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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 2023 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

### Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

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

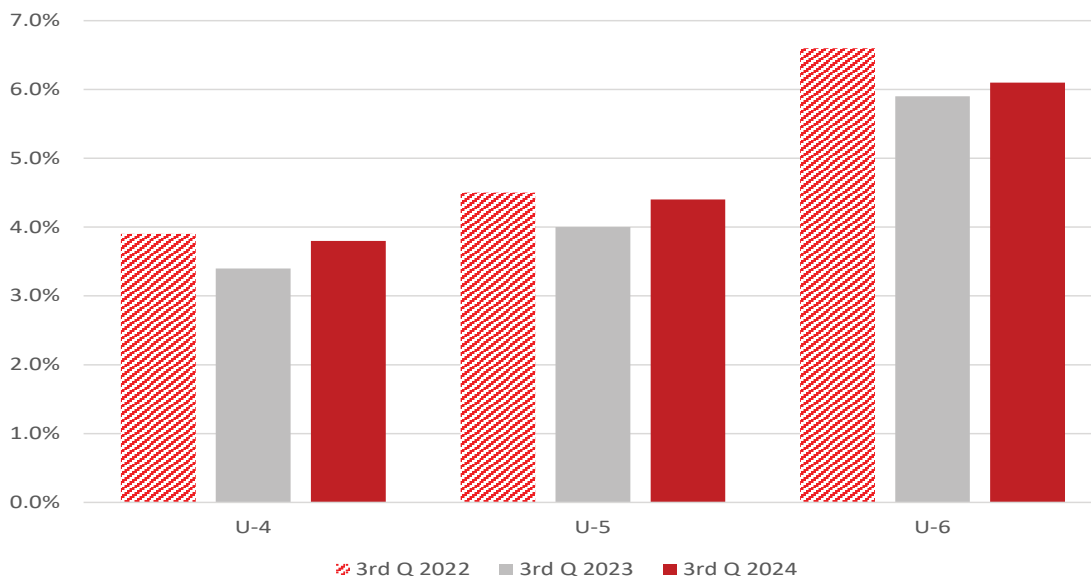
Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization					
State of Arkansas					
4th Quarter 2023 - 3rd Quarter 2024 Average					
U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6
1.1%	1.4%	3.5%	3.8%	4.4%	6.1%

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quarter moving average. The most recent data available is the average of 4th Quarter 2023-3rd Quarter 2024.

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

- U-1 Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.
- U-2 Measure:** Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force.
- U-3 Measure:** Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).
- U-4 Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.
- U-5 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.
- U-6 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those employed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**  
State of Arkansas  
Comparison of 3rd Quarter Ending Averages



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## 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 remained unchanged at 3.3% between September and October. At 4.1%, the United States' jobless rate also remained stable over the month.

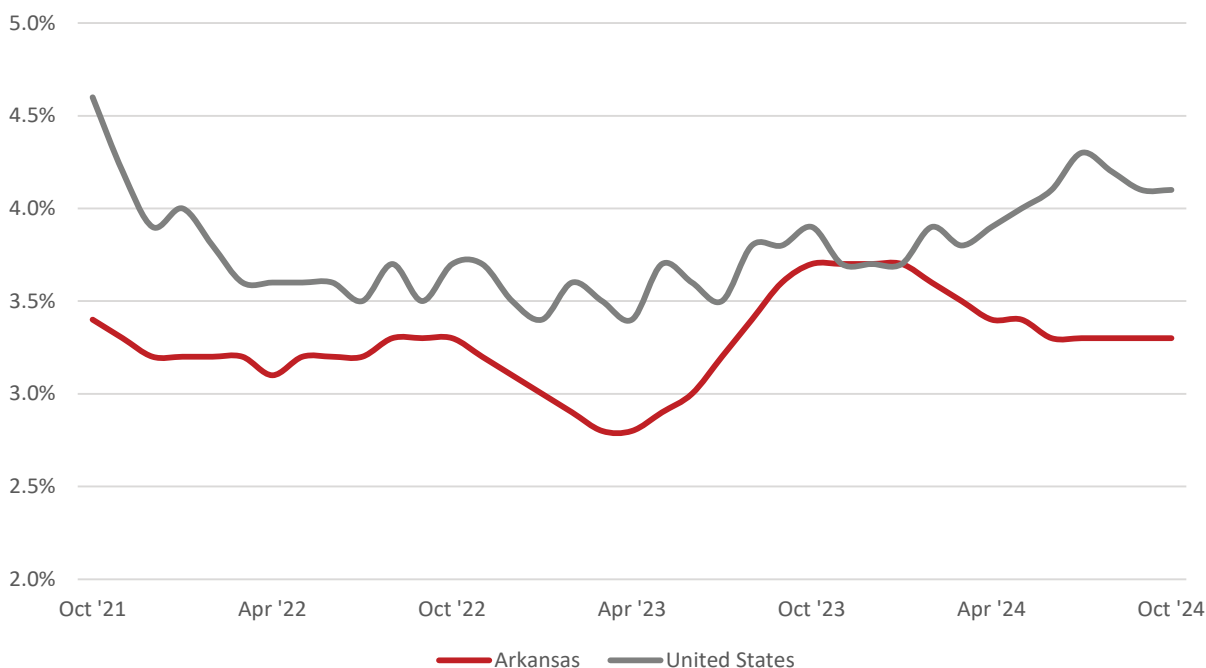
Arkansas' civilian labor force rose by 3,215 in October, as 3,092 additional Arkansans were employed. Both the civilian labor force and employment remain at record high levels. These modest gains were not enough to impact the unemployment rate or the labor force participation rate, which both held steady between September and October.

Compared to October 2023, there are 32,806 additional employed residents in Arkansas. The increase in employment and the size of the civilian labor force pushed up the labor force participation rate by five-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 24	Sep 24	Oct 23	Oct 24	Sep 24	Oct 23	
Civilian Labor Force	1,412,007	1,408,792	1,384,386	Civilian Labor Force	1,411,765	1,413,966	1,379,569
Employment	1,366,073	1,362,981	1,333,267	Employment	1,370,801	1,373,601	1,336,569
Unemployment	45,934	45,811	51,119	Unemployment	40,964	40,365	43,000
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.3%	3.7%	Unemployment Rate	2.9%	2.9%	3.1%
LF Participation Rate	58.1%	58.1%	57.6%	LF Participation Rate	58.1%	58.3%	57.4%

