 Labor Market Report December 

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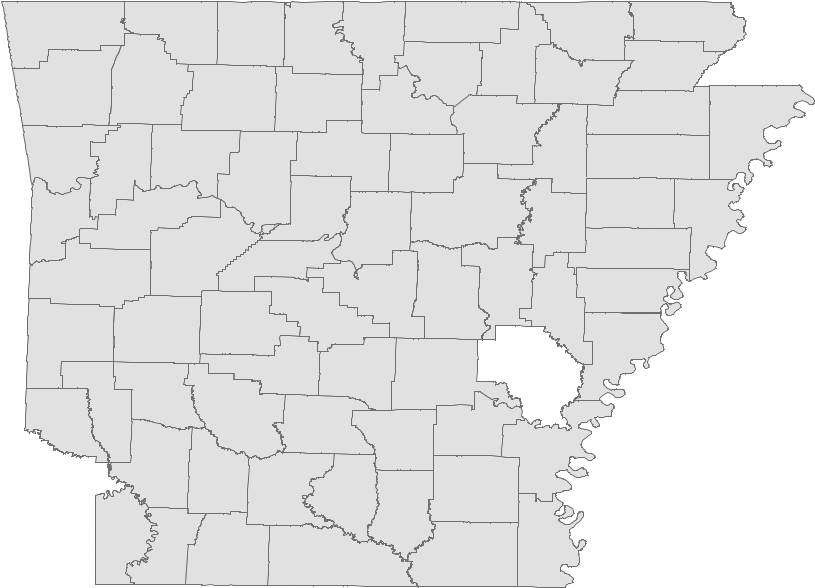
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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart-ment of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while previous month’s data is subject to revision.

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 classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2018 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

**Technical Notes**

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 specified 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**

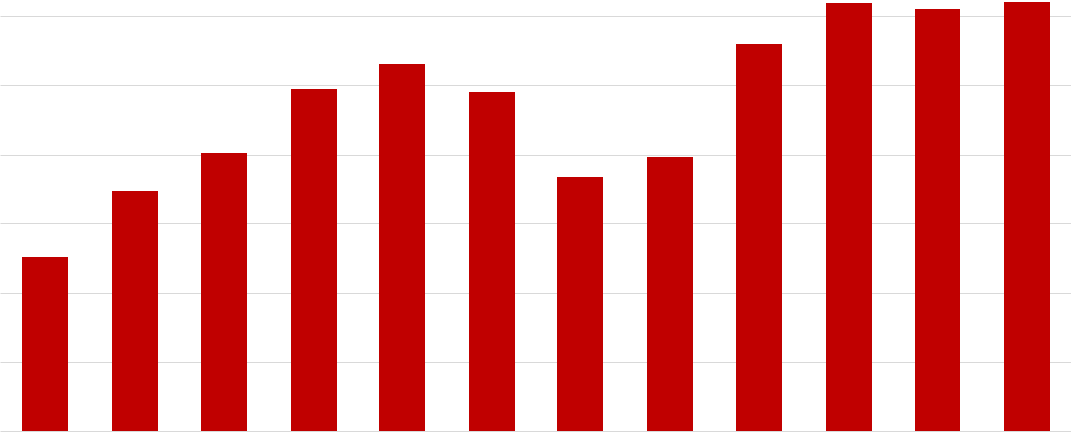
**The Year in Review**

In 2019, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas ranged from a low of 1,255,200 in January to a high of 1,292,000 in December. Totals in December set a new all-time record high for number of jobs in the State. Jobs steadily in-creased throughout the first half of the year, with typical seasonal declines in the summer. The number of jobs then leveled off in the latter half of the year. Arkansas’ preliminary annual average nonfarm payroll job total for 2019 was 1,277,400, exceding the 2018 average of 1,261,900. Annual average nonfarm jobs in Arkansas have increased each year since 2010.

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

January 2019 - December 2019

1,300,000



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1,280,000

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1,250,000

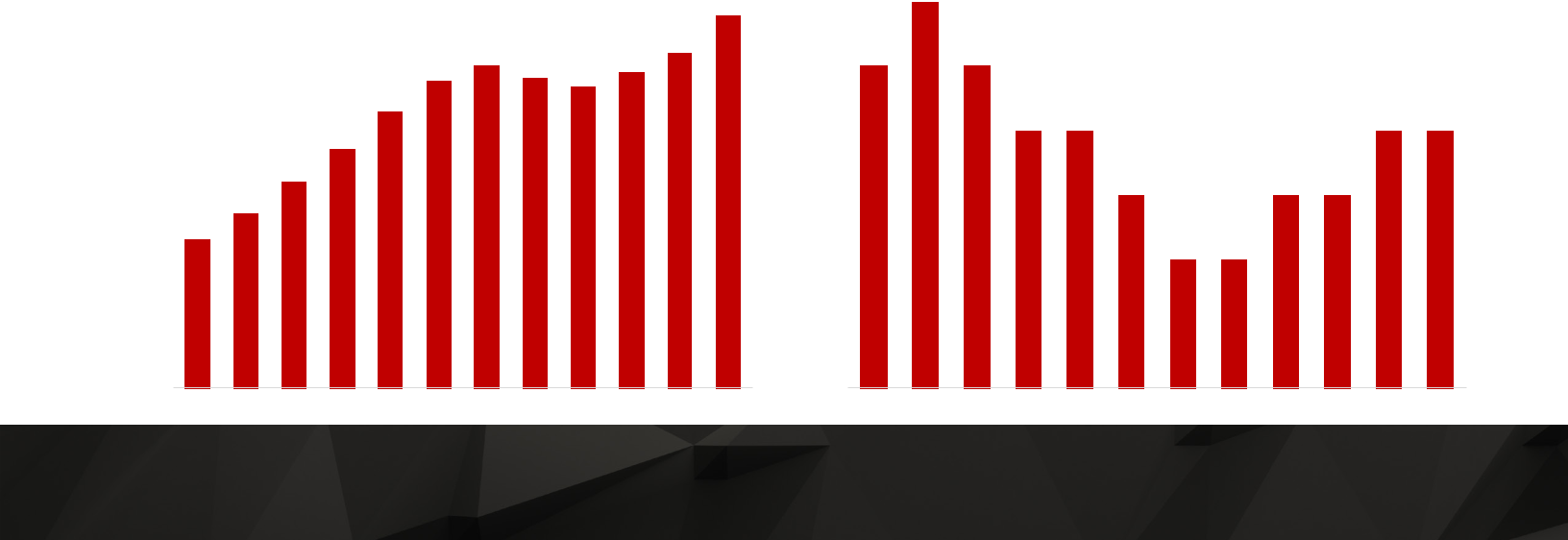
1,240,000

1,230,000

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In 2019, employment in Arkansas reached a high of 1,319,789 in December. The number of employed steadily increased throughout the first half of the year, before dipping and then increasing again at the end of the year. Preliminary annual average employment totalled 1,315,742 in 2019, up from 1,301,459 in 2018. The unemploy-ment rate remained somewhat stable throughout the year, ranging from 3.4 percent to 3.8 percent. Arkansas ended the year with a jobless rate of 3.6 percent, down from a high of 3.8 percent in February.

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| **Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | **Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |
| 1,325,000 |  |  |  | January 2019 - December 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | 3.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  | January 2019 - December 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |
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| 1,315,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Civilian Labor Force Summary**

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.6 percent between November and December. Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased 2,697, a result of 2,483 more employed and 214 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate was unchanged at 3.5 percent in December.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “The number of employed Arkansans rose for the third month in a row, to 1,319,789. The December jobless rate remains stable, and reflects the trend seen at the national level.”

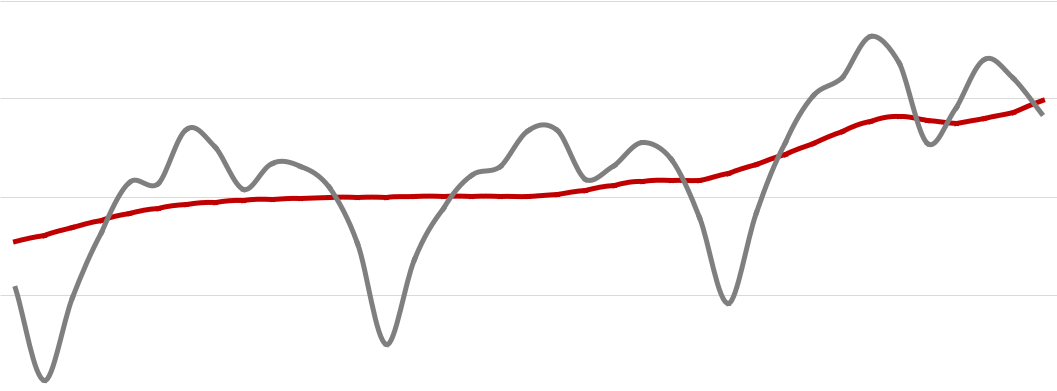
**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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|  |  | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | |  |  | Not Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | |  |
|  |  | **Dec 19** | | **Nov 19** | | |  | **Dec 18** |  | **Dec 19** | | **Nov 19** | | |  | **Dec 18** | |  |
| Civilian Labor Force |  | | |  |  |  |  | | Civilian Labor Force |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,368,565 | | | 1,365,868 | | | 1,353,091 | | 1,363,533 | | 1,367,798 | | | 1,344,510 | | |  |
| Employment | 1,319,789 | | | 1,317,306 | | | 1,303,393 | | Employment | 1,317,085 | | 1,324,048 | | | 1,295,892 | | |  |
| Unemployment | 48,776 | | | 48,562 | | | 49,698 | | Unemployment | 46,448 | | 43,750 | | | 48,618 | | |  |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6 | | | 3.6 | | | 3.7 | | Unemployment Rate | 3.4 | | 3.2 | | | 3.6 | | |  |
| U.S. Unemployment | 3.5 | | | 3.5 | | | 3.9 | | U.S. Unemployment | 3.4 | | 3.3 | | | 3.7 | | |  |
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**Number of Employed - Seasonally Adjusted vs Not Seasonally Adjusted**

December 2016 - December 2019

1,340,000



1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000



Dec '16 Jun '17 Dec '17 Jun '18 Dec '18 Jun '19 Dec '19

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted



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**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

