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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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## October Spotlight

### A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Between September and October, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates declined in 28 states and the District of Columbia. Jobless rates were stable in 22 states. In October, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 1.9 percent in Nebraska to a high of 7.3 percent in California and Nevada. Arkansas ranked 16th among states, with a jobless rate of 3.7 percent. Twenty-six states, including Arkansas, posted jobless rates below the national rate of 4.6 percent.

Compared to October 2020, unemployment rates have declined in 45 states and the District of Columbia. The largest rate decrease over-the-year occurred in Hawaii, down seven and seven-tenths of a percentage point. Five states posted annual unemployment rate declines of more than three full percentage points. Arkansas' unemployment rate is down from 5.6 percent in October 2020.

Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate
1	Nebraska	1.9	18	Iowa	3.9	34	Louisiana	5.4
2	Utah	2.2	18	Kansas	3.9	34	Rhode Island	5.4
3	Oklahoma	2.7	18	South Carolina	3.9	34	Texas	5.4
4	Idaho	2.8	21	North Carolina	4.1	38	Mississippi	5.5
4	South Dakota	2.8	21	Wyoming	4.1	39	Maryland	5.7
4	Vermont	2.8	23	Kentucky	4.2	40	Illinois	6.0
7	New Hampshire	2.9	23	Tennessee	4.2	40	Pennsylvania	6.0
8	Alabama	3.1	25	West Virginia	4.3	42	Alaska	6.1
8	Georgia	3.1	26	Oregon	4.4	42	Michigan	6.1
8	Montana	3.1	27	Florida	4.6	44	District of Columbia	6.3
11	Wisconsin	3.2	28	Maine	4.9	44	Hawaii	6.3
12	Indiana	3.3	29	Washington	5.0	46	Connecticut	6.4
12	North Dakota	3.3	30	Ohio	5.1	47	New Mexico	6.5
14	Minnesota	3.5	31	Arizona	5.2	48	New York	6.9
15	Virginia	3.6	32	Delaware	5.3	49	New Jersey	7.0
<b>16</b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>3.7</b>	32	Massachusetts	5.3	50	California	7.3
16	Missouri	3.7	34	Colorado	5.4	50	Nevada	7.3

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 4.6 Percent



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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 declined three-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.0 percent in September to 3.7 percent in October. Arkansas' civilian labor force decreased 4,130, a result of 3,756 fewer employed and 374 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.8 percent in September to 4.6 percent in October.

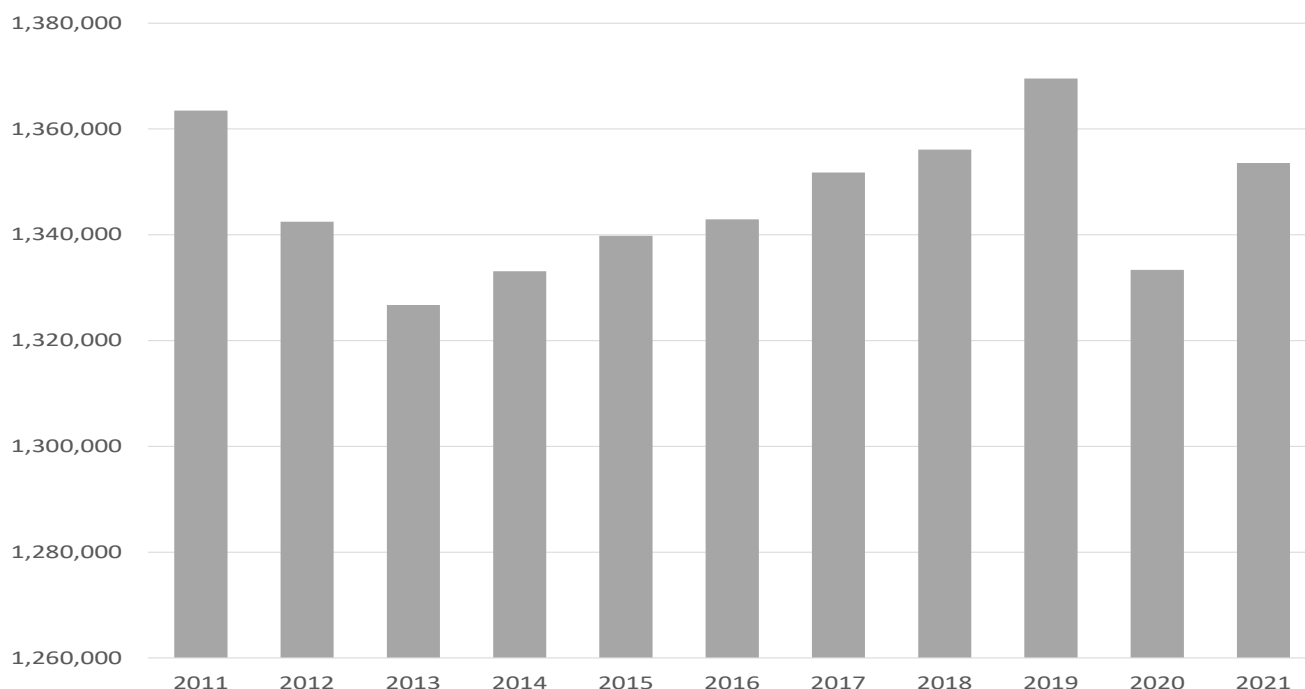
BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate has been slowly but steadily declining since the peak of the pandemic 18 months ago. The state's jobless rate is now at 3.7 percent, slightly lower than pre-pandemic unemployment rate of 3.8 percent in February 2020."

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Oct 21	Sep 21	Oct 20		Oct 21	Sep 21	Oct 20
Civilian Labor Force	1,353,559	1,357,689	1,333,366	Civilian Labor Force	1,344,694	1,356,554	1,330,274
Employment	1,303,039	1,303,413	1,259,359	Employment	1,312,673	1,313,744	1,266,366
Unemployment	50,520	54,276	74,007	Unemployment	32,021	42,810	63,908
Unemployment Rate	3.7	4.0	5.6	Unemployment Rate	2.4	3.2	4.8
U.S. Unemployment	4.6	4.8	6.9	U.S. Unemployment	4.3	4.6	6.6

