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JANUARY 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 2022 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.

January Spotlight

Annual Data Revisions

Arkansas Civilian Labor Force:

In accordance with guidelines from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Arkansas' Civilian Labor Force (CLF) estimates have undergone annual processing. The purpose of annual processing is to incorporate more complete and accurate information into the estimation process.

All levels of data—State, counties, Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Micropolitan Statistical Areas, Local Workforce Development Areas, and cities—have been revised. The Statewide CLF data was revised back to January 2018 and is currently available on the Discover Arkansas website. Updated sub-state CLF estimates are scheduled for publication on April 21, 2023 on the Discover Arkansas website and at www.bls.gov. All sub-state CLF data were revised back to January 2018, due to the incorporation of updated Census Bureau population data. More information concerning annual processing is available on the BLS website.

Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs:

In accordance with the same guidelines, the Current Employment Statistics program also re-estimated the Nonfarm Payroll Job series to include more comprehensive and precise information into the calculations. Statewide and MSA estimates were revised back to January 2018. All revised Nonfarm Payroll Jobs data have been updated on the Discover Arkansas website.

In addition to annual data revisions for 2018-2022, updates have also been made to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are now based on and benchmarked to the 2022 NAICS. This replaces the previously used 2017 NAICS. More information concerning these changes is available on the BLS website.



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.4% in January 2023. The United States' jobless rate declined to 3.4% in January, down from 3.5% in December.

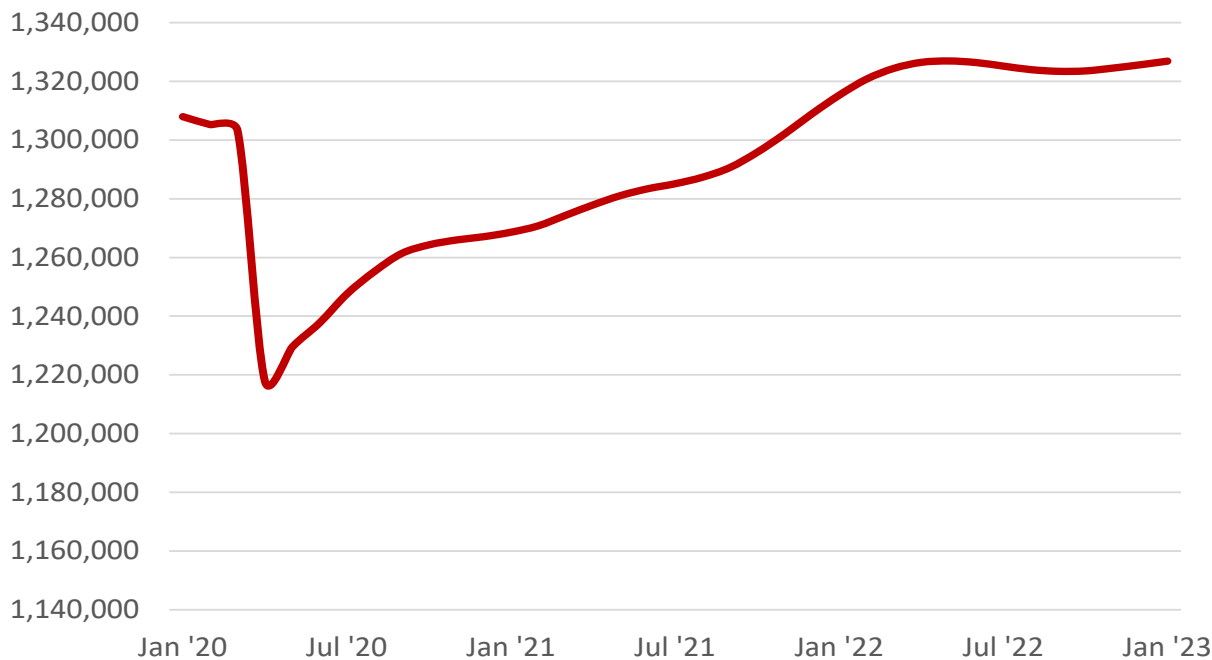
In January 2023, Arkansas' civilian labor force rose by 478. There were 1,242 more employed compared to December 2022 and 764 fewer unemployed. Arkansas' labor force participation rate remained unchanged between December 2022 and January 2023, at 57.4%.

Compared to January 2022, there are 11,599 additional employed Arkansans. The unemployment rate is up two-tenths of a percentage point, with 2,787 more unemployed. Arkansas' labor force participation rate is up one-tenth of a percentage point, from 57.3% to 57.4% over the year.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	
Civilian Labor Force	1,373,511	1,373,033	1,359,125	Civilian Labor Force	1,353,788	1,362,369	1,341,627
Employment	1,326,923	1,325,681	1,315,324	Employment	1,304,767	1,322,854	1,290,344
Unemployment	46,588	47,352	43,801	Unemployment	49,021	39,515	51,283
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.4%	3.2%	Unemployment Rate	3.6%	2.9%	3.8%
LF Participation Rate	57.4%	57.4%	57.3%	LF Participation Rate	56.6%	57.0%	56.6%

Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)
 January 2020 - January 2023



