

Labor Market Report

November

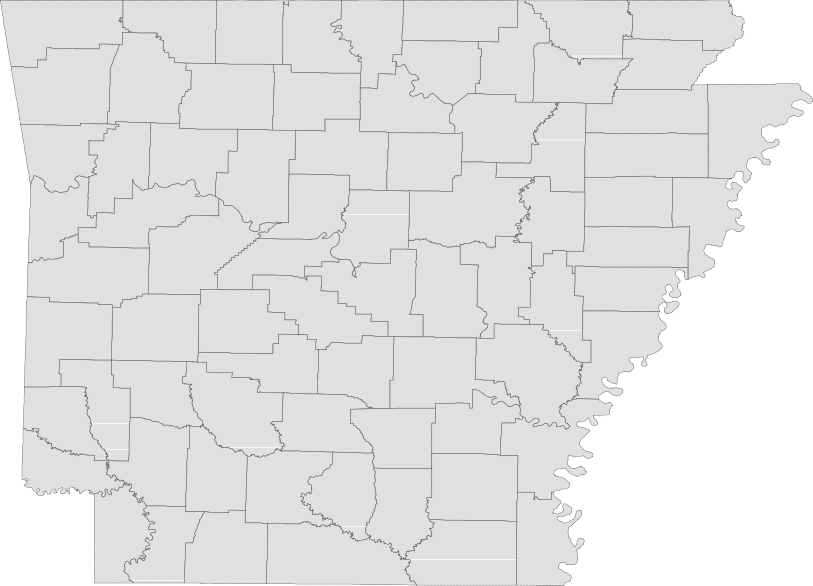


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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while previous month’s data is subject to revision.

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

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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## November Spotlight

**Business Employment Dynamics (BED)**

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

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

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

State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)

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

**3 months ending**

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

**Category | Mar 18 | Jun 18 | Sep 18 | Dec 18 | Mar 19\***

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

**Employment Levels**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 1st Quarter 2019

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gross job gains..... | 55,048 | 51,191 | 61,294 | 59,915 | 53,605 |
| Gross job losses.... | 52,471 | 57,719 | 56,723 | 50,421 | 51,893 |
| **Net Change**.......... | **2,577** | **-6,528** | **4,571** | **9,494** | **1,712** |

65,000

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

1st Quarter 2017 - 1st Quarter 2019

63,000

61,000

59,000

57,000

55,000

53,000

51,000

49,000

47,000

45,000

Mar '17 Jun '17 Sep '17 Dec '17 Mar '18 Jun '18 Sep '18

Gross Job Gains

Gross Job Losses

## 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 Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.5 percent in October to 3.6 percent in November. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose 2,203, a result of 1,439 more employed and 764 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate declined to 3.5 percent in November, down from 3.6 percent in October.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “The number of employed and unemployed Arkan- sans increased for the second month in a row, adding to the size of the civilian labor force. While these gains were small, it was enough to push the unemployment rate up one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.6 percent.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Nov 19**  1,366,004 | **Oct 19**  1,363,801 | **Nov 18**  1,353,117 | Civilian Labor Force | **Nov 19**  1,368,523 | **Oct 19**  1,371,482 | **Nov 18**  1,351,062 |
| Employment | 1,317,445 | 1,316,006 | 1,303,436 | Employment | 1,324,791 | 1,327,931 | 1,307,657 |
| Unemployment | 48,559 | 47,795 | 49,681 | Unemployment | 43,732 | 43,551 | 43,405 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.7 | Unemployment Rate | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 | U.S. Unemployment | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.5 |

1,330,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

November: 2009 - 2019

1,310,000

1,290,000

1,270,000

1,250,000

1,230,000

1,210,000

1,190,000

1,170,000

1,150,000

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

**(NAICS)**

**Nov 19**

**Oct 19**

**Nov 18**

**OTM**

**OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Nonfarm** | 1292.3 | 1291.8 | 1276.7 | 0.5 | 15.6 |
| **Goods Producing** | 223.7 | 224.9 | 218.3 | -1.2 | 5.4 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | 60.1 | 61.2 | 57.1 | -1.1 | 3.0 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.7** | **5.7** | **6.0** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Construction** | **54.4** | **55.5** | **51.1** | **-1.1** | **3.3** |
| **Specialty Trade Contractors** | 34.6 | 34.7 | 32.2 | -0.1 | 2.4 |
| **Manufacturing** | **163.6** | **163.7** | **161.2** | **-0.1** | **2.4** |
| **Durable Goods** | 77.2 | 77.3 | 77.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 86.4 | 86.4 | 84.1 | 0.0 | 2.3 |
| **Service Providing** | 1068.6 | 1066.9 | 1058.4 | 1.7 | 10.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **258.6** | **254.6** | **257.1** | **4.0** | **1.5** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 50.3 | 49.5 | 48.9 | 0.8 | 1.4 |
| **Retail Trade** | 141.3 | 139.2 | 141.6 | 2.1 | -0.3 |
| **Transport, Warehousing & Utilities** | 67.0 | 65.9 | 66.6 | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| **Information** | **10.8** | **10.9** | **11.4** | **-0.1** | **-0.6** |
| **Financial Activities** | **62.0** | **62.2** | **60.6** | **-0.2** | **1.4** |
| **Finance & Insurance** | 48.4 | 48.4 | 47.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 |
| **Real Estate & Rental & Leasing** | 13.6 | 13.8 | 13.6 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **149.0** | **148.8** | **146.0** | **0.2** | **3.0** |
| **Professional, Scientific & Technical** | 44.3 | 44.1 | 44.7 | 0.2 | -0.4 |
| **Management of Companies** | 36.7 | 36.6 | 35.0 | 0.1 | 1.7 |
| **Administrative & Support Services** | 68.0 | 68.1 | 66.3 | -0.1 | 1.7 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **197.2** | **196.4** | **193.7** | **0.8** | **3.5** |
| **Educational Services** | 16.4 | 16.2 | 16.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Health Care & Social Assistance** | 180.8 | 180.2 | 177.5 | 0.6 | 3.3 |
| **Ambulatory Health Care** | 60.9 | 59.9 | 59.1 | 1.0 | 1.8 |
| **Social Assistance** | 41.1 | 41.8 | 40.7 | -0.7 | 0.4 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **120.7** | **123.8** | **118.9** | **-3.1** | **1.8** |
| **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** | 9.9 | 10.9 | 9.9 | -1.0 | 0.0 |
| **Accommodation & Food Services** | 110.8 | 112.9 | 109.0 | -2.1 | 1.8 |
| **Accommodation Services** | 11.0 | 11.4 | 11.2 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| **Food Services** | 99.8 | 101.5 | 97.8 | -1.7 | 2.0 |
| **Other Services** | **53.4** | **53.6** | **53.6** | **-0.2** | **-0.2** |
| **Government** | **216.9** | **216.6** | **217.1** | **0.3** | **-0.2** |
| **Federal Government** | 20.4 | 20.5 | 20.3 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** | 80.2 | 80.0 | 79.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| **Local Government** | 116.3 | 116.1 | 116.9 | 0.2 | -0.6 |

