Arkansas

Labor Market report

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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.

**September Spotlight**

# Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional es- timates based on various definitions of ‘unemployment’. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 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 Q 2021 - 3rd Q 2022 (Average)

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

1.0% 1.7% 3.7% 3.9% 4.5% 6.6%

is for 3rd Quarter 2022.

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 3rd Q 2020 3rd Q 2021 3rd Q 2022

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# 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 rose one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.4 percent in August to 3.5 percent in September. Arkan- sas’ civilian labor force decreased 653, a result of 2,445 fewer employed and 1,792 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate declined to 3.5 percent in September, down from 3.7 percent in August.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “The unemployment rate in Arkansas rose to 3.5 percent in September, as the overall size of the civilian labor force declined. Labor force participation remained stable between August and September and is still half a percentage point higher than in September 2021.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment Unemployment

1,306,209

47,428

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,308,654

45,636

3.5 3.4

56.8 56.8

3.5 3.7

1,283,697

46,988

3.5

56.3

4.7

Employment Unemployment

1,305,699

48,911

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,303,922 1,288,255

47,995 42,900

3.6 3.6 3.2

56.8 56.7 56.4

3.3 3.8 4.6

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** |  | **Sep 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,353,637 | 1,354,290 | 1,330,685 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,354,610 | 1,351,917 | 1,331,155 |

1,340,000

### Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2020 - September 2022

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

1,180,000

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

2020 2021 2022

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Sep 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1326.0 | 1316.6 | 1291.6 | 9.4 | 34.4 |
| Goods Producing | 226.9 | 225.1 | 219.3 | 1.8 | 7.6 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 62.0 | 60.4 | 61.4 | 1.6 | 0.6 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.0** | **5.0** | **5.3** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Construction** | **57.0** | **55.4** | **56.1** | **1.6** | **0.9** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 36.1 | 35.2 | 35.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| **Manufacturing** | **164.9** | **164.7** | **157.9** | **0.2** | **7.0** |
| Durable Goods | 78.0 | 77.8 | 75.6 | 0.2 | 2.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 86.9 | 86.9 | 82.3 | 0.0 | 4.6 |
| Service Providing | 1099.1 | 1091.5 | 1072.3 | 7.6 | 26.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **263.7** | **265.7** | **258.9** | **-2.0** | **4.8** |
| Wholesale Trade | 51.9 | 52.4 | 47.4 | -0.5 | 4.5 |
| Retail Trade | 138.0 | 138.6 | 140.0 | -0.6 | -2.0 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 73.8 | 74.7 | 71.5 | -0.9 | 2.3 |
| **Information** | **13.2** | **13.1** | **11.8** | **0.1** | **1.4** |
| **Financial Activities** | **68.7** | **69.0** | **65.7** | **-0.3** | **3.0** |
| Finance & Insurance | 53.6 | 53.8 | 51.7 | -0.2 | 1.9 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 15.1 | 15.2 | 14.0 | -0.1 | 1.1 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **150.1** | **150.1** | **145.1** | **0.0** | **5.0** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 44.5 | 45.7 | 44.2 | -1.2 | 0.3 |
| Management of Companies | 40.1 | 40.8 | 34.6 | -0.7 | 5.5 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 65.5 | 63.6 | 66.3 | 1.9 | -0.8 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **199.9** | **199.4** | **195.1** | **0.5** | **4.8** |
| Educational Services | 17.9 | 16.6 | 17.3 | 1.3 | 0.6 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 182.0 | 182.8 | 177.8 | -0.8 | 4.2 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 62.6 | 63.2 | 61.2 | -0.6 | 1.4 |
| Social Assistance | 35.4 | 35.8 | 35.1 | -0.4 | 0.3 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **125.6** | **128.7** | **119.6** | **-3.1** | **6.0** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 12.4 | 13.7 | 12.0 | -1.3 | 0.4 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 113.2 | 115.0 | 107.6 | -1.8 | 5.6 |
| Accommodation Services | 12.2 | 12.6 | 10.8 | -0.4 | 1.4 |
| Food Services | 101.0 | 102.4 | 96.8 | -1.4 | 4.2 |
| **Other Services** | **66.4** | **67.1** | **67.1** | **-0.7** | **-0.7** |
| **Government** | **211.5** | **198.4** | **209.0** | **13.1** | **2.5** |
| Federal Government | 20.7 | 20.6 | 20.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 77.7 | 73.2 | 77.7 | 4.5 | 0.0 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.4 | 26.8 | 31.3 | 4.6 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.3 | 46.4 | 46.4 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Local Government | 113.1 | 104.6 | 110.7 | 8.5 | 2.4 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 69.9 | 60.8 | 67.8 | 9.1 | 2.1 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 43.2 | 43.8 | 42.9 | -0.6 | 0.3 |

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# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**August 2022 - September 2022**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs increased 9,400 in September to total 1,326,000. Gains were posted in five major industry sectors, while employment declined in four sectors. Jobs in **government** rose by 13,100. Expansions in local government-educational services (+9,100) and state government-educa- tional services (+4,600) were attributed to continued hiring at public schools and universities. **Construc- tion** added 1,600 jobs, mostly in specialty trade contractors (+900). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** fell by 3,100, with declines reported across all subsectors. Losses in arts, entertainment, and recreation (-1,300) were related in large part to the end of temporary seasonal jobs. Employment in **trade, trans- portation, and utilities** decreased 2,000. All subsectors reported contractions, with transportation- warehousing-utilities down 900 jobs.