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

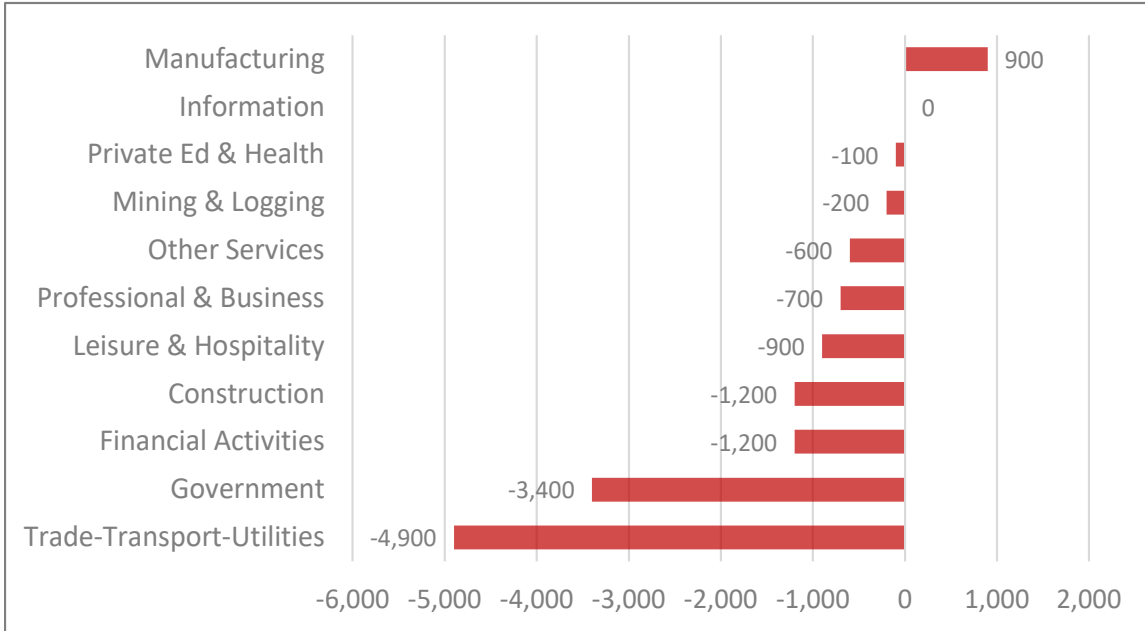
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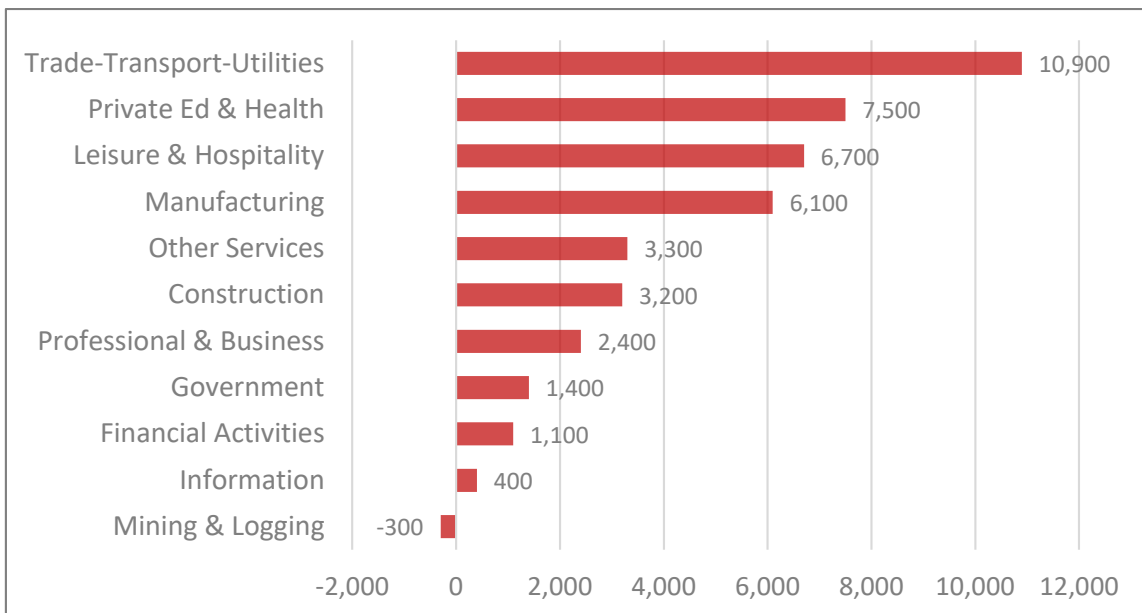
(NAICS)	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1345.6	1357.9	1302.9	-12.3	42.7
Goods Producing	227.5	228.0	218.5	-0.5	9.0
Mining, Logging, & Construction	62.8	64.2	59.9	-1.4	2.9
Mining & Logging	4.9	5.1	5.2	-0.2	-0.3
Construction	57.9	59.1	54.7	-1.2	3.2
Specialty Trade Contractors	36.0	36.5	34.6	-0.5	1.4
Manufacturing	164.7	163.8	158.6	0.9	6.1
Durable Goods	80.6	79.7	76.4	0.9	4.2
Nondurable Goods	84.1	84.1	82.2	0.0	1.9
Service Providing	1118.1	1129.9	1084.4	-11.8	33.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	275.2	280.1	264.3	-4.9	10.9
Wholesale Trade	54.2	53.0	49.2	1.2	5.0
Retail Trade	142.7	146.9	141.7	-4.2	1.0
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	78.3	80.2	73.4	-1.9	4.9
Information	12.8	12.8	12.4	0.0	0.4
Financial Activities	70.0	71.2	68.9	-1.2	1.1
Finance & Insurance	55.6	56.4	54.8	-0.8	0.8
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14.4	14.8	14.1	-0.4	0.3
Professional & Business Services	150.1	150.8	147.7	-0.7	2.4
Professional, Scientific & Technical	47.9	48.2	46.3	-0.3	1.6
Management of Companies	40.4	39.0	35.6	1.4	4.8
Administrative & Support Services	61.8	63.6	65.8	-1.8	-4.0
Private Education & Health Services	202.9	203.0	195.4	-0.1	7.5
Private Educational Services	18.6	19.2	17.2	-0.6	1.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	184.3	183.8	178.2	0.5	6.1
Ambulatory Health Care	63.5	63.7	61.5	-0.2	2.0
Social Assistance	38.1	37.7	36.2	0.4	1.9
Leisure & Hospitality	121.6	122.5	114.9	-0.9	6.7
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12.0	12.4	10.9	-0.4	1.1
Accommodation & Food Services	109.6	110.1	104.0	-0.5	5.6
Accommodation Services	10.9	11.0	10.1	-0.1	0.8
Food Services	98.7	99.1	93.9	-0.4	4.8
Other Services	76.3	76.9	73.0	-0.6	3.3
Government	209.2	212.6	207.8	-3.4	1.4
Federal Government	20.6	20.9	20.6	-0.3	0.0
State Government	75.7	77.6	75.6	-1.9	0.1
State Gov, Educational Services	29.5	31.4	29.2	-1.9	0.3
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.2	46.2	46.4	0.0	-0.2
Local Government	112.9	114.1	111.6	-1.2	1.3
Local Gov, Educational Services	70.1	70.8	69.5	-0.7	0.6
Local Gov, Excluding Education	42.8	43.3	42.1	-0.5	0.7

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector
 December 2022 - January 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector
 January 2022 - January 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

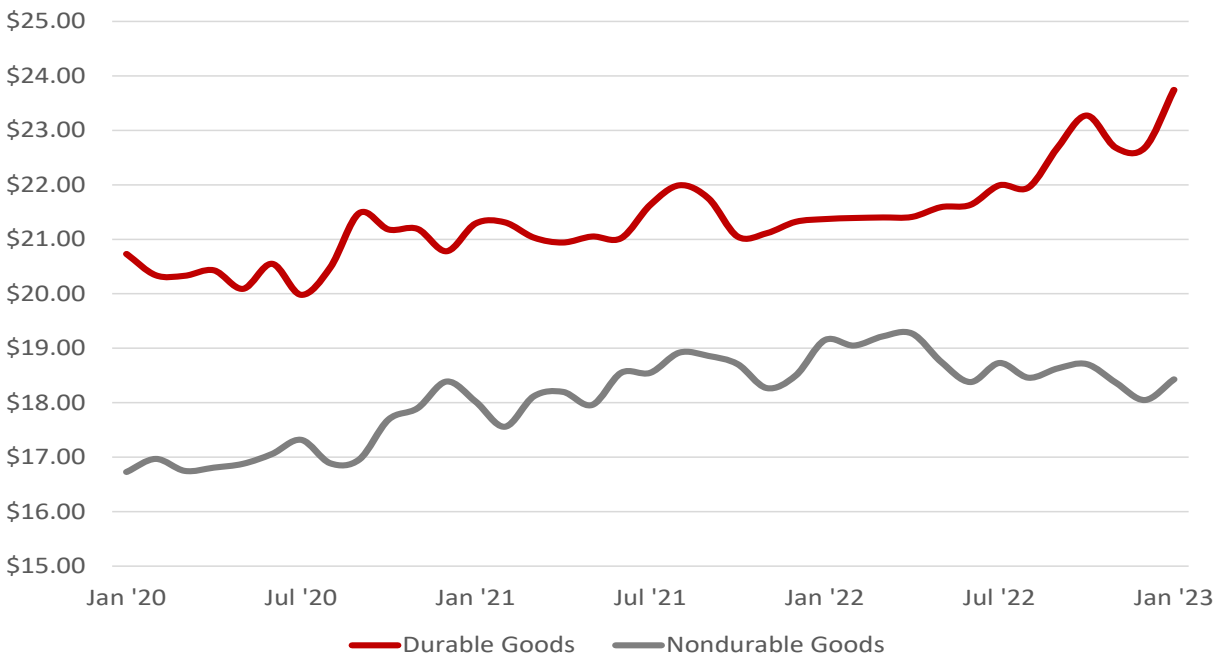
Manufacturing

	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>
Average Weekly Hours	38.0	39.9	39.8
Average Hourly Earnings	\$21.18	\$20.37	\$20.22
Average Weekly Earnings	\$804.84	\$812.76	\$804.76

