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Arkansas Division of

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 2022 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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**Januar y Spotlight**

# Annual Data Revisions

**Arkansas Civilian Labor Force:**

In accordance with guidelines from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Arkansas’ Civilian Labor Force (CLF) estimates have undergone annual processing. The purpose of annual processing is to incorporate more complete and accurate information into the estimation process.

All levels of data—State, counties, Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Micropoli- tan Statistical Areas, Local Workforce Development Areas, and cities—have been revised. The Statewide CLF data was revised back to January 2018 and is currently available on the Discover Arkansas website. Updated sub-state CLF estimates are scheduled for publication on April 21, 2023 on the Discover Arkansas website and at [www.bls.gov.](http://www.bls.gov/) All sub-state CLF data were revised back to January 2018, due to the incorporation of updated Census Bureau population data. More information concerning annual processing is available on the BLS website.

**Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs:**

In accordance with the same guidelines, the Current Employment Statistics pro- gram also re-estimated the Nonfarm Payroll Job series to include more compre- hensive and precise information into the calculations. Statewide and MSA estimates were revised back to January 2018. All revised Nonfarm Payroll Jobs data have been updated on the Discover Arkansas website.

In addition to annual data revisions for 2018-2022, updates have also been made to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are now based on and benchmarked to the 2022 NAICS. This replaces the previously used 2017 NAICS. More information concerning these changes is available on the BLS website.

**State of Arkansas**

# Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, an- nounced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.4% in January 2023. The United States’ jobless rate declined to 3.4% in January, down from 3.5% in December.

In January 2023, Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose by 478. There were 1,242 more employed compared to December 2022 and 764 fewer unemployed. Arkansas’ labor force participation rate remained un- changed between December 2022 and January 2023, at 57.4%.

Compared to January 2022, there are 11,599 additional employed Arkansans. The unemployment rate is up two-tenths of a percentage point, with 2,787 more unemployed. Arkansas’ labor force participa- tion rate is up one-tenth of a percentage point, from 57.3% to 57.4% over the year.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,326,923 1,325,681 1,315,324 Employment 1,304,767 1,322,854 1,290,344

Unemployment 46,588 47,352 43,801 Unemployment 49,021 39,515 51,283

Unemployment Rate 3.4% 3.4% 3.2% Unemployment Rate 3.6% 2.9% 3.8%

LF Participation Rate 57.4% 57.4% 57.3% LF Participation Rate 56.6% 57.0% 56.6%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** |  | **Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,373,511 | 1,373,033 | 1,359,125 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,353,788 | 1,362,369 | 1,341,627 |

1,340,000

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

1,180,000

1,160,000

1,140,000

**Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2020 - January 2023

Jan '20 Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1345.6 | 1357.9 | 1302.9 | -12.3 | 42.7 |
| Goods Producing | 227.5 | 228.0 | 218.5 | -0.5 | 9.0 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 62.8 | 64.2 | 59.9 | -1.4 | 2.9 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **4.9** | **5.1** | **5.2** | **-0.2** | **-0.3** |
| **Construction** | **57.9** | **59.1** | **54.7** | **-1.2** | **3.2** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 36.0 | 36.5 | 34.6 | -0.5 | 1.4 |
| **Manufacturing** | **164.7** | **163.8** | **158.6** | **0.9** | **6.1** |
| Durable Goods | 80.6 | 79.7 | 76.4 | 0.9 | 4.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 84.1 | 84.1 | 82.2 | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| Service Providing | 1118.1 | 1129.9 | 1084.4 | -11.8 | 33.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **275.2** | **280.1** | **264.3** | **-4.9** | **10.9** |
| Wholesale Trade | 54.2 | 53.0 | 49.2 | 1.2 | 5.0 |
| Retail Trade | 142.7 | 146.9 | 141.7 | -4.2 | 1.0 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 78.3 | 80.2 | 73.4 | -1.9 | 4.9 |
| **Information** | **12.8** | **12.8** | **12.4** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Financial Activities** | **70.0** | **71.2** | **68.9** | **-1.2** | **1.1** |
| Finance & Insurance | 55.6 | 56.4 | 54.8 | -0.8 | 0.8 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 14.4 | 14.8 | 14.1 | -0.4 | 0.3 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **150.1** | **150.8** | **147.7** | **-0.7** | **2.4** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 47.9 | 48.2 | 46.3 | -0.3 | 1.6 |
| Management of Companies | 40.4 | 39.0 | 35.6 | 1.4 | 4.8 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 61.8 | 63.6 | 65.8 | -1.8 | -4.0 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **202.9** | **203.0** | **195.4** | **-0.1** | **7.5** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 18.6 | 19.2 | 17.2 | -0.6 | 1.4 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 184.3 | 183.8 | 178.2 | 0.5 | 6.1 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 63.5 | 63.7 | 61.5 | -0.2 | 2.0 |
| Social Assistance | 38.1 | 37.7 | 36.2 | 0.4 | 1.9 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **121.6** | **122.5** | **114.9** | **-0.9** | **6.7** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 12.0 | 12.4 | 10.9 | -0.4 | 1.1 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 109.6 | 110.1 | 104.0 | -0.5 | 5.6 |
| Accommodation Services | 10.9 | 11.0 | 10.1 | -0.1 | 0.8 |
| Food Services | 98.7 | 99.1 | 93.9 | -0.4 | 4.8 |
| **Other Services** | **76.3** | **76.9** | **73.0** | **-0.6** | **3.3** |
| **Government** | **209.2** | **212.6** | **207.8** | **-3.4** | **1.4** |
| Federal Government | 20.6 | 20.9 | 20.6 | -0.3 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 75.7 | 77.6 | 75.6 | -1.9 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 29.5 | 31.4 | 29.2 | -1.9 | 0.3 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.2 | 46.2 | 46.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Local Government | 112.9 | 114.1 | 111.6 | -1.2 | 1.3 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 70.1 | 70.8 | 69.5 | -0.7 | 0.6 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.8 | 43.3 | 42.1 | -0.5 | 0.7 |

