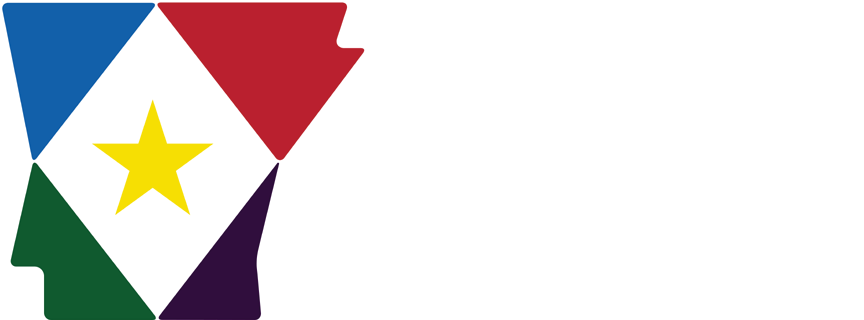
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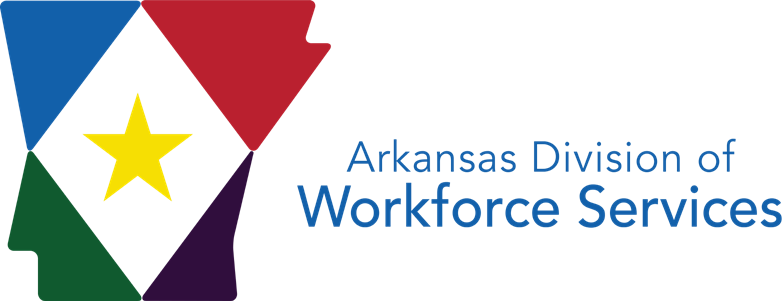
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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious month’s data is subject to revision.

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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**Januar y Spotlight**

# Annual Revisions to the Data

**Civilian Labor Force:**

In accordance with guidelines from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Sta- tistics, Arkansas’ Civilian Labor Force (CLF) estimates have undergone annual process- ing. The purpose of annual processing is to incorporate more complete and accurate information into the estimation process, including updated population data from the US Census Bureau.

All levels of data—State, counties, Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Micropolitan Statistical Areas, Local Workforce Development Areas, and cities—have been revised. The Statewide CLF data was revised back to January 2019 and is now available at https:// [www.discover.arkansas.gov/Data-Search-Tool/LAUS.](http://www.discover.arkansas.gov/Data-Search-Tool/LAUS) Updated sub-state CLF estimates are now complete and the data has been updated on the Discover Arkansas website and at [www.bls.gov.](http://www.bls.gov/) All sub-state CLF data for Arkansas was revised back to January 2019. More information concerning annual processing is available here.

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs:**

In accordance with the same guidelines, the Current Employment Statistics program also re-estimated the Nonfarm Payroll Job series to include more comprehensive and precise information into the calculations. Statewide estimates were revised back to April 2021. The MSA revisions are listed below:

* Revised back to January 1990- Little Rock-North Little Rock- Conway MSA; Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA; and the Fort Smith MSA
* Revised back to April 2021- Hot Springs MSA and Pine Bluff MSA
* Revised back to April 2022- Jonesboro MSA

All revised Nonfarm Payroll Jobs data have been updated on the Discover Arkansas web- site.

Effective with the release of January 2024 estimates on March 11, 2024, the Current Em- ployment Statistics (CES) program implemented a new weight smoothing procedure for state and metropolitan area employment data. More information on the new weight smoothing procedure is available here.

**State of Arkansas**

# Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, an- nounced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.7% between Decem- ber 2023 and January 2024. The unemployment rate for December 2023 was originally estimated at 3.4% but has now been revised up to 3.7%. The United States’ jobless rate remained at 3.7% for the third consecutive month.

Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose by 506 in January. Employment increased 460, while unemployment rose by 46. The labor force participation rate remained stable over the month at 57.5% (December 2023 was revised down from 57.6%).

Compared to January 2023, there are 8,529 more employed, while 9,875 more Arkansans are unem- ployed and actively looking for work. The State’s jobless rate is now seven-tenths of a percentage point higher than last January, but the labor force participation rate has grown by two-tenths of a percentage point. **Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | |
|  | **Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** |  | **Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,385,260 | 1,384,754 | 1,366,856 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,364,944 | 1,369,539 | 1,345,984 |
| Employment | 1,334,478 | 1,334,018 | 1,325,949 | Employment | 1,311,913 | 1,322,388 | 1,300,015 |
| Unemployment | 50,782 | 50,736 | 40,907 | Unemployment | 53,031 | 47,151 | 45,969 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.7% | 3.7% | 3.0% | Unemployment Rate | 3.9% | 3.4% | 3.4% |
| LF Participation Rate | 57.5% | 57.5% | 57.3% | LF Participation Rate | 56.7% | 56.9% | 56.5% |

**Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2021 - January 2024

1,360,000

1,340,000

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23 Jan '24

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1345.8 | 1363.5 | 1335.1 | -17.7 | 10.7 |
| Goods Producing | 231.9 | 231.7 | 227.9 | 0.2 | 4.0 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 71.7 | 71.1 | 64.7 | 0.6 | 7.0 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.1** | **5.2** | **5.2** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Construction** | **66.6** | **65.9** | **59.5** | **0.7** | **7.1** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 42.1 | 41.8 | 37.3 | 0.3 | 4.8 |
| **Manufacturing** | **160.2** | **160.6** | **163.2** | **-0.4** | **-3.0** |
| Durable Goods | 76.8 | 77.2 | 79.6 | -0.4 | -2.8 |
| Nondurable Goods | 83.4 | 83.4 | 83.6 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Service Providing | 1113.9 | 1131.8 | 1107.2 | -17.9 | 6.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **269.0** | **273.2** | **266.2** | **-4.2** | **2.8** |
| Wholesale Trade | 52.2 | 52.3 | 52.0 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 144.8 | 147.2 | 141.4 | -2.4 | 3.4 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 72.0 | 73.7 | 72.8 | -1.7 | -0.8 |
| **Information** | **12.8** | **12.8** | **13.0** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities** | **70.3** | **71.3** | **70.1** | **-1.0** | **0.2** |
| Finance & Insurance | 55.4 | 55.9 | 55.2 | -0.5 | 0.2 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 14.9 | 15.4 | 14.9 | -0.5 | 0.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **152.4** | **156.2** | **155.5** | **-3.8** | **-3.1** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 50.5 | 50.6 | 49.9 | -0.1 | 0.6 |
| Management of Companies | 37.6 | 37.7 | 37.1 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 64.3 | 67.9 | 68.5 | -3.6 | -4.2 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **209.8** | **212.5** | **204.3** | **-2.7** | **5.5** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 18.9 | 19.4 | 18.5 | -0.5 | 0.4 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 190.9 | 193.1 | 185.8 | -2.2 | 5.1 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 65.7 | 67.1 | 64.3 | -1.4 | 1.4 |
| Social Assistance | 39.6 | 39.1 | 38.4 | 0.5 | 1.2 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **120.3** | **122.4** | **121.5** | **-2.1** | **-1.2** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 12.3 | 12.4 | 11.8 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 108.0 | 110.0 | 109.7 | -2.0 | -1.7 |
| Accommodation Services | 10.6 | 10.9 | 11.0 | -0.3 | -0.4 |
| Food Services | 97.4 | 99.1 | 98.7 | -1.7 | -1.3 |
| **Other Services** | **66.9** | **67.9** | **67.1** | **-1.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Government** | **212.4** | **215.5** | **209.5** | **-3.1** | **2.9** |
| Federal Government | 21.8 | 22.0 | 20.7 | -0.2 | 1.1 |
| State Government | 75.7 | 77.6 | 75.7 | -1.9 | 0.0 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 29.6 | 31.5 | 29.5 | -1.9 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.1 | 46.1 | 46.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Local Government | 114.9 | 115.9 | 113.1 | -1.0 | 1.8 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 70.9 | 71.4 | 69.9 | -0.5 | 1.0 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 44.0 | 44.5 | 43.2 | -0.5 | 0.8 |

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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

December 2023 - January 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Construction

700

Information

0

Mining & Logging

Manufacturing

-100

-400

Financial Activities

Other Services

-1,000

-1,000

Leisure & Hospitality

Private Ed & Health

Government

-2,100

-2,700

-3,100

Professional & Business -3,800

Trade-Transport-Utilities -4,200

-5,000 -4,000 -3,000 -2,000 -1,000

0

1,000

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

January 2023 - January 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Construction

7,100

Private Ed & Health 5,500

Government

Trade-Transport-Utilities

2,900

2,800

Financial Activities 200

Mining & Logging

Other Services Information

-100

-200

-200

Leisure & Hospitality -1,200

Manufacturing -3,000 Professional & Business -3,100

-5,000 -3,000 -1,000 1,000 3,000 5,000 7,000 9,000

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**Jan 24**

Average Weekly Hours 37.5

Average Hourly Earnings $22.12

Average Weekly Earnings $829.50

**Dec 23**

38.9

$21.98

$855.02

**Jan 23**

37.9

$20.98

$795.14

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

**Jan 24**

40.3

**Dec 23**

42.7

$24.15

$968.41 $1,031.21

$24.03

**Jan 23**

41.3

$23.67

$977.57

**Jan 24**

Average Weekly Hours 34.9

Average Hourly Earnings $19.71

Average Weekly Earnings $687.88

**Dec 23**

35.3

$18.66

$658.70

**Jan 23**

34.9

$18.10

$631.69

**Average Weekly Hours Worked - Durable vs Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

January 2021 - January 2024

46.0

44.0

42.0

40.0

38.0

36.0

34.0

32.0

30.0

Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23 Jan '24 Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

## **Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

The Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA = Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, & Saline counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 366,079 | 367,594 | 358,195 | -1,515 | 7,884 |
| **Employment** | 352,952 | 355,847 | 347,029 | -2,895 | 5,923 |
| **Unemployment** | 13,127 | 11,747 | 11,166 | 1,380 | 1,961 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6% | 3.2% | 3.1% | 0.4% | 0.5% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 390.6 | 395.5 | 384.1 | -4.9 | 6.5 |
| **Goods Producing** 41.9 | 41.9 | 39.8 | 0.0 | 2.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 21.6** | **21.6** | **19.8** | **0.0** | **1.8** |
| **Manufacturing 20.3** | **20.3** | **20.0** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Service Providing** 348.7 | 353.6 | 344.3 | -4.9 | 4.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 78.3** | **80.0** | **77.7** | **-1.7** | **0.6** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 17.8 | 17.7 | 17.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Retail Trade** 39.1 | 39.9 | 38.5 | -0.8 | 0.6 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.4 | 22.4 | 21.4 | -1.0 | 0.0 |
| **Information 5.4** | **5.4** | **5.8** | **0.0** | **-0.4** |
| **Financial Activities 27.9** | **28.2** | **28.0** | **-0.3** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 48.5** | **49.1** | **48.7** | **-0.6** | **-0.2** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 65.0** | **66.1** | **62.6** | **-1.1** | **2.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 33.0** | **33.2** | **33.4** | **-0.2** | **-0.4** |
| **Other Services 19.4** | **19.7** | **19.2** | **-0.3** | **0.2** |
| **Government 71.2** | **71.9** | **68.9** | **-0.7** | **2.3** |
| **Federal Government** 10.7 | 10.8 | 10.0 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| **State Government** 33.7 | 34.1 | 33.6 | -0.4 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** 26.8 | 27.0 | 25.3 | -0.2 | 1.5 |

360,000

**Employment**

January: 2014 - 2024

360,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2021 - January 2024

350,000

350,000

340,000

340,000

330,000

330,000

320,000

320,000

310,000

300,000

310,000

290,000

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

300,000

Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23 Jan '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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 307,681 | 310,887 | 301,142 | -3,206 | 6,539 |
| **Employment** | 298,907 | 303,205 | 293,700 | -4,298 | 5,207 |
| **Unemployment** | 8,774 | 7,682 | 7,442 | 1,092 | 1,332 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.9% | 2.5% | 2.5% | 0.4% | 0.4% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 304.5 | 311.0 | 299.2 | -6.5 | 5.3 |
| **Goods Producing** 47.8 | 47.9 | 46.0 | -0.1 | 1.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.1** | **17.2** | **15.6** | **-0.1** | **1.5** |
| **Manufacturing 30.7** | **30.7** | **30.4** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Service Providing** 256.7 | 263.1 | 253.2 | -6.4 | 3.5 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 62.9** | **64.8** | **62.5** | **-1.9** | **0.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 14.1 | 14.2 | 13.9 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 29.8 | 30.8 | 28.6 | -1.0 | 1.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 19.0 | 19.8 | 20.0 | -0.8 | -1.0 |
| **Information 2.3** | **2.3** | **2.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 12.5** | **12.6** | **12.4** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 57.9** | **58.6** | **58.6** | **-0.7** | **-0.7** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 36.4** | **36.6** | **34.7** | **-0.2** | **1.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 29.1** | **30.3** | **29.1** | **-1.2** | **0.0** |
| **Other Services 13.5** | **13.8** | **13.6** | **-0.3** | **-0.1** |
| **Government 42.1** | **44.1** | **39.9** | **-2.0** | **2.2** |
| **Federal Government** 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **State Government** 18.5 | 20.3 | 17.2 | -1.8 | 1.3 |
| **Local Government** 20.3 | 20.5 | 19.7 | -0.2 | 0.6 |

