

# 2022 ARKANSAS LABOR MARKET REPORT

## October



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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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## October Spotlight A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Between September and October, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 24 states. Jobless rates were stable in 25 states and the District of Columbia. In October, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.1 percent in Minnesota and Utah to a high of 4.8 percent in the District of Columbia. Arkansas ranked 28th among states, with a jobless rate of 3.6 percent in October. Thirty states, including Arkansas, posted jobless rates below the national rate of 3.7 percent.

Compared to October 2021, unemployment rates have declined in 39 states and the District of Columbia. The largest rate decrease occurred in California, down two and one-tenth of a percentage point. The largest annual increase was in Oklahoma, up five-tenths of a percentage point. Arkansas' unemployment rate increased two-tenths of a percentage point over-the-year, from 3.4 percent in October 2021 up to 3.6 percent in October 2022.

**Unemployment Rates by State (Seasonally Adjusted)**  
 October 2022

Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate
1	Minnesota	2.1	18	Louisiana	3.3	34	Kentucky	3.9
1	Utah	2.1	18	South Carolina	3.3	36	California	4.0
3	North Dakota	2.3	18	Wisconsin	3.3	36	Pennsylvania	4.0
3	Vermont	2.3	21	Hawaii	3.4	36	Texas	4.0
5	Nebraska	2.4	21	Oklahoma	3.4	36	West Virginia	4.0
5	New Hampshire	2.4	21	Rhode Island	3.4	40	Oregon	4.1
5	South Dakota	2.4	24	Massachusetts	3.5	41	Michigan	4.2
8	Missouri	2.6	24	New Jersey	3.5	41	Ohio	4.2
9	Alabama	2.7	24	Tennessee	3.5	43	Connecticut	4.3
9	Florida	2.7	24	Wyoming	3.5	43	Delaware	4.3
9	Virginia	2.7	<b>28</b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>3.6</b>	43	New Mexico	4.3
12	Kansas	2.8	28	Colorado	3.6	46	New York	4.4
13	Georgia	2.9	28	Maine	3.6	47	Alaska	4.5
13	Idaho	2.9	31	Mississippi	3.8	47	Maryland	4.5
13	Iowa	2.9	31	North Carolina	3.8	49	Illinois	4.6
16	Indiana	3.0	31	Washington	3.8	49	Nevada	4.6
16	Montana	3.0	34	Arizona	3.9	51	District of Columbia	4.8

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 3.7 Percent



## State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

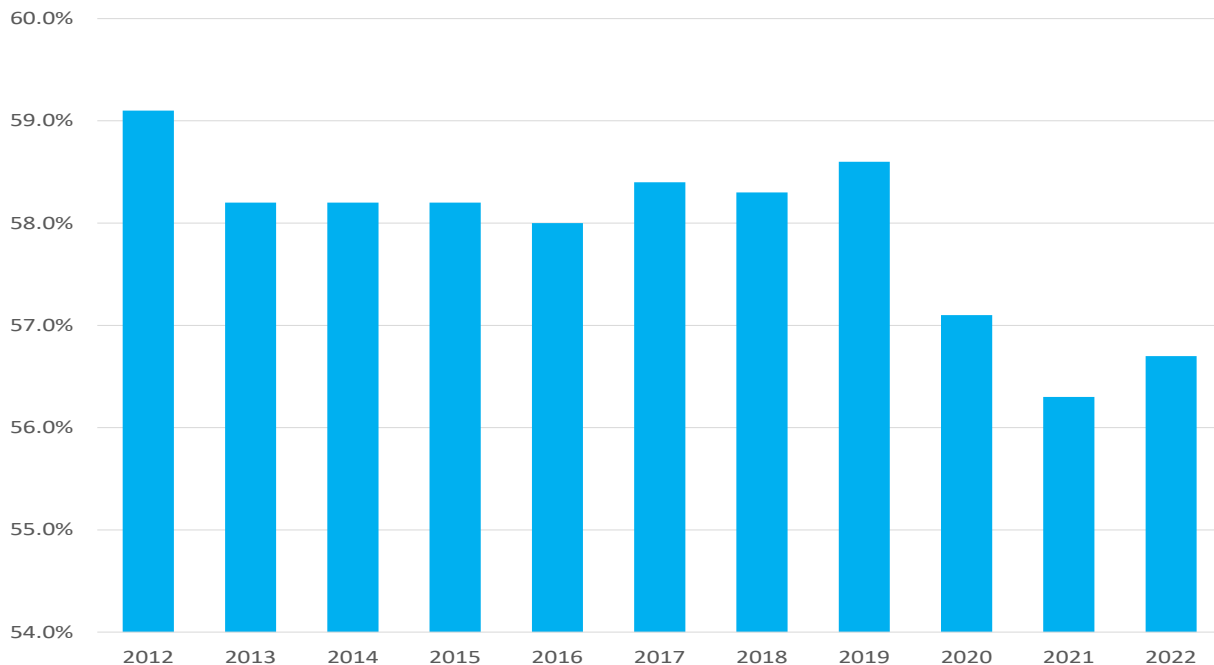
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.5 percent in September to 3.6 percent in October. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined by 489, a result of 1,589 fewer employed and 1,100 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate increased two-tenths of a percentage point between September and October, rising from 3.5 percent to 3.7 percent.

BLS Programs Manager Susan Price said, "The number of employed Arkansans declined for the third month in a row, as the unemployment rate grew to 3.6 percent in October. While employment has decreased since July, there are still 17,802 more employed Arkansans compared to October 2021."

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,353,179	1,353,668	1,331,746	Civilian Labor Force	1,351,979	1,354,680
Employment	1,304,653	1,306,242	1,286,851	Employment	1,313,063	1,294,677
Unemployment	48,526	47,426	44,895	Unemployment	38,916	48,904
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.5	3.4	Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.6
Labor Participation Rate	56.7	56.8	56.3	Labor Participation Rate	56.6	56.8
U.S. Unemp Rate	3.7	3.5	4.6	U.S. Unemp Rate	3.4	3.3

**Labor Force Participation Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**  
 October: 2012 - 2022





## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1334.7	1326.9	1305.2	7.8	29.5
Goods Producing	226.1	226.7	221.3	-0.6	4.8
Mining, Logging, & Construction	60.8	61.4	62.3	-0.6	-1.5
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	35.6	35.9	35.3	-0.3	0.3
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>165.3</b>	<b>165.3</b>	<b>159.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>
Durable Goods	78.4	78.3	76.1	0.1	2.3
Nondurable Goods	86.9	87.0	82.9	-0.1	4.0
Service Providing	1108.6	1100.2	1083.9	8.4	24.7
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>267.7</b>	<b>263.8</b>	<b>261.7</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>6.0</b>
Wholesale Trade	52.9	51.9	48.6	1.0	4.3
Retail Trade	139.0	137.9	139.7	1.1	-0.7
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	75.8	74.0	73.4	1.8	2.4
<b>Information</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>69.8</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>4.2</b>
Finance & Insurance	54.3	54.0	51.5	0.3	2.8
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	15.5	15.2	14.1	0.3	1.4
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>151.8</b>	<b>150.9</b>	<b>148.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	45.8	44.5	45.3	1.3	0.5
Management of Companies	40.6	40.2	34.7	0.4	5.9
Administrative & Support Services	65.4	66.2	68.4	-0.8	-3.0
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>200.6</b>	<b>200.2</b>	<b>196.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Educational Services	18.9	18.4	17.6	0.5	1.3
Health Care & Social Assistance	181.7	181.8	178.5	-0.1	3.2
Ambulatory Health Care	63.5	63.0	60.6	0.5	2.9
Social Assistance	35.9	35.9	36.1	0.0	-0.2
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>124.7</b>	<b>124.9</b>	<b>120.7</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11.6	12.0	11.6	-0.4	0.0
Accommodation & Food Services	113.1	112.9	109.1	0.2	4.0
Accommodation Services	12.0	12.1	11.0	-0.1	1.0
Food Services	101.1	100.8	98.1	0.3	3.0
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>213.1</b>	<b>211.5</b>	<b>212.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Federal Government	20.8	20.7	20.6	0.1	0.2
State Government	78.0	77.7	77.9	0.3	0.1
State Gov, Educational Services	31.7	31.4	31.5	0.3	0.2
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.3	46.3	46.4	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	114.3	113.1	113.5	1.2	0.8
Local Gov, Educational Services	71.5	69.9	70.9	1.6	0.6
Local Gov, Excluding Education	42.8	43.2	42.6	-0.4	0.2



## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

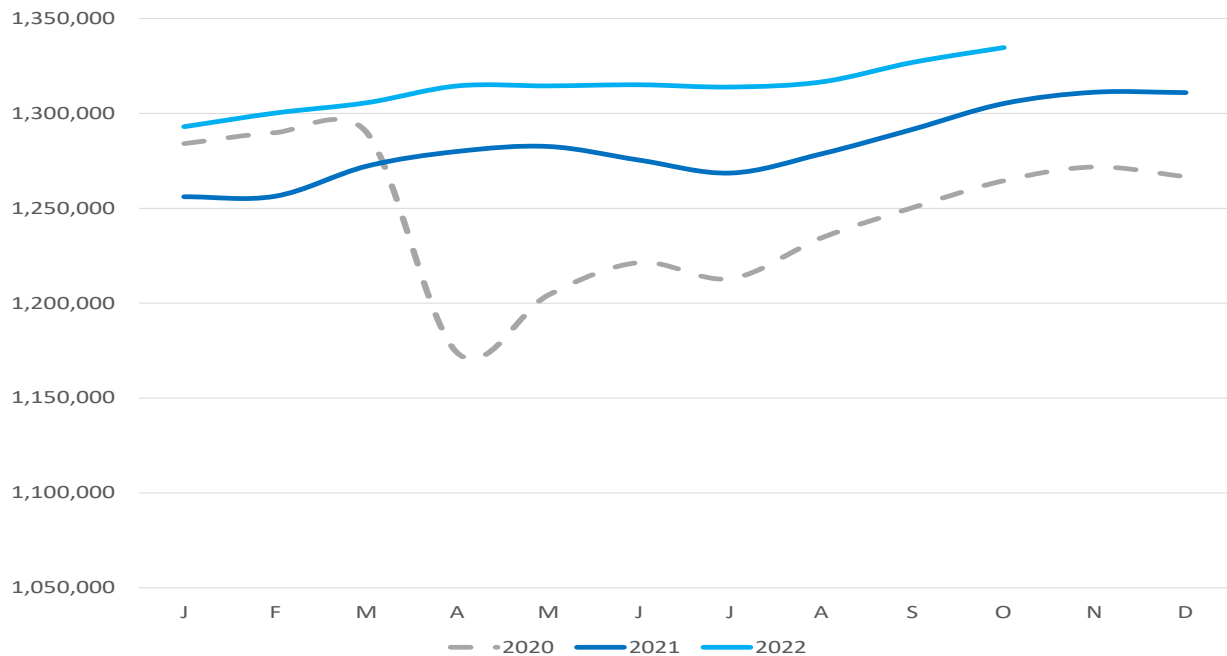
### September 2022 - October 2022

OTM verbiage from the PR Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 7,800 in October to total 1,334,700. Six major industry sectors posted gains. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 3,900 jobs. Hiring occurred in all subsectors, with jobs in transportation-warehousing-utilities up 1,800. Jobs in **government** increased by 1,600. Most of the gains were in local government-educational services (+1,600), as public schools across the State continue to hire. Jobs in **other services** rose by 1,200. This industry sector includes activities such as automotive repair, drycleaning services, and civic and social organizations.

### October 2021 - October 2022

Compared to October 2021, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs are up 29,500. Nine major industry sectors reported growth, with five sectors adding 4,000 or more jobs each. The largest gain was in **manufacturing**, up 6,300 jobs. Most of the hiring was in nondurable goods manufacturing (+4,000). Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose by 6,000. Expansions in wholesale trade (+4,300) and transportation-warehousing-utilities (+2,400) more than offset losses in retail trade (-700). **Educational and health services** added 4,500 jobs. Most of the gains were in health care and social assistance (+3,200). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** increased by 4,000, with most of the hiring in food services (+3,000). There were also notable expansions in **professional and business services** (+3,400), **information** (+1,200), and **government** (+1,100). Jobs in **construction** are down by 1,200 over the year.

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**  
 January 2020 - October 2022





## State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

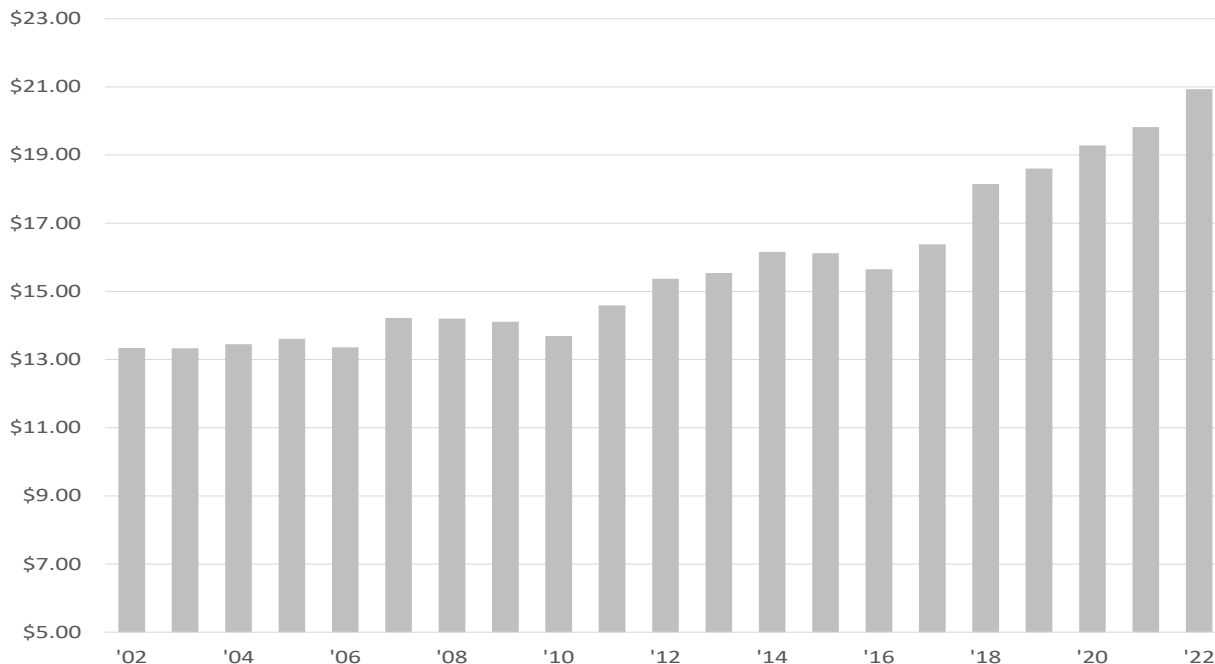
### Manufacturing

	<b>Oct 22</b>	<b>Sep 22</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>
Average Weekly Hours	39.6	39.3	40.7
Average Hourly Earnings	20.93	20.63	19.82
Average Weekly Earnings	828.83	810.76	806.67

### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

	Durable Goods Manufacturing			Nondurable Goods Manufacturing		
	<b>Oct 22</b>	<b>Sep 22</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Oct 22</b>	<b>Sep 22</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>
Average Weekly Hours	41.6	42.0	40.3	37.9	37.0	41.0
Average Hourly Earnings	23.28	22.68	21.05	18.72	18.63	18.71
Average Weekly Earnings	968.45	952.56	848.32	709.49	689.31	767.11

**Average Hourly Earnings- Manufacturing (Production Workers)**  
 October: 2002 - 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>Oct 22</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	353,950	354,092	347,610	-142	6,340
Employment	343,868	341,565	337,824	2,303	6,044
Unemployment	10,082	12,527	9,786	-2,445	296
Unemployment Rate	2.8	3.5	2.8	-0.7	0.0

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

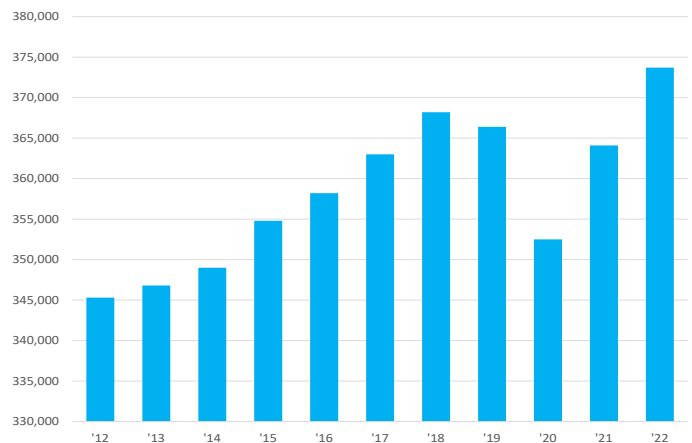
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	373.7	371.5	364.1	2.2	9.6
Goods Producing	38.7	38.5	37.8	0.2	0.9
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.6	18.6	18.4	0.0	0.2
Manufacturing	20.1	19.9	19.4	0.2	0.7
Service Providing	335.0	333.0	326.3	2.0	8.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	76.0	75.4	73.2	0.6	2.8
Wholesale Trade	17.0	16.7	15.8	0.3	1.2
Retail Trade	38.2	38.0	37.7	0.2	0.5
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.8	20.7	19.7	0.1	1.1
Information	5.7	5.7	5.4	0.0	0.3
Financial Activities	23.7	23.5	22.3	0.2	1.4
Professional & Business Services	46.3	46.4	47.9	-0.1	-1.6
Educational & Health Services	60.4	59.9	58.1	0.5	2.3
Leisure & Hospitality	37.1	36.8	33.3	0.3	3.8
Other Services	18.3	18.1	18.1	0.2	0.2
Government	67.5	67.2	68.0	0.3	-0.5
Federal Government	10.1	10.0	9.8	0.1	0.3
State Government	34.6	34.4	34.4	0.2	0.2
Local Government	22.8	22.8	23.8	0.0	-1.0

**Number of Employed**  
 October 2019 - October 2022



**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
 October: 2012 - 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)

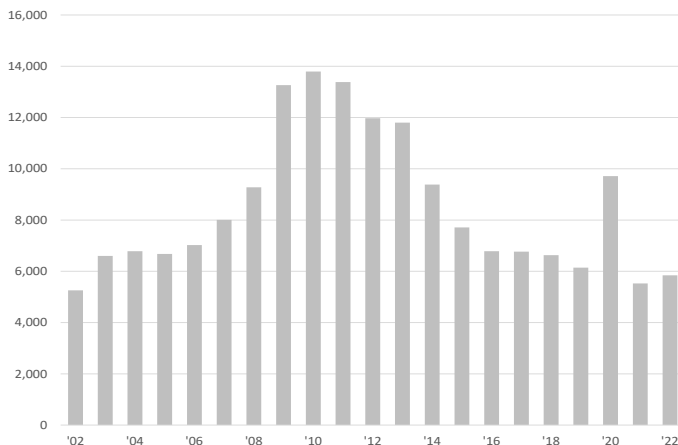
	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	298,520	296,817	288,371	1,703	10,149
Employment	292,675	289,213	282,845	3,462	9,830
Unemployment	5,845	7,604	5,526	-1,759	319
Unemployment Rate	2.0	2.6	1.9	-0.6	0.1

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

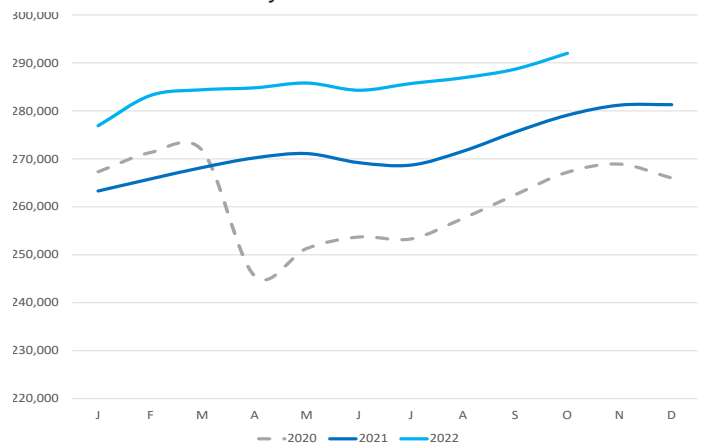
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	292.0	288.7	279.1	3.3	12.9
Goods Producing	47.2	46.9	45.5	0.3	1.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	14.6	14.4	14.1	0.2	0.5
Manufacturing	32.6	32.5	31.4	0.1	1.2
Service Providing	244.8	241.8	233.6	3.0	11.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.4	61.4	59.5	1.0	2.9
Wholesale Trade	13.7	13.4	12.7	0.3	1.0
Retail Trade	28.7	28.3	27.8	0.4	0.9
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.0	19.7	19.0	0.3	1.0
Information	2.2	2.2	2.0	0.0	0.2
Financial Activities	9.5	9.3	8.9	0.2	0.6
Professional & Business Services	60.9	59.3	53.6	1.6	7.3
Educational & Health Services	30.6	31.3	31.1	-0.7	-0.5
Leisure & Hospitality	26.7	26.8	27.9	-0.1	-1.2
Other Services	10.2	10.1	9.9	0.1	0.3
Government	42.3	41.4	40.7	0.9	1.6
Federal Government	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
State Government	19.4	18.9	18.1	0.5	1.3
Local Government	20.0	19.6	19.8	0.4	0.2

**Unemployment**  
 October: 2002 - 2022



**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
 January 2020 - October 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)