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector**

December 2022 - January 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Manufacturing

Information Private Ed & Health Mining & Logging Other Services Professional & Business Leisure & Hospitality

Construction Financial Activities

Government

Trade-Transport-Utilities

900

0

-100

-200

-600

-700

-900

-1,200

-1,200

-3,400

-4,900

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

**Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector**

January 2022 - January 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Private Ed & Health Leisure & Hospitality Manufacturing Other Services Construction

Professional & Business

Government Financial Activities

Information

Mining & Logging

10,900

7,500

6,700

6,100

3,300

3,200

2,400

1,400

1,100

400

-300

-2,000

0

2,000 4,000 6,000 8,000 10,000 12,000

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**Jan 23**

Average Weekly Hours 38.0

Average Hourly Earnings $21.18

Average Weekly Earnings $804.84

**Dec 22**

39.9

$20.37

$812.76

**Jan 22**

39.8

$20.22

$804.76

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Jan 23**

Average Weekly Hours 41.3

Average Hourly Earnings $23.74

Average Weekly Earnings $980.46

**Dec 22**

42.3

$22.68

$959.36

**Jan 22**

39.9

$21.37

$852.66

**Jan 23**

Average Weekly Hours 34.9

Average Hourly Earnings $18.43

Average Weekly Earnings $643.21

**Dec 22**

37.7

$18.05

$680.49

**Jan 22**

39.8

$19.15

$762.17

$25.00

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

January 2020 - January 2023

$24.00

$23.00

$22.00

$21.00

$20.00

$19.00

$18.00

$17.00

$16.00

$15.00

**January**

Jan '20 Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 355,226 | 359,096 | 353,782 | -3,870 | 1,444 |
| **Employment** | 343,300 | 349,357 | 340,668 | -6,057 | 2,632 |
| **Unemployment** | 11,926 | 9,739 | 13,114 | 2,187 | -1,188 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.4% | 2.7% | 3.7% | 0.7% | -0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 376.9 | 382.9 | 368.9 | -6.0 | 8.0 |
| **Goods Producing** 39.0 | 39.1 | 37.6 | -0.1 | 1.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 19.0** | **19.2** | **18.3** | **-0.2** | **0.7** |
| **Manufacturing 20.0** | **19.9** | **19.3** | **0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Service Providing** 337.9 | 343.8 | 331.3 | -5.9 | 6.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 78.4** | **80.1** | **76.6** | **-1.7** | **1.8** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 18.4 | 18.0 | 16.4 | 0.4 | 2.0 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.2 | 39.6 | 38.2 | -1.4 | 0.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.8 | 22.5 | 22.0 | -0.7 | -0.2 |
| **Information 5.8** | **5.7** | **5.5** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Financial Activities 24.5** | **24.9** | **24.3** | **-0.4** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 47.2** | **47.8** | **46.3** | **-0.6** | **0.9** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 62.2** | **63.0** | **59.9** | **-0.8** | **2.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 32.0** | **33.5** | **31.6** | **-1.5** | **0.4** |
| **Other Services 19.1** | **19.2** | **18.3** | **-0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Government 68.7** | **69.6** | **68.8** | **-0.9** | **-0.1** |
| **Federal Government** 9.8 | 10.0 | 9.9 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| **State Government** 33.6 | 34.0 | 34.0 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| **Local Government** 25.3 | 25.6 | 24.9 | -0.3 | 0.4 |

**Employment**

January: 2013 - 2023

350,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2020 - January 2023

390,000

345,000

380,000

340,000

370,000

335,000

360,000

330,000

325,000

320,000

315,000

350,000

340,000

330,000

320,000

310,000

305,000

310,000

**January**

300,000

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

'22

'23

300,000

Jan '20 Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23

**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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 304,169 | 306,071 | 293,281 | -1,902 | 10,888 |
| **Employment** | 296,297 | 299,881 | 285,356 | -3,584 | 10,941 |
| **Unemployment** | 7,872 | 6,190 | 7,925 | 1,682 | -53 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.6% | 2.0% | 2.7% | 0.6% | -0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 301.1 | 303.0 | 283.5 | -1.9 | 17.6 |
| **Goods Producing** 47.0 | 47.2 | 45.0 | -0.2 | 2.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 15.1** | **15.3** | **14.0** | **-0.2** | **1.1** |
| **Manufacturing 31.9** | **31.9** | **31.0** | **0.0** | **0.9** |
| **Service Providing** 254.1 | 255.8 | 238.5 | -1.7 | 15.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 64.5** | **65.1** | **59.6** | **-0.6** | **4.9** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 14.4 | 14.1 | 13.2 | 0.3 | 1.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 28.8 | 29.4 | 28.2 | -0.6 | 0.6 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.3 | 21.6 | 18.2 | -0.3 | 3.1 |
| **Information 2.4** | **2.4** | **2.3** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 10.2** | **10.3** | **9.8** | **-0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Professional & Business Services 58.1** | **57.2** | **55.4** | **0.9** | **2.7** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 33.8** | **33.9** | **32.1** | **-0.1** | **1.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 29.3** | **29.0** | **26.6** | **0.3** | **2.7** |
| **Other Services 15.6** | **15.7** | **14.8** | **-0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Government 40.2** | **42.2** | **37.9** | **-2.0** | **2.3** |
| **Federal Government** 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 17.2 | 18.9 | 15.9 | -1.7 | 1.3 |
| **Local Government** 20.0 | 20.3 | 19.1 | -0.3 | 0.9 |

