

2022 ARKANSAS LABOR MARKET REPORT

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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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February Spotlight Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional estimates based on various definitions of 'unemployment'. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quarter moving average. The most recent data available is for the Annual Average of 2021.

The following definitions are used to calculate each measure of Labor Underutilization:

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization					
State of Arkansas					
2021 Annual Average					
U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6
1.9%	2.1%	4.1%	4.4%	5.0%	7.1%

U-1 Measure: Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.

U-2 Measure: Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force.

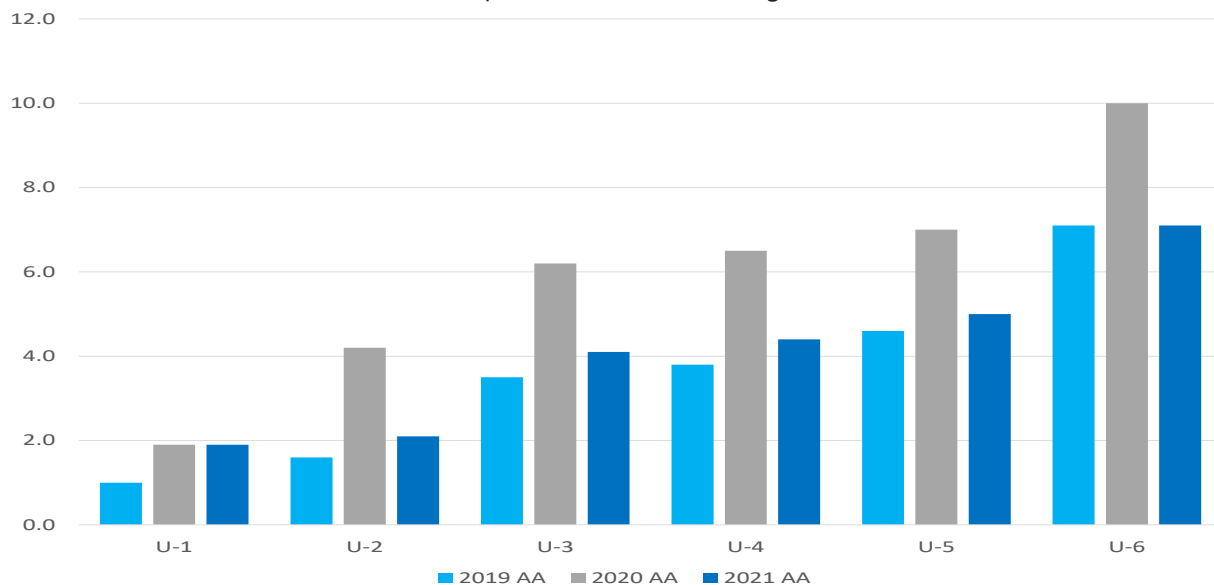
U-3 Measure: Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).

U-4 Measure: Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.

U-5 Measure: Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

U-6 Measure: Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those employed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization
State of Arkansas
Comparison of Annual Averages



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

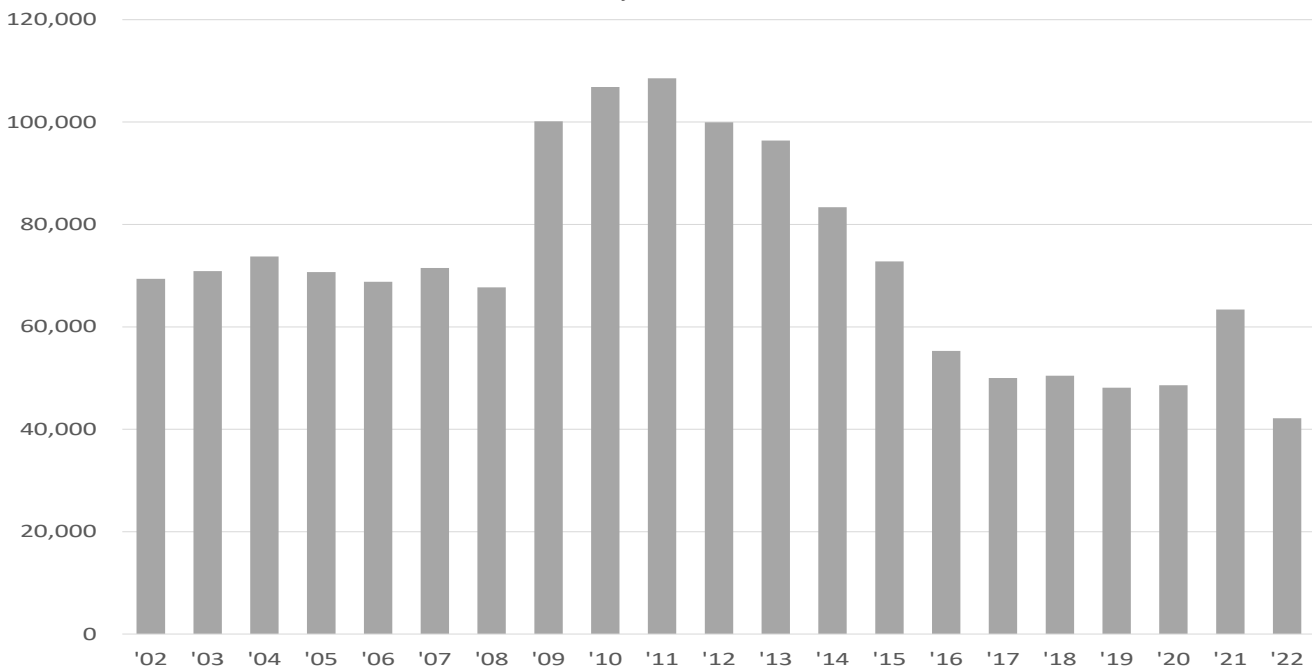
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.2 percent in January to 3.1 percent in February. Arkansas' civilian labor force rose 4,569, a result of 5,028 more employed and 459 fewer unemployed Arkansans. At 3.8 percent, the United States' jobless rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point between January and February.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate declined to a record low of 3.1 percent in February, as employment rose 5,028 and the labor force participation rate increased. There are now 28,287 more employed Arkansans than in February 2021."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	Feb 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	
Civilian Labor Force	1,339,378	1,334,809	1,332,313	Civilian Labor Force	1,349,383	1,329,925	1,329,596
Employment	1,297,227	1,292,199	1,268,940	Employment	1,298,174	1,279,677	1,257,654
Unemployment	42,151	42,610	63,373	Unemployment	51,209	50,248	71,942
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	3.2%	4.8%	Unemployment Rate	3.8%	3.8%	5.4%
Labor Participation Rate	56.5%	56.3%	56.7%	Labor Participation Rate	56.9%	56.1%	56.6%
U.S. Unemp Rate	3.8%	4.0%	6.2%	U.S. Unemp Rate	4.1%	4.4%	6.6%

Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)
 February: 2002 - 2022





State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Feb 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1300.7	1293.0	1256.4	7.7	44.3
Goods Producing	220.7	219.6	213.0	1.1	7.7
Mining, Logging, & Construction	58.8	58.7	57.3	0.1	1.5
Mining & Logging	5.1	5.2	5.2	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	53.7	53.5	52.1	0.2	1.6
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.8	34.0	33.5	-0.2	0.3
Manufacturing	161.9	160.9	155.7	1.0	6.2
Durable Goods	77.1	76.9	73.5	0.2	3.6
Nondurable Goods	84.8	84.0	82.2	0.8	2.6
Service Providing	1080.0	1073.4	1043.4	6.6	36.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	264.0	263.6	248.7	0.4	15.3
Wholesale Trade	50.7	50.4	46.6	0.3	4.1
Retail Trade	139.8	140.2	135.8	-0.4	4.0
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	73.5	73.0	66.3	0.5	7.2
Information	12.0	12.3	11.3	-0.3	0.7
Financial Activities	65.7	66.4	65.4	-0.7	0.3
Finance & Insurance	51.4	52.0	51.7	-0.6	-0.3
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14.3	14.4	13.7	-0.1	0.6
Professional & Business Services	148.8	148.5	142.3	0.3	6.5
Professional, Scientific & Technical	46.4	45.7	43.9	0.7	2.5
Management of Companies	37.0	36.2	33.1	0.8	3.9
Administrative & Support Services	65.4	66.6	65.3	-1.2	0.1
Educational & Health Services	195.6	193.8	195.2	1.8	0.4
Educational Services	17.8	16.8	16.8	1.0	1.0
Health Care & Social Assistance	177.8	177.0	178.4	0.8	-0.6
Ambulatory Health Care	61.6	61.0	60.1	0.6	1.5
Social Assistance	35.2	35.3	36.9	-0.1	-1.7
Leisure & Hospitality	116.4	113.7	105.5	2.7	10.9
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11.4	10.6	9.7	0.8	1.7
Accommodation & Food Services	105.0	103.1	95.8	1.9	9.2
Accommodation Services	10.5	10.3	8.5	0.2	2.0
Food Services	94.5	92.8	87.3	1.7	7.2
Other Services	66.2	65.7	66.2	0.5	0.0
Government	211.3	209.4	208.8	1.9	2.5
Federal Government	20.4	20.6	20.3	-0.2	0.1
State Government	77.8	75.6	77.7	2.2	0.1
State Gov, Educational Services	31.4	29.2	31.1	2.2	0.3
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.4	46.4	46.6	0.0	-0.2
Local Government	113.1	113.2	110.8	-0.1	2.3
Local Gov, Educational Services	71.1	71.2	68.8	-0.1	2.3
Local Gov, Excluding Education	42.0	42.0	42.0	0.0	0.0



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

January 2022 - February 2022

Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs increased 7,700 in February to total 1,300,700. Gains were posted in eight major industry sectors. **Leisure and hospitality** added 2,700 jobs, with hiring across all subsectors. Jobs in **government** rose 1,900. All gains were in state government-educational services (+2,200), reflecting the re-opening of colleges and universities from winter break. **Educational and health services** increased 1,800. Hiring occurred in both educational services (+1,000) and health care and social assistance (+800). **Manufacturing** added 1,000 jobs, mostly in nondurable goods manufacturing (+800).

February 2021 - February 2022

Compared to February 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 44,300. Nine major industry sectors reported growth, with four sectors adding 6,200 or more jobs each. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** posted the largest increase, up 15,300 jobs. Hiring occurred in all subsectors, with transportation-warehousing-utilities adding 7,200 jobs. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** rose 10,900, mostly in food services (+7,200). Jobs in **professional and business services** increased 6,500. Most of the gains were in management of companies (+3,900) and professional-scientific-technical services (+2,500). **Manufacturing** added 6,200 jobs, with expansions in both durable goods (+3,600) and nondurable goods (+2,600) manufacturing. Notable increases were also seen in **government** (+2,500) and **construction** (+1,600).

Jobs in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

February 2017 - February 2022





State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

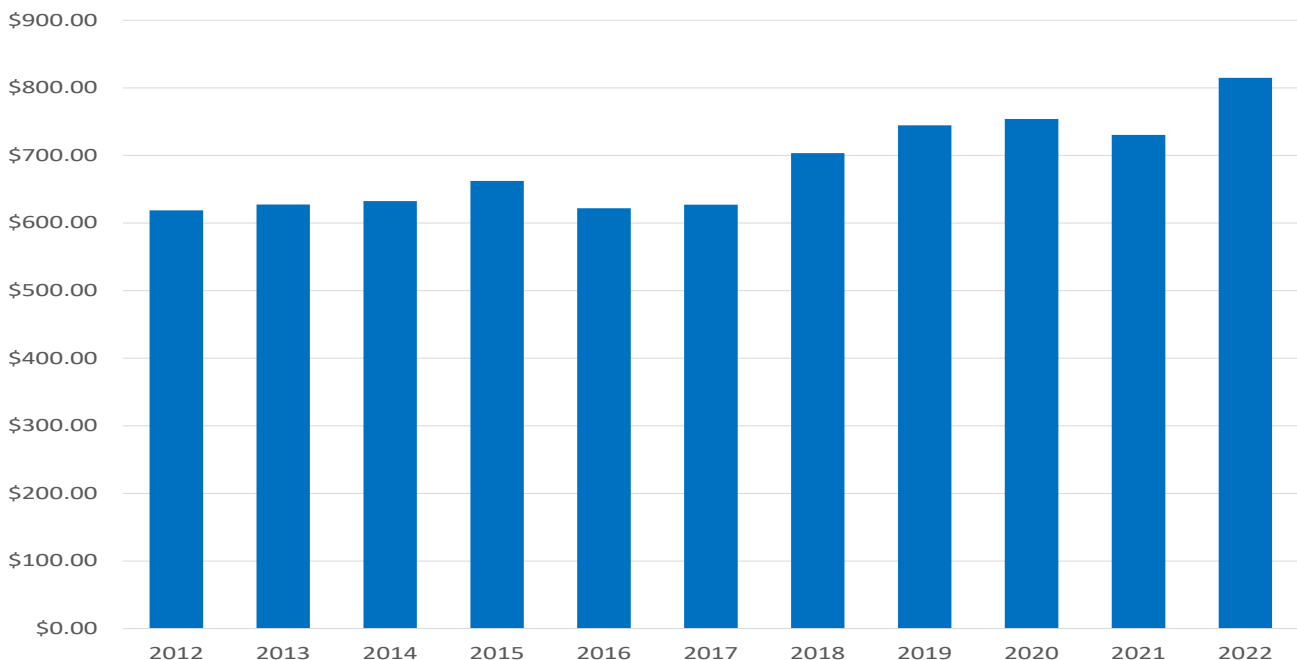
	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Feb 21</u>
Average Weekly Hours	40.5	39.8	37.9
Average Hourly Earnings	20.12	20.21	19.27
Average Weekly Earnings	814.86	804.36	730.33

