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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 2019 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

Technical Notes

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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JANUARY SPOTLIGHT Upcoming in 2020

2020 Arkansas Publication Schedule

Reference Month	State Press Release	MSA's & Counties*
January	03/16/20	03/20/20
February	03/27/20	04/08/20
March	04/17/20	04/29/20
April	05/22/20	06/03/20
May	06/19/20	07/01/20
June	07/17/20	07/29/20
July	08/21/20	09/02/20
August	09/18/20	09/30/20
September	10/20/20	10/28/20
October	11/20/20	12/03/20
November	12/18/20	01/05/21
December	01/26/21	02/03/21

*Date when Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and county labor force statistics will be available on Discover Arkansas.

Changes Affecting Data

Arkansas Civilian Labor Force:

In accordance with guidelines from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Arkansas' Civilian Labor Force (CLF) estimates have undergone annual processing. The purpose of annual processing is to incorporate more complete and accurate information into the estimation process.

All levels of data—State, counties, Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Micropolitan Statistical Areas, Local Workforce Development Areas, and cities—have been revised. Statewide data was revised back to January 2015 and sub-state data was revised back to January 2010. All revised Civilian Labor Force data are now available at www.discover.arkansas.gov or at www.bls.gov.

Arkansas 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 and MSA estimates were revised back two years, to January 2018. All revised Nonfarm Payroll Jobs data are available on the Discover Arkansas website.



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STATE OF ARKANSAS Civilian Labor Force Summary

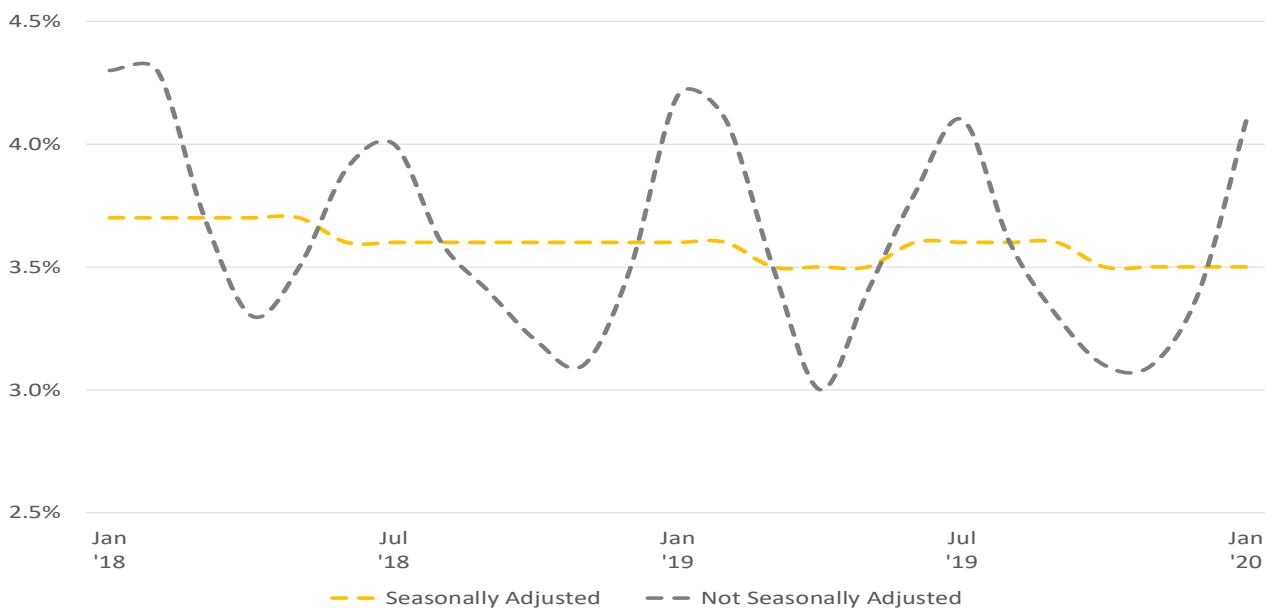
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.5 percent between December 2019 and January 2020. The December 2019 rate was revised down from 3.6 percent to 3.5 percent. Arkansas' civilian labor force increased 2,035, a result of 2,155 more employed and 120 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.5 percent in December 2019 to 3.6 percent in January 2020.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "The revision of statewide Civilian Labor Force calculations shows that Arkansas' unemployment rates in 2019 were, for the most part, lower than originally estimated. Updated data indicates that the jobless rate stayed between 3.5 percent and 3.6 percent last year, with the January rate unchanged from December 2019."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Jan 20	Dec 19	Jan 19		Jan 20	Dec 19	Jan 19
Civilian Labor Force	1,366,290	1,364,255	1,362,313	Civilian Labor Force	1,350,616	1,355,941	1,343,146
Employment	1,318,224	1,316,069	1,313,527	Employment	1,295,113	1,310,216	1,286,090
Unemployment	48,066	48,186	48,786	Unemployment	55,503	45,725	57,056
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.5	3.6	Unemployment Rate	4.1	3.4	4.2
U.S. Unemployment	3.6	3.5	4.0	U.S. Unemployment	4.0	3.4	4.4

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted vs Not Seasonally Adjusted)
January 2018 - January 2020





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STATE OF ARKANSAS Civilian Labor Force Summary Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1269.7	1286.8	1265.3	-17.1	4.4
Goods Producing	217.9	219.9	218.3	-2.0	-0.4
Mining, Logging, & Construction	57.6	57.5	55.8	0.1	1.8
Mining & Logging	5.7	5.8	5.7	-0.1	0.0
Construction	51.9	51.7	50.1	0.2	1.8
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.2	33.4	32.0	-0.2	1.2
Manufacturing	160.3	162.4	162.5	-2.1	-2.2
Durable Goods	75.1	76.4	78.1	-1.3	-3.0
Nondurable Goods	85.2	86.0	84.4	-0.8	0.8
Service Providing	1051.8	1066.9	1047.0	-15.1	4.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	253.0	258.4	251.4	-5.4	1.6
Wholesale Trade	48.8	48.9	47.0	-0.1	1.8
Retail Trade	133.7	138.9	136.6	-5.2	-2.9
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	70.5	70.6	67.8	-0.1	2.7
Information	11.0	11.2	11.3	-0.2	-0.3
Financial Activities	61.5	61.7	62.0	-0.2	-0.5
Finance & Insurance	47.9	48.0	48.5	-0.1	-0.6
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.6	13.7	13.5	-0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	142.9	147.4	143.0	-4.5	-0.1
Professional, Scientific & Technical	45.7	46.1	45.1	-0.4	0.6
Management of Companies	34.9	34.5	33.9	0.4	1.0
Administrative & Support Services	62.3	66.8	64.0	-4.5	-1.7
Educational & Health Services	197.2	197.6	193.1	-0.4	4.1
Educational Services	16.1	16.5	16.0	-0.4	0.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	181.1	181.1	177.1	0.0	4.0
Ambulatory Health Care	61.6	62.7	58.9	-1.1	2.7
Social Assistance	40.1	39.5	40.0	0.6	0.1
Leisure & Hospitality	115.2	116.5	114.9	-1.3	0.3
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	10.0	10.1	9.7	-0.1	0.3
Accommodation & Food Services	105.2	106.4	105.2	-1.2	0.0
Accommodation Services	10.7	10.9	10.5	-0.2	0.2
Food Services	94.5	95.5	94.7	-1.0	-0.2
Other Services	60.1	60.2	59.2	-0.1	0.9
Government	210.9	213.9	212.1	-3.0	-1.2
Federal Government	20.6	20.5	20.0	0.1	0.6
State Government	77.7	79.6	77.2	-1.9	0.5
State Gov, Educational Services	29.8	31.7	29.4	-1.9	0.4
State Gov, Excluding Education	47.9	47.9	47.8	0.0	0.1
Local Government	112.6	113.8	114.9	-1.2	-2.3
Local Gov, Educational Services	69.1	69.8	71.5	-0.7	-2.4
Local Gov, Excluding Education	43.5	44.0	43.4	-0.5	0.1