### Civilian Labor Force (Seasonally Adjusted)

October: 2011 - 2021



**State of Arkansas  
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>Oct 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1286.9	1274.8	1253.5	12.1	33.4
Goods Producing	220.6	219.1	214.8	1.5	5.8
Mining, Logging, & Construction	58.8	58.2	60.0	0.6	-1.2
<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>53.1</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-1.5</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	34.0	33.0	34.6	1.0	-0.6
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>161.8</b>	<b>160.9</b>	<b>154.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>7.0</b>
Durable Goods	83.4	83.0	73.4	0.4	10.0
Nondurable Goods	78.4	77.9	81.4	0.5	-3.0
Service Providing	1066.3	1055.7	1038.7	10.6	27.6
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>257.1</b>	<b>253.6</b>	<b>252.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Wholesale Trade	46.9	46.0	45.6	0.9	1.3
Retail Trade	141.0	140.5	140.6	0.5	0.4
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	69.2	67.1	65.8	2.1	3.4
<b>Information</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Finance & Insurance	53.3	53.5	50.2	-0.2	3.1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.9	13.8	13.6	0.1	0.3
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>149.4</b>	<b>146.9</b>	<b>141.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>8.2</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.8	42.7	42.5	1.1	1.3
Management of Companies	35.1	35.1	33.7	0.0	1.4
Administrative & Support Services	70.5	69.1	65.0	1.4	5.5
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>189.6</b>	<b>188.3</b>	<b>187.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Educational Services	17.2	17.0	16.2	0.2	1.0
Health Care & Social Assistance	172.4	171.3	171.3	1.1	1.1
Ambulatory Health Care	60.0	60.8	59.4	-0.8	0.6
Social Assistance	36.4	35.3	36.0	1.1	0.4
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>115.5</b>	<b>114.1</b>	<b>108.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>7.4</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12.2	12.3	10.4	-0.1	1.8
Accommodation & Food Services	103.3	101.8	97.7	1.5	5.6
Accommodation Services	10.2	10.3	9.0	-0.1	1.2
Food Services	93.1	91.5	88.7	1.6	4.4
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>68.8</b>	<b>67.9</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>206.3</b>	<b>205.4</b>	<b>209.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
Federal Government	20.6	20.7	21.6	-0.1	-1.0
State Government	78.2	77.7	77.6	0.5	0.6
State Gov, Educational Services	31.8	31.3	30.9	0.5	0.9
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.4	46.4	46.7	0.0	-0.3
Local Government	107.5	107.0	110.1	0.5	-2.6
Local Gov, Educational Services	64.5	63.6	67.3	0.9	-2.8
Local Gov, Excluding Education	43.0	43.4	42.8	-0.4	0.2

**State of Arkansas  
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

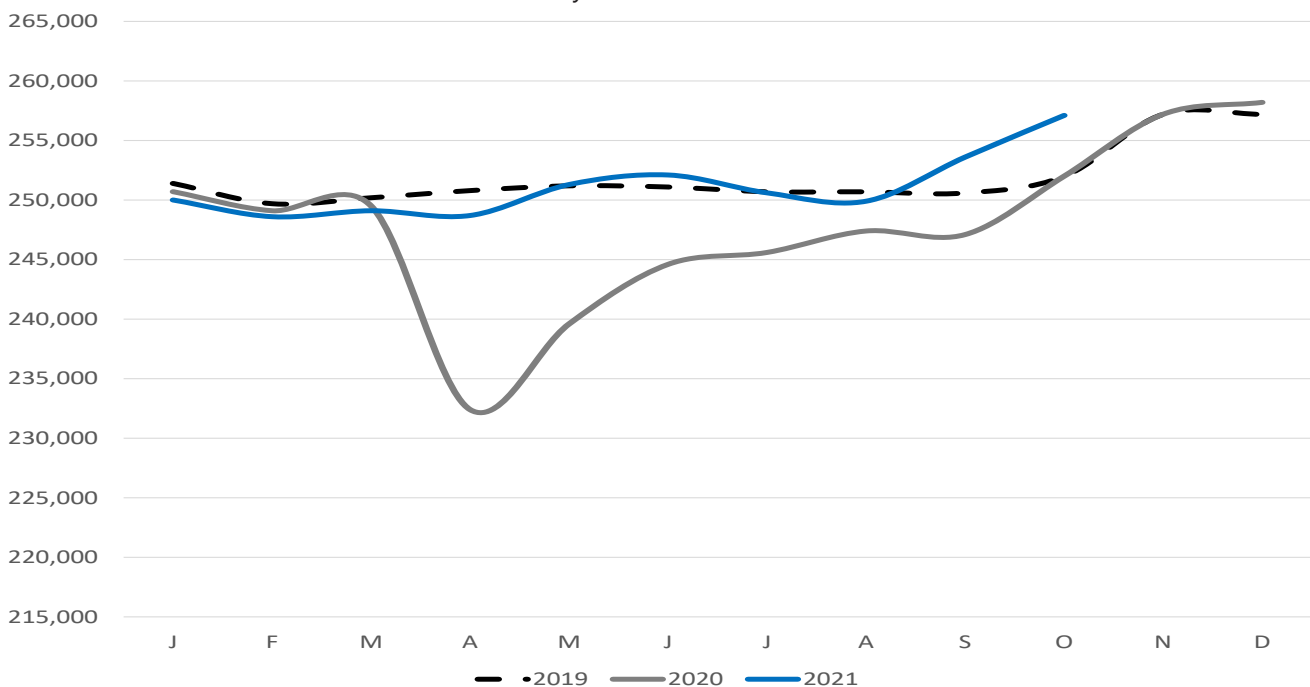
**September 2021 - October 2021**

Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs increased 12,100 in October to total 1,286,900. Ten major industry sectors posted gains. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 3,500. Hiring occurred in all subsectors, with transportation-warehousing-utilities adding 2,100 jobs. **Professional and business services** increased 2,500. Gains were split between administrative-support services (+1,400) and professional-scientific-technical services (+1,100). **Leisure and hospitality** added 1,400 jobs, all in food services (+1,600). Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 1,300. Most of the expansions occurred in social assistance (+1,100). Smaller increases were posted in **manufacturing** (+900), **other services** (+900), and **government** (+900).

**October 2020 - October 2021**

Compared to October 2020, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 33,400. Growth was reported in nine major industry sectors, with six sectors each adding 3,400 or more jobs. **Professional and business services** posted the largest annual increase, up 8,200 jobs. Hiring occurred in all subsectors, but most of the expansion was in administrative and support services (+5,500). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 7,400, with hiring reported across all subsectors. **Manufacturing** added 7,000 jobs. Expansions in durable goods (+10,000) were offset by declines in nondurable goods (-3,000). Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 5,100. Most of the hiring occurred in transportation-warehousing-utilities (+3,400). Notable growth was posted in **other services** (+3,600), **financial activities** (+3,400), and **educational and health services** (+2,100). Jobs in **government** declined 3,000, mostly in local government-educational services (-2,800).

**Jobs in Trade-Transportation-Utilities (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**  
January 2019 - October 2021



