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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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**November Spotlight**

**Business Employment Dynamics (BED)**

Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced and published on a quarterly basis. At this time, BED data is only available at the national and statewide levels.

The information produced from BED statistics includes gross job gains and losses at establishments with changes in employment. These employment changes occur when establishments open/expand or close/contract. Gross job gains are a combination of jobs created from both openings of new businesses and expansions at existing businesses. Gross job losses are a combination of jobs lost from both existing businesses that close and those that reduce their number of employees. The net change is the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses.

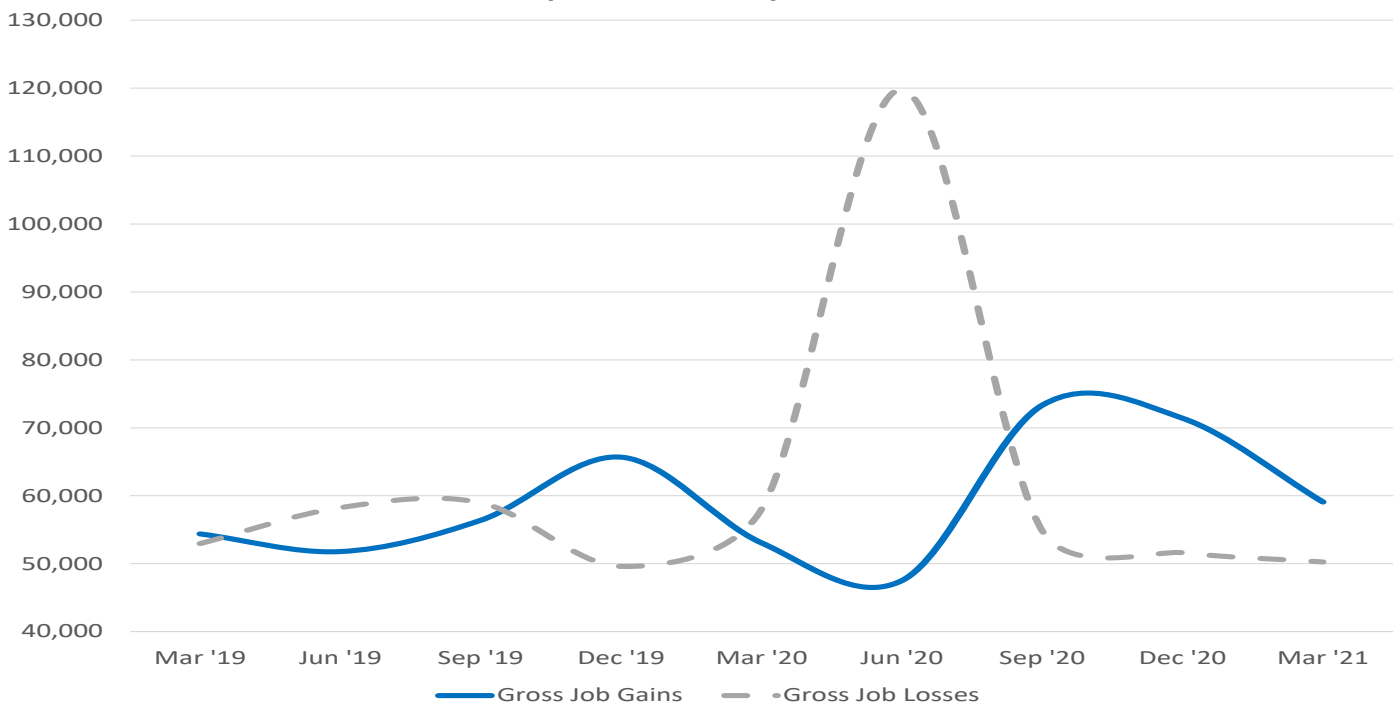
**Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)**

State of Arkansas  
(Seasonally Adjusted)

Quarter Ending					
Category	Mar 20	Jun 20	Sep 20	Dec 20	Mar 21*
Employment Levels					
Gross job gains.....	53,062	47,512	73,315	71,401	59,076
Gross job losses....	58,018	119,820	54,843	51,611	50,250
<b>Net Change.....</b>	<b>-4,956</b>	<b>-72,308</b>	<b>18,472</b>	<b>19,790</b>	<b>8,826</b>

\*Most recent BED data available is for 1st Quarter 2021

**Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)**  
1st Quarter 2019 - 1st Quarter 2021



## State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

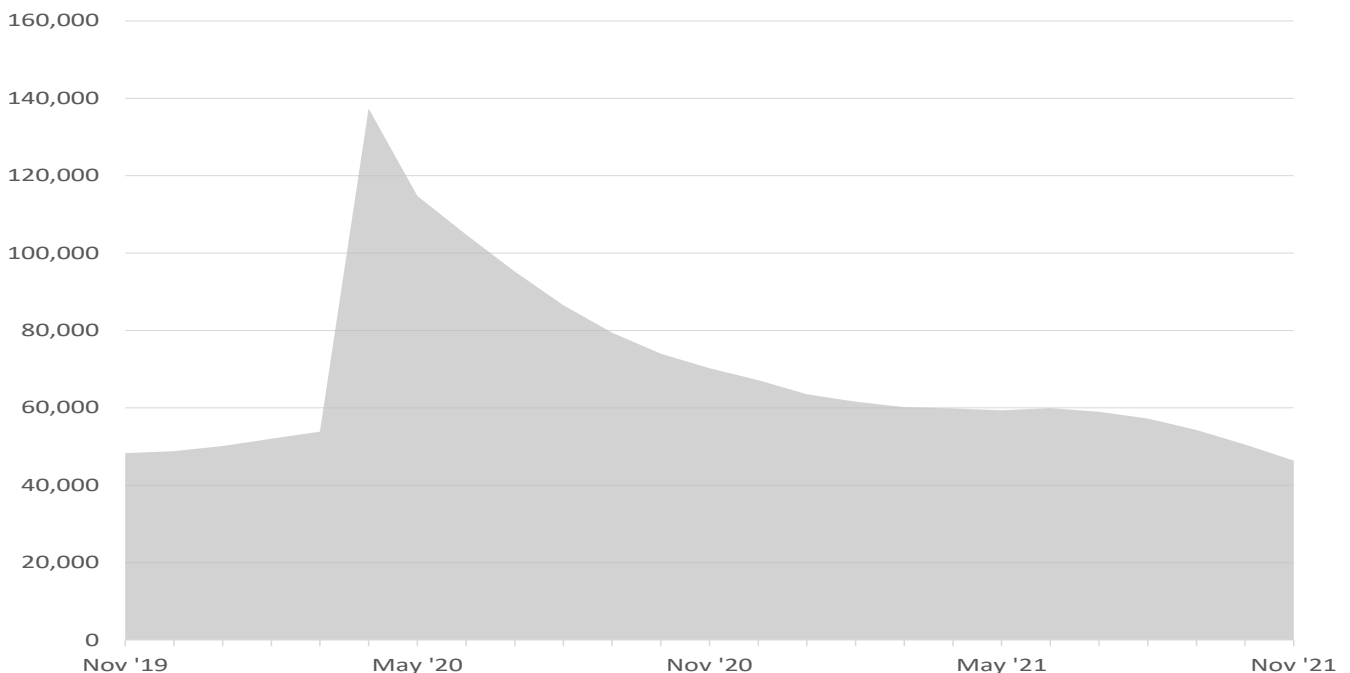
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell three-tenths of a percentage point, from 3.7 percent in October to 3.4 percent in November. Arkansas' civilian labor force rose 583, a result of 4,764 more employed and 4,181 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate dropped four-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.6 percent in October to 4.2 percent in November.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate continues to decline, down to 3.4 percent in November. While there have been fluctuations in employment over the past year, there are now 49,366 more employed Arkansans compared to November 2020."