**September 2021 - September 2022**

Compared to September 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 34,400. Growth was reported in nine major industry sectors. **Manufacturing** added 7,000 jobs, mostly in nondurable goods manu- facturing (+4,600). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** increased by 6,000. Hiring was reported across all subsectors, with jobs in food services up 4,200. Employment in **professional and business services** rose 5,000. Most of the gains were in management of companies (+5,500). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 4,800 jobs, largely in wholesale trade (+4,500). Employment in **educational and health services** increased 4,800, with hiring across all subsectors. Notable gains were also reported in **financial activities** (+3,000), **government** (+2,500), and **information** (+1,400).

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September: 2002 - 2022

1,350,000

1,300,000

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

1,100,000

1,050,000

'02 '04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18 '20 '22

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# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Sep 22**

Average Weekly Hours 39.3

Average Hourly Earnings 20.63

Average Weekly Earnings 810.76

**Aug 22**

38.8

20.17

782.60

**Sep 21**

40.6

20.23

821.34

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Sep 22**

Average Weekly Hours 42.0

Average Hourly Earnings 22.68

Average Weekly Earnings 952.56

**Aug 22**

41.5

21.95

910.93

**Sep 21**

40.0

21.75

870.00

**Sep 22**

Average Weekly Hours 37.0

Average Hourly Earnings 18.63

Average Weekly Earnings 689.31

**Aug 22**

36.5

18.46

673.79

**Sep 21**

41.1

18.86

775.15

$850.00

### Average Weekly Earnings - Manufacturing (Production Workers)

September 2019 - September 2022

$800.00

$750.00

$700.00

$650.00

$600.00

Sep '19 Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22

**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 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 354,330 | 355,060 | 347,263 | -730 | 7,067 |
| **Employment** | 341,802 | 342,794 | 335,620 | -992 | 6,182 |
| **Unemployment** | 12,528 | 12,266 | 11,643 | 262 | 885 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Sep 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 370.5 | 369.0 | 360.6 | 1.5 | 9.9 |
| **Goods Producing** 38.6 | 38.7 | 37.6 | -0.1 | 1.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 18.7** | **18.5** | **18.6** | **0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 19.9** | **20.2** | **19.0** | **-0.3** | **0.9** |
| **Service Providing** 331.9 | 330.3 | 323.0 | 1.6 | 8.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 75.3** | **75.9** | **73.0** | **-0.6** | **2.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 16.7 | 17.0 | 15.6 | -0.3 | 1.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.0 | 38.5 | 38.0 | -0.5 | 0.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.6 | 20.4 | 19.4 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| **Information 5.7** | **5.7** | **5.3** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Financial Activities 23.4** | **23.5** | **22.3** | **-0.1** | **1.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 46.3** | **45.7** | **46.0** | **0.6** | **0.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services 59.9** | **59.6** | **57.8** | **0.3** | **2.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 36.0** | **36.6** | **32.7** | **-0.6** | **3.3** |
| **Other Services 18.1** | **18.2** | **18.0** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Government 67.2** | **65.1** | **67.9** | **2.1** | **-0.7** |
| **Federal Government** 10.0 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 34.4 | 33.5 | 34.3 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** 22.8 | 21.7 | 23.7 | 1.1 | -0.9 |

### Unemployment Rates

September: 2012 - 2022

7.0%

### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January 2020 - September 2022

340,000

6.0% 330,000

5.0%

320,000

4.0%

310,000

3.0%

300,000

290,000

2.0%

280,000

1.0%

0.0%

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

'22

270,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2020 2021 2022

**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 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 298,165 | 297,785 | 286,585 | 380 | 11,580 |
| **Employment** | 290,563 | 290,419 | 279,885 | 144 | 10,678 |
| **Unemployment** | 7,602 | 7,366 | 6,700 | 236 | 902 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Sep 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 289.1 | 286.9 | 275.6 | 2.2 | 13.5 |
| **Goods Producing** 47.0 | 46.7 | 45.1 | 0.3 | 1.9 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 14.5** | **14.3** | **14.0** | **0.2** | **0.5** |
| **Manufacturing 32.5** | **32.4** | **31.1** | **0.1** | **1.4** |
| **Service Providing** 242.1 | 240.2 | 230.5 | 1.9 | 11.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 61.4** | **61.8** | **59.1** | **-0.4** | **2.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 13.5 | 13.6 | 12.6 | -0.1 | 0.9 |
| **Retail Trade** 28.3 | 28.5 | 27.6 | -0.2 | 0.7 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 19.6 | 19.7 | 18.9 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| **Information 2.2** | **2.2** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 9.3** | **9.3** | **8.9** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Professional & Business Services 58.7** | **60.1** | **52.9** | **-1.4** | **5.8** |
| **Educational & Health Services 31.6** | **30.8** | **30.7** | **0.8** | **0.9** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 27.4** | **28.3** | **27.2** | **-0.9** | **0.2** |
| **Other Services 10.1** | **10.1** | **9.9** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government 41.4** | **37.6** | **39.8** | **3.8** | **1.6** |
| **Federal Government** 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 18.9 | 16.2 | 17.6 | 2.7 | 1.3 |
| **Local Government** 19.6 | 18.5 | 19.3 | 1.1 | 0.3 |