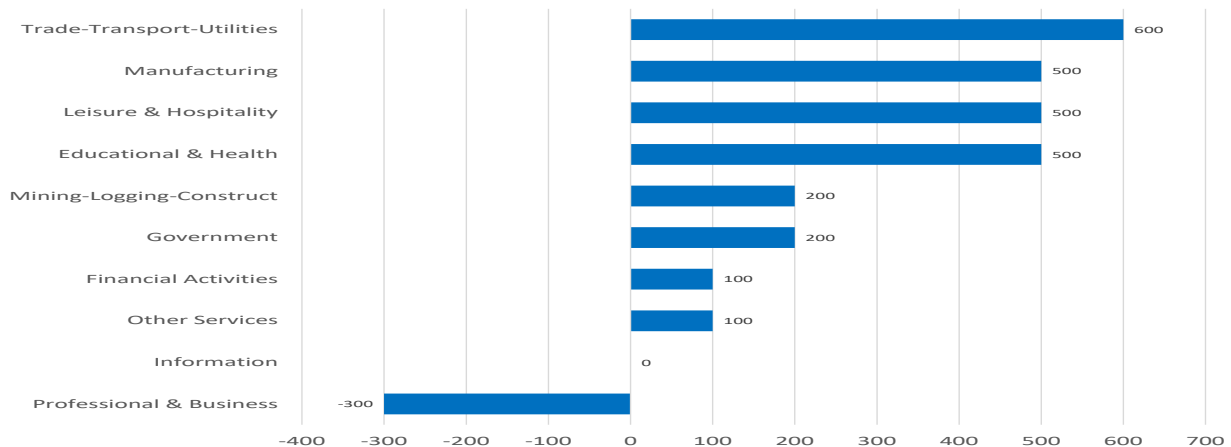
	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	117,293	117,091	115,756	202	1,537
Employment	113,704	112,886	112,593	818	1,111
Unemployment	3,589	4,205	3,163	-616	426
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.6	2.7	-0.5	0.4

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	114.0	113.6	111.6	0.4	2.4
Goods Producing	23.5	23.6	22.8	-0.1	0.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.2	5.2	5.0	0.0	0.2
Manufacturing	18.3	18.4	17.8	-0.1	0.5
Service Providing	90.5	90.0	88.8	0.5	1.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.3	24.2	23.7	0.1	0.6
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.7	4.5	0.1	0.3
Retail Trade	12.7	12.7	12.7	0.0	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.8	6.8	6.5	0.0	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	11.4	11.3	11.7	0.1	-0.3
Educational & Health Services	17.1	17.1	16.6	0.0	0.5
Leisure & Hospitality	10.1	10.2	9.6	-0.1	0.5
Other Services	4.4	4.3	4.3	0.1	0.1
Government	18.1	17.8	17.9	0.3	0.2
Federal Government	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.1	0.1
State Government	2.5	2.4	2.6	0.1	-0.1
Local Government	14.2	14.1	14.0	0.1	0.2

### Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector October 2021 vs October 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	40,404	40,645	40,277	-241	127
Employment	38,961	38,896	38,935	65	26
Unemployment	1,443	1,749	1,342	-306	101
Unemployment Rate	3.6	4.3	3.3	-0.7	0.3

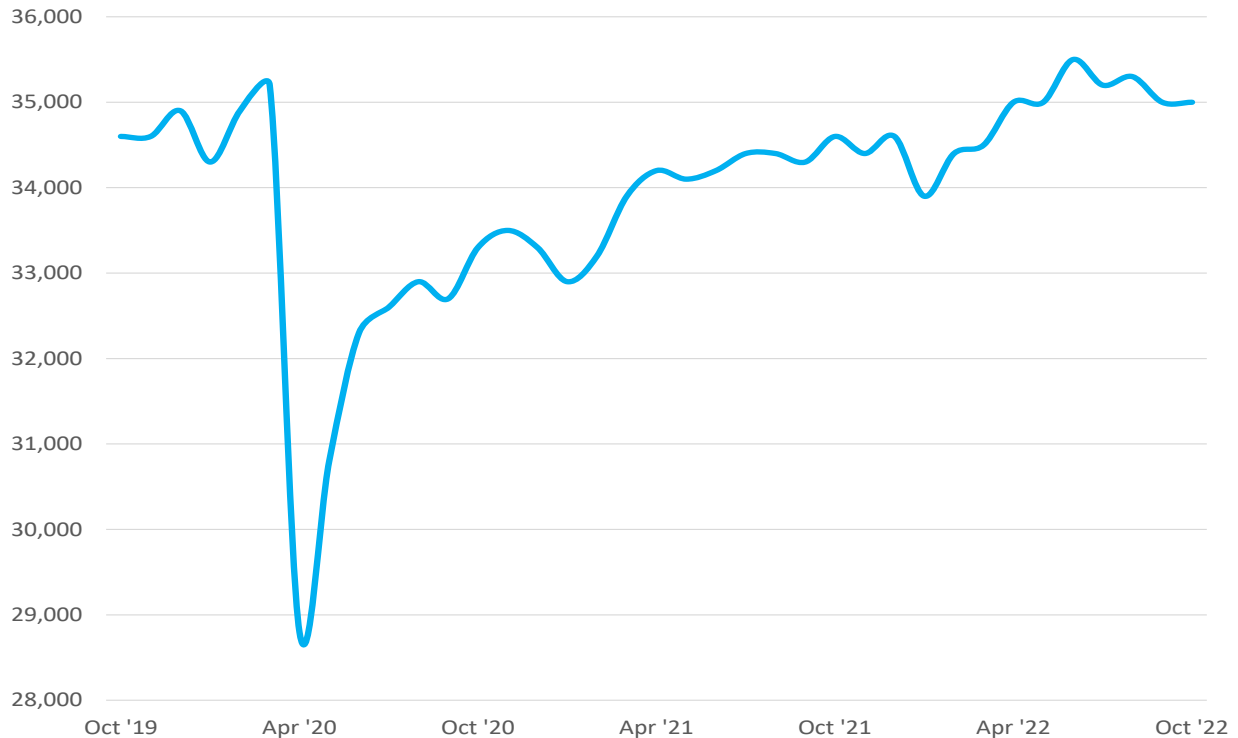
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.5	39.5	39.1	0.0	0.4
Goods Producing	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	35.0	35.0	34.6	0.0	0.4
Government	4.1	4.0	4.2	0.1	-0.1

### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

October 2019 - October 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	66,215	66,042	65,694	173	521
Employment	64,625	63,992	64,276	633	349
Unemployment	1,590	2,050	1,418	-460	172
Unemployment Rate	2.4	3.1	2.2	-0.7	0.2