**Job Change by Industry Sector**

January 2023 vs January 2024

Government

2,200

1,700

1,500

400

300

100

0

-100

-100

Private Ed & Health

Mining-Logging-Construct

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Manufacturing

Financial Activities

Leisure & Hospitality

Other Services

Information

Professional & Business

-700

-1,000 -500 0 500 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Fort Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA = Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 119,751 | 120,625 | 116,624 | -874 | 3,127 |
| **Employment** | 114,703 | 116,079 | 112,651 | -1,376 | 2,052 |
| **Unemployment** | 5,048 | 4,546 | 3,973 | 502 | 1,075 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.2% | 3.8% | 3.4% | 0.4% | 0.8% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 116.1 | 118.2 | 114.2 | -2.1 | 1.9 |
| **Goods Producing** 25.1 | 25.2 | 24.1 | -0.1 | 1.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 6.0** | **6.0** | **5.4** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Manufacturing 19.1** | **19.2** | **18.7** | **-0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Service Providing** 91.0 | 93.0 | 90.1 | -2.0 | 0.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.3** | **24.8** | **24.1** | **-0.5** | **0.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 13.2 | 13.5 | 12.8 | -0.3 | 0.4 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.5 | 6.7 | 6.8 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Information 1.4** | **1.4** | **1.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 4.8** | **4.9** | **4.9** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.6** | **12.1** | **11.6** | **-0.5** | **0.0** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 18.9** | **19.0** | **18.0** | **-0.1** | **0.9** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.6** | **9.8** | **9.7** | **-0.2** | **-0.1** |
| **Other Services 3.9** | **4.0** | **3.8** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Government 16.5** | **17.0** | **16.6** | **-0.5** | **-0.1** |
| **Federal Government** 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.0 | -0.4 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 13.2 | 13.3 | 13.3 | -0.1 | -0.1 |

7,000

**Unemployment**

January 2021 - January 2024

20,000

**Jobs in Private Education & Health Services**

January: 2004 - 2024

6,000

18,000

5,000

4,000

16,000

3,000

14,000

2,000

12,000

1,000

0

Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23 Jan '24

10,000

'04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18 '20 '22 '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,037 | 41,192 | 40,830 | -155 | 207 |
| **Employment** | 39,269 | 39,637 | 39,216 | -368 | 53 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,768 | 1,555 | 1,614 | 213 | 154 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3% | 3.8% | 4.0% | 0.5% | 0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 40.7 | 41.4 | 40.7 | -0.7 | 0.0 |
| 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 36.4 | 37.1 | 36.3 | -0.7 | 0.1 |
| 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.4 | -0.1 | 0.1 |

8.0%

**Unemployment Rates**

January: 2014 - 2024

7.0%

6.0%

5.0%

4.0%

3.0%

2.0%

1.0%

0.0%

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

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,626 | 66,809 | 66,042 | -183 | 584 |
| **Employment** | 64,355 | 64,828 | 64,062 | -473 | 293 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,271 | 1,981 | 1,980 | 290 | 291 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.4% | 3.0% | 3.0% | 0.4% | 0.4% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 63.7 | 64.8 | 63.5 | -1.1 | 0.2 |
| 11.2 | 11.3 | 11.9 | -0.1 | -0.7 |
| 52.5 | 53.5 | 51.6 | -1.0 | 0.9 |
| 9.0 | 9.2 | 8.8 | -0.2 | 0.2 |

66,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2021 - January 2024

65,000

64,000

63,000

62,000

61,000

60,000

59,000

58,000

Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23 Jan '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 31,508 | 31,529 | 31,699 | -21 | -191 |
| **Employment** | 29,908 | 30,073 | 30,180 | -165 | -272 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,600 | 1,456 | 1,519 | 144 | 81 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.1% | 4.6% | 4.8% | 0.5% | 0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.1 | 31.6 | 31.5 | -0.5 | -0.4 |
| 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 25.7 | 26.3 | 26.1 | -0.6 | -0.4 |
| 8.4 | 8.6 | 8.8 | -0.2 | -0.4 |

40,000

35,000

**Composition of the Civilian Labor Force**

January: 2014 - 2024

Civilian Labor Force = Employment + Unemployment

30,000

25,000

20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

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

 Unemployment  Employment

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Out-of-State MSA

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted) Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

The Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA = Fayette, Shelby, & Tipton counties in Tennessee; Benton, Desoto, Marshall, Tate, & Tunica counties in Mississippi; & Crittenden County in Arkansas.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 614,485 | 616,903 | 621,329 | -2,418 | -6,844 |
| **Employment** | 588,013 | 593,938 | 595,243 | -5,925 | -7,230 |
| **Unemployment** | 26,472 | 22,965 | 26,086 | 3,507 | 386 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3% | 3.7% | 4.2% | 0.6% | 0.1% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 24** | **Dec 23** | **Jan 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 62,050 | 61,858 | 61,657 | 192 | 393 |
| **Employment** | 59,386 | 59,630 | 58,904 | -244 | 482 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,664 | 2,228 | 2,753 | 436 | -89 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3% | 3.6% | 4.5% | 0.7% | -0.2% |

60,000

**Memphis MSA - Unemployment**

January 2021 - January 2024

62,000

**Texarkana MSA - Employment**

January: 2014 - 2024

50,000

61,000

60,000

40,000

59,000

30,000

58,000

20,000

57,000

10,000

56,000

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Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23 Jan '24