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>		<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.3	42.3	39.9	Average Weekly Hours	34.9	37.7	39.8
Average Hourly Earnings	\$23.74	\$22.68	\$21.37	Average Hourly Earnings	\$18.43	\$18.05	\$19.15
Average Weekly Earnings	\$980.46	\$959.36	\$852.66	Average Weekly Earnings	\$643.21	\$680.49	\$762.17

Average Hourly Earnings - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods
 January 2020 - January 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

The Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA = Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, & Saline counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	355,226	359,096	353,782	-3,870	1,444
Employment	343,300	349,357	340,668	-6,057	2,632
Unemployment	11,926	9,739	13,114	2,187	-1,188
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	2.7%	3.7%	0.7%	-0.3%

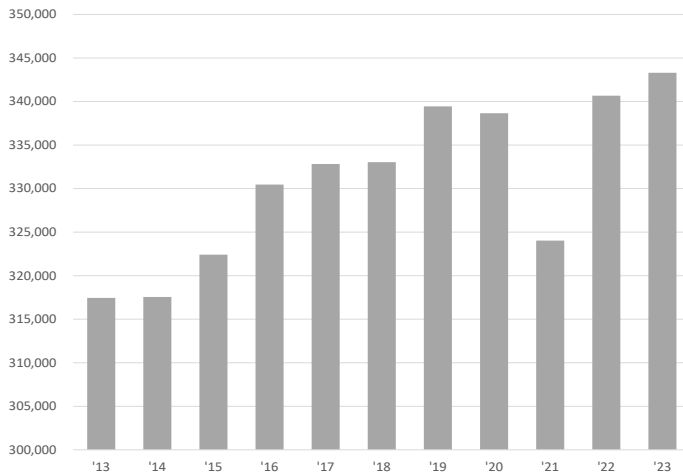
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	376.9	382.9	368.9	-6.0	8.0
Goods Producing	39.0	39.1	37.6	-0.1	1.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	19.0	19.2	18.3	-0.2	0.7
Manufacturing	20.0	19.9	19.3	0.1	0.7
Service Providing	337.9	343.8	331.3	-5.9	6.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	78.4	80.1	76.6	-1.7	1.8
Wholesale Trade	18.4	18.0	16.4	0.4	2.0
Retail Trade	38.2	39.6	38.2	-1.4	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	21.8	22.5	22.0	-0.7	-0.2
Information	5.8	5.7	5.5	0.1	0.3
Financial Activities	24.5	24.9	24.3	-0.4	0.2
Professional & Business Services	47.2	47.8	46.3	-0.6	0.9
Private Education & Health Services	62.2	63.0	59.9	-0.8	2.3
Leisure & Hospitality	32.0	33.5	31.6	-1.5	0.4
Other Services	19.1	19.2	18.3	-0.1	0.8
Government	68.7	69.6	68.8	-0.9	-0.1
Federal Government	9.8	10.0	9.9	-0.2	-0.1
State Government	33.6	34.0	34.0	-0.4	-0.4
Local Government	25.3	25.6	24.9	-0.3	0.4

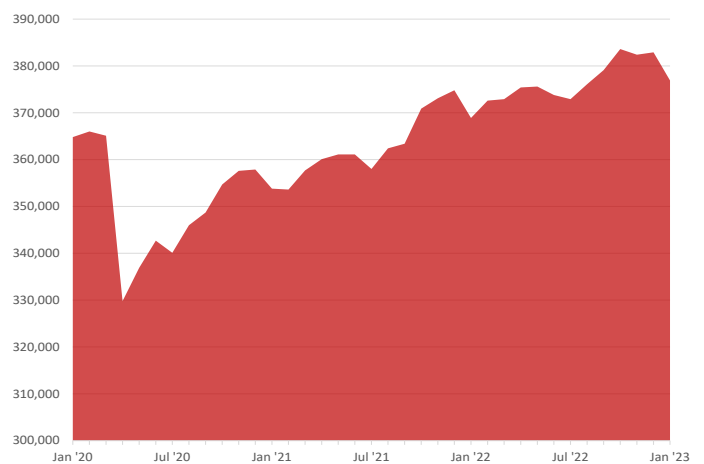
Employment

January: 2013 - 2023



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January 2020 - January 2023



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)

	Jan 23	Dec 22	Jan 22	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	304,169	306,071	293,281	-1,902	10,888
Employment	296,297	299,881	285,356	-3,584	10,941
Unemployment	7,872	6,190	7,925	1,682	-53
Unemployment Rate	2.6%	2.0%	2.7%	0.6%	-0.1%

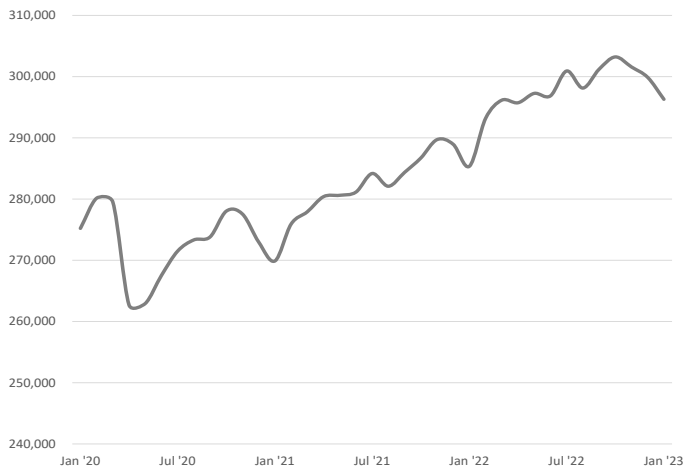
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jan 23	Dec 22	Jan 22	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	301.1	303.0	283.5	-1.9	17.6
Goods Producing	47.0	47.2	45.0	-0.2	2.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	15.1	15.3	14.0	-0.2	1.1
Manufacturing	31.9	31.9	31.0	0.0	0.9
Service Providing	254.1	255.8	238.5	-1.7	15.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	64.5	65.1	59.6	-0.6	4.9
Wholesale Trade	14.4	14.1	13.2	0.3	1.2
Retail Trade	28.8	29.4	28.2	-0.6	0.6
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	21.3	21.6	18.2	-0.3	3.1
Information	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	10.2	10.3	9.8	-0.1	0.4
Professional & Business Services	58.1	57.2	55.4	0.9	2.7
Private Education & Health Services	33.8	33.9	32.1	-0.1	1.7
Leisure & Hospitality	29.3	29.0	26.6	0.3	2.7
Other Services	15.6	15.7	14.8	-0.1	0.8
Government	40.2	42.2	37.9	-2.0	2.3
Federal Government	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
State Government	17.2	18.9	15.9	-1.7	1.3
Local Government	20.0	20.3	19.1	-0.3	0.9

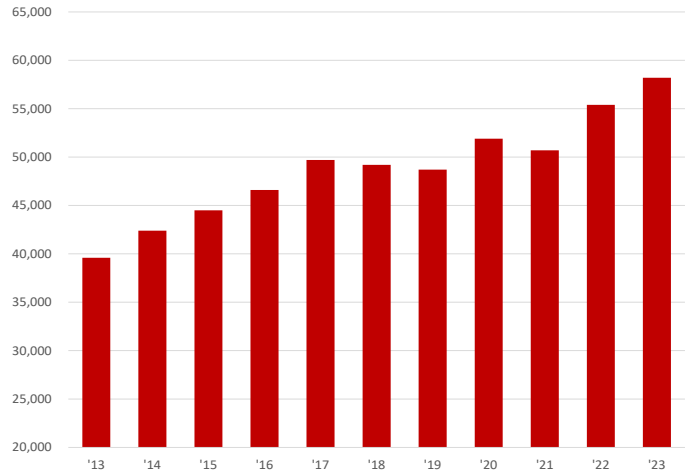
Employment

January 2020 - January 2023



Jobs in Professional & Business Services

January: 2013 - 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fort Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA = Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