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

**Manufacturing**

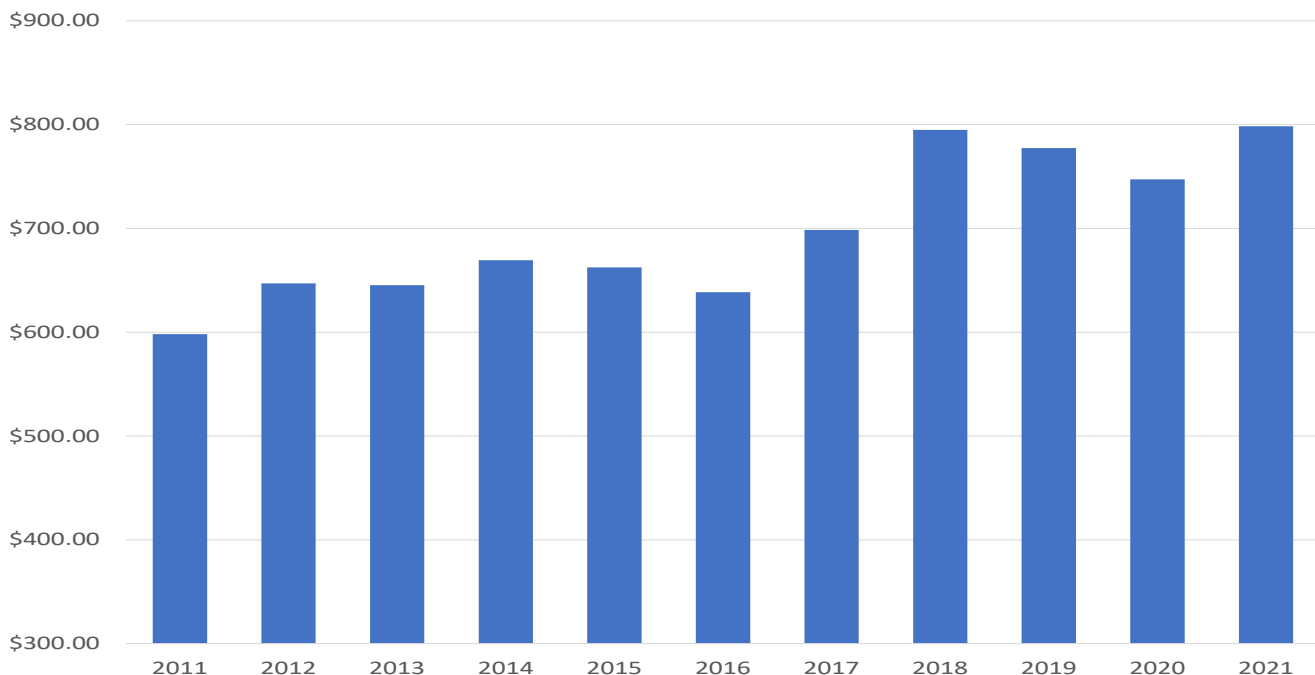
	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Sep 21</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>
Average Weekly Hours	40.1	40.5	38.7
Average Hourly Earnings	19.91	20.33	19.31
Average Weekly Earnings	798.39	823.37	747.30

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Sep 21</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>		<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Sep 21</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>
Average Weekly Hours	40.0	40.0	38.2	Average Weekly Hours	40.3	41.1	39.1
Average Hourly Earnings	21.06	21.75	21.18	Average Hourly Earnings	18.69	18.86	17.69
Average Weekly Earnings	842.40	870.00	809.08	Average Weekly Earnings	753.21	775.15	691.68

**Average Weekly Earnings for Production Workers- All Manufacturing**

October: 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)**

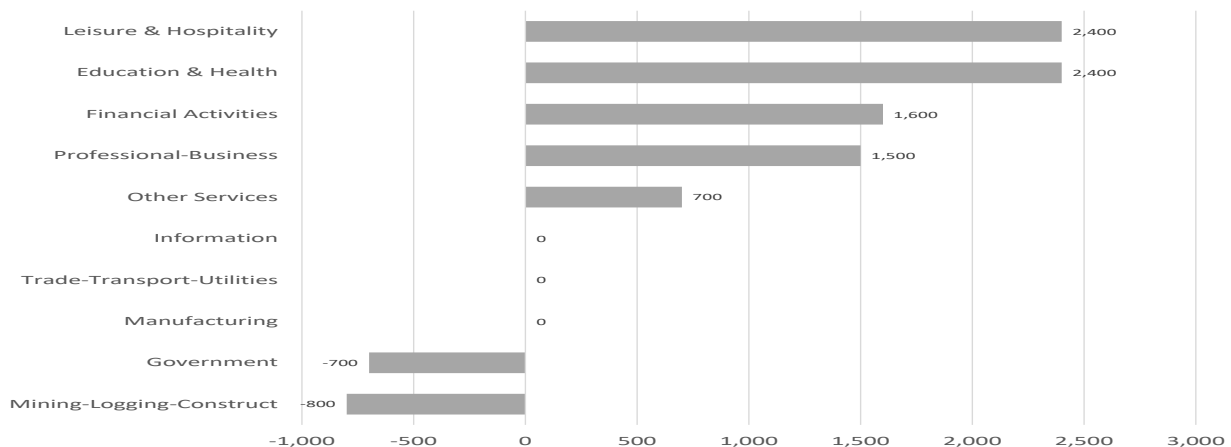
	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>Oct 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	344,878	348,090	345,028	-3,212	-150
Employment	336,150	336,487	326,494	-337	9,656
Unemployment	8,728	11,603	18,534	-2,875	-9,806
Unemployment Rate	2.5	3.3	5.4	-0.8	-2.9

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

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>Oct 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	356.0	353.9	348.9	2.1	7.1
Goods Producing	35.9	36.4	36.7	-0.5	-0.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.0	17.5	17.8	-0.5	-0.8
Manufacturing	18.9	18.9	18.9	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	320.1	317.5	312.2	2.6	7.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	69.1	68.9	69.1	0.2	0.0
Wholesale Trade	15.2	15.2	15.0	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	37.6	37.6	38.0	0.0	-0.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.3	16.1	16.1	0.2	0.2
Information	5.2	5.1	5.2	0.1	0.0
Financial Activities	23.8	23.7	22.2	0.1	1.6
Professional & Business Services	45.1	43.8	43.6	1.3	1.5
Educational & Health Services	59.7	59.4	57.3	0.3	2.4
Leisure & Hospitality	31.7	31.1	29.3	0.6	2.4
Other Services	18.3	18.4	17.6	-0.1	0.7
Government	67.2	67.1	67.9	0.1	-0.7
Federal Government	9.7	9.8	9.9	-0.1	-0.2
State Government	34.4	34.3	34.3	0.1	0.1
Local Government	23.1	23.0	23.7	0.1	-0.6

**Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector  
October 2020 vs October 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>Oct 21</b>	<b>Sep 21</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	295,234	295,094	283,362	140	11,872
Employment	290,384	288,560	273,206	1,824	17,178
Unemployment	4,850	6,534	10,156	-1,684	-5,306
Unemployment Rate	1.6	2.2	3.6	-0.6	-2.0

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

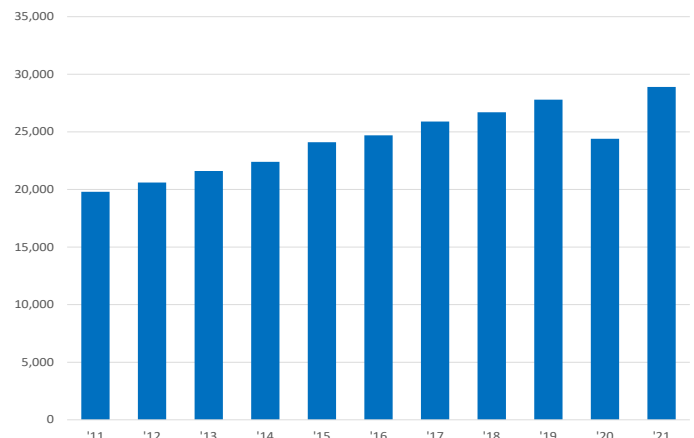
(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Sep 21</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	283.1	278.8	267.5	4.3	15.6
Goods Producing	45.9	45.7	44.2	0.2	1.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	14.3	14.1	13.3	0.2	1.0
Manufacturing	31.6	31.6	30.9	0.0	0.7
Service Providing	237.2	233.1	223.3	4.1	13.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	59.9	59.4	57.8	0.5	2.1
Wholesale Trade	12.6	12.5	12.0	0.1	0.6
Retail Trade	28.6	28.3	27.4	0.3	1.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.7	18.6	18.4	0.1	0.3
Information	2.2	2.1	1.9	0.1	0.3
Financial Activities	8.7	8.7	8.6	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	55.1	54.4	51.2	0.7	3.9
Educational & Health Services	31.6	31.0	30.5	0.6	1.1
Leisure & Hospitality	28.9	27.9	24.4	1.0	4.5
Other Services	10.1	10.1	9.6	0.0	0.5
Government	40.7	39.5	39.3	1.2	1.4
Federal Government	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
State Government	18.1	17.6	16.9	0.5	1.2
Local Government	19.7	19.0	19.4	0.7	0.3

