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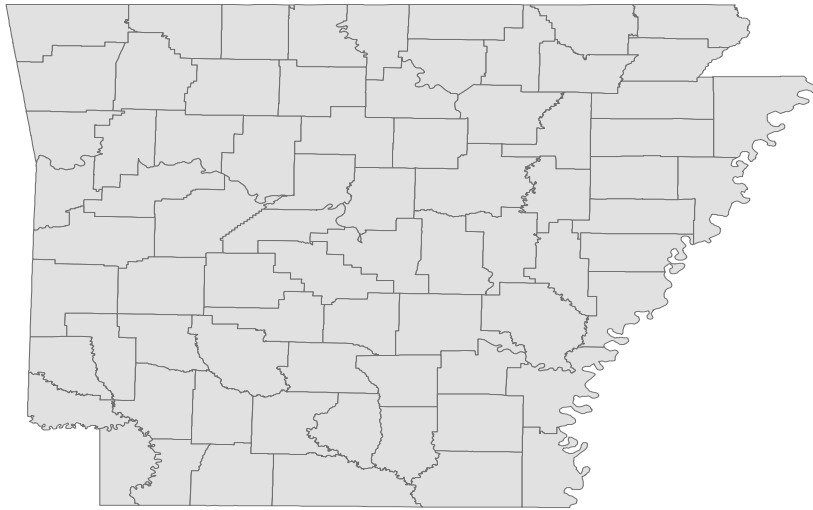
Labor Market Report

January 2016



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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 data are 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 2015 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 Area (MSA)

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 800 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.

January Spotlight

Changes Affecting Published Data

Arkansas Civilian Labor Force:

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Labor guidelines, Arkansas' Civilian Labor Force (CLF) estimates are undergoing annual processing. The purpose of annual processing is to incorporate more complete and accurate information into the estimation process. All levels of data are subject to revision, including the counties, cities, Metropolitan Statistical Areas, and Micropolitan Statistical Areas. Revised 2010-2015 CLF estimates for all sub-state areas were released to the public on April 15, 2016, at www.bls.gov. The sub-state estimates will also be updated on the Discover Arkansas website. Revised state-wide CLF estimates have already been updated and can be found at www.discover.arkansas.gov.

In addition to the typical data revisions, CLF data will now be published in an unrounded format beginning with the January 2016 estimates. This change will make Arkansas' CLF data more consistent with those published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which have historically been published in an unrounded format. Publishing unrounded estimates will also increase the accuracy of customized calculations performed by data users accessing the data on the Discover Arkansas website. All CLF data already published online will be updated to reflect this change. The unrounded estimates will be available at www.discover.arkansas.gov.

Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs:

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Labor guidelines, nonfarm payroll job estimation has also undergone an annual processing. State and MSA estimates for March 2014 through December 2015 were recently revised and are currently available on the Discover Arkansas website.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics added a new statewide Nonfarm Payroll summary cell titled Mining, Logging, and Construction, which is a sum of two major industry sectors-- **mining and logging** and **construction**. The cell is included starting with the January 2016 publication and has also been added to the series dating back to 1990.

Beginning with the publication of the January 2016 data, all nonfarm payroll jobs will be published in thousands. The publication in thousands will only impact the Press Release and the monthly Labor Market Report. All estimates published on the Discover Arkansas website will remain rounded to the hundreds.

State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped three-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.7 percent in December 2015 (revised down from 4.8 percent) to 4.4 percent in January 2016. Arkansas' civilian labor force rose 6,146, a result of 10,142 more employed and 3,996 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 5.0 percent in December 2015 to 4.9 percent in January 2016.

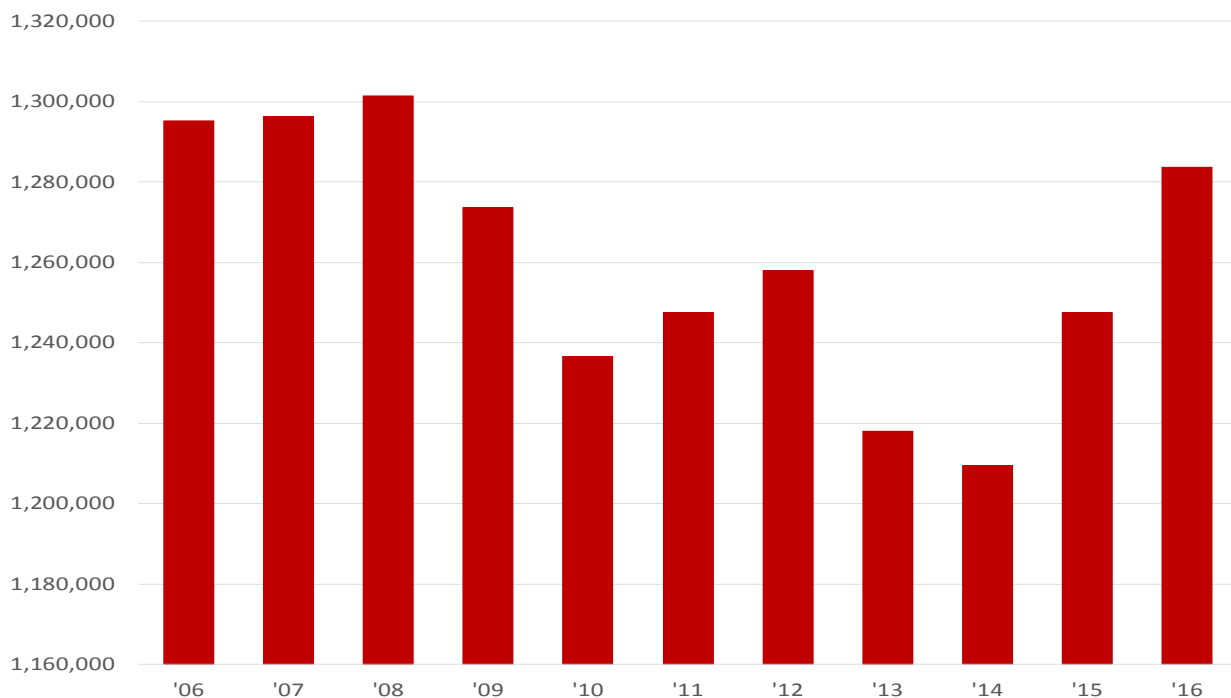
BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "The number of employed in Arkansas rose 10,142 in January, adding to the civilian labor force and contributing to a three-tenths of a percent point drop in the unemployment rate. There are currently 36,167 more employed Arkansans than in January 2015."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15		Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15
Civilian Labor Force	1,343,129	1,336,983	1,321,112	Civilian Labor Force	1,330,038	1,330,319	1,302,219
Employment	1,283,621	1,273,479	1,247,454	Employment	1,267,598	1,269,034	1,218,158
Unemployment	59,508	63,504	73,658	Unemployment	62,440	61,285	84,061
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.7	5.6	Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.6	6.5
U.S. Unemployment	4.9	5.0	5.7	U.S. Unemployment	5.3	4.8	6.1

Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)