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	
Civilian Labor Force	1,354,102	1,353,519	1,328,600	Civilian Labor Force	1,352,990	1,344,647	1,327,638
Employment	1,307,751	1,302,987	1,258,385	Employment	1,323,423	1,312,563	1,264,353
Unemployment	46,351	50,532	70,215	Unemployment	29,567	32,084	63,285
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.7	5.3	Unemployment Rate	2.2	2.4	4.8
U.S. Unemployment	4.2	4.6	6.7	U.S. Unemployment	3.9	4.3	6.4

**Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)**  
November 2019 - November 2021



**State of Arkansas  
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>OTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	1291.8	1286.6	1261.6	5.2	30.2
Goods Producing	219.0	220.5	216.5	-1.5	2.5
Mining, Logging, & Construction	56.8	58.6	60.1	-1.8	-3.3
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-3.6</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	32.0	33.9	35.1	-1.9	-3.1
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>162.2</b>	<b>161.9</b>	<b>156.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>5.8</b>
Durable Goods	83.2	83.5	75.4	-0.3	7.8
Nondurable Goods	79.0	78.4	81.0	0.6	-2.0
Service Providing	1072.8	1066.1	1045.1	6.7	27.7
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>260.8</b>	<b>257.1</b>	<b>257.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Wholesale Trade	47.6	47.2	46.6	0.4	1.0
Retail Trade	142.2	140.5	143.4	1.7	-1.2
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	71.0	69.4	67.2	1.6	3.8
<b>Information</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>68.2</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Finance & Insurance	54.1	53.4	50.1	0.7	4.0
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14.1	13.9	13.4	0.2	0.7
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>151.5</b>	<b>149.5</b>	<b>140.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>11.1</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.5	43.7	42.9	-0.2	0.6
Management of Companies	35.8	35.1	33.7	0.7	2.1
Administrative & Support Services	72.2	70.7	63.8	1.5	8.4
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>191.4</b>	<b>189.9</b>	<b>188.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Educational Services	17.4	17.4	16.1	0.0	1.3
Health Care & Social Assistance	174.0	172.5	172.5	1.5	1.5
Ambulatory Health Care	60.6	60.1	59.7	0.5	0.9
Social Assistance	36.6	36.3	36.5	0.3	0.1
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>115.4</b>	<b>109.5</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11.6	12.2	10.1	-0.6	1.5
Accommodation & Food Services	101.8	103.2	99.4	-1.4	2.4
Accommodation Services	9.9	10.3	8.8	-0.4	1.1
Food Services	91.9	92.9	90.6	-1.0	1.3
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>207.5</b>	<b>206.3</b>	<b>209.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-1.6</b>
Federal Government	21.0	20.6	20.6	0.4	0.4
State Government	78.4	78.2	77.8	0.2	0.6
State Gov, Educational Services	32.0	31.8	31.1	0.2	0.9
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.4	46.4	46.7	0.0	-0.3
Local Government	108.1	107.5	110.7	0.6	-2.6
Local Gov, Educational Services	65.0	64.5	67.8	0.5	-2.8
Local Gov, Excluding Education	43.1	43.0	42.9	0.1	0.2

**State of Arkansas  
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

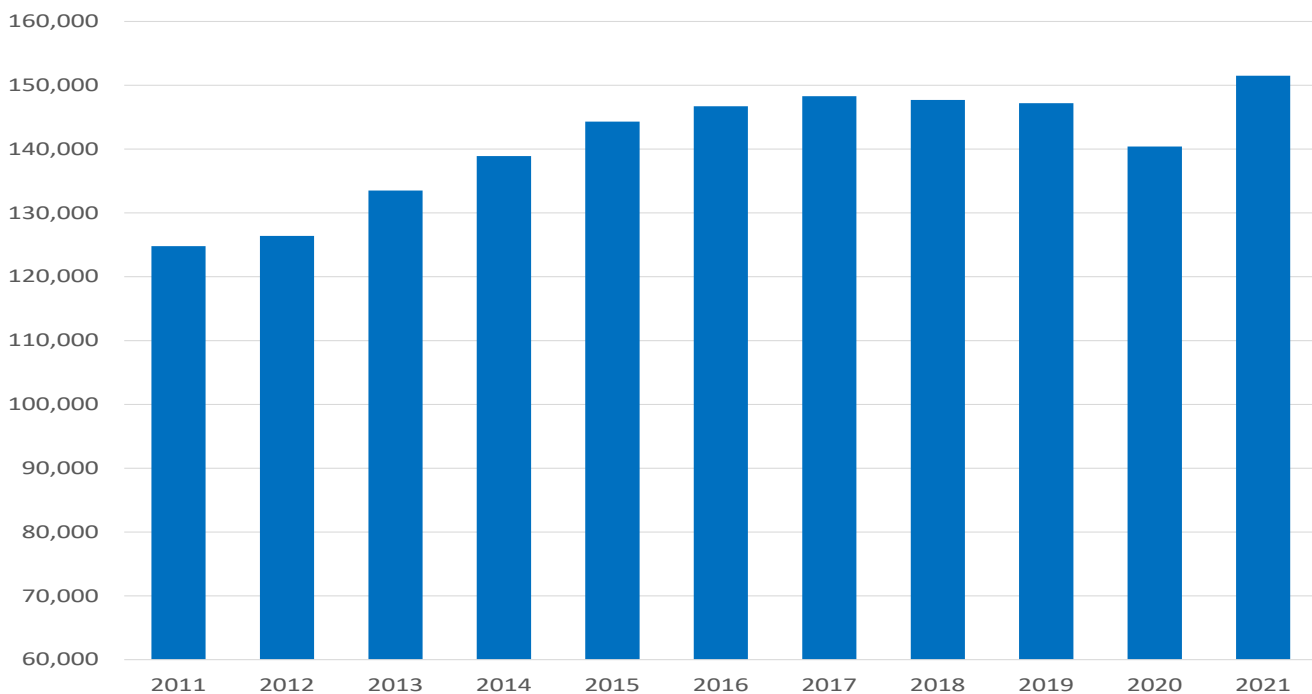
**October 2021 - November 2021**

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 5,200 in November to total 1,291,800. Gains were posted in eight major industry sectors. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 3,700 jobs. Hiring occurred in all three subsectors, as businesses prepare for the holiday shopping season. Jobs in **professional and business services** increased 2,000. Most of the expansions were in administrative and support services (+1,500). **Educational and health services** added 1,500 jobs, all in health care and social assistance (+1,500). Jobs in **government** rose 1,200. The largest gains were in local government (+600). Employment in **leisure and hospitality** contracted 2,000. Most of the losses occurred in food services, down 1,000. Jobs in **construction** decreased 1,900, an expected seasonal decline.