**Employment**

January 2020 - January 2023

310,000

**Jobs in Professional & Business Services**

January: 2013 - 2023

65,000

60,000

300,000

55,000

290,000

50,000

280,000 45,000

270,000

40,000

260,000

35,000

30,000

250,000

25,000

240,000

**January**

Jan '20 Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23

20,000

'13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23

**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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 117,259 | 117,984 | 116,051 | -725 | 1,208 |
| **Employment** | 113,162 | 114,755 | 111,727 | -1,593 | 1,435 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,097 | 3,229 | 4,324 | 868 | -227 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5% | 2.7% | 3.7% | 0.8% | -0.2% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 114.5 | 116.0 | 111.2 | -1.5 | 3.3 |
| **Goods Producing** 23.9 | 23.9 | 22.7 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.3** | **5.3** | **4.9** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Manufacturing 18.6** | **18.6** | **17.8** | **0.0** | **0.8** |
| **Service Providing** 90.6 | 92.1 | 88.5 | -1.5 | 2.1 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.8** | **25.2** | **23.9** | **-0.4** | **0.9** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** 13.0 | 13.2 | 13.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.8 | 7.1 | 6.3 | -0.3 | 0.5 |
| **Information 1.4** | **1.4** | **1.3** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 4.2** | **4.2** | **4.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.5** | **12.0** | **11.7** | **-0.5** | **-0.2** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 17.9** | **17.8** | **17.2** | **0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.6** | **9.7** | **9.2** | **-0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Other Services 3.5** | **3.6** | **3.6** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Government 17.7** | **18.2** | **17.4** | **-0.5** | **0.3** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.2 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| **Local Government** 14.4 | 14.5 | 13.9 | -0.1 | 0.5 |

**Unemployment Rates**

January: 2003 - 2023

10.0%

94,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2020 - January 2023

9.0%

92,000

8.0%

90,000

7.0%

88,000

6.0%

86,000

5.0%

4.0%

3.0%

2.0%

84,000

82,000

80,000

78,000

1.0%

**January**

0.0%

'03

'05

'07

'09

'11

'13

'15

'17

'19

'21

'23

76,000

Jan '20

Jul '20

Jan '21

Jul '21

Jan '22

Jul '22

Jan '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,589 | 41,932 | 41,511 | -343 | 78 |
| **Employment** | 39,871 | 40,507 | 39,699 | -636 | 172 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,718 | 1,425 | 1,812 | 293 | -94 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1% | 3.4% | 4.4% | 0.7% | -0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 41.4 | 41.9 | 40.6 | -0.5 | 0.8 |
| 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| 36.6 | 37.1 | 36.1 | -0.5 | 0.5 |
| 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.4 | -0.1 | -0.3 |

43,000

**Employment**

January 2020 - January 2023

**January**

41,000

39,000

37,000

35,000

33,000

31,000

29,000

27,000

25,000

Jan '20 Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,944 | 67,780 | 66,033 | -836 | 911 |
| **Employment** | 64,835 | 66,139 | 63,910 | -1,304 | 925 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,109 | 1,641 | 2,123 | 468 | -14 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.2% | 2.4% | 3.2% | 0.8% | 0.0% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 64.0 | 65.1 | 61.7 | -1.1 | 2.3 |
| 12.2 | 12.4 | 11.6 | -0.2 | 0.6 |
| 51.8 | 52.7 | 50.1 | -0.9 | 1.7 |
| 9.2 | 9.1 | 8.7 | 0.1 | 0.5 |

70,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs by Industry Type**

January: 2013 - 2023

**January**

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

10,000

0

2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 31,683 | 32,086 | 32,206 | -403 | -523 |
| **Employment** | 30,072 | 30,680 | 30,308 | -608 | -236 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,611 | 1,406 | 1,898 | 205 | -287 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.1% | 4.4% | 5.9% | 0.7% | -0.8% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.3 | 31.6 | 30.8 | -0.3 | 0.5 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| 25.7 | 26.0 | 25.6 | -0.3 | 0.1 |
| 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.5 | -0.1 | 0.0 |

4,000

**Unemployment**

January 2020 - January 2023

**January**

3,500

3,000

2,500

2,000

1,500

1,000

500

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Jan '20 Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 624,405 | 620,278 | 636,107 | 4,127 | -11,702 |
| **Employment** | 598,350 | 598,488 | 605,260 | -138 | -6,910 |
| **Unemployment** | 26,055 | 21,790 | 30,847 | 4,265 | -4,792 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.2% | 3.5% | 4.8% | 0.7% | -0.6% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 23** | **Dec 22** | **Jan 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 62,306 | 62,275 | 62,335 | 31 | -29 |
| **Employment** | 59,520 | 59,986 | 59,113 | -466 | 407 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,786 | 2,289 | 3,222 | 497 | -436 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.5% | 3.7% | 5.2% | 0.8% | -0.7% |

