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Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month's estimates are preliminary, while previous month's data is subject to revision.

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data collected for production workers in manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2020 benchmark.

Explanation of Terms and Concepts

Monthly Business

Survey of Employers

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Workforce Services. The data are based on establishment records and include all workers, full- or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

Metropolitan

Statistical Areas

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, commuting patterns and social and economic integration.

Current Population

Survey (CPS)

A monthly sample survey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

Civilian Labor Force

The sum of all employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

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

Unemployment

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

Unemployment

Rate

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

Seasonal

Adjustment

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



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January Spotlight 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. In addition to the typical annual revision process, BLS incorporated a new estimation model into the methodology. Due to these updates, statewide CLF data was revised back to the beginning of series—January 1976. The new data are available at www.discover.arkansas.gov. Updated sub-state CLF estimates, revised back to January 1990, are also now available on the Discover Arkansas website and 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 5 quarters, to October 2019. All revised Nonfarm Payroll Jobs data have been updated on the Discover Arkansas website.

Upcoming Spotlight Topics

Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

Business Employment Dynamics

Wages by County

State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

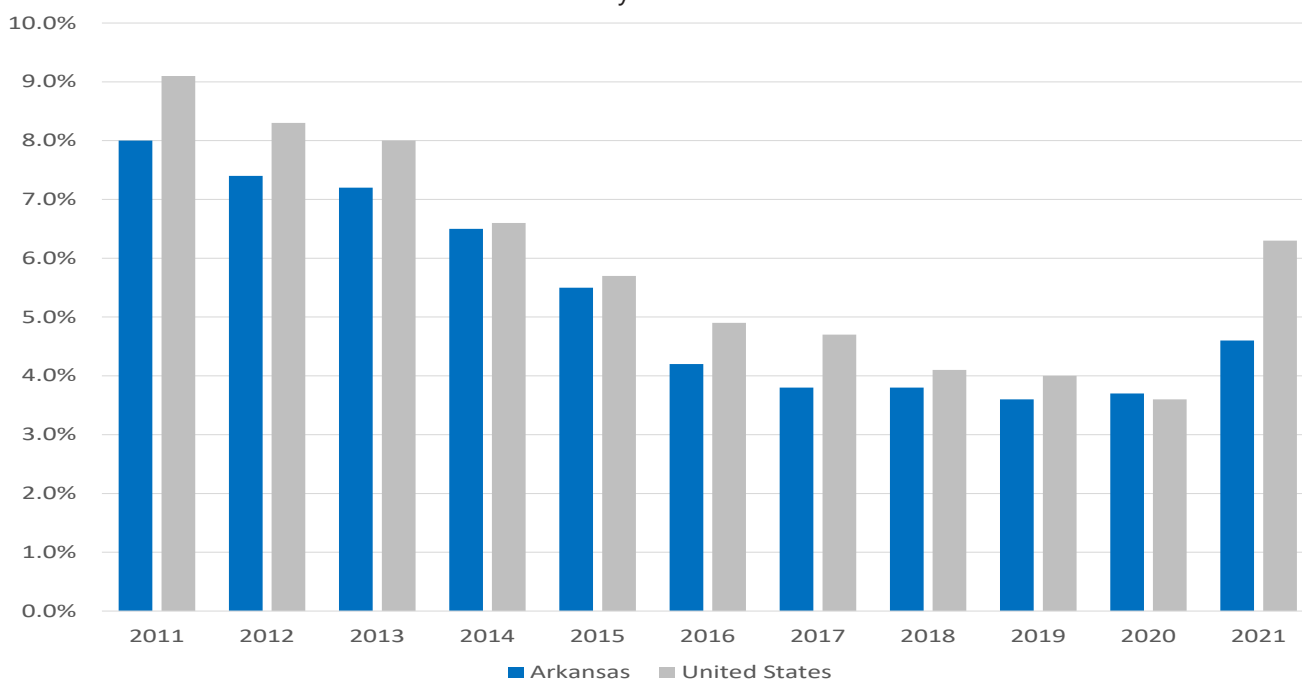
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined three-tenths of a percentage point from 4.9 percent in December 2020 to 4.6 percent in January 2021. The December 2020 unemployment rate was revised up from 4.2 percent to 4.9 percent (see Changes Affecting Data note in the Spotlight). Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 3,360, a result of 3,635 fewer unemployed and 275 more employed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate declined four-tenths of a percentage point, from 6.7 percent in December 2020 to 6.3 percent in January 2021.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "The annual revision of Arkansas' civilian labor force data shows that the impact of COVID on employment was not as large as originally estimated. Employment was revised up for every month of 2020. Based on updated information, Arkansas' unemployment rate peaked at 10.0 percent in April 2020 instead of the 10.8 percent originally calculated. All updated statewide data are available on our website."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 21	Dec 20	Jan 20	Jan 21	Dec 20	Jan 20	
Civilian Labor Force	1,375,953	1,379,313	1,372,291	Civilian Labor Force	1,349,640	1,366,653	1,356,254
Employment	1,312,417	1,312,142	1,322,159	Employment	1,280,641	1,302,339	1,299,739
Unemployment	63,536	67,171	50,132	Unemployment	68,999	64,314	56,515
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.9	3.7	Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.7	4.2
U.S. Unemployment	6.3	6.7	3.5	U.S. Unemployment	6.8	6.5	4.0

Unemployment Rates- Arkansas vs United States (Seasonally Adjusted)
January: 2011 - 2021



**State of Arkansas
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1245.8	1263.8	1282.0	-18.0	-36.2
Goods Producing	216.2	216.6	218.6	-0.4	-2.4
Mining, Logging, & Construction	58.9	59.3	57.6	-0.4	1.3
Mining & Logging	5.2	5.3	5.7	-0.1	-0.5
Construction	53.7	54.0	51.9	-0.3	1.8
Specialty Trade Contractors	34.0	34.4	33.0	-0.4	1.0
Manufacturing	157.3	157.3	161.0	0.0	-3.7
Durable Goods	76.1	75.9	76.5	0.2	-0.4
Nondurable Goods	81.2	81.4	84.5	-0.2	-3.3
Service Providing	1029.6	1047.2	1063.4	-17.6	-33.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	251.1	258.2	250.7	-7.1	0.4
Wholesale Trade	46.7	46.0	47.1	0.7	-0.4
Retail Trade	138.2	143.7	135.5	-5.5	2.7
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	66.2	68.5	68.1	-2.3	-1.9
Information	11.6	11.6	12.7	0.0	-1.1
Financial Activities	63.9	63.5	64.1	0.4	-0.2
Finance & Insurance	50.6	50.2	50.3	0.4	0.3
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.3	13.3	13.8	0.0	-0.5
Professional & Business Services	140.7	142.8	143.5	-2.1	-2.8
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.3	43.3	44.1	0.0	-0.8
Management of Companies	33.8	34.0	34.2	-0.2	-0.4
Administrative & Support Services	63.6	65.5	65.2	-1.9	-1.6
Educational & Health Services	187.1	189.2	195.0	-2.1	-7.9
Educational Services	15.6	15.9	16.5	-0.3	-0.9
Health Care & Social Assistance	171.5	173.3	178.5	-1.8	-7.0
Ambulatory Health Care	59.3	59.6	60.2	-0.3	-0.9
Social Assistance	35.9	36.6	39.9	-0.7	-4.0
Leisure & Hospitality	105.1	107.8	117.7	-2.7	-12.6
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	10.0	10.0	10.9	0.0	-0.9
Accommodation & Food Services	95.1	97.8	106.8	-2.7	-11.7
Accommodation Services	8.4	8.7	11.2	-0.3	-2.8
Food Services	86.7	89.1	95.6	-2.4	-8.9
Other Services	64.6	65.1	65.9	-0.5	-1.3
Government	205.5	209.0	213.8	-3.5	-8.3
Federal Government	20.3	20.8	20.6	-0.5	-0.3
State Government	75.6	77.4	77.7	-1.8	-2.1
State Gov, Educational Services	29.0	30.8	29.8	-1.8	-0.8
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.6	46.6	47.9	0.0	-1.3
Local Government	109.6	110.8	115.5	-1.2	-5.9
Local Gov, Educational Services	67.4	68.0	71.2	-0.6	-3.8
Local Gov, Excluding Education	42.2	42.8	44.3	-0.6	-2.1