55,000

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

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not Seasonally Adjusted  **January 2024 December 2023 January 2023 Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,246 | 7,807 | 439 | 5.3 | 8,433 | 8,053 | 380 | 4.5 | 8,231 | 7,806 | 425 | 5.2 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,650 | 16,052 | 598 | 3.6 | 16,603 | 16,098 | 505 | 3.0 | 16,576 | 16,021 | 555 | 3.3 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,731 | 15,830 | 901 | 5.4 | 16,775 | 15,935 | 840 | 5.0 | 16,088 | 15,286 | 802 | 5.0 |
| Camden Micro | 11,954 | 11,433 | 521 | 4.4 | 11,945 | 11,458 | 487 | 4.1 | 11,806 | 11,340 | 466 | 3.9 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,635 | 13,820 | 815 | 5.6 | 14,642 | 13,895 | 747 | 5.1 | 14,582 | 13,874 | 708 | 4.9 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,319 | 6,899 | 420 | 5.7 | 7,310 | 6,915 | 395 | 5.4 | 7,312 | 6,932 | 380 | 5.2 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,961 | 18,176 | 785 | 4.1 | 18,967 | 18,289 | 678 | 3.6 | 18,622 | 17,994 | 628 | 3.4 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,067 | 4,710 | 357 | 7.0 | 5,009 | 4,675 | 334 | 6.7 | 5,224 | 4,814 | 410 | 7.8 |
| Hope Micro | 12,190 | 11,705 | 485 | 4.0 | 12,104 | 11,659 | 445 | 3.7 | 12,464 | 12,043 | 421 | 3.4 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,764 | 8,371 | 393 | 4.5 | 8,815 | 8,460 | 355 | 4.0 | 8,688 | 8,274 | 414 | 4.8 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,465 | 12,869 | 596 | 4.4 | 13,592 | 13,061 | 531 | 3.9 | 13,467 | 12,968 | 499 | 3.7 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,640 | 15,858 | 782 | 4.7 | 16,607 | 15,898 | 709 | 4.3 | 16,472 | 15,853 | 619 | 3.8 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,488 | 18,674 | 814 | 4.2 | 19,363 | 18,589 | 774 | 4.0 | 19,391 | 18,689 | 702 | 3.6 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,984 | 34,302 | 1,682 | 4.7 | 36,230 | 34,763 | 1,467 | 4.0 | 36,010 | 34,574 | 1,436 | 4.0 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,557 | 32,193 | 1,364 | 4.1 | 33,685 | 32,467 | 1,218 | 3.6 | 33,501 | 32,258 | 1,243 | 3.7 |

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County Batesville Micro = Independence County Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

### City Labor Force Statistics

**City**

**CLF**

**January 2024**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**December 2023**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**January 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 | 13,250 | 12,759 | 491 | 3.7 | 13,392 | 12,950 | 442 | 3.3 | 12,943 | 12,533 | 410 | 3.2 |
| Benton | 18,210 | 17,638 | 572 | 3.1 | 18,290 | 17,794 | 496 | 2.7 | 17,816 | 17,341 | 475 | 2.7 |
| Bentonville | 32,038 | 31,203 | 835 | 2.6 | 32,418 | 31,670 | 748 | 2.3 | 31,357 | 30,650 | 707 | 2.3 |
| Blytheville | 5,623 | 5,299 | 324 | 5.8 | 5,625 | 5,334 | 291 | 5.2 | 5,412 | 5,117 | 295 | 5.5 |
| Cabot | 12,193 | 11,842 | 351 | 2.9 | 12,223 | 11,896 | 327 | 2.7 | 11,968 | 11,649 | 319 | 2.7 |
| Conway | 35,341 | 34,179 | 1,162 | 3.3 | 35,477 | 34,441 | 1,036 | 2.9 | 34,659 | 33,610 | 1,049 | 3.0 |
| El Dorado | 6,359 | 5,947 | 412 | 6.5 | 6,358 | 5,979 | 379 | 6.0 | 6,281 | 5,970 | 311 | 5.0 |
| Fayetteville | 52,288 | 50,882 | 1,406 | 2.7 | 52,872 | 51,633 | 1,239 | 2.3 | 51,277 | 49,988 | 1,289 | 2.5 |
| Fort Smith | 38,644 | 37,088 | 1,556 | 4.0 | 39,016 | 37,570 | 1,446 | 3.7 | 37,700 | 36,497 | 1,203 | 3.2 |
| Hot Springs | 15,236 | 14,532 | 704 | 4.6 | 15,322 | 14,668 | 654 | 4.3 | 15,126 | 14,512 | 614 | 4.1 |
| Jacksonville | 11,913 | 11,380 | 533 | 4.5 | 11,964 | 11,484 | 480 | 4.0 | 11,667 | 11,188 | 479 | 4.1 |
| Jonesboro | 40,167 | 38,830 | 1,337 | 3.3 | 40,376 | 39,165 | 1,211 | 3.0 | 39,808 | 38,650 | 1,158 | 2.9 |
| Little Rock | 99,341 | 95,514 | 3,827 | 3.9 | 99,863 | 96,382 | 3,481 | 3.5 | 97,155 | 93,898 | 3,257 | 3.4 |
| North Little Rock | 30,649 | 29,371 | 1,278 | 4.2 | 30,810 | 29,638 | 1,172 | 3.8 | 29,903 | 28,874 | 1,029 | 3.4 |
| Paragould | 12,393 | 11,868 | 525 | 4.2 | 12,319 | 11,814 | 505 | 4.1 | 12,339 | 11,878 | 461 | 3.7 |
| Pine Bluff | 14,772 | 13,928 | 844 | 5.7 | 14,854 | 14,041 | 813 | 5.5 | 14,899 | 14,054 | 845 | 5.7 |
| Rogers | 39,328 | 38,280 | 1,048 | 2.7 | 39,739 | 38,853 | 886 | 2.2 | 38,504 | 37,602 | 902 | 2.3 |
| Russellville | 12,919 | 12,386 | 533 | 4.1 | 13,071 | 12,583 | 488 | 3.7 | 12,985 | 12,485 | 500 | 3.9 |
| Searcy | 10,087 | 9,722 | 365 | 3.6 | 10,154 | 9,804 | 350 | 3.4 | 10,069 | 9,741 | 328 | 3.3 |
| Sherwood | 16,635 | 16,029 | 606 | 3.6 | 16,702 | 16,175 | 527 | 3.2 | 16,238 | 15,758 | 480 | 3.0 |
| Springdale | 41,706 | 40,635 | 1,071 | 2.6 | 42,180 | 41,235 | 945 | 2.2 | 40,893 | 39,920 | 973 | 2.4 |
| Texarkana, AR | 12,662 | 12,104 | 558 | 4.4 | 12,642 | 12,185 | 457 | 3.6 | 12,482 | 11,994 | 488 | 3.9 |
| Van Buren | 10,290 | 9,895 | 395 | 3.8 | 10,334 | 10,004 | 330 | 3.2 | 10,046 | 9,739 | 307 | 3.1 |
| West Memphis | 9,721 | 9,233 | 488 | 5.0 | 9,797 | 9,358 | 439 | 4.5 | 9,891 | 9,387 | 504 | 5.1 |

