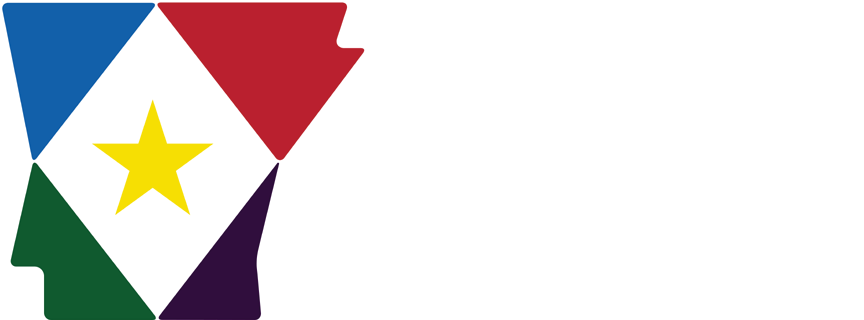
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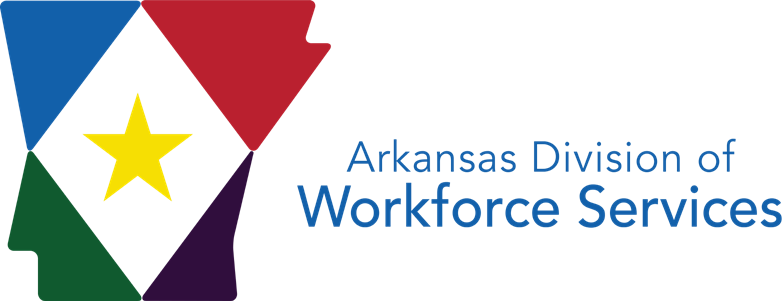
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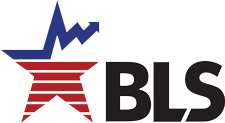
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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious month’s data is subject to revision.

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 2023 benchmark.

#### Explanation of Terms and Concepts

**Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample sur- vey designed to pro- vide industry infor- mation on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bu- reau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Work- force Services. The data are based on establish- ment records and in- clude all workers, full- or part-time, who re- ceived pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas busi- ness establishments are surveyed.

#### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

A term applied by the

U.S. Office of Manage- ment and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, commuting patterns and social and economic integration.

#### Current Population

**Survey (CPS)**

A monthly sample sur- vey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to pro- vide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conduct- ed each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The informa- tion is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the cal- endar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

#### Civilian Labor Force

The sum of all em- ployed and unem- ployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

#### Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

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

#### Unemployment

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

#### Unemployment Rate

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

#### Seasonal Adjustment

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

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**December 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 estab- lishments with changes in em- ployment. These employment changes occur when establish- ments 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 exist- ing 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 | Jun 23 | Sep 23 | Dec 23 | Mar 24 | Jun 24\***

**----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**Employment Levels**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 2nd Quarter 2024

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gross job gains..... | 64,041 | 61,366 | 67,364 | 60,550 | 58,006 |
| Gross job losses.... | 64,817 | 61,852 | 54,535 | 57,049 | 64,586 |
| **Net Change**.......... | **-776** | **-486** | **12,829** | **3,501** | **-6,580** |

#### Arkansas’ Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)

2nd Quarter 2022 - 2nd Quarter 2024

70,000

65,000

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

Jun '22 Sep '22 Dec '22 Mar '23 Jun '23 Sep '23 Dec '23 Mar '24 Jun '24 Gross Job Gains Gross Job Losses

**State of Arkansas**

# Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, Workforce Policy and Innovation, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose one- tenth of a percentage point, from 3.3% in November to 3.4% in December. At 4.1%, the United States’ jobless rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point in December.

Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose by 2,544 in December, with 1,487 additional employed and 1,057 more unemployed Arkansans actively looking for work. This movement was enough to push up the un- employment rate to 3.4%. Both the civilian labor force and employment continue to be at record highs.

Compared to December 2023, there are 34,626 more employed in the State. The unemployment rate is down three-tenths of a percentage point, while labor force participation is up seven-tenths of a per- centage point over-the-year.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,368,644 1,367,157 1,334,018 Employment 1,360,820 1,363,251 1,322,388

Unemployment 47,708 46,651 50,736 Unemployment 47,457 43,949 47,151

Unemployment Rate 3.4% 3.3% 3.7% Unemployment Rate 3.4% 3.1% 3.4%

LF Participation Rate 58.2% 58.2% 57.5% LF Participation Rate 57.9% 57.9% 56.9%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** |  | **Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,416,352 | 1,413,808 | 1,384,754 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,408,277 | 1,407,200 | 1,369,539 |