**November 2020 - November 2021**

Compared to November 2020, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs are up 30,200. Nine major industry sectors posted growth, with five sectors adding 3,600 or more jobs each. **Professional and business services** increased 11,100, mostly in administrative and support services (+8,400). The subsector includes employment agencies, office administrative services, and business support services. Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 5,800. Expansions in durable goods (+7,800) were offset by declines in nondurable goods (-2,000). **Financial activities** added 4,700 jobs, mostly in finance and insurance (+4,000). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 3,900, with gains across all subsectors. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 3,600. Most of the growth occurred in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+3,800). Notable expansions were also posted in **educational and health services** (+2,800) and in **other services** (+2,300). Jobs in **construction** (-3,600) and **government** (-1,600) are down over-the-year.

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**  
November: 2011 - 2021



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

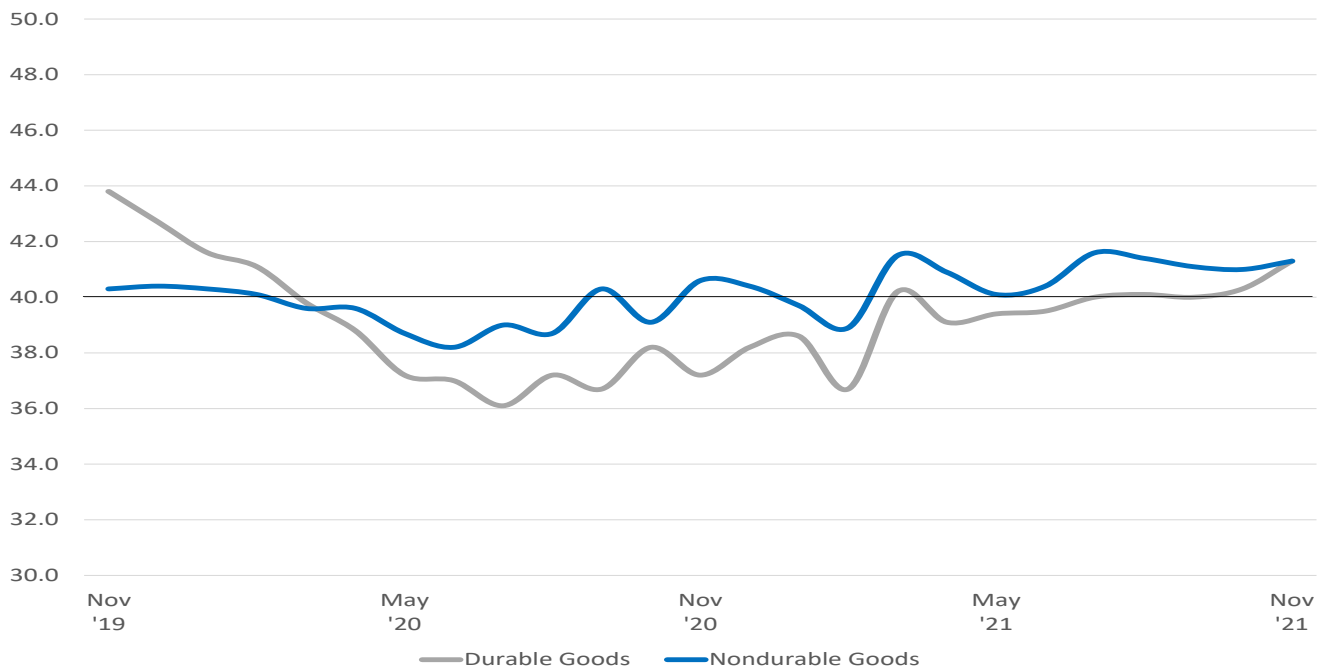
**Manufacturing**

	<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>
Average Weekly Hours	41.3	40.6	39.0
Average Hourly Earnings	\$19.70	\$19.90	\$19.39
Average Weekly Earnings	\$813.61	\$807.94	\$756.21

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>		<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>
Average Weekly Hours	41.3	40.3	37.2	Average Weekly Hours	41.3	41.0	40.6
Average Hourly Earnings	\$21.02	\$21.04	\$21.19	Average Hourly Earnings	\$18.31	\$18.71	\$17.90
Average Weekly Earnings	\$868.13	\$847.91	\$788.27	Average Weekly Earnings	\$756.20	\$767.11	\$726.74

**Average Weekly Hours Worked - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods**  
November 2019 - November 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>Nov 21</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	347,727	345,012	344,453	2,715	3,274
Employment	339,719	336,262	326,553	3,457	13,166
Unemployment	8,008	8,750	17,900	-742	-9,892
Unemployment Rate	2.3	2.5	5.2	-0.2	-2.9

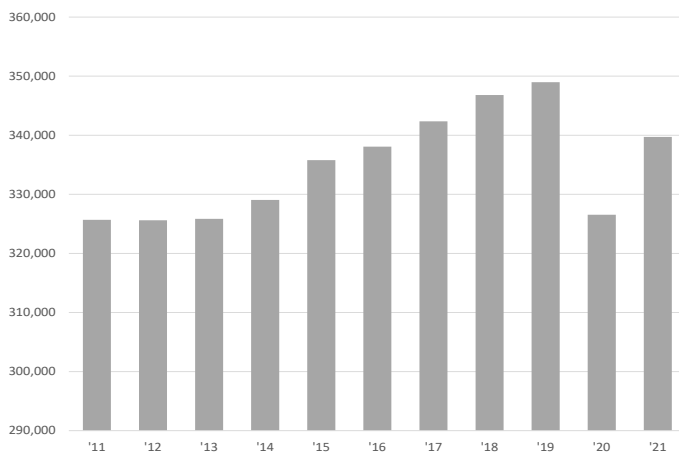
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	356.4	356.2	350.6	0.2	5.8
Goods Producing	35.7	35.9	36.5	-0.2	-0.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	16.8	17.0	17.6	-0.2	-0.8
Manufacturing	18.9	18.9	18.9	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	320.7	320.3	314.1	0.4	6.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	70.0	69.3	70.5	0.7	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	15.6	15.6	15.2	0.0	0.4
Retail Trade	37.9	37.4	39.0	0.5	-1.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.5	16.3	16.3	0.2	0.2
Information	5.2	5.2	5.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	24.1	23.8	22.3	0.3	1.8
Professional & Business Services	43.9	45.0	42.8	-1.1	1.1
Educational & Health Services	60.7	59.8	58.1	0.9	2.6
Leisure & Hospitality	30.9	31.7	29.7	-0.8	1.2
Other Services	18.3	18.3	17.6	0.0	0.7
Government	67.6	67.2	67.9	0.4	-0.3
Federal Government	10.0	9.7	9.8	0.3	0.2
State Government	34.5	34.4	34.4	0.1	0.1
Local Government	23.1	23.1	23.7	0.0	-0.6

### Employment

November: 2011 - 2021



### Jobs in Educational and Health Services

November 2019 - November 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)

	<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	300,200	295,417	284,083	4,783	16,117
Employment	295,810	290,550	274,037	5,260	21,773
Unemployment	4,390	4,867	10,046	-477	-5,656
Unemployment Rate	1.5	1.6	3.5	-0.1	-2.0