**Unemployment Rates- Arkansas vs United States (Seasonally Adjusted)**  
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### State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1385.2	1375.6	1363.8	9.6	21.4
Goods Producing	236.5	235.8	233.1	0.7	3.4
Mining, Logging, & Construction	73.2	72.7	71.1	0.5	2.1
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>67.8</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	43.7	43.0	41.8	0.7	1.9
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>163.3</b>	<b>163.1</b>	<b>162.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Durable Goods	78.2	77.5	77.8	0.7	0.4
Nondurable Goods	85.1	85.6	84.2	-0.5	0.9
Service Providing	1148.7	1139.8	1130.7	8.9	18.0
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>270.0</b>	<b>268.1</b>	<b>268.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Wholesale Trade	51.6	50.3	52.8	1.3	-1.2
Retail Trade	146.0	145.9	144.5	0.1	1.5
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	72.4	71.9	71.4	0.5	1.0
<b>Information</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Finance & Insurance	55.8	55.0	54.8	0.8	1.0
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	15.2	15.1	15.3	0.1	-0.1
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>160.7</b>	<b>158.5</b>	<b>157.9</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	49.6	48.9	49.5	0.7	0.1
Management of Companies	38.2	37.8	38.1	0.4	0.1
Administrative & Support Services	72.9	71.8	70.3	1.1	2.6
<b>Private Education &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>222.8</b>	<b>220.1</b>	<b>210.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>12.3</b>
Private Educational Services	20.0	19.6	19.6	0.4	0.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	202.8	200.5	190.9	2.3	11.9
Ambulatory Health Care	71.7	71.1	66.2	0.6	5.5
Social Assistance	42.0	41.1	38.6	0.9	3.4
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>128.2</b>	<b>129.2</b>	<b>127.3</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13.4	14.1	13.2	-0.7	0.2
Accommodation & Food Services	114.8	115.1	114.1	-0.3	0.7
Accommodation Services	11.4	11.7	11.5	-0.3	-0.1
Food Services	103.4	103.4	102.6	0.0	0.8
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-1.5</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>217.3</b>	<b>215.4</b>	<b>215.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Federal Government	21.8	21.8	21.7	0.0	0.1
State Government	78.0	77.8	78.0	0.2	0.0
State Gov, Educational Services	32.0	31.7	31.9	0.3	0.1
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.0	46.1	46.1	-0.1	-0.1
Local Government	117.5	115.8	116.0	1.7	1.5
Local Gov, Educational Services	72.5	70.6	71.4	1.9	1.1
Local Gov, Excluding Education	45.0	45.2	44.6	-0.2	0.4

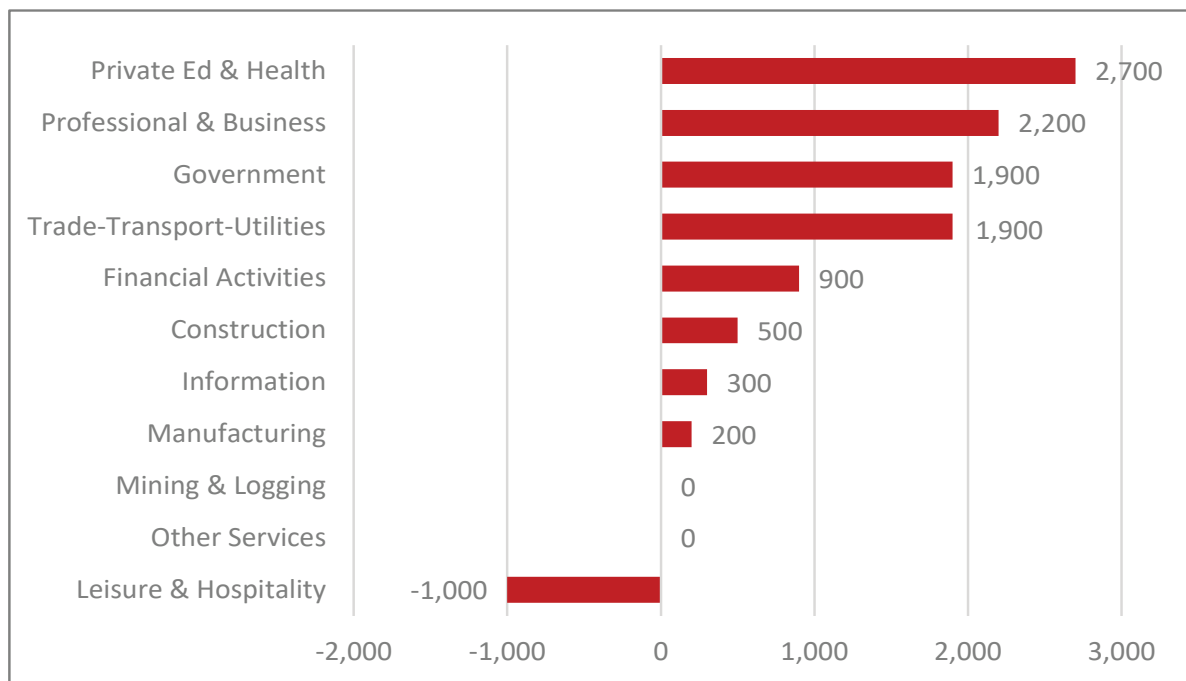


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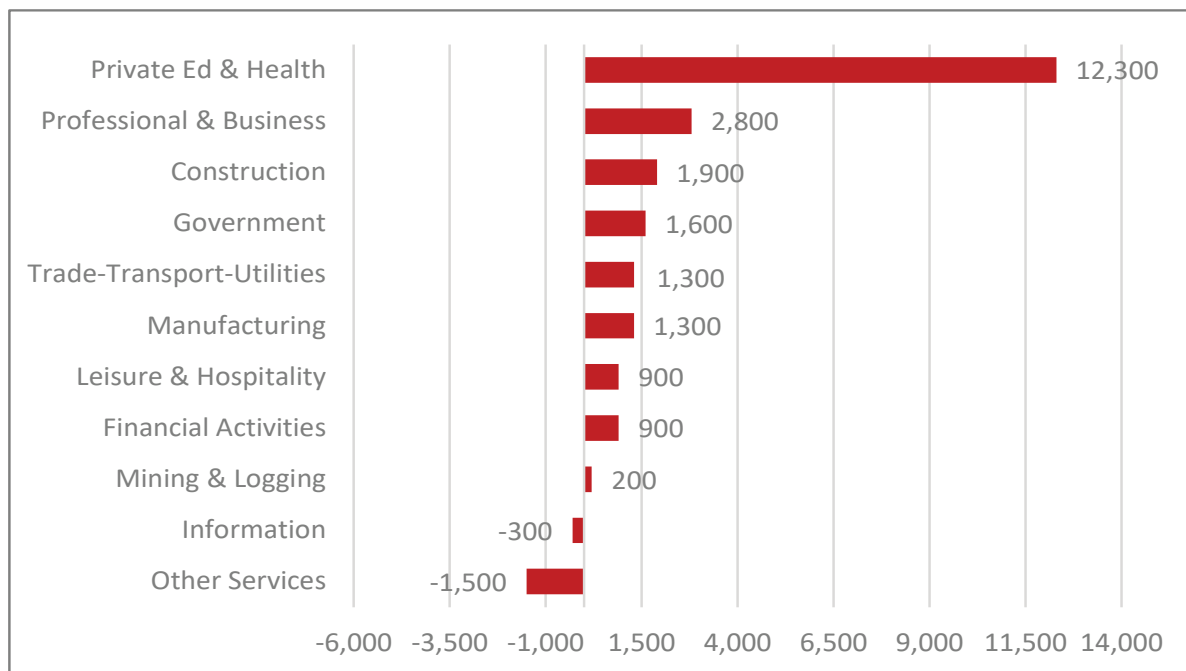
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### State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector  
September 2024 - October 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector  
October 2023 - October 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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

