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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment 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 classifi according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2017 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 Work- force Services. The data are based on es- tablishment 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 Man- agement and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specifi criteria of population density, com- muting patterns and social and economic integration.

**Current Population Survey (CPS)**

A monthly sample survey of the popula- tion 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 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 during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not work- ing, 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 oc- cur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

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## December Spotlight

**The Year in Review**

In 2018, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas ranged from a low of 1,222,900 in January to a high of 1,264,900 in November. Job totals in November set a new all-time record high number of jobs in the State. Jobs steadily increased throughout the first half of the year, with typical seasonal declines in the summer. Job totals then leveled off in the latter half of the year. Arkansas’ preliminary annual average nonfarm job total for 2018 was 1,248,700, notably higher than the 2017 average of 1,239,200. Annual average nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas have increased each year since 2013.

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

January 2018 - December 2018

1,270,000

1,260,000

1,250,000

1,240,000

1,230,000

1,220,000

1,210,000

1,200,000

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In 2018, employment in Arkansas was at a high of 1,304,610 in January before steadily decreasing to a low of 1,298,410 in June. Employment fluctuated throughout the summer and then steadily increased from September to December, but ended down 3,322 employed over-the-year. The unemployment rate remained fairly stable throughout the year, ranging from 3.8 percent to 3.5 percent. Arkansas ended the year with a jobless rate of 3.6 percent, down from 3.7 percent in January.

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2018 - December 2018

1,306,000

**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2018 - December 2018

4.0

1,305,000

1,304,000

3.9

1,303,000

3.8

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1,302,000

3.7

1,301,000

1,300,000

3.6

1,299,000

3.5

1,298,000

3.4

1,297,000

1,296,000

3.3

1,295,000

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3.2

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## State of Arkansas

**Civilian Labor Force Summary**

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.6 percent between November and December. Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased 2,202, a result of 1,276 more employed and 926 additional unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate increased two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.9 percent in December, up from 3.7 percent in November.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate remained fairly sta- ble throughout 2018, ending the year down one-tenth of a percentage point compared to January. While the U.S. jobless rate also trended down over the year, Arkansas is still three-tenths of a percent- age point below the national rate.”

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Dec 18**1,350,399 | **Nov 18**1,348,197 | **Dec 17**1,356,940 | Civilian Labor Force | **Dec 18**1,344,817 | **Nov 18**1,349,752 | **Dec 17**1,342,354 |
| Employment | 1,301,288 | 1,300,012 | 1,306,527 | Employment | 1,295,633 | 1,304,705 | 1,293,891 |
| Unemployment | 49,111 | 48,185 | 50,413 | Unemployment | 49,184 | 45,047 | 48,463 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 | Unemployment Rate | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.6 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.1 | U.S. Unemployment | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.9 |

1,380,000

**Civilian Labor Force (Seasonally Adjusted)**

December 2015 - December 2018

1,370,000

1,360,000

1,350,000

1,340,000

1,330,000

1,320,000

1,310,000

1,300,000

Dec '15 Jun '16 Dec '16 Jun '17 Dec '17 Jun '18 Dec '18

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

### Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

**(NAICS)**

**Dec 18**

**Nov 18**

**Dec 17**

**OTM**

**OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Nonfarm** | 1261.4 | 1264.9 | 1244.9 | -3.5 | 16.5 |
| **Goods Producing** | 220.2 | 219.4 | 214.7 | 0.8 | 5.5 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | 58.3 | 58.9 | 56.7 | -0.6 | 1.6 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.3** | **5.5** | **5.8** | **-0.2** | **-0.5** |
| **Construction** | **53.0** | **53.4** | **50.9** | **-0.4** | **2.1** |
| **Specialty Trade Contractors** | 32.6 | 32.8 | 30.8 | -0.2 | 1.8 |
| **Manufacturing** | **161.9** | **160.5** | **158.0** | **1.4** | **3.9** |
| **Durable Goods** | 76.6 | 76.1 | 74.5 | 0.5 | 2.1 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 85.3 | 84.4 | 83.5 | 0.9 | 1.8 |
| **Service Providing** | 1041.2 | 1045.5 | 1030.2 | -4.3 | 11.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **255.3** | **254.9** | **253.5** | **0.4** | **1.8** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 48.3 | 48.2 | 46.4 | 0.1 | 1.9 |
| **Retail Trade** | 143.0 | 143.2 | 142.0 | -0.2 | 1.0 |
| **Transport, Warehousing & Utilities** | 64.0 | 63.5 | 65.1 | 0.5 | -1.1 |
| **Information** | **12.1** | **12.1** | **12.8** | **0.0** | **-0.7** |
| **Financial Activities** | **54.3** | **54.4** | **53.5** | **-0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Finance & Insurance** | 40.4 | 40.5 | 40.0 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Real Estate & Rental & Leasing** | 13.9 | 13.9 | 13.5 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **150.0** | **151.2** | **145.8** | **-1.2** | **4.2** |
| **Professional, Scientific & Technical** | 44.2 | 44.2 | 43.4 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| **Management of Companies** | 35.8 | 36.0 | 35.0 | -0.2 | 0.8 |
| **Administrative & Support Services** | 70.0 | 71.0 | 67.4 | -1.0 | 2.6 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **190.8** | **191.7** | **188.6** | **-0.9** | **2.2** |
| **Educational Services** | 16.5 | 16.7 | 15.2 | -0.2 | 1.3 |
| **Health Care & Social Assistance** | 174.3 | 175.0 | 173.4 | -0.7 | 0.9 |
| **Ambulatory Health Care** | 58.1 | 57.9 | 57.3 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| **Social Assistance** | 39.6 | 40.0 | 40.1 | -0.4 | -0.5 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **114.7** | **116.7** | **112.0** | **-2.0** | **2.7** |
| **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.8 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| **Accommodation & Food Services** | 105.2 | 107.1 | 102.2 | -1.9 | 3.0 |
| **Accommodation Services** | 10.5 | 10.9 | 10.7 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| **Food Services** | 94.7 | 96.2 | 91.5 | -1.5 | 3.2 |
| **Other Services** | **48.4** | **48.1** | **48.6** | **0.3** | **-0.2** |
| **Government** | **215.6** | **216.4** | **215.4** | **-0.8** | **0.2** |
| **Federal Government** | 20.2 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** | 79.3 | 80.3 | 79.2 | -1.0 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** | 116.1 | 116.1 | 116.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