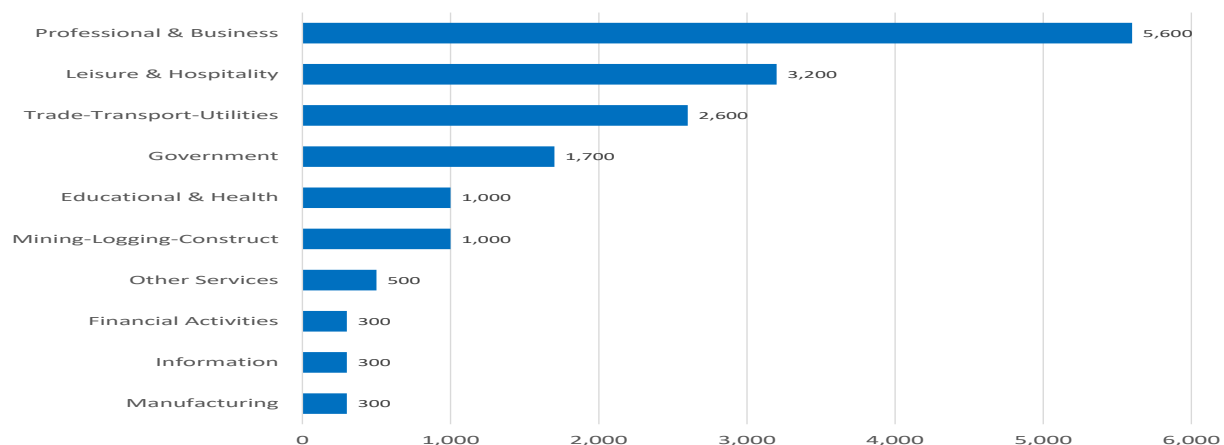
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	286.2	283.3	269.7	2.9	16.5
Goods Producing	45.9	45.9	44.6	0.0	1.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	14.3	14.3	13.3	0.0	1.0
Manufacturing	31.6	31.6	31.3	0.0	0.3
Service Providing	240.3	237.4	225.1	2.9	15.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	61.6	60.4	59.0	1.2	2.6
Wholesale Trade	12.9	12.9	12.3	0.0	0.6
Retail Trade	29.4	28.6	28.1	0.8	1.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	19.3	18.9	18.6	0.4	0.7
Information	2.2	2.1	1.9	0.1	0.3
Financial Activities	8.9	8.7	8.6	0.2	0.3
Professional & Business Services	56.9	55.1	51.3	1.8	5.6
Educational & Health Services	31.8	31.6	30.8	0.2	1.0
Leisure & Hospitality	28.0	28.7	24.8	-0.7	3.2
Other Services	10.1	10.1	9.6	0.0	0.5
Government	40.8	40.7	39.1	0.1	1.7
Federal Government	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
State Government	18.1	18.1	16.8	0.0	1.3
Local Government	19.8	19.7	19.5	0.1	0.3

### Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector

November 2020 vs November 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)

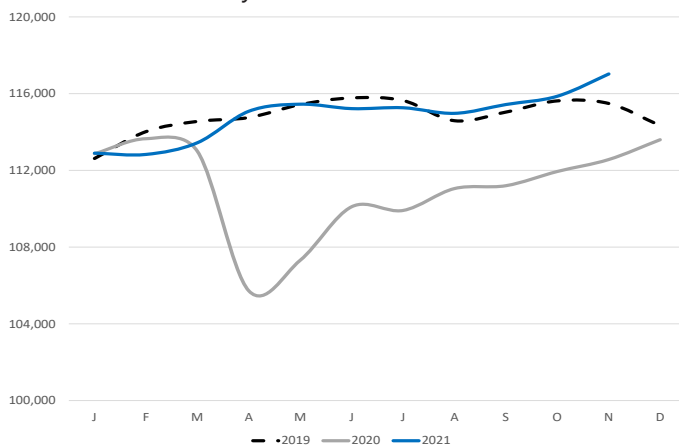
	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	119,485	118,522	118,125	963	1,360
Employment	117,026	115,864	112,567	1,162	4,459
Unemployment	2,459	2,658	5,558	-199	-3,099
Unemployment Rate	2.1	2.2	4.7	-0.1	-2.6

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

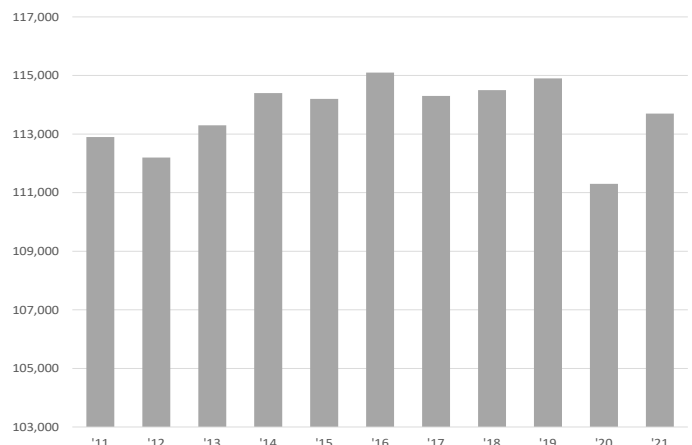
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	113.7	113.1	111.3	0.6	2.4
Goods Producing	22.7	22.8	22.5	-0.1	0.2
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.6	5.6	5.6	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	17.1	17.2	16.9	-0.1	0.2
Service Providing	91.0	90.3	88.8	0.7	2.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.6	24.2	24.6	0.4	0.0
Wholesale Trade	4.9	4.8	4.5	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	12.3	12.2	12.9	0.1	-0.6
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	7.4	7.2	7.2	0.2	0.2
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.7	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	12.8	12.8	11.8	0.0	1.0
Educational & Health Services	16.9	16.7	16.6	0.2	0.3
Leisure & Hospitality	9.1	9.3	8.4	-0.2	0.7
Other Services	4.7	4.7	4.4	0.0	0.3
Government	18.0	17.7	18.2	0.3	-0.2
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.7	2.6	2.8	0.1	-0.1
Local Government	14.0	13.8	14.1	0.2	-0.1

**Number of Employed**  
January 2019 - November 2021



**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
November: 2011 - 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas  
Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	39,785	39,971	40,043	-186	-258
Employment	38,683	38,772	37,558	-89	1,125
Unemployment	1,102	1,199	2,485	-97	-1,383
Unemployment Rate	2.8	3.0	6.2	-0.2	-3.4

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

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	38.0	38.2	38.0	-0.2	0.0
Goods Producing	4.7	4.7	4.6	0.0	0.1
Service Providing	33.3	33.5	33.4	-0.2	-0.1
Government	4.1	4.1	4.2	0.0	-0.1

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

November 2019 - November 2021



## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	66,562	66,382	64,421	180	2,141
Employment	65,431	65,128	61,813	303	3,618
Unemployment	1,131	1,254	2,608	-123	-1,477
Unemployment Rate	1.7	1.9	4.0	-0.2	-2.3

