**Arkansas**

**Labor Market**

**Report**

**December 2016**



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Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bu- reau 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 num- ber 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 manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2015 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 5,000 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 unem- ployed. 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. Approxi- mately 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 dur- ing 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.

December Spotlight

The Year in Review

In 2016, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas ranged from a low of 1,209,200 in January to a high of 1,238,400 in November. Jobs steadily increased throughout the first half of the year. Seasonal declines occurred in the sum- mer, while job totals leveled off in the latter half of the year. Arkansas’ preliminary annual average nonfarm employment for 2016 was 1,227,800, notably higher than the 2015 average of 1,208,500.

1,300,000

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

January 2016 - December 2016

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

1,100,000

1,050,000

1,000,000

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In 2016, the number of employed Arkansans ranged from a low of 1,283,893 in January to a high of 1,310,283 in May. Seasonally adjusted employment expanded rapidly during the first few months of the year, before slowly declining throughout the second half of 2016. Similarly, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates declined sharply from a high of 4.4 percent in January to a low of 3.8 percent in May. Rates remained fairly stable throughout the second half of 2016.

1,315,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2016 - December 2016

4.5

**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2016 - December 2016

1,310,000

4.4

1,305,000

4.3

1,300,000

4.2

1,295,000

1,290,000

4.1

4.0

3.9

1,285,000

3.8

1,280,000

3.7

1,275,000

3.6

1,270,000

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3.5

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Civilian Labor Force Summar y

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemploy- ment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 4.0 percent in November to 3.9 percent in December. Arkansas’ civilian labor force decreased 6,702, a result of 5,357 fewer employed and 1,345 less unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, rising from 4.6 percent in November to 4.7 percent in December.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate declined to 3.9 percent in December, after starting the year at 4.4 percent. The unemployed rate steadily decreased in early 2016, before becoming fairly stable in the latter half of the year.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Dec 16**  1,343,243 | **Nov 16**  1,349,945 | **Dec 15**  1,336,983 | Civilian Labor Force | **Dec 16**  1,327,435 | **Nov 16**  1,339,966 | **Dec 15**  1,330,319 |
| Employment | 1,290,950 | 1,296,307 | 1,273,479 | Employment | 1,276,640 | 1,292,502 | 1,269,034 |
| Unemployment | 52,293 | 53,638 | 63,504 | Unemployment | 50,795 | 47,464 | 61,285 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.7 | Unemployment Rate | 3.8 | 3.5 | 4.6 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.0 | U.S. Unemployment | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.8 |

1,400,000

**Employment and Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)**

December: 2006 - 2016

Employment + Unemployment = Civilian Labor Force

1,350,000

1,300,000

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

1,100,000

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Employment Unemployment

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted



(In Thousands)

(NAICS)

**Dec 16 Nov 16 Dec 15**

**OTM OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Nonfarm | 1235.7 | 1238.4 | 1232.7 | -2.7 | 3.0 |
| Goods Producing | 207.9 | 209.5 | 212.1 | -1.6 | -4.2 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 54.8 | 55.5 | 57.0 | -0.7 | -2.2 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **6.5** | **6.4** | **7.5** | **0.1** | **-1.0** |
| **Construction** | **48.3** | **49.1** | **49.5** | **-0.8** | **-1.2** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 31.5 | 31.8 | 32.0 | -0.3 | -0.5 |
| **Manufacturing** | **153.1** | **154.0** | **155.1** | **-0.9** | **-2.0** |
| Durable Goods | 72.5 | 72.7 | 74.6 | -0.2 | -2.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 80.6 | 81.3 | 80.5 | -0.7 | 0.1 |
| Service Providing | 1027.8 | 1028.9 | 1020.6 | -1.1 | 7.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **259.2** | **256.9** | **262.4** | **2.3** | **-3.2** |
| Wholesale Trade | 47.7 | 47.4 | 48.1 | 0.3 | -0.4 |
| Retail Trade | 145.0 | 144.3 | 146.7 | 0.7 | -1.7 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 66.5 | 65.2 | 67.6 | 1.3 | -1.1 |
| I**nformation** | **13.5** | **13.6** | **13.8** | **-0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **50.3** | **50.3** | **49.6** | **0.0** | **0.7** |
| Finance & Insurance | 37.1 | 37.3 | 36.4 | -0.2 | 0.7 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.2 | 13.0 | 13.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **144.7** | **146.5** | **140.7** | **-1.8** | **4.0** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43.6 | 43.4 | 42.9 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| Management of Companies | 35.2 | 35.1 | 35.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 65.9 | 68.0 | 62.8 | -2.1 | 3.1 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **184.7** | **184.8** | **179.4** | **-0.1** | **5.3** |
| Educational Services | 15.5 | 15.9 | 15.3 | -0.4 | 0.2 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 169.2 | 168.9 | 164.1 | 0.3 | 5.1 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 53.1 | 52.9 | 52.6 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Social Assistance | 40.9 | 40.6 | 40.0 | 0.3 | 0.9 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 112.4 113.2 112.2 -0.8 0.2** | | | | | |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 102.9 | 103.7 | 103.0 | -0.8 | -0.1 |
| Accommodation Services | 10.9 | 11.4 | 10.9 | -0.5 | 0.0 |
| Food Services | 92.0 | 92.3 | 92.1 | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| **Other Services** | **45.4** | **44.9** | **45.0** | **0.5** | **0.4** |
| **Government** | **217.6** | **218.7** | **217.5** | **-1.1** | **0.1** |
| Federal Government | 21.0 | 20.7 | 20.6 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| State Government | 80.4 | 81.2 | 79.8 | -0.8 | 0.6 |
| Local Government | 116.2 | 116.8 | 117.1 | -0.6 | -0.9 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summar y

November 2016 - December 2016

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment decreased 2,700 in December to total 1,235,700. The losses posted in seven major industry sectors were largely seasonal and offset the gains reported in three sec- tors. Jobs in **professional and business services** fell 1,800. All declines occurred in administrative and support services (-2,100), a subsector that includes seasonal activities such as landscaping. Employ- ment in **government** decreased 1,100. Expected losses were reported in state (-800) and local (-600) government, related to the winter break at public educational facilities. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 2,300 jobs. Gains were posted in all subsectors, as the holiday shopping season trig- gered seasonal hiring across the industry.

