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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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**September Spotlight**

# Alternative Measure of Labor Underutilization

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional es- timates based on various definitions of ‘unemployment’. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

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

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

4th Quarter 2020 - 3rd Quarter 2021 (Average)

 **U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6**

2.2% 2.5% 4.8% 5.1% 5.7% 8.0%

is for 3rd Quarter 2021.

The following definitions are used to calculate each measure of Labor Underutilization:

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

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

Three-Quarter Comparison (Quarter Ending)

12.0

10.0

8.0

6.0

4.0

2.0

0.0

U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6 1st Q 2021 2nd Q 2021 3rd Q 2021

**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 decreased two-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.2 percent in August to 4.0 percent in September. Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased 594, a result of 3,561 more employed and 2,967 fewer unem- ployed Arkansans. At 4.8 percent, the United States’ jobless rate dropped four-tenths of a percentage point between August and September.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate declined for the third month in a row to 4.0 percent in September, remaining below the national rate of 4.8 percent. Approximately 3,561 Arkansans became employed this month and 45,532 more are employed now

compared to September 2020.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,303,751 1,300,190 1,258,219 Employment 1,314,204 1,306,401 1,262,240

Unemployment 54,259 57,226 79,430 Unemployment 42,743 51,612 77,940

Unemployment Rate 4.0 4.2 5.9 Unemployment Rate 3.1 3.8 5.8

U.S. Unemployment 4.8 5.2 7.8 U.S. Unemployment 4.6 5.3 7.7

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** |  | **Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,358,010 | 1,357,416 | 1,337,649 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,356,947 | 1,358,013 | 1,340,180 |

1,340,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

September 2019 - September 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

Sep '19

Mar '20

Sep '20

Mar '21

Sep '21

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1276.8 | 1259.5 | 1242.8 | 17.3 | 34.0 |
| Goods Producing | 219.9 | 218.2 | 213.1 | 1.7 | 6.8 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 58.4 | 57.7 | 59.0 | 0.7 | -0.6 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.6** | **5.6** | **5.4** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Construction** | **52.8** | **52.1** | **53.6** | **0.7** | **-0.8** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 33.1 | 32.7 | 34.1 | 0.4 | -1.0 |
| **Manufacturing** | **161.5** | **160.5** | **154.1** | **1.0** | **7.4** |
| Durable Goods | 83.0 | 82.1 | 71.9 | 0.9 | 11.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 78.5 | 78.4 | 82.2 | 0.1 | -3.7 |
| Service Providing | 1056.9 | 1041.3 | 1029.7 | 15.6 | 27.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **253.5** | **249.9** | **247.1** | **3.6** | **6.4** |
| Wholesale Trade | 45.8 | 46.3 | 45.6 | -0.5 | 0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 140.2 | 137.8 | 136.4 | 2.4 | 3.8 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 67.5 | 65.8 | 65.1 | 1.7 | 2.4 |
| **Information** | **12.3** | **12.6** | **11.4** | **-0.3** | **0.9** |
| **Financial Activities** | **67.4** | **66.5** | **63.4** | **0.9** | **4.0** |
| Finance & Insurance | 53.6 | 52.7 | 50.0 | 0.9 | 3.6 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.8 | 13.8 | 13.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **147.5** | **147.9** | **137.5** | **-0.4** | **10.0** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 42.8 | 43.3 | 41.3 | -0.5 | 1.5 |
| Management of Companies | 35.1 | 34.7 | 33.6 | 0.4 | 1.5 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 69.6 | 69.9 | 62.6 | -0.3 | 7.0 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **188.5** | **187.3** | **187.1** | **1.2** | **1.4** |
| Educational Services | 16.9 | 14.4 | 15.8 | 2.5 | 1.1 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 171.6 | 172.9 | 171.3 | -1.3 | 0.3 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 60.8 | 60.9 | 59.0 | -0.1 | 1.8 |
| Social Assistance | 35.4 | 36.1 | 37.1 | -0.7 | -1.7 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **114.4** | **116.5** | **108.2** | **-2.1** | **6.2** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 12.4 | 13.4 | 10.3 | -1.0 | 2.1 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 102.0 | 103.1 | 97.9 | -1.1 | 4.1 |
| Accommodation Services | 10.3 | 10.4 | 9.2 | -0.1 | 1.1 |
| Food Services | 91.7 | 92.7 | 88.7 | -1.0 | 3.0 |
| **Other Services** | **67.9** | **67.2** | **64.8** | **0.7** | **3.1** |
| **Government** | **205.4** | **193.4** | **210.2** | **12.0** | **-4.8** |
| Federal Government | 20.7 | 20.5 | 23.3 | 0.2 | -2.6 |
| State Government | 77.7 | 73.3 | 77.4 | 4.4 | 0.3 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.3 | 26.7 | 30.7 | 4.6 | 0.6 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.4 | 46.6 | 46.7 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Local Government | 107.0 | 99.6 | 109.5 | 7.4 | -2.5 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 63.6 | 55.6 | 66.3 | 8.0 | -2.7 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 43.4 | 44.0 | 43.2 | -0.6 | 0.2 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**August 2021 - September 2021**

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 17,300 in September to total 1,276,800. Gains were posted in seven major industry sectors. Jobs in **government** increased 12,000. Growth occurred in local gov- ernment-educational services (+8,000) and state government-educational services (+4,600), as public schools and universities continued hiring for the new school year. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 3,600 jobs. Expansions in retail trade (+2,400) and transportation-warehousing-utilities (+1,700) more than offset a small decrease in wholesale trade (-500). Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 1,200, all in educational services (+2,500). Employment in **manufacturing** increased 1,000, mostly in durable goods (+900). **Leisure and hospitality** reported the largest decline, down 2,100 jobs. Con- tractions in arts-entertainment-recreation (-1,000) were attributed to typical seasonal losses.