### November 2018 - December 2018

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs declined 3,500 in December to total 1,261,400. Seven major indus- try sectors posted losses, as employment in three sectors increased. The greatest decrease was in **leisure and hospitality** (-2,000). Typical seasonal contractions were reported across all subsectors. Employment in **professional and business services** is down 1,200. A majority of the decline occurred in administrative and support services (-1,000), which includes some seasonal business activities and employment agencies. **Manufacturing** posted the largest gain, adding 1,400 jobs. Expansions were reported in both nondurable (+900) and durable (+500) goods manufacturing.

### December 2017 - December 2018

Compared to December 2017, nonfarm payroll jobs increased 16,500. Growth occurred in eight major industry sectors, with five adding 2,100 or more jobs, each. Employment in **professional and business services** rose 4,200. Gains were posted across the industry, with administrative and support services adding 2,600 jobs. **Manufacturing** increased 3,900, with reported hiring in both subsectors. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 2,700. Expansions in accommodation and food services (+3,000) more than offset minor losses in arts-entertainment-recreation (-300). **Educational and health services** added 2,200 jobs, mostly in educational services (+1,300). Employment in **construction** increased 2,100, related in part to ongoing projects across the state.

90,000

**Jobs in Nondurable Goods Manufacturing (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

December: 2008 - 2018

85,000

80,000

75,000

70,000

65,000

60,000

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

## State of Arkansas

**Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

**Manufacturing**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 18** | **Nov 18** | **Dec 17** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 42.4 | 42.3 | 41.9 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 18.10 | 18.03 | 16.37 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 767.44 | 762.67 | 685.90 |

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Dec 18 Nov 18 Dec 17**

Average Weekly Hours 39.4 41.4

Average Hourly Earnings 15.65 15.67

Average Weekly Earnings 616.61 648.74

41.0

14.78

605.98

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|  | **Dec 18** | **Nov 18** | **Dec 17** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 45.9 | 43.3 | 43.0 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 20.60 | 20.72 | 18.22 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 945.54 | 897.18 | 783.46 |

46.0

**Average Weekly Hours Worked-- Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

January 2016 - December 2018

44.0

42.0

40.0

38.0

36.0

34.0

32.0

30.0

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## 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.

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|  | **Dec 18** | **Nov 18** | **Dec 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 355,941 | 356,071 | 353,050 | -130 | 2,891 |
| **Employment** | 344,269 | 345,339 | 341,315 | -1,070 | 2,954 |
| **Unemployment** | 11,672 | 10,732 | 11,735 | 940 | -63 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |

(In Thousands)

332.4

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| **NAICS****Total Nonfarm** | **Dec 18**370.1 | **Nov 18**369.6 | **Dec 17**362.8 | **OTM**0.5 | **OT Y**7.3 |
| **Goods Producing** | 37.3 | 37.2 | 37.8 | 0.1 | -0.5 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **17.0** | **17.0** | **17.6** | **0.0** | **-0.6** |
| **Manufacturing****Service Providing** | **20.3**332.8 | **20.2** | **20.2** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **72.4** | **72.0** | **71.2** | 0.4**0.4** | 7.8**1.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 15.1 | 15.1 | 15.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** | 40.4 | 40.3 | 39.6 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 16.9 | 16.6 | 16.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| **Information** | **5.5** | **5.5** | **5.9** | **0.0** | **-0.4** |
| **Financial Activities** | **21.3** | **21.2** | **21.1** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **52.0** | **52.0** | **48.7** | **0.0** | **3.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **59.7** | **59.6** | **57.5** | **0.1** | **2.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **34.7** | **35.0** | **33.8** | **-0.3** | **0.9** |
| **Other Services** | **15.5** | **15.5** | **15.4** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Government** | **71.7** | **71.6** | **71.4** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Federal Government** | 9.8 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** | 35.7 | 35.9 | 35.4 | -0.2 | 0.3 |
| **Local Government** | 26.2 | 26.1 | 26.4 | 0.1 | -0.2 |

325.0

355,000

**Employment**

December 2008 - 2018

335,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

December 2016 - December 2018

345,000

330,000

335,000

325,000

325,000

320,000

315,000

315,000

305,000

295,000

310,000

285,000

'08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18

305,000

Dec '16

Jun '17

Dec '17

Jun '18

Dec '18

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA**

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

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|  | **Dec 18** | **Nov 18** | **Dec 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 272,975 | 275,930 | 270,541 | -2,955 | 2,434 |
| **Employment** | 265,705 | 269,128 | 263,215 | -3,423 | 2,490 |
| **Unemployment** | 7,270 | 6,802 | 7,326 | 468 | -56 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 |

