**Arkansas**

**Labor Market Report**

**November 2017**



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**Technical Notes**

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bu- reau 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 num- ber of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data col- lected 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 2016 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 Area (MSA)**

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 unem- ployed. 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. Approxi- mately 800 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 dur- ing the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

**Unemployment**

An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

**Unemployment Rate**

The number of unemployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

**Seasonal Adjustment**

A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally occur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/closing of schools.

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# November Spotlight

### Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

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

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

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

State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)

**-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**3 months ended**

**----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**Category | Mar 16 | Jun 16 | Sep 16 | Dec 16 | Mar 17\***

**----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**Employment Levels**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 1st Quarter 2017

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gross job gains..... | 54,640 | 54,032 | 61,522 | 58,062 | 56,151 |
| Gross job losses.... | 54,408 | 57,902 | 54,893 | 53,892 | 50,773 |
| **Net Change**.......... | **232** | **-3,870** | **6,629** | **4,170** | **5,378** |

**Arkansas’ Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)**

1st Quarter 2015 - 1st Quarter 2017

65,000

63,000

61,000

59,000

57,000

55,000

53,000

51,000

49,000

47,000

45,000

Mar '15 Jun '15 Sep '15 Dec '15 Mar '16 Jun '16 Sep '16 Dec '16 Mar '17

Gross Job Gains

 Gross Job Losses

### Civilian Labor Force Summary

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.6 percent in October to 3.7 percent in Novem- ber. Arkansas’ civilian labor force declined 6,248, a result of 6,784 fewer employed and 536 more un- employed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate was unchanged at 4.1 percent in November.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “The unemployment rate in Arkansas rose slightly in November, brought on by a decline in employment and the size of the civilian labor force. Compared to November 2016, there are currently 36,308 more employed in the State.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Nov 17**1,372,006 | **Oct 17**1,378,254 | **Nov 16**1,338,739 | Civilian Labor Force | **Nov 17**1,358,380 | **Oct 17**1,374,366 | **Nov 16**1,334,504 |
| Employment | 1,321,879 | 1,328,663 | 1,285,571 | Employment | 1,313,197 | 1,330,120 | 1,288,668 |
| Unemployment | 50,127 | 49,591 | 53,168 | Unemployment | 45,183 | 44,246 | 45,836 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 | Unemployment Rate | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.4 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.6 | U.S. Unemployment | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.4 |

5.0

**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted vs. Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

November 2015 - November 2017

4.5

4.0

3.5

3.0

2.5

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 2.0 |  |
|  | Nov '15 | May '16 | Nov '16 | May '17 | Nov '17 |

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

**(NAICS)**

**Nov 17**

**Oct 17**

**Nov 16**

**OTM**

**OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Nonfarm** | 1263.0 | 1264.8 | 1242.0 | -1.8 | 21.0 |
| **Goods Producing** | 220.0 | 220.8 | 212.2 | -0.8 | 7.8 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | 59.2 | 60.1 | 56.2 | -0.9 | 3.0 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **6.1** | **6.0** | **6.1** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Construction** | **53.1** | **54.1** | **50.1** | **-1.0** | **3.0** |
| **Specialty Trade Contractors** | 33.7 | 34.3 | 31.4 | -0.6 | 2.3 |
| **Manufacturing** | **160.8** | **160.7** | **156.0** | **0.1** | **4.8** |
| **Durable Goods** | 73.7 | 73.6 | 73.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 87.1 | 87.1 | 82.4 | 0.0 | 4.7 |
| **Service Providing** | 1043.0 | 1044.0 | 1029.8 | -1.0 | 13.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **257.0** | **254.9** | **254.7** | **2.1** | **2.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 47.9 | 47.8 | 46.2 | 0.1 | 1.7 |
| **Retail Trade** | 144.2 | 142.2 | 143.4 | 2.0 | 0.8 |
| **Transport, Warehousing & Utilities** | 64.9 | 64.9 | 65.1 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Information** | **13.1** | **13.1** | **13.5** | **0.0** | **-0.4** |
| **Financial Activities** | **51.2** | **51.0** | **51.3** | **0.2** | **-0.1** |
| **Finance & Insurance** | 38.1 | 37.9 | 38.2 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| **Real Estate & Rental & Leasing** | 13.1 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **149.9** | **149.9** | **146.2** | **0.0** | **3.7** |
| **Professional, Scientific & Technical** | 45.3 | 44.4 | 42.9 | 0.9 | 2.4 |
| **Management of Companies** | 33.8 | 33.8 | 35.7 | 0.0 | -1.9 |
| **Administrative & Support Services** | 70.8 | 71.7 | 67.6 | -0.9 | 3.2 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **191.7** | **191.3** | **186.0** | **0.4** | **5.7** |
| **Educational Services** | 19.4 | 19.3 | 16.7 | 0.1 | 2.7 |
| **Health Care & Social Assistance** | 172.3 | 172.0 | 169.3 | 0.3 | 3.0 |
| **Ambulatory Health Care** | 59.1 | 59.2 | 55.2 | -0.1 | 3.9 |
| **Social Assistance** | 39.0 | 38.7 | 39.9 | 0.3 | -0.9 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **115.7** | **119.5** | **114.1** | **-3.8** | **1.6** |
| **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** | 9.7 | 10.4 | 9.3 | -0.7 | 0.4 |
| **Accommodation & Food Services** | 106.0 | 109.1 | 104.8 | -3.1 | 1.2 |
| **Accommodation Services** | 12.0 | 12.3 | 11.1 | -0.3 | 0.9 |
| **Food Services** | 94.0 | 96.8 | 93.7 | -2.8 | 0.3 |
| **Other Services** | **49.2** | **50.0** | **48.0** | **-0.8** | **1.2** |
| **Government** | **215.2** | **214.3** | **216.0** | **0.9** | **-0.8** |
| **Federal Government** | 20.2 | 20.2 | 20.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **State Government** | 80.4 | 80.1 | 80.0 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| **Local Government** | 114.6 | 114.0 | 115.6 | 0.6 | -1.0 |

### Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

October 2017 - November 2017

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas declined 1,800 in November to total 1,263,000. Three major industry sectors posted losses, while six increased and two were unchanged. Employment in **leisure and hospi- tality** dropped 3,800. A majority of the decline occurred in food services (-2,800), attributed in part to reported staff reductions and closures at full service restaurants. Jobs in **construction** decreased 1,000, a typical seasonal loss. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 2,100 jobs. Most of the increase occurred in retail trade (+2,000), as stores began temporary hiring for the holiday shopping season.

November 2016 - November 2017

Compared to November 2016, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment is up 21,000. Growth was re- ported in seven major industry sectors, with four adding 3,000 or more jobs, each. Employment in **educational and health services** increased 5,700. Gains were posted in both health care and social assistance (+3,000) and educational services (+2,700). **Manufacturing** added 4,800 jobs, mostly in nondurable goods manufacturing (+4,700). Jobs in **professional and business services** rose 3,700. Increases occurred in administrative-support services (+3,200) and professional-scientific-technical ser- vices (+2,400). **Construction** reported moderate growth, up 3,000. A majority of the expansion was in specialty trade contractors (+2,300). Other notable gains were posted in **trade-transportation- utilities** (+2,300), **leisure and hospitality** (+1,600), and **other services** (+1,200).

180,000

**Jobs in Health Care and Social Assistance (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

November: 2007 - 2017

170,000

160,000

150,000

140,000

130,000

120,000

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

### Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 17** | **Oct 17** | **Nov 16** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 42.7 | 41.2 | 40.6 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 16.17 | 16.13 | 15.57 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 690.46 | 664.56 | 632.14 |

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Nov 17 Oct 17 Nov 16**

Average Weekly Hours 42.3 41.1

Average Hourly Earnings 14.97 14.77

Average Weekly Earnings 633.23 607.05

39.2

14.04

550.37

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 17** | **Oct 17** | **Nov 16** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 43.2 | 41.4 | 42.1 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 17.65 | 17.85 | 17.17 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 762.48 | 738.99 | 722.86 |

$20.00

**Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers**

Durable Goods Manufacturing vs Nondurable Goods Manufacturing November: 2007 - 2017

$19.00

$18.00

$17.00

$16.00

$15.00

$14.00

$13.00

$12.00

$11.00

$10.00

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

### Little Rock-Nor th 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)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 17** | **Oct 17** | **Nov 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 353,321 | 357,970 | 346,511 | -4,649 | 6,810 |
| **Employment** | 342,653 | 347,449 | 335,738 | -4,796 | 6,915 |
| **Unemployment** | 10,668 | 10,521 | 10,773 | 147 | -105 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS****Total Nonfarm** | **Nov 17**357.7 | **Oct 17**357.7 | **Nov 16**355.8 | **OTM**0.0 | **OT Y**1.9 |
| **Goods Producing** | 38.4 | 38.4 | 36.6 | 0.0 | 1.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **18.3** | **18.4** | **16.5** | **-0.1** | **1.8** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.1** | **20.0** | **20.1** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Service Providing** | 319.3 | 319.3 | 319.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **70.4** | **70.0** | **71.5** | **0.4** | **-1.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 14.8 | 14.9 | 15.0 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** | 39.5 | 39.1 | 40.5 | 0.4 | -1.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 16.1 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Information** | **6.0** | **6.0** | **6.3** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.5** | **20.5** | **20.4** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **47.4** | **47.1** | **47.8** | **0.3** | **-0.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **57.8** | **57.6** | **55.1** | **0.2** | **2.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **32.2** | **33.2** | **32.9** | **-1.0** | **-0.7** |
| **Other Services** | **14.7** | **14.8** | **14.5** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **70.3** | **70.1** | **70.7** | **0.2** | **-0.4** |
| **Federal Government** | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 35.5 | 35.4 | 35.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Local Government** | 25.1 | 25.0 | 25.7 | 0.1 | -0.6 |