**State of Arkansas
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

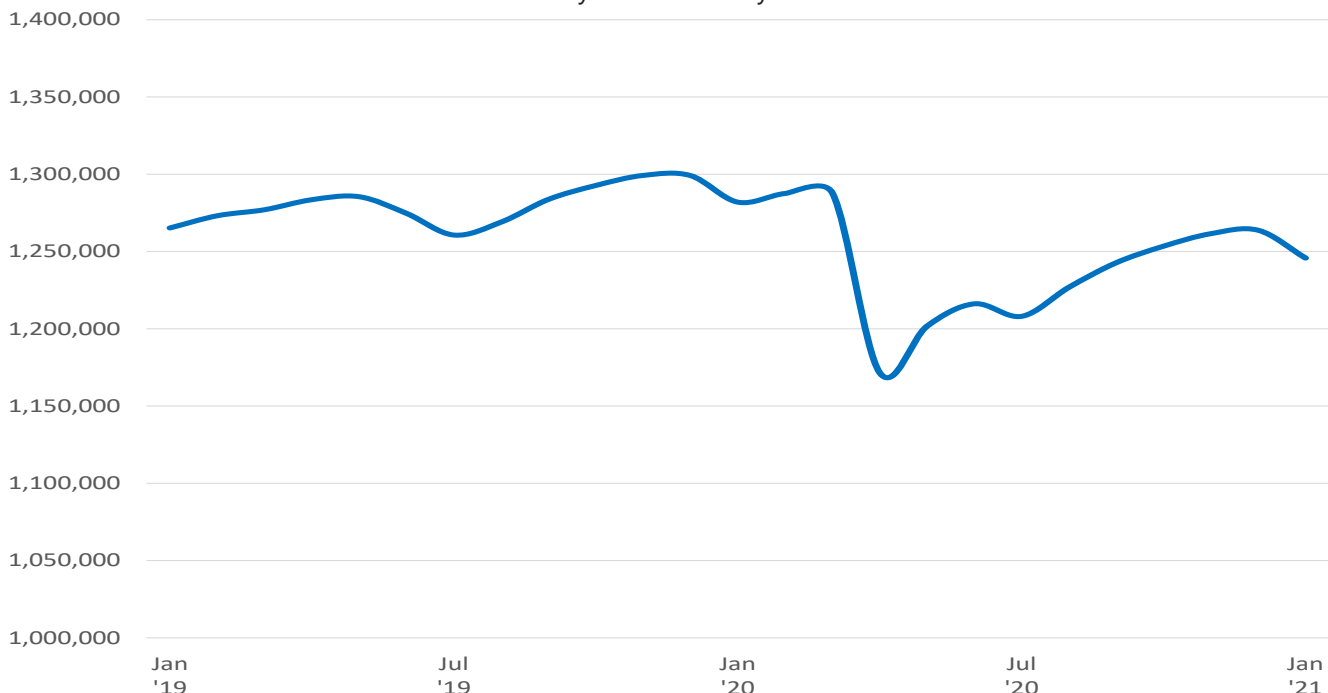
December 2020 - January 2021

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas decreased 18,000 in January to total 1,245,800. Eight major industry sectors posted declines, with losses in some sectors related to seasonal factors. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** are down 7,100. Most of the contraction occurred in retail trade (-5,500), due in large part to the end of temporary holiday hiring. **Government** employment decreased 3,500. Job losses in state government, educational services (-1,800) accounted for much of the decline and was related in part to winter break at public colleges and universities. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** are down 2,700. All losses were reported in accommodation and food services (-2,700). Notable reductions were also reported in **professional and business services** (-2,100) and in **educational and health services** (-2,100).

January 2020 - January 2021

Compared to January 2020, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment is down 36,200. Declines were posted in nine major industry sectors. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** decreased 12,600, mostly in accommodation and food services (-11,700). **Government** employment is down 8,300. Losses occurred in all subsectors, with local government reporting most of the reduction (-5,900). Jobs in **educational and health services** declined 7,900. Health care and social assistance posted most of the loss (-7,000). Employment in **manufacturing** decreased 3,700, largely in nondurable goods manufacturing (-3,300). Smaller contractions occurred in **professional and business services** (-2,800), **other services** (-1,300), and in **information** (-1,100).

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
January 2019 - January 2021



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

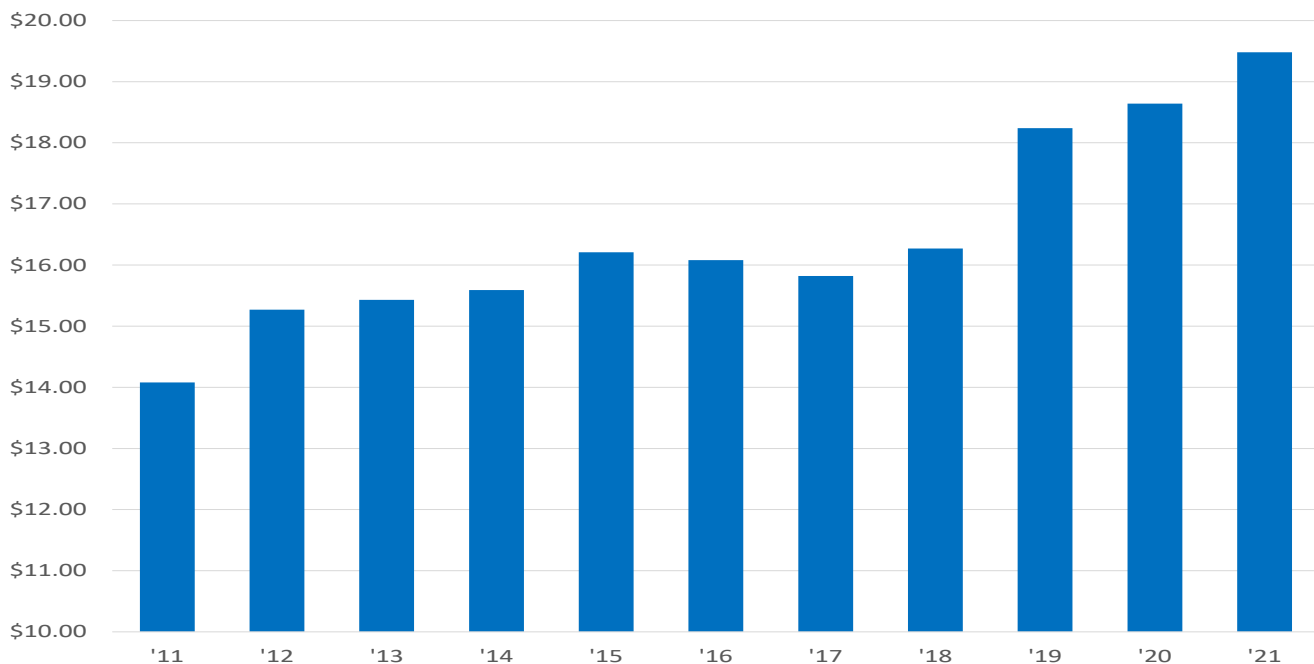
Manufacturing

	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.0	39.3	40.9
Average Hourly Earnings	19.48	19.50	18.64
Average Weekly Earnings	759.72	766.35	762.38