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

**October 2019 - November 2019**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs increased 500 in November to total 1,292,300. Four major industry sectors added jobs, more than offsetting losses in six sectors. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utili- ties** rose 4,000. Most of the gains were posted in retail trade (+2,100), due to temporary hiring for the holiday shopping season. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** declined 3,100. A majority of the loss was posted in food services (-1,700), a result of reported reductions at both full service and limited service restaurants. The contractions in arts, entertainment, and recreation (-1,000) are typical for this time of year. **Construction** jobs decreased 1,100, a result of both seasonal factors and the completion of certain projects.

**November 2018 - November 2019**

Compared to November 2018, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 15,600. Seven major industry sectors posted growth, with four adding 2,400 or more jobs, each. The largest increase was in **educa- tional and health services**, up 3,500. Most of the expansion occurred in health care and social assis- tance (+3,300). Employment in **construction** rose 3,300, related in part to ongoing large projects. **Pro- fessional and business services** added 3,000 jobs. Gains were reported in management of companies (+1,700) and administrative-support services (+1,700). Jobs in **manufacturing** increased 2,400, largely in nondurable goods manufacturing (+2,300). Other notable expansions include **leisure and hospital- ity** (+1,800), **trade-transportation-utilities** (+1,500), and **financial activities** (+1,400).

260,000

**Jobs in Trade-Transportation-Utilities (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2017 - November 2019

258,000

256,000

254,000

252,000

250,000

248,000

246,000

244,000

242,000

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2017 2018 2019

## State of Arkansas

**Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

**Manufacturing**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 19** | **Oct 19** | **Nov 18** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 40.7 | 40.4 | 42.1 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 18.82 | 18.91 | 18.04 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 765.97 | 763.96 | 759.48 |

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Nov 19 Oct 19 Nov 18**

Average Weekly Hours 38.0 38.0

Average Hourly Earnings 16.62 16.52

Average Weekly Earnings 631.56 627.76

41.2

15.68

646.02

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 19** | **Oct 19** | **Nov 18** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 43.9 | 43.1 | 43.2 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 21.00 | 21.35 | 20.69 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 921.90 | 920.19 | 893.81 |

**Average Weekly Earnings for Production Workers - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods**

November: 2009 - 2019

$1,000.00

$900.00

$800.00

$700.00

$600.00

$500.00

$400.00

$300.00

$200.00

$100.00

$0.00

'09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

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.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 19** | **Oct 19** | **Nov 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 359,984 | 360,122 | 353,968 | -138 | 6,016 |
| **Employment** | 349,282 | 349,387 | 343,621 | -105 | 5,661 |
| **Unemployment** | 10,702 | 10,735 | 10,347 | -33 | 355 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

**Service Providing**

**Trade, Transportation & Utilities**

**Wholesale Trade Retail Trade**

**Trans., Warehousing & Utilities**

**Information Financial Activities**

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

**Other Services Government**

**Federal Government State Government Local Government**

331.0

**72.1**

16.6

39.2

16.3

**4.2**

**21.6**

**48.9**

**60.6**

**35.6**

**15.9**

**72.1**

9.9

36.2

26.0

329.9

**71.2**

16.4

38.6

16.2

**4.1**

**21.6**

**49.3**

**59.9**

**36.0**

**15.9**

**71.9**

9.8

36.1

26.0

328.0

**72.0**

16.0

40.0

16.0

**4.3**

**21.4**

**49.5**

**57.8**

**35.5**

**15.7**

**71.8**

9.8

35.9

26.1

1.1

**0.9**

0.2

0.6

0.1

**0.1**

**0.0**

**-0.4**

**0.7**

**-0.4**

**0.0**

**0.2**

0.1

0.1

0.0

3.0

**0.1**

0.6

-0.8

0.3

**-0.1**

**0.2**

**-0.6**

**2.8**

**0.1**

**0.2**

**0.3**

0.1

0.3

-0.1

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Nov 19** | **Oct 19** | **Nov 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 369.5 | 368.3 | 366.0 | 1.2 | 3.5 |
| **Goods Producing** | 38.5 | 38.4 | 38.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **17.8** | **17.7** | **17.0** | **0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.7** | **20.7** | **21.0** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |

**Unemployment Rates**

January 2017 - November 2019

4.5%

**Jobs in Service Providing Sectors**

November: 1999 - 2019

340,000

4.0%

320,000

300,000

3.5%

280,000

3.0%

260,000

2.5%

240,000

220,000

2.0%

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2017 2018 2019

200,000

'99 '01 '03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19

## 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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 19** | **Oct 19** | **Nov 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 286,326 | 286,907 | 275,869 | -581 | 10,457 |
| **Employment** | 279,926 | 280,415 | 269,225 | -489 | 10,701 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,400 | 6,492 | 6,644 | -92 | -244 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | -0.1 | -0.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

228.1

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Nov 19**  271.9 | **Oct 19**  271.3 | **Nov 18**  262.5 | **OTM**  0.6 | **OT Y**  9.4 |
| **Goods Producing** | 43.2 | 43.2 | 41.7 | 0.0 | 1.5 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **12.4** | **12.4** | **11.7** | **0.0** | **0.7** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **30.8**  228.7 | **30.8** | **30.0** | **0.0** | **0.8** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **58.2** | **57.8** | **57.4** | 0.6  **0.4** | 7.9  **0.8** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** | 27.3 | 27.2 | 27.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 18.3 | 18.0 | 17.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| **Information** | **2.1** | **2.1** | **2.1** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **8.5** | **8.5** | **8.2** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **54.0** | **53.3** | **50.4** | **0.7** | **3.6** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **30.7** | **30.6** | **29.7** | **0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **26.4** | **27.0** | **25.6** | **-0.6** | **0.8** |
| **Other Services** | **9.5** | **9.5** | **9.3** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **39.3** | **39.3** | **38.1** | **0.0** | **1.2** |
| **Federal Government** | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.6 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 17.2 | 17.2 | 16.2 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| **Local Government** | 19.5 | 19.4 | 19.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |

220.8

**Number of Employed**

November: 2009 - 2019

290,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

November 2017 - November 2019

275,000

270,000

270,000

250,000

265,000

230,000

260,000

210,000

255,000

190,000

250,000

170,000

245,000

150,000

'09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

240,000

Nov '17 May '18 Nov '18 May '19 Nov '19



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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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 19** | **Oct 19** | **Nov 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 118,861 | 118,795 | 118,675 | 66 | 186 |
| **Employment** | 114,805 | 114,673 | 114,785 | 132 | 20 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,056 | 4,122 | 3,890 | -66 | 166 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.3 | -0.1 | 0.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

90.7

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Nov 19**  114.2 | **Oct 19**  113.5 | **Nov 18**  114.4 | **OTM**  0.7 | **OT Y**  -0.2 |
| **Goods Producing** | 23.0 | 22.8 | 23.1 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.0** | **5.0** | **5.2** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **18.0**  91.2 | **17.8** | **17.9** | **0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23.5** | **23.1** | **23.6** | 0.5  **0.4** | -0.1  **-0.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Retail Trade** | 12.7 | 12.4 | 12.7 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 0.1 | -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** | **12.9** | **13.2** | **-0.1** | **-0.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **17.5** | **17.3** | **17.1** | **0.2** | **0.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.4** | **9.5** | **9.3** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Other Services** | **4.5** | **4.5** | **4.5** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **18.4** | **18.3** | **18.5** | **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** | 13.9 | 13.8 | 14.0 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

91.3

**Jobs by Industry Sector**

November 2019

**Mining-Logging-Construction**

**Financial Activities Information 4% 1%**

**4% Other Services**

**4%**

**Leisure & Hospitality 8%**

**Professional-Business 11%**

**Education & Health 15%**

**Trade-Transport-Utilities 21%**

**Government 16%**

**Manufacturing 16%**



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## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 19** | **Oct 19** | **Nov 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 40,662 | 40,985 | 40,099 | -323 | 563 |
| **Employment** | 39,276 | 39,565 | 38,636 | -289 | 640 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,386 | 1,420 | 1,463 | -34 | -77 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.6 | -0.1 | -0.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 19** | **Oct 19** | **Nov 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 39.2 | 39.3 | 38.7 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 34.8 | 34.9 | 34.3 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 |

40,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

November: 1999 - 2019

39,000

38,000

37,000

36,000

35,000

34,000

33,000

32,000

'99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 19** | **Oct 19** | **Nov 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,130 | 66,146 | 64,643 | -16 | 1,487 |
| **Employment** | 64,461 | 64,452 | 62,894 | 9 | 1,567 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,669 | 1,694 | 1,749 | -25 | -80 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 | -0.1 | -0.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 19** | **Oct 19** | **Nov 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 61.0 | 60.6 | 59.4 | 0.4 | 1.6 |
| 10.2 | 10.2 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 50.8 | 50.4 | 49.4 | 0.4 | 1.4 |
| 9.3 | 9.2 | 9.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |

65,000

**Number of Employed**

January 2017 - November 2019

64,000

63,000

62,000

61,000

60,000

59,000

58,000

57,000

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2017 2018 2019

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Pine Bluff MSA**

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 19** | **Oct 19** | **Nov 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 34,907 | 35,246 | 35,338 | -339 | -431 |
| **Employment** | 33,211 | 33,601 | 33,735 | -390 | -524 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,696 | 1,645 | 1,603 | 51 | 93 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 0.2 | 0.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 19** | **Oct 19** | **Nov 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.0 | 33.1 | 33.6 | -0.1 | -0.6 |
| 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 27.1 | 27.2 | 27.6 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| 9.2 | 9.1 | 9.3 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

4,500

**Number of Unemployed**

November: 2009 - 2019

4,000

3,500

3,000

2,500

2,000

1,500

1,000

500

0

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

## 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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 19** | **Oct 19** | **Nov 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 649,688 | 646,723 | 639,381 | 2,965 | 10,307 |
| **Employment** | 624,442 | 621,998 | 616,430 | 2,444 | 8,012 |
| **Unemployment** | 25,246 | 24,725 | 22,951 | 521 | 2,295 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 19** | **Oct 19** | **Nov 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,217 | 64,953 | 65,391 | 264 | -174 |
| **Employment** | 62,649 | 62,369 | 62,326 | 280 | 323 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,568 | 2,584 | 3,065 | -16 | -497 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.7 | -0.1 | -0.8 |

**Memphis MSA - Number of Unemployed**

November: 2009 - 2019

70,000

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**

November 2017 - November 2019

7.0

60,000

6.5

6.0

50,000

5.5

40,000

5.0

4.5

30,000

4.0

20,000

3.5 3.0

10,000

2.5

2.0

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'09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