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| **(NAICS)** | **Dec 19** | **Nov 19** | | **Dec 18** | |  | **OTM** | |  | **OTY** | |  |
| Total Nonfarm | 1292.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1291.0 |  | 1273.3 |  | 1.0 | | 18.7 | | |  |
| Goods Producing | 222.2 | 222.8 | | 219.6 | | -0.6 | | | 2.6 | | |  |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 57.8 | 59.7 | | 56.0 | | -1.9 | | | 1.8 | | |  |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.6** | **5.7** | | **5.8** | | **-0.1** | | | **-0.2** | | |  |
| **Construction** | **52.2** | **54.0** | | **50.2** | | **-1.8** | | | **2.0** | | |  |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 33.2 | 34.2 | | 31.7 | | -1.0 | | | 1.5 | | |  |
| **Manufacturing** | **164.4** | **163.1** | | **163.6** | | **1.3** | | | **0.8** | | |  |
| Durable Goods | 78.3 | 76.8 | | 78.9 | | 1.5 | | | -0.6 | | |  |
| Nondurable Goods | 86.1 | 86.3 | | 84.7 | | -0.2 | | | 1.4 | | |  |
| Service Providing | 1069.8 | 1068.2 | | 1053.7 | | 1.6 | | | 16.1 | | |  |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **259.4** | **258.6** | | **256.5** | | **0.8** | | | **2.9** | | |  |
| Wholesale Trade | 50.1 | 50.1 | | 48.6 | | 0.0 | | | 1.5 | | |  |
| Retail Trade | 141.8 | 141.4 | | 141.0 | | 0.4 | | | 0.8 | | |  |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 67.5 | 67.1 | | 66.9 | | 0.4 | | | 0.6 | | |  |
| **Information** | **10.8** | **10.9** | | **11.2** | | **-0.1** | | | **-0.4** | | |  |
| **Financial Activities** | **61.3** | **61.3** | | **61.1** | | **0.0** | | | **0.2** | | |  |
| Finance & Insurance | 47.7 | 47.8 | | 47.4 | | -0.1 | | | 0.3 | | |  |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.6 | 13.5 | | 13.7 | | 0.1 | | | -0.1 | | |  |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **149.5** | **148.7** | | **144.5** | | **0.8** | | | **5.0** | | |  |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 45.4 | 44.4 | | 44.3 | | 1.0 | | | 1.1 | | |  |
| Management of Companies | 36.6 | 36.7 | | 35.1 | | -0.1 | | | 1.5 | | |  |
| Administrative & Support Services | 67.5 | 67.6 | | 65.1 | | -0.1 | | | 2.4 | | |  |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **198.9** | **197.0** | | **192.9** | | **1.9** | | | **6.0** | | |  |
| Educational Services | 16.4 | 16.5 | | 15.8 | | -0.1 | | | 0.6 | | |  |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 182.5 | 180.5 | | 177.1 | | 2.0 | | | 5.4 | | |  |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 61.9 | 60.7 | | 59.4 | | 1.2 | | | 2.5 | | |  |
| Social Assistance | 41.7 | 41.6 | | 40.5 | | 0.1 | | | 1.2 | | |  |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **119.9** | **121.3** | | **117.3** | | **-1.4** | | | **2.6** | | |  |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 9.9 | 9.9 | | 9.7 | | 0.0 | | | 0.2 | | |  |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 110.0 | 111.4 | | 107.6 | | -1.4 | | | 2.4 | | |  |
| Accommodation Services | 10.9 | 11.0 | | 10.9 | | -0.1 | | | 0.0 | | |  |
| Food Services | 99.1 | 100.4 | | 96.7 | | -1.3 | | | 2.4 | | |  |
| **Other Services** | **53.7** | **53.5** | | **53.5** | | **0.2** | | | **0.2** | | |  |
| **Government** | **216.3** | **216.9** | | **216.7** | | **-0.6** | | | **-0.4** | | |  |
| Federal Government | 20.4 | 20.4 | | 20.4 | | 0.0 | | | 0.0 | | |  |
| State Government | 79.8 | 80.2 | | 79.4 | | -0.4 | | | 0.4 | | |  |
| Local Government | 116.1 | 116.3 | | 116.9 | | -0.2 | | | -0.8 | | |  |
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**Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

**November 2019 - December 2019**

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 1,000 in December to total 1,292,000. Five major industry sectors posted gains, while five other sectors declined. The greatest expansion occurred in **educational** **and health services** (+1,900). All hiring was reported in health care and social assistance (+2,000). Jobsin **manufacturing** rose 1,300. Gains in durable goods (+1,500) more than offset the loss in nondurable goods (-200). **Construction** declined 1,800, due largely to seasonal factors. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** decreased 1,400. Most of the loss was in food services, down 1,300 jobs.

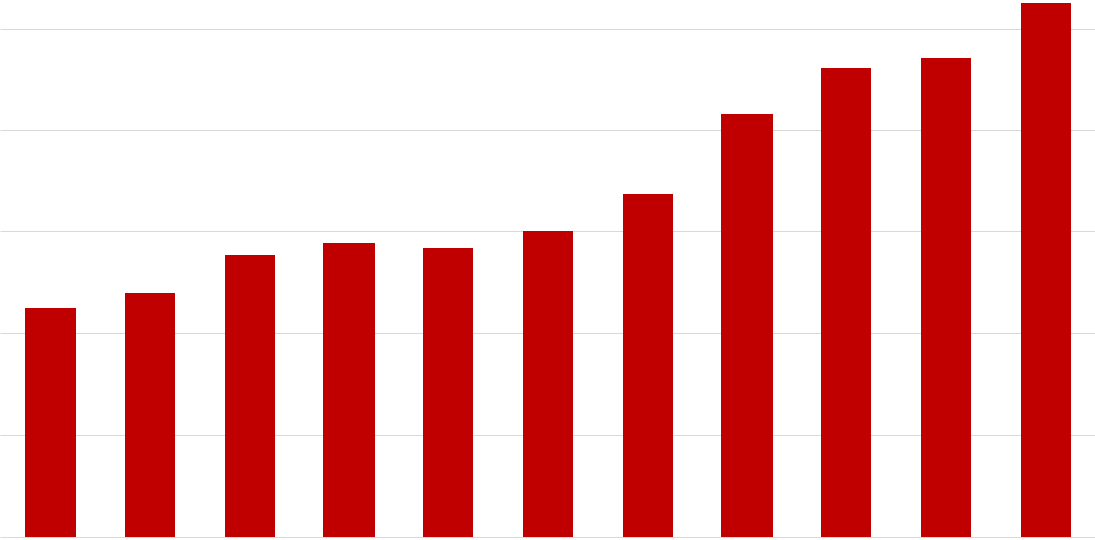
**December 2018 - December 2019**

Compared to December 2018, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs are up 18,700. Growth was reported in eight major industry sectors, with five adding 2,000 or more jobs, each. Jobs in **educational and health** **services** increased 6,000. Most of the gains were in health care and social assistance (+5,400). **Professional and business services** added 5,000 jobs, with hiring across all three subsectors. Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 2,900. Most of the expansion was posted in wholesale trade(+1,500). **Leisure and hospitality** increased 2,600, mostly in food services (+2,400). Jobs in **construction** are up 2,000 over-the-year.

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

December: 2009 - 2019

190,000



180,000

170,000

160,000

150,000

140,000

130,000

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019



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**Production Workers - Hours and Earnings**

**M a n u f a c t u r i n g**

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|  | **Dec 19** |  | **Nov 19** |  |  | **Dec 18** |  |  |
| Average Weekly Hours | 41.7 | |  |
| 40.6 | | 40.7 | |  |  |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 19.05 | | 18.92 | | 18.39 | |  |  |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 773.43 | | 770.04 | | 766.86 | |  |  |
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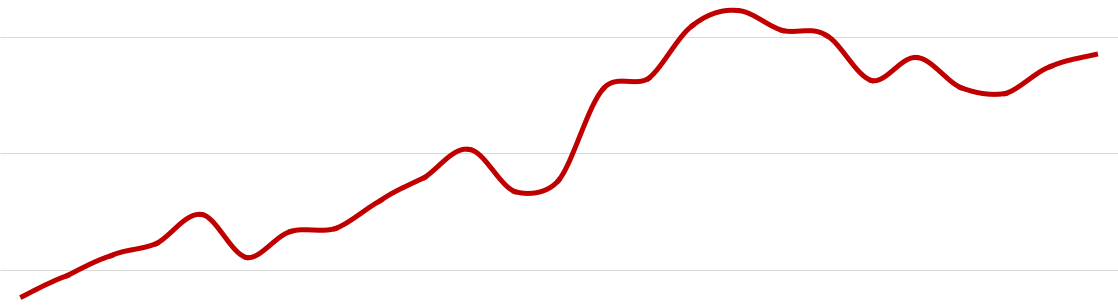
**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

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| Durable Goods Manufacturing | | | | | |  |  | Nondurable Goods Manufacturing | | | | | | **Dec 18** |  |  |
|  |  | **Dec 19** |  | **Nov 19** |  | **Dec 18** |  |  |  | **Dec 19** |  | **Nov 19** |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Average Weekly Hours | 39.4 | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 38.4 | | |  |
| Average Weekly Hours |  |  |  | 38.5 | |  |
| 44.4 | |  |
| 42.9 | | 43.4 | | |  |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 21.27 | | 21.13 | | | 21.05 | | Average Hourly Earnings | 16.85 | | 16.75 | | | 15.77 | |  |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 912.48 | | 917.04 | | | 934.62 | | Average Weekly Earnings | 648.73 | | 643.20 | | | 621.34 | |  |
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**Average Hourly Earnings - Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

December 2017 - December 2019

$18.00



$17.00

$16.00

$15.00

$14.00

$13.00



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**December 2019**

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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.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

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| Civilian Labor Force |  | **Dec 19** |  | **Nov 19** |  | **Dec 18** |  | **OTM** | **OTY** | | |  |
|  | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 358,168 | | 359,393 | | 352,310 | | -1,225 | | 5,858 | |  |  |
| Employment | 346,936 | | 348,681 | | 340,771 | | -1,745 | | 6,165 | |  |  |
| Unemployment | 11,232 | | 10,712 | | 11,539 | | 520 | | -307 | |  |  |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.1 | | 3.0 | | 3.3 | | 0.1 | | -0.2 | |  |  |
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**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

