

# Arkansas Labor Market

## January 2013

### Employment Headlines

Arkansas' Unemployment Rate Rises to 7.2 Percent

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Decline 20,800 in January

### Employment Quick Facts

#### Unemployment Rates

Seasonally Adjusted

	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>
AR Unemployment Rate	7.2	7.1	7.4
US Unemployment Rate	7.9	7.8	8.3

#### Nonfarm Payroll Summary

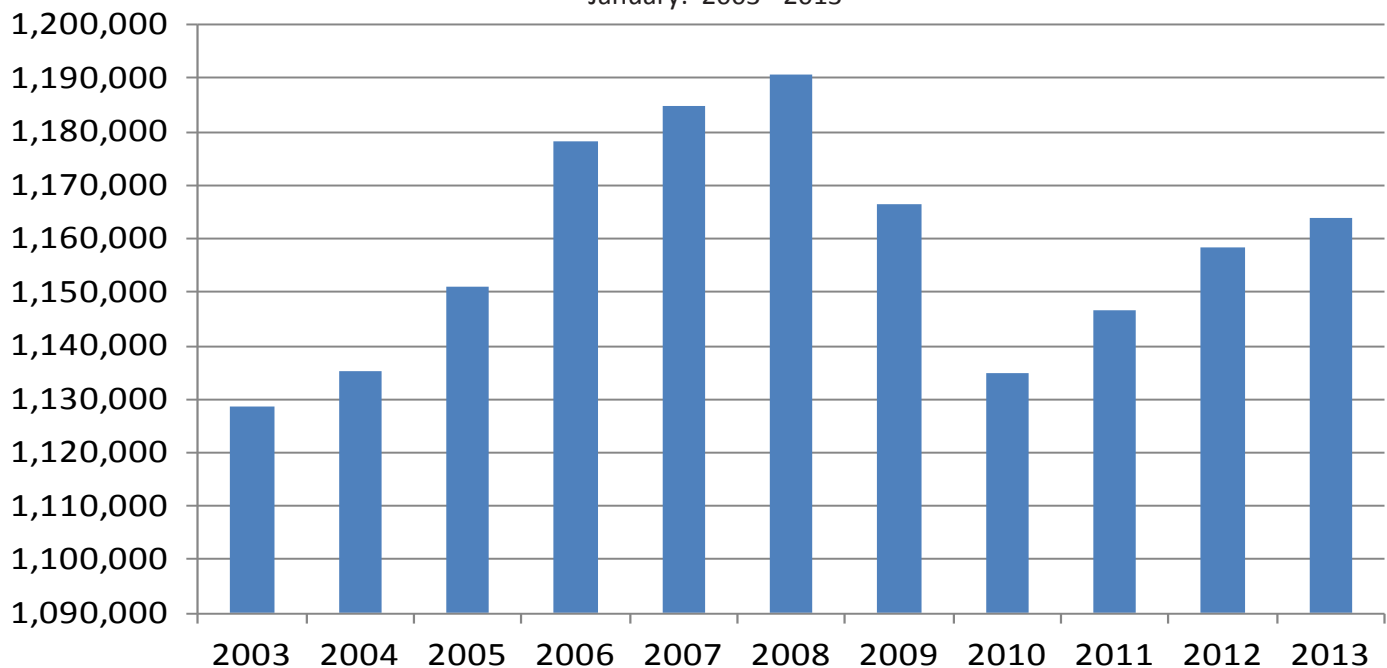
State of Arkansas

	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>
Total Nonfarm	1,163,700	1,184,500	1,158,400
Goods Producing	207,900	211,100	212,700
Service Providing	955,800	973,400	945,700

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

State of Arkansas

January: 2003 - 2013



# Nonfarm Payroll Employment

## State of Arkansas

### December 2012 - January 2013

Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs declined 20,800 in January to total 1,163,700. Losses were posted in all eleven major industry sectors. Jobs in **government** dropped 6,100. Most of the decreases occurred in state (-4,200) and local (-1,400) government, attributed to the holiday break in public schools. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** employment fell 5,800. A majority of the losses occurred in retail trade (-3,400), related to the end of the holiday shopping season. Jobs in **construction** declined 2,700, a typical seasonal fluctuation. **Professional and business** services decreased 1,900.