STATE OF ARKANSAS Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

December 2019 - January 2020

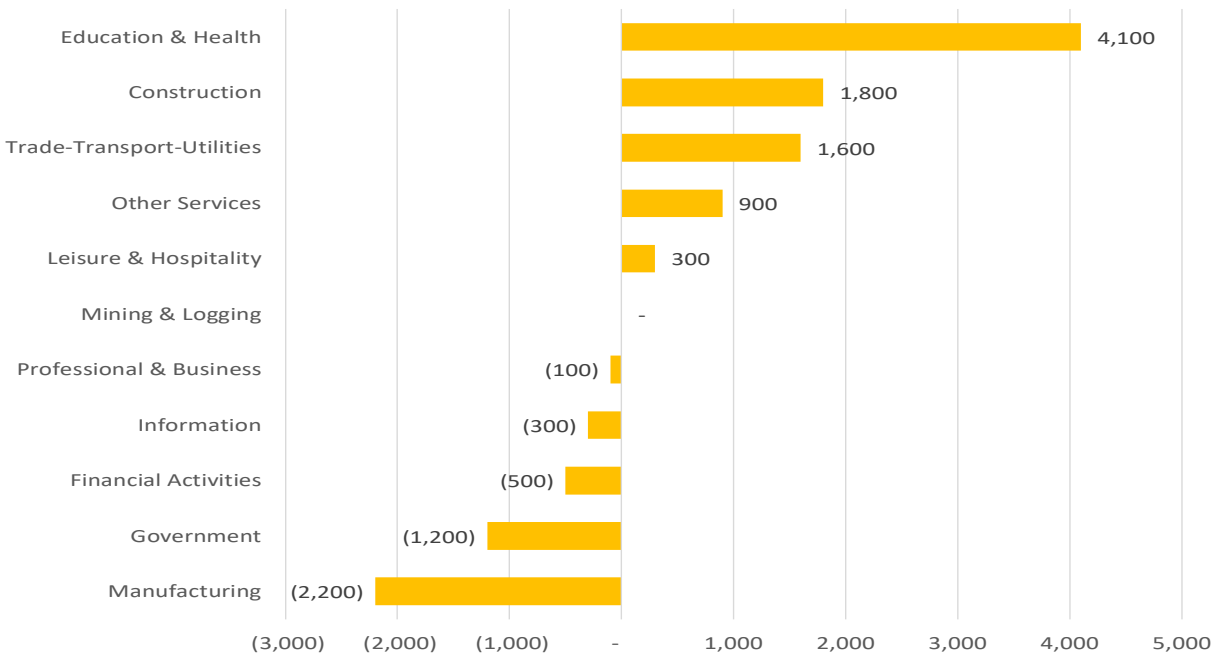
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs decreased 17,100 in January to total 1,269,700. Ten major industry sectors posted declines, with most of the losses related to seasonal hiring patterns. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** dropped 5,400. Most of the contractions were in retail trade (-5,200), due to the end of temporary hiring for the holidays. **Professional and business services** declined 4,500, largely in administrative and support services (-4,500). Employment in **government** decreased 3,000. All the loss was in state (-1,900) and local (-1,200) government, due to the closure of public schools and universities for winter break. Other notable reductions were posted in **manufacturing** (-2,100) and **leisure and hospitality** (-1,300).

January 2019 - January 2020

Compared to January 2019, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 4,400. Five major industry sectors added jobs, while five sectors declined. The largest increase occurred in **educational and health services**, up 4,100. A majority of the growth was in health care and social assistance (+4,000). **Construction** added 1,800 jobs, due in part to on-going projects. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 1,600. Expansions in transportation-warehousing-utilities (+2,700) and wholesale trade (+1,800) more than offset the losses in retail trade (-2,900). **Manufacturing** posted the largest decrease (-2,200). All losses were in durable goods manufacturing, with reported contractions in fabricated metal products and in transportation equipment manufacturing.

Over-the-Year Job Changes by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2019 vs. January 2020





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Production Workers - Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

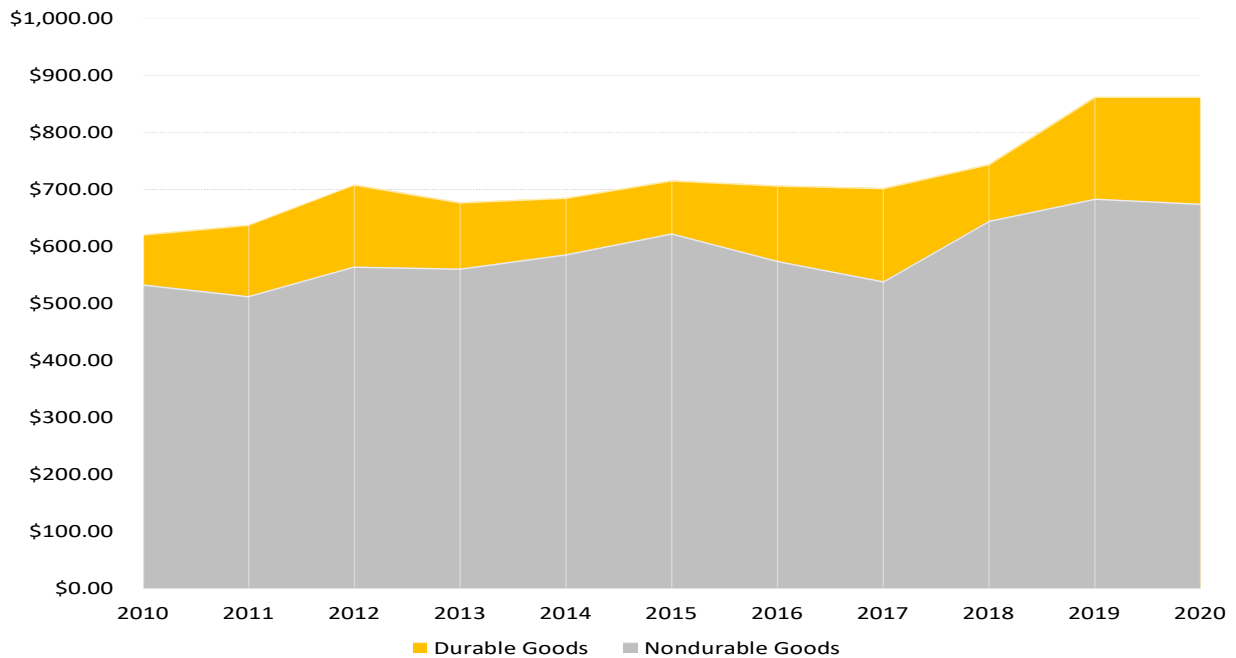
	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.1	41.5	42.0
Average Hourly Earnings	18.57	18.71	18.28
Average Weekly Earnings	763.23	776.47	766.08