58.5%

#### Labor Force Participation Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

December 2021 - December 2024

58.0%

57.5%

57.0%

56.5%

56.0%

Dec '21 Jun '22 Dec '22 Jun '23 Dec '23 Jun '24 Dec '24

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1386.7 | 1385.6 | 1363.5 | 1.1 | 23.2 |
| Goods Producing | 236.0 | 236.2 | 231.7 | -0.2 | 4.3 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 71.8 | 72.2 | 71.1 | -0.4 | 0.7 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.3** | **5.3** | **5.2** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Construction** | **66.5** | **66.9** | **65.9** | **-0.4** | **0.6** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 42.8 | 42.7 | 41.8 | 0.1 | 1.0 |
| **Manufacturing** | **164.2** | **164.0** | **160.6** | **0.2** | **3.6** |
| Durable Goods | 78.6 | 78.6 | 77.2 | 0.0 | 1.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 85.6 | 85.4 | 83.4 | 0.2 | 2.2 |
| Service Providing | 1150.7 | 1149.4 | 1131.8 | 1.3 | 18.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **273.9** | **271.1** | **273.2** | **2.8** | **0.7** |
| Wholesale Trade | 52.4 | 51.8 | 52.3 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 147.2 | 146.5 | 147.2 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 74.3 | 72.8 | 73.7 | 1.5 | 0.6 |
| **Information** | **12.5** | **12.3** | **12.8** | **0.2** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **71.6** | **71.4** | **71.3** | **0.2** | **0.3** |
| Finance & Insurance | 56.3 | 56.1 | 55.9 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 15.3 | 15.3 | 15.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **161.0** | **159.7** | **156.2** | **1.3** | **4.8** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 50.1 | 49.8 | 50.6 | 0.3 | -0.5 |
| Management of Companies | 38.5 | 37.8 | 37.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 72.4 | 72.1 | 67.9 | 0.3 | 4.5 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **223.5** | **224.5** | **212.5** | **-1.0** | **11.0** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 19.5 | 20.3 | 19.4 | -0.8 | 0.1 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 204.0 | 204.2 | 193.1 | -0.2 | 10.9 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 71.9 | 72.2 | 67.1 | -0.3 | 4.8 |
| Social Assistance | 42.2 | 42.7 | 39.1 | -0.5 | 3.1 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **124.6** | **126.3** | **122.4** | **-1.7** | **2.2** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 13.1 | 13.1 | 12.4 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 111.5 | 113.2 | 110.0 | -1.7 | 1.5 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.0 | 11.2 | 10.9 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| Food Services | 100.5 | 102.0 | 99.1 | -1.5 | 1.4 |
| **Other Services** | **66.6** | **66.4** | **67.9** | **0.2** | **-1.3** |
| **Government** | **217.0** | **217.7** | **215.5** | **-0.7** | **1.5** |
| Federal Government | 22.0 | 21.8 | 22.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 77.6 | 78.1 | 77.6 | -0.5 | 0.0 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.6 | 32.1 | 31.5 | -0.5 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.0 | 46.0 | 46.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Local Government | 117.4 | 117.8 | 115.9 | -0.4 | 1.5 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 72.5 | 72.6 | 71.4 | -0.1 | 1.1 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 44.9 | 45.2 | 44.5 | -0.3 | 0.4 |

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

#### Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

November 2024 - December 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Trade-Transport-Utilities

2,800

Professional & Business 1,300

Financial Activities

Information Manufacturing Other Services

200

200

200

200

Mining & Logging

0

Construction

Government Private Ed & Health

-400

Leisure & Hospitality

-700

-1,000

-1,700

-3,000 -2,000 -1,000

0

1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000

#### Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

December 2023 - December 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Private Ed & Health

11,000

Professional & Business

Manufacturing Leisure & Hospitality

Government Trade-Transport-Utilities

Construction Financial Activities Mining & Logging

Information

Other Services

4,800

3,600

2,200

1,500

700

600

300

100

-300

-1,300

-6,000 -3,500 -1,000 1,500 4,000 6,500 9,000 11,500 14,000

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# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**Dec 24**

Average Weekly Hours 36.8

Average Hourly Earnings $23.54

Average Weekly Earnings $866.27

**Nov 24**

37.2

$23.16

$861.55

**Dec 23**

38.9

$21.98

$855.02

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Dec 24**

Average Weekly Hours

**Dec 23**

42.7

Average Hourly Earnings $25.22

41.3

**Nov 24**

40.0

$24.15

Average Weekly Earnings $1,041.59 $1,023.60 $1,031.21

$25.59

**Dec 24**

Average Weekly Hours 32.7

Average Hourly Earnings $21.63

Average Weekly Earnings $707.30

**Nov 24**

34.6

$20.62

$713.45

**Dec 23**

35.3

$18.66

$658.70

#### Average Weekly Earnings - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods

December: 2014 - 2024

$1,200.00

$1,000.00

$800.00

$600.00

$400.00

$200.00

$0.00

2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

 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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 378,811 | 377,853 | 367,594 | 958 | 11,217 |
| **Employment** | 366,959 | 366,833 | 355,847 | 126 | 11,112 |
| **Unemployment** | 11,852 | 11,020 | 11,747 | 832 | 105 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.1% | 2.9% | 3.2% | 0.2% | -0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 401.6 | 401.6 | 395.5 | 0.0 | 6.1 |
| **Goods Producing** 43.4 | 43.5 | 41.9 | -0.1 | 1.5 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 22.5** | **22.6** | **21.6** | **-0.1** | **0.9** |
| **Manufacturing 20.9** | **20.9** | **20.3** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Service Providing** 358.2 | 358.1 | 353.6 | 0.1 | 4.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 79.6** | **78.7** | **80.0** | **0.9** | **-0.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 17.8 | 17.7 | 17.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 39.1 | 38.7 | 39.9 | 0.4 | -0.8 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 22.7 | 22.3 | 22.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| **Information 5.3** | **5.3** | **5.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 28.0** | **27.9** | **28.2** | **0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 50.5** | **50.6** | **49.1** | **-0.1** | **1.4** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 69.2** | **69.2** | **66.1** | **0.0** | **3.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 33.0** | **33.9** | **33.2** | **-0.9** | **-0.2** |
| **Other Services 19.8** | **19.7** | **19.7** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Government 72.8** | **72.8** | **71.9** | **0.0** | **0.9** |
| **Federal Government** 10.8 | 10.7 | 10.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 34.3 | 34.4 | 34.1 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Local Government** 27.7 | 27.7 | 27.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 |

400,000

#### Civilian Labor Force

December 2021 - December 2024

420,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

December: 2014 - 2024

390,000

400,000

380,000

380,000

370,000

360,000

360,000

340,000

350,000

340,000

320,000

330,000

Dec '21 Jun '22 Dec '22 Jun '23 Dec '23 Jun '24 Dec '24

300,000

'14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

**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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 321,274 | 321,233 | 310,887 | 41 | 10,387 |
| **Employment** | 313,171 | 313,737 | 303,205 | -566 | 9,966 |
| **Unemployment** | 8,103 | 7,496 | 7,682 | 607 | 421 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.5% | 2.3% | 2.5% | 0.2% | 0.0% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 316.3 | 316.7 | 311.0 | -0.4 | 5.3 |
| **Goods Producing** 49.5 | 49.4 | 47.9 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.8** | **17.8** | **17.2** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Manufacturing 31.7** | **31.6** | **30.7** | **0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Service Providing** 266.8 | 267.3 | 263.1 | -0.5 | 3.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 63.3** | **62.8** | **64.8** | **0.5** | **-1.5** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 14.0 | 13.9 | 14.2 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 30.1 | 29.8 | 30.8 | 0.3 | -0.7 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 19.2 | 19.1 | 19.8 | 0.1 | -0.6 |
| **Information 2.3** | **2.3** | **2.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 12.5** | **12.5** | **12.6** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 59.8** | **59.4** | **58.6** | **0.4** | **1.2** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 38.6** | **38.6** | **36.6** | **0.0** | **2.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 30.7** | **31.3** | **30.3** | **-0.6** | **0.4** |
| **Other Services 13.6** | **13.6** | **13.8** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Government 46.0** | **46.8** | **44.1** | **-0.8** | **1.9** |
| **Federal Government** 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **State Government** 21.8 | 22.7 | 20.3 | -0.9 | 1.5 |
| **Local Government** 21.0 | 20.9 | 20.5 | 0.1 | 0.5 |