### January 2012 - January 2013

Since January 2012, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 5,300. Five major industry sectors posted job growth, more than offsetting declines in six sectors. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 8,300 jobs, with a majority of the gains occurring in the retail trade subsector (+6,300). Jobs in **educational and health services** increased 2,400. Most of the growth was reported in health care and social assistance (+2,000). Employment in **leisure and hospitality** rose 1,300. Food services added a majority of the jobs (+1,000), with reported hiring split between both full service and limited service restaurants. **Construction** posted the greatest loss (-2,700). Employment declines were reported in highway, street and bridge construction, related to project completions.

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

(NAICS)	Jan 13	Dec 12	Jan 12
Total Nonfarm	1,163,700	1,184,500	1,158,400
Goods Producing	207,900	211,100	212,700
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>9,700</b>	<b>10,100</b>	<b>11,300</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>42,900</b>	<b>45,600</b>	<b>45,600</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	28,300	30,100	27,600
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>155,300</b>	<b>155,400</b>	<b>155,800</b>
Durable Goods	76,900	77,300	76,400
Nondurable Goods	78,400	78,100	79,400
Service Providing	955,800	973,400	945,700
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>246,500</b>	<b>252,300</b>	<b>238,200</b>
Wholesale Trade	46,200	47,300	46,500
Retail Trade	137,200	140,600	130,900
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	63,100	64,400	60,800
<b>Information</b>	<b>14,300</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>14,600</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>48,900</b>	<b>49,400</b>	<b>48,500</b>
Finance & Insurance	35,900	36,000	35,500
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13,000	13,400	13,000
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>118,700</b>	<b>120,600</b>	<b>120,600</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	39,300	39,500	39,100
Management of Companies	31,800	31,800	30,500
Administrative & Support Services	47,600	49,300	51,000
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>172,800</b>	<b>174,100</b>	<b>170,400</b>
Educational Services	14,900	15,500	14,500
Health Care & Social Assistance	157,900	158,600	155,900
Ambulatory Health Care	47,800	47,900	46,600
Social Assistance	35,800	35,500	36,100
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>97,900</b>	<b>99,100</b>	<b>96,600</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	8,600	8,400	8,300
Accommodation & Food Services	89,300	90,700	88,300
Accommodation Services	9,900	10,300	9,900
Food Services	79,400	80,400	78,400
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>43,600</b>	<b>42,800</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>213,700</b>	<b>219,800</b>	<b>214,000</b>
Federal Government	20,300	20,800	20,600
State Government	73,600	77,800	72,400
Local Government	119,800	121,200	121,000

## Hours and Earnings of Arkansas Production Workers

(Manufacturing Industries)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan 13	Dec 12	Jan 12	Jan 13	Dec 12	Jan 12	Jan 13	Dec 12	Jan 12
<b>Manufacturing</b>	\$615.66	\$640.34	\$633.71	39.9	42.1	41.5	\$15.43	\$15.21	\$15.27
Durable Goods	677.33	682.18	708.34	41.2	41.8	42.8	16.44	16.32	16.55
Nondurable Goods	559.22	599.81	564.41	38.7	42.3	40.2	14.45	14.18	14.04

# Spotlight

## Changes Affecting 2011, 2012, and 2013 Data

### Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Statistics:

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Labor guidelines, Arkansas' Civilian Labor Force (CLF) estimates for 2011 and 2012 are currently undergoing annual processing. The purpose of annual processing is to incorporate more complete and accurate information into the estimation process. All levels of data are being revised, including the state, counties, cities, Metropolitan Statistical Areas, and Micropolitan Statistical Areas.

