

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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September 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

State of Arkansas
 4th Q 2021 - 3rd Q 2022 (Average)

U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6
1.0%	1.7%	3.7%	3.9%	4.5%	6.6%

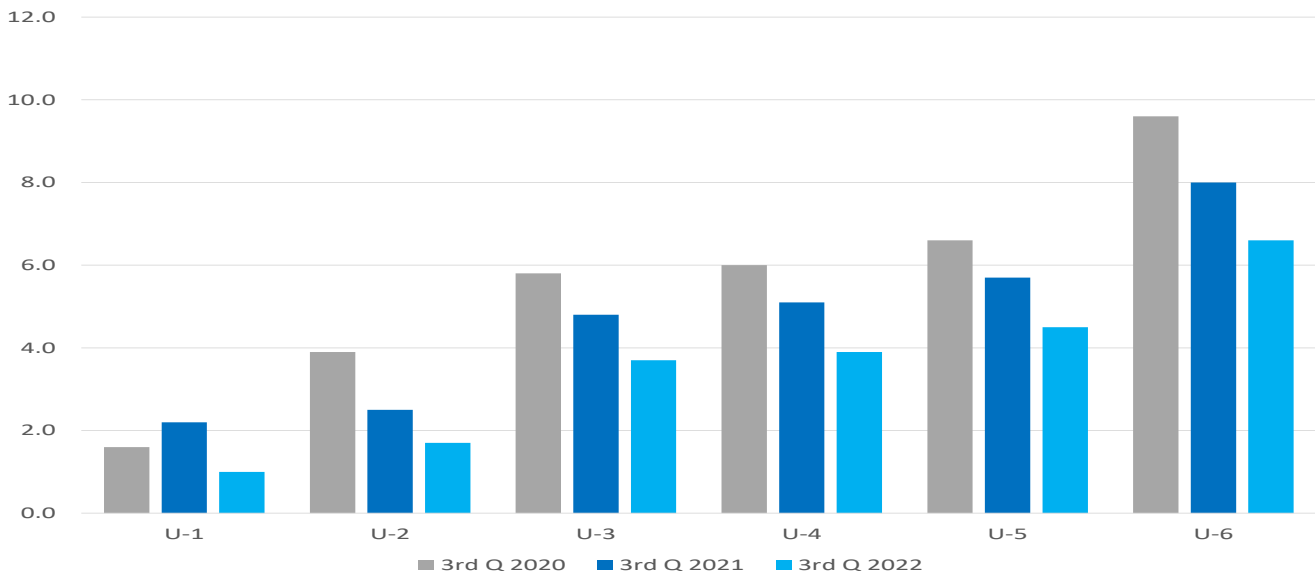
Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quarter moving average. The most recent data available is for 3rd Quarter 2022.

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

- 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
 Three-Quarter Comparison (Quarter Ending)



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

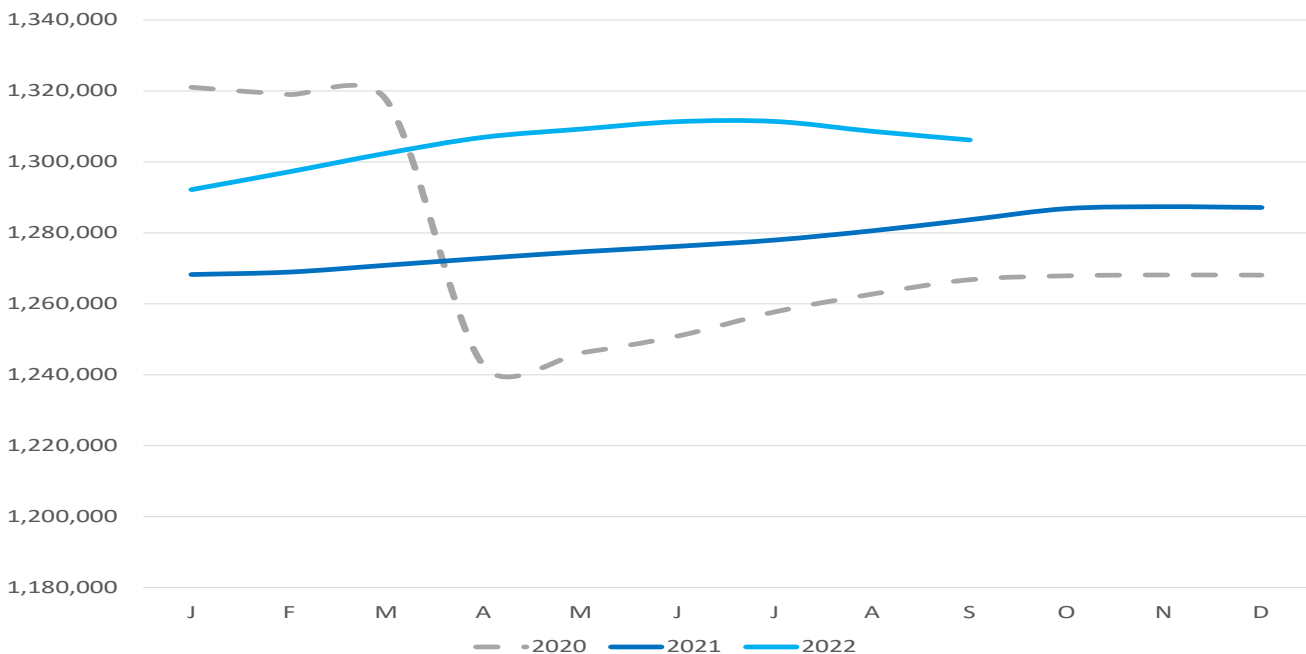
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.4 percent in August to 3.5 percent in September. Arkansas' civilian labor force decreased 653, a result of 2,445 fewer employed and 1,792 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate declined to 3.5 percent in September, down from 3.7 percent in August.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "The unemployment rate in Arkansas rose to 3.5 percent in September, as the overall size of the civilian labor force declined. Labor force participation remained stable between August and September and is still half a percentage point higher than in September 2021."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 22	Aug 22	Sep 21	Sep 22	Aug 22	Sep 21	
Civilian Labor Force	1,353,637	1,354,290	1,330,685	Civilian Labor Force	1,354,610	1,351,917	1,331,155
Employment	1,306,209	1,308,654	1,283,697	Employment	1,305,699	1,303,922	1,288,255
Unemployment	47,428	45,636	46,988	Unemployment	48,911	47,995	42,900
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.4	3.5	Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.6	3.2
Labor Participation Rate	56.8	56.8	56.3	Labor Participation Rate	56.8	56.7	56.4
U.S. Unemp Rate	3.5	3.7	4.7	U.S. Unemp Rate	3.3	3.8	4.6

Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)
 January 2020 - September 2022





