

2022 ARKANSAS LABOR MARKET REPORT

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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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November Spotlight Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

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

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

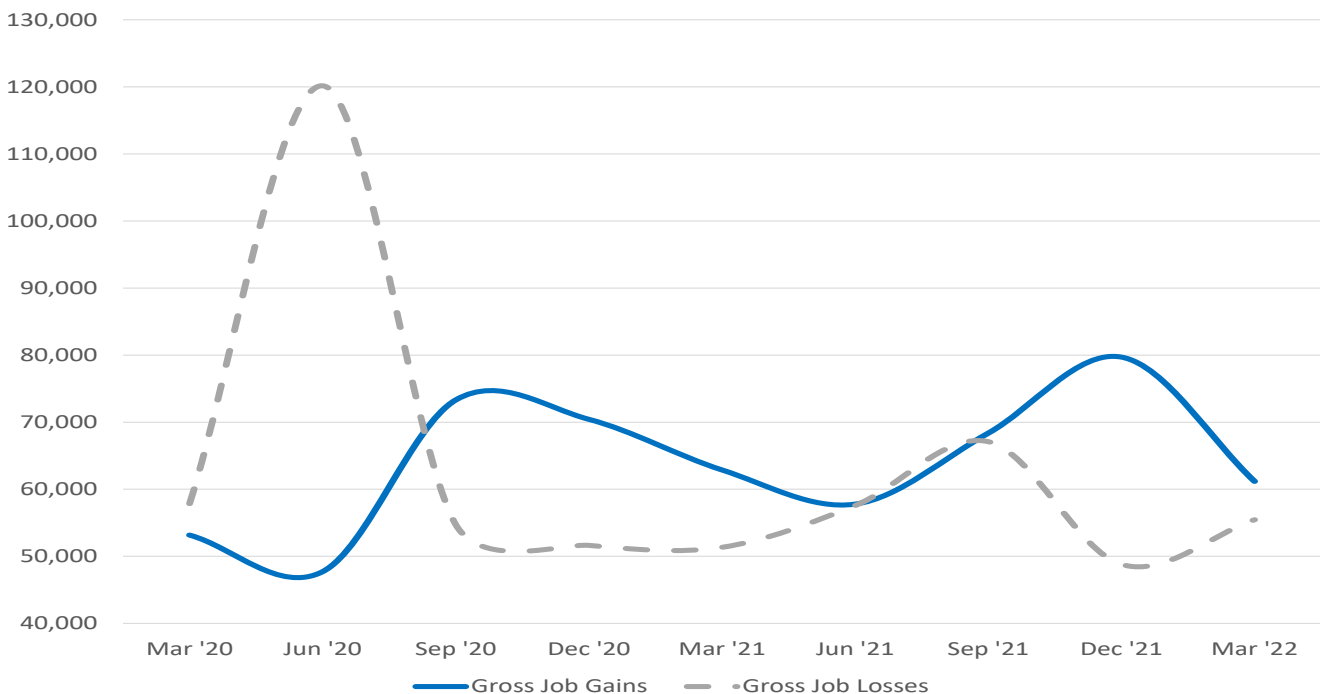
Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)

State of Arkansas
 (Seasonally Adjusted)

Quarter Ending					
Category	Mar 21	Jun 21	Sep 21	Dec 21	Mar 22*
Employment Levels					
Gross job gains.....	62,875	57,786	68,367	79,698	61,175
Gross job losses....	51,353	57,576	67,097	48,806	55,459
Net Change.....	11,522	210	1,270	30,892	5,716

*Most recent BED data available is for 1st Quarter 2022

Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)
 1st Quarter 2020 - 1st Quarter 2022



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

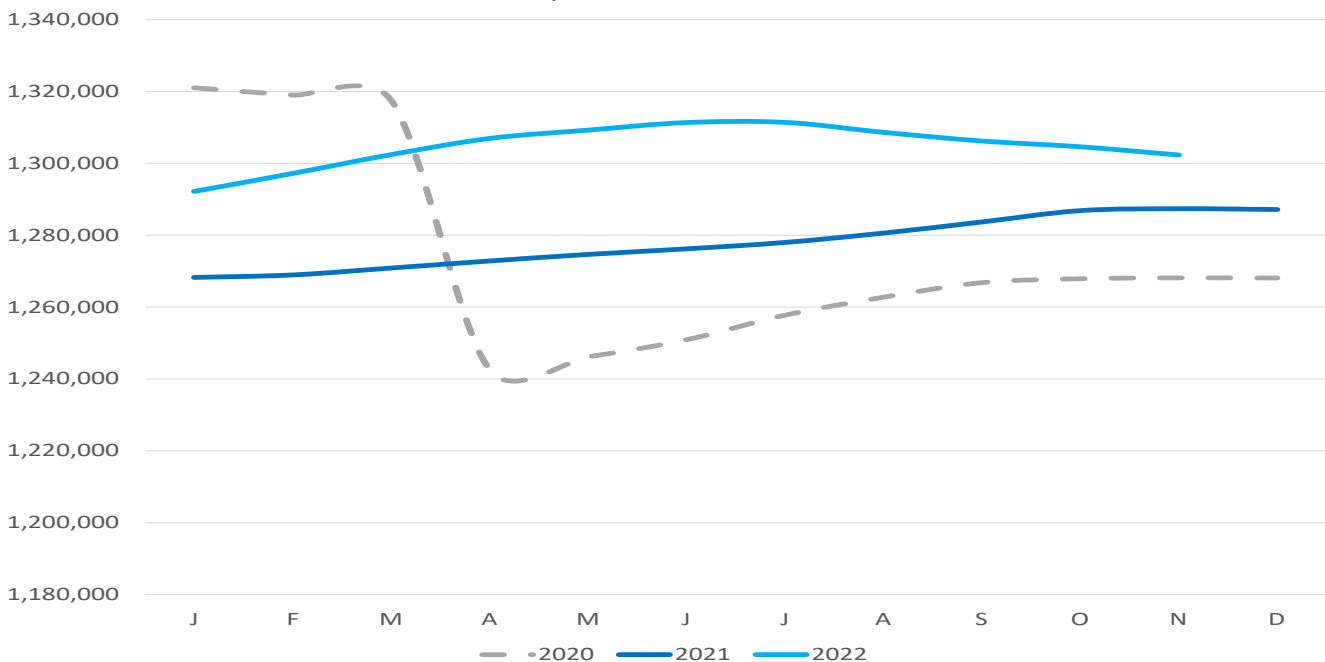
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.6 percent in October to 3.7 percent in November. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined by 1,417, a result of 2,292 fewer employed and 875 additional unemployed Arkansans. At 3.7 percent, the United States' jobless rate remained stable between October and November.