### Employment

September 2019 - September 2022

300,000

### Jobs in Professional & Business Services

September: 2012 - 2022

70,000

290,000

60,000

280,000

270,000

260,000

250,000

50,000

40,000

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |

30,000

240,000

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Sep '19 Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22

20,000

'12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22

**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 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 117,027 | 117,377 | 115,406 | -350 | 1,621 |
| **Employment** | 112,833 | 113,333 | 111,801 | -500 | 1,032 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,194 | 4,044 | 3,605 | 150 | 589 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 0.2 | 0.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Sep 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 113.2 | 112.3 | 110.7 | 0.9 | 2.5 |
| **Goods Producing** 23.5 | 23.7 | 22.4 | -0.2 | 1.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.2** | **5.2** | **5.0** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 18.3** | **18.5** | **17.4** | **-0.2** | **0.9** |
| **Service Providing** 89.7 | 88.6 | 88.3 | 1.1 | 1.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.1** | **24.4** | **23.6** | **-0.3** | **0.5** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.4 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.6 | 12.8 | 12.7 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Information 1.2** | **1.2** | **1.1** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 3.9** | **3.9** | **3.8** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.3** | **11.2** | **11.7** | **0.1** | **-0.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services 17.2** | **16.9** | **16.5** | **0.3** | **0.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.9** | **10.2** | **9.6** | **-0.3** | **0.3** |
| **Other Services 4.3** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government 17.8** | **16.5** | **17.7** | **1.3** | **0.1** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Local Government** 14.1 | 12.9 | 13.8 | 1.2 | 0.3 |

### Unemployment

September: 2002 - 2022

12,000

19,000

### Jobs in Manufacturing

September 2019 - September 2022

10,000

18,500

18,000

8,000

17,500

6,000

17,000

4,000

16,500

16,000

2,000

15,500

0

'02 '04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18 '20 '22

15,000

Sep '19 Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 40,880 | 41,277 | 40,271 | -397 | 609 |
| **Employment** | 39,128 | 39,549 | 38,685 | -421 | 443 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,752 | 1,728 | 1,586 | 24 | 166 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 0.1 | 0.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 39.6 | 39.7 | 38.8 | -0.1 | 0.8 |
| 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 35.2 | 35.3 | 34.3 | -0.1 | 0.9 |
| 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

37,000

### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January 2020 - September 2022

35,000

33,000

31,000

29,000

27,000

25,000

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**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,925 | 66,058 | 65,226 | -133 | 699 |
| **Employment** | 63,875 | 64,037 | 63,495 | -162 | 380 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,050 | 2,021 | 1,731 | 29 | 319 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 61.5 | 61.1 | 60.6 | 0.4 | 0.9 |
| 10.9 | 10.9 | 11.4 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| 50.6 | 50.2 | 49.2 | 0.4 | 1.4 |
| 8.3 | 7.9 | 8.6 | 0.4 | -0.3 |

70,000

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs by Industry Type

September: 2012 - 2022

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs = Goods Producing + Service Providing

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

10,000

0

2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Goods Producing Service Providing

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 32,872 | 33,146 | 32,371 | -274 | 501 |
| **Employment** | 31,044 | 31,229 | 30,757 | -185 | 287 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,828 | 1,917 | 1,614 | -89 | 214 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.0 | -0.2 | 0.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.6 | 31.4 | 31.0 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 26.0 | 25.8 | 25.5 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| 8.3 | 8.0 | 8.5 | 0.3 | -0.2 |

34,000

### Employment

September 2019 - September 2022

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33,500

33,000

32,500

32,000

31,500

31,000

30,500

30,000

29,500

29,000

Sep '19 Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22

**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 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 640,781 | 644,839 | 637,045 | -4,085 | 3,736 |
| **Employment** | 614,211 | 614,241 | 603,608 | -30 | 10,603 |
| **Unemployment** | 26,570 | 30,598 | 33,437 | -4,028 | -6,867 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1 | 4.7 | 5.2 | -0.6 | -1.1 |

## Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 22** | **Aug 22** | **Sep 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,622 | 63,779 | 63,036 | -157 | 586 |
| **Employment** | 60,885 | 60,917 | 60,081 | -32 | 804 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,737 | 2,862 | 2,955 | -125 | -218 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.7 | -0.2 | -0.4 |