State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1326.0	1316.6	1291.6	9.4	34.4
Goods Producing	226.9	225.1	219.3	1.8	7.6
Mining, Logging, & Construction	62.0	60.4	61.4	1.6	0.6
Mining & Logging	5.0	5.0	5.3	0.0	-0.3
Construction	57.0	55.4	56.1	1.6	0.9
Specialty Trade Contractors	36.1	35.2	35.5	0.9	0.6
Manufacturing	164.9	164.7	157.9	0.2	7.0
Durable Goods	78.0	77.8	75.6	0.2	2.4
Nondurable Goods	86.9	86.9	82.3	0.0	4.6
Service Providing	1099.1	1091.5	1072.3	7.6	26.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	263.7	265.7	258.9	-2.0	4.8
Wholesale Trade	51.9	52.4	47.4	-0.5	4.5
Retail Trade	138.0	138.6	140.0	-0.6	-2.0
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	73.8	74.7	71.5	-0.9	2.3
Information	13.2	13.1	11.8	0.1	1.4
Financial Activities	68.7	69.0	65.7	-0.3	3.0
Finance & Insurance	53.6	53.8	51.7	-0.2	1.9
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	15.1	15.2	14.0	-0.1	1.1
Professional & Business Services	150.1	150.1	145.1	0.0	5.0
Professional, Scientific & Technical	44.5	45.7	44.2	-1.2	0.3
Management of Companies	40.1	40.8	34.6	-0.7	5.5
Administrative & Support Services	65.5	63.6	66.3	1.9	-0.8
Educational & Health Services	199.9	199.4	195.1	0.5	4.8
Educational Services	17.9	16.6	17.3	1.3	0.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	182.0	182.8	177.8	-0.8	4.2
Ambulatory Health Care	62.6	63.2	61.2	-0.6	1.4
Social Assistance	35.4	35.8	35.1	-0.4	0.3
Leisure & Hospitality	125.6	128.7	119.6	-3.1	6.0
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12.4	13.7	12.0	-1.3	0.4
Accommodation & Food Services	113.2	115.0	107.6	-1.8	5.6
Accommodation Services	12.2	12.6	10.8	-0.4	1.4
Food Services	101.0	102.4	96.8	-1.4	4.2
Other Services	66.4	67.1	67.1	-0.7	-0.7
Government	211.5	198.4	209.0	13.1	2.5
Federal Government	20.7	20.6	20.6	0.1	0.1
State Government	77.7	73.2	77.7	4.5	0.0
State Gov, Educational Services	31.4	26.8	31.3	4.6	0.1
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.3	46.4	46.4	-0.1	-0.1
Local Government	113.1	104.6	110.7	8.5	2.4
Local Gov, Educational Services	69.9	60.8	67.8	9.1	2.1
Local Gov, Excluding Education	43.2	43.8	42.9	-0.6	0.3



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

August 2022 - September 2022

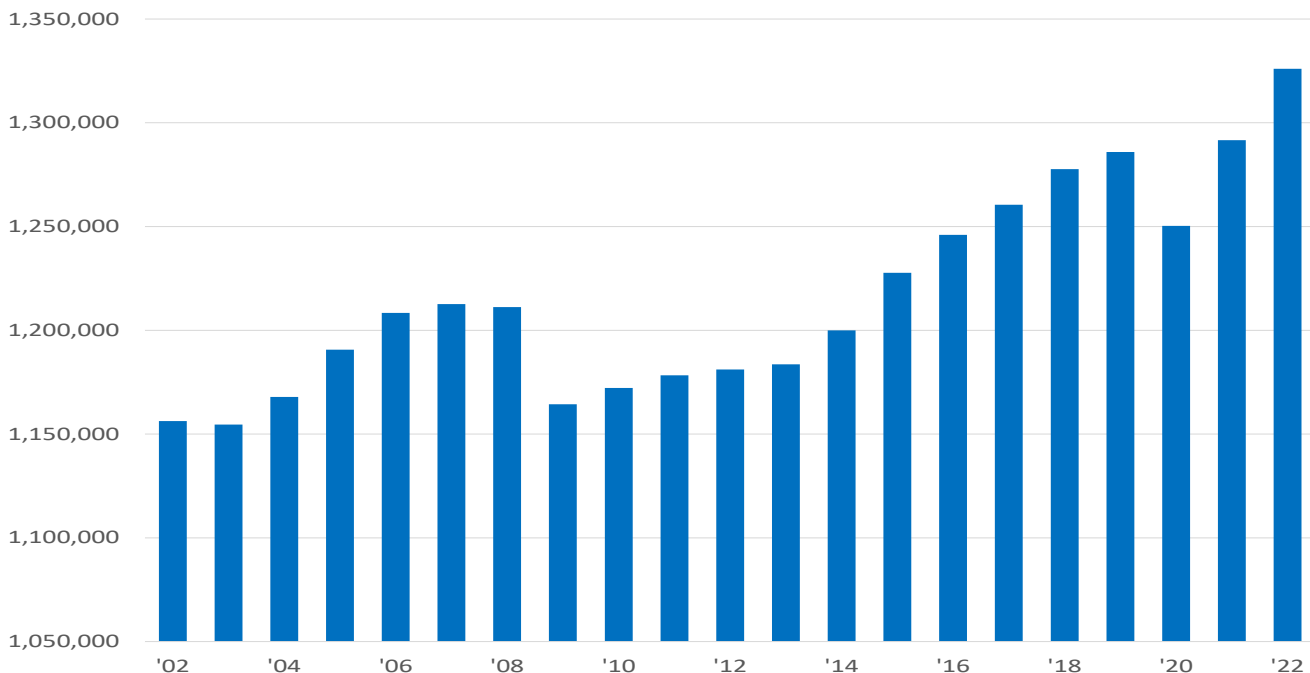
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs increased 9,400 in September to total 1,326,000. Gains were posted in five major industry sectors, while employment declined in four sectors. Jobs in **government** rose by 13,100. Expansions in local government-educational services (+9,100) and state government-educational services (+4,600) were attributed to continued hiring at public schools and universities. **Construction** added 1,600 jobs, mostly in specialty trade contractors (+900). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** fell by 3,100, with declines reported across all subsectors. Losses in arts, entertainment, and recreation (-1,300) were related in large part to the end of temporary seasonal jobs. Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** decreased 2,000. All subsectors reported contractions, with transportation-warehousing-utilities down 900 jobs.

September 2021 - September 2022

Compared to September 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 34,400. Growth was reported in nine major industry sectors. **Manufacturing** added 7,000 jobs, mostly in nondurable goods manufacturing (+4,600). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** increased by 6,000. Hiring was reported across all subsectors, with jobs in food services up 4,200. Employment in **professional and business services** rose 5,000. Most of the gains were in management of companies (+5,500). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 4,800 jobs, largely in wholesale trade (+4,500). Employment in **educational and health services** increased 4,800, with hiring across all subsectors. Notable gains were also reported in **financial activities** (+3,000), **government** (+2,500), and **information** (+1,400).