BLS Programs Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate increased to 3.7 percent in November, as employment and labor force participation rates continued to decline. Compared to November 2021, there are still 14,947 more employed in the State."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 22	Oct 22	Nov 21	Nov 22	Oct 22	Nov 21	
Civilian Labor Force	1,351,744	1,353,161	1,331,333	Civilian Labor Force	1,346,171	1,351,856	1,334,229
Employment	1,302,339	1,304,631	1,287,392	Employment	1,305,458	1,312,921	1,300,036
Unemployment	49,405	48,530	43,941	Unemployment	40,713	38,935	34,193
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.6	3.3	Unemployment Rate	3.0	2.9	2.6
Labor Participation Rate	56.6	56.7	56.3	Labor Participation Rate	56.3	56.6	56.4
U.S. Unemp Rate	3.7	3.7	4.2	U.S. Unemp Rate	3.4	3.4	3.9

Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)
 January 2020 - November 2022





State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1329.2	1334.6	1311.2	-5.4	18.0
Goods Producing	223.1	226.3	220.4	-3.2	2.7
Mining, Logging, & Construction	59.7	60.8	61.6	-1.1	-1.9
Mining & Logging	4.9	5.0	5.4	-0.1	-0.5
Construction	54.8	55.8	56.2	-1.0	-1.4
Specialty Trade Contractors	34.9	35.5	34.8	-0.6	0.1
Manufacturing	163.4	165.5	158.8	-2.1	4.6
Durable Goods	77.1	78.5	75.6	-1.4	1.5
Nondurable Goods	86.3	87.0	83.2	-0.7	3.1
Service Providing	1106.1	1108.3	1090.8	-2.2	15.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	269.1	267.8	266.1	1.3	3.0
Wholesale Trade	52.1	52.8	49.0	-0.7	3.1
Retail Trade	139.8	139.1	142.2	0.7	-2.4
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	77.2	75.9	74.9	1.3	2.3
Information	13.0	13.3	12.2	-0.3	0.8
Financial Activities	69.0	69.7	66.7	-0.7	2.3
Finance & Insurance	53.7	54.3	52.4	-0.6	1.3
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	15.3	15.4	14.3	-0.1	1.0
Professional & Business Services	149.7	151.2	150.7	-1.5	-1.0
Professional, Scientific & Technical	45.6	45.0	45.4	0.6	0.2
Management of Companies	40.7	40.6	35.5	0.1	5.2
Administrative & Support Services	63.4	65.6	69.8	-2.2	-6.4
Educational & Health Services	201.9	200.9	197.6	1.0	4.3
Educational Services	19.3	18.9	17.8	0.4	1.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	182.6	182.0	179.8	0.6	2.8
Ambulatory Health Care	63.3	63.5	61.1	-0.2	2.2
Social Assistance	36.3	36.1	36.4	0.2	-0.1
Leisure & Hospitality	122.2	124.7	118.3	-2.5	3.9
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11.2	11.7	11.0	-0.5	0.2
Accommodation & Food Services	111.0	113.0	107.3	-2.0	3.7
Accommodation Services	11.6	12.0	10.7	-0.4	0.9
Food Services	99.4	101.0	96.6	-1.6	2.8
Other Services	67.2	67.6	66.4	-0.4	0.8
Government	214.0	213.1	212.8	0.9	1.2
Federal Government	20.8	20.8	20.8	0.0	0.0
State Government	78.2	78.0	77.9	0.2	0.3
State Gov, Educational Services	31.9	31.7	31.5	0.2	0.4
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.3	46.3	46.4	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	115.0	114.3	114.1	0.7	0.9
Local Gov, Educational Services	72.0	71.5	71.4	0.5	0.6
Local Gov, Excluding Education	43.0	42.8	42.7	0.2	0.3



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

October 2022 - November 2022

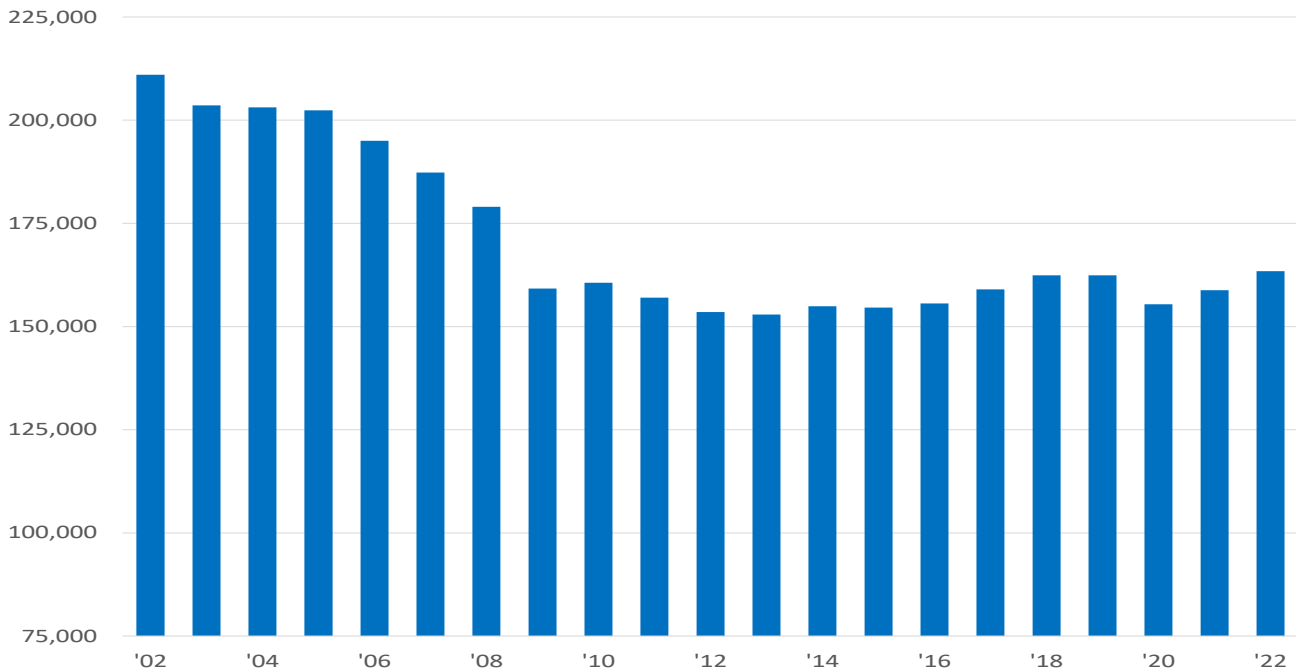
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs decreased by 5,400 in November to total 1,329,200. Declines were posted in eight major industry sectors. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** dropped 2,500. Losses were reported across all subsectors, with jobs in food services down 1,600. **Manufacturing** decreased by 2,100 jobs. Most of the contraction was in durable goods manufacturing (-1,400). Jobs in **professional and business services** declined 1,500. All losses were in administrative and support services (-2,200), a subsector which includes employment agencies. **Construction** is down by 1,000 jobs, an expected seasonal decrease. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** posted the largest monthly gain, up 1,300. Hiring occurred in both transportation-warehousing-utilities (+1,300) and retail trade (+700), as retailers prepare for the holiday shopping season. Jobs in **educational and health services** rose by 1,000, with increases in both health care and social assistance (+600) and educational services (+400).

November 2021 - November 2022

Compared to November 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 18,000. Eight major industry sectors reported growth. Jobs in **manufacturing** rose by 4,600, mostly in nondurable goods manufacturing (+3,100). **Educational and health services** added 4,300 jobs. Hiring occurred in both health care and social assistance (+2,800) and in educational services (+1,500). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** increased by 3,900, mostly in accommodation and food services (+3,700). Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 3,000. Gains in wholesale trade (+3,100) and transportation-warehousing-utilities (+2,300) were offset by losses in retail trade (-2,400). Notable growth was also posted in **financial activities** (+2,300) and **government** (+1,200). **Construction** (-1,400) and **professional and business services** (-1,000) both posted job declines over the year.

