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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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**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)

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

**Quarter Ending**

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

**Category | Mar 20 | Jun 20 | Sep 20 | Dec 20 | Mar 21\***

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

**Employment Levels**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 1st Quarter 2021

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gross job gains..... | 53,062 | 47,512 | 73,315 | 71,401 | 59,076 |
| Gross job losses.... | 58,018 | 119,820 | 54,843 | 51,611 | 50,250 |
| **Net Change**.......... | **-4,956** | **-72,308** | **18,472** | **19,790** | **8,826** |

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

1st Quarter 2019 - 1st Quarter 2021

130,000

120,000

110,000

100,000

90,000

80,000

70,000

60,000

50,000

40,000

Mar '19 Jun '19 Sep '19 Dec '19 Mar '20 Jun '20 Sep '20 Dec '20 Mar '21 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 fell three-tenths of a percentage point, from 3.7 percent in October to 3.4 percent in November. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose 583, a result of 4,764 more employed and 4,181 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The Unites States’ jobless rate dropped four-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.6 percent in October to 4.2 percent in November.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate continues to de- cline, down to 3.4 percent in November. While there have been fluctuations in employment over the past year, there are now 49,366 more employed Arkansans compared to November 2020.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,307,751 1,302,987 1,258,385 Employment 1,323,423 1,312,563 1,264,353

Unemployment 46,351 50,532 70,215 Unemployment 29,567 32,084 63,285

Unemployment Rate 3.4 3.7 5.3 Unemployment Rate 2.2 2.4 4.8

U.S. Unemployment 4.2 4.6 6.7 U.S. Unemployment 3.9 4.3 6.4

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** |  | **Nov 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,354,102 | 1,353,519 | 1,328,600 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,352,990 | 1,344,647 | 1,327,638 |

**Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

November 2019 - November 2021

160,000

140,000

120,000

100,000

80,000

60,000

40,000

20,000

0

Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Nov 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1291.8 | 1286.6 | 1261.6 | 5.2 | 30.2 |
| Goods Producing | 219.0 | 220.5 | 216.5 | -1.5 | 2.5 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 56.8 | 58.6 | 60.1 | -1.8 | -3.3 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.7** | **5.6** | **5.4** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Construction** | **51.1** | **53.0** | **54.7** | **-1.9** | **-3.6** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 32.0 | 33.9 | 35.1 | -1.9 | -3.1 |
| **Manufacturing** | **162.2** | **161.9** | **156.4** | **0.3** | **5.8** |
| Durable Goods | 83.2 | 83.5 | 75.4 | -0.3 | 7.8 |
| Nondurable Goods | 79.0 | 78.4 | 81.0 | 0.6 | -2.0 |
| Service Providing | 1072.8 | 1066.1 | 1045.1 | 6.7 | 27.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **260.8** | **257.1** | **257.2** | **3.7** | **3.6** |
| Wholesale Trade | 47.6 | 47.2 | 46.6 | 0.4 | 1.0 |
| Retail Trade | 142.2 | 140.5 | 143.4 | 1.7 | -1.2 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 71.0 | 69.4 | 67.2 | 1.6 | 3.8 |
| **Information** | **12.6** | **12.3** | **11.7** | **0.3** | **0.9** |
| **Financial Activities** | **68.2** | **67.3** | **63.5** | **0.9** | **4.7** |
| Finance & Insurance | 54.1 | 53.4 | 50.1 | 0.7 | 4.0 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 14.1 | 13.9 | 13.4 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **151.5** | **149.5** | **140.4** | **2.0** | **11.1** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43.5 | 43.7 | 42.9 | -0.2 | 0.6 |
| Management of Companies | 35.8 | 35.1 | 33.7 | 0.7 | 2.1 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 72.2 | 70.7 | 63.8 | 1.5 | 8.4 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **191.4** | **189.9** | **188.6** | **1.5** | **2.8** |
| Educational Services | 17.4 | 17.4 | 16.1 | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 174.0 | 172.5 | 172.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 60.6 | 60.1 | 59.7 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| Social Assistance | 36.6 | 36.3 | 36.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **113.4** | **115.4** | **109.5** | **-2.0** | **3.9** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 11.6 | 12.2 | 10.1 | -0.6 | 1.5 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 101.8 | 103.2 | 99.4 | -1.4 | 2.4 |
| Accommodation Services | 9.9 | 10.3 | 8.8 | -0.4 | 1.1 |
| Food Services | 91.9 | 92.9 | 90.6 | -1.0 | 1.3 |
| **Other Services** | **67.4** | **68.3** | **65.1** | **-0.9** | **2.3** |
| **Government** | **207.5** | **206.3** | **209.1** | **1.2** | **-1.6** |
| Federal Government | 21.0 | 20.6 | 20.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| State Government | 78.4 | 78.2 | 77.8 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 32.0 | 31.8 | 31.1 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.4 | 46.4 | 46.7 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| Local Government | 108.1 | 107.5 | 110.7 | 0.6 | -2.6 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 65.0 | 64.5 | 67.8 | 0.5 | -2.8 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 43.1 | 43.0 | 42.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**October 2021 - November 2021**

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 5,200 in November to total 1,291,800. Gains were posted in eight major industry sectors. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 3,700 jobs. Hiring occurred in all three subsectors, as businesses prepare for the holiday shopping season. Jobs in **professional and business services** increased 2,000. Most of the expansions were in administrative and support services (+1,500). **Educational and health services** added 1,500 jobs, all in health care and social assistance (+1,500). Jobs in **government** rose 1,200. The largest gains were in local government (+600). Employ- ment in **leisure and hospitality** contracted 2,000. Most of the losses occurred in food services, down 1,000. Jobs in **construction** decreased 1,900, an expected seasonal decline.