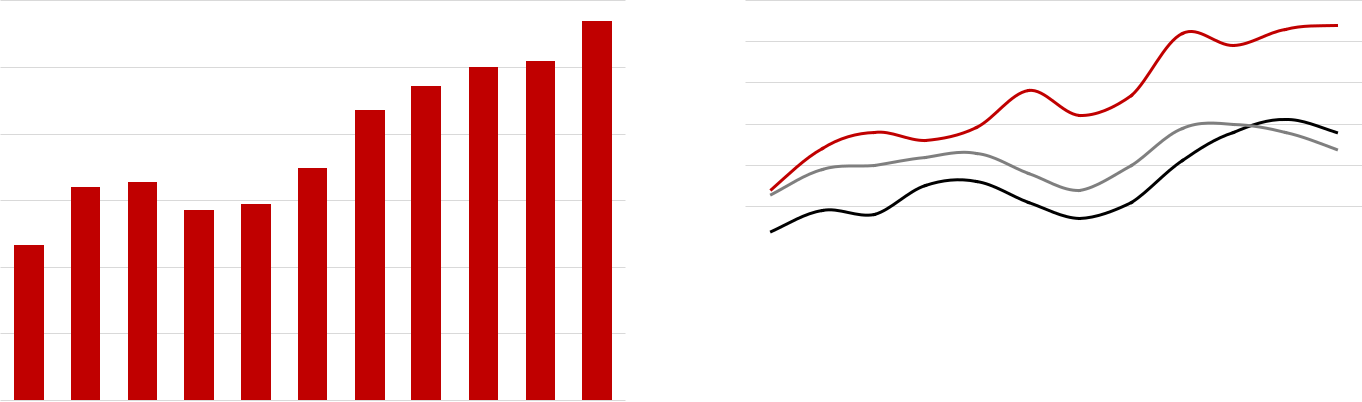
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|  | **NAICS** |  | **Dec 19** | |  | **Nov 19** | | **Dec 18** |  | **OTM** |  | **OTY** | | |  |
| Total Nonfarm | | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 369.2 |  | 368.6 |  | 365.0 |  | 0.6 | | 4.2 | |  |  |
| Goods Producing | | | 37.8 | | 38.3 | | | 37.5 | -0.5 | | | 0.3 | |  |  |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | | | **17.1** | | **17.6** | | | **16.4** | **-0.5** | | | **0.7** | |  |  |
| **Manufacturing** | | | **20.7** | | **20.7** | | | **21.1** | **0.0** | | | **-0.4** | |  |  |
| Service Providing | | | 331.4 | | 330.3 | | | 327.5 | 1.1 | | | 3.9 | |  |  |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | | | **72.8** | | **72.0** | | | **72.2** | **0.8** | | | **0.6** | |  |  |
| Wholesale Trade | | | 16.5 | | 16.5 | | | 16.0 | 0.0 | | | 0.5 | |  |  |
| Retail Trade | | | 39.8 | | 39.2 | | | 40.0 | 0.6 | | | -0.2 | |  |  |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | | | 16.5 | | 16.3 | | | 16.2 | 0.2 | | | 0.3 | |  |  |
| **Information** | | | **4.2** | | **4.2** | | | **4.2** | **0.0** | | | **0.0** | |  |  |
| **Financial Activities** | | | **21.6** | | **21.6** | | | **21.5** | **0.0** | | | **0.1** | |  |  |
| **Professional & Business Services** | | | **48.9** | | **48.7** | | | **49.5** | **0.2** | | | **-0.6** | |  |  |
| **Educational & Health Services** | | | **60.4** | | **60.3** | | | **57.4** | **0.1** | | | **3.0** | |  |  |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | | | **35.4** | | **35.5** | | | **35.1** | **-0.1** | | | **0.3** | |  |  |
| **Other Services** | | | **15.9** | | **15.9** | | | **15.7** | **0.0** | | | **0.2** | |  |  |
| **Government** | | | **72.2** | | **72.1** | | | **71.9** | **0.1** | | | **0.3** | |  |  |
| Federal Government | | | 10.0 | | 9.9 | | | 9.9 | 0.1 | | | 0.1 | |  |  |
| State Government | | | 36.1 | | 36.2 | | | 35.8 | -0.1 | | | 0.3 | |  |  |
| Local Government | | | 26.1 | | 26.0 | | | 26.2 | 0.1 | | | -0.1 | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Number of Employed** **Jobs in Educational and Health Services**

December: 2009 - 2019 January 2017 - December 2019

61,000



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59,000

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| '09 | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '15 | '16 | '17 | '18 | '19 |  |  |  | 2017 | 2018 |  | 2019 |  |  |  |  |  |
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**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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Civilian Labor Force |  | **Dec 19** |  | **Nov 19** |  | **Dec 18** |  | **OTM** |  |  | **OTY** | |  |
|  | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 284,283 | | 286,250 | | 273,049 | | -1,967 | |  | 11,234 | |  |  |
| Employment | 277,680 | | 279,848 | | 265,770 | | -2,168 | |  | 11,910 | |  |  |
| Unemployment | 6,603 | | 6,402 | | 7,279 | | 201 | |  | -676 | |  |  |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.3 | | 2.2 | | 2.7 | | 0.1 | |  | -0.4 | |  |  |
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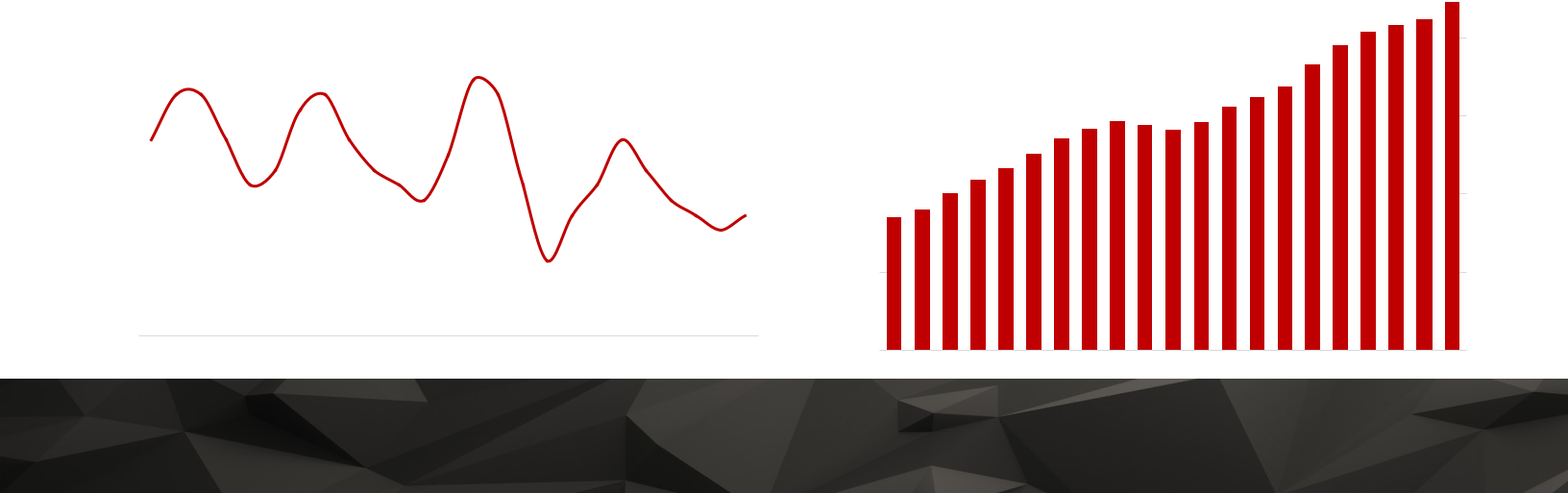
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**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

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|  | **NAICS** |  |  | **Dec 19** |  | **Nov 19** |  | **Dec 18** |  | **OTM** |  | **OTY** | |  |
| Total Nonfarm | | |  |
|  | 271.0 |  | 271.8 |  | 260.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | -0.8 | | 10.3 |  |  |
| Goods Producing | | | 42.9 | | 43.2 | | | 41.7 | -0.3 | | | 1.2 |  |  |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | | | **12.2** | | **12.4** | | | **11.7** | **-0.2** | | | **0.5** |  |  |
| **Manufacturing** | | | **30.7** | | **30.8** | | | **30.0** | **-0.1** | | | **0.7** |  |  |
| Service Providing | | | 228.1 | | 228.6 | | | 219.0 | -0.5 | | | 9.1 |  |  |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | | | **58.3** | | **58.1** | | | **57.0** | **0.2** | | | **1.3** |  |  |
| Wholesale Trade | | | 12.6 | | 12.6 | | | 12.3 | 0.0 | | | 0.3 |  |  |
| Retail Trade | | | 27.5 | | 27.3 | | | 26.8 | 0.2 | | | 0.7 |  |  |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | | | 18.2 | | 18.2 | | | 17.9 | 0.0 | | | 0.3 |  |  |
| **Information** | | | **2.1** | | **2.1** | | | **2.1** | **0.0** | | | **0.0** |  |  |
| **Financial Activities** | | | **8.4** | | **8.5** | | | **8.3** | **-0.1** | | | **0.1** |  |  |
| **Professional & Business Services** | | | **54.2** | | **54.0** | | | **50.1** | **0.2** | | | **4.1** |  |  |
| **Educational & Health Services** | | | **30.8** | | **30.7** | | | **29.7** | **0.1** | | | **1.1** |  |  |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | | | **25.9** | | **26.3** | | | **24.7** | **-0.4** | | | **1.2** |  |  |
| **Other Services** | | | **9.6** | | **9.5** | | | **9.3** | **0.1** | | | **0.3** |  |  |
| **Government** | | | **38.8** | | **39.4** | | | **37.8** | **-0.6** | | | **1.0** |  |  |
| Federal Government | | | 2.6 | | 2.7 | | | 2.6 | -0.1 | | | 0.0 |  |  |
| State Government | | | 16.5 | | 17.2 | | | 15.7 | -0.7 | | | 0.8 |  |  |
| Local Government | | | 19.7 | | 19.5 | | | 19.5 | 0.2 | | | 0.2 |  |  |
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|  | **Unemployment Rates** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Jobs in Service Providing Sectors** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | December 2017 - December 2019 | | |  | 250,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | December: 1999 - 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | 170,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | 130,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | 90,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Dec | Jun | Dec | Jun | Dec | 50,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**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)**

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| Civilian Labor Force |  | **Dec 19** |  | **Nov 19** |  | **Dec 18** |  | **OTM** |  | **OTY** | |  |
|  | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 118,097 | | 119,038 | | 118,086 | | -941 | |  | 11 | |  |
| Employment | 113,886 | | 114,881 | | 113,788 | | -995 | | 98 | |  |  |
| Unemployment | 4,211 | | 4,157 | | 4,298 | | 54 | | -87 | |  |  |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6 | | 3.5 | | 3.6 | | 0.1 | | 0.0 | |  |  |
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**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

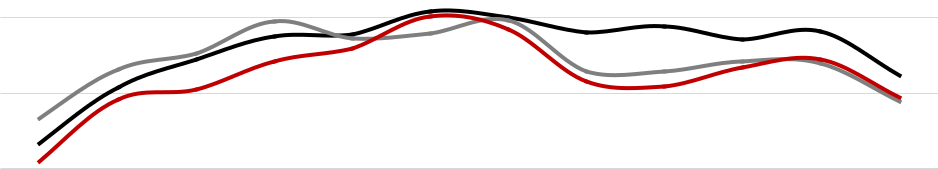
(In Thousands)