Jobs in Manufacturing (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

November: 2002 - 2022





State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

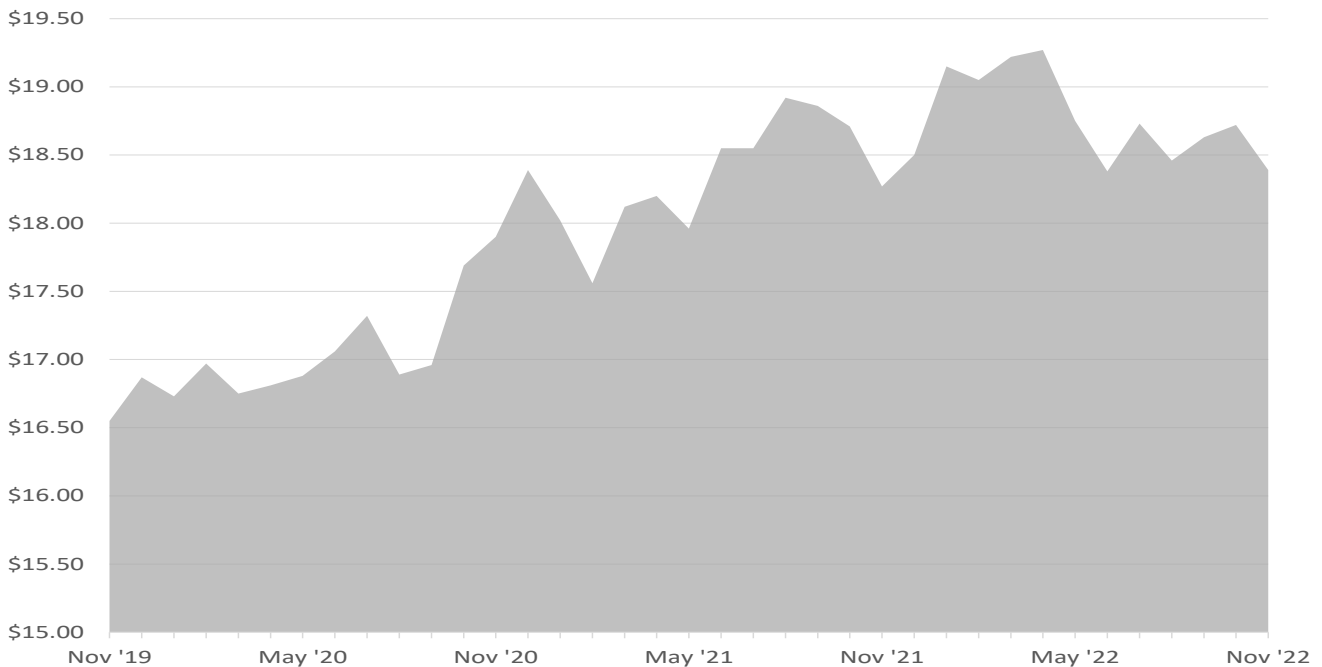
Manufacturing

	Nov 22	Oct 22	Nov 21
Average Weekly Hours	38.9	39.6	41.4
Average Hourly Earnings	20.57	20.93	19.63
Average Weekly Earnings	800.17	828.83	812.68

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	Nov 22	Oct 22	Nov 21		Nov 22	Oct 22	Nov 21
Average Weekly Hours	40.9	41.6	41.4	Average Weekly Hours	37.3	37.9	41.4
Average Hourly Earnings	22.92	23.28	21.11	Average Hourly Earnings	18.39	18.72	18.27
Average Weekly Earnings	937.43	968.45	873.95	Average Weekly Earnings	685.95	709.49	756.38

Average Hourly Earnings - Nondurable Goods Manufacturing
 November 2019 - November 2022





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)

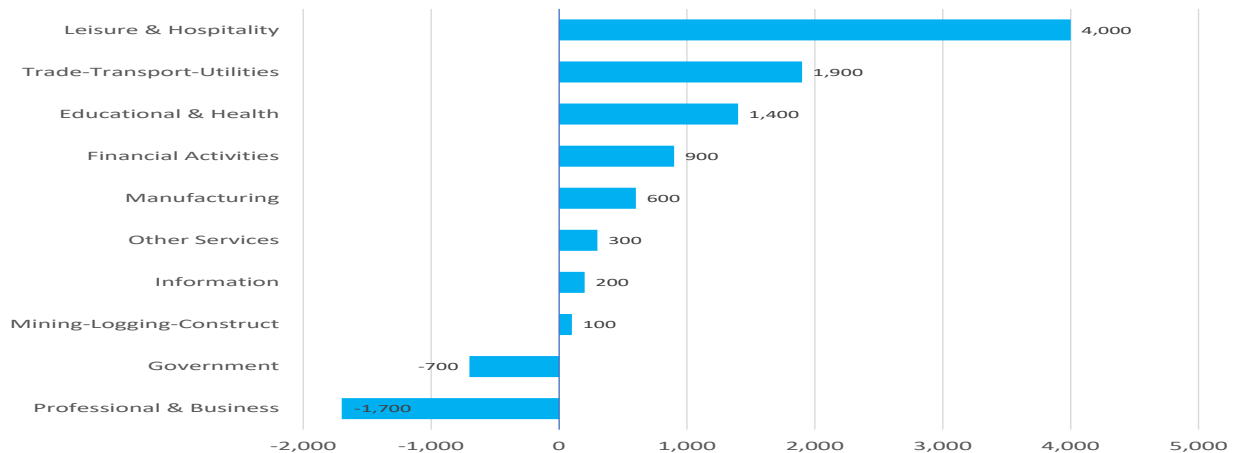
	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	353,133	354,399	350,634	-1,266	2,499
Employment	342,955	344,303	341,352	-1,348	1,603
Unemployment	10,178	10,096	9,282	82	896
Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.8	2.6	0.1	0.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	373.0	374.2	366.0	-1.2	7.0
Goods Producing	38.3	38.8	37.6	-0.5	0.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.3	18.6	18.2	-0.3	0.1
Manufacturing	20.0	20.2	19.4	-0.2	0.6
Service Providing	334.7	335.4	328.4	-0.7	6.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	76.8	76.2	74.9	0.6	1.9
Wholesale Trade	16.8	17.0	16.0	-0.2	0.8
Retail Trade	38.6	38.3	38.7	0.3	-0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	21.4	20.9	20.2	0.5	1.2
Information	5.7	5.7	5.5	0.0	0.2
Financial Activities	23.6	23.7	22.7	-0.1	0.9
Professional & Business Services	45.7	46.5	47.4	-0.8	-1.7
Educational & Health Services	60.6	60.4	59.2	0.2	1.4
Leisure & Hospitality	36.4	37.1	32.4	-0.7	4.0
Other Services	18.3	18.3	18.0	0.0	0.3
Government	67.6	67.5	68.3	0.1	-0.7
Federal Government	10.1	10.1	10.0	0.0	0.1
State Government	34.7	34.6	34.5	0.1	0.2
Local Government	22.8	22.8	23.8	0.0	-1.0

Job Change by Industry Sector
 November 2021 vs November 2022



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)

	Nov 22	Oct 22	Nov 21	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	297,052	297,762	290,790	-710	6,262
Employment	290,721	291,917	285,622	-1,196	5,099
Unemployment	6,331	5,845	5,168	486	1,163
Unemployment Rate	2.1	2.0	1.8	0.1	0.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 22	Oct 22	Nov 21	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	291.0	291.3	281.2	-0.3	9.8
Goods Producing	46.6	47.3	45.2	-0.7	1.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	14.4	14.7	14.0	-0.3	0.4
Manufacturing	32.2	32.6	31.2	-0.4	1.0
Service Providing	244.4	244.0	236.0	0.4	8.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.9	62.5	61.0	0.4	1.9
Wholesale Trade	13.5	13.7	12.8	-0.2	0.7
Retail Trade	28.8	28.7	28.6	0.1	0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.6	20.1	19.6	0.5	1.0
Information	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	9.4	9.4	9.0	0.0	0.4
Professional & Business Services	60.1	60.1	54.9	0.0	5.2
Educational & Health Services	30.9	30.6	31.3	0.3	-0.4
Leisure & Hospitality	26.3	26.7	27.1	-0.4	-0.8
Other Services	10.2	10.2	9.8	0.0	0.4
Government	42.4	42.3	40.8	0.1	1.6
Federal Government	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
State Government	19.4	19.4	18.0	0.0	1.4
Local Government	20.1	20.0	19.9	0.1	0.2