**November 2020 - November 2021**

Compared to November 2020, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs are up 30,200. Nine major industry sec- tors posted growth, with five sectors adding 3,600 or more jobs each. **Professional and business ser- vices** increased 11,100, mostly in administrative and support services (+8,400). The subsector includes employment agencies, office administrative services, and business support services. Jobs in **manufac- turing** rose 5,800. Expansions in durable goods (+7,800) were offset by declines in nondurable goods (-2,000). **Financial activities** added 4,700 jobs, mostly in finance and insurance (+4,000). Jobs in **lei- sure and hospitality** rose 3,900, with gains across all subsectors. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 3,600. Most of the growth occurred in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+3,800). Notable expansions were also posted in **educational and health services** (+2,800) and in **other ser- vices** (+2,300). Jobs in **construction** (-3,600) and **government** (-1,600) are down over-the-year.

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

November: 2011 - 2021

160,000

150,000

140,000

130,000

120,000

110,000

100,000

90,000

80,000

70,000

60,000

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Nov 21**

Average Weekly Hours 41.3

Average Hourly Earnings $19.70

Average Weekly Earnings $813.61

**Oct 21**

40.6

$19.90

$807.94

**Nov 20**

39.0

$19.39

$756.21

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Nov 21**

Average Weekly Hours 41.3

Average Hourly Earnings $21.02

Average Weekly Earnings $868.13

**Oct 21**

40.3

$21.04

$847.91

**Nov 20**

37.2

$21.19

$788.27

**Nov 21**

Average Weekly Hours 41.3

Average Hourly Earnings $18.31

Average Weekly Earnings $756.20

**Oct 21**

41.0

$18.71

$767.11

**Nov 20**

40.6

$17.90

$726.74

**Average Weekly Hours Worked - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods**

November 2019 - November 2021

50.0

48.0

46.0

44.0

42.0

40.0

38.0

36.0

34.0

32.0

30.0

Nov '19

May '20

Nov '20

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

May '21

Nov '21

## 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 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 347,727 | 345,012 | 344,453 | 2,715 | 3,274 |
| **Employment** | 339,719 | 336,262 | 326,553 | 3,457 | 13,166 |
| **Unemployment** | 8,008 | 8,750 | 17,900 | -742 | -9,892 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.3 | 2.5 | 5.2 | -0.2 | -2.9 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Nov 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 356.4 | 356.2 | 350.6 | 0.2 | 5.8 |
| **Goods Producing** 35.7 | 35.9 | 36.5 | -0.2 | -0.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 16.8** | **17.0** | **17.6** | **-0.2** | **-0.8** |
| **Manufacturing 18.9** | **18.9** | **18.9** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Service Providing** 320.7 | 320.3 | 314.1 | 0.4 | 6.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 70.0** | **69.3** | **70.5** | **0.7** | **-0.5** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 15.6 | 15.6 | 15.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** 37.9 | 37.4 | 39.0 | 0.5 | -1.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 16.5 | 16.3 | 16.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Information 5.2** | **5.2** | **5.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 24.1** | **23.8** | **22.3** | **0.3** | **1.8** |
| **Professional & Business Services 43.9** | **45.0** | **42.8** | **-1.1** | **1.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services 60.7** | **59.8** | **58.1** | **0.9** | **2.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 30.9** | **31.7** | **29.7** | **-0.8** | **1.2** |
| **Other Services 18.3** | **18.3** | **17.6** | **0.0** | **0.7** |
| **Government 67.6** | **67.2** | **67.9** | **0.4** | **-0.3** |
| **Federal Government** 10.0 | 9.7 | 9.8 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** 34.5 | 34.4 | 34.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** 23.1 | 23.1 | 23.7 | 0.0 | -0.6 |