#### Manufacturing

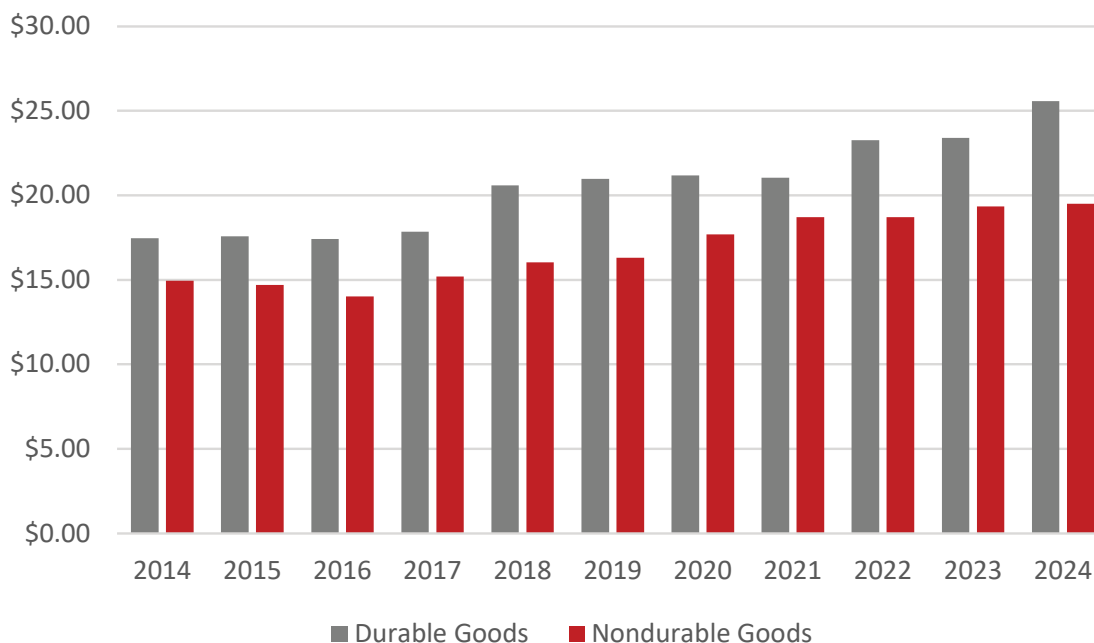
	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>
Average Weekly Hours	38.0	37.1	39.0
Average Hourly Earnings	\$22.59	\$22.36	\$21.51
Average Weekly Earnings	\$858.42	\$829.56	\$838.89

#### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>		<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>
Average Weekly Hours	40.8	40.4	43.5	Average Weekly Hours	35.4	34.1	34.9
Average Hourly Earnings	\$25.57	\$24.49	\$23.39	Average Hourly Earnings	\$19.50	\$20.13	\$19.35
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,043.26	\$989.40	\$1,017.47	Average Weekly Earnings	\$690.30	\$686.43	\$675.32

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

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### 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)

	<b>Oct 24</b>	<b>Sep 24</b>	<b>Oct 23</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	378,672	378,834	367,208	-162	11,464
Employment	368,321	368,711	356,277	-390	12,044
Unemployment	10,351	10,123	10,931	228	-580
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	2.7%	3.0%	0.0%	-0.3%

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Oct 24</b>	<b>Sep 24</b>	<b>Oct 23</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>401.4</b>	<b>399.8</b>	<b>393.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Goods Producing	43.5	43.3	41.8	0.2	1.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	22.7	22.6	21.7	0.1	1.0
Manufacturing	20.8	20.7	20.1	0.1	0.7
Service Providing	357.9	356.5	352.1	1.4	5.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	78.1	78.0	78.0	0.1	0.1
Wholesale Trade	17.6	17.4	17.9	0.2	-0.3
Retail Trade	38.6	38.7	38.9	-0.1	-0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	21.9	21.9	21.2	0.0	0.7
Information	5.4	5.3	5.5	0.1	-0.1
Financial Activities	27.9	27.7	27.8	0.2	0.1
Professional & Business Services	51.2	50.7	49.7	0.5	1.5
Private Education & Health Services	68.3	67.4	65.2	0.9	3.1
Leisure & Hospitality	34.8	36.1	34.6	-1.3	0.2
Other Services	19.5	19.7	19.5	-0.2	0.0
Government	72.7	71.6	71.8	1.1	0.9
Federal Government	10.7	10.7	10.6	0.0	0.1
State Government	34.3	34.2	34.2	0.1	0.1
Local Government	27.7	26.7	27.0	1.0	0.7

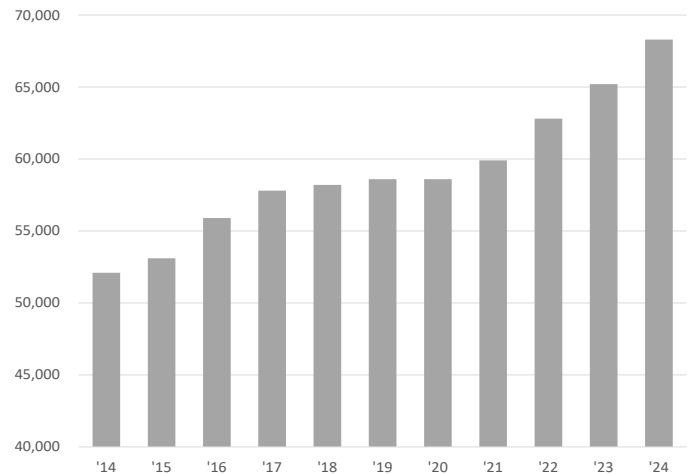
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### Jobs in Private Education & Health Services

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### 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)

	<b>Oct 24</b>	<b>Sep 24</b>	<b>Oct 23</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	322,991	322,591	312,905	400	10,086
Employment	316,172	315,668	305,898	504	10,274
Unemployment	6,819	6,923	7,007	-104	-188
Unemployment Rate	2.1%	2.1%	2.2%	0.0%	-0.1%

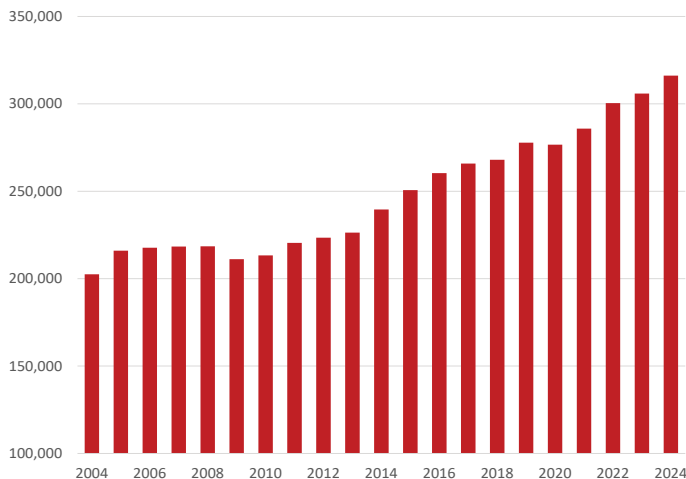
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Oct 24</b>	<b>Sep 24</b>	<b>Oct 23</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	317.6	315.5	311.3	2.1	6.3
Goods Producing	49.3	49.4	47.4	-0.1	1.9
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.9	17.9	17.1	0.0	0.8
Manufacturing	31.4	31.5	30.3	-0.1	1.1
Service Providing	268.3	266.1	263.9	2.2	4.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.8	62.5	63.5	0.3	-0.7
Wholesale Trade	13.8	13.7	14.4	0.1	-0.6
Retail Trade	29.9	29.7	29.9	0.2	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	19.1	19.1	19.2	0.0	-0.1
Information	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	12.5	12.4	12.5	0.1	0.0
Professional & Business Services	60.2	59.4	59.2	0.8	1.0
Private Education & Health Services	38.4	38.0	36.1	0.4	2.3
Leisure & Hospitality	31.9	31.9	31.9	0.0	0.0
Other Services	13.5	13.6	13.6	-0.1	-0.1
Government	46.7	46.0	44.7	0.7	2.0
Federal Government	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0
State Government	22.5	22.0	21.0	0.5	1.5
Local Government	21.0	20.8	20.5	0.2	0.5