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

	Durable Goods Manufacturing			Nondurable Goods Manufacturing		
	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Feb 21</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Feb 21</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.7	39.9	36.7	41.2	39.8	38.9
Average Hourly Earnings	21.38	21.37	21.31	19.05	19.15	17.56
Average Weekly Earnings	848.79	852.66	782.08	784.86	762.17	683.08

Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing (Production Workers)

February: 2012 - 2022





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)

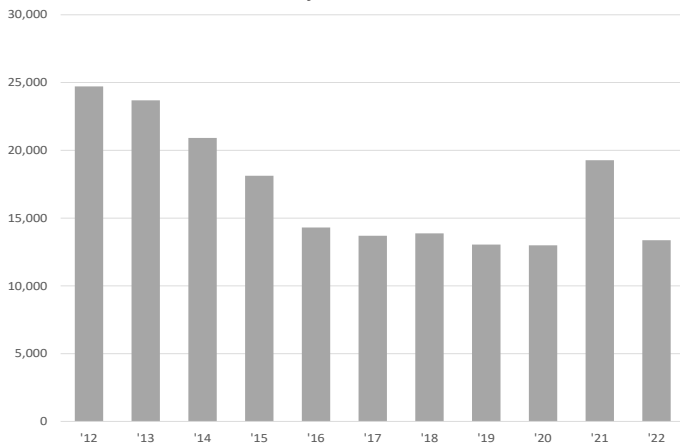
	Feb 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	353,871	349,882	347,625	3,989	6,246
Employment	340,501	336,754	328,354	3,747	12,147
Unemployment	13,370	13,128	19,271	242	-5,901
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.8	5.5	0.0	-1.7

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

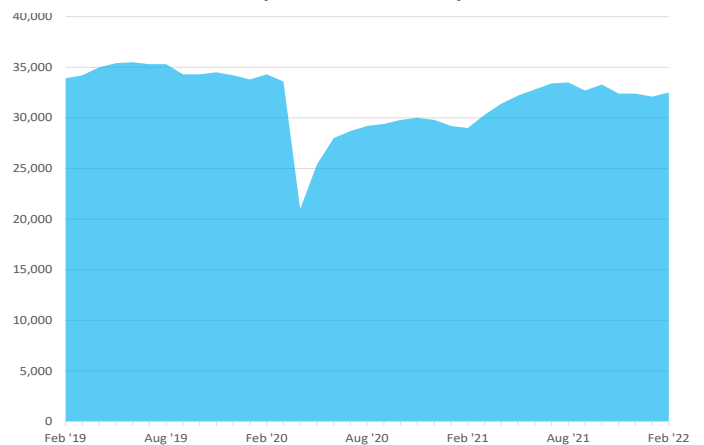
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Feb 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	363.1	361.9	350.4	1.2	12.7
Goods Producing	37.3	37.2	36.2	0.1	1.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.8	17.9	17.7	-0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	19.5	19.3	18.5	0.2	1.0
Service Providing	325.8	324.7	314.2	1.1	11.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	74.4	74.6	68.0	-0.2	6.4
Wholesale Trade	16.6	16.5	15.3	0.1	1.3
Retail Trade	37.8	38.1	37.0	-0.3	0.8
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.0	20.0	15.7	0.0	4.3
Information	5.4	5.5	5.1	-0.1	0.3
Financial Activities	22.6	22.7	22.3	-0.1	0.3
Professional & Business Services	46.4	46.4	45.5	0.0	0.9
Educational & Health Services	58.7	58.0	57.7	0.7	1.0
Leisure & Hospitality	32.5	32.1	29.0	0.4	3.5
Other Services	17.9	17.9	17.8	0.0	0.1
Government	67.9	67.5	68.8	0.4	-0.9
Federal Government	9.8	9.9	9.8	-0.1	0.0
State Government	34.5	34.0	34.3	0.5	0.2
Local Government	23.6	23.6	24.7	0.0	-1.1

Number of Unemployed
 February: 2012 - 2022



Jobs in Leisure & Hospitality
 February 2019 - February 2022



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)

	Feb 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	295,784	288,429	282,965	7,355	12,819
Employment	288,037	280,877	271,807	7,160	16,230
Unemployment	7,747	7,552	11,158	195	-3,411
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.6	3.9	0.0	-1.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Feb 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	282.4	276.9	265.8	5.5	16.6
Goods Producing	45.2	45.1	44.2	0.1	1.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	13.7	13.6	13.2	0.1	0.5
Manufacturing	31.5	31.5	31.0	0.0	0.5
Service Providing	237.2	231.8	221.6	5.4	15.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.0	60.7	57.7	1.3	4.3
Wholesale Trade	13.3	13.2	12.6	0.1	0.7
Retail Trade	28.9	28.2	26.7	0.7	2.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	19.8	19.3	18.4	0.5	1.4
Information	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	0.2
Financial Activities	8.9	9.0	8.9	-0.1	0.0
Professional & Business Services	56.7	55.6	51.2	1.1	5.5
Educational & Health Services	30.9	30.3	30.0	0.6	0.9
Leisure & Hospitality	26.1	25.7	23.5	0.4	2.6
Other Services	9.9	9.8	9.7	0.1	0.2
Government	40.6	38.6	38.7	2.0	1.9
Federal Government	2.8	2.9	2.8	-0.1	0.0
State Government	18.0	15.9	16.8	2.1	1.2
Local Government	19.8	19.8	19.1	0.0	0.7

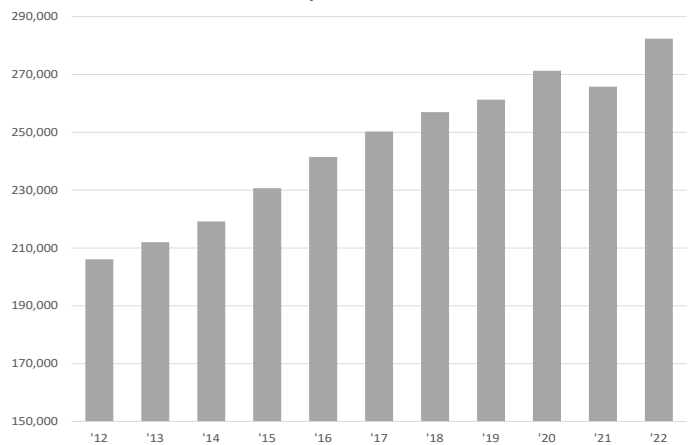
Employment

February 2019 - February 2022



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

February: 2012 - 2022





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)