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

	Durable Goods Manufacturing			Nondurable Goods Manufacturing		
	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>
Average Weekly Hours	42.1	42.7	42.9	40.3	40.4	41.3
Average Hourly Earnings	20.62	20.72	20.11	16.73	16.87	16.56
Average Weekly Earnings	868.10	884.74	862.72	674.22	681.55	683.93

Average Weekly 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)

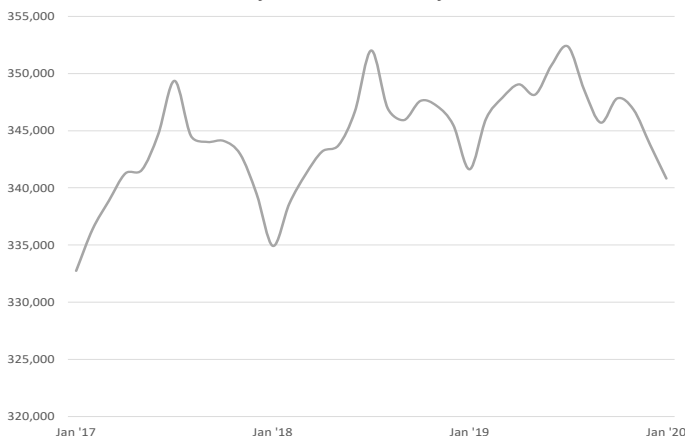
	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	353,879	354,854	354,870	-975	-991
Employment	340,819	343,794	341,626	-2,975	-807
Unemployment	13,060	11,060	13,244	2,000	-184
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.1	3.7	0.6	0.0

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

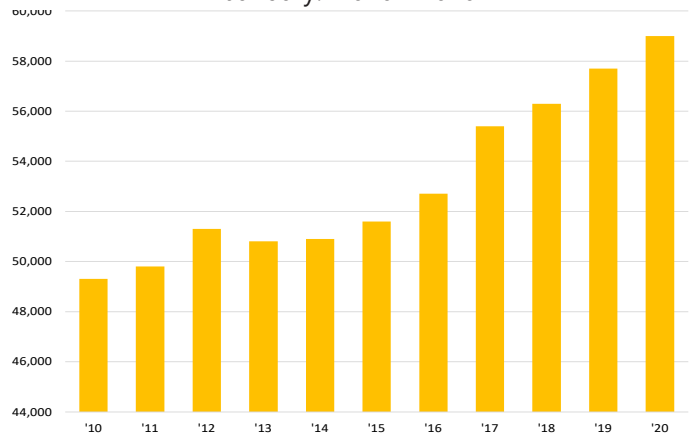
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	361.8	366.4	364.2	-4.6	-2.4
Goods Producing	38.5	38.5	38.6	0.0	-0.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.0	17.8	17.2	0.2	0.8
Manufacturing	20.5	20.7	21.4	-0.2	-0.9
Service Providing	323.3	327.9	325.6	-4.6	-2.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	70.2	72.1	70.8	-1.9	-0.6
Wholesale Trade	15.8	15.9	15.8	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	37.4	38.9	38.1	-1.5	-0.7
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.0	17.3	16.9	-0.3	0.1
Information	4.0	4.3	4.3	-0.3	-0.3
Financial Activities	21.5	21.6	21.8	-0.1	-0.3
Professional & Business Services	47.3	48.4	48.5	-1.1	-1.2
Educational & Health Services	59.1	58.8	57.7	0.3	1.4
Leisure & Hospitality	32.8	33.6	33.4	-0.8	-0.6
Other Services	18.4	18.4	18.2	0.0	0.2
Government	70.0	70.7	70.9	-0.7	-0.9
Federal Government	9.8	9.9	9.6	-0.1	0.2
State Government	35.7	36.1	35.3	-0.4	0.4
Local Government	24.5	24.7	26.0	-0.2	-1.5

Number of Employed
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Jobs in Educational & Health Services
January: 2010 - 2020





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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)

	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	280,519	281,513	272,282	-994	8,237
Employment	272,459	274,919	263,783	-2,460	8,676
Unemployment	8,060	6,594	8,499	1,466	-439
Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.3	3.1	0.6	-0.2

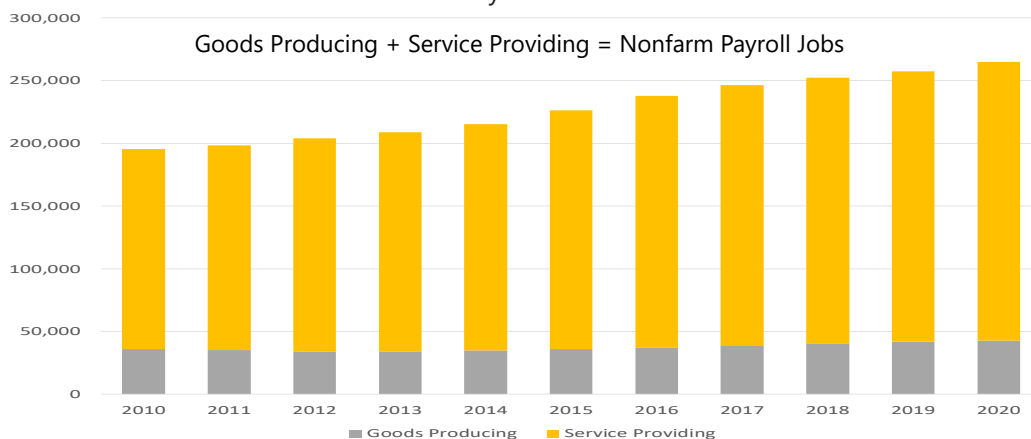
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	264.9	268.5	257.5	-3.6	7.4
Goods Producing	42.7	43.0	41.9	-0.3	0.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	12.4	12.6	11.8	-0.2	0.6
Manufacturing	30.3	30.4	30.1	-0.1	0.2
Service Providing	222.2	225.5	215.6	-3.3	6.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	56.5	57.6	56.2	-1.1	0.3
Wholesale Trade	12.3	12.3	12.1	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	25.5	26.5	26.0	-1.0	-0.5
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.7	18.8	18.1	-0.1	0.6
Information	2.0	2.1	2.1	-0.1	-0.1
Financial Activities	8.3	8.3	8.1	0.0	0.2
Professional & Business Services	51.5	51.3	48.7	0.2	2.8
Educational & Health Services	30.4	30.7	29.5	-0.3	0.9
Leisure & Hospitality	26.4	26.7	25.5	-0.3	0.9
Other Services	9.6	9.7	9.5	-0.1	0.1
Government	37.5	39.1	36.0	-1.6	1.5
Federal Government	2.8	2.7	2.7	0.1	0.1
State Government	15.3	16.7	14.2	-1.4	1.1
Local Government	19.4	19.7	19.1	-0.3	0.3

