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Workforce Services



The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious 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 col- lected for production workers in manufactur- ing industries.

Industries are classi- fied according to the North American In- dustry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2020 benchmark.

**Explanation of Terms and Concepts**

**Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample sur- vey designed to pro- vide industry infor- mation on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bu- reau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Work- force Services. The data are based on establish- ment records and in- clude all workers, full- or part-time, who re- ceived pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas busi- ness establishments are surveyed.

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

A term applied by the

U.S. Office of Manage- ment and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, commuting patterns and social and economic integration.

**Current Population**

 **Survey (CPS)**

A monthly sample sur- vey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to pro- vide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conduct- ed each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The informa- tion is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the cal- endar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

**Civilian Labor Force**

The sum of all em- ployed and unem- ployed 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 work- ers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

**Unemployment**

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

**Unemployment Rate**

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

**Seasonal Adjustment**

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

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**December Spotlight**

# Coming in 2022

**2022 Arkansas Publication Schedule**

\*Date when Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and county labor force statistics will be available on the Discover Arkansas website

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Reference Month | State Press Release | MSA’s & Counties\* |
| January | 03/14/22 | 03/18/22 |
| February | 03/25/22 | 04/06/22 |
| March | 04/15/22 | 04/27/22 |
| April | 05/20/22 | 06/01/22 |
| May | 06/17/22 | 06/29/22 |
| June | 07/22/22 | 08/03/22 |
| July | 08/19/22 | 08/31/22 |
| August | 09/16/22 | 09/28/22 |
| September | 10/21/22 | 11/02/22 |
| October | 11/18/22 | 12/01/22 |
| November | 12/16/22 | 12/29/22 |
| December | 01/24/23 | 02/01/23 |

# Upcoming Spotlight Topics

**Business Employment Dynamics Labor Underutilization Rates**

**A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates Wages by County**

**Business Employment Dynamics**

**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 declined three-tenths of a percentage point, from 3.4 percent in November to 3.1 percent in December. Arkansas’ civilian labor force decreased by 1,098, a result of 3,750 fewer unemployed and 2,652 addi- tional employed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate declined to 3.9 percent in December, down three-tenths of a percentage point from 4.2 percent in November.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “The unemployment rate in Arkansas dropped to

3.1 percent in December, a new record low rate for the State. While employment has increased for a second month, there are slightly fewer employed Arkansans compared to December 2020. Unemploy- ment is down over the year, as the number of Arkansans actively looking for work has declined for the

last six months.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,310,499 1,307,847 1,312,142 Employment 1,319,784 1,323,506 1,302,339

Unemployment 42,609 46,359 67,171 Unemployment 32,636 29,608 64,314

Unemployment Rate 3.1 3.4 4.9 Unemployment Rate 2.4 2.2 4.7

U.S. Unemployment 3.9 4.2 6.7 U.S. Unemployment 3.7 3.9 6.5

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** |  | **Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,353,108 | 1,354,206 | 1,379,313 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,352,420 | 1,353,114 | 1,366,653 |

1,340,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

December: 2001 - 2021

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

1,180,000

1,160,000

1,140,000

1,120,000

'01 '03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19 '21

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1291.1 | 1292.6 | 1263.8 | -1.5 | 27.3 |
| Goods Producing | 219.6 | 219.9 | 216.6 | -0.3 | 3.0 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 57.4 | 58.0 | 59.3 | -0.6 | -1.9 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.7** | **5.7** | **5.3** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Construction** | **51.7** | **52.3** | **54.0** | **-0.6** | **-2.3** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 32.6 | 32.6 | 34.4 | 0.0 | -1.8 |
| **Manufacturing** | **162.2** | **161.9** | **157.3** | **0.3** | **4.9** |
| Durable Goods | 83.0 | 83.0 | 75.9 | 0.0 | 7.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 79.2 | 78.9 | 81.4 | 0.3 | -2.2 |
| Service Providing | 1071.5 | 1072.7 | 1047.2 | -1.2 | 24.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **263.4** | **261.4** | **258.2** | **2.0** | **5.2** |
| Wholesale Trade | 48.5 | 47.6 | 46.0 | 0.9 | 2.5 |
| Retail Trade | 144.1 | 142.9 | 143.7 | 1.2 | 0.4 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 70.8 | 70.9 | 68.5 | -0.1 | 2.3 |
| **Information** | **12.7** | **12.6** | **11.6** | **0.1** | **1.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **67.8** | **68.2** | **63.5** | **-0.4** | **4.3** |
| Finance & Insurance | 54.1 | 54.3 | 50.2 | -0.2 | 3.9 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.7 | 13.9 | 13.3 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **152.4** | **151.7** | **142.8** | **0.7** | **9.6** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43.8 | 43.8 | 43.3 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Management of Companies | 35.7 | 35.8 | 34.0 | -0.1 | 1.7 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 72.9 | 72.1 | 65.5 | 0.8 | 7.4 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **189.0** | **191.2** | **189.2** | **-2.2** | **-0.2** |
| Educational Services | 17.5 | 17.4 | 15.9 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 171.5 | 173.8 | 173.3 | -2.3 | -1.8 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 59.9 | 60.5 | 59.6 | -0.6 | 0.3 |
| Social Assistance | 35.7 | 36.6 | 36.6 | -0.9 | -0.9 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **112.2** | **112.7** | **107.8** | **-0.5** | **4.4** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 11.5 | 11.4 | 10.0 | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 100.7 | 101.3 | 97.8 | -0.6 | 2.9 |
| Accommodation Services | 9.9 | 10.0 | 8.7 | -0.1 | 1.2 |
| Food Services | 90.8 | 91.3 | 89.1 | -0.5 | 1.7 |
| **Other Services** | **66.9** | **67.4** | **65.1** | **-0.5** | **1.8** |
| **Government** | **207.1** | **207.5** | **209.0** | **-0.4** | **-1.9** |
| Federal Government | 21.1 | 21.0 | 20.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| State Government | 78.0 | 78.4 | 77.4 | -0.4 | 0.6 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.6 | 32.0 | 30.8 | -0.4 | 0.8 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.4 | 46.4 | 46.6 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Local Government | 108.0 | 108.1 | 110.8 | -0.1 | -2.8 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 65.1 | 65.0 | 68.0 | 0.1 | -2.9 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.9 | 43.1 | 42.8 | -0.2 | 0.1 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**November 2021 - December 2021**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs decreased 1,500 in December to total 1,291,100. Six major industry sectors posted declines, more than offsetting gains in four major sectors. **Educational and health services** reported the greatest loss, down 2,200 jobs. All decreases were in health care and social as- sistance (-2,300), with reported contractions in activities such as childcare services, individual and fam- ily services, and offices of specialty health practitioners. Small, mostly seasonal declines were posted in **construction** (-600) and **leisure and hospitality** (-500). The largest increase occurred in **trade, transportation, and utilities** (+2,000). Most of the gains were related to holiday hiring in retail trade (+1,200) and wholesale trade (+900).