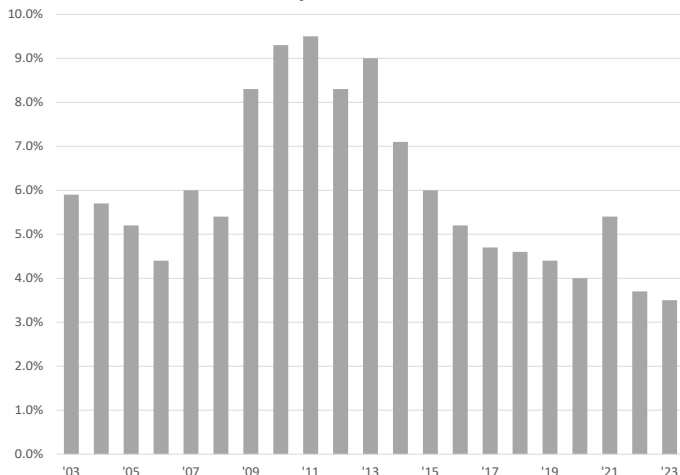
	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	117,259	117,984	116,051	-725	1,208
Employment	113,162	114,755	111,727	-1,593	1,435
Unemployment	4,097	3,229	4,324	868	-227
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	2.7%	3.7%	0.8%	-0.2%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	114.5	116.0	111.2	-1.5	3.3
Goods Producing	23.9	23.9	22.7	0.0	1.2
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.3	5.3	4.9	0.0	0.4
Manufacturing	18.6	18.6	17.8	0.0	0.8
Service Providing	90.6	92.1	88.5	-1.5	2.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.8	25.2	23.9	-0.4	0.9
Wholesale Trade	5.0	4.9	4.6	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	13.0	13.2	13.0	-0.2	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.8	7.1	6.3	-0.3	0.5
Information	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	11.5	12.0	11.7	-0.5	-0.2
Private Education & Health Services	17.9	17.8	17.2	0.1	0.7
Leisure & Hospitality	9.6	9.7	9.2	-0.1	0.4
Other Services	3.5	3.6	3.6	-0.1	-0.1
Government	17.7	18.2	17.4	-0.5	0.3
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.0	2.4	2.2	-0.4	-0.2
Local Government	14.4	14.5	13.9	-0.1	0.5

Unemployment Rates
 January: 2003 - 2023



Jobs in Service Providing Industries
 January 2020 - January 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,589	41,932	41,511	-343	78
Employment	39,871	40,507	39,699	-636	172
Unemployment	1,718	1,425	1,812	293	-94
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.4%	4.4%	0.7%	-0.3%

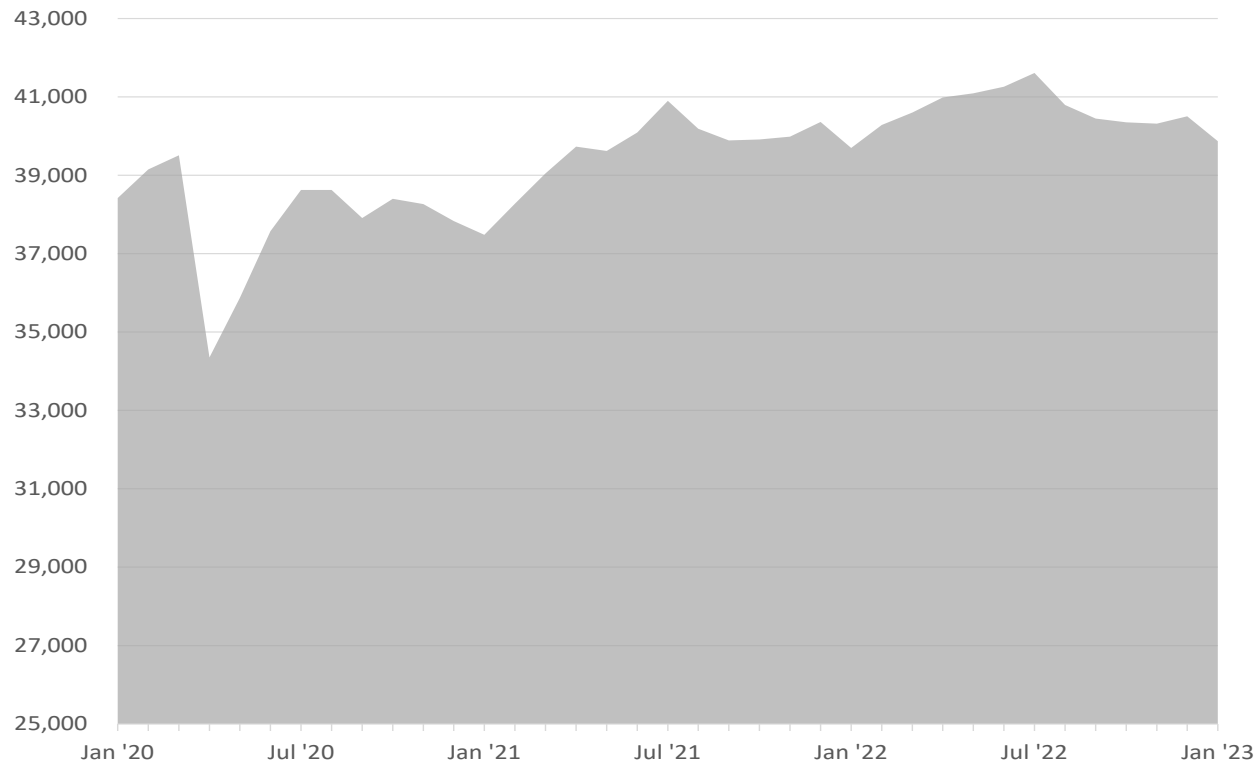
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	41.4	41.9	40.6	-0.5	0.8
Goods Producing	4.8	4.8	4.5	0.0	0.3
Service Providing	36.6	37.1	36.1	-0.5	0.5
Government	4.1	4.2	4.4	-0.1	-0.3

Employment

January 2020 - January 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	66,944	67,780	66,033	-836	911
Employment	64,835	66,139	63,910	-1,304	925
Unemployment	2,109	1,641	2,123	468	-14
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	2.4%	3.2%	0.8%	0.0%