Jobs in Goods Producing and Service Providing Industries

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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)

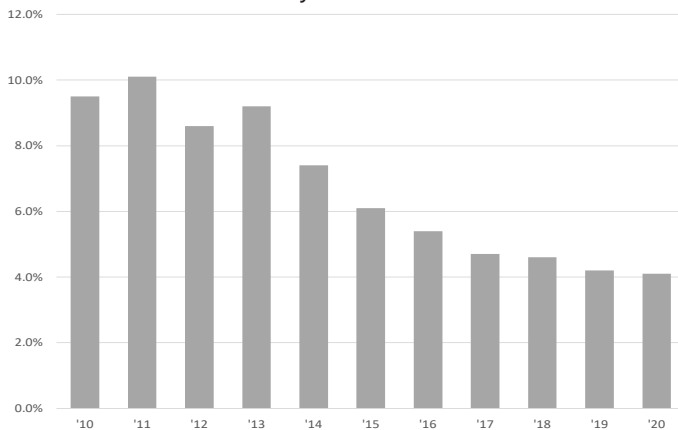
	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	117,820	118,116	117,541	-296	279
Employment	113,022	113,956	112,560	-934	462
Unemployment	4,798	4,160	4,981	638	-183
Unemployment Rate	4.1	3.5	4.2	0.6	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	112.1	114.1	112.2	-2.0	-0.1
Goods Producing	23.3	23.5	22.8	-0.2	0.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.8	5.9	5.2	-0.1	0.6
Manufacturing	17.5	17.6	17.6	-0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	88.8	90.6	89.4	-1.8	-0.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.0	23.7	23.2	-0.7	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	12.4	12.7	12.4	-0.3	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.3	6.7	6.6	-0.4	-0.3
Information	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	4.4	4.0	4.0	0.4	0.4
Professional & Business Services	11.4	12.1	12.2	-0.7	-0.8
Educational & Health Services	17.0	17.3	17.2	-0.3	-0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.1	9.2	9.0	-0.1	0.1
Other Services	4.5	4.5	4.6	0.0	-0.1
Government	18.2	18.6	18.1	-0.4	0.1
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.7	3.1	2.7	-0.4	0.0
Local Government	14.2	14.2	14.1	0.0	0.1

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Jobs in Goods Producing Industries
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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	40,802	40,408	40,647	394	155
Employment	39,115	39,008	38,780	107	335
Unemployment	1,687	1,400	1,867	287	-180
Unemployment Rate	4.1	3.5	4.6	0.6	-0.5

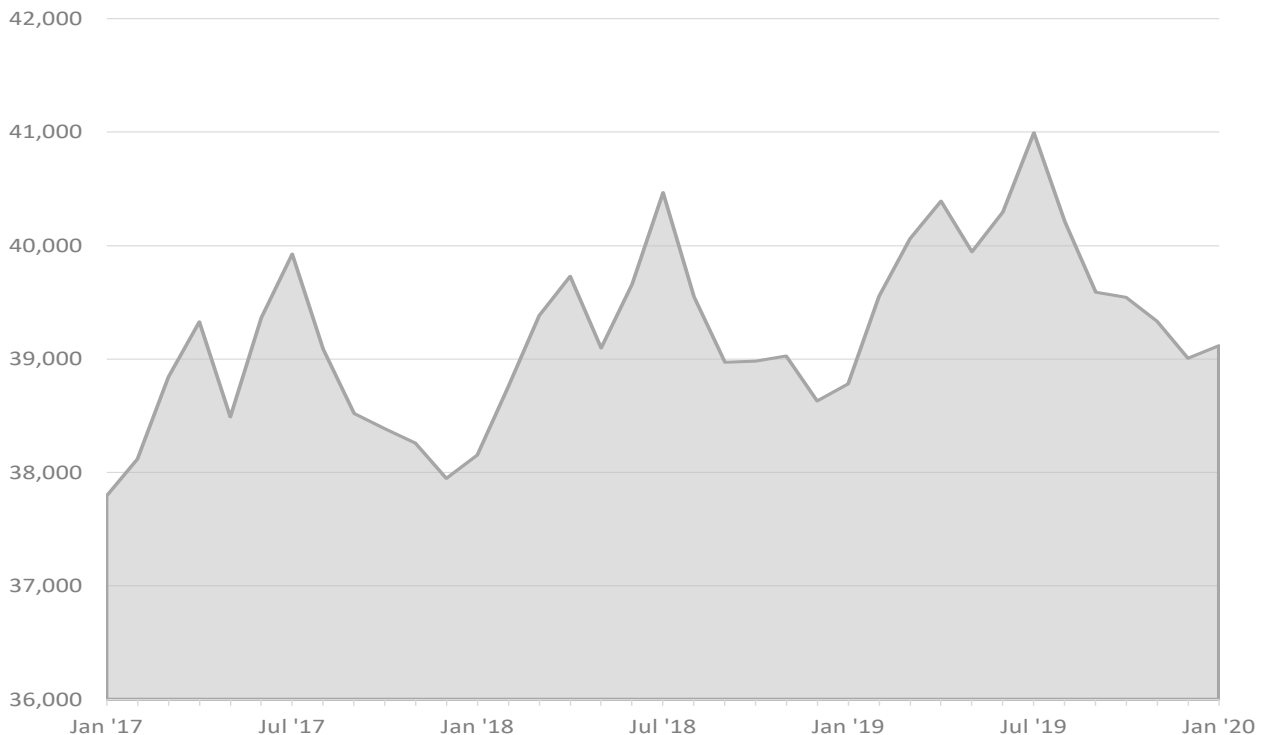
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.1	39.2	39.0	-0.1	0.1
Goods Producing	4.6	4.7	4.6	-0.1	0.0
Service Providing	34.5	34.5	34.4	0.0	0.1
Government	4.5	4.6	4.4	-0.1	0.1

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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	66,235	66,308	64,390	-73	1,845
Employment	63,974	64,556	62,127	-582	1,847
Unemployment	2,261	1,752	2,263	509	-2
Unemployment Rate	3.4	2.6	3.5	0.8	-0.1