December 2015 - December 2016

Compared to December 2015, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 3,000. Six major industry sectors reported employment gains, while five sectors declined. Jobs in **educational and health services** in- creased 5,300, mostly in health care and social assistance (+5,100). **Professional and business services** added 4,000 jobs. Most of the growth was posted in administrative and support services (+3,100), a sector that includes employment services. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** fell 3,200, with the largest drop seen in retail trade (-1,700). Jobs in **manufacturing** decreased 2,000. All losses were in durable goods manufacturing (-2,100).

1,260,000

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

January 2014 - December 2016

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

1,180,000

1,160,000

1,140,000

1,120,000

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2014 2015 2016

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

**Dec 16 Nov 16**

**Dec 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

39.9

15.82

631.22

40.4

15.61

630.64

40.6

16.47

668.68

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Dec 16 Nov 16**

**Dec 15**

**Dec 16 Nov 16**

**Dec 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

42.1

17.75

747.28

41.9

17.28

724.03

41.0

17.85

731.85

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

38.0

13.91

528.58

39.1

14.04

548.96

40.3

15.15

610.55

700.00

**Average Weekly Earnings: Manufacturing**

December: 2006 - 2016

650.00

600.00

550.00

500.00

450.00

400.00

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Little Rock-Nor th 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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 16** | **Nov 16** | **Dec 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 347,075 | 350,212 | 345,303 | -3,137 | 1,772 |
| Employment | 335,465 | 339,039 | 331,332 | -3,574 | 4,133 |
| Unemployment | 11,610 | 11,173 | 13,971 | 437 | -2,361 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.3 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 0.1 | -0.7 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Dec 16**  357.5 | **Nov 16**  357.5 | **Dec 15**  355.1 | **OTM**  0.0 | **OT Y**  2.4 |
| Goods Producing | 35.8 | 35.7 | 37.1 | 0.1 | -1.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **15.5** | **15.4** | **16.6** | **0.1** | **-1.1** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.3** | **20.3** | **20.5** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| Service Providing 321.7 321.8 318.0 -0.1 3.7 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **72.7** | **71.5** | **72.0** | **1.2** | **0.7** |
| Wholesale Trade | 15.2 | 15.1 | 15.3 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 41.9 | 41.2 | 41.6 | 0.7 | 0.3 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 15.6 | 15.2 | 15.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| **Information** | **6.0** | **6.1** | **6.4** | **-0.1** | **-0.4** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.8** | **20.7** | **20.8** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **48.3** | **49.2** | **46.3** | **-0.9** | **2.0** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **53.3** | **53.0** | **52.7** | **0.3** | **0.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **33.5** | **34.1** | **33.2** | **-0.6** | **0.3** |
| **Other Services** | **15.2** | **15.2** | **15.0** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **71.9** | **72.0** | **71.6** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| Federal Government | 10.2 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| State Government | 35.2 | 35.4 | 34.9 | -0.2 | 0.3 |
| Local Government | 26.5 | 26.7 | 26.9 | -0.2 | -0.4 |

5.0

**Unemployment Rates**

January 2016 - December 2016

370,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2014 - December 2016

4.5

365,000

4.0

360,000

355,000

3.5

350,000

3.0

345,000

2.5

340,000

2.0

335,000

1.5

1.0

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330,000

325,000

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2014 2015 2016

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA



The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA= Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas & McDonald county in Missouri.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 16** | **Nov 16** | **Dec 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 257,783 | 262,192 | 256,898 | -4,409 | 885 |
| Employment | 250,889 | 255,457 | 248,805 | -4,568 | 2,084 |
| Unemployment | 6,894 | 6,735 | 8,093 | 159 | -1,199 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.7 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 0.1 | -0.5 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Dec 16**  244.6 | **Nov 16**  246.4 | **Dec 15**  243.0 | **OTM**  -1.8 | **OT Y**  1.6 |
| Goods Producing | 36.0 | 36.3 | 36.7 | -0.3 | -0.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **10.2** | **10.3** | **10.0** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing** | **25.8** | **26.0** | **26.7** | **-0.2** | **-0.9** |
| Service Providing 208.6 210.1 206.3 -1.5 2.3 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **55.5** | **55.4** | **56.4** | **0.1** | **-0.9** |
| Wholesale Trade | 12.3 | 12.3 | 12.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Retail Trade | 26.4 | 26.4 | 27.6 | 0.0 | -1.2 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 16.8 | 16.7 | 16.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Information** | **2.0** | **2.0** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **7.1** | **7.0** | **6.9** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **50.8** | **51.1** | **48.6** | **-0.3** | **2.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **27.5** | **27.5** | **26.4** | **0.0** | **1.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **22.8** | **23.7** | **24.5** | **-0.9** | **-1.7** |
| **Other Services** | **7.4** | **7.4** | **7.2** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **35.5** | **36.0** | **34.3** | **-0.5** | **1.2** |
| Federal Government | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 13.8 | 14.5 | 13.0 | -0.7 | 0.8 |
| Local Government | 19.0 | 18.9 | 18.7 | 0.1 | 0.3 |

54,000

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services**

December 2014 - December 2016

52,000

50,000

48,000

46,000

44,000

42,000

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 40,000 |  | | | | | | | | |
|  | Dec | Mar | Ju n | Sep | Dec | Mar | Ju n | Sep | Dec |
|  | '14 | '15 | '15 | '15 | '15 | '16 | '16 | '16 | '16 |