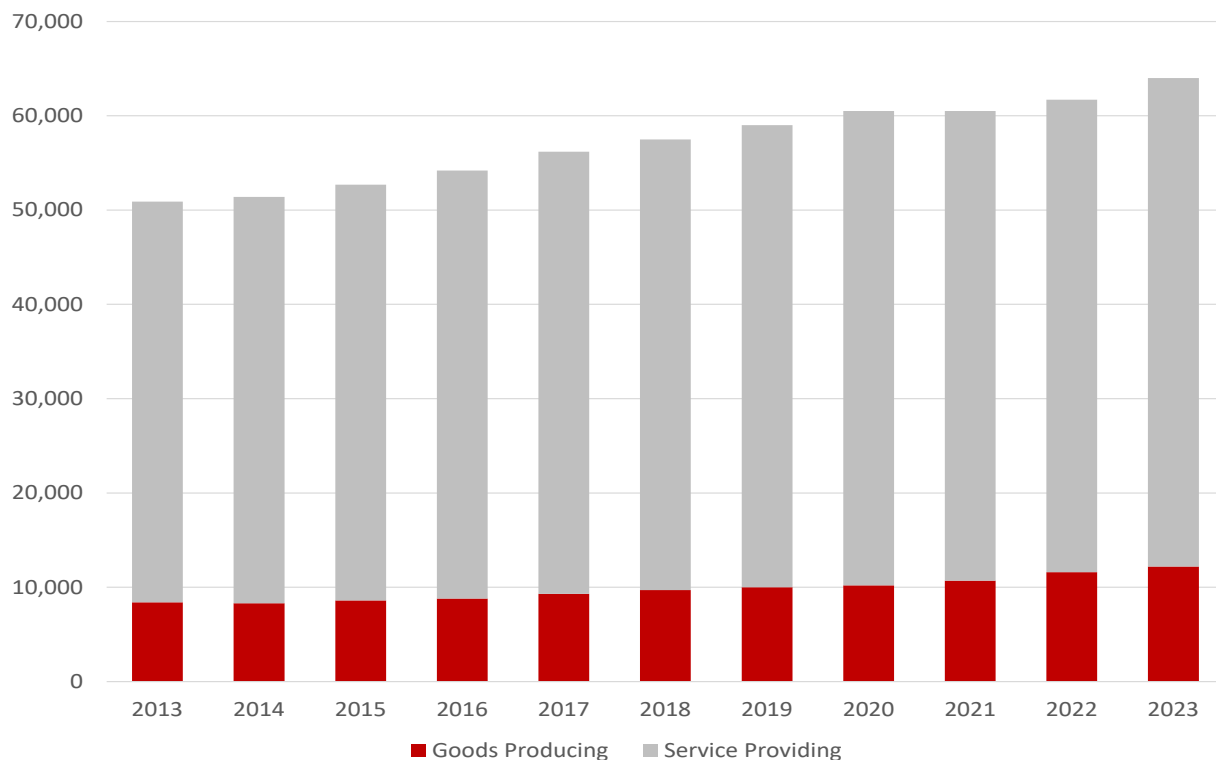
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	64.0	65.1	61.7	-1.1	2.3
Goods Producing	12.2	12.4	11.6	-0.2	0.6
Service Providing	51.8	52.7	50.1	-0.9	1.7
Government	9.2	9.1	8.7	0.1	0.5

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs by Industry Type

January: 2013 - 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	31,683	32,086	32,206	-403	-523
Employment	30,072	30,680	30,308	-608	-236
Unemployment	1,611	1,406	1,898	205	-287
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	4.4%	5.9%	0.7%	-0.8%

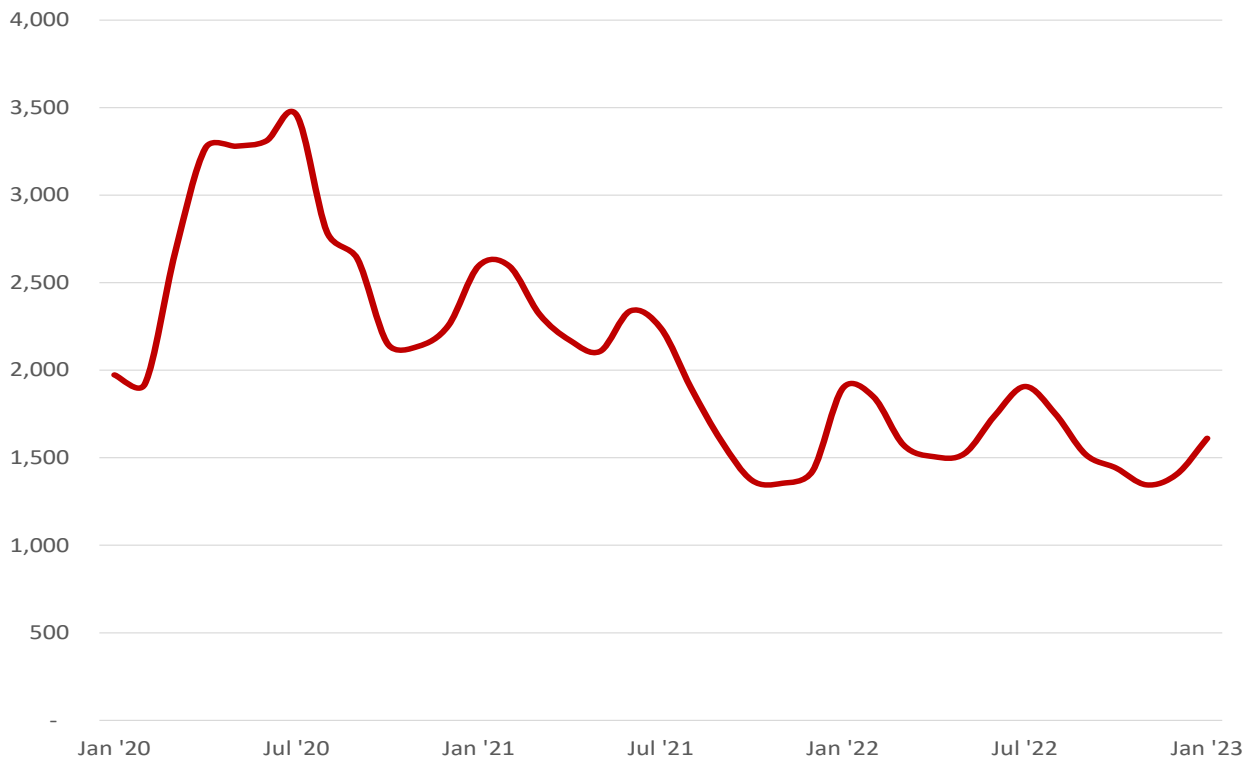
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.3	31.6	30.8	-0.3	0.5
Goods Producing	5.6	5.6	5.2	0.0	0.4
Service Providing	25.7	26.0	25.6	-0.3	0.1
Government	8.5	8.6	8.5	-0.1	0.0

Unemployment

January 2020 - January 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Out-of-State MSA

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

The Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA = Fayette, Shelby, & Tipton counties in Tennessee; Benton, Desoto, Marshall, Tate, & Tunica counties in Mississippi; & Crittenden County in Arkansas.

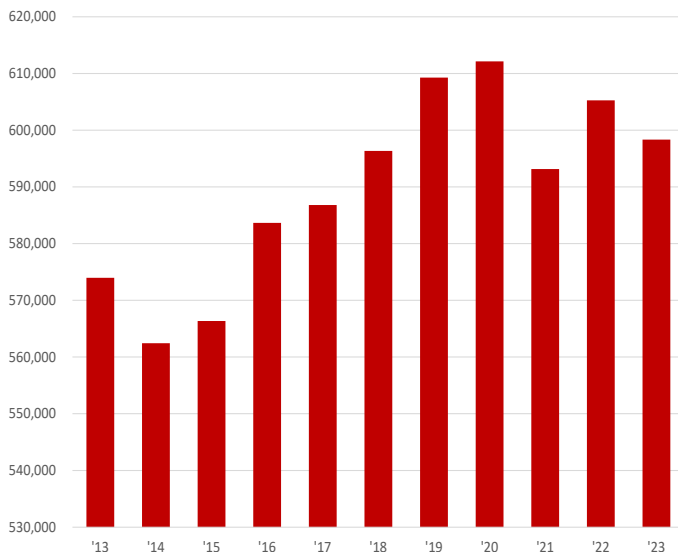
	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	624,405	620,278	636,107	4,127	-11,702
Employment	598,350	598,488	605,260	-138	-6,910
Unemployment	26,055	21,790	30,847	4,265	-4,792
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	3.5%	4.8%	0.7%	-0.6%