**December 2020 - December 2021**

Compared to December 2020, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 27,300. Growth was reported in eight major industry sectors, with five sectors adding 4,300 or more jobs each. Jobs in **professional and business services** rose 9,600. Most of the gains occurred in administrative and support services (+7,400). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 5,200 jobs, mostly in wholesale trade (+2,500) and transportation-warehousing-utilities (+2,300). Jobs in **manufacturing** are up 4,900, all in durable goods (+7,100). Employment in **leisure and hospitality** rose 4,400, with expansions in all subsectors. **Financial activities** increased 4,300. Most of the gains were in finance and insurance (+3,900). Annual losses were posted in **construction** (-2,300) and **government** (-1,900).

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

December 2019 - December 2021

155,000

150,000

145,000

140,000

135,000

130,000

125,000

120,000

Dec '19

Jun '20

Dec '20

Jun '21

Dec '21

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Dec 21**

Average Weekly Hours 41.8

Average Hourly Earnings 19.85

Average Weekly Earnings 829.73

**Nov 21**

41.4

19.75

817.65

**Dec 20**

39.3

19.50

766.35

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Dec 21**

Average Weekly Hours 41.7

Average Hourly Earnings 21.31

Average Weekly Earnings 888.63

**Nov 21**

41.4

21.10

873.54

**Dec 20**

38.2

20.78

793.80

**Dec 21**

Average Weekly Hours 42.0

Average Hourly Earnings 18.32

Average Weekly Earnings 769.44

**Nov 21**

41.3

18.31

756.20

**Dec 20**

40.4

18.39

742.96

$22.50

**Average Hourly Earnings - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods**

December: 2011 - 2021

$20.00

$17.50

$15.00

$12.50

$10.00

$7.50

$5.00

$2.50

$0.00

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 349,105 | 348,561 | 355,832 | 544 | -6,727 |
| **Employment** | 340,428 | 340,526 | 338,136 | -98 | 2,292 |
| **Unemployment** | 8,677 | 8,035 | 17,696 | 642 | -9,019 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.5 | 2.3 | 5.0 | 0.2 | -2.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 357.0 | 357.4 | 351.9 | -0.4 | 5.1 |
| **Goods Producing** 35.9 | 35.7 | 36.4 | 0.2 | -0.5 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.1** | **16.8** | **17.5** | **0.3** | **-0.4** |
| **Manufacturing 18.8** | **18.9** | **18.9** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Service Providing** 321.1 | 321.7 | 315.5 | -0.6 | 5.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 71.2** | **70.5** | **71.3** | **0.7** | **-0.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 15.9 | 15.6 | 15.1 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.7 | 38.4 | 39.7 | 0.3 | -1.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 16.6 | 16.5 | 16.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Information 5.3** | **5.2** | **5.1** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 24.2** | **24.1** | **22.3** | **0.1** | **1.9** |
| **Professional & Business Services 44.5** | **44.4** | **44.1** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services 59.4** | **60.8** | **58.9** | **-1.4** | **0.5** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 30.7** | **30.8** | **28.3** | **-0.1** | **2.4** |
| **Other Services 18.3** | **18.3** | **17.6** | **0.0** | **0.7** |
| **Government 67.5** | **67.6** | **67.9** | **-0.1** | **-0.4** |
| **Federal Government** 10.1 | 10.0 | 9.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** 34.3 | 34.5 | 34.3 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Local Government** 23.1 | 23.1 | 23.7 | 0.0 | -0.6 |