January: 2006 - 2016



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jan 16</u>	<u>Dec 15</u>	<u>Jan 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1208.2	1232.7	1181.4	-24.5	26.8
Goods Producing	208.2	212.1	210.5	-3.9	-2.3
Mining, Logging, and Construction	53.8	57.0	54.6	-3.2	-0.8
Mining & Logging	7.0	7.5	8.7	-0.5	-1.7
Construction	46.8	49.5	45.9	-2.7	0.9
Specialty Trade Contractors	30.2	32.0	29.1	-1.8	1.1
Manufacturing	154.4	155.1	155.9	-0.7	-1.5
Durable Goods	75.1	74.6	77.2	0.5	-2.1
Nondurable Goods	79.3	80.5	78.7	-1.2	0.6
Service Providing	1000.0	1020.6	970.9	-20.6	29.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	254.3	262.4	245.8	-8.1	8.5
Wholesale Trade	47.2	48.1	46.4	-0.9	0.8
Retail Trade	142.5	146.7	136.6	-4.2	5.9
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	64.6	67.6	62.8	-3.0	1.8
Information	13.7	13.8	13.2	-0.1	0.5
Financial Activities	49.7	49.6	48.8	0.1	0.9
Finance & Insurance	36.6	36.4	35.9	0.2	0.7
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.1	13.2	12.9	-0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	138.6	140.7	131.9	-2.1	6.7
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.7	42.9	41.8	0.8	1.9
Management of Companies	34.1	35.0	32.4	-0.9	1.7
Administrative & Support Services	60.8	62.8	57.7	-2.0	3.1
Educational & Health Services	177.7	179.4	172.8	-1.7	4.9
Educational Services	14.6	15.3	14.1	-0.7	0.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	163.1	164.1	158.7	-1.0	4.4
Ambulatory Health Care	52.3	52.6	49.9	-0.3	2.4
Social Assistance	39.9	40.0	37.9	-0.1	2.0
Leisure & Hospitality	110.9	112.2	104.4	-1.3	6.5
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	9.5	9.2	9.1	0.3	0.4
Accommodation & Food Services	101.4	103.0	95.3	-1.6	6.1
Accommodation Services	10.5	10.9	10.2	-0.4	0.3
Food Services	90.9	92.1	85.1	-1.2	5.8
Other Services	43.8	45.0	42.8	-1.2	1.0
Government	211.3	217.5	211.2	-6.2	0.1
Federal Government	20.2	20.6	20.2	-0.4	0.0
State Government	75.5	79.8	74.9	-4.3	0.6
Local Government	115.6	117.1	116.1	-1.5	-0.5

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

December 2015 - January 2016

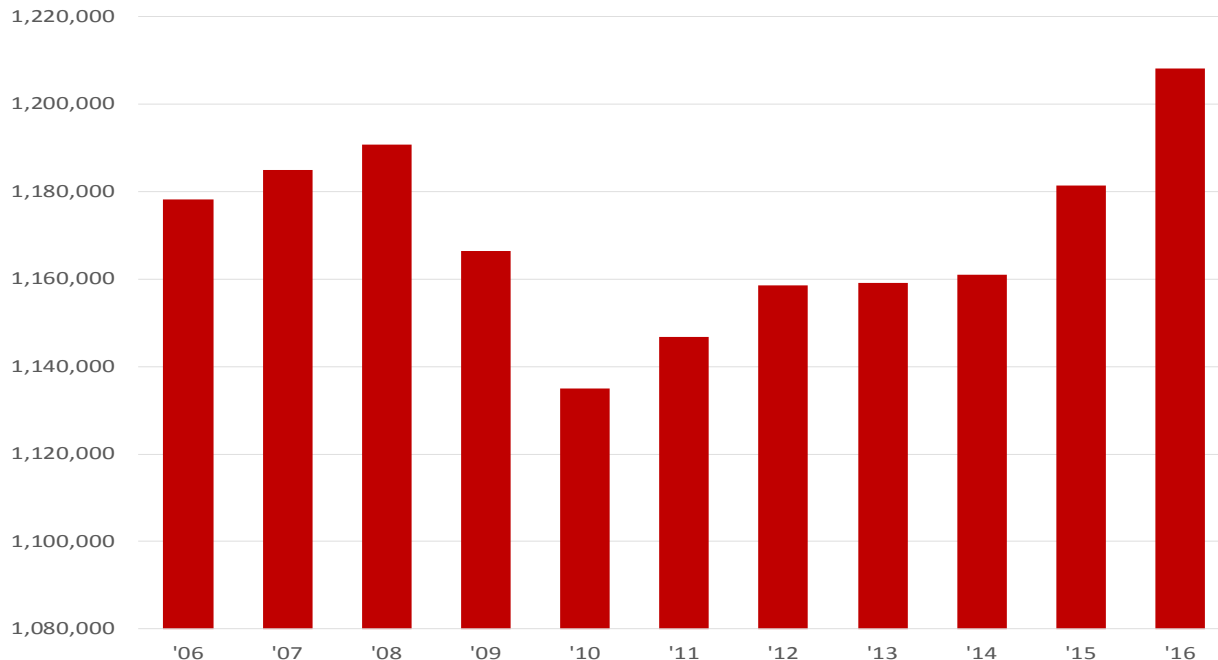
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas dropped 24,500 in January to total 1,208,200. Ten major industry sectors posted employment declines. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** decreased 8,100. Losses throughout all three subsectors were largely attributed to the end of the holiday shopping season. **Government** employment fell 6,200, mostly related to the winter break at public schools and universities. Jobs in **construction** dropped 2,700, due to both seasonal declines and the completion of large-scale projects. **Professional and business services** decreased 2,100. The largest loss occurred in administrative and support services (-2,000), which includes employment agencies.

January 2015 - January 2016

Since January 2015, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment rose 26,800. Growth was reported in nine major industry sectors, while two sectors declined slightly. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** posted the largest increase (+8,500). A majority of the expansion occurred in retail trade (+5,900). Employment in **professional and business services** rose 6,700, with gains reported in all three subsectors. **Leisure and hospitality** added 6,500 jobs, mostly in food services (+5,800). Employment in **educational and health services** increased 4,900. Most of the growth occurred in health care and social assistance (+4,400). **Mining and logging** posted the largest loss (-1,700), due to current economic conditions.

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

January: 2006 - 2016



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State of Arkansas

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

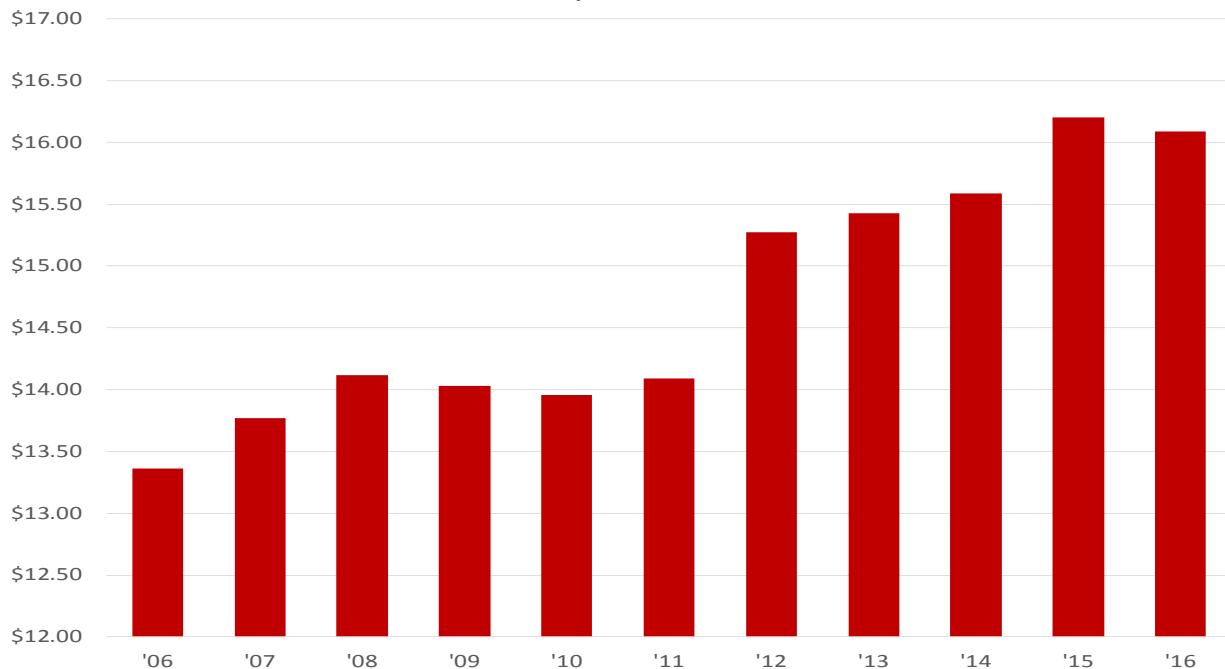
	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15
Average Weekly Hours	39.8	40.6	41.3
Average Hourly Earnings	\$16.09	\$16.47	\$16.20
Average Weekly Earnings	\$640.38	\$668.68	\$669.06