The revised 2011 and 2012 CLF estimates for the statewide level have already been updated and can be found at [www.discover.arkansas.gov](http://www.discover.arkansas.gov). Revised 2011 and 2012 CLF estimates for all sub-state areas will be released to the public on April 19, 2013, at [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov). The sub-state estimates will be updated on the Discover Arkansas website in early May 2013.

### Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs:

Nonfarm payroll employment estimates from April 2011 through December 2012 recently underwent the annual updating process. The revised estimates will be available March 18, 2013, on the Discover Arkansas website.

Beginning with the January 2013 estimates, the **educational and health services** industry sector will again include educational services as a subsector. Educational services was a published subsector until December 2004, when it was discontinued due to reduced sample size. As part of the series re-establishment, a historical reconstruction is being performed back to January 2005.

### Upcoming 2013 Spotlight Topics:

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Mass Layoff Statistics

Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

Local Employment Dynamics (LED)

Seasonal Employment Trends

The Year in Review

# Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

NAICS	Jan 13	Dec 12	Jan 12
Total Nonfarm	339,500	345,500	337,400
Goods Producing	35,500	36,200	36,800
Mining, Logging & Construction	15,600	16,300	16,800
Manufacturing	19,900	19,900	20,000
Service Providing	304,000	309,300	300,600
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	70,200	71,700	65,200
Wholesale Trade	15,500	15,800	15,500
Retail Trade	40,600	41,600	36,300
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	14,100	14,300	13,400
Information	7,200	7,300	7,300
Financial Activities	19,700	19,900	19,700
Professional & Business Services	40,000	42,100	42,100
Educational & Health Services	51,600	52,200	51,300
Leisure & Hospitality	29,800	29,700	29,100
Other Services	15,300	15,400	15,100
Government	70,200	71,000	70,800
Federal Government	9,500	9,600	9,500
State Government	32,700	33,200	33,000
Local Government	28,000	28,200	28,300

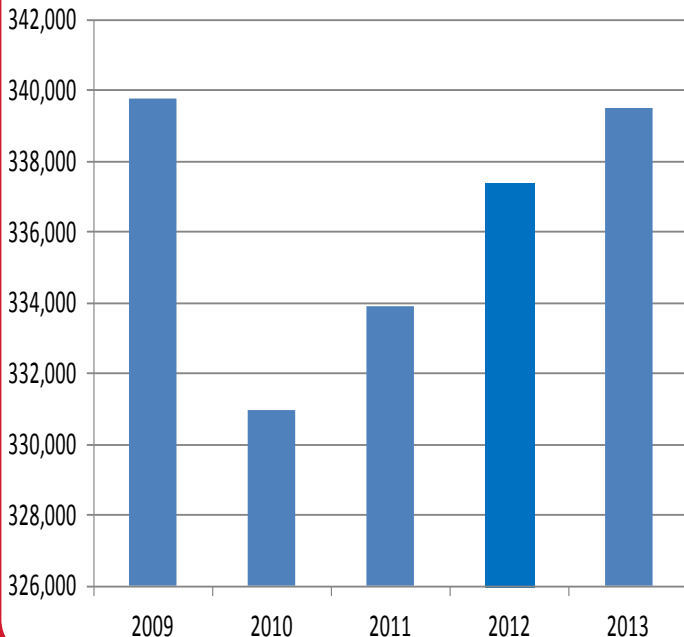
The LR-NLR-Conway MSA consists of the following counties:  
Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, and Saline.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Jan 13	Dec 12	Jan 12
Civilian Labor Force	335,425	340,325	340,750
Employment	311,550	319,225	316,425
Unemployment	23,875	21,100	24,325
Unemployment Rate	7.1	6.2	7.1