**Employment**

November: 2011 - 2021

360,000

**Jobs in Educational and Health Services**

November 2019 - November 2021

62,000

350,000

60,000

340,000

58,000

330,000

56,000

320,000

54,000

310,000 52,000

300,000 50,000

290,000

'11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21

48,000

Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21

**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 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 300,200 | 295,417 | 284,083 | 4,783 | 16,117 |
| **Employment** | 295,810 | 290,550 | 274,037 | 5,260 | 21,773 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,390 | 4,867 | 10,046 | -477 | -5,656 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 1.5 | 1.6 | 3.5 | -0.1 | -2.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Nov 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 286.2 | 283.3 | 269.7 | 2.9 | 16.5 |
| **Goods Producing** 45.9 | 45.9 | 44.6 | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 14.3** | **14.3** | **13.3** | **0.0** | **1.0** |
| **Manufacturing 31.6** | **31.6** | **31.3** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Service Providing** 240.3 | 237.4 | 225.1 | 2.9 | 15.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 61.6** | **60.4** | **59.0** | **1.2** | **2.6** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 12.9 | 12.9 | 12.3 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| **Retail Trade** 29.4 | 28.6 | 28.1 | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 19.3 | 18.9 | 18.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| **Information 2.2** | **2.1** | **1.9** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Financial Activities 8.9** | **8.7** | **8.6** | **0.2** | **0.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services 56.9** | **55.1** | **51.3** | **1.8** | **5.6** |
| **Educational & Health Services 31.8** | **31.6** | **30.8** | **0.2** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 28.0** | **28.7** | **24.8** | **-0.7** | **3.2** |
| **Other Services 10.1** | **10.1** | **9.6** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Government 40.8** | **40.7** | **39.1** | **0.1** | **1.7** |
| **Federal Government** 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 18.1 | 18.1 | 16.8 | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| **Local Government** 19.8 | 19.7 | 19.5 | 0.1 | 0.3 |

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

November 2020 vs November 2021

Professional & Business 5,600

300

300

300

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Leisure & Hospitality |  |  |  |  |  | 3,200 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trade-Transport-Utilities |  |  |  | 2,600 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Government |  |  | 1,700 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Educational & Health |  | 1,000 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Mining-Logging-Construct |  | 1,000 |  |
| Other Services | 500 |  |  |

Financial Activities

Information

Manufacturing

0 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 5,000 6,000

**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 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 119,485 | 118,522 | 118,125 | 963 | 1,360 |
| **Employment** | 117,026 | 115,864 | 112,567 | 1,162 | 4,459 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,459 | 2,658 | 5,558 | -199 | -3,099 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.1 | 2.2 | 4.7 | -0.1 | -2.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Nov 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 113.7 | 113.1 | 111.3 | 0.6 | 2.4 |
| **Goods Producing** 22.7 | 22.8 | 22.5 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.6** | **5.6** | **5.6** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Manufacturing 17.1** | **17.2** | **16.9** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Service Providing** 91.0 | 90.3 | 88.8 | 0.7 | 2.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.6** | **24.2** | **24.6** | **0.4** | **0.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.3 | 12.2 | 12.9 | 0.1 | -0.6 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 7.4 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **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 12.8** | **12.8** | **11.8** | **0.0** | **1.0** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.9** | **16.7** | **16.6** | **0.2** | **0.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.1** | **9.3** | **8.4** | **-0.2** | **0.7** |
| **Other Services 4.7** | **4.7** | **4.4** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Government 18.0** | **17.7** | **18.2** | **0.3** | **-0.2** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 14.0 | 13.8 | 14.1 | 0.2 | -0.1 |

**Number of Employed**

January 2019 - November 2021

120,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

November: 2011 - 2021

117,000

115,000

116,000

113,000

112,000

111,000

108,000

109,000

107,000

104,000

105,000

100,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2019 2020 2021

103,000

'11

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 39,785 | 39,971 | 40,043 | -186 | -258 |
| **Employment** | 38,683 | 38,772 | 37,558 | -89 | 1,125 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,102 | 1,199 | 2,485 | -97 | -1,383 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.8 | 3.0 | 6.2 | -0.2 | -3.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 38.0 | 38.2 | 38.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 33.3 | 33.5 | 33.4 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

42,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

November 2019 - November 2021

40,000

38,000

36,000

34,000

32,000

30,000

Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,562 | 66,382 | 64,421 | 180 | 2,141 |
| **Employment** | 65,431 | 65,128 | 61,813 | 303 | 3,618 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,131 | 1,254 | 2,608 | -123 | -1,477 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 1.7 | 1.9 | 4.0 | -0.2 | -2.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 61.4 | 61.5 | 59.1 | -0.1 | 2.3 |
| 10.5 | 10.8 | 10.4 | -0.3 | 0.1 |
| 50.9 | 50.7 | 48.7 | 0.2 | 2.2 |
| 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

54,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2019 - November 2021

52,000

50,000

48,000

46,000

44,000

42,000

40,000

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2019 2020 2021

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 34,026 | 33,502 | 33,954 | 524 | 72 |
| **Employment** | 32,819 | 32,225 | 31,709 | 594 | 1,110 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,207 | 1,277 | 2,245 | -70 | -1,038 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5 | 3.8 | 6.6 | -0.3 | -3.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 32.5 | 32.0 | 32.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 26.9 | 26.4 | 26.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| 9.0 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

50,000

**Number of Employed**

November: 2001 - 2021

45,000

40,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

0

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 646,227 | 640,421 | 649,322 | 5,806 | -3,095 |
| **Employment** | 621,056 | 611,753 | 604,122 | 9,303 | 16,934 |
| **Unemployment** | 25,171 | 28,668 | 45,200 | -3,497 | -20,029 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9 | 4.5 | 7.0 | -0.6 | -3.1 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 21** | **Oct 21** | **Nov 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,625 | 63,096 | 63,045 | 529 | 580 |
| **Employment** | 60,950 | 60,414 | 59,221 | 536 | 1,729 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,675 | 2,682 | 3,824 | -7 | -1,149 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.2 | 4.3 | 6.1 | -0.1 | -1.9 |

