**Arkansas**

**Labor Market**

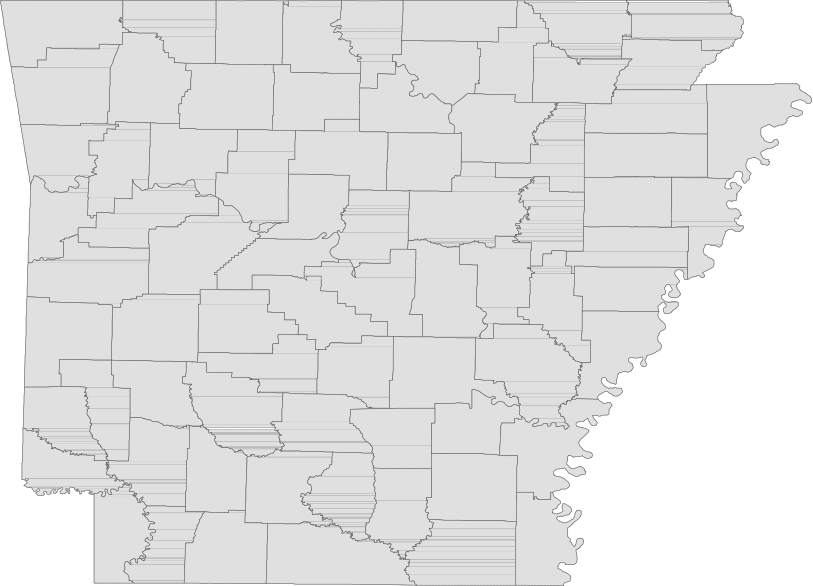
**Report**

**February 2017**



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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 month’s data is 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 2016 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.

February Spotlight

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

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

Bureau. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

2016 Annual Average

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

1.6% 1.6% 3.9% 4.2% 4.7% 7.5%

available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quar- ter moving average. The most recent data available is for the 2016 Annual Average.

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

**U-1 Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.

**U-2 Measure:** Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force. **U-3 Measure:** Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).

**U-4 Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.

**U-5 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

**U-6 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those em- ployed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

12.0

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

Over-the-Year Comparison (Annual Averages)

10.0

8.0

6.0

4.0

2.0

0.0

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

2014 AA 2015 AA 2016 AA

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 unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.8 percent in January to 3.7 percent in February. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose 1,436, a result of 2,464 more employed and 1,028 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate decreased from 4.8 percent in January to 4.7 percent in Feb- ruary.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point in February, breaking last month’s record low of 3.8 percent. Dropping to 3.7 per- cent, this month’s unemployment rate is a new record low for Arkansas.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Feb 17**  1,337,882 | **Jan 17**  1,336,446 | **Feb 16**  1,345,280 | Civilian Labor Force | **Feb 17**  1,336,527 | **Jan 17**  1,316,106 | **Feb 16**  1,337,682 |
| Employment | 1,288,217 | 1,285,753 | 1,289,620 | Employment | 1,279,561 | 1,261,416 | 1,276,416 |
| Unemployment | 49,665 | 50,693 | 55,660 | Unemployment | 56,966 | 54,690 | 61,266 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.1 | Unemployment Rate | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.6 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.9 | U.S. Unemployment | 4.9 | 5.1 | 5.2 |

10.0

**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)** State of Arkansas vs. United States February: 2007 - 2017

9.0

8.0

7.0

6.0

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

0.0

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

State of Arkansas United States

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted



(In Thousands)

(NAICS)

**Feb 17 Jan 17 Feb 16**

**OTM OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Nonfarm | 1233.8 | 1218.2 | 1216.4 | 15.6 | 17.4 |
| Goods Producing | 211.7 | 210.3 | 209.7 | 1.4 | 2.0 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 55.3 | 54.0 | 55.4 | 1.3 | -0.1 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **6.0** | **5.9** | **6.8** | **0.1** | **-0.8** |
| **Construction** | **49.3** | **48.1** | **48.6** | **1.2** | **0.7** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 31.8 | 30.8 | 31.0 | 1.0 | 0.8 |
| **Manufacturing** | **156.4** | **156.3** | **154.3** | **0.1** | **2.1** |
| Durable Goods | 73.5 | 73.7 | 74.9 | -0.2 | -1.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 82.9 | 82.6 | 79.4 | 0.3 | 3.5 |
| Service Providing | 1022.1 | 1007.9 | 1006.7 | 14.2 | 15.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **249.9** | **250.6** | **249.0** | **-0.7** | **0.9** |
| Wholesale Trade | 45.5 | 45.3 | 46.1 | 0.2 | -0.6 |
| Retail Trade | 139.6 | 140.7 | 139.6 | -1.1 | 0.0 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 64.8 | 64.6 | 63.3 | 0.2 | 1.5 |
| I**nformation** | **13.1** | **13.1** | **13.6** | **0.0** | **-0.5** |
| **Financial Activities** | **50.7** | **51.2** | **50.8** | **-0.5** | **-0.1** |
| Finance & Insurance | 37.8 | 38.3 | 37.8 | -0.5 | 0.0 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 12.9 | 12.9 | 13.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **146.3** | **140.0** | **141.2** | **6.3** | **5.1** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 44.6 | 44.3 | 43.1 | 0.3 | 1.5 |
| Management of Companies | 34.6 | 34.4 | 34.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 67.1 | 61.3 | 63.8 | 5.8 | 3.3 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **187.1** | **184.5** | **178.7** | **2.6** | **8.4** |
| Educational Services | 17.0 | 16.0 | 15.2 | 1.0 | 1.8 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 170.1 | 168.5 | 163.5 | 1.6 | 6.6 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 56.3 | 55.5 | 52.6 | 0.8 | 3.7 |
| Social Assistance | 39.5 | 39.7 | 39.3 | -0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 112.5 110.5 110.8 2.0 1.7** | | | | | |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 9.7 | 9.2 | 9.7 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 102.8 | 101.3 | 101.1 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| Accommodation Services | 10.4 | 10.0 | 10.5 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| Food Services | 92.4 | 91.3 | 90.6 | 1.1 | 1.8 |
| **Other Services** | **48.0** | **48.5** | **46.5** | **-0.5** | **1.5** |
| **Government** | **214.5** | **209.5** | **216.1** | **5.0** | **-1.6** |
| Federal Government | 20.3 | 20.4 | 20.3 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 79.5 | 74.9 | 80.1 | 4.6 | -0.6 |
| Local Government | 114.7 | 114.2 | 115.7 | 0.5 | -1.0 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summar y

