**Arkansas**

**Labor Market**

**Report**

**January 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.

January Spotlight

2017 Publication Schedule and Data Changes

**2017 Arkansas Publication Schedule**

**Reference Month State Press Release MSA’s & Counties\***

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| January | 03/13/17 | 03/17/17 |
| February | 03/24/17 | 04/05/17 |
| March | 04/21/17 | 05/03/17 |
| April | 05/19/17 | 05/31/17 |
| May | 06/16/17 | 06/28/17 |
| June | 07/21/17 | 08/02/17 |
| July | 08/18/17 | 08/30/17 |
| August | 09/15/17 | 09/27/17 |
| September | 10/20/17 | 11/01/17 |
| October | 11/17/17 | 11/30/17 |
| November | 12/22/17 | 01/04/18 |
| December | 01/23/18 | 02/01/18 |

\*Date when Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and county labor force statistics will be available on Discover Arkansas.

**Changes Affecting Data**

**Arkansas Civilian Labor Force:**

In accordance with guidelines from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statis- tics, Arkansas’ Civilian Labor Force (CLF) estimates are undergoing annual processing. The purpose of annual processing is to incorporate more complete and accurate information into the estimation process. CLF estimates are being revised back to January 2010.

All levels of data—State, counties, Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Micropolitan Sta- tistical Areas, Local Workforce Development Areas, and cities—have been revised from January 2010 through December 2016. The new Statewide and sub-state CLF data is avail- able now at [www.discover.arkansas.gov.](http://www.discover.arkansas.gov/)

**Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs:**

In accordance with the same guidelines, the Current Employment Statistics program also re-estimated the nonfarm payroll job series to include more comprehensive and precise information into the calculations. State and MSA estimates for 2015 and 2016 were re-

cently revised and are available on the Discover Arkansas website.

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 decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.9 percent in December 2016 to 3.8 percent in January 2017. Arkansas’ civilian labor force declined 1,275, a result of 2,098 fewer unemployed and 823 additional employed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.8 percent in January 2017, up from 4.7 percent in December 2016.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “The number of unemployed Arkansans declined

2,098 in January, pushing the unemployment rate down to 3.8 percent. After revising data from pre-

vious years, the new series reflects a small but steady decrease in unemployment each month since

March 2011.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Jan 17**  1,336,036 | **Dec 16**  1,337,311 | **Jan 16**  1,344,399 | Civilian Labor Force | **Jan 17**  1,315,096 | **Dec 16**  1,327,109 | **Jan 16**  1,321,884 |
| Employment | 1,285,355 | 1,284,532 | 1,287,708 | Employment | 1,260,432 | 1,276,550 | 1,259,895 |
| Unemployment | 50,681 | 52,779 | 56,691 | Unemployment | 54,664 | 50,559 | 61,989 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.2 | Unemployment Rate | 4.2 | 3.8 | 4.7 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.9 | U.S. Unemployment | 5.1 | 4.5 | 5.3 |

140,000

**Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

January: 2007 - 2017

120,000

100,000

80,000

60,000

40,000

20,000

0

2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)