For t Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA= Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 16** | **Nov 16** | **Dec 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 119,996 | 121,220 | 120,607 | -1,224 | -611 |
| Employment | 114,789 | 116,075 | 114,470 | -1,286 | 319 |
| Unemployment | 5,207 | 5,145 | 6,137 | 62 | -930 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.3 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 0.1 | -0.8 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Dec 16**  114.3 | **Nov 16**  114.6 | **Dec 15**  114.2 | **OTM**  -0.3 | **OT Y**  0.1 |
| Goods Producing | 23.3 | 23.4 | 23.8 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.5** | **5.6** | **6.0** | **-0.1** | **-0.5** |
| **Manufacturing** | **17.8** | **17.8** | **17.8** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| Service Providing 91.0 91.2 90.4 -0.2 0.6 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **24.2** | **24.2** | **24.4** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| Wholesale Trade | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Retail Trade | 13.5 | 13.5 | 13.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 6.5 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| **Information** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.7** | **3.7** | **3.7** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **12.1** | **12.2** | **12.1** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.9** | **16.8** | **16.7** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.3** | **9.5** | **9.1** | **-0.2** | **0.2** |
| **Other Services** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **19.3** | **19.3** | **18.9** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| Federal Government | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Local Government | 14.7 | 14.7 | 14.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 |

120,000

**Number of Employed**

January 2015 - December 2016

92,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

December: 2006 - 2016

119,000

91,000

118,000

90,000

117,000

89,000

116,000

88,000

115,000

87,000

114,000

113,000

86,000

85,000

112,000

84,000

111,000

83,000

110,000

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

2015 2016

82,000

81,000

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 16** | **Nov 16** | **Dec 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 39,692 | 39,968 | 39,554 | -276 | 138 |
| Employment | 37,970 | 38,354 | 37,547 | -384 | 423 |
| Unemployment | 1,722 | 1,614 | 2,007 | 108 | -285 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.3 | 4.0 | 5.1 | 0.3 | -0.8 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 16** | **Nov 16** | **Dec 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 37.9 | 37.9 | 37.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 33.4 | 33.4 | 33.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

45,000

**Number of Employed and Unemployed**

January 2016 - December 2016

Employment + Unemployment = Civilian Labor Force

43,000

41,000

39,000

37,000

35,000

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

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 16** | **Nov 16** | **Dec 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 62,577 | 62,880 | 61,309 | -303 | 1,268 |
| Employment | 60,594 | 61,031 | 58,789 | -437 | 1,805 |
| Unemployment | 1,983 | 1,849 | 2,520 | 134 | -537 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.2 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 0.3 | -0.9 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 16** | **Nov 16** | **Dec 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 57.3 | 57.0 | 55.5 | 0.3 | 1.8 |
| 9.2 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| 48.1 | 47.8 | 46.6 | 0.3 | 1.5 |
| 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

49,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2014 - December 2016

48,000

47,000

46,000

45,000

44,000

43,000

42,000

41,000

40,000

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2014 2015 2016

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 16** | **Nov 16** | **Dec 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 35,330 | 35,692 | 36,518 | -362 | -1,188 |
| Employment | 33,501 | 34,017 | 34,213 | -516 | -712 |
| Unemployment | 1,829 | 1,675 | 2,305 | 154 | -476 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.2 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 0.5 | -1.1 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 16** | **Nov 16** | **Dec 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.4 | 33.5 | 34.1 | -0.1 | -0.7 |
| 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| 27.5 | 27.6 | 27.9 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

36,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

December 2013 - December 2016

35,500

35,000

34,500

34,000

33,500

33,000

32,500

32,000

31,500

31,000

Dec '13 Jun '14 Dec '14 Jun '15 Dec '15 Jun '16 Dec '16

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.

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|  | **Dec 16** | **Nov 16** | **Dec 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 627,221 | 628,465 | 618,741 | -1,244 | 8,480 |
| Employment | 593,826 | 596,786 | 581,040 | -2,960 | 12,786 |
| Unemployment | 33,395 | 31,679 | 37,701 | 1,716 | -4,306 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.3 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 0.3 | -0.8 |

Texarkana MSA

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

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|  | **Dec 16** | **Nov 16** | **Dec 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 64,741 | 65,015 | 64,888 | -274 | -147 |
| Employment | 61,741 | 62,188 | 61,976 | -447 | -235 |
| Unemployment | 3,000 | 2,827 | 2,912 | 173 | 88 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 |

70,000

**Unemployment- Memphis MSA**

December: 2006 - 2016

8.0

**Unemployment Rates- Texarkana MSA**

December: 1996 - 2016

60,000

7.0

50,000

6.0

40,000

5.0

4.0

30,000

3.0

20,000

2.0

10,000

1.0

0

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

0.0

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**December 2016 November 2016 December 2015**

**Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp**

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**CLF Emp Unemp**

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**CLF Emp Unemp**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,600 | 9,218 | 382 | 4.0 | 9,676 | 9,322 | 354 | 3.7 | 9,515 | 9,087 | 428 | 4.5 |
| Batesville Micro | 15,965 | 15,203 | 762 | 4.8 | 15,948 | 15,260 | 688 | 4.3 | 15,587 | 14,584 | 1,003 | 6.4 |
| Blytheville Micro | 18,408 | 17,136 | 1,272 | 6.9 | 18,463 | 17,414 | 1,049 | 5.7 | 18,054 | 16,702 | 1,352 | 7.5 |
| Camden Micro | 12,114 | 11,560 | 554 | 4.6 | 12,177 | 11,640 | 537 | 4.4 | 12,168 | 11,433 | 735 | 6.0 |
| El Dorado Micro | 16,192 | 15,332 | 860 | 5.3 | 16,239 | 15,445 | 794 | 4.9 | 16,659 | 15,708 | 951 | 5.7 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,754 | 8,324 | 430 | 4.9 | 8,810 | 8,400 | 410 | 4.7 | 8,888 | 8,288 | 600 | 6.8 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,403 | 18,682 | 721 | 3.7 | 19,465 | 18,826 | 639 | 3.3 | 18,975 | 18,125 | 850 | 4.5 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,605 | 6,228 | 377 | 5.7 | 6,634 | 6,296 | 338 | 5.1 | 6,885 | 6,373 | 512 | 7.4 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,234 | 8,693 | 541 | 5.9 | 9,296 | 8,810 | 486 | 5.2 | 9,512 | 8,905 | 607 | 6.4 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,087 | 13,574 | 513 | 3.6 | 14,174 | 13,681 | 493 | 3.5 | 14,297 | 13,635 | 662 | 4.6 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 15,938 | 15,215 | 723 | 4.5 | 16,037 | 15,401 | 636 | 4.0 | 16,302 | 15,447 | 855 | 5.2 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,721 | 18,856 | 865 | 4.4 | 19,805 | 19,022 | 783 | 4.0 | 20,119 | 19,135 | 984 | 4.9 |
| Russellville Micro | 38,001 | 36,345 | 1,656 | 4.4 | 38,326 | 36,825 | 1,501 | 3.9 | 38,715 | 36,729 | 1,986 | 5.1 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,834 | 32,237 | 1,597 | 4.7 | 34,013 | 32,547 | 1,466 | 4.3 | 34,282 | 32,253 | 2,029 | 5.9 |