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15		Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15
Average Weekly Hours	40.1	41.0	40.8	Average Weekly Hours	39.5	40.3	41.7
Average Hourly Earnings	\$17.69	\$17.85	\$17.55	Average Hourly Earnings	\$14.55	\$15.15	\$14.94
Average Weekly Earnings	\$709.37	\$731.85	\$716.04	Average Weekly Earnings	\$574.73	\$610.55	\$623.00

Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing

January: 2006 - 2016



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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)

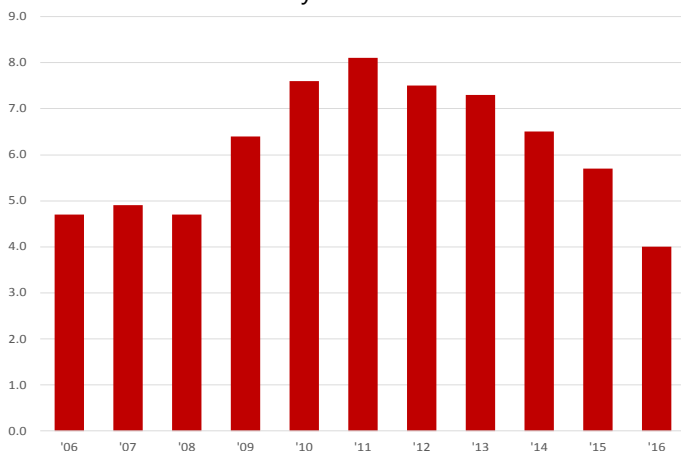
	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	346,430	345,303	337,832	1,127	8,598
Employment	332,447	331,332	318,635	1,115	13,812
Unemployment	13,983	13,971	19,197	12	-5,214
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.0	5.7	0.0	-1.7

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

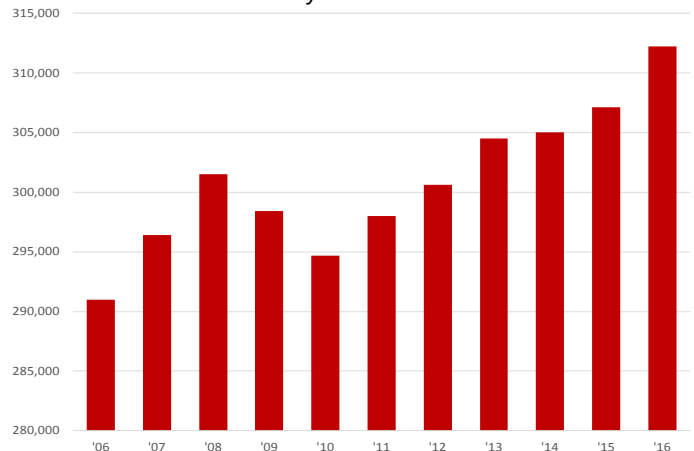
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	348.9	355.1	343.7	-6.2	5.2
Goods Producing	36.7	37.1	36.6	-0.4	0.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	16.3	16.6	16.4	-0.3	-0.1
Manufacturing	20.4	20.5	20.2	-0.1	0.2
Service Providing	312.2	318.0	307.1	-5.8	5.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	69.4	72.0	67.1	-2.6	2.3
Wholesale Trade	15.0	15.3	15.0	-0.3	0.0
Retail Trade	39.7	41.6	37.7	-1.9	2.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	14.7	15.1	14.4	-0.4	0.3
Information	6.3	6.4	6.2	-0.1	0.1
Financial Activities	20.6	20.8	20.3	-0.2	0.3
Professional & Business Services	45.6	46.3	45.0	-0.7	0.6
Educational & Health Services	51.8	52.7	51.9	-0.9	-0.1
Leisure & Hospitality	33.0	33.2	31.2	-0.2	1.8
Other Services	14.9	15.0	14.7	-0.1	0.2
Government	70.6	71.6	70.7	-1.0	-0.1
Federal Government	9.5	9.8	9.6	-0.3	-0.1
State Government	34.5	34.9	34.2	-0.4	0.3
Local Government	26.6	26.9	26.9	-0.3	-0.3

Unemployment Rates
January: 2006 - 2016



Jobs in Service Providing Industries
January: 2006 - 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA= Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas & McDonald county in Missouri.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	255,005	256,898	241,986	-1,893	13,019
Employment	246,697	248,805	230,541	-2,108	16,156
Unemployment	8,308	8,093	11,445	215	-3,137
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.2	4.7	0.1	-1.4

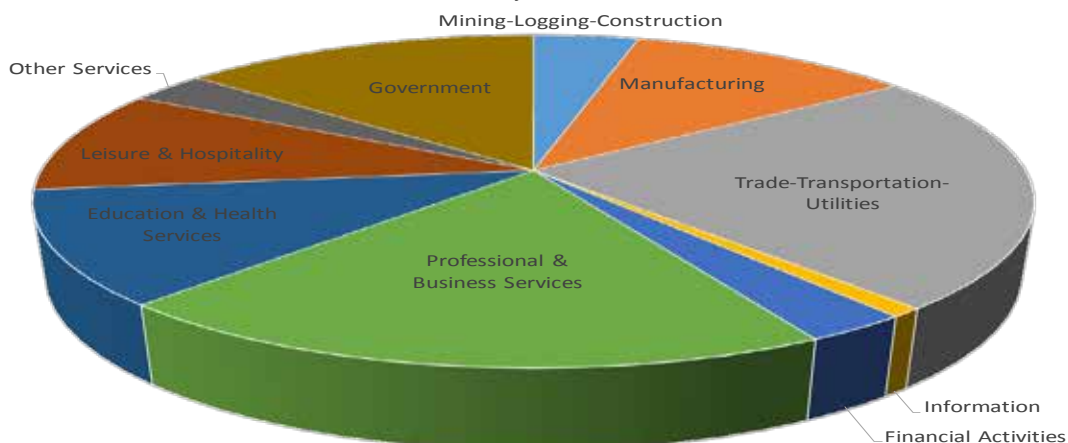
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	236.4	243.0	225.9	-6.6	10.5
Goods Producing	35.8	36.7	36.1	-0.9	-0.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	9.6	10.0	8.8	-0.4	0.8
Manufacturing	26.2	26.7	27.3	-0.5	-1.1
Service Providing	200.6	206.3	189.8	-5.7	10.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	54.7	56.4	51.6	-1.7	3.1
Wholesale Trade	12.0	12.0	11.3	0.0	0.7
Retail Trade	26.4	27.6	25.0	-1.2	1.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.3	16.8	15.3	-0.5	1.0
Information	2.1	2.0	2.0	0.1	0.1
Financial Activities	6.8	6.9	6.6	-0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	47.4	48.6	44.4	-1.2	3.0
Educational & Health Services	26.1	26.4	25.0	-0.3	1.1
Leisure & Hospitality	23.6	24.5	21.5	-0.9	2.1
Other Services	7.1	7.2	7.0	-0.1	0.1
Government	32.8	34.3	31.7	-1.5	1.1
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	0.1
State Government	11.8	13.0	11.1	-1.2	0.7
Local Government	18.4	18.7	18.1	-0.3	0.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs by Industry (Percent of Total)