620,000

**Memphis MSA - Employment**

January: 2013 - 2023

9,000

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment**

January 2020 - January 2023

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

540,000 1,000

530,000

**January**

'13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23

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Jan '20 Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,132 | 7,680 | 452 | 5.6 | 8,421 | 8,071 | 350 | 4.2 | 8,454 | 8,044 | 410 | 4.8 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,437 | 15,844 | 593 | 3.6 | 16,657 | 16,172 | 485 | 2.9 | 16,411 | 15,783 | 628 | 3.8 |
| Blytheville Micro | 15,953 | 15,096 | 857 | 5.4 | 16,208 | 15,481 | 727 | 4.5 | 16,155 | 15,198 | 957 | 5.9 |
| Camden Micro | 11,796 | 11,297 | 499 | 4.2 | 11,916 | 11,500 | 416 | 3.5 | 11,989 | 11,500 | 489 | 4.1 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,533 | 13,778 | 755 | 5.2 | 14,698 | 14,058 | 640 | 4.4 | 14,816 | 13,989 | 827 | 5.6 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,326 | 6,918 | 408 | 5.6 | 7,330 | 7,000 | 330 | 4.5 | 7,590 | 7,164 | 426 | 5.6 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,812 | 18,141 | 671 | 3.6 | 18,978 | 18,459 | 519 | 2.7 | 18,764 | 18,189 | 575 | 3.1 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,456 | 5,017 | 439 | 8.0 | 5,437 | 5,076 | 361 | 6.6 | 5,753 | 5,336 | 417 | 7.2 |
| Hope Micro | 12,607 | 12,158 | 449 | 3.6 | 12,694 | 12,300 | 394 | 3.1 | 12,527 | 12,017 | 510 | 4.1 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,743 | 8,301 | 442 | 5.1 | 8,904 | 8,538 | 366 | 4.1 | 8,758 | 8,299 | 459 | 5.2 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,724 | 13,191 | 533 | 3.9 | 13,698 | 13,294 | 404 | 2.9 | 13,571 | 13,049 | 522 | 3.8 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,167 | 15,503 | 664 | 4.1 | 16,386 | 15,839 | 547 | 3.3 | 16,246 | 15,607 | 639 | 3.9 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,472 | 18,719 | 753 | 3.9 | 19,536 | 18,978 | 558 | 2.9 | 19,344 | 18,663 | 681 | 3.5 |
| Russellville Micro | 34,761 | 33,232 | 1,529 | 4.4 | 35,496 | 34,218 | 1,278 | 3.6 | 35,150 | 33,599 | 1,551 | 4.4 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,851 | 32,528 | 1,323 | 3.9 | 34,096 | 33,086 | 1,010 | 3.0 | 33,813 | 32,425 | 1,388 | 4.1 |

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

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**January 2023**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**December 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**January 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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**

**January 2023**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**December 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**January 2022**

**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

**January**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 13,080 | 12,641 | 439 | 3.4 | 13,154 | 12,803 | 351 | 2.7 | 12,637 | 12,173 | 464 | 3.7 |
| Benton | 17,868 | 17,359 | 509 | 2.8 | 17,886 | 17,458 | 428 | 2.4 | 17,558 | 17,002 | 556 | 3.2 |
| Bentonville | 31,670 | 30,914 | 756 | 2.4 | 31,918 | 31,309 | 609 | 1.9 | 30,466 | 29,768 | 698 | 2.3 |
| Blytheville | 5,366 | 5,053 | 313 | 5.8 | 5,463 | 5,182 | 281 | 5.1 | 5,409 | 5,087 | 322 | 6.0 |
| Cabot | 12,003 | 11,663 | 340 | 2.8 | 11,994 | 11,721 | 273 | 2.3 | 11,870 | 11,502 | 368 | 3.1 |
| Conway | 34,759 | 33,649 | 1,110 | 3.2 | 34,744 | 33,827 | 917 | 2.6 | 34,067 | 32,998 | 1,069 | 3.1 |
| El Dorado | 6,266 | 5,929 | 337 | 5.4 | 6,372 | 6,050 | 322 | 5.1 | 6,420 | 6,020 | 400 | 6.2 |
| Fayetteville | 51,790 | 50,417 | 1,373 | 2.7 | 52,153 | 51,047 | 1,106 | 2.1 | 49,963 | 48,527 | 1,436 | 2.9 |
| Fort Smith | 38,020 | 36,733 | 1,287 | 3.4 | 38,401 | 37,398 | 1,003 | 2.6 | 37,618 | 36,248 | 1,370 | 3.6 |
| Hot Springs | 15,413 | 14,754 | 659 | 4.3 | 15,570 | 14,990 | 580 | 3.7 | 15,432 | 14,691 | 741 | 4.8 |
| Jacksonville | 11,704 | 11,200 | 504 | 4.3 | 11,686 | 11,265 | 421 | 3.6 | 11,518 | 10,970 | 548 | 4.8 |
| Jonesboro | 40,351 | 39,118 | 1,233 | 3.1 | 40,905 | 39,918 | 987 | 2.4 | 39,685 | 38,490 | 1,195 | 3.0 |
| Little Rock | 97,468 | 94,000 | 3,468 | 3.6 | 97,351 | 94,547 | 2,804 | 2.9 | 96,050 | 92,074 | 3,976 | 4.1 |
| North Little Rock | 30,001 | 28,906 | 1,095 | 3.6 | 30,023 | 29,074 | 949 | 3.2 | 29,657 | 28,313 | 1,344 | 4.5 |
| Paragould | 12,390 | 11,897 | 493 | 4.0 | 12,433 | 12,061 | 372 | 3.0 | 12,339 | 11,861 | 478 | 3.9 |
| Pine Bluff | 14,893 | 14,001 | 892 | 6.0 | 15,112 | 14,299 | 813 | 5.4 | 15,171 | 14,077 | 1,094 | 7.2 |
| Rogers | 38,887 | 37,926 | 961 | 2.5 | 39,199 | 38,411 | 788 | 2.0 | 37,504 | 36,520 | 984 | 2.6 |
| Russellville | 12,526 | 11,993 | 533 | 4.3 | 12,802 | 12,358 | 444 | 3.5 | 12,556 | 12,088 | 468 | 3.7 |
| Searcy | 10,177 | 9,823 | 354 | 3.5 | 10,266 | 9,991 | 275 | 2.7 | 10,188 | 9,792 | 396 | 3.9 |
| Sherwood | 16,291 | 15,775 | 516 | 3.2 | 16,271 | 15,867 | 404 | 2.5 | 16,038 | 15,452 | 586 | 3.7 |
| Springdale | 41,303 | 40,262 | 1,041 | 2.5 | 41,560 | 40,766 | 794 | 1.9 | 39,827 | 38,754 | 1,073 | 2.7 |
| Texarkana, AR | 12,648 | 12,127 | 521 | 4.1 | 12,798 | 12,347 | 451 | 3.5 | 12,706 | 12,040 | 666 | 5.2 |
| Van Buren | 10,127 | 9,802 | 325 | 3.2 | 10,256 | 9,976 | 280 | 2.7 | 10,060 | 9,704 | 356 | 3.5 |
| West Memphis | 10,012 | 9,475 | 537 | 5.4 | 10,062 | 9,647 | 415 | 4.1 | 9,919 | 9,425 | 494 | 5.0 |