**September 2020 - September 2021**

Compared to September 2020, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs have increased by 34,000. Nine major industry sectors posted growth, with five sectors adding 4,000 or more jobs each. Jobs in **professional and business services** rose 10,000, with gains reported in all subsectors. Jobs in **manufacturing** increased 7,400. Growth was reported in durable goods (+11,100), while jobs in nondurable goods declined 3,700. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 6,400 jobs, with hiring posted in all subsec- tors. **Leisure and hospitality** gained 6,200 jobs. Most of the expansion occurred in accommodation and foods services (+4,100). Jobs in **financial activities** rose 4,000, largely in finance and insurance (+3,600). **Government** reported the largest annual decline, down 4,800 jobs. A majority of the loss was split between federal (-2,600) and local (-2,500) government.

**Jobs in Local Government - Educational Services\* (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2019 - September 2021

80,000

75,000

70,000

65,000

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

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

2019 2020 2021

\*Includes all jobs at public elementary, middle, junior high, and high schools

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Sep 21**

Average Weekly Hours 40.5

Average Hourly Earnings 20.34

Average Weekly Earnings 823.77

**Aug 21**

40.7

20.46

832.72

**Sep 20**

38.6

18.96

731.86

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Sep 21**

Average Weekly Hours 40.0

Average Hourly Earnings 21.77

Average Weekly Earnings 870.80

**Aug 21**

40.1

21.99

881.80

**Sep 20**

36.7

21.48

788.32

**Sep 21**

Average Weekly Hours 41.1

Average Hourly Earnings 18.86

Average Weekly Earnings 775.15

**Aug 21**

41.4

18.92

783.29

**Sep 20**

40.3

16.96

683.49

$25.00

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

September: 2011 - 2021

$20.00

$15.00

$10.00

$5.00

$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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 348,813 | 352,277 | 349,567 | -3,464 | -754 |
| **Employment** | 337,234 | 338,141 | 326,750 | -907 | 10,484 |
| **Unemployment** | 11,579 | 14,136 | 22,817 | -2,557 | -11,238 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.3 | 4.0 | 6.5 | -0.7 | -3.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 353.7 | 352.8 | 347.2 | 0.9 | 6.5 |
| **Goods Producing** 36.5 | 36.7 | 36.8 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.5** | **17.7** | **17.9** | **-0.2** | **-0.4** |
| **Manufacturing 19.0** | **19.0** | **18.9** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Service Providing** 317.2 | 316.1 | 310.4 | 1.1 | 6.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 68.9** | **68.1** | **68.0** | **0.8** | **0.9** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 15.1 | 15.3 | 15.0 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 37.7 | 36.9 | 37.0 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 16.1 | 15.9 | 16.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| **Information 5.1** | **5.3** | **5.1** | **-0.2** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 23.8** | **23.5** | **22.0** | **0.3** | **1.8** |
| **Professional & Business Services 43.5** | **44.7** | **43.2** | **-1.2** | **0.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services 59.4** | **59.0** | **57.0** | **0.4** | **2.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 31.0** | **31.9** | **29.4** | **-0.9** | **1.6** |
| **Other Services 18.4** | **18.5** | **17.7** | **-0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Government 67.1** | **65.1** | **68.0** | **2.0** | **-0.9** |
| **Federal Government** 9.8 | 9.8 | 10.3 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| **State Government** 34.3 | 33.3 | 34.1 | 1.0 | 0.2 |
| **Local Government** 23.0 | 22.0 | 23.6 | 1.0 | -0.6 |