Texarkana MSA

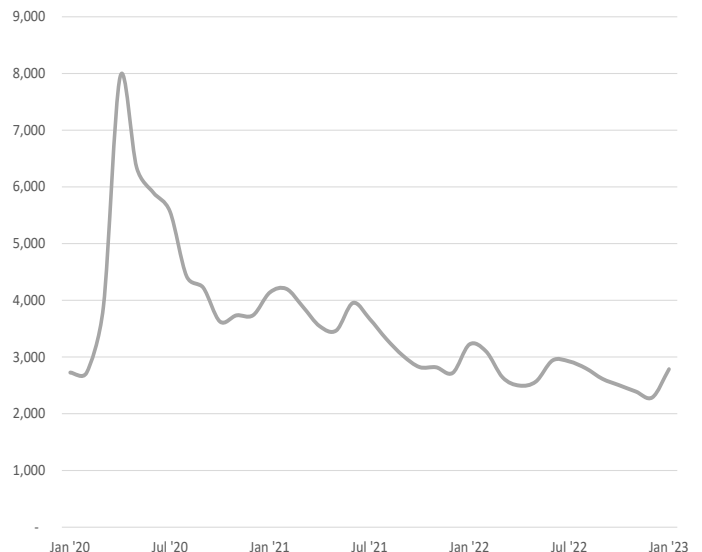
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Jan 23</u>	<u>Dec 22</u>	<u>Jan 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	62,306	62,275	62,335	31	-29
Employment	59,520	59,986	59,113	-466	407
Unemployment	2,786	2,289	3,222	497	-436
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	3.7%	5.2%	0.8%	-0.7%

Memphis MSA - Employment
 January: 2013 - 2023



Texarkana MSA - Unemployment
 January 2020 - January 2023



Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	January 2023				December 2022				January 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,132	7,680	452	5.6	8,421	8,071	350	4.2	8,454	8,044	410	4.8
Batesville Micro	16,437	15,844	593	3.6	16,657	16,172	485	2.9	16,411	15,783	628	3.8
Blytheville Micro	15,953	15,096	857	5.4	16,208	15,481	727	4.5	16,155	15,198	957	5.9
Camden Micro	11,796	11,297	499	4.2	11,916	11,500	416	3.5	11,989	11,500	489	4.1
El Dorado Micro	14,533	13,778	755	5.2	14,698	14,058	640	4.4	14,816	13,989	827	5.6
Forrest City Micro	7,326	6,918	408	5.6	7,330	7,000	330	4.5	7,590	7,164	426	5.6
Harrison Micro	18,812	18,141	671	3.6	18,978	18,459	519	2.7	18,764	18,189	575	3.1
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,456	5,017	439	8.0	5,437	5,076	361	6.6	5,753	5,336	417	7.2
Hope Micro	12,607	12,158	449	3.6	12,694	12,300	394	3.1	12,527	12,017	510	4.1
Magnolia Micro	8,743	8,301	442	5.1	8,904	8,538	366	4.1	8,758	8,299	459	5.2
Malvern Micro	13,724	13,191	533	3.9	13,698	13,294	404	2.9	13,571	13,049	522	3.8
Mountain Home Micro	16,167	15,503	664	4.1	16,386	15,839	547	3.3	16,246	15,607	639	3.9
Paragould Micro	19,472	18,719	753	3.9	19,536	18,978	558	2.9	19,344	18,663	681	3.5
Russellville Micro	34,761	33,232	1,529	4.4	35,496	34,218	1,278	3.6	35,150	33,599	1,551	4.4
Searcy Micro	33,851	32,528	1,323	3.9	34,096	33,086	1,010	3.0	33,813	32,425	1,388	4.1

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	January 2023				December 2022				January 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	13,080	12,641	439	3.4	13,154	12,803	351	2.7	12,637	12,173	464	3.7
Benton	17,868	17,359	509	2.8	17,886	17,458	428	2.4	17,558	17,002	556	3.2
Bentonville	31,670	30,914	756	2.4	31,918	31,309	609	1.9	30,466	29,768	698	2.3
Blytheville	5,366	5,053	313	5.8	5,463	5,182	281	5.1	5,409	5,087	322	6.0
Cabot	12,003	11,663	340	2.8	11,994	11,721	273	2.3	11,870	11,502	368	3.1
Conway	34,759	33,649	1,110	3.2	34,744	33,827	917	2.6	34,067	32,998	1,069	3.1
El Dorado	6,266	5,929	337	5.4	6,372	6,050	322	5.1	6,420	6,020	400	6.2
Fayetteville	51,790	50,417	1,373	2.7	52,153	51,047	1,106	2.1	49,963	48,527	1,436	2.9
Fort Smith	38,020	36,733	1,287	3.4	38,401	37,398	1,003	2.6	37,618	36,248	1,370	3.6
Hot Springs	15,413	14,754	659	4.3	15,570	14,990	580	3.7	15,432	14,691	741	4.8
Jacksonville	11,704	11,200	504	4.3	11,686	11,265	421	3.6	11,518	10,970	548	4.8
Jonesboro	40,351	39,118	1,233	3.1	40,905	39,918	987	2.4	39,685	38,490	1,195	3.0
Little Rock	97,468	94,000	3,468	3.6	97,351	94,547	2,804	2.9	96,050	92,074	3,976	4.1
North Little Rock	30,001	28,906	1,095	3.6	30,023	29,074	949	3.2	29,657	28,313	1,344	4.5
Paragould	12,390	11,897	493	4.0	12,433	12,061	372	3.0	12,339	11,861	478	3.9
Pine Bluff	14,893	14,001	892	6.0	15,112	14,299	813	5.4	15,171	14,077	1,094	7.2
Rogers	38,887	37,926	961	2.5	39,199	38,411	788	2.0	37,504	36,520	984	2.6
Russellville	12,526	11,993	533	4.3	12,802	12,358	444	3.5	12,556	12,088	468	3.7
Searcy	10,177	9,823	354	3.5	10,266	9,991	275	2.7	10,188	9,792	396	3.9
Sherwood	16,291	15,775	516	3.2	16,271	15,867	404	2.5	16,038	15,452	586	3.7
Springdale	41,303	40,262	1,041	2.5	41,560	40,766	794	1.9	39,827	38,754	1,073	2.7
Texarkana, AR	12,648	12,127	521	4.1	12,798	12,347	451	3.5	12,706	12,040	666	5.2
Van Buren	10,127	9,802	325	3.2	10,256	9,976	280	2.7	10,060	9,704	356	3.5
West Memphis	10,012	9,475	537	5.4	10,062	9,647	415	4.1	9,919	9,425	494	5.0