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September: 2002 - 2022





State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

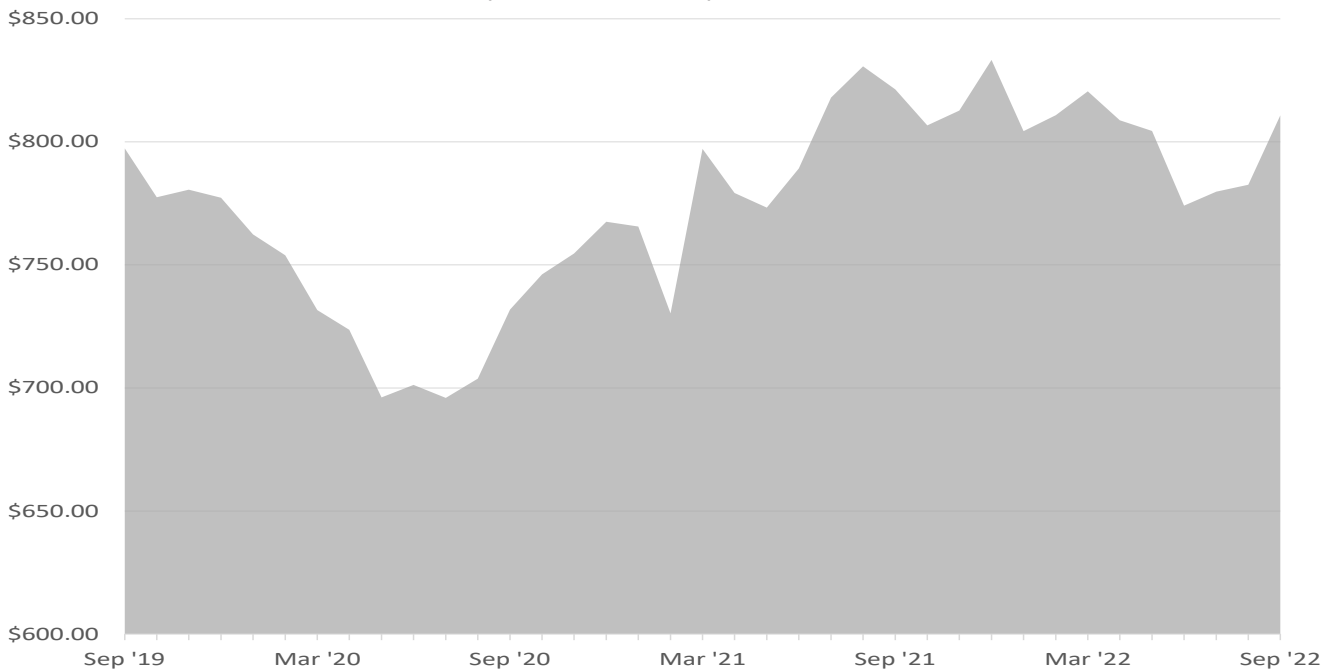
Manufacturing

	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.3	38.8	40.6
Average Hourly Earnings	20.63	20.17	20.23
Average Weekly Earnings	810.76	782.60	821.34

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>		<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>
Average Weekly Hours	42.0	41.5	40.0	Average Weekly Hours	37.0	36.5	41.1
Average Hourly Earnings	22.68	21.95	21.75	Average Hourly Earnings	18.63	18.46	18.86
Average Weekly Earnings	952.56	910.93	870.00	Average Weekly Earnings	689.31	673.79	775.15

Average Weekly Earnings - Manufacturing (Production Workers)
 September 2019 - September 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)

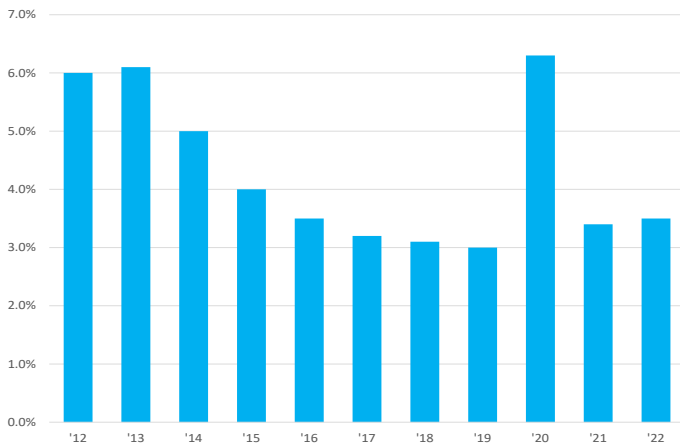
	Sep 22	Aug 22	Sep 21	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	354,330	355,060	347,263	-730	7,067
Employment	341,802	342,794	335,620	-992	6,182
Unemployment	12,528	12,266	11,643	262	885
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

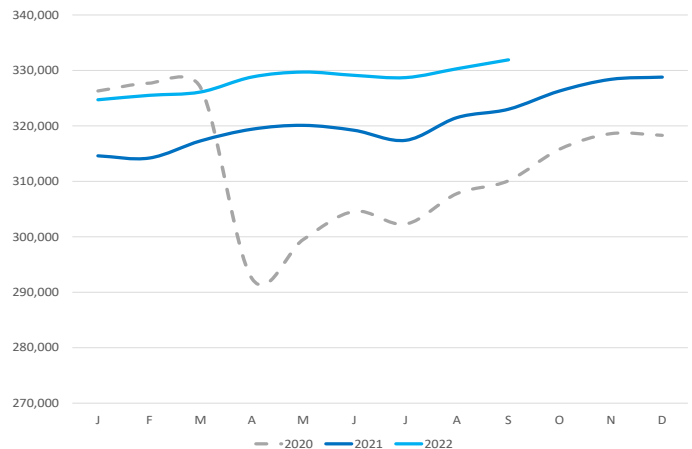
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 22	Aug 22	Sep 21	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	370.5	369.0	360.6	1.5	9.9
Goods Producing	38.6	38.7	37.6	-0.1	1.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.7	18.5	18.6	0.2	0.1
Manufacturing	19.9	20.2	19.0	-0.3	0.9
Service Providing	331.9	330.3	323.0	1.6	8.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	75.3	75.9	73.0	-0.6	2.3
Wholesale Trade	16.7	17.0	15.6	-0.3	1.1
Retail Trade	38.0	38.5	38.0	-0.5	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.6	20.4	19.4	0.2	1.2
Information	5.7	5.7	5.3	0.0	0.4
Financial Activities	23.4	23.5	22.3	-0.1	1.1
Professional & Business Services	46.3	45.7	46.0	0.6	0.3
Educational & Health Services	59.9	59.6	57.8	0.3	2.1
Leisure & Hospitality	36.0	36.6	32.7	-0.6	3.3
Other Services	18.1	18.2	18.0	-0.1	0.1
Government	67.2	65.1	67.9	2.1	-0.7
Federal Government	10.0	9.9	9.9	0.1	0.1
State Government	34.4	33.5	34.3	0.9	0.1
Local Government	22.8	21.7	23.7	1.1	-0.9

Unemployment Rates
 September: 2012 - 2022



Jobs in Service Providing Industries
 January 2020 - September 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)