**Unemployment Rates**

September: 2011 - 2021

8.0%

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

September 2019 - September 2021

340,000

7.0%

330,000

6.0%

320,000

5.0%

310,000

4.0%

300,000

3.0%

290,000

2.0%

280,000

1.0%

0.0%

'11

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

270,000

Sep '19

Mar '20

Sep '20

Mar '21

Sep '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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 296,134 | 294,566 | 281,630 | 1,568 | 14,504 |
| **Employment** | 289,607 | 286,714 | 269,163 | 2,893 | 20,444 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,527 | 7,852 | 12,467 | -1,325 | -5,940 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.2 | 2.7 | 4.4 | -0.5 | -2.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 279.2 | 274.5 | 262.3 | 4.7 | 16.9 |
| **Goods Producing** 45.8 | 45.5 | 43.8 | 0.3 | 2.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 14.1** | **14.0** | **13.1** | **0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Manufacturing 31.7** | **31.5** | **30.7** | **0.2** | **1.0** |
| **Service Providing** 233.4 | 229.0 | 218.5 | 4.4 | 14.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 59.4** | **59.2** | **56.2** | **0.2** | **3.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 12.4 | 12.5 | 11.9 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Retail Trade** 28.5 | 28.3 | 26.3 | 0.2 | 2.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 18.5 | 18.4 | 18.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Information 2.1** | **2.2** | **1.9** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 8.7** | **8.7** | **8.5** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 54.5** | **54.3** | **50.0** | **0.2** | **4.5** |
| **Educational & Health Services 31.2** | **30.7** | **29.7** | **0.5** | **1.5** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 27.9** | **27.9** | **24.0** | **0.0** | **3.9** |
| **Other Services 10.1** | **10.0** | **9.6** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Government 39.5** | **36.0** | **38.6** | **3.5** | **0.9** |
| **Federal Government** 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| **State Government** 17.6 | 15.1 | 16.5 | 2.5 | 1.1 |
| **Local Government** 19.0 | 18.0 | 18.8 | 1.0 | 0.2 |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Number of Employed** | **Jobs in Professional and Business Services** |
| 295,000 | January 2019 - September 2021  | September: 2001 - 202160,000  |
| 290,000 |  |  |

285,000

50,000

280,000

275,000

40,000

270,000

265,000

30,000

260,000

20,000

255,000

250,000

10,000

245,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2019 2020 2021

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'01

'03

'05

'07

'09

'11

'13

'15

'17

'19

'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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 119,316 | 119,001 | 117,862 | 315 | 1,454 |
| **Employment** | 116,036 | 114,972 | 111,203 | 1,064 | 4,833 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,280 | 4,029 | 6,659 | -749 | -3,379 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.7 | 3.4 | 5.6 | -0.7 | -2.9 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 112.6 | 110.8 | 109.4 | 1.8 | 3.2 |
| **Goods Producing** 22.8 | 22.5 | 22.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.7** | **5.7** | **5.5** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 17.1** | **16.8** | **16.7** | **0.3** | **0.4** |
| **Service Providing** 89.8 | 88.3 | 87.2 | 1.5 | 2.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 23.9** | **23.7** | **23.1** | **0.2** | **0.8** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.1 | 12.0 | 12.4 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 7.1 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| **Information 1.1** | **1.1** | **1.1** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 3.7** | **3.7** | **3.7** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 12.8** | **12.4** | **11.5** | **0.4** | **1.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.7** | **16.8** | **16.5** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.3** | **9.6** | **8.9** | **-0.3** | **0.4** |
| **Other Services 4.7** | **4.7** | **4.4** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Government 17.6** | **16.3** | **18.0** | **1.3** | **-0.4** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **State Government** 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 13.7 | 12.6 | 13.8 | 1.1 | -0.1 |

**Unemployment**

September: 2011 - 2021

12,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

September 2019 - September 2021

116,000

114,000

10,000

112,000

8,000

110,000

6,000

108,000

106,000

4,000

104,000

2,000

102,000

100,000

0

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

Sep '19

Mar '20

Sep '20

Mar '21

Sep '21

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,004 | 41,589 | 40,873 | -585 | 131 |
| **Employment** | 39,424 | 39,727 | 37,552 | -303 | 1,872 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,580 | 1,862 | 3,321 | -282 | -1,741 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9 | 4.5 | 8.1 | -0.6 | -4.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 38.6 | 38.6 | 37.3 | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 33.9 | 34.0 | 32.8 | -0.1 | 1.1 |
| 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 |

45,000

**Composition of the Civilian Labor Force**

September: 2001 - 2021

Civilian Labor Force = Employment + Unemployment

40,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

0

'01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21

Unemployment Employment

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,526 | 66,290 | 65,152 | 236 | 1,374 |
| **Employment** | 64,817 | 64,152 | 61,742 | 665 | 3,075 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,709 | 2,138 | 3,410 | -429 | -1,701 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.6 | 3.2 | 5.2 | -0.6 | -2.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 60.5 | 59.2 | 58.4 | 1.3 | 2.1 |
| 10.7 | 10.9 | 10.3 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| 49.8 | 48.3 | 48.1 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| 8.2 | 7.7 | 8.5 | 0.5 | -0.3 |

11,000

**Jobs in Goods Producing Industries**

September 2019 - September 2021

10,800

10,600

10,400

10,200

10,000

9,800

9,600

9,400

Sep '19

Mar '20

Sep '20

Mar '21

Sep '21

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 33,804 | 34,361 | 34,264 | -557 | -460 |
| **Employment** | 32,200 | 32,404 | 31,584 | -204 | 616 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,604 | 1,957 | 2,680 | -353 | -1,076 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.7 | 5.7 | 7.8 | -1.0 | -3.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.7 | 31.6 | 31.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 26.1 | 26.0 | 26.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 8.9 | 8.5 | 9.0 | 0.4 | -0.1 |

