** | **0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 31.6** | **31.2** | **30.9** | **0.4** | **0.7** |
| **Service Providing** 231.9 | 236.1 | 218.9 | -4.2 | 13.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 60.7** | **61.9** | **57.8** | **-1.2** | **2.9** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 13.2 | 13.1 | 12.6 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| **Retail Trade** 28.2 | 29.0 | 26.8 | -0.8 | 1.4 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 19.3 | 19.8 | 18.4 | -0.5 | 0.9 |
| **Information 2.1** | **2.1** | **1.9** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 9.0** | **8.9** | **8.8** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 55.4** | **55.2** | **50.7** | **0.2** | **4.7** |
| **Educational & Health Services 30.6** | **31.1** | **29.8** | **-0.5** | **0.8** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 25.8** | **26.8** | **23.4** | **-1.0** | **2.4** |
| **Other Services 9.7** | **9.8** | **9.7** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Government 38.6** | **40.3** | **36.8** | **-1.7** | **1.8** |
| **Federal Government** 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 15.9 | 17.5 | 14.9 | -1.6 | 1.0 |
| **Local Government** 19.8 | 19.9 | 19.1 | -0.1 | 0.7 |

**Number of Unemployed**

January: 2012 - 2022

**Jobs in Professional & Business Services**

January 2019 - January 2022

16,000 56,000

14,000

54,000

12,000

52,000

10,000

8,000

50,000

6,000

48,000

4,000

46,000

2,000

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'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

'22

44,000

Jan '19 Jul '19 Jan '20 Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22

**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 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 115,902 | 115,747 | 114,692 | 155 | 1,210 |
| **Employment** | 111,834 | 112,821 | 108,528 | -987 | 3,306 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,068 | 2,926 | 6,164 | 1,142 | -2,096 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5 | 2.5 | 5.4 | 1.0 | -1.9 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jan 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 110.4 | 112.0 | 108.0 | -1.6 | 2.4 |
| **Goods Producing** 22.7 | 22.9 | 21.6 | -0.2 | 1.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 4.9** | **5.0** | **4.8** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 17.8** | **17.9** | **16.8** | **-0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Service Providing** 87.7 | 89.1 | 86.4 | -1.4 | 1.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.0** | **24.5** | **23.1** | **-0.5** | **0.9** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.8 | 13.1 | 12.6 | -0.3 | 0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.3 | -0.2 | 0.3 |
| **Information 1.2** | **1.2** | **1.1** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 3.8** | **3.8** | **3.7** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.6** | **11.6** | **11.7** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.3** | **16.5** | **16.7** | **-0.2** | **-0.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.1** | **9.4** | **8.6** | **-0.3** | **0.5** |
| **Other Services 4.2** | **4.2** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Government 17.5** | **17.9** | **17.2** | **-0.4** | **0.3** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.3 | -0.4 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 14.0 | 14.0 | 13.6 | 0.0 | 0.4 |

**Unemployment Rates**

January 2019 - January 2022

12.0

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January: 2002 - 2022

122,000

10.0

117,000

8.0

112,000

6.0

107,000

4.0

102,000

2.0

97,000

0.0

Jan '19 Jul '19 Jan '20 Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22

92,000

'02

'04

'06

'08

'10

'12

'14

'16

'18

'20

'22

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 39,596 | 39,935 | 39,668 | -339 | -72 |
| **Employment** | 37,783 | 38,612 | 36,848 | -829 | 935 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,813 | 1,323 | 2,820 | 490 | -1,007 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.6 | 3.3 | 7.1 | 1.3 | -2.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 38.2 | 39.0 | 37.4 | -0.8 | 0.8 |
| 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.5 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| 33.9 | 34.6 | 32.9 | -0.7 | 1.0 |
| 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.2 | -0.1 | -0.2 |