	Sep 22	Aug 22	Sep 21	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	298,165	297,785	286,585	380	11,580
Employment	290,563	290,419	279,885	144	10,678
Unemployment	7,602	7,366	6,700	236	902
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 22	Aug 22	Sep 21	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	289.1	286.9	275.6	2.2	13.5
Goods Producing	47.0	46.7	45.1	0.3	1.9
Mining, Logging & Construction	14.5	14.3	14.0	0.2	0.5
Manufacturing	32.5	32.4	31.1	0.1	1.4
Service Providing	242.1	240.2	230.5	1.9	11.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	61.4	61.8	59.1	-0.4	2.3
Wholesale Trade	13.5	13.6	12.6	-0.1	0.9
Retail Trade	28.3	28.5	27.6	-0.2	0.7
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	19.6	19.7	18.9	-0.1	0.7
Information	2.2	2.2	2.0	0.0	0.2
Financial Activities	9.3	9.3	8.9	0.0	0.4
Professional & Business Services	58.7	60.1	52.9	-1.4	5.8
Educational & Health Services	31.6	30.8	30.7	0.8	0.9
Leisure & Hospitality	27.4	28.3	27.2	-0.9	0.2
Other Services	10.1	10.1	9.9	0.0	0.2
Government	41.4	37.6	39.8	3.8	1.6
Federal Government	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
State Government	18.9	16.2	17.6	2.7	1.3
Local Government	19.6	18.5	19.3	1.1	0.3

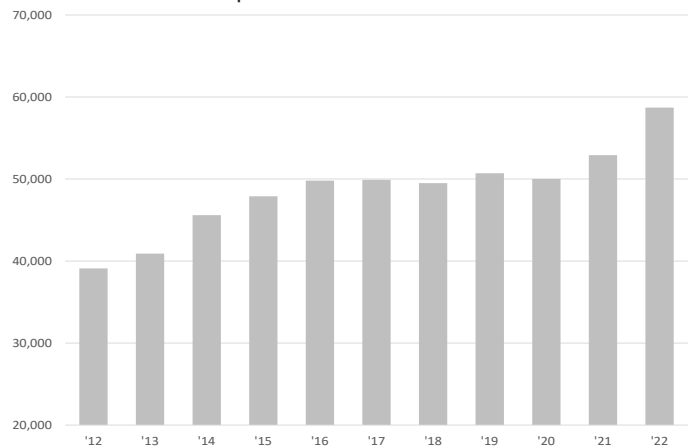
Employment

September 2019 - September 2022



Jobs in Professional & Business Services

September: 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)

	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	117,027	117,377	115,406	-350	1,621
Employment	112,833	113,333	111,801	-500	1,032
Unemployment	4,194	4,044	3,605	150	589
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.4	3.1	0.2	0.5

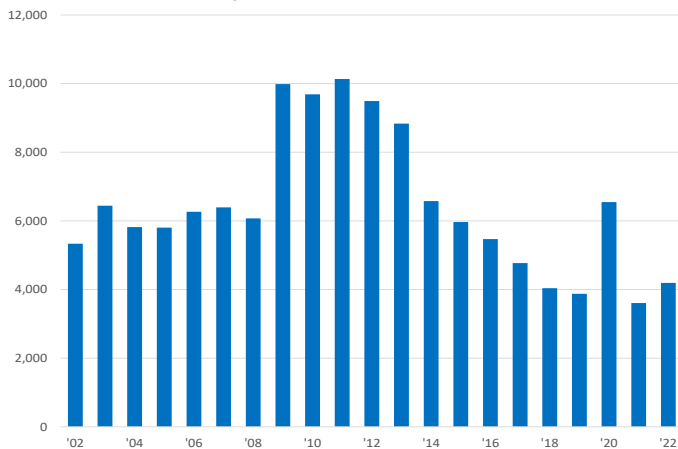
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	113.2	112.3	110.7	0.9	2.5
Goods Producing	23.5	23.7	22.4	-0.2	1.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.2	5.2	5.0	0.0	0.2
Manufacturing	18.3	18.5	17.4	-0.2	0.9
Service Providing	89.7	88.6	88.3	1.1	1.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.1	24.4	23.6	-0.3	0.5
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.8	4.4	-0.1	0.3
Retail Trade	12.6	12.8	12.7	-0.2	-0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.8	6.8	6.5	0.0	0.3
Information	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	11.3	11.2	11.7	0.1	-0.4
Educational & Health Services	17.2	16.9	16.5	0.3	0.7
Leisure & Hospitality	9.9	10.2	9.6	-0.3	0.3
Other Services	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
Government	17.8	16.5	17.7	1.3	0.1
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.4	2.3	2.6	0.1	-0.2
Local Government	14.1	12.9	13.8	1.2	0.3

Unemployment

September: 2002 - 2022



Jobs in Manufacturing

September 2019 - September 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	40,880	41,277	40,271	-397	609
Employment	39,128	39,549	38,685	-421	443
Unemployment	1,752	1,728	1,586	24	166
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.2	3.9	0.1	0.4

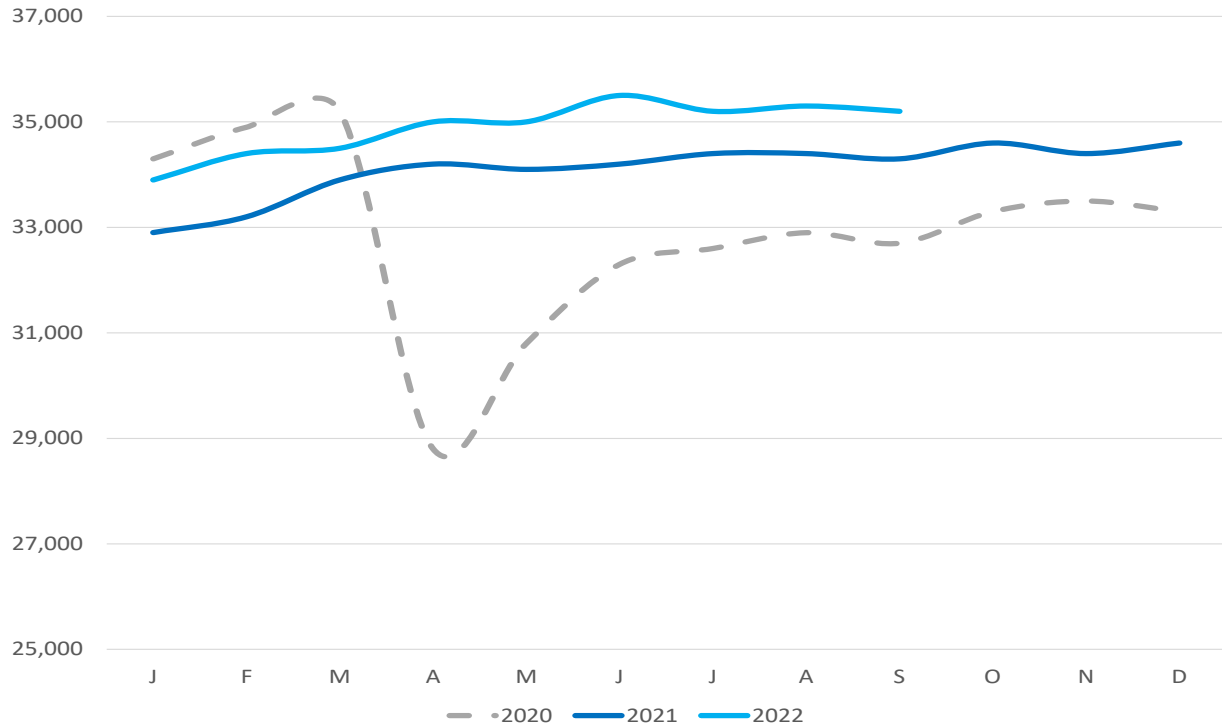
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.6	39.7	38.8	-0.1	0.8
Goods Producing	4.4	4.4	4.5	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	35.2	35.3	34.3	-0.1	0.9
Government	4.0	3.9	4.1	0.1	-0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January 2020 - September 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,925	66,058	65,226	-133	699
Employment	63,875	64,037	63,495	-162	380
Unemployment	2,050	2,021	1,731	29	319
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.1	2.7	0.0	0.4