Januar y 2017 - Februar y 2017

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment rose 15,600 in February to total 1,233,800. Seven major in- dustry sectors posted gains, while three sectors declined. **Professional and business services** added

6,300 jobs. A majority of the increase was in administrative and support services (+5,800). Jobs in **government** rose 5,000. Gains in state (+4,600) and local (+500) government were attributed to the re-opening of public schools after the winter break. **Educational and health services** added 2,600 jobs, mostly in health care and social assistance (+1,600). **Leisure and hospitality** increased 2,000, due in part to expansions in food services (+1,100). Employment in **construction** rose 1,200, with reported hiring in specialty trade contractors (+1,000).

Februar y 2016 - Februar y 2017

Compared to February 2016, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 17,400. Growth was posted in seven major industry sectors, with minor declines in four sectors. Jobs in **educational and health ser- vices** rose 8,400. Sizable gains were reported in health care and social assistance (+6,600). **Profession- al and business services** added 5,100 jobs, spread throughout all three subsectors. The largest growth was in administrative and support services (+3,300). **Manufacturing** increased 2,100, with hiring in nondurable goods (+3,500) more than offsetting the losses in durable goods (-1,400). Employment in **leisure and hospitality** rose 1,700, all in accommodation and food services. **Government** posted the largest decrease (-1,600), with losses in both local (-1,000) and state (-600) government.

175,000

**Jobs in Health Care and Social Assistance (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

February 2014 - February 2017

170,000

165,000

160,000

155,000

150,000

Feb '14 Aug '14 Feb '15 Aug '15 Feb '16 Aug '16 Feb '17

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

**Feb 17 Jan 17**

**Feb 16**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

38.4

15.93

611.71

38.9

15.81

615.01

39.1

16.05

627.56

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Feb 17 Jan 17**

**Feb 16**

**Feb 17**

**Jan 17**

**Feb 16**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

40.3

17.28

696.38

40.5

17.33

701.87

40.6

17.67

717.40

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

36.8

14.66

539.49

37.5

14.37

538.88

37.7

14.40

542.88

42.0

**Average Weekly Hours Worked (Manufacturing)**

February: 2007 - 2017

40.0

38.0

36.0

34.0

32.0

30.0

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 17** | **Jan 17** | **Feb 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 348,275 | 343,533 | 349,151 | 4,742 | -876 |
| Employment | 334,906 | 331,017 | 335,075 | 3,889 | -169 |
| Unemployment | 13,369 | 12,516 | 14,076 | 853 | -707 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 0.2 | -0.2 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Feb 17**  354.4 | **Jan 17**  352.1 | **Feb 16**  351.5 | **OTM**  2.3 | **OT Y**  2.9 |
| Goods Producing | 36.5 | 36.2 | 37.1 | 0.3 | -0.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **16.5** | **16.2** | **16.9** | **0.3** | **-0.4** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.0** | **20.0** | **20.2** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| Service Providing 317.9 315.9 314.4 2.0 3.5 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **70.5** | **71.3** | **69.4** | **-0.8** | **1.1** |
| Wholesale Trade | 14.9 | 14.8 | 15.1 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| Retail Trade | 39.7 | 40.5 | 38.8 | -0.8 | 0.9 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 15.9 | 16.0 | 15.5 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Information** | **6.1** | **6.1** | **6.4** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.4** | **20.4** | **20.3** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **47.6** | **46.6** | **47.2** | **1.0** | **0.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **55.8** | **55.6** | **53.1** | **0.2** | **2.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **32.5** | **31.6** | **32.4** | **0.9** | **0.1** |
| **Other Services** | **14.6** | **14.5** | **14.3** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Government** | **70.4** | **69.8** | **71.3** | **0.6** | **-0.9** |
| Federal Government | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 35.2 | 34.7 | 35.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| Local Government | 25.5 | 25.4 | 26.7 | 0.1 | -1.2 |

360,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

February 2015 - February 2017

358,000

356,000

354,000

352,000

350,000

348,000

346,000

344,000

342,000

340,000

Feb

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Aug

'15

Feb

'16

Aug

'16

Feb

'17

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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 17** | **Jan 17** | **Feb 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 267,161 | 260,799 | 260,461 | 6,362 | 6,700 |
| Employment | 258,959 | 253,354 | 251,908 | 5,605 | 7,051 |
| Unemployment | 8,202 | 7,445 | 8,553 | 757 | -351 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 0.2 | -0.2 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Feb 17**  250.9 | **Jan 17**  247.0 | **Feb 16**  241.5 | **OTM**  3.9 | **OT Y**  9.4 |
| Goods Producing | 37.9 | 37.7 | 37.2 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **10.4** | **10.3** | **10.0** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Manufacturing** | **27.5** | **27.4** | **27.2** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| Service Providing 213.0 209.3 204.3 3.7 8.7 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **55.5** | **55.9** | **54.6** | **-0.4** | **0.9** |
| Wholesale Trade | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Retail Trade | 25.6 | 26.0 | 26.0 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 17.4 | 17.4 | 16.5 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| **Information** | **1.9** | **1.9** | **1.9** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **7.8** | **7.7** | **7.5** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **52.2** | **50.6** | **47.5** | **1.6** | **4.7** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **27.9** | **27.7** | **26.9** | **0.2** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **24.5** | **24.1** | **23.8** | **0.4** | **0.7** |
| **Other Services** | **7.6** | **7.6** | **7.4** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **35.6** | **33.8** | **34.7** | **1.8** | **0.9** |
| Federal Government | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| State Government | 14.2 | 12.5 | 13.4 | 1.7 | 0.8 |
| Local Government | 18.9 | 18.8 | 18.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 |