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>		<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>
Average Weekly Hours	37.9	38.2	41.6	Average Weekly Hours	40.0	40.4	40.3
Average Hourly Earnings	20.84	20.78	20.73	Average Hourly Earnings	18.30	18.39	16.73
Average Weekly Earnings	789.84	793.80	862.37	Average Weekly Earnings	732.00	742.96	674.22

Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing (Production Workers)
January: 2011 - 2021



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 21</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	352,247	355,832	356,700	-3,585	-4,453
Employment	333,530	338,136	343,394	-4,606	-9,864
Unemployment	18,717	17,696	13,306	1,021	5,411
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.0	3.7	0.3	1.6

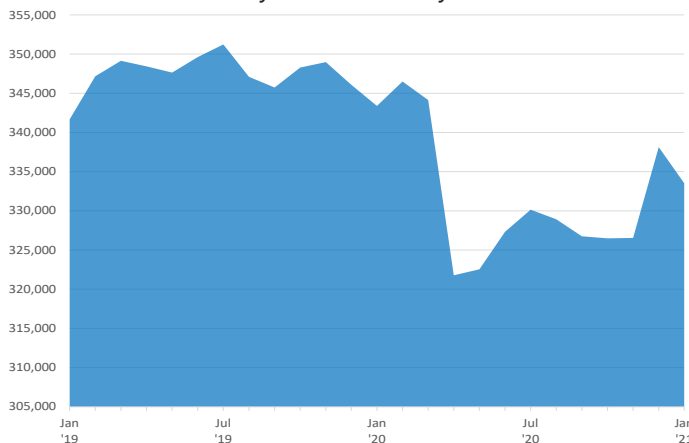
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	347.9	351.9	364.8	-4.0	-16.9
Goods Producing	36.5	36.4	38.5	0.1	-2.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.7	17.5	17.7	0.2	0.0
Manufacturing	18.8	18.9	20.8	-0.1	-2.0
Service Providing	311.4	315.5	326.3	-4.1	-14.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	68.9	71.3	69.9	-2.4	-1.0
Wholesale Trade	15.3	15.1	15.7	0.2	-0.4
Retail Trade	37.4	39.7	37.6	-2.3	-0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.2	16.5	16.6	-0.3	-0.4
Information	5.1	5.1	5.8	0.0	-0.7
Financial Activities	22.6	22.3	22.4	0.3	0.2
Professional & Business Services	44.5	44.1	45.8	0.4	-1.3
Educational & Health Services	57.3	58.9	58.9	-1.6	-1.6
Leisure & Hospitality	28.5	28.3	33.8	0.2	-5.3
Other Services	17.6	17.6	18.2	0.0	-0.6
Government	66.9	67.9	71.5	-1.0	-4.6
Federal Government	9.6	9.9	9.8	-0.3	-0.2
State Government	33.8	34.3	35.7	-0.5	-1.9
Local Government	23.5	23.7	26.0	-0.2	-2.5

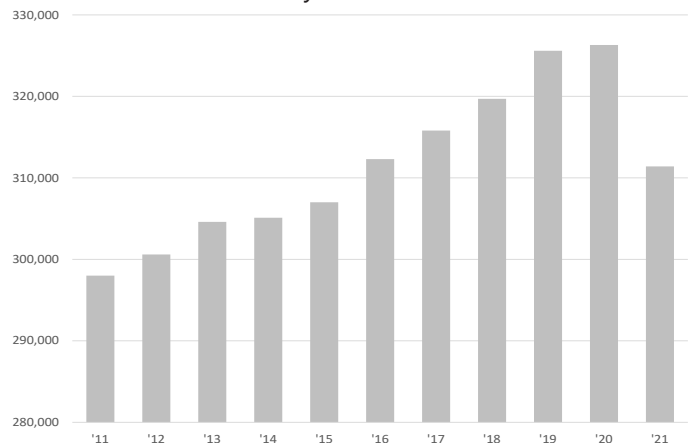
Employment

January 2019 - January 2021



Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January: 2011 - 2021



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)

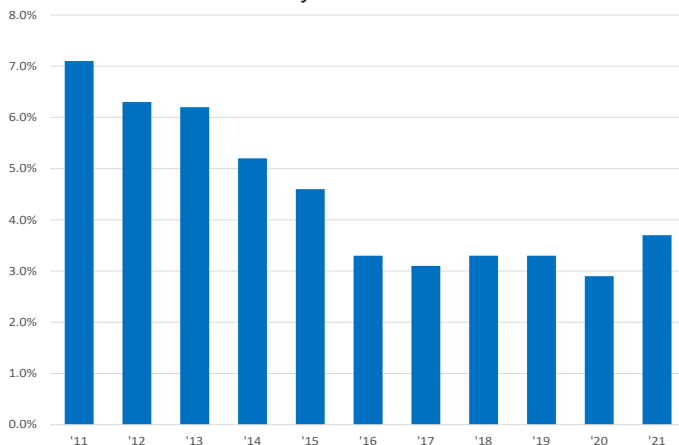
	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	286,507	291,307	282,773	-4,800	3,734
Employment	276,030	281,221	274,514	-5,191	1,516
Unemployment	10,477	10,086	8,259	391	2,218
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.5	2.9	0.2	0.8

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

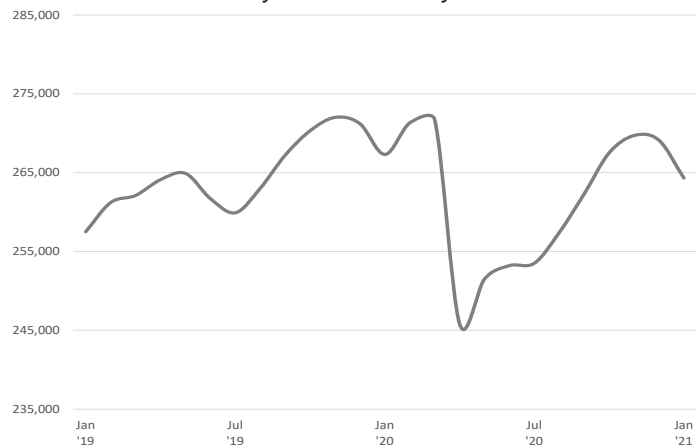
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	264.3	269.1	267.3	-4.8	-3.0
Goods Producing	44.6	44.7	43.3	-0.1	1.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	13.2	13.3	12.4	-0.1	0.8
Manufacturing	31.4	31.4	30.9	0.0	0.5
Service Providing	219.7	224.4	224.0	-4.7	-4.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	57.8	58.8	56.9	-1.0	0.9
Wholesale Trade	12.2	12.1	12.3	0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	27.3	28.0	25.8	-0.7	1.5
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.3	18.7	18.8	-0.4	-0.5
Information	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.0	-0.2
Financial Activities	8.5	8.6	8.5	-0.1	0.0
Professional & Business Services	50.8	51.9	51.9	-1.1	-1.1
Educational & Health Services	30.1	30.1	30.7	0.0	-0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	23.8	24.7	26.3	-0.9	-2.5
Other Services	9.6	9.6	9.9	0.0	-0.3
Government	37.2	38.8	37.7	-1.6	-0.5
Federal Government	2.8	2.9	2.8	-0.1	0.0
State Government	14.9	16.3	15.3	-1.4	-0.4
Local Government	19.5	19.6	19.6	-0.1	-0.1

Unemployment Rates
January: 2011 - 2021



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
January 2019 - January 2021



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 21</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	118,931	119,095	117,725	-164	1,206
Employment	112,983	113,600	112,869	-617	114
Unemployment	5,948	5,495	4,856	453	1,092
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.6	4.1	0.4	0.9