**Employment**

January 2015 - November 2017

360,000

**Jobs in Goods Producing Industries**

November: 2007 - 2017

50,000

350,000

45,000

340,000

40,000

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330,000

35,000

320,000

30,000

310,000

25,000

300,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

 2015 2016 2017

20,000

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

### Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA= Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas & McDonald county in Missouri.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 17** | **Oct 17** | **Nov 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 275,998 | 279,460 | 266,181 | -3,462 | 9,817 |
| **Employment** | 269,028 | 272,685 | 259,568 | -3,657 | 9,460 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,970 | 6,775 | 6,613 | 195 | 357 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS****Total Nonfarm** | **Nov 17**258.3 | **Oct 17**257.9 | **Nov 16**251.9 | **OTM**0.4 | **OT Y**6.4 |
| **Goods Producing** | 39.4 | 39.2 | 38.1 | 0.2 | 1.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **11.1** | **11.0** | **10.4** | **0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Manufacturing** | **28.3** | **28.2** | **27.7** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Service Providing** | 218.9 | 218.7 | 213.8 | 0.2 | 5.1 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **56.7** | **56.3** | **56.2** | **0.4** | **0.5** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 12.9 | 12.8 | 12.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Retail Trade** | 26.1 | 25.8 | 26.5 | 0.3 | -0.4 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 17.7 | 17.7 | 17.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| **Information** | **1.9** | **1.9** | **1.9** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **8.0** | **8.0** | **7.8** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **52.5** | **52.5** | **51.7** | **0.0** | **0.8** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **29.0** | **28.9** | **27.9** | **0.1** | **1.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **25.9** | **26.4** | **24.8** | **-0.5** | **1.1** |
| **Other Services** | **7.8** | **7.8** | **7.6** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **37.1** | **36.9** | **35.9** | **0.2** | **1.2** |
| **Federal Government** | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.5 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 15.4 | 15.3 | 14.5 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| **Local Government** | 19.2 | 19.0 | 18.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

November 2014 - November 2017

270,000

260,000

250,000

240,000

230,000

220,000

210,000

Nov '14 May '15 Nov '15 May '16 Nov '16 May '17 Nov '17

### Fort Smith MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 17** | **Oct 17** | **Nov 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 121,824 | 122,459 | 120,573 | -635 | 1,251 |
| **Employment** | 117,129 | 117,689 | 115,572 | -560 | 1,557 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,695 | 4,770 | 5,001 | -75 | -306 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 0.0 | -0.2 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

**Service Providing**

**Trade, Transportation & Utilities**

**Wholesale Trade Retail Trade**

**Trans., Warehousing & Utilities**

**Information Financial Activities**

**Professional & Business Services Educational & Health Services Leisure & Hospitality**

**Other Services Government**

**Federal Government State Government Local Government**

91.5

**23.2**

4.0

12.7

6.5

**1.3**

**3.8**

**13.7**

**16.9**

**9.5**

**4.3**

**18.8**

1.3

3.2

14.3

91.2

**22.9**

4.0

12.4

6.5

**1.3**

**3.8**

**13.7**

**16.8**

**9.6**

**4.3**

**18.8**

1.3

3.2

14.3

91.2

**23.8**

3.9

13.2

6.7

**1.2**

**3.8**

**13.1**

**16.8**

**9.5**

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**18.7**

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-0.5

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS****Total Nonfarm** | **Nov 17** | **Oct 17** | **Nov 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 114.5 | 114.1 | 114.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| **Goods Producing** | 23.0 | 22.9 | 23.2 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.3** | **5.3** | **5.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Manufacturing** | **17.7** | **17.6** | **17.8** | **0.1** | **-0.1** |

**Number of Unemployed**

November: 2007 - 2017

12,000

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services**

January 2015 - November 2017

14,000

10,000

13,500

8,000

13,000

12,500

6,000

12,000

4,000

11,500

2,000

11,000

0

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

10,500 J F M A M J J A S O N D

 2015 2016 2017

### Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 17** | **Oct 17** | **Nov 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 39,980 | 40,477 | 39,108 | -497 | 872 |
| **Employment** | 38,532 | 39,022 | 37,552 | -490 | 980 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,448 | 1,455 | 1,556 | -7 | -108 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 0.0 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 17** | **Oct 17** | **Nov 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 37.7 | 37.9 | 37.3 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 33.1 | 33.3 | 32.9 | -0.2 | 0.2 |
| 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

9.0

**Unemployment Rates**

November: 1997 - 2017

8.0

7.0

6.0

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

0.0

'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

### Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 17** | **Oct 17** | **Nov 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,002 | 64,468 | 62,303 | -466 | 1,699 |
| **Employment** | 62,194 | 62,682 | 60,507 | -488 | 1,687 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,808 | 1,786 | 1,796 | 22 | 12 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 17** | **Oct 17** | **Nov 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 57.7 | 57.4 | 56.8 | 0.3 | 0.9 |
| 9.5 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 48.2 | 48.0 | 47.6 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

60,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

November 2014 - November 2017

59,000

58,000

57,000

56,000

55,000

54,000

53,000

52,000

51,000

50,000

Nov '14 May '15 Nov '15 May '16 Nov '16 May '17 Nov '17

### Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 17** | **Oct 17** | **Nov 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 35,736 | 36,130 | 35,730 | -394 | 6 |
| **Employment** | 34,124 | 34,557 | 34,117 | -433 | 7 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,612 | 1,573 | 1,613 | 39 | -1 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 17** | **Oct 17** | **Nov 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.3 | 33.3 | 33.8 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| 5.9 | 6.0 | 6.1 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| 27.4 | 27.3 | 27.7 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.7 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

33,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

November: 2007 - 2017

32,000

31,000

30,000

29,000

28,000

27,000

26,000

25,000

24,000

23,000

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

### 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.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 17** | **Oct 17** | **Nov 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 633,932 | 630,622 | 628,951 | 3,310 | 4,981 |
| **Employment** | 609,057 | 607,468 | 596,855 | 1,589 | 12,202 |
| **Unemployment** | 24,875 | 23,154 | 32,096 | 1,721 | -7,221 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9 | 3.7 | 5.1 | 0.2 | -1.2 |

Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 17** | **Oct 17** | **Nov 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,075 | 64,720 | 65,003 | 355 | 72 |
| **Employment** | 62,466 | 62,242 | 62,122 | 224 | 344 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,609 | 2,478 | 2,881 | 131 | -272 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 0.2 | -0.4 |