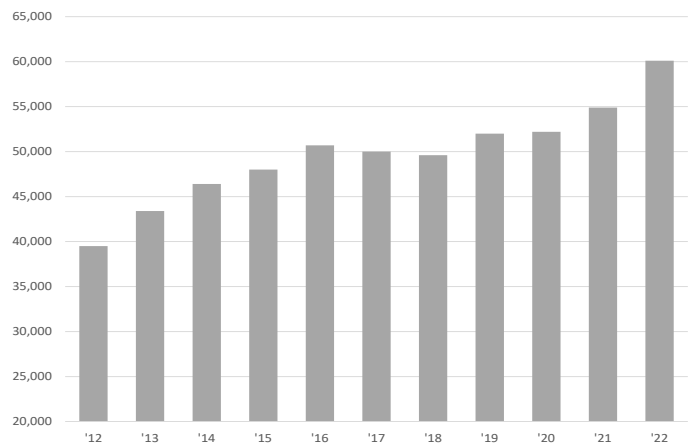
Employment

November 2019 - November 2022



Jobs in Professional & Business Services

November: 2012 - 2022





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)

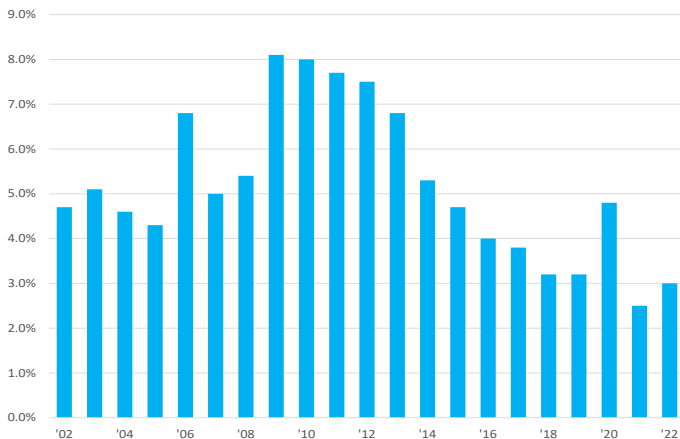
	Nov 22	Oct 22	Nov 21	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	117,053	117,297	116,178	-244	875
Employment	113,568	113,705	113,219	-137	349
Unemployment	3,485	3,592	2,959	-107	526
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.1	2.5	-0.1	0.5

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

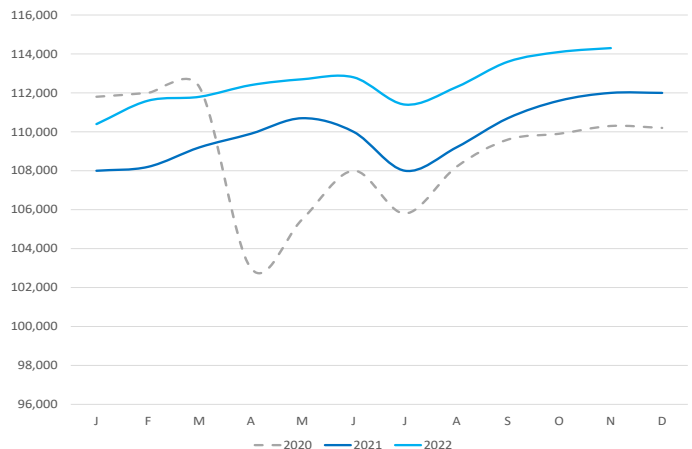
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 22	Oct 22	Nov 21	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	114.3	114.1	112.0	0.2	2.3
Goods Producing	23.4	23.6	22.7	-0.2	0.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.1	5.2	5.0	-0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	18.3	18.4	17.7	-0.1	0.6
Service Providing	90.9	90.5	89.3	0.4	1.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.5	24.3	24.1	0.2	0.4
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.8	4.5	-0.1	0.2
Retail Trade	12.8	12.7	12.9	0.1	-0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	7.0	6.8	6.7	0.2	0.3
Information	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	11.5	11.4	11.8	0.1	-0.3
Educational & Health Services	17.1	17.1	16.7	0.0	0.4
Leisure & Hospitality	10.1	10.1	9.5	0.0	0.6
Other Services	4.4	4.4	4.3	0.0	0.1
Government	18.2	18.1	17.9	0.1	0.3
Federal Government	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
State Government	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	14.3	14.2	14.0	0.1	0.3

Unemployment Rates
 November: 2002 - 2022



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
 January 2020 - November 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

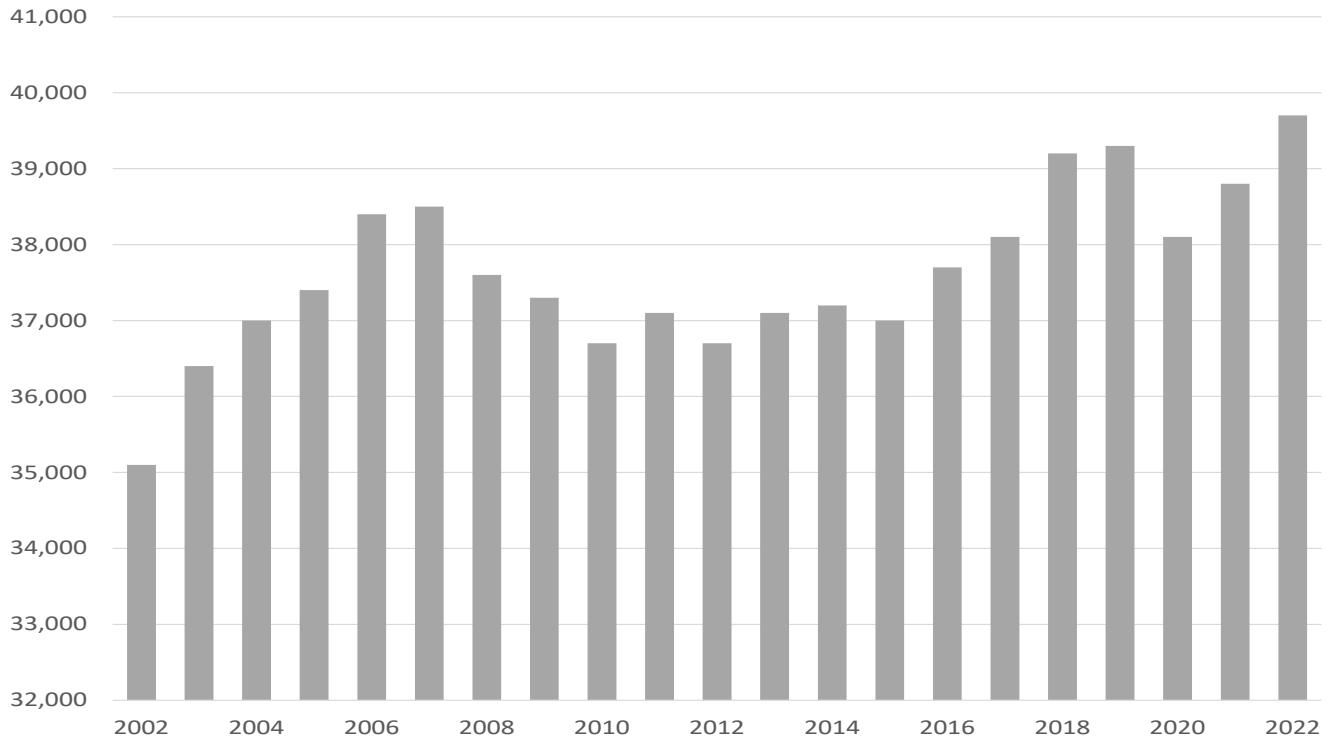
	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	40,399	40,473	39,896	-74	503
Employment	38,948	39,029	38,625	-81	323
Unemployment	1,451	1,444	1,271	7	180
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.6	3.2	0.0	0.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.7	39.6	38.8	0.1	0.9
Goods Producing	4.5	4.5	4.4	0.0	0.1
Service Providing	35.2	35.1	34.4	0.1	0.8
Government	4.1	4.1	4.2	0.0	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
 November: 2002 - 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