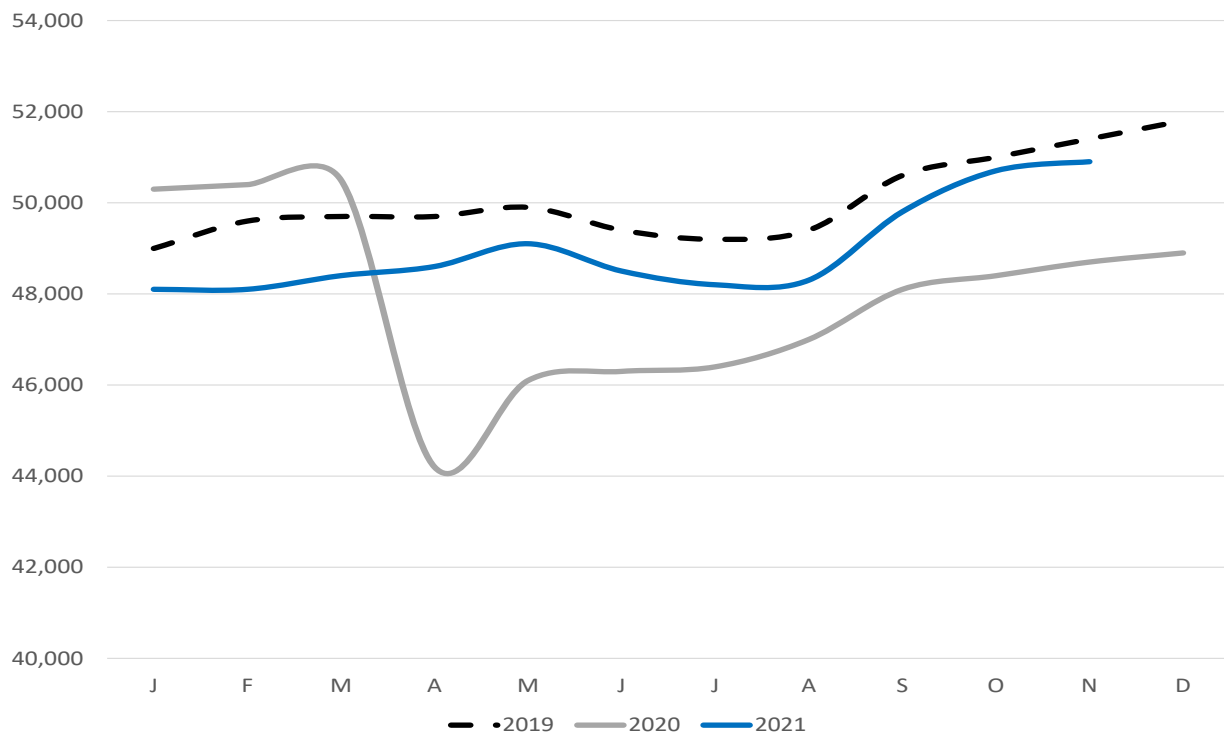
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	61.4	61.5	59.1	-0.1	2.3
Goods Producing	10.5	10.8	10.4	-0.3	0.1
Service Providing	50.9	50.7	48.7	0.2	2.2
Government	8.3	8.3	8.4	0.0	-0.1

### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January 2019 - November 2021



## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

	<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	34,026	33,502	33,954	524	72
Employment	32,819	32,225	31,709	594	1,110
Unemployment	1,207	1,277	2,245	-70	-1,038
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.8	6.6	-0.3	-3.1

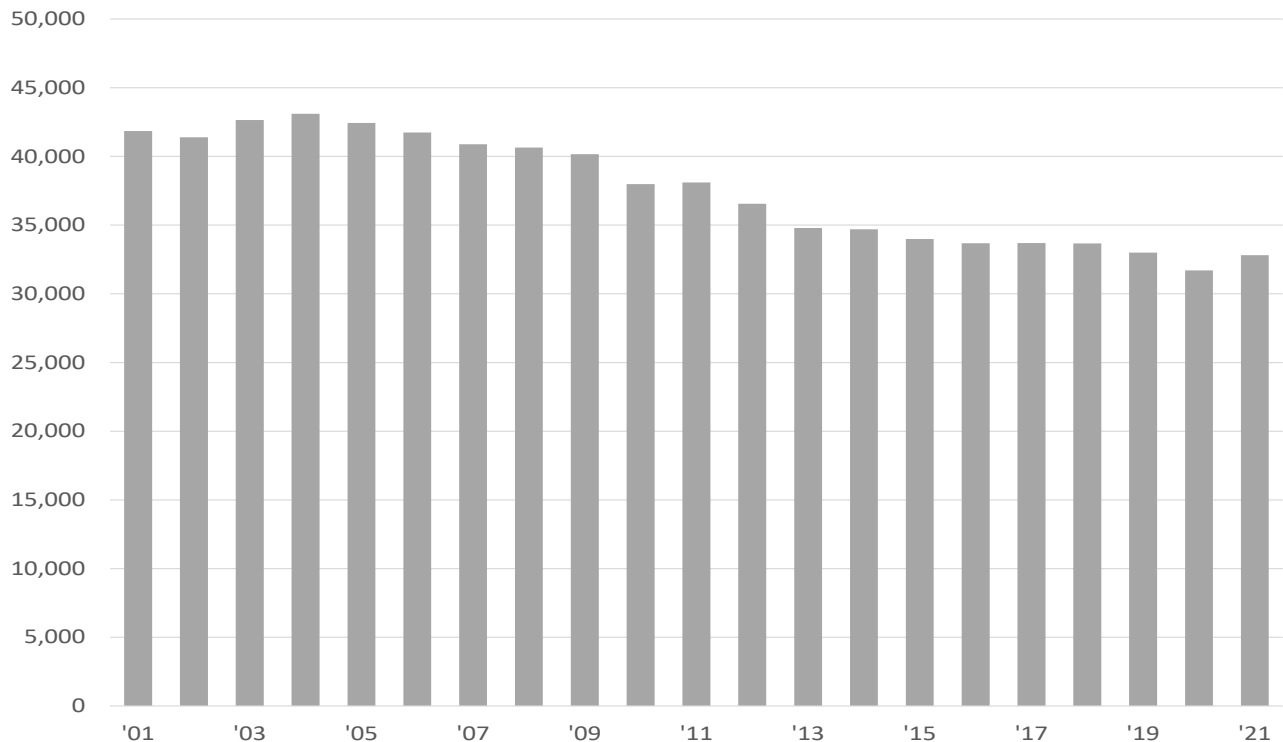
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	32.5	32.0	32.0	0.5	0.5
Goods Producing	5.6	5.6	5.7	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	26.9	26.4	26.3	0.5	0.6
Government	9.0	8.9	9.1	0.1	-0.1

### Number of Employed

November: 2001 - 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>Nov 21</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	646,227	640,421	649,322	5,806	-3,095
Employment	621,056	611,753	604,122	9,303	16,934
Unemployment	25,171	28,668	45,200	-3,497	-20,029
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.5	7.0	-0.6	-3.1