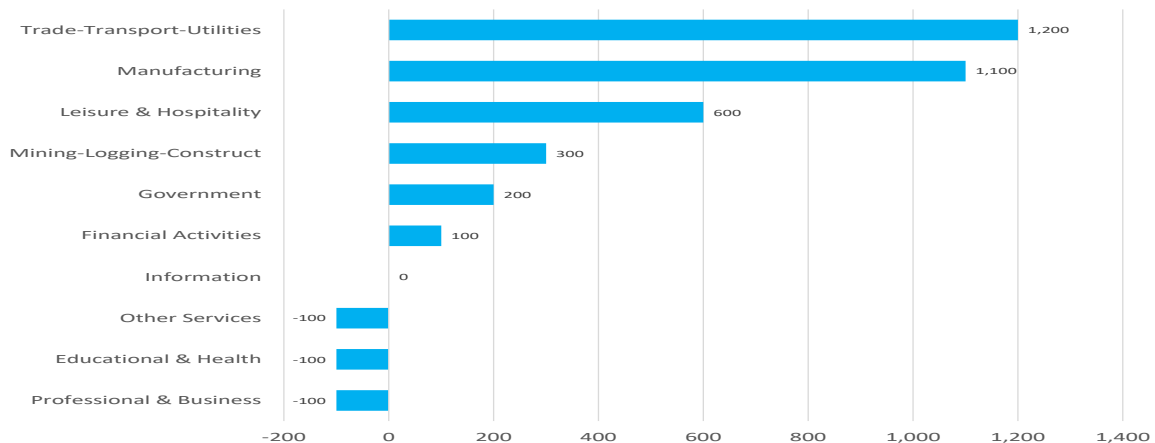
	Feb 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	117,397	115,755	115,862	1,642	1,535
Employment	113,165	111,677	109,759	1,488	3,406
Unemployment	4,232	4,078	6,103	154	-1,871
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.5	5.3	0.1	-1.7

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Feb 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	111.4	110.4	108.2	1.0	3.2
Goods Producing	23.0	22.7	21.6	0.3	1.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.0	4.9	4.7	0.1	0.3
Manufacturing	18.0	17.8	16.9	0.2	1.1
Service Providing	88.4	87.7	86.6	0.7	1.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.2	24.0	23.0	0.2	1.2
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.6	4.2	0.1	0.5
Retail Trade	12.9	12.8	12.5	0.1	0.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.6	6.6	6.3	0.0	0.3
Information	1.1	1.2	1.1	-0.1	0.0
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.7	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	11.5	11.6	11.6	-0.1	-0.1
Educational & Health Services	16.6	16.3	16.7	0.3	-0.1
Leisure & Hospitality	9.2	9.1	8.6	0.1	0.6
Other Services	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-0.1
Government	17.8	17.5	17.6	0.3	0.2
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.5	2.2	2.7	0.3	-0.2
Local Government	14.0	14.0	13.6	0.0	0.4

Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector February 2021 vs February 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Feb 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	40,431	39,636	40,300	795	131
Employment	38,576	37,823	37,481	753	1,095
Unemployment	1,855	1,813	2,819	42	-964
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.6	7.0	0.0	-2.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Feb 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	38.7	38.2	37.6	0.5	1.1
Goods Producing	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	34.4	33.9	33.2	0.5	1.2
Government	4.1	4.0	4.3	0.1	-0.2

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

February 2017 - February 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Feb 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	66,254	65,414	64,997	840	1,257
Employment	64,219	63,410	62,003	809	2,216
Unemployment	2,035	2,004	2,994	31	-959
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.1	4.6	0.0	-1.5

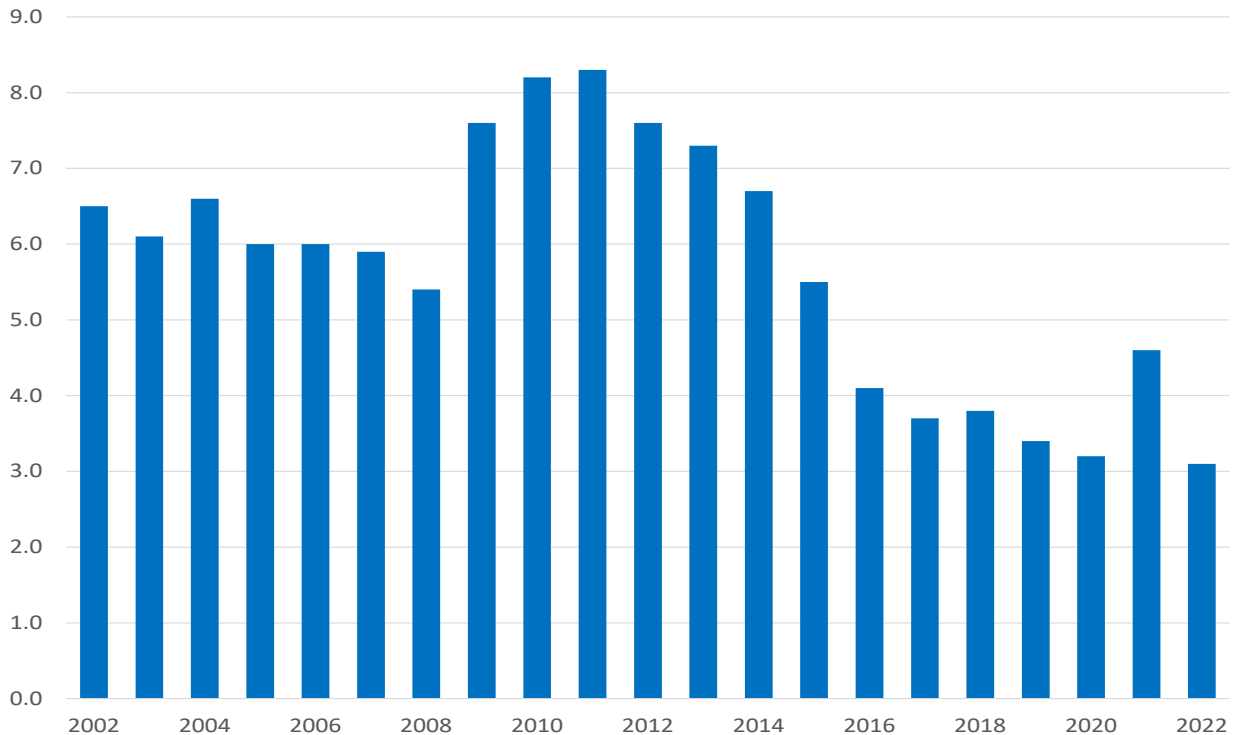
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Feb 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	61.1	60.8	59.1	0.3	2.0
Goods Producing	11.0	10.9	10.7	0.1	0.3
Service Providing	50.1	49.9	48.4	0.2	1.7
Government	8.5	8.5	8.9	0.0	-0.4