**Jan 17 Dec 16 Jan 16**

**OTM OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Nonfarm | 1216.3 | 1240.6 | 1204.5 | -24.3 | 11.8 |
| Goods Producing | 210.4 | 211.1 | 209.6 | -0.7 | 0.8 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 54.0 | 55.2 | 55.3 | -1.2 | -1.3 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.9** | **6.1** | **7.0** | **-0.2** | **-1.1** |
| **Construction** | **48.1** | **49.1** | **48.3** | **-1.0** | **-0.2** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 30.8 | 31.2 | 30.5 | -0.4 | 0.3 |
| **Manufacturing** | **156.4** | **155.9** | **154.3** | **0.5** | **2.1** |
| Durable Goods | 73.7 | 73.5 | 75.0 | 0.2 | -1.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 82.7 | 82.4 | 79.3 | 0.3 | 3.4 |
| Service Providing | 1005.9 | 1029.5 | 994.9 | -23.6 | 11.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **250.1** | **257.3** | **249.8** | **-7.2** | **0.3** |
| Wholesale Trade | 45.4 | 46.5 | 45.9 | -1.1 | -0.5 |
| Retail Trade | 140.4 | 144.3 | 140.1 | -3.9 | 0.3 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 64.3 | 66.5 | 63.8 | -2.2 | 0.5 |
| I**nformation** | **13.0** | **13.4** | **13.6** | **-0.4** | **-0.6** |
| **Financial Activities** | **51.2** | **51.5** | **50.7** | **-0.3** | **0.5** |
| Finance & Insurance | 38.3 | 38.2 | 37.8 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 12.9 | 13.3 | 12.9 | -0.4 | 0.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **139.1** | **145.0** | **136.4** | **-5.9** | **2.7** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 44.8 | 43.2 | 42.4 | 1.6 | 2.4 |
| Management of Companies | 33.1 | 35.5 | 34.2 | -2.4 | -1.1 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 61.2 | 66.3 | 59.8 | -5.1 | 1.4 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **184.4** | **185.7** | **177.9** | **-1.3** | **6.5** |
| Educational Services | 16.0 | 16.3 | 14.8 | -0.3 | 1.2 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 168.4 | 169.4 | 163.1 | -1.0 | 5.3 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 55.6 | 55.5 | 52.3 | 0.1 | 3.3 |
| Social Assistance | 39.7 | 39.6 | 39.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 110.2 112.6 108.9 -2.4 1.3** | | | | | |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.5 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 101.0 | 103.4 | 99.4 | -2.4 | 1.6 |
| Accommodation Services | 10.0 | 10.6 | 10.1 | -0.6 | -0.1 |
| Food Services | 91.0 | 92.8 | 89.3 | -1.8 | 1.7 |
| **Other Services** | **48.4** | **48.5** | **46.5** | **-0.1** | **1.9** |
| **Government** | **209.5** | **215.5** | **211.1** | **-6.0** | **-1.6** |
| Federal Government | 20.4 | 20.8 | 20.3 | -0.4 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 74.9 | 79.1 | 75.5 | -4.2 | -0.6 |
| Local Government | 114.2 | 115.6 | 115.3 | -1.4 | -1.1 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summar y

December 2016 - Januar y 2017

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas decreased 24,300 in January to total 1,216,300. Ten major industry sectors posted job losses, the majority of which experienced typical seasonal fluctuations. **Trade, trans- portation, and utilities** dropped 7,200, attributed to the end of the holiday shopping season. Employ- ment in **government** declined 6,000. Contractions in state (-4,200) and local (-1,400) government were related to the winter break at public schools. Jobs in **professional and business services** decreased

5,900. Most of the loss was in administrative and support services (-5,100), which includes employment agencies. **Leisure and hospitality** declined 2,400, attributed to seasonal contractions in accommoda- tion and food services.

Januar y 2016 - Januar y 2017

Compared to January 2016, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll job totals are up 11,800. Seven major industry sectors posted growth, while employment in four sectors is down. **Educational and health services** rose 6,500, mostly in health care and social assistance (+5,300). Jobs in **professional and business services** increased 2,700. A majority of the gains occurred in professional-scientific-technical services (+2,400). **Manufacturing** added 2,100 jobs. Growth in nondurable goods (+3,400) offset the losses in durable goods (-1,300), due in part to reported hiring in food manufacturing. Employment in **other services** rose 1,900. The sector includes activities such as repair-maintenance services and membership organizations. The largest decline was posted in **government**, down 1,600. Both local (-1,100) and state (-600) government reported losses over the year.