Nov '17

May '18

Nov '18

May '19

Nov '19

## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**Micro Area**

**November 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,786 | 9,447 | 339 | 3.5 | 9,787 | 9,446 | 341 | 3.5 | 9,923 | 9,595 | 328 | 3.3 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,480 | 15,853 | 627 | 3.8 | 16,471 | 15,861 | 610 | 3.7 | 16,250 | 15,623 | 627 | 3.9 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,529 | 16,787 | 742 | 4.2 | 17,663 | 16,942 | 721 | 4.1 | 17,627 | 16,839 | 788 | 4.5 |
| Camden Micro | 12,347 | 11,797 | 550 | 4.5 | 12,373 | 11,840 | 533 | 4.3 | 12,150 | 11,670 | 480 | 4.0 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,767 | 14,963 | 804 | 5.1 | 15,780 | 15,018 | 762 | 4.8 | 15,794 | 15,081 | 713 | 4.5 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,108 | 7,747 | 361 | 4.5 | 8,169 | 7,805 | 364 | 4.5 | 8,251 | 7,875 | 376 | 4.6 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,397 | 18,826 | 571 | 2.9 | 19,458 | 18,881 | 577 | 3.0 | 18,984 | 18,431 | 553 | 2.9 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,392 | 6,026 | 366 | 5.7 | 6,412 | 6,060 | 352 | 5.5 | 6,578 | 6,240 | 338 | 5.1 |
| Hope Micro | 13,500 | 13,027 | 473 | 3.5 | 13,576 | 13,096 | 480 | 3.5 | 13,628 | 13,160 | 468 | 3.4 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,166 | 8,807 | 359 | 3.9 | 9,190 | 8,820 | 370 | 4.0 | 8,946 | 8,591 | 355 | 4.0 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,956 | 13,502 | 454 | 3.3 | 14,007 | 13,532 | 475 | 3.4 | 13,908 | 13,461 | 447 | 3.2 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,359 | 15,781 | 578 | 3.5 | 16,355 | 15,796 | 559 | 3.4 | 16,539 | 15,922 | 617 | 3.7 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,944 | 19,307 | 637 | 3.2 | 19,988 | 19,366 | 622 | 3.1 | 19,603 | 19,010 | 593 | 3.0 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,102 | 35,767 | 1,335 | 3.6 | 37,249 | 35,961 | 1,288 | 3.5 | 37,598 | 36,217 | 1,381 | 3.7 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,938 | 32,543 | 1,395 | 4.1 | 33,863 | 32,573 | 1,290 | 3.8 | 33,743 | 32,465 | 1,278 | 3.8 |

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

**City Labor Force Statistics**

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

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



**CLF**

**November 2019**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**October 2019**

**November 2018**

**City**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 12,680 | 12,315 | 365 | 2.9 | 12,687 | 12,330 | 357 | 2.8 | 12,274 | 11,838 | 436 | 3.6 |
| Benton | 17,404 | 16,955 | 449 | 2.6 | 17,425 | 16,954 | 471 | 2.7 | 17,150 | 16,664 | 486 | 2.8 |
| Bentonville | 27,171 | 26,629 | 542 | 2.0 | 27,211 | 26,661 | 550 | 2.0 | 26,181 | 25,598 | 583 | 2.2 |
| Blytheville | 5,984 | 5,677 | 307 | 5.1 | 6,011 | 5,730 | 281 | 4.7 | 5,982 | 5,695 | 287 | 4.8 |
| Cabot | 12,137 | 11,772 | 365 | 3.0 | 12,170 | 11,800 | 370 | 3.0 | 11,969 | 11,641 | 328 | 2.7 |
| Conway | 33,931 | 33,043 | 888 | 2.6 | 33,948 | 33,055 | 893 | 2.6 | 33,443 | 32,525 | 918 | 2.7 |
| El Dorado | 6,834 | 6,464 | 370 | 5.4 | 6,862 | 6,488 | 374 | 5.5 | 6,853 | 6,515 | 338 | 4.9 |
| Fayetteville | 49,317 | 48,212 | 1,105 | 2.2 | 49,358 | 48,265 | 1,093 | 2.2 | 47,481 | 46,353 | 1,128 | 2.4 |
| Fort Smith | 39,506 | 38,310 | 1,196 | 3.0 | 39,402 | 38,162 | 1,240 | 3.1 | 39,280 | 38,038 | 1,242 | 3.2 |
| Hot Springs | 14,492 | 13,936 | 556 | 3.8 | 14,635 | 14,039 | 596 | 4.1 | 14,309 | 13,709 | 600 | 4.2 |
| Jacksonville | 11,956 | 11,438 | 518 | 4.3 | 11,936 | 11,437 | 499 | 4.2 | 11,670 | 11,240 | 430 | 3.7 |
| Jonesboro | 39,119 | 38,169 | 950 | 2.4 | 39,128 | 38,136 | 992 | 2.5 | 38,182 | 37,170 | 1,012 | 2.7 |
| Little Rock | 98,914 | 95,842 | 3,072 | 3.1 | 98,890 | 95,832 | 3,058 | 3.1 | 97,130 | 94,180 | 2,950 | 3.0 |
| North Little Rock | 30,253 | 29,200 | 1,053 | 3.5 | 30,222 | 29,197 | 1,025 | 3.4 | 29,676 | 28,694 | 982 | 3.3 |
| Paragould | 12,512 | 12,092 | 420 | 3.4 | 12,538 | 12,129 | 409 | 3.3 | 12,310 | 11,906 | 404 | 3.3 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,570 | 15,562 | 1,008 | 6.1 | 16,719 | 15,730 | 989 | 5.9 | 16,680 | 15,766 | 914 | 5.5 |
| Rogers | 36,683 | 35,917 | 766 | 2.1 | 36,766 | 35,960 | 806 | 2.2 | 35,380 | 34,525 | 855 | 2.4 |
| Russellville | 13,324 | 12,890 | 434 | 3.3 | 13,400 | 12,946 | 454 | 3.4 | 13,459 | 13,018 | 441 | 3.3 |
| Searcy | 10,285 | 9,947 | 338 | 3.3 | 10,293 | 9,956 | 337 | 3.3 | 10,295 | 9,923 | 372 | 3.6 |
| Sherwood | 16,181 | 15,735 | 446 | 2.8 | 16,180 | 15,733 | 447 | 2.8 | 15,897 | 15,462 | 435 | 2.7 |
| Springdale | 40,555 | 39,699 | 856 | 2.1 | 40,658 | 39,743 | 915 | 2.3 | 39,058 | 38,167 | 891 | 2.3 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,645 | 13,109 | 536 | 3.9 | 13,581 | 13,065 | 516 | 3.8 | 13,640 | 13,005 | 635 | 4.7 |
| Van Buren | 10,384 | 10,090 | 294 | 2.8 | 10,365 | 10,063 | 302 | 2.9 | 10,370 | 10,044 | 326 | 3.1 |
| West Memphis | 10,755 | 10,301 | 454 | 4.2 | 10,720 | 10,241 | 479 | 4.5 | 10,657 | 10,235 | 422 | 4.0 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**County**