70,000

**Number of Unemployed - Memphis MSA**

November: 2007 - 2017

64,000

**Employment- Texarkana MSA**

January 2015 - November 2017

60,000

63,000

50,000

62,000

40,000

61,000

30,000

60,000

20,000

59,000

10,000

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

58,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

 2015 2016 2017

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**November 2017**

**October 2017**

**November 2016**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Micro Area**Arkadelphia Micro | **CLF**9,726 | **Emp**9,393 | **Unemp**333 | **Rate**3.4 | **CLF**9,852 | **Emp**9,498 | **Unemp**354 | **Rate**3.6 | **CLF**9,602 | **Emp**9,260 | **Unemp**342 | **Rate**3.6 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,333 | 15,723 | 610 | 3.7 | 16,450 | 15,852 | 598 | 3.6 | 15,819 | 15,157 | 662 | 4.2 |
| Blytheville Micro | 18,098 | 17,242 | 856 | 4.7 | 18,490 | 17,673 | 817 | 4.4 | 18,289 | 17,283 | 1,006 | 5.5 |
| Camden Micro | 12,172 | 11,672 | 500 | 4.1 | 12,344 | 11,847 | 497 | 4.0 | 12,067 | 11,554 | 513 | 4.3 |
| El Dorado Micro | 16,028 | 15,268 | 760 | 4.7 | 16,202 | 15,464 | 738 | 4.6 | 16,095 | 15,331 | 764 | 4.7 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,411 | 8,021 | 390 | 4.6 | 8,526 | 8,142 | 384 | 4.5 | 8,733 | 8,341 | 392 | 4.5 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,220 | 18,592 | 628 | 3.3 | 19,338 | 18,741 | 597 | 3.1 | 19,322 | 18,702 | 620 | 3.2 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,471 | 6,102 | 369 | 5.7 | 6,562 | 6,208 | 354 | 5.4 | 6,556 | 6,231 | 325 | 5.0 |
| Hope Micro | 13,612 | 13,192 | 420 | 3.1 | 13,794 | 13,375 | 419 | 3.0 | 13,578 | 13,139 | 439 | 3.2 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,173 | 8,769 | 404 | 4.4 | 9,271 | 8,884 | 387 | 4.2 | 9,212 | 8,743 | 469 | 5.1 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,253 | 13,777 | 476 | 3.3 | 14,428 | 13,950 | 478 | 3.3 | 13,991 | 13,516 | 475 | 3.4 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,631 | 15,974 | 657 | 4.0 | 16,720 | 16,092 | 628 | 3.8 | 15,898 | 15,283 | 615 | 3.9 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,932 | 19,289 | 643 | 3.2 | 20,153 | 19,519 | 634 | 3.1 | 19,668 | 18,914 | 754 | 3.8 |
| Russellville Micro | 38,576 | 37,086 | 1,490 | 3.9 | 39,033 | 37,614 | 1,419 | 3.6 | 38,022 | 36,576 | 1,446 | 3.8 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,966 | 32,622 | 1,344 | 4.0 | 34,275 | 32,996 | 1,279 | 3.7 | 33,805 | 32,389 | 1,416 | 4.2 |

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)

**November 2017**

**October 2017**

**November 2016**



|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **City**Bella Vista | **CLF**12,598 | **Emp**12,170 | **Unemp**428 | **Rate**3.4 | **CLF**12,772 | **Emp**12,338 | **Unemp**434 | **Rate**3.4 | **CLF**12,089 | **Emp**11,718 | **Unemp**371 | **Rate**3.1 |
| Benton | 16,482 | 16,023 | 459 | 2.8 | 16,667 | 16,242 | 425 | 2.5 | 16,154 | 15,693 | 461 | 2.9 |
| Bentonville | 24,844 | 24,188 | 656 | 2.6 | 25,197 | 24,521 | 676 | 2.7 | 23,806 | 23,290 | 516 | 2.2 |
| Blytheville | 6,214 | 5,878 | 336 | 5.4 | 6,334 | 6,025 | 309 | 4.9 | 6,251 | 5,892 | 359 | 5.7 |
| Cabot | 11,785 | 11,442 | 343 | 2.9 | 11,961 | 11,613 | 348 | 2.9 | 11,563 | 11,235 | 328 | 2.8 |
| Conway | 33,378 | 32,339 | 1,039 | 3.1 | 33,758 | 32,776 | 982 | 2.9 | 32,763 | 31,693 | 1,070 | 3.3 |
| El Dorado | 6,959 | 6,609 | 350 | 5.0 | 7,053 | 6,694 | 359 | 5.1 | 7,010 | 6,636 | 374 | 5.3 |
| Fayetteville | 48,308 | 47,155 | 1,153 | 2.4 | 48,849 | 47,773 | 1,076 | 2.2 | 46,514 | 45,408 | 1,106 | 2.4 |
| Fort Smith | 40,515 | 39,172 | 1,343 | 3.3 | 40,906 | 39,591 | 1,315 | 3.2 | 39,869 | 38,613 | 1,256 | 3.2 |
| Hot Springs | 13,955 | 13,399 | 556 | 4.0 | 14,134 | 13,570 | 564 | 4.0 | 13,647 | 13,059 | 588 | 4.3 |
| Jacksonville | 11,833 | 11,367 | 466 | 3.9 | 11,990 | 11,526 | 464 | 3.9 | 11,590 | 11,132 | 458 | 4.0 |
| Jonesboro | 37,673 | 36,659 | 1,014 | 2.7 | 37,938 | 36,934 | 1,004 | 2.6 | 36,638 | 35,634 | 1,004 | 2.7 |
| Little Rock | 97,468 | 94,524 | 2,944 | 3.0 | 98,783 | 95,846 | 2,937 | 3.0 | 95,556 | 92,572 | 2,984 | 3.1 |
| North Little Rock | 30,166 | 29,148 | 1,018 | 3.4 | 30,559 | 29,556 | 1,003 | 3.3 | 29,526 | 28,546 | 980 | 3.3 |
| Paragould | 12,492 | 12,062 | 430 | 3.4 | 12,631 | 12,205 | 426 | 3.4 | 12,360 | 11,827 | 533 | 4.3 |
| Pine Bluff | 17,023 | 16,122 | 901 | 5.3 | 17,194 | 16,330 | 864 | 5.0 | 16,978 | 16,104 | 874 | 5.1 |
| Rogers | 35,261 | 34,362 | 899 | 2.5 | 35,732 | 34,836 | 896 | 2.5 | 33,933 | 33,086 | 847 | 2.5 |
| Russellville | 13,828 | 13,327 | 501 | 3.6 | 13,986 | 13,511 | 475 | 3.4 | 13,574 | 13,129 | 445 | 3.3 |
| Searcy | 10,418 | 10,069 | 349 | 3.3 | 10,534 | 10,184 | 350 | 3.3 | 10,362 | 9,997 | 365 | 3.5 |
| Sherwood | 15,694 | 15,285 | 409 | 2.6 | 15,912 | 15,498 | 414 | 2.6 | 15,398 | 14,969 | 429 | 2.8 |
| Springdale | 40,019 | 39,093 | 926 | 2.3 | 40,508 | 39,608 | 900 | 2.2 | 38,539 | 37,645 | 894 | 2.3 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,992 | 13,418 | 574 | 4.1 | 14,014 | 13,444 | 570 | 4.1 | 13,775 | 13,216 | 559 | 4.1 |
| Van Buren | 10,475 | 10,120 | 355 | 3.4 | 10,559 | 10,237 | 322 | 3.0 | 10,296 | 9,986 | 310 | 3.0 |
| West Memphis | 10,838 | 10,392 | 446 | 4.1 | 10,854 | 10,432 | 422 | 3.9 | 10,687 | 10,175 | 512 | 4.8 |