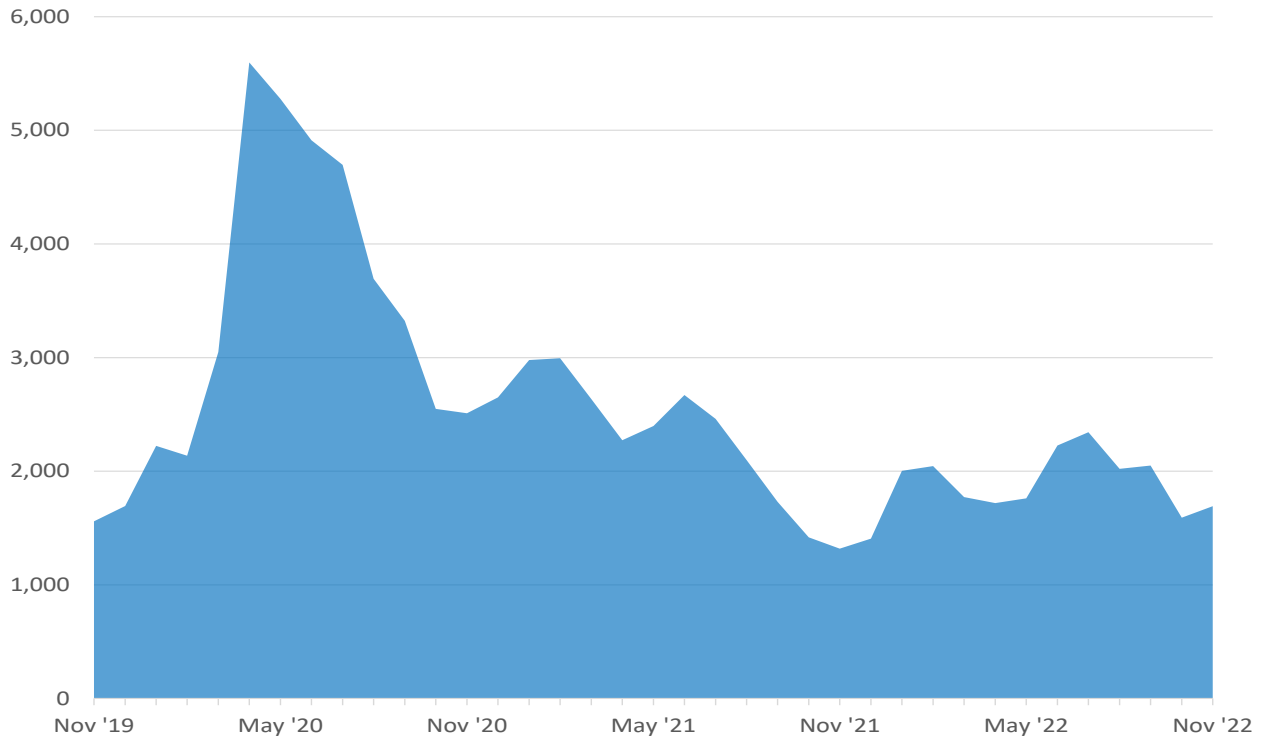
	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	66,063	66,166	65,788	-103	275
Employment	64,371	64,574	64,469	-203	-98
Unemployment	1,692	1,592	1,319	100	373
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.4	2.0	0.2	0.6

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	62.6	62.5	61.7	0.1	0.9
Goods Producing	11.1	11.2	11.3	-0.1	-0.2
Service Providing	51.5	51.3	50.4	0.2	1.1
Government	8.6	8.6	8.7	0.0	-0.1

Number of Unemployed
 November 2019 - November 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Nov 22	Oct 22	Nov 21	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	32,494	32,612	32,460	-118	34
Employment	30,966	31,024	31,062	-58	-96
Unemployment	1,528	1,588	1,398	-60	130
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.9	4.3	-0.2	0.4

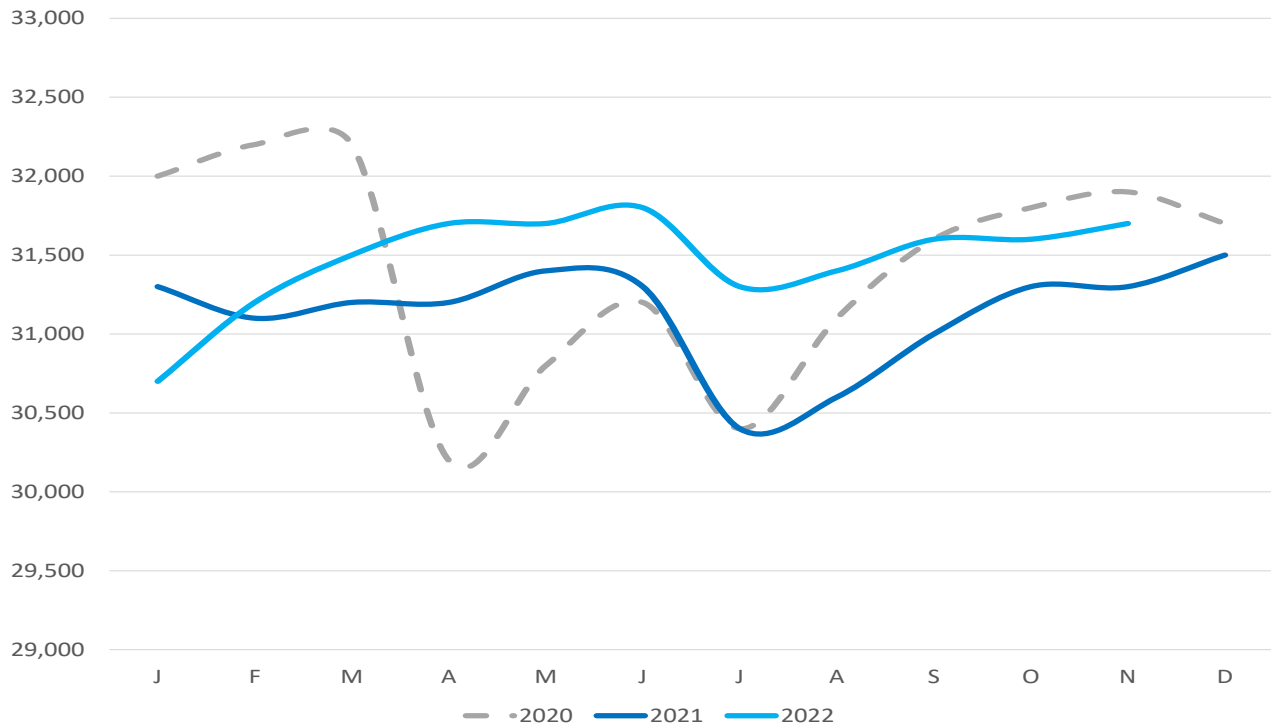
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 22	Oct 22	Nov 21	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	31.7	31.6	31.3	0.1	0.4
Goods Producing	5.6	5.5	5.4	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	26.1	26.1	25.9	0.0	0.2
Government	8.3	8.3	8.5	0.0	-0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January 2020 - November 2022





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.