330,000

#### Employment

December: 2014 - 2024

40,000

#### Jobs in Private Education & Health Services

December 2021 - December 2024

310,000

290,000

38,000

270,000

250,000

36,000

230,000

210,000

34,000

190,000

32,000

170,000

150,000

'14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

30,000

Dec '21 Jun '22 Dec '22 Jun '23 Dec '23 Jun '24 Dec '24

**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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 121,736 | 121,590 | 120,625 | 146 | 1,111 |
| **Employment** | 117,640 | 117,694 | 116,079 | -54 | 1,561 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,096 | 3,896 | 4,546 | 200 | -450 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.4% | 3.2% | 3.8% | 0.2% | -0.4% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 118.6 | 118.6 | 118.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| **Goods Producing** 25.8 | 25.8 | 25.2 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 6.3** | **6.2** | **6.0** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Manufacturing 19.5** | **19.6** | **19.2** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Service Providing** 92.8 | 92.8 | 93.0 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.3** | **24.2** | **24.8** | **0.1** | **-0.5** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 13.1 | 13.0 | 13.5 | 0.1 | -0.4 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.7 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Information 1.4** | **1.4** | **1.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 4.8** | **4.8** | **4.9** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 12.0** | **12.0** | **12.1** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 19.6** | **19.6** | **19.0** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.0** | **10.1** | **9.8** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Other Services 3.9** | **3.9** | **4.0** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Government 16.8** | **16.8** | **17.0** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Federal Government** 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.3 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

120,000

#### Employment

December 2021 - December 2024

40,000

#### Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

December: 2004 - 2024

118,000

35,000

116,000

114,000

30,000

112,000

25,000

110,000

20,000

108,000

106,000

Dec '21 Jun '22 Dec '22 Jun '23 Dec '23 Jun '24 Dec '24

15,000

'04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,847 | 41,509 | 41,192 | 338 | 655 |
| **Employment** | 40,297 | 40,095 | 39,637 | 202 | 660 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,550 | 1,414 | 1,555 | 136 | -5 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7% | 3.4% | 3.8% | 0.3% | -0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 41.5 | 41.4 | 41.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 37.0 | 36.9 | 37.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | -0.1 | 0.0 |

2,000

#### Unemployment

December 2021 - December 2024

1,900

1,800

1,700

1,600

1,500

1,400

1,300

1,200

1,100

1,000

Dec '21 Jun '22 Dec '22 Jun '23 Dec '23 Jun '24 Dec '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 69,517 | 69,204 | 66,809 | 313 | 2,708 |
| **Employment** | 67,403 | 67,242 | 64,828 | 161 | 2,575 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,114 | 1,962 | 1,981 | 152 | 133 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.0% | 2.8% | 3.0% | 0.2% | 0.0% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 66.2 | 65.8 | 64.8 | 0.4 | 1.4 |
| 11.9 | 11.7 | 11.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| 54.3 | 54.1 | 53.5 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

70,000

#### Jobs in Goods Producing + Service Providing Industries

December: 2014 - 2024

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

10,000

0

2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 31,930 | 31,934 | 31,529 | -4 | 401 |
| **Employment** | 30,446 | 30,506 | 30,073 | -60 | 373 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,484 | 1,428 | 1,456 | 56 | 28 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.6% | 4.5% | 4.6% | 0.1% | 0.0% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.4 | 31.3 | 31.6 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 26.1 | 26.0 | 26.3 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

36,000

#### Employment

December 2021 - December 2024

34,000

32,000

30,000

28,000

26,000

Dec '21 Jun '22 Dec '22 Jun '23 Dec '23 Jun '24 Dec '24

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 625,699 | 624,031 | 616,903 | 1,668 | 8,796 |
| **Employment** | 598,612 | 597,226 | 593,938 | 1,386 | 4,674 |
| **Unemployment** | 27,087 | 26,805 | 22,965 | 282 | 4,122 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3% | 4.3% | 3.7% | 0.0% | 0.6% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 24** | **Nov 24** | **Dec 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,521 | 63,627 | 61,858 | -106 | 1,663 |
| **Employment** | 61,083 | 61,039 | 59,630 | 44 | 1,453 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,438 | 2,588 | 2,228 | -150 | 210 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.8% | 4.1% | 3.6% | -0.3% | 0.2% |