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| **County**Arkansas | **CLF**9,037 | **Emp**8,752 | **Unemp**285 | **Rate**3.2 | **CLF**9,230 | **Emp**8,963 | **Unemp**267 | **Rate**2.9 | **CLF**9,245 | **Emp**8,945 | **Unemp**300 | **Rate**3.2 |
| Ashley | 7,731 | 7,356 | 375 | 4.9 | 7,881 | 7,509 | 372 | 4.7 | 7,864 | 7,422 | 442 | 5.6 |
| Baxter | 16,631 | 15,974 | 657 | 4.0 | 16,720 | 16,092 | 628 | 3.8 | 15,898 | 15,283 | 615 | 3.9 |
| Benton | 132,575 | 129,004 | 3,571 | 2.7 | 134,345 | 130,782 | 3,563 | 2.7 | 127,465 | 124,215 | 3,250 | 2.5 |
| Boone | 15,858 | 15,329 | 529 | 3.3 | 15,950 | 15,456 | 494 | 3.1 | 15,919 | 15,414 | 505 | 3.2 |
| Bradley | 4,485 | 4,315 | 170 | 3.8 | 4,577 | 4,405 | 172 | 3.8 | 4,522 | 4,314 | 208 | 4.6 |
| Calhoun | 2,374 | 2,287 | 87 | 3.7 | 2,410 | 2,325 | 85 | 3.5 | 2,355 | 2,273 | 82 | 3.5 |
| Carroll | 13,075 | 12,709 | 366 | 2.8 | 13,417 | 13,071 | 346 | 2.6 | 12,950 | 12,562 | 388 | 3.0 |
| Chicot | 3,421 | 3,210 | 211 | 6.2 | 3,499 | 3,291 | 208 | 5.9 | 3,508 | 3,303 | 205 | 5.8 |
| Clark | 9,726 | 9,393 | 333 | 3.4 | 9,852 | 9,498 | 354 | 3.6 | 9,602 | 9,260 | 342 | 3.6 |
| Clay | 5,857 | 5,619 | 238 | 4.1 | 5,916 | 5,701 | 215 | 3.6 | 5,939 | 5,665 | 274 | 4.6 |
| Cleburne | 9,357 | 8,954 | 403 | 4.3 | 9,448 | 9,041 | 407 | 4.3 | 9,371 | 8,918 | 453 | 4.8 |
| Cleveland | 3,304 | 3,179 | 125 | 3.8 | 3,349 | 3,218 | 131 | 3.9 | 3,319 | 3,189 | 130 | 3.9 |
| Columbia | 9,173 | 8,769 | 404 | 4.4 | 9,271 | 8,884 | 387 | 4.2 | 9,212 | 8,743 | 469 | 5.1 |
| Conway | 8,259 | 7,932 | 327 | 4.0 | 8,361 | 8,033 | 328 | 3.9 | 8,297 | 7,895 | 402 | 4.8 |
| Craighead | 53,576 | 52,147 | 1,429 | 2.7 | 53,938 | 52,537 | 1,401 | 2.6 | 52,108 | 50,688 | 1,420 | 2.7 |
| Crawford | 26,889 | 26,000 | 889 | 3.3 | 27,161 | 26,301 | 860 | 3.2 | 26,524 | 25,656 | 868 | 3.3 |
| Crittenden | 21,926 | 21,115 | 811 | 3.7 | 21,996 | 21,197 | 799 | 3.6 | 21,549 | 20,674 | 875 | 4.1 |
| Cross | 7,731 | 7,450 | 281 | 3.6 | 7,852 | 7,585 | 267 | 3.4 | 7,909 | 7,593 | 316 | 4.0 |
| Dallas | 2,934 | 2,818 | 116 | 4.0 | 2,967 | 2,848 | 119 | 4.0 | 2,922 | 2,800 | 122 | 4.2 |
| Desha | 5,437 | 5,212 | 225 | 4.1 | 5,575 | 5,361 | 214 | 3.8 | 5,450 | 5,196 | 254 | 4.7 |
| Drew | 7,963 | 7,608 | 355 | 4.5 | 8,062 | 7,723 | 339 | 4.2 | 8,008 | 7,617 | 391 | 4.9 |