275,000

**Number of Employed**

January 2015 - February 2017

60,000

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services**

February: 1997 - 2017

265,000

50,000

255,000

40,000

245,000

235,000

30,000

225,000

20,000

215,000

10,000

205,000

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

2015 2016 2017

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'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 17** | **Jan 17** | **Feb 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 120,126 | 119,017 | 121,370 | 1,109 | -1,244 |
| Employment | 114,451 | 113,638 | 115,116 | 813 | -665 |
| Unemployment | 5,675 | 5,379 | 6,254 | 296 | -579 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.7 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 0.2 | -0.5 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Feb 17**  112.9 | **Jan 17**  112.9 | **Feb 16**  113.3 | **OTM**  0.0 | **OT Y**  -0.4 |
| Goods Producing | 22.8 | 23.1 | 23.7 | -0.3 | -0.9 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.3** | **5.3** | **5.6** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Manufacturing** | **17.5** | **17.8** | **18.1** | **-0.3** | **-0.6** |
| Service Providing 90.1 89.8 89.6 0.3 0.5 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23.1** | **23.5** | **23.4** | **-0.4** | **-0.3** |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Retail Trade | 12.7 | 13.0 | 12.8 | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.7 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Information** | **1.2** | **1.3** | **1.2** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.8** | **3.9** | **3.7** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **13.0** | **12.5** | **12.7** | **0.5** | **0.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.8** | **16.8** | **16.5** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.3** | **9.3** | **9.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Other Services** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **18.6** | **18.2** | **18.5** | **0.4** | **0.1** |
| Federal Government | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Local Government | 14.2 | 14.1 | 14.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs by Sector (Ranked)**

February 2017

Trade-Transportation-Utilities

Government

Manufacturing

Educational & Health Services

Professional & Business Services

Leisure & Hospitality

Mining-Logging-Construction

Other Services

Financial Activities

Information

0 5,000 10,000 15,000 20,000 25,000

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 17** | **Jan 17** | **Feb 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 40,279 | 39,701 | 39,821 | 578 | 458 |
| Employment | 38,434 | 37,904 | 37,899 | 530 | 535 |
| Unemployment | 1,845 | 1,797 | 1,922 | 48 | -77 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 0.1 | -0.2 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 17** | **Jan 17** | **Feb 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 38.1 | 37.9 | 37.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 33.7 | 33.5 | 32.9 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

40,000

**Number of Employed**

February 2013 - February 2017

39,000

38,000

37,000

36,000

35,000

34,000

Feb '13 Aug '13 Feb '14 Aug '14 Feb '15 Aug '15 Feb '16 Aug '16 Feb '17

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 17** | **Jan 17** | **Feb 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 62,390 | 61,273 | 61,631 | 1,117 | 759 |
| Employment | 60,107 | 59,056 | 59,148 | 1,051 | 959 |
| Unemployment | 2,283 | 2,217 | 2,483 | 66 | -200 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 0.1 | -0.3 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 17** | **Jan 17** | **Feb 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 56.4 | 55.8 | 54.9 | 0.6 | 1.5 |
| 9.4 | 9.1 | 8.9 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| 47.0 | 46.7 | 46.0 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| 9.1 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

60,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

February: 1997 - 2017

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

35,000

30,000

'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 17** | **Jan 17** | **Feb 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 35,692 | 34,955 | 36,157 | 737 | -465 |
| Employment | 33,641 | 32,999 | 33,942 | 642 | -301 |
| Unemployment | 2,051 | 1,956 | 2,215 | 95 | -164 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.7 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 0.1 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 17** | **Jan 17** | **Feb 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.3 | 32.8 | 33.4 | 0.5 | -0.1 |
| 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 27.3 | 26.8 | 27.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| 9.6 | 9.3 | 9.8 | 0.3 | -0.2 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

50,000

45,000

**Employment and Unemployment**

February: 2007 - 2017

Employment + Unemployment = Civilian Labor Force

40,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

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'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Employment Unemployment

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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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 17** | **Jan 17** | **Feb 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 626,450 | 626,795 | 617,350 | -345 | 9,100 |
| Employment | 594,197 | 589,041 | 586,455 | 5,156 | 7,742 |
| Unemployment | 32,253 | 37,754 | 30,895 | -5,501 | 1,358 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.1 | 6.0 | 5.0 | -0.9 | 0.1 |

Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 17** | **Jan 17** | **Feb 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 64,860 | 64,131 | 65,354 | 729 | -494 |
| Employment | 61,514 | 60,868 | 62,355 | 646 | -841 |
| Unemployment | 3,346 | 3,263 | 2,999 | 83 | 347 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 0.1 | 0.6 |

605,000

**Memphis MSA- Number of Employed**

February 2015 - February 2017

9.0

**Texarkana MSA- Unemployment Rates**

February: 1997 - 2017

600,000

8.0

595,000

7.0

590,000

585,000

580,000

6.0

5.0

575,000

4.0

570,000

3.0

565,000

2.0

560,000

1.0

555,000

Feb

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Aug

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Feb

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Aug

'16

Feb

'17

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'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**February 2017 January 2017 February 2016**

**Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp**

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**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate CLF Emp Unemp**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,564 | 9,141 | 423 | 4.4 | 9,355 | 8,929 | 426 | 4.6 | 9,455 | 9,019 | 436 | 4.6 |
| Batesville Micro | 15,985 | 15,170 | 815 | 5.1 | 15,825 | 14,990 | 835 | 5.3 | 16,118 | 15,190 | 928 | 5.8 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,976 | 16,724 | 1,252 | 7.0 | 17,881 | 16,684 | 1,197 | 6.7 | 17,908 | 16,599 | 1,309 | 7.3 |
| Camden Micro | 12,076 | 11,471 | 605 | 5.0 | 11,975 | 11,391 | 584 | 4.9 | 12,273 | 11,602 | 671 | 5.5 |
| El Dorado Micro | 16,167 | 15,221 | 946 | 5.9 | 15,992 | 15,087 | 905 | 5.7 | 16,767 | 15,790 | 977 | 5.8 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,729 | 8,225 | 504 | 5.8 | 8,640 | 8,146 | 494 | 5.7 | 8,905 | 8,322 | 583 | 6.5 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,381 | 18,581 | 800 | 4.1 | 19,113 | 18,352 | 761 | 4.0 | 19,420 | 18,549 | 871 | 4.5 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,536 | 6,102 | 434 | 6.6 | 6,473 | 6,042 | 431 | 6.7 | 6,832 | 6,344 | 488 | 7.1 |
| Hope Micro | 13,534 | 13,012 | 522 | 3.9 | 13,377 | 12,861 | 516 | 3.9 | 13,628 | 13,034 | 594 | 4.4 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,160 | 8,619 | 541 | 5.9 | 9,005 | 8,479 | 526 | 5.8 | 9,531 | 8,943 | 588 | 6.2 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,122 | 13,544 | 578 | 4.1 | 13,949 | 13,392 | 557 | 4.0 | 14,111 | 13,460 | 651 | 4.6 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 15,838 | 15,054 | 784 | 5.0 | 15,710 | 14,907 | 803 | 5.1 | 16,008 | 15,199 | 809 | 5.1 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,749 | 18,905 | 844 | 4.3 | 19,448 | 18,617 | 831 | 4.3 | 19,932 | 18,967 | 965 | 4.8 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,729 | 35,921 | 1,808 | 4.8 | 37,227 | 35,380 | 1,847 | 5.0 | 38,118 | 36,233 | 1,885 | 4.9 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,839 | 32,041 | 1,798 | 5.3 | 33,459 | 31,694 | 1,765 | 5.3 | 34,501 | 32,344 | 2,157 | 6.3 |

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

Camden Micro= Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro= Union County

Forrest City Micro= St. Francis County Harrison Micro= Boone & Newton counties Helena-West Helena Micro= Phillips County Hope Micro= Hempstead & Nevada counties Magnolia Micro= Columbia County

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)



**February 2017 January 2017 February 2016**

**City CLF Emp Unemp**

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| Bella Vista | 12,188 | 11,694 | 494 | 4.1 | 11,887 | 11,437 | 450 | 3.8 | 11,879 | 11,367 | 512 | 4.3 |
| Benton | 16,244 | 15,661 | 583 | 3.6 | 16,041 | 15,480 | 561 | 3.5 | 16,218 | 15,660 | 558 | 3.4 |
| Bentonville | 23,942 | 23,241 | 701 | 2.9 | 23,343 | 22,731 | 612 | 2.6 | 23,353 | 22,592 | 761 | 3.3 |
| Blytheville | 6,158 | 5,702 | 456 | 7.4 | 6,098 | 5,688 | 410 | 6.7 | 6,139 | 5,659 | 480 | 7.8 |
| Cabot | 11,598 | 11,185 | 413 | 3.6 | 11,440 | 11,048 | 392 | 3.4 | 11,642 | 11,219 | 423 | 3.6 |
| Conway | 32,845 | 31,616 | 1,229 | 3.7 | 32,387 | 31,240 | 1,147 | 3.5 | 32,962 | 31,631 | 1,331 | 4.0 |
| El Dorado | 7,065 | 6,589 | 476 | 6.7 | 6,989 | 6,531 | 458 | 6.6 | 7,317 | 6,835 | 482 | 6.6 |
| Fayetteville | 46,711 | 45,324 | 1,387 | 3.0 | 45,557 | 44,321 | 1,236 | 2.7 | 45,418 | 44,049 | 1,369 | 3.0 |
| Fort Smith | 39,762 | 38,175 | 1,587 | 4.0 | 39,304 | 37,833 | 1,471 | 3.7 | 40,329 | 38,597 | 1,732 | 4.3 |
| Hot Springs | 14,048 | 13,365 | 683 | 4.9 | 13,855 | 13,181 | 674 | 4.9 | 13,886 | 13,179 | 707 | 5.1 |
| Jacksonville | 11,694 | 11,109 | 585 | 5.0 | 11,542 | 10,982 | 560 | 4.9 | 11,684 | 11,109 | 575 | 4.9 |
| Jonesboro | 36,665 | 35,422 | 1,243 | 3.4 | 36,002 | 34,811 | 1,191 | 3.3 | 36,201 | 34,818 | 1,383 | 3.8 |
| Little Rock | 96,032 | 92,376 | 3,656 | 3.8 | 94,742 | 91,323 | 3,419 | 3.6 | 96,134 | 92,379 | 3,755 | 3.9 |
| North Little Rock | 29,666 | 28,486 | 1,180 | 4.0 | 29,262 | 28,161 | 1,101 | 3.8 | 29,775 | 28,487 | 1,288 | 4.3 |
| Paragould | 12,416 | 11,821 | 595 | 4.8 | 12,222 | 11,641 | 581 | 4.8 | 12,527 | 11,860 | 667 | 5.3 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,941 | 15,890 | 1,051 | 6.2 | 16,598 | 15,595 | 1,003 | 6.0 | 17,187 | 16,016 | 1,171 | 6.8 |
| Rogers | 34,047 | 33,017 | 1,030 | 3.0 | 33,251 | 32,293 | 958 | 2.9 | 33,157 | 32,095 | 1,062 | 3.2 |
| Russellville | 13,476 | 12,905 | 571 | 4.2 | 13,280 | 12,716 | 564 | 4.2 | 13,610 | 13,000 | 610 | 4.5 |
| Searcy | 10,366 | 9,890 | 476 | 4.6 | 10,216 | 9,783 | 433 | 4.2 | 10,517 | 9,983 | 534 | 5.1 |
| Sherwood | 15,502 | 14,937 | 565 | 3.6 | 15,316 | 14,767 | 549 | 3.6 | 15,504 | 14,938 | 566 | 3.7 |
| Springdale | 38,646 | 37,574 | 1,072 | 2.8 | 37,708 | 36,744 | 964 | 2.6 | 37,681 | 36,519 | 1,162 | 3.1 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,733 | 13,072 | 661 | 4.8 | 13,535 | 12,887 | 648 | 4.8 | 13,921 | 13,266 | 655 | 4.7 |
| Van Buren | 10,254 | 9,863 | 391 | 3.8 | 10,132 | 9,771 | 361 | 3.6 | 10,458 | 9,984 | 474 | 4.5 |
| West Memphis | 10,600 | 9,991 | 609 | 5.7 | 10,429 | 9,875 | 554 | 5.3 | 10,574 | 9,987 | 587 | 5.6 |