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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)

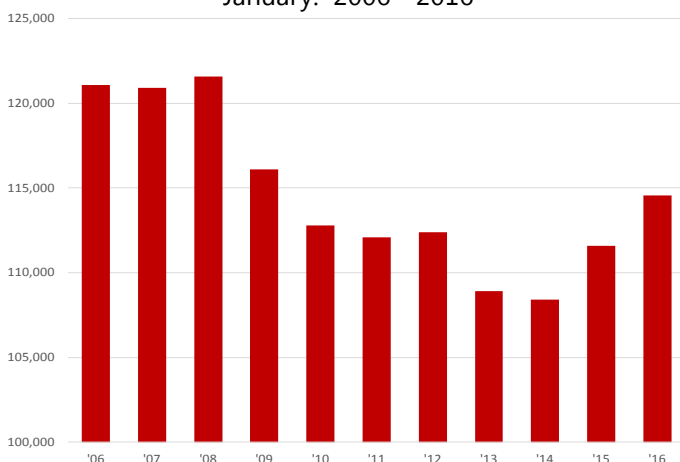
	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	120,742	120,607	119,008	135	1,734
Employment	114,565	114,470	111,586	95	2,979
Unemployment	6,177	6,137	7,422	40	-1,245
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.1	6.2	0.0	-1.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

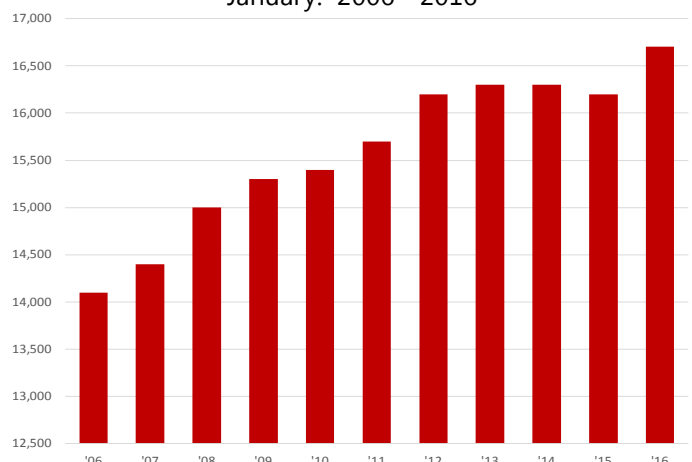
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NAICS	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	112.3	114.2	111.9	-1.9	0.4
Goods Producing	23.6	23.8	24.6	-0.2	-1.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.8	6.0	6.5	-0.2	-0.7
Manufacturing	17.8	17.8	18.1	0.0	-0.3
Service Providing	88.7	90.4	87.3	-1.7	1.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.8	24.4	23.5	-0.6	0.3
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	12.9	13.2	12.5	-0.3	0.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.7	7.0	6.9	-0.3	-0.2
Information	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.8	3.7	3.8	0.1	0.0
Professional & Business Services	11.5	12.1	11.6	-0.6	-0.1
Educational & Health Services	16.7	16.7	16.2	0.0	0.5
Leisure & Hospitality	9.0	9.1	8.8	-0.1	0.2
Other Services	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
Government	18.4	18.9	17.9	-0.5	0.5
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.8	3.2	2.8	-0.4	0.0
Local Government	14.3	14.4	13.8	-0.1	0.5

Number of Employed
January: 2006 - 2016



Jobs in Educational and Health Services
January: 2006 - 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

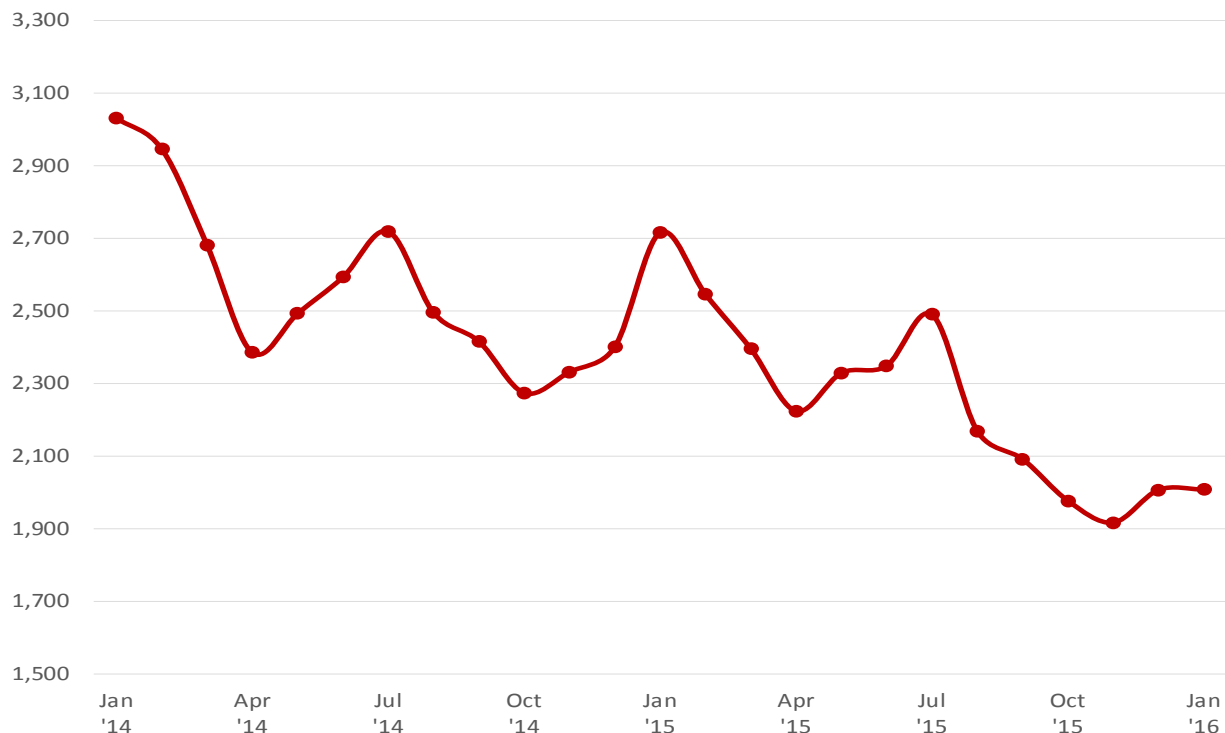
	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	40,046	39,554	39,297	492	749
Employment	38,038	37,547	36,581	491	1,457
Unemployment	2,008	2,007	2,716	1	-708
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.1	6.9	-0.1	-1.9

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	37.5	37.7	37.1	-0.2	0.4
Goods Producing	4.4	4.5	4.4	-0.1	0.0
Service Providing	33.1	33.2	32.7	-0.1	0.4
Government	4.7	4.8	4.6	-0.1	0.1