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **January 2024** | |  |  | **December 2023** | |  |  | **January 2023** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 8,940 | 8,640 | 300 | 3.4 | 8,939 | 8,687 | 252 | 2.8 | 8,872 | 8,600 | 272 | 3.1 |
| Ashley | 6,317 | 5,897 | 420 | 6.6 | 6,255 | 5,886 | 369 | 5.9 | 6,322 | 5,921 | 401 | 6.3 |
| Baxter | 16,640 | 15,858 | 782 | 4.7 | 16,607 | 15,898 | 709 | 4.3 | 16,472 | 15,853 | 619 | 3.8 |
| Benton | 153,316 | 148,865 | 4,451 | 2.9 | 155,008 | 151,095 | 3,913 | 2.5 | 149,993 | 146,229 | 3,764 | 2.5 |
| Boone | 15,780 | 15,152 | 628 | 4.0 | 15,822 | 15,268 | 554 | 3.5 | 15,516 | 14,997 | 519 | 3.3 |
| Bradley | 4,005 | 3,806 | 199 | 5.0 | 3,953 | 3,769 | 184 | 4.7 | 3,958 | 3,728 | 230 | 5.8 |
| Calhoun | 2,333 | 2,246 | 87 | 3.7 | 2,314 | 2,232 | 82 | 3.5 | 2,305 | 2,228 | 77 | 3.3 |
| Carroll | 11,796 | 11,279 | 517 | 4.4 | 11,883 | 11,477 | 406 | 3.4 | 11,825 | 11,394 | 431 | 3.6 |
| Chicot | 2,791 | 2,583 | 208 | 7.5 | 2,710 | 2,543 | 167 | 6.2 | 2,793 | 2,616 | 177 | 6.3 |
| Clark | 8,246 | 7,807 | 439 | 5.3 | 8,433 | 8,053 | 380 | 4.5 | 8,231 | 7,806 | 425 | 5.2 |
| Clay | 5,265 | 4,942 | 323 | 6.1 | 5,187 | 4,909 | 278 | 5.4 | 5,260 | 4,995 | 265 | 5.0 |
| Cleburne | 8,823 | 8,394 | 429 | 4.9 | 8,861 | 8,467 | 394 | 4.4 | 8,749 | 8,354 | 395 | 4.5 |
| Cleveland | 2,981 | 2,857 | 124 | 4.2 | 2,960 | 2,849 | 111 | 3.8 | 2,999 | 2,884 | 115 | 3.8 |
| Columbia | 8,764 | 8,371 | 393 | 4.5 | 8,815 | 8,460 | 355 | 4.0 | 8,688 | 8,274 | 414 | 4.8 |
| Conway | 8,225 | 7,863 | 362 | 4.4 | 8,242 | 7,913 | 329 | 4.0 | 8,183 | 7,852 | 331 | 4.0 |
| Craighead | 56,816 | 54,985 | 1,831 | 3.2 | 57,076 | 55,459 | 1,617 | 2.8 | 56,347 | 54,730 | 1,617 | 2.9 |
| Crawford | 26,402 | 25,324 | 1,078 | 4.1 | 26,534 | 25,603 | 931 | 3.5 | 25,756 | 24,924 | 832 | 3.2 |
| Crittenden | 19,860 | 18,921 | 939 | 4.7 | 20,041 | 19,176 | 865 | 4.3 | 20,101 | 19,236 | 865 | 4.3 |
| Cross | 6,690 | 6,395 | 295 | 4.4 | 6,591 | 6,347 | 244 | 3.7 | 6,634 | 6,372 | 262 | 3.9 |
| Dallas | 2,624 | 2,500 | 124 | 4.7 | 2,603 | 2,489 | 114 | 4.4 | 2,611 | 2,491 | 120 | 4.6 |
| Desha | 4,854 | 4,558 | 296 | 6.1 | 4,813 | 4,563 | 250 | 5.2 | 4,746 | 4,496 | 250 | 5.3 |
| Drew | 7,252 | 6,877 | 375 | 5.2 | 7,107 | 6,792 | 315 | 4.4 | 7,361 | 7,018 | 343 | 4.7 |
| Faulkner | 64,228 | 62,082 | 2,146 | 3.3 | 64,439 | 62,558 | 1,881 | 2.9 | 62,976 | 61,049 | 1,927 | 3.1 |
| Franklin | 7,390 | 7,110 | 280 | 3.8 | 7,336 | 7,086 | 250 | 3.4 | 7,239 | 6,998 | 241 | 3.3 |
| Fulton | 4,513 | 4,302 | 211 | 4.7 | 4,456 | 4,272 | 184 | 4.1 | 4,512 | 4,329 | 183 | 4.1 |
| Garland | 41,037 | 39,269 | 1,768 | 4.3 | 41,192 | 39,637 | 1,555 | 3.8 | 40,830 | 39,216 | 1,614 | 4.0 |
| Grant | 8,556 | 8,275 | 281 | 3.3 | 8,568 | 8,319 | 249 | 2.9 | 8,382 | 8,135 | 247 | 2.9 |
| Greene | 19,488 | 18,674 | 814 | 4.2 | 19,363 | 18,589 | 774 | 4.0 | 19,391 | 18,689 | 702 | 3.6 |
| Hempstead | 8,897 | 8,559 | 338 | 3.8 | 8,830 | 8,515 | 315 | 3.6 | 9,105 | 8,805 | 300 | 3.3 |
| Hot Spring | 13,465 | 12,869 | 596 | 4.4 | 13,592 | 13,061 | 531 | 3.9 | 13,467 | 12,968 | 499 | 3.7 |
| Howard | 5,133 | 4,937 | 196 | 3.8 | 5,084 | 4,903 | 181 | 3.6 | 5,080 | 4,901 | 179 | 3.5 |
| Independence | 16,650 | 16,052 | 598 | 3.6 | 16,603 | 16,098 | 505 | 3.0 | 16,576 | 16,021 | 555 | 3.3 |
| Izard | 4,356 | 4,103 | 253 | 5.8 | 4,413 | 4,169 | 244 | 5.5 | 4,391 | 4,143 | 248 | 5.6 |
| Jackson | 5,273 | 4,950 | 323 | 6.1 | 5,199 | 4,907 | 292 | 5.6 | 5,211 | 4,892 | 319 | 6.1 |
| Jefferson | 24,955 | 23,653 | 1,302 | 5.2 | 25,037 | 23,846 | 1,191 | 4.8 | 25,119 | 23,868 | 1,251 | 5.0 |
| Johnson | 9,753 | 9,169 | 584 | 6.0 | 9,689 | 9,164 | 525 | 5.4 | 9,843 | 9,422 | 421 | 4.3 |
| Lafayette | 2,133 | 2,014 | 119 | 5.6 | 2,111 | 2,000 | 111 | 5.3 | 2,205 | 2,093 | 112 | 5.1 |
| Lawrence | 6,739 | 6,449 | 290 | 4.3 | 6,621 | 6,372 | 249 | 3.8 | 6,698 | 6,467 | 231 | 3.4 |