**November 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,536 | 9,266 | 270 | 2.8 | 9,589 | 9,338 | 251 | 2.6 | 9,086 | 8,811 | 275 | 3.0 |
| Ashley | 7,773 | 7,381 | 392 | 5.0 | 7,814 | 7,473 | 341 | 4.4 | 7,693 | 7,328 | 365 | 4.7 |
| Baxter | 16,359 | 15,781 | 578 | 3.5 | 16,355 | 15,796 | 559 | 3.4 | 16,539 | 15,922 | 617 | 3.7 |
| Benton | 139,926 | 136,740 | 3,186 | 2.3 | 140,153 | 136,904 | 3,249 | 2.3 | 134,848 | 131,444 | 3,404 | 2.5 |
| Boone | 16,049 | 15,584 | 465 | 2.9 | 16,096 | 15,621 | 475 | 3.0 | 15,693 | 15,229 | 464 | 3.0 |
| Bradley | 4,501 | 4,349 | 152 | 3.4 | 4,557 | 4,398 | 159 | 3.5 | 4,514 | 4,347 | 167 | 3.7 |
| Calhoun | 2,435 | 2,339 | 96 | 3.9 | 2,441 | 2,356 | 85 | 3.5 | 2,417 | 2,338 | 79 | 3.3 |
| Carroll | 12,508 | 12,175 | 333 | 2.7 | 12,841 | 12,505 | 336 | 2.6 | 12,536 | 12,213 | 323 | 2.6 |
| Chicot | 3,308 | 3,110 | 198 | 6.0 | 3,339 | 3,150 | 189 | 5.7 | 3,291 | 3,100 | 191 | 5.8 |
| Clark | 9,786 | 9,447 | 339 | 3.5 | 9,787 | 9,446 | 341 | 3.5 | 9,923 | 9,595 | 328 | 3.3 |
| Clay | 5,633 | 5,376 | 257 | 4.6 | 5,652 | 5,431 | 221 | 3.9 | 5,854 | 5,638 | 216 | 3.7 |
| Cleburne | 9,204 | 8,803 | 401 | 4.4 | 9,257 | 8,863 | 394 | 4.3 | 9,132 | 8,782 | 350 | 3.8 |
| Cleveland | 3,245 | 3,124 | 121 | 3.7 | 3,290 | 3,171 | 119 | 3.6 | 3,312 | 3,201 | 111 | 3.4 |
| Columbia | 9,166 | 8,807 | 359 | 3.9 | 9,190 | 8,820 | 370 | 4.0 | 8,946 | 8,591 | 355 | 4.0 |
| Conway | 8,246 | 7,933 | 313 | 3.8 | 8,274 | 7,954 | 320 | 3.9 | 8,182 | 7,867 | 315 | 3.8 |
| Craighead | 55,642 | 54,293 | 1,349 | 2.4 | 55,620 | 54,246 | 1,374 | 2.5 | 54,304 | 52,872 | 1,432 | 2.6 |
| Crawford | 26,759 | 25,984 | 775 | 2.9 | 26,731 | 25,914 | 817 | 3.1 | 26,686 | 25,865 | 821 | 3.1 |
| Crittenden | 21,782 | 21,000 | 782 | 3.6 | 21,674 | 20,877 | 797 | 3.7 | 21,638 | 20,865 | 773 | 3.6 |
| Cross | 7,349 | 7,065 | 284 | 3.9 | 7,416 | 7,131 | 285 | 3.8 | 7,411 | 7,120 | 291 | 3.9 |
| Dallas | 2,846 | 2,721 | 125 | 4.4 | 2,848 | 2,730 | 118 | 4.1 | 2,870 | 2,769 | 101 | 3.5 |
| Desha | 5,552 | 5,329 | 223 | 4.0 | 5,594 | 5,382 | 212 | 3.8 | 5,525 | 5,318 | 207 | 3.7 |
| Drew | 7,895 | 7,513 | 382 | 4.8 | 7,898 | 7,544 | 354 | 4.5 | 7,982 | 7,641 | 341 | 4.3 |
| Faulkner | 62,240 | 60,535 | 1,705 | 2.7 | 62,280 | 60,558 | 1,722 | 2.8 | 61,320 | 59,586 | 1,734 | 2.8 |
| Franklin | 7,401 | 7,173 | 228 | 3.1 | 7,473 | 7,238 | 235 | 3.1 | 7,402 | 7,179 | 223 | 3.0 |
| Fulton | 4,870 | 4,712 | 158 | 3.2 | 4,897 | 4,735 | 162 | 3.3 | 4,751 | 4,582 | 169 | 3.6 |
| Garland | 40,662 | 39,276 | 1,386 | 3.4 | 40,985 | 39,565 | 1,420 | 3.5 | 40,099 | 38,636 | 1,463 | 3.6 |
| Grant | 8,466 | 8,210 | 256 | 3.0 | 8,483 | 8,231 | 252 | 3.0 | 8,333 | 8,114 | 219 | 2.6 |
| Greene | 19,944 | 19,307 | 637 | 3.2 | 19,988 | 19,366 | 622 | 3.1 | 19,603 | 19,010 | 593 | 3.0 |
| Hempstead | 9,886 | 9,542 | 344 | 3.5 | 9,945 | 9,599 | 346 | 3.5 | 10,012 | 9,654 | 358 | 3.6 |
| Hot Spring | 13,956 | 13,502 | 454 | 3.3 | 14,007 | 13,532 | 475 | 3.4 | 13,908 | 13,461 | 447 | 3.2 |
| Howard | 5,612 | 5,443 | 169 | 3.0 | 5,642 | 5,482 | 160 | 2.8 | 5,854 | 5,663 | 191 | 3.3 |
| Independence | 16,480 | 15,853 | 627 | 3.8 | 16,471 | 15,861 | 610 | 3.7 | 16,250 | 15,623 | 627 | 3.9 |
| Izard | 4,926 | 4,671 | 255 | 5.2 | 4,911 | 4,691 | 220 | 4.5 | 4,877 | 4,625 | 252 | 5.2 |
| Jackson | 5,883 | 5,520 | 363 | 6.2 | 5,930 | 5,573 | 357 | 6.0 | 5,832 | 5,513 | 319 | 5.5 |
| Jefferson | 27,707 | 26,284 | 1,423 | 5.1 | 27,942 | 26,567 | 1,375 | 4.9 | 27,970 | 26,628 | 1,342 | 4.8 |
| Johnson | 10,292 | 9,915 | 377 | 3.7 | 10,251 | 9,867 | 384 | 3.7 | 10,522 | 10,141 | 381 | 3.6 |
| Lafayette | 2,488 | 2,384 | 104 | 4.2 | 2,497 | 2,388 | 109 | 4.4 | 2,529 | 2,418 | 111 | 4.4 |
| Lawrence | 6,952 | 6,690 | 262 | 3.8 | 6,975 | 6,731 | 244 | 3.5 | 6,989 | 6,750 | 239 | 3.4 |
| Lee | 2,855 | 2,729 | 126 | 4.4 | 2,888 | 2,770 | 118 | 4.1 | 2,931 | 2,812 | 119 | 4.1 |
| Lincoln | 3,955 | 3,803 | 152 | 3.8 | 4,014 | 3,863 | 151 | 3.8 | 4,056 | 3,906 | 150 | 3.7 |
| Little River | 5,514 | 5,291 | 223 | 4.0 | 5,495 | 5,274 | 221 | 4.0 | 5,508 | 5,243 | 265 | 4.8 |
| Logan | 8,530 | 8,180 | 350 | 4.1 | 8,585 | 8,221 | 364 | 4.2 | 8,729 | 8,422 | 307 | 3.5 |
| Lonoke | 34,346 | 33,320 | 1,026 | 3.0 | 34,410 | 33,397 | 1,013 | 2.9 | 33,882 | 32,947 | 935 | 2.8 |
| Madison | 7,646 | 7,478 | 168 | 2.2 | 7,716 | 7,533 | 183 | 2.4 | 7,516 | 7,337 | 179 | 2.4 |
| Marion | 6,560 | 6,331 | 229 | 3.5 | 6,611 | 6,367 | 244 | 3.7 | 6,447 | 6,190 | 257 | 4.0 |
| Miller | 19,791 | 19,066 | 725 | 3.7 | 19,711 | 19,002 | 709 | 3.6 | 19,747 | 18,914 | 833 | 4.2 |