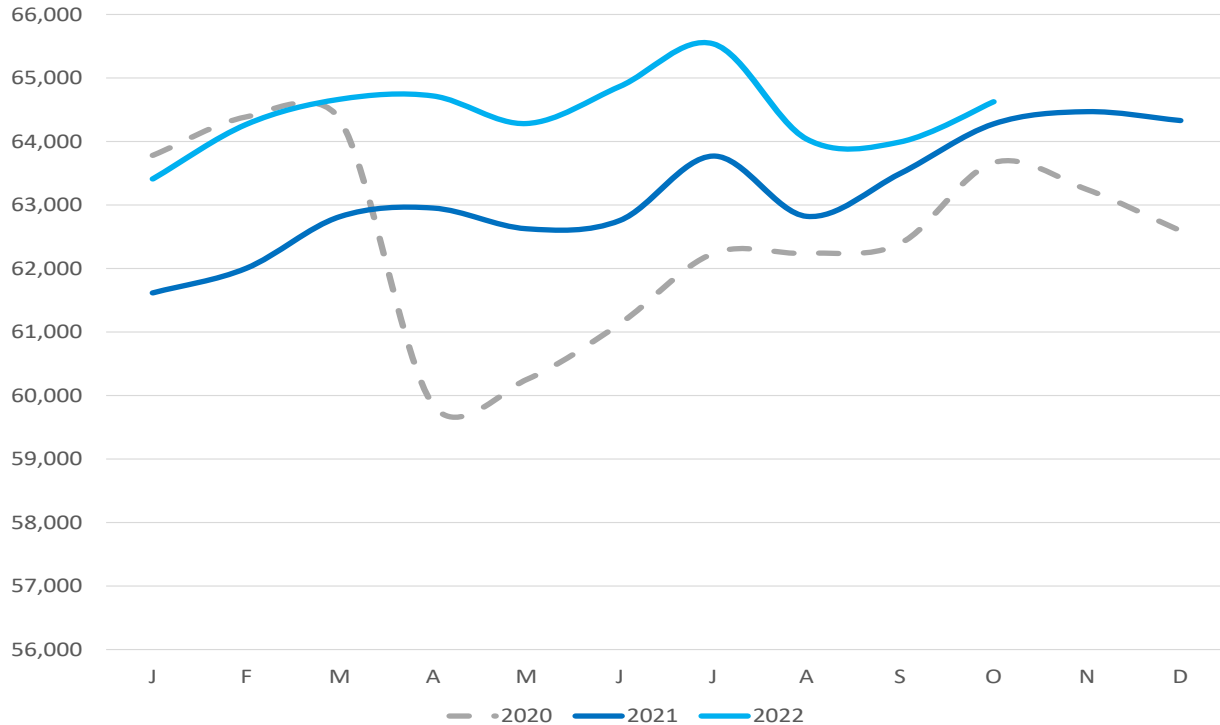
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	62.5	61.8	61.5	0.7	1.0
Goods Producing	11.2	11.1	11.4	0.1	-0.2
Service Providing	51.3	50.7	50.1	0.6	1.2
Government	8.6	8.3	8.7	0.3	-0.1

### Employment

January 2020 - October 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

	<b>Oct 22</b>	<b>Sep 22</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	32,530	32,817	32,401	-287	129
Employment	30,943	30,990	30,979	-47	-36
Unemployment	1,587	1,827	1,422	-240	165
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.6	4.4	-0.7	0.5

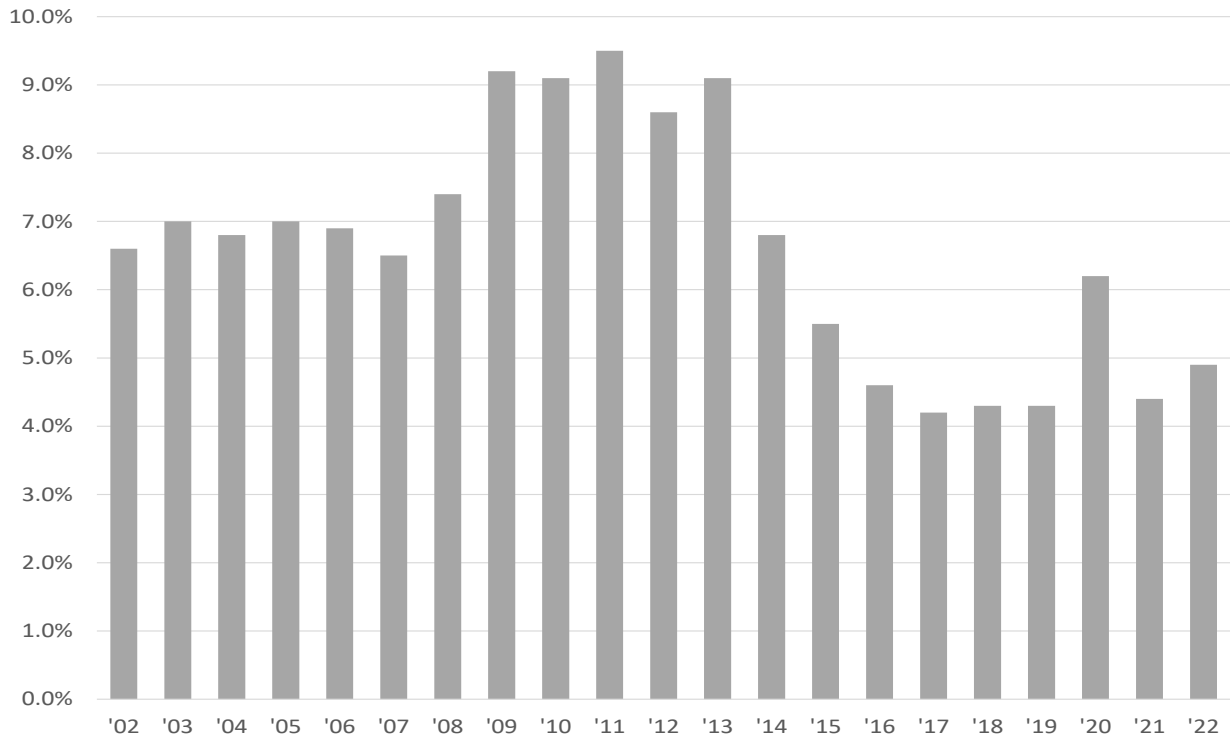
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Oct 22</b>	<b>Sep 22</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	31.6	31.6	31.3	0.0	0.3
Goods Producing	5.6	5.6	5.6	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	26.0	26.0	25.7	0.0	0.3
Government	8.3	8.3	8.5	0.0	-0.2

### Unemployment Rates

October: 2002 - 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.

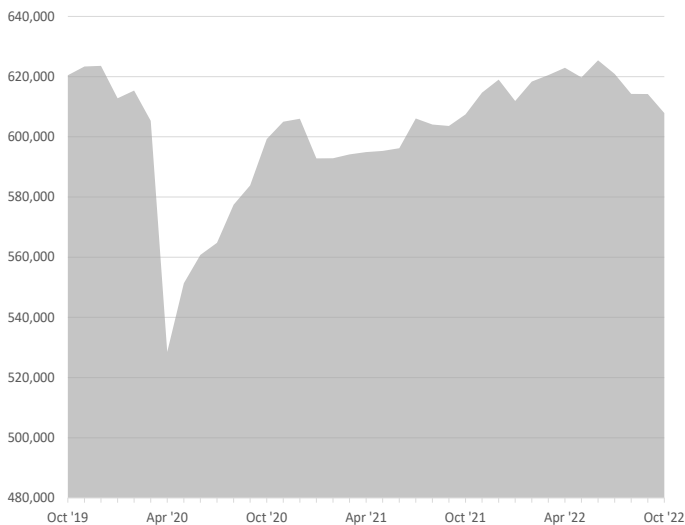
	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	636,296	640,681	638,195	-4,385	-1,899
Employment	607,891	614,122	607,449	-6,231	442
Unemployment	28,405	26,559	30,746	1,846	-2,341
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.1	4.8	0.4	-0.3

