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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 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 specific 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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**October Spotlight**

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional es- timates based on various definitions of ‘unemployment’. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census

Bureau. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quar- ter moving average. The most recent data available

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

4th Q 2017 - 3rd Q 2018 (Average)

is an average of 4th Quarter 2017 - 3rd Quarter 2018.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **U-1** | **U-2** | **U-3** | **U-4** | **U-5** | **U-6** |
| 1.2% | 1.8% | 3.7% | 4.2% | 4.9% | 7.9% |

The following definitions are used to calculate each

measure of Labor Underutilization:

* 1. **Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.
	2. **Measure:** Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force. **U-3 Measure:** Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).
	3. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.
	4. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.
	5. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those em- ployed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

9.0

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

##### State of Arkansas

Three-Year Comparison (Average Ending in 3rd Quarter)

8.0

7.0

6.0

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

0.0

U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6 3rd Q 2016 3rd Q 2017 3rd Q 2018

## 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 stable at 3.5 percent between September and October. Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased 881, a result of 670 more employed and 211 additional unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate was unchanged at 3.7 percent in October.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “After dropping for three month’s in a row, Arkan- sas’ unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.5 percent in October. The stable jobless rate reflects the trend seen at the national level.”

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Oct 18**1,346,556 | **Sep 18**1,345,675 | **Oct 17**1,357,679 | Civilian Labor Force | **Oct 18**1,353,649 | **Sep 18**1,347,699 | **Oct 17**1,359,086 |
| Employment | 1,299,115 | 1,298,445 | 1,307,175 | Employment | 1,309,014 | 1,302,901 | 1,315,489 |
| Unemployment | 47,441 | 47,230 | 50,504 | Unemployment | 44,635 | 44,798 | 43,597 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 | Unemployment Rate | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.1 | U.S. Unemployment | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.9 |

1,360,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted vs. Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

##### October 2013 - October 2018

1,320,000

1,280,000

1,240,000

1,200,000

1,160,000

1,120,000

Oct '13 Apr '14 Oct '14 Apr '15 Oct '15 Apr '16 Oct '16 Apr '17 Oct '17 Apr '18 Oct '18 Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

### Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

**(NAICS)**

**Oct 18**

**Sep 18**

**Oct 17**

**OTM**

**OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Nonfarm** | 1263.3 | 1259.7 | 1254.1 | 3.6 | 9.2 |
| **Goods Producing** | 219.1 | 219.8 | 216.1 | -0.7 | 3.0 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | 59.2 | 59.4 | 58.4 | -0.2 | 0.8 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.5** | **5.5** | **5.8** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Construction** | **53.7** | **53.9** | **52.6** | **-0.2** | **1.1** |
| **Specialty Trade Contractors** | 33.5 | 33.4 | 32.0 | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| **Manufacturing** | **159.9** | **160.4** | **157.7** | **-0.5** | **2.2** |
| **Durable Goods** | 75.5 | 75.7 | 74.7 | -0.2 | 0.8 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 84.4 | 84.7 | 83.0 | -0.3 | 1.4 |
| **Service Providing** | 1044.2 | 1039.9 | 1038.0 | 4.3 | 6.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **251.8** | **250.9** | **251.9** | **0.9** | **-0.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 47.4 | 47.0 | 47.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** | 140.0 | 139.5 | 141.0 | 0.5 | -1.0 |
| **Transport, Warehousing & Utilities** | 64.4 | 64.4 | 63.9 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **Information** | **12.0** | **12.0** | **13.0** | **0.0** | **-1.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **54.4** | **54.3** | **53.0** | **0.1** | **1.4** |
| **Finance & Insurance** | 40.5 | 40.5 | 39.5 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| **Real Estate & Rental & Leasing** | 13.9 | 13.8 | 13.5 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **153.2** | **152.4** | **147.7** | **0.8** | **5.5** |
| **Professional, Scientific & Technical** | 43.7 | 43.0 | 42.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| **Management of Companies** | 35.9 | 35.5 | 35.0 | 0.4 | 0.9 |
| **Administrative & Support Services** | 73.6 | 73.9 | 69.9 | -0.3 | 3.7 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **192.2** | **190.7** | **189.0** | **1.5** | **3.2** |
| **Educational Services** | 16.8 | 16.3 | 15.5 | 0.5 | 1.3 |
| **Health Care & Social Assistance** | 175.4 | 174.4 | 173.5 | 1.0 | 1.9 |
| **Ambulatory Health Care** | 57.9 | 57.5 | 57.7 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| **Social Assistance** | 39.7 | 39.1 | 39.7 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **117.5** | **117.9** | **119.1** | **-0.4** | **-1.6** |
| **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** | 10.3 | 11.0 | 10.7 | -0.7 | -0.4 |
| **Accommodation & Food Services** | 107.2 | 106.9 | 108.4 | 0.3 | -1.2 |
| **Accommodation Services** | 11.0 | 11.2 | 11.4 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| **Food Services** | 96.2 | 95.7 | 97.0 | 0.5 | -0.8 |
| **Other Services** | **47.8** | **48.2** | **49.0** | **-0.4** | **-1.2** |
| **Government** | **215.3** | **213.5** | **215.3** | **1.8** | **0.0** |
| **Federal Government** | 19.7 | 19.8 | 20.0 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| **State Government** | 80.3 | 79.1 | 79.9 | 1.2 | 0.4 |
| **Local Government** | 115.3 | 114.6 | 115.4 | 0.7 | -0.1 |

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs rose 3,600 in October to total 1,263,300. Five major industry sectors added jobs, more than offsetting small declines in four sectors. Two sectors were unchanged over the month. Employment in **government** increased 1,800. Gains in both state (+1,200) and local (+700) government were related in large part to continued hiring at public schools and universities. **Educa- tional and health services** added 1,500 jobs. Most of the expansions were seen in health care and social assistance (+1,000).