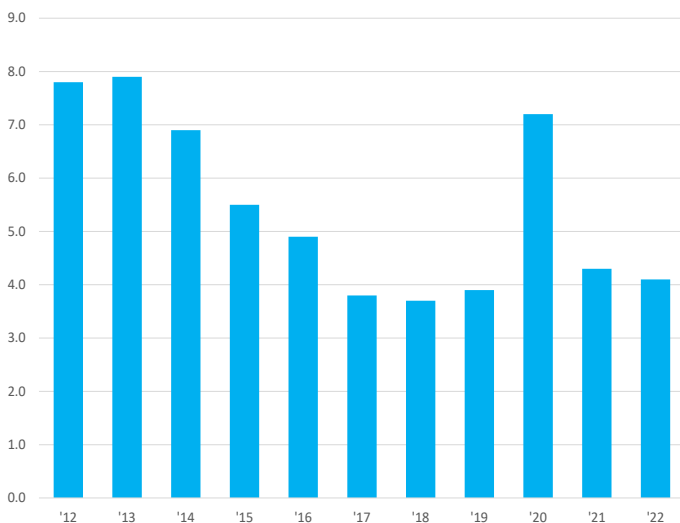
	Nov 22	Oct 22	Nov 21	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	633,217	637,185	642,129	-3,968	-8,912
Employment	607,354	608,832	614,699	-1,478	-7,345
Unemployment	25,863	28,353	27,430	-2,490	-1,567
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.4	4.3	-0.3	-0.2

Texarkana MSA

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

	Nov 22	Oct 22	Nov 21	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	63,678	63,774	63,516	-96	162
Employment	61,252	61,259	60,767	-7	485
Unemployment	2,426	2,515	2,749	-89	-323
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.9	4.3	-0.1	-0.5

Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates
 November: 2012 - 2022



Texarkana MSA - Employment
 November 2019 - November 2022



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	November 2022				October 2022				November 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,606	8,251	355	4.1	8,609	8,283	326	3.8	8,820	8,562	258	2.9
Batesville Micro	16,530	16,060	470	2.8	16,498	16,052	446	2.7	16,257	15,862	395	2.4
Blytheville Micro	16,323	15,495	828	5.1	16,529	15,698	831	5.0	16,031	15,248	783	4.9
Camden Micro	11,911	11,510	401	3.4	11,924	11,516	408	3.4	12,057	11,746	311	2.6
El Dorado Micro	14,689	14,010	679	4.6	14,742	14,050	692	4.7	14,815	14,174	641	4.3
Forrest City Micro	7,519	7,172	347	4.6	7,599	7,234	365	4.8	7,538	7,224	314	4.2
Harrison Micro	18,844	18,350	494	2.6	18,962	18,509	453	2.4	18,909	18,572	337	1.8
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,449	5,065	384	7.0	5,542	5,159	383	6.9	5,649	5,335	314	5.6
Hope Micro	12,642	12,254	388	3.1	12,719	12,338	381	3.0	12,391	12,072	319	2.6
Magnolia Micro	8,806	8,437	369	4.2	8,765	8,430	335	3.8	8,811	8,516	295	3.3
Malvern Micro	13,508	13,093	415	3.1	13,556	13,137	419	3.1	13,714	13,363	351	2.6
Mountain Home Micro	16,554	16,032	522	3.2	16,553	16,058	495	3.0	16,163	15,781	382	2.4
Paragould Micro	19,786	18,881	905	4.6	19,530	19,027	503	2.6	19,253	18,862	391	2.0
Russellville Micro	35,137	33,975	1,162	3.3	35,329	34,283	1,046	3.0	35,141	34,260	881	2.5
Searcy Micro	33,986	32,954	1,032	3.0	33,988	33,011	977	2.9	33,863	32,997	866	2.6

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

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	November 2022				October 2022				November 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,745	12,407	338	2.7	12,743	12,451	292	2.3	12,472	12,186	286	2.3
Benton	17,560	17,130	430	2.4	17,590	17,185	405	2.3	17,384	17,043	341	2.0
Bentonville	30,932	30,341	591	1.9	30,965	30,448	517	1.7	30,240	29,800	440	1.5
Blytheville	5,506	5,187	319	5.8	5,583	5,255	328	5.9	5,406	5,104	302	5.6
Cabot	11,836	11,533	303	2.6	11,933	11,628	305	2.6	11,754	11,502	252	2.1
Conway	34,112	33,218	894	2.6	34,236	33,377	859	2.5	33,793	33,069	724	2.1
El Dorado	6,376	6,029	347	5.4	6,391	6,046	345	5.4	6,429	6,100	329	5.1
Fayetteville	50,646	49,478	1,168	2.3	50,719	49,677	1,042	2.1	49,513	48,595	918	1.9
Fort Smith	38,144	37,094	1,050	2.8	38,069	37,116	953	2.5	37,774	36,868	906	2.4
Hot Springs	15,010	14,413	597	4.0	15,011	14,443	568	3.8	14,839	14,293	546	3.7
Jacksonville	11,486	11,053	433	3.8	11,531	11,084	447	3.9	11,473	10,996	477	4.2
Jonesboro	39,847	38,819	1,028	2.6	39,849	38,883	966	2.4	39,560	38,852	708	1.8
Little Rock	95,821	92,763	3,058	3.2	96,186	93,024	3,162	3.3	95,450	92,289	3,161	3.3
North Little Rock	29,489	28,525	964	3.3	29,606	28,605	1,001	3.4	29,306	28,379	927	3.2
Paragould	12,625	12,000	625	5.0	12,425	12,092	333	2.7	12,292	11,988	304	2.5
Pine Bluff	15,295	14,415	880	5.8	15,311	14,393	918	6.0	15,266	14,445	821	5.4
Rogers	38,014	37,223	791	2.1	38,093	37,355	738	1.9	37,117	36,559	558	1.5
Russellville	12,683	12,254	429	3.4	12,699	12,332	367	2.9	12,619	12,343	276	2.2
Searcy	10,236	9,951	285	2.8	10,237	9,969	268	2.6	10,181	9,964	217	2.1
Sherwood	15,990	15,567	423	2.6	16,052	15,611	441	2.7	15,818	15,488	330	2.1
Springdale	40,308	39,513	795	2.0	40,393	39,671	722	1.8	39,540	38,808	732	1.9
Texarkana, AR	13,128	12,673	455	3.5	13,171	12,714	457	3.5	13,036	12,570	466	3.6
Van Buren	10,173	9,906	267	2.6	10,172	9,932	240	2.4	10,082	9,856	226	2.2
West Memphis	10,251	9,804	447	4.4	10,204	9,746	458	4.5	10,008	9,642	366	3.7