42,000

**Employment**

January 2017 - January 2022

Arkansas

Labor Market report

41,000

40,000

39,000

38,000

37,000

36,000

35,000

34,000

33,000

32,000

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,322 | 65,736 | 64,595 | -414 | 727 |
| **Employment** | 63,325 | 64,329 | 61,616 | -1,004 | 1,709 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,997 | 1,407 | 2,979 | 590 | -982 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.1 | 2.1 | 4.6 | 1.0 | -1.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 60.7 | 62.0 | 59.3 | -1.3 | 1.4 |
| 10.9 | 11.2 | 10.7 | -0.3 | 0.2 |
| 49.8 | 50.8 | 48.6 | -1.0 | 1.2 |
| 8.5 | 8.7 | 8.9 | -0.2 | -0.4 |

70,000

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

January: 2012 - 2022

Goods Producing + Service Providing = Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

10,000

0

'12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22

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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 32,469 | 32,556 | 33,375 | -87 | -906 |
| **Employment** | 30,461 | 31,084 | 30,774 | -623 | -313 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,008 | 1,472 | 2,601 | 536 | -593 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.2 | 4.5 | 7.8 | 1.7 | -1.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 30.7 | 31.5 | 31.3 | -0.8 | -0.6 |
| 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 25.3 | 26.1 | 25.7 | -0.8 | -0.4 |
| 8.2 | 8.5 | 8.6 | -0.3 | -0.4 |

28,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2017 - January 2022

Arkansas

Labor Market report

27,500

27,000

26,500

26,000

25,500

25,000

24,500

24,000

23,500

**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 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 645,870 | 646,075 | 643,120 | -205 | 2,750 |
| **Employment** | 611,984 | 618,993 | 592,810 | -7,009 | 19,174 |
| **Unemployment** | 33,886 | 27,082 | 50,310 | 6,804 | -16,424 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.2 | 4.2 | 7.8 | 1.0 | -2.6 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 22** | **Dec 21** | **Jan 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,528 | 63,692 | 62,533 | -164 | 995 |
| **Employment** | 60,362 | 61,032 | 58,397 | -670 | 1,965 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,166 | 2,660 | 4,136 | 506 | -970 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.0 | 4.2 | 6.6 | 0.8 | -1.6 |

620,000

**Memphis MSA - Employment**

January: 2012 - 2022

9,000

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployed**

January 2019 - January 2022

610,000 8,000

600,000 7,000

590,000 6,000

580,000 5,000

570,000 4,000

560,000 3,000

550,000 2,000

540,000 1,000

530,000

Arkansas

Labor Market report

'12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22

0

Jan '19 Jul '19 Jan '20 Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**January 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**December 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**January 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,630 | 8,231 | 399 | 4.6 | 8,752 | 8,475 | 277 | 3.2 | 8,725 | 8,213 | 512 | 5.9 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,251 | 15,650 | 601 | 3.7 | 16,277 | 15,853 | 424 | 2.6 | 16,399 | 15,555 | 844 | 5.1 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,050 | 14,937 | 1,113 | 6.9 | 15,936 | 15,115 | 821 | 5.2 | 16,304 | 14,897 | 1,407 | 8.6 |
| Camden Micro | 12,130 | 11,664 | 466 | 3.8 | 12,082 | 11,752 | 330 | 2.7 | 12,083 | 11,480 | 603 | 5.0 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,872 | 13,990 | 882 | 5.9 | 14,795 | 14,147 | 648 | 4.4 | 14,989 | 13,835 | 1,154 | 7.7 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,586 | 7,137 | 449 | 5.9 | 7,494 | 7,166 | 328 | 4.4 | 7,731 | 7,115 | 616 | 8.0 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,811 | 18,286 | 525 | 2.8 | 18,817 | 18,460 | 357 | 1.9 | 18,737 | 17,966 | 771 | 4.1 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,780 | 5,311 | 469 | 8.1 | 5,619 | 5,280 | 339 | 6.0 | 6,070 | 5,482 | 588 | 9.7 |
| Hope Micro | 12,345 | 11,877 | 468 | 3.8 | 12,256 | 11,921 | 335 | 2.7 | 12,653 | 12,079 | 574 | 4.5 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,827 | 8,373 | 454 | 5.1 | 8,752 | 8,441 | 311 | 3.6 | 8,962 | 8,295 | 667 | 7.4 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,764 | 13,267 | 497 | 3.6 | 13,688 | 13,333 | 355 | 2.6 | 13,793 | 13,093 | 700 | 5.1 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,061 | 15,470 | 591 | 3.7 | 16,137 | 15,730 | 407 | 2.5 | 16,119 | 15,284 | 835 | 5.2 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,253 | 18,626 | 627 | 3.3 | 19,099 | 18,680 | 419 | 2.2 | 19,081 | 18,158 | 923 | 4.8 |
| Russellville Micro | 34,783 | 33,336 | 1,447 | 4.2 | 35,011 | 34,022 | 989 | 2.8 | 34,718 | 32,886 | 1,832 | 5.3 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,789 | 32,464 | 1,325 | 3.9 | 33,821 | 32,897 | 924 | 2.7 | 33,331 | 31,463 | 1,868 | 5.6 |