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|  | **NAICS** |  |  | **Dec 19** |  | **Nov 19** |  | **Dec 18** |  | **OTM** |  |  | **OTY** |  |  |
| Total Nonfarm | | |  |
| 114.2 | | 114.2 | | | 114.2 | 0.0 | | | 0.0 | |  |  |
| Goods Producing | | | 23.1 | | 23.0 | | | 23.1 | 0.1 | | | 0.0 | |  |  |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | | | **5.0** | | **5.0** | | | **5.2** | **0.0** | | | **-0.2** | |  |  |
| **Manufacturing** | | | **18.1** | | **18.0** | | | **17.9** | **0.1** | | | **0.2** | |  |  |
| Service Providing | | | 91.1 | | 91.2 | | | 91.1 | -0.1 | | | 0.0 | |  |  |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | | | **23.5** | | **23.6** | | | **23.5** | **-0.1** | | | **0.0** | |  |  |
| Wholesale Trade | | | 4.3 | | 4.3 | | | 4.2 | 0.0 | | | 0.1 | |  |  |
| Retail Trade | | | 12.6 | | 12.7 | | | 12.6 | -0.1 | | | 0.0 | |  |  |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | | | 6.6 | | 6.6 | | | 6.7 | 0.0 | | | -0.1 | |  |  |
| **Information** | | | **1.1** | | **1.1** | | | **1.1** | **0.0** | | | **0.0** | |  |  |
| **Financial Activities** | | | **4.0** | | **4.0** | | | **4.0** | **0.0** | | | **0.0** | |  |  |
| **Professional & Business Services** | | | **12.8** | | **12.8** | | | **13.0** | **0.0** | | | **-0.2** | |  |  |
| **Educational & Health Services** | | | **17.4** | | **17.4** | | | **17.1** | **0.0** | | | **0.3** | |  |  |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | | | **9.3** | | **9.4** | | | **9.3** | **-0.1** | | | **0.0** | |  |  |
| **Other Services** | | | **4.5** | | **4.5** | | | **4.5** | **0.0** | | | **0.0** | |  |  |
| **Government** | | | **18.5** | | **18.4** | | | **18.6** | **0.1** | | | **-0.1** | |  |  |
| Federal Government | | | 1.3 | | 1.3 | | | 1.3 | 0.0 | | | 0.0 | |  |  |
| State Government | | | 3.2 | | 3.2 | | | 3.2 | 0.0 | | | 0.0 | |  |  |
| Local Government | | | 14.0 | | 13.9 | | | 14.1 | 0.1 | | | -0.1 | |  |  |

**Number of Employed**

January 2017 - December 2019

118,000



116,000

114,000

112,000

110,000

108,000



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**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

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| Civilian Labor Force | **Dec 19** | |  | **Nov 19** |  | **Dec 18** |  | **OTM** |  | **OTY** | |  |
| 40,568 | | 40,721 | |  | 40,005 |  | -153 |  | 563 |  |  |
| Employment | 39,148 | | 39,336 | | 38,413 | | -188 | | 735 | |  |  |
| Unemployment | 1,420 | | 1,385 | | 1,592 | | 35 | | -172 | |  |  |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.5 | | 3.4 | | 4.0 | | 0.1 | | -0.5 | |  |  |
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**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

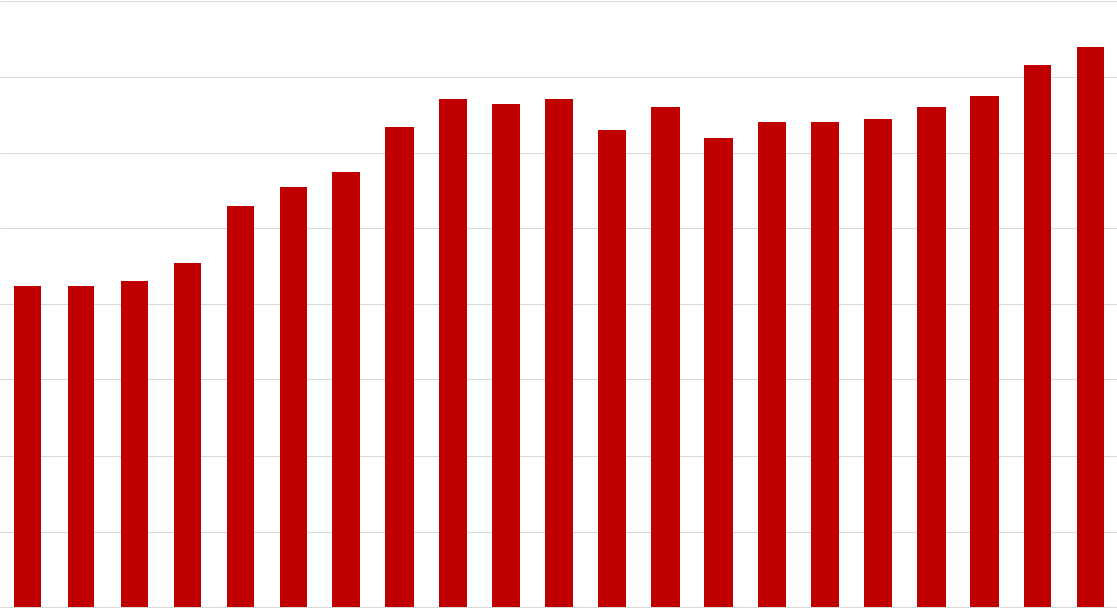
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|  | **NAICS** |  | **Dec 19** | |  | **Nov 19** | | **Dec 18** |  | **OTM** | | **OTY** | | |  |
| Total Nonfarm | | |  |
|  | 39.2 |  | 39.2 |  | 38.8 |  | 0.0 |  |  | 0.4 |  |  |
| Goods Producing | | | 4.4 | | 4.4 | | | 4.5 | 0.0 | | | -0.1 | |  |  |
| Service Providing | | | 34.8 | | 34.8 | | | 34.3 | 0.0 | | | 0.5 | |  |  |
| Government | | | 4.5 | | 4.6 | | | 4.6 | -0.1 | | | -0.1 | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

December: 1999 - 2019

38,000

36,000



34,000

32,000

30,000

28,000

26,000

24,000

22,000

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**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

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| Civilian Labor Force | **Dec 19** | |  | **Nov 19** |  | **Dec 18** |  | **OTM** |  | **OTY** | | |  |
|  | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 65,754 | | 66,146 | | 64,122 | | -392 | | | 1,632 | |  |  |
| Employment | 63,977 | | 64,477 | | 62,175 | | -500 | | | 1,802 | |  |  |
| Unemployment | 1,777 | | 1,669 | | 1,947 | | 108 | | | -170 | |  |  |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.7 | | 2.5 | | 3.0 | | 0.2 | | | -0.3 | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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

(In Thousands)

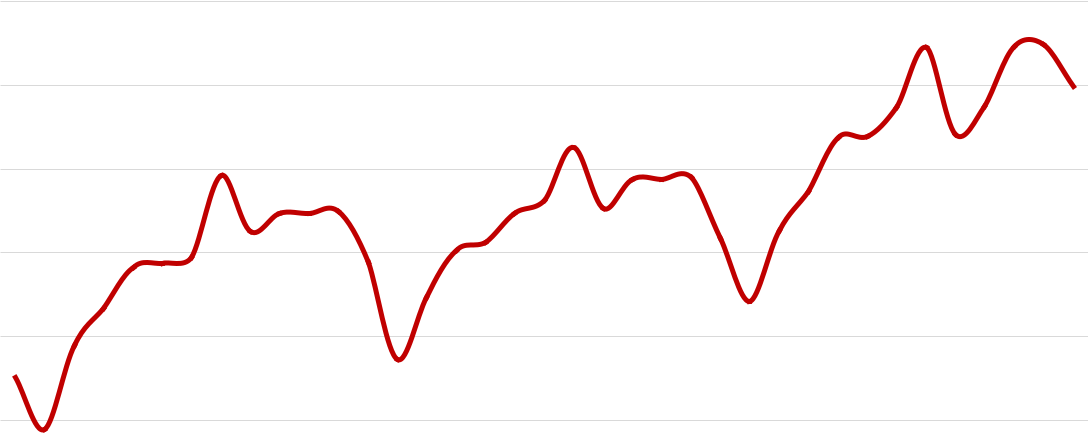
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|  | **NAICS** |  | **Dec 19** | |  | **Nov 19** | | **Dec 18** |  | **OTM** | | **OTY** | | |  |
| Total Nonfarm | | |  |
|  | 60.6 |  | 60.9 |  | 59.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | -0.3 | | 1.5 | | |  |
| Goods Producing | | | 10.1 | | 10.1 | | | 9.9 | 0.0 | | | 0.2 | | |  |
| Service Providing | | | 50.5 | | 50.8 | | | 49.2 | -0.3 | | | 1.3 | | |  |
| Government | | | 9.2 | | 9.3 | | | 9.1 | -0.1 | | | 0.1 | | |  |
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**Employment**

December 2016 - December 2019

66,000

65,000



64,000

63,000

62,000

61,000

60,000

59,000

58,000



Dec '16 Jun '17 Dec '17 Jun '18 Dec '18 Jun '19 Dec '19



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**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**Pine Bluff MSA**

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

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

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| Civilian Labor Force | **Dec 19** | |  | **Nov 19** |  | **Dec 18** |  | **OTM** |  | **OTY** | |  |
| 34,902 | | 35,079 | |  | 35,221 |  | -177 |  | -319 |  |  |
| Employment | 33,125 | | 33,381 | | 33,430 | | -256 | | -305 | |  |  |
| Unemployment | 1,777 | | 1,698 | | 1,791 | | 79 | | -14 | |  |  |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.1 | | 4.8 | | 5.1 | | 0.3 | | 0.0 | |  |  |
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**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

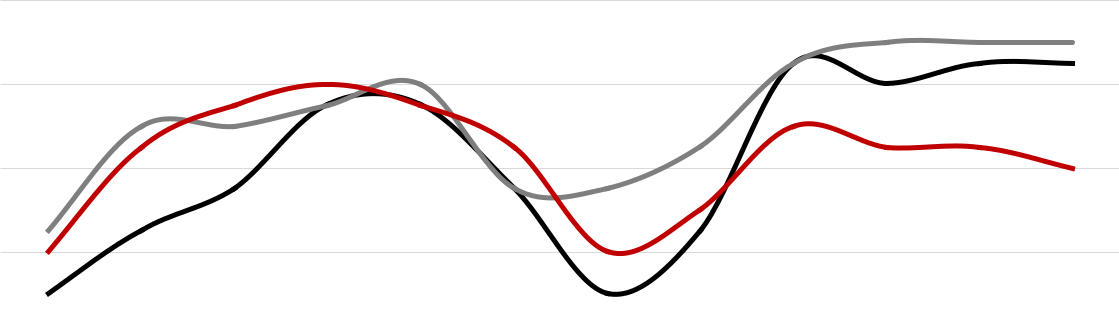
(In Thousands)

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|  | **NAICS** |  |  | **Dec 19** |  | **Nov 19** |  | **Dec 18** |  | **OTM** |  | **OTY** |  |  |
| Total Nonfarm | | |  |
| 33.0 | | 33.1 | | | 33.6 | -0.1 | | | -0.6 |  |  |
| Goods Producing | | | 5.9 | | 5.9 | | | 6.1 | 0.0 | | | -0.2 |  |  |
| Service Providing | | | 27.1 | | 27.2 | | | 27.5 | -0.1 | | | -0.4 |  |  |
| Government | | | 9.2 | | 9.2 | | | 9.3 | 0.0 | | | -0.1 |  |  |
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**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2017 - December 2019

33,800



33,400

33,000

32,600

32,200

31,800

31,400

31,000



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2017 2018 2019



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**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.