680,000

### Memphis MSA - Civilian Labor Force

January 2020 - September 2022

### Texarkana MSA - Employment

September: 2012 - 2022

64,000

660,000

640,000

60,000

620,000

56,000

600,000

580,000

52,000

560,000

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48,000

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**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**September 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**August 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,695 | 8,309 | 386 | 4.4 | 8,522 | 8,089 | 433 | 5.1 | 8,941 | 8,606 | 335 | 3.7 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,380 | 15,800 | 580 | 3.5 | 15,906 | 15,329 | 577 | 3.6 | 16,321 | 15,806 | 515 | 3.2 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,363 | 15,387 | 976 | 6.0 | 16,372 | 15,274 | 1,098 | 6.7 | 16,250 | 15,335 | 915 | 5.6 |
| Camden Micro | 11,036 | 10,559 | 477 | 4.3 | 10,943 | 10,510 | 433 | 4.0 | 12,050 | 11,663 | 387 | 3.2 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,801 | 14,002 | 799 | 5.4 | 14,710 | 13,910 | 800 | 5.4 | 14,955 | 14,204 | 751 | 5.0 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,677 | 7,245 | 432 | 5.6 | 7,741 | 7,312 | 429 | 5.5 | 7,622 | 7,239 | 383 | 5.0 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,119 | 18,510 | 609 | 3.2 | 18,646 | 18,086 | 560 | 3.0 | 19,028 | 18,571 | 457 | 2.4 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,563 | 5,130 | 433 | 7.8 | 5,602 | 5,166 | 436 | 7.8 | 5,746 | 5,390 | 356 | 6.2 |
| Hope Micro | 12,598 | 12,145 | 453 | 3.6 | 12,304 | 11,863 | 441 | 3.6 | 12,489 | 12,116 | 373 | 3.0 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,748 | 8,340 | 408 | 4.7 | 8,607 | 8,201 | 406 | 4.7 | 8,801 | 8,437 | 364 | 4.1 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,518 | 12,993 | 525 | 3.9 | 13,468 | 12,948 | 520 | 3.9 | 13,757 | 13,319 | 438 | 3.2 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,811 | 16,159 | 652 | 3.9 | 16,571 | 15,968 | 603 | 3.6 | 16,241 | 15,744 | 497 | 3.1 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,598 | 18,970 | 628 | 3.2 | 19,486 | 18,876 | 610 | 3.1 | 19,377 | 18,855 | 522 | 2.7 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,644 | 34,225 | 1,419 | 4.0 | 34,806 | 33,339 | 1,467 | 4.2 | 35,284 | 34,161 | 1,123 | 3.2 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,120 | 32,870 | 1,250 | 3.7 | 33,888 | 32,691 | 1,197 | 3.5 | 33,778 | 32,729 | 1,049 | 3.1 |

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 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**August 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2021**

**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 | 12,789 | 12,386 | 403 | 3.2 | 12,750 | 12,382 | 368 | 2.9 | 12,316 | 11,930 | 386 | 3.1 |
| Benton | 17,592 | 17,058 | 534 | 3.0 | 17,581 | 17,098 | 483 | 2.7 | 17,197 | 16,746 | 451 | 2.6 |
| Bentonville | 31,025 | 30,290 | 735 | 2.4 | 30,977 | 30,280 | 697 | 2.3 | 29,739 | 29,175 | 564 | 1.9 |
| Blytheville | 5,516 | 5,151 | 365 | 6.6 | 5,630 | 5,113 | 517 | 9.2 | 5,506 | 5,133 | 373 | 6.8 |
| Cabot | 11,921 | 11,551 | 370 | 3.1 | 11,982 | 11,616 | 366 | 3.1 | 11,671 | 11,355 | 316 | 2.7 |
| Conway | 34,233 | 33,138 | 1,095 | 3.2 | 34,301 | 33,243 | 1,058 | 3.1 | 33,479 | 32,546 | 933 | 2.8 |
| El Dorado | 6,439 | 6,026 | 413 | 6.4 | 6,389 | 5,986 | 403 | 6.3 | 6,472 | 6,112 | 360 | 5.6 |
| Fayetteville | 50,871 | 49,421 | 1,450 | 2.9 | 50,820 | 49,405 | 1,415 | 2.8 | 48,857 | 47,612 | 1,245 | 2.5 |
| Fort Smith | 38,191 | 36,952 | 1,239 | 3.2 | 38,148 | 36,963 | 1,185 | 3.1 | 37,537 | 36,405 | 1,132 | 3.0 |
| Hot Springs | 15,182 | 14,480 | 702 | 4.6 | 15,357 | 14,635 | 722 | 4.7 | 15,000 | 14,316 | 684 | 4.6 |
| Jacksonville | 11,514 | 11,001 | 513 | 4.5 | 11,556 | 11,027 | 529 | 4.6 | 11,342 | 10,799 | 543 | 4.8 |
| Jonesboro | 39,698 | 38,453 | 1,245 | 3.1 | 39,751 | 38,513 | 1,238 | 3.1 | 39,235 | 38,213 | 1,022 | 2.6 |
| Little Rock | 96,123 | 92,333 | 3,790 | 3.9 | 96,342 | 92,545 | 3,797 | 3.9 | 94,536 | 90,637 | 3,899 | 4.1 |
| North Little Rock | 29,684 | 28,393 | 1,291 | 4.3 | 29,736 | 28,458 | 1,278 | 4.3 | 29,050 | 27,871 | 1,179 | 4.1 |
| Paragould | 12,468 | 12,056 | 412 | 3.3 | 12,412 | 11,996 | 416 | 3.4 | 12,352 | 11,983 | 369 | 3.0 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,457 | 14,397 | 1,060 | 6.9 | 15,613 | 14,460 | 1,153 | 7.4 | 15,190 | 14,254 | 936 | 6.2 |
| Rogers | 38,088 | 37,160 | 928 | 2.4 | 38,015 | 37,148 | 867 | 2.3 | 36,613 | 35,792 | 821 | 2.2 |
| Russellville | 12,781 | 12,307 | 474 | 3.7 | 12,461 | 11,961 | 500 | 4.0 | 12,682 | 12,279 | 403 | 3.2 |
| Searcy | 10,313 | 9,926 | 387 | 3.8 | 10,249 | 9,872 | 377 | 3.7 | 10,199 | 9,884 | 315 | 3.1 |
| Sherwood | 16,008 | 15,495 | 513 | 3.2 | 16,054 | 15,531 | 523 | 3.3 | 15,697 | 15,210 | 487 | 3.1 |
| Springdale | 40,421 | 39,466 | 955 | 2.4 | 40,350 | 39,453 | 897 | 2.2 | 38,927 | 38,020 | 907 | 2.3 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,181 | 12,625 | 556 | 4.2 | 13,228 | 12,684 | 544 | 4.1 | 12,966 | 12,415 | 551 | 4.2 |
| Van Buren | 10,205 | 9,891 | 314 | 3.1 | 10,222 | 9,909 | 313 | 3.1 | 10,024 | 9,750 | 274 | 2.7 |
| West Memphis | 10,296 | 9,770 | 526 | 5.1 | 10,378 | 9,784 | 594 | 5.7 | 9,959 | 9,503 | 456 | 4.6 |