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January: 2009 - 2013



## Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

NAICS	Jan 13	Dec 12	Jan 12
Total Nonfarm	213,400	215,500	204,100
Goods Producing	35,300	35,000	34,200
Mining, Logging & Construction	8,100	8,200	7,600
Manufacturing	27,200	26,800	26,600
Service Providing	178,100	180,500	169,900
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	48,800	49,700	46,700
Wholesale Trade	10,600	10,600	10,100
Retail Trade	22,900	23,800	21,600
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	15,300	15,300	15,000
Information	1,900	1,900	1,900
Financial Activities	6,400	6,500	6,200
Professional & Business Services	40,500	40,200	37,900
Educational & Health Services	24,600	24,600	23,400
Leisure & Hospitality	19,900	20,400	18,600
Other Services	6,800	6,800	6,600
Government	29,200	30,400	28,600
Federal Government	2,400	2,400	2,300
State Government	9,200	10,300	8,800
Local Government	17,600	17,700	17,500

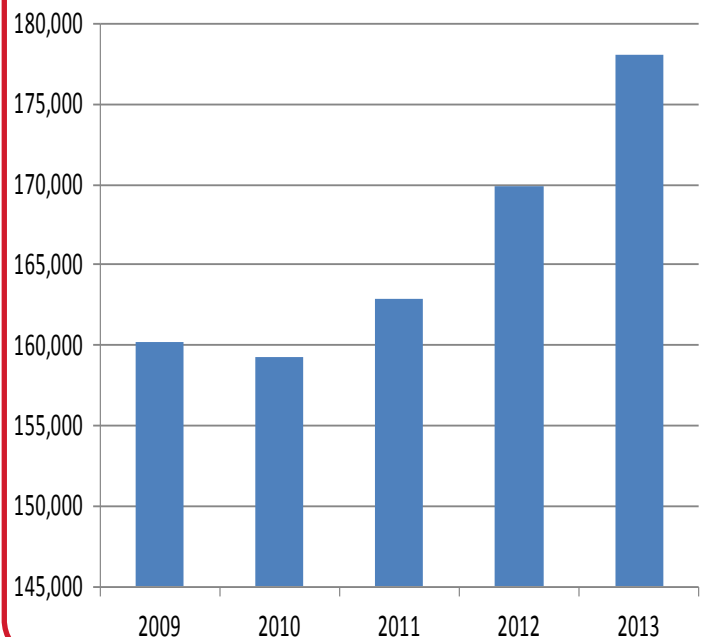
The FSR MSA consists of the following counties:  
Benton, Madison, Washington, and McDonald (in Missouri).

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Jan 13	Dec 12	Jan 12
Civilian Labor Force	233,250	234,650	228,425
Employment	219,450	222,700	214,175
Unemployment	13,800	11,950	14,250
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.1	6.2

### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January: 2009 - 2013



# Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Fort Smith MSA

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>
Total Nonfarm	115,700	116,900	115,500
Goods Producing	24,900	25,400	26,500
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>6,900</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>18,600</b>	<b>18,900</b>	<b>19,600</b>
Service Providing	90,800	91,500	89,000
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>24,800</b>	<b>25,100</b>	<b>24,100</b>
Wholesale Trade	4,100	4,100	4,100
Retail Trade	13,100	13,500	13,000
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	7,600	7,500	7,000
<b>Information</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>4,200</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>10,500</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>17,400</b>	<b>17,300</b>	<b>16,800</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>8,600</b>	<b>8,700</b>	<b>8,600</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>4,600</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>19,200</b>	<b>19,600</b>	<b>19,000</b>
Federal Government	1,600	1,600	1,600
State Government	2,800	3,200	2,800
Local Government	14,800	14,800	14,600