33,500

**Number of Employed**

January 2019 - September 2021

33,000

32,500

32,000

31,500

31,000

30,500

30,000

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

2019 2020 2021

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 641,621 | 651,310 | 661,047 | -9,689 | -19,426 |
| **Employment** | 610,441 | 611,394 | 591,012 | -953 | 19,429 |
| **Unemployment** | 31,180 | 39,916 | 70,035 | -8,736 | -38,855 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.9 | 6.1 | 10.6 | -1.2 | -5.7 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 21** | **Aug 21** | **Sep 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,278 | 63,055 | 63,174 | 223 | 104 |
| **Employment** | 60,347 | 59,814 | 58,862 | 533 | 1,485 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,931 | 3,241 | 4,312 | -310 | -1,381 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.6 | 5.1 | 6.8 | -0.5 | -2.2 |

620,000

**Memphis MSA - Number of Employed**

September: 2011 - 2021

9,000

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment**

September 2019 - September 2021

610,000 8,000

600,000

7,000

590,000

6,000

580,000

5,000

570,000

4,000

560,000

3,000

550,000

2,000

1,000

540,000

530,000

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'21

0

Sep '19

Mar '20

Sep '20

Mar '21

Sep '21

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**September 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**August 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,062 | 8,721 | 341 | 3.8 | 8,885 | 8,459 | 426 | 4.8 | 9,375 | 8,876 | 499 | 5.3 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,780 | 16,260 | 520 | 3.1 | 16,300 | 15,661 | 639 | 3.9 | 16,405 | 15,624 | 781 | 4.8 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,554 | 15,636 | 918 | 5.5 | 16,576 | 15,455 | 1,121 | 6.8 | 16,972 | 15,479 | 1,493 | 8.8 |
| Camden Micro | 12,297 | 11,910 | 387 | 3.1 | 12,165 | 11,724 | 441 | 3.6 | 12,081 | 11,470 | 611 | 5.1 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,343 | 14,591 | 752 | 4.9 | 15,358 | 14,448 | 910 | 5.9 | 15,420 | 14,190 | 1,230 | 8.0 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,706 | 7,324 | 382 | 5.0 | 7,843 | 7,399 | 444 | 5.7 | 7,873 | 7,253 | 620 | 7.9 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,122 | 18,662 | 460 | 2.4 | 18,751 | 18,222 | 529 | 2.8 | 18,897 | 18,062 | 835 | 4.4 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,933 | 5,572 | 361 | 6.1 | 6,042 | 5,619 | 423 | 7.0 | 6,315 | 5,795 | 520 | 8.2 |
| Hope Micro | 12,861 | 12,491 | 370 | 2.9 | 12,656 | 12,195 | 461 | 3.6 | 12,985 | 12,327 | 658 | 5.1 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,948 | 8,581 | 367 | 4.1 | 8,737 | 8,286 | 451 | 5.2 | 8,996 | 8,375 | 621 | 6.9 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,969 | 13,527 | 442 | 3.2 | 14,005 | 13,492 | 513 | 3.7 | 13,960 | 13,176 | 784 | 5.6 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,530 | 16,033 | 497 | 3.0 | 16,403 | 15,832 | 571 | 3.5 | 16,445 | 15,612 | 833 | 5.1 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,369 | 18,851 | 518 | 2.7 | 19,275 | 18,653 | 622 | 3.2 | 19,238 | 18,235 | 1,003 | 5.2 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,779 | 34,654 | 1,125 | 3.1 | 35,060 | 33,665 | 1,395 | 4.0 | 35,506 | 33,681 | 1,825 | 5.1 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,936 | 32,880 | 1,056 | 3.1 | 33,838 | 32,548 | 1,290 | 3.8 | 33,570 | 31,772 | 1,798 | 5.4 |