**Number of Unemployed**

January 2019 - December 2021

45,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

December: 2011 - 2021

375,000

40,000 370,000

35,000

365,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

360,000

355,000

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330,000

325,000

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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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 298,830 | 299,344 | 291,307 | -514 | 7,523 |
| **Employment** | 293,976 | 294,941 | 281,221 | -965 | 12,755 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,854 | 4,403 | 10,086 | 451 | -5,232 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 1.6 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 0.1 | -1.9 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 284.2 | 285.4 | 269.1 | -1.2 | 15.1 |
| **Goods Producing** 45.4 | 45.5 | 44.7 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 14.0** | **14.2** | **13.3** | **-0.2** | **0.7** |
| **Manufacturing 31.4** | **31.3** | **31.4** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Service Providing** 238.8 | 239.9 | 224.4 | -1.1 | 14.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 62.3** | **61.6** | **58.8** | **0.7** | **3.5** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 13.2 | 12.9 | 12.1 | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 29.7 | 29.4 | 28.0 | 0.3 | 1.7 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 19.4 | 19.3 | 18.7 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| **Information 2.2** | **2.2** | **1.9** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Financial Activities 8.6** | **8.9** | **8.6** | **-0.3** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 57.0** | **56.8** | **51.9** | **0.2** | **5.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services 31.4** | **31.8** | **30.1** | **-0.4** | **1.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 26.8** | **27.7** | **24.7** | **-0.9** | **2.1** |
| **Other Services 10.2** | **10.1** | **9.6** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Government 40.3** | **40.8** | **38.8** | **-0.5** | **1.5** |
| **Federal Government** 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 17.5 | 18.1 | 16.3 | -0.6 | 1.2 |
| **Local Government** 19.9 | 19.8 | 19.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 |

**Employment**

December: 2011 - 2021

325,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

December 2019 - December 2021

250,000

300,000

275,000

240,000

250,000

225,000

200,000

175,000

150,000

125,000

230,000

220,000

210,000

200,000

190,000

100,000

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180,000

Dec '19

Jun '20

Dec '20

Jun '21

Dec '21

**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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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 118,851 | 119,473 | 119,095 | -622 | -244 |
| **Employment** | 116,254 | 116,990 | 113,600 | -736 | 2,654 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,597 | 2,483 | 5,495 | 114 | -2,898 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.2 | 2.1 | 4.6 | 0.1 | -2.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 113.2 | 113.8 | 110.4 | -0.6 | 2.8 |
| **Goods Producing** 22.7 | 22.7 | 22.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.6** | **5.6** | **5.6** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Manufacturing 17.1** | **17.1** | **16.8** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Service Providing** 90.5 | 91.1 | 88.0 | -0.6 | 2.5 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.8** | **24.6** | **24.2** | **0.2** | **0.6** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.4 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.5 | 12.3 | 12.6 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Information 1.1** | **1.1** | **1.1** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 3.8** | **3.8** | **3.7** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 12.6** | **12.8** | **11.7** | **-0.2** | **0.9** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.7** | **16.9** | **16.6** | **-0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.0** | **9.2** | **8.2** | **-0.2** | **0.8** |
| **Other Services 4.7** | **4.7** | **4.4** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Government 17.8** | **18.0** | **18.1** | **-0.2** | **-0.3** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.8 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Local Government** 13.9 | 14.0 | 14.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 |

**Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector**

December 2020 vs December 2021

Professional & Business 900

800

600

300

300

100

100

0

0

Leisure & Hospitality

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Other Services

Manufacturing

Educational & Health

Financial Activities

Information

Mining-Logging-Construction

Government -300

-400 -200 0 200 400 600 800 1000

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 39,876 | 39,796 | 41,671 | 80 | -1,795 |
| **Employment** | 38,675 | 38,694 | 39,201 | -19 | -526 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,201 | 1,102 | 2,470 | 99 | -1,269 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.0 | 2.8 | 5.9 | 0.2 | -2.9 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 38.2 | 38.0 | 38.6 | 0.2 | -0.4 |
| 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 33.5 | 33.3 | 34.0 | 0.2 | -0.5 |
| 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

37,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2019 - December 2021

35,000

33,000

31,000

29,000

27,000

25,000

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2019 2020 2021

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,622 | 66,595 | 66,493 | 27 | 129 |
| **Employment** | 65,351 | 65,460 | 63,868 | -109 | 1,483 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,271 | 1,135 | 2,625 | 136 | -1,354 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 1.9 | 1.7 | 3.9 | 0.2 | -2.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 61.5 | 61.5 | 59.3 | 0.0 | 2.2 |
| 10.4 | 10.6 | 10.4 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| 51.1 | 50.9 | 48.9 | 0.2 | 2.2 |
| 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

65,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

December: 2011 - 2021

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 34,195 | 33,925 | 34,939 | 270 | -744 |
| **Employment** | 32,856 | 32,713 | 32,637 | 143 | 219 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,339 | 1,212 | 2,302 | 127 | -963 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9 | 3.6 | 6.6 | 0.3 | -2.7 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 32.5 | 32.4 | 32.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 26.9 | 26.8 | 26.3 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| 8.9 | 9.0 | 9.1 | -0.1 | -0.2 |