**Memphis MSA - Number of Employed**

November 2019 - November 2021

640,000

6,000

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment**

November: 2011 - 2021

620,000

5,000

600,000

580,000

4,000

560,000

540,000

3,000

520,000 2,000

500,000

480,000

1,000

460,000

Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21

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'11

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**November 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**October 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,929 | 8,702 | 227 | 2.5 | 8,886 | 8,637 | 249 | 2.8 | 9,240 | 8,824 | 416 | 4.5 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,599 | 16,253 | 346 | 2.1 | 16,470 | 16,089 | 381 | 2.3 | 16,188 | 15,520 | 668 | 4.1 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,429 | 15,745 | 684 | 4.2 | 16,448 | 15,721 | 727 | 4.4 | 16,652 | 15,409 | 1,243 | 7.5 |
| Camden Micro | 12,380 | 12,111 | 269 | 2.2 | 12,249 | 11,971 | 278 | 2.3 | 11,962 | 11,437 | 525 | 4.4 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,020 | 14,463 | 557 | 3.7 | 14,930 | 14,345 | 585 | 3.9 | 15,059 | 14,057 | 1,002 | 6.7 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,724 | 7,451 | 273 | 3.5 | 7,721 | 7,423 | 298 | 3.9 | 7,742 | 7,226 | 516 | 6.7 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,243 | 18,955 | 288 | 1.5 | 19,271 | 18,941 | 330 | 1.7 | 18,648 | 17,952 | 696 | 3.7 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,697 | 5,423 | 274 | 4.8 | 5,746 | 5,459 | 287 | 5.0 | 6,260 | 5,798 | 462 | 7.4 |
| Hope Micro | 12,712 | 12,435 | 277 | 2.2 | 12,689 | 12,403 | 286 | 2.3 | 12,714 | 12,202 | 512 | 4.0 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,923 | 8,662 | 261 | 2.9 | 8,828 | 8,550 | 278 | 3.1 | 8,928 | 8,402 | 526 | 5.9 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,793 | 13,490 | 303 | 2.2 | 13,696 | 13,367 | 329 | 2.4 | 13,810 | 13,196 | 614 | 4.4 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,556 | 16,222 | 334 | 2.0 | 16,454 | 16,093 | 361 | 2.2 | 16,147 | 15,440 | 707 | 4.4 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,518 | 19,177 | 341 | 1.7 | 19,519 | 19,133 | 386 | 2.0 | 18,876 | 18,075 | 801 | 4.2 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,256 | 34,490 | 766 | 2.2 | 35,304 | 34,496 | 808 | 2.3 | 35,155 | 33,656 | 1,499 | 4.3 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,110 | 33,358 | 752 | 2.2 | 33,883 | 33,084 | 799 | 2.4 | 33,265 | 31,675 | 1,590 | 4.8 |