630,000

#### Memphis MSA - Employment

December: 2014 - 2024

65,500

#### Texarkana MSA - Civilian Labor Force

December 2021 - December 2024

620,000

64,000

610,000

600,000

62,500

590,000

61,000

580,000

59,500

570,000

560,000

58,000

550,000

56,500

540,000

'14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

55,000

Dec '21 Jun '22 Dec '22 Jun '23 Dec '23 Jun '24 Dec '24

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not Seasonally Adjusted  **December 2024 November 2024 December 2023 Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,970 | 8,589 | 381 | 4.2 | 8,999 | 8,632 | 367 | 4.1 | 8,433 | 8,053 | 380 | 4.5 |
| Batesville Micro | 17,262 | 16,733 | 529 | 3.1 | 17,198 | 16,713 | 485 | 2.8 | 16,603 | 16,098 | 505 | 3.0 |
| Blytheville Micro | 18,966 | 18,204 | 762 | 4.0 | 18,953 | 18,216 | 737 | 3.9 | 16,775 | 15,935 | 840 | 5.0 |
| Camden Micro | 12,144 | 11,684 | 460 | 3.8 | 12,140 | 11,710 | 430 | 3.5 | 11,945 | 11,458 | 487 | 4.1 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,767 | 13,973 | 794 | 5.4 | 14,730 | 13,956 | 774 | 5.3 | 14,642 | 13,895 | 747 | 5.1 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,433 | 7,021 | 412 | 5.5 | 7,434 | 7,048 | 386 | 5.2 | 7,310 | 6,915 | 395 | 5.4 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,840 | 18,199 | 641 | 3.4 | 18,856 | 18,263 | 593 | 3.1 | 18,967 | 18,289 | 678 | 3.6 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,004 | 4,699 | 305 | 6.1 | 5,030 | 4,744 | 286 | 5.7 | 5,009 | 4,675 | 334 | 6.7 |
| Hope Micro | 11,910 | 11,467 | 443 | 3.7 | 11,977 | 11,563 | 414 | 3.5 | 12,104 | 11,659 | 445 | 3.7 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,015 | 8,672 | 343 | 3.8 | 9,050 | 8,718 | 332 | 3.7 | 8,815 | 8,460 | 355 | 4.0 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,766 | 13,255 | 511 | 3.7 | 13,703 | 13,232 | 471 | 3.4 | 13,592 | 13,061 | 531 | 3.9 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 17,093 | 16,431 | 662 | 3.9 | 17,005 | 16,417 | 588 | 3.5 | 16,607 | 15,898 | 709 | 4.3 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,712 | 18,988 | 724 | 3.7 | 19,756 | 19,076 | 680 | 3.4 | 19,363 | 18,589 | 774 | 4.0 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,310 | 35,853 | 1,457 | 3.9 | 37,300 | 36,002 | 1,298 | 3.5 | 36,230 | 34,763 | 1,467 | 4.0 |
| Searcy Micro | 35,366 | 34,141 | 1,225 | 3.5 | 35,276 | 34,100 | 1,176 | 3.3 | 33,685 | 32,467 | 1,218 | 3.6 |

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**

**December 2024**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**November 2024**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**December 2023**

**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 | 13,860 | 13,380 | 480 | 3.5 | 13,810 | 13,406 | 404 | 2.9 | 13,392 | 12,950 | 442 | 3.3 |
| Benton | 18,858 | 18,339 | 519 | 2.8 | 18,802 | 18,323 | 479 | 2.5 | 18,290 | 17,794 | 496 | 2.7 |
| Bentonville | 33,539 | 32,721 | 818 | 2.4 | 33,523 | 32,784 | 739 | 2.2 | 32,418 | 31,670 | 748 | 2.3 |
| Blytheville | 6,364 | 6,094 | 270 | 4.2 | 6,346 | 6,098 | 248 | 3.9 | 5,625 | 5,334 | 291 | 5.2 |
| Cabot | 12,686 | 12,304 | 382 | 3.0 | 12,691 | 12,332 | 359 | 2.8 | 12,223 | 11,896 | 327 | 2.7 |
| Conway | 36,534 | 35,521 | 1,013 | 2.8 | 36,493 | 35,515 | 978 | 2.7 | 35,477 | 34,441 | 1,036 | 2.9 |
| El Dorado | 6,365 | 6,013 | 352 | 5.5 | 6,342 | 6,006 | 336 | 5.3 | 6,358 | 5,979 | 379 | 6.0 |
| Fayetteville | 54,738 | 53,337 | 1,401 | 2.6 | 54,747 | 53,435 | 1,312 | 2.4 | 52,872 | 51,633 | 1,239 | 2.3 |
| Fort Smith | 39,603 | 38,314 | 1,289 | 3.3 | 39,546 | 38,305 | 1,241 | 3.1 | 39,016 | 37,570 | 1,446 | 3.7 |
| Hot Springs | 15,541 | 14,912 | 629 | 4.0 | 15,425 | 14,837 | 588 | 3.8 | 15,322 | 14,668 | 654 | 4.3 |
| Jacksonville | 12,333 | 11,835 | 498 | 4.0 | 12,263 | 11,825 | 438 | 3.6 | 11,964 | 11,484 | 480 | 4.0 |
| Jonesboro | 41,956 | 40,682 | 1,274 | 3.0 | 41,762 | 40,549 | 1,213 | 2.9 | 40,376 | 39,165 | 1,211 | 3.0 |
| Little Rock | 102,785 | 99,331 | 3,454 | 3.4 | 102,606 | 99,243 | 3,363 | 3.3 | 99,863 | 96,382 | 3,481 | 3.5 |
| North Little Rock | 31,690 | 30,545 | 1,145 | 3.6 | 31,616 | 30,518 | 1,098 | 3.5 | 30,810 | 29,638 | 1,172 | 3.8 |
| Paragould | 12,561 | 12,068 | 493 | 3.9 | 12,578 | 12,124 | 454 | 3.6 | 12,319 | 11,814 | 505 | 4.1 |
| Pine Bluff | 14,949 | 14,187 | 762 | 5.1 | 14,970 | 14,193 | 777 | 5.2 | 14,854 | 14,041 | 813 | 5.5 |
| Rogers | 41,124 | 40,143 | 981 | 2.4 | 41,143 | 40,220 | 923 | 2.2 | 39,739 | 38,853 | 886 | 2.2 |
| Russellville | 13,459 | 12,953 | 506 | 3.8 | 13,437 | 12,987 | 450 | 3.3 | 13,071 | 12,583 | 488 | 3.7 |
| Searcy | 10,672 | 10,310 | 362 | 3.4 | 10,631 | 10,298 | 333 | 3.1 | 10,154 | 9,804 | 350 | 3.4 |
| Sherwood | 17,170 | 16,670 | 500 | 2.9 | 17,151 | 16,655 | 496 | 2.9 | 16,702 | 16,175 | 527 | 3.2 |
| Springdale | 43,671 | 42,597 | 1,074 | 2.5 | 43,645 | 42,675 | 970 | 2.2 | 42,180 | 41,235 | 945 | 2.2 |
| Texarkana, AR | 12,958 | 12,484 | 474 | 3.7 | 12,953 | 12,490 | 463 | 3.6 | 12,642 | 12,185 | 457 | 3.6 |
| Van Buren | 10,554 | 10,220 | 334 | 3.2 | 10,543 | 10,233 | 310 | 2.9 | 10,334 | 10,004 | 330 | 3.2 |
| West Memphis | 10,011 | 9,503 | 508 | 5.1 | 10,039 | 9,525 | 514 | 5.1 | 9,797 | 9,358 | 439 | 4.5 |