**February 2017 January 2017 February 2016**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

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| Arkansas | 9,075 | 8,728 | 347 | 3.8 | 9,017 | 8,665 | 352 | 3.9 | 9,262 | 8,891 | 371 | 4.0 |
| Ashley | 7,846 | 7,316 | 530 | 6.8 | 7,802 | 7,274 | 528 | 6.8 | 7,890 | 7,347 | 543 | 6.9 |
| Baxter | 15,838 | 15,054 | 784 | 5.0 | 15,710 | 14,907 | 803 | 5.1 | 16,008 | 15,199 | 809 | 5.1 |
| Benton | 128,026 | 123,955 | 4,071 | 3.2 | 124,938 | 121,236 | 3,702 | 3.0 | 124,689 | 120,493 | 4,196 | 3.4 |
| Boone | 15,963 | 15,318 | 645 | 4.0 | 15,746 | 15,136 | 610 | 3.9 | 15,997 | 15,284 | 713 | 4.5 |
| Bradley | 4,525 | 4,263 | 262 | 5.8 | 4,481 | 4,233 | 248 | 5.5 | 4,314 | 4,093 | 221 | 5.1 |
| Calhoun | 2,354 | 2,249 | 105 | 4.5 | 2,333 | 2,227 | 106 | 4.5 | 2,410 | 2,284 | 126 | 5.2 |
| Carroll | 12,731 | 12,156 | 575 | 4.5 | 12,557 | 11,907 | 650 | 5.2 | 12,575 | 11,945 | 630 | 5.0 |
| Chicot | 3,496 | 3,210 | 286 | 8.2 | 3,469 | 3,181 | 288 | 8.3 | 3,592 | 3,309 | 283 | 7.9 |
| Clark | 9,564 | 9,141 | 423 | 4.4 | 9,355 | 8,929 | 426 | 4.6 | 9,455 | 9,019 | 436 | 4.6 |
| Clay | 5,865 | 5,514 | 351 | 6.0 | 5,821 | 5,461 | 360 | 6.2 | 6,097 | 5,669 | 428 | 7.0 |
| Cleburne | 9,311 | 8,742 | 569 | 6.1 | 9,212 | 8,620 | 592 | 6.4 | 9,536 | 8,829 | 707 | 7.4 |
| Cleveland | 3,304 | 3,136 | 168 | 5.1 | 3,226 | 3,071 | 155 | 4.8 | 3,348 | 3,175 | 173 | 5.2 |
| Columbia | 9,160 | 8,619 | 541 | 5.9 | 9,005 | 8,479 | 526 | 5.8 | 9,531 | 8,943 | 588 | 6.2 |
| Conway | 8,324 | 7,817 | 507 | 6.1 | 8,221 | 7,743 | 478 | 5.8 | 8,573 | 8,015 | 558 | 6.5 |
| Craighead | 52,180 | 50,387 | 1,793 | 3.4 | 51,256 | 49,517 | 1,739 | 3.4 | 51,500 | 49,528 | 1,972 | 3.8 |
| Crawford | 26,418 | 25,339 | 1,079 | 4.1 | 26,108 | 25,105 | 1,003 | 3.8 | 26,890 | 25,652 | 1,238 | 4.6 |
| Crittenden | 21,391 | 20,300 | 1,091 | 5.1 | 21,062 | 20,065 | 997 | 4.7 | 21,393 | 20,292 | 1,101 | 5.1 |
| Cross | 7,841 | 7,449 | 392 | 5.0 | 7,717 | 7,340 | 377 | 4.9 | 7,927 | 7,495 | 432 | 5.4 |
| Dallas | 2,927 | 2,780 | 147 | 5.0 | 2,904 | 2,762 | 142 | 4.9 | 2,896 | 2,730 | 166 | 5.7 |
| Desha | 5,320 | 4,988 | 332 | 6.2 | 5,252 | 4,944 | 308 | 5.9 | 5,516 | 5,141 | 375 | 6.8 |
| Drew | 7,985 | 7,523 | 462 | 5.8 | 7,892 | 7,415 | 477 | 6.0 | 7,993 | 7,462 | 531 | 6.6 |