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**

**City**

**CLF**

**November 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**October 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 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 | 12,961 | 12,704 | 257 | 2.0 | 12,730 | 12,461 | 269 | 2.1 | 12,292 | 11,746 | 546 | 4.4 |
| Benton | 17,163 | 16,876 | 287 | 1.7 | 17,036 | 16,695 | 341 | 2.0 | 16,859 | 16,208 | 651 | 3.9 |
| Bentonville | 30,567 | 30,215 | 352 | 1.2 | 30,031 | 29,636 | 395 | 1.3 | 28,799 | 27,935 | 864 | 3.0 |
| Blytheville | 5,553 | 5,288 | 265 | 4.8 | 5,574 | 5,280 | 294 | 5.3 | 5,750 | 5,175 | 575 | 10.0 |
| Cabot | 11,667 | 11,470 | 197 | 1.7 | 11,626 | 11,397 | 229 | 2.0 | 11,540 | 11,072 | 468 | 4.1 |
| Conway | 33,511 | 32,877 | 634 | 1.9 | 33,291 | 32,583 | 708 | 2.1 | 32,909 | 31,605 | 1,304 | 4.0 |
| El Dorado | 6,525 | 6,238 | 287 | 4.4 | 6,504 | 6,187 | 317 | 4.9 | 6,575 | 6,063 | 512 | 7.8 |
| Fayetteville | 51,282 | 50,481 | 801 | 1.6 | 50,433 | 49,563 | 870 | 1.7 | 48,581 | 46,660 | 1,921 | 4.0 |
| Fort Smith | 39,051 | 38,270 | 781 | 2.0 | 38,627 | 37,762 | 865 | 2.2 | 38,371 | 36,574 | 1,797 | 4.7 |
| Hot Springs | 14,799 | 14,321 | 478 | 3.2 | 14,871 | 14,354 | 517 | 3.5 | 14,985 | 13,904 | 1,081 | 7.2 |
| Jacksonville | 11,411 | 10,955 | 456 | 4.0 | 11,287 | 10,831 | 456 | 4.0 | 11,331 | 10,522 | 809 | 7.1 |
| Jonesboro | 39,831 | 39,221 | 610 | 1.5 | 39,734 | 38,988 | 746 | 1.9 | 38,600 | 36,996 | 1,604 | 4.2 |
| Little Rock | 94,813 | 92,094 | 2,719 | 2.9 | 94,044 | 91,050 | 2,994 | 3.2 | 94,381 | 88,453 | 5,928 | 6.3 |
| North Little Rock | 29,043 | 28,239 | 804 | 2.8 | 28,778 | 27,918 | 860 | 3.0 | 29,214 | 27,122 | 2,092 | 7.2 |
| Paragould | 12,407 | 12,148 | 259 | 2.1 | 12,401 | 12,120 | 281 | 2.3 | 12,045 | 11,450 | 595 | 4.9 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,063 | 15,375 | 688 | 4.3 | 15,750 | 15,042 | 708 | 4.5 | 16,228 | 14,827 | 1,401 | 8.6 |
| Rogers | 38,321 | 37,821 | 500 | 1.3 | 37,686 | 37,097 | 589 | 1.6 | 36,183 | 34,968 | 1,215 | 3.4 |
| Russellville | 12,597 | 12,361 | 236 | 1.9 | 12,599 | 12,334 | 265 | 2.1 | 12,504 | 12,034 | 470 | 3.8 |
| Searcy | 10,305 | 10,120 | 185 | 1.8 | 10,269 | 10,037 | 232 | 2.3 | 10,014 | 9,610 | 404 | 4.0 |
| Sherwood | 15,677 | 15,393 | 284 | 1.8 | 15,587 | 15,219 | 368 | 2.4 | 15,572 | 14,785 | 787 | 5.1 |
| Springdale | 41,866 | 41,237 | 629 | 1.5 | 41,143 | 40,484 | 659 | 1.6 | 39,522 | 38,117 | 1,405 | 3.6 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,099 | 12,691 | 408 | 3.1 | 13,030 | 12,581 | 449 | 3.4 | 13,017 | 12,218 | 799 | 6.1 |
| Van Buren | 10,359 | 10,160 | 199 | 1.9 | 10,260 | 10,042 | 218 | 2.1 | 10,138 | 9,733 | 405 | 4.0 |
| West Memphis | 10,317 | 10,017 | 300 | 2.9 | 10,202 | 9,872 | 330 | 3.2 | 10,317 | 9,516 | 801 | 7.8 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**November 2021 October 2021 November 2020**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,656 | 9,444 | 212 | 2.2 | 9,647 | 9,429 | 218 | 2.3 | 9,292 | 8,963 | 329 | 3.5 |
| Ashley | 6,689 | 6,392 | 297 | 4.4 | 6,723 | 6,418 | 305 | 4.5 | 6,948 | 6,407 | 541 | 7.8 |
| Baxter | 16,556 | 16,222 | 334 | 2.0 | 16,454 | 16,093 | 361 | 2.2 | 16,147 | 15,440 | 707 | 4.4 |
| Benton | 148,100 | 146,011 | 2,089 | 1.4 | 145,532 | 143,215 | 2,317 | 1.6 | 139,822 | 134,994 | 4,828 | 3.5 |
| Boone | 15,961 | 15,722 | 239 | 1.5 | 15,952 | 15,679 | 273 | 1.7 | 15,461 | 14,874 | 587 | 3.8 |
| Bradley | 4,034 | 3,929 | 105 | 2.6 | 4,046 | 3,933 | 113 | 2.8 | 4,266 | 4,064 | 202 | 4.7 |
| Calhoun | 2,446 | 2,405 | 41 | 1.7 | 2,446 | 2,398 | 48 | 2.0 | 2,389 | 2,293 | 96 | 4.0 |