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **December 2024** | |  |  | **November 2024** | |  |  | **December 2023** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 8,569 | 8,274 | 295 | 3.4 | 8,577 | 8,309 | 268 | 3.1 | 8,939 | 8,687 | 252 | 2.8 |
| Ashley | 6,577 | 6,180 | 397 | 6.0 | 6,602 | 6,243 | 359 | 5.4 | 6,255 | 5,886 | 369 | 5.9 |
| Baxter | 17,093 | 16,431 | 662 | 3.9 | 17,005 | 16,417 | 588 | 3.5 | 16,607 | 15,898 | 709 | 4.3 |
| Benton | 160,209 | 156,109 | 4,100 | 2.6 | 160,199 | 156,410 | 3,789 | 2.4 | 155,008 | 151,095 | 3,913 | 2.5 |
| Boone | 15,707 | 15,176 | 531 | 3.4 | 15,713 | 15,217 | 496 | 3.2 | 15,822 | 15,268 | 554 | 3.5 |
| Bradley | 4,079 | 3,872 | 207 | 5.1 | 4,100 | 3,902 | 198 | 4.8 | 3,953 | 3,769 | 184 | 4.7 |
| Calhoun | 2,370 | 2,292 | 78 | 3.3 | 2,380 | 2,310 | 70 | 2.9 | 2,314 | 2,232 | 82 | 3.5 |
| Carroll | 12,005 | 11,572 | 433 | 3.6 | 12,170 | 11,787 | 383 | 3.1 | 11,883 | 11,477 | 406 | 3.4 |
| Chicot | 2,733 | 2,546 | 187 | 6.8 | 2,757 | 2,580 | 177 | 6.4 | 2,710 | 2,543 | 167 | 6.2 |
| Clark | 8,970 | 8,589 | 381 | 4.2 | 8,999 | 8,632 | 367 | 4.1 | 8,433 | 8,053 | 380 | 4.5 |
| Clay | 5,348 | 5,130 | 218 | 4.1 | 5,399 | 5,213 | 186 | 3.4 | 5,187 | 4,909 | 278 | 5.4 |
| Cleburne | 9,125 | 8,735 | 390 | 4.3 | 9,125 | 8,777 | 348 | 3.8 | 8,861 | 8,467 | 394 | 4.4 |
| Cleveland | 3,031 | 2,904 | 127 | 4.2 | 3,037 | 2,924 | 113 | 3.7 | 2,960 | 2,849 | 111 | 3.8 |
| Columbia | 9,015 | 8,672 | 343 | 3.8 | 9,050 | 8,718 | 332 | 3.7 | 8,815 | 8,460 | 355 | 4.0 |
| Conway | 8,162 | 7,835 | 327 | 4.0 | 8,118 | 7,823 | 295 | 3.6 | 8,242 | 7,913 | 329 | 4.0 |
| Craighead | 59,350 | 57,607 | 1,743 | 2.9 | 59,044 | 57,418 | 1,626 | 2.8 | 57,076 | 55,459 | 1,617 | 2.8 |
| Crawford | 27,072 | 26,156 | 916 | 3.4 | 27,030 | 26,189 | 841 | 3.1 | 26,534 | 25,603 | 931 | 3.5 |
| Crittenden | 20,387 | 19,473 | 914 | 4.5 | 20,401 | 19,519 | 882 | 4.3 | 20,041 | 19,176 | 865 | 4.3 |
| Cross | 6,851 | 6,572 | 279 | 4.1 | 6,912 | 6,645 | 267 | 3.9 | 6,591 | 6,347 | 244 | 3.7 |
| Dallas | 2,630 | 2,526 | 104 | 4.0 | 2,641 | 2,545 | 96 | 3.6 | 2,603 | 2,489 | 114 | 4.4 |
| Desha | 4,632 | 4,379 | 253 | 5.5 | 4,665 | 4,412 | 253 | 5.4 | 4,813 | 4,563 | 250 | 5.2 |
| Drew | 7,573 | 7,244 | 329 | 4.3 | 7,668 | 7,359 | 309 | 4.0 | 7,107 | 6,792 | 315 | 4.4 |
| Faulkner | 66,438 | 64,520 | 1,918 | 2.9 | 66,248 | 64,509 | 1,739 | 2.6 | 64,439 | 62,558 | 1,881 | 2.9 |
| Franklin | 7,531 | 7,276 | 255 | 3.4 | 7,558 | 7,317 | 241 | 3.2 | 7,336 | 7,086 | 250 | 3.4 |
| Fulton | 4,390 | 4,225 | 165 | 3.8 | 4,380 | 4,230 | 150 | 3.4 | 4,456 | 4,272 | 184 | 4.1 |
| Garland | 41,847 | 40,297 | 1,550 | 3.7 | 41,509 | 40,095 | 1,414 | 3.4 | 41,192 | 39,637 | 1,555 | 3.8 |
| Grant | 8,861 | 8,608 | 253 | 2.9 | 8,844 | 8,626 | 218 | 2.5 | 8,568 | 8,319 | 249 | 2.9 |
| Greene | 19,712 | 18,988 | 724 | 3.7 | 19,756 | 19,076 | 680 | 3.4 | 19,363 | 18,589 | 774 | 4.0 |
| Hempstead | 8,711 | 8,386 | 325 | 3.7 | 8,767 | 8,465 | 302 | 3.4 | 8,830 | 8,515 | 315 | 3.6 |
| Hot Spring | 13,766 | 13,255 | 511 | 3.7 | 13,703 | 13,232 | 471 | 3.4 | 13,592 | 13,061 | 531 | 3.9 |
| Howard | 5,036 | 4,864 | 172 | 3.4 | 5,051 | 4,901 | 150 | 3.0 | 5,084 | 4,903 | 181 | 3.6 |
| Independence | 17,262 | 16,733 | 529 | 3.1 | 17,198 | 16,713 | 485 | 2.8 | 16,603 | 16,098 | 505 | 3.0 |
| Izard | 4,924 | 4,656 | 268 | 5.4 | 4,875 | 4,642 | 233 | 4.8 | 4,413 | 4,169 | 244 | 5.5 |
| Jackson | 5,341 | 5,101 | 240 | 4.5 | 5,407 | 5,195 | 212 | 3.9 | 5,199 | 4,907 | 292 | 5.6 |
| Jefferson | 25,276 | 24,093 | 1,183 | 4.7 | 25,252 | 24,103 | 1,149 | 4.6 | 25,037 | 23,846 | 1,191 | 4.8 |
| Johnson | 9,529 | 9,064 | 465 | 4.9 | 9,586 | 9,151 | 435 | 4.5 | 9,689 | 9,164 | 525 | 5.4 |
| Lafayette | 2,217 | 2,103 | 114 | 5.1 | 2,236 | 2,127 | 109 | 4.9 | 2,111 | 2,000 | 111 | 5.3 |
| Lawrence | 6,757 | 6,519 | 238 | 3.5 | 6,803 | 6,585 | 218 | 3.2 | 6,621 | 6,372 | 249 | 3.8 |