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 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**December 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**January 2021**

**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 | 12,416 | 11,979 | 437 | 3.5 | 12,463 | 12,151 | 312 | 2.5 | 11,954 | 11,354 | 600 | 5.0 |
| Benton | 17,346 | 16,825 | 521 | 3.0 | 17,380 | 17,040 | 340 | 2.0 | 16,893 | 16,223 | 670 | 4.0 |
| Bentonville | 29,916 | 29,294 | 622 | 2.1 | 30,149 | 29,715 | 434 | 1.4 | 28,762 | 27,765 | 997 | 3.5 |
| Blytheville | 5,376 | 5,000 | 376 | 7.0 | 5,333 | 5,060 | 273 | 5.1 | 5,530 | 4,987 | 543 | 9.8 |
| Cabot | 11,742 | 11,388 | 354 | 3.0 | 11,734 | 11,465 | 269 | 2.3 | 11,504 | 10,990 | 514 | 4.5 |
| Conway | 33,678 | 32,661 | 1,017 | 3.0 | 33,795 | 33,030 | 765 | 2.3 | 33,049 | 31,499 | 1,550 | 4.7 |
| El Dorado | 6,447 | 6,020 | 427 | 6.6 | 6,390 | 6,088 | 302 | 4.7 | 6,538 | 5,954 | 584 | 8.9 |
| Fayetteville | 49,101 | 47,757 | 1,344 | 2.7 | 49,365 | 48,444 | 921 | 1.9 | 47,327 | 45,270 | 2,057 | 4.3 |
| Fort Smith | 37,641 | 36,338 | 1,303 | 3.5 | 37,741 | 36,802 | 939 | 2.5 | 37,257 | 35,314 | 1,943 | 5.2 |
| Hot Springs | 14,705 | 13,982 | 723 | 4.9 | 14,861 | 14,289 | 572 | 3.8 | 14,914 | 13,636 | 1,278 | 8.6 |
| Jacksonville | 11,408 | 10,856 | 552 | 4.8 | 11,468 | 10,996 | 472 | 4.1 | 11,365 | 10,467 | 898 | 7.9 |
| Jonesboro | 39,236 | 38,133 | 1,103 | 2.8 | 39,591 | 38,802 | 789 | 2.0 | 38,867 | 37,097 | 1,770 | 4.6 |
| Little Rock | 95,293 | 91,117 | 4,176 | 4.4 | 95,576 | 92,287 | 3,289 | 3.4 | 94,147 | 87,848 | 6,299 | 6.7 |
| North Little Rock | 29,392 | 28,019 | 1,373 | 4.7 | 29,289 | 28,379 | 910 | 3.1 | 29,287 | 27,014 | 2,273 | 7.8 |
| Paragould | 12,276 | 11,838 | 438 | 3.6 | 12,175 | 11,872 | 303 | 2.5 | 12,179 | 11,540 | 639 | 5.2 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,330 | 14,148 | 1,182 | 7.7 | 15,332 | 14,483 | 849 | 5.5 | 15,858 | 14,297 | 1,561 | 9.8 |
| Rogers | 36,862 | 35,939 | 923 | 2.5 | 37,041 | 36,454 | 587 | 1.6 | 35,364 | 34,063 | 1,301 | 3.7 |
| Russellville | 12,412 | 11,991 | 421 | 3.4 | 12,569 | 12,277 | 292 | 2.3 | 12,412 | 11,827 | 585 | 4.7 |