**October 2017 - October 2018**

Compared to October 2017, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 9,200. Growth was posted in five major industry sectors, all adding 1,100 or more jobs, each. Employment in **professional and busi- ness services** rose 5,500. A majority of the gains were reported in administrative and support services (+3,700). Jobs in **educational and health services** increased 3,200, with growth in both subsectors. **Manufacturing** added 2,200 jobs. Most of the expansion occurred in nondurable goods manufac- turing (+1,400), largely related to reported hiring in food manufacturing. Employment in **financial activities** rose 1,400, mostly in finance and insurance (+1,000). Construction jobs are up 1,100, due to ongoing projects across the state. **Leisure and hospitality** posted the largest decline (-1,600), with all subsectors reporting losses. Employment in **other services** decreased 1,200. The subsector includes activities such as repair-maintenance and membership organizations.

160,000

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

##### October: 1998 - 2018

150,000

140,000

130,000

120,000

110,000

100,000

90,000

80,000

'98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18

## State of Arkansas

**Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

**Manufacturing**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 18** | **Sep 18** | **Oct 17** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 43.5 | 42.2 | 42.7 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 18.19 | 18.06 | 16.36 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 791.27 | 762.13 | 698.57 |

###

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Oct 18 Sep 18**

**Oct 17**

Average Weekly Hours 42.6 40.9

Average Hourly Earnings 16.03 15.80

Average Weekly Earnings 682.88 646.22

43.8

15.19

665.32

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 18** | **Sep 18** | **Oct 17** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 44.5 | 43.7 | 41.4 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 20.67 | 20.60 | 17.84 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 919.82 | 900.22 | 738.58 |

46.0

**Average Weekly Hours (Durable Goods vs. Nondurable Goods)**

##### October 2015 - October 2018

44.0

42.0

40.0

38.0

36.0

34.0

32.0

30.0

Oct '15 Apr '16 Oct '16 Apr '17 Oct '17 Apr '18 Oct '18 Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

## 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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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 18** | **Sep 18** | **Oct 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 357,312 | 355,783 | 356,163 | 1,529 | 1,149 |
| **Employment** | 346,511 | 344,961 | 345,793 | 1,550 | 718 |
| **Unemployment** | 10,801 | 10,822 | 10,370 | -21 | 431 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

(In Thousands)

329.8

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS****Total Nonfarm** | **Oct 18**368.0 | **Sep 18**367.4 | **Oct 17**361.4 | **OTM**0.6 | **OT Y**6.6 |
| **Goods Producing** | 37.5 | 37.6 | 38.1 | -0.1 | -0.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **17.4** | **17.4** | **17.9** | **0.0** | **-0.5** |
| **Manufacturing****Service Providing** | **20.1**330.5 | **20.2** | **20.2** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **70.5** | **70.5** | **70.4** | 0.7**0.0** | 7.2**0.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 15.1 | 15.1 | 15.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** | 39.0 | 39.0 | 39.2 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 16.4 | 16.4 | 16.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| **Information** | **5.5** | **5.5** | **5.9** | **0.0** | **-0.4** |
| **Financial Activities** | **21.2** | **21.1** | **21.0** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **52.1** | **52.0** | **47.8** | **0.1** | **4.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **59.7** | **59.7** | **57.0** | **0.0** | **2.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **34.8** | **34.4** | **34.7** | **0.4** | **0.1** |
| **Other Services** | **15.5** | **15.6** | **15.4** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Government** | **71.2** | **71.0** | **71.1** | **0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Federal Government** | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **State Government** | 35.7 | 35.6 | 35.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Local Government** | 26.1 | 26.0 | 26.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

323.3

**Over-the-Year Job Changes by Industry (Ranked)**

##### October 2018

Professiona l & Business

Educational & Health

Fina ncial Activities

Other Services

Government

Leisure & Hospitality

Tr ade-Transport-Utilities

Manufacturing

Informa tion

Mining-Logging-Construction

(1,000) - 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 5,000

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 18** | **Sep 18** | **Oct 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 276,768 | 275,097 | 276,726 | 1,671 | 42 |
| **Employment** | 269,882 | 268,231 | 269,930 | 1,651 | -48 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,886 | 6,866 | 6,796 | 20 | 90 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

(In Thousands)