| Lee | 2,412 | 2,290 | 122 | 5.1 | 2,461 | 2,342 | 119 | 4.8 | 2,413 | 2,282 | 131 | 5.4 |
| Lincoln | 3,623 | 3,449 | 174 | 4.8 | 3,645 | 3,479 | 166 | 4.6 | 3,532 | 3,378 | 154 | 4.4 |
| Little River | 5,280 | 5,077 | 203 | 3.8 | 5,258 | 5,080 | 178 | 3.4 | 5,159 | 4,954 | 205 | 4.0 |
| Logan | 8,195 | 7,836 | 359 | 4.4 | 8,190 | 7,872 | 318 | 3.9 | 8,120 | 7,768 | 352 | 4.3 |
| Lonoke | 35,904 | 34,880 | 1,024 | 2.9 | 35,884 | 34,959 | 925 | 2.6 | 34,717 | 33,724 | 993 | 2.9 |
| Madison | 8,073 | 7,842 | 231 | 2.9 | 8,135 | 7,922 | 213 | 2.6 | 7,731 | 7,518 | 213 | 2.8 |
| Marion | 5,867 | 5,619 | 248 | 4.2 | 5,837 | 5,624 | 213 | 3.6 | 5,854 | 5,571 | 283 | 4.8 |
| Miller | 18,955 | 18,249 | 706 | 3.7 | 18,912 | 18,258 | 654 | 3.5 | 18,484 | 17,812 | 672 | 3.6 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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|  |  | **December 2024** | |  |  | **November 2024** | |  |  | **December 2023** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 18,966 | 18,204 | 762 | 4.0 | 18,953 | 18,216 | 737 | 3.9 | 16,775 | 15,935 | 840 | 5.0 |
| Monroe | 2,356 | 2,237 | 119 | 5.1 | 2,378 | 2,261 | 117 | 4.9 | 2,340 | 2,249 | 91 | 3.9 |
| Montgomery | 2,724 | 2,581 | 143 | 5.2 | 2,786 | 2,663 | 123 | 4.4 | 2,682 | 2,517 | 165 | 6.2 |
| Nevada | 3,199 | 3,081 | 118 | 3.7 | 3,210 | 3,098 | 112 | 3.5 | 3,274 | 3,144 | 130 | 4.0 |
| Newton | 3,133 | 3,023 | 110 | 3.5 | 3,143 | 3,046 | 97 | 3.1 | 3,145 | 3,021 | 124 | 3.9 |
| Ouachita | 9,774 | 9,392 | 382 | 3.9 | 9,760 | 9,400 | 360 | 3.7 | 9,631 | 9,226 | 405 | 4.2 |
| Perry | 4,412 | 4,250 | 162 | 3.7 | 4,407 | 4,261 | 146 | 3.3 | 4,290 | 4,108 | 182 | 4.2 |
| Phillips | 5,004 | 4,699 | 305 | 6.1 | 5,030 | 4,744 | 286 | 5.7 | 5,009 | 4,675 | 334 | 6.7 |
| Pike | 3,901 | 3,749 | 152 | 3.9 | 3,934 | 3,796 | 138 | 3.5 | 3,865 | 3,723 | 142 | 3.7 |
| Poinsett | 10,167 | 9,796 | 371 | 3.6 | 10,160 | 9,824 | 336 | 3.3 | 9,733 | 9,369 | 364 | 3.7 |
| Polk | 7,558 | 7,263 | 295 | 3.9 | 7,600 | 7,334 | 266 | 3.5 | 7,481 | 7,163 | 318 | 4.3 |
| Pope | 29,104 | 27,968 | 1,136 | 3.9 | 29,056 | 28,041 | 1,015 | 3.5 | 28,314 | 27,168 | 1,146 | 4.0 |
| Prairie | 3,577 | 3,454 | 123 | 3.4 | 3,618 | 3,503 | 115 | 3.2 | 3,433 | 3,309 | 124 | 3.6 |
| Pulaski | 199,829 | 193,124 | 6,705 | 3.4 | 199,337 | 192,953 | 6,384 | 3.2 | 194,122 | 187,390 | 6,732 | 3.5 |
| Randolph | 7,483 | 7,223 | 260 | 3.5 | 7,505 | 7,270 | 235 | 3.1 | 6,948 | 6,668 | 280 | 4.0 |
| St. Francis | 7,433 | 7,021 | 412 | 5.5 | 7,434 | 7,048 | 386 | 5.2 | 7,310 | 6,915 | 395 | 5.4 |
| Saline | 63,367 | 61,577 | 1,790 | 2.8 | 63,133 | 61,525 | 1,608 | 2.5 | 61,458 | 59,748 | 1,710 | 2.8 |
| Scott | 4,244 | 4,117 | 127 | 3.0 | 4,259 | 4,143 | 116 | 2.7 | 4,278 | 4,133 | 145 | 3.4 |
| Searcy | 2,679 | 2,561 | 118 | 4.4 | 2,705 | 2,601 | 104 | 3.8 | 2,779 | 2,651 | 128 | 4.6 |
| Sebastian | 57,077 | 55,194 | 1,883 | 3.3 | 56,923 | 55,181 | 1,742 | 3.1 | 56,227 | 54,122 | 2,105 | 3.7 |
| Sevier | 5,526 | 5,312 | 214 | 3.9 | 5,503 | 5,308 | 195 | 3.5 | 5,369 | 5,154 | 215 | 4.0 |
| Sharp | 6,179 | 5,938 | 241 | 3.9 | 6,160 | 5,946 | 214 | 3.5 | 5,868 | 5,632 | 236 | 4.0 |
| Stone | 4,532 | 4,335 | 197 | 4.3 | 4,575 | 4,402 | 173 | 3.8 | 4,392 | 4,179 | 213 | 4.8 |
| Union | 14,767 | 13,973 | 794 | 5.4 | 14,730 | 13,956 | 774 | 5.3 | 14,642 | 13,895 | 747 | 5.1 |
| Van Buren | 6,010 | 5,747 | 263 | 4.4 | 6,016 | 5,775 | 241 | 4.0 | 5,852 | 5,571 | 281 | 4.8 |
| Washington | 141,402 | 137,972 | 3,430 | 2.4 | 141,358 | 138,225 | 3,133 | 2.2 | 136,651 | 133,564 | 3,087 | 2.3 |
| White | 35,366 | 34,141 | 1,225 | 3.5 | 35,276 | 34,100 | 1,176 | 3.3 | 33,685 | 32,467 | 1,218 | 3.6 |
| Woodruff | 2,913 | 2,802 | 111 | 3.8 | 2,922 | 2,818 | 104 | 3.6 | 2,776 | 2,662 | 114 | 4.1 |
| Yell | 8,206 | 7,885 | 321 | 3.9 | 8,244 | 7,961 | 283 | 3.4 | 7,916 | 7,595 | 321 | 4.1 |