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| Civilian Labor Force |  | **Dec 19** |  | **Nov 19** |  | **Dec 18** |  | **OTM** |  |  | **OTY** | |  |
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| 649,469 | | 649,789 | | 638,849 | | -320 | |  | 10,620 | | |  |
| Employment | 624,400 | | 624,623 | | 615,344 | | -223 | |  | 9,056 | | |  |
| Unemployment | 25,069 | | 25,166 | | 23,505 | | -97 | |  | 1,564 | | |  |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.9 | | 3.9 | | 3.7 | | 0.0 | |  | 0.2 | | |  |
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**Texarkana MSA**

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

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| Civilian Labor Force | **Dec 19** | |  | **Nov 19** |  | **Dec 18** |  | **OTM** |  | **OTY** | |  |
|  | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 64,900 | | 65,215 | |  | 65,165 |  | -315 |  | -265 | |  |
| Employment | 62,380 | | 62,648 | | 62,063 | | -268 | |  | 317 | |  |
| Unemployment | 2,520 | | 2,567 | | 3,102 | | -47 | |  | -582 | |  |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.9 | | 3.9 | | 4.8 | | 0.0 | |  | -0.9 | |  |
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|  |  | **Memphis MSA - Number of Employed** | | |  |  |  |  | **Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
| 640,000 |  | December 2017 - December 2019 | | |  | 8.0% |  |  |  |  |  |  | December: 2009 - 2019 | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 630,000 |  |  |  |  |  | 7.0% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 620,000 |  |  |  |  |  | 6.0% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 610,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 5.0% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 600,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 4.0% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 590,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 3.0% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 580,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Dec | Jun | Dec | Jun | Dec | 2.0% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| '17 | | '18 | '18 | '19 | '19 | '09 | | | '10 | | '11 | | '12 | | '13 | | '14 | | '15 | | '16 | | '17 | | '18 | | '19 | |  |  |



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**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Not Seasonally Adjusted** | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Micro Area** |  |  |  | **December 2019** | | | | |  |  |  |  |  | **November 2019** | | |  |  |  | **December 2018** | | | | |  |  |  |
|  |  | **CLF** | |  | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | |  | **CLF** | | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | **CLF** | |  | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | |  |
| Arkadelphia Micro | | |  |
|  | |  | |  | |  |  | |  | | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9,783 | | 9,432 | | 351 | |  | 3.6 | | 9,815 | | | 9,475 | 340 |  | 3.5 | 9,877 | | 9,539 | | | 338 |  | 3.4 | |  |
| Batesville Micro | | | 16,564 | | 15,938 | | 626 | |  | 3.8 | | 16,540 | | | 15,914 | 626 |  | 3.8 | 16,306 | | 15,660 | | | 646 |  | 4.0 | |  |
| Blytheville Micro | | | 17,333 | | 16,475 | | 858 | |  | 5.0 | | 17,283 | | | 16,542 | 741 |  | 4.3 | 17,479 | | 16,622 | | | 857 |  | 4.9 | |  |
| Camden Micro | | | 12,232 | | 11,643 | | 589 | |  | 4.8 | | 12,232 | | | 11,684 | 548 |  | 4.5 | 12,127 | | 11,603 | | | 524 |  | 4.3 | |  |
| El Dorado Micro | | | 15,813 | | 14,954 | | 859 | |  | 5.4 | | 15,786 | | | 14,980 | 806 |  | 5.1 | 15,806 | | 15,020 | | | 786 |  | 5.0 | |  |
| Forrest City Micro | | | 8,123 | | 7,734 | | 389 | |  | 4.8 | | 8,132 | | | 7,767 | 365 |  | 4.5 | 8,262 | | 7,821 | | | 441 |  | 5.3 | |  |
| Harrison Micro | | | 19,303 | | 18,691 | | 612 | |  | 3.2 | | 19,342 | | | 18,770 | 572 |  | 3.0 | 18,958 | | 18,310 | | | 648 |  | 3.4 | |  |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | | | 6,372 | | 5,970 | | 402 | |  | 6.3 | | 6,340 | | | 5,975 | 365 |  | 5.8 | 6,547 | | 6,179 | | | 368 |  | 5.6 | |  |
| Hope Micro | | | 13,436 | | 12,937 | | 499 | |  | 3.7 | | 13,491 | | | 13,017 | 474 |  | 3.5 | 13,566 | | 13,073 | | | 493 |  | 3.6 | |  |
| Magnolia Micro | | | 9,172 | | 8,799 | | 373 | |  | 4.1 | | 9,234 | | | 8,861 | 373 |  | 4.0 | 8,899 | | 8,501 | | | 398 |  | 4.5 | |  |
| Malvern Micro | | | 13,961 | | 13,500 | | 461 | |  | 3.3 | | 14,017 | | | 13,564 | 453 |  | 3.2 | 13,909 | | 13,419 | | | 490 |  | 3.5 | |  |
| Mountain Home Micro | | | 16,151 | | 15,525 | | 626 | |  | 3.9 | | 16,180 | | | 15,603 | 577 |  | 3.6 | 16,555 | | 15,839 | | | 716 |  | 4.3 | |  |
| Paragould Micro | | | 19,947 | | 19,278 | | 669 | |  | 3.4 | | 20,001 | | | 19,365 | 636 |  | 3.2 | 19,509 | | 18,821 | | | 688 |  | 3.5 | |  |
| Russellville Micro | | | 37,408 | | 35,889 | | 1,519 | |  | 4.1 | | 37,374 | | | 36,040 | 1,334 |  | 3.6 | 37,473 | | 35,857 | | | 1,616 |  | 4.3 | |  |
| Searcy Micro | | | 33,977 | | 32,470 | | 1,507 | |  | 4.4 | | 33,918 | | | 32,539 | 1,379 |  | 4.1 | 33,839 | | 32,323 | | | 1,516 |  | 4.5 | |  |

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County Batesville Micro = Independence County Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

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

**City Labor Force Statistics**

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|  | **City** |  |  |  |  | **December 2019** | | | | |  |  |  |  | **November 2019** | | | | |  |  |  |  |  | **December 2018** | | | | |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | **CLF** |  |  | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | **CLF** | | |  | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | |  | **CLF** | | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | |  |
|  | Bella Vista | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 12,575 | | | 12,215 | | | 360 |  | 2.9 | 12,676 | | | 12,312 | | 364 | |  | 2.9 | | 12,186 | | | 11,687 | | | 499 |  | 4.1 |  |  |
|  | Benton | | 17,290 | | | 16,836 | | | 454 |  | 2.6 | 17,374 | | | 16,926 | | 448 | |  | 2.6 | | 17,051 | | | 16,531 | | | 520 |  | 3.0 |  |  |
|  | Bentonville | | 26,959 | | | 26,412 | | | 547 |  | 2.0 | 27,165 | | | 26,622 | | 543 | |  | 2.0 | | 25,906 | | | 25,271 | | | 635 |  | 2.5 |  |  |
|  | Blytheville | | 5,941 | | | 5,572 | | | 369 |  | 6.2 | 5,902 | | | 5,595 | | 307 | |  | 5.2 | | 5,917 | | | 5,622 | | | 295 |  | 5.0 |  |  |
|  | Cabot | | 12,093 | | | 11,713 | | | 380 |  | 3.1 | 12,120 | | | 11,753 | | 367 | |  | 3.0 | | 11,884 | | | 11,529 | | | 355 |  | 3.0 |  |  |
|  | Conway | | 33,765 | | | 32,829 | | | 936 |  | 2.8 | 33,873 | | | 32,985 | | 888 | |  | 2.6 | | 33,298 | | | 32,257 | | | 1,041 |  | 3.1 |  |  |
|  | El Dorado | | 6,847 | | | 6,460 | | | 387 |  | 5.7 | 6,840 | | | 6,471 | | 369 | |  | 5.4 | | 6,875 | | | 6,489 | | | 386 |  | 5.6 |  |  |
|  | Fayetteville | | 48,943 | | | 47,826 | | | 1,117 |  | 2.3 | 49,307 | | | 48,199 | | 1,108 | |  | 2.2 | | 46,989 | | | 45,769 | | | 1,220 |  | 2.6 |  |  |
|  | Fort Smith | | 39,286 | | | 38,016 | | | 1,270 |  | 3.2 | 39,505 | | | 38,308 | | 1,197 | |  | 3.0 | | 39,169 | | | 37,797 | | | 1,372 |  | 3.5 |  |  |
|  | Hot Springs | | 14,465 | | | 13,891 | | | 574 |  | 4.0 | 14,513 | | | 13,957 | | 556 | |  | 3.8 | | 14,258 | | | 13,630 | | | 628 |  | 4.4 |  |  |
|  | Jacksonville | | 11,960 | | | 11,357 | | | 603 |  | 5.0 | 11,941 | | | 11,418 | | 523 | |  | 4.4 | | 11,629 | | | 11,149 | | | 480 |  | 4.1 |  |  |
|  | Jonesboro | | 38,884 | | | 37,859 | | | 1,025 |  | 2.6 | 39,128 | | | 38,179 | | 949 | |  | 2.4 | | 37,892 | | | 36,761 | | | 1,131 |  | 3.0 |  |  |
|  | Little Rock | | 98,228 | | | 95,160 | | | 3,068 |  | 3.1 | 98,752 | | | 95,676 | | 3,076 | |  | 3.1 | | 96,706 | | | 93,421 | | | 3,285 |  | 3.4 |  |  |
|  | North Little Rock | | 30,173 | | | 28,993 | | | 1,180 |  | 3.9 | 30,200 | | | 29,150 | | 1,050 | |  | 3.5 | | 29,570 | | | 28,463 | | | 1,107 |  | 3.7 |  |  |
|  | Paragould | | 12,509 | | | 12,074 | | | 435 |  | 3.5 | 12,548 | | | 12,128 | | 420 | |  | 3.3 | | 12,270 | | | 11,788 | | | 482 |  | 3.9 |  |  |
|  | Pine Bluff | | 16,500 | | | 15,504 | | | 996 |  | 6.0 | 16,652 | | | 15,643 | | 1,009 | |  | 6.1 | | 16,637 | | | 15,632 | | | 1,005 |  | 6.0 |  |  |
|  | Rogers | | 36,400 | | | 35,623 | | | 777 |  | 2.1 | 36,672 | | | 35,906 | | 766 | |  | 2.1 | | 34,992 | | | 34,084 | | | 908 |  | 2.6 |  |  |
|  | Russellville | | 13,394 | | | 12,922 | | | 472 |  | 3.5 | 13,423 | | | 12,990 | | 433 | |  | 3.2 | | 13,387 | | | 12,898 | | | 489 |  | 3.7 |  |  |
|  | Searcy | | 10,272 | | | 9,925 | | | 347 |  | 3.4 | 10,281 | | | 9,946 | | 335 | |  | 3.3 | | 10,289 | | | 9,880 | | | 409 |  | 4.0 |  |  |
|  | Sherwood | | 16,085 | | | 15,623 | | | 462 |  | 2.9 | 16,153 | | | 15,708 | | 445 | |  | 2.8 | | 15,805 | | | 15,338 | | | 467 |  | 3.0 |  |  |
|  | Springdale | | 40,233 | | | 39,380 | | | 853 |  | 2.1 | 40,542 | | | 39,688 | | 854 | |  | 2.1 | | 38,650 | | | 37,685 | | | 965 |  | 2.5 |  |  |
|  | Texarkana, AR | | 13,624 | | | 13,053 | | | 571 |  | 4.2 | 13,650 | | | 13,114 | | 536 | |  | 3.9 | | 13,591 | | | 12,921 | | | 670 |  | 4.9 |  |  |
|  | Van Buren | | 10,331 | | | 10,021 | | | 310 |  | 3.0 | 10,382 | | | 10,089 | | 293 | |  | 2.8 | | 10,333 | | | 9,972 | | | 361 |  | 3.5 |  |  |
|  | West Memphis | | 10,680 | | | 10,212 | | | 468 |  | 4.4 | 10,761 | | | 10,307 | | 454 | |  | 4.2 | | 10,627 | | | 10,159 | | | 468 |  | 4.4 |  |  |