| Faulkner | 59,986 | 57,639 | 2,347 | 3.9 | 59,137 | 56,953 | 2,184 | 3.7 | 60,394 | 57,667 | 2,727 | 4.5 |
| Franklin | 7,199 | 6,904 | 295 | 4.1 | 7,123 | 6,839 | 284 | 4.0 | 7,410 | 7,049 | 361 | 4.9 |
| Fulton | 4,669 | 4,422 | 247 | 5.3 | 4,604 | 4,365 | 239 | 5.2 | 4,687 | 4,438 | 249 | 5.3 |
| Garland | 40,279 | 38,434 | 1,845 | 4.6 | 39,701 | 37,904 | 1,797 | 4.5 | 39,821 | 37,899 | 1,922 | 4.8 |
| Grant | 8,246 | 7,921 | 325 | 3.9 | 8,130 | 7,831 | 299 | 3.7 | 8,313 | 7,951 | 362 | 4.4 |
| Greene | 19,749 | 18,905 | 844 | 4.3 | 19,448 | 18,617 | 831 | 4.3 | 19,932 | 18,967 | 965 | 4.8 |
| Hempstead | 9,882 | 9,494 | 388 | 3.9 | 9,772 | 9,382 | 390 | 4.0 | 9,961 | 9,519 | 442 | 4.4 |
| Hot Spring | 14,122 | 13,544 | 578 | 4.1 | 13,949 | 13,392 | 557 | 4.0 | 14,111 | 13,460 | 651 | 4.6 |
| Howard | 5,923 | 5,703 | 220 | 3.7 | 5,827 | 5,626 | 201 | 3.4 | 6,012 | 5,782 | 230 | 3.8 |
| Independence | 15,985 | 15,170 | 815 | 5.1 | 15,825 | 14,990 | 835 | 5.3 | 16,118 | 15,190 | 928 | 5.8 |
| Izard | 4,992 | 4,712 | 280 | 5.6 | 4,901 | 4,595 | 306 | 6.2 | 5,022 | 4,679 | 343 | 6.8 |
| Jackson | 6,013 | 5,577 | 436 | 7.3 | 5,967 | 5,536 | 431 | 7.2 | 6,124 | 5,681 | 443 | 7.2 |
| Jefferson | 28,343 | 26,678 | 1,665 | 5.9 | 27,784 | 26,183 | 1,601 | 5.8 | 28,684 | 26,889 | 1,795 | 6.3 |
| Johnson | 10,417 | 9,916 | 501 | 4.8 | 10,343 | 9,826 | 517 | 5.0 | 10,477 | 9,907 | 570 | 5.4 |
| Lafayette | 2,587 | 2,437 | 150 | 5.8 | 2,551 | 2,405 | 146 | 5.7 | 2,600 | 2,423 | 177 | 6.8 |
| Lawrence | 6,898 | 6,595 | 303 | 4.4 | 6,836 | 6,494 | 342 | 5.0 | 7,098 | 6,736 | 362 | 5.1 |
| Lee | 3,075 | 2,891 | 184 | 6.0 | 3,039 | 2,852 | 187 | 6.2 | 3,134 | 2,952 | 182 | 5.8 |
| Lincoln | 4,045 | 3,827 | 218 | 5.4 | 3,945 | 3,745 | 200 | 5.1 | 4,125 | 3,878 | 247 | 6.0 |
| Little River | 5,564 | 5,286 | 278 | 5.0 | 5,498 | 5,218 | 280 | 5.1 | 5,654 | 5,372 | 282 | 5.0 |
| Logan | 9,021 | 8,624 | 397 | 4.4 | 8,903 | 8,527 | 376 | 4.2 | 9,109 | 8,643 | 466 | 5.1 |
| Lonoke | 33,030 | 31,784 | 1,246 | 3.8 | 32,593 | 31,395 | 1,198 | 3.7 | 33,156 | 31,881 | 1,275 | 3.8 |
| Madison | 7,315 | 7,071 | 244 | 3.3 | 7,134 | 6,901 | 233 | 3.3 | 7,215 | 6,947 | 268 | 3.7 |
| Marion | 6,474 | 6,167 | 307 | 4.7 | 6,389 | 6,096 | 293 | 4.6 | 6,518 | 6,207 | 311 | 4.8 |
| Miller | 19,822 | 18,920 | 902 | 4.6 | 19,537 | 18,653 | 884 | 4.5 | 20,126 | 19,202 | 924 | 4.6 |