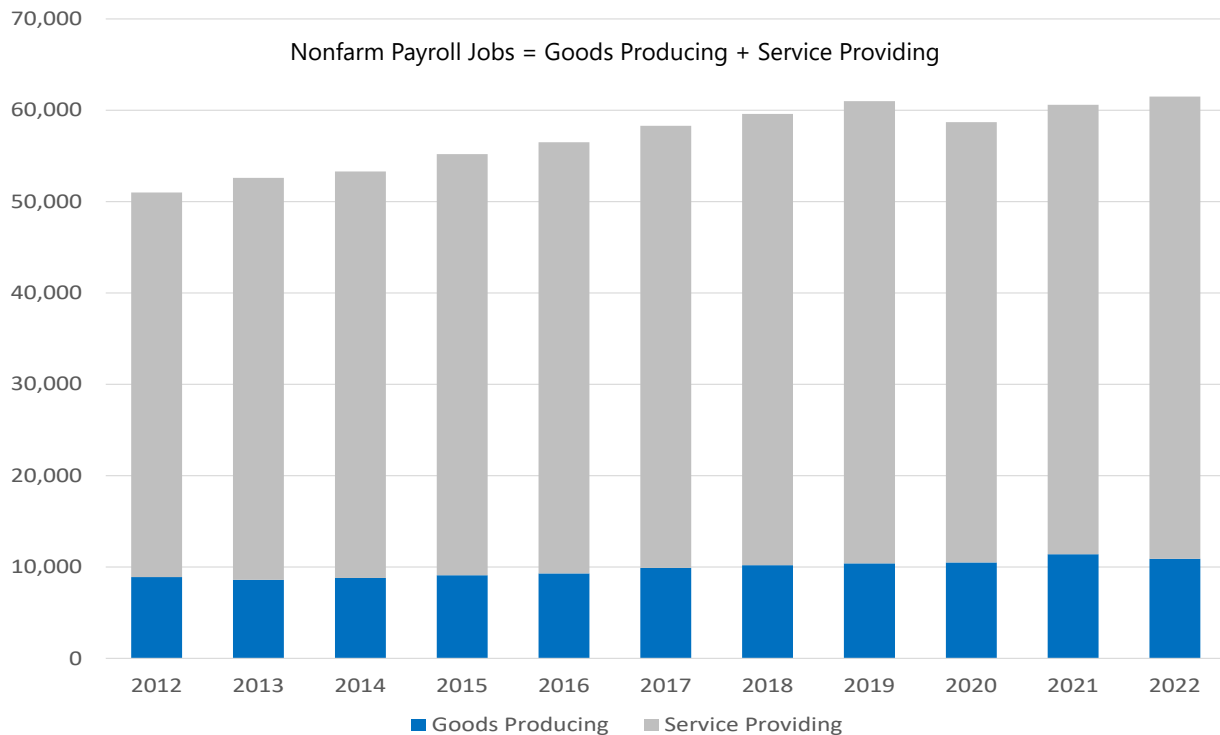
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	61.5	61.1	60.6	0.4	0.9
Goods Producing	10.9	10.9	11.4	0.0	-0.5
Service Providing	50.6	50.2	49.2	0.4	1.4
Government	8.3	7.9	8.6	0.4	-0.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs by Industry Type

September: 2012 - 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	32,872	33,146	32,371	-274	501
Employment	31,044	31,229	30,757	-185	287
Unemployment	1,828	1,917	1,614	-89	214
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.8	5.0	-0.2	0.6

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.6	31.4	31.0	0.2	0.6
Goods Producing	5.6	5.6	5.5	0.0	0.1
Service Providing	26.0	25.8	25.5	0.2	0.5
Government	8.3	8.0	8.5	0.3	-0.2

Employment

September 2019 - September 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.

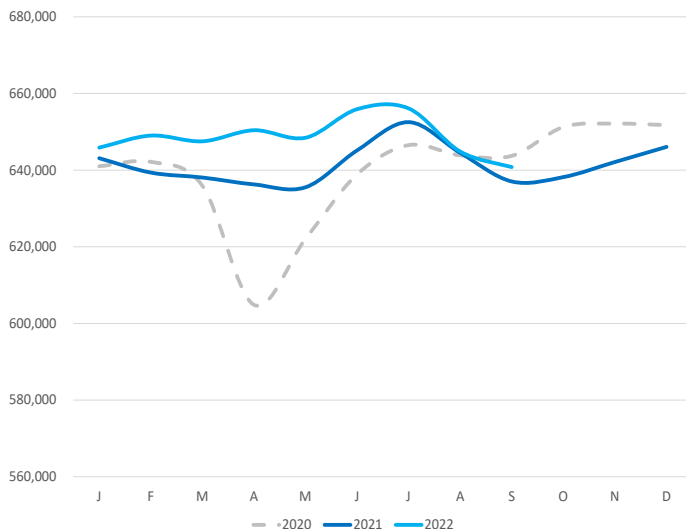
	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	640,781	644,839	637,045	-4,085	3,736
Employment	614,211	614,241	603,608	-30	10,603
Unemployment	26,570	30,598	33,437	-4,028	-6,867
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.7	5.2	-0.6	-1.1

Texarkana MSA

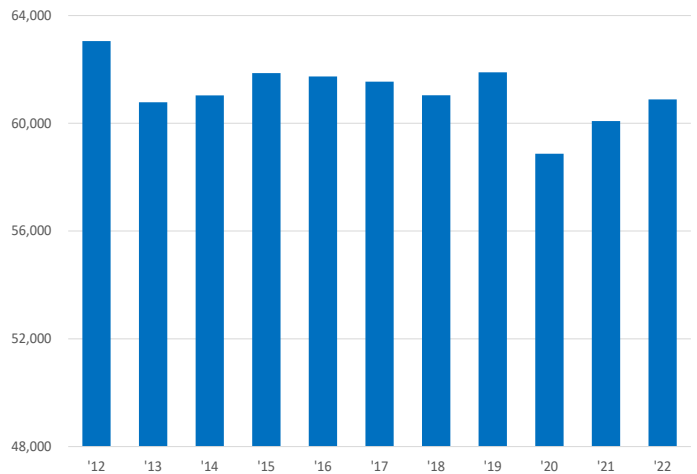
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,622	63,779	63,036	-157	586
Employment	60,885	60,917	60,081	-32	804
Unemployment	2,737	2,862	2,955	-125	-218
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.5	4.7	-0.2	-0.4