33,500

**Number of Employed**

December 2019 - December 2021

33,000

32,500

32,000

31,500

31,000

30,500

30,000

Dec '19

Jun '20

Dec '20

Jun '21

Dec '21

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 651,646 | 645,184 | 651,858 | 6,462 | -212 |
| **Employment** | 625,187 | 620,065 | 606,594 | 5,122 | 18,593 |
| **Unemployment** | 26,459 | 25,119 | 45,264 | 1,340 | -18,805 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1 | 3.9 | 6.9 | 0.2 | -2.8 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 21** | **Nov 21** | **Dec 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,154 | 63,854 | 64,045 | 300 | 109 |
| **Employment** | 61,536 | 61,181 | 60,285 | 355 | 1,251 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,618 | 2,673 | 3,760 | -55 | -1,142 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1 | 4.2 | 5.9 | -0.1 | -1.8 |

60,000

**Memphis MSA - Number of Unemployed**

December: 2011 - 2021

64,000

**Texarkana MSA - Employment**

December 2019 - December 2021

62,000

50,000

60,000

40,000

58,000

30,000

56,000

54,000

20,000

52,000

10,000

50,000

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48,000

Dec '19

Jun '20

Dec '20

Jun '21

Dec '21

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**December 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**November 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**December 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,892 | 8,639 | 253 | 2.8 | 8,931 | 8,705 | 226 | 2.5 | 9,504 | 9,057 | 447 | 4.7 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,681 | 16,295 | 386 | 2.3 | 16,600 | 16,257 | 343 | 2.1 | 16,778 | 16,059 | 719 | 4.3 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,412 | 15,661 | 751 | 4.6 | 16,432 | 15,749 | 683 | 4.2 | 17,019 | 15,797 | 1,222 | 7.2 |
| Camden Micro | 12,456 | 12,155 | 301 | 2.4 | 12,384 | 12,115 | 269 | 2.2 | 12,338 | 11,812 | 526 | 4.3 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,077 | 14,483 | 594 | 3.9 | 15,024 | 14,467 | 557 | 3.7 | 15,525 | 14,514 | 1,011 | 6.5 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,712 | 7,412 | 300 | 3.9 | 7,724 | 7,451 | 273 | 3.5 | 7,962 | 7,431 | 531 | 6.7 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,223 | 18,902 | 321 | 1.7 | 19,247 | 18,960 | 287 | 1.5 | 19,151 | 18,446 | 705 | 3.7 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,693 | 5,382 | 311 | 5.5 | 5,699 | 5,425 | 274 | 4.8 | 6,435 | 5,927 | 508 | 7.9 |
| Hope Micro | 12,626 | 12,322 | 304 | 2.4 | 12,716 | 12,439 | 277 | 2.2 | 13,021 | 12,493 | 528 | 4.1 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,900 | 8,616 | 284 | 3.2 | 8,923 | 8,664 | 259 | 2.9 | 9,276 | 8,637 | 639 | 6.9 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,815 | 13,493 | 322 | 2.3 | 13,801 | 13,500 | 301 | 2.2 | 14,253 | 13,633 | 620 | 4.3 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,594 | 16,221 | 373 | 2.2 | 16,560 | 16,226 | 334 | 2.0 | 16,656 | 15,910 | 746 | 4.5 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,424 | 19,047 | 377 | 1.9 | 19,524 | 19,182 | 342 | 1.8 | 19,295 | 18,479 | 816 | 4.2 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,307 | 34,408 | 899 | 2.5 | 35,263 | 34,499 | 764 | 2.2 | 36,285 | 34,652 | 1,633 | 4.5 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,201 | 33,358 | 843 | 2.5 | 34,131 | 33,380 | 751 | 2.2 | 34,383 | 32,693 | 1,690 | 4.9 |

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County Batesville Micro = Independence County Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

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

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

**City Labor Force Statistics**

**City**

**CLF**

**December 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**November 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**December 2020**