(In Thousands)

221.6

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| **NAICS****Total Nonfarm** | **Dec 18**261.7 | **Nov 18**264.0 | **Dec 17**256.6 | **OTM**-2.3 | **OT Y**5.1 |
| **Goods Producing** | 42.5 | 42.4 | 40.7 | 0.1 | 1.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **12.3** | **12.3** | **11.4** | **0.0** | **0.9** |
| **Manufacturing****Service Providing** | **30.2**219.2 | **30.1** | **29.3** | **0.1** | **0.9** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **57.6** | **57.7** | **57.1** | -2.4**-0.1** | 3.3**0.5** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 13.6 | 13.6 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** | 27.0 | 27.1 | 27.0 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 17.0 | 17.0 | 16.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Information** | **1.9** | **1.9** | **1.9** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **8.0** | **8.0** | **8.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **49.5** | **50.1** | **49.4** | **-0.6** | **0.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **30.0** | **30.0** | **29.0** | **0.0** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **25.4** | **26.5** | **25.1** | **-1.1** | **0.3** |
| **Other Services** | **9.1** | **9.1** | **9.0** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Government** | **37.7** | **38.3** | **36.4** | **-0.6** | **1.3** |
| **Federal Government** | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** | 15.5 | 16.3 | 14.6 | -0.8 | 0.9 |
| **Local Government** | 19.6 | 19.4 | 19.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |

215.9

**Number of Employed**

January 2016 - December 2018

280,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

December: 1998 - 2018

280,000

275,000

270,000

240,000

265,000

200,000

260,000

255,000

160,000

250,000

245,000

120,000

240,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

 2016 2017 2018

80,000

'98 '00 '02 '04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fort Smith MSA**

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

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|  | **Dec 18** | **Nov 18** | **Dec 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 116,445 | 117,220 | 118,045 | -775 | -1,600 |
| **Employment** | 112,121 | 113,244 | 113,141 | -1,123 | -1,020 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,324 | 3,976 | 4,904 | 348 | -580 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 0.3 | -0.5 |

(In Thousands)

90.3

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| **NAICS****Total Nonfarm** | **Dec 18**113.0 | **Nov 18**113.3 | **Dec 17**112.4 | **OTM**-0.3 | **OT Y**0.6 |
| **Goods Producing** | 23.0 | 23.0 | 22.7 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.3** | **5.3** | **5.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Manufacturing****Service Providing** | **17.7**90.0 | **17.7** | **17.4** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **22.8** | **22.8** | **23.0** | -0.3**0.0** | 0.3**-0.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Information** | **1.1** | **1.1** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.9** | **3.9** | **3.8** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **12.8** | **13.0** | **12.5** | **-0.2** | **0.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.6** | **16.6** | **16.8** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.3** | **9.4** | **9.1** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Other Services** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **19.1** | **19.1** | **18.9** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Federal Government** | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Local Government** | 14.6 | 14.5 | 14.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 |

89.7

95,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

December: 1998 - 2018

90,000

85,000

80,000

75,000

70,000

65,000

60,000

'98 '00 '02 '04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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|  | **Dec 18** | **Nov 18** | **Dec 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 39,136 | 39,143 | 39,164 | -7 | -28 |
| **Employment** | 37,530 | 37,631 | 37,622 | -101 | -92 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,606 | 1,512 | 1,542 | 94 | 64 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 |

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 18** | **Nov 18** | **Dec 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 37.9 | 37.9 | 37.5 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 33.2 | 33.2 | 33.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | -0.1 | 0.0 |

40,500

**Number of Employed**

December 2015 - December 2018

40,000

39,500

39,000

38,500

38,000

37,500

37,000

36,500

36,000

35,500

Dec '15 Jun '16 Dec '16 Jun '17 Dec '17 Jun '18 Dec '18

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 18** | **Nov 18** | **Dec 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,483 | 64,892 | 63,720 | -409 | 763 |
| **Employment** | 62,514 | 63,082 | 61,826 | -568 | 688 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,969 | 1,810 | 1,894 | 159 | 75 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 |

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 18** | **Nov 18** | **Dec 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 59.7 | 60.0 | 58.4 | -0.3 | 1.3 |
| 9.8 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 49.9 | 50.2 | 48.6 | -0.3 | 1.3 |
| 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.4 | -0.1 | 0.0 |

70,000

**Goods Producing and Service Providing Jobs**

December: 2008 - 2018

Goods Producing + Service Providing = Total Nonfarm Jobs

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

10,000

0

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

Goods Producing Service Providing

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Pine Bluff MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 18** | **Nov 18** | **Dec 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 34,484 | 34,621 | 34,995 | -137 | -511 |
| **Employment** | 32,668 | 32,949 | 33,290 | -281 | -622 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,816 | 1,672 | 1,705 | 144 | 111 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 0.5 | 0.4 |

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 18** | **Nov 18** | **Dec 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 32.8 | 32.9 | 33.2 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| 6.1 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| 26.7 | 26.9 | 27.0 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

2,600

**Number of Unemployed**

January 2016 - December 2018

2,400

2,200

2,000

1,800

1,600

1,400

1,200

1,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2016 2017 2018

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Out-of-State MSA**

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 18** | **Nov 18** | **Dec 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 643,207 | 645,689 | 635,161 | -2,482 | 8,046 |
| **Employment** | 619,585 | 621,128 | 611,935 | -1,543 | 7,650 |
| **Unemployment** | 23,622 | 24,561 | 23,226 | -939 | 396 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 | -0.1 | 0.0 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 18** | **Nov 18** | **Dec 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,309 | 65,520 | 64,594 | -211 | 715 |
| **Employment** | 62,162 | 62,413 | 61,985 | -251 | 177 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,147 | 3,107 | 2,609 | 40 | 538 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 0.1 | 0.8 |