1,280,000

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

January 2014 - January 2017

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

1,180,000

1,160,000

1,140,000

1,120,000

Ja n '14 Jul '14 Ja n '15 Jul '15 Ja n '16 Jul '16 Ja n '17

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

**Jan 17 Dec 16**

**Jan 16**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

38.8

15.58

604.50

39.3

15.81

621.33

39.7

16.08

638.38

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Jan 17 Dec 16**

**Jan 16**

**Jan 17 Dec 16**

**Jan 16**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

40.4

17.35

700.94

42.3

17.67

747.44

40.0

17.68

707.20

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

37.5

13.92

522.00

36.7

13.91

510.50

39.5

14.55

574.73

19.00

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

January: 2007 - 2017

18.00

17.00

16.00

15.00

14.00

13.00

12.00

11.00

10.00

2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 17** | **Dec 16** | **Jan 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 343,545 | 345,345 | 344,913 | -1,800 | -1,368 |
| Employment | 331,038 | 333,813 | 331,040 | -2,775 | -2 |
| Unemployment | 12,507 | 11,532 | 13,873 | 975 | -1,366 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 0.3 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Jan 17**  352.1 | **Dec 16**  356.6 | **Jan 16**  349.3 | **OTM**  -4.5 | **OT Y**  2.8 |
| Goods Producing | 36.2 | 36.8 | 37.0 | -0.6 | -0.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **16.2** | **16.6** | **16.8** | **-0.4** | **-0.6** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.0** | **20.2** | **20.2** | **-0.2** | **-0.2** |
| Service Providing 315.9 319.8 312.3 -3.9 3.6 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **71.1** | **72.9** | **69.8** | **-1.8** | **1.3** |
| Wholesale Trade | 14.8 | 15.0 | 15.1 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Retail Trade | 40.4 | 41.5 | 39.2 | -1.1 | 1.2 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 15.9 | 16.4 | 15.5 | -0.5 | 0.4 |
| **Information** | **6.1** | **6.2** | **6.4** | **-0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.4** | **20.6** | **20.3** | **-0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **46.8** | **46.6** | **45.9** | **0.2** | **0.9** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **55.9** | **55.4** | **52.7** | **0.5** | **3.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **31.3** | **32.8** | **32.1** | **-1.5** | **-0.8** |
| **Other Services** | **14.5** | **14.6** | **14.3** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **69.8** | **70.7** | **70.8** | **-0.9** | **-1.0** |
| Federal Government | 9.7 | 10.0 | 9.6 | -0.3 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 34.7 | 35.1 | 34.5 | -0.4 | 0.2 |
| Local Government | 25.4 | 25.6 | 26.7 | -0.2 | -1.3 |

20,000

**Number of Unemployed**

January 2015 - January 2017

60,000

**Jobs in Educational & Health Services**

January: 2007 - 2017

18,000

55,000

16,000

50,000

14,000

45,000

12,000

40,000

10,000

35,000

8,000

Jan

'15

Jul

'15

Jan

'16

Jul

'16

Jan

'17

30,000

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 17** | **Dec 16** | **Jan 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 260,616 | 262,250 | 255,233 | -1,634 | 5,383 |
| Employment | 253,205 | 255,298 | 246,879 | -2,093 | 6,326 |
| Unemployment | 7,411 | 6,952 | 8,354 | 459 | -943 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.8 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 0.1 | -0.5 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Jan 17**  246.8 | **Dec 16**  249.6 | **Jan 16**  237.8 | **OTM**  -2.8 | **OT Y**  9.0 |
| Goods Producing | 37.6 | 37.7 | 37.1 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **10.2** | **10.3** | **9.9** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Manufacturing** | **27.4** | **27.4** | **27.2** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| Service Providing 209.2 211.9 200.7 -2.7 8.5 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **55.6** | **56.4** | **54.7** | **-0.8** | **0.9** |
| Wholesale Trade | 12.5 | 12.4 | 12.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Retail Trade | 25.8 | 26.4 | 26.0 | -0.6 | -0.2 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 17.3 | 17.6 | 16.6 | -0.3 | 0.7 |
| **Information** | **1.9** | **1.9** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **7.7** | **7.8** | **7.4** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **50.9** | **50.9** | **46.4** | **0.0** | **4.5** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **27.7** | **27.9** | **26.7** | **-0.2** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **24.0** | **23.9** | **23.1** | **0.1** | **0.9** |
| **Other Services** | **7.6** | **7.7** | **7.4** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **33.8** | **35.4** | **33.0** | **-1.6** | **0.8** |
| Federal Government | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| State Government | 12.5 | 13.8 | 11.8 | -1.3 | 0.7 |
| Local Government | 18.8 | 19.0 | 18.6 | -0.2 | 0.2 |