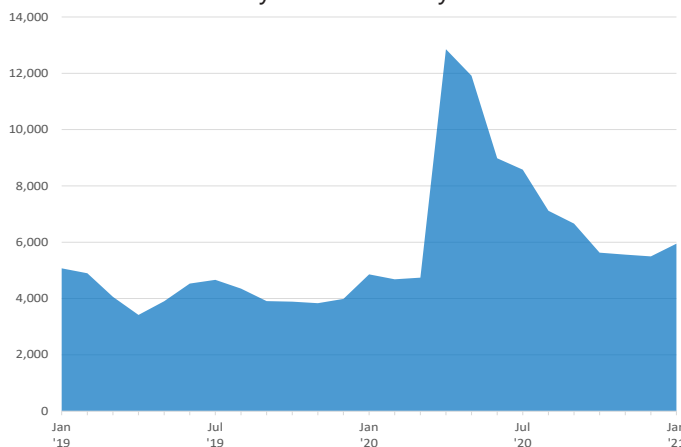
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	109.2	110.4	111.8	-1.2	-2.6
Goods Producing	22.2	22.4	22.5	-0.2	-0.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.4	5.6	5.2	-0.2	0.2
Manufacturing	16.8	16.8	17.3	0.0	-0.5
Service Providing	87.0	88.0	89.3	-1.0	-2.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.7	24.2	23.2	-0.5	0.5
Wholesale Trade	4.5	4.4	4.2	0.1	0.3
Retail Trade	12.2	12.6	12.4	-0.4	-0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	7.0	7.2	6.6	-0.2	0.4
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.7	3.7	3.9	0.0	-0.2
Professional & Business Services	11.5	11.7	11.9	-0.2	-0.4
Educational & Health Services	16.7	16.6	17.3	0.1	-0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	8.2	8.2	9.1	0.0	-0.9
Other Services	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.1	0.0
Government	17.6	18.1	18.3	-0.5	-0.7
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.3	2.8	2.7	-0.5	-0.4
Local Government	14.0	14.0	14.3	0.0	-0.3

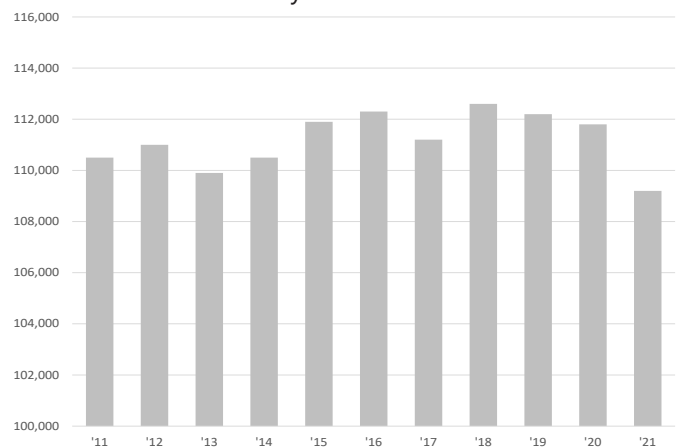
Unemployment

January 2019 - January 2021



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January: 2011 - 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jan 21	Dec 20	Jan 20	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	41,156	41,671	40,686	-515	470
Employment	38,457	39,201	38,970	-744	-513
Unemployment	2,699	2,470	1,716	229	983
Unemployment Rate	6.6	5.9	4.2	0.7	2.4

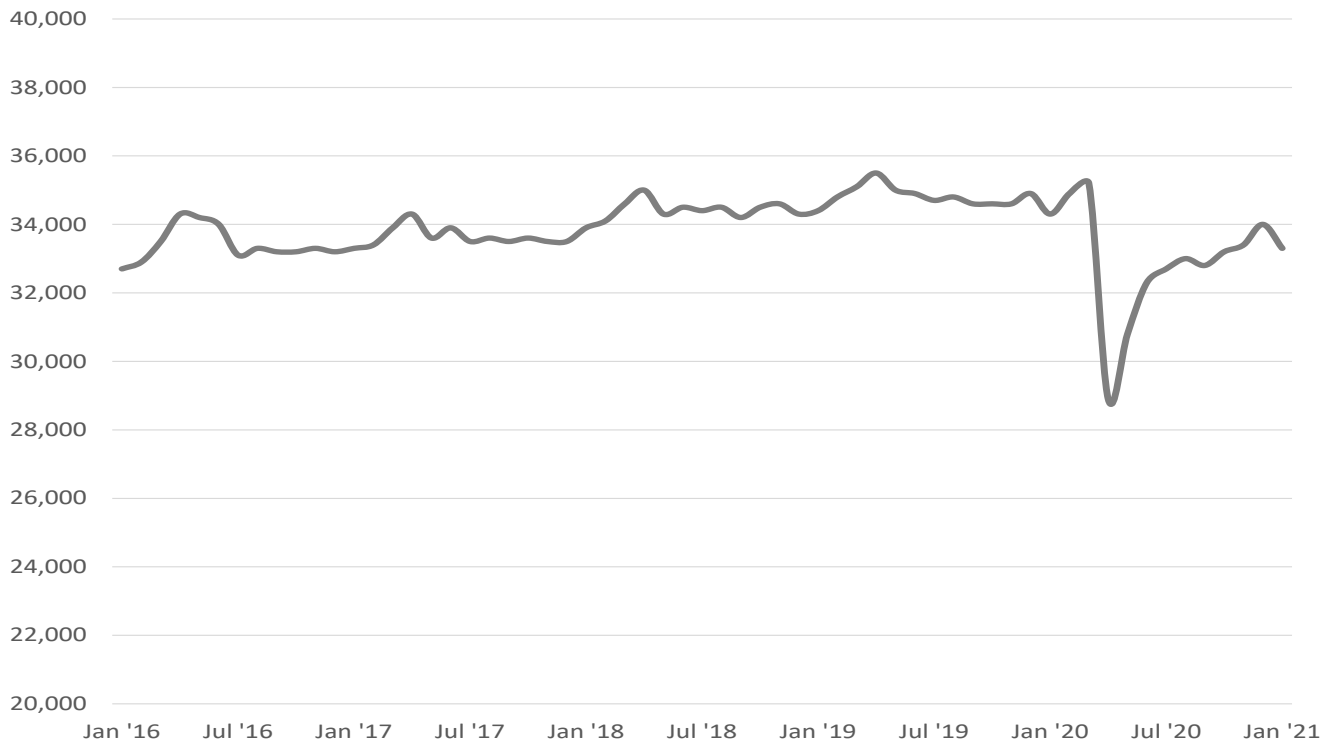
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jan 21	Dec 20	Jan 20	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	37.8	38.6	39.0	-0.8	-1.2
Goods Producing	4.5	4.6	4.7	-0.1	-0.2
Service Providing	33.3	34.0	34.3	-0.7	-1.0
Government	4.0	4.1	4.3	-0.1	-0.3

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January 2016 - January 2021



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,521	66,493	66,086	-972	-565
Employment	62,693	63,868	63,771	-1,175	-1,078
Unemployment	2,828	2,625	2,315	203	513
Unemployment Rate	4.3	3.9	3.5	0.4	0.8