**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**September 2022 August 2022 September 2021**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,161 | 8,856 | 305 | 3.3 | 9,247 | 8,949 | 298 | 3.2 | 9,445 | 9,175 | 270 | 2.9 |
| Ashley | 6,844 | 6,378 | 466 | 6.8 | 6,789 | 6,341 | 448 | 6.6 | 6,708 | 6,321 | 387 | 5.8 |
| Baxter | 16,811 | 16,159 | 652 | 3.9 | 16,571 | 15,968 | 603 | 3.6 | 16,241 | 15,744 | 497 | 3.1 |
| Benton | 148,378 | 144,510 | 3,868 | 2.6 | 148,123 | 144,462 | 3,661 | 2.5 | 142,455 | 139,190 | 3,265 | 2.3 |
| Boone | 15,905 | 15,395 | 510 | 3.2 | 15,495 | 15,024 | 471 | 3.0 | 15,821 | 15,441 | 380 | 2.4 |
| Bradley | 4,185 | 3,962 | 223 | 5.3 | 4,081 | 3,859 | 222 | 5.4 | 4,026 | 3,876 | 150 | 3.7 |
| Calhoun | 2,192 | 2,114 | 78 | 3.6 | 2,191 | 2,118 | 73 | 3.3 | 2,389 | 2,324 | 65 | 2.7 |
| Carroll | 13,010 | 12,622 | 388 | 3.0 | 13,091 | 12,740 | 351 | 2.7 | 12,956 | 12,644 | 312 | 2.4 |
| Chicot | 2,962 | 2,741 | 221 | 7.5 | 3,018 | 2,790 | 228 | 7.6 | 3,057 | 2,850 | 207 | 6.8 |
| Clark | 8,695 | 8,309 | 386 | 4.4 | 8,522 | 8,089 | 433 | 5.1 | 8,941 | 8,606 | 335 | 3.7 |
| Clay | 5,509 | 5,293 | 216 | 3.9 | 5,573 | 5,369 | 204 | 3.7 | 5,417 | 5,257 | 160 | 3.0 |
| Cleburne | 9,070 | 8,679 | 391 | 4.3 | 8,954 | 8,580 | 374 | 4.2 | 9,097 | 8,770 | 327 | 3.6 |
| Cleveland | 3,132 | 3,005 | 127 | 4.1 | 3,156 | 3,039 | 117 | 3.7 | 3,080 | 2,984 | 96 | 3.1 |
| Columbia | 8,748 | 8,340 | 408 | 4.7 | 8,607 | 8,201 | 406 | 4.7 | 8,801 | 8,437 | 364 | 4.1 |
| Conway | 8,413 | 8,086 | 327 | 3.9 | 8,384 | 8,066 | 318 | 3.8 | 8,225 | 7,948 | 277 | 3.4 |
| Craighead | 56,152 | 54,450 | 1,702 | 3.0 | 56,202 | 54,536 | 1,666 | 3.0 | 55,542 | 54,111 | 1,431 | 2.6 |
| Crawford | 26,202 | 25,314 | 888 | 3.4 | 26,205 | 25,361 | 844 | 3.2 | 25,712 | 24,952 | 760 | 3.0 |
| Crittenden | 20,956 | 20,021 | 935 | 4.5 | 21,042 | 20,050 | 992 | 4.7 | 20,303 | 19,473 | 830 | 4.1 |
| Cross | 7,019 | 6,749 | 270 | 3.8 | 7,092 | 6,815 | 277 | 3.9 | 6,962 | 6,725 | 237 | 3.4 |
| Dallas | 2,730 | 2,616 | 114 | 4.2 | 2,736 | 2,617 | 119 | 4.3 | 2,761 | 2,659 | 102 | 3.7 |
| Desha | 4,884 | 4,601 | 283 | 5.8 | 4,934 | 4,636 | 298 | 6.0 | 4,959 | 4,707 | 252 | 5.1 |
| Drew | 7,607 | 7,249 | 358 | 4.7 | 7,498 | 7,139 | 359 | 4.8 | 7,549 | 7,255 | 294 | 3.9 |