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

January 2017

Trade-Transportation-Utilities

Professional & Business Services

Government

Education & Health Services

Manufacturing

Leisure & Hospitality

Mining-Logging-Construction

Financial Activities

Other Services

Information

0 10,000 20,000 30,000 40,000 50,000 60,000

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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 17** | **Dec 16** | **Jan 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 117,873 | 119,853 | 120,104 | -1,980 | -2,231 |
| Employment | 112,490 | 114,694 | 113,726 | -2,204 | -1,236 |
| Unemployment | 5,383 | 5,159 | 6,378 | 224 | -995 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.6 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 0.3 | -0.7 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Jan 17**  111.5 | **Dec 16**  114.5 | **Jan 16**  112.3 | **OTM**  -3.0 | **OT Y**  -0.8 |
| Goods Producing | 23.3 | 23.1 | 23.6 | 0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.3** | **5.3** | **5.6** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Manufacturing** | **18.0** | **17.8** | **18.0** | **0.2** | **0.0** |
| Service Providing 88.2 91.4 88.7 -3.2 -0.5 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23.5** | **24.0** | **23.6** | **-0.5** | **-0.1** |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Retail Trade | 13.0 | 13.3 | 12.8 | -0.3 | 0.2 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.9 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Information** | **1.3** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.8** | **3.9** | **3.7** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **11.0** | **13.0** | **12.1** | **-2.0** | **-1.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.8** | **16.9** | **16.5** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.3** | **9.4** | **9.2** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Other Services** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **18.2** | **18.7** | **18.1** | **-0.5** | **0.1** |
| Federal Government | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 2.8 | 3.2 | 2.8 | -0.4 | 0.0 |
| Local Government | 14.1 | 14.2 | 14.0 | -0.1 | 0.1 |

12.0

**Unemployment Rates**

January: 2007 - 2017

116,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2015 - January 2017

10.0

115,000

114,000

8.0

113,000

6.0

112,000

111,000

4.0

110,000

2.0

109,000

0.0

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

108,000

Jan

'15

Jul

'15

Jan

'16

Jul

'16

Jan

'17

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 17** | **Dec 16** | **Jan 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 39,829 | 39,037 | 39,424 | 792 | 405 |
| Employment | 38,031 | 37,326 | 37,433 | 705 | 598 |
| Unemployment | 1,798 | 1,711 | 1,991 | 87 | -193 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.5 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 0.1 | -0.6 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 17** | **Dec 16** | **Jan 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 38.0 | 37.4 | 37.1 | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 33.5 | 33.0 | 32.7 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.6 | -0.2 | -0.2 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

7,000

**Jobs in Goods Producing Industries**

January: 1997 - 2017

6,000

5,000

4,000

3,000

2,000

1,000

0

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

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 17** | **Dec 16** | **Jan 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 61,299 | 61,919 | 60,780 | -620 | 519 |
| Employment | 59,085 | 59,938 | 58,214 | -853 | 871 |
| Unemployment | 2,214 | 1,981 | 2,566 | 233 | -352 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 0.4 | -0.6 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 17** | **Dec 16** | **Jan 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 55.9 | 56.8 | 54.2 | -0.9 | 1.7 |
| 9.2 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| 46.7 | 47.6 | 45.4 | -0.9 | 1.3 |
| 9.0 | 9.2 | 8.7 | -0.2 | 0.3 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

8.0

**Unemployment Rates**

January 2014 - January 2017

7.0

6.0

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

0.0

Jan '14 Jul '14 Jan '15 Jul '15 Jan '16 Jul '16 Jan '17

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 17** | **Dec 16** | **Jan 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 34,819 | 35,564 | 35,447 | -745 | -628 |
| Employment | 32,863 | 33,752 | 33,169 | -889 | -306 |
| Unemployment | 1,956 | 1,812 | 2,278 | 144 | -322 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.6 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 0.5 | -0.8 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jan 17** | **Dec 16** | **Jan 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 32.7 | 33.8 | 32.6 | -1.1 | 0.1 |
| 6.0 | 6.2 | 6.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| 26.7 | 27.6 | 26.6 | -0.9 | 0.1 |
| 9.3 | 9.7 | 9.4 | -0.4 | -0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

34,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January: 1997 - 2017

32,000

30,000

28,000

26,000

24,000

22,000

20,000

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

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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|  | **Jan 17** | **Dec 16** | **Jan 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 626,729 | 631,117 | 616,418 | -4,388 | 10,311 |
| Employment | 588,929 | 597,431 | 583,459 | -8,502 | 5,470 |
| Unemployment | 37,800 | 33,686 | 32,959 | 4,114 | 4,841 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 0.7 | 0.7 |

Texarkana MSA

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jan 17** | **Dec 16** | **Jan 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 64,157 | 64,581 | 64,673 | -424 | -516 |
| Employment | 60,894 | 61,613 | 61,581 | -719 | -687 |
| Unemployment | 3,263 | 2,968 | 3,092 | 295 | 171 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.1 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 0.5 | 0.3 |