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**County Labor Force Statistics**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | **December 2019** | | | | |  |  |  |  | **November 2019** | | | | |  |  |
| **County** |  |  | **CLF** | | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | |  | **CLF** | |  | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | |  |
| Arkansas | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2.9 |  |
| 9,445 | | | 9,155 | | | 290 |  | 3.1 | 9,395 | | | 9,125 | | 270 | |  |  |
| Ashley | | 7,617 | | | 7,179 | | | 438 |  | 5.8 | 7,593 | | | 7,201 | | 392 | |  | 5.2 |  |
| Baxter | | 16,151 | | | 15,525 | | | 626 |  | 3.9 | 16,180 | | | 15,603 | | 577 | |  | 3.6 |  |
| Benton | | 138,931 | | | 135,623 | | | 3,308 |  | 2.4 | 139,889 | | | 136,701 | | 3,188 | |  | 2.3 |  |
| Boone | | 15,957 | | | 15,462 | | | 495 |  | 3.1 | 16,003 | | | 15,537 | | 466 | |  | 2.9 |  |
| Bradley | | 4,492 | | | 4,334 | | | 158 |  | 3.5 | 4,451 | | | 4,300 | | 151 | |  | 3.4 |  |
| Calhoun | | 2,415 | | | 2,317 | | | 98 |  | 4.1 | 2,413 | | | 2,318 | | 95 | |  | 3.9 |  |
| Carroll | | 12,563 | | | 12,196 | | | 367 |  | 2.9 | 12,697 | | | 12,365 | | 332 | |  | 2.6 |  |
| Chicot | | 3,275 | | | 3,052 | | | 223 |  | 6.8 | 3,254 | | | 3,057 | | 197 | |  | 6.1 |  |
| Clark | | 9,783 | | | 9,432 | | | 351 |  | 3.6 | 9,815 | | | 9,475 | | 340 | |  | 3.5 |  |
| Clay | | 5,639 | | | 5,348 | | | 291 |  | 5.2 | 5,618 | | | 5,360 | | 258 | |  | 4.6 |  |
| Cleburne | | 9,094 | | | 8,660 | | | 434 |  | 4.8 | 9,110 | | | 8,708 | | 402 | |  | 4.4 |  |
| Cleveland | | 3,258 | | | 3,128 | | | 130 |  | 4.0 | 3,260 | | | 3,139 | | 121 | |  | 3.7 |  |
| Columbia | | 9,172 | | | 8,799 | | | 373 |  | 4.1 | 9,234 | | | 8,861 | | 373 | |  | 4.0 |  |
| Conway | | 8,327 | | | 7,990 | | | 337 |  | 4.0 | 8,320 | | | 8,007 | | 313 | |  | 3.8 |  |
| Craighead | | 55,271 | | | 53,852 | | | 1,419 |  | 2.6 | 55,654 | | | 54,306 | | 1,348 | |  | 2.4 |  |
| Crawford | | 26,633 | | | 25,807 | | | 826 |  | 3.1 | 26,756 | | | 25,982 | | 774 | |  | 2.9 |  |
| Crittenden | | 21,641 | | | 20,819 | | | 822 |  | 3.8 | 21,794 | | | 21,012 | | 782 | |  | 3.6 |  |
| Cross | | 7,396 | | | 7,086 | | | 310 |  | 4.2 | 7,383 | | | 7,097 | | 286 | |  | 3.9 |  |
| Dallas | | 2,853 | | | 2,724 | | | 129 |  | 4.5 | 2,855 | | | 2,730 | | 125 | |  | 4.4 |  |
| Desha | | 5,424 | | | 5,184 | | | 240 |  | 4.4 | 5,445 | | | 5,222 | | 223 | |  | 4.1 |  |
| Drew | | 7,955 | | | 7,558 | | | 397 |  | 5.0 | 7,944 | | | 7,561 | | 383 | |  | 4.8 |  |
| Faulkner | | 61,942 | | | 60,144 | | | 1,798 |  | 2.9 | 62,135 | | | 60,430 | | 1,705 | |  | 2.7 |  |
| Franklin | | 7,448 | | | 7,205 | | | 243 |  | 3.3 | 7,477 | | | 7,249 | | 228 | |  | 3.0 |  |
| Fulton | | 4,939 | | | 4,766 | | | 173 |  | 3.5 | 4,924 | | | 4,765 | | 159 | |  | 3.2 |  |
| Garland | | 40,568 | | | 39,148 | | | 1,420 |  | 3.5 | 40,721 | | | 39,336 | | 1,385 | |  | 3.4 |  |
| Grant | | 8,420 | | | 8,164 | | | 256 |  | 3.0 | 8,453 | | | 8,197 | | 256 | |  | 3.0 |  |
| Greene | | 19,947 | | | 19,278 | | | 669 |  | 3.4 | 20,001 | | | 19,365 | | 636 | |  | 3.2 |  |
| Hempstead | | 9,848 | | | 9,482 | | | 366 |  | 3.7 | 9,880 | | | 9,535 | | 345 | |  | 3.5 |  |
| Hot Spring | | 13,961 | | | 13,500 | | | 461 |  | 3.3 | 14,017 | | | 13,564 | | 453 | |  | 3.2 |  |
| Howard | | 5,767 | | | 5,566 | | | 201 |  | 3.5 | 5,712 | | | 5,543 | | 169 | |  | 3.0 |  |
| Independence | | 16,564 | | | 15,938 | | | 626 |  | 3.8 | 16,540 | | | 15,914 | | 626 | |  | 3.8 |  |
| Izard | | 4,918 | | | 4,624 | | | 294 |  | 6.0 | 4,875 | | | 4,620 | | 255 | |  | 5.2 |  |
| Jackson | | 5,897 | | | 5,480 | | | 417 |  | 7.1 | 5,850 | | | 5,486 | | 364 | |  | 6.2 |  |
| Jefferson | | 27,664 | | | 26,185 | | | 1,479 |  | 5.3 | 27,847 | | | 26,421 | | 1,426 | |  | 5.1 |  |
| Johnson | | 10,252 | | | 9,855 | | | 397 |  | 3.9 | 10,283 | | | 9,905 | | 378 | |  | 3.7 |  |
| Lafayette | | 2,455 | | | 2,356 | | | 99 |  | 4.0 | 2,465 | | | 2,359 | | 106 | |  | 4.3 |  |
| Lawrence | | 6,865 | | | 6,587 | | | 278 |  | 4.0 | 6,893 | | | 6,631 | | 262 | |  | 3.8 |  |
| Lee | | 2,853 | | | 2,719 | | | 134 |  | 4.7 | 2,833 | | | 2,707 | | 126 | |  | 4.4 |  |
| Lincoln | | 3,980 | | | 3,812 | | | 168 |  | 4.2 | 3,972 | | | 3,821 | | 151 | |  | 3.8 |  |
| Little River | | 5,494 | | | 5,263 | | | 231 |  | 4.2 | 5,515 | | | 5,292 | | 223 | |  | 4.0 |  |
| Logan | | 8,553 | | | 8,161 | | | 392 |  | 4.6 | 8,522 | | | 8,169 | | 353 | |  | 4.1 |  |
| Lonoke | | 34,294 | | | 33,152 | | | 1,142 |  | 3.3 | 34,294 | | | 33,265 | | 1,029 | |  | 3.0 |  |
| Madison | | 7,633 | | | 7,464 | | | 169 |  | 2.2 | 7,644 | | | 7,476 | | 168 | |  | 2.2 |  |
| Marion | | 6,574 | | | 6,313 | | | 261 |  | 4.0 | 6,561 | | | 6,332 | | 229 | |  | 3.5 |  |
| Miller | | 19,744 | | | 18,984 | | | 760 |  | 3.8 | 19,797 | | | 19,073 | | 724 | |  | 3.7 |  |