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 Magnolia Micro= Columbia County

Malvern Micro= Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro= Baxter County Paragould Micro= Greene County Russellville Micro= Pope & Yell counties Searcy Micro= White County

City Labor Force Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**December 2016 November 2016 December 2015**

**City CLF Emp Unemp**

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| Bella Vista | 11,856 | 11,465 | 391 | 3.3 | 12,050 | 11,675 | 375 | 3.1 | 11,814 | 11,352 | 462 | 3.9 |
| Benton | 15,975 | 15,485 | 490 | 3.1 | 16,126 | 15,647 | 479 | 3.0 | 15,877 | 15,280 | 597 | 3.8 |
| Bentonville | 22,067 | 21,549 | 518 | 2.3 | 22,460 | 21,944 | 516 | 2.3 | 22,062 | 21,336 | 726 | 3.3 |
| Blytheville | 6,352 | 5,851 | 501 | 7.9 | 6,307 | 5,945 | 362 | 5.7 | 6,208 | 5,702 | 506 | 8.2 |
| Cabot | 11,600 | 11,268 | 332 | 2.9 | 11,731 | 11,400 | 331 | 2.8 | 11,571 | 11,184 | 387 | 3.3 |
| Conway | 32,674 | 31,538 | 1,136 | 3.5 | 32,966 | 31,873 | 1,093 | 3.3 | 32,453 | 31,164 | 1,289 | 4.0 |
| El Dorado | 7,027 | 6,612 | 415 | 5.9 | 7,039 | 6,660 | 379 | 5.4 | 7,213 | 6,774 | 439 | 6.1 |
| Fayetteville | 44,872 | 43,736 | 1,136 | 2.5 | 45,650 | 44,530 | 1,120 | 2.5 | 44,637 | 43,302 | 1,335 | 3.0 |
| Fort Smith | 39,438 | 38,067 | 1,371 | 3.5 | 39,848 | 38,550 | 1,298 | 3.3 | 39,603 | 37,830 | 1,773 | 4.5 |
| Hot Springs | 13,869 | 13,199 | 670 | 4.8 | 13,939 | 13,332 | 607 | 4.4 | 13,834 | 13,052 | 782 | 5.7 |
| Jacksonville | 11,712 | 11,229 | 483 | 4.1 | 11,840 | 11,346 | 494 | 4.2 | 11,661 | 11,079 | 582 | 5.0 |
| Jonesboro | 36,434 | 35,359 | 1,075 | 3.0 | 36,617 | 35,598 | 1,019 | 2.8 | 35,606 | 34,234 | 1,372 | 3.9 |
| Little Rock | 95,852 | 92,706 | 3,146 | 3.3 | 96,756 | 93,675 | 3,081 | 3.2 | 95,289 | 91,465 | 3,824 | 4.0 |
| North Little Rock | 29,840 | 28,760 | 1,080 | 3.6 | 30,082 | 29,061 | 1,021 | 3.4 | 29,691 | 28,375 | 1,316 | 4.4 |
| Paragould | 12,307 | 11,740 | 567 | 4.6 | 12,358 | 11,844 | 514 | 4.2 | 12,558 | 11,914 | 644 | 5.1 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,797 | 15,836 | 961 | 5.7 | 16,983 | 16,074 | 909 | 5.4 | 17,371 | 16,136 | 1,235 | 7.1 |
| Rogers | 32,774 | 31,858 | 916 | 2.8 | 33,316 | 32,441 | 875 | 2.6 | 32,572 | 31,542 | 1,030 | 3.2 |
| Russellville | 13,523 | 12,973 | 550 | 4.1 | 13,619 | 13,136 | 483 | 3.5 | 13,750 | 13,076 | 674 | 4.9 |
| Searcy | 10,306 | 9,935 | 371 | 3.6 | 10,393 | 10,030 | 363 | 3.5 | 10,444 | 9,940 | 504 | 4.8 |
| Sherwood | 15,412 | 14,958 | 454 | 2.9 | 15,522 | 15,114 | 408 | 2.6 | 15,255 | 14,758 | 497 | 3.3 |
| Springdale | 37,540 | 36,632 | 908 | 2.4 | 38,210 | 37,298 | 912 | 2.4 | 37,377 | 36,268 | 1,109 | 3.0 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,600 | 13,004 | 596 | 4.4 | 13,720 | 13,149 | 571 | 4.2 | 13,684 | 13,022 | 662 | 4.8 |
| Van Buren | 10,257 | 9,929 | 328 | 3.2 | 10,385 | 10,061 | 324 | 3.1 | 10,378 | 9,891 | 487 | 4.7 |
| West Memphis | 10,775 | 10,213 | 562 | 5.2 | 10,829 | 10,293 | 536 | 4.9 | 10,673 | 10,116 | 557 | 5.2 |