| Searcy | 10,170 | 9,803 | 367 | 3.6 | 10,174 | 9,934 | 240 | 2.4 | 9,974 | 9,501 | 473 | 4.7 |
| Sherwood | 15,897 | 15,291 | 606 | 3.8 | 15,880 | 15,487 | 393 | 2.5 | 15,572 | 14,742 | 830 | 5.3 |
| Springdale | 39,182 | 38,140 | 1,042 | 2.7 | 39,453 | 38,688 | 765 | 1.9 | 37,606 | 36,153 | 1,453 | 3.9 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,050 | 12,393 | 657 | 5.0 | 13,081 | 12,593 | 488 | 3.7 | 12,848 | 11,927 | 921 | 7.2 |
| Van Buren | 10,059 | 9,728 | 331 | 3.3 | 10,078 | 9,826 | 252 | 2.5 | 9,905 | 9,457 | 448 | 4.5 |
| West Memphis | 10,036 | 9,515 | 521 | 5.2 | 10,066 | 9,670 | 396 | 3.9 | 10,083 | 9,207 | 876 | 8.7 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **January 2022** |  |  | **December 2021** |  |  | **January 2021** |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,408 | 9,038 | 370 | 3.9 | 9,416 | 9,159 | 257 | 2.7 | 9,190 | 8,821 | 369 | 4.0 |
| Ashley | 6,615 | 6,131 | 484 | 7.3 | 6,494 | 6,140 | 354 | 5.5 | 6,852 | 6,181 | 671 | 9.8 |
| Baxter | 16,061 | 15,470 | 591 | 3.7 | 16,137 | 15,730 | 407 | 2.5 | 16,119 | 15,284 | 835 | 5.2 |
| Benton | 143,422 | 139,760 | 3,662 | 2.6 | 144,345 | 141,766 | 2,579 | 1.8 | 137,792 | 132,465 | 5,327 | 3.9 |
| Boone | 15,648 | 15,225 | 423 | 2.7 | 15,687 | 15,393 | 294 | 1.9 | 15,590 | 14,957 | 633 | 4.1 |
| Bradley | 3,987 | 3,799 | 188 | 4.7 | 3,904 | 3,781 | 123 | 3.2 | 4,184 | 3,931 | 253 | 6.0 |
| Calhoun | 2,386 | 2,316 | 70 | 2.9 | 2,360 | 2,310 | 50 | 2.1 | 2,394 | 2,279 | 115 | 4.8 |
| Carroll | 12,203 | 11,770 | 433 | 3.5 | 12,322 | 12,055 | 267 | 2.2 | 12,165 | 11,493 | 672 | 5.5 |
| Chicot | 3,016 | 2,756 | 260 | 8.6 | 2,918 | 2,727 | 191 | 6.5 | 3,158 | 2,793 | 365 | 11.6 |
| Clark | 8,630 | 8,231 | 399 | 4.6 | 8,752 | 8,475 | 277 | 3.2 | 8,725 | 8,213 | 512 | 5.9 |
| Clay | 5,300 | 5,073 | 227 | 4.3 | 5,196 | 5,048 | 148 | 2.8 | 5,402 | 5,112 | 290 | 5.4 |
| Cleburne | 8,781 | 8,356 | 425 | 4.8 | 8,774 | 8,487 | 287 | 3.3 | 8,826 | 8,238 | 588 | 6.7 |
| Cleveland | 3,055 | 2,936 | 119 | 3.9 | 3,045 | 2,966 | 79 | 2.6 | 3,140 | 2,964 | 176 | 5.6 |
| Columbia | 8,827 | 8,373 | 454 | 5.1 | 8,752 | 8,441 | 311 | 3.6 | 8,962 | 8,295 | 667 | 7.4 |