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|  |  |  | **December 2018** | | | | |  |  |
|  | **CLF** | |  | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3.4 |  |
| 9,086 | | | 8,776 | | 310 | |  |  |
| 7,692 | | | 7,263 | | 429 | |  | 5.6 |  |
| 16,555 | | | 15,839 | | 716 | |  | 4.3 |  |
| 133,505 | | | 129,763 | | 3,742 | |  | 2.8 |  |
| 15,658 | | | 15,135 | | 523 | |  | 3.3 |  |
| 4,539 | | | 4,333 | | 206 | |  | 4.5 |  |
| 2,406 | | | 2,318 | | 88 | |  | 3.7 |  |
| 12,426 | | | 12,010 | | 416 | |  | 3.3 |  |
| 3,293 | | | 3,062 | | 231 | |  | 7.0 |  |
| 9,877 | | | 9,539 | | 338 | |  | 3.4 |  |
| 5,817 | | | 5,534 | | 283 | |  | 4.9 |  |
| 9,099 | | | 8,693 | | 406 | |  | 4.5 |  |
| 3,292 | | | 3,166 | | 126 | |  | 3.8 |  |
| 8,899 | | | 8,501 | | 398 | |  | 4.5 |  |
| 8,183 | | | 7,831 | | 352 | |  | 4.3 |  |
| 53,876 | | | 52,289 | | 1,587 | |  | 2.9 |  |
| 26,607 | | | 25,680 | | 927 | |  | 3.5 |  |
| 21,566 | | | 20,711 | | 855 | |  | 4.0 |  |
| 7,385 | | | 7,042 | | 343 | |  | 4.6 |  |
| 2,853 | | | 2,741 | | 112 | |  | 3.9 |  |
| 5,473 | | | 5,225 | | 248 | |  | 4.5 |  |
| 7,977 | | | 7,581 | | 396 | |  | 5.0 |  |
| 61,049 | | | 59,095 | | 1,954 | |  | 3.2 |  |
| 7,355 | | | 7,111 | | 244 | |  | 3.3 |  |
| 4,772 | | | 4,567 | | 205 | |  | 4.3 |  |
| 40,005 | | | 38,413 | | 1,592 | |  | 4.0 |  |
| 8,288 | | | 8,032 | | 256 | |  | 3.1 |  |
| 19,509 | | | 18,821 | | 688 | |  | 3.5 |  |
| 9,961 | | | 9,586 | | 375 | |  | 3.8 |  |
| 13,909 | | | 13,419 | | 490 | |  | 3.5 |  |
| 5,832 | | | 5,625 | | 207 | |  | 3.5 |  |
| 16,306 | | | 15,660 | | 646 | |  | 4.0 |  |
| 4,898 | | | 4,607 | | 291 | |  | 5.9 |  |
| 5,829 | | | 5,438 | | 391 | |  | 6.7 |  |
| 27,903 | | | 26,402 | | 1,501 | |  | 5.4 |  |
| 10,499 | | | 10,055 | | 444 | |  | 4.2 |  |
| 2,526 | | | 2,397 | | 129 | |  | 5.1 |  |
| 6,923 | | | 6,647 | | 276 | |  | 4.0 |  |
| 2,904 | | | 2,778 | | 126 | |  | 4.3 |  |
| 4,026 | | | 3,862 | | 164 | |  | 4.1 |  |
| 5,483 | | | 5,206 | | 277 | |  | 5.1 |  |
| 8,725 | | | 8,379 | | 346 | |  | 4.0 |  |
| 33,669 | | | 32,631 | | 1,038 | |  | 3.1 |  |
| 7,417 | | | 7,217 | | 200 | |  | 2.7 |  |
| 6,437 | | | 6,155 | | 282 | |  | 4.4 |  |
| 19,671 | | | 18,793 | | 878 | |  | 4.5 |  |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Not Seasonally Adjusted** | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **County** |  |  |  |  | **December 2019** | | | | |  |  |  |  |  | **November 2019** | | | | |  |  |  |  | **December 2018** | | | | |  |  |  |
|  |  | **CLF** | | |  | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | |  | **CLF** | | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | **CLF** | | |  | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | |  |
|  | Mississippi | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 17,333 | | | 16,475 | | 858 | |  | 5.0 | | 17,283 | | | 16,542 | | | 741 |  | 17,479 | | | 16,622 | | 857 | |  | 4.9 | |  |
|  | Monroe | | 2,767 | | | 2,637 | | 130 | |  | 4.7 | | 2,734 | | | 2,619 | | | 115 |  | 4.2 | 2,686 | | | 2,571 | | 115 | |  | 4.3 | |  |
|  | Montgomery | | 2,899 | | | 2,766 | | 133 | |  | 4.6 | | 2,896 | | | 2,764 | | | 132 |  | 4.6 | 3,006 | | | 2,863 | | 143 | |  | 4.8 | |  |
|  | Nevada | | 3,588 | | | 3,455 | | 133 | |  | 3.7 | | 3,611 | | | 3,482 | | | 129 |  | 3.6 | 3,605 | | | 3,487 | | 118 | |  | 3.3 | |  |
|  | Newton | | 3,346 | | | 3,229 | | 117 | |  | 3.5 | | 3,339 | | | 3,233 | | | 106 |  | 3.2 | 3,300 | | | 3,175 | | 125 | |  | 3.8 | |  |
|  | Ouachita | | 9,817 | | | 9,326 | | 491 | |  | 5.0 | | 9,819 | | | 9,366 | | | 453 |  | 4.6 | 9,721 | | | 9,285 | | 436 | |  | 4.5 | |  |
|  | Perry | | 4,266 | | | 4,113 | | 153 | |  | 3.6 | | 4,263 | | | 4,122 | | | 141 |  | 3.3 | 4,243 | | | 4,054 | | 189 | |  | 4.5 | |  |
|  | Phillips | | 6,372 | | | 5,970 | | 402 | |  | 6.3 | | 6,340 | | | 5,975 | | | 365 |  | 5.8 | 6,547 | | | 6,179 | | 368 | |  | 5.6 | |  |
|  | Pike | | 4,230 | | | 4,066 | | 164 | |  | 3.9 | | 4,200 | | | 4,049 | | | 151 |  | 3.6 | 4,241 | | | 4,078 | | 163 | |  | 3.8 | |  |
|  | Poinsett | | 10,483 | | | 10,125 | | 358 | |  | 3.4 | | 10,492 | | | 10,171 | | | 321 |  | 3.1 | 10,246 | | | 9,886 | | 360 | |  | 3.5 | |  |
|  | Polk | | 8,185 | | | 7,819 | | 366 | |  | 4.5 | | 8,163 | | | 7,819 | | | 344 |  | 4.2 | 7,983 | | | 7,658 | | 325 | |  | 4.1 | |  |
|  | Pope | | 28,957 | | | 27,728 | | 1,229 | |  | 4.2 | | 28,940 | | | 27,873 | | | 1,067 |  | 3.7 | 28,943 | | | 27,676 | | 1,267 | |  | 4.4 | |  |
|  | Prairie | | 3,629 | | | 3,468 | | 161 | |  | 4.4 | | 3,599 | | | 3,459 | | | 140 |  | 3.9 | 3,575 | | | 3,424 | | 151 | |  | 4.2 | |  |
|  | Pulaski | | 191,116 | | | 184,784 | | 6,332 | |  | 3.3 | | 191,842 | | | 185,786 | | | 6,056 |  | 3.2 | 187,807 | | | 181,407 | | 6,400 | |  | 3.4 | |  |
|  | Randolph | | 7,366 | | | 7,075 | | 291 | |  | 4.0 | | 7,340 | | | 7,093 | | | 247 |  | 3.4 | 7,240 | | | 6,958 | | 282 | |  | 3.9 | |  |
|  | St. Francis | | 8,123 | | | 7,734 | | 389 | |  | 4.8 | | 8,132 | | | 7,767 | | | 365 |  | 4.5 | 8,262 | | | 7,821 | | 441 | |  | 5.3 | |  |
|  | Saline | | 58,130 | | | 56,579 | | 1,551 | |  | 2.7 | | 58,406 | | | 56,881 | | | 1,525 |  | 2.6 | 57,254 | | | 55,552 | | 1,702 | |  | 3.0 | |  |
|  | Scott | | 4,334 | | | 4,187 | | 147 | |  | 3.4 | | 4,313 | | | 4,174 | | | 139 |  | 3.2 | 4,407 | | | 4,253 | | 154 | |  | 3.5 | |  |
|  | Searcy | | 2,823 | | | 2,674 | | 149 | |  | 5.3 | | 2,812 | | | 2,690 | | | 122 |  | 4.3 | 2,895 | | | 2,772 | | 123 | |  | 4.2 | |  |
|  | Sebastian | | 56,617 | | | 54,816 | | 1,801 | |  | 3.2 | | 56,934 | | | 55,237 | | | 1,697 |  | 3.0 | 56,419 | | | 54,500 | | 1,919 | |  | 3.4 | |  |
|  | Sevier | | 5,545 | | | 5,281 | | 264 | |  | 4.8 | | 5,509 | | | 5,273 | | | 236 |  | 4.3 | 5,548 | | | 5,292 | | 256 | |  | 4.6 | |  |
|  | Sharp | | 5,680 | | | 5,393 | | 287 | |  | 5.1 | | 5,687 | | | 5,422 | | | 265 |  | 4.7 | 5,760 | | | 5,484 | | 276 | |  | 4.8 | |  |
|  | Stone | | 4,631 | | | 4,414 | | 217 | |  | 4.7 | | 4,632 | | | 4,432 | | | 200 |  | 4.3 | 4,799 | | | 4,557 | | 242 | |  | 5.0 | |  |
|  | Union | | 15,813 | | | 14,954 | | 859 | |  | 5.4 | | 15,786 | | | 14,980 | | | 806 |  | 5.1 | 15,806 | | | 15,020 | | 786 | |  | 5.0 | |  |
|  | Van Buren | | 5,650 | | | 5,366 | | 284 | |  | 5.0 | | 5,671 | | | 5,413 | | | 258 |  | 4.5 | 5,844 | | | 5,533 | | 311 | |  | 5.3 | |  |
|  | Washington | | 126,736 | | | 123,986 | | 2,750 | |  | 2.2 | | 127,649 | | | 124,953 | | | 2,696 |  | 2.1 | 121,709 | | | 118,655 | | 3,054 | |  | 2.5 | |  |
|  | White | | 33,977 | | | 32,470 | | 1,507 | |  | 4.4 | | 33,918 | | | 32,539 | | | 1,379 |  | 4.1 | 33,839 | | | 32,323 | | 1,516 | |  | 4.5 | |  |
|  | Woodruff | | 2,801 | | | 2,659 | | 142 | |  | 5.1 | | 2,779 | | | 2,644 | | | 135 |  | 4.9 | 2,852 | | | 2,698 | | 154 | |  | 5.4 | |  |
|  | Yell | | 8,451 | | | 8,161 | | 290 | |  | 3.4 | | 8,434 | | | 8,167 | | | 267 |  | 3.2 | 8,530 | | | 8,181 | | 349 | |  | 4.1 | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**County Labor Force Summary**

Between November and December, unemployment rates increased in 70 of Arkansas’ 75 coun-ties. Four counties were stable, while the rate in one county-- Lafayette County-- declined. Job-less rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Madison and Washington counties to a high of 7.1 percent in Jackson County.

In December, forty-one counties posted unemployment rates at or below 4 percent. That is down from 47 counties at or below four percent last month. For the first time in five months, one county reported a jobless rate above seven percent.

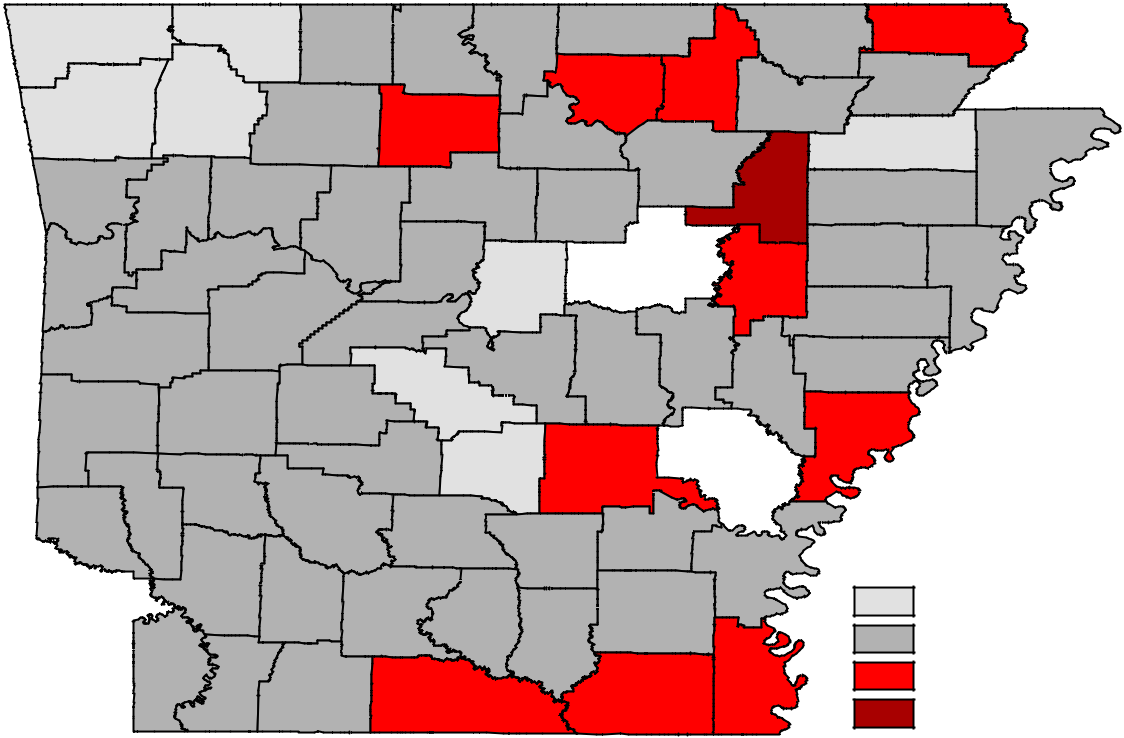
Compared to December 2018, unemployment rates are down in 45 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates increased in 26 counties and were unchanged in four.