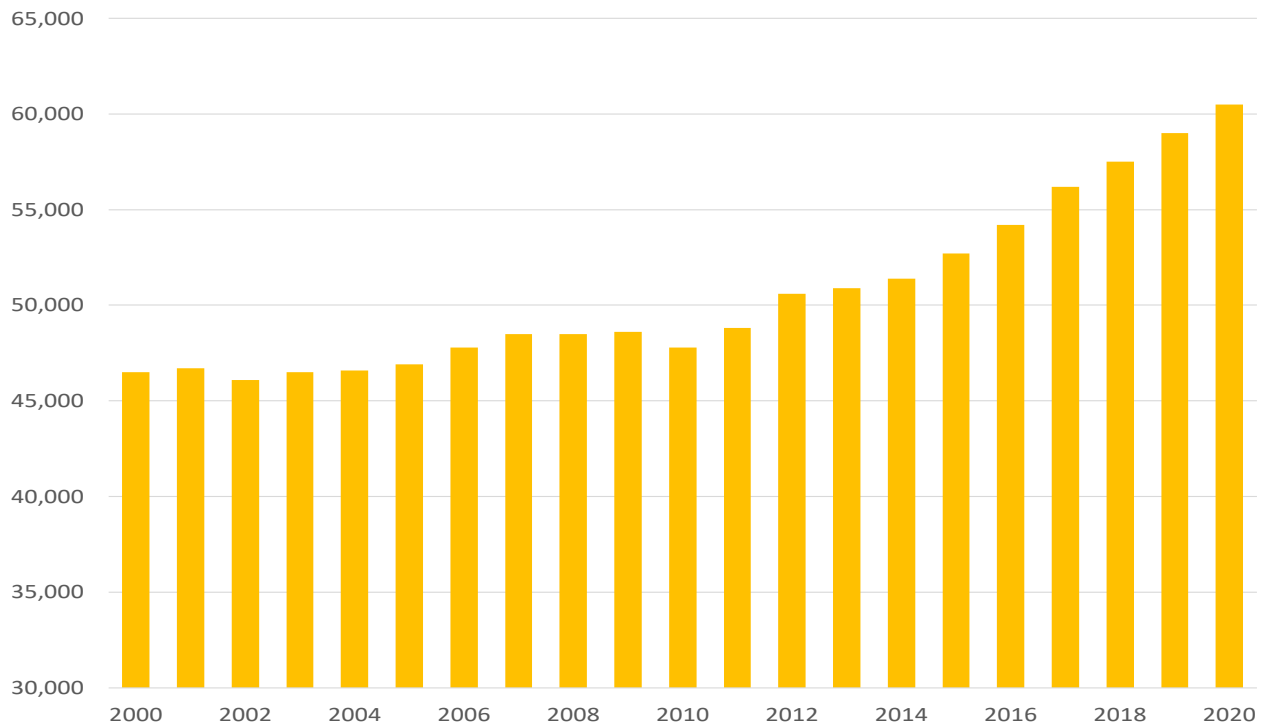
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	60.5	61.3	59.0	-0.8	1.5
Goods Producing	10.1	10.2	10.0	-0.1	0.1
Service Providing	50.4	51.1	49.0	-0.7	1.4
Government	9.1	9.2	9.1	-0.1	0.0

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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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)

	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	34,284	34,617	34,568	-333	-284
Employment	32,207	32,879	32,501	-672	-294
Unemployment	2,077	1,738	2,067	339	10
Unemployment Rate	6.1	5.0	6.0	1.1	0.1

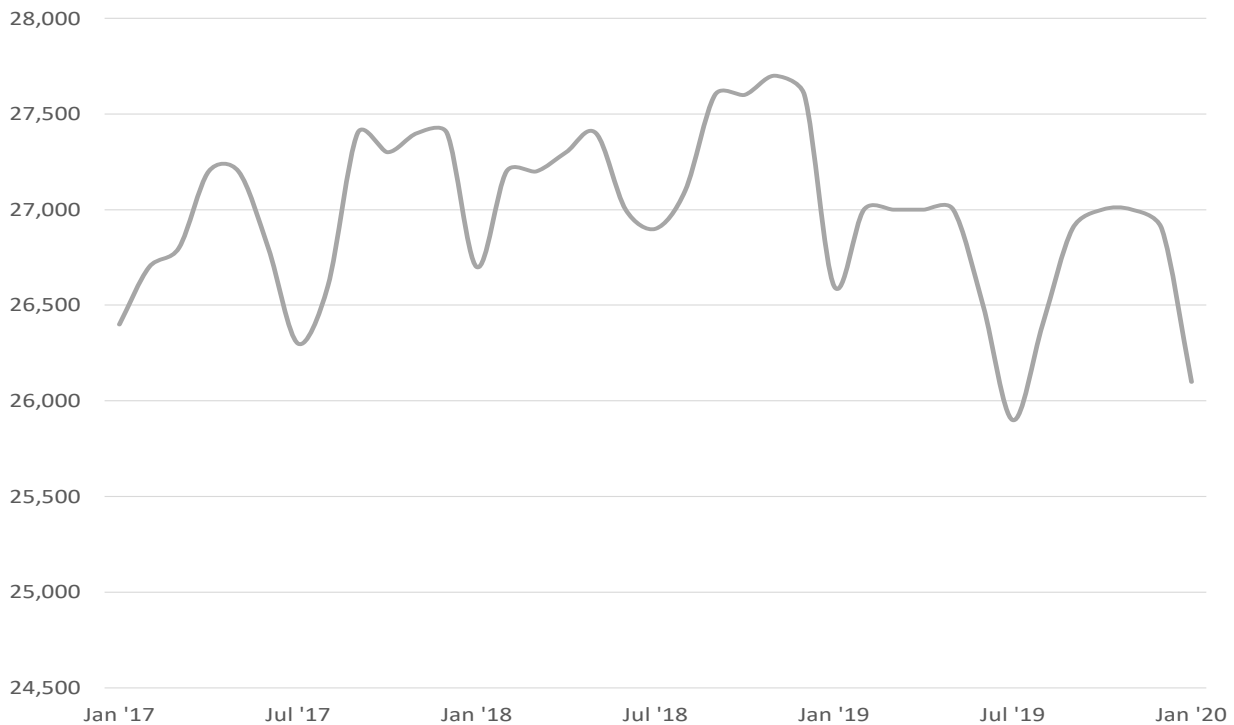
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(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.9	32.9	32.5	-1.0	-0.6
Goods Producing	5.8	6.0	5.9	-0.2	-0.1
Service Providing	26.1	26.9	26.6	-0.8	-0.5
Government	8.9	9.2	8.9	-0.3	0.0

Jobs in Service Providing Sectors

January 2017 - January 2020





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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Out-of-State MSAs

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.

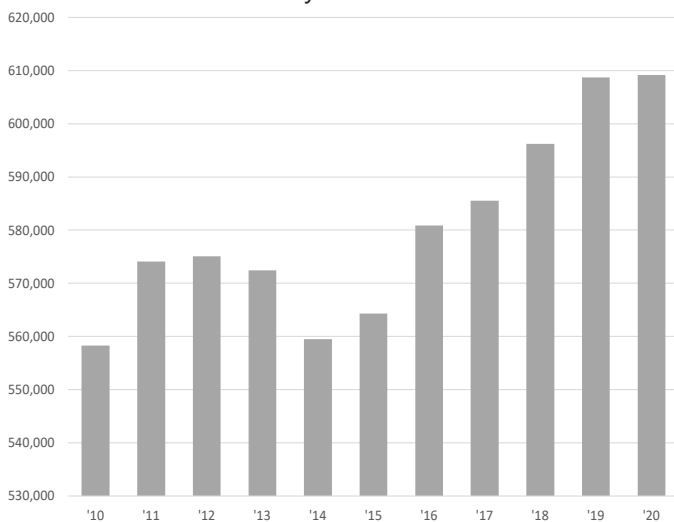
	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	637,578	647,507	638,084	-9,929	-506
Employment	609,177	622,648	608,723	-13,471	454
Unemployment	28,401	24,859	29,361	3,542	-960
Unemployment Rate	4.5	3.8	4.6	0.7	-0.1