Memphis MSA - Civilian Labor Force
 January 2020 - September 2022



Texarkana MSA - Employment
 September: 2012 - 2022



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	September 2022				August 2022				September 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,695	8,309	386	4.4	8,522	8,089	433	5.1	8,941	8,606	335	3.7
Batesville Micro	16,380	15,800	580	3.5	15,906	15,329	577	3.6	16,321	15,806	515	3.2
Blytheville Micro	16,363	15,387	976	6.0	16,372	15,274	1,098	6.7	16,250	15,335	915	5.6
Camden Micro	11,036	10,559	477	4.3	10,943	10,510	433	4.0	12,050	11,663	387	3.2
El Dorado Micro	14,801	14,002	799	5.4	14,710	13,910	800	5.4	14,955	14,204	751	5.0
Forrest City Micro	7,677	7,245	432	5.6	7,741	7,312	429	5.5	7,622	7,239	383	5.0
Harrison Micro	19,119	18,510	609	3.2	18,646	18,086	560	3.0	19,028	18,571	457	2.4
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,563	5,130	433	7.8	5,602	5,166	436	7.8	5,746	5,390	356	6.2
Hope Micro	12,598	12,145	453	3.6	12,304	11,863	441	3.6	12,489	12,116	373	3.0
Magnolia Micro	8,748	8,340	408	4.7	8,607	8,201	406	4.7	8,801	8,437	364	4.1
Malvern Micro	13,518	12,993	525	3.9	13,468	12,948	520	3.9	13,757	13,319	438	3.2
Mountain Home Micro	16,811	16,159	652	3.9	16,571	15,968	603	3.6	16,241	15,744	497	3.1
Paragould Micro	19,598	18,970	628	3.2	19,486	18,876	610	3.1	19,377	18,855	522	2.7
Russellville Micro	35,644	34,225	1,419	4.0	34,806	33,339	1,467	4.2	35,284	34,161	1,123	3.2
Searcy Micro	34,120	32,870	1,250	3.7	33,888	32,691	1,197	3.5	33,778	32,729	1,049	3.1

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	September 2022				August 2022				September 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,789	12,386	403	3.2	12,750	12,382	368	2.9	12,316	11,930	386	3.1
Benton	17,592	17,058	534	3.0	17,581	17,098	483	2.7	17,197	16,746	451	2.6
Bentonville	31,025	30,290	735	2.4	30,977	30,280	697	2.3	29,739	29,175	564	1.9
Blytheville	5,516	5,151	365	6.6	5,630	5,113	517	9.2	5,506	5,133	373	6.8
Cabot	11,921	11,551	370	3.1	11,982	11,616	366	3.1	11,671	11,355	316	2.7
Conway	34,233	33,138	1,095	3.2	34,301	33,243	1,058	3.1	33,479	32,546	933	2.8
El Dorado	6,439	6,026	413	6.4	6,389	5,986	403	6.3	6,472	6,112	360	5.6
Fayetteville	50,871	49,421	1,450	2.9	50,820	49,405	1,415	2.8	48,857	47,612	1,245	2.5
Fort Smith	38,191	36,952	1,239	3.2	38,148	36,963	1,185	3.1	37,537	36,405	1,132	3.0
Hot Springs	15,182	14,480	702	4.6	15,357	14,635	722	4.7	15,000	14,316	684	4.6
Jacksonville	11,514	11,001	513	4.5	11,556	11,027	529	4.6	11,342	10,799	543	4.8
Jonesboro	39,698	38,453	1,245	3.1	39,751	38,513	1,238	3.1	39,235	38,213	1,022	2.6
Little Rock	96,123	92,333	3,790	3.9	96,342	92,545	3,797	3.9	94,536	90,637	3,899	4.1
North Little Rock	29,684	28,393	1,291	4.3	29,736	28,458	1,278	4.3	29,050	27,871	1,179	4.1
Paragould	12,468	12,056	412	3.3	12,412	11,996	416	3.4	12,352	11,983	369	3.0
Pine Bluff	15,457	14,397	1,060	6.9	15,613	14,460	1,153	7.4	15,190	14,254	936	6.2
Rogers	38,088	37,160	928	2.4	38,015	37,148	867	2.3	36,613	35,792	821	2.2
Russellville	12,781	12,307	474	3.7	12,461	11,961	500	4.0	12,682	12,279	403	3.2
Searcy	10,313	9,926	387	3.8	10,249	9,872	377	3.7	10,199	9,884	315	3.1
Sherwood	16,008	15,495	513	3.2	16,054	15,531	523	3.3	15,697	15,210	487	3.1
Springdale	40,421	39,466	955	2.4	40,350	39,453	897	2.2	38,927	38,020	907	2.3
Texarkana, AR	13,181	12,625	556	4.2	13,228	12,684	544	4.1	12,966	12,415	551	4.2
Van Buren	10,205	9,891	314	3.1	10,222	9,909	313	3.1	10,024	9,750	274	2.7
West Memphis	10,296	9,770	526	5.1	10,378	9,784	594	5.7	9,959	9,503	456	4.6