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**County Unemployment Rates**



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| **Benton** |  |  | **Carroll** | **Boone** | **Marion** | | **Baxter** | |  | **Fulton** |  | **Randolph** | | **Clay** |  |  |
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|  | **Madison** | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Lawrence** | |  |  |
| **Washington** | **Newton** | **Searcy** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | **Stone** |  | **Independence** | | |  | **Craighead** | **Mississippi** |  |
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| **Crawford** |  |  | **Johnson** | |  | **Van Buren** | | **Cleburne** | | |  | **Jackson** |  | **Poinsett** |  |  |
| **Franklin** | | |  | **Pope** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | **Logan** | | |  | **Conway** | | |  |  | **White** |  |  | **Cross** | |  |  |
| **Sebastian** |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Crittenden** | |  |
|  |  |  | **Faulkner** | |  |  |  | **Woodruff** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **St. Francis** | |  |  |
|  |  |  | **Yell** | **Perry** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Scott** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | **Pulaski** | | **Lonoke** | | **Prairie** | | **Lee** | |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | **Saline** | |  | **Monroe** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **Garland** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Montgomery** | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Polk** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Phillips** | |  |  |
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| **Howard** |  | **Pike** | | **Hot Spring** | |  | **Grant** | **Jefferson** | | |  | **Arkansas** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Sevier** |  |  |  | **Clark** | **Dallas** | |  |  |  | **Lincoln** | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **Cleveland** | | |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Desha** |  | **Unemployment Rates** | |  |
| **Little River** | **Hempstead Nevada Ouachita** | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Calhoun** | |  |  | **Drew** | |  |  | < or = 3.0% | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3.1% - 5.0% | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Bradley** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Miller** | | **Lafayette Columbia** | | |  | **Union** | |  |  | **Ashley** | | **Chicot** |  | 5.1% - 7.0% | |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | > 7.0% | |  |
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**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

**December 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

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|  | **Rank** | | **County** | | **Rate** |  | **Rank** | | **County** | | **Rate** | | | **Rank** | | **County** | | **Rate** | |
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| 1 | |  | Madison | | 2.2 | 26 | |  | Clark | | 3.6 | | | 51 |  | Dallas | | 4.5 |  |
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| 4 | |  | Craighead | | 2.6 | 28 | |  | Nevada | | 3.7 | | | 53 |  | Montgomery | | 4.6 |  |
| 5 | |  | Saline | | 2.7 | 30 | |  | Crittenden | | 3.8 | | | 55 |  | Lee | | 4.7 |  |
| 6 | |  | Carroll | | 2.9 | 30 | |  | Independence | | 3.8 | | | 55 |  | Monroe | | 4.7 |  |
| 6 | |  | Faulkner | | 2.9 | 30 | |  | Miller | | 3.8 | | | 55 |  | Stone | | 4.7 |  |
| 8 | |  | Grant | | 3.0 | 33 | |  | Baxter | | 3.9 | | | 58 |  | Cleburne | | 4.8 |  |
| 9 | |  | Arkansas | | 3.1 | 33 | |  | Johnson | | 3.9 | | | 58 |  | St. Francis | | 4.8 |  |
| 9 | |  | Boone | | 3.1 | 33 | |  | Pike | | 3.9 | | | 58 |  | Sevier | | 4.8 |  |
| 9 | |  | Crawford | | 3.1 | 36 | |  | Cleveland | | 4.0 | | | 61 |  | Drew | | 5.0 |  |
| 12 | |  | Sebastian | | 3.2 | 36 | |  | Conway | | 4.0 | | | 61 |  | Mississippi | | 5.0 |  |
| 13 | |  | Franklin | | 3.3 | 36 | |  | Lafayette | | 4.0 | | | 61 |  | Ouachita | | 5.0 |  |
| 13 | |  | Hot Spring | | 3.3 | 36 | |  | Lawrence | | 4.0 | | | 61 |  | Van Buren | | 5.0 |  |
| 13 | |  | Lonoke | | 3.3 | 36 | |  | Marion | | 4.0 | | | 65 |  | Sharp | | 5.1 |  |
| 13 | |  | Pulaski | | 3.3 | 36 | |  | Randolph | | 4.0 | | | 65 |  | Woodruff | | 5.1 |  |
| 17 | |  | Greene | | 3.4 | 42 | |  | Calhoun | | 4.1 | | | 67 |  | Clay | | 5.2 |  |
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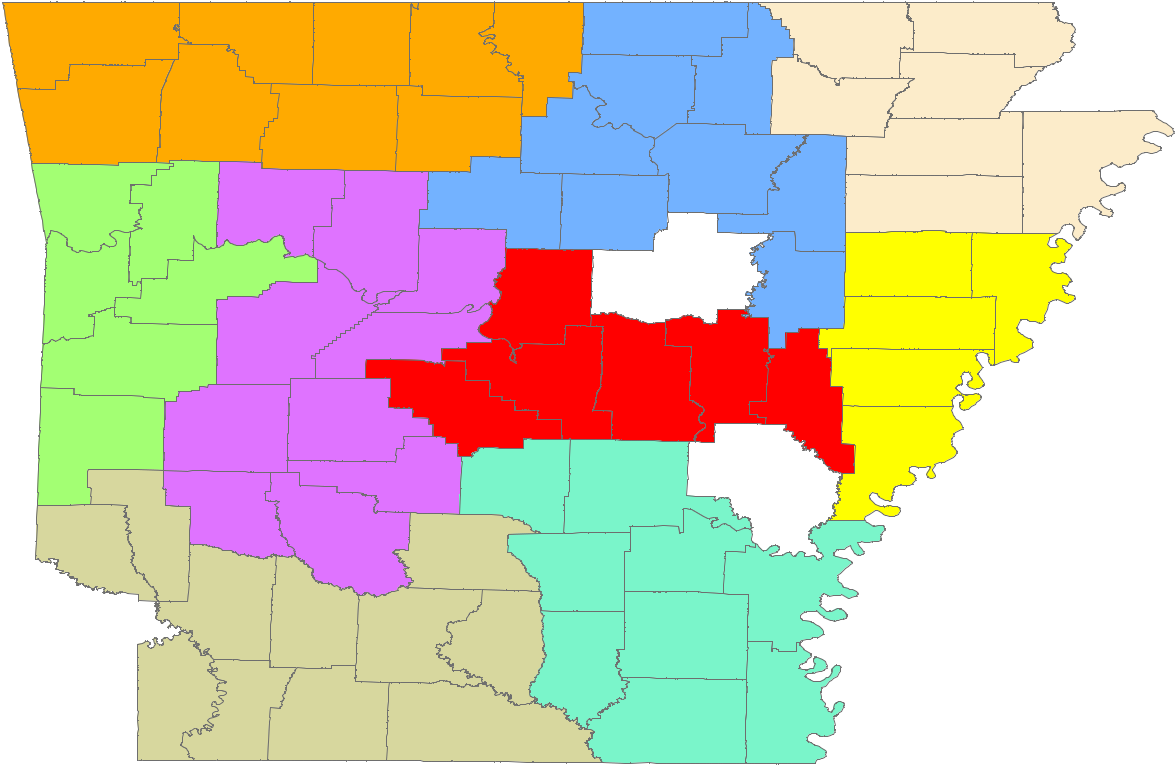
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**Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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|  |  | **CLF** | | |  | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | |  | **CLF** | | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | **CLF** | | |  | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | |  |
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|  | 253,650 | | | 245,604 | | 8,046 | |  | 3.2 | | 254,258 | | | 246,764 | | | 7,494 |  | 249,334 | | | 241,259 | | 8,075 | |  | 3.2 | |  |
|  | City of Little Rock | | 98,228 | | | 95,160 | | 3,068 | |  | 3.1 | | 98,752 | | | 95,676 | | | 3,076 |  | 3.1 | 96,706 | | | 93,421 | | 3,285 | |  | 3.4 | |  |
|  | Eastern | | 46,385 | | | 44,328 | | 2,057 | |  | 4.4 | | 46,482 | | | 44,558 | | | 1,924 |  | 4.1 | 46,664 | | | 44,531 | | 2,133 | |  | 4.6 | |  |
|  | North Central | | 94,151 | | | 89,770 | | 4,381 | |  | 4.7 | | 93,986 | | | 89,943 | | | 4,043 |  | 4.3 | 93,998 | | | 89,560 | | 4,438 | |  | 4.7 | |  |
|  | Northeast | | 122,904 | | | 118,740 | | 4,164 | |  | 3.4 | | 123,281 | | | 119,468 | | | 3,813 |  | 3.1 | 121,090 | | | 116,757 | | 4,333 | |  | 3.6 | |  |
|  | Northwest | | 330,714 | | | 322,472 | | 8,242 | |  | 2.5 | | 332,774 | | | 324,890 | | | 7,884 |  | 2.4 | 319,902 | | | 310,721 | | 9,181 | |  | 2.9 | |  |
|  | Southeast | | 81,530 | | | 77,751 | | 3,779 | |  | 4.6 | | 81,614 | | | 78,044 | | | 3,570 |  | 4.4 | 81,569 | | | 77,702 | | 3,867 | |  | 4.7 | |  |
|  | Southwest | | 92,511 | | | 88,507 | | 4,004 | |  | 4.3 | | 92,596 | | | 88,812 | | | 3,784 |  | 4.1 | 92,311 | | | 88,251 | | 4,060 | |  | 4.4 | |  |
|  | West Central | | 131,694 | | | 126,759 | | 4,935 | |  | 3.7 | | 131,889 | | | 127,262 | | | 4,627 |  | 3.5 | 131,436 | | | 126,109 | | 5,327 | |  | 4.1 | |  |
|  | Western | | 111,770 | | | 107,995 | | 3,775 | |  | 3.4 | | 112,165 | | | 108,630 | | | 3,535 |  | 3.2 | 111,496 | | | 107,581 | | 3,915 | |  | 3.5 | |  |
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| **Washington** |  | **Newton** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Howard** | |  | **Pike** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | **Clark** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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