**Number of Unemployed**  
October 2019 - October 2021



**Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality**  
October: 2011 - 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>Oct 21</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>Oct 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	118,161	118,720	117,571	-559	590
Employment	115,518	115,432	111,944	86	3,574
Unemployment	2,643	3,288	5,627	-645	-2,984
Unemployment Rate	2.2	2.8	4.8	-0.6	-2.6

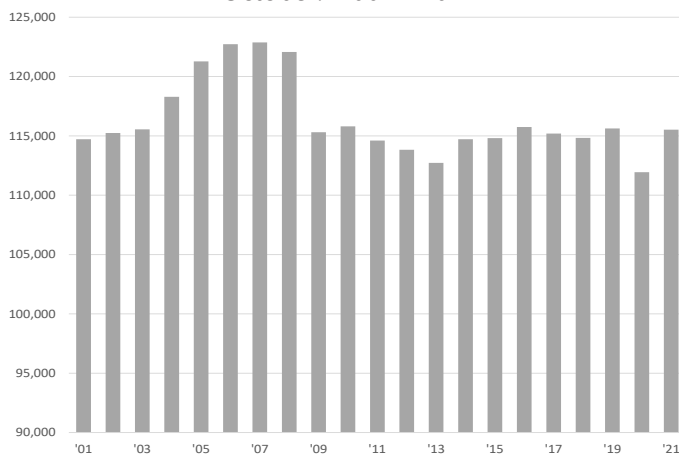
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>Oct 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	112.8	112.6	110.1	0.2	2.7
Goods Producing	22.8	22.7	22.3	0.1	0.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.6	5.7	5.5	-0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	17.2	17.0	16.8	0.2	0.4
Service Providing	90.0	89.9	87.8	0.1	2.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.9	23.9	23.6	0.0	0.3
Wholesale Trade	4.6	4.7	4.4	-0.1	0.2
Retail Trade	12.2	12.1	12.4	0.1	-0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	7.1	7.1	6.8	0.0	0.3
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.8	3.7	3.7	0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	12.8	12.8	11.8	0.0	1.0
Educational & Health Services	16.8	16.8	16.6	0.0	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.2	9.3	8.5	-0.1	0.7
Other Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0.0	0.2
Government	17.7	17.6	18.0	0.1	-0.3
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.0	-0.1
State Government	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	13.8	13.7	13.9	0.1	-0.1

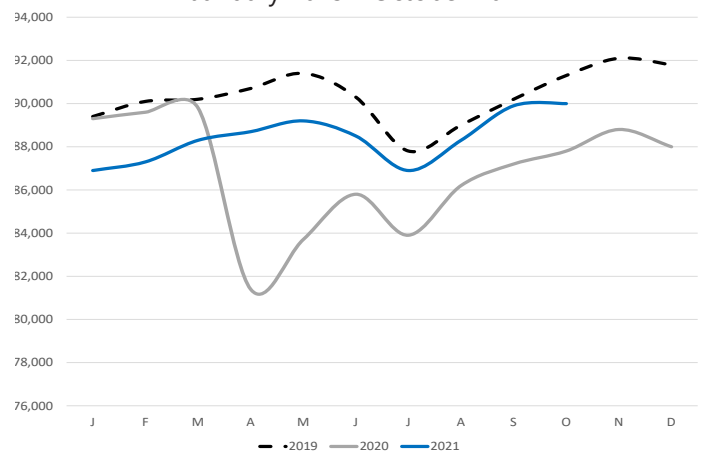
### Employment

October: 2001 - 2021



### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January 2019 - October 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas  
Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Sep 21</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	39,972	40,792	40,302	-820	-330
Employment	38,775	39,212	37,705	-437	1,070
Unemployment	1,197	1,580	2,597	-383	-1,400
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.9	6.4	-0.9	-3.4

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

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Sep 21</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	38.2	38.5	37.8	-0.3	0.4
Goods Producing	4.7	4.7	4.6	0.0	0.1
Service Providing	33.5	33.8	33.2	-0.3	0.3
Government	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0

**Number of Employed**

October 2018 - October 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas  
Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Sep 21</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	66,786	66,485	64,566	301	2,220
Employment	65,535	64,778	61,878	757	3,657
Unemployment	1,251	1,707	2,688	-456	-1,437
Unemployment Rate	1.9	2.6	4.2	-0.7	-2.3

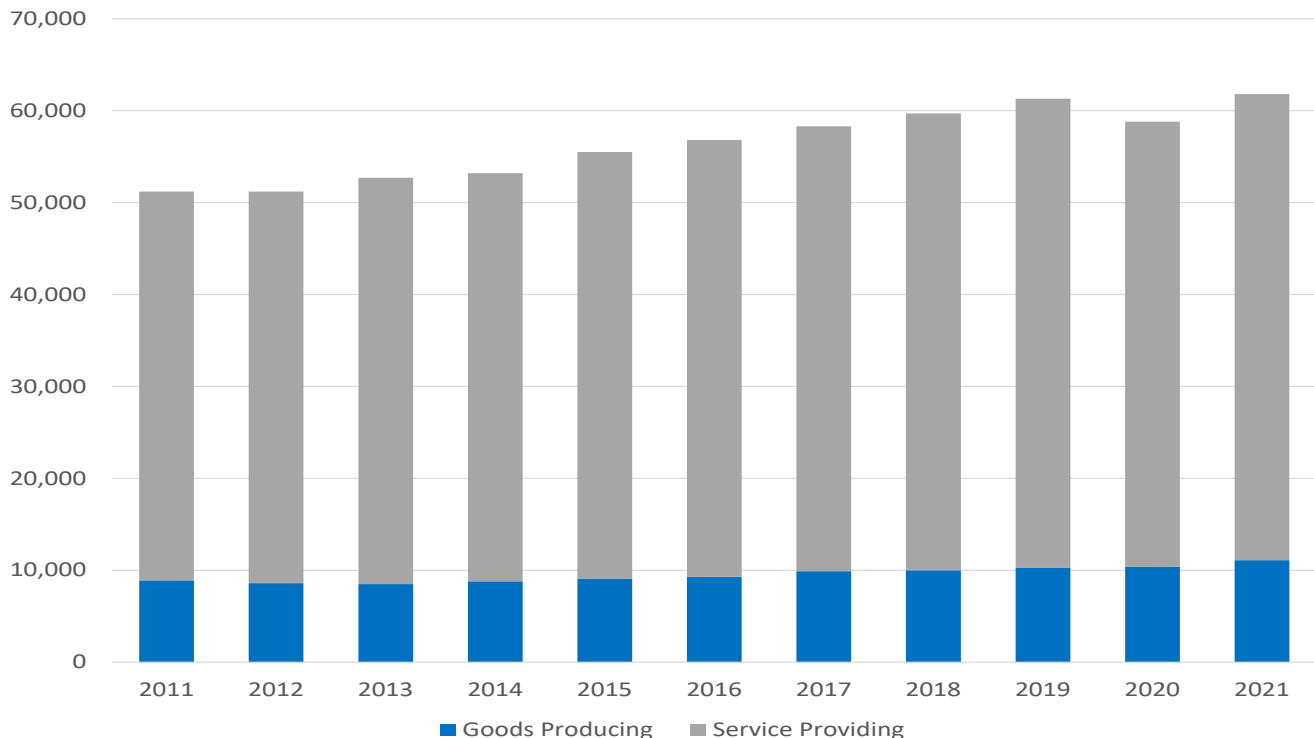
**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Sep 21</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	61.8	60.6	58.8	1.2	3.0
Goods Producing	11.1	10.8	10.4	0.3	0.7
Service Providing	50.7	49.8	48.4	0.9	2.3
Government	8.3	8.2	8.5	0.1	-0.2