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## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**County**

**November 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 17,529 | 16,787 | 742 | 4.2 | 17,663 | 16,942 | 721 | 4.1 | 17,627 | 16,839 | 788 | 4.5 |
| Monroe | 2,724 | 2,609 | 115 | 4.2 | 2,769 | 2,658 | 111 | 4.0 | 2,697 | 2,593 | 104 | 3.9 |
| Montgomery | 2,925 | 2,792 | 133 | 4.5 | 2,968 | 2,842 | 126 | 4.2 | 3,032 | 2,905 | 127 | 4.2 |
| Nevada | 3,614 | 3,485 | 129 | 3.6 | 3,631 | 3,497 | 134 | 3.7 | 3,616 | 3,506 | 110 | 3.0 |
| Newton | 3,348 | 3,242 | 106 | 3.2 | 3,362 | 3,260 | 102 | 3.0 | 3,291 | 3,202 | 89 | 2.7 |
| Ouachita | 9,912 | 9,458 | 454 | 4.6 | 9,932 | 9,484 | 448 | 4.5 | 9,733 | 9,332 | 401 | 4.1 |
| Perry | 4,270 | 4,129 | 141 | 3.3 | 4,280 | 4,138 | 142 | 3.3 | 4,251 | 4,091 | 160 | 3.8 |
| Phillips | 6,392 | 6,026 | 366 | 5.7 | 6,412 | 6,060 | 352 | 5.5 | 6,578 | 6,240 | 338 | 5.1 |
| Pike | 4,257 | 4,105 | 152 | 3.6 | 4,293 | 4,141 | 152 | 3.5 | 4,258 | 4,108 | 150 | 3.5 |
| Poinsett | 10,488 | 10,168 | 320 | 3.1 | 10,526 | 10,206 | 320 | 3.0 | 10,339 | 10,022 | 317 | 3.1 |
| Polk | 8,022 | 7,678 | 344 | 4.3 | 8,018 | 7,686 | 332 | 4.1 | 7,990 | 7,719 | 271 | 3.4 |
| Pope | 28,726 | 27,659 | 1,067 | 3.7 | 28,789 | 27,778 | 1,011 | 3.5 | 29,017 | 27,933 | 1,084 | 3.7 |
| Prairie | 3,571 | 3,431 | 140 | 3.9 | 3,600 | 3,467 | 133 | 3.7 | 3,595 | 3,465 | 130 | 3.6 |
| Pulaski | 192,160 | 186,109 | 6,051 | 3.1 | 192,132 | 186,090 | 6,042 | 3.1 | 188,635 | 182,882 | 5,753 | 3.0 |
| Randolph | 7,359 | 7,113 | 246 | 3.3 | 7,387 | 7,151 | 236 | 3.2 | 7,238 | 7,008 | 230 | 3.2 |
| St. Francis | 8,108 | 7,747 | 361 | 4.5 | 8,169 | 7,805 | 364 | 4.5 | 8,251 | 7,875 | 376 | 4.6 |
| Saline | 58,502 | 56,979 | 1,523 | 2.6 | 58,537 | 56,973 | 1,564 | 2.7 | 57,547 | 56,001 | 1,546 | 2.7 |
| Scott | 4,307 | 4,168 | 139 | 3.2 | 4,339 | 4,200 | 139 | 3.2 | 4,419 | 4,283 | 136 | 3.1 |
| Searcy | 2,869 | 2,747 | 122 | 4.3 | 2,898 | 2,773 | 125 | 4.3 | 2,907 | 2,792 | 115 | 4.0 |
| Sebastian | 56,937 | 55,240 | 1,697 | 3.0 | 56,766 | 55,027 | 1,739 | 3.1 | 56,582 | 54,848 | 1,734 | 3.1 |
| Sevier | 5,424 | 5,188 | 236 | 4.4 | 5,464 | 5,217 | 247 | 4.5 | 5,571 | 5,342 | 229 | 4.1 |
| Sharp | 5,675 | 5,410 | 265 | 4.7 | 5,705 | 5,445 | 260 | 4.6 | 5,761 | 5,514 | 247 | 4.3 |
| Stone | 4,704 | 4,505 | 199 | 4.2 | 4,753 | 4,571 | 182 | 3.8 | 4,856 | 4,638 | 218 | 4.5 |
| Union | 15,767 | 14,963 | 804 | 5.1 | 15,780 | 15,018 | 762 | 4.8 | 15,794 | 15,081 | 713 | 4.5 |
| Van Buren | 5,683 | 5,424 | 259 | 4.6 | 5,709 | 5,457 | 252 | 4.4 | 5,857 | 5,586 | 271 | 4.6 |
| Washington | 127,684 | 124,988 | 2,696 | 2.1 | 127,918 | 125,126 | 2,792 | 2.2 | 122,997 | 120,169 | 2,828 | 2.3 |
| White | 33,938 | 32,543 | 1,395 | 4.1 | 33,863 | 32,573 | 1,290 | 3.8 | 33,743 | 32,465 | 1,278 | 3.8 |
| Woodruff | 2,786 | 2,651 | 135 | 4.8 | 2,831 | 2,702 | 129 | 4.6 | 2,853 | 2,727 | 126 | 4.4 |
| Yell | 8,376 | 8,108 | 268 | 3.2 | 8,460 | 8,183 | 277 | 3.3 | 8,581 | 8,284 | 297 | 3.5 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between October and November, unemployment rates increased in 41 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates declined in twenty-one counties and remained stable in thirteen. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.1 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.2 percent in Jackson County.