#### Texarkana MSA

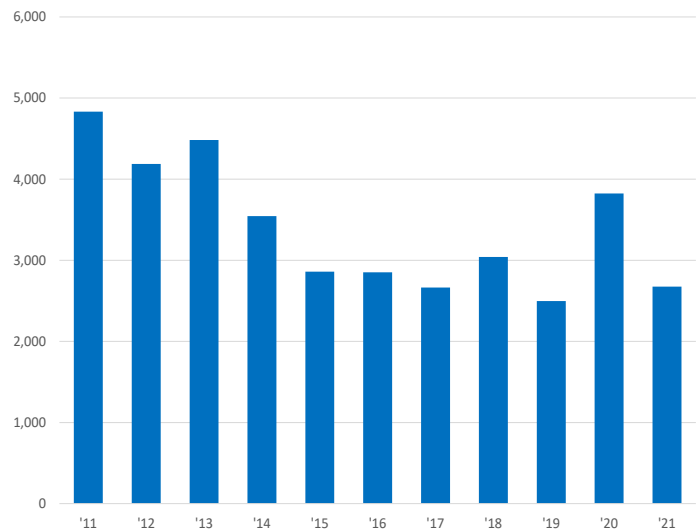
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Nov 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,625	63,096	63,045	529	580
Employment	60,950	60,414	59,221	536	1,729
Unemployment	2,675	2,682	3,824	-7	-1,149
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.3	6.1	-0.1	-1.9

**Memphis MSA - Number of Employed**  
November 2019 - November 2021



**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment**  
November: 2011 - 2021



## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	November 2021				October 2021				November 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,929	8,702	227	2.5	8,886	8,637	249	2.8	9,240	8,824	416	4.5
Batesville Micro	16,599	16,253	346	2.1	16,470	16,089	381	2.3	16,188	15,520	668	4.1
Blytheville Micro	16,429	15,745	684	4.2	16,448	15,721	727	4.4	16,652	15,409	1,243	7.5
Camden Micro	12,380	12,111	269	2.2	12,249	11,971	278	2.3	11,962	11,437	525	4.4
El Dorado Micro	15,020	14,463	557	3.7	14,930	14,345	585	3.9	15,059	14,057	1,002	6.7
Forrest City Micro	7,724	7,451	273	3.5	7,721	7,423	298	3.9	7,742	7,226	516	6.7
Harrison Micro	19,243	18,955	288	1.5	19,271	18,941	330	1.7	18,648	17,952	696	3.7
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,697	5,423	274	4.8	5,746	5,459	287	5.0	6,260	5,798	462	7.4
Hope Micro	12,712	12,435	277	2.2	12,689	12,403	286	2.3	12,714	12,202	512	4.0
Magnolia Micro	8,923	8,662	261	2.9	8,828	8,550	278	3.1	8,928	8,402	526	5.9
Malvern Micro	13,793	13,490	303	2.2	13,696	13,367	329	2.4	13,810	13,196	614	4.4
Mountain Home Micro	16,556	16,222	334	2.0	16,454	16,093	361	2.2	16,147	15,440	707	4.4
Paragould Micro	19,518	19,177	341	1.7	19,519	19,133	386	2.0	18,876	18,075	801	4.2
Russellville Micro	35,256	34,490	766	2.2	35,304	34,496	808	2.3	35,155	33,656	1,499	4.3
Searcy Micro	34,110	33,358	752	2.2	33,883	33,084	799	2.4	33,265	31,675	1,590	4.8

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

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	November 2021				October 2021				November 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,961	12,704	257	2.0	12,730	12,461	269	2.1	12,292	11,746	546	4.4
Benton	17,163	16,876	287	1.7	17,036	16,695	341	2.0	16,859	16,208	651	3.9
Bentonville	30,567	30,215	352	1.2	30,031	29,636	395	1.3	28,799	27,935	864	3.0
Blytheville	5,553	5,288	265	4.8	5,574	5,280	294	5.3	5,750	5,175	575	10.0
Cabot	11,667	11,470	197	1.7	11,626	11,397	229	2.0	11,540	11,072	468	4.1
Conway	33,511	32,877	634	1.9	33,291	32,583	708	2.1	32,909	31,605	1,304	4.0
El Dorado	6,525	6,238	287	4.4	6,504	6,187	317	4.9	6,575	6,063	512	7.8
Fayetteville	51,282	50,481	801	1.6	50,433	49,563	870	1.7	48,581	46,660	1,921	4.0
Fort Smith	39,051	38,270	781	2.0	38,627	37,762	865	2.2	38,371	36,574	1,797	4.7
Hot Springs	14,799	14,321	478	3.2	14,871	14,354	517	3.5	14,985	13,904	1,081	7.2
Jacksonville	11,411	10,955	456	4.0	11,287	10,831	456	4.0	11,331	10,522	809	7.1
Jonesboro	39,831	39,221	610	1.5	39,734	38,988	746	1.9	38,600	36,996	1,604	4.2
Little Rock	94,813	92,094	2,719	2.9	94,044	91,050	2,994	3.2	94,381	88,453	5,928	6.3
North Little Rock	29,043	28,239	804	2.8	28,778	27,918	860	3.0	29,214	27,122	2,092	7.2
Paragould	12,407	12,148	259	2.1	12,401	12,120	281	2.3	12,045	11,450	595	4.9
Pine Bluff	16,063	15,375	688	4.3	15,750	15,042	708	4.5	16,228	14,827	1,401	8.6
Rogers	38,321	37,821	500	1.3	37,686	37,097	589	1.6	36,183	34,968	1,215	3.4
Russellville	12,597	12,361	236	1.9	12,599	12,334	265	2.1	12,504	12,034	470	3.8
Searcy	10,305	10,120	185	1.8	10,269	10,037	232	2.3	10,014	9,610	404	4.0
Sherwood	15,677	15,393	284	1.8	15,587	15,219	368	2.4	15,572	14,785	787	5.1
Springdale	41,866	41,237	629	1.5	41,143	40,484	659	1.6	39,522	38,117	1,405	3.6
Texarkana, AR	13,099	12,691	408	3.1	13,030	12,581	449	3.4	13,017	12,218	799	6.1
Van Buren	10,359	10,160	199	1.9	10,260	10,042	218	2.1	10,138	9,733	405	4.0
West Memphis	10,317	10,017	300	2.9	10,202	9,872	330	3.2	10,317	9,516	801	7.8

## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	November 2021				October 2021				November 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,656	9,444	212	2.2	9,647	9,429	218	2.3	9,292	8,963	329	3.5
Ashley	6,689	6,392	297	4.4	6,723	6,418	305	4.5	6,948	6,407	541	7.8
Baxter	16,556	16,222	334	2.0	16,454	16,093	361	2.2	16,147	15,440	707	4.4
Benton	148,100	146,011	2,089	1.4	145,532	143,215	2,317	1.6	139,822	134,994	4,828	3.5
Boone	15,961	15,722	239	1.5	15,952	15,679	273	1.7	15,461	14,874	587	3.8
Bradley	4,034	3,929	105	2.6	4,046	3,933	113	2.8	4,266	4,064	202	4.7
Calhoun	2,446	2,405	41	1.7	2,446	2,398	48	2.0	2,389	2,293	96	4.0
Carroll	12,870	12,661	209	1.6	13,221	12,992	229	1.7	12,339	11,825	514	4.2
Chicot	3,002	2,846	156	5.2	3,046	2,882	164	5.4	3,184	2,894	290	9.1
Clark	8,929	8,702	227	2.5	8,886	8,637	249	2.8	9,240	8,824	416	4.5
Clay	5,370	5,258	112	2.1	5,441	5,321	120	2.2	5,397	5,178	219	4.1
Cleburne	8,937	8,701	236	2.6	9,025	8,779	246	2.7	8,840	8,336	504	5.7
Cleveland	3,161	3,093	68	2.2	3,149	3,073	76	2.4	3,177	3,009	168	5.3
Columbia	8,923	8,662	261	2.9	8,828	8,550	278	3.1	8,928	8,402	526	5.9
Conway	8,211	8,023	188	2.3	8,168	7,962	206	2.5	8,242	7,860	382	4.6
Craighead	56,538	55,610	928	1.6	56,311	55,280	1,031	1.8	54,640	52,455	2,185	4.0
Crawford	26,600	26,081	519	2.0	26,335	25,776	559	2.1	26,066	24,984	1,082	4.2
Crittenden	21,024	20,466	558	2.7	20,789	20,170	619	3.0	20,791	19,443	1,348	6.5
Cross	7,029	6,859	170	2.4	7,052	6,875	177	2.5	7,091	6,741	350	4.9
Dallas	2,784	2,712	72	2.6	2,767	2,691	76	2.7	2,817	2,709	108	3.8
Desha	5,012	4,836	176	3.5	5,043	4,849	194	3.8	5,192	4,896	296	5.7
Drew	7,766	7,554	212	2.7	7,805	7,576	229	2.9	7,553	7,152	401	5.3
Faulkner	60,833	59,693	1,140	1.9	60,420	59,158	1,262	2.1	59,837	57,383	2,454	4.1
Franklin	7,319	7,170	149	2.0	7,375	7,208	167	2.3	7,339	7,022	317	4.3
Fulton	4,896	4,801	95	1.9	4,999	4,900	99	2.0	4,755	4,551	204	4.3
Garland	39,785	38,683	1,102	2.8	39,971	38,772	1,199	3.0	40,043	37,558	2,485	6.2
Grant	8,111	7,964	147	1.8	8,050	7,889	161	2.0	8,018	7,695	323	4.0
Greene	19,518	19,177	341	1.7	19,519	19,133	386	2.0	18,876	18,075	801	4.2
Hempstead	9,277	9,090	187	2.0	9,270	9,076	194	2.1	9,292	8,932	360	3.9
Hot Spring	13,793	13,490	303	2.2	13,696	13,367	329	2.4	13,810	13,196	614	4.4
Howard	5,579	5,472	107	1.9	5,575	5,463	112	2.0	5,437	5,228	209	3.8
Independence	16,599	16,253	346	2.1	16,470	16,089	381	2.3	16,188	15,520	668	4.1
Izard	4,337	4,195	142	3.3	4,397	4,254	143	3.3	4,440	4,159	281	6.3
Jackson	5,620	5,456	164	2.9	5,636	5,463	173	3.1	5,743	5,421	322	5.6
Jefferson	27,064	26,021	1,043	3.9	26,553	25,457	1,096	4.1	26,989	25,093	1,896	7.0
Johnson	9,939	9,663	276	2.8	9,848	9,566	282	2.9	9,958	9,508	450	4.5
Lafayette	2,304	2,235	69	3.0	2,338	2,262	76	3.3	2,398	2,226	172	7.2
Lawrence	6,805	6,649	156	2.3	6,841	6,672	169	2.5	6,714	6,400	314	4.7
Lee	2,522	2,439	83	3.3	2,564	2,475	89	3.5	2,747	2,581	166	6.0
Lincoln	3,801	3,705	96	2.5	3,800	3,695	105	2.8	3,788	3,607	181	4.8
Little River	5,309	5,169	140	2.6	5,239	5,096	143	2.7	5,253	4,983	270	5.1
Logan	8,410	8,216	194	2.3	8,435	8,216	219	2.6	8,462	8,055	407	4.8
Lonoke	32,997	32,385	612	1.9	32,847	32,179	668	2.0	32,687	31,261	1,426	4.4
Madison	7,812	7,688	124	1.6	7,815	7,674	141	1.8	7,469	7,226	243	3.3
Marion	6,015	5,878	137	2.3	6,113	5,962	151	2.5	5,903	5,575	328	5.6
Miller	19,062	18,521	541	2.8	18,921	18,360	561	3.0	18,849	17,831	1,018	5.4

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## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	November 2021				October 2021				November 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,429	15,745	684	4.2	16,448	15,721	727	4.4	16,652	15,409	1,243	7.5
Monroe	2,642	2,559	83	3.1	2,668	2,578	90	3.4	2,658	2,489	169	6.4
Montgomery	2,776	2,689	87	3.1	2,908	2,821	87	3.0	2,928	2,770	158	5.4
Nevada	3,435	3,345	90	2.6	3,419	3,327	92	2.7	3,422	3,270	152	4.4
Newton	3,282	3,233	49	1.5	3,319	3,262	57	1.7	3,187	3,078	109	3.4
Ouachita	9,934	9,706	228	2.3	9,803	9,573	230	2.3	9,573	9,144	429	4.5
Perry	4,150	4,044	106	2.6	4,153	4,042	111	2.7	4,070	3,901	169	4.2
Phillips	5,697	5,423	274	4.8	5,746	5,459	287	5.0	6,260	5,798	462	7.4
Pike	4,192	4,083	109	2.6	4,254	4,129	125	2.9	4,221	4,006	215	5.1
Poinsett	10,024	9,821	203	2.0	10,071	9,848	223	2.2	9,781	9,358	423	4.3
Polk	7,717	7,530	187	2.4	7,772	7,569	203	2.6	7,859	7,449	410	5.2
Pope	27,344	26,754	590	2.2	27,312	26,694	618	2.3	27,239	26,046	1,193	4.4
Prairie	3,585	3,521	64	1.8	3,631	3,557	74	2.0	3,595	3,438	157	4.4
Pulaski	184,077	179,069	5,008	2.7	182,491	177,039	5,452	3.0	183,319	171,990	11,329	6.2
Randolph	7,461	7,310	151	2.0	7,495	7,332	163	2.2	7,399	7,049	350	4.7
St. Francis	7,724	7,451	273	3.5	7,721	7,423	298	3.9	7,742	7,226	516	6.7
Saline	57,559	56,564	995	1.7	57,051	55,955	1,096	1.9	56,522	54,323	2,199	3.9
Scott	4,270	4,199	71	1.7	4,312	4,230	82	1.9	4,287	4,129	158	3.7
Searcy	2,828	2,756	72	2.5	2,871	2,791	80	2.8	2,768	2,643	125	4.5
Sebastian	56,251	55,153	1,098	2.0	55,646	54,420	1,226	2.2	55,246	52,708	2,538	4.6
Sevier	5,411	5,280	131	2.4	5,434	5,296	138	2.5	5,407	5,138	269	5.0
Sharp	5,633	5,485	148	2.6	5,697	5,535	162	2.8	5,552	5,228	324	5.8
Stone	4,416	4,298	118	2.7	4,554	4,433	121	2.7	4,537	4,265	272	6.0
Union	15,020	14,463	557	3.7	14,930	14,345	585	3.9	15,059	14,057	1,002	6.7
Van Buren	5,810	5,658	152	2.6	5,870	5,706	164	2.8	5,632	5,300	332	5.9
Washington	133,264	131,330	1,934	1.5	131,069	128,942	2,127	1.6	125,953	121,391	4,562	3.6
White	34,110	33,358	752	2.2	33,883	33,084	799	2.4	33,265	31,675	1,590	4.8
Woodruff	2,735	2,660	75	2.7	2,769	2,688	81	2.9	2,772	2,633	139	5.0
Yell	7,912	7,736	176	2.2	7,992	7,802	190	2.4	7,916	7,610	306	3.9