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Goods Producing + Service Providing)**

October: 2011 - 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas  
Pine Bluff MSA**

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

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

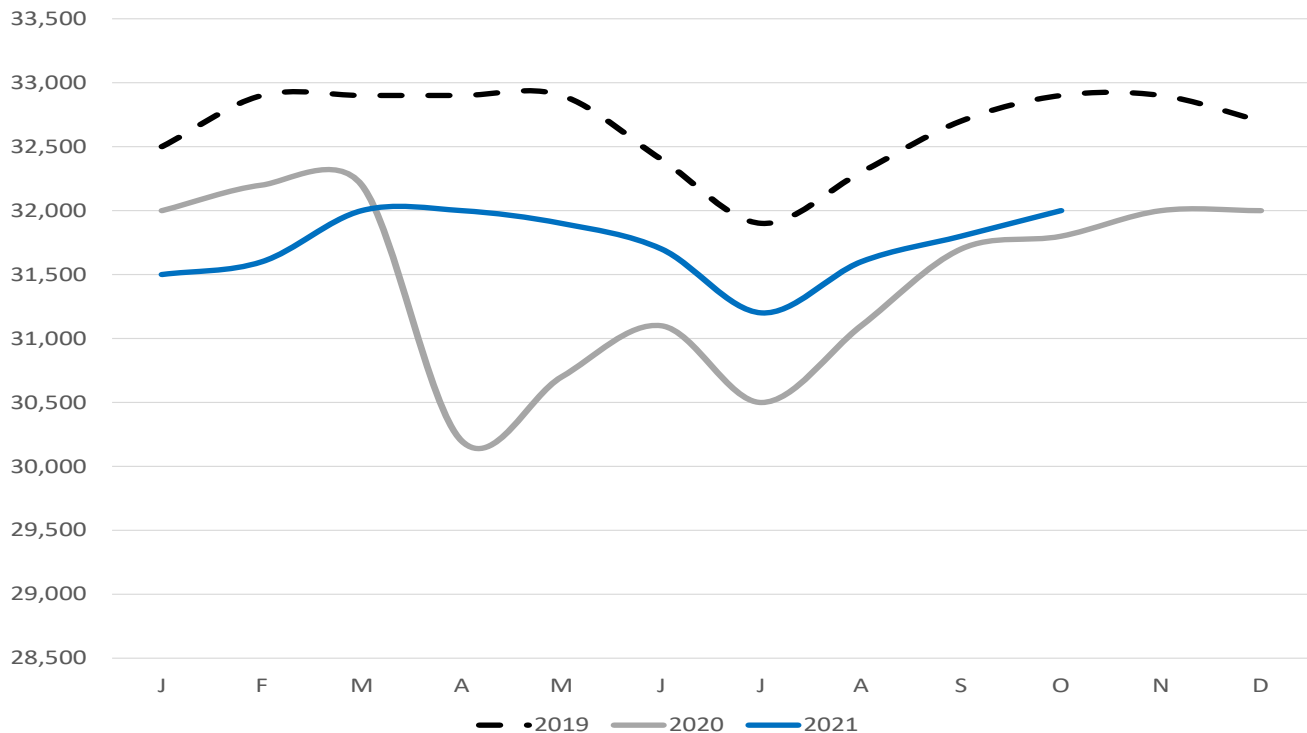
	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Sep 21</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	33,507	33,827	33,947	-320	-440
Employment	32,231	32,212	31,679	19	552
Unemployment	1,276	1,615	2,268	-339	-992
Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.8	6.7	-1.0	-2.9

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

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Sep 21</b>	<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	32.0	31.8	31.8	0.2	0.2
Goods Producing	5.6	5.6	5.7	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	26.4	26.2	26.1	0.2	0.3
Government	8.9	8.9	9.0	0.0	-0.1

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
January 2019 - October 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.

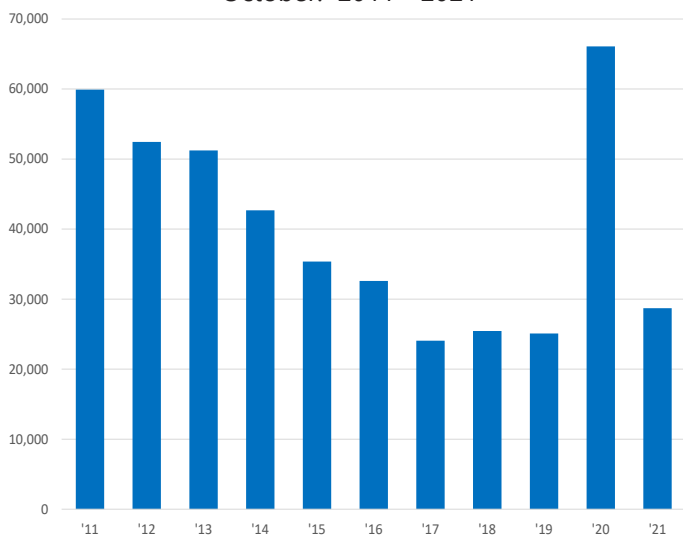
	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>Oct 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	641,955	641,574	667,369	381	-25,414
Employment	613,256	610,441	601,277	2,815	11,979
Unemployment	28,699	31,133	66,092	-2,434	-37,393
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.9	9.9	-0.4	-5.4