**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 | 12,919 | 12,627 | 292 | 2.3 | 12,914 | 12,667 | 247 | 1.9 | 12,616 | 12,073 | 543 | 4.3 |
| Benton | 17,223 | 16,920 | 303 | 1.8 | 17,202 | 16,916 | 286 | 1.7 | 17,445 | 16,790 | 655 | 3.8 |
| Bentonville | 30,415 | 30,031 | 384 | 1.3 | 30,490 | 30,125 | 365 | 1.2 | 29,602 | 28,714 | 888 | 3.0 |
| Blytheville | 5,500 | 5,260 | 240 | 4.4 | 5,546 | 5,290 | 256 | 4.6 | 5,814 | 5,306 | 508 | 8.7 |
| Cabot | 11,697 | 11,464 | 233 | 2.0 | 11,702 | 11,497 | 205 | 1.8 | 11,934 | 11,439 | 495 | 4.1 |
| Conway | 33,620 | 32,931 | 689 | 2.0 | 33,579 | 32,955 | 624 | 1.9 | 34,117 | 32,717 | 1,400 | 4.1 |
| El Dorado | 6,536 | 6,247 | 289 | 4.4 | 6,535 | 6,240 | 295 | 4.5 | 6,762 | 6,260 | 502 | 7.4 |
| Fayetteville | 51,006 | 50,163 | 843 | 1.7 | 51,134 | 50,332 | 802 | 1.6 | 49,861 | 47,958 | 1,903 | 3.8 |
| Fort Smith | 38,957 | 38,107 | 850 | 2.2 | 39,031 | 38,253 | 778 | 2.0 | 39,209 | 37,426 | 1,783 | 4.5 |
| Hot Springs | 14,838 | 14,318 | 520 | 3.5 | 14,797 | 14,325 | 472 | 3.2 | 15,505 | 14,512 | 993 | 6.4 |
| Jacksonville | 11,429 | 10,986 | 443 | 3.9 | 11,411 | 10,982 | 429 | 3.8 | 11,792 | 10,901 | 891 | 7.6 |
| Jonesboro | 39,919 | 39,207 | 712 | 1.8 | 39,852 | 39,238 | 614 | 1.5 | 39,781 | 38,254 | 1,527 | 3.8 |
| Little Rock | 95,339 | 92,348 | 2,991 | 3.1 | 95,039 | 92,315 | 2,724 | 2.9 | 97,273 | 91,639 | 5,634 | 5.8 |
| North Little Rock | 29,167 | 28,316 | 851 | 2.9 | 29,133 | 28,306 | 827 | 2.8 | 30,063 | 28,099 | 1,964 | 6.5 |
| Paragould | 12,332 | 12,066 | 266 | 2.2 | 12,414 | 12,151 | 263 | 2.1 | 12,297 | 11,706 | 591 | 4.8 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,190 | 15,422 | 768 | 4.7 | 16,029 | 15,326 | 703 | 4.4 | 16,658 | 15,281 | 1,377 | 8.3 |
| Rogers | 38,115 | 37,591 | 524 | 1.4 | 38,198 | 37,710 | 488 | 1.3 | 37,175 | 35,943 | 1,232 | 3.3 |
| Russellville | 12,615 | 12,352 | 263 | 2.1 | 12,597 | 12,365 | 232 | 1.8 | 12,940 | 12,407 | 533 | 4.1 |
| Searcy | 10,329 | 10,120 | 209 | 2.0 | 10,314 | 10,127 | 187 | 1.8 | 10,334 | 9,919 | 415 | 4.0 |
| Sherwood | 15,770 | 15,436 | 334 | 2.1 | 15,702 | 15,430 | 272 | 1.7 | 16,092 | 15,317 | 775 | 4.8 |
| Springdale | 41,673 | 40,978 | 695 | 1.7 | 41,748 | 41,116 | 632 | 1.5 | 40,572 | 39,178 | 1,394 | 3.4 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,259 | 12,811 | 448 | 3.4 | 13,147 | 12,740 | 407 | 3.1 | 13,416 | 12,623 | 793 | 5.9 |
| Van Buren | 10,337 | 10,105 | 232 | 2.2 | 10,351 | 10,156 | 195 | 1.9 | 10,364 | 9,950 | 414 | 4.0 |
| West Memphis | 10,392 | 10,049 | 343 | 3.3 | 10,311 | 10,009 | 302 | 2.9 | 10,615 | 9,871 | 744 | 7.0 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **CLF** | **December 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **November 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **December 2020****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,684 | 9,446 | 238 | 2.5 | 9,658 | 9,446 | 212 | 2.2 | 9,572 | 9,243 | 329 | 3.4 |
| Ashley | 6,640 | 6,314 | 326 | 4.9 | 6,691 | 6,394 | 297 | 4.4 | 7,078 | 6,524 | 554 | 7.8 |
| Baxter | 16,594 | 16,221 | 373 | 2.2 | 16,560 | 16,226 | 334 | 2.0 | 16,656 | 15,910 | 746 | 4.5 |
| Benton | 147,430 | 145,124 | 2,306 | 1.6 | 147,678 | 145,580 | 2,098 | 1.4 | 143,616 | 138,759 | 4,857 | 3.4 |
| Boone | 15,958 | 15,695 | 263 | 1.6 | 15,964 | 15,726 | 238 | 1.5 | 15,880 | 15,294 | 586 | 3.7 |
| Bradley | 4,042 | 3,932 | 110 | 2.7 | 4,034 | 3,930 | 104 | 2.6 | 4,401 | 4,194 | 207 | 4.7 |
| Calhoun | 2,446 | 2,400 | 46 | 1.9 | 2,447 | 2,406 | 41 | 1.7 | 2,454 | 2,357 | 97 | 4.0 |
| Carroll | 12,684 | 12,440 | 244 | 1.9 | 12,873 | 12,664 | 209 | 1.6 | 12,568 | 12,000 | 568 | 4.5 |