Unemployment Rates

February: 2002 - 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Feb 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	33,126	32,478	33,528	648	-402
Employment	31,122	30,462	30,937	660	185
Unemployment	2,004	2,016	2,591	-12	-587
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.2	7.7	-0.2	-1.7

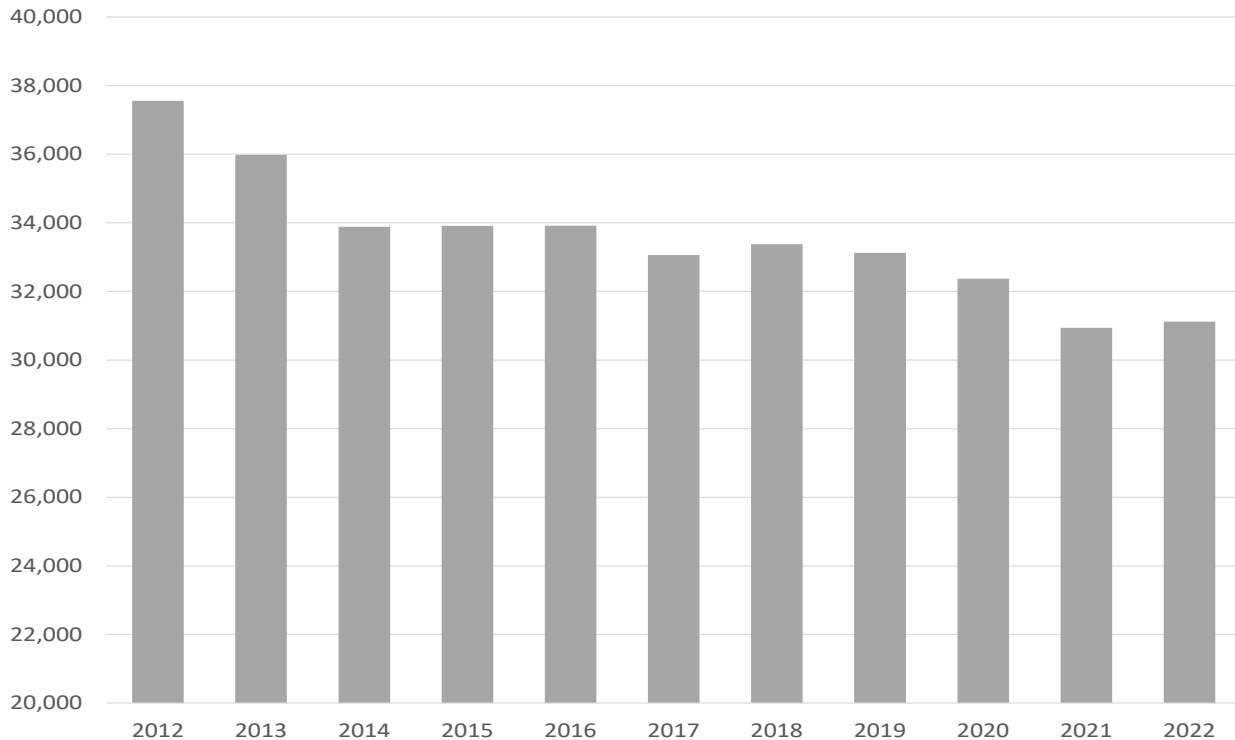
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Feb 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	31.2	30.7	31.1	0.5	0.1
Goods Producing	5.5	5.4	5.6	0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	25.7	25.3	25.5	0.4	0.2
Government	8.4	8.2	8.7	0.2	-0.3

Number of Employed

February: 2012 - 2022





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.

	Feb 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	650,040	645,857	639,368	4,183	10,672
Employment	619,273	611,990	592,867	7,283	26,406
Unemployment	30,767	33,867	46,501	-3,100	-15,734
Unemployment Rate	4.7	5.2	7.3	-0.5	-2.6

Texarkana MSA

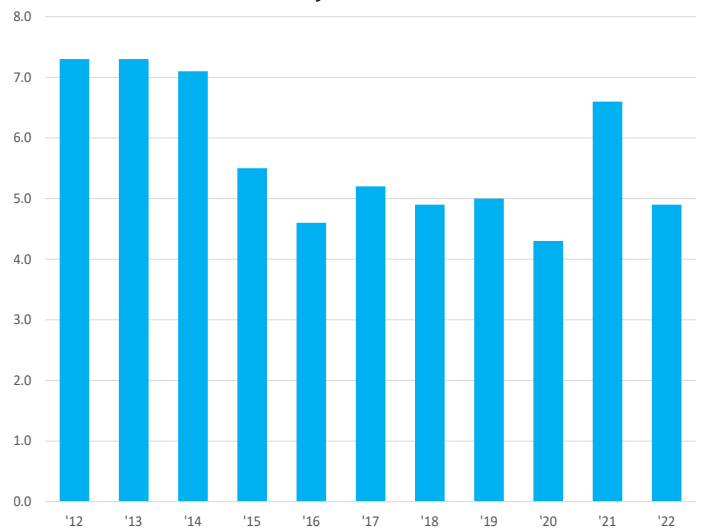
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	Feb 22	Jan 22	Feb 21	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	64,528	63,581	63,141	947	1,387
Employment	61,349	60,410	58,947	939	2,402
Unemployment	3,179	3,171	4,194	8	-1,015
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.0	6.6	-0.1	-1.7