# County Labor Force Summary

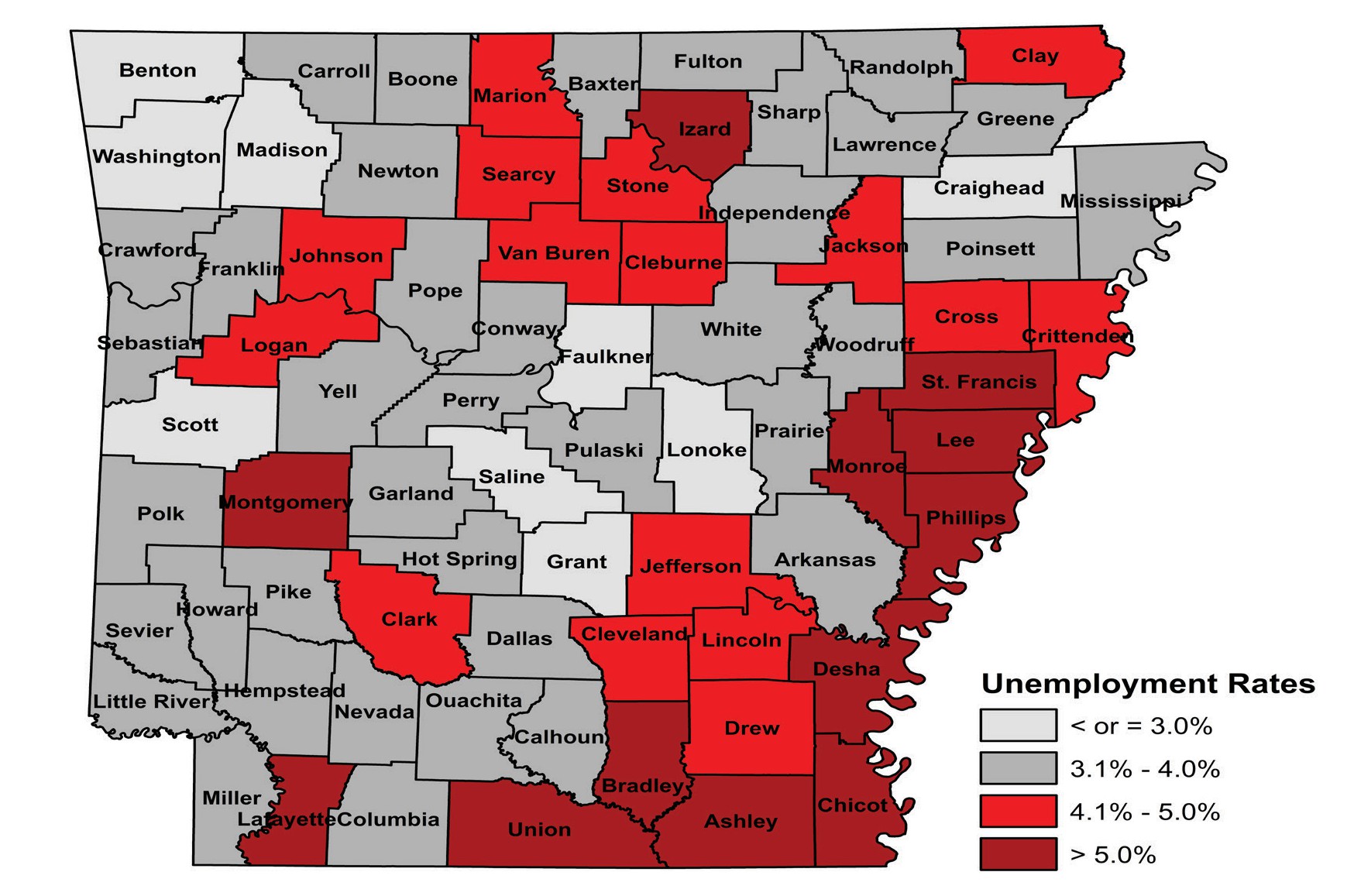
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Between November and December, unemployment rates are up in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rates ranged from a low of 2.4% in Washington County to a high of 6.8% in Chicot County.

In December, nine counties posted jobless rates at or below three percent. That is down from 12 counties at or below 3% last month. For the 5th consecutive month, no county in Arkansas had an unemployment rate above seven percent.

Compared to December 2023, unemployment rates are down in 47 counties. Twenty-two coun- ties posted rate increases over-the-year, while six counties remained the same. Four counties- Clay, Jackson, Mississippi, and Montgomery- had jobless rate declines of 1% or greater. The larg- est annual increase was in Monroe County, up one and two-tenths of a percentage point.