| Lee | 2,483 | 2,336 | 147 | 5.9 | 2,413 | 2,282 | 131 | 5.4 | 2,499 | 2,354 | 145 | 5.8 |
| Lincoln | 3,572 | 3,398 | 174 | 4.9 | 3,532 | 3,378 | 154 | 4.4 | 3,581 | 3,428 | 153 | 4.3 |
| Little River | 5,155 | 4,912 | 243 | 4.7 | 5,159 | 4,954 | 205 | 4.0 | 5,062 | 4,865 | 197 | 3.9 |
| Logan | 8,123 | 7,740 | 383 | 4.7 | 8,120 | 7,768 | 352 | 4.3 | 8,061 | 7,730 | 331 | 4.1 |
| Lonoke | 34,693 | 33,571 | 1,122 | 3.2 | 34,717 | 33,724 | 993 | 2.9 | 33,981 | 33,023 | 958 | 2.8 |
| Madison | 7,757 | 7,511 | 246 | 3.2 | 7,731 | 7,518 | 213 | 2.8 | 7,592 | 7,394 | 198 | 2.6 |
| Marion | 5,882 | 5,547 | 335 | 5.7 | 5,854 | 5,571 | 283 | 4.8 | 6,127 | 5,850 | 277 | 4.5 |
| Miller | 18,480 | 17,693 | 787 | 4.3 | 18,484 | 17,812 | 672 | 3.6 | 18,232 | 17,533 | 699 | 3.8 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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|  |  | **January 2024** | |  |  | **December 2023** | |  |  | **January 2023** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 16,731 | 15,830 | 901 | 5.4 | 16,775 | 15,935 | 840 | 5.0 | 16,088 | 15,286 | 802 | 5.0 |
| Monroe | 2,363 | 2,266 | 97 | 4.1 | 2,340 | 2,249 | 91 | 3.9 | 2,401 | 2,280 | 121 | 5.0 |
| Montgomery | 2,840 | 2,668 | 172 | 6.1 | 2,682 | 2,517 | 165 | 6.2 | 2,670 | 2,514 | 156 | 5.8 |
| Nevada | 3,293 | 3,146 | 147 | 4.5 | 3,274 | 3,144 | 130 | 4.0 | 3,359 | 3,238 | 121 | 3.6 |
| Newton | 3,181 | 3,024 | 157 | 4.9 | 3,145 | 3,021 | 124 | 3.9 | 3,106 | 2,997 | 109 | 3.5 |
| Ouachita | 9,621 | 9,187 | 434 | 4.5 | 9,631 | 9,226 | 405 | 4.2 | 9,501 | 9,112 | 389 | 4.1 |
| Perry | 4,288 | 4,099 | 189 | 4.4 | 4,290 | 4,108 | 182 | 4.2 | 4,197 | 4,035 | 162 | 3.9 |
| Phillips | 5,067 | 4,710 | 357 | 7.0 | 5,009 | 4,675 | 334 | 6.7 | 5,224 | 4,814 | 410 | 7.8 |
| Pike | 3,957 | 3,791 | 166 | 4.2 | 3,865 | 3,723 | 142 | 3.7 | 3,916 | 3,772 | 144 | 3.7 |
| Poinsett | 9,810 | 9,370 | 440 | 4.5 | 9,733 | 9,369 | 364 | 3.7 | 9,695 | 9,332 | 363 | 3.7 |
| Polk | 7,560 | 7,222 | 338 | 4.5 | 7,481 | 7,163 | 318 | 4.3 | 7,629 | 7,343 | 286 | 3.7 |
| Pope | 28,073 | 26,744 | 1,329 | 4.7 | 28,314 | 27,168 | 1,146 | 4.0 | 28,083 | 26,956 | 1,127 | 4.0 |
| Prairie | 3,447 | 3,310 | 137 | 4.0 | 3,433 | 3,309 | 124 | 3.6 | 3,425 | 3,310 | 115 | 3.4 |
| Pulaski | 193,154 | 185,703 | 7,451 | 3.9 | 194,122 | 187,390 | 6,732 | 3.5 | 188,776 | 182,562 | 6,214 | 3.3 |
| Randolph | 7,020 | 6,699 | 321 | 4.6 | 6,948 | 6,668 | 280 | 4.0 | 7,009 | 6,756 | 253 | 3.6 |
| St. Francis | 7,319 | 6,899 | 420 | 5.7 | 7,310 | 6,915 | 395 | 5.4 | 7,312 | 6,932 | 380 | 5.2 |
| Saline | 61,160 | 59,222 | 1,938 | 3.2 | 61,458 | 59,748 | 1,710 | 2.8 | 59,883 | 58,225 | 1,658 | 2.8 |
| Scott | 4,365 | 4,191 | 174 | 4.0 | 4,278 | 4,133 | 145 | 3.4 | 4,218 | 4,098 | 120 | 2.8 |
| Searcy | 2,793 | 2,646 | 147 | 5.3 | 2,779 | 2,651 | 128 | 4.6 | 2,681 | 2,530 | 151 | 5.6 |
| Sebastian | 55,692 | 53,427 | 2,265 | 4.1 | 56,227 | 54,122 | 2,105 | 3.7 | 54,288 | 52,576 | 1,712 | 3.2 |
| Sevier | 5,367 | 5,124 | 243 | 4.5 | 5,369 | 5,154 | 215 | 4.0 | 5,208 | 5,008 | 200 | 3.8 |
| Sharp | 5,947 | 5,667 | 280 | 4.7 | 5,868 | 5,632 | 236 | 4.0 | 5,911 | 5,645 | 266 | 4.5 |
| Stone | 4,461 | 4,203 | 258 | 5.8 | 4,392 | 4,179 | 213 | 4.8 | 4,352 | 4,140 | 212 | 4.9 |
| Union | 14,635 | 13,820 | 815 | 5.6 | 14,642 | 13,895 | 747 | 5.1 | 14,582 | 13,874 | 708 | 4.9 |
| Van Buren | 5,908 | 5,587 | 321 | 5.4 | 5,852 | 5,571 | 281 | 4.8 | 5,903 | 5,641 | 262 | 4.4 |
| Washington | 135,171 | 131,622 | 3,549 | 2.6 | 136,651 | 133,564 | 3,087 | 2.3 | 132,463 | 129,309 | 3,154 | 2.4 |
| White | 33,557 | 32,193 | 1,364 | 4.1 | 33,685 | 32,467 | 1,218 | 3.6 | 33,501 | 32,258 | 1,243 | 3.7 |
| Woodruff | 2,822 | 2,688 | 134 | 4.7 | 2,776 | 2,662 | 114 | 4.1 | 2,797 | 2,682 | 115 | 4.1 |
| Yell | 7,911 | 7,558 | 353 | 4.5 | 7,916 | 7,595 | 321 | 4.1 | 7,927 | 7,618 | 309 | 3.9 |