County Labor Force Statistics

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	January 2023				December 2022				January 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,016	8,724	292	3.2	9,281	9,038	243	2.6	9,087	8,705	382	4.2
Ashley	6,567	6,141	426	6.5	6,574	6,215	359	5.5	6,768	6,338	430	6.4
Baxter	16,167	15,503	664	4.1	16,386	15,839	547	3.3	16,246	15,607	639	3.9
Benton	151,495	147,487	4,008	2.6	152,558	149,374	3,184	2.1	145,950	142,021	3,929	2.7
Boone	15,674	15,120	554	3.5	15,828	15,394	434	2.7	15,606	15,144	462	3.0
Bradley	3,936	3,690	246	6.3	3,966	3,755	211	5.3	4,112	3,911	201	4.9
Calhoun	2,304	2,221	83	3.6	2,326	2,256	70	3.0	2,356	2,284	72	3.1
Carroll	11,843	11,381	462	3.9	12,155	11,820	335	2.8	12,055	11,580	475	3.9
Chicot	2,841	2,652	189	6.7	2,807	2,666	141	5.0	3,030	2,794	236	7.8
Clark	8,132	7,680	452	5.6	8,421	8,071	350	4.2	8,454	8,044	410	4.8
Clay	5,211	4,929	282	5.4	5,235	5,021	214	4.1	5,343	5,100	243	4.5
Cleburne	8,691	8,272	419	4.8	8,780	8,447	333	3.8	8,772	8,318	454	5.2
Cleveland	2,996	2,875	121	4.0	3,022	2,924	98	3.2	3,048	2,922	126	4.1
Columbia	8,743	8,301	442	5.1	8,904	8,538	366	4.1	8,758	8,299	459	5.2
Conway	8,299	7,944	355	4.3	8,325	8,051	274	3.3	8,447	8,096	351	4.2
Craighead	57,114	55,392	1,722	3.0	57,876	56,525	1,351	2.3	56,229	54,503	1,726	3.1
Crawford	25,974	25,085	889	3.4	26,233	25,531	702	2.7	25,788	24,835	953	3.7
Crittenden	20,340	19,415	925	4.5	20,510	19,768	742	3.6	20,200	19,314	886	4.4
Cross	6,664	6,387	277	4.2	6,693	6,475	218	3.3	6,988	6,671	317	4.5
Dallas	2,672	2,546	126	4.7	2,674	2,573	101	3.8	2,799	2,682	117	4.2
Desha	4,762	4,498	264	5.5	4,870	4,636	234	4.8	4,908	4,598	310	6.3
Drew	7,343	6,977	366	5.0	7,377	7,078	299	4.1	7,552	7,184	368	4.9
Faulkner	63,170	61,120	2,050	3.2	63,108	61,442	1,666	2.6	61,956	59,937	2,019	3.3
Franklin	7,315	7,057	258	3.5	7,311	7,116	195	2.7	7,334	7,070	264	3.6
Fulton	4,910	4,712	198	4.0	4,900	4,753	147	3.0	4,989	4,814	175	3.5
Garland	41,589	39,871	1,718	4.1	41,932	40,507	1,425	3.4	41,511	39,699	1,812	4.4
Grant	8,407	8,146	261	3.1	8,409	8,194	215	2.6	8,318	8,042	276	3.3
Greene	19,472	18,719	753	3.9	19,536	18,978	558	2.9	19,344	18,663	681	3.5
Hempstead	9,209	8,890	319	3.5	9,270	8,991	279	3.0	9,153	8,804	349	3.8
Hot Spring	13,724	13,191	533	3.9	13,698	13,294	404	2.9	13,571	13,049	522	3.8
Howard	5,152	4,961	191	3.7	5,193	5,032	161	3.1	5,352	5,168	184	3.4
Independence	16,437	15,844	593	3.6	16,657	16,172	485	2.9	16,411	15,783	628	3.8
Izard	4,411	4,149	262	5.9	4,539	4,288	251	5.5	4,339	4,090	249	5.7
Jackson	5,337	4,997	340	6.4	5,338	5,059	279	5.2	5,512	5,194	318	5.8
Jefferson	25,106	23,778	1,328	5.3	25,453	24,283	1,170	4.6	25,484	23,906	1,578	6.2
Johnson	9,908	9,464	444	4.5	10,004	9,638	366	3.7	10,054	9,578	476	4.7
Lafayette	2,250	2,130	120	5.3	2,266	2,153	113	5.0	2,302	2,183	119	5.2
Lawrence	6,734	6,488	246	3.7	6,777	6,569	208	3.1	6,797	6,526	271	4.0
Lee	2,487	2,332	155	6.2	2,444	2,331	113	4.6	2,587	2,444	143	5.5
Lincoln	3,581	3,419	162	4.5	3,611	3,473	138	3.8	3,674	3,480	194	5.3
Little River	5,132	4,920	212	4.1	5,179	5,018	161	3.1	5,127	4,895	232	4.5
Logan	8,038	7,685	353	4.4	8,112	7,828	284	3.5	8,218	7,874	344	4.2
Lonoke	34,090	33,063	1,027	3.0	34,042	33,227	815	2.4	33,692	32,606	1,086	3.2
Madison	7,669	7,457	212	2.8	7,687	7,523	164	2.1	7,545	7,320	225	3.0
Marion	6,180	5,884	296	4.8	6,218	5,990	228	3.7	6,111	5,849	262	4.3
Miller	18,472	17,727	745	4.0	18,651	18,048	603	3.2	18,481	17,600	881	4.8

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County Labor Force Statistics

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	January 2023				December 2022				January 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	15,953	15,096	857	5.4	16,208	15,481	727	4.5	16,155	15,198	957	5.9
Monroe	2,473	2,345	128	5.2	2,491	2,389	102	4.1	2,565	2,421	144	5.6
Montgomery	2,671	2,503	168	6.3	2,608	2,476	132	5.1	2,820	2,648	172	6.1
Nevada	3,398	3,268	130	3.8	3,424	3,309	115	3.4	3,374	3,213	161	4.8
Newton	3,138	3,021	117	3.7	3,150	3,065	85	2.7	3,158	3,045	113	3.6
Ouachita	9,492	9,076	416	4.4	9,590	9,244	346	3.6	9,633	9,216	417	4.3
Perry	4,213	4,040	173	4.1	4,176	4,054	122	2.9	4,172	3,981	191	4.6
Phillips	5,456	5,017	439	8.0	5,437	5,076	361	6.6	5,753	5,336	417	7.2
Pike	3,853	3,701	152	3.9	3,862	3,744	118	3.1	4,111	3,931	180	4.4
Poinsett	9,830	9,443	387	3.9	9,904	9,614	290	2.9	9,804	9,407	397	4.0
Polk	7,685	7,379	306	4.0	7,715	7,458	257	3.3	7,777	7,433	344	4.4
Pope	27,094	25,894	1,200	4.4	27,681	26,682	999	3.6	27,311	26,099	1,212	4.4
Prairie	3,454	3,331	123	3.6	3,482	3,398	84	2.4	3,482	3,365	117	3.4
Pulaski	189,381	182,760	6,621	3.5	189,308	183,822	5,486	2.9	186,758	179,014	7,744	4.1
Randolph	7,044	6,774	270	3.8	7,051	6,833	218	3.1	7,311	7,033	278	3.8
St. Francis	7,326	6,918	408	5.6	7,330	7,000	330	4.5	7,590	7,164	426	5.6
Saline	60,060	58,288	1,772	3.0	60,053	58,618	1,435	2.4	58,886	57,088	1,798	3.1
Scott	4,184	4,058	126	3.0	4,179	4,089	90	2.2	4,136	4,000	136	3.3
Searcy	2,761	2,599	162	5.9	2,731	2,609	122	4.5	2,782	2,631	151	5.4
Sebastian	54,748	52,916	1,832	3.3	55,309	53,874	1,435	2.6	54,146	52,218	1,928	3.6
Sevier	5,322	5,108	214	4.0	5,398	5,218	180	3.3	5,302	5,062	240	4.5
Sharp	5,820	5,538	282	4.8	5,820	5,611	209	3.6	5,712	5,434	278	4.9
Stone	4,394	4,169	225	5.1	4,419	4,244	175	4.0	4,477	4,252	225	5.0
Union	14,533	13,778	755	5.2	14,698	14,058	640	4.4	14,816	13,989	827	5.6
Van Buren	5,878	5,595	283	4.8	5,868	5,632	236	4.0	5,812	5,514	298	5.1
Washington	133,779	130,418	3,361	2.5	134,660	132,048	2,612	1.9	128,977	125,529	3,448	2.7
White	33,851	32,528	1,323	3.9	34,096	33,086	1,010	3.0	33,813	32,425	1,388	4.1
Woodruff	2,761	2,640	121	4.4	2,778	2,690	88	3.2	2,795	2,671	124	4.4
Yell	7,667	7,338	329	4.3	7,815	7,536	279	3.6	7,839	7,500	339	4.3