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**County CLF Emp Unemp**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 17,976 | 16,724 | 1,252 | 7.0 | 17,881 | 16,684 | 1,197 | 6.7 | 17,908 | 16,599 | 1,309 | 7.3 |
| Monroe | 2,814 | 2,667 | 147 | 5.2 | 2,787 | 2,629 | 158 | 5.7 | 2,960 | 2,800 | 160 | 5.4 |
| Montgomery | 2,829 | 2,657 | 172 | 6.1 | 2,763 | 2,582 | 181 | 6.6 | 3,078 | 2,882 | 196 | 6.4 |
| Nevada | 3,652 | 3,518 | 134 | 3.7 | 3,605 | 3,479 | 126 | 3.5 | 3,667 | 3,515 | 152 | 4.1 |
| Newton | 3,418 | 3,263 | 155 | 4.5 | 3,367 | 3,216 | 151 | 4.5 | 3,423 | 3,265 | 158 | 4.6 |
| Ouachita | 9,722 | 9,222 | 500 | 5.1 | 9,642 | 9,164 | 478 | 5.0 | 9,863 | 9,318 | 545 | 5.5 |
| Perry | 4,190 | 3,965 | 225 | 5.4 | 4,126 | 3,910 | 216 | 5.2 | 4,224 | 3,973 | 251 | 5.9 |
| Phillips | 6,536 | 6,102 | 434 | 6.6 | 6,473 | 6,042 | 431 | 6.7 | 6,832 | 6,344 | 488 | 7.1 |
| Pike | 4,157 | 3,965 | 192 | 4.6 | 4,116 | 3,921 | 195 | 4.7 | 4,158 | 3,949 | 209 | 5.0 |
| Poinsett | 10,210 | 9,720 | 490 | 4.8 | 10,017 | 9,539 | 478 | 4.8 | 10,131 | 9,620 | 511 | 5.0 |
| Polk | 8,125 | 7,702 | 423 | 5.2 | 8,029 | 7,603 | 426 | 5.3 | 8,151 | 7,696 | 455 | 5.6 |
| Pope | 29,045 | 27,642 | 1,403 | 4.8 | 28,689 | 27,236 | 1,453 | 5.1 | 29,302 | 27,845 | 1,457 | 5.0 |
| Prairie | 3,609 | 3,430 | 179 | 5.0 | 3,549 | 3,384 | 165 | 4.6 | 3,648 | 3,476 | 172 | 4.7 |
| Pulaski | 186,616 | 179,345 | 7,271 | 3.9 | 184,086 | 177,301 | 6,785 | 3.7 | 186,835 | 179,352 | 7,483 | 4.0 |
| Randolph | 6,427 | 6,085 | 342 | 5.3 | 6,320 | 5,975 | 345 | 5.5 | 6,302 | 5,934 | 368 | 5.8 |
| St. Francis | 8,729 | 8,225 | 504 | 5.8 | 8,640 | 8,146 | 494 | 5.7 | 8,905 | 8,322 | 583 | 6.5 |
| Saline | 56,207 | 54,252 | 1,955 | 3.5 | 55,461 | 53,627 | 1,834 | 3.3 | 56,229 | 54,251 | 1,978 | 3.5 |
| Scott | 4,388 | 4,237 | 151 | 3.4 | 4,343 | 4,195 | 148 | 3.4 | 4,457 | 4,265 | 192 | 4.3 |
| Searcy | 3,014 | 2,868 | 146 | 4.8 | 2,989 | 2,827 | 162 | 5.4 | 2,943 | 2,792 | 151 | 5.1 |
| Sebastian | 57,117 | 54,806 | 2,311 | 4.0 | 56,401 | 54,315 | 2,086 | 3.7 | 57,905 | 55,411 | 2,494 | 4.3 |
| Sevier | 5,647 | 5,348 | 299 | 5.3 | 5,579 | 5,280 | 299 | 5.4 | 5,670 | 5,351 | 319 | 5.6 |
| Sharp | 6,000 | 5,628 | 372 | 6.2 | 5,940 | 5,577 | 363 | 6.1 | 6,056 | 5,655 | 401 | 6.6 |
| Stone | 4,604 | 4,326 | 278 | 6.0 | 4,560 | 4,270 | 290 | 6.4 | 4,631 | 4,345 | 286 | 6.2 |
| Union | 16,167 | 15,221 | 946 | 5.9 | 15,992 | 15,087 | 905 | 5.7 | 16,767 | 15,790 | 977 | 5.8 |
| Van Buren | 5,861 | 5,442 | 419 | 7.1 | 5,793 | 5,388 | 405 | 7.0 | 6,258 | 5,783 | 475 | 7.6 |
| Washington | 120,957 | 117,543 | 3,414 | 2.8 | 118,054 | 114,942 | 3,112 | 2.6 | 117,868 | 114,238 | 3,630 | 3.1 |
| White | 33,839 | 32,041 | 1,798 | 5.3 | 33,459 | 31,694 | 1,765 | 5.3 | 34,501 | 32,344 | 2,157 | 6.3 |
| Woodruff | 2,904 | 2,734 | 170 | 5.9 | 2,887 | 2,716 | 171 | 5.9 | 3,004 | 2,798 | 206 | 6.9 |
| Yell | 8,684 | 8,279 | 405 | 4.7 | 8,538 | 8,144 | 394 | 4.6 | 8,816 | 8,388 | 428 | 4.9 |