| Faulkner | 62,170 | 60,191 | 1,979 | 3.2 | 62,335 | 60,382 | 1,953 | 3.1 | 60,812 | 59,116 | 1,696 | 2.8 |
| Franklin | 7,402 | 7,135 | 267 | 3.6 | 7,453 | 7,192 | 261 | 3.5 | 7,330 | 7,109 | 221 | 3.0 |
| Fulton | 5,194 | 5,011 | 183 | 3.5 | 4,993 | 4,825 | 168 | 3.4 | 4,993 | 4,855 | 138 | 2.8 |
| Garland | 40,880 | 39,128 | 1,752 | 4.3 | 41,277 | 39,549 | 1,728 | 4.2 | 40,271 | 38,685 | 1,586 | 3.9 |
| Grant | 8,335 | 8,054 | 281 | 3.4 | 8,367 | 8,097 | 270 | 3.2 | 8,132 | 7,913 | 219 | 2.7 |
| Greene | 19,598 | 18,970 | 628 | 3.2 | 19,486 | 18,876 | 610 | 3.1 | 19,377 | 18,855 | 522 | 2.7 |
| Hempstead | 9,212 | 8,898 | 314 | 3.4 | 9,006 | 8,702 | 304 | 3.4 | 9,140 | 8,880 | 260 | 2.8 |
| Hot Spring | 13,518 | 12,993 | 525 | 3.9 | 13,468 | 12,948 | 520 | 3.9 | 13,757 | 13,319 | 438 | 3.2 |
| Howard | 5,341 | 5,153 | 188 | 3.5 | 5,313 | 5,126 | 187 | 3.5 | 5,416 | 5,263 | 153 | 2.8 |
| Independence | 16,380 | 15,800 | 580 | 3.5 | 15,906 | 15,329 | 577 | 3.6 | 16,321 | 15,806 | 515 | 3.2 |
| Izard | 4,450 | 4,215 | 235 | 5.3 | 4,413 | 4,159 | 254 | 5.8 | 4,435 | 4,242 | 193 | 4.4 |
| Jackson | 5,526 | 5,239 | 287 | 5.2 | 5,616 | 5,331 | 285 | 5.1 | 5,603 | 5,379 | 224 | 4.0 |
| Jefferson | 25,979 | 24,451 | 1,528 | 5.9 | 26,181 | 24,557 | 1,624 | 6.2 | 25,585 | 24,208 | 1,377 | 5.4 |
| Johnson | 10,023 | 9,590 | 433 | 4.3 | 9,655 | 9,205 | 450 | 4.7 | 9,890 | 9,515 | 375 | 3.8 |
| Lafayette | 2,312 | 2,201 | 111 | 4.8 | 2,300 | 2,197 | 103 | 4.5 | 2,335 | 2,232 | 103 | 4.4 |
| Lawrence | 6,829 | 6,561 | 268 | 3.9 | 6,677 | 6,426 | 251 | 3.8 | 6,737 | 6,507 | 230 | 3.4 |
| Lee | 2,584 | 2,456 | 128 | 5.0 | 2,644 | 2,517 | 127 | 4.8 | 2,547 | 2,428 | 119 | 4.7 |
| Lincoln | 3,761 | 3,588 | 173 | 4.6 | 3,809 | 3,633 | 176 | 4.6 | 3,706 | 3,565 | 141 | 3.8 |
| Little River | 5,332 | 5,113 | 219 | 4.1 | 5,342 | 5,134 | 208 | 3.9 | 5,212 | 5,023 | 189 | 3.6 |
| Logan | 8,345 | 8,003 | 342 | 4.1 | 8,367 | 8,044 | 323 | 3.9 | 8,388 | 8,115 | 273 | 3.3 |
| Lonoke | 33,783 | 32,745 | 1,038 | 3.1 | 33,931 | 32,930 | 1,001 | 3.0 | 33,108 | 32,189 | 919 | 2.8 |
| Madison | 7,697 | 7,489 | 208 | 2.7 | 7,747 | 7,560 | 187 | 2.4 | 7,452 | 7,261 | 191 | 2.6 |
| Marion | 6,361 | 6,105 | 256 | 4.0 | 6,251 | 6,022 | 229 | 3.7 | 6,184 | 5,978 | 206 | 3.3 |
| Miller | 19,237 | 18,455 | 782 | 4.1 | 19,305 | 18,541 | 764 | 4.0 | 18,873 | 18,148 | 725 | 3.8 |