| Carroll | 12,870 | 12,661 | 209 | 1.6 | 13,221 | 12,992 | 229 | 1.7 | 12,339 | 11,825 | 514 | 4.2 |
| Chicot | 3,002 | 2,846 | 156 | 5.2 | 3,046 | 2,882 | 164 | 5.4 | 3,184 | 2,894 | 290 | 9.1 |
| Clark | 8,929 | 8,702 | 227 | 2.5 | 8,886 | 8,637 | 249 | 2.8 | 9,240 | 8,824 | 416 | 4.5 |
| Clay | 5,370 | 5,258 | 112 | 2.1 | 5,441 | 5,321 | 120 | 2.2 | 5,397 | 5,178 | 219 | 4.1 |
| Cleburne | 8,937 | 8,701 | 236 | 2.6 | 9,025 | 8,779 | 246 | 2.7 | 8,840 | 8,336 | 504 | 5.7 |
| Cleveland | 3,161 | 3,093 | 68 | 2.2 | 3,149 | 3,073 | 76 | 2.4 | 3,177 | 3,009 | 168 | 5.3 |
| Columbia | 8,923 | 8,662 | 261 | 2.9 | 8,828 | 8,550 | 278 | 3.1 | 8,928 | 8,402 | 526 | 5.9 |
| Conway | 8,211 | 8,023 | 188 | 2.3 | 8,168 | 7,962 | 206 | 2.5 | 8,242 | 7,860 | 382 | 4.6 |
| Craighead | 56,538 | 55,610 | 928 | 1.6 | 56,311 | 55,280 | 1,031 | 1.8 | 54,640 | 52,455 | 2,185 | 4.0 |
| Crawford | 26,600 | 26,081 | 519 | 2.0 | 26,335 | 25,776 | 559 | 2.1 | 26,066 | 24,984 | 1,082 | 4.2 |
| Crittenden | 21,024 | 20,466 | 558 | 2.7 | 20,789 | 20,170 | 619 | 3.0 | 20,791 | 19,443 | 1,348 | 6.5 |
| Cross | 7,029 | 6,859 | 170 | 2.4 | 7,052 | 6,875 | 177 | 2.5 | 7,091 | 6,741 | 350 | 4.9 |
| Dallas | 2,784 | 2,712 | 72 | 2.6 | 2,767 | 2,691 | 76 | 2.7 | 2,817 | 2,709 | 108 | 3.8 |
| Desha | 5,012 | 4,836 | 176 | 3.5 | 5,043 | 4,849 | 194 | 3.8 | 5,192 | 4,896 | 296 | 5.7 |
| Drew | 7,766 | 7,554 | 212 | 2.7 | 7,805 | 7,576 | 229 | 2.9 | 7,553 | 7,152 | 401 | 5.3 |
| Faulkner | 60,833 | 59,693 | 1,140 | 1.9 | 60,420 | 59,158 | 1,262 | 2.1 | 59,837 | 57,383 | 2,454 | 4.1 |
| Franklin | 7,319 | 7,170 | 149 | 2.0 | 7,375 | 7,208 | 167 | 2.3 | 7,339 | 7,022 | 317 | 4.3 |
| Fulton | 4,896 | 4,801 | 95 | 1.9 | 4,999 | 4,900 | 99 | 2.0 | 4,755 | 4,551 | 204 | 4.3 |
| Garland | 39,785 | 38,683 | 1,102 | 2.8 | 39,971 | 38,772 | 1,199 | 3.0 | 40,043 | 37,558 | 2,485 | 6.2 |
| Grant | 8,111 | 7,964 | 147 | 1.8 | 8,050 | 7,889 | 161 | 2.0 | 8,018 | 7,695 | 323 | 4.0 |
| Greene | 19,518 | 19,177 | 341 | 1.7 | 19,519 | 19,133 | 386 | 2.0 | 18,876 | 18,075 | 801 | 4.2 |
| Hempstead | 9,277 | 9,090 | 187 | 2.0 | 9,270 | 9,076 | 194 | 2.1 | 9,292 | 8,932 | 360 | 3.9 |
| Hot Spring | 13,793 | 13,490 | 303 | 2.2 | 13,696 | 13,367 | 329 | 2.4 | 13,810 | 13,196 | 614 | 4.4 |
| Howard | 5,579 | 5,472 | 107 | 1.9 | 5,575 | 5,463 | 112 | 2.0 | 5,437 | 5,228 | 209 | 3.8 |
| Independence | 16,599 | 16,253 | 346 | 2.1 | 16,470 | 16,089 | 381 | 2.3 | 16,188 | 15,520 | 668 | 4.1 |
| Izard | 4,337 | 4,195 | 142 | 3.3 | 4,397 | 4,254 | 143 | 3.3 | 4,440 | 4,159 | 281 | 6.3 |
| Jackson | 5,620 | 5,456 | 164 | 2.9 | 5,636 | 5,463 | 173 | 3.1 | 5,743 | 5,421 | 322 | 5.6 |
| Jefferson | 27,064 | 26,021 | 1,043 | 3.9 | 26,553 | 25,457 | 1,096 | 4.1 | 26,989 | 25,093 | 1,896 | 7.0 |
| Johnson | 9,939 | 9,663 | 276 | 2.8 | 9,848 | 9,566 | 282 | 2.9 | 9,958 | 9,508 | 450 | 4.5 |
| Lafayette | 2,304 | 2,235 | 69 | 3.0 | 2,338 | 2,262 | 76 | 3.3 | 2,398 | 2,226 | 172 | 7.2 |
| Lawrence | 6,805 | 6,649 | 156 | 2.3 | 6,841 | 6,672 | 169 | 2.5 | 6,714 | 6,400 | 314 | 4.7 |
| Lee | 2,522 | 2,439 | 83 | 3.3 | 2,564 | 2,475 | 89 | 3.5 | 2,747 | 2,581 | 166 | 6.0 |
| Lincoln | 3,801 | 3,705 | 96 | 2.5 | 3,800 | 3,695 | 105 | 2.8 | 3,788 | 3,607 | 181 | 4.8 |
| Little River | 5,309 | 5,169 | 140 | 2.6 | 5,239 | 5,096 | 143 | 2.7 | 5,253 | 4,983 | 270 | 5.1 |
| Logan | 8,410 | 8,216 | 194 | 2.3 | 8,435 | 8,216 | 219 | 2.6 | 8,462 | 8,055 | 407 | 4.8 |
| Lonoke | 32,997 | 32,385 | 612 | 1.9 | 32,847 | 32,179 | 668 | 2.0 | 32,687 | 31,261 | 1,426 | 4.4 |
| Madison | 7,812 | 7,688 | 124 | 1.6 | 7,815 | 7,674 | 141 | 1.8 | 7,469 | 7,226 | 243 | 3.3 |