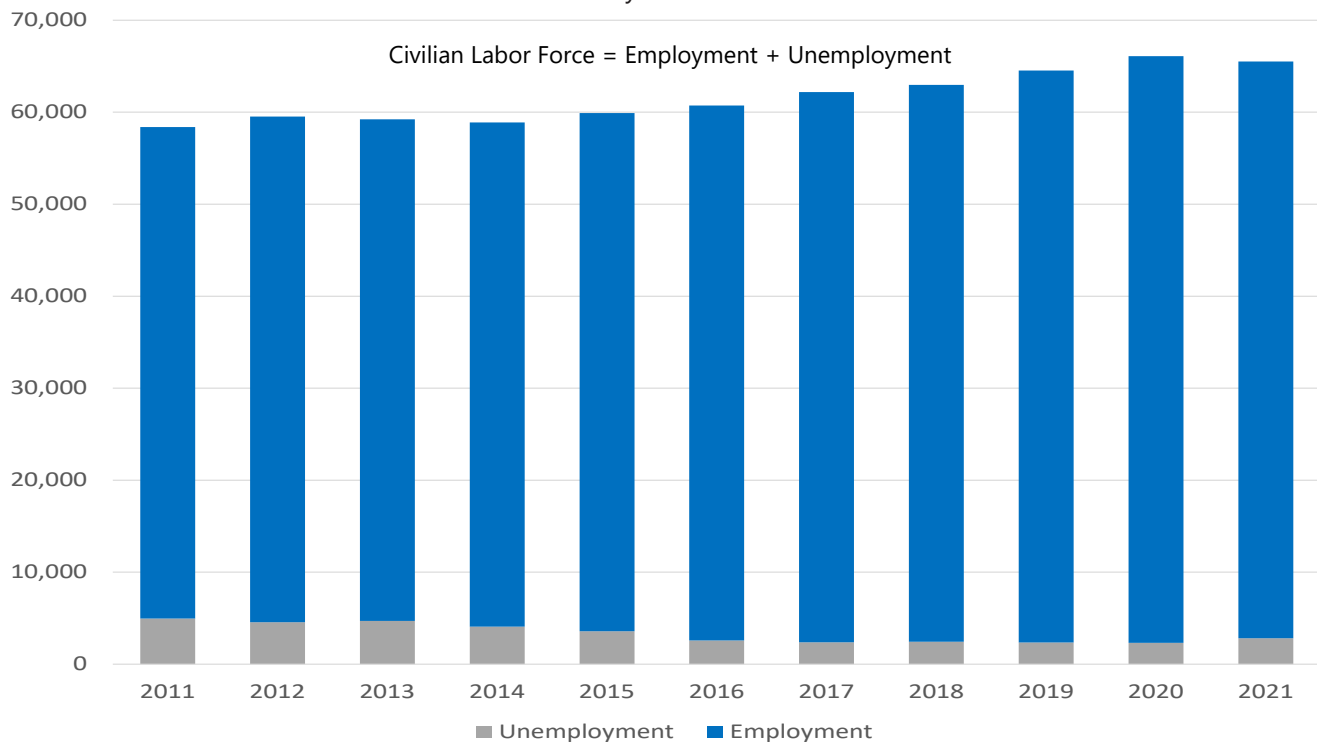
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	58.3	59.3	60.5	-1.0	-2.2
Goods Producing	10.2	10.4	10.2	-0.2	0.0
Service Providing	48.1	48.9	50.3	-0.8	-2.2
Government	8.2	8.3	9.1	-0.1	-0.9

Composition of the Civilian Labor Force

January: 2011 - 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Pine Bluff MSA**

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jan 21	Dec 20	Jan 20	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	34,548	34,939	34,149	-391	399
Employment	32,043	32,637	32,048	-594	-5
Unemployment	2,505	2,302	2,101	203	404
Unemployment Rate	7.3	6.6	6.2	0.7	1.1

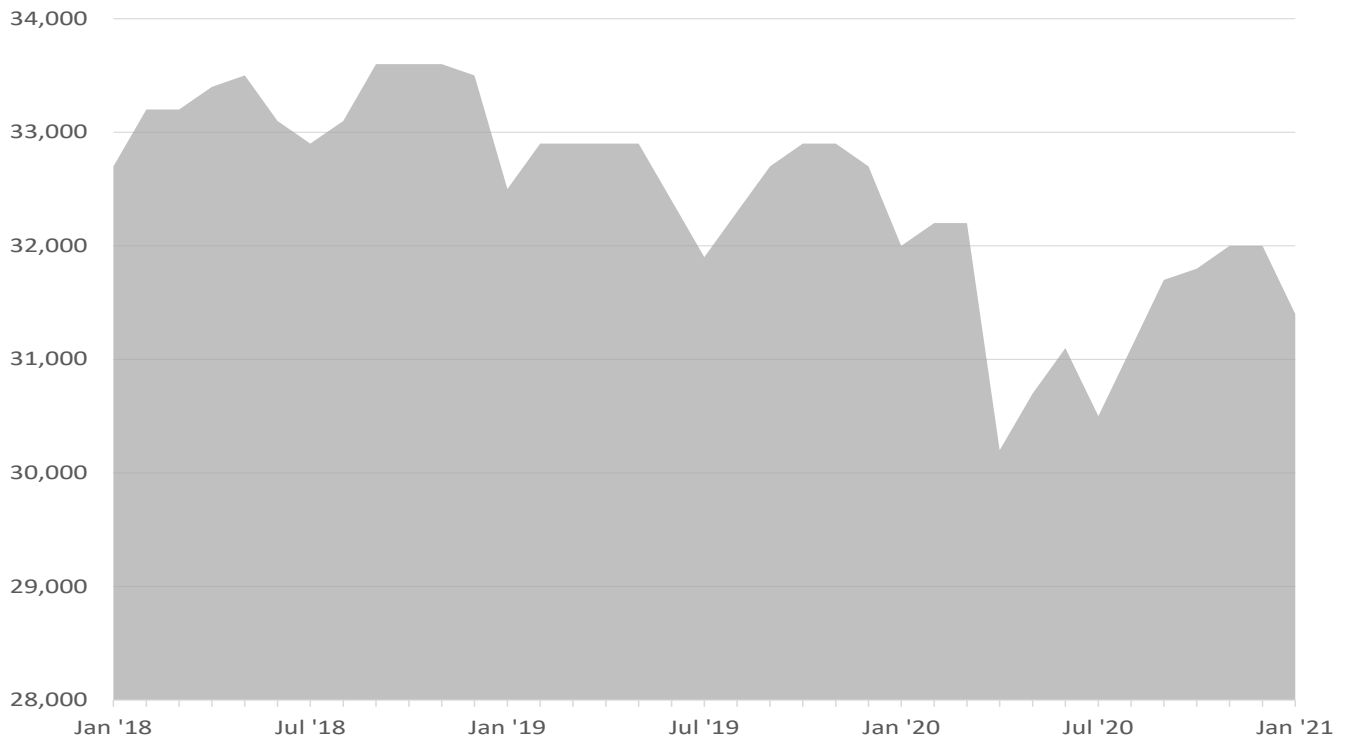
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jan 21	Dec 20	Jan 20	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	31.4	32.0	32.0	-0.6	-0.6
Goods Producing	5.6	5.7	5.9	-0.1	-0.3
Service Providing	25.8	26.3	26.1	-0.5	-0.3
Government	8.7	9.1	8.7	-0.4	0.0

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January 2018 - January 2021



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.