**January**

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **January 2023** | |  |  | **December 2022** | |  |  | **January 2022** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,016 | 8,724 | 292 | 3.2 | 9,281 | 9,038 | 243 | 2.6 | 9,087 | 8,705 | 382 | 4.2 |
| Ashley | 6,567 | 6,141 | 426 | 6.5 | 6,574 | 6,215 | 359 | 5.5 | 6,768 | 6,338 | 430 | 6.4 |
| Baxter | 16,167 | 15,503 | 664 | 4.1 | 16,386 | 15,839 | 547 | 3.3 | 16,246 | 15,607 | 639 | 3.9 |
| Benton | 151,495 | 147,487 | 4,008 | 2.6 | 152,558 | 149,374 | 3,184 | 2.1 | 145,950 | 142,021 | 3,929 | 2.7 |
| Boone | 15,674 | 15,120 | 554 | 3.5 | 15,828 | 15,394 | 434 | 2.7 | 15,606 | 15,144 | 462 | 3.0 |
| Bradley | 3,936 | 3,690 | 246 | 6.3 | 3,966 | 3,755 | 211 | 5.3 | 4,112 | 3,911 | 201 | 4.9 |
| Calhoun | 2,304 | 2,221 | 83 | 3.6 | 2,326 | 2,256 | 70 | 3.0 | 2,356 | 2,284 | 72 | 3.1 |
| Carroll | 11,843 | 11,381 | 462 | 3.9 | 12,155 | 11,820 | 335 | 2.8 | 12,055 | 11,580 | 475 | 3.9 |
| Chicot | 2,841 | 2,652 | 189 | 6.7 | 2,807 | 2,666 | 141 | 5.0 | 3,030 | 2,794 | 236 | 7.8 |
| Clark | 8,132 | 7,680 | 452 | 5.6 | 8,421 | 8,071 | 350 | 4.2 | 8,454 | 8,044 | 410 | 4.8 |
| Clay | 5,211 | 4,929 | 282 | 5.4 | 5,235 | 5,021 | 214 | 4.1 | 5,343 | 5,100 | 243 | 4.5 |
| Cleburne | 8,691 | 8,272 | 419 | 4.8 | 8,780 | 8,447 | 333 | 3.8 | 8,772 | 8,318 | 454 | 5.2 |
| Cleveland | 2,996 | 2,875 | 121 | 4.0 | 3,022 | 2,924 | 98 | 3.2 | 3,048 | 2,922 | 126 | 4.1 |
| Columbia | 8,743 | 8,301 | 442 | 5.1 | 8,904 | 8,538 | 366 | 4.1 | 8,758 | 8,299 | 459 | 5.2 |
| Conway | 8,299 | 7,944 | 355 | 4.3 | 8,325 | 8,051 | 274 | 3.3 | 8,447 | 8,096 | 351 | 4.2 |
| Craighead | 57,114 | 55,392 | 1,722 | 3.0 | 57,876 | 56,525 | 1,351 | 2.3 | 56,229 | 54,503 | 1,726 | 3.1 |
| Crawford | 25,974 | 25,085 | 889 | 3.4 | 26,233 | 25,531 | 702 | 2.7 | 25,788 | 24,835 | 953 | 3.7 |
| Crittenden | 20,340 | 19,415 | 925 | 4.5 | 20,510 | 19,768 | 742 | 3.6 | 20,200 | 19,314 | 886 | 4.4 |
| Cross | 6,664 | 6,387 | 277 | 4.2 | 6,693 | 6,475 | 218 | 3.3 | 6,988 | 6,671 | 317 | 4.5 |
| Dallas | 2,672 | 2,546 | 126 | 4.7 | 2,674 | 2,573 | 101 | 3.8 | 2,799 | 2,682 | 117 | 4.2 |
| Desha | 4,762 | 4,498 | 264 | 5.5 | 4,870 | 4,636 | 234 | 4.8 | 4,908 | 4,598 | 310 | 6.3 |
| Drew | 7,343 | 6,977 | 366 | 5.0 | 7,377 | 7,078 | 299 | 4.1 | 7,552 | 7,184 | 368 | 4.9 |