In November, forty-eight counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down slightly from 52 counties at or below four percent in October. For the fourth month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to November 2018, unemployment rates are up in 41 Arkansas counties. Twenty-

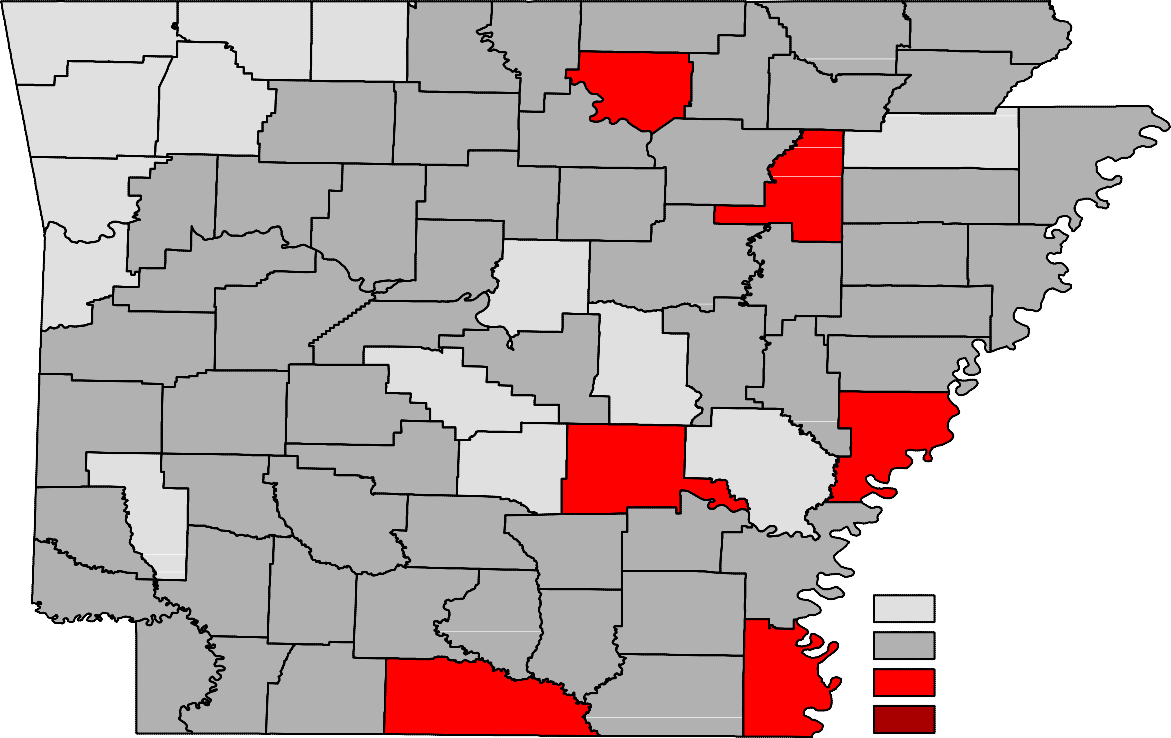
seven counties posted rate declines, while seven counties were the same over-the-year.

## County Unemployment Rates



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**Benton**

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**Izard**

**Greene**

**Madison**

**Washington**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Craighead Mississippi**

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**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Pike**