219.7

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS****Total Nonfarm** | **Oct 18**262.8 | **Sep 18**261.9 | **Oct 17**259.1 | **OTM**0.9 | **OT Y**3.7 |
| **Goods Producing** | 42.1 | 42.2 | 40.4 | -0.1 | 1.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **12.3** | **12.4** | **11.4** | **-0.1** | **0.9** |
| **Manufacturing****Service Providing** | **29.8**220.7 | **29.8** | **29.0** | **0.0** | **0.8** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **56.9** | **56.3** | **56.9** | 1.0**0.6** | 2.0**0.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 13.6 | 13.5 | 13.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** | 26.4 | 25.9 | 27.0 | 0.5 | -0.6 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 16.9 | 16.9 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Information** | **1.8** | **1.8** | **1.9** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **7.9** | **7.9** | **7.8** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **50.4** | **49.8** | **50.4** | **0.6** | **0.0** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **29.9** | **29.7** | **28.9** | **0.2** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **26.7** | **28.0** | **26.9** | **-1.3** | **-0.2** |
| **Other Services** | **9.1** | **9.1** | **9.0** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Government** | **38.0** | **37.1** | **36.9** | **0.9** | **1.1** |
| **Federal Government** | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| **State Government** | 16.2 | 15.8 | 15.3 | 0.4 | 0.9 |
| **Local Government** | 19.3 | 18.7 | 19.0 | 0.6 | 0.3 |

218.7

**Unemployment Rates**

##### October: 2008 - 2018

7.0

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

##### January 2016 - October 2018

275,000

6.0

265,000

5.0

255,000

4.0

245,000

3.0

235,000

2.0

225,000

1.0

0.0

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

215,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

 2016 2017 2018

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fort Smith MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 18** | **Sep 18** | **Oct 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 117,318 | 117,357 | 119,311 | -39 | -1,993 |
| **Employment** | 113,215 | 113,224 | 114,629 | -9 | -1,414 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,103 | 4,133 | 4,682 | -30 | -579 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 0.0 | -0.4 |

(In Thousands)

89.7

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS****Total Nonfarm** | **Oct 18**112.4 | **Sep 18**112.5 | **Oct 17**112.4 | **OTM**-0.1 | **OT Y**0.0 |
| **Goods Producing** | 22.7 | 22.8 | 22.6 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.4** | **5.4** | **5.3** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Manufacturing****Service Providing** | **17.3**89.7 | **17.4** | **17.3** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **22.3** | **22.3** | **22.7** | 0.0**0.0** | -0.1**-0.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** | 12.2 | 12.2 | 12.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Information** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.9** | **3.8** | **3.8** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **12.8** | **13.0** | **12.7** | **-0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.7** | **16.7** | **16.8** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.5** | **9.5** | **9.4** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Other Services** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **18.9** | **18.8** | **18.8** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Federal Government** | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Local Government** | 14.4 | 14.4 | 14.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

89.8

**Number of Unemployed**

##### October 2015 - October 2018

7,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

##### October: 1998 - 2018

100,000

6,000

90,000

80,000

5,000

70,000

4,000

60,000

3,000

Oct '15 Apr '16 Oct '16 Apr '17 Oct '17 Apr '18 Oct '18

50,000

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

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 18** | **Sep 18** | **Oct 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 39,712 | 39,478 | 39,659 | 234 | 53 |
| **Employment** | 38,188 | 37,987 | 38,229 | 201 | -41 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,524 | 1,491 | 1,430 | 33 | 94 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 |

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 18** | **Sep 18** | **Oct 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 38.2 | 38.1 | 37.7 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.5 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| 33.5 | 33.3 | 33.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 | -0.1 | -0.1 |

39,500

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

##### January 2016 - October 2018

39,000

38,500

38,000

37,500

37,000

36,500

36,000

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

2016 2017 2018

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 18** | **Sep 18** | **Oct 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,925 | 64,621 | 64,419 | 304 | 506 |
| **Employment** | 63,113 | 62,813 | 62,650 | 300 | 463 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,812 | 1,808 | 1,769 | 4 | 43 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 18** | **Sep 18** | **Oct 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 59.6 | 59.6 | 58.2 | 0.0 | 1.4 |
| 9.9 | 10.1 | 9.8 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| 49.7 | 49.5 | 48.4 | 0.2 | 1.3 |
| 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

55,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Sectors**

##### October: 2008 - 2018

50,000

45,000

40,000

35,000

30,000

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Pine Bluff MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 18** | **Sep 18** | **Oct 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |  |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 34,799 | 34,527 | 35,481 | 272 | -682 |  |
| **Employment** | 33,168 | 32,910 | 33,946 | 258 | -778 |  |
| **Unemployment** | 1,631 | 1,617 | 1,535 | 14 | 96 |  |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 |  |

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 18** | **Sep 18** | **Oct 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 32.9 | 32.8 | 33.2 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 26.8 | 26.7 | 27.1 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| 9.5 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

38,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

##### October 2015 - October 2018

36,000

34,000

32,000

30,000

28,000

Oct '15 Apr '16 Oct '16 Apr '17 Oct '17 Apr '18 Oct '18

## 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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 18** | **Sep 18** | **Oct 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 642,577 | 637,304 | 631,213 | 5,273 | 11,364 |
| **Employment** | 615,293 | 609,900 | 607,267 | 5,393 | 8,026 |
| **Unemployment** | 27,284 | 27,404 | 23,946 | -120 | 3,338 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.8 | -0.1 | 0.4 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 18** | **Sep 18** | **Oct 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,402 | 64,936 | 64,417 | 466 | 985 |
| **Employment** | 62,262 | 61,576 | 61,874 | 686 | 388 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,140 | 3,360 | 2,543 | -220 | 597 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.8 | 5.2 | 3.9 | -0.4 | 0.9 |