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	November 2022				October 2022				November 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,458	9,199	259	2.7	9,572	9,325	247	2.6	9,426	9,183	243	2.6
Ashley	6,667	6,279	388	5.8	6,786	6,389	397	5.9	6,575	6,236	339	5.2
Baxter	16,554	16,032	522	3.2	16,553	16,058	495	3.0	16,163	15,781	382	2.4
Benton	147,928	144,755	3,173	2.1	148,218	145,267	2,951	2.0	144,638	142,172	2,466	1.7
Boone	15,708	15,292	416	2.6	15,776	15,396	380	2.4	15,750	15,469	281	1.8
Bradley	3,998	3,817	181	4.5	4,055	3,867	188	4.6	3,910	3,790	120	3.1
Calhoun	2,337	2,268	69	3.0	2,362	2,292	70	3.0	2,368	2,322	46	1.9
Carroll	12,422	12,105	317	2.6	12,801	12,521	280	2.2	12,547	12,311	236	1.9
Chicot	2,844	2,673	171	6.0	2,917	2,739	178	6.1	2,942	2,764	178	6.1
Clark	8,606	8,251	355	4.1	8,609	8,283	326	3.8	8,820	8,562	258	2.9
Clay	5,335	5,115	220	4.1	5,407	5,239	168	3.1	5,278	5,150	128	2.4
Cleburne	8,832	8,503	329	3.7	8,954	8,643	311	3.5	8,854	8,583	271	3.1
Cleveland	3,066	2,963	103	3.4	3,107	2,999	108	3.5	3,059	2,982	77	2.5
Columbia	8,806	8,437	369	4.2	8,765	8,430	335	3.8	8,811	8,516	295	3.3
Conway	8,366	8,091	275	3.3	8,394	8,142	252	3.0	8,187	7,968	219	2.7
Craighead	56,370	54,969	1,401	2.5	56,381	55,059	1,322	2.3	56,100	55,016	1,084	1.9
Crawford	26,069	25,351	718	2.8	26,100	25,418	682	2.6	25,825	25,225	600	2.3
Crittenden	20,866	20,090	776	3.7	20,753	19,971	782	3.8	20,415	19,758	657	3.2
Cross	6,782	6,546	236	3.5	6,873	6,650	223	3.2	6,844	6,648	196	2.9
Dallas	2,679	2,581	98	3.7	2,682	2,589	93	3.5	2,745	2,663	82	3.0
Desha	4,898	4,660	238	4.9	4,980	4,737	243	4.9	4,923	4,717	206	4.2
Drew	7,050	6,751	299	4.2	7,165	6,874	291	4.1	7,457	7,212	245	3.3
Faulkner	62,002	60,337	1,665	2.7	62,180	60,625	1,555	2.5	61,389	60,065	1,324	2.2
Franklin	7,397	7,184	213	2.9	7,506	7,296	210	2.8	7,215	7,042	173	2.4
Fulton	4,866	4,723	143	2.9	4,954	4,823	131	2.6	4,853	4,744	109	2.2
Garland	40,399	38,948	1,451	3.6	40,473	39,029	1,444	3.6	39,896	38,625	1,271	3.2
Grant	8,288	8,057	231	2.8	8,339	8,110	229	2.7	8,206	8,036	170	2.1
Greene	19,786	18,881	905	4.6	19,530	19,027	503	2.6	19,253	18,862	391	2.0
Hempstead	9,235	8,963	272	2.9	9,304	9,038	266	2.9	9,052	8,837	215	2.4
Hot Spring	13,508	13,093	415	3.1	13,556	13,137	419	3.1	13,714	13,363	351	2.6
Howard	5,338	5,171	167	3.1	5,414	5,243	171	3.2	5,352	5,226	126	2.4
Independence	16,530	16,060	470	2.8	16,498	16,052	446	2.7	16,257	15,862	395	2.4
Izard	4,546	4,334	212	4.7	4,607	4,401	206	4.5	4,326	4,163	163	3.8
Jackson	5,355	5,105	250	4.7	5,439	5,192	247	4.5	5,557	5,367	190	3.4
Jefferson	25,757	24,480	1,277	5.0	25,779	24,444	1,335	5.2	25,740	24,531	1,209	4.7
Johnson	10,101	9,745	356	3.5	10,081	9,752	329	3.3	9,893	9,579	314	3.2
Lafayette	2,278	2,167	111	4.9	2,310	2,208	102	4.4	2,280	2,198	82	3.6
Lawrence	6,702	6,481	221	3.3	6,781	6,574	207	3.1	6,675	6,497	178	2.7
Lee	2,486	2,380	106	4.3	2,551	2,445	106	4.2	2,448	2,355	93	3.8
Lincoln	3,671	3,523	148	4.0	3,726	3,581	145	3.9	3,661	3,549	112	3.1
Little River	5,328	5,149	179	3.4	5,321	5,150	171	3.2	5,269	5,108	161	3.1
Logan	8,130	7,866	264	3.2	8,198	7,949	249	3.0	8,266	8,042	224	2.7
Lonoke	33,538	32,693	845	2.5	33,759	32,962	797	2.4	33,318	32,607	711	2.1
Madison	7,522	7,360	162	2.2	7,663	7,512	151	2.0	7,431	7,289	142	1.9
Marion	6,226	6,015	211	3.4	6,304	6,106	198	3.1	6,015	5,858	157	2.6
Miller	19,143	18,525	618	3.2	19,224	18,585	639	3.3	18,995	18,375	620	3.3

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted												
County	November 2022				October 2022				November 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,323	15,495	828	5.1	16,529	15,698	831	5.0	16,031	15,248	783	4.9
Monroe	2,442	2,339	103	4.2	2,499	2,395	104	4.2	2,539	2,445	94	3.7
Montgomery	2,707	2,588	119	4.4	2,837	2,728	109	3.8	2,717	2,616	101	3.7
Nevada	3,407	3,291	116	3.4	3,415	3,300	115	3.4	3,339	3,235	104	3.1
Newton	3,136	3,058	78	2.5	3,186	3,113	73	2.3	3,159	3,103	56	1.8
Ouachita	9,574	9,242	332	3.5	9,562	9,224	338	3.5	9,689	9,424	265	2.7
Perry	4,124	3,994	130	3.2	4,164	4,043	121	2.9	4,104	3,985	119	2.9
Phillips	5,449	5,065	384	7.0	5,542	5,159	383	6.9	5,649	5,335	314	5.6
Pike	4,032	3,900	132	3.3	4,104	3,986	118	2.9	4,072	3,946	126	3.1
Poinsett	9,693	9,402	291	3.0	9,785	9,515	270	2.8	9,688	9,453	235	2.4
Polk	7,655	7,406	249	3.3	7,742	7,510	232	3.0	7,674	7,460	214	2.8
Pope	27,368	26,459	909	3.3	27,446	26,626	820	3.0	27,330	26,650	680	2.5
Prairie	3,487	3,390	97	2.8	3,549	3,461	88	2.5	3,482	3,409	73	2.1
Pulaski	186,223	180,355	5,868	3.2	186,875	180,862	6,013	3.2	185,224	179,432	5,792	3.1
Randolph	7,072	6,854	218	3.1	7,126	6,930	196	2.8	7,216	7,043	173	2.4
St. Francis	7,519	7,172	347	4.6	7,599	7,234	365	4.8	7,538	7,224	314	4.2
Saline	58,958	57,519	1,439	2.4	59,082	57,701	1,381	2.3	58,393	57,227	1,166	2.0
Scott	4,019	3,922	97	2.4	4,104	4,016	88	2.1	4,170	4,088	82	2.0
Searcy	2,912	2,803	109	3.7	2,948	2,839	109	3.7	2,874	2,792	82	2.9
Sebastian	54,924	53,436	1,488	2.7	54,886	53,467	1,419	2.6	54,378	53,110	1,268	2.3
Sevier	5,344	5,161	183	3.4	5,404	5,236	168	3.1	5,305	5,157	148	2.8
Sharp	5,781	5,582	199	3.4	5,833	5,643	190	3.3	5,592	5,423	169	3.0
Stone	4,428	4,258	170	3.8	4,561	4,409	152	3.3	4,418	4,283	135	3.1
Union	14,689	14,010	679	4.6	14,742	14,050	692	4.7	14,815	14,174	641	4.3
Van Buren	5,891	5,676	215	3.6	5,966	5,759	207	3.5	5,745	5,572	173	3.0
Washington	130,743	127,990	2,753	2.1	130,999	128,505	2,494	1.9	127,952	125,706	2,246	1.8
White	33,986	32,954	1,032	3.0	33,988	33,011	977	2.9	33,863	32,997	866	2.6
Woodruff	2,737	2,651	86	3.1	2,794	2,715	79	2.8	2,770	2,682	88	3.2
Yell	7,769	7,516	253	3.3	7,883	7,657	226	2.9	7,811	7,610	201	2.6