| Chicot | 2,989 | 2,814 | 175 | 5.9 | 3,002 | 2,847 | 155 | 5.2 | 3,252 | 2,940 | 312 | 9.6 |
| Clark | 8,892 | 8,639 | 253 | 2.8 | 8,931 | 8,705 | 226 | 2.5 | 9,504 | 9,057 | 447 | 4.7 |
| Clay | 5,303 | 5,169 | 134 | 2.5 | 5,370 | 5,259 | 111 | 2.1 | 5,504 | 5,255 | 249 | 4.5 |
| Cleburne | 8,889 | 8,628 | 261 | 2.9 | 8,942 | 8,707 | 235 | 2.6 | 9,073 | 8,546 | 527 | 5.8 |
| Cleveland | 3,152 | 3,078 | 74 | 2.3 | 3,150 | 3,083 | 67 | 2.1 | 3,250 | 3,083 | 167 | 5.1 |
| Columbia | 8,900 | 8,616 | 284 | 3.2 | 8,923 | 8,664 | 259 | 2.9 | 9,276 | 8,637 | 639 | 6.9 |
| Conway | 8,262 | 8,054 | 208 | 2.5 | 8,218 | 8,031 | 187 | 2.3 | 8,515 | 8,125 | 390 | 4.6 |
| Craighead | 56,632 | 55,591 | 1,041 | 1.8 | 56,566 | 55,635 | 931 | 1.6 | 56,421 | 54,239 | 2,182 | 3.9 |
| Crawford | 26,506 | 25,939 | 567 | 2.1 | 26,590 | 26,069 | 521 | 2.0 | 26,649 | 25,541 | 1,108 | 4.2 |
| Crittenden | 21,145 | 20,531 | 614 | 2.9 | 21,009 | 20,450 | 559 | 2.7 | 21,465 | 20,168 | 1,297 | 6.0 |
| Cross | 6,991 | 6,797 | 194 | 2.8 | 7,031 | 6,861 | 170 | 2.4 | 7,236 | 6,886 | 350 | 4.8 |
| Dallas | 2,772 | 2,699 | 73 | 2.6 | 2,785 | 2,712 | 73 | 2.6 | 2,894 | 2,787 | 107 | 3.7 |
| Desha | 4,975 | 4,778 | 197 | 4.0 | 5,015 | 4,837 | 178 | 3.5 | 5,293 | 4,991 | 302 | 5.7 |
| Drew | 7,768 | 7,527 | 241 | 3.1 | 7,769 | 7,556 | 213 | 2.7 | 7,784 | 7,345 | 439 | 5.6 |
| Faulkner | 61,041 | 59,790 | 1,251 | 2.0 | 60,979 | 59,834 | 1,145 | 1.9 | 61,937 | 59,402 | 2,535 | 4.1 |
| Franklin | 7,274 | 7,109 | 165 | 2.3 | 7,321 | 7,171 | 150 | 2.0 | 7,520 | 7,188 | 332 | 4.4 |
| Fulton | 4,867 | 4,763 | 104 | 2.1 | 4,899 | 4,803 | 96 | 2.0 | 4,899 | 4,675 | 224 | 4.6 |
| Garland | 39,876 | 38,675 | 1,201 | 3.0 | 39,796 | 38,694 | 1,102 | 2.8 | 41,671 | 39,201 | 2,470 | 5.9 |
| Grant | 8,128 | 7,968 | 160 | 2.0 | 8,130 | 7,982 | 148 | 1.8 | 8,290 | 7,953 | 337 | 4.1 |
| Greene | 19,424 | 19,047 | 377 | 1.9 | 19,524 | 19,182 | 342 | 1.8 | 19,295 | 18,479 | 816 | 4.2 |
| Hempstead | 9,212 | 9,000 | 212 | 2.3 | 9,281 | 9,093 | 188 | 2.0 | 9,510 | 9,139 | 371 | 3.9 |
| Hot Spring | 13,815 | 13,493 | 322 | 2.3 | 13,801 | 13,500 | 301 | 2.2 | 14,253 | 13,633 | 620 | 4.3 |
| Howard | 5,553 | 5,443 | 110 | 2.0 | 5,581 | 5,474 | 107 | 1.9 | 5,579 | 5,368 | 211 | 3.8 |
| Independence | 16,681 | 16,295 | 386 | 2.3 | 16,600 | 16,257 | 343 | 2.1 | 16,778 | 16,059 | 719 | 4.3 |
| Izard | 4,326 | 4,163 | 163 | 3.8 | 4,336 | 4,196 | 140 | 3.2 | 4,567 | 4,272 | 295 | 6.5 |
| Jackson | 5,585 | 5,391 | 194 | 3.5 | 5,621 | 5,457 | 164 | 2.9 | 5,904 | 5,552 | 352 | 6.0 |
| Jefferson | 27,255 | 26,100 | 1,155 | 4.2 | 26,986 | 25,937 | 1,049 | 3.9 | 27,809 | 25,862 | 1,947 | 7.0 |
| Johnson | 9,894 | 9,585 | 309 | 3.1 | 9,943 | 9,665 | 278 | 2.8 | 10,255 | 9,756 | 499 | 4.9 |
| Lafayette | 2,267 | 2,189 | 78 | 3.4 | 2,306 | 2,236 | 70 | 3.0 | 2,437 | 2,262 | 175 | 7.2 |
| Lawrence | 6,740 | 6,572 | 168 | 2.5 | 6,806 | 6,651 | 155 | 2.3 | 6,878 | 6,536 | 342 | 5.0 |
| Lee | 2,487 | 2,395 | 92 | 3.7 | 2,521 | 2,439 | 82 | 3.3 | 2,810 | 2,628 | 182 | 6.5 |
| Lincoln | 3,788 | 3,678 | 110 | 2.9 | 3,789 | 3,693 | 96 | 2.5 | 3,880 | 3,692 | 188 | 4.8 |
| Little River | 5,381 | 5,228 | 153 | 2.8 | 5,329 | 5,189 | 140 | 2.6 | 5,437 | 5,152 | 285 | 5.2 |
| Logan | 8,373 | 8,164 | 209 | 2.5 | 8,409 | 8,217 | 192 | 2.3 | 8,668 | 8,254 | 414 | 4.8 |
| Lonoke | 33,035 | 32,367 | 668 | 2.0 | 33,073 | 32,461 | 612 | 1.9 | 33,716 | 32,297 | 1,419 | 4.2 |
| Madison | 7,713 | 7,573 | 140 | 1.8 | 7,793 | 7,668 | 125 | 1.6 | 7,622 | 7,374 | 248 | 3.3 |