Texarkana MSA

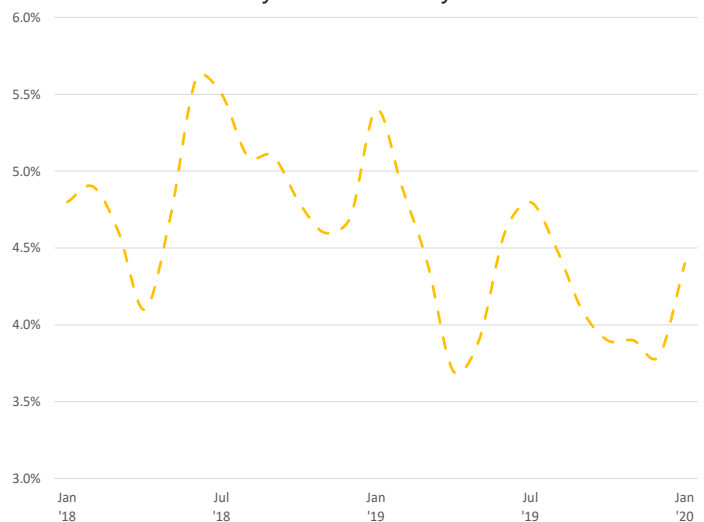
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,317	65,290	64,734	27	583
Employment	62,469	62,805	61,261	-336	1,208
Unemployment	2,848	2,485	3,473	363	-625
Unemployment Rate	4.4	3.8	5.4	0.6	-1.0

Memphis MSA - Number of Employed
January: 2010 - 2020



Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates
January 2018 - January 2020





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MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND CITIES

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	January 2020				December 2019				January 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,520	9,124	396	4.2	9,756	9,415	341	3.5	9,542	9,130	412	4.3
Batesville Micro	16,491	15,736	755	4.6	16,555	15,937	618	3.7	16,408	15,661	747	4.6
Blytheville Micro	17,055	16,062	993	5.8	17,257	16,421	836	4.8	17,125	16,171	954	5.6
Camden Micro	12,175	11,493	682	5.6	12,215	11,637	578	4.7	12,250	11,474	776	6.3
El Dorado Micro	15,801	14,781	1,020	6.5	15,788	14,947	841	5.3	15,872	14,968	904	5.7
Forrest City Micro	8,076	7,611	465	5.8	8,095	7,716	379	4.7	8,167	7,655	512	6.3
Harrison Micro	19,208	18,431	777	4.0	19,285	18,688	597	3.1	19,101	18,346	755	4.0
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,335	5,868	467	7.4	6,329	5,938	391	6.2	6,491	6,047	444	6.8
Hope Micro	13,404	12,816	588	4.4	13,425	12,938	487	3.6	13,631	13,054	577	4.2
Magnolia Micro	9,109	8,658	451	5.0	9,151	8,784	367	4.0	9,159	8,703	456	5.0
Malvern Micro	13,840	13,294	546	3.9	13,898	13,445	453	3.3	13,697	13,119	578	4.2
Mountain Home Micro	16,005	15,255	750	4.7	16,140	15,523	617	3.8	16,220	15,392	828	5.1
Paragould Micro	20,018	19,194	824	4.1	19,978	19,316	662	3.3	19,780	18,964	816	4.1
Russellville Micro	36,853	35,083	1,770	4.8	37,321	35,828	1,493	4.0	37,381	35,425	1,956	5.2
Searcy Micro	33,578	31,757	1,821	5.4	33,765	32,279	1,486	4.4	33,598	31,746	1,852	5.5

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	January 2020				December 2019				January 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,254	11,782	472	3.9	12,248	11,893	355	2.9	11,999	11,407	592	4.9
Benton	17,305	16,762	543	3.1	17,356	16,905	451	2.6	17,408	16,803	605	3.5
Bentonville	26,949	26,275	674	2.5	27,074	26,521	553	2.0	26,166	25,439	727	2.8
Blytheville	5,806	5,410	396	6.8	5,891	5,531	360	6.1	5,761	5,446	315	5.5
Cabot	12,073	11,645	428	3.5	12,133	11,757	376	3.1	12,095	11,669	426	3.5
Conway	33,608	32,443	1,165	3.5	33,653	32,729	924	2.7	33,700	32,520	1,180	3.5
El Dorado	6,919	6,403	516	7.5	6,854	6,475	379	5.5	6,914	6,484	430	6.2
Fayetteville	47,958	46,697	1,261	2.6	48,244	47,134	1,110	2.3	46,666	45,216	1,450	3.1
Fort Smith	38,954	37,399	1,555	4.0	39,102	37,858	1,244	3.2	38,727	37,235	1,492	3.9
Hot Springs	14,593	13,905	688	4.7	14,434	13,867	567	3.9	14,540	13,786	754	5.2
Jacksonville	11,640	11,028	612	5.3	11,713	11,122	591	5.0	11,562	11,055	507	4.4
Jonesboro	39,332	38,045	1,287	3.3	39,391	38,379	1,012	2.6	38,231	36,940	1,291	3.4
Little Rock	96,354	92,802	3,552	3.7	96,600	93,594	3,006	3.1	96,700	93,028	3,672	3.8
North Little Rock	29,777	28,471	1,306	4.4	29,877	28,714	1,163	3.9	29,766	28,540	1,226	4.1
Paragould	12,658	12,128	530	4.2	12,638	12,205	433	3.4	12,553	11,982	571	4.5
Pine Bluff	16,185	15,072	1,113	6.9	16,355	15,381	974	6.0	16,296	15,214	1,082	6.6
Rogers	35,747	34,783	964	2.7	35,886	35,109	777	2.2	34,752	33,675	1,077	3.1
Russellville	13,173	12,612	561	4.3	13,337	12,875	462	3.5	13,349	12,739	610	4.6
Searcy	10,121	9,682	439	4.3	10,182	9,841	341	3.3	10,153	9,678	475	4.7
Sherwood	15,938	15,369	569	3.6	15,954	15,500	454	2.8	15,983	15,406	577	3.6
Springdale	39,564	38,469	1,095	2.8	39,679	38,828	851	2.1	38,328	37,249	1,079	2.8
Texarkana, AR	13,606	12,939	667	4.9	13,603	13,043	560	4.1	13,399	12,644	755	5.6
Van Buren	10,351	9,952	399	3.9	10,385	10,078	307	3.0	10,295	9,907	388	3.8
West Memphis	10,486	9,922	564	5.4	10,532	10,072	460	4.4	10,365	9,806	559	5.4