# County Labor Force Summary

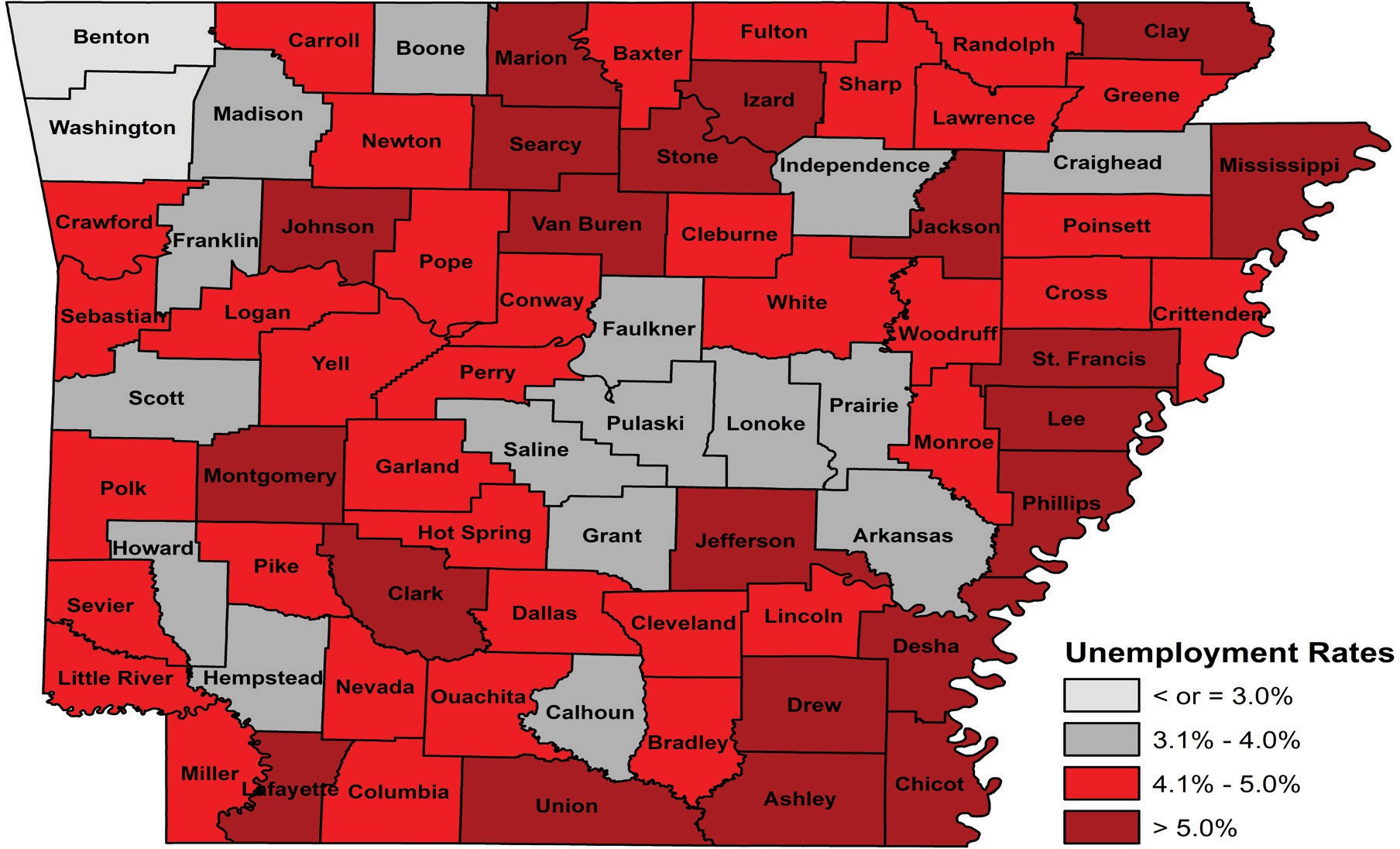
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Between December 2023 and January 2024, unemployment rates increased in 74 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Montgomery County posted a slight rate decline over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.6% in Washington County to a high of 7.5% in Chicot County.

In January, two counties in Arkansas reported an unemployment rate at or below three percent. That is down from 10 counties at or below 3% in December. Two counties-- Phillips and Chicot-- posted jobless rates at or above seven percent.

Compared to January 2023, jobless rates are up in 69 Arkansas counties. Five counties reported lower unemployment rates, while Jackson County remained stable. Jobless rate increases aver- aged five-tenths of a percentage point over-the-year.