| Faulkner | 63,170 | 61,120 | 2,050 | 3.2 | 63,108 | 61,442 | 1,666 | 2.6 | 61,956 | 59,937 | 2,019 | 3.3 |
| Franklin | 7,315 | 7,057 | 258 | 3.5 | 7,311 | 7,116 | 195 | 2.7 | 7,334 | 7,070 | 264 | 3.6 |
| Fulton | 4,910 | 4,712 | 198 | 4.0 | 4,900 | 4,753 | 147 | 3.0 | 4,989 | 4,814 | 175 | 3.5 |
| Garland | 41,589 | 39,871 | 1,718 | 4.1 | 41,932 | 40,507 | 1,425 | 3.4 | 41,511 | 39,699 | 1,812 | 4.4 |
| Grant | 8,407 | 8,146 | 261 | 3.1 | 8,409 | 8,194 | 215 | 2.6 | 8,318 | 8,042 | 276 | 3.3 |
| Greene | 19,472 | 18,719 | 753 | 3.9 | 19,536 | 18,978 | 558 | 2.9 | 19,344 | 18,663 | 681 | 3.5 |
| Hempstead | 9,209 | 8,890 | 319 | 3.5 | 9,270 | 8,991 | 279 | 3.0 | 9,153 | 8,804 | 349 | 3.8 |
| Hot Spring | 13,724 | 13,191 | 533 | 3.9 | 13,698 | 13,294 | 404 | 2.9 | 13,571 | 13,049 | 522 | 3.8 |
| Howard | 5,152 | 4,961 | 191 | 3.7 | 5,193 | 5,032 | 161 | 3.1 | 5,352 | 5,168 | 184 | 3.4 |
| Independence | 16,437 | 15,844 | 593 | 3.6 | 16,657 | 16,172 | 485 | 2.9 | 16,411 | 15,783 | 628 | 3.8 |
| Izard | 4,411 | 4,149 | 262 | 5.9 | 4,539 | 4,288 | 251 | 5.5 | 4,339 | 4,090 | 249 | 5.7 |
| Jackson | 5,337 | 4,997 | 340 | 6.4 | 5,338 | 5,059 | 279 | 5.2 | 5,512 | 5,194 | 318 | 5.8 |
| Jefferson | 25,106 | 23,778 | 1,328 | 5.3 | 25,453 | 24,283 | 1,170 | 4.6 | 25,484 | 23,906 | 1,578 | 6.2 |
| Johnson | 9,908 | 9,464 | 444 | 4.5 | 10,004 | 9,638 | 366 | 3.7 | 10,054 | 9,578 | 476 | 4.7 |
| Lafayette | 2,250 | 2,130 | 120 | 5.3 | 2,266 | 2,153 | 113 | 5.0 | 2,302 | 2,183 | 119 | 5.2 |
| Lawrence | 6,734 | 6,488 | 246 | 3.7 | 6,777 | 6,569 | 208 | 3.1 | 6,797 | 6,526 | 271 | 4.0 |
| Lee | 2,487 | 2,332 | 155 | 6.2 | 2,444 | 2,331 | 113 | 4.6 | 2,587 | 2,444 | 143 | 5.5 |
| Lincoln | 3,581 | 3,419 | 162 | 4.5 | 3,611 | 3,473 | 138 | 3.8 | 3,674 | 3,480 | 194 | 5.3 |
| Little River | 5,132 | 4,920 | 212 | 4.1 | 5,179 | 5,018 | 161 | 3.1 | 5,127 | 4,895 | 232 | 4.5 |
| Logan | 8,038 | 7,685 | 353 | 4.4 | 8,112 | 7,828 | 284 | 3.5 | 8,218 | 7,874 | 344 | 4.2 |
| Lonoke | 34,090 | 33,063 | 1,027 | 3.0 | 34,042 | 33,227 | 815 | 2.4 | 33,692 | 32,606 | 1,086 | 3.2 |
| Madison | 7,669 | 7,457 | 212 | 2.8 | 7,687 | 7,523 | 164 | 2.1 | 7,545 | 7,320 | 225 | 3.0 |
| Marion | 6,180 | 5,884 | 296 | 4.8 | 6,218 | 5,990 | 228 | 3.7 | 6,111 | 5,849 | 262 | 4.3 |
| Miller | 18,472 | 17,727 | 745 | 4.0 | 18,651 | 18,048 | 603 | 3.2 | 18,481 | 17,600 | 881 | 4.8 |