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County	January 2020				December 2019				January 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,260	8,924	336	3.6	9,419	9,136	283	3.0	9,279	8,904	375	4.0
Ashley	7,675	7,131	544	7.1	7,585	7,158	427	5.6	7,802	7,306	496	6.4
Baxter	16,005	15,255	750	4.7	16,140	15,523	617	3.8	16,220	15,392	828	5.1
Benton	137,257	133,215	4,042	2.9	137,770	134,463	3,307	2.4	133,327	128,973	4,354	3.3
Boone	15,882	15,266	616	3.9	15,960	15,475	485	3.0	15,793	15,195	598	3.8
Bradley	4,491	4,284	207	4.6	4,489	4,332	157	3.5	4,529	4,289	240	5.3
Calhoun	2,436	2,312	124	5.1	2,441	2,345	96	3.9	2,446	2,307	139	5.7
Carroll	12,291	11,744	547	4.5	12,565	12,203	362	2.9	12,172	11,547	625	5.1
Chicot	3,244	2,959	285	8.8	3,259	3,041	218	6.7	3,323	3,049	274	8.2
Clark	9,520	9,124	396	4.2	9,756	9,415	341	3.5	9,542	9,130	412	4.3
Clay	5,581	5,247	334	6.0	5,625	5,341	284	5.0	5,728	5,359	369	6.4
Cleburne	8,993	8,478	515	5.7	9,065	8,638	427	4.7	9,057	8,553	504	5.6
Cleveland	3,179	3,015	164	5.2	3,208	3,081	127	4.0	3,194	3,039	155	4.9
Columbia	9,109	8,658	451	5.0	9,151	8,784	367	4.0	9,159	8,703	456	5.0
Conway	8,256	7,846	410	5.0	8,284	7,951	333	4.0	8,107	7,695	412	5.1
Craighead	55,856	54,045	1,811	3.2	55,922	54,519	1,403	2.5	54,310	52,475	1,835	3.4
Crawford	26,619	25,597	1,022	3.8	26,734	25,922	812	3.0	26,531	25,482	1,049	4.0
Crittenden	21,248	20,242	1,006	4.7	21,355	20,548	807	3.8	21,023	20,006	1,017	4.8
Cross	7,326	6,968	358	4.9	7,395	7,091	304	4.1	7,318	6,933	385	5.3
Dallas	2,815	2,675	140	5.0	2,826	2,703	123	4.4	2,842	2,684	158	5.6
Desha	5,309	5,028	281	5.3	5,382	5,147	235	4.4	5,479	5,197	282	5.1
Drew	7,883	7,402	481	6.1	7,936	7,548	388	4.9	7,880	7,400	480	6.1
Faulkner	61,559	59,407	2,152	3.5	61,703	59,931	1,772	2.9	61,784	59,548	2,236	3.6
Franklin	7,394	7,108	286	3.9	7,417	7,179	238	3.2	7,330	7,044	286	3.9
Fulton	4,918	4,697	221	4.5	4,931	4,758	173	3.5	4,867	4,608	259	5.3
Garland	40,802	39,115	1,687	4.1	40,408	39,008	1,400	3.5	40,647	38,780	1,867	4.6
Grant	8,319	7,996	323	3.9	8,323	8,072	251	3.0	8,323	8,010	313	3.8
Greene	20,018	19,194	824	4.1	19,978	19,316	662	3.3	19,780	18,964	816	4.1
Hempstead	9,816	9,376	440	4.5	9,825	9,467	358	3.6	9,982	9,547	435	4.4
Hot Spring	13,840	13,294	546	3.9	13,898	13,445	453	3.3	13,697	13,119	578	4.2
Howard	5,726	5,493	233	4.1	5,743	5,545	198	3.4	5,757	5,533	224	3.9
Independence	16,491	15,736	755	4.6	16,555	15,937	618	3.7	16,408	15,661	747	4.6
Izard	4,787	4,474	313	6.5	4,900	4,612	288	5.9	4,926	4,583	343	7.0
Jackson	5,813	5,380	433	7.4	5,871	5,464	407	6.9	5,874	5,439	435	7.4
Jefferson	27,208	25,509	1,699	6.2	27,477	26,032	1,445	5.3	27,466	25,749	1,717	6.3
Johnson	10,172	9,681	491	4.8	10,216	9,824	392	3.8	10,349	9,799	550	5.3
Lafayette	2,452	2,318	134	5.5	2,439	2,343	96	3.9	2,482	2,345	137	5.5
Lawrence	6,834	6,510	324	4.7	6,835	6,560	275	4.0	6,840	6,514	326	4.8
Lee	2,845	2,664	181	6.4	2,838	2,707	131	4.6	2,870	2,709	161	5.6
Lincoln	3,897	3,683	214	5.5	3,932	3,766	166	4.2	3,908	3,713	195	5.0
Little River	5,528	5,254	274	5.0	5,523	5,297	226	4.1	5,433	5,133	300	5.5
Logan	8,487	8,034	453	5.3	8,551	8,167	384	4.5	8,520	8,105	415	4.9
Lonoke	33,986	32,760	1,226	3.6	34,203	33,076	1,127	3.3	34,041	32,828	1,213	3.6
Madison	7,432	7,223	209	2.8	7,481	7,313	168	2.2	7,244	7,011	233	3.2
Marion	6,596	6,274	322	4.9	6,579	6,321	258	3.9	6,576	6,245	331	5.0
Miller	19,707	18,830	877	4.5	19,724	18,982	742	3.8	19,421	18,401	1,020	5.3

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COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	January 2020				December 2019				January 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,055	16,062	993	5.8	17,257	16,421	836	4.8	17,125	16,171	954	5.6
Monroe	2,768	2,630	138	5.0	2,747	2,622	125	4.6	2,777	2,646	131	4.7
Montgomery	2,877	2,701	176	6.1	2,891	2,762	129	4.5	2,943	2,763	180	6.1
Nevada	3,588	3,440	148	4.1	3,600	3,471	129	3.6	3,649	3,507	142	3.9
Newton	3,326	3,165	161	4.8	3,325	3,213	112	3.4	3,308	3,151	157	4.7
Ouachita	9,739	9,181	558	5.7	9,774	9,292	482	4.9	9,804	9,167	637	6.5
Perry	4,227	4,024	203	4.8	4,215	4,063	152	3.6	4,250	4,032	218	5.1
Phillips	6,335	5,868	467	7.4	6,329	5,938	391	6.2	6,491	6,047	444	6.8
Pike	4,209	4,010	199	4.7	4,227	4,066	161	3.8	4,232	4,028	204	4.8
Poinsett	10,379	9,929	450	4.3	10,386	10,037	349	3.4	10,080	9,652	428	4.2
Polk	8,152	7,667	485	5.9	8,162	7,803	359	4.4	8,047	7,646	401	5.0
Pope	28,533	27,127	1,406	4.9	28,903	27,693	1,210	4.2	28,912	27,400	1,512	5.2
Prairie	3,537	3,383	154	4.4	3,599	3,442	157	4.4	3,564	3,369	195	5.5
Pulaski	187,545	180,280	7,265	3.9	188,032	181,818	6,214	3.3	187,970	180,718	7,252	3.9
Randolph	7,356	7,006	350	4.8	7,363	7,071	292	4.0	7,150	6,815	335	4.7
St. Francis	8,076	7,611	465	5.8	8,095	7,716	379	4.7	8,167	7,655	512	6.3
Saline	58,243	56,352	1,891	3.2	58,378	56,834	1,544	2.6	58,502	56,490	2,012	3.4
Scott	4,301	4,129	172	4.0	4,320	4,176	144	3.3	4,317	4,130	187	4.3
Searcy	2,794	2,618	176	6.3	2,819	2,674	145	5.1	2,793	2,646	147	5.3
Sebastian	56,107	53,894	2,213	3.9	56,319	54,555	1,764	3.1	55,808	53,658	2,150	3.9
Sevier	5,479	5,174	305	5.6	5,528	5,270	258	4.7	5,528	5,222	306	5.5
Sharp	5,666	5,325	341	6.0	5,670	5,387	283	5.0	5,763	5,404	359	6.2
Stone	4,556	4,284	272	6.0	4,613	4,402	211	4.6	4,706	4,397	309	6.6
Union	15,801	14,781	1,020	6.5	15,788	14,947	841	5.3	15,872	14,968	904	5.7
Van Buren	5,652	5,311	341	6.0	5,636	5,353	283	5.0	5,717	5,346	371	6.5
Washington	124,899	121,521	3,378	2.7	125,398	122,658	2,740	2.2	121,221	117,667	3,554	2.9
White	33,578	31,757	1,821	5.4	33,765	32,279	1,486	4.4	33,598	31,746	1,852	5.5
Woodruff	2,749	2,584	165	6.0	2,773	2,634	139	5.0	2,796	2,618	178	6.4
Yell	8,320	7,956	364	4.4	8,418	8,135	283	3.4	8,469	8,025	444	5.2

County Labor Force Summary

Between December 2019 and January 2020, unemployment rates increased in 74 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Prairie County was unchanged over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.7 percent in Washington County to a high of 8.8 percent in Chicot County.