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**September 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 16,363 | 15,387 | 976 | 6.0 | 16,372 | 15,274 | 1,098 | 6.7 | 16,250 | 15,335 | 915 | 5.6 |
| Monroe | 2,544 | 2,428 | 116 | 4.6 | 2,581 | 2,471 | 110 | 4.3 | 2,608 | 2,496 | 112 | 4.3 |
| Montgomery | 2,939 | 2,797 | 142 | 4.8 | 2,970 | 2,829 | 141 | 4.7 | 2,965 | 2,849 | 116 | 3.9 |
| Nevada | 3,386 | 3,247 | 139 | 4.1 | 3,298 | 3,161 | 137 | 4.2 | 3,349 | 3,236 | 113 | 3.4 |
| Newton | 3,214 | 3,115 | 99 | 3.1 | 3,151 | 3,062 | 89 | 2.8 | 3,207 | 3,130 | 77 | 2.4 |
| Ouachita | 8,844 | 8,445 | 399 | 4.5 | 8,752 | 8,392 | 360 | 4.1 | 9,661 | 9,339 | 322 | 3.3 |
| Perry | 4,176 | 4,018 | 158 | 3.8 | 4,201 | 4,045 | 156 | 3.7 | 4,100 | 3,954 | 146 | 3.6 |
| Phillips | 5,563 | 5,130 | 433 | 7.8 | 5,602 | 5,166 | 436 | 7.8 | 5,746 | 5,390 | 356 | 6.2 |
| Pike | 4,160 | 4,007 | 153 | 3.7 | 4,205 | 4,061 | 144 | 3.4 | 4,196 | 4,038 | 158 | 3.8 |
| Poinsett | 9,773 | 9,425 | 348 | 3.6 | 9,856 | 9,501 | 355 | 3.6 | 9,684 | 9,384 | 300 | 3.1 |
| Polk | 7,831 | 7,535 | 296 | 3.8 | 7,869 | 7,578 | 291 | 3.7 | 7,820 | 7,553 | 267 | 3.4 |
| Pope | 27,676 | 26,572 | 1,104 | 4.0 | 26,976 | 25,825 | 1,151 | 4.3 | 27,373 | 26,511 | 862 | 3.1 |
| Prairie | 3,542 | 3,428 | 114 | 3.2 | 3,549 | 3,446 | 103 | 2.9 | 3,548 | 3,450 | 98 | 2.8 |
| Pulaski | 186,802 | 179,519 | 7,283 | 3.9 | 187,152 | 179,931 | 7,221 | 3.9 | 183,379 | 176,220 | 7,159 | 3.9 |
| Randolph | 7,418 | 7,166 | 252 | 3.4 | 7,335 | 7,088 | 247 | 3.4 | 7,302 | 7,081 | 221 | 3.0 |
| St. Francis | 7,677 | 7,245 | 432 | 5.6 | 7,741 | 7,312 | 429 | 5.5 | 7,622 | 7,239 | 383 | 5.0 |
| Saline | 59,064 | 57,275 | 1,789 | 3.0 | 59,074 | 57,409 | 1,665 | 2.8 | 57,732 | 56,228 | 1,504 | 2.6 |
| Scott | 4,138 | 4,011 | 127 | 3.1 | 4,122 | 4,000 | 122 | 3.0 | 4,256 | 4,141 | 115 | 2.7 |
| Searcy | 2,887 | 2,758 | 129 | 4.5 | 2,911 | 2,782 | 129 | 4.4 | 3,024 | 2,917 | 107 | 3.5 |
| Sebastian | 55,085 | 53,231 | 1,854 | 3.4 | 55,006 | 53,247 | 1,759 | 3.2 | 54,087 | 52,443 | 1,644 | 3.0 |
| Sevier | 5,419 | 5,199 | 220 | 4.1 | 5,411 | 5,194 | 217 | 4.0 | 5,396 | 5,210 | 186 | 3.4 |
| Sharp | 5,792 | 5,536 | 256 | 4.4 | 5,556 | 5,316 | 240 | 4.3 | 5,721 | 5,493 | 228 | 4.0 |
| Stone | 4,632 | 4,437 | 195 | 4.2 | 4,703 | 4,513 | 190 | 4.0 | 4,631 | 4,463 | 168 | 3.6 |
| Union | 14,801 | 14,002 | 799 | 5.4 | 14,710 | 13,910 | 800 | 5.4 | 14,955 | 14,204 | 751 | 5.0 |
| Van Buren | 5,987 | 5,717 | 270 | 4.5 | 5,890 | 5,633 | 257 | 4.4 | 5,867 | 5,647 | 220 | 3.7 |
| Washington | 131,180 | 127,843 | 3,337 | 2.5 | 131,006 | 127,802 | 3,204 | 2.4 | 126,105 | 123,164 | 2,941 | 2.3 |
| White | 34,120 | 32,870 | 1,250 | 3.7 | 33,888 | 32,691 | 1,197 | 3.5 | 33,778 | 32,729 | 1,049 | 3.1 |
| Woodruff | 2,815 | 2,710 | 105 | 3.7 | 2,845 | 2,736 | 109 | 3.8 | 2,829 | 2,720 | 109 | 3.9 |
| Yell | 7,968 | 7,653 | 315 | 4.0 | 7,830 | 7,514 | 316 | 4.0 | 7,911 | 7,650 | 261 | 3.3 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between August and September, unemployment rates increased in 47 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Sixteen counties posted rate declines while 12 counties remained stable over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.5 percent in Washington County to a high of 7.8 percent in Phillips County.