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	September 2022				August 2022				September 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,161	8,856	305	3.3	9,247	8,949	298	3.2	9,445	9,175	270	2.9
Ashley	6,844	6,378	466	6.8	6,789	6,341	448	6.6	6,708	6,321	387	5.8
Baxter	16,811	16,159	652	3.9	16,571	15,968	603	3.6	16,241	15,744	497	3.1
Benton	148,378	144,510	3,868	2.6	148,123	144,462	3,661	2.5	142,455	139,190	3,265	2.3
Boone	15,905	15,395	510	3.2	15,495	15,024	471	3.0	15,821	15,441	380	2.4
Bradley	4,185	3,962	223	5.3	4,081	3,859	222	5.4	4,026	3,876	150	3.7
Calhoun	2,192	2,114	78	3.6	2,191	2,118	73	3.3	2,389	2,324	65	2.7
Carroll	13,010	12,622	388	3.0	13,091	12,740	351	2.7	12,956	12,644	312	2.4
Chicot	2,962	2,741	221	7.5	3,018	2,790	228	7.6	3,057	2,850	207	6.8
Clark	8,695	8,309	386	4.4	8,522	8,089	433	5.1	8,941	8,606	335	3.7
Clay	5,509	5,293	216	3.9	5,573	5,369	204	3.7	5,417	5,257	160	3.0
Cleburne	9,070	8,679	391	4.3	8,954	8,580	374	4.2	9,097	8,770	327	3.6
Cleveland	3,132	3,005	127	4.1	3,156	3,039	117	3.7	3,080	2,984	96	3.1
Columbia	8,748	8,340	408	4.7	8,607	8,201	406	4.7	8,801	8,437	364	4.1
Conway	8,413	8,086	327	3.9	8,384	8,066	318	3.8	8,225	7,948	277	3.4
Craighead	56,152	54,450	1,702	3.0	56,202	54,536	1,666	3.0	55,542	54,111	1,431	2.6
Crawford	26,202	25,314	888	3.4	26,205	25,361	844	3.2	25,712	24,952	760	3.0
Crittenden	20,956	20,021	935	4.5	21,042	20,050	992	4.7	20,303	19,473	830	4.1
Cross	7,019	6,749	270	3.8	7,092	6,815	277	3.9	6,962	6,725	237	3.4
Dallas	2,730	2,616	114	4.2	2,736	2,617	119	4.3	2,761	2,659	102	3.7
Desha	4,884	4,601	283	5.8	4,934	4,636	298	6.0	4,959	4,707	252	5.1
Drew	7,607	7,249	358	4.7	7,498	7,139	359	4.8	7,549	7,255	294	3.9
Faulkner	62,170	60,191	1,979	3.2	62,335	60,382	1,953	3.1	60,812	59,116	1,696	2.8
Franklin	7,402	7,135	267	3.6	7,453	7,192	261	3.5	7,330	7,109	221	3.0
Fulton	5,194	5,011	183	3.5	4,993	4,825	168	3.4	4,993	4,855	138	2.8
Garland	40,880	39,128	1,752	4.3	41,277	39,549	1,728	4.2	40,271	38,685	1,586	3.9
Grant	8,335	8,054	281	3.4	8,367	8,097	270	3.2	8,132	7,913	219	2.7
Greene	19,598	18,970	628	3.2	19,486	18,876	610	3.1	19,377	18,855	522	2.7
Hempstead	9,212	8,898	314	3.4	9,006	8,702	304	3.4	9,140	8,880	260	2.8
Hot Spring	13,518	12,993	525	3.9	13,468	12,948	520	3.9	13,757	13,319	438	3.2
Howard	5,341	5,153	188	3.5	5,313	5,126	187	3.5	5,416	5,263	153	2.8
Independence	16,380	15,800	580	3.5	15,906	15,329	577	3.6	16,321	15,806	515	3.2
Izard	4,450	4,215	235	5.3	4,413	4,159	254	5.8	4,435	4,242	193	4.4
Jackson	5,526	5,239	287	5.2	5,616	5,331	285	5.1	5,603	5,379	224	4.0
Jefferson	25,979	24,451	1,528	5.9	26,181	24,557	1,624	6.2	25,585	24,208	1,377	5.4
Johnson	10,023	9,590	433	4.3	9,655	9,205	450	4.7	9,890	9,515	375	3.8
Lafayette	2,312	2,201	111	4.8	2,300	2,197	103	4.5	2,335	2,232	103	4.4
Lawrence	6,829	6,561	268	3.9	6,677	6,426	251	3.8	6,737	6,507	230	3.4
Lee	2,584	2,456	128	5.0	2,644	2,517	127	4.8	2,547	2,428	119	4.7
Lincoln	3,761	3,588	173	4.6	3,809	3,633	176	4.6	3,706	3,565	141	3.8
Little River	5,332	5,113	219	4.1	5,342	5,134	208	3.9	5,212	5,023	189	3.6
Logan	8,345	8,003	342	4.1	8,367	8,044	323	3.9	8,388	8,115	273	3.3
Lonoke	33,783	32,745	1,038	3.1	33,931	32,930	1,001	3.0	33,108	32,189	919	2.8
Madison	7,697	7,489	208	2.7	7,747	7,560	187	2.4	7,452	7,261	191	2.6
Marion	6,361	6,105	256	4.0	6,251	6,022	229	3.7	6,184	5,978	206	3.3
Miller	19,237	18,455	782	4.1	19,305	18,541	764	4.0	18,873	18,148	725	3.8

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	Not Seasonally Adjusted											
	September 2022				August 2022				September 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,363	15,387	976	6.0	16,372	15,274	1,098	6.7	16,250	15,335	915	5.6
Monroe	2,544	2,428	116	4.6	2,581	2,471	110	4.3	2,608	2,496	112	4.3
Montgomery	2,939	2,797	142	4.8	2,970	2,829	141	4.7	2,965	2,849	116	3.9
Nevada	3,386	3,247	139	4.1	3,298	3,161	137	4.2	3,349	3,236	113	3.4
Newton	3,214	3,115	99	3.1	3,151	3,062	89	2.8	3,207	3,130	77	2.4
Ouachita	8,844	8,445	399	4.5	8,752	8,392	360	4.1	9,661	9,339	322	3.3
Perry	4,176	4,018	158	3.8	4,201	4,045	156	3.7	4,100	3,954	146	3.6
Phillips	5,563	5,130	433	7.8	5,602	5,166	436	7.8	5,746	5,390	356	6.2
Pike	4,160	4,007	153	3.7	4,205	4,061	144	3.4	4,196	4,038	158	3.8
Poinsett	9,773	9,425	348	3.6	9,856	9,501	355	3.6	9,684	9,384	300	3.1
Polk	7,831	7,535	296	3.8	7,869	7,578	291	3.7	7,820	7,553	267	3.4
Pope	27,676	26,572	1,104	4.0	26,976	25,825	1,151	4.3	27,373	26,511	862	3.1
Prairie	3,542	3,428	114	3.2	3,549	3,446	103	2.9	3,548	3,450	98	2.8
Pulaski	186,802	179,519	7,283	3.9	187,152	179,931	7,221	3.9	183,379	176,220	7,159	3.9
Randolph	7,418	7,166	252	3.4	7,335	7,088	247	3.4	7,302	7,081	221	3.0
St. Francis	7,677	7,245	432	5.6	7,741	7,312	429	5.5	7,622	7,239	383	5.0
Saline	59,064	57,275	1,789	3.0	59,074	57,409	1,665	2.8	57,732	56,228	1,504	2.6
Scott	4,138	4,011	127	3.1	4,122	4,000	122	3.0	4,256	4,141	115	2.7
Searcy	2,887	2,758	129	4.5	2,911	2,782	129	4.4	3,024	2,917	107	3.5
Sebastian	55,085	53,231	1,854	3.4	55,006	53,247	1,759	3.2	54,087	52,443	1,644	3.0
Sevier	5,419	5,199	220	4.1	5,411	5,194	217	4.0	5,396	5,210	186	3.4
Sharp	5,792	5,536	256	4.4	5,556	5,316	240	4.3	5,721	5,493	228	4.0
Stone	4,632	4,437	195	4.2	4,703	4,513	190	4.0	4,631	4,463	168	3.6
Union	14,801	14,002	799	5.4	14,710	13,910	800	5.4	14,955	14,204	751	5.0
Van Buren	5,987	5,717	270	4.5	5,890	5,633	257	4.4	5,867	5,647	220	3.7
Washington	131,180	127,843	3,337	2.5	131,006	127,802	3,204	2.4	126,105	123,164	2,941	2.3
White	34,120	32,870	1,250	3.7	33,888	32,691	1,197	3.5	33,778	32,729	1,049	3.1
Woodruff	2,815	2,710	105	3.7	2,845	2,736	109	3.8	2,829	2,720	109	3.9
Yell	7,968	7,653	315	4.0	7,830	7,514	316	4.0	7,911	7,650	261	3.3