| Conway | 8,204 | 7,873 | 331 | 4.0 | 8,206 | 7,975 | 231 | 2.8 | 8,245 | 7,796 | 449 | 5.4 |
| Craighead | 55,617 | 53,998 | 1,619 | 2.9 | 56,100 | 54,944 | 1,156 | 2.1 | 54,999 | 52,531 | 2,468 | 4.5 |
| Crawford | 25,787 | 24,896 | 891 | 3.5 | 25,769 | 25,148 | 621 | 2.4 | 25,417 | 24,203 | 1,214 | 4.8 |
| Crittenden | 20,414 | 19,497 | 917 | 4.5 | 20,502 | 19,816 | 686 | 3.3 | 20,375 | 18,866 | 1,509 | 7.4 |
| Cross | 6,864 | 6,559 | 305 | 4.4 | 6,780 | 6,566 | 214 | 3.2 | 7,011 | 6,603 | 408 | 5.8 |
| Dallas | 2,748 | 2,633 | 115 | 4.2 | 2,721 | 2,642 | 79 | 2.9 | 2,782 | 2,650 | 132 | 4.7 |
| Desha | 4,925 | 4,613 | 312 | 6.3 | 4,864 | 4,647 | 217 | 4.5 | 4,982 | 4,620 | 362 | 7.3 |
| Drew | 7,527 | 7,168 | 359 | 4.8 | 7,425 | 7,163 | 262 | 3.5 | 7,551 | 7,043 | 508 | 6.7 |
| Faulkner | 61,261 | 59,324 | 1,937 | 3.2 | 61,379 | 59,995 | 1,384 | 2.3 | 60,098 | 57,214 | 2,884 | 4.8 |
| Franklin | 7,193 | 6,939 | 254 | 3.5 | 7,144 | 6,963 | 181 | 2.5 | 7,181 | 6,834 | 347 | 4.8 |
| Fulton | 4,830 | 4,668 | 162 | 3.4 | 4,808 | 4,696 | 112 | 2.3 | 4,860 | 4,605 | 255 | 5.2 |
| Garland | 39,596 | 37,783 | 1,813 | 4.6 | 39,935 | 38,612 | 1,323 | 3.3 | 39,668 | 36,848 | 2,820 | 7.1 |
| Grant | 8,214 | 7,962 | 252 | 3.1 | 8,192 | 8,016 | 176 | 2.1 | 8,027 | 7,681 | 346 | 4.3 |
| Greene | 19,253 | 18,626 | 627 | 3.3 | 19,099 | 18,680 | 419 | 2.2 | 19,081 | 18,158 | 923 | 4.8 |
| Hempstead | 9,022 | 8,703 | 319 | 3.5 | 8,951 | 8,720 | 231 | 2.6 | 9,259 | 8,849 | 410 | 4.4 |
| Hot Spring | 13,764 | 13,267 | 497 | 3.6 | 13,688 | 13,333 | 355 | 2.6 | 13,793 | 13,093 | 700 | 5.1 |
| Howard | 5,380 | 5,210 | 170 | 3.2 | 5,306 | 5,182 | 124 | 2.3 | 5,472 | 5,239 | 233 | 4.3 |
| Independence | 16,251 | 15,650 | 601 | 3.7 | 16,277 | 15,853 | 424 | 2.6 | 16,399 | 15,555 | 844 | 5.1 |
| Izard | 4,255 | 4,019 | 236 | 5.5 | 4,298 | 4,120 | 178 | 4.1 | 4,338 | 4,013 | 325 | 7.5 |
| Jackson | 5,633 | 5,331 | 302 | 5.4 | 5,496 | 5,284 | 212 | 3.9 | 5,648 | 5,233 | 415 | 7.3 |
| Jefferson | 25,730 | 24,027 | 1,703 | 6.6 | 25,867 | 24,596 | 1,271 | 4.9 | 26,489 | 24,281 | 2,208 | 8.3 |