| Faulkner | 60,821 | 58,957 | 1,864 | 3.1 | 61,547 | 59,753 | 1,794 | 2.9 | 59,699 | 57,780 | 1,919 | 3.2 |
| Franklin | 7,476 | 7,239 | 237 | 3.2 | 7,552 | 7,326 | 226 | 3.0 | 7,227 | 6,981 | 246 | 3.4 |
| Fulton | 4,709 | 4,531 | 178 | 3.8 | 4,696 | 4,530 | 166 | 3.5 | 4,658 | 4,480 | 178 | 3.8 |
| Garland | 39,980 | 38,532 | 1,448 | 3.6 | 40,477 | 39,022 | 1,455 | 3.6 | 39,108 | 37,552 | 1,556 | 4.0 |
| Grant | 8,357 | 8,111 | 246 | 2.9 | 8,481 | 8,248 | 233 | 2.7 | 8,220 | 7,962 | 258 | 3.1 |
| Greene | 19,932 | 19,289 | 643 | 3.2 | 20,153 | 19,519 | 634 | 3.1 | 19,668 | 18,914 | 754 | 3.8 |
| Hempstead | 9,929 | 9,627 | 302 | 3.0 | 10,068 | 9,765 | 303 | 3.0 | 9,917 | 9,594 | 323 | 3.3 |
| Hot Spring | 14,253 | 13,777 | 476 | 3.3 | 14,428 | 13,950 | 478 | 3.3 | 13,991 | 13,516 | 475 | 3.4 |
| Howard | 5,760 | 5,602 | 158 | 2.7 | 5,911 | 5,756 | 155 | 2.6 | 5,777 | 5,607 | 170 | 2.9 |
| Independence | 16,333 | 15,723 | 610 | 3.7 | 16,450 | 15,852 | 598 | 3.6 | 15,819 | 15,157 | 662 | 4.2 |
| Izard | 4,964 | 4,700 | 264 | 5.3 | 4,953 | 4,739 | 214 | 4.3 | 5,015 | 4,769 | 246 | 4.9 |
| Jackson | 5,880 | 5,587 | 293 | 5.0 | 5,999 | 5,710 | 289 | 4.8 | 6,018 | 5,704 | 314 | 5.2 |
| Jefferson | 28,401 | 27,067 | 1,334 | 4.7 | 28,713 | 27,417 | 1,296 | 4.5 | 28,352 | 27,037 | 1,315 | 4.6 |
| Johnson | 10,879 | 10,464 | 415 | 3.8 | 10,907 | 10,496 | 411 | 3.8 | 10,514 | 10,100 | 414 | 3.9 |
| Lafayette | 2,498 | 2,382 | 116 | 4.6 | 2,502 | 2,387 | 115 | 4.6 | 2,608 | 2,475 | 133 | 5.1 |
| Lawrence | 7,000 | 6,770 | 230 | 3.3 | 7,083 | 6,851 | 232 | 3.3 | 6,966 | 6,716 | 250 | 3.6 |
| Lee | 2,975 | 2,852 | 123 | 4.1 | 3,044 | 2,917 | 127 | 4.2 | 3,064 | 2,936 | 128 | 4.2 |
| Lincoln | 4,031 | 3,878 | 153 | 3.8 | 4,068 | 3,922 | 146 | 3.6 | 4,059 | 3,891 | 168 | 4.1 |
| Little River | 5,700 | 5,434 | 266 | 4.7 | 5,712 | 5,460 | 252 | 4.4 | 5,588 | 5,351 | 237 | 4.2 |
| Logan | 8,931 | 8,630 | 301 | 3.4 | 9,055 | 8,754 | 301 | 3.3 | 9,033 | 8,700 | 333 | 3.7 |
| Lonoke | 33,514 | 32,514 | 1,000 | 3.0 | 33,978 | 33,002 | 976 | 2.9 | 32,917 | 31,927 | 990 | 3.0 |
| Madison | 7,524 | 7,335 | 189 | 2.5 | 7,631 | 7,441 | 190 | 2.5 | 7,323 | 7,127 | 196 | 2.7 |
| Marion | 6,537 | 6,302 | 235 | 3.6 | 6,564 | 6,343 | 221 | 3.4 | 6,486 | 6,253 | 233 | 3.6 |
| Miller | 20,198 | 19,421 | 777 | 3.8 | 20,244 | 19,459 | 785 | 3.9 | 19,888 | 19,129 | 759 | 3.8 |