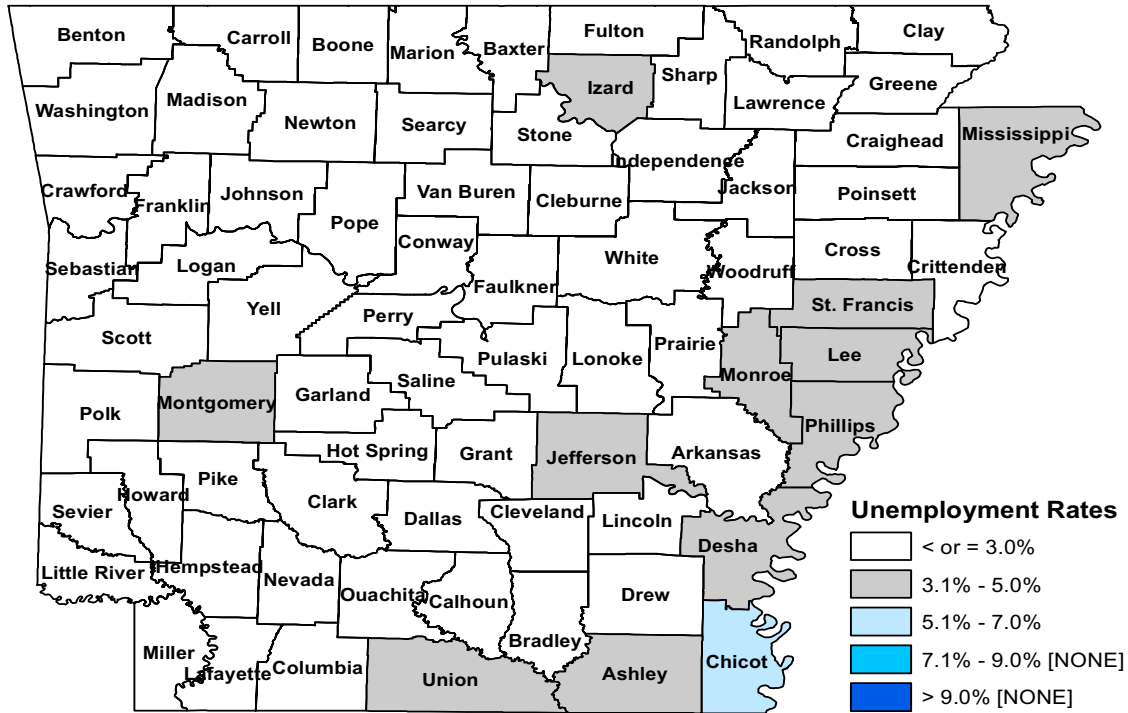
## County Labor Force Summary

Between October and November, unemployment rates declined in 71 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates remained unchanged in three counties while one county, Montgomery County, increased slightly over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of one and four-tenths of a percentage point in Benton County to a high of five and two-tenths of a percentage point in Chicot County.

For the third month in a row, no Arkansas county posted an unemployment rate above seven percent. Seventy-one counties reported jobless rates at or below four percent, up slightly from 70 counties at or below four percent in October.

Compared to November 2020, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Annual jobless rate decreases ranged from a one and two-tenths of a percentage point decline in Dallas County to as much as a four and two-tenths of a percentage point drop in Lafayette County.

## County Unemployment Rates



## Ranked by Unemployment Rates

November 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	1.4	25	Independence	2.1	44	Sharp	2.6
2	Boone	1.5	27	Arkansas	2.2	44	Van Buren	2.6
2	Newton	1.5	27	Cleveland	2.2	53	Crittenden	2.7
2	Washington	1.5	27	Hot Spring	2.2	53	Drew	2.7
5	Carroll	1.6	27	Pope	2.2	53	Pulaski	2.7
5	Craighead	1.6	27	White	2.2	53	Stone	2.7
5	Madison	1.6	27	Yell	2.2	53	Woodruff	2.7
8	Calhoun	1.7	33	Conway	2.3	58	Garland	2.8
8	Greene	1.7	33	Lawrence	2.3	58	Johnson	2.8
8	Saline	1.7	33	Logan	2.3	58	Miller	2.8
8	Scott	1.7	33	Marion	2.3	61	Columbia	2.9
12	Grant	1.8	33	Ouachita	2.3	61	Jackson	2.9
12	Prairie	1.8	38	Cross	2.4	63	Lafayette	3.0
14	Faulkner	1.9	38	Polk	2.4	64	Monroe	3.1
14	Fulton	1.9	38	Sevier	2.4	64	Montgomery	3.1
14	Howard	1.9	41	Clark	2.5	66	Izard	3.3
14	Lonoke	1.9	41	Lincoln	2.5	66	Lee	3.3
18	Baxter	2.0	41	Searcy	2.5	68	Desha	3.5
18	Crawford	2.0	44	Bradley	2.6	68	St. Francis	3.5
18	Franklin	2.0	44	Cleburne	2.6	70	Union	3.7
18	Hempstead	2.0	44	Dallas	2.6	71	Jefferson	3.9
18	Poinsett	2.0	44	Little River	2.6	72	Mississippi	4.2
18	Randolph	2.0	44	Nevada	2.6	73	Ashley	4.4
18	Sebastian	2.0	44	Perry	2.6	74	Phillips	4.8
25	Clay	2.1	44	Pike	2.6	75	Chicot	5.2

## Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	November 2021				October 2021				November 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	246,880	241,697	5,183	2.1	245,064	239,416	5,648	2.3	244,237	232,431	11,806	4.8
City of Little Rock	94,813	92,094	2,719	2.9	94,044	91,050	2,994	3.2	94,381	88,453	5,928	6.3
Eastern	43,996	42,638	1,358	3.1	43,872	42,402	1,470	3.4	44,631	41,789	2,842	6.4
North Central	93,093	90,865	2,228	2.4	93,300	90,931	2,369	2.5	91,724	87,088	4,636	5.1
Northeast	122,145	119,570	2,575	2.1	122,126	119,307	2,819	2.3	119,459	113,924	5,535	4.6
Northwest	346,688	341,501	5,187	1.5	342,346	336,610	5,736	1.7	329,049	317,046	12,003	3.6
Southeast	78,296	75,784	2,512	3.2	77,862	75,201	2,661	3.4	78,407	73,780	4,627	5.9
Southwest	89,484	87,060	2,424	2.7	88,970	86,437	2,533	2.8	88,824	84,213	4,611	5.2
West Central	127,031	123,867	3,164	2.5	127,188	123,792	3,396	2.7	127,667	121,279	6,388	5.0
Western	110,567	108,349	2,218	2.0	109,875	107,419	2,456	2.2	109,259	104,347	4,912	4.5