Memphis MSA - Unemployment
 February 2019 - February 2022



Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates
 February: 2012 - 2022



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	February 2022				January 2022				February 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,797	8,409	388	4.4	8,631	8,232	399	4.6	8,868	8,369	499	5.6
Batesville Micro	16,428	15,812	616	3.7	16,258	15,654	604	3.7	16,503	15,650	853	5.2
Blytheville Micro	16,181	15,042	1,139	7.0	16,054	14,941	1,113	6.9	16,447	14,995	1,452	8.8
Camden Micro	12,237	11,756	481	3.9	12,131	11,666	465	3.8	12,185	11,579	606	5.0
El Dorado Micro	14,970	14,092	878	5.9	14,875	13,993	882	5.9	15,113	13,965	1,148	7.6
Forrest City Micro	7,627	7,175	452	5.9	7,589	7,140	449	5.9	7,778	7,139	639	8.2
Harrison Micro	19,054	18,480	574	3.0	18,816	18,290	526	2.8	18,916	18,097	819	4.3
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,786	5,333	453	7.8	5,779	5,312	467	8.1	6,097	5,494	603	9.9
Hope Micro	12,424	11,950	474	3.8	12,357	11,881	476	3.9	12,701	12,104	597	4.7
Magnolia Micro	8,873	8,454	419	4.7	8,829	8,375	454	5.1	8,994	8,382	612	6.8
Malvern Micro	13,940	13,417	523	3.8	13,767	13,269	498	3.6	13,915	13,211	704	5.1
Mountain Home Micro	16,259	15,636	623	3.8	16,065	15,474	591	3.7	16,296	15,440	856	5.3
Paragould Micro	19,487	18,835	652	3.3	19,270	18,635	635	3.3	19,296	18,340	956	5.0
Russellville Micro	35,248	33,806	1,442	4.1	34,796	33,344	1,452	4.2	35,101	33,296	1,805	5.1
Searcy Micro	34,112	32,776	1,336	3.9	33,783	32,463	1,320	3.9	33,549	31,708	1,841	5.5

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties

Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

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City	February 2022				January 2022				February 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,796	12,286	510	4.0	12,418	11,974	444	3.6	12,235	11,592	643	5.3
Benton	17,556	16,995	561	3.2	17,328	16,805	523	3.0	17,065	16,388	677	4.0
Bentonville	30,694	30,045	649	2.1	29,920	29,283	637	2.1	29,325	28,348	977	3.3
Blytheville	5,344	5,035	309	5.8	5,377	5,001	376	7.0	5,533	5,019	514	9.3
Cabot	11,873	11,491	382	3.2	11,724	11,374	350	3.0	11,623	11,085	538	4.6
Conway	33,998	32,982	1,016	3.0	33,636	32,621	1,015	3.0	33,345	31,808	1,537	4.6
El Dorado	6,480	6,064	416	6.4	6,453	6,022	431	6.7	6,568	6,010	558	8.5
Fayetteville	50,340	48,979	1,361	2.7	49,121	47,738	1,383	2.8	48,276	46,219	2,057	4.3
Fort Smith	38,253	36,893	1,360	3.6	37,627	36,308	1,319	3.5	37,731	35,771	1,960	5.2
Hot Springs	15,042	14,275	767	5.1	14,730	13,997	733	5.0	15,109	13,870	1,239	8.2
Jacksonville	11,565	10,966	599	5.2	11,411	10,843	568	5.0	11,450	10,574	876	7.7
Jonesboro	39,855	38,684	1,171	2.9	39,310	38,185	1,125	2.9	39,143	37,345	1,798	4.6
Little Rock	96,029	92,036	3,993	4.2	95,128	91,007	4,121	4.3	94,977	88,744	6,233	6.6
North Little Rock	29,849	28,302	1,547	5.2	29,397	27,985	1,412	4.8	29,473	27,289	2,184	7.4
Paragould	12,413	11,970	443	3.6	12,294	11,843	451	3.7	12,320	11,656	664	5.4
Pine Bluff	15,631	14,465	1,166	7.5	15,347	14,148	1,199	7.8	15,944	14,383	1,561	9.8
Rogers	37,711	36,859	852	2.3	36,852	35,925	927	2.5	36,053	34,778	1,275	3.5
Russellville	12,617	12,167	450	3.6	12,424	11,994	430	3.5	12,547	11,985	562	4.5
Searcy	10,256	9,898	358	3.5	10,176	9,803	373	3.7	10,015	9,575	440	4.4
Sherwood	16,093	15,445	648	4.0	15,884	15,273	611	3.8	15,713	14,893	820	5.2
Springdale	40,176	39,116	1,060	2.6	39,160	38,125	1,035	2.6	38,351	36,912	1,439	3.8
Texarkana, AR	13,271	12,639	632	4.8	13,073	12,412	661	5.1	13,020	12,074	946	7.3
Van Buren	10,217	9,871	346	3.4	10,054	9,720	334	3.3	10,010	9,572	438	4.4
West Memphis	10,112	9,653	459	4.5	10,045	9,527	518	5.2	10,203	9,309	894	8.8