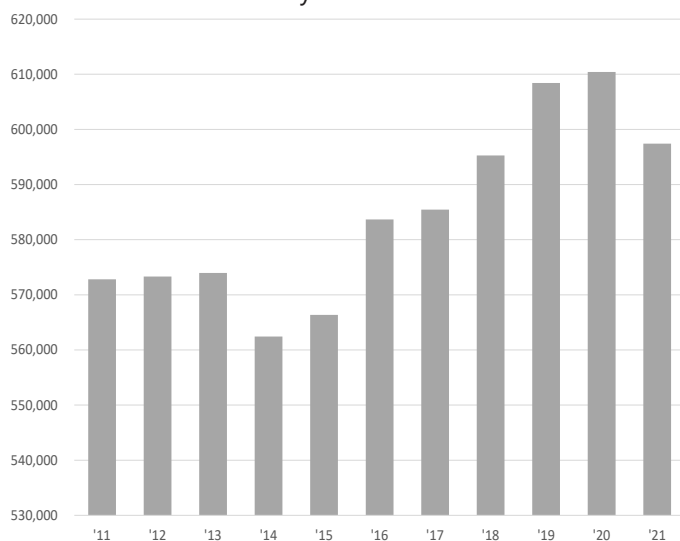
	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	642,312	651,858	639,738	-9,546	2,574
Employment	597,423	606,594	610,422	-9,171	-12,999
Unemployment	44,889	45,264	29,316	-375	15,573
Unemployment Rate	7.0	6.9	4.6	0.1	2.4

Texarkana MSA

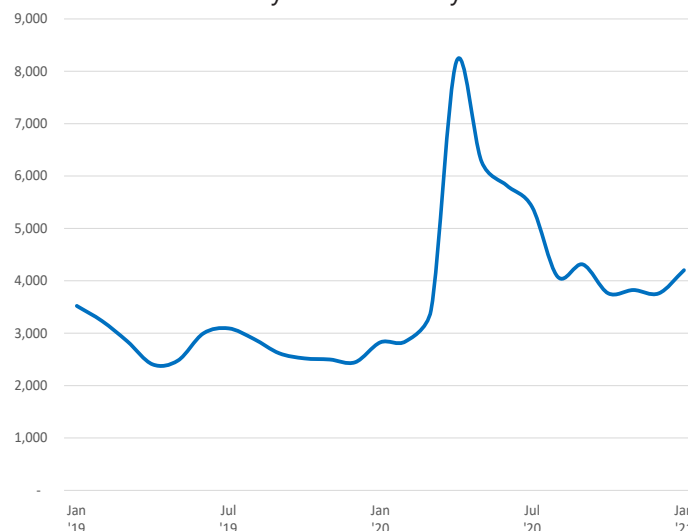
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,611	64,045	64,369	-434	-758
Employment	59,408	60,285	61,543	-877	-2,135
Unemployment	4,203	3,760	2,826	443	1,377
Unemployment Rate	6.6	5.9	4.4	0.7	2.2

Memphis MSA - Number of Employed
January: 2011 - 2021



Texarkana MSA - Unemployment
January 2019 - January 2021



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	January 2021				December 2020				January 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,217	8,732	485	5.3	9,504	9,057	447	4.7	9,422	9,016	406	4.3
Batesville Micro	16,617	15,792	825	5.0	16,778	16,059	719	4.3	16,660	15,895	765	4.6
Blytheville Micro	16,799	15,444	1,355	8.1	17,019	15,797	1,222	7.2	17,346	16,343	1,003	5.8
Camden Micro	12,199	11,623	576	4.7	12,338	11,812	526	4.3	12,329	11,638	691	5.6
El Dorado Micro	15,395	14,285	1,110	7.2	15,525	14,514	1,011	6.5	15,686	14,654	1,032	6.6
Forrest City Micro	7,905	7,315	590	7.5	7,962	7,431	531	6.7	8,164	7,696	468	5.7
Harrison Micro	18,839	18,094	745	4.0	19,151	18,446	705	3.7	19,177	18,391	786	4.1
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,443	5,879	564	8.8	6,435	5,927	508	7.9	6,315	5,849	466	7.4
Hope Micro	12,910	12,359	551	4.3	13,021	12,493	528	4.1	13,291	12,697	594	4.5
Magnolia Micro	9,113	8,457	656	7.2	9,276	8,637	639	6.9	9,184	8,725	459	5.0
Malvern Micro	14,139	13,462	677	4.8	14,253	13,633	620	4.3	14,159	13,604	555	3.9
Mountain Home Micro	16,430	15,635	795	4.8	16,656	15,910	746	4.5	16,353	15,585	768	4.7
Paragould Micro	19,118	18,238	880	4.6	19,295	18,479	816	4.2	19,718	18,880	838	4.2
Russellville Micro	35,356	33,563	1,793	5.1	36,285	34,652	1,633	4.5	36,320	34,523	1,797	4.9
Searcy Micro	33,896	32,087	1,809	5.3	34,383	32,693	1,690	4.9	34,083	32,232	1,851	5.4

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 2021				December 2020				January 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,453	11,841	612	4.9	12,616	12,073	543	4.3	12,262	11,777	485	4.0
Benton	17,174	16,559	615	3.6	17,445	16,790	655	3.8	17,610	17,052	558	3.2
Bentonville	29,079	28,160	919	3.2	29,602	28,714	888	3.0	28,729	28,009	720	2.5
Blytheville	5,698	5,187	511	9.0	5,814	5,306	508	8.7	5,888	5,489	399	6.8
Cabot	11,811	11,292	519	4.4	11,934	11,439	495	4.1	12,047	11,614	433	3.6
Conway	33,779	32,279	1,500	4.4	34,117	32,717	1,400	4.1	34,421	33,224	1,197	3.5
El Dorado	6,713	6,162	551	8.2	6,762	6,260	502	7.4	6,842	6,321	521	7.6
Fayetteville	49,034	47,042	1,992	4.1	49,861	47,958	1,903	3.8	48,084	46,786	1,298	2.7
Fort Smith	38,872	36,976	1,896	4.9	39,209	37,426	1,783	4.5	38,833	37,254	1,579	4.1
Hot Springs	15,466	14,237	1,229	7.9	15,505	14,512	993	6.4	15,140	14,427	713	4.7
Jacksonville	11,678	10,750	928	7.9	11,792	10,901	891	7.6	11,699	11,072	627	5.4
Jonesboro	39,183	37,537	1,646	4.2	39,781	38,254	1,527	3.8	39,518	38,195	1,323	3.3
Little Rock	96,381	90,370	6,011	6.2	97,273	91,639	5,634	5.8	96,681	93,071	3,610	3.7
North Little Rock	29,752	27,710	2,042	6.9	30,063	28,099	1,964	6.5	29,862	28,538	1,324	4.4
Paragould	12,155	11,553	602	5.0	12,297	11,706	591	4.8	12,499	11,960	539	4.3
Pine Bluff	16,499	14,992	1,507	9.1	16,658	15,281	1,377	8.3	16,126	14,999	1,127	7.0
Rogers	36,512	35,250	1,262	3.5	37,175	35,943	1,232	3.3	36,057	35,061	996	2.8
Russellville	12,583	12,007	576	4.6	12,940	12,407	533	4.1	12,929	12,359	570	4.4
Searcy	10,174	9,735	439	4.3	10,334	9,919	415	4.0	10,224	9,779	445	4.4
Sherwood	15,968	15,105	863	5.4	16,092	15,317	775	4.8	16,136	15,556	580	3.6
Springdale	39,851	38,429	1,422	3.6	40,572	39,178	1,394	3.4	39,336	38,220	1,116	2.8
Texarkana, AR	13,341	12,448	893	6.7	13,416	12,623	793	5.9	13,410	12,731	679	5.1
Van Buren	10,260	9,833	427	4.2	10,364	9,950	414	4.0	10,310	9,905	405	3.9
West Memphis	10,390	9,588	802	7.7	10,615	9,871	744	7.0	10,355	9,784	571	5.5