| Marion | 5,997 | 5,844 | 153 | 2.6 | 6,017 | 5,879 | 138 | 2.3 | 6,073 | 5,731 | 342 | 5.6 |
| Miller | 19,287 | 18,697 | 590 | 3.1 | 19,133 | 18,593 | 540 | 2.8 | 19,445 | 18,422 | 1,023 | 5.3 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **County** | **CLF** | **December 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **November 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **December 2020****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 16,412 | 15,661 | 751 | 4.6 | 16,432 | 15,749 | 683 | 4.2 | 17,019 | 15,797 | 1,222 | 7.2 |
| Monroe | 2,644 | 2,552 | 92 | 3.5 | 2,643 | 2,560 | 83 | 3.1 | 2,728 | 2,553 | 175 | 6.4 |
| Montgomery | 2,712 | 2,608 | 104 | 3.8 | 2,777 | 2,690 | 87 | 3.1 | 2,991 | 2,818 | 173 | 5.8 |
| Nevada | 3,414 | 3,322 | 92 | 2.7 | 3,435 | 3,346 | 89 | 2.6 | 3,511 | 3,354 | 157 | 4.5 |
| Newton | 3,265 | 3,207 | 58 | 1.8 | 3,283 | 3,234 | 49 | 1.5 | 3,271 | 3,152 | 119 | 3.6 |
| Ouachita | 10,010 | 9,755 | 255 | 2.5 | 9,937 | 9,709 | 228 | 2.3 | 9,884 | 9,455 | 429 | 4.3 |
| Perry | 4,150 | 4,032 | 118 | 2.8 | 4,158 | 4,053 | 105 | 2.5 | 4,210 | 4,025 | 185 | 4.4 |
| Phillips | 5,693 | 5,382 | 311 | 5.5 | 5,699 | 5,425 | 274 | 4.8 | 6,435 | 5,927 | 508 | 7.9 |
| Pike | 4,153 | 4,036 | 117 | 2.8 | 4,193 | 4,084 | 109 | 2.6 | 4,326 | 4,106 | 220 | 5.1 |
| Poinsett | 9,990 | 9,760 | 230 | 2.3 | 10,029 | 9,825 | 204 | 2.0 | 10,072 | 9,629 | 443 | 4.4 |
| Polk | 7,669 | 7,447 | 222 | 2.9 | 7,720 | 7,532 | 188 | 2.4 | 8,043 | 7,622 | 421 | 5.2 |
| Pope | 27,430 | 26,734 | 696 | 2.5 | 27,349 | 26,761 | 588 | 2.1 | 28,143 | 26,853 | 1,290 | 4.6 |
| Prairie | 3,541 | 3,470 | 71 | 2.0 | 3,588 | 3,523 | 65 | 1.8 | 3,664 | 3,501 | 163 | 4.4 |
| Pulaski | 184,956 | 179,562 | 5,394 | 2.9 | 184,521 | 179,498 | 5,023 | 2.7 | 189,195 | 178,184 | 11,011 | 5.8 |
| Randolph | 7,433 | 7,266 | 167 | 2.2 | 7,463 | 7,312 | 151 | 2.0 | 7,606 | 7,235 | 371 | 4.9 |
| St. Francis | 7,712 | 7,412 | 300 | 3.9 | 7,724 | 7,451 | 273 | 3.5 | 7,962 | 7,431 | 531 | 6.7 |
| Saline | 57,795 | 56,709 | 1,086 | 1.9 | 57,700 | 56,698 | 1,002 | 1.7 | 58,484 | 56,275 | 2,209 | 3.8 |
| Scott | 4,240 | 4,160 | 80 | 1.9 | 4,273 | 4,201 | 72 | 1.7 | 4,412 | 4,232 | 180 | 4.1 |
| Searcy | 2,787 | 2,703 | 84 | 3.0 | 2,828 | 2,756 | 72 | 2.5 | 2,789 | 2,657 | 132 | 4.7 |
| Sebastian | 56,133 | 54,918 | 1,215 | 2.2 | 56,228 | 55,128 | 1,100 | 2.0 | 56,472 | 53,936 | 2,536 | 4.5 |
| Sevier | 5,402 | 5,251 | 151 | 2.8 | 5,412 | 5,281 | 131 | 2.4 | 5,557 | 5,272 | 285 | 5.1 |
| Sharp | 5,614 | 5,444 | 170 | 3.0 | 5,633 | 5,486 | 147 | 2.6 | 5,712 | 5,362 | 350 | 6.1 |
| Stone | 4,335 | 4,195 | 140 | 3.2 | 4,417 | 4,299 | 118 | 2.7 | 4,614 | 4,322 | 292 | 6.3 |
| Union | 15,077 | 14,483 | 594 | 3.9 | 15,024 | 14,467 | 557 | 3.7 | 15,525 | 14,514 | 1,011 | 6.5 |
| Van Buren | 5,750 | 5,578 | 172 | 3.0 | 5,811 | 5,661 | 150 | 2.6 | 5,780 | 5,407 | 373 | 6.5 |
| Washington | 132,653 | 130,503 | 2,150 | 1.6 | 132,880 | 130,943 | 1,937 | 1.5 | 129,311 | 124,768 | 4,543 | 3.5 |
| White | 34,201 | 33,358 | 843 | 2.5 | 34,131 | 33,380 | 751 | 2.2 | 34,383 | 32,693 | 1,690 | 4.9 |
| Woodruff | 2,720 | 2,640 | 80 | 2.9 | 2,735 | 2,660 | 75 | 2.7 | 2,836 | 2,692 | 144 | 5.1 |
| Yell | 7,877 | 7,674 | 203 | 2.6 | 7,914 | 7,738 | 176 | 2.2 | 8,142 | 7,799 | 343 | 4.2 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between November and December, unemployment rates increased in 74 of Arkansas’ 75 coun- ties. One county-- Dallas County-- was unchanged over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 1.6 percent in Benton, Boone, and Washington counties to a high of 5.9 percent in Chicot County.