**Sevier**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Lincoln**

**Cleveland**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada**

**Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller**

**Lafayette Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

**November 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

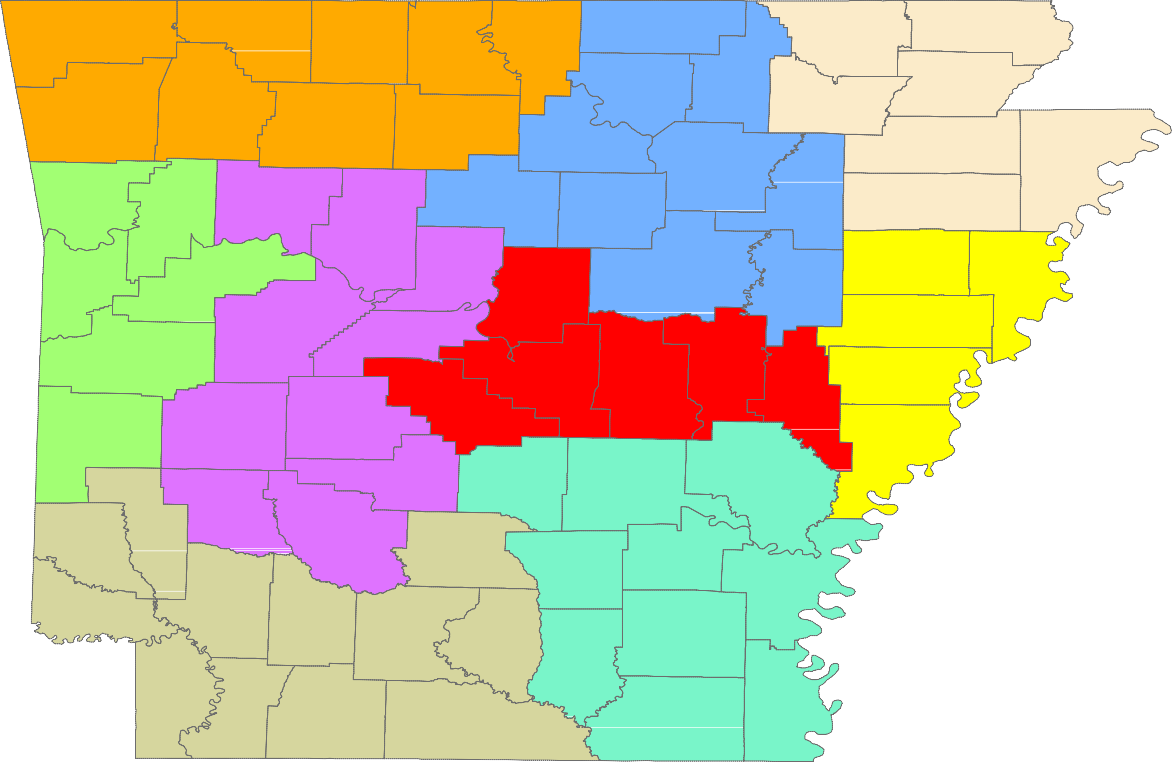
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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  2.1 | **Rank**  26 | **County**  Bradley | **Rate**  3.4 | **Rank**  51 | **County**  Lafayette | **Rate**  4.2 |
| 2 | Madison | 2.2 | 26 | Garland | 3.4 | 51 | Mississippi | 4.2 |
| 3 | Benton | 2.3 | 28 | Baxter | 3.5 | 51 | Monroe | 4.2 |
| 4 | Craighead | 2.4 | 28 | Clark | 3.5 | 51 | Stone | 4.2 |
| 5 | Saline | 2.6 | 28 | Hempstead | 3.5 | 55 | Polk | 4.3 |
| 6 | Carroll | 2.7 | 28 | Marion | 3.5 | 55 | Searcy | 4.3 |
| 6 | Faulkner | 2.7 | 32 | Crittenden | 3.6 | 57 | Cleburne | 4.4 |
| 8 | Arkansas | 2.8 | 32 | Nevada | 3.6 | 57 | Dallas | 4.4 |
| 9 | Boone | 2.9 | 32 | Pike | 3.6 | 57 | Lee | 4.4 |
| 9 | Crawford | 2.9 | 35 | Cleveland | 3.7 | 57 | Sevier | 4.4 |
| 11 | Grant | 3.0 | 35 | Johnson | 3.7 | 61 | Montgomery | 4.5 |
| 11 | Howard | 3.0 | 35 | Miller | 3.7 | 61 | St. Francis | 4.5 |
| 11 | Lonoke | 3.0 | 35 | Pope | 3.7 | 63 | Clay | 4.6 |
| 11 | Sebastian | 3.0 | 39 | Conway | 3.8 | 63 | Ouachita | 4.6 |
| 15 | Franklin | 3.1 | 39 | Independence | 3.8 | 63 | Van Buren | 4.6 |
| 15 | Poinsett | 3.1 | 39 | Lawrence | 3.8 | 66 | Sharp | 4.7 |
| 15 | Pulaski | 3.1 | 39 | Lincoln | 3.8 | 67 | Drew | 4.8 |
| 18 | Fulton | 3.2 | 43 | Calhoun | 3.9 | 67 | Woodruff | 4.8 |
| 18 | Greene | 3.2 | 43 | Columbia | 3.9 | 69 | Ashley | 5.0 |
| 18 | Newton | 3.2 | 43 | Cross | 3.9 | 70 | Jefferson | 5.1 |
| 18 | Scott | 3.2 | 43 | Prairie | 3.9 | 70 | Union | 5.1 |
| 18 | Yell | 3.2 | 47 | Desha | 4.0 | 72 | Izard | 5.2 |
| 23 | Hot Spring | 3.3 | 47 | Little River | 4.0 | 73 | Phillips | 5.7 |
| 23 | Perry | 3.3 | 49 | Logan | 4.1 | 74 | Chicot | 6.0 |
| 23 | Randolph | 3.3 | 49 | White | 4.1 | 75 | Jackson | 6.2 |

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **LWDA CLF** | | **November 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **October 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **November 2018**  **CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | |
| Central (minus LR) | 254,629 | 247,141 | 7,488 | 2.9 | 254,838 | 247,311 | 7,527 | 3.0 | 250,546 | 243,294 | 7,252 | 2.9 |
| City of Little Rock | 98,914 | 95,842 | 3,072 | 3.1 | 98,890 | 95,832 | 3,058 | 3.1 | 97,130 | 94,180 | 2,950 | 3.0 |
| Eastern | 46,486 | 44,567 | 1,919 | 4.1 | 46,559 | 44,643 | 1,916 | 4.1 | 46,809 | 44,912 | 1,897 | 4.1 |
| North Central | 94,149 | 90,092 | 4,057 | 4.3 | 94,327 | 90,471 | 3,856 | 4.1 | 93,912 | 90,055 | 3,857 | 4.1 |
| Northeast | 123,547 | 119,734 | 3,813 | 3.1 | 123,811 | 120,073 | 3,738 | 3.0 | 121,954 | 118,139 | 3,815 | 3.1 |
| Northwest | 332,949 | 325,066 | 7,883 | 2.4 | 333,950 | 325,885 | 8,065 | 2.4 | 322,774 | 314,498 | 8,276 | 2.6 |
| Southeast | 81,938 | 78,369 | 3,569 | 4.4 | 82,520 | 79,117 | 3,403 | 4.1 | 81,762 | 78,394 | 3,368 | 4.1 |
| Southwest | 92,455 | 88,687 | 3,768 | 4.1 | 92,576 | 88,867 | 3,709 | 4.0 | 92,597 | 88,851 | 3,746 | 4.0 |
| West Central | 131,496 | 126,866 | 4,630 | 3.5 | 132,094 | 127,446 | 4,648 | 3.5 | 131,773 | 127,021 | 4,752 | 3.6 |
| Western | 111,956 | 108,423 | 3,533 | 3.2 | 111,912 | 108,286 | 3,626 | 3.2 | 111,808 | 108,316 | 3,492 | 3.1 |



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