Number of Unemployed
January 2014 - January 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	61,786	61,309	59,279	477	2,507
Employment	59,216	58,789	55,616	427	3,600
Unemployment	2,570	2,520	3,663	50	-1,093
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.1	6.2	0.1	-2.0

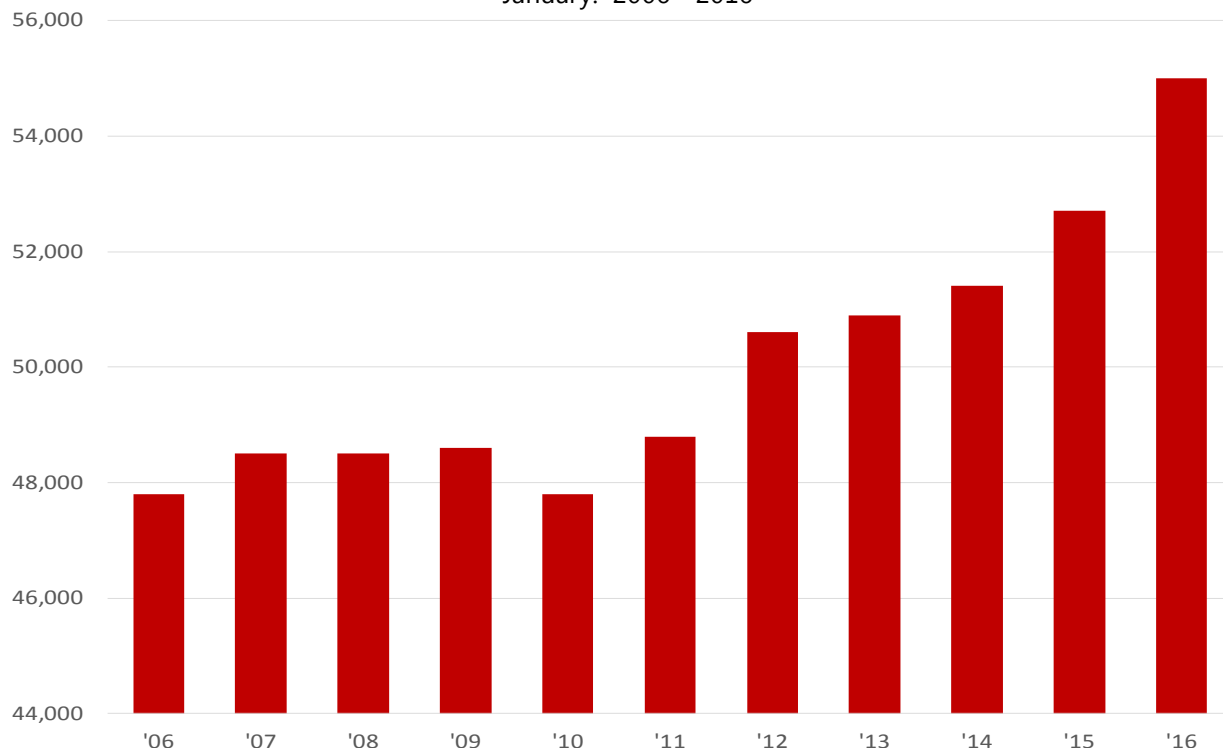
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	55.0	55.5	52.7	-0.5	2.3
Goods Producing	8.8	8.9	8.6	-0.1	0.2
Service Providing	46.2	46.6	44.1	-0.4	2.1
Government	8.9	9.0	8.8	-0.1	0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January: 2006 - 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	36,041	36,518	36,098	-477	-57
Employment	33,735	34,213	32,974	-478	761
Unemployment	2,306	2,305	3,124	1	-818
Unemployment Rate	6.4	6.3	8.7	0.1	-2.3

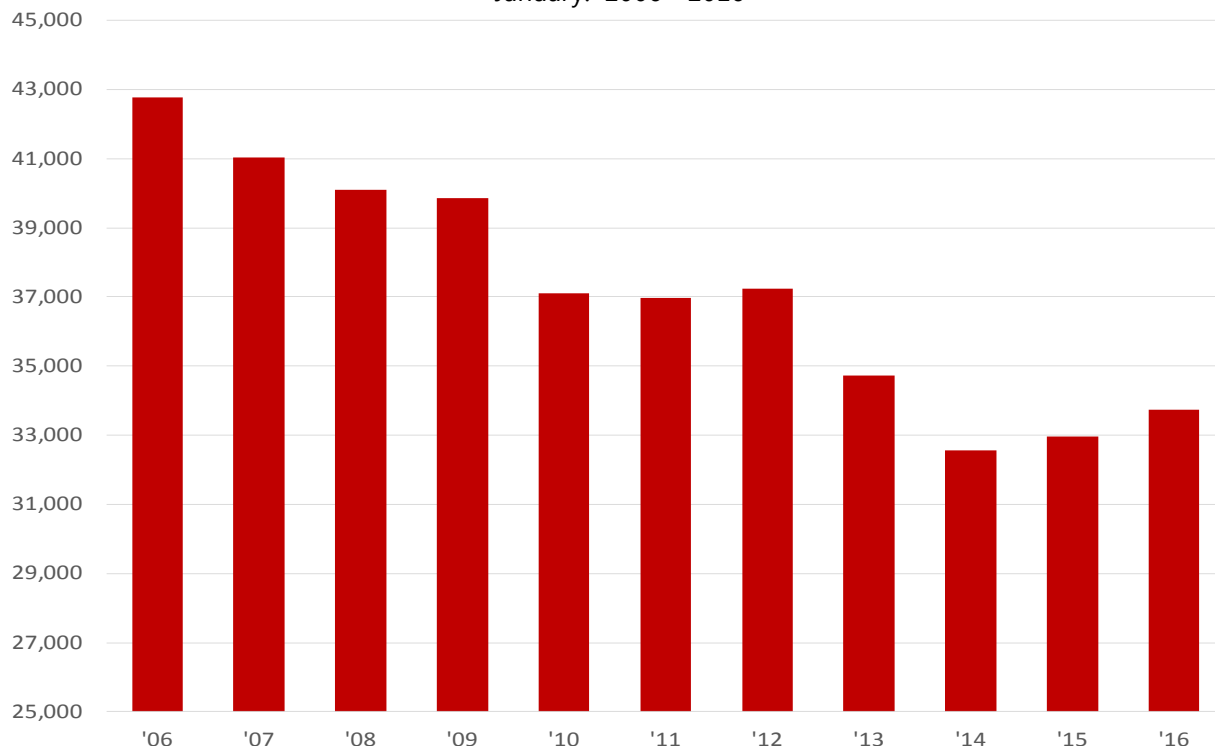
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	33.1	34.1	33.2	-1.0	-0.1
Goods Producing	6.0	6.2	6.3	-0.2	-0.3
Service Providing	27.1	27.9	26.9	-0.8	0.2
Government	9.3	9.7	9.4	-0.4	-0.1

Number of Employed

January: 2006 - 2016



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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.