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	January 2021				December 2020				January 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,372	9,015	357	3.8	9,572	9,243	329	3.4	9,446	9,109	337	3.6
Ashley	7,122	6,465	657	9.2	7,078	6,524	554	7.8	7,230	6,679	551	7.6
Baxter	16,430	15,635	795	4.8	16,656	15,910	746	4.5	16,353	15,585	768	4.7
Benton	141,136	136,083	5,053	3.6	143,616	138,759	4,857	3.4	139,537	135,355	4,182	3.0
Boone	15,609	14,995	614	3.9	15,880	15,294	586	3.7	15,872	15,248	624	3.9
Bradley	4,376	4,137	239	5.5	4,401	4,194	207	4.7	4,485	4,275	210	4.7
Calhoun	2,436	2,324	112	4.6	2,454	2,357	97	4.0	2,451	2,325	126	5.1
Carroll	12,270	11,610	660	5.4	12,568	12,000	568	4.5	12,543	11,988	555	4.4
Chicot	3,240	2,880	360	11.1	3,252	2,940	312	9.6	3,209	2,921	288	9.0
Clark	9,217	8,732	485	5.3	9,504	9,057	447	4.7	9,422	9,016	406	4.3
Clay	5,465	5,173	292	5.3	5,504	5,255	249	4.5	5,557	5,220	337	6.1
Cleburne	8,969	8,395	574	6.4	9,073	8,546	527	5.8	9,073	8,551	522	5.8
Cleveland	3,205	3,034	171	5.3	3,250	3,083	167	5.1	3,197	3,031	166	5.2
Columbia	9,113	8,457	656	7.2	9,276	8,637	639	6.9	9,184	8,725	459	5.0
Conway	8,422	7,995	427	5.1	8,515	8,125	390	4.6	8,379	7,963	416	5.0
Craighead	55,555	53,223	2,332	4.2	56,421	54,239	2,182	3.9	56,015	54,155	1,860	3.3
Crawford	26,424	25,241	1,183	4.5	26,649	25,541	1,108	4.2	26,464	25,426	1,038	3.9
Crittenden	20,976	19,591	1,385	6.6	21,465	20,168	1,297	6.0	21,010	19,990	1,020	4.9
Cross	7,193	6,789	404	5.6	7,236	6,886	350	4.8	7,408	7,046	362	4.9
Dallas	2,874	2,748	126	4.4	2,894	2,787	107	3.7	2,770	2,632	138	5.0
Desha	5,223	4,877	346	6.6	5,293	4,991	302	5.7	5,409	5,123	286	5.3
Drew	7,739	7,242	497	6.4	7,784	7,345	439	5.6	7,872	7,386	486	6.2
Faulkner	61,353	58,606	2,747	4.5	61,937	59,402	2,535	4.1	62,524	60,323	2,201	3.5
Franklin	7,444	7,108	336	4.5	7,520	7,188	332	4.4	7,437	7,146	291	3.9
Fulton	4,873	4,624	249	5.1	4,899	4,675	224	4.6	4,998	4,774	224	4.5
Garland	41,156	38,457	2,699	6.6	41,671	39,201	2,470	5.9	40,686	38,970	1,716	4.2
Grant	8,188	7,846	342	4.2	8,290	7,953	337	4.1	8,405	8,075	330	3.9
Greene	19,118	18,238	880	4.6	19,295	18,479	816	4.2	19,718	18,880	838	4.2
Hempstead	9,435	9,043	392	4.2	9,510	9,139	371	3.9	9,732	9,287	445	4.6
Hot Spring	14,139	13,462	677	4.8	14,253	13,633	620	4.3	14,159	13,604	555	3.9
Howard	5,537	5,312	225	4.1	5,579	5,368	211	3.8	5,579	5,347	232	4.2
Independence	16,617	15,792	825	5.0	16,778	16,059	719	4.3	16,660	15,895	765	4.6
Izard	4,436	4,112	324	7.3	4,567	4,272	295	6.5	4,721	4,401	320	6.8
Jackson	5,890	5,496	394	6.7	5,904	5,552	352	6.0	5,830	5,391	439	7.5
Jefferson	27,502	25,372	2,130	7.7	27,809	25,862	1,947	7.0	27,103	25,385	1,718	6.3
Johnson	10,211	9,644	567	5.6	10,255	9,756	499	4.9	10,309	9,810	499	4.8
Lafayette	2,434	2,244	190	7.8	2,437	2,262	175	7.2	2,402	2,267	135	5.6
Lawrence	6,821	6,467	354	5.2	6,878	6,536	342	5.0	6,887	6,557	330	4.8
Lee	2,791	2,600	191	6.8	2,810	2,628	182	6.5	2,799	2,617	182	6.5
Lincoln	3,841	3,637	204	5.3	3,880	3,692	188	4.8	3,849	3,632	217	5.6
Little River	5,389	5,074	315	5.8	5,437	5,152	285	5.2	5,474	5,197	277	5.1
Logan	8,668	8,231	437	5.0	8,668	8,254	414	4.8	8,695	8,237	458	5.3
Lonoke	33,339	31,883	1,456	4.4	33,716	32,297	1,419	4.2	34,037	32,790	1,247	3.7
Madison	7,542	7,261	281	3.7	7,622	7,374	248	3.3	7,427	7,215	212	2.9
Marion	6,025	5,666	359	6.0	6,073	5,731	342	5.6	6,427	6,098	329	5.1
Miller	19,311	18,166	1,145	5.9	19,445	18,422	1,023	5.3	19,473	18,580	893	4.6

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	January 2021				December 2020				January 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,799	15,444	1,355	8.1	17,019	15,797	1,222	7.2	17,346	16,343	1,003	5.8
Monroe	2,740	2,558	182	6.6	2,728	2,553	175	6.4	2,737	2,598	139	5.1
Montgomery	2,964	2,788	176	5.9	2,991	2,818	173	5.8	2,904	2,725	179	6.2
Nevada	3,475	3,316	159	4.6	3,511	3,354	157	4.5	3,559	3,410	149	4.2
Newton	3,230	3,099	131	4.1	3,271	3,152	119	3.6	3,305	3,143	162	4.9
Ouachita	9,763	9,299	464	4.8	9,884	9,455	429	4.3	9,878	9,313	565	5.7
Perry	4,184	3,977	207	4.9	4,210	4,025	185	4.4	4,291	4,084	207	4.8
Phillips	6,443	5,879	564	8.8	6,435	5,927	508	7.9	6,315	5,849	466	7.4
Pike	4,296	4,072	224	5.2	4,326	4,106	220	5.1	4,210	4,008	202	4.8
Poinsett	9,966	9,470	496	5.0	10,072	9,629	443	4.4	10,071	9,616	455	4.5
Polk	7,967	7,512	455	5.7	8,043	7,622	421	5.2	8,098	7,600	498	6.1
Pope	27,383	25,987	1,396	5.1	28,143	26,853	1,290	4.6	28,177	26,749	1,428	5.1
Prairie	3,631	3,455	176	4.8	3,664	3,501	163	4.4	3,611	3,455	156	4.3
Pulaski	187,357	175,717	11,640	6.2	189,195	178,184	11,011	5.8	188,358	180,969	7,389	3.9
Randolph	7,538	7,146	392	5.2	7,606	7,235	371	4.9	7,369	7,013	356	4.8
St. Francis	7,905	7,315	590	7.5	7,962	7,431	531	6.7	8,164	7,696	468	5.7
Saline	57,826	55,501	2,325	4.0	58,484	56,275	2,209	3.8	59,085	57,153	1,932	3.3
Scott	4,393	4,207	186	4.2	4,412	4,232	180	4.1	4,398	4,224	174	4.0
Searcy	2,763	2,609	154	5.6	2,789	2,657	132	4.7	2,798	2,620	178	6.4
Sebastian	55,989	53,287	2,702	4.8	56,472	53,936	2,536	4.5	55,935	53,688	2,247	4.0
Sevier	5,469	5,159	310	5.7	5,557	5,272	285	5.1	5,502	5,191	311	5.7
Sharp	5,669	5,295	374	6.6	5,712	5,362	350	6.1	5,731	5,385	346	6.0
Stone	4,543	4,217	326	7.2	4,614	4,322	292	6.3	4,543	4,266	277	6.1
Union	15,395	14,285	1,110	7.2	15,525	14,514	1,011	6.5	15,686	14,654	1,032	6.6
Van Buren	5,743	5,356	387	6.7	5,780	5,407	373	6.5	5,727	5,380	347	6.1
Washington	127,077	122,384	4,693	3.7	129,311	124,768	4,543	3.5	125,189	121,719	3,470	2.8
White	33,896	32,087	1,809	5.3	34,383	32,693	1,690	4.9	34,083	32,232	1,851	5.4
Woodruff	2,839	2,662	177	6.2	2,836	2,692	144	5.1	2,823	2,657	166	5.9
Yell	7,973	7,576	397	5.0	8,142	7,799	343	4.2	8,143	7,774	369	4.5