12.0

**Memphis MSA- Unemployment Rates**

January: 2007 - 2017

5,000

**Texarkana MSA- Unemployment**

January 2014 - January 2017

10.0

4,500

8.0

4,000

6.0

3,500

4.0

3,000

2.0

2,500

0.0

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

2,000

Jan '14 Jul '14 Jan '15 Jul '15 Jan '16 Jul '16 Jan '17

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**January 2017 December 2016 January 2016**

**Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate CLF Emp Unemp**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,355 | 8,929 | 426 | 4.6 | 9,559 | 9,179 | 380 | 4.0 | 9,227 | 8,761 | 466 | 5.1 |
| Batesville Micro | 15,824 | 14,989 | 835 | 5.3 | 15,895 | 15,138 | 757 | 4.8 | 16,033 | 15,041 | 992 | 6.2 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,882 | 16,684 | 1,198 | 6.7 | 18,309 | 17,050 | 1,259 | 6.9 | 17,950 | 16,618 | 1,332 | 7.4 |
| Camden Micro | 11,975 | 11,391 | 584 | 4.9 | 12,048 | 11,500 | 548 | 4.5 | 12,263 | 11,559 | 704 | 5.7 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,992 | 15,086 | 906 | 5.7 | 16,109 | 15,258 | 851 | 5.3 | 16,627 | 15,672 | 955 | 5.7 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,639 | 8,146 | 493 | 5.7 | 8,709 | 8,286 | 423 | 4.9 | 8,871 | 8,261 | 610 | 6.9 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,111 | 18,351 | 760 | 4.0 | 19,330 | 18,607 | 723 | 3.7 | 19,244 | 18,374 | 870 | 4.5 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,473 | 6,041 | 432 | 6.7 | 6,553 | 6,179 | 374 | 5.7 | 6,823 | 6,295 | 528 | 7.7 |
| Hope Micro | 13,374 | 12,859 | 515 | 3.9 | 13,531 | 13,036 | 495 | 3.7 | 13,436 | 12,853 | 583 | 4.3 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,005 | 8,479 | 526 | 5.8 | 9,187 | 8,649 | 538 | 5.9 | 9,354 | 8,787 | 567 | 6.1 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,957 | 13,401 | 556 | 4.0 | 13,965 | 13,454 | 511 | 3.7 | 13,971 | 13,316 | 655 | 4.7 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 15,711 | 14,907 | 804 | 5.1 | 15,858 | 15,135 | 723 | 4.6 | 15,882 | 15,041 | 841 | 5.3 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,449 | 18,617 | 832 | 4.3 | 19,641 | 18,780 | 861 | 4.4 | 19,808 | 18,810 | 998 | 5.0 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,225 | 35,379 | 1,846 | 5.0 | 37,832 | 36,189 | 1,643 | 4.3 | 37,738 | 35,746 | 1,992 | 5.3 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,459 | 31,694 | 1,765 | 5.3 | 33,767 | 32,176 | 1,591 | 4.7 | 34,413 | 32,205 | 2,208 | 6.4 |

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)