640,000

**Memphis MSA - Employment**

December: 1998 - 2018

66,500

**Texarkana MSA - Civilian Labor Force**

December 2016 - December 2018

620,000

66,000

600,000

65,500

580,000

65,000

560,000

64,500

540,000

64,000

520,000

63,500

500,000

'98 '00 '02 '04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18

63,000

Dec '16

Jun '17

Dec '17

Jun '18

Dec '18

## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**Micro Area**

**December 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**December 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,859 | 9,515 | 344 | 3.5 | 9,906 | 9,562 | 344 | 3.5 | 9,611 | 9,271 | 340 | 3.5 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,241 | 15,585 | 656 | 4.0 | 16,186 | 15,533 | 653 | 4.0 | 16,282 | 15,672 | 610 | 3.7 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,458 | 16,584 | 874 | 5.0 | 17,612 | 16,786 | 826 | 4.7 | 17,617 | 16,701 | 916 | 5.2 |
| Camden Micro | 12,099 | 11,564 | 535 | 4.4 | 12,125 | 11,622 | 503 | 4.1 | 12,047 | 11,535 | 512 | 4.3 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,780 | 14,978 | 802 | 5.1 | 15,769 | 15,025 | 744 | 4.7 | 16,050 | 15,223 | 827 | 5.2 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,254 | 7,802 | 452 | 5.5 | 8,249 | 7,853 | 396 | 4.8 | 8,286 | 7,881 | 405 | 4.9 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,977 | 18,322 | 655 | 3.5 | 19,002 | 18,425 | 577 | 3.0 | 19,069 | 18,381 | 688 | 3.6 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,543 | 6,166 | 377 | 5.8 | 6,576 | 6,221 | 355 | 5.4 | 6,516 | 6,115 | 401 | 6.2 |
| Hope Micro | 13,517 | 13,016 | 501 | 3.7 | 13,577 | 13,091 | 486 | 3.6 | 13,433 | 12,990 | 443 | 3.3 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,865 | 8,461 | 404 | 4.6 | 8,914 | 8,543 | 371 | 4.2 | 9,005 | 8,598 | 407 | 4.5 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,839 | 13,342 | 497 | 3.6 | 13,819 | 13,353 | 466 | 3.4 | 14,088 | 13,599 | 489 | 3.5 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,506 | 15,783 | 723 | 4.4 | 16,490 | 15,850 | 640 | 3.9 | 16,200 | 15,511 | 689 | 4.3 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,456 | 18,763 | 693 | 3.6 | 19,546 | 18,932 | 614 | 3.1 | 19,554 | 18,874 | 680 | 3.5 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,340 | 35,700 | 1,640 | 4.4 | 37,461 | 36,024 | 1,437 | 3.8 | 38,111 | 36,504 | 1,607 | 4.2 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,749 | 32,210 | 1,539 | 4.6 | 33,623 | 32,291 | 1,332 | 4.0 | 33,693 | 32,204 | 1,489 | 4.4 |