**County Unemployment Rates**



# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

January 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 2.6

2 Benton 2.9

3 Craighead 3.2

3 Lonoke 3.2

3 Madison 3.2

3 Saline 3.2

7 Faulkner 3.3

7 Grant 3.3

9 Arkansas 3.4

10 Independence 3.6

11 Calhoun 3.7

12 Franklin 3.8

12 Hempstead 3.8

12 Howard 3.8

15 Pulaski 3.9

16 Boone 4.0

16 Prairie 4.0

16 Scott 4.0

19 Crawford 4.1

19 Monroe 4.1

19 Sebastian 4.1

19 White 4.1

23 Cleveland 4.2

23 Greene 4.2

23 Pike 4.2

**Rank County**

26 Garland

26 Lawrence

26 Miller

29 Carroll

29 Conway

29 Cross

29 Hot Spring

29 Perry

34 Columbia

34 Nevada

34 Ouachita

34 Poinsett

34 Polk

34 Sevier

34 Yell

41 Randolph

42 Baxter

42 Crittenden

42 Dallas

42 Fulton

42 Little River

42 Logan

42 Pope

42 Sharp

42 Woodruff

**Rate**

4.3

4.3

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4.4

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4.7

**Rank County**

51 Cleburne

51 Lincoln

51 Newton

54 Bradley

55 Drew

55 Jefferson

57 Clark

57 Searcy

59 Mississippi

59 Van Buren

61 Lafayette

61 Union

63 Marion

63 St. Francis

65 Izard

65 Stone

67 Lee

68 Johnson

69 Clay

69 Desha

69 Jackson

69 Montgomery

1. Ashley
2. Phillips
3. Chicot

**Rate**

4.9

4.9

4.9

5.0

5.2

5.2

5.3

5.3

5.4

5.4

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5.9

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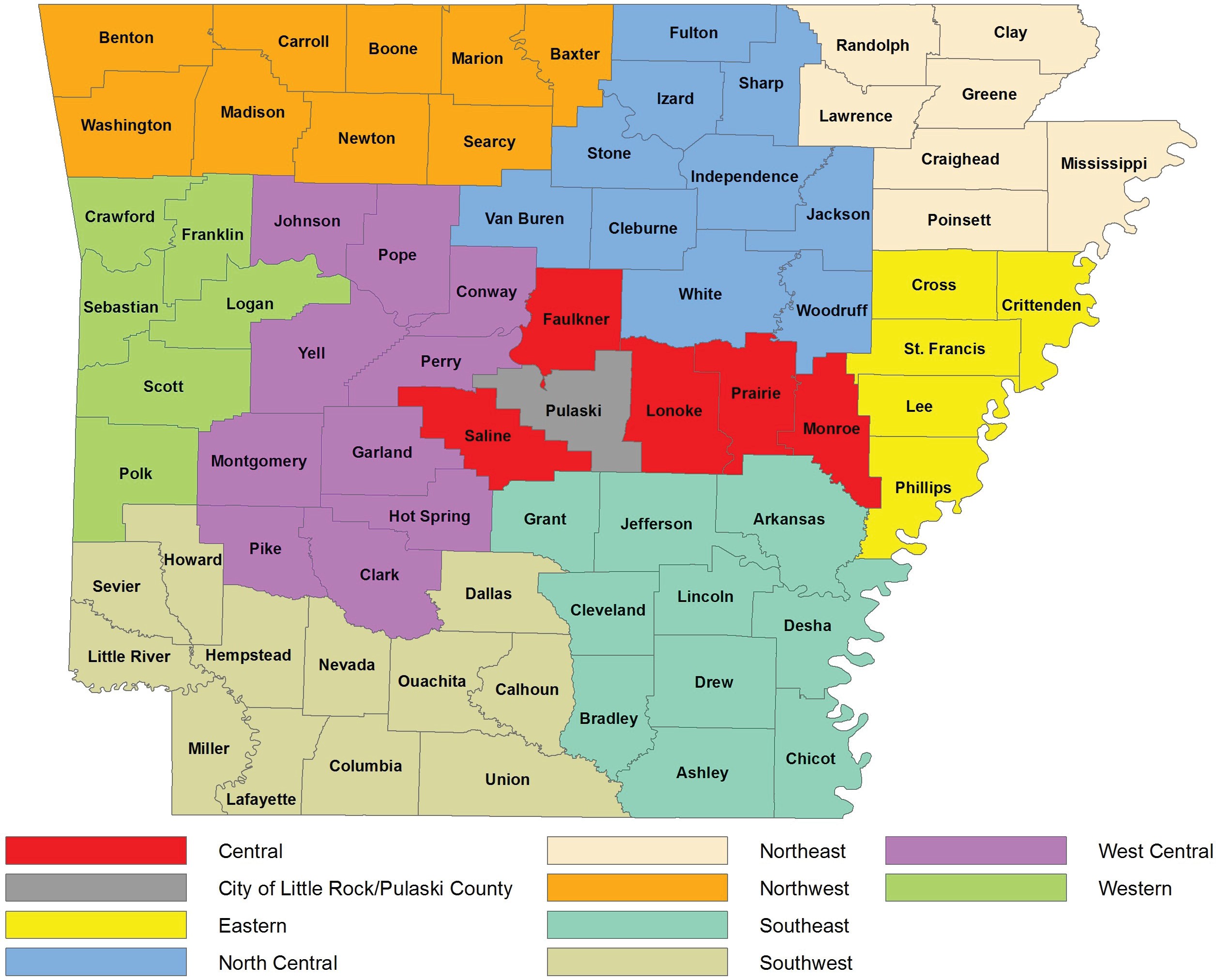
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## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**January 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**December 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**January 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 259,704 250,640

City of Little Rock 99,341 95,514

Eastern 41,419 39,261

North Central 92,310 88,139

Northeast 121,869 116,949

Northwest 352,316 341,504

Southeast 74,223 70,544

Southwest 86,435 82,509

West Central 127,795 121,837

Western 109,532 105,014

9,064

3,827

2,158

4,171

4,920

10,812

3,679

3,926

5,958

4,518

3.5

3.9

5.2

4.5

4.0

3.1

5.0

4.5

4.7

4.1

260,646 252,596

99,863 96,382

41,364

39,395

92,105 88,424

121,703 117,301

355,480 346,063

73,874 70,632

86,316 82,784

128,215 122,939

109,976 105,875

8,050 3.1

3,481 3.5

1,969 4.8

3,681 4.0

4,402 3.6

9,417 2.6

3,242 4.4

3,532 4.1

5,276 4.1

4,101 3.7

254,287 246,551 7,736 3.0

97,155 93,898 3,257 3.4

41,770 39,708 2,062 4.9

91,903 88,105 3,798 4.1

120,488 116,255 4,233 3.5

345,775 336,553 9,222 2.7

74,133 70,694 3,439 4.6

85,938 82,422 3,516 4.1

127,347 122,159 5,188 4.1

107,191 103,669 3,522 3.3