County Labor Force Summar y

Between January and February, unemployment rates increased in 40 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates declined in twenty-five counties while remaining stable in ten. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.8 percent in Washington County to a high of 8.2 percent in Chicot County.

In February, sixteen counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down from nineteen counties with rates at or below four percent last month. Only one-- Chicot Coun- ty-- reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to February 2016, unemployment rates are down in 63 Arkansas counties. Six coun- ties posted higher jobless rates, while another six counties were the same compared to last year.

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

Unemployment Rates

Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Nevada

Ouachita

Calhoun

Bradley

Drew

Chicot

< or = 3.0%

3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

Lafayette

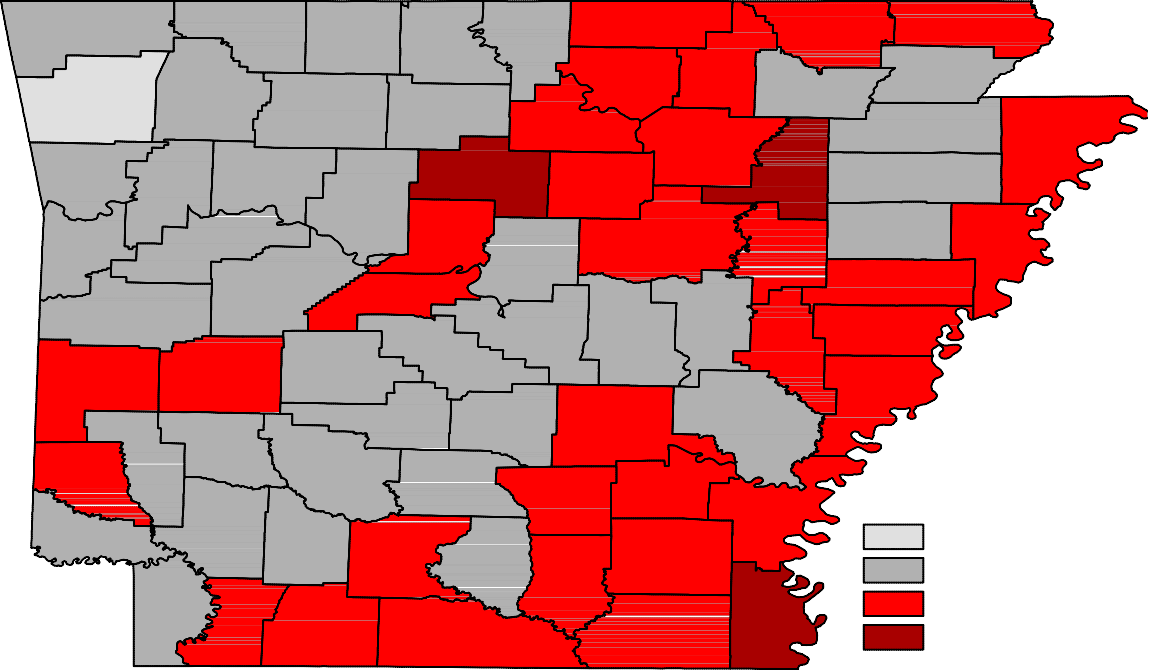
Columbia

Union

Ashley

> 7.0%

Ranked by Unemployment Rates



Februar y 2017- Not Seasonally Adjusted



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| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  2.8 | **Rank**  24 | **County**  Newton | **Rate**  4.5 | **Rank**  51 | **County**  Lincoln | **Rate**  5.4 |
| 2 | Benton | 3.2 | 27 | Garland | 4.6 | 51 | Perry | 5.4 |
| 3 | Madison | 3.3 | 27 | Miller | 4.6 | 53 | Izard | 5.6 |
| 4 | Craighead | 3.4 | 27 | Pike | 4.6 | 54 | Bradley | 5.8 |
| 4 | Scott | 3.4 | 30 | Marion | 4.7 | 54 | Drew | 5.8 |
| 6 | Saline | 3.5 | 30 | Yell | 4.7 | 54 | Lafayette | 5.8 |
| 7 | Howard | 3.7 | 32 | Johnson | 4.8 | 54 | St. Francis | 5.8 |
| 7 | Nevada | 3.7 | 32 | Poinsett | 4.8 | 58 | Columbia | 5.9 |
| 9 | Arkansas | 3.8 | 32 | Pope | 4.8 | 58 | Jefferson | 5.9 |
| 9 | Lonoke | 3.8 | 32 | Searcy | 4.8 | 58 | Union | 5.9 |
| 11 | Faulkner | 3.9 | 36 | Baxter | 5.0 | 58 | Woodruff | 5.9 |
| 11 | Grant | 3.9 | 36 | Cross | 5.0 | 62 | Clay | 6.0 |
| 11 | Hempstead | 3.9 | 36 | Dallas | 5.0 | 62 | Lee | 6.0 |
| 11 | Pulaski | 3.9 | 36 | Little River | 5.0 | 62 | Stone | 6.0 |
| 15 | Boone | 4.0 | 36 | Prairie | 5.0 | 65 | Cleburne | 6.1 |
| 15 | Sebastian | 4.0 | 41 | Cleveland | 5.1 | 65 | Conway | 6.1 |
| 17 | Crawford | 4.1 | 41 | Crittenden | 5.1 | 65 | Montgomery | 6.1 |
| 17 | Franklin | 4.1 | 41 | Independence | 5.1 | 68 | Desha | 6.2 |
| 17 | Hot Spring | 4.1 | 41 | Ouachita | 5.1 | 68 | Sharp | 6.2 |
| 20 | Greene | 4.3 | 45 | Monroe | 5.2 | 70 | Phillips | 6.6 |
| 21 | Clark | 4.4 | 45 | Polk | 5.2 | 71 | Ashley | 6.8 |
| 21 | Lawrence | 4.4 | 47 | Fulton | 5.3 | 72 | Mississippi | 7.0 |
| 21 | Logan | 4.4 | 47 | Randolph | 5.3 | 73 | Van Buren | 7.1 |
| 24 | Calhoun | 4.5 | 47 | Sevier | 5.3 | 74 | Jackson | 7.3 |
| 24 | Carroll | 4.5 | 47 | White | 5.3 | 75 | Chicot | 8.2 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**February 2017 January 2017 February 2016**

**LWDA CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

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**Rate**

Central (minus LR) 246,230

236,741

9,489

3.9

242,871

233,966

8,905

3.7

247,088

237,048

10,040

4.1

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| City of Little Rock | 96,032 | 92,376 | 3,656 | 3.8 | 94,742 | 91,323 | 3,419 | 3.6 | 96,134 | 92,379 | 3,755 | 3.9 |
| Eastern | 47,572 | 44,967 | 2,605 | 5.5 | 46,931 | 44,445 | 2,486 | 5.3 | 48,191 | 45,405 | 2,786 | 5.8 |
| North Central | 94,178 | 88,794 | 5,384 | 5.7 | 93,148 | 87,751 | 5,397 | 5.8 | 95,937 | 89,742 | 6,195 | 6.5 |
| Northeast | 119,305 | 113,930 | 5,375 | 4.5 | 117,579 | 112,287 | 5,292 | 4.5 | 118,968 | 113,053 | 5,915 | 5.0 |
| Northwest | 313,736 | 303,395 | 10,341 | 3.3 | 306,884 | 297,168 | 9,716 | 3.2 | 307,236 | 296,370 | 10,866 | 3.5 |
| Southeast | 82,185 | 77,590 | 4,595 | 5.6 | 80,998 | 76,542 | 4,456 | 5.5 | 83,037 | 78,136 | 4,901 | 5.9 |
| Southwest | 93,407 | 88,797 | 4,610 | 4.9 | 92,245 | 87,762 | 4,483 | 4.9 | 95,157 | 90,229 | 4,928 | 5.2 |
| West Central | 131,611 | 125,360 | 6,251 | 4.7 | 129,801 | 123,587 | 6,214 | 4.8 | 132,015 | 125,337 | 6,678 | 5.1 |
| Western | 112,268 | 107,612 | 4,656 | 4.1 | 110,907 | 106,584 | 4,323 | 3.9 | 113,922 | 108,716 | 5,206 | 4.6 |

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

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Ashley

Central (minus LR) Eastern

North Central

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

Southwest

West Central

Western



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