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

### City Labor Force Statistics

**City**

**CLF**

**December 2018**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**November 2018**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**December 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County Paragould Micro = Greene County Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties Searcy Micro = White County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 12,421 | 11,916 | 505 | 4.1 | 12,519 | 12,067 | 452 | 3.6 | 12,252 | 11,806 | 446 | 3.6 |
| Benton | 17,306 | 16,779 | 527 | 3.0 | 17,332 | 16,826 | 506 | 2.9 | 17,143 | 16,637 | 506 | 3.0 |
| Bentonville | 25,329 | 24,705 | 624 | 2.5 | 25,607 | 25,019 | 588 | 2.3 | 25,168 | 24,477 | 691 | 2.7 |
| Blytheville | 5,949 | 5,647 | 302 | 5.1 | 6,017 | 5,716 | 301 | 5.0 | 6,031 | 5,687 | 344 | 5.7 |
| Cabot | 11,906 | 11,549 | 357 | 3.0 | 11,940 | 11,601 | 339 | 2.8 | 11,871 | 11,444 | 427 | 3.6 |
| Conway | 33,564 | 32,511 | 1,053 | 3.1 | 33,563 | 32,612 | 951 | 2.8 | 33,317 | 32,235 | 1,082 | 3.2 |
| El Dorado | 6,902 | 6,509 | 393 | 5.7 | 6,882 | 6,529 | 353 | 5.1 | 7,008 | 6,616 | 392 | 5.6 |
| Fayetteville | 47,275 | 46,051 | 1,224 | 2.6 | 47,788 | 46,626 | 1,162 | 2.4 | 46,791 | 45,633 | 1,158 | 2.5 |
| Fort Smith | 38,896 | 37,500 | 1,396 | 3.6 | 38,990 | 37,698 | 1,292 | 3.3 | 39,070 | 37,688 | 1,382 | 3.5 |
| Hot Springs | 14,098 | 13,461 | 637 | 4.5 | 14,120 | 13,497 | 623 | 4.4 | 14,115 | 13,494 | 621 | 4.4 |
| Jacksonville | 11,810 | 11,324 | 486 | 4.1 | 11,804 | 11,356 | 448 | 3.8 | 11,810 | 11,227 | 583 | 4.9 |
| Jonesboro | 38,034 | 36,893 | 1,141 | 3.0 | 38,261 | 37,212 | 1,049 | 2.7 | 37,541 | 36,492 | 1,049 | 2.8 |
| Little Rock | 98,167 | 94,836 | 3,331 | 3.4 | 98,173 | 95,105 | 3,068 | 3.1 | 97,069 | 94,026 | 3,043 | 3.1 |
| North Little Rock | 30,190 | 29,064 | 1,126 | 3.7 | 30,172 | 29,147 | 1,025 | 3.4 | 29,961 | 28,816 | 1,145 | 3.8 |
| Paragould | 12,250 | 11,765 | 485 | 4.0 | 12,289 | 11,871 | 418 | 3.4 | 12,275 | 11,835 | 440 | 3.6 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,417 | 15,395 | 1,022 | 6.2 | 16,471 | 15,518 | 953 | 5.8 | 16,662 | 15,699 | 963 | 5.8 |
| Rogers | 35,045 | 34,141 | 904 | 2.6 | 35,449 | 34,575 | 874 | 2.5 | 34,762 | 33,826 | 936 | 2.7 |
| Russellville | 13,459 | 12,960 | 499 | 3.7 | 13,530 | 13,069 | 461 | 3.4 | 13,752 | 13,263 | 489 | 3.6 |
| Searcy | 10,400 | 9,979 | 421 | 4.0 | 10,395 | 10,004 | 391 | 3.8 | 10,358 | 9,977 | 381 | 3.7 |
| Sherwood | 15,832 | 15,362 | 470 | 3.0 | 15,855 | 15,406 | 449 | 2.8 | 15,713 | 15,231 | 482 | 3.1 |
| Springdale | 39,031 | 38,059 | 972 | 2.5 | 39,456 | 38,537 | 919 | 2.3 | 38,711 | 37,715 | 996 | 2.6 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,659 | 12,978 | 681 | 5.0 | 13,717 | 13,057 | 660 | 4.8 | 13,599 | 13,055 | 544 | 4.0 |
| Van Buren | 10,192 | 9,824 | 368 | 3.6 | 10,223 | 9,884 | 339 | 3.3 | 10,218 | 9,869 | 349 | 3.4 |
| West Memphis | 10,860 | 10,384 | 476 | 4.4 | 10,925 | 10,485 | 440 | 4.0 | 10,843 | 10,344 | 499 | 4.6 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**December 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**December 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,073 | 8,757 | 316 | 3.5 | 9,072 | 8,785 | 287 | 3.2 | 8,995 | 8,673 | 322 | 3.6 |
| Ashley | 7,673 | 7,235 | 438 | 5.7 | 7,674 | 7,293 | 381 | 5.0 | 7,618 | 7,197 | 421 | 5.5 |
| Baxter | 16,506 | 15,783 | 723 | 4.4 | 16,490 | 15,850 | 640 | 3.9 | 16,200 | 15,511 | 689 | 4.3 |
| Benton | 132,521 | 128,802 | 3,719 | 2.8 | 133,908 | 130,439 | 3,469 | 2.6 | 131,452 | 127,614 | 3,838 | 2.9 |
| Boone | 15,631 | 15,102 | 529 | 3.4 | 15,664 | 15,182 | 482 | 3.1 | 15,722 | 15,152 | 570 | 3.6 |
| Bradley | 4,543 | 4,333 | 210 | 4.6 | 4,517 | 4,343 | 174 | 3.9 | 4,483 | 4,311 | 172 | 3.8 |
| Calhoun | 2,346 | 2,257 | 89 | 3.8 | 2,358 | 2,276 | 82 | 3.5 | 2,343 | 2,249 | 94 | 4.0 |