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**

**September 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**August 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 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 | 12,822 | 12,422 | 400 | 3.1 | 12,682 | 12,292 | 390 | 3.1 | 12,206 | 11,536 | 670 | 5.5 |
| Benton | 17,187 | 16,742 | 445 | 2.6 | 17,290 | 16,777 | 513 | 3.0 | 17,025 | 16,227 | 798 | 4.7 |
| Bentonville | 30,041 | 29,543 | 498 | 1.7 | 29,911 | 29,235 | 676 | 2.3 | 28,615 | 27,435 | 1,180 | 4.1 |
| Blytheville | 5,629 | 5,252 | 377 | 6.7 | 5,586 | 5,191 | 395 | 7.1 | 5,858 | 5,199 | 659 | 11.2 |
| Cabot | 11,733 | 11,431 | 302 | 2.6 | 11,878 | 11,496 | 382 | 3.2 | 11,607 | 11,052 | 555 | 4.8 |
| Conway | 33,624 | 32,670 | 954 | 2.8 | 33,992 | 32,770 | 1,222 | 3.6 | 33,220 | 31,637 | 1,583 | 4.8 |
| El Dorado | 6,635 | 6,293 | 342 | 5.2 | 6,677 | 6,232 | 445 | 6.7 | 6,836 | 6,121 | 715 | 10.5 |
| Fayetteville | 50,603 | 49,398 | 1,205 | 2.4 | 50,426 | 48,887 | 1,539 | 3.1 | 48,405 | 45,862 | 2,543 | 5.3 |
| Fort Smith | 39,070 | 37,933 | 1,137 | 2.9 | 38,922 | 37,581 | 1,341 | 3.4 | 38,527 | 36,362 | 2,165 | 5.6 |
| Hot Springs | 15,277 | 14,595 | 682 | 4.5 | 15,603 | 14,707 | 896 | 5.7 | 15,365 | 13,902 | 1,463 | 9.5 |
| Jacksonville | 11,443 | 10,863 | 580 | 5.1 | 11,544 | 10,885 | 659 | 5.7 | 11,588 | 10,532 | 1,056 | 9.1 |
| Jonesboro | 39,838 | 38,799 | 1,039 | 2.6 | 39,701 | 38,356 | 1,345 | 3.4 | 39,189 | 36,980 | 2,209 | 5.6 |
| Little Rock | 95,188 | 91,319 | 3,869 | 4.1 | 96,380 | 91,502 | 4,878 | 5.1 | 96,508 | 88,534 | 7,974 | 8.3 |
| North Little Rock | 29,170 | 28,001 | 1,169 | 4.0 | 29,612 | 28,057 | 1,555 | 5.3 | 29,984 | 27,147 | 2,837 | 9.5 |
| Paragould | 12,306 | 11,941 | 365 | 3.0 | 12,247 | 11,816 | 431 | 3.5 | 12,305 | 11,551 | 754 | 6.1 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,954 | 15,034 | 920 | 5.8 | 16,329 | 15,101 | 1,228 | 7.5 | 16,481 | 14,775 | 1,706 | 10.4 |
| Rogers | 37,842 | 36,981 | 861 | 2.3 | 37,562 | 36,595 | 967 | 2.6 | 35,801 | 34,342 | 1,459 | 4.1 |
| Russellville | 12,797 | 12,391 | 406 | 3.2 | 12,494 | 12,007 | 487 | 3.9 | 12,619 | 12,060 | 559 | 4.4 |
| Searcy | 10,295 | 9,975 | 320 | 3.1 | 10,273 | 9,875 | 398 | 3.9 | 10,121 | 9,639 | 482 | 4.8 |
| Sherwood | 15,733 | 15,264 | 469 | 3.0 | 15,845 | 15,294 | 551 | 3.5 | 15,812 | 14,798 | 1,014 | 6.4 |
| Springdale | 41,284 | 40,350 | 934 | 2.3 | 41,040 | 39,931 | 1,109 | 2.7 | 39,182 | 37,463 | 1,719 | 4.4 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,165 | 12,609 | 556 | 4.2 | 13,249 | 12,562 | 687 | 5.2 | 13,163 | 12,224 | 939 | 7.1 |
| Van Buren | 10,363 | 10,088 | 275 | 2.7 | 10,332 | 10,011 | 321 | 3.1 | 10,193 | 9,663 | 530 | 5.2 |
| West Memphis | 10,395 | 9,928 | 467 | 4.5 | 10,592 | 9,978 | 614 | 5.8 | 10,455 | 9,374 | 1,081 | 10.3 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**September 2021 August 2021 September 2020**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,699 | 9,428 | 271 | 2.8 | 9,802 | 9,487 | 315 | 3.2 | 9,329 | 8,956 | 373 | 4.0 |
| Ashley | 6,832 | 6,441 | 391 | 5.7 | 6,847 | 6,370 | 477 | 7.0 | 7,174 | 6,540 | 634 | 8.8 |
| Baxter | 16,530 | 16,033 | 497 | 3.0 | 16,403 | 15,832 | 571 | 3.5 | 16,445 | 15,612 | 833 | 5.1 |
| Benton | 145,945 | 142,767 | 3,178 | 2.2 | 145,044 | 141,276 | 3,768 | 2.6 | 138,585 | 132,580 | 6,005 | 4.3 |
| Boone | 15,831 | 15,448 | 383 | 2.4 | 15,505 | 15,062 | 443 | 2.9 | 15,679 | 14,967 | 712 | 4.5 |
| Bradley | 4,190 | 4,039 | 151 | 3.6 | 4,099 | 3,910 | 189 | 4.6 | 4,303 | 4,086 | 217 | 5.0 |