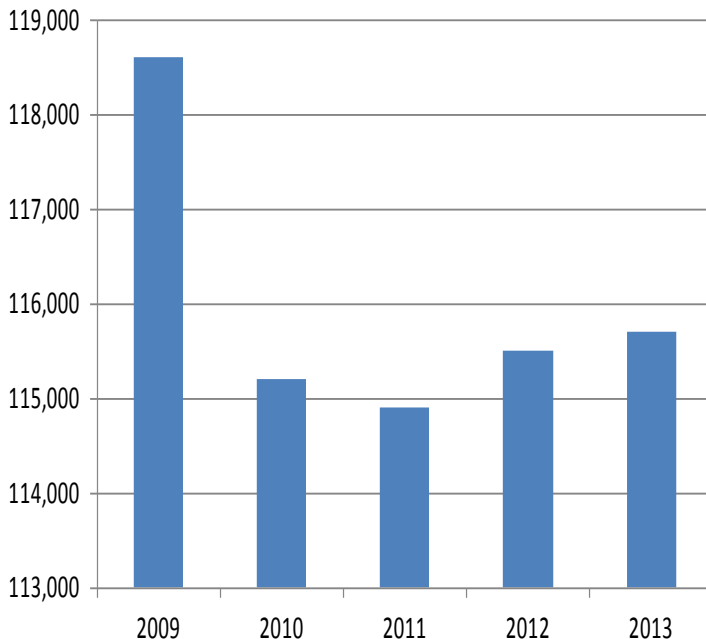
The FS MSA consists of the following counties: Crawford, Franklin, Sebastian, and LeFlore and Sequoyah (in Oklahoma).

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>
Civilian Labor Force	131,525	131,325	131,950
Employment	120,050	121,200	121,075
Unemployment	11,475	10,125	10,875
Unemployment Rate	8.7	7.7	8.2

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January: 2009 - 2013



## Hot Springs MSA

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>
Total Nonfarm	37,400	37,600	36,800
Goods Producing	4,100	4,200	4,000
Service Providing	33,300	33,400	32,800
Government	5,000	5,200	5,000

The HS MSA consists of the following county: Garland

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,000	41,275	41,775
Employment	37,575	38,250	38,250
Unemployment	3,425	3,025	3,525
Unemployment Rate	8.4	7.4	8.4

## Jonesboro MSA

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>
Total Nonfarm	51,600	52,400	50,600
Goods Producing	9,200	9,300	8,600
Service Providing	42,400	43,100	42,000
Government	8,900	9,000	8,800

The Jonesboro MSA consists of the following counties:

Craighead and Poinsett

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>
Civilian Labor Force	59,250	59,925	59,450
Employment	54,650	55,925	54,825
Unemployment	4,600	4,000	4,625
Unemployment Rate	7.8	6.7	7.7

## Pine Bluff MSA

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>
Total Nonfarm	35,600	36,400	36,800
Goods Producing	7,000	7,000	7,400
Service Providing	28,600	29,400	29,400
Government	10,500	10,800	10,900

The PB MSA consists of the following counties: Cleveland, Jefferson, and Lincoln

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,425	42,100	43,725
Employment	37,075	38,275	39,275
Unemployment	4,350	3,825	4,450
Unemployment Rate	10.5	9.0	10.2

# Civilian Labor Force Statistics

## State of Arkansas

(Seasonally Adjusted)

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,344,500	1,347,800	1,367,700	-3,300	-23,200	1,316,800	1,333,500	1,342,300	-16,700	-25,500
Employment	1,248,000	1,252,100	1,265,900	-4,100	-17,900	1,208,700	1,239,100	1,231,500	-30,400	-22,800
Unemployment	96,500	95,700	101,800	800	-5,300	108,100	94,400	110,800	13,700	-2,700
Unemployment Rate	7.2	7.1	7.4	0.1	-0.2	8.2	7.1	8.3	1.1	-0.1
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.9	7.8	8.3	0.1	-0.4	8.5	7.6	8.8	0.9	-0.3

## Out-of-State MSAs

### Memphis, Tennessee

	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>
Civilian Labor Force	609,525	619,975	609,700
Employment	550,550	566,075	551,150
Unemployment	58,975	53,900	58,550
Unemployment Rate	9.7	8.7	9.6

### Texarkana, Texas

	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,800	64,350	65,275
Employment	59,200	60,375	60,350
Unemployment	4,600	3,975	4,925
Unemployment Rate	7.2	6.2	7.6

Between December 2012 and January 2013, unemployment rates increased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 5.4 percent in Madison County to a high of 13.8 percent in Clay County.

In January, two counties enjoyed unemployment rates below six percent. Twenty-six counties posted rates above ten percent, up from thirteen counties in December.