**January 2017 December 2016 January 2016**

**City CLF Emp Unemp**

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| Bella Vista | 11,881 | 11,431 | 450 | 3.8 | 11,916 | 11,524 | 392 | 3.3 | 11,641 | 11,133 | 508 | 4.4 |
| Benton | 16,043 | 15,481 | 562 | 3.5 | 16,092 | 15,607 | 485 | 3.0 | 16,028 | 15,469 | 559 | 3.5 |
| Bentonville | 23,327 | 22,718 | 609 | 2.6 | 23,434 | 22,903 | 531 | 2.3 | 22,878 | 22,127 | 751 | 3.3 |
| Blytheville | 6,098 | 5,688 | 410 | 6.7 | 6,318 | 5,813 | 505 | 8.0 | 6,143 | 5,665 | 478 | 7.8 |
| Cabot | 11,440 | 11,048 | 392 | 3.4 | 11,494 | 11,158 | 336 | 2.9 | 11,494 | 11,095 | 399 | 3.5 |
| Conway | 32,387 | 31,242 | 1,145 | 3.5 | 32,652 | 31,512 | 1,140 | 3.5 | 32,550 | 31,253 | 1,297 | 4.0 |
| El Dorado | 6,988 | 6,530 | 458 | 6.6 | 7,030 | 6,605 | 425 | 6.0 | 7,266 | 6,784 | 482 | 6.6 |
| Fayetteville | 45,524 | 44,295 | 1,229 | 2.7 | 45,826 | 44,661 | 1,165 | 2.5 | 44,487 | 43,142 | 1,345 | 3.0 |
| Fort Smith | 38,907 | 37,437 | 1,470 | 3.8 | 39,689 | 38,324 | 1,365 | 3.4 | 39,810 | 38,031 | 1,779 | 4.5 |
| Hot Springs | 13,899 | 13,225 | 674 | 4.8 | 13,652 | 12,980 | 672 | 4.9 | 13,760 | 13,017 | 743 | 5.4 |
| Jacksonville | 11,541 | 10,983 | 558 | 4.8 | 11,542 | 11,071 | 471 | 4.1 | 11,566 | 10,973 | 593 | 5.1 |
| Jonesboro | 36,018 | 34,827 | 1,191 | 3.3 | 36,393 | 35,312 | 1,081 | 3.0 | 35,671 | 34,254 | 1,417 | 4.0 |
| Little Rock | 94,749 | 91,329 | 3,420 | 3.6 | 95,189 | 92,061 | 3,128 | 3.3 | 95,065 | 91,247 | 3,818 | 4.0 |
| North Little Rock | 29,263 | 28,163 | 1,100 | 3.8 | 29,467 | 28,389 | 1,078 | 3.7 | 29,442 | 28,138 | 1,304 | 4.4 |
| Paragould | 12,222 | 11,641 | 581 | 4.8 | 12,345 | 11,743 | 602 | 4.9 | 12,475 | 11,762 | 713 | 5.7 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,533 | 15,530 | 1,003 | 6.1 | 16,896 | 15,939 | 957 | 5.7 | 16,863 | 15,639 | 1,224 | 7.3 |
| Rogers | 33,232 | 32,274 | 958 | 2.9 | 33,455 | 32,538 | 917 | 2.7 | 32,456 | 31,434 | 1,022 | 3.1 |
| Russellville | 13,279 | 12,715 | 564 | 4.2 | 13,512 | 12,998 | 514 | 3.8 | 13,435 | 12,817 | 618 | 4.6 |
| Searcy | 10,217 | 9,783 | 434 | 4.2 | 10,323 | 9,931 | 392 | 3.8 | 10,464 | 9,940 | 524 | 5.0 |
| Sherwood | 15,315 | 14,768 | 547 | 3.6 | 15,380 | 14,886 | 494 | 3.2 | 15,277 | 14,755 | 522 | 3.4 |
| Springdale | 37,686 | 36,722 | 964 | 2.6 | 37,938 | 37,025 | 913 | 2.4 | 36,901 | 35,766 | 1,135 | 3.1 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,535 | 12,887 | 648 | 4.8 | 13,696 | 13,087 | 609 | 4.4 | 13,718 | 13,065 | 653 | 4.8 |
| Van Buren | 10,032 | 9,670 | 362 | 3.6 | 10,234 | 9,905 | 329 | 3.2 | 10,336 | 9,843 | 493 | 4.8 |
| West Memphis | 10,422 | 9,869 | 553 | 5.3 | 10,685 | 10,132 | 553 | 5.2 | 10,466 | 9,899 | 567 | 5.4 |