| Johnson | 9,854 | 9,390 | 464 | 4.7 | 9,799 | 9,467 | 332 | 3.4 | 9,856 | 9,267 | 589 | 6.0 |
| Lafayette | 2,292 | 2,171 | 121 | 5.3 | 2,233 | 2,149 | 84 | 3.8 | 2,353 | 2,161 | 192 | 8.2 |
| Lawrence | 6,684 | 6,422 | 262 | 3.9 | 6,587 | 6,404 | 183 | 2.8 | 6,785 | 6,419 | 366 | 5.4 |
| Lee | 2,513 | 2,369 | 144 | 5.7 | 2,406 | 2,307 | 99 | 4.1 | 2,631 | 2,432 | 199 | 7.6 |
| Lincoln | 3,684 | 3,498 | 186 | 5.0 | 3,644 | 3,522 | 122 | 3.3 | 3,746 | 3,529 | 217 | 5.8 |
| Little River | 5,258 | 5,042 | 216 | 4.1 | 5,291 | 5,125 | 166 | 3.1 | 5,167 | 4,849 | 318 | 6.2 |
| Logan | 8,302 | 7,977 | 325 | 3.9 | 8,207 | 7,976 | 231 | 2.8 | 8,372 | 7,914 | 458 | 5.5 |
| Lonoke | 33,320 | 32,282 | 1,038 | 3.1 | 33,241 | 32,502 | 739 | 2.2 | 32,649 | 31,155 | 1,494 | 4.6 |
| Madison | 7,432 | 7,218 | 214 | 2.9 | 7,348 | 7,197 | 151 | 2.1 | 7,165 | 6,874 | 291 | 4.1 |
| Marion | 5,981 | 5,737 | 244 | 4.1 | 5,972 | 5,806 | 166 | 2.8 | 5,920 | 5,553 | 367 | 6.2 |
| Miller | 18,972 | 18,116 | 856 | 4.5 | 19,054 | 18,408 | 646 | 3.4 | 18,604 | 17,434 | 1,170 | 6.3 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **January 2022** |  |  | **December 2021** |  |  | **January 2021** |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 16,050 | 14,937 | 1,113 | 6.9 | 15,936 | 15,115 | 821 | 5.2 | 16,304 | 14,897 | 1,407 | 8.6 |
| Monroe | 2,614 | 2,472 | 142 | 5.4 | 2,531 | 2,432 | 99 | 3.9 | 2,653 | 2,467 | 186 | 7.0 |
| Montgomery | 2,802 | 2,641 | 161 | 5.7 | 2,643 | 2,529 | 114 | 4.3 | 2,848 | 2,655 | 193 | 6.8 |
| Nevada | 3,323 | 3,174 | 149 | 4.5 | 3,305 | 3,201 | 104 | 3.1 | 3,394 | 3,230 | 164 | 4.8 |
| Newton | 3,163 | 3,061 | 102 | 3.2 | 3,130 | 3,067 | 63 | 2.0 | 3,147 | 3,009 | 138 | 4.4 |
| Ouachita | 9,744 | 9,348 | 396 | 4.1 | 9,722 | 9,442 | 280 | 2.9 | 9,689 | 9,201 | 488 | 5.0 |
| Perry | 4,122 | 3,942 | 180 | 4.4 | 4,092 | 3,965 | 127 | 3.1 | 4,017 | 3,807 | 210 | 5.2 |
| Phillips | 5,780 | 5,311 | 469 | 8.1 | 5,619 | 5,280 | 339 | 6.0 | 6,070 | 5,482 | 588 | 9.7 |
| Pike | 4,104 | 3,923 | 181 | 4.4 | 4,019 | 3,889 | 130 | 3.2 | 4,173 | 3,938 | 235 | 5.6 |
| Poinsett | 9,705 | 9,327 | 378 | 3.9 | 9,636 | 9,385 | 251 | 2.6 | 9,596 | 9,085 | 511 | 5.3 |