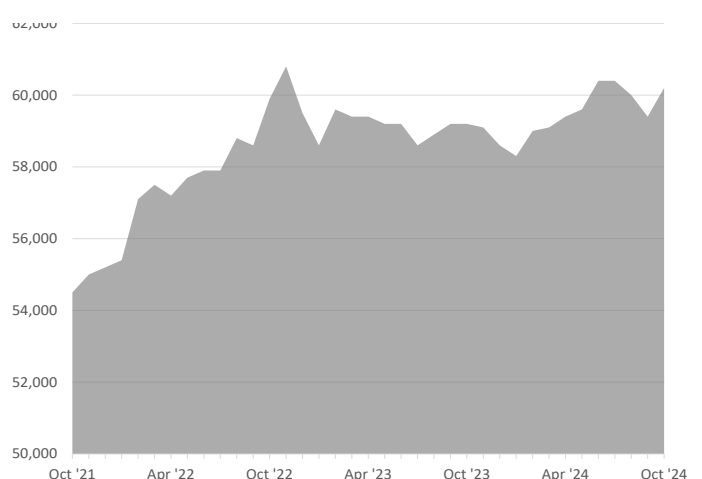
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#### Jobs in Professional & Business Services

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### 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)

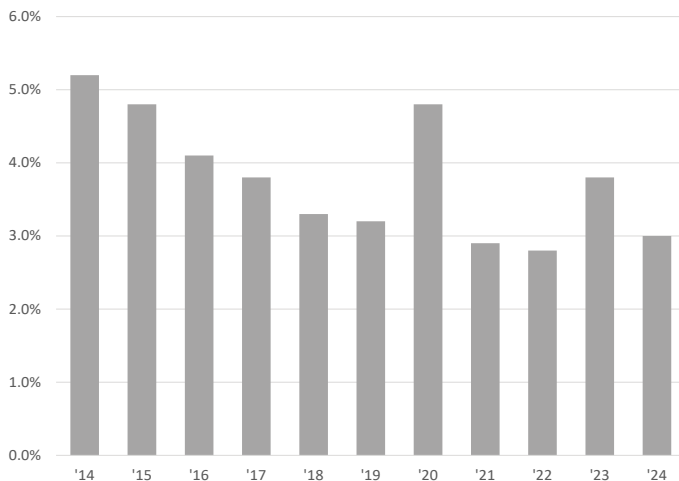
	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	121,984	122,448	120,843	-464	1,141
Employment	118,288	118,554	116,260	-266	2,028
Unemployment	3,696	3,894	4,583	-198	-887
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	3.2%	3.8%	-0.2%	-0.8%

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

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	118.7	118.2	117.2	0.5	1.5
Goods Producing	25.8	25.8	25.1	0.0	0.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	6.2	6.2	6.0	0.0	0.2
Manufacturing	19.6	19.6	19.1	0.0	0.5
Service Providing	92.9	92.4	92.1	0.5	0.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.0	23.8	24.1	0.2	-0.1
Wholesale Trade	4.5	4.4	4.6	0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	12.9	12.8	13.1	0.1	-0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.6	6.6	6.4	0.0	0.2
Information	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	4.8	4.8	4.8	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	12.1	12.0	12.0	0.1	0.1
Private Education & Health Services	19.6	19.4	18.7	0.2	0.9
Leisure & Hospitality	10.3	10.3	10.1	0.0	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

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**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,738	41,487	41,290	251	448
Employment	40,389	40,168	39,849	221	540
Unemployment	1,349	1,319	1,441	30	-92
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.2%	3.5%	0.0%	-0.3%

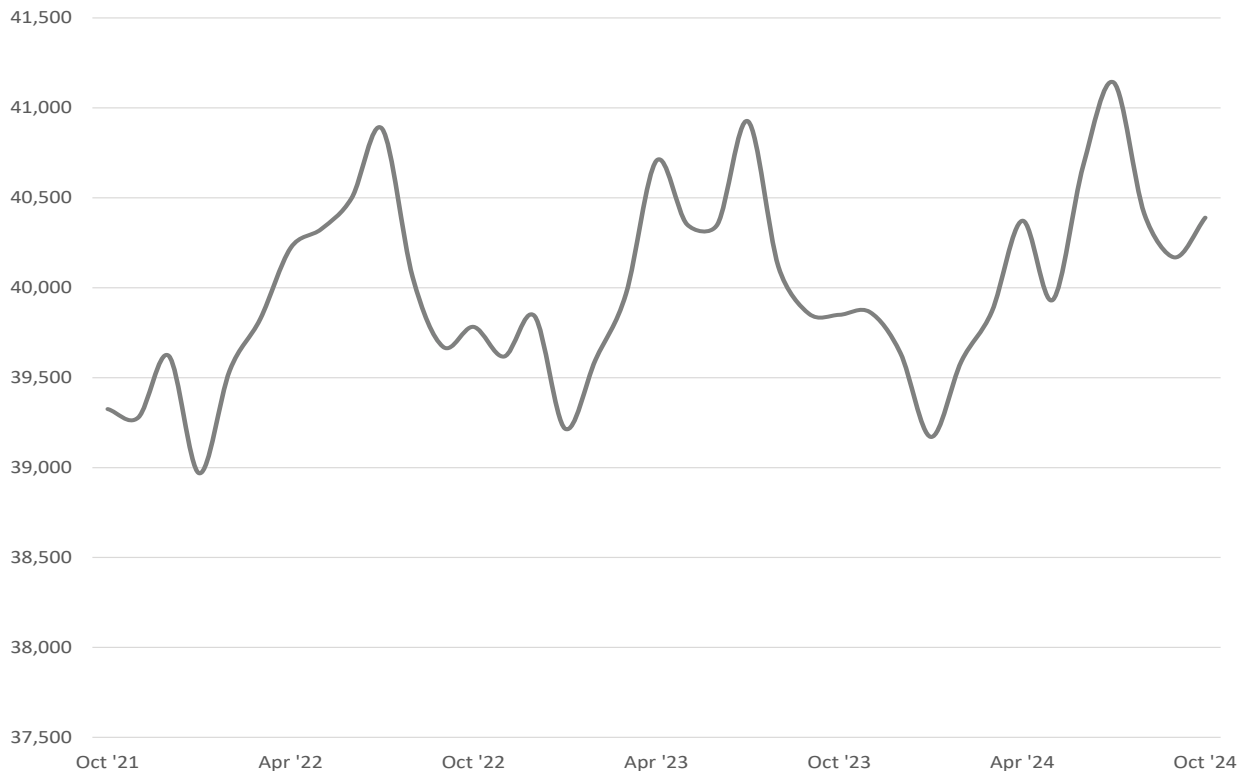
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	41.4	41.0	41.2	0.4	0.2
Goods Producing	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.1	0.0
Service Providing	36.9	36.6	36.7	0.3	0.2
Government	4.6	4.5	4.6	0.1	0.0

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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

### Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	69,308	69,332	67,422	-24	1,886
Employment	67,529	67,576	65,589	-47	1,940
Unemployment	1,779	1,756	1,833	23	-54
Unemployment Rate	2.6%	2.5%	2.7%	0.1%	-0.1%