Since January 2012, jobless rates are up in 41 counties. Twenty-nine counties are down over the year, while five remained the same.

## Unemployment Rates by County

<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Dec 12</u>	<u>Jan 12</u>
24	Arkansas	8.4	7.6	9.4	73	Lee	13.2	11.2	12.9
74	Ashley	13.6	11.7	15.1	44	Lincoln	9.7	8.0	10.7
36	Baxter	9.0	7.4	8.8	17	Little River	7.9	6.9	7.9
3	Benton	6.1	5.3	6.6	24	Logan	8.4	7.1	8.2
21	Boone	8.2	6.6	8.7	5	Lonoke	6.9	5.8	6.9
52	Bradley	10.5	8.8	12.1	1	Madison	5.4	4.5	6.3
51	Calhoun	10.4	8.3	9.9	38	Marion	9.1	7.6	9.6
10	Carroll	7.5	5.7	7.9	24	Miller	8.4	7.1	7.4
70	Chicot	12.6	10.6	12.7	60	Mississippi	11.2	9.6	11.0
54	Clark	10.6	8.4	11.3	48	Monroe	9.9	8.7	9.6
75	Clay	13.8	11.8	16.2	43	Montgomery	9.6	8.0	9.5
33	Cleburne	8.8	7.2	7.9	18	Nevada	8.0	6.5	8.4
21	Cleveland	8.2	6.8	7.7	33	Newton	8.8	8.0	8.3
41	Columbia	9.3	7.9	9.1	52	Ouachita	10.5	9.3	10.9
36	Conway	9.0	7.6	8.3	59	Perry	11.1	8.6	9.2
10	Craighead	7.5	6.3	7.4	71	Phillips	12.9	11.1	12.5
30	Crawford	8.7	7.7	8.3	44	Pike	9.7	8.2	10.1
63	Crittenden	11.8	11.0	13.3	38	Poinsett	9.1	8.2	9.3
48	Cross	9.9	8.5	9.3	30	Polk	8.7	7.4	9.0
57	Dallas	10.8	9.7	11.6	23	Pope	8.3	6.9	8.0
71	Desha	12.9	11.3	12.5	29	Prairie	8.5	7.2	8.2
66	Drew	12.1	10.3	12.8	8	Pulaski	7.1	6.3	7.2
14	Faulkner	7.7	6.5	7.3	60	Randolph	11.2	9.8	11.9
19	Franklin	8.1	6.9	7.5	67	St. Francis	12.3	10.6	12.2
13	Fulton	7.6	6.6	7.5	4	Saline	6.5	5.7	6.6
24	Garland	8.4	7.4	8.4	5	Scott	6.9	5.8	7.2
8	Grant	7.1	6.2	7.3	33	Searcy	8.8	7.7	8.6
46	Greene	9.8	8.6	10.4	24	Sebastian	8.4	7.6	7.9
15	Hempstead	7.8	7.1	8.1	30	Sevier	8.7	7.5	8.7
10	Hot Spring	7.5	6.4	7.4	62	Sharp	11.6	9.9	11.2
15	Howard	7.8	6.9	7.9	68	Stone	12.4	10.1	10.9
50	Independence	10.3	8.8	9.5	40	Union	9.2	8.2	9.9
42	Izard	9.5	8.0	9.2	54	Van Buren	10.6	9.4	10.0
63	Jackson	11.8	10.0	11.3	2	Washington	5.9	5.0	5.9
57	Jefferson	10.8	9.5	10.4	46	White	9.8	7.9	9.0
19	Johnson	8.1	6.3	7.5	68	Woodruff	12.4	11.1	12.3
63	Lafayette	11.8	10.2	10.2	7	Yell	7.0	5.5	6.6
54	Lawrence	10.6	8.7	10.4					

### Lowest Rates

<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>
1	Madison	5.4
2	Washington	5.9
3	Benton	6.1
4	Saline	6.5