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| **County**Mississippi | **CLF**18,098 | **Emp**17,242 | **Unemp**856 | **Rate**4.7 | **CLF**18,490 | **Emp**17,673 | **Unemp**817 | **Rate**4.4 | **CLF**18,289 | **Emp**17,283 | **Unemp**1,006 | **Rate**5.5 |
| Monroe | 2,748 | 2,631 | 117 | 4.3 | 2,825 | 2,717 | 108 | 3.8 | 2,770 | 2,641 | 129 | 4.7 |
| Montgomery | 3,075 | 2,941 | 134 | 4.4 | 3,144 | 3,007 | 137 | 4.4 | 2,847 | 2,711 | 136 | 4.8 |
| Nevada | 3,683 | 3,565 | 118 | 3.2 | 3,726 | 3,610 | 116 | 3.1 | 3,661 | 3,545 | 116 | 3.2 |
| Newton | 3,362 | 3,263 | 99 | 2.9 | 3,388 | 3,285 | 103 | 3.0 | 3,403 | 3,288 | 115 | 3.4 |
| Ouachita | 9,798 | 9,385 | 413 | 4.2 | 9,934 | 9,522 | 412 | 4.1 | 9,712 | 9,281 | 431 | 4.4 |
| Perry | 4,211 | 4,049 | 162 | 3.8 | 4,254 | 4,097 | 157 | 3.7 | 4,146 | 3,980 | 166 | 4.0 |
| Phillips | 6,471 | 6,102 | 369 | 5.7 | 6,562 | 6,208 | 354 | 5.4 | 6,556 | 6,231 | 325 | 5.0 |
| Pike | 4,262 | 4,096 | 166 | 3.9 | 4,311 | 4,151 | 160 | 3.7 | 4,148 | 3,985 | 163 | 3.9 |
| Poinsett | 10,426 | 10,047 | 379 | 3.6 | 10,530 | 10,145 | 385 | 3.7 | 10,195 | 9,819 | 376 | 3.7 |
| Polk | 8,016 | 7,703 | 313 | 3.9 | 8,013 | 7,704 | 309 | 3.9 | 8,190 | 7,846 | 344 | 4.2 |
| Pope | 29,724 | 28,545 | 1,179 | 4.0 | 30,058 | 28,939 | 1,119 | 3.7 | 29,233 | 28,122 | 1,111 | 3.8 |
| Prairie | 3,719 | 3,575 | 144 | 3.9 | 3,774 | 3,642 | 132 | 3.5 | 3,612 | 3,487 | 125 | 3.5 |
| Pulaski | 189,317 | 183,516 | 5,801 | 3.1 | 191,889 | 186,082 | 5,807 | 3.0 | 185,585 | 179,725 | 5,860 | 3.2 |
| Randolph | 7,077 | 6,807 | 270 | 3.8 | 7,146 | 6,889 | 257 | 3.6 | 6,468 | 6,207 | 261 | 4.0 |
| St. Francis | 8,411 | 8,021 | 390 | 4.6 | 8,526 | 8,142 | 384 | 4.5 | 8,733 | 8,341 | 392 | 4.5 |
| Saline | 57,101 | 55,506 | 1,595 | 2.8 | 57,821 | 56,267 | 1,554 | 2.7 | 55,944 | 54,364 | 1,580 | 2.8 |
| Scott | 4,512 | 4,354 | 158 | 3.5 | 4,570 | 4,413 | 157 | 3.4 | 4,416 | 4,281 | 135 | 3.1 |
| Searcy | 2,881 | 2,755 | 126 | 4.4 | 2,897 | 2,773 | 124 | 4.3 | 3,039 | 2,918 | 121 | 4.0 |
| Sebastian | 58,179 | 56,237 | 1,942 | 3.3 | 58,741 | 56,838 | 1,903 | 3.2 | 57,281 | 55,435 | 1,846 | 3.2 |
| Sevier | 5,687 | 5,446 | 241 | 4.2 | 5,732 | 5,499 | 233 | 4.1 | 5,665 | 5,409 | 256 | 4.5 |
| Sharp | 6,048 | 5,800 | 248 | 4.1 | 6,102 | 5,844 | 258 | 4.2 | 5,985 | 5,697 | 288 | 4.8 |
| Stone | 4,788 | 4,586 | 202 | 4.2 | 4,824 | 4,631 | 193 | 4.0 | 4,712 | 4,490 | 222 | 4.7 |
| Union | 16,028 | 15,268 | 760 | 4.7 | 16,202 | 15,464 | 738 | 4.6 | 16,095 | 15,331 | 764 | 4.7 |
| Van Buren | 5,902 | 5,612 | 290 | 4.9 | 5,940 | 5,654 | 286 | 4.8 | 5,880 | 5,541 | 339 | 5.8 |
| Washington | 125,168 | 122,291 | 2,877 | 2.3 | 126,682 | 123,896 | 2,786 | 2.2 | 120,534 | 117,761 | 2,773 | 2.3 |
| White | 33,966 | 32,622 | 1,344 | 4.0 | 34,275 | 32,996 | 1,279 | 3.7 | 33,805 | 32,389 | 1,416 | 4.2 |
| Woodruff | 2,971 | 2,837 | 134 | 4.5 | 3,044 | 2,917 | 127 | 4.2 | 2,956 | 2,823 | 133 | 4.5 |
| Yell | 8,852 | 8,541 | 311 | 3.5 | 8,975 | 8,675 | 300 | 3.3 | 8,789 | 8,454 | 335 | 3.8 |