| Calhoun | 2,451 | 2,385 | 66 | 2.7 | 2,442 | 2,366 | 76 | 3.1 | 2,393 | 2,289 | 104 | 4.3 |
| Carroll | 13,167 | 12,848 | 319 | 2.4 | 13,339 | 12,964 | 375 | 2.8 | 12,848 | 12,216 | 632 | 4.9 |
| Chicot | 3,160 | 2,952 | 208 | 6.6 | 3,262 | 3,000 | 262 | 8.0 | 3,247 | 2,922 | 325 | 10.0 |
| Clark | 9,062 | 8,721 | 341 | 3.8 | 8,885 | 8,459 | 426 | 4.8 | 9,375 | 8,876 | 499 | 5.3 |
| Clay | 5,436 | 5,274 | 162 | 3.0 | 5,545 | 5,353 | 192 | 3.5 | 5,486 | 5,221 | 265 | 4.8 |
| Cleburne | 9,134 | 8,806 | 328 | 3.6 | 9,088 | 8,709 | 379 | 4.2 | 9,174 | 8,595 | 579 | 6.3 |
| Cleveland | 3,167 | 3,069 | 98 | 3.1 | 3,224 | 3,107 | 117 | 3.6 | 3,183 | 2,991 | 192 | 6.0 |
| Columbia | 8,948 | 8,581 | 367 | 4.1 | 8,737 | 8,286 | 451 | 5.2 | 8,996 | 8,375 | 621 | 6.9 |
| Conway | 8,332 | 8,058 | 274 | 3.3 | 8,346 | 8,024 | 322 | 3.9 | 8,351 | 7,919 | 432 | 5.2 |
| Craighead | 56,416 | 55,012 | 1,404 | 2.5 | 56,164 | 54,384 | 1,780 | 3.2 | 55,320 | 52,433 | 2,887 | 5.2 |
| Crawford | 26,652 | 25,896 | 756 | 2.8 | 26,577 | 25,698 | 879 | 3.3 | 26,135 | 24,803 | 1,332 | 5.1 |
| Crittenden | 21,093 | 20,285 | 808 | 3.8 | 21,452 | 20,387 | 1,065 | 5.0 | 20,950 | 19,152 | 1,798 | 8.6 |
| Cross | 7,069 | 6,831 | 238 | 3.4 | 7,192 | 6,901 | 291 | 4.0 | 7,201 | 6,798 | 403 | 5.6 |
| Dallas | 2,850 | 2,745 | 105 | 3.7 | 2,859 | 2,741 | 118 | 4.1 | 2,853 | 2,723 | 130 | 4.6 |
| Desha | 5,068 | 4,814 | 254 | 5.0 | 5,161 | 4,861 | 300 | 5.8 | 5,173 | 4,805 | 368 | 7.1 |
| Drew | 7,657 | 7,362 | 295 | 3.9 | 7,584 | 7,213 | 371 | 4.9 | 7,670 | 7,195 | 475 | 6.2 |
| Faulkner | 61,002 | 59,317 | 1,685 | 2.8 | 61,547 | 59,498 | 2,049 | 3.3 | 60,353 | 57,441 | 2,912 | 4.8 |
| Franklin | 7,445 | 7,222 | 223 | 3.0 | 7,469 | 7,212 | 257 | 3.4 | 7,407 | 7,028 | 379 | 5.1 |
| Fulton | 5,004 | 4,865 | 139 | 2.8 | 4,845 | 4,675 | 170 | 3.5 | 4,904 | 4,685 | 219 | 4.5 |
| Garland | 41,004 | 39,424 | 1,580 | 3.9 | 41,589 | 39,727 | 1,862 | 4.5 | 40,873 | 37,552 | 3,321 | 8.1 |
| Grant | 8,137 | 7,918 | 219 | 2.7 | 8,214 | 7,960 | 254 | 3.1 | 8,054 | 7,666 | 388 | 4.8 |
| Greene | 19,369 | 18,851 | 518 | 2.7 | 19,275 | 18,653 | 622 | 3.2 | 19,238 | 18,235 | 1,003 | 5.2 |
| Hempstead | 9,401 | 9,141 | 260 | 2.8 | 9,260 | 8,936 | 324 | 3.5 | 9,469 | 9,013 | 456 | 4.8 |
| Hot Spring | 13,969 | 13,527 | 442 | 3.2 | 14,005 | 13,492 | 513 | 3.7 | 13,960 | 13,176 | 784 | 5.6 |
| Howard | 5,634 | 5,485 | 149 | 2.6 | 5,637 | 5,468 | 169 | 3.0 | 5,534 | 5,269 | 265 | 4.8 |
| Independence | 16,780 | 16,260 | 520 | 3.1 | 16,300 | 15,661 | 639 | 3.9 | 16,405 | 15,624 | 781 | 4.8 |
| Izard | 4,578 | 4,384 | 194 | 4.2 | 4,549 | 4,325 | 224 | 4.9 | 4,622 | 4,296 | 326 | 7.1 |
| Jackson | 5,666 | 5,440 | 226 | 4.0 | 5,789 | 5,510 | 279 | 4.8 | 5,758 | 5,398 | 360 | 6.3 |
| Jefferson | 26,809 | 25,443 | 1,366 | 5.1 | 27,228 | 25,557 | 1,671 | 6.1 | 27,288 | 25,005 | 2,283 | 8.4 |
| Johnson | 9,840 | 9,458 | 382 | 3.9 | 9,535 | 9,061 | 474 | 5.0 | 10,036 | 9,497 | 539 | 5.4 |
| Lafayette | 2,353 | 2,251 | 102 | 4.3 | 2,364 | 2,238 | 126 | 5.3 | 2,405 | 2,209 | 196 | 8.1 |
| Lawrence | 6,893 | 6,662 | 231 | 3.4 | 6,688 | 6,415 | 273 | 4.1 | 6,807 | 6,411 | 396 | 5.8 |
| Lee | 2,638 | 2,520 | 118 | 4.5 | 2,744 | 2,601 | 143 | 5.2 | 2,776 | 2,572 | 204 | 7.3 |
| Lincoln | 3,828 | 3,688 | 140 | 3.7 | 3,909 | 3,740 | 169 | 4.3 | 3,793 | 3,588 | 205 | 5.4 |
| Little River | 5,300 | 5,113 | 187 | 3.5 | 5,308 | 5,090 | 218 | 4.1 | 5,290 | 4,970 | 320 | 6.0 |
| Logan | 8,597 | 8,328 | 269 | 3.1 | 8,700 | 8,369 | 331 | 3.8 | 8,644 | 8,156 | 488 | 5.6 |
| Lonoke | 33,184 | 32,274 | 910 | 2.7 | 33,515 | 32,459 | 1,056 | 3.2 | 32,908 | 31,205 | 1,703 | 5.2 |