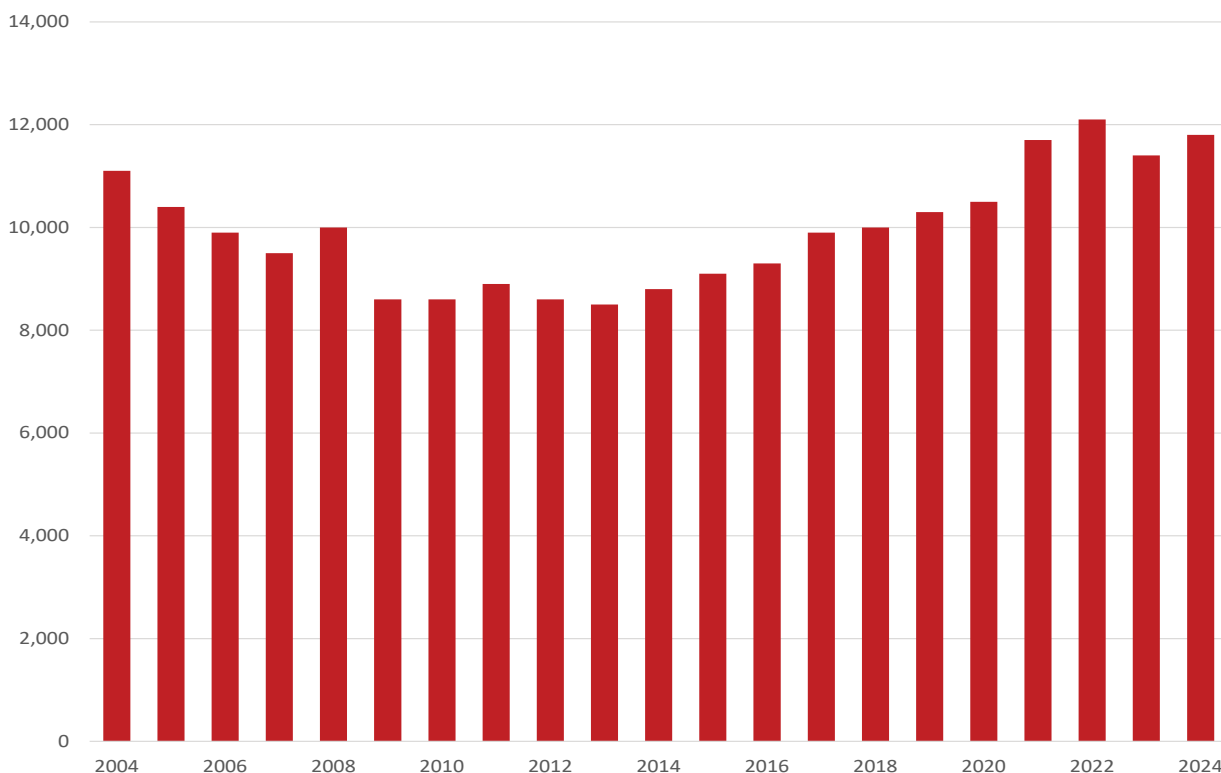
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	65.8	65.5	64.6	0.3	1.2
Goods Producing	11.8	11.7	11.4	0.1	0.4
Service Providing	54.0	53.8	53.2	0.2	0.8
Government	9.3	9.4	9.3	-0.1	0.0

#### Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

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### Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	32,132	32,100	31,867	32	265
Employment	30,751	30,792	30,501	-41	250
Unemployment	1,381	1,308	1,366	73	15
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.1%	4.3%	0.2%	0.0%

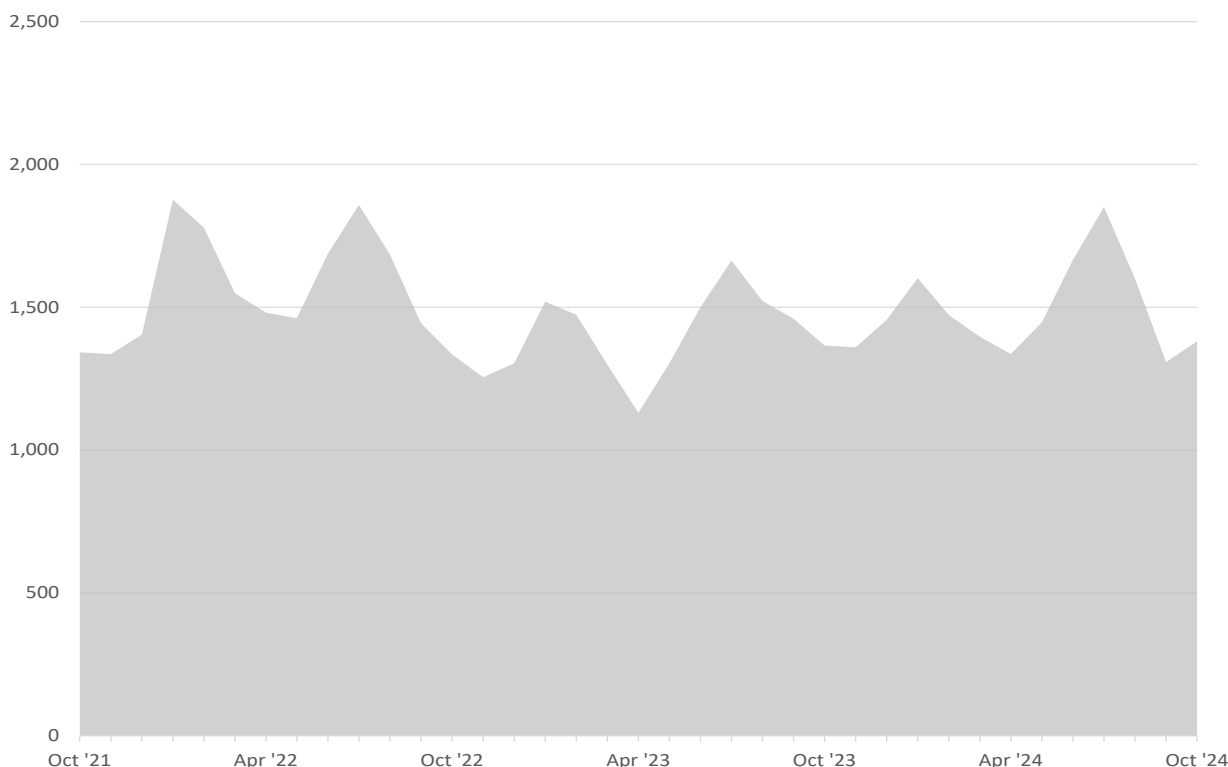
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.4	31.2	31.6	0.2	-0.2
Goods Producing	5.4	5.3	5.4	0.1	0.0
Service Providing	26.0	25.9	26.2	0.1	-0.2
Government	8.4	8.4	8.6	0.0	-0.2

#### Unemployment

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### 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.