| Marion | 6,015 | 5,878 | 137 | 2.3 | 6,113 | 5,962 | 151 | 2.5 | 5,903 | 5,575 | 328 | 5.6 |
| Miller | 19,062 | 18,521 | 541 | 2.8 | 18,921 | 18,360 | 561 | 3.0 | 18,849 | 17,831 | 1,018 | 5.4 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**November 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 16,429 | 15,745 | 684 | 4.2 | 16,448 | 15,721 | 727 | 4.4 | 16,652 | 15,409 | 1,243 | 7.5 |
| Monroe | 2,642 | 2,559 | 83 | 3.1 | 2,668 | 2,578 | 90 | 3.4 | 2,658 | 2,489 | 169 | 6.4 |
| Montgomery | 2,776 | 2,689 | 87 | 3.1 | 2,908 | 2,821 | 87 | 3.0 | 2,928 | 2,770 | 158 | 5.4 |
| Nevada | 3,435 | 3,345 | 90 | 2.6 | 3,419 | 3,327 | 92 | 2.7 | 3,422 | 3,270 | 152 | 4.4 |
| Newton | 3,282 | 3,233 | 49 | 1.5 | 3,319 | 3,262 | 57 | 1.7 | 3,187 | 3,078 | 109 | 3.4 |
| Ouachita | 9,934 | 9,706 | 228 | 2.3 | 9,803 | 9,573 | 230 | 2.3 | 9,573 | 9,144 | 429 | 4.5 |
| Perry | 4,150 | 4,044 | 106 | 2.6 | 4,153 | 4,042 | 111 | 2.7 | 4,070 | 3,901 | 169 | 4.2 |
| Phillips | 5,697 | 5,423 | 274 | 4.8 | 5,746 | 5,459 | 287 | 5.0 | 6,260 | 5,798 | 462 | 7.4 |
| Pike | 4,192 | 4,083 | 109 | 2.6 | 4,254 | 4,129 | 125 | 2.9 | 4,221 | 4,006 | 215 | 5.1 |
| Poinsett | 10,024 | 9,821 | 203 | 2.0 | 10,071 | 9,848 | 223 | 2.2 | 9,781 | 9,358 | 423 | 4.3 |
| Polk | 7,717 | 7,530 | 187 | 2.4 | 7,772 | 7,569 | 203 | 2.6 | 7,859 | 7,449 | 410 | 5.2 |
| Pope | 27,344 | 26,754 | 590 | 2.2 | 27,312 | 26,694 | 618 | 2.3 | 27,239 | 26,046 | 1,193 | 4.4 |
| Prairie | 3,585 | 3,521 | 64 | 1.8 | 3,631 | 3,557 | 74 | 2.0 | 3,595 | 3,438 | 157 | 4.4 |
| Pulaski | 184,077 | 179,069 | 5,008 | 2.7 | 182,491 | 177,039 | 5,452 | 3.0 | 183,319 | 171,990 | 11,329 | 6.2 |
| Randolph | 7,461 | 7,310 | 151 | 2.0 | 7,495 | 7,332 | 163 | 2.2 | 7,399 | 7,049 | 350 | 4.7 |
| St. Francis | 7,724 | 7,451 | 273 | 3.5 | 7,721 | 7,423 | 298 | 3.9 | 7,742 | 7,226 | 516 | 6.7 |
| Saline | 57,559 | 56,564 | 995 | 1.7 | 57,051 | 55,955 | 1,096 | 1.9 | 56,522 | 54,323 | 2,199 | 3.9 |
| Scott | 4,270 | 4,199 | 71 | 1.7 | 4,312 | 4,230 | 82 | 1.9 | 4,287 | 4,129 | 158 | 3.7 |
| Searcy | 2,828 | 2,756 | 72 | 2.5 | 2,871 | 2,791 | 80 | 2.8 | 2,768 | 2,643 | 125 | 4.5 |
| Sebastian | 56,251 | 55,153 | 1,098 | 2.0 | 55,646 | 54,420 | 1,226 | 2.2 | 55,246 | 52,708 | 2,538 | 4.6 |
| Sevier | 5,411 | 5,280 | 131 | 2.4 | 5,434 | 5,296 | 138 | 2.5 | 5,407 | 5,138 | 269 | 5.0 |
| Sharp | 5,633 | 5,485 | 148 | 2.6 | 5,697 | 5,535 | 162 | 2.8 | 5,552 | 5,228 | 324 | 5.8 |
| Stone | 4,416 | 4,298 | 118 | 2.7 | 4,554 | 4,433 | 121 | 2.7 | 4,537 | 4,265 | 272 | 6.0 |
| Union | 15,020 | 14,463 | 557 | 3.7 | 14,930 | 14,345 | 585 | 3.9 | 15,059 | 14,057 | 1,002 | 6.7 |
| Van Buren | 5,810 | 5,658 | 152 | 2.6 | 5,870 | 5,706 | 164 | 2.8 | 5,632 | 5,300 | 332 | 5.9 |
| Washington | 133,264 | 131,330 | 1,934 | 1.5 | 131,069 | 128,942 | 2,127 | 1.6 | 125,953 | 121,391 | 4,562 | 3.6 |
| White | 34,110 | 33,358 | 752 | 2.2 | 33,883 | 33,084 | 799 | 2.4 | 33,265 | 31,675 | 1,590 | 4.8 |
| Woodruff | 2,735 | 2,660 | 75 | 2.7 | 2,769 | 2,688 | 81 | 2.9 | 2,772 | 2,633 | 139 | 5.0 |
| Yell | 7,912 | 7,736 | 176 | 2.2 | 7,992 | 7,802 | 190 | 2.4 | 7,916 | 7,610 | 306 | 3.9 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between October and November, unemployment rates declined in 71 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates remained unchanged in three counties while one county, Montgomery County, increased slightly over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of one and four-tenths of a percentage point in Benton County to a high of five and two-tenths of a percentage point in Chicot County.