**December 2016 November 2016 December 2015**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

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| Arkansas | 9,247 | 8,932 | 315 | 3.4 | 9,313 | 8,999 | 314 | 3.4 | 9,409 | 9,026 | 383 | 4.1 |
| Ashley | 7,897 | 7,356 | 541 | 6.9 | 7,921 | 7,462 | 459 | 5.8 | 8,182 | 7,622 | 560 | 6.8 |
| Baxter | 15,938 | 15,215 | 723 | 4.5 | 16,037 | 15,401 | 636 | 4.0 | 16,302 | 15,447 | 855 | 5.2 |
| Benton | 122,684 | 119,283 | 3,401 | 2.8 | 124,774 | 121,467 | 3,307 | 2.7 | 122,122 | 118,102 | 4,020 | 3.3 |
| Boone | 15,971 | 15,401 | 570 | 3.6 | 16,035 | 15,516 | 519 | 3.2 | 15,607 | 14,915 | 692 | 4.4 |
| Bradley | 4,545 | 4,306 | 239 | 5.3 | 4,551 | 4,335 | 216 | 4.7 | 4,625 | 4,393 | 232 | 5.0 |
| Calhoun | 2,321 | 2,226 | 95 | 4.1 | 2,335 | 2,248 | 87 | 3.7 | 2,358 | 2,226 | 132 | 5.6 |
| Carroll | 12,938 | 12,445 | 493 | 3.8 | 13,063 | 12,660 | 403 | 3.1 | 12,431 | 11,836 | 595 | 4.8 |
| Chicot | 3,514 | 3,264 | 250 | 7.1 | 3,534 | 3,319 | 215 | 6.1 | 3,666 | 3,375 | 291 | 7.9 |
| Clark | 9,600 | 9,218 | 382 | 4.0 | 9,676 | 9,322 | 354 | 3.7 | 9,515 | 9,087 | 428 | 4.5 |
| Clay | 5,936 | 5,599 | 337 | 5.7 | 5,989 | 5,703 | 286 | 4.8 | 6,346 | 5,889 | 457 | 7.2 |
| Cleburne | 9,355 | 8,854 | 501 | 5.4 | 9,444 | 8,972 | 472 | 5.0 | 9,502 | 8,871 | 631 | 6.6 |
| Cleveland | 3,298 | 3,149 | 149 | 4.5 | 3,336 | 3,201 | 135 | 4.0 | 3,409 | 3,240 | 169 | 5.0 |
| Columbia | 9,234 | 8,693 | 541 | 5.9 | 9,296 | 8,810 | 486 | 5.2 | 9,512 | 8,905 | 607 | 6.4 |
| Conway | 8,323 | 7,893 | 430 | 5.2 | 8,370 | 7,955 | 415 | 5.0 | 8,607 | 8,108 | 499 | 5.8 |
| Craighead | 52,125 | 50,573 | 1,552 | 3.0 | 52,372 | 50,915 | 1,457 | 2.8 | 50,943 | 48,964 | 1,979 | 3.9 |
| Crawford | 26,459 | 25,519 | 940 | 3.6 | 26,760 | 25,858 | 902 | 3.4 | 26,703 | 25,423 | 1,280 | 4.8 |
| Crittenden | 21,663 | 20,694 | 969 | 4.5 | 21,766 | 20,857 | 909 | 4.2 | 21,608 | 20,497 | 1,111 | 5.1 |
| Cross | 7,950 | 7,583 | 367 | 4.6 | 7,991 | 7,663 | 328 | 4.1 | 8,065 | 7,625 | 440 | 5.5 |
| Dallas | 2,916 | 2,783 | 133 | 4.6 | 2,954 | 2,824 | 130 | 4.4 | 2,896 | 2,718 | 178 | 6.1 |
| Desha | 5,442 | 5,144 | 298 | 5.5 | 5,527 | 5,263 | 264 | 4.8 | 5,575 | 5,197 | 378 | 6.8 |
| Drew | 8,084 | 7,648 | 436 | 5.4 | 8,073 | 7,673 | 400 | 5.0 | 8,118 | 7,619 | 499 | 6.1 |
| Faulkner | 59,654 | 57,559 | 2,095 | 3.5 | 60,162 | 58,171 | 1,991 | 3.3 | 59,442 | 56,876 | 2,566 | 4.3 |
| Franklin | 7,230 | 6,957 | 273 | 3.8 | 7,284 | 7,027 | 257 | 3.5 | 7,390 | 7,042 | 348 | 4.7 |
| Fulton | 4,650 | 4,454 | 196 | 4.2 | 4,681 | 4,501 | 180 | 3.8 | 4,803 | 4,566 | 237 | 4.9 |
| Garland | 39,692 | 37,970 | 1,722 | 4.3 | 39,968 | 38,354 | 1,614 | 4.0 | 39,554 | 37,547 | 2,007 | 5.1 |
| Grant | 8,275 | 7,989 | 286 | 3.5 | 8,353 | 8,085 | 268 | 3.2 | 8,289 | 7,928 | 361 | 4.4 |
| Greene | 19,721 | 18,856 | 865 | 4.4 | 19,805 | 19,022 | 783 | 4.0 | 20,119 | 19,135 | 984 | 4.9 |
| Hempstead | 9,890 | 9,518 | 372 | 3.8 | 9,959 | 9,621 | 338 | 3.4 | 9,795 | 9,359 | 436 | 4.5 |
| Hot Spring | 14,087 | 13,574 | 513 | 3.6 | 14,174 | 13,681 | 493 | 3.5 | 14,297 | 13,635 | 662 | 4.6 |
| Howard | 5,768 | 5,586 | 182 | 3.2 | 5,828 | 5,651 | 177 | 3.0 | 5,826 | 5,593 | 233 | 4.0 |
| Independence | 15,965 | 15,203 | 762 | 4.8 | 15,948 | 15,260 | 688 | 4.3 | 15,587 | 14,584 | 1,003 | 6.4 |
| Izard | 5,034 | 4,749 | 285 | 5.7 | 5,061 | 4,805 | 256 | 5.1 | 5,039 | 4,700 | 339 | 6.7 |
| Jackson | 6,034 | 5,641 | 393 | 6.5 | 6,073 | 5,745 | 328 | 5.4 | 6,157 | 5,726 | 431 | 7.0 |
| Jefferson | 28,025 | 26,529 | 1,496 | 5.3 | 28,289 | 26,927 | 1,362 | 4.8 | 28,922 | 27,031 | 1,891 | 6.5 |
| Johnson | 10,517 | 10,045 | 472 | 4.5 | 10,586 | 10,156 | 430 | 4.1 | 10,505 | 9,960 | 545 | 5.2 |
| Lafayette | 2,615 | 2,468 | 147 | 5.6 | 2,644 | 2,503 | 141 | 5.3 | 2,660 | 2,475 | 185 | 7.0 |
| Lawrence | 6,969 | 6,679 | 290 | 4.2 | 7,045 | 6,784 | 261 | 3.7 | 7,069 | 6,698 | 371 | 5.2 |
| Lee | 3,073 | 2,926 | 147 | 4.8 | 3,107 | 2,972 | 135 | 4.3 | 3,215 | 3,023 | 192 | 6.0 |
| Lincoln | 4,007 | 3,823 | 184 | 4.6 | 4,067 | 3,889 | 178 | 4.4 | 4,187 | 3,942 | 245 | 5.9 |
| Little River | 5,603 | 5,347 | 256 | 4.6 | 5,657 | 5,410 | 247 | 4.4 | 5,643 | 5,354 | 289 | 5.1 |
| Logan | 9,042 | 8,680 | 362 | 4.0 | 9,108 | 8,761 | 347 | 3.8 | 9,189 | 8,711 | 478 | 5.2 |
| Lonoke | 32,986 | 31,933 | 1,053 | 3.2 | 33,333 | 32,309 | 1,024 | 3.1 | 32,944 | 31,696 | 1,248 | 3.8 |
| Madison | 7,240 | 7,024 | 216 | 3.0 | 7,373 | 7,169 | 204 | 2.8 | 7,318 | 7,070 | 248 | 3.4 |
| Marion | 6,511 | 6,231 | 280 | 4.3 | 6,554 | 6,308 | 246 | 3.8 | 6,466 | 6,145 | 321 | 5.0 |
| Miller | 19,648 | 18,828 | 820 | 4.2 | 19,822 | 19,038 | 784 | 4.0 | 19,781 | 18,853 | 928 | 4.7 |