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**January**

**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **January 2023** | |  |  | **December 2022** | |  |  | **January 2022** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 15,953 | 15,096 | 857 | 5.4 | 16,208 | 15,481 | 727 | 4.5 | 16,155 | 15,198 | 957 | 5.9 |
| Monroe | 2,473 | 2,345 | 128 | 5.2 | 2,491 | 2,389 | 102 | 4.1 | 2,565 | 2,421 | 144 | 5.6 |
| Montgomery | 2,671 | 2,503 | 168 | 6.3 | 2,608 | 2,476 | 132 | 5.1 | 2,820 | 2,648 | 172 | 6.1 |
| Nevada | 3,398 | 3,268 | 130 | 3.8 | 3,424 | 3,309 | 115 | 3.4 | 3,374 | 3,213 | 161 | 4.8 |
| Newton | 3,138 | 3,021 | 117 | 3.7 | 3,150 | 3,065 | 85 | 2.7 | 3,158 | 3,045 | 113 | 3.6 |
| Ouachita | 9,492 | 9,076 | 416 | 4.4 | 9,590 | 9,244 | 346 | 3.6 | 9,633 | 9,216 | 417 | 4.3 |
| Perry | 4,213 | 4,040 | 173 | 4.1 | 4,176 | 4,054 | 122 | 2.9 | 4,172 | 3,981 | 191 | 4.6 |
| Phillips | 5,456 | 5,017 | 439 | 8.0 | 5,437 | 5,076 | 361 | 6.6 | 5,753 | 5,336 | 417 | 7.2 |
| Pike | 3,853 | 3,701 | 152 | 3.9 | 3,862 | 3,744 | 118 | 3.1 | 4,111 | 3,931 | 180 | 4.4 |
| Poinsett | 9,830 | 9,443 | 387 | 3.9 | 9,904 | 9,614 | 290 | 2.9 | 9,804 | 9,407 | 397 | 4.0 |
| Polk | 7,685 | 7,379 | 306 | 4.0 | 7,715 | 7,458 | 257 | 3.3 | 7,777 | 7,433 | 344 | 4.4 |
| Pope | 27,094 | 25,894 | 1,200 | 4.4 | 27,681 | 26,682 | 999 | 3.6 | 27,311 | 26,099 | 1,212 | 4.4 |
| Prairie | 3,454 | 3,331 | 123 | 3.6 | 3,482 | 3,398 | 84 | 2.4 | 3,482 | 3,365 | 117 | 3.4 |
| Pulaski | 189,381 | 182,760 | 6,621 | 3.5 | 189,308 | 183,822 | 5,486 | 2.9 | 186,758 | 179,014 | 7,744 | 4.1 |
| Randolph | 7,044 | 6,774 | 270 | 3.8 | 7,051 | 6,833 | 218 | 3.1 | 7,311 | 7,033 | 278 | 3.8 |
| St. Francis | 7,326 | 6,918 | 408 | 5.6 | 7,330 | 7,000 | 330 | 4.5 | 7,590 | 7,164 | 426 | 5.6 |
| Saline | 60,060 | 58,288 | 1,772 | 3.0 | 60,053 | 58,618 | 1,435 | 2.4 | 58,886 | 57,088 | 1,798 | 3.1 |
| Scott | 4,184 | 4,058 | 126 | 3.0 | 4,179 | 4,089 | 90 | 2.2 | 4,136 | 4,000 | 136 | 3.3 |
| Searcy | 2,761 | 2,599 | 162 | 5.9 | 2,731 | 2,609 | 122 | 4.5 | 2,782 | 2,631 | 151 | 5.4 |
| Sebastian | 54,748 | 52,916 | 1,832 | 3.3 | 55,309 | 53,874 | 1,435 | 2.6 | 54,146 | 52,218 | 1,928 | 3.6 |
| Sevier | 5,322 | 5,108 | 214 | 4.0 | 5,398 | 5,218 | 180 | 3.3 | 5,302 | 5,062 | 240 | 4.5 |
| Sharp | 5,820 | 5,538 | 282 | 4.8 | 5,820 | 5,611 | 209 | 3.6 | 5,712 | 5,434 | 278 | 4.9 |
| Stone | 4,394 | 4,169 | 225 | 5.1 | 4,419 | 4,244 | 175 | 4.0 | 4,477 | 4,252 | 225 | 5.0 |
| Union | 14,533 | 13,778 | 755 | 5.2 | 14,698 | 14,058 | 640 | 4.4 | 14,816 | 13,989 | 827 | 5.6 |
| Van Buren | 5,878 | 5,595 | 283 | 4.8 | 5,868 | 5,632 | 236 | 4.0 | 5,812 | 5,514 | 298 | 5.1 |
| Washington | 133,779 | 130,418 | 3,361 | 2.5 | 134,660 | 132,048 | 2,612 | 1.9 | 128,977 | 125,529 | 3,448 | 2.7 |
| White | 33,851 | 32,528 | 1,323 | 3.9 | 34,096 | 33,086 | 1,010 | 3.0 | 33,813 | 32,425 | 1,388 | 4.1 |
| Woodruff | 2,761 | 2,640 | 121 | 4.4 | 2,778 | 2,690 | 88 | 3.2 | 2,795 | 2,671 | 124 | 4.4 |
| Yell | 7,667 | 7,338 | 329 | 4.3 | 7,815 | 7,536 | 279 | 3.6 | 7,839 | 7,500 | 339 | 4.3 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Not Seasonally Adjusted