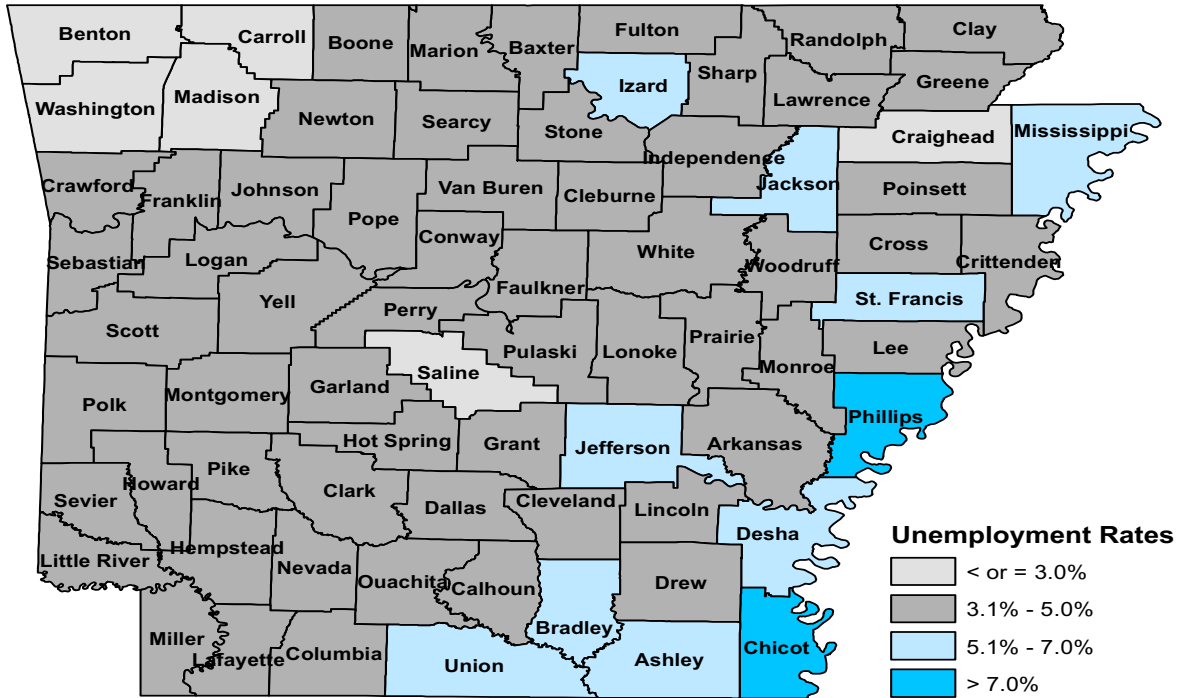
County Labor Force Summary

Between August and September, unemployment rates increased in 47 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Sixteen counties posted rate declines while 12 counties remained stable over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.5 percent in Washington County to a high of 7.8 percent in Phillips County.

In September, 40 counties reported an unemployment rate at or below four percent. That is down slightly from 45 counties at or below four percent last month. For a second month, two counties had unemployment rates above seven percent.

Compared to September 2021, unemployment rates are up in 72 Arkansas counties. Two counties-- Pike and Woodruff-- posted jobless rate declines, while the rate in Pulaski County remained stable. Annual unemployment rate gains ranged from as little as a one-tenth of a percentage point increase in Madison County to as large as a one and six-tenths of a percentage point gain in both Bradley and Phillips counties.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

September 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.5	26	Pike	3.7	49	Johnson	4.3
2	Benton	2.6	26	White	3.7	52	Clark	4.4
3	Madison	2.7	26	Woodruff	3.7	52	Sharp	4.4
4	Carroll	3.0	29	Cross	3.8	54	Crittenden	4.5
4	Craighead	3.0	29	Perry	3.8	54	Ouachita	4.5
4	Saline	3.0	29	Polk	3.8	54	Searcy	4.5
7	Lonoke	3.1	32	Baxter	3.9	54	Van Buren	4.5
7	Newton	3.1	32	Clay	3.9	58	Lincoln	4.6
7	Scott	3.1	32	Conway	3.9	58	Monroe	4.6
10	Boone	3.2	32	Hot Spring	3.9	60	Columbia	4.7
10	Faulkner	3.2	32	Lawrence	3.9	60	Drew	4.7
10	Greene	3.2	32	Pulaski	3.9	62	Lafayette	4.8
10	Prairie	3.2	38	Marion	4.0	62	Montgomery	4.8
14	Arkansas	3.3	38	Pope	4.0	64	Lee	5.0
15	Crawford	3.4	38	Yell	4.0	65	Jackson	5.2
15	Grant	3.4	41	Cleveland	4.1	66	Bradley	5.3
15	Hempstead	3.4	41	Little River	4.1	66	Izard	5.3
15	Randolph	3.4	41	Logan	4.1	68	Union	5.4
15	Sebastian	3.4	41	Miller	4.1	69	St. Francis	5.6
20	Fulton	3.5	41	Nevada	4.1	70	Desha	5.8
20	Howard	3.5	41	Sevier	4.1	71	Jefferson	5.9
20	Independence	3.5	47	Dallas	4.2	72	Mississippi	6.0
23	Calhoun	3.6	47	Stone	4.2	73	Ashley	6.8
23	Franklin	3.6	49	Cleburne	4.3	74	Chicot	7.5
23	Poinsett	3.6	49	Garland	4.3	75	Phillips	7.8

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	September 2022				August 2022				September 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	251,782	243,253	8,529	3.4	252,280	244,024	8,256	3.3	246,651	239,062	7,589	3.1
City of Little Rock	96,123	92,333	3,790	3.9	96,342	92,545	3,797	3.9	94,536	90,637	3,899	4.1
Eastern	43,799	41,601	2,198	5.0	44,121	41,860	2,261	5.1	43,180	41,255	1,925	4.5
North Central	93,966	90,214	3,752	4.0	92,764	89,113	3,651	3.9	93,275	90,104	3,171	3.4
Northeast	121,642	117,252	4,390	3.6	121,501	117,070	4,431	3.6	120,309	116,530	3,779	3.1
Northwest	345,443	335,996	9,447	2.7	344,346	335,422	8,924	2.6	333,445	325,469	7,976	2.4
Southeast	76,850	72,885	3,965	5.2	77,080	73,040	4,040	5.2	76,247	72,854	3,393	4.5
Southwest	87,554	83,783	3,771	4.3	86,971	83,293	3,678	4.2	88,288	84,955	3,333	3.8
West Central	128,448	123,153	5,295	4.1	127,488	122,131	5,357	4.2	127,629	123,075	4,554	3.6
Western	109,003	105,229	3,774	3.5	109,022	105,422	3,600	3.3	107,593	104,313	3,280	3.0