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**County CLF Emp Unemp**

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| Mississippi | 18,408 | 17,136 | 1,272 | 6.9 | 18,463 | 17,414 | 1,049 | 5.7 | 18,054 | 16,702 | 1,352 | 7.5 |
| Monroe | 2,795 | 2,639 | 156 | 5.6 | 2,801 | 2,665 | 136 | 4.9 | 2,944 | 2,767 | 177 | 6.0 |
| Montgomery | 2,840 | 2,673 | 167 | 5.9 | 2,889 | 2,747 | 142 | 4.9 | 3,227 | 3,016 | 211 | 6.5 |
| Nevada | 3,676 | 3,550 | 126 | 3.4 | 3,702 | 3,582 | 120 | 3.2 | 3,629 | 3,467 | 162 | 4.5 |
| Newton | 3,432 | 3,281 | 151 | 4.4 | 3,430 | 3,310 | 120 | 3.5 | 3,368 | 3,210 | 158 | 4.7 |
| Ouachita | 9,793 | 9,334 | 459 | 4.7 | 9,842 | 9,392 | 450 | 4.6 | 9,810 | 9,207 | 603 | 6.1 |
| Perry | 4,193 | 4,007 | 186 | 4.4 | 4,230 | 4,053 | 177 | 4.2 | 4,229 | 3,982 | 247 | 5.8 |
| Phillips | 6,605 | 6,228 | 377 | 5.7 | 6,634 | 6,296 | 338 | 5.1 | 6,885 | 6,373 | 512 | 7.4 |
| Pike | 4,150 | 3,972 | 178 | 4.3 | 4,202 | 4,029 | 173 | 4.1 | 4,147 | 3,927 | 220 | 5.3 |
| Poinsett | 10,452 | 10,021 | 431 | 4.1 | 10,508 | 10,116 | 392 | 3.7 | 10,366 | 9,825 | 541 | 5.2 |
| Polk | 8,212 | 7,807 | 405 | 4.9 | 8,257 | 7,899 | 358 | 4.3 | 8,370 | 7,924 | 446 | 5.3 |
| Pope | 29,165 | 27,870 | 1,295 | 4.4 | 29,377 | 28,221 | 1,156 | 3.9 | 29,646 | 28,093 | 1,553 | 5.2 |
| Prairie | 3,607 | 3,473 | 134 | 3.7 | 3,650 | 3,523 | 127 | 3.5 | 3,786 | 3,613 | 173 | 4.6 |
| Pulaski | 186,586 | 180,263 | 6,323 | 3.4 | 188,238 | 182,147 | 6,091 | 3.2 | 185,388 | 177,849 | 7,539 | 4.1 |
| Randolph | 6,478 | 6,163 | 315 | 4.9 | 6,512 | 6,241 | 271 | 4.2 | 6,110 | 5,719 | 391 | 6.4 |
| St. Francis | 8,754 | 8,324 | 430 | 4.9 | 8,810 | 8,400 | 410 | 4.7 | 8,888 | 8,288 | 600 | 6.8 |
| Saline | 55,381 | 53,714 | 1,667 | 3.0 | 55,896 | 54,274 | 1,622 | 2.9 | 55,011 | 53,001 | 2,010 | 3.7 |
| Scott | 4,415 | 4,270 | 145 | 3.3 | 4,456 | 4,316 | 140 | 3.1 | 4,550 | 4,364 | 186 | 4.1 |
| Searcy | 3,053 | 2,903 | 150 | 4.9 | 3,069 | 2,942 | 127 | 4.1 | 3,077 | 2,920 | 157 | 5.1 |
| Sebastian | 56,723 | 54,746 | 1,977 | 3.5 | 57,350 | 55,440 | 1,910 | 3.3 | 57,000 | 54,405 | 2,595 | 4.6 |
| Sevier | 5,648 | 5,374 | 274 | 4.9 | 5,716 | 5,449 | 267 | 4.7 | 5,627 | 5,305 | 322 | 5.7 |
| Sharp | 6,003 | 5,665 | 338 | 5.6 | 6,041 | 5,740 | 301 | 5.0 | 5,954 | 5,562 | 392 | 6.6 |
| Stone | 4,698 | 4,431 | 267 | 5.7 | 4,752 | 4,518 | 234 | 4.9 | 4,632 | 4,344 | 288 | 6.2 |
| Union | 16,192 | 15,332 | 860 | 5.3 | 16,239 | 15,445 | 794 | 4.9 | 16,659 | 15,708 | 951 | 5.7 |
| Van Buren | 5,878 | 5,502 | 376 | 6.4 | 5,948 | 5,598 | 350 | 5.9 | 6,456 | 6,023 | 433 | 6.7 |
| Washington | 117,002 | 114,115 | 2,887 | 2.5 | 119,015 | 116,186 | 2,829 | 2.4 | 116,419 | 112,981 | 3,438 | 3.0 |
| White | 33,834 | 32,237 | 1,597 | 4.7 | 34,013 | 32,547 | 1,466 | 4.3 | 34,282 | 32,253 | 2,029 | 5.9 |
| Woodruff | 2,949 | 2,786 | 163 | 5.5 | 2,978 | 2,837 | 141 | 4.7 | 3,036 | 2,838 | 198 | 6.5 |
| Yell | 8,836 | 8,475 | 361 | 4.1 | 8,949 | 8,604 | 345 | 3.9 | 9,069 | 8,636 | 433 | 4.8 |