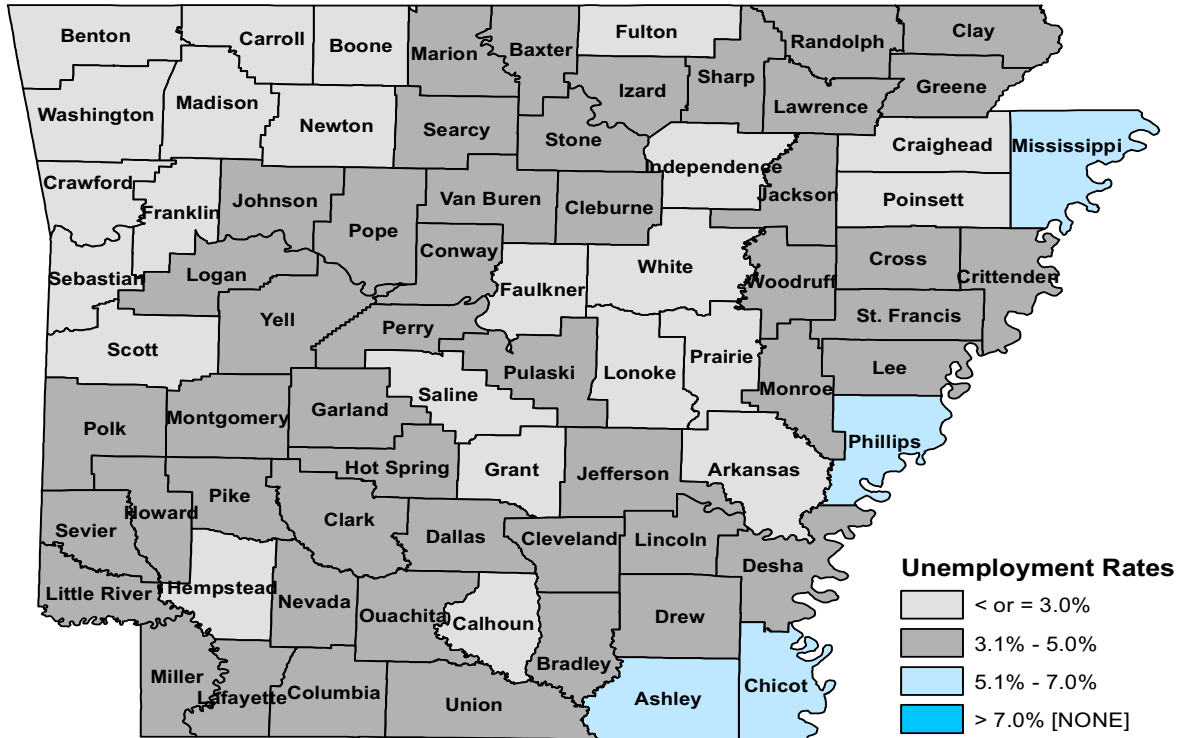
County Labor Force Summary

Between October and November, unemployment rates increased in 55 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Jobless rates declined in ten counties, while remaining stable in ten counties. Rates ranged from a low of 2.1 percent in Benton and Washington counties to a high of 7.0 percent in Phillips County.

In November, fifty-five counties reported an unemployment rate at or below four percent. That is down slightly from 60 counties at or below four percent last month. Only one county-- Phillips County-- posted a jobless rate at or above seven percent in November.

Compared to November 2021, unemployment rates are up in 72 Arkansas counties. Three counties-- Chicot, Miller, and Woodruff-- reported slight jobless rate declines over-the-year. The largest annual rate increases occurred in Clay and Greene counties, up one and seven-tenths of a percentage point and two and six-tenths of a percentage point, respectively.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

November 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	2.1	24	Randolph	3.1	50	Crittenden	3.7
1	Washington	2.1	24	Woodruff	3.1	50	Dallas	3.7
3	Madison	2.2	28	Baxter	3.2	50	Searcy	3.7
4	Saline	2.4	28	Logan	3.2	54	Stone	3.8
4	Scott	2.4	28	Miller	3.2	55	Lincoln	4.0
6	Craighead	2.5	28	Perry	3.2	56	Clark	4.1
6	Lonoke	2.5	28	Pulaski	3.2	56	Clay	4.1
6	Newton	2.5	33	Conway	3.3	58	Columbia	4.2
9	Boone	2.6	33	Lawrence	3.3	58	Drew	4.2
9	Carroll	2.6	33	Pike	3.3	58	Monroe	4.2
11	Arkansas	2.7	33	Polk	3.3	61	Lee	4.3
11	Faulkner	2.7	33	Pope	3.3	62	Montgomery	4.4
11	Sebastian	2.7	33	Yell	3.3	63	Bradley	4.5
14	Crawford	2.8	39	Cleveland	3.4	64	Greene	4.6
14	Grant	2.8	39	Little River	3.4	64	St. Francis	4.6
14	Independence	2.8	39	Marion	3.4	64	Union	4.6
14	Prairie	2.8	39	Nevada	3.4	67	Izard	4.7
18	Franklin	2.9	39	Sevier	3.4	67	Jackson	4.7
18	Fulton	2.9	39	Sharp	3.4	69	Desha	4.9
18	Hempstead	2.9	45	Cross	3.5	69	Lafayette	4.9
21	Calhoun	3.0	45	Johnson	3.5	71	Jefferson	5.0
21	Poinsett	3.0	45	Ouachita	3.5	72	Mississippi	5.1
21	White	3.0	48	Garland	3.6	73	Ashley	5.8
24	Hot Spring	3.1	48	Van Buren	3.6	74	Chicot	6.0
24	Howard	3.1	50	Cleburne	3.7	75	Phillips	7.0

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	November 2022				October 2022				November 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	250,829	243,870	6,959	2.8	251,758	244,982	6,776	2.7	248,895	242,896	5,999	2.4
City of Little Rock	95,821	92,763	3,058	3.2	96,186	93,024	3,162	3.3	95,450	92,289	3,161	3.3
Eastern	43,102	41,253	1,849	4.3	43,318	41,459	1,859	4.3	42,894	41,320	1,574	3.7
North Central	92,952	89,846	3,106	3.3	93,594	90,648	2,946	3.1	92,235	89,676	2,559	2.8
Northeast	121,281	117,197	4,084	3.4	121,539	118,042	3,497	2.9	120,241	117,269	2,972	2.5
Northwest	343,151	335,410	7,741	2.3	344,448	337,317	7,131	2.1	336,529	330,481	6,048	1.8
Southeast	75,697	72,402	3,295	4.4	76,426	73,065	3,361	4.4	75,899	73,000	2,899	3.8
Southwest	88,158	84,965	3,193	3.6	88,505	85,345	3,160	3.6	88,020	85,235	2,785	3.2
West Central	126,980	122,585	4,395	3.5	127,547	123,383	4,164	3.3	126,544	122,904	3,640	2.9
Western	108,194	105,165	3,029	2.8	108,536	105,656	2,880	2.7	107,528	104,967	2,561	2.4