#### Texarkana MSA

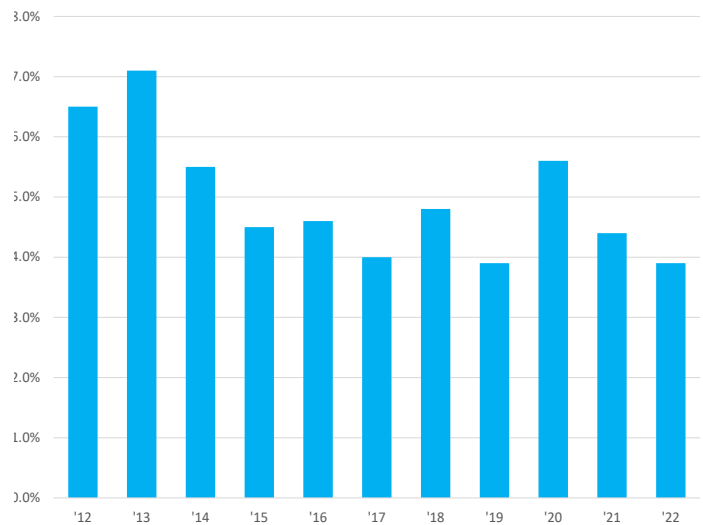
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,762	63,542	63,173	220	589
Employment	61,252	60,813	60,414	439	838
Unemployment	2,510	2,729	2,759	-219	-249
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.3	4.4	-0.4	-0.5

**Memphis MSA - Employment**  
 October 2019 - October 2022



**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**  
 October: 2012 - 2022



## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	October 2022				September 2022				October 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,610	8,283	327	3.8	8,718	8,331	387	4.4	8,805	8,533	272	3.1
Batesville Micro	16,497	16,053	444	2.7	16,609	16,030	579	3.5	16,178	15,758	420	2.6
Blytheville Micro	16,530	15,698	832	5.0	16,564	15,587	977	5.9	16,098	15,292	806	5.0
Camden Micro	11,927	11,517	410	3.4	12,010	11,534	476	4.0	11,976	11,666	310	2.6
El Dorado Micro	14,742	14,050	692	4.7	14,842	14,040	802	5.4	14,757	14,110	647	4.4
Forrest City Micro	7,594	7,234	360	4.7	7,669	7,238	431	5.6	7,559	7,228	331	4.4
Harrison Micro	18,961	18,509	452	2.4	19,021	18,411	610	3.2	19,000	18,632	368	1.9
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,543	5,160	383	6.9	5,581	5,149	432	7.7	5,703	5,388	315	5.5
Hope Micro	12,719	12,338	381	3.0	12,832	12,380	452	3.5	12,395	12,081	314	2.5
Magnolia Micro	8,764	8,430	334	3.8	8,767	8,359	408	4.7	8,744	8,439	305	3.5
Malvern Micro	13,547	13,128	419	3.1	13,649	13,122	527	3.9	13,651	13,289	362	2.7
Mountain Home Micro	16,555	16,059	496	3.0	16,770	16,119	651	3.9	16,124	15,725	399	2.5
Paragould Micro	19,532	19,030	502	2.6	19,632	19,001	631	3.2	19,317	18,888	429	2.2
Russellville Micro	35,332	34,285	1,047	3.0	35,493	34,073	1,420	4.0	35,216	34,323	893	2.5
Searcy Micro	33,980	33,004	976	2.9	34,154	32,905	1,249	3.7	33,715	32,831	884	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	October 2022				September 2022				October 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,773	12,483	290	2.3	12,732	12,327	405	3.2	12,342	12,054	288	2.3
Benton	17,565	17,163	402	2.3	17,579	17,046	533	3.0	17,235	16,857	378	2.2
Bentonville	31,051	30,528	523	1.7	30,885	30,147	738	2.4	29,946	29,477	469	1.6
Blytheville	5,586	5,255	331	5.9	5,584	5,218	366	6.6	5,448	5,119	329	6.0
Cabot	11,923	11,613	310	2.6	11,911	11,542	369	3.1	11,699	11,428	271	2.3
Conway	34,192	33,335	857	2.5	34,213	33,115	1,098	3.2	33,547	32,766	781	2.3
El Dorado	6,394	6,046	348	5.4	6,458	6,042	416	6.4	6,415	6,072	343	5.3
Fayetteville	50,845	49,807	1,038	2.0	50,642	49,188	1,454	2.9	49,078	48,117	961	2.0
Fort Smith	38,056	37,106	950	2.5	38,169	36,932	1,237	3.2	37,562	36,596	966	2.6
Hot Springs	14,987	14,418	569	3.8	15,095	14,394	701	4.6	14,993	14,408	585	3.9
Jacksonville	11,516	11,070	446	3.9	11,505	10,994	511	4.4	11,346	10,870	476	4.2
Jonesboro	39,879	38,914	965	2.4	39,770	38,525	1,245	3.1	39,517	38,686	831	2.1
Little Rock	96,072	92,905	3,167	3.3	96,062	92,271	3,791	3.9	94,556	91,229	3,327	3.5
North Little Rock	29,564	28,569	995	3.4	29,662	28,374	1,288	4.3	29,014	28,053	961	3.3
Paragould	12,428	12,094	334	2.7	12,487	12,076	411	3.3	12,322	12,004	318	2.6
Pine Bluff	15,266	14,354	912	6.0	15,436	14,373	1,063	6.9	15,169	14,355	814	5.4
Rogers	38,181	37,452	729	1.9	37,918	36,985	933	2.5	36,812	36,163	649	1.8
Russellville	12,700	12,332	368	2.9	12,729	12,252	477	3.7	12,627	12,337	290	2.3
Searcy	10,233	9,967	266	2.6	10,323	9,937	386	3.7	10,179	9,914	265	2.6
Sherwood	16,035	15,591	444	2.8	15,996	15,485	511	3.2	15,707	15,310	397	2.5
Springdale	40,498	39,774	724	1.8	40,234	39,280	954	2.4	39,182	38,423	759	1.9
Texarkana, AR	13,160	12,706	454	3.4	13,148	12,591	557	4.2	12,998	12,511	487	3.7
Van Buren	10,172	9,930	242	2.4	10,199	9,886	313	3.1	10,037	9,799	238	2.4
West Memphis	10,202	9,739	463	4.5	10,261	9,735	526	5.1	9,926	9,551	375	3.8

## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	October 2022				September 2022				October 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,570	9,325	245	2.6	9,569	9,264	305	3.2	9,449	9,210	239	2.5
Ashley	6,786	6,390	396	5.8	6,866	6,401	465	6.8	6,618	6,281	337	5.1
Baxter	16,555	16,059	496	3.0	16,770	16,119	651	3.9	16,124	15,725	399	2.5
Benton	148,595	145,646	2,949	2.0	147,699	143,828	3,871	2.6	143,284	140,634	2,650	1.8
Boone	15,775	15,396	379	2.4	15,823	15,312	511	3.2	15,794	15,489	305	1.9
Bradley	4,056	3,867	189	4.7	4,122	3,900	222	5.4	3,937	3,812	125	3.2
Calhoun	2,363	2,292	71	3.0	2,375	2,297	78	3.3	2,378	2,325	53	2.2
Carroll	12,803	12,521	282	2.2	12,882	12,495	387	3.0	12,935	12,685	250	1.9
Chicot	2,918	2,739	179	6.1	2,988	2,767	221	7.4	2,992	2,810	182	6.1
Clark	8,610	8,283	327	3.8	8,718	8,331	387	4.4	8,805	8,533	272	3.1
Clay	5,409	5,240	169	3.1	5,472	5,256	216	3.9	5,364	5,230	134	2.5
Cleburne	8,953	8,642	311	3.5	9,108	8,718	390	4.3	8,957	8,686	271	3.0
Cleveland	3,101	2,993	108	3.5	3,125	2,999	126	4.0	3,088	3,007	81	2.6
Columbia	8,764	8,430	334	3.8	8,767	8,359	408	4.7	8,744	8,439	305	3.5
Conway	8,390	8,138	252	3.0	8,428	8,100	328	3.9	8,157	7,929	228	2.8
Craighead	56,422	55,103	1,319	2.3	56,253	54,552	1,701	3.0	55,948	54,781	1,167	2.1
Crawford	26,095	25,413	682	2.6	26,188	25,300	888	3.4	25,705	25,079	626	2.4
Crittenden	20,737	19,956	781	3.8	20,884	19,948	936	4.5	20,276	19,572	704	3.5
Cross	6,873	6,650	223	3.2	6,930	6,660	270	3.9	6,885	6,689	196	2.8
Dallas	2,683	2,589	94	3.5	2,703	2,589	114	4.2	2,735	2,652	83	3.0
Desha	4,981	4,737	244	4.9	4,971	4,688	283	5.7	4,962	4,746	216	4.4
Drew	7,165	6,874	291	4.1	7,245	6,888	357	4.9	7,518	7,264	254	3.4
Faulkner	62,104	60,549	1,555	2.5	62,127	60,149	1,978	3.2	60,934	59,516	1,418	2.3
Franklin	7,505	7,295	210	2.8	7,489	7,223	266	3.6	7,306	7,119	187	2.6
Fulton	4,954	4,823	131	2.6	5,006	4,823	183	3.7	4,967	4,858	109	2.2
Garland	40,404	38,961	1,443	3.6	40,645	38,896	1,749	4.3	40,277	38,935	1,342	3.3
Grant	8,328	8,100	228	2.7	8,331	8,048	283	3.4	8,137	7,958	179	2.2
Greene	19,532	19,030	502	2.6	19,632	19,001	631	3.2	19,317	18,888	429	2.2
Hempstead	9,305	9,038	267	2.9	9,382	9,069	313	3.3	9,067	8,854	213	2.3
Hot Spring	13,547	13,128	419	3.1	13,649	13,122	527	3.9	13,651	13,289	362	2.7
Howard	5,415	5,244	171	3.2	5,446	5,257	189	3.5	5,365	5,241	124	2.3
Independence	16,497	16,053	444	2.7	16,609	16,030	579	3.5	16,178	15,758	420	2.6
Izard	4,606	4,401	205	4.5	4,628	4,393	235	5.1	4,393	4,235	158	3.6
Jackson	5,441	5,193	248	4.6	5,500	5,213	287	5.2	5,582	5,392	190	3.4
Jefferson	25,711	24,378	1,333	5.2	25,938	24,410	1,528	5.9	25,601	24,379	1,222	4.8
Johnson	10,081	9,752	329	3.3	10,151	9,719	432	4.3	9,827	9,516	311	3.2
Lafayette	2,310	2,208	102	4.4	2,305	2,194	111	4.8	2,317	2,233	84	3.6
Lawrence	6,783	6,575	208	3.1	6,817	6,549	268	3.9	6,727	6,540	187	2.8
Lee	2,552	2,445	107	4.2	2,578	2,449	129	5.0	2,494	2,398	96	3.8
Lincoln	3,718	3,572	146	3.9	3,754	3,581	173	4.6	3,712	3,593	119	3.2
Little River	5,317	5,147	170	3.2	5,317	5,099	218	4.1	5,214	5,056	158	3.0
Logan	8,197	7,949	248	3.0	8,334	7,992	342	4.1	8,324	8,078	246	3.0
Lonoke	33,716	32,922	794	2.4	33,758	32,720	1,038	3.1	33,144	32,395	749	2.3
Madison	7,681	7,530	151	2.0	7,662	7,455	207	2.7	7,492	7,337	155	2.1
Marion	6,305	6,106	199	3.2	6,402	6,147	255	4.0	6,129	5,963	166	2.7
Miller	19,210	18,573	637	3.3	19,187	18,405	782	4.1	18,907	18,288	619	3.3

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## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	Not Seasonally Adjusted											
	October 2022				September 2022				October 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,530	15,698	832	5.0	16,564	15,587	977	5.9	16,098	15,292	806	5.0
Monroe	2,499	2,395	104	4.2	2,520	2,405	115	4.6	2,572	2,472	100	3.9
Montgomery	2,837	2,727	110	3.9	2,971	2,830	141	4.7	2,853	2,755	98	3.4
Nevada	3,414	3,300	114	3.3	3,450	3,311	139	4.0	3,328	3,227	101	3.0
Newton	3,186	3,113	73	2.3	3,198	3,099	99	3.1	3,206	3,143	63	2.0
Ouachita	9,564	9,225	339	3.5	9,635	9,237	398	4.1	9,598	9,341	257	2.7
Perry	4,159	4,038	121	2.9	4,173	4,015	158	3.8	4,105	3,983	122	3.0
Phillips	5,543	5,160	383	6.9	5,581	5,149	432	7.7	5,703	5,388	315	5.5
Pike	4,104	3,986	118	2.9	4,178	4,026	152	3.6	4,146	4,007	139	3.4
Poinsett	9,793	9,522	271	2.8	9,789	9,440	349	3.6	9,746	9,495	251	2.6
Polk	7,741	7,510	231	3.0	7,810	7,515	295	3.8	7,753	7,529	224	2.9
Pope	27,448	26,627	821	3.0	27,558	26,454	1,104	4.0	27,320	26,637	683	2.5
Prairie	3,549	3,461	88	2.5	3,570	3,456	114	3.2	3,539	3,458	81	2.3
Pulaski	186,633	180,631	6,002	3.2	186,681	179,397	7,284	3.9	183,452	177,371	6,081	3.3
Randolph	7,127	6,931	196	2.8	7,166	6,915	251	3.5	7,277	7,098	179	2.5
St. Francis	7,594	7,234	360	4.7	7,669	7,238	431	5.6	7,559	7,228	331	4.4
Saline	59,010	57,628	1,382	2.3	59,022	57,236	1,786	3.0	57,838	56,601	1,237	2.1
Scott	4,104	4,016	88	2.1	4,144	4,018	126	3.0	4,224	4,135	89	2.1
Searcy	2,949	2,839	110	3.7	3,075	2,946	129	4.2	2,922	2,834	88	3.0
Sebastian	54,873	53,453	1,420	2.6	55,056	53,203	1,853	3.4	54,083	52,718	1,365	2.5
Sevier	5,406	5,237	169	3.1	5,464	5,244	220	4.0	5,345	5,193	152	2.8
Sharp	5,833	5,643	190	3.3	5,902	5,647	255	4.3	5,670	5,491	179	3.2
Stone	4,562	4,409	153	3.4	4,616	4,418	198	4.3	4,571	4,437	134	2.9
Union	14,742	14,050	692	4.7	14,842	14,040	802	5.4	14,757	14,110	647	4.4
Van Buren	5,966	5,758	208	3.5	6,032	5,763	269	4.5	5,818	5,635	183	3.1
Washington	131,336	128,840	2,496	1.9	130,578	127,241	3,337	2.6	126,857	124,470	2,387	1.9
White	33,980	33,004	976	2.9	34,154	32,905	1,249	3.7	33,715	32,831	884	2.6
Woodruff	2,794	2,715	79	2.8	2,814	2,710	104	3.7	2,807	2,717	90	3.2
Yell	7,884	7,658	226	2.9	7,935	7,619	316	4.0	7,896	7,686	210	2.7