County Labor Force Summar y

Between November and December, unemployment rates increased in 74 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Arkansas County was unchanged over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.5 percent in Washington County to a high of 7.1 percent in Chicot County.

In December, twenty-three counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. This is down from 36 counties at or below four percent in November. For the sixth month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to December 2015, unemployment rates are down in 73 Arkansas counties. Ashley

and Bradley counties both posted small over-the-year increases.

Benton

Washington

Carroll

Madison

Boone

Newton

Marion

Searcy

Baxter

Stone

Fulton

Izard

Sharp

Randolph

Lawrence

Clay

Greene

Craighead

Mississippi

Independence

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Crawford |  |
|  | Franklin |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Johnson | Van | Buren Cleburne | Jackson |
|  | Pope |  |  |

Poinsett

Sebastian

Scott

Logan

Yell

Conway

Perry

Saline

Faulkner

Pulaski

White

Lonoke

Prairie

Woodruff

Monroe

Cross

St. Francis

Lee

Crittenden

Polk

Howard

Sevier

Little River

Montgomery

Pike

Hempstead

Garland

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Nevada

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

Desha

Phillips

Unemployment Rates

< or = 3.0%

Miller

Lafayette

Ouachita

Columbia

Calhoun

Union

Bradley

Drew

Ashley

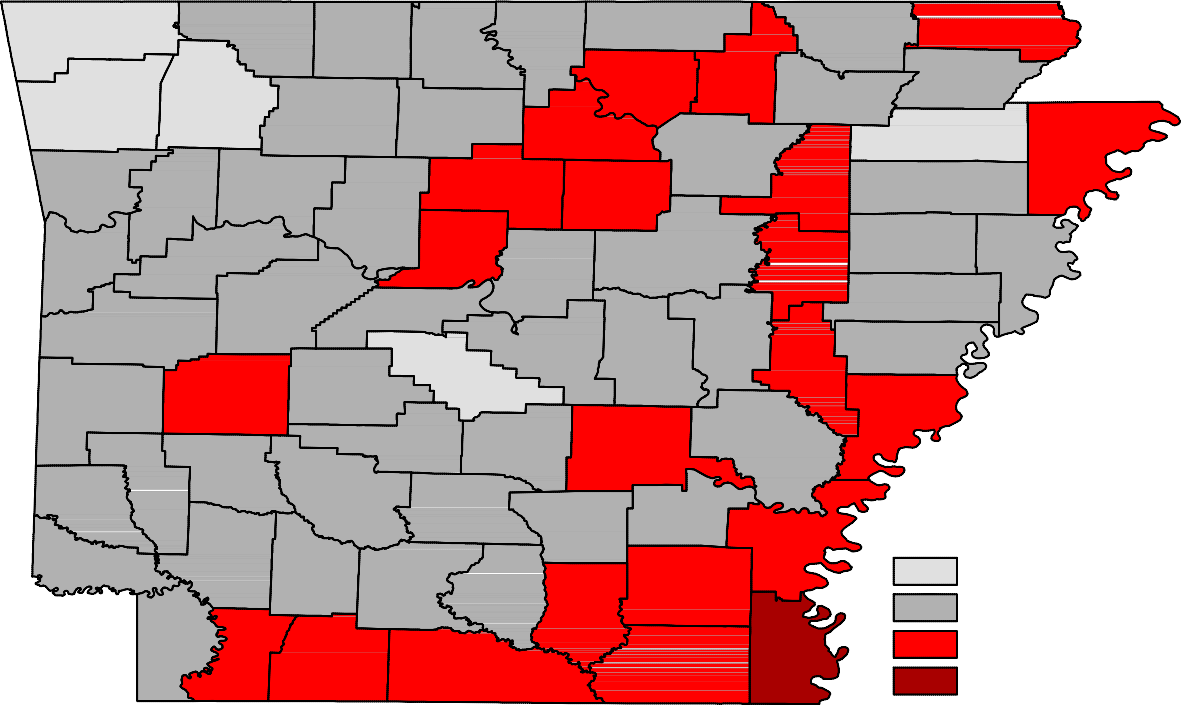
Chicot

3.1% - 5.0%

5.0% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

Ranked by Unemployment Rates



December 2016- Not Seasonally Adjusted



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  2.5 | **Rank**  24 | **County**  Yell | **Rate**  4.1 | **Rank**  49 | **County**  St. Francis | **Rate**  4.9 |
| 2 | Benton | 2.8 | 27 | Fulton | 4.2 | 49 | Searcy | 4.9 |
| 3 | Craighead | 3.0 | 27 | Lawrence | 4.2 | 49 | Sevier | 4.9 |
| 3 | Madison | 3.0 | 27 | Miller | 4.2 | 54 | Conway | 5.2 |
| 3 | Saline | 3.0 | 30 | Garland | 4.3 | 55 | Bradley | 5.3 |
| 6 | Howard | 3.2 | 30 | Marion | 4.3 | 55 | Jefferson | 5.3 |
| 6 | Lonoke | 3.2 | 30 | Pike | 4.3 | 55 | Union | 5.3 |
| 8 | Scott | 3.3 | 33 | Greene | 4.4 | 58 | Cleburne | 5.4 |
| 9 | Arkansas | 3.4 | 33 | Newton | 4.4 | 58 | Drew | 5.4 |
| 9 | Nevada | 3.4 | 33 | Perry | 4.4 | 60 | Desha | 5.5 |
| 9 | Pulaski | 3.4 | 33 | Pope | 4.4 | 60 | Woodruff | 5.5 |
| 12 | Faulkner | 3.5 | 37 | Baxter | 4.5 | 62 | Lafayette | 5.6 |
| 12 | Grant | 3.5 | 37 | Cleveland | 4.5 | 62 | Monroe | 5.6 |
| 12 | Sebastian | 3.5 | 37 | Crittenden | 4.5 | 62 | Sharp | 5.6 |
| 15 | Boone | 3.6 | 37 | Johnson | 4.5 | 65 | Clay | 5.7 |
| 15 | Crawford | 3.6 | 41 | Cross | 4.6 | 65 | Izard | 5.7 |