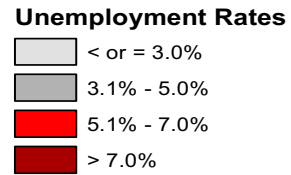
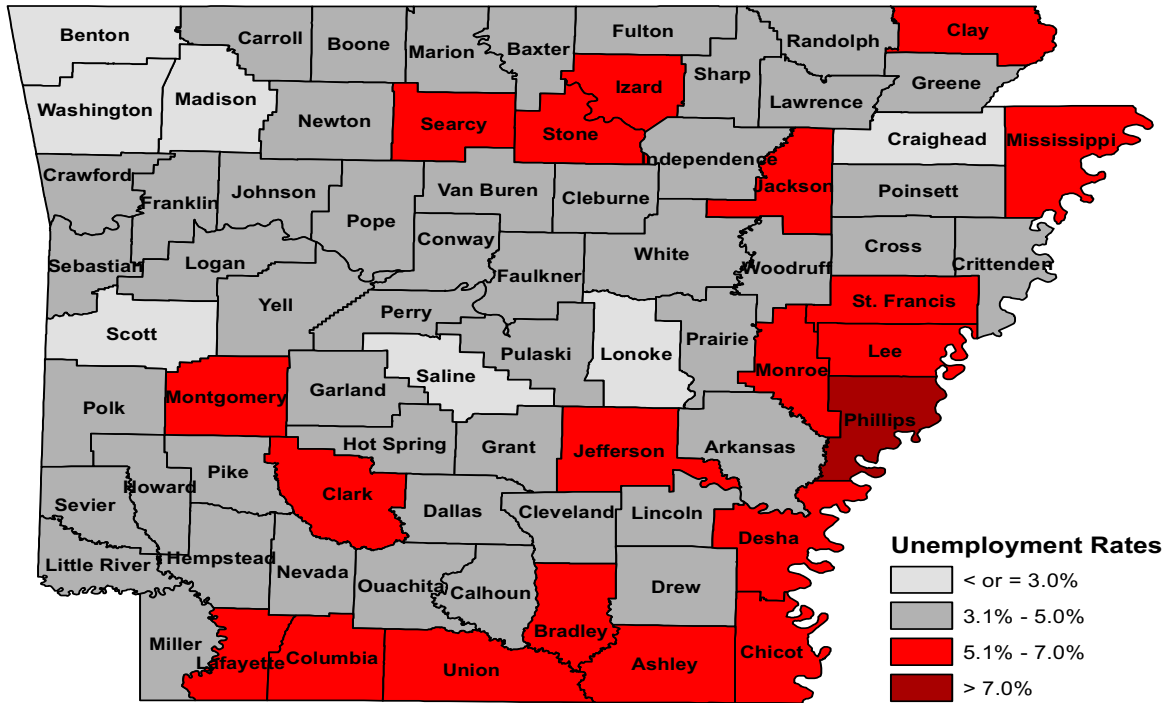
County Labor Force Summary

Between December 2022 and January 2023, unemployment rates increased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.5% in Washington County to a high of 8.0% in Phillips County.

In January, seven counties posted unemployment rates at or below three percent. That is down from 27 counties at or below three percent in December. Only one county-- Phillips County-- reported a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to January 2022, unemployment rates are down in 41 Arkansas counties. Twenty-eight counties posted rate increases over the year, while rates in six counties remained stable. Three counties-- Chicot, Arkansas, and Nevada counties-- had an annual jobless rate decline of over one full percentage point. The largest rate increase occurred in Bradley County, up one and four-tenths of a percentage point compared to January 2022.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

January 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.5	25	Greene	3.9	51	Cleburne	4.8
2	Benton	2.6	25	Hot Spring	3.9	51	Marion	4.8
3	Madison	2.8	25	Pike	3.9	51	Sharp	4.8
4	Craighead	3.0	25	Poinsett	3.9	51	Van Buren	4.8
4	Lonoke	3.0	25	White	3.9	55	Drew	5.0
4	Saline	3.0	31	Cleveland	4.0	56	Columbia	5.1
4	Scott	3.0	31	Fulton	4.0	56	Stone	5.1
8	Grant	3.1	31	Miller	4.0	58	Monroe	5.2
9	Arkansas	3.2	31	Polk	4.0	58	Union	5.2
9	Faulkner	3.2	31	Sevier	4.0	60	Jefferson	5.3
11	Sebastian	3.3	36	Baxter	4.1	60	Lafayette	5.3
12	Crawford	3.4	36	Garland	4.1	62	Clay	5.4
13	Boone	3.5	36	Little River	4.1	62	Mississippi	5.4
13	Franklin	3.5	36	Perry	4.1	64	Desha	5.5
13	Hempstead	3.5	40	Cross	4.2	65	Clark	5.6
13	Pulaski	3.5	41	Conway	4.3	65	St. Francis	5.6
17	Calhoun	3.6	41	Yell	4.3	67	Izard	5.9
17	Independence	3.6	43	Logan	4.4	67	Searcy	5.9
17	Prairie	3.6	43	Ouachita	4.4	69	Lee	6.2
20	Howard	3.7	43	Pope	4.4	70	Bradley	6.3
20	Lawrence	3.7	43	Woodruff	4.4	70	Montgomery	6.3
20	Newton	3.7	47	Crittenden	4.5	72	Jackson	6.4
23	Nevada	3.8	47	Johnson	4.5	73	Ashley	6.5
23	Randolph	3.8	47	Lincoln	4.5	74	Chicot	6.7
25	Carroll	3.9	50	Dallas	4.7	75	Phillips	8.0

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	January 2023				December 2022				January 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	255,160	246,907	8,253	3.2	255,133	248,349	6,784	2.7	251,289	242,357	8,932	3.6
City of Little Rock	97,468	94,000	3,468	3.6	97,351	94,547	2,804	2.9	96,050	92,074	3,976	4.1
Eastern	42,273	40,069	2,204	5.2	42,414	40,650	1,764	4.2	43,118	40,929	2,189	5.1
North Central	92,490	88,444	4,046	4.4	93,195	89,982	3,213	3.4	92,632	88,495	4,137	4.5
Northeast	121,358	116,841	4,517	3.7	122,587	119,021	3,566	2.9	120,983	116,430	4,553	3.8
Northwest	348,706	338,870	9,836	2.8	351,373	343,662	7,711	2.2	338,430	328,726	9,704	2.9
Southeast	74,555	70,900	3,655	4.9	75,370	72,262	3,108	4.1	75,981	71,880	4,101	5.4
Southwest	86,679	82,926	3,753	4.3	87,573	84,438	3,135	3.6	87,453	83,395	4,058	4.6
West Central	127,150	121,626	5,524	4.3	128,522	124,053	4,469	3.5	128,290	122,625	5,665	4.4
Western	107,944	104,180	3,764	3.5	108,859	105,896	2,963	2.7	107,399	103,430	3,969	3.7