| Madison | 7,845 | 7,649 | 196 | 2.5 | 7,881 | 7,658 | 223 | 2.8 | 7,357 | 7,073 | 284 | 3.9 |
| Marion | 6,218 | 6,011 | 207 | 3.3 | 6,185 | 5,946 | 239 | 3.9 | 6,128 | 5,767 | 361 | 5.9 |
| Miller | 19,134 | 18,401 | 733 | 3.8 | 19,207 | 18,333 | 874 | 4.6 | 18,991 | 17,840 | 1,151 | 6.1 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**September 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 16,554 | 15,636 | 918 | 5.5 | 16,576 | 15,455 | 1,121 | 6.8 | 16,972 | 15,479 | 1,493 | 8.8 |
| Monroe | 2,644 | 2,533 | 111 | 4.2 | 2,710 | 2,577 | 133 | 4.9 | 2,682 | 2,504 | 178 | 6.6 |
| Montgomery | 3,097 | 2,979 | 118 | 3.8 | 3,133 | 2,999 | 134 | 4.3 | 3,034 | 2,854 | 180 | 5.9 |
| Nevada | 3,460 | 3,350 | 110 | 3.2 | 3,396 | 3,259 | 137 | 4.0 | 3,516 | 3,314 | 202 | 5.7 |
| Newton | 3,291 | 3,214 | 77 | 2.3 | 3,246 | 3,160 | 86 | 2.6 | 3,218 | 3,095 | 123 | 3.8 |
| Ouachita | 9,846 | 9,525 | 321 | 3.3 | 9,723 | 9,358 | 365 | 3.8 | 9,688 | 9,181 | 507 | 5.2 |
| Perry | 4,197 | 4,049 | 148 | 3.5 | 4,245 | 4,077 | 168 | 4.0 | 4,108 | 3,904 | 204 | 5.0 |
| Phillips | 5,933 | 5,572 | 361 | 6.1 | 6,042 | 5,619 | 423 | 7.0 | 6,315 | 5,795 | 520 | 8.2 |
| Pike | 4,419 | 4,261 | 158 | 3.6 | 4,482 | 4,303 | 179 | 4.0 | 4,322 | 4,088 | 234 | 5.4 |
| Poinsett | 10,110 | 9,805 | 305 | 3.0 | 10,126 | 9,768 | 358 | 3.5 | 9,832 | 9,309 | 523 | 5.3 |
| Polk | 7,909 | 7,638 | 271 | 3.4 | 8,012 | 7,684 | 328 | 4.1 | 7,964 | 7,501 | 463 | 5.8 |
| Pope | 27,681 | 26,818 | 863 | 3.1 | 27,077 | 25,986 | 1,091 | 4.0 | 27,548 | 26,102 | 1,446 | 5.2 |
| Prairie | 3,646 | 3,545 | 101 | 2.8 | 3,681 | 3,564 | 117 | 3.2 | 3,606 | 3,439 | 167 | 4.6 |
| Pulaski | 184,698 | 177,562 | 7,136 | 3.9 | 186,787 | 177,917 | 8,870 | 4.7 | 187,037 | 172,146 | 14,891 | 8.0 |
| Randolph | 7,588 | 7,363 | 225 | 3.0 | 7,526 | 7,249 | 277 | 3.7 | 7,465 | 7,062 | 403 | 5.4 |
| St. Francis | 7,706 | 7,324 | 382 | 5.0 | 7,843 | 7,399 | 444 | 5.7 | 7,873 | 7,253 | 620 | 7.9 |
| Saline | 57,595 | 56,114 | 1,481 | 2.6 | 57,969 | 56,230 | 1,739 | 3.0 | 57,107 | 54,388 | 2,719 | 4.8 |
| Scott | 4,334 | 4,220 | 114 | 2.6 | 4,306 | 4,171 | 135 | 3.1 | 4,320 | 4,146 | 174 | 4.0 |
| Searcy | 3,006 | 2,898 | 108 | 3.6 | 3,047 | 2,920 | 127 | 4.2 | 2,960 | 2,807 | 153 | 5.2 |
| Sebastian | 56,313 | 54,667 | 1,646 | 2.9 | 56,095 | 54,160 | 1,935 | 3.4 | 55,473 | 52,403 | 3,070 | 5.5 |
| Sevier | 5,528 | 5,339 | 189 | 3.4 | 5,579 | 5,348 | 231 | 4.1 | 5,458 | 5,164 | 294 | 5.4 |
| Sharp | 5,751 | 5,520 | 231 | 4.0 | 5,581 | 5,308 | 273 | 4.9 | 5,682 | 5,339 | 343 | 6.0 |
| Stone | 4,751 | 4,583 | 168 | 3.5 | 4,874 | 4,673 | 201 | 4.1 | 4,620 | 4,339 | 281 | 6.1 |
| Union | 15,343 | 14,591 | 752 | 4.9 | 15,358 | 14,448 | 910 | 5.9 | 15,420 | 14,190 | 1,230 | 8.0 |
| Van Buren | 5,952 | 5,731 | 221 | 3.7 | 5,906 | 5,647 | 259 | 4.4 | 5,782 | 5,424 | 358 | 6.2 |
| Washington | 131,419 | 128,512 | 2,907 | 2.2 | 130,703 | 127,183 | 3,520 | 2.7 | 125,023 | 119,313 | 5,710 | 4.6 |
| White | 33,936 | 32,880 | 1,056 | 3.1 | 33,838 | 32,548 | 1,290 | 3.8 | 33,570 | 31,772 | 1,798 | 5.4 |
| Woodruff | 2,823 | 2,714 | 109 | 3.9 | 2,872 | 2,741 | 131 | 4.6 | 2,769 | 2,629 | 140 | 5.1 |
| Yell | 8,098 | 7,836 | 262 | 3.2 | 7,983 | 7,679 | 304 | 3.8 | 7,958 | 7,579 | 379 | 4.8 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between August and September, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Job- less rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Benton and Washington counties to a high of 6.6 percent in Chicot County.