| Carroll | 12,373 | 11,952 | 421 | 3.4 | 12,476 | 12,143 | 333 | 2.7 | 12,960 | 12,510 | 450 | 3.5 |
| Chicot | 3,306 | 3,069 | 237 | 7.2 | 3,306 | 3,105 | 201 | 6.1 | 3,466 | 3,226 | 240 | 6.9 |
| Clark | 9,859 | 9,515 | 344 | 3.5 | 9,906 | 9,562 | 344 | 3.5 | 9,611 | 9,271 | 340 | 3.5 |
| Clay | 5,809 | 5,520 | 289 | 5.0 | 5,843 | 5,617 | 226 | 3.9 | 5,753 | 5,501 | 252 | 4.4 |
| Cleburne | 9,108 | 8,694 | 414 | 4.5 | 9,134 | 8,768 | 366 | 4.0 | 9,195 | 8,762 | 433 | 4.7 |
| Cleveland | 3,210 | 3,082 | 128 | 4.0 | 3,232 | 3,115 | 117 | 3.6 | 3,259 | 3,133 | 126 | 3.9 |
| Columbia | 8,865 | 8,461 | 404 | 4.6 | 8,914 | 8,543 | 371 | 4.2 | 9,005 | 8,598 | 407 | 4.5 |
| Conway | 8,192 | 7,836 | 356 | 4.3 | 8,178 | 7,852 | 326 | 4.0 | 8,214 | 7,849 | 365 | 4.4 |
| Craighead | 54,129 | 52,526 | 1,603 | 3.0 | 54,464 | 52,980 | 1,484 | 2.7 | 53,454 | 51,955 | 1,499 | 2.8 |
| Crawford | 26,097 | 25,160 | 937 | 3.6 | 26,163 | 25,313 | 850 | 3.2 | 26,203 | 25,274 | 929 | 3.5 |
| Crittenden | 21,890 | 21,021 | 869 | 4.0 | 22,031 | 21,226 | 805 | 3.7 | 21,827 | 20,940 | 887 | 4.1 |
| Cross | 7,373 | 7,024 | 349 | 4.7 | 7,397 | 7,094 | 303 | 4.1 | 7,614 | 7,312 | 302 | 4.0 |
| Dallas | 2,835 | 2,722 | 113 | 4.0 | 2,857 | 2,749 | 108 | 3.8 | 2,920 | 2,806 | 114 | 3.9 |
| Desha | 5,465 | 5,211 | 254 | 4.6 | 5,516 | 5,299 | 217 | 3.9 | 5,363 | 5,110 | 253 | 4.7 |
| Drew | 7,945 | 7,543 | 402 | 5.1 | 7,953 | 7,596 | 357 | 4.5 | 7,971 | 7,584 | 387 | 4.9 |
| Faulkner | 61,281 | 59,308 | 1,973 | 3.2 | 61,284 | 59,492 | 1,792 | 2.9 | 60,759 | 58,805 | 1,954 | 3.2 |
| Franklin | 7,308 | 7,064 | 244 | 3.3 | 7,352 | 7,122 | 230 | 3.1 | 7,434 | 7,185 | 249 | 3.3 |
| Fulton | 4,755 | 4,548 | 207 | 4.4 | 4,737 | 4,560 | 177 | 3.7 | 4,678 | 4,474 | 204 | 4.4 |
| Garland | 39,136 | 37,530 | 1,606 | 4.1 | 39,143 | 37,631 | 1,512 | 3.9 | 39,164 | 37,622 | 1,542 | 3.9 |
| Grant | 8,374 | 8,117 | 257 | 3.1 | 8,380 | 8,156 | 224 | 2.7 | 8,291 | 8,039 | 252 | 3.0 |
| Greene | 19,456 | 18,763 | 693 | 3.6 | 19,546 | 18,932 | 614 | 3.1 | 19,554 | 18,874 | 680 | 3.5 |
| Hempstead | 9,917 | 9,536 | 381 | 3.8 | 9,968 | 9,596 | 372 | 3.7 | 9,835 | 9,515 | 320 | 3.3 |
| Hot Spring | 13,839 | 13,342 | 497 | 3.6 | 13,819 | 13,353 | 466 | 3.4 | 14,088 | 13,599 | 489 | 3.5 |
| Howard | 5,803 | 5,595 | 208 | 3.6 | 5,826 | 5,627 | 199 | 3.4 | 5,795 | 5,622 | 173 | 3.0 |
| Independence | 16,241 | 15,585 | 656 | 4.0 | 16,186 | 15,533 | 653 | 4.0 | 16,282 | 15,672 | 610 | 3.7 |
| Izard | 4,875 | 4,583 | 292 | 6.0 | 4,860 | 4,598 | 262 | 5.4 | 4,930 | 4,642 | 288 | 5.8 |
| Jackson | 5,810 | 5,413 | 397 | 6.8 | 5,817 | 5,482 | 335 | 5.8 | 5,808 | 5,446 | 362 | 6.2 |
| Jefferson | 27,344 | 25,825 | 1,519 | 5.6 | 27,431 | 26,032 | 1,399 | 5.1 | 27,752 | 26,335 | 1,417 | 5.1 |
| Johnson | 10,433 | 9,985 | 448 | 4.3 | 10,456 | 10,062 | 394 | 3.8 | 10,689 | 10,255 | 434 | 4.1 |
| Lafayette | 2,524 | 2,392 | 132 | 5.2 | 2,525 | 2,410 | 115 | 4.6 | 2,503 | 2,384 | 119 | 4.8 |
| Lawrence | 6,937 | 6,654 | 283 | 4.1 | 7,001 | 6,748 | 253 | 3.6 | 6,931 | 6,676 | 255 | 3.7 |
| Lee | 2,904 | 2,774 | 130 | 4.5 | 2,931 | 2,807 | 124 | 4.2 | 2,859 | 2,734 | 125 | 4.4 |
| Lincoln | 3,930 | 3,761 | 169 | 4.3 | 3,958 | 3,802 | 156 | 3.9 | 3,984 | 3,822 | 162 | 4.1 |
| Little River | 5,545 | 5,262 | 283 | 5.1 | 5,575 | 5,298 | 277 | 5.0 | 5,555 | 5,291 | 264 | 4.8 |
| Logan | 8,699 | 8,346 | 353 | 4.1 | 8,702 | 8,380 | 322 | 3.7 | 8,807 | 8,484 | 323 | 3.7 |
| Lonoke | 33,863 | 32,817 | 1,046 | 3.1 | 33,933 | 32,966 | 967 | 2.8 | 33,832 | 32,521 | 1,311 | 3.9 |
| Madison | 7,453 | 7,250 | 203 | 2.7 | 7,552 | 7,365 | 187 | 2.5 | 7,378 | 7,176 | 202 | 2.7 |
| Marion | 6,417 | 6,131 | 286 | 4.5 | 6,428 | 6,160 | 268 | 4.2 | 6,385 | 6,114 | 271 | 4.2 |
| Miller | 19,666 | 18,776 | 890 | 4.5 | 19,755 | 18,891 | 864 | 4.4 | 19,672 | 18,888 | 784 | 4.0 |