For the third month in a row, no Arkansas county posted an unemployment rate above seven percent. Seventy-one counties reported jobless rates at or below four percent, up slightly from 70 counties at or below four percent in October.

Compared to November 2020, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Annual jobless rate decreases ranged from a one and two-tenths of a percentage point decline in Dallas County to as much as a four and two-tenths of a percentage point drop in Lafayette County.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Crawford Franklin Johnson**

**Sebastian Logan**

**Van Buren**

**Conway**

**Faulkner**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**White**

**Cross**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland Lincoln**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Desha**

**Nevada Ouachita Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Bradley**

**LafayetteColumbia**

**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

November 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County**

1. Benton
2. Boone

2 Newton

2 Washington

5 Carroll

5 Craighead

5 Madison

8 Calhoun

8 Greene

8 Saline

8 Scott

12 Grant

12 Prairie

14 Faulkner

14 Fulton

14 Howard

14 Lonoke

18 Baxter

18 Crawford

18 Franklin

18 Hempstead

18 Poinsett

18 Randolph

18 Sebastian

25 Clay

**Rate**

1.4

1.5

1.5

1.5

1.6

1.6

1.6

1.7

1.7

1.7

1.7

1.8

1.8

1.9

1.9

1.9

1.9

2.0

2.0

2.0

2.0

2.0

2.0

2.0

2.1

**Rank County Rate**

25 Independence 2.1

27 Arkansas 2.2

27 Cleveland 2.2

27 Hot Spring 2.2

27 Pope 2.2

27 White 2.2

27 Yell 2.2

33 Conway 2.3

33 Lawrence 2.3

33 Logan 2.3

33 Marion 2.3

33 Ouachita 2.3

38 Cross 2.4

38 Polk 2.4

38 Sevier 2.4

41 Clark 2.5

41 Lincoln 2.5

41 Searcy 2.5

44 Bradley 2.6

44 Cleburne 2.6

44 Dallas 2.6

44 Little River 2.6

44 Nevada 2.6

44 Perry 2.6

44 Pike 2.6

**Rank County**

44 Sharp

44 Van Buren

53 Crittenden

53 Drew

53 Pulaski

53 Stone

53 Woodruff

58 Garland

58 Johnson

58 Miller

61 Columbia

61 Jackson

1. Lafayette
2. Monroe

64 Montgomery

66 Izard

66 Lee

68 Desha

68 St. Francis

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

**Rate**

2.6

2.6

2.7

2.7

2.7

2.7

2.7

2.8

2.8

2.8

2.9

2.9

3.0

3.1

3.1

3.3

3.3

3.5

3.5

3.7

3.9

4.2

4.4

4.8

5.2

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



**LWDA**

**CLF**

**November 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**October 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**November 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 246,880 241,697

City of Little Rock 94,813 92,094

Eastern 43,996 42,638

North Central 93,093 90,865

Northeast 122,145 119,570

Northwest 346,688 341,501

Southeast 78,296 75,784

Southwest 89,484 87,060

West Central 127,031 123,867

Western 110,567 108,349

5,183 2.1

2,719 2.9

1,358 3.1

2,228 2.4

2,575 2.1

5,187 1.5

2,512 3.2

2,424 2.7

3,164 2.5

2,218 2.0

245,064 239,416 5,648 2.3

94,044 91,050 2,994 3.2

43,872 42,402 1,470 3.4

93,300 90,931 2,369 2.5

122,126 119,307 2,819 2.3

342,346 336,610 5,736 1.7

77,862 75,201 2,661 3.4

88,970 86,437 2,533 2.8

127,188 123,792 3,396 2.7

109,875 107,419 2,456 2.2

244,237 232,431 11,806 4.8

94,381 88,453 5,928 6.3

44,631 41,789 2,842 6.4

91,724 87,088 4,636 5.1

119,459 113,924 5,535 4.6

329,049 317,046 12,003 3.6

78,407 73,780 4,627 5.9

88,824 84,213 4,611 5.2

127,667 121,279 6,388 5.0

109,259 104,347 4,912 4.5