650,000

**Memphis MSA - Civilian Labor Force**

##### October: 1998 - 2018

63,500

**Texarkana MSA - Number of Employed**

##### January 2016 - October 2018

640,000

63,000

630,000

62,500

620,000

610,000

62,000

600,000

61,500

590,000

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580,000

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

60,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

 2016 2017 2018

## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**Micro Area**

**October 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,730 | 9,403 | 327 | 3.4 | 9,738 | 9,382 | 356 | 3.7 | 9,722 | 9,377 | 345 | 3.5 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,159 | 15,559 | 600 | 3.7 | 16,160 | 15,561 | 599 | 3.7 | 16,295 | 15,706 | 589 | 3.6 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,658 | 16,881 | 777 | 4.4 | 17,551 | 16,746 | 805 | 4.6 | 18,017 | 17,221 | 796 | 4.4 |
| Camden Micro | 12,218 | 11,716 | 502 | 4.1 | 12,168 | 11,675 | 493 | 4.1 | 12,186 | 11,699 | 487 | 4.0 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,994 | 15,250 | 744 | 4.7 | 15,995 | 15,243 | 752 | 4.7 | 16,141 | 15,418 | 723 | 4.5 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,311 | 7,931 | 380 | 4.6 | 8,283 | 7,897 | 386 | 4.7 | 8,378 | 8,002 | 376 | 4.5 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,196 | 18,593 | 603 | 3.1 | 19,135 | 18,556 | 579 | 3.0 | 19,180 | 18,592 | 588 | 3.1 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,541 | 6,205 | 336 | 5.1 | 6,487 | 6,124 | 363 | 5.6 | 6,567 | 6,222 | 345 | 5.3 |
| Hope Micro | 13,610 | 13,147 | 463 | 3.4 | 13,619 | 13,162 | 457 | 3.4 | 13,596 | 13,187 | 409 | 3.0 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,928 | 8,564 | 364 | 4.1 | 8,894 | 8,520 | 374 | 4.2 | 9,139 | 8,762 | 377 | 4.1 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,876 | 13,406 | 470 | 3.4 | 13,791 | 13,317 | 474 | 3.4 | 14,217 | 13,747 | 470 | 3.3 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,331 | 15,729 | 602 | 3.7 | 16,399 | 15,800 | 599 | 3.7 | 16,302 | 15,684 | 618 | 3.8 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,645 | 19,051 | 594 | 3.0 | 19,596 | 19,001 | 595 | 3.0 | 19,756 | 19,131 | 625 | 3.2 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,514 | 36,147 | 1,367 | 3.6 | 37,196 | 35,757 | 1,439 | 3.9 | 38,642 | 37,247 | 1,395 | 3.6 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,665 | 32,394 | 1,271 | 3.8 | 33,498 | 32,251 | 1,247 | 3.7 | 33,845 | 32,586 | 1,259 | 3.7 |