In January, sixteen counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down from 43 counties at or below four percent last month. Four counties reported jobless rates at or above seven percent.

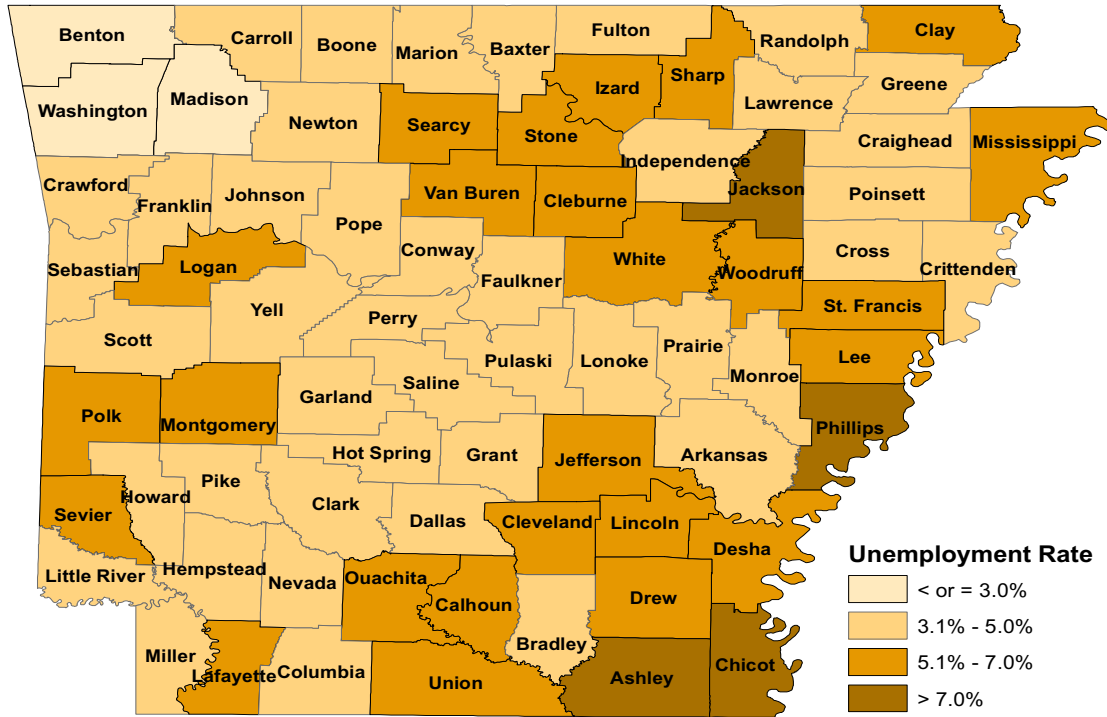
Compared to January 2019, unemployment rates are down in 41 Arkansas counties. Rates in twenty-three counties were up over-the-year, while 11 counties were unchanged.



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County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

January 2020 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.7	25	Fulton	4.5	51	White	5.4
2	Madison	2.8	25	Hempstead	4.5	52	Lafayette	5.5
3	Benton	2.9	25	Miller	4.5	52	Lincoln	5.5
4	Craighead	3.2	29	Bradley	4.6	54	Sevier	5.6
4	Saline	3.2	29	Independence	4.6	55	Cleburne	5.7
6	Faulkner	3.5	31	Baxter	4.7	55	Ouachita	5.7
7	Arkansas	3.6	31	Crittenden	4.7	57	Mississippi	5.8
7	Lonoke	3.6	31	Lawrence	4.7	57	St. Francis	5.8
9	Crawford	3.8	31	Pike	4.7	59	Polk	5.9
10	Boone	3.9	35	Johnson	4.8	60	Clay	6.0
10	Franklin	3.9	35	Newton	4.8	60	Sharp	6.0
10	Grant	3.9	35	Perry	4.8	60	Stone	6.0
10	Hot Spring	3.9	35	Randolph	4.8	60	Van Buren	6.0
10	Pulaski	3.9	39	Cross	4.9	60	Woodruff	6.0
10	Sebastian	3.9	39	Marion	4.9	65	Drew	6.1
16	Scott	4.0	39	Pope	4.9	65	Montgomery	6.1
17	Garland	4.1	42	Columbia	5.0	67	Jefferson	6.2
17	Greene	4.1	42	Conway	5.0	68	Searcy	6.3
17	Howard	4.1	42	Dallas	5.0	69	Lee	6.4
17	Nevada	4.1	42	Little River	5.0	70	Izard	6.5
21	Clark	4.2	42	Monroe	5.0	70	Union	6.5
22	Poinsett	4.3	47	Calhoun	5.1	72	Ashley	7.1
23	Prairie	4.4	48	Cleveland	5.2	73	Jackson	7.4
23	Yell	4.4	49	Desha	5.3	73	Phillips	7.4
25	Carroll	4.5	49	Logan	5.3	75	Chicot	8.8



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LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	January 2020				December 2019				January 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	251,284	242,010	9,274	3.7	252,062	244,129	7,933	3.1	251,938	242,571	9,367	3.7
City of Little Rock	96,354	92,802	3,552	3.7	96,600	93,594	3,006	3.1	96,700	93,028	3,672	3.8
Eastern	45,830	43,353	2,477	5.4	46,012	44,000	2,012	4.4	45,869	43,350	2,519	5.5
North Central	93,203	88,026	5,177	5.6	93,779	89,464	4,315	4.6	93,712	88,355	5,357	5.7
Northeast	123,079	117,993	5,086	4.1	123,366	119,265	4,101	3.3	121,013	115,950	5,063	4.2
Northwest	326,482	316,281	10,201	3.1	328,037	319,843	8,194	2.5	318,654	307,827	10,827	3.4
Southeast	80,465	75,931	4,534	5.6	81,010	77,313	3,697	4.6	81,183	76,656	4,527	5.6
Southwest	92,196	87,492	4,704	5.1	92,362	88,446	3,916	4.2	92,375	87,517	4,858	5.3
West Central	130,756	124,878	5,878	4.5	131,216	126,362	4,854	3.7	131,148	124,771	6,377	4.9
Western	111,060	106,429	4,631	4.2	111,503	107,802	3,701	3.3	110,553	106,065	4,488	4.1