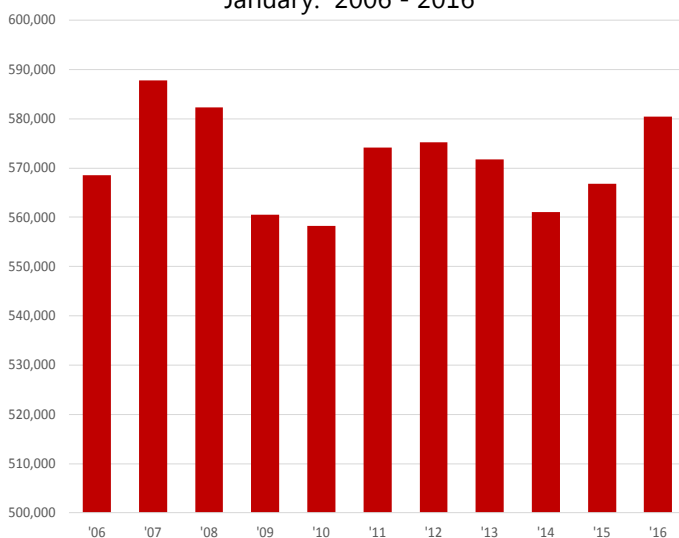
	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	614,773	618,741	611,798	-3,968	2,975
Employment	580,401	581,040	566,778	-639	13,623
Unemployment	34,372	37,701	45,020	-3,329	-10,648
Unemployment Rate	5.6	6.1	7.4	-0.5	-1.8

Texarkana MSA

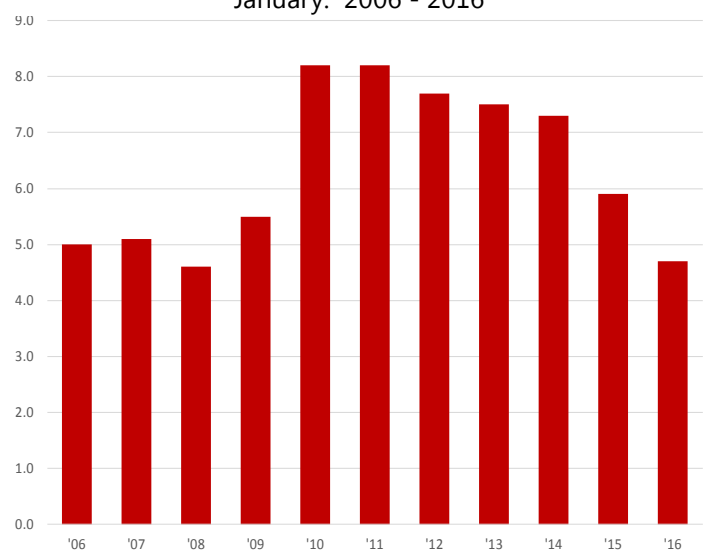
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	Jan 16	Dec 15	Jan 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	65,219	64,888	63,945	331	1,274
Employment	62,136	61,976	60,166	160	1,970
Unemployment	3,083	2,912	3,779	171	-696
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.5	5.9	0.2	-1.2

Number of Employed- Memphis MSA
January: 2006 - 2016



Unemployment Rates- Texarkana MSA
January: 2006 - 2016



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Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Micro Area	January 2016				December 2015				January 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,480	9,010	470	5.0	9,515	9,087	428	4.5	9,295	8,663	632	6.8
Batesville Micro	15,603	14,599	1,004	6.4	15,587	14,584	1,003	6.4	15,446	14,207	1,239	8.0
Blytheville Micro	17,846	16,496	1,350	7.6	18,054	16,702	1,352	7.5	18,708	16,823	1,885	10.1
Camden Micro	12,189	11,473	716	5.9	12,168	11,433	735	6.0	12,154	11,215	939	7.7
El Dorado Micro	16,803	15,838	965	5.7	16,659	15,708	951	5.7	16,411	15,160	1,251	7.6
Forrest City Micro	8,884	8,264	620	7.0	8,888	8,288	600	6.8	8,921	8,098	823	9.2
Harrison Micro	19,005	18,127	878	4.6	18,975	18,125	850	4.5	18,966	17,747	1,219	6.4
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,893	6,362	531	7.7	6,885	6,373	512	7.4	7,185	6,447	738	10.3
Magnolia Micro	9,433	8,867	566	6.0	9,512	8,905	607	6.4	9,376	8,670	706	7.5
Malvern Micro	14,399	13,742	657	4.6	14,297	13,635	662	4.6	13,811	12,966	845	6.1
Mountain Home Micro	16,344	15,496	848	5.2	16,302	15,447	855	5.2	16,064	14,963	1,101	6.9
Paragould Micro	20,220	19,215	1,005	5.0	20,119	19,135	984	4.9	19,669	18,364	1,305	6.6
Russellville Micro	38,521	36,517	2,004	5.2	38,715	36,729	1,986	5.1	38,566	36,170	2,396	6.2
Searcy Micro	34,516	32,289	2,227	6.5	34,282	32,253	2,029	5.9	34,240	31,560	2,680	7.8

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
 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	January 2016				December 2015				January 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	11,759	11,262	497	4.2	11,814	11,352	462	3.9	11,118	10,510	608	5.5
Benton	15,915	15,337	578	3.6	15,877	15,280	597	3.8	15,512	14,688	824	5.3
Bentonville	21,910	21,167	743	3.4	22,062	21,336	726	3.3	20,604	19,754	850	4.1
Blytheville	6,115	5,632	483	7.9	6,208	5,702	506	8.2	6,490	5,744	746	11.5
Cabot	11,600	11,197	403	3.5	11,571	11,184	387	3.3	11,325	10,777	548	4.8
Conway	32,554	31,257	1,297	4.0	32,453	31,164	1,289	4.0	31,726	29,969	1,757	5.5
El Dorado	7,302	6,830	472	6.5	7,213	6,774	439	6.1	7,118	6,538	580	8.1
Fayetteville	44,287	42,954	1,333	3.0	44,637	43,302	1,335	3.0	42,008	40,088	1,920	4.6
Fort Smith	39,700	37,914	1,786	4.5	39,603	37,830	1,773	4.5	39,209	36,788	2,421	6.2
Hot Springs	13,976	13,222	754	5.4	13,834	13,052	782	5.7	13,763	12,716	1,047	7.6
Jacksonville	11,716	11,122	594	5.1	11,661	11,079	582	5.0	11,455	10,650	805	7.0
Jonesboro	35,918	34,514	1,404	3.9	35,606	34,234	1,372	3.9	34,376	32,354	2,022	5.9
Little Rock	95,668	91,822	3,846	4.0	95,289	91,465	3,824	4.0	93,152	87,927	5,225	5.6
North Little Rock	29,800	28,486	1,314	4.4	29,691	28,375	1,316	4.4	29,165	27,278	1,887	6.5
Paragould	12,606	11,964	642	5.1	12,558	11,914	644	5.1	12,230	11,434	796	6.5
Pine Bluff	17,156	15,929	1,227	7.2	17,371	16,136	1,235	7.1	17,247	15,538	1,709	9.9
Rogers	32,325	31,292	1,033	3.2	32,572	31,542	1,030	3.2	30,877	29,204	1,673	5.4
Russellville	13,678	13,016	662	4.8	13,750	13,076	674	4.9	13,698	12,868	830	6.1
Searcy	10,467	9,951	516	4.9	10,444	9,940	504	4.8	10,374	9,726	648	6.2
Sherwood	15,323	14,815	508	3.3	15,255	14,758	497	3.3	14,897	14,187	710	4.8
Springdale	37,108	35,977	1,131	3.0	37,377	36,268	1,109	3.0	35,244	33,577	1,667	4.7
Texarkana, AR	13,721	13,053	668	4.9	13,684	13,022	662	4.8	13,287	12,434	853	6.4
Van Buren	10,391	9,903	488	4.7	10,378	9,891	487	4.7	10,305	9,628	677	6.6
West Memphis	10,617	10,044	573	5.4	10,673	10,116	557	5.2	10,625	9,637	988	9.3