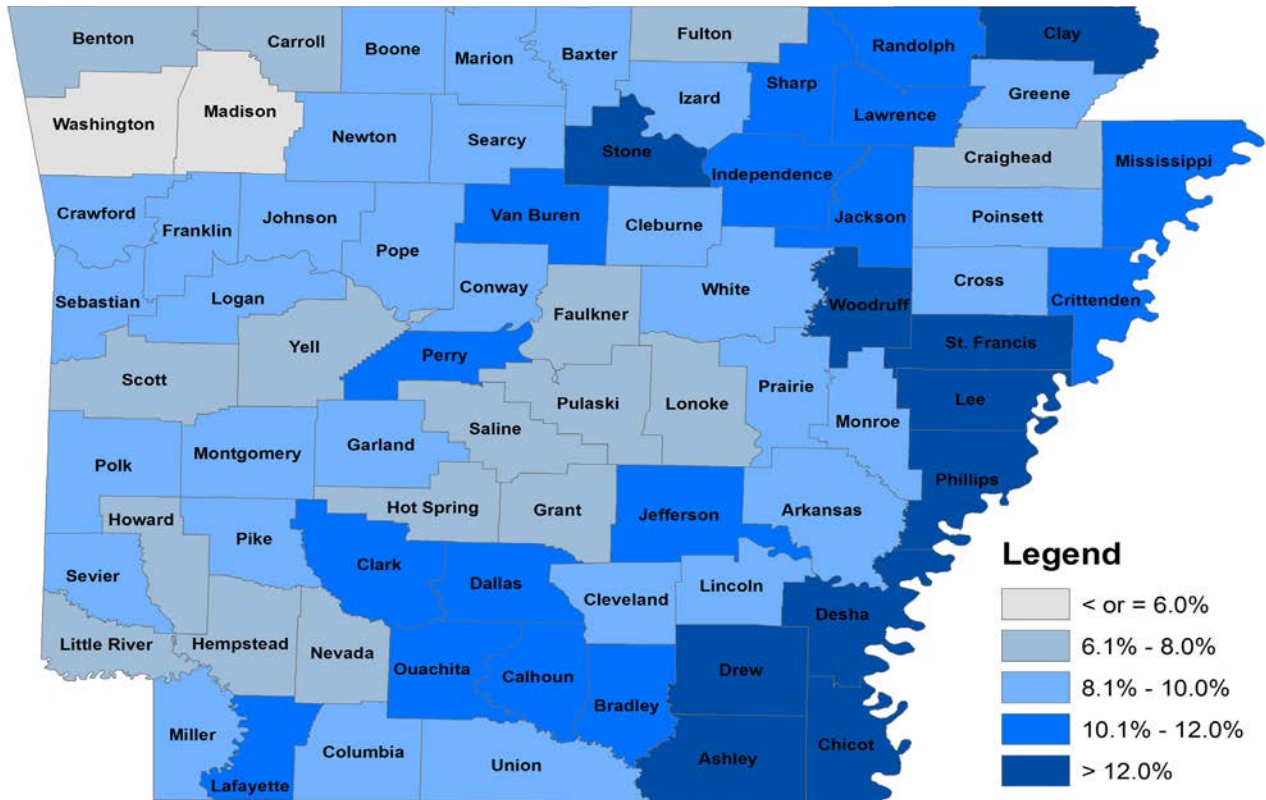
### Highest Rates

<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>
71	Desha	12.9
71	Phillips	12.9
73	Lee	13.2
74	Ashley	13.6
75	Clay	13.8



# Civilian Labor Force Statistics

For complete County Labor Force Statistics, please visit our website at [www.discover.arkansas.gov](http://www.discover.arkansas.gov)



## Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month's estimates are preliminary, while previous data are 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 collected for production workers in manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2012 benchmark.

### Explanation of Terms and Concepts

#### Monthly Business Survey of Employers

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Workforce Services. The data are based on establishment records and include all workers, full- or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th

of the month. Approximately 5,500 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

#### Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Management 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 survey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

#### Civilian Labor Force

The sum of all employed and unemployed 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 workers 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 seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

#### Unemployment Rate

The number of unemployed 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, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/closing of schools.

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