#### Texarkana MSA

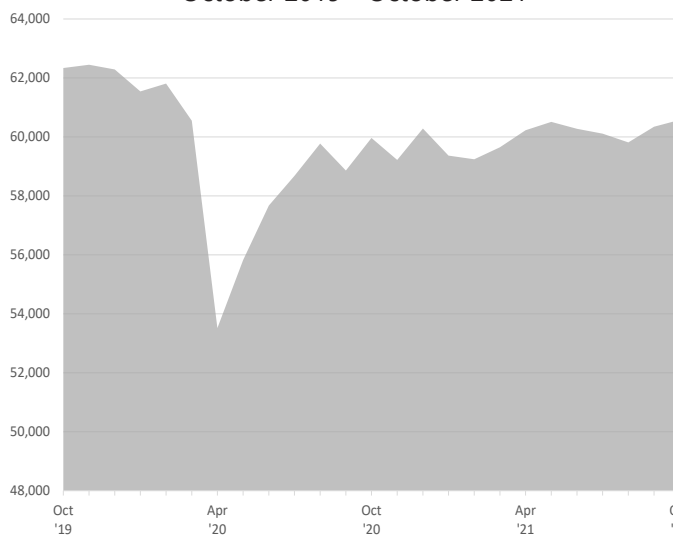
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>Oct 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,256	63,261	63,725	-5	-469
Employment	60,576	60,345	59,963	231	613
Unemployment	2,680	2,916	3,762	-236	-1,082
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.6	5.9	-0.4	-1.7

**Memphis MSA - Unemployment**  
October: 2011 - 2021



**Texarkana MSA - Number of Employed**  
October 2019 - October 2021



## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	October 2021				September 2021				October 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,888	8,639	249	2.8	9,075	8,735	340	3.7	9,240	8,825	415	4.5
Batesville Micro	16,476	16,093	383	2.3	16,740	16,221	519	3.1	16,244	15,539	705	4.3
Blytheville Micro	16,454	15,724	730	4.4	16,738	15,820	918	5.5	16,768	15,532	1,236	7.4
Camden Micro	12,250	11,974	276	2.3	12,412	12,024	388	3.1	12,000	11,490	510	4.3
El Dorado Micro	14,934	14,348	586	3.9	15,235	14,479	756	5.0	15,122	14,114	1,008	6.7
Forrest City Micro	7,723	7,427	296	3.8	7,854	7,470	384	4.9	7,787	7,265	522	6.7
Harrison Micro	19,273	18,945	328	1.7	19,418	18,960	458	2.4	18,714	18,021	693	3.7
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,747	5,460	287	5.0	5,846	5,484	362	6.2	6,291	5,831	460	7.3
Hope Micro	12,693	12,407	286	2.3	12,885	12,513	372	2.9	12,795	12,282	513	4.0
Magnolia Micro	8,827	8,552	275	3.1	8,944	8,578	366	4.1	8,929	8,413	516	5.8
Malvern Home Micro	13,697	13,369	328	2.4	13,934	13,493	441	3.2	13,813	13,185	628	4.5
Mountain Home Micro	16,457	16,097	360	2.2	16,750	16,253	497	3.0	16,202	15,503	699	4.3
Paragould Micro	19,543	19,157	386	2.0	19,724	19,207	517	2.6	18,964	18,175	789	4.2
Russellville Micro	35,311	34,504	807	2.3	35,598	34,471	1,127	3.2	35,436	33,988	1,448	4.1
Searcy Micro	33,888	33,089	799	2.4	34,253	33,195	1,058	3.1	33,211	31,700	1,511	4.5

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	October 2021				September 2021				October 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,733	12,454	279	2.2	12,769	12,376	393	3.1	12,254	11,703	551	4.5
Benton	17,027	16,689	338	2.0	17,160	16,705	455	2.7	16,905	16,203	702	4.2
Bentonville	30,008	29,619	389	1.3	29,937	29,433	504	1.7	28,728	27,834	894	3.1
Blytheville	5,573	5,281	292	5.2	5,681	5,313	368	6.5	5,803	5,217	586	10.1
Cabot	11,618	11,394	224	1.9	11,702	11,405	297	2.5	11,517	11,081	436	3.8
Conway	33,278	32,572	706	2.1	33,544	32,597	947	2.8	32,910	31,615	1,295	3.9
El Dorado	6,505	6,189	316	4.9	6,610	6,245	365	5.5	6,643	6,088	555	8.4
Fayetteville	50,384	49,534	850	1.7	50,426	49,214	1,212	2.4	48,495	46,514	1,981	4.1
Fort Smith	38,505	37,644	861	2.2	38,907	37,774	1,133	2.9	38,271	36,445	1,826	4.8
Hot Springs	14,876	14,355	521	3.5	15,199	14,516	683	4.5	15,124	13,959	1,165	7.7
Jacksonville	11,297	10,828	469	4.2	11,408	10,839	569	5.0	11,376	10,517	859	7.6
Jonesboro	39,978	39,234	744	1.9	39,790	38,776	1,014	2.5	38,771	37,022	1,749	4.5
Little Rock	94,016	91,020	2,996	3.2	95,005	91,118	3,887	4.1	94,733	88,405	6,328	6.7
North Little Rock	28,740	27,909	831	2.9	29,104	27,939	1,165	4.0	29,291	27,107	2,184	7.5
Paragould	12,421	12,135	286	2.3	12,530	12,167	363	2.9	12,117	11,513	604	5.0
Pine Bluff	15,754	15,045	709	4.5	15,972	15,040	932	5.8	16,237	14,796	1,441	8.9
Rogers	37,673	37,076	597	1.6	37,700	36,843	857	2.3	36,064	34,841	1,223	3.4
Russellville	12,594	12,336	258	2.0	12,731	12,324	407	3.2	12,601	12,147	454	3.6
Searcy	10,273	10,039	234	2.3	10,395	10,071	324	3.1	10,005	9,617	388	3.9
Sherwood	15,583	15,214	369	2.4	15,726	15,230	496	3.2	15,622	14,777	845	5.4
Springdale	41,127	40,461	666	1.6	41,125	40,199	926	2.3	39,399	37,996	1,403	3.6
Texarkana, AR	13,063	12,614	449	3.4	13,137	12,581	556	4.2	13,095	12,307	788	6.0
Van Buren	10,228	10,010	218	2.1	10,316	10,046	270	2.6	10,122	9,702	420	4.1
West Memphis	10,215	9,891	324	3.2	10,352	9,899	453	4.4	10,322	9,491	831	8.1

## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	October 2021				September 2021				October 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,646	9,431	215	2.2	9,715	9,444	271	2.8	9,331	9,018	313	3.4
Ashley	6,726	6,420	306	4.5	6,896	6,507	389	5.6	7,069	6,510	559	7.9
Baxter	16,457	16,097	360	2.2	16,750	16,253	497	3.0	16,202	15,503	699	4.3
Benton	145,441	143,132	2,309	1.6	145,420	142,236	3,184	2.2	139,413	134,507	4,906	3.5
Boone	15,953	15,682	271	1.7	16,079	15,698	381	2.4	15,510	14,921	589	3.8
Bradley	4,048	3,934	114	2.8	4,159	4,007	152	3.7	4,267	4,081	186	4.4
Calhoun	2,445	2,398	47	1.9	2,473	2,407	66	2.7	2,402	2,308	94	3.9
Carroll	13,223	12,995	228	1.7	13,330	13,013	317	2.4	12,727	12,210	517	4.1
Chicot	3,047	2,882	165	5.4	3,149	2,941	208	6.6	3,220	2,924	296	9.2
Clark	8,888	8,639	249	2.8	9,075	8,735	340	3.7	9,240	8,825	415	4.5
Clay	5,442	5,322	120	2.2	5,537	5,375	162	2.9	5,446	5,231	215	3.9
Cleburne	9,024	8,780	244	2.7	9,226	8,896	330	3.6	8,942	8,442	500	5.6
Cleveland	3,149	3,073	76	2.4	3,167	3,069	98	3.1	3,182	3,017	165	5.2
Columbia	8,827	8,552	275	3.1	8,944	8,578	366	4.1	8,929	8,413	516	5.8
Conway	8,168	7,963	205	2.5	8,290	8,014	276	3.3	8,234	7,878	356	4.3
Craighead	56,655	55,629	1,026	1.8	56,384	54,980	1,404	2.5	54,757	52,492	2,265	4.1
Crawford	26,255	25,696	559	2.1	26,546	25,787	759	2.9	26,002	24,905	1,097	4.2
Crittenden	20,827	20,210	617	3.0	21,047	20,226	821	3.9	20,792	19,392	1,400	6.7
Cross	7,054	6,876	178	2.5	7,189	6,952	237	3.3	7,144	6,795	349	4.9
Dallas	2,768	2,691	77	2.8	2,812	2,707	105	3.7	2,827	2,721	106	3.7
Desha	5,044	4,850	194	3.8	5,079	4,825	254	5.0	5,223	4,922	301	5.8
Drew	7,806	7,578	228	2.9	7,894	7,598	296	3.7	7,597	7,198	399	5.3
Faulkner	60,400	59,139	1,261	2.1	60,875	59,185	1,690	2.8	59,829	57,402	2,427	4.1
Franklin	7,370	7,203	167	2.3	7,442	7,220	222	3.0	7,408	7,096	312	4.2
Fulton	5,000	4,901	99	2.0	5,051	4,913	138	2.7	4,818	4,629	189	3.9
Garland	39,972	38,775	1,197	3.0	40,792	39,212	1,580	3.9	40,302	37,705	2,597	6.4
Grant	8,046	7,885	161	2.0	8,119	7,900	219	2.7	8,010	7,690	320	4.0
Greene	19,543	19,157	386	2.0	19,724	19,207	517	2.6	18,964	18,175	789	4.2
Hempstead	9,273	9,079	194	2.1	9,416	9,156	260	2.8	9,350	8,992	358	3.8
Hot Spring	13,697	13,369	328	2.4	13,934	13,493	441	3.2	13,813	13,185	628	4.5
Howard	5,576	5,464	112	2.0	5,666	5,516	150	2.6	5,472	5,261	211	3.9
Independence	16,476	16,093	383	2.3	16,740	16,221	519	3.1	16,244	15,539	705	4.3
Izard	4,398	4,255	143	3.3	4,487	4,294	193	4.3	4,494	4,219	275	6.1
Jackson	5,637	5,464	173	3.1	5,731	5,505	226	3.9	5,762	5,453	309	5.4
Jefferson	26,556	25,462	1,094	4.1	26,829	25,454	1,375	5.1	26,969	25,040	1,929	7.2
Johnson	9,851	9,569	282	2.9	9,981	9,601	380	3.8	9,928	9,489	439	4.4
Lafayette	2,338	2,263	75	3.2	2,361	2,259	102	4.3	2,407	2,236	171	7.1
Lawrence	6,854	6,684	170	2.5	6,924	6,693	231	3.3	6,757	6,441	316	4.7
Lee	2,565	2,476	89	3.5	2,636	2,518	118	4.5	2,759	2,593	166	6.0
Lincoln	3,802	3,696	106	2.8	3,831	3,689	142	3.7	3,796	3,622	174	4.6
Little River	5,250	5,109	141	2.7	5,292	5,102	190	3.6	5,277	5,008	269	5.1
Logan	8,432	8,213	219	2.6	8,559	8,290	269	3.1	8,514	8,106	408	4.8
Lonoke	32,834	32,169	665	2.0	33,111	32,202	909	2.7	32,734	31,286	1,448	4.4
Madison	7,811	7,670	141	1.8	7,816	7,622	194	2.5	7,482	7,240	242	3.2
Marion	6,115	5,964	151	2.5	6,221	6,014	207	3.3	5,979	5,672	307	5.1
Miller	18,971	18,409	562	3.0	19,093	18,360	733	3.8	18,949	17,961	988	5.2

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## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	October 2021				September 2021				October 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,454	15,724	730	4.4	16,738	15,820	918	5.5	16,768	15,532	1,236	7.4
Monroe	2,669	2,578	91	3.4	2,724	2,612	112	4.1	2,665	2,511	154	5.8
Montgomery	2,909	2,822	87	3.0	3,059	2,942	117	3.8	2,995	2,847	148	4.9
Nevada	3,420	3,328	92	2.7	3,469	3,357	112	3.2	3,445	3,290	155	4.5
Newton	3,320	3,263	57	1.7	3,339	3,262	77	2.3	3,204	3,100	104	3.2
Ouachita	9,805	9,576	229	2.3	9,939	9,617	322	3.2	9,598	9,182	416	4.3
Perry	4,152	4,041	111	2.7	4,187	4,040	147	3.5	4,077	3,913	164	4.0
Phillips	5,747	5,460	287	5.0	5,846	5,484	362	6.2	6,291	5,831	460	7.3
Pike	4,255	4,130	125	2.9	4,352	4,195	157	3.6	4,247	4,048	199	4.7
Poinsett	10,131	9,906	225	2.2	10,101	9,798	303	3.0	9,809	9,386	423	4.3
Polk	7,775	7,571	204	2.6	7,901	7,630	271	3.4	7,871	7,484	387	4.9
Pope	27,317	26,700	617	2.3	27,539	26,674	865	3.1	27,442	26,291	1,151	4.2
Prairie	3,631	3,557	74	2.0	3,671	3,570	101	2.8	3,611	3,457	154	4.3
Pulaski	182,416	176,980	5,436	3.0	184,323	177,171	7,152	3.9	183,821	171,896	11,925	6.5
Randolph	7,498	7,334	164	2.2	7,578	7,354	224	3.0	7,423	7,097	326	4.4
St. Francis	7,723	7,427	296	3.8	7,854	7,470	384	4.9	7,787	7,265	522	6.7
Saline	57,030	55,936	1,094	1.9	57,475	55,989	1,486	2.6	56,557	54,307	2,250	4.0
Scott	4,311	4,229	82	1.9	4,366	4,250	116	2.7	4,311	4,157	154	3.6
Searcy	2,872	2,792	80	2.8	3,002	2,892	110	3.7	2,781	2,654	127	4.6
Sebastian	55,475	54,250	1,225	2.2	56,084	54,438	1,646	2.9	55,058	52,522	2,536	4.6
Sevier	5,435	5,297	138	2.5	5,517	5,329	188	3.4	5,405	5,148	257	4.8
Sharp	5,698	5,536	162	2.8	5,784	5,553	231	4.0	5,605	5,298	307	5.5
Stone	4,555	4,434	121	2.7	4,630	4,461	169	3.7	4,600	4,345	255	5.5
Union	14,934	14,348	586	3.9	15,235	14,479	756	5.0	15,122	14,114	1,008	6.7
Van Buren	5,870	5,706	164	2.8	5,969	5,747	222	3.7	5,680	5,364	316	5.6
Washington	130,985	128,867	2,118	1.6	130,945	128,035	2,910	2.2	125,627	121,011	4,616	3.7
White	33,888	33,089	799	2.4	34,253	33,195	1,058	3.1	33,211	31,700	1,511	4.5
Woodruff	2,769	2,688	81	2.9	2,817	2,708	109	3.9	2,795	2,663	132	4.7
Yell	7,994	7,804	190	2.4	8,059	7,797	262	3.3	7,994	7,697	297	3.7