In September, 40 counties reported an unemployment rate at or below four percent. That is down slightly from 45 counties at or below four percent last month. For a second month, two counties had unemployment rates above seven percent.

Compared to September 2021, unemployment rates are up in 72 Arkansas counties. Two coun- ties-- Pike and Woodruff-- posted jobless rate declines, while the rate in Pulaski County remained stable. Annual unemployment rate gains ranged from as little as a one-tenth of a percentage point increase in Madison County to as large as a one and six-tenths of a percentage point gain in both Bradley and Phillips counties.

**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**

**Pope**

**Van Buren**

**Conway**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Poinsett**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Faulkner**

**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**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada Ouachita**

**Miller**

**Calhoun**

**Bradley**

**Drew**

**LafayetteColumbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0%

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

September 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 2.5

2 Benton 2.6

3 Madison 2.7

4 Carroll 3.0

4 Craighead 3.0

4 Saline 3.0

7 Lonoke 3.1

7 Newton 3.1

7 Scott 3.1

10 Boone 3.2

10 Faulkner 3.2

10 Greene 3.2

10 Prairie 3.2

14 Arkansas 3.3

15 Crawford 3.4

15 Grant 3.4

15 Hempstead 3.4

15 Randolph 3.4

15 Sebastian 3.4

20 Fulton 3.5

20 Howard 3.5

20 Independence 3.5

23 Calhoun 3.6

23 Franklin 3.6

23 Poinsett 3.6

**Rank County**

26 Pike

26 White

26 Woodruff

29 Cross

29 Perry

29 Polk

32 Baxter

32 Clay

32 Conway

32 Hot Spring

32 Lawrence

32 Pulaski

38 Marion

38 Pope

38 Yell

41 Cleveland

41 Little River

41 Logan

41 Miller

41 Nevada

41 Sevier

47 Dallas

47 Stone

49 Cleburne

49 Garland

**Rate**

3.7

3.7

3.7

3.8

3.8

3.8

3.9

3.9

3.9

3.9

3.9

3.9

4.0

4.0

4.0

4.1

4.1

4.1

4.1

4.1

4.1

4.2

4.2

4.3

4.3

**Rank County**

49 Johnson

52 Clark

52 Sharp

54 Crittenden

54 Ouachita

54 Searcy

54 Van Buren

58 Lincoln

58 Monroe

60 Columbia

60 Drew

62 Lafayette

62 Montgomery

1. Lee
2. Jackson
3. Bradley

66 Izard

1. Union
2. St. Francis
3. Desha
4. Jefferson
5. Mississippi
6. Ashley
7. Chicot
8. Phillips

**Rate**

4.3

4.4

4.4

4.5

4.5

4.5

4.5

4.6

4.6

4.7

4.7

4.8

4.8

5.0

5.2

5.3

5.3

5.4

5.6

5.8

5.9

6.0

6.8

7.5

7.8

Arkansas

Labor Market report

**Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**September 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 251,782 243,253

City of Little Rock 96,123 92,333

Eastern 43,799 41,601

North Central 93,966 90,214

Northeast 121,642 117,252

Northwest 345,443 335,996

Southeast 76,850 72,885

Southwest 87,554 83,783

West Central 128,448 123,153

Western 109,003 105,229

8,529 3.4

3,790 3.9

2,198 5.0

3,752 4.0

4,390 3.6

9,447 2.7

3,965 5.2

3,771 4.3

5,295 4.1

3,774 3.5

252,280 244,024 8,256 3.3

96,342 92,545 3,797 3.9

44,121 41,860 2,261 5.1

92,764 89,113 3,651 3.9

121,501 117,070 4,431 3.6

344,346 335,422 8,924 2.6

77,080 73,040 4,040 5.2

86,971 83,293 3,678 4.2

127,488 122,131 5,357 4.2

109,022 105,422 3,600 3.3

246,651 239,062 7,589 3.1

94,536 90,637 3,899 4.1

43,180 41,255 1,925 4.5

93,275 90,104 3,171 3.4

120,309 116,530 3,779 3.1

333,445 325,469 7,976 2.4

76,247 72,854 3,393 4.5

88,288 84,955 3,333 3.8

127,629 123,075 4,554 3.6

107,593 104,313 3,280 3.0