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**

**CLF**

**October 2018**

**Emp Unemp**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**September 2018**

**Rate**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 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 | 12,533 | 12,102 | 431 | 3.4 | 12,460 | 12,032 | 428 | 3.4 | 12,546 | 12,114 | 432 | 3.4 |
| Benton | 17,388 | 16,887 | 501 | 2.9 | 17,320 | 16,822 | 498 | 2.9 | 17,282 | 16,851 | 431 | 2.5 |
| Bentonville | 25,682 | 25,091 | 591 | 2.3 | 25,521 | 24,945 | 576 | 2.3 | 25,805 | 25,116 | 689 | 2.7 |
| Blytheville | 6,037 | 5,748 | 289 | 4.8 | 5,989 | 5,702 | 287 | 4.8 | 6,165 | 5,864 | 301 | 4.9 |
| Cabot | 11,958 | 11,625 | 333 | 2.8 | 11,889 | 11,539 | 350 | 2.9 | 11,946 | 11,602 | 344 | 2.9 |
| Conway | 33,675 | 32,711 | 964 | 2.9 | 33,566 | 32,569 | 997 | 3.0 | 33,612 | 32,643 | 969 | 2.9 |
| El Dorado | 7,008 | 6,627 | 381 | 5.4 | 7,023 | 6,624 | 399 | 5.7 | 7,052 | 6,700 | 352 | 5.0 |
| Fayetteville | 47,933 | 46,749 | 1,184 | 2.5 | 47,672 | 46,498 | 1,174 | 2.5 | 47,862 | 46,794 | 1,068 | 2.2 |
| Fort Smith | 38,952 | 37,654 | 1,298 | 3.3 | 38,956 | 37,662 | 1,294 | 3.3 | 39,567 | 38,273 | 1,294 | 3.3 |
| Hot Springs | 14,349 | 13,697 | 652 | 4.5 | 14,241 | 13,625 | 616 | 4.3 | 14,275 | 13,711 | 564 | 4.0 |
| Jacksonville | 11,855 | 11,399 | 456 | 3.8 | 11,826 | 11,353 | 473 | 4.0 | 11,830 | 11,375 | 455 | 3.8 |
| Jonesboro | 38,308 | 37,248 | 1,060 | 2.8 | 38,156 | 37,109 | 1,047 | 2.7 | 37,967 | 36,970 | 997 | 2.6 |
| Little Rock | 98,547 | 95,465 | 3,082 | 3.1 | 98,218 | 95,085 | 3,133 | 3.2 | 98,157 | 95,264 | 2,893 | 2.9 |
| North Little Rock | 30,250 | 29,257 | 993 | 3.3 | 30,112 | 29,141 | 971 | 3.2 | 30,180 | 29,195 | 985 | 3.3 |
| Paragould | 12,345 | 11,946 | 399 | 3.2 | 12,312 | 11,915 | 397 | 3.2 | 12,417 | 11,996 | 421 | 3.4 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,578 | 15,642 | 936 | 5.6 | 16,473 | 15,538 | 935 | 5.7 | 16,858 | 16,015 | 843 | 5.0 |
| Rogers | 35,560 | 34,675 | 885 | 2.5 | 35,334 | 34,473 | 861 | 2.4 | 35,605 | 34,708 | 897 | 2.5 |
| Russellville | 13,575 | 13,125 | 450 | 3.3 | 13,484 | 13,004 | 480 | 3.6 | 14,000 | 13,530 | 470 | 3.4 |
| Searcy | 10,431 | 10,036 | 395 | 3.8 | 10,389 | 9,992 | 397 | 3.8 | 10,441 | 10,096 | 345 | 3.3 |
| Sherwood | 15,882 | 15,464 | 418 | 2.6 | 15,822 | 15,402 | 420 | 2.7 | 15,839 | 15,431 | 408 | 2.6 |
| Springdale | 39,566 | 38,638 | 928 | 2.3 | 39,358 | 38,429 | 929 | 2.4 | 39,568 | 38,676 | 892 | 2.3 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,725 | 13,057 | 668 | 4.9 | 13,646 | 12,923 | 723 | 5.3 | 13,661 | 13,102 | 559 | 4.1 |
| Van Buren | 10,204 | 9,867 | 337 | 3.3 | 10,188 | 9,852 | 336 | 3.3 | 10,349 | 10,029 | 320 | 3.1 |
| West Memphis | 10,851 | 10,427 | 424 | 3.9 | 10,736 | 10,306 | 430 | 4.0 | 10,791 | 10,376 | 415 | 3.8 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**October 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,161 | 8,894 | 267 | 2.9 | 9,056 | 8,783 | 273 | 3.0 | 9,092 | 8,832 | 260 | 2.9 |
| Ashley | 7,662 | 7,302 | 360 | 4.7 | 7,654 | 7,300 | 354 | 4.6 | 7,742 | 7,378 | 364 | 4.7 |
| Baxter | 16,331 | 15,729 | 602 | 3.7 | 16,399 | 15,800 | 599 | 3.7 | 16,302 | 15,684 | 618 | 3.8 |
| Benton | 134,320 | 130,818 | 3,502 | 2.6 | 133,534 | 130,054 | 3,480 | 2.6 | 134,525 | 130,944 | 3,581 | 2.7 |
| Boone | 15,832 | 15,333 | 499 | 3.2 | 15,787 | 15,311 | 476 | 3.0 | 15,816 | 15,331 | 485 | 3.1 |
| Bradley | 4,514 | 4,340 | 174 | 3.9 | 4,484 | 4,318 | 166 | 3.7 | 4,537 | 4,369 | 168 | 3.7 |
| Calhoun | 2,363 | 2,286 | 77 | 3.3 | 2,338 | 2,264 | 74 | 3.2 | 2,369 | 2,285 | 84 | 3.5 |
| Carroll | 12,795 | 12,450 | 345 | 2.7 | 12,773 | 12,432 | 341 | 2.7 | 13,328 | 12,988 | 340 | 2.6 |