| Polk | 7,698 | 7,370 | 328 | 4.3 | 7,595 | 7,355 | 240 | 3.2 | 7,805 | 7,338 | 467 | 6.0 |
| Pope | 27,020 | 25,890 | 1,130 | 4.2 | 27,275 | 26,507 | 768 | 2.8 | 26,964 | 25,537 | 1,427 | 5.3 |
| Prairie | 3,471 | 3,361 | 110 | 3.2 | 3,431 | 3,354 | 77 | 2.2 | 3,510 | 3,327 | 183 | 5.2 |
| Pulaski | 185,157 | 177,155 | 8,002 | 4.3 | 185,350 | 179,428 | 5,922 | 3.2 | 182,938 | 170,798 | 12,140 | 6.6 |
| Randolph | 7,214 | 6,951 | 263 | 3.6 | 7,155 | 6,975 | 180 | 2.5 | 7,336 | 6,929 | 407 | 5.5 |
| St. Francis | 7,586 | 7,137 | 449 | 5.9 | 7,494 | 7,166 | 328 | 4.4 | 7,731 | 7,115 | 616 | 8.0 |
| Saline | 58,178 | 56,495 | 1,683 | 2.9 | 58,420 | 57,216 | 1,204 | 2.1 | 56,906 | 54,473 | 2,433 | 4.3 |
| Scott | 4,217 | 4,089 | 128 | 3.0 | 4,127 | 4,039 | 88 | 2.1 | 4,236 | 4,048 | 188 | 4.4 |
| Searcy | 2,853 | 2,710 | 143 | 5.0 | 2,822 | 2,733 | 89 | 3.2 | 2,755 | 2,596 | 159 | 5.8 |
| Sebastian | 54,191 | 52,347 | 1,844 | 3.4 | 54,348 | 53,016 | 1,332 | 2.5 | 53,659 | 50,872 | 2,787 | 5.2 |
| Sevier | 5,296 | 5,078 | 218 | 4.1 | 5,278 | 5,115 | 163 | 3.1 | 5,415 | 5,102 | 313 | 5.8 |
| Sharp | 5,570 | 5,305 | 265 | 4.8 | 5,553 | 5,367 | 186 | 3.3 | 5,557 | 5,167 | 390 | 7.0 |
| Stone | 4,376 | 4,159 | 217 | 5.0 | 4,323 | 4,171 | 152 | 3.5 | 4,513 | 4,177 | 336 | 7.4 |
| Union | 14,872 | 13,990 | 882 | 5.9 | 14,795 | 14,147 | 648 | 4.4 | 14,989 | 13,835 | 1,154 | 7.7 |
| Van Buren | 5,751 | 5,469 | 282 | 4.9 | 5,665 | 5,476 | 189 | 3.3 | 5,705 | 5,303 | 402 | 7.0 |
| Washington | 126,807 | 123,537 | 3,270 | 2.6 | 127,686 | 125,315 | 2,371 | 1.9 | 121,980 | 117,104 | 4,876 | 4.0 |
| White | 33,789 | 32,464 | 1,325 | 3.9 | 33,821 | 32,897 | 924 | 2.7 | 33,331 | 31,463 | 1,868 | 5.6 |
| Woodruff | 2,812 | 2,685 | 127 | 4.5 | 2,744 | 2,655 | 89 | 3.2 | 2,788 | 2,609 | 179 | 6.4 |
| Yell | 7,763 | 7,446 | 317 | 4.1 | 7,736 | 7,515 | 221 | 2.9 | 7,754 | 7,349 | 405 | 5.2 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between December 2021 and January 2022, unemployment rates increased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.6 percent in Benton and Washington counties to a high of 8.6 percent in Chicot County.