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,464	9,088	376	4.0	9,409	9,040	369	3.9	9,232	8,830	402	4.4
Ashley	6,662	6,178	484	7.3	6,617	6,133	484	7.3	6,911	6,253	658	9.5
Baxter	16,259	15,636	623	3.8	16,065	15,474	591	3.7	16,296	15,440	856	5.3
Benton	147,151	143,341	3,810	2.6	143,380	139,707	3,673	2.6	140,661	135,247	5,414	3.8
Boone	15,855	15,390	465	2.9	15,651	15,228	423	2.7	15,739	15,071	668	4.2
Bradley	4,005	3,819	186	4.6	3,987	3,800	187	4.7	4,218	3,968	250	5.9
Calhoun	2,406	2,330	76	3.2	2,386	2,316	70	2.9	2,411	2,294	117	4.9
Carroll	12,378	11,924	454	3.7	12,205	11,772	433	3.5	12,370	11,698	672	5.4
Chicot	3,010	2,761	249	8.3	3,016	2,756	260	8.6	3,142	2,793	349	11.1
Clark	8,797	8,409	388	4.4	8,631	8,232	399	4.6	8,868	8,369	499	5.6
Clay	5,321	5,081	240	4.5	5,299	5,074	225	4.2	5,389	5,064	325	6.0
Cleburne	8,890	8,459	431	4.8	8,781	8,356	425	4.8	8,876	8,285	591	6.7
Cleveland	3,115	2,993	122	3.9	3,055	2,937	118	3.9	3,141	2,972	169	5.4
Columbia	8,873	8,454	419	4.7	8,829	8,375	454	5.1	8,994	8,382	612	6.8
Conway	8,292	7,931	361	4.4	8,201	7,870	331	4.0	8,283	7,820	463	5.6
Craighead	56,437	54,777	1,660	2.9	55,698	54,071	1,627	2.9	55,363	52,881	2,482	4.5
Crawford	26,197	25,263	934	3.6	25,770	24,876	894	3.5	25,736	24,498	1,238	4.8
Crittenden	20,675	19,781	894	4.3	20,437	19,522	915	4.5	20,561	19,075	1,486	7.2
Cross	6,910	6,609	301	4.4	6,869	6,561	308	4.5	7,056	6,629	427	6.1
Dallas	2,764	2,642	122	4.4	2,748	2,634	114	4.1	2,785	2,649	136	4.9
Desha	4,951	4,633	318	6.4	4,929	4,614	315	6.4	5,029	4,666	363	7.2
Drew	7,584	7,207	377	5.0	7,530	7,170	360	4.8	7,602	7,116	486	6.4
Faulkner	61,882	59,908	1,974	3.2	61,195	59,252	1,943	3.2	60,612	57,775	2,837	4.7
Franklin	7,257	6,984	273	3.8	7,192	6,939	253	3.5	7,227	6,873	354	4.9
Fulton	4,859	4,691	168	3.5	4,830	4,669	161	3.3	4,820	4,557	263	5.5
Garland	40,431	38,576	1,855	4.6	39,636	37,823	1,813	4.6	40,300	37,481	2,819	7.0
Grant	8,303	8,034	269	3.2	8,206	7,952	254	3.1	8,087	7,749	338	4.2
Greene	19,487	18,835	652	3.3	19,270	18,635	635	3.3	19,296	18,340	956	5.0
Hempstead	9,086	8,754	332	3.7	9,030	8,706	324	3.6	9,291	8,864	427	4.6
Hot Spring	13,940	13,417	523	3.8	13,767	13,269	498	3.6	13,915	13,211	704	5.1
Howard	5,439	5,261	178	3.3	5,383	5,212	171	3.2	5,531	5,298	233	4.2
Independence	16,428	15,812	616	3.7	16,258	15,654	604	3.7	16,503	15,650	853	5.2
Izard	4,307	4,058	249	5.8	4,257	4,020	237	5.6	4,380	4,074	306	7.0
Jackson	5,662	5,359	303	5.4	5,635	5,332	303	5.4	5,652	5,231	421	7.4
Jefferson	26,257	24,565	1,692	6.4	25,738	24,027	1,711	6.6	26,625	24,427	2,198	8.3
Johnson	9,918	9,466	452	4.6	9,854	9,392	462	4.7	9,920	9,333	587	5.9
Lafayette	2,305	2,180	125	5.4	2,292	2,172	120	5.2	2,353	2,164	189	8.0
Lawrence	6,743	6,471	272	4.0	6,687	6,425	262	3.9	6,824	6,442	382	5.6
Lee	2,519	2,372	147	5.8	2,512	2,369	143	5.7	2,630	2,439	191	7.3
Lincoln	3,754	3,564	190	5.1	3,685	3,498	187	5.1	3,762	3,538	224	6.0
Little River	5,371	5,142	229	4.3	5,269	5,049	220	4.2	5,230	4,909	321	6.1
Logan	8,398	8,054	344	4.1	8,306	7,978	328	3.9	8,499	8,015	484	5.7
Lonoke	33,659	32,575	1,084	3.2	33,281	32,244	1,037	3.1	32,917	31,424	1,493	4.5
Madison	7,586	7,371	215	2.8	7,429	7,216	213	2.9	7,302	6,980	322	4.4
Marion	6,058	5,794	264	4.4	5,983	5,738	245	4.1	6,030	5,653	377	6.3
Miller	19,326	18,475	851	4.4	19,001	18,144	857	4.5	18,852	17,649	1,203	6.4

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,181	15,042	1,139	7.0	16,054	14,941	1,113	6.9	16,447	14,995	1,452	8.8
Monroe	2,613	2,478	135	5.2	2,614	2,473	141	5.4	2,635	2,458	177	6.7
Montgomery	2,806	2,654	152	5.4	2,802	2,642	160	5.7	2,842	2,662	180	6.3
Nevada	3,338	3,196	142	4.3	3,327	3,175	152	4.6	3,410	3,240	170	5.0
Newton	3,199	3,090	109	3.4	3,165	3,062	103	3.3	3,177	3,026	151	4.8
Ouachita	9,831	9,426	405	4.1	9,745	9,350	395	4.1	9,774	9,285	489	5.0
Perry	4,164	3,978	186	4.5	4,121	3,938	183	4.4	4,051	3,839	212	5.2
Phillips	5,786	5,333	453	7.8	5,779	5,312	467	8.1	6,097	5,494	603	9.9
Pike	4,130	3,939	191	4.6	4,104	3,924	180	4.4	4,202	3,946	256	6.1
Poinsett	9,817	9,442	375	3.8	9,716	9,339	377	3.9	9,634	9,122	512	5.3
Polk	7,747	7,414	333	4.3	7,699	7,372	327	4.2	7,803	7,336	467	6.0
Pope	27,382	26,270	1,112	4.1	27,031	25,896	1,135	4.2	27,277	25,877	1,400	5.1
Prairie	3,489	3,369	120	3.4	3,472	3,361	111	3.2	3,499	3,303	196	5.6
Pulaski	187,036	178,941	8,095	4.3	184,962	176,940	8,022	4.3	184,483	172,541	11,942	6.5
Randolph	7,307	7,033	274	3.7	7,215	6,953	262	3.6	7,413	7,004	409	5.5
St. Francis	7,627	7,175	452	5.9	7,589	7,140	449	5.9	7,778	7,139	639	8.2
Saline	58,827	57,065	1,762	3.0	58,117	56,428	1,689	2.9	57,475	55,026	2,449	4.3
Scott	4,236	4,104	132	3.1	4,218	4,090	128	3.0	4,238	4,053	185	4.4
Searcy	2,883	2,736	147	5.1	2,853	2,711	142	5.0	2,771	2,606	165	6.0
Sebastian	55,038	53,146	1,892	3.4	54,151	52,304	1,847	3.4	54,295	51,530	2,765	5.1
Sevier	5,336	5,110	226	4.2	5,301	5,079	222	4.2	5,411	5,090	321	5.9
Sharp	5,625	5,349	276	4.9	5,571	5,306	265	4.8	5,616	5,216	400	7.1
Stone	4,383	4,168	215	4.9	4,376	4,160	216	4.9	4,480	4,145	335	7.5
Union	14,970	14,092	878	5.9	14,875	13,993	882	5.9	15,113	13,965	1,148	7.6
Van Buren	5,789	5,508	281	4.9	5,750	5,468	282	4.9	5,794	5,393	401	6.9
Washington	130,084	126,699	3,385	2.6	126,767	123,489	3,278	2.6	124,504	119,561	4,943	4.0
White	34,112	32,776	1,336	3.9	33,783	32,463	1,320	3.9	33,549	31,708	1,841	5.5
Woodruff	2,810	2,685	125	4.4	2,812	2,686	126	4.5	2,789	2,600	189	6.8
Yell	7,866	7,536	330	4.2	7,765	7,448	317	4.1	7,824	7,419	405	5.2