| 15 | Hot Spring | 3.6 | 41 | Dallas | 4.6 | 65 | Phillips | 5.7 |
| 18 | Prairie | 3.7 | 41 | Lincoln | 4.6 | 65 | Stone | 5.7 |
| 19 | Carroll | 3.8 | 41 | Little River | 4.6 | 69 | Columbia | 5.9 |
| 19 | Franklin | 3.8 | 45 | Ouachita | 4.7 | 69 | Montgomery | 5.9 |
| 19 | Hempstead | 3.8 | 45 | White | 4.7 | 71 | Van Buren | 6.4 |
| 22 | Clark | 4.0 | 47 | Independence | 4.8 | 72 | Jackson | 6.5 |
| 22 | Logan | 4.0 | 47 | Lee | 4.8 | 73 | Ashley | 6.9 |
| 24 | Calhoun | 4.1 | 49 | Polk | 4.9 | 73 | Mississippi | 6.9 |
| 24 | Poinsett | 4.1 | 49 | Randolph | 4.9 | 75 | Chicot | 7.1 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**December 2016 November 2016 December 2015**

**LWDA CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

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**Rate**

Central (minus LR) 245,157

236,875

8,282

3.4

247,324

239,414

7,910

3.2

244,226

234,337

9,889

4.0

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| City of Little Rock | 95,852 | 92,706 | 3,146 | 3.3 | 96,756 | 93,675 | 3,081 | 3.2 | 95,289 | 91,465 | 3,824 | 4.0 |
| Eastern | 48,045 | 45,755 | 2,290 | 4.8 | 48,308 | 46,188 | 2,120 | 4.4 | 48,661 | 45,806 | 2,855 | 5.9 |
| North Central | 94,400 | 89,522 | 4,878 | 5.2 | 94,939 | 90,523 | 4,416 | 4.7 | 95,448 | 89,467 | 5,981 | 6.3 |
| Northeast | 120,089 | 115,027 | 5,062 | 4.2 | 120,694 | 116,195 | 4,499 | 3.7 | 119,007 | 112,932 | 6,075 | 5.1 |
| Northwest | 304,769 | 295,898 | 8,871 | 2.9 | 309,350 | 300,959 | 8,391 | 2.7 | 303,110 | 292,626 | 10,484 | 3.5 |
| Southeast | 82,334 | 78,140 | 4,194 | 5.1 | 82,964 | 79,153 | 3,811 | 4.6 | 84,382 | 79,373 | 5,009 | 5.9 |
| Southwest | 93,304 | 89,039 | 4,265 | 4.6 | 93,994 | 89,973 | 4,021 | 4.3 | 94,196 | 89,170 | 5,026 | 5.3 |
| West Central | 131,403 | 125,697 | 5,706 | 4.3 | 132,421 | 127,122 | 5,299 | 4.0 | 132,796 | 125,991 | 6,805 | 5.1 |
| Western | 112,081 | 107,979 | 4,102 | 3.7 | 113,215 | 109,301 | 3,914 | 3.5 | 113,202 | 107,869 | 5,333 | 4.7 |

Benton

Washington

Carroll

Madison

Boone

Newton

Marion

Searcy

Baxter

Stone

Fulton

Izard

Sharp

Randolph

Lawrence

Clay

Greene

Craighead

Mississippi

Crawford

Franklin

Johnson

Pope

Van Buren

Cleburne

Independence

Jackson

Poinsett

Cross

Sebastian

Scott

Logan

Yell

Conway

Perry

Saline

Faulkner

Pulaski

White

Lonoke

Prairie

Woodruff

Monroe

St. Francis

Lee

Crittenden

Polk

Sevier

Montgomery

Pike

Howard

Garland

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

Desha

Phillips

Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Nevada

Ouachita

Calhoun

Bradley

Drew

Chicot

Lafayette

Columbia

Union

Ashley

Central (minus LR) Eastern

North Central

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

Southwest

West Central

Western



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