**County Unemployment Rates**



# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

December 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 2.4

2 Benton 2.6

3 Saline 2.8

4 Craighead 2.9

4 Faulkner 2.9

4 Grant 2.9

4 Lonoke 2.9

4 Madison 2.9

9 Scott 3.0

10 Independence 3.1

11 Calhoun 3.3

11 Sebastian 3.3

13 Arkansas 3.4

13 Boone 3.4

13 Crawford 3.4

13 Franklin 3.4

13 Howard 3.4

13 Prairie 3.4

13 Pulaski 3.4

20 Lawrence 3.5

20 Newton 3.5

20 Randolph 3.5

20 White 3.5

24 Carroll 3.6

24 Poinsett 3.6

**Rank County**

26 Garland

26 Greene

26 Hempstead

26 Hot Spring

26 Miller

26 Nevada

26 Perry

33 Columbia

33 Fulton

33 Little River

33 Woodruff

37 Baxter

37 Ouachita

37 Pike

37 Polk

37 Pope

37 Sevier

37 Sharp

37 Yell

45 Conway

45 Dallas

45 Mississippi

48 Clay

48 Cross

50 Clark

**Rate**

3.7

3.7

3.7

3.7

3.7

3.7

3.7

3.8

3.8

3.8

3.8

3.9

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3.9

3.9

4.0

4.0

4.0

4.1

4.1

4.2

**Rank County**

50 Cleveland

50 Marion

53 Cleburne

53 Drew

53 Stone

56 Logan

56 Searcy

56 Van Buren

59 Crittenden

59 Jackson

61 Jefferson

62 Lincoln

63 Johnson

64 Bradley

64 Lafayette

64 Lee

64 Monroe

68 Montgomery

69 Izard

69 Union

71 Desha

71 St. Francis

1. Ashley
2. Phillips
3. Chicot

**Rate**

4.2

4.2

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.4

4.4

4.4

4.5

4.5

4.7

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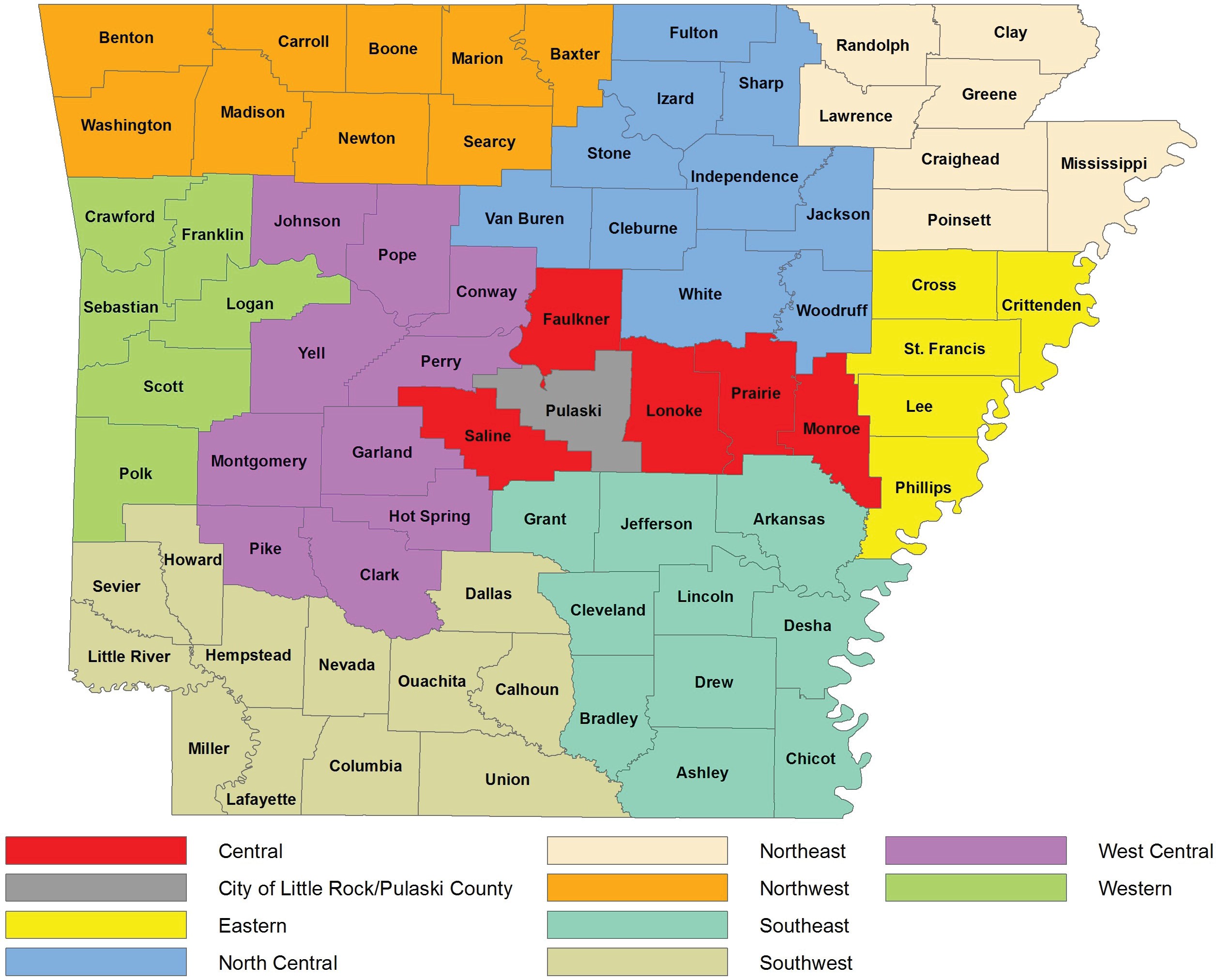
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## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**December 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**December 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 268,686 260,461

City of Little Rock 102,785 99,331

Eastern 42,087 40,055

North Central 96,042 92,413

Northeast 127,783 123,467

Northwest 366,168 356,305

Southeast 74,954 71,549

Southwest 87,480 83,927

West Central 130,621 125,473

Western 111,677 107,842

8,225

3,454

2,032

3,629

4,316

9,863

3,405

3,553

5,148

3,835

3.1

3.4

4.8

3.8

3.4

2.7

4.5

4.1

3.9

3.4

267,992 260,467

102,606 99,243

42,238

40,298

95,934 92,598

127,620 123,602

366,265 357,249

75,147 71,937

87,498 84,166

130,342 125,655

111,560 108,036

7,525 2.8

3,363 3.3

1,940 4.6

3,336 3.5

4,018 3.1

9,016 2.5

3,210 4.3

3,332 3.8

4,687 3.6

3,524 3.2

260,646 252,596 8,050 3.1

99,863 96,382 3,481 3.5

41,364 39,395 1,969 4.8

92,105 88,424 3,681 4.0

121,703 117,301 4,402 3.6

355,480 346,063 9,417 2.6

73,874 70,632 3,242 4.4

86,316 82,784 3,532 4.1

128,215 122,939 5,276 4.1

109,976 105,875 4,101 3.7