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County	January 2016				December 2015				January 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,378	8,977	401	4.3	9,409	9,026	383	4.1	9,480	8,949	531	5.6
Ashley	8,274	7,692	582	7.0	8,182	7,622	560	6.8	8,242	7,397	845	10.3
Baxter	16,344	15,496	848	5.2	16,302	15,447	855	5.2	16,064	14,963	1,101	6.9
Benton	121,251	117,166	4,085	3.4	122,122	118,102	4,020	3.3	115,001	109,348	5,653	4.9
Boone	15,645	14,929	716	4.6	15,607	14,915	692	4.4	15,595	14,600	995	6.4
Bradley	4,634	4,403	231	5.0	4,625	4,393	232	5.0	4,424	4,085	339	7.7
Calhoun	2,360	2,223	137	5.8	2,358	2,226	132	5.6	2,349	2,190	159	6.8
Carroll	12,262	11,553	709	5.8	12,431	11,836	595	4.8	12,233	11,284	949	7.8
Chicot	3,654	3,345	309	8.5	3,666	3,375	291	7.9	3,799	3,319	480	12.6
Clark	9,480	9,010	470	5.0	9,515	9,087	428	4.5	9,295	8,663	632	6.8
Clay	6,322	5,830	492	7.8	6,346	5,889	457	7.2	6,358	5,808	550	8.7
Cleburne	9,492	8,786	706	7.4	9,502	8,871	631	6.6	9,560	8,694	866	9.1
Cleveland	3,360	3,183	177	5.3	3,409	3,240	169	5.0	3,380	3,131	249	7.4
Columbia	9,433	8,867	566	6.0	9,512	8,905	607	6.4	9,376	8,670	706	7.5
Conway	8,615	8,115	500	5.8	8,607	8,108	499	5.8	8,506	7,891	615	7.2
Craighead	51,388	49,365	2,023	3.9	50,943	48,964	1,979	3.9	49,167	46,276	2,891	5.9
Crawford	26,730	25,452	1,278	4.8	26,703	25,423	1,280	4.8	26,403	24,745	1,658	6.3
Crittenden	21,481	20,351	1,130	5.3	21,608	20,497	1,111	5.1	21,306	19,528	1,778	8.3
Cross	8,034	7,565	469	5.8	8,065	7,625	440	5.5	8,073	7,475	598	7.4
Dallas	2,908	2,734	174	6.0	2,896	2,718	178	6.1	2,852	2,569	283	9.9
Desha	5,499	5,101	398	7.2	5,575	5,197	378	6.8	5,567	4,996	571	10.3
Drew	8,029	7,515	514	6.4	8,118	7,619	499	6.1	7,991	7,249	742	9.3
Faulkner	59,619	57,047	2,572	4.3	59,442	56,876	2,566	4.3	58,096	54,696	3,400	5.9
Franklin	7,475	7,121	354	4.7	7,390	7,042	348	4.7	7,342	6,920	422	5.7
Fulton	4,795	4,553	242	5.0	4,803	4,566	237	4.9	4,753	4,445	308	6.5
Garland	40,046	38,038	2,008	5.0	39,554	37,547	2,007	5.1	39,297	36,581	2,716	6.9
Grant	8,298	7,942	356	4.3	8,289	7,928	361	4.4	8,103	7,643	460	5.7
Greene	20,220	19,215	1,005	5.0	20,119	19,135	984	4.9	19,669	18,364	1,305	6.6
Hempstead	9,807	9,368	439	4.5	9,795	9,359	436	4.5	9,796	9,179	617	6.3
Hot Spring	14,399	13,742	657	4.6	14,297	13,635	662	4.6	13,811	12,966	845	6.1
Howard	6,011	5,789	222	3.7	5,826	5,593	233	4.0	6,173	5,864	309	5.0
Independence	15,603	14,599	1,004	6.4	15,587	14,584	1,003	6.4	15,446	14,207	1,239	8.0
Izard	4,968	4,630	338	6.8	5,039	4,700	339	6.7	4,865	4,461	404	8.3
Jackson	6,189	5,721	468	7.6	6,157	5,726	431	7.0	6,288	5,595	693	11.0
Jefferson	28,562	26,685	1,877	6.6	28,922	27,031	1,891	6.5	28,561	26,030	2,531	8.9
Johnson	10,530	9,922	608	5.8	10,505	9,960	545	5.2	10,257	9,540	717	7.0
Lafayette	2,624	2,448	176	6.7	2,660	2,475	185	7.0	2,646	2,422	224	8.5
Lawrence	7,018	6,635	383	5.5	7,069	6,698	371	5.2	7,135	6,534	601	8.4
Lee	3,210	3,001	209	6.5	3,215	3,023	192	6.0	3,261	2,965	296	9.1
Lincoln	4,119	3,867	252	6.1	4,187	3,942	245	5.9	4,157	3,813	344	8.3
Little River	5,678	5,372	306	5.4	5,643	5,354	289	5.1	5,523	5,116	407	7.4
Logan	9,185	8,715	470	5.1	9,189	8,711	478	5.2	8,937	8,365	572	6.4
Lonoke	32,985	31,732	1,253	3.8	32,944	31,696	1,248	3.8	32,298	30,543	1,755	5.4
Madison	7,237	6,967	270	3.7	7,318	7,070	248	3.4	6,957	6,618	339	4.9
Marion	6,468	6,133	335	5.2	6,466	6,145	321	5.0	6,424	5,991	433	6.7
Miller	19,846	18,899	947	4.8	19,781	18,853	928	4.7	19,182	18,002	1,180	6.2

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County	January 2016				December 2015				January 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,846	16,496	1,350	7.6	18,054	16,702	1,352	7.5	18,708	16,823	1,885	10.1
Monroe	2,969	2,787	182	6.1	2,944	2,767	177	6.0	3,053	2,818	235	7.7
Montgomery	3,171	2,960	211	6.7	3,227	3,016	211	6.5	3,200	2,914	286	8.9
Nevada	3,637	3,480	157	4.3	3,629	3,467	162	4.5	3,612	3,393	219	6.1
Newton	3,360	3,198	162	4.8	3,368	3,210	158	4.7	3,371	3,147	224	6.6
Ouachita	9,829	9,250	579	5.9	9,810	9,207	603	6.1	9,805	9,025	780	8.0
Perry	4,231	3,982	249	5.9	4,229	3,982	247	5.8	4,192	3,836	356	8.5
Phillips	6,893	6,362	531	7.7	6,885	6,373	512	7.4	7,185	6,447	738	10.3
Pike	4,163	3,941	222	5.3	4,147	3,927	220	5.3	4,203	3,888	315	7.5
Poinsett	10,398	9,851	547	5.3	10,366	9,825	541	5.2	10,112	9,340	772	7.6
Polk	8,317	7,862	455	5.5	8,370	7,924	446	5.3	8,339	7,760	579	6.9
Pope	29,532	27,963	1,569	5.3	29,646	28,093	1,553	5.2	29,501	27,646	1,855	6.3
Prairie	3,759	3,584	175	4.7	3,786	3,613	173	4.6	3,755	3,533	222	5.9
Pulaski	186,130	178,543	7,587	4.1	185,388	177,849	7,539	4.1	181,461	170,969	10,492	5.8
Randolph	5,967	5,566	401	6.7	6,110	5,719	391	6.4	6,303	5,627	676	10.7
St. Francis	8,884	8,264	620	7.0	8,888	8,288	600	6.8	8,921	8,098	823	9.2
Saline	55,167	53,201	1,966	3.6	55,011	53,001	2,010	3.7	53,682	50,948	2,734	5.1
Scott	4,556	4,364	192	4.2	4,550	4,364	186	4.1	4,493	4,253	240	5.3
Searcy	3,076	2,910	166	5.4	3,077	2,920	157	5.1	2,921	2,698	223	7.6
Sebastian	57,095	54,526	2,569	4.5	57,000	54,405	2,595	4.6	56,260	52,906	3,354	6.0
Sevier	5,604	5,285	319	5.7	5,627	5,305	322	5.7	5,778	5,209	569	9.8
Sharp	5,972	5,555	417	7.0	5,954	5,562	392	6.6	5,954	5,405	549	9.2
Stone	4,552	4,239	313	6.9	4,632	4,344	288	6.2	4,658	4,254	404	8.7
Union	16,803	15,838	965	5.7	16,659	15,708	951	5.7	16,411	15,160	1,251	7.6
Van Buren	6,531	6,066	465	7.1	6,456	6,023	433	6.7	6,376	5,824	552	8.7
Washington	115,601	112,074	3,527	3.1	116,419	112,981	3,438	3.0	109,521	104,596	4,925	4.5
White	34,516	32,289	2,227	6.5	34,282	32,253	2,029	5.9	34,240	31,560	2,680	7.8
Woodruff	3,023	2,808	215	7.1	3,036	2,838	198	6.5	3,143	2,869	274	8.7
Yell	8,989	8,554	435	4.8	9,069	8,636	433	4.8	9,065	8,524	541	6.0