| Chicot | 3,408 | 3,220 | 188 | 5.5 | 3,381 | 3,193 | 188 | 5.6 | 3,513 | 3,308 | 205 | 5.8 |
| Clark | 9,730 | 9,403 | 327 | 3.4 | 9,738 | 9,382 | 356 | 3.7 | 9,722 | 9,377 | 345 | 3.5 |
| Clay | 5,791 | 5,565 | 226 | 3.9 | 5,752 | 5,536 | 216 | 3.8 | 5,832 | 5,621 | 211 | 3.6 |
| Cleburne | 9,140 | 8,777 | 363 | 4.0 | 9,226 | 8,853 | 373 | 4.0 | 9,308 | 8,909 | 399 | 4.3 |
| Cleveland | 3,238 | 3,122 | 116 | 3.6 | 3,199 | 3,086 | 113 | 3.5 | 3,319 | 3,191 | 128 | 3.9 |
| Columbia | 8,928 | 8,564 | 364 | 4.1 | 8,894 | 8,520 | 374 | 4.2 | 9,139 | 8,762 | 377 | 4.1 |
| Conway | 8,120 | 7,814 | 306 | 3.8 | 8,093 | 7,785 | 308 | 3.8 | 8,261 | 7,940 | 321 | 3.9 |
| Craighead | 54,513 | 53,031 | 1,482 | 2.7 | 54,302 | 52,833 | 1,469 | 2.7 | 54,026 | 52,636 | 1,390 | 2.6 |
| Crawford | 26,143 | 25,270 | 873 | 3.3 | 26,116 | 25,231 | 885 | 3.4 | 26,533 | 25,683 | 850 | 3.2 |
| Crittenden | 21,909 | 21,108 | 801 | 3.7 | 21,698 | 20,864 | 834 | 3.8 | 21,789 | 21,006 | 783 | 3.6 |
| Cross | 7,473 | 7,201 | 272 | 3.6 | 7,449 | 7,179 | 270 | 3.6 | 7,710 | 7,450 | 260 | 3.4 |
| Dallas | 2,867 | 2,755 | 112 | 3.9 | 2,862 | 2,753 | 109 | 3.8 | 2,957 | 2,841 | 116 | 3.9 |
| Desha | 5,580 | 5,373 | 207 | 3.7 | 5,459 | 5,244 | 215 | 3.9 | 5,507 | 5,298 | 209 | 3.8 |
| Drew | 7,958 | 7,622 | 336 | 4.2 | 7,859 | 7,526 | 333 | 4.2 | 8,012 | 7,680 | 332 | 4.1 |
| Faulkner | 61,489 | 59,672 | 1,817 | 3.0 | 61,207 | 59,413 | 1,794 | 2.9 | 61,320 | 59,549 | 1,771 | 2.9 |
| Franklin | 7,368 | 7,130 | 238 | 3.2 | 7,335 | 7,096 | 239 | 3.3 | 7,513 | 7,292 | 221 | 2.9 |
| Fulton | 4,708 | 4,542 | 166 | 3.5 | 4,751 | 4,591 | 160 | 3.4 | 4,648 | 4,487 | 161 | 3.5 |
| Garland | 39,712 | 38,188 | 1,524 | 3.8 | 39,478 | 37,987 | 1,491 | 3.8 | 39,659 | 38,229 | 1,430 | 3.6 |
| Grant | 8,412 | 8,180 | 232 | 2.8 | 8,344 | 8,110 | 234 | 2.8 | 8,394 | 8,164 | 230 | 2.7 |
| Greene | 19,645 | 19,051 | 594 | 3.0 | 19,596 | 19,001 | 595 | 3.0 | 19,756 | 19,131 | 625 | 3.2 |
| Hempstead | 9,980 | 9,632 | 348 | 3.5 | 9,972 | 9,633 | 339 | 3.4 | 9,959 | 9,662 | 297 | 3.0 |
| Hot Spring | 13,876 | 13,406 | 470 | 3.4 | 13,791 | 13,317 | 474 | 3.4 | 14,217 | 13,747 | 470 | 3.3 |
| Howard | 5,879 | 5,680 | 199 | 3.4 | 5,847 | 5,646 | 201 | 3.4 | 5,926 | 5,773 | 153 | 2.6 |
| Independence | 16,159 | 15,559 | 600 | 3.7 | 16,160 | 15,561 | 599 | 3.7 | 16,295 | 15,706 | 589 | 3.6 |
| Izard | 4,772 | 4,569 | 203 | 4.3 | 4,840 | 4,607 | 233 | 4.8 | 4,898 | 4,687 | 211 | 4.3 |
| Jackson | 5,823 | 5,501 | 322 | 5.5 | 5,741 | 5,412 | 329 | 5.7 | 5,870 | 5,586 | 284 | 4.8 |
| Jefferson | 27,600 | 26,239 | 1,361 | 4.9 | 27,414 | 26,065 | 1,349 | 4.9 | 28,131 | 26,866 | 1,265 | 4.5 |
| Johnson | 10,428 | 10,039 | 389 | 3.7 | 10,363 | 9,984 | 379 | 3.7 | 10,723 | 10,317 | 406 | 3.8 |
| Lafayette | 2,508 | 2,397 | 111 | 4.4 | 2,489 | 2,374 | 115 | 4.6 | 2,509 | 2,397 | 112 | 4.5 |
| Lawrence | 6,959 | 6,718 | 241 | 3.5 | 6,885 | 6,650 | 235 | 3.4 | 7,041 | 6,814 | 227 | 3.2 |
| Lee | 2,925 | 2,800 | 125 | 4.3 | 2,884 | 2,753 | 131 | 4.5 | 2,918 | 2,795 | 123 | 4.2 |
| Lincoln | 3,961 | 3,807 | 154 | 3.9 | 3,914 | 3,759 | 155 | 4.0 | 4,031 | 3,889 | 142 | 3.5 |
| Little River | 5,594 | 5,306 | 288 | 5.1 | 5,540 | 5,242 | 298 | 5.4 | 5,573 | 5,325 | 248 | 4.5 |
| Logan | 8,744 | 8,425 | 319 | 3.6 | 8,701 | 8,376 | 325 | 3.7 | 8,894 | 8,599 | 295 | 3.3 |
| Lonoke | 34,033 | 33,033 | 1,000 | 2.9 | 33,771 | 32,791 | 980 | 2.9 | 33,933 | 32,970 | 963 | 2.8 |
| Madison | 7,544 | 7,346 | 198 | 2.6 | 7,442 | 7,244 | 198 | 2.7 | 7,543 | 7,354 | 189 | 2.5 |
| Marion | 6,513 | 6,260 | 253 | 3.9 | 6,575 | 6,321 | 254 | 3.9 | 6,404 | 6,186 | 218 | 3.4 |
| Miller | \19,772 | 18,891 | 881 | 4.5 | 19,630 | 18,697 | 933 | 4.8 | 19,725 | 18,955 | 770 | 3.9 |