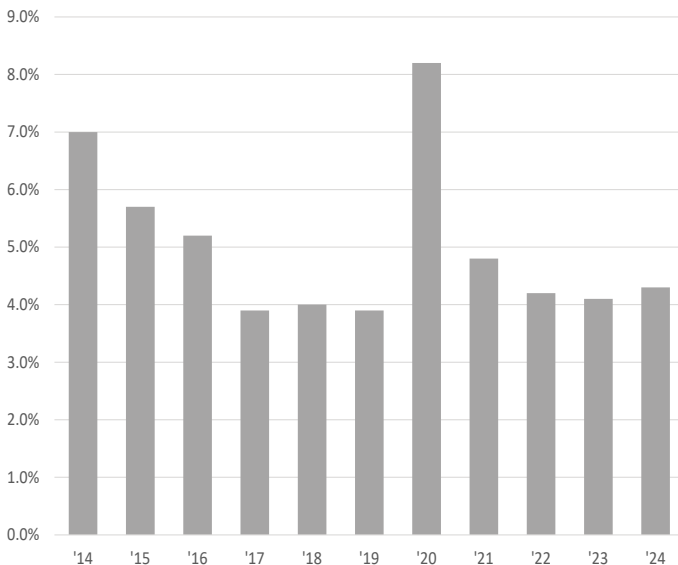
	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	623,874	621,528	618,328	2,346	5,546
Employment	596,894	594,285	593,242	2,609	3,652
Unemployment	26,980	27,243	25,086	-263	1,894
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.4%	4.1%	-0.1%	0.2%

#### Texarkana MSA

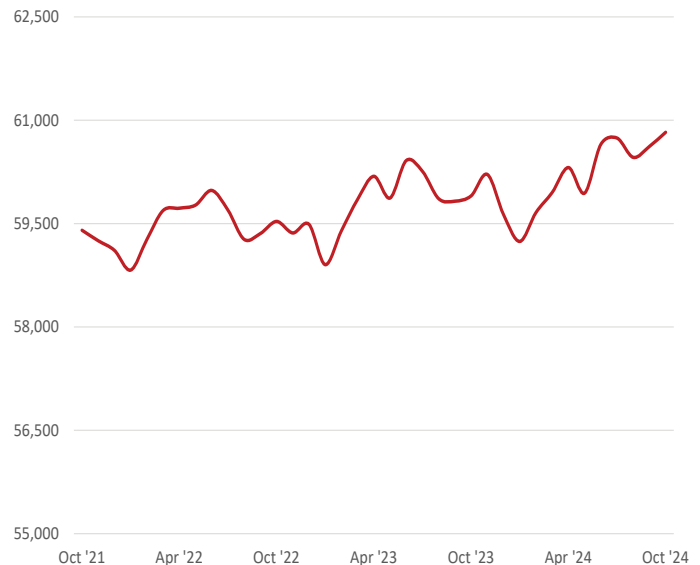
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,386	63,072	62,171	314	1,215
Employment	60,825	60,620	59,902	205	923
Unemployment	2,561	2,452	2,269	109	292
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	3.9%	3.6%	0.1%	0.4%

**Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates**  
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**Texarkana MSA - Employment**  
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### Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Micro Area	October 2024				September 2024				October 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,997	8,635	362	4.0	9,061	8,711	350	3.9	8,586	8,187	399	4.6
Batesville Micro	17,158	16,715	443	2.6	17,233	16,779	454	2.6	16,637	16,152	485	2.9
Blytheville Micro	19,092	18,381	711	3.7	19,165	18,480	685	3.6	17,069	16,294	775	4.5
Camden Micro	12,198	11,761	437	3.6	12,260	11,859	401	3.3	11,962	11,551	411	3.4
El Dorado Micro	14,768	14,002	766	5.2	14,838	14,111	727	4.9	14,707	13,999	708	4.8
Forrest City Micro	7,478	7,084	394	5.3	7,540	7,166	374	5.0	7,421	7,043	378	5.1
Harrison Micro	18,921	18,381	540	2.9	18,899	18,365	534	2.8	19,136	18,594	542	2.8
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,055	4,779	276	5.5	5,078	4,825	253	5.0	5,193	4,881	312	6.0
Hope Micro	12,033	11,635	398	3.3	12,146	11,767	379	3.1	12,397	11,965	432	3.5
Magnolia Micro	9,024	8,708	316	3.5	9,073	8,749	324	3.6	8,897	8,550	347	3.9
Malvern Micro	13,752	13,295	457	3.3	13,794	13,352	442	3.2	13,606	13,149	457	3.4
Mountain Home Micro	16,983	16,439	544	3.2	17,096	16,576	520	3.0	16,557	15,984	573	3.5
Paragould Micro	19,759	19,137	622	3.1	19,842	19,235	607	3.1	19,537	18,961	576	2.9
Russellville Micro	37,386	36,187	1,199	3.2	37,433	36,209	1,224	3.3	36,646	35,333	1,313	3.6
Searcy Micro	35,236	34,165	1,071	3.0	35,296	34,242	1,054	3.0	33,731	32,654	1,077	3.2

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 2024				September 2024				October 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	13,876	13,508	368	2.7	13,860	13,488	372	2.7	13,418	13,058	360	2.7
Benton	18,826	18,396	430	2.3	18,845	18,407	438	2.3	18,226	17,789	437	2.4
Bentonville	33,688	33,035	653	1.9	33,651	32,984	667	2.0	32,623	31,934	689	2.1
Blytheville	6,411	6,153	258	4.0	6,433	6,186	247	3.8	5,735	5,454	281	4.9
Cabot	12,702	12,387	315	2.5	12,725	12,427	298	2.3	12,307	12,005	302	2.5
Conway	36,529	35,665	864	2.4	36,589	35,700	889	2.4	35,498	34,521	977	2.8
El Dorado	6,420	6,026	394	6.1	6,429	6,072	357	5.6	6,415	6,024	391	6.1
Fayetteville	55,014	53,850	1,164	2.1	54,947	53,750	1,197	2.2	53,317	52,083	1,234	2.3
Fort Smith	39,668	38,511	1,157	2.9	39,685	38,512	1,173	3.0	39,007	37,567	1,440	3.7
Hot Springs	15,533	14,946	587	3.8	15,413	14,864	549	3.6	15,350	14,746	604	3.9
Jacksonville	12,305	11,871	434	3.5	12,307	11,879	428	3.5	11,937	11,476	461	3.9
Jonesboro	41,818	40,715	1,103	2.6	41,798	40,715	1,083	2.6	40,660	39,519	1,141	2.8
Little Rock	102,822	99,632	3,190	3.1	102,744	99,701	3,043	3.0	99,582	96,316	3,266	3.3
North Little Rock	31,754	30,637	1,117	3.5	31,750	30,659	1,091	3.4	30,723	29,618	1,105	3.6
Paragould	12,577	12,162	415	3.3	12,625	12,225	400	3.2	12,431	12,050	381	3.1
Pine Bluff	15,111	14,300	811	5.4	15,028	14,304	724	4.8	14,978	14,162	816	5.4
Rogers	41,331	40,528	803	1.9	41,264	40,465	799	1.9	39,986	39,178	808	2.0
Russellville	13,442	13,050	392	2.9	13,459	13,041	418	3.1	13,161	12,727	434	3.3
Searcy	10,630	10,317	313	2.9	10,663	10,340	323	3.0	10,165	9,861	304	3.0
Sherwood	17,189	16,720	469	2.7	17,136	16,732	404	2.4	16,604	16,164	440	2.6
Springdale	43,936	43,006	930	2.1	43,843	42,928	915	2.1	42,464	41,594	870	2.0
Texarkana, AR	12,937	12,482	455	3.5	12,862	12,414	448	3.5	12,759	12,290	469	3.7
Van Buren	10,611	10,290	321	3.0	10,611	10,304	307	2.9	10,389	10,045	344	3.3
West Memphis	10,065	9,568	497	4.9	10,014	9,570	444	4.4	9,870	9,407	463	4.7