For the fourth month in a row, no county in Arkansas posted an unemployment rate above seven percent. Seventy counties had jobless rates at or below four percent in December, down from 71 counties at or below four percent last month.

Compared to December 2020, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Over- the-year rate changes ranged from a nine-tenths of a percentage point decrease in Arkansas County to as much as a three and eight-tenths of a percentage point decline in Lafayette County.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Greene**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Craighead**

**Mississippi**

**Crawford Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Sebastian Logan**

**Conway**

**Faulkner**

**White**

**Cross**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Monroe**

**Lee**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Saline**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland**

**Lincoln**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Desha**

**Nevada Ouachita Calhoun Drew Bradley**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0% [NONE]

> 9.0% [NONE]

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

December 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County**

1 Benton

1 Boone

1 Washington

4 Craighead

4 Madison

4 Newton

7 Calhoun

7 Carroll

7 Greene

7 Saline

7 Scott

12 Faulkner

12 Grant

12 Howard

12 Lonoke

12 Prairie

17 Crawford

17 Fulton

19 Baxter

19 Randolph

19 Sebastian

22 Cleveland

22 Franklin

22 Hempstead

22 Hot Spring

**Rate**

1.6

1.6

1.6

1.8

1.8

1.8

1.9

1.9

1.9

1.9

1.9

2.0

2.0

2.0

2.0

2.0

2.1

2.1

2.2

2.2

2.2

2.3

2.3

2.3

2.3

**Rank County Rate**

22 Independence 2.3

22 Poinsett 2.3

28 Arkansas 2.5

28 Clay 2.5

28 Conway 2.5

28 Lawrence 2.5

28 Logan 2.5

28 Ouachita 2.5

28 Pope 2.5

28 White 2.5

36 Dallas 2.6

36 Marion 2.6

36 Yell 2.6

39 Bradley 2.7

39 Nevada 2.7

41 Clark 2.8

41 Cross 2.8

41 Little River 2.8

41 Perry 2.8

41 Pike 2.8

41 Sevier 2.8

47 Cleburne 2.9

47 Crittenden 2.9

47 Lincoln 2.9

47 Polk 2.9

**Rank County**

47 Pulaski

47 Woodruff

53 Garland

53 Searcy

53 Sharp

53 Van Buren

57 Drew

57 Johnson

57 Miller

60 Columbia

60 Stone

1. Lafayette
2. Jackson

63 Monroe

1. Lee
2. Izard

66 Montgomery

68 St. Francis

68 Union

1. Desha
2. Jefferson
3. Mississippi
4. Ashley
5. Phillips
6. Chicot

**Rate**

2.9

2.9

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.2

3.2

3.4

3.5

3.5

3.7

3.8

3.8

3.9

3.9

4.0

4.2

4.6

4.9

5.5

5.9

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



**LWDA**

**CLF**

**December 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**November 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**December 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 247,673 242,102

City of Little Rock 95,339 92,348

Eastern 44,028 42,517

North Central 92,968 90,455

Northeast 121,934 119,066

Northwest 345,081 339,310

Southeast 78,421 75,635

Southwest 89,721 87,083

West Central 127,061 123,530

Western 110,195 107,737

5,571 2.2

2,991 3.1

1,511 3.4

2,513 2.7

2,868 2.4

5,771 1.7

2,786 3.6

2,638 2.9

3,531 2.8

2,458 2.2

247,465 242,259 5,206 2.1

95,039 92,315 2,724 2.9

43,984 42,626 1,358 3.1

93,125 90,906 2,219 2.4

122,190 119,613 2,577 2.1

345,876 340,676 5,200 1.5

78,224 75,705 2,519 3.2

89,593 87,170 2,423 2.7

127,080 123,921 3,159 2.5

110,541 108,318 2,223 2.0

252,451 240,573 11,878 4.7

97,273 91,639 5,634 5.8

45,908 43,040 2,868 6.2

94,546 89,580 4,966 5.3

122,795 117,170 5,625 4.6

337,786 325,645 12,141 3.6

80,609 75,827 4,782 5.9

91,509 86,719 4,790 5.2

132,010 125,373 6,637 5.0

111,764 106,773 4,991 4.5