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## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**October 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 17,658 | 16,881 | 777 | 4.4 | 17,551 | 16,746 | 805 | 4.6 | 18,017 | 17,221 | 796 | 4.4 |
| Monroe | 2,738 | 2,629 | 109 | 4.0 | 2,699 | 2,598 | 101 | 3.7 | 2,808 | 2,704 | 104 | 3.7 |
| Montgomery | 3,058 | 2,925 | 133 | 4.3 | 3,055 | 2,926 | 129 | 4.2 | 2,992 | 2,859 | 133 | 4.4 |
| Nevada | 3,630 | 3,515 | 115 | 3.2 | 3,647 | 3,529 | 118 | 3.2 | 3,637 | 3,525 | 112 | 3.1 |
| Newton | 3,364 | 3,260 | 104 | 3.1 | 3,348 | 3,245 | 103 | 3.1 | 3,364 | 3,261 | 103 | 3.1 |
| Ouachita | 9,855 | 9,430 | 425 | 4.3 | 9,830 | 9,411 | 419 | 4.3 | 9,817 | 9,414 | 403 | 4.1 |
| Perry | 4,195 | 4,045 | 150 | 3.6 | 4,171 | 4,020 | 151 | 3.6 | 4,190 | 4,039 | 151 | 3.6 |
| Phillips | 6,541 | 6,205 | 336 | 5.1 | 6,487 | 6,124 | 363 | 5.6 | 6,567 | 6,222 | 345 | 5.3 |
| Pike | 4,277 | 4,118 | 159 | 3.7 | 4,260 | 4,107 | 153 | 3.6 | 4,295 | 4,136 | 159 | 3.7 |
| Poinsett | 10,412 | 10,082 | 330 | 3.2 | 10,319 | 9,980 | 339 | 3.3 | 10,393 | 10,014 | 379 | 3.6 |
| Polk | 7,983 | 7,692 | 291 | 3.6 | 7,933 | 7,637 | 296 | 3.7 | 7,905 | 7,602 | 303 | 3.8 |
| Pope | 28,941 | 27,886 | 1,055 | 3.6 | 28,755 | 27,630 | 1,125 | 3.9 | 29,850 | 28,748 | 1,102 | 3.7 |
| Prairie | 3,609 | 3,478 | 131 | 3.6 | 3,576 | 3,451 | 125 | 3.5 | 3,748 | 3,619 | 129 | 3.4 |
| Pulaski | 191,052 | 185,103 | 5,949 | 3.1 | 190,376 | 184,366 | 6,010 | 3.2 | 190,428 | 184,713 | 5,715 | 3.0 |
| Randolph | 7,195 | 6,954 | 241 | 3.3 | 7,151 | 6,910 | 241 | 3.4 | 6,945 | 6,692 | 253 | 3.6 |
| St. Francis | 8,311 | 7,931 | 380 | 4.6 | 8,283 | 7,897 | 386 | 4.7 | 8,378 | 8,002 | 376 | 4.5 |
| Saline | 58,131 | 56,478 | 1,653 | 2.8 | 57,914 | 56,261 | 1,653 | 2.9 | 57,898 | 56,358 | 1,540 | 2.7 |
| Scott | 4,419 | 4,279 | 140 | 3.2 | 4,373 | 4,232 | 141 | 3.2 | 4,485 | 4,332 | 153 | 3.4 |
| Searcy | 2,852 | 2,740 | 112 | 3.9 | 2,943 | 2,827 | 116 | 3.9 | 2,869 | 2,747 | 122 | 4.3 |
| Sebastian | 55,938 | 54,102 | 1,836 | 3.3 | 55,962 | 54,113 | 1,849 | 3.3 | 56,864 | 54,991 | 1,873 | 3.3 |
| Sevier | 5,576 | 5,325 | 251 | 4.5 | 5,539 | 5,291 | 248 | 4.5 | 5,724 | 5,499 | 225 | 3.9 |
| Sharp | 5,823 | 5,564 | 259 | 4.4 | 5,857 | 5,609 | 248 | 4.2 | 6,031 | 5,775 | 256 | 4.2 |
| Stone | 4,801 | 4,611 | 190 | 4.0 | 4,805 | 4,610 | 195 | 4.1 | 4,805 | 4,613 | 192 | 4.0 |
| Union | 15,994 | 15,250 | 744 | 4.7 | 15,995 | 15,243 | 752 | 4.7 | 16,141 | 15,418 | 723 | 4.5 |
| Van Buren | 5,871 | 5,602 | 269 | 4.6 | 5,927 | 5,653 | 274 | 4.6 | 6,063 | 5,783 | 280 | 4.6 |
| Washington | 124,123 | 121,166 | 2,957 | 2.4 | 123,442 | 120,515 | 2,927 | 2.4 | 124,049 | 121,283 | 2,766 | 2.2 |
| White | 33,665 | 32,394 | 1,271 | 3.8 | 33,498 | 32,251 | 1,247 | 3.7 | 33,845 | 32,586 | 1,259 | 3.7 |
| Woodruff | 2,884 | 2,762 | 122 | 4.2 | 2,838 | 2,714 | 124 | 4.4 | 2,968 | 2,843 | 125 | 4.2 |
| Yell | 8,573 | 8,261 | 312 | 3.6 | 8,441 | 8,127 | 314 | 3.7 | 8,792 | 8,499 | 293 | 3.3 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between September and October, unemployment rates declined in 29 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Another twenty-nine counties were unchanged, while 17 counties posted rate increases over-the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.4 percent in Washington County to a high of 5.5 percent in Jackson County.