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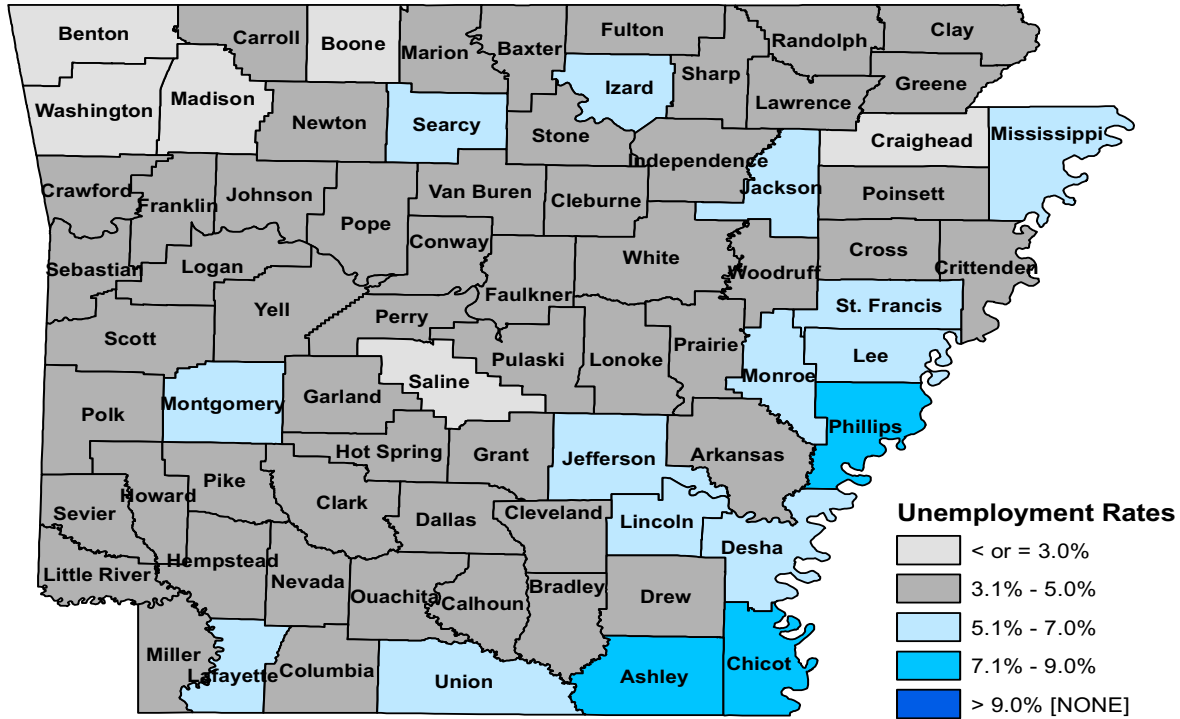
Between January and February, unemployment rates increased in 36 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Twenty-two counties remained stable, while rates in 17 counties declined. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.6 percent in Benton and Washington counties to a high of 8.3 percent in Chicot County.

In February, thirty counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down slightly from 32 counties at or below four percent last month. Four counties reported jobless rates at or above seven percent, compared to 3 counties at or above seven percent in January.

Compared to February 2021, jobless rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rate decreases ranged from a four-tenths of a percentage point decline in Arkansas County to as large as a two and nine-tenths of a percentage point drop in Crittenden County. On average, jobless rates in Arkansas counties decreased one and six-tenths of a percentage point over-the-year.



County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

February 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	2.6	23	Poinsett	3.8	50	Garland	4.6
1	Washington	2.6	27	Cleveland	3.9	50	Johnson	4.6
3	Madison	2.8	27	White	3.9	50	Pike	4.6
4	Boone	2.9	29	Arkansas	4.0	54	Columbia	4.7
4	Craighead	2.9	29	Lawrence	4.0	55	Cleburne	4.8
6	Saline	3.0	31	Logan	4.1	56	Sharp	4.9
7	Scott	3.1	31	Ouachita	4.1	56	Stone	4.9
8	Calhoun	3.2	31	Pope	4.1	56	Van Buren	4.9
8	Faulkner	3.2	34	Sevier	4.2	59	Drew	5.0
8	Grant	3.2	34	Yell	4.2	60	Lincoln	5.1
8	Lonoke	3.2	36	Crittenden	4.3	60	Searcy	5.1
12	Greene	3.3	36	Little River	4.3	62	Monroe	5.2
12	Howard	3.3	36	Nevada	4.3	63	Jackson	5.4
14	Newton	3.4	36	Polk	4.3	63	Lafayette	5.4
14	Prairie	3.4	36	Pulaski	4.3	63	Montgomery	5.4
14	Sebastian	3.4	41	Clark	4.4	66	Izard	5.8
17	Fulton	3.5	41	Conway	4.4	66	Lee	5.8
18	Crawford	3.6	41	Cross	4.4	68	St. Francis	5.9
19	Carroll	3.7	41	Dallas	4.4	68	Union	5.9
19	Hempstead	3.7	41	Marion	4.4	70	Desha	6.4
19	Independence	3.7	41	Miller	4.4	70	Jefferson	6.4
19	Randolph	3.7	41	Woodruff	4.4	72	Mississippi	7.0
23	Baxter	3.8	48	Clay	4.5	73	Ashley	7.3
23	Franklin	3.8	48	Perry	4.5	74	Phillips	7.8
23	Hot Spring	3.8	50	Bradley	4.6	75	Chicot	8.3

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	February 2022				January 2022				February 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	251,477	242,300	9,177	3.6	248,513	239,691	8,822	3.5	246,644	233,783	12,861	5.2
City of Little Rock	96,029	92,036	3,993	4.2	95,128	91,007	4,121	4.3	94,977	88,744	6,233	6.6
Eastern	43,517	41,270	2,247	5.2	43,186	40,904	2,282	5.3	44,122	40,776	3,346	7.6
North Central	92,865	88,865	4,000	4.3	92,053	88,114	3,939	4.3	92,459	86,859	5,600	6.1
Northeast	121,293	116,681	4,612	3.8	119,939	115,438	4,501	3.8	120,366	113,848	6,518	5.4
Northwest	341,453	331,981	9,472	2.8	333,498	324,397	9,101	2.7	328,850	315,282	13,568	4.1
Southeast	77,105	72,842	4,263	5.5	76,172	71,927	4,245	5.6	77,749	72,312	5,437	7.0
Southwest	89,045	85,062	3,983	4.5	88,186	84,205	3,981	4.5	89,155	83,789	5,366	6.0
West Central	127,726	122,176	5,550	4.3	125,912	120,434	5,478	4.4	127,482	119,957	7,525	5.9
Western	108,873	104,965	3,908	3.6	107,336	103,559	3,777	3.5	107,798	102,305	5,493	5.1