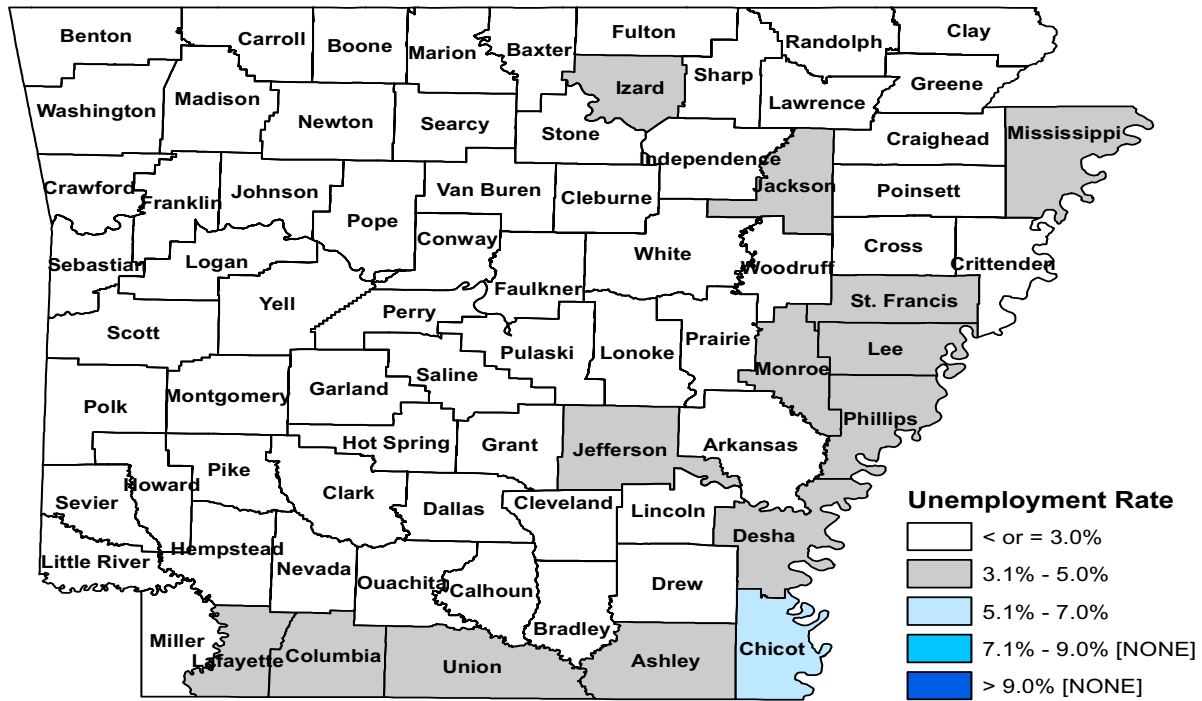
## County Labor Force Summary

Between September and October, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of one and six-tenths of a percentage point in Benton and Washington counties to a high of five and four-tenths of a percentage point in Chicot County.

For the second consecutive month, no Arkansas county reported an unemployment rate above seven percent. Seventy counties posted jobless rates at or below four percent, up from 62 counties with rates at or below four percent last month.

Compared to October 2020, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Annual jobless rate declines ranged from a nine-tenths of a percentage point decrease in Dallas County to as much as a three and nine-tenths of a percentage point drop in Lafayette County. Unemployment rates in 7 counties were down more than three percentage points over-the-year.

## County Unemployment Rates



## Ranked by Unemployment Rates

October 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	1.6	26	Franklin	2.3	46	Sharp	2.8
1	Washington	1.6	26	Independence	2.3	46	Van Buren	2.8
3	Boone	1.7	26	Ouachita	2.3	53	Drew	2.9
3	Carroll	1.7	26	Pope	2.3	53	Johnson	2.9
3	Newton	1.7	30	Cleveland	2.4	53	Pike	2.9
6	Craighead	1.8	30	Hot Spring	2.4	53	Woodruff	2.9
6	Madison	1.8	30	White	2.4	57	Crittenden	3.0
8	Calhoun	1.9	30	Yell	2.4	57	Garland	3.0
8	Saline	1.9	34	Conway	2.5	57	Miller	3.0
8	Scott	1.9	34	Cross	2.5	57	Montgomery	3.0
11	Fulton	2.0	34	Lawrence	2.5	57	Pulaski	3.0
11	Grant	2.0	34	Marion	2.5	62	Columbia	3.1
11	Greene	2.0	34	Sevier	2.5	62	Jackson	3.1
11	Howard	2.0	39	Logan	2.6	64	Lafayette	3.2
11	Lonoke	2.0	39	Polk	2.6	65	Izard	3.3
11	Prairie	2.0	41	Cleburne	2.7	66	Monroe	3.4
17	Crawford	2.1	41	Little River	2.7	67	Lee	3.5
17	Faulkner	2.1	41	Nevada	2.7	68	Desha	3.8
17	Hempstead	2.1	41	Perry	2.7	68	St. Francis	3.8
20	Arkansas	2.2	41	Stone	2.7	70	Union	3.9
20	Baxter	2.2	46	Bradley	2.8	71	Jefferson	4.1
20	Clay	2.2	46	Clark	2.8	72	Mississippi	4.4
20	Poinsett	2.2	46	Dallas	2.8	73	Ashley	4.5
20	Randolph	2.2	46	Lincoln	2.8	74	Phillips	5.0
20	Sebastian	2.2	46	Searcy	2.8	75	Chicot	5.4

## Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	October 2021				September 2021				October 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	244,964	239,339	5,625	2.3	247,174	239,611	7,563	3.1	244,484	232,454	12,030	4.9
City of Little Rock	94,016	91,020	2,996	3.2	95,005	91,118	3,887	4.1	94,733	88,405	6,328	6.7
Eastern	43,916	42,449	1,467	3.3	44,572	42,650	1,922	4.3	44,773	41,876	2,897	6.5
North Central	93,315	90,946	2,369	2.5	94,688	91,493	3,195	3.4	92,151	87,652	4,499	4.9
Northeast	122,577	119,756	2,821	2.3	122,986	119,227	3,759	3.1	119,924	114,354	5,570	4.6
Northwest	342,177	336,462	5,715	1.7	342,902	335,025	7,877	2.3	328,925	316,818	12,107	3.7
Southeast	77,870	75,211	2,659	3.4	78,838	75,434	3,404	4.3	78,664	74,022	4,642	5.9
Southwest	89,042	86,514	2,528	2.8	90,217	86,867	3,350	3.7	89,183	84,634	4,549	5.1
West Central	127,203	123,812	3,391	2.7	129,268	124,703	4,565	3.5	128,272	121,878	6,394	5.0
Western	109,618	107,162	2,456	2.2	110,898	107,615	3,283	3.0	109,164	104,270	4,894	4.5