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## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**December 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**December 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 17,458 | 16,584 | 874 | 5.0 | 17,612 | 16,786 | 826 | 4.7 | 17,617 | 16,701 | 916 | 5.2 |
| Monroe | 2,687 | 2,567 | 120 | 4.5 | 2,696 | 2,587 | 109 | 4.0 | 2,749 | 2,631 | 118 | 4.3 |
| Montgomery | 2,984 | 2,839 | 145 | 4.9 | 3,010 | 2,878 | 132 | 4.4 | 2,925 | 2,776 | 149 | 5.1 |
| Nevada | 3,600 | 3,480 | 120 | 3.3 | 3,609 | 3,495 | 114 | 3.2 | 3,598 | 3,475 | 123 | 3.4 |
| Newton | 3,346 | 3,220 | 126 | 3.8 | 3,338 | 3,243 | 95 | 2.8 | 3,347 | 3,229 | 118 | 3.5 |
| Ouachita | 9,753 | 9,307 | 446 | 4.6 | 9,767 | 9,346 | 421 | 4.3 | 9,704 | 9,286 | 418 | 4.3 |
| Perry | 4,217 | 4,027 | 190 | 4.5 | 4,211 | 4,044 | 167 | 4.0 | 4,160 | 3,994 | 166 | 4.0 |
| Phillips | 6,543 | 6,166 | 377 | 5.8 | 6,576 | 6,221 | 355 | 5.4 | 6,516 | 6,115 | 401 | 6.2 |
| Pike | 4,236 | 4,069 | 167 | 3.9 | 4,253 | 4,095 | 158 | 3.7 | 4,269 | 4,084 | 185 | 4.3 |
| Poinsett | 10,354 | 9,988 | 366 | 3.5 | 10,428 | 10,102 | 326 | 3.1 | 10,266 | 9,871 | 395 | 3.8 |
| Polk | 7,951 | 7,621 | 330 | 4.2 | 7,961 | 7,676 | 285 | 3.6 | 7,905 | 7,573 | 332 | 4.2 |
| Pope | 28,821 | 27,537 | 1,284 | 4.5 | 28,894 | 27,767 | 1,127 | 3.9 | 29,453 | 28,180 | 1,273 | 4.3 |
| Prairie | 3,579 | 3,426 | 153 | 4.3 | 3,595 | 3,459 | 136 | 3.8 | 3,734 | 3,554 | 180 | 4.8 |
| Pulaski | 190,367 | 183,883 | 6,484 | 3.4 | 190,384 | 184,406 | 5,978 | 3.1 | 188,674 | 182,314 | 6,360 | 3.4 |
| Randolph | 7,206 | 6,921 | 285 | 4.0 | 7,204 | 6,964 | 240 | 3.3 | 6,878 | 6,591 | 287 | 4.2 |
| St. Francis | 8,254 | 7,802 | 452 | 5.5 | 8,249 | 7,853 | 396 | 4.8 | 8,286 | 7,881 | 405 | 4.9 |
| Saline | 57,839 | 56,117 | 1,722 | 3.0 | 57,879 | 56,275 | 1,604 | 2.8 | 57,334 | 55,642 | 1,692 | 3.0 |
| Scott | 4,375 | 4,219 | 156 | 3.6 | 4,386 | 4,245 | 141 | 3.2 | 4,434 | 4,281 | 153 | 3.5 |
| Searcy | 2,887 | 2,764 | 123 | 4.3 | 2,904 | 2,783 | 121 | 4.2 | 2,833 | 2,706 | 127 | 4.5 |
| Sebastian | 55,826 | 53,880 | 1,946 | 3.5 | 55,969 | 54,165 | 1,804 | 3.2 | 56,148 | 54,151 | 1,997 | 3.6 |
| Sevier | 5,525 | 5,266 | 259 | 4.7 | 5,546 | 5,309 | 237 | 4.3 | 5,681 | 5,433 | 248 | 4.4 |
| Sharp | 5,729 | 5,450 | 279 | 4.9 | 5,731 | 5,477 | 254 | 4.4 | 5,962 | 5,706 | 256 | 4.3 |
| Stone | 4,817 | 4,572 | 245 | 5.1 | 4,876 | 4,650 | 226 | 4.6 | 4,740 | 4,520 | 220 | 4.6 |
| Union | 15,780 | 14,978 | 802 | 5.1 | 15,769 | 15,025 | 744 | 4.7 | 16,050 | 15,223 | 827 | 5.2 |
| Van Buren | 5,894 | 5,577 | 317 | 5.4 | 5,900 | 5,618 | 282 | 4.8 | 5,999 | 5,688 | 311 | 5.2 |
| Washington | 122,423 | 119,356 | 3,067 | 2.5 | 123,759 | 120,848 | 2,911 | 2.4 | 121,244 | 118,275 | 2,969 | 2.4 |
| White | 33,749 | 32,210 | 1,539 | 4.6 | 33,623 | 32,291 | 1,332 | 4.0 | 33,693 | 32,204 | 1,489 | 4.4 |
| Woodruff | 2,837 | 2,680 | 157 | 5.5 | 2,841 | 2,709 | 132 | 4.6 | 2,899 | 2,766 | 133 | 4.6 |
| Yell | 8,519 | 8,163 | 356 | 4.2 | 8,567 | 8,257 | 310 | 3.6 | 8,658 | 8,324 | 334 | 3.9 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between November and December, unemployment rates increased in 73 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Two counties-- Clark and Independence-- were unchanged over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.5 percent in Washington County to a high of 7.2 percent in Chicot County.