County Labor Force Summary

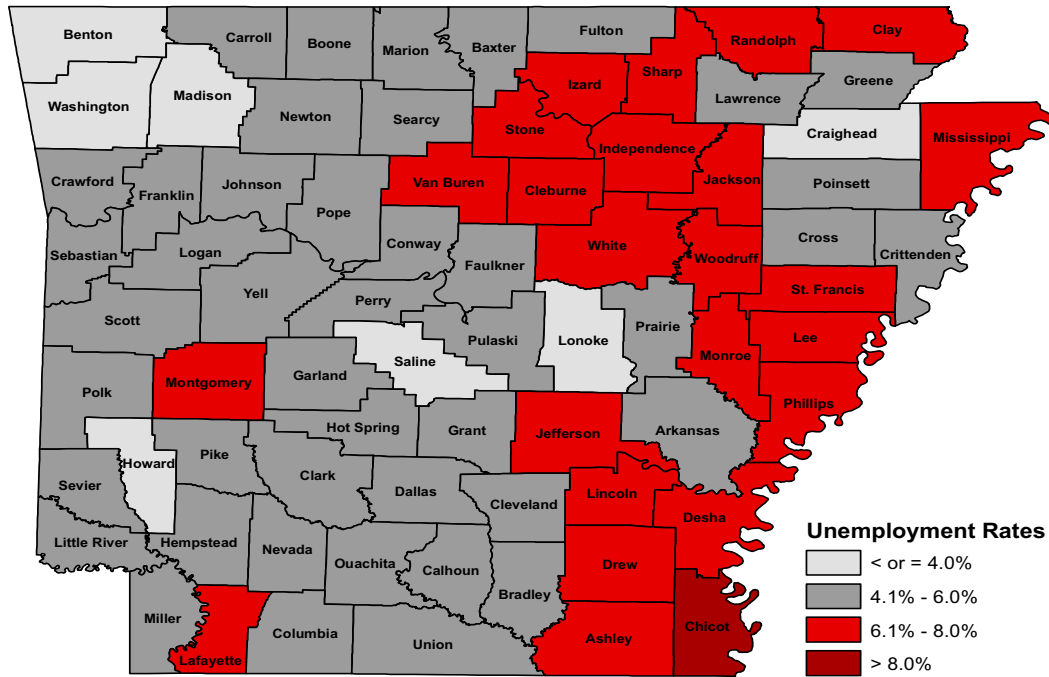
Between December 2015 and January 2016, unemployment rates increased in 48 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates declined in eleven counties, while remaining stable in sixteen. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 3.1 percent in Washington County, to a high of 8.5 percent in Chicot County.

In January, seven counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. Only one county-- Chicot County-- had a rate above eight percent.

Compared to January 2015, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties.

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Ranked by Unemployment Rates

January 2016- Not Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	3.1	24	Fulton	5.0	50	Dallas	6.0
2	Benton	3.4	24	Garland	5.0	52	Lincoln	6.1
3	Saline	3.6	24	Greene	5.0	52	Monroe	6.1
4	Howard	3.7	29	Logan	5.1	54	Drew	6.4
4	Madison	3.7	30	Baxter	5.2	54	Independence	6.4
6	Lonoke	3.8	30	Marion	5.2	56	Lee	6.5
7	Craighead	3.9	32	Cleveland	5.3	56	White	6.5
8	Pulaski	4.1	32	Crittenden	5.3	58	Jefferson	6.6
9	Scott	4.2	32	Pike	5.3	59	Lafayette	6.7
10	Arkansas	4.3	32	Poinsett	5.3	59	Montgomery	6.7
10	Faulkner	4.3	32	Pope	5.3	59	Randolph	6.7
10	Grant	4.3	37	Little River	5.4	62	Izard	6.8
10	Nevada	4.3	37	Searcy	5.4	63	Stone	6.9
14	Hempstead	4.5	39	Lawrence	5.5	64	Ashley	7.0
14	Sebastian	4.5	39	Polk	5.5	64	St. Francis	7.0
16	Boone	4.6	41	Sevier	5.7	64	Sharp	7.0
16	Hot Spring	4.6	41	Union	5.7	67	Van Buren	7.1
18	Franklin	4.7	43	Calhoun	5.8	67	Woodruff	7.1
18	Prairie	4.7	43	Carroll	5.8	69	Desha	7.2
20	Crawford	4.8	43	Conway	5.8	70	Cleburne	7.4
20	Miller	4.8	43	Cross	5.8	71	Jackson	7.6
20	Newton	4.8	43	Johnson	5.8	71	Mississippi	7.6
20	Yell	4.8	48	Ouachita	5.9	73	Phillips	7.7
24	Bradley	5.0	48	Perry	5.9	74	Clay	7.8
24	Clark	5.0	50	Columbia	6.0	75	Chicot	8.5

Labor Market Report

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LWDA	January 2016				December 2015				January 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	244,961	235,072	9,889	4.0	244,226	234,337	9,889	4.0	239,193	225,580	13,613	5.7
City of Little Rock	95,668	91,822	3,846	4.0	95,289	91,465	3,824	4.0	93,152	87,927	5,225	5.6
Eastern	48,502	45,543	2,959	6.1	48,661	45,806	2,855	5.9	48,746	44,513	4,233	8.7
North Central	95,641	89,246	6,395	6.7	95,448	89,467	5,981	6.3	95,283	87,314	7,969	8.4
Northeast	119,159	112,958	6,201	5.2	119,007	112,932	6,075	5.1	117,452	108,772	8,680	7.4
Northwest	301,244	290,426	10,818	3.6	303,110	292,626	10,484	3.5	288,087	273,245	14,842	5.2
Southeast	83,807	78,710	5,097	6.1	84,382	79,373	5,009	5.9	83,704	76,612	7,092	8.5
Southwest	94,540	89,553	4,987	5.3	94,196	89,170	5,026	5.3	93,503	86,799	6,704	7.2
West Central	133,156	126,227	6,929	5.2	132,796	125,991	6,805	5.1	131,327	122,449	8,878	6.8
Western	113,358	108,040	5,318	4.7	113,202	107,869	5,333	4.7	111,774	104,949	6,825	6.1