### County Labor Force Summary

Between October and November, unemployment rates increased in fifty-five of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates were stable in thirteen counties, while seven counties posted rate declines. Job- less rates ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.2 percent in Chicot County.

In November, forty-nine counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down from 53 counties at or below four percent in October. For the 9th consecutive month, no county in Arkansas reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to November 2016, unemployment rates are down in 47 counties. Fifteen counties reported higher rates over-the-year, while 13 counties were the same.

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**Madison**

**Washington**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

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**Pike**

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**Clark**

**Sevier**

**Dallas**

**Lincoln**

**Cleveland**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada**

**Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

**Bradley**

**Miller**

**Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

**Lafayette**

### Ranked by Unemployment Rates

November 2017- Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**1 | **County**Washington | **Rate**2.3 | **Rank**25 | **County**Yell | **Rate**3.5 | **Rank**50 | **County**Desha | **Rate**4.1 |
| 2 | Madison | 2.5 | 27 | Cross | 3.6 | 50 | Lee | 4.1 |
| 3 | Benton | 2.7 | 27 | Garland | 3.6 | 50 | Sharp | 4.1 |
| 3 | Craighead | 2.7 | 27 | Marion | 3.6 | 54 | Ouachita | 4.2 |
| 3 | Howard | 2.7 | 27 | Poinsett | 3.6 | 54 | Sevier | 4.2 |
| 6 | Carroll | 2.8 | 31 | Calhoun | 3.7 | 54 | Stone | 4.2 |
| 6 | Saline | 2.8 | 31 | Crittenden | 3.7 | 57 | Cleburne | 4.3 |
| 8 | Grant | 2.9 | 31 | Independence | 3.7 | 57 | Monroe | 4.3 |
| 8 | Newton | 2.9 | 34 | Bradley | 3.8 | 59 | Columbia | 4.4 |
| 10 | Hempstead | 3.0 | 34 | Cleveland | 3.8 | 59 | Montgomery | 4.4 |
| 10 | Lonoke | 3.0 | 34 | Fulton | 3.8 | 59 | Searcy | 4.4 |
| 12 | Faulkner | 3.1 | 34 | Johnson | 3.8 | 62 | Drew | 4.5 |
| 12 | Pulaski | 3.1 | 34 | Lincoln | 3.8 | 62 | Woodruff | 4.5 |
| 14 | Arkansas | 3.2 | 34 | Miller | 3.8 | 64 | Lafayette | 4.6 |
| 14 | Franklin | 3.2 | 34 | Perry | 3.8 | 64 | St. Francis | 4.6 |
| 14 | Greene | 3.2 | 34 | Randolph | 3.8 | 66 | Jefferson | 4.7 |
| 14 | Nevada | 3.2 | 42 | Pike | 3.9 | 66 | Little River | 4.7 |
| 18 | Boone | 3.3 | 42 | Polk | 3.9 | 66 | Mississippi | 4.7 |
| 18 | Crawford | 3.3 | 42 | Prairie | 3.9 | 66 | Union | 4.7 |
| 18 | Hot Spring | 3.3 | 45 | Baxter | 4.0 | 70 | Ashley | 4.9 |
| 18 | Lawrence | 3.3 | 45 | Conway | 4.0 | 70 | Van Buren | 4.9 |
| 18 | Sebastian | 3.3 | 45 | Dallas | 4.0 | 72 | Jackson | 5.0 |
| 23 | Clark | 3.4 | 45 | Pope | 4.0 | 73 | Izard | 5.3 |
| 23 | Logan | 3.4 | 45 | White | 4.0 | 74 | Phillips | 5.7 |
| 25 | Scott | 3.5 | 50 | Clay | 4.1 | 75 | Chicot | 6.2 |

# Local Workforce Development Areas

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **LWDA CLF** | **November 2017 Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **October 2017 Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **November 2016****CLF Emp Unemp Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) | 249,752 | 242,175 | 7,577 | 3.0 | 253,051 | 245,617 | 7,434 | 2.9 | 244,971 | 237,352 | 7,619 | 3.1 |
| City of Little Rock | 97,468 | 94,524 | 2,944 | 3.0 | 98,783 | 95,846 | 2,937 | 3.0 | 95,556 | 92,572 | 2,984 | 3.1 |
| Eastern | 47,514 | 45,540 | 1,974 | 4.2 | 47,980 | 46,049 | 1,931 | 4.0 | 47,811 | 45,775 | 2,036 | 4.3 |
| North Central | 94,918 | 90,952 | 3,966 | 4.2 | 95,731 | 91,914 | 3,817 | 4.0 | 94,219 | 89,968 | 4,251 | 4.5 |
| Northeast | 121,966 | 117,921 | 4,045 | 3.3 | 123,256 | 119,315 | 3,941 | 3.2 | 119,633 | 115,292 | 4,341 | 3.6 |
| Northwest | 323,611 | 314,962 | 8,649 | 2.7 | 327,594 | 319,139 | 8,455 | 2.6 | 313,017 | 304,821 | 8,196 | 2.6 |
| Southeast | 82,167 | 78,688 | 3,479 | 4.2 | 83,435 | 80,057 | 3,378 | 4.0 | 82,547 | 78,876 | 3,671 | 4.4 |
| Southwest | 93,762 | 90,004 | 3,758 | 4.0 | 94,679 | 90,979 | 3,700 | 3.9 | 93,400 | 89,538 | 3,862 | 4.1 |
| West Central | 133,221 | 128,270 | 4,951 | 3.7 | 134,767 | 129,868 | 4,899 | 3.6 | 130,675 | 125,575 | 5,100 | 3.9 |
| Western | 114,003 | 110,163 | 3,840 | 3.4 | 115,092 | 111,336 | 3,756 | 3.3 | 112,671 | 108,899 | 3,772 | 3.3 |

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