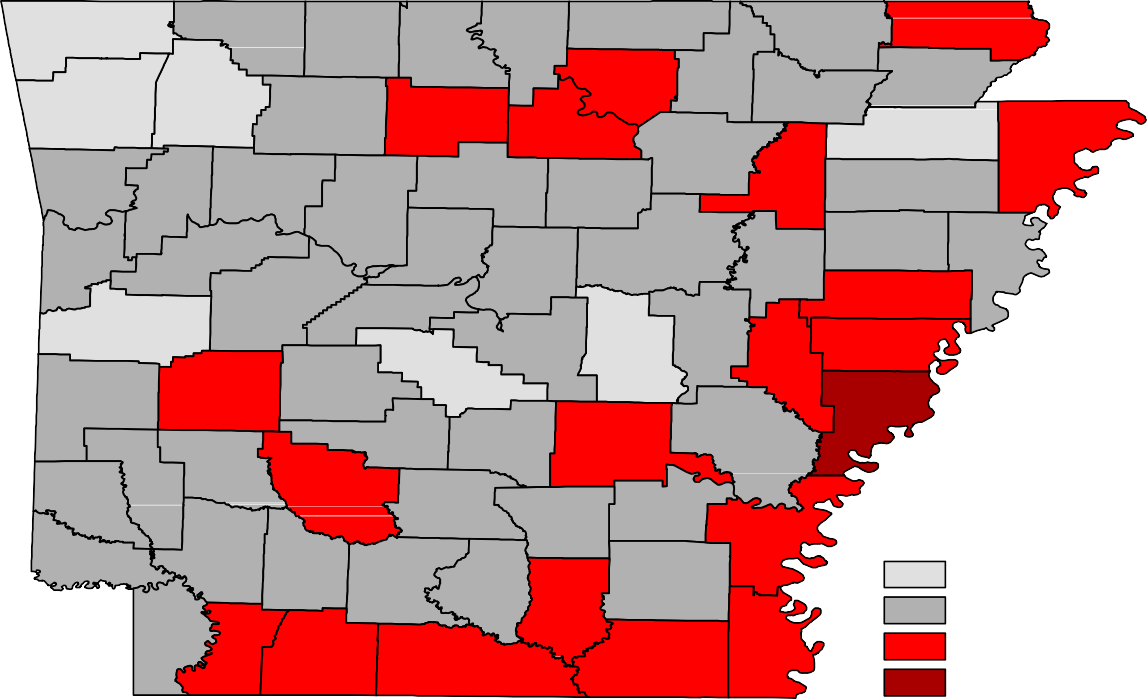
Between December 2022 and January 2023, unemployment rates increased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.5% in Washington County to a high of 8.0% in Phillips County.

In January, seven counties posted unemployment rates at or below three percent. That is down from 27 counties at or below three percent in December. Only one county-- Phillips County-- re- ported a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to January 2022, unemployment rates are down in 41 Arkansas counties. Twenty-eight counties posted rate increases over the year, while rates in six counties remained stable. Three counties-- Chicot, Arkansas, and Nevada counties-- had an annual jobless rate decline of over one full percentage point. The largest rate increase occurred in Bradley County, up one and four- tenths of a percentage point compared to January 2022.

**January**

**County Unemployment Rates**



**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Greene**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Crawford**

**Independence**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Faulkner**

**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**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada Ouachita Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Bradley**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0%

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

January 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 2.5

2 Benton 2.6

3 Madison 2.8

4 Craighead 3.0

4 Lonoke 3.0

4 Saline 3.0

4 Scott 3.0

8 Grant 3.1

9 Arkansas 3.2

9 Faulkner 3.2

11 Sebastian 3.3

12 Crawford 3.4

13 Boone 3.5

13 Franklin 3.5

13 Hempstead 3.5

13 Pulaski 3.5

17 Calhoun 3.6

17 Independence 3.6

17 Prairie 3.6

20 Howard 3.7

20 Lawrence 3.7

20 Newton 3.7

23 Nevada 3.8

23 Randolph 3.8

25 Carroll 3.9

**Rank County**

25 Greene

25 Hot Spring

25 Pike

25 Poinsett

25 White

31 Cleveland

31 Fulton

31 Miller

31 Polk

31 Sevier

36 Baxter

36 Garland

36 Little River

36 Perry

40 Cross

41 Conway

41 Yell

43 Logan

43 Ouachita

43 Pope

43 Woodruff

47 Crittenden

47 Johnson

47 Lincoln

50 Dallas

**Rate**

3.9

3.9

3.9

3.9

3.9

4.0

4.0

4.0

4.0

4.0

4.1

4.1

4.1

4.1

4.2

4.3

4.3

4.4

4.4

4.4

4.4

4.5

4.5

4.5

4.7

**Rank County**

51 Cleburne

51 Marion

51 Sharp

51 Van Buren

55 Drew

56 Columbia

56 Stone

58 Monroe

58 Union

60 Jefferson

60 Lafayette

62 Clay

62 Mississippi

64 Desha

65 Clark

65 St. Francis

67 Izard

67 Searcy

69 Lee

70 Bradley

70 Montgomery

1. Jackson
2. Ashley
3. Chicot
4. Phillips

**Rate**

4.8

4.8

4.8

4.8

5.0

5.1

5.1

5.2

5.2

5.3

5.3

5.4

5.4

5.5

5.6

5.6

5.9

5.9

6.2

6.3

6.3

6.4

6.5

6.7

8.0

**January**

## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**January 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**December 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**January 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 255,160 246,907

City of Little Rock 97,468 94,000

Eastern 42,273 40,069

North Central 92,490 88,444

Northeast 121,358 116,841

Northwest 348,706 338,870

Southeast 74,555 70,900

Southwest 86,679 82,926

West Central 127,150 121,626

Western 107,944 104,180

8,253 3.2

3,468 3.6

2,204 5.2

4,046 4.4

4,517 3.7

9,836 2.8

3,655 4.9

3,753 4.3

5,524 4.3

3,764 3.5

255,133 248,349 6,784 2.7

97,351 94,547 2,804 2.9

42,414 40,650 1,764 4.2

93,195 89,982 3,213 3.4

122,587 119,021 3,566 2.9

351,373 343,662 7,711 2.2

75,370 72,262 3,108 4.1

87,573 84,438 3,135 3.6

128,522 124,053 4,469 3.5

108,859 105,896 2,963 2.7

251,289 242,357 8,932 3.6

96,050 92,074 3,976 4.1

43,118 40,929 2,189 5.1

92,632 88,495 4,137 4.5

120,983 116,430 4,553 3.8

338,430 328,726 9,704 2.9

75,981 71,880 4,101 5.4

87,453 83,395 4,058 4.6

128,290 122,625 5,665 4.4

107,399 103,430 3,969 3.7