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County	October 2024				September 2024				October 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	8,636	8,393	243	2.8	8,667	8,446	221	2.5	9,127	8,906	221	2.4
Ashley	6,685	6,336	349	5.2	6,710	6,373	337	5.0	6,467	6,127	340	5.3
Baxter	16,983	16,439	544	3.2	17,096	16,576	520	3.0	16,557	15,984	573	3.5
Benton	161,012	157,606	3,406	2.1	160,812	157,364	3,448	2.1	155,939	152,356	3,583	2.3
Boone	15,765	15,311	454	2.9	15,738	15,292	446	2.8	15,920	15,478	442	2.8
Bradley	4,087	3,917	170	4.2	4,139	3,984	155	3.7	4,036	3,877	159	3.9
Calhoun	2,392	2,323	69	2.9	2,415	2,353	62	2.6	2,353	2,291	62	2.6
Carroll	12,463	12,122	341	2.7	12,559	12,218	341	2.7	12,437	12,126	311	2.5
Chicot	2,766	2,592	174	6.3	2,813	2,650	163	5.8	2,840	2,678	162	5.7
Clark	8,997	8,635	362	4.0	9,061	8,711	350	3.9	8,586	8,187	399	4.6
Clay	5,437	5,257	180	3.3	5,510	5,334	176	3.2	5,354	5,161	193	3.6
Cleburne	9,156	8,860	296	3.2	9,278	8,967	311	3.4	8,987	8,685	302	3.4
Cleveland	3,050	2,952	98	3.2	3,068	2,966	102	3.3	3,031	2,941	90	3.0
Columbia	9,024	8,708	316	3.5	9,073	8,749	324	3.6	8,897	8,550	347	3.9
Conway	8,121	7,855	266	3.3	8,149	7,891	258	3.2	8,252	7,966	286	3.5
Craighead	59,125	57,653	1,472	2.5	59,110	57,654	1,456	2.5	57,479	55,960	1,519	2.6
Crawford	27,114	26,334	780	2.9	27,164	26,370	794	2.9	26,646	25,707	939	3.5
Crittenden	20,497	19,606	891	4.3	20,405	19,611	794	3.9	20,166	19,277	889	4.4
Cross	6,914	6,680	234	3.4	6,939	6,716	223	3.2	6,796	6,577	219	3.2
Dallas	2,635	2,549	86	3.3	2,658	2,568	90	3.4	2,622	2,536	86	3.3
Desha	4,710	4,459	251	5.3	4,761	4,520	241	5.1	4,934	4,720	214	4.3
Drew	7,647	7,350	297	3.9	7,720	7,439	281	3.6	7,281	7,003	278	3.8
Faulkner	66,345	64,781	1,564	2.4	66,455	64,844	1,611	2.4	64,447	62,704	1,743	2.7
Franklin	7,600	7,391	209	2.8	7,624	7,418	206	2.7	7,505	7,279	226	3.0
Fulton	4,404	4,279	125	2.8	4,418	4,284	134	3.0	4,557	4,405	152	3.3
Garland	41,738	40,389	1,349	3.2	41,487	40,168	1,319	3.2	41,290	39,849	1,441	3.5
Grant	8,860	8,662	198	2.2	8,900	8,697	203	2.3	8,611	8,381	230	2.7
Greene	19,759	19,137	622	3.1	19,842	19,235	607	3.1	19,537	18,961	576	2.9
Hempstead	8,815	8,519	296	3.4	8,897	8,623	274	3.1	9,071	8,762	309	3.4
Hot Spring	13,752	13,295	457	3.3	13,794	13,352	442	3.2	13,606	13,149	457	3.4
Howard	5,083	4,936	147	2.9	5,180	5,047	133	2.6	5,223	5,054	169	3.2
Independence	17,158	16,715	443	2.6	17,233	16,779	454	2.6	16,637	16,152	485	2.9
Izard	4,865	4,664	201	4.1	4,875	4,678	197	4.0	4,485	4,292	193	4.3
Jackson	5,396	5,199	197	3.7	5,528	5,327	201	3.6	5,376	5,114	262	4.9
Jefferson	25,410	24,286	1,124	4.4	25,346	24,293	1,053	4.2	25,200	24,052	1,148	4.6
Johnson	9,525	9,100	425	4.5	9,592	9,161	431	4.5	9,818	9,305	513	5.2
Lafayette	2,241	2,139	102	4.6	2,245	2,143	102	4.5	2,177	2,082	95	4.4
Lawrence	6,840	6,633	207	3.0	6,842	6,646	196	2.9	6,817	6,594	223	3.3
Lee	2,468	2,352	116	4.7	2,515	2,403	112	4.5	2,542	2,413	129	5.1
Lincoln	3,672	3,513	159	4.3	3,686	3,533	153	4.2	3,636	3,508	128	3.5
Little River	5,243	5,073	170	3.2	5,211	5,051	160	3.1	5,148	4,979	169	3.3
Logan	8,208	7,917	291	3.5	8,309	8,021	288	3.5	8,242	7,928	314	3.8
Lonoke	35,950	35,115	835	2.3	36,073	35,227	846	2.3	34,956	34,033	923	2.6
Madison	8,191	7,997	194	2.4	8,237	8,034	203	2.5	7,985	7,800	185	2.3
Marion	5,878	5,678	200	3.4	5,922	5,721	201	3.4	5,935	5,697	238	4.0
Miller	18,883	18,246	637	3.4	18,772	18,147	625	3.3	18,585	17,965	620	3.3

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### County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	October 2024				September 2024				October 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	19,092	18,381	711	3.7	19,165	18,480	685	3.6	17,069	16,294	775	4.5
Monroe	2,389	2,273	116	4.9	2,436	2,325	111	4.6	2,429	2,348	81	3.3
Montgomery	2,820	2,709	111	3.9	2,899	2,782	117	4.0	2,909	2,781	128	4.4
Nevada	3,218	3,116	102	3.2	3,249	3,144	105	3.2	3,326	3,203	123	3.7
Newton	3,156	3,070	86	2.7	3,161	3,073	88	2.8	3,216	3,116	100	3.1
Ouachita	9,806	9,438	368	3.8	9,845	9,506	339	3.4	9,609	9,260	349	3.6
Perry	4,427	4,284	143	3.2	4,426	4,293	133	3.0	4,325	4,165	160	3.7
Phillips	5,055	4,779	276	5.5	5,078	4,825	253	5.0	5,193	4,881	312	6.0
Pike	3,965	3,827	138	3.5	4,015	3,885	130	3.2	4,019	3,886	133	3.3
Poinsett	10,183	9,876	307	3.0	10,222	9,922	300	2.9	9,943	9,629	314	3.2
Polk	7,619	7,365	254	3.3	7,681	7,419	262	3.4	7,665	7,401	264	3.4
Pope	29,106	28,177	929	3.2	29,118	28,157	961	3.3	28,529	27,480	1,049	3.7
Prairie	3,624	3,525	99	2.7	3,617	3,526	91	2.5	3,568	3,461	107	3.0
Pulaski	199,843	193,710	6,133	3.1	199,681	193,844	5,837	2.9	193,526	187,263	6,263	3.2
Randolph	7,492	7,274	218	2.9	7,535	7,304	231	3.1	7,036	6,808	228	3.2
St. Francis	7,478	7,084	394	5.3	7,540	7,166	374	5.0	7,421	7,043	378	5.1
Saline	63,247	61,769	1,478	2.3	63,299	61,806	1,493	2.4	61,343	59,731	1,612	2.6
Scott	4,284	4,182	102	2.4	4,330	4,224	106	2.4	4,407	4,276	131	3.0
Searcy	2,678	2,591	87	3.2	2,847	2,753	94	3.3	2,850	2,740	110	3.9
Sebastian	57,074	55,478	1,596	2.8	57,102	55,479	1,623	2.8	56,178	54,117	2,061	3.7
Sevier	5,505	5,338	167	3.0	5,563	5,390	173	3.1	5,453	5,256	197	3.6
Sharp	6,182	5,985	197	3.2	6,202	5,996	206	3.3	5,912	5,729	183	3.1
Stone	4,614	4,456	158	3.4	4,652	4,495	157	3.4	4,593	4,436	157	3.4
Union	14,768	14,002	766	5.2	14,838	14,111	727	4.9	14,707	13,999	708	4.8
Van Buren	6,030	5,827	203	3.4	6,078	5,874	204	3.4	5,920	5,703	217	3.7
Washington	142,142	139,299	2,843	2.0	141,959	139,042	2,917	2.1	137,613	134,729	2,884	2.1
White	35,236	34,165	1,071	3.0	35,296	34,242	1,054	3.0	33,731	32,654	1,077	3.2
Woodruff	2,949	2,856	93	3.2	2,989	2,901	88	2.9	2,874	2,777	97	3.4
Yell	8,280	8,010	270	3.3	8,315	8,052	263	3.2	8,117	7,853	264	3.3