In December, thirty-one counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. This is down sharply from the 50 counties at or below four percent in November. For the 7th month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to December 2017, unemployment rates are up in 46 Arkansas counties. Twenty-one counties posted rate declines over-the-year, while 8 counties were the same.

## County Unemployment Rates

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Boone**

**Randolph**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Sharp**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Madison**

**Washington**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

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**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada**

**Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller**

**Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Lafayette**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0%

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

December 2018 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**1 | **County**Washington | **Rate**2.5 | **Rank**26 | **County**Pike | **Rate**3.9 | **Rank**51 | **County**Bradley | **Rate**4.6 |
| 2 | Madison | 2.7 | 27 | Cleveland | 4.0 | 51 | Columbia | 4.6 |
| 3 | Benton | 2.8 | 27 | Crittenden | 4.0 | 51 | Desha | 4.6 |
| 4 | Craighead | 3.0 | 27 | Dallas | 4.0 | 51 | Ouachita | 4.6 |
| 4 | Saline | 3.0 | 27 | Independence | 4.0 | 51 | White | 4.6 |
| 6 | Grant | 3.1 | 27 | Randolph | 4.0 | 56 | Cross | 4.7 |
| 6 | Lonoke | 3.1 | 32 | Garland | 4.1 | 56 | Sevier | 4.7 |
| 8 | Faulkner | 3.2 | 32 | Lawrence | 4.1 | 58 | Montgomery | 4.9 |
| 9 | Franklin | 3.3 | 32 | Logan | 4.1 | 58 | Sharp | 4.9 |
| 9 | Nevada | 3.3 | 35 | Polk | 4.2 | 60 | Clay | 5.0 |
| 11 | Boone | 3.4 | 35 | Yell | 4.2 | 60 | Mississippi | 5.0 |
| 11 | Carroll | 3.4 | 37 | Conway | 4.3 | 62 | Drew | 5.1 |
| 11 | Pulaski | 3.4 | 37 | Johnson | 4.3 | 62 | Little River | 5.1 |
| 14 | Arkansas | 3.5 | 37 | Lincoln | 4.3 | 62 | Stone | 5.1 |
| 14 | Clark | 3.5 | 37 | Prairie | 4.3 | 62 | Union | 5.1 |
| 14 | Poinsett | 3.5 | 37 | Searcy | 4.3 | 66 | Lafayette | 5.2 |
| 14 | Sebastian | 3.5 | 42 | Baxter | 4.4 | 67 | Van Buren | 5.4 |
| 18 | Crawford | 3.6 | 42 | Fulton | 4.4 | 68 | St. Francis | 5.5 |
| 18 | Greene | 3.6 | 44 | Cleburne | 4.5 | 68 | Woodruff | 5.5 |
| 18 | Hot Spring | 3.6 | 44 | Lee | 4.5 | 70 | Jefferson | 5.6 |
| 18 | Howard | 3.6 | 44 | Marion | 4.5 | 71 | Ashley | 5.7 |
| 18 | Scott | 3.6 | 44 | Miller | 4.5 | 72 | Phillips | 5.8 |
| 23 | Calhoun | 3.8 | 44 | Monroe | 4.5 | 73 | Izard | 6.0 |
| 23 | Hempstead | 3.8 | 44 | Perry | 4.5 | 74 | Jackson | 6.8 |
| 23 | Newton | 3.8 | 44 | Pope | 4.5 | 75 | Chicot | 7.2 |

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**December 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**December 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Central (minus LR) | 251,449 | 243,282 | 8,167 | 3.2 | 251,598 | 244,080 | 7,518 | 3.0 | 250,013 | 241,441 | 8,572 | 3.4 |
| City of Little Rock | 98,167 | 94,836 | 3,331 | 3.4 | 98,173 | 95,105 | 3,068 | 3.1 | 97,069 | 94,026 | 3,043 | 3.1 |
| Eastern | 46,964 | 44,787 | 2,177 | 4.6 | 47,184 | 45,201 | 1,983 | 4.2 | 47,102 | 44,982 | 2,120 | 4.5 |
| North Central | 93,815 | 89,312 | 4,503 | 4.8 | 93,705 | 89,686 | 4,019 | 4.3 | 94,186 | 89,880 | 4,306 | 4.6 |
| Northeast | 121,349 | 116,956 | 4,393 | 3.6 | 122,098 | 118,129 | 3,969 | 3.3 | 120,453 | 116,169 | 4,284 | 3.6 |
| Northwest | 319,557 | 310,360 | 9,197 | 2.9 | 322,519 | 314,013 | 8,506 | 2.6 | 317,521 | 308,287 | 9,234 | 2.9 |
| Southeast | 80,863 | 76,933 | 3,930 | 4.9 | 81,039 | 77,526 | 3,513 | 4.3 | 81,182 | 77,430 | 3,752 | 4.6 |
| Southwest | 92,159 | 88,032 | 4,127 | 4.5 | 92,469 | 88,565 | 3,904 | 4.2 | 92,661 | 88,770 | 3,891 | 4.2 |
| West Central | 130,236 | 124,843 | 5,393 | 4.1 | 130,437 | 125,501 | 4,936 | 3.8 | 131,231 | 125,954 | 5,277 | 4.0 |
| Western | 110,256 | 106,290 | 3,966 | 3.6 | 110,533 | 106,901 | 3,632 | 3.3 | 110,931 | 106,948 | 3,983 | 3.6 |

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North Central

Northeast Northwest Southeast

Southwest West Central Western