In October, fifty-four counties reported unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is one more county above four percent than in September. For the fifth month in a row, no county posted a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to October 2017, unemployment rates are up in 41 Arkansas counties. Rates in twenty

counties are down and 14 are the same over-the-year.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Boone**

**Randolph**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Sharp**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Madison**

**Washington**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Craighead**

**Mississippi**

**Independence**

**Crawford**

**Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Jackson**

**Franklin**

**Cleburne**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Cross**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Crittenden**

**Faulkner**

**Woodruff**

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**Union**

**Ashley**

**Lafayette**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

October 2018 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**1 | **County**Washington | **Rate**2.4 | **Rank**26 | **County**Fulton | **Rate**3.5 | **Rank**46 | **County**Searcy | **Rate**3.9 |
| 2 | Benton | 2.6 | 26 | Hempstead | 3.5 | 52 | Cleburne | 4.0 |
| 2 | Madison | 2.6 | 26 | Lawrence | 3.5 | 52 | Monroe | 4.0 |
| 4 | Carroll | 2.7 | 29 | Cleveland | 3.6 | 52 | Stone | 4.0 |
| 4 | Craighead | 2.7 | 29 | Cross | 3.6 | 55 | Columbia | 4.1 |
| 6 | Grant | 2.8 | 29 | Logan | 3.6 | 56 | Drew | 4.2 |
| 6 | Saline | 2.8 | 29 | Perry | 3.6 | 56 | Woodruff | 4.2 |
| 8 | Arkansas | 2.9 | 29 | Polk | 3.6 | 58 | Izard | 4.3 |
| 8 | Lonoke | 2.9 | 29 | Pope | 3.6 | 58 | Lee | 4.3 |
| 10 | Faulkner | 3.0 | 29 | Prairie | 3.6 | 58 | Montgomery | 4.3 |
| 10 | Greene | 3.0 | 29 | Yell | 3.6 | 58 | Ouachita | 4.3 |
| 12 | Newton | 3.1 | 37 | Baxter | 3.7 | 62 | Lafayette | 4.4 |
| 12 | Pulaski | 3.1 | 37 | Crittenden | 3.7 | 62 | Mississippi | 4.4 |
| 14 | Boone | 3.2 | 37 | Desha | 3.7 | 62 | Sharp | 4.4 |
| 14 | Franklin | 3.2 | 37 | Independence | 3.7 | 65 | Miller | 4.5 |
| 14 | Nevada | 3.2 | 37 | Johnson | 3.7 | 65 | Sevier | 4.5 |
| 14 | Poinsett | 3.2 | 37 | Pike | 3.7 | 67 | St. Francis | 4.6 |
| 14 | Scott | 3.2 | 43 | Conway | 3.8 | 67 | Van Buren | 4.6 |
| 19 | Calhoun | 3.3 | 43 | Garland | 3.8 | 69 | Ashley | 4.7 |
| 19 | Crawford | 3.3 | 43 | White | 3.8 | 69 | Union | 4.7 |
| 19 | Randolph | 3.3 | 46 | Bradley | 3.9 | 71 | Jefferson | 4.9 |
| 19 | Sebastian | 3.3 | 46 | Clay | 3.9 | 72 | Little River | 5.1 |
| 23 | Clark | 3.4 | 46 | Dallas | 3.9 | 72 | Phillips | 5.1 |
| 23 | Hot Spring | 3.4 | 46 | Lincoln | 3.9 | 74 | Chicot | 5.5 |
| 23 | Howard | 3.4 | 46 | Marion | 3.9 | 74 | Jackson | 5.5 |

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**October 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Central (minus LR) | 252,505 | 244,928 | 7,577 | 3.0 | 251,325 | 243,795 | 7,530 | 3.0 | 251,978 | 244,649 | 7,329 | 2.9 |
| City of Little Rock | 98,547 | 95,465 | 3,082 | 3.1 | 98,218 | 95,085 | 3,133 | 3.2 | 98,157 | 95,264 | 2,893 | 2.9 |
| Eastern | 47,159 | 45,245 | 1,914 | 4.1 | 46,801 | 44,817 | 1,984 | 4.2 | 47,362 | 45,475 | 1,887 | 4.0 |
| North Central | 93,646 | 89,881 | 3,765 | 4.0 | 93,643 | 89,861 | 3,782 | 4.0 | 94,731 | 90,975 | 3,756 | 4.0 |
| Northeast | 122,173 | 118,282 | 3,891 | 3.2 | 121,556 | 117,656 | 3,900 | 3.2 | 122,010 | 118,129 | 3,881 | 3.2 |
| Northwest | 323,674 | 315,102 | 8,572 | 2.6 | 322,243 | 313,749 | 8,494 | 2.6 | 324,200 | 315,778 | 8,422 | 2.6 |
| Southeast | 81,494 | 78,099 | 3,395 | 4.2 | 80,764 | 77,384 | 3,380 | 4.2 | 82,278 | 78,975 | 3,303 | 4.0 |
| Southwest | 92,946 | 89,031 | 3,915 | 4.2 | 92,583 | 88,603 | 3,980 | 4.3 | 93,476 | 89,856 | 3,620 | 3.9 |
| West Central | 130,910 | 126,085 | 4,825 | 3.7 | 130,145 | 125,265 | 4,880 | 3.7 | 132,701 | 127,891 | 4,810 | 3.6 |
| Western | 110,595 | 106,898 | 3,697 | 3.3 | 110,420 | 106,685 | 3,735 | 3.4 | 112,194 | 108,499 | 3,695 | 3.3 |

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**Carroll**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Boone**

**Randolph**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Sharp**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Madison**

**Washington**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Craighead**

**Mississippi**

**Independence**

**Crawford**

**Johnson**

**Van Buren**

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