In January, thirty-two counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down from 64 counties at or below four percent in December. Three counties reported jobless rates at or above seven percent.

Compared to January 2021, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rate de- clines ranged from a three percentage point drop in Chicot County to a one-tenth of a percent- age point decrease in Arkansas County. On average, unemployment rates for Arkansas counties are down one and six-tenths of a percentage point between January 2021 and January 2022.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Greene**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Crawford Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Faulkner**

**Perry**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**St. Francis**

**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**

**Calhoun**

**Bradley**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Columbia**

**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

January 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Benton 2.6

1 Washington 2.6

1. Boone 2.7
2. Calhoun 2.9

4 Craighead 2.9

4 Madison 2.9

4 Saline 2.9

1. Scott 3.0
2. Grant 3.1

9 Lonoke 3.1

11 Faulkner 3.2

11 Howard 3.2

11 Newton 3.2

11 Prairie 3.2

1. Greene 3.3
2. Fulton 3.4

16 Sebastian 3.4

18 Carroll 3.5

18 Crawford 3.5

18 Franklin 3.5

18 Hempstead 3.5

22 Hot Spring 3.6

22 Randolph 3.6

24 Baxter 3.7

24 Independence 3.7

**Rank County**

26 Arkansas

26 Cleveland

26 Lawrence

26 Logan

26 Poinsett

26 White

1. Conway
2. Little River

33 Marion

33 Ouachita

33 Sevier

33 Yell

38 Dallas

38 Pope

40 Clay

40 Polk

40 Pulaski

43 Cross

43 Perry

43 Pike

46 Crittenden

46 Miller

46 Nevada

46 Woodruff

50 Clark

**Rate**

3.9

3.9

3.9

3.9

3.9

3.9

4.0

4.1

4.1

4.1

4.1

4.1

4.2

4.2

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.4

4.4

4.4

4.5

4.5

4.5

4.5

4.6

**Rank County**

50 Garland

52 Bradley

52 Johnson

54 Cleburne

54 Drew

54 Sharp

1. Van Buren
2. Lincoln

58 Searcy

58 Stone

1. Columbia
2. Lafayette
3. Jackson

63 Monroe

1. Izard
2. Lee

66 Montgomery

68 St. Francis

68 Union

1. Desha
2. Jefferson
3. Mississippi
4. Ashley
5. Phillips
6. Chicot

**Rate**

4.6

4.7

4.7

4.8

4.8

4.8

4.9

5.0

5.0

5.0

5.1

5.3

5.4

5.4

5.5

5.7

5.7

5.9

5.9

6.3

6.6

6.9

7.3

8.1

8.6

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## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **January 2022** |  |  | **December 2021** |  |  | **January 2021** |  |
| **LWDA** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) | 248,708 | 239,972 | 8,736 | 3.5 | 248,776 | 242,640 | 6,136 | 2.5 | 244,607 | 231,586 | 13,021 | 5.3 |
| City of Little Rock | 95,293 | 91,117 | 4,176 | 4.4 | 95,576 | 92,287 | 3,289 | 3.4 | 94,147 | 87,848 | 6,299 | 6.7 |
| Eastern | 43,157 | 40,873 | 2,284 | 5.3 | 42,801 | 41,135 | 1,666 | 3.9 | 43,818 | 40,498 | 3,320 | 7.6 |
| North Central | 92,048 | 88,106 | 3,942 | 4.3 | 91,759 | 89,006 | 2,753 | 3.0 | 91,965 | 86,363 | 5,602 | 6.1 |
| Northeast | 119,823 | 115,334 | 4,489 | 3.7 | 119,709 | 116,551 | 3,158 | 2.6 | 119,503 | 113,131 | 6,372 | 5.3 |
| Northwest | 333,570 | 324,488 | 9,082 | 2.7 | 335,449 | 329,062 | 6,387 | 1.9 | 322,633 | 309,335 | 13,298 | 4.1 |
| Southeast | 76,161 | 71,928 | 4,233 | 5.6 | 75,769 | 72,717 | 3,052 | 4.0 | 77,319 | 71,844 | 5,475 | 7.1 |
| Southwest | 88,120 | 84,154 | 3,966 | 4.5 | 87,768 | 84,882 | 2,886 | 3.3 | 88,480 | 83,124 | 5,356 | 6.1 |
| West Central | 125,859 | 120,386 | 5,473 | 4.3 | 126,145 | 122,267 | 3,878 | 3.1 | 126,043 | 118,503 | 7,540 | 6.0 |
| Western | 107,388 | 103,618 | 3,770 | 3.5 | 107,190 | 104,497 | 2,693 | 2.5 | 106,670 | 101,209 | 5,461 | 5.1 |