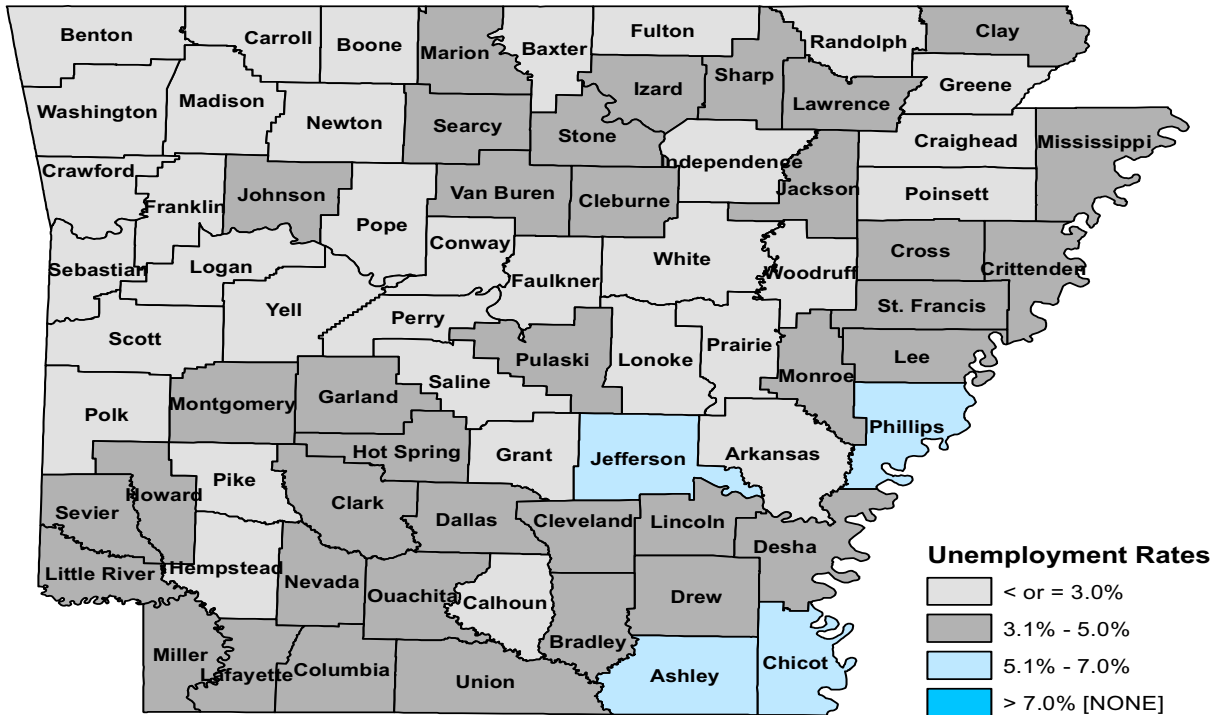
## County Labor Force Summary

Between September and October, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 1.9 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.9 percent in Phillips County.

In October, sixty counties posted an unemployment rate at or below four percent. That is up sharply from 43 counties at or below four percent last month. For a third consecutive month, no county had a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to October 2021, unemployment rates are up in 64 Arkansas counties. Six counties reported the same unemployment rate compared to last year, while rates in five counties declined. The average annual rate gain was four-tenths of a percentage point. The largest unemployment rate declines were in Pike and Woodruff counties, down five-tenths and four-tenths of a percentage point, respectively.

### County Unemployment Rates



### Ranked by Unemployment Rates

October 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	1.9	24	Pike	2.9	49	Dallas	3.5
2	Benton	2.0	24	White	2.9	49	Ouachita	3.5
2	Madison	2.0	24	Yell	2.9	49	Van Buren	3.5
4	Scott	2.1	29	Baxter	3.0	54	Garland	3.6
5	Carroll	2.2	29	Calhoun	3.0	55	Searcy	3.7
6	Craighead	2.3	29	Conway	3.0	56	Clark	3.8
6	Newton	2.3	29	Logan	3.0	56	Columbia	3.8
6	Saline	2.3	29	Polk	3.0	56	Crittenden	3.8
9	Boone	2.4	29	Pope	3.0	59	Lincoln	3.9
9	Lonoke	2.4	35	Clay	3.1	59	Montgomery	3.9
11	Faulkner	2.5	35	Hot Spring	3.1	61	Drew	4.1
11	Prairie	2.5	35	Lawrence	3.1	62	Lee	4.2
13	Arkansas	2.6	35	Sevier	3.1	62	Monroe	4.2
13	Crawford	2.6	39	Cross	3.2	64	Lafayette	4.4
13	Fulton	2.6	39	Howard	3.2	65	Izard	4.5
13	Greene	2.6	39	Little River	3.2	66	Jackson	4.6
13	Sebastian	2.6	39	Marion	3.2	67	Bradley	4.7
18	Grant	2.7	39	Pulaski	3.2	67	St. Francis	4.7
18	Independence	2.7	44	Johnson	3.3	67	Union	4.7
20	Franklin	2.8	44	Miller	3.3	70	Desha	4.9
20	Poinsett	2.8	44	Nevada	3.3	71	Mississippi	5.0
20	Randolph	2.8	44	Sharp	3.3	72	Jefferson	5.2
20	Woodruff	2.8	48	Stone	3.4	73	Ashley	5.8
24	Hempstead	2.9	49	Cleburne	3.5	74	Chicot	6.1
24	Perry	2.9	49	Cleveland	3.5	75	Phillips	6.9

## Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	October 2022				September 2022				October 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	251,439	244,681	6,758	2.7	251,616	243,092	8,524	3.4	246,923	240,584	6,339	2.6
City of Little Rock	96,072	92,905	3,167	3.3	96,062	92,271	3,791	3.9	94,556	91,229	3,327	3.5
Eastern	43,299	41,445	1,854	4.3	43,642	41,444	2,198	5.0	42,917	41,275	1,642	3.8
North Central	93,586	90,641	2,945	3.1	94,369	90,620	3,749	4.0	92,658	90,040	2,618	2.8
Northeast	121,596	118,099	3,497	2.9	121,693	117,300	4,393	3.6	120,477	117,324	3,153	2.6
Northwest	345,185	338,050	7,135	2.1	344,089	334,642	9,447	2.7	334,743	328,280	6,463	1.9
Southeast	76,334	72,975	3,359	4.4	76,909	72,946	3,963	5.2	76,014	73,060	2,954	3.9
Southwest	88,493	85,333	3,160	3.6	88,873	85,101	3,772	4.2	87,755	84,959	2,796	3.2
West Central	127,464	123,298	4,166	3.3	128,406	123,112	5,294	4.1	127,037	123,270	3,767	3.0
Western	108,515	105,636	2,879	2.7	109,021	105,251	3,770	3.5	107,395	104,658	2,737	2.5