In September, no Arkansas county posted an unemployment rate at or above seven percent. Last month, three counties had rates at or above seven percent. Sixty-two counties reported jobless rates at or below four percent. That is up sharply from 40 counties at or below four percent in August.

Compared to September 2020, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Over- the-year rate declines ranged from a nine-tenths of a percentage point decrease in Dallas County to as much as a four and eight-tenths of a percentage point drop in Crittenden County.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Crawford Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Conway**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Greene**

**Craighead Mississippi Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Faulkner**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Jefferson**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland Lincoln**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Bradley**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rate**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0% [NONE]

> 9.0% [NONE]

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

September 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County**

1 Benton

1 Washington

1. Newton
2. Boone

4 Carroll

6 Craighead

6 Madison

8 Howard

8 Saline

8 Scott

11 Calhoun

11 Grant

11 Greene

11 Lonoke

15 Arkansas

15 Crawford

15 Faulkner

15 Fulton

15 Hempstead

15 Prairie

1. Sebastian
2. Baxter

22 Clay

22 Franklin

22 Poinsett

**Rate**

2.2

2.2

2.3

2.4

2.4

2.5

2.5

2.6

2.6

2.6

2.7

2.7

2.7

2.7

2.8

2.8

2.8

2.8

2.8

2.8

2.9

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.0

**Rank County Rate**

22 Randolph 3.0

27 Cleveland 3.1

27 Independence 3.1

27 Logan 3.1

27 Pope 3.1

27 White 3.1

32 Hot Spring 3.2

32 Nevada 3.2

32 Yell 3.2

35 Conway 3.3

35 Marion 3.3

35 Ouachita 3.3

38 Cross 3.4

38 Lawrence 3.4

38 Polk 3.4

38 Sevier 3.4

42 Little River 3.5

42 Perry 3.5

42 Stone 3.5

45 Bradley 3.6

45 Cleburne 3.6

45 Pike 3.6

45 Searcy 3.6

49 Dallas 3.7

49 Lincoln 3.7

**Rank County**

49 Van Buren

52 Clark

52 Crittenden

52 Miller

52 Montgomery

56 Drew

56 Garland

56 Johnson

56 Pulaski

56 Woodruff

61 Jackson

61 Sharp

1. Columbia
2. Izard

64 Monroe

1. Lafayette
2. Lee
3. Union
4. Desha

69 St. Francis

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

**Rate**

3.7

3.8

3.8

3.8

3.8

3.9

3.9

3.9

3.9

3.9

4.0

4.0

4.1

4.2

4.2

4.3

4.5

4.9

5.0

5.0

5.1

5.5

5.7

6.1

6.6

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



**LWDA**

**CLF**

**September 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**August 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 247,581 240,026

City of Little Rock 95,188 91,319

Eastern 44,439 42,532

North Central 94,375 91,183

Northeast 122,366 118,603

Northwest 343,252 335,380

Southeast 78,547 75,154

Southwest 90,248 86,907

West Central 129,699 125,131

Western 111,250 107,971

7,555 3.1

3,869 4.1

1,907 4.3

3,192 3.4

3,763 3.1

7,872 2.3

3,393 4.3

3,341 3.7

4,568 3.5

3,279 2.9

249,829 240,743 9,086 3.6

96,380 91,502 4,878 5.1

45,273 42,907 2,366 5.2

93,642 89,797 3,845 4.1

121,900 117,277 4,623 3.8

341,353 332,001 9,352 2.7

79,330 75,205 4,125 5.2

89,870 85,871 3,999 4.4

129,280 123,807 5,473 4.2

111,159 107,294 3,865 3.5

247,185 232,589 14,596 5.9

96,508 88,534 7,974 8.3

45,115 41,570 3,545 7.9

93,286 88,101 5,185 5.6

121,120 114,150 6,970 5.8

328,243 313,430 14,813 4.5

79,214 73,754 5,460 6.9

90,013 84,537 5,476 6.1

129,565 121,547 8,018 6.2

109,943 104,037 5,906 5.4