### County Labor Force Summary

Between September and October, unemployment rates increased in 40 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates were unchanged in 18 counties and declined in 17 counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.0% in Washington County to a high of 6.3% in Chicot County.

In October, twenty-six counties posted unemployment rates at or below 3.0%. That is down slightly from 28 counties at or below three percent in September. For the 3rd consecutive month, no county had a jobless rate above seven percent.

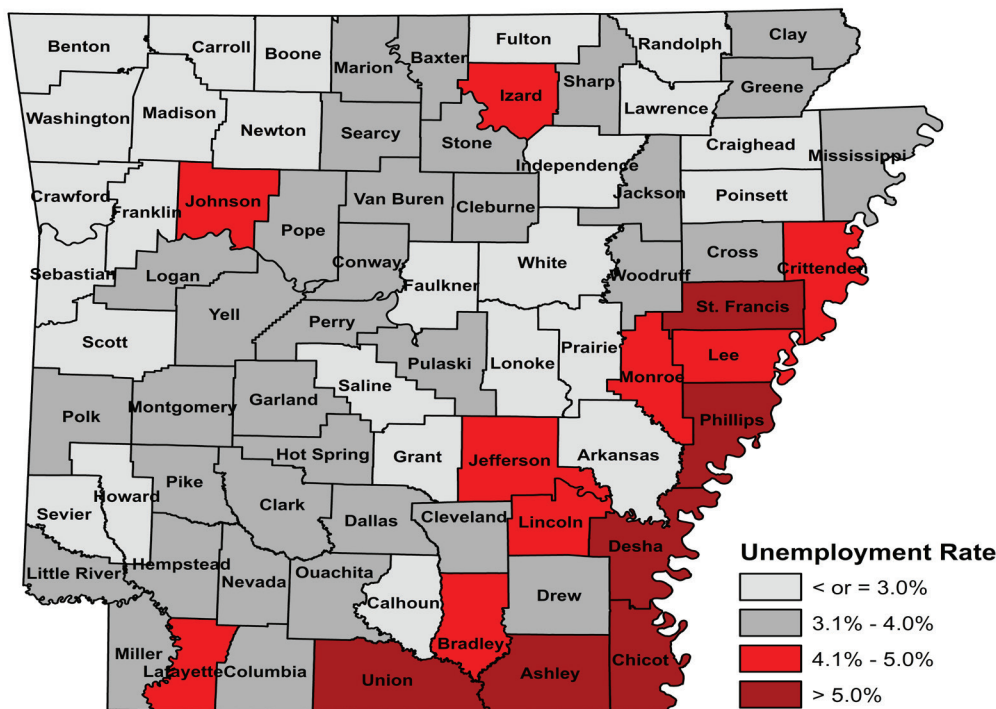
Compared to October 2023, unemployment rates are down in 50 Arkansas counties. Twenty-one counties posted rate increases over the year, while 4 counties were unchanged. Jackson County had the greatest annual rate decline, down one and two-tenths of a percentage point. The largest gain was in Monroe County, up one and six-tenths of a percentage point.



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### County Unemployment Rates



### Ranked by Unemployment Rates

October 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.0	23	White	3.0	46	Van Buren	3.4
2	Benton	2.1	27	Greene	3.1	52	Columbia	3.5
3	Grant	2.2	27	Pulaski	3.1	52	Logan	3.5
4	Lonoke	2.3	29	Baxter	3.2	52	Pike	3.5
4	Saline	2.3	29	Cleburne	3.2	55	Jackson	3.7
6	Faulkner	2.4	29	Cleveland	3.2	55	Mississippi	3.7
6	Madison	2.4	29	Garland	3.2	57	Ouachita	3.8
6	Scott	2.4	29	Little River	3.2	58	Drew	3.9
9	Craighead	2.5	29	Nevada	3.2	58	Montgomery	3.9
10	Independence	2.6	29	Perry	3.2	60	Clark	4.0
11	Carroll	2.7	29	Pope	3.2	61	Izard	4.1
11	Newton	2.7	29	Searcy	3.2	62	Bradley	4.2
11	Prairie	2.7	29	Sharp	3.2	63	Crittenden	4.3
14	Arkansas	2.8	29	Woodruff	3.2	63	Lincoln	4.3
14	Franklin	2.8	40	Clay	3.3	65	Jefferson	4.4
14	Fulton	2.8	40	Conway	3.3	66	Johnson	4.5
14	Sebastian	2.8	40	Dallas	3.3	67	Lafayette	4.6
18	Boone	2.9	40	Hot Spring	3.3	68	Lee	4.7
18	Calhoun	2.9	40	Polk	3.3	69	Monroe	4.9
18	Crawford	2.9	40	Yell	3.3	70	Ashley	5.2
18	Howard	2.9	46	Cross	3.4	70	Union	5.2
18	Randolph	2.9	46	Hempstead	3.4	72	Desha	5.3
23	Lawrence	3.0	46	Marion	3.4	72	St. Francis	5.3
23	Poinsett	3.0	46	Miller	3.4	74	Phillips	5.5
23	Sevier	3.0	46	Stone	3.4	75	Chicot	6.3

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### Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	October 2024				September 2024				October 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	268,576	261,541	7,035	2.6	268,817	261,871	6,946	2.6	260,687	253,224	7,463	2.9
City of Little Rock	102,822	99,632	3,190	3.1	102,744	99,701	3,043	3.0	99,582	96,316	3,266	3.3
Eastern	42,412	40,501	1,911	4.5	42,477	40,721	1,756	4.1	42,118	40,191	1,927	4.6
North Central	95,990	93,006	2,984	3.1	96,549	93,543	3,006	3.1	93,072	89,947	3,125	3.4
Northeast	127,928	124,211	3,717	2.9	128,226	124,575	3,651	2.8	123,235	119,407	3,828	3.1
Northwest	368,268	360,113	8,155	2.2	368,331	360,073	8,258	2.2	358,452	350,026	8,426	2.4
Southeast	75,523	72,460	3,063	4.1	75,810	72,901	2,909	3.8	75,163	72,193	2,970	4.0
Southwest	87,613	84,387	3,226	3.7	87,946	84,832	3,114	3.5	87,171	83,937	3,234	3.7
West Central	130,731	126,281	4,450	3.4	130,856	126,452	4,404	3.4	129,451	124,621	4,830	3.7
Western	111,899	108,667	3,232	2.9	112,210	108,931	3,279	2.9	110,643	106,708	3,935	3.6