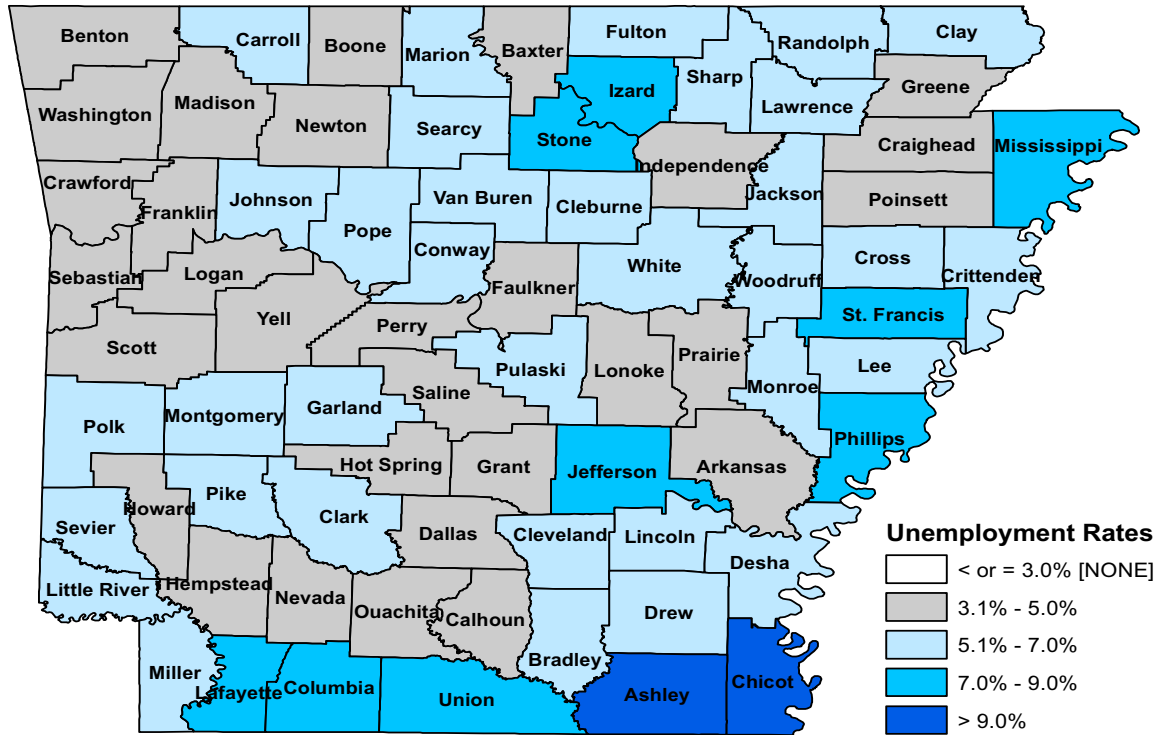
County Labor Force Summary

Between December 2020 and January 2021, unemployment rates increased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 3.6 percent in Benton County to a high of 11.1 percent in Chicot County.

In January, eleven counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is up from six counties at or above seven percent in December. Six counties reported jobless rates at or below four percent, down from twelve counties at or below four percent last month.

Compared to January 2020, unemployment rates are up in 58 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates in fourteen counties were down over-the-year, while three counties remained stable. Jobless rate changes ranged from a decline of nine-tenths of a percentage point in Ouachita County to an increase of two and four-tenths of a percentage point in Garland County.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

January 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	3.6	26	Perry	4.9	50	Montgomery	5.9
2	Madison	3.7	27	Independence	5.0	52	Marion	6.0
2	Washington	3.7	27	Logan	5.0	53	Pulaski	6.2
4	Arkansas	3.8	27	Poinsett	5.0	53	Woodruff	6.2
5	Boone	3.9	27	Yell	5.0	55	Cleburne	6.4
6	Saline	4.0	31	Conway	5.1	55	Drew	6.4
7	Howard	4.1	31	Fulton	5.1	57	Crittenden	6.6
7	Newton	4.1	31	Pope	5.1	57	Desha	6.6
9	Craighead	4.2	34	Lawrence	5.2	57	Garland	6.6
9	Grant	4.2	34	Pike	5.2	57	Monroe	6.6
9	Hempstead	4.2	34	Randolph	5.2	57	Sharp	6.6
9	Scott	4.2	37	Clark	5.3	62	Jackson	6.7
13	Dallas	4.4	37	Clay	5.3	62	Van Buren	6.7
13	Lonoke	4.4	37	Cleveland	5.3	64	Lee	6.8
15	Crawford	4.5	37	Lincoln	5.3	65	Columbia	7.2
15	Faulkner	4.5	37	White	5.3	65	Stone	7.2
15	Franklin	4.5	42	Carroll	5.4	65	Union	7.2
18	Calhoun	4.6	43	Bradley	5.5	68	Izard	7.3
18	Greene	4.6	44	Cross	5.6	69	St. Francis	7.5
18	Nevada	4.6	44	Johnson	5.6	70	Jefferson	7.7
21	Baxter	4.8	44	Searcy	5.6	71	Lafayette	7.8
21	Hot Spring	4.8	47	Polk	5.7	72	Mississippi	8.1
21	Ouachita	4.8	47	Sevier	5.7	73	Phillips	8.8
21	Prairie	4.8	49	Little River	5.8	74	Ashley	9.2
21	Sebastian	4.8	50	Miller	5.9	75	Chicot	11.1

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	January 2021				December 2020				January 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	249,865	237,350	12,515	5.0	252,451	240,573	11,878	4.7	253,671	244,217	9,454	3.7
City of Little Rock	96,381	90,370	6,011	6.2	97,273	91,639	5,634	5.8	96,681	93,071	3,610	3.7
Eastern	45,308	42,174	3,134	6.9	45,908	43,040	2,868	6.2	45,696	43,198	2,498	5.5
North Central	93,475	88,036	5,439	5.8	94,546	89,580	4,966	5.3	94,189	88,932	5,257	5.6
Northeast	121,262	115,161	6,101	5.0	122,795	117,170	5,625	4.6	122,963	117,784	5,179	4.2
Northwest	332,082	319,342	12,740	3.8	337,786	325,645	12,141	3.6	329,451	318,971	10,480	3.2
Southeast	79,808	74,505	5,303	6.6	80,609	75,827	4,782	5.9	80,205	75,616	4,589	5.7
Southwest	90,631	85,427	5,204	5.7	91,509	86,719	4,790	5.2	91,690	86,928	4,762	5.2
West Central	129,945	122,690	7,255	5.6	132,010	125,373	6,637	5.0	130,680	124,703	5,977	4.6
Western	110,885	105,586	5,299	4.8	111,764	106,773	4,991	4.5	111,027	106,321	4,706	4.2