**January 2017 December 2016 January 2016**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

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| Arkansas | 9,017 | 8,665 | 352 | 3.9 | 9,210 | 8,900 | 310 | 3.4 | 9,268 | 8,871 | 397 | 4.3 |
| Ashley | 7,800 | 7,273 | 527 | 6.8 | 7,870 | 7,334 | 536 | 6.8 | 7,912 | 7,340 | 572 | 7.2 |
| Baxter | 15,711 | 14,907 | 804 | 5.1 | 15,858 | 15,135 | 723 | 4.6 | 15,882 | 15,041 | 841 | 5.3 |
| Benton | 124,864 | 121,166 | 3,698 | 3.0 | 125,596 | 122,154 | 3,442 | 2.7 | 122,126 | 118,012 | 4,114 | 3.4 |
| Boone | 15,745 | 15,136 | 609 | 3.9 | 15,913 | 15,339 | 574 | 3.6 | 15,849 | 15,136 | 713 | 4.5 |
| Bradley | 4,480 | 4,232 | 248 | 5.5 | 4,533 | 4,296 | 237 | 5.2 | 4,335 | 4,103 | 232 | 5.4 |
| Calhoun | 2,333 | 2,227 | 106 | 4.5 | 2,351 | 2,256 | 95 | 4.0 | 2,414 | 2,280 | 134 | 5.6 |
| Carroll | 12,556 | 11,906 | 650 | 5.2 | 12,870 | 12,379 | 491 | 3.8 | 12,429 | 11,726 | 703 | 5.7 |
| Chicot | 3,469 | 3,181 | 288 | 8.3 | 3,501 | 3,254 | 247 | 7.1 | 3,622 | 3,318 | 304 | 8.4 |
| Clark | 9,355 | 8,929 | 426 | 4.6 | 9,559 | 9,179 | 380 | 4.0 | 9,227 | 8,761 | 466 | 5.1 |
| Clay | 5,821 | 5,461 | 360 | 6.2 | 5,908 | 5,576 | 332 | 5.6 | 6,153 | 5,669 | 484 | 7.9 |
| Cleburne | 9,212 | 8,619 | 593 | 6.4 | 9,321 | 8,825 | 496 | 5.3 | 9,502 | 8,799 | 703 | 7.4 |
| Cleveland | 3,214 | 3,059 | 155 | 4.8 | 3,296 | 3,148 | 148 | 4.5 | 3,287 | 3,111 | 176 | 5.4 |
| Columbia | 9,005 | 8,479 | 526 | 5.8 | 9,187 | 8,649 | 538 | 5.9 | 9,354 | 8,787 | 567 | 6.1 |
| Conway | 8,221 | 7,743 | 478 | 5.8 | 8,288 | 7,858 | 430 | 5.2 | 8,466 | 7,971 | 495 | 5.8 |
| Craighead | 51,278 | 49,541 | 1,737 | 3.4 | 51,786 | 50,230 | 1,556 | 3.0 | 50,750 | 48,726 | 2,024 | 4.0 |
| Crawford | 25,849 | 24,845 | 1,004 | 3.9 | 26,380 | 25,448 | 932 | 3.5 | 26,559 | 25,290 | 1,269 | 4.8 |
| Crittenden | 21,047 | 20,053 | 994 | 4.7 | 21,548 | 20,588 | 960 | 4.5 | 21,234 | 20,114 | 1,120 | 5.3 |
| Cross | 7,716 | 7,339 | 377 | 4.9 | 7,896 | 7,531 | 365 | 4.6 | 7,838 | 7,375 | 463 | 5.9 |
| Dallas | 2,904 | 2,762 | 142 | 4.9 | 2,899 | 2,767 | 132 | 4.6 | 2,897 | 2,727 | 170 | 5.9 |
| Desha | 5,252 | 4,944 | 308 | 5.9 | 5,384 | 5,092 | 292 | 5.4 | 5,523 | 5,133 | 390 | 7.1 |
| Drew | 7,892 | 7,415 | 477 | 6.0 | 8,052 | 7,612 | 440 | 5.5 | 7,904 | 7,383 | 521 | 6.6 |
| Faulkner | 59,139 | 56,957 | 2,182 | 3.7 | 59,530 | 57,449 | 2,081 | 3.5 | 59,540 | 56,977 | 2,563 | 4.3 |
| Franklin | 7,104 | 6,821 | 283 | 4.0 | 7,201 | 6,932 | 269 | 3.7 | 7,358 | 7,012 | 346 | 4.7 |
| Fulton | 4,603 | 4,365 | 238 | 5.2 | 4,644 | 4,443 | 201 | 4.3 | 4,660 | 4,411 | 249 | 5.3 |
| Garland | 39,829 | 38,031 | 1,798 | 4.5 | 39,037 | 37,326 | 1,711 | 4.4 | 39,424 | 37,433 | 1,991 | 5.1 |
| Grant | 8,130 | 7,831 | 299 | 3.7 | 8,189 | 7,905 | 284 | 3.5 | 8,219 | 7,863 | 356 | 4.3 |
| Greene | 19,449 | 18,617 | 832 | 4.3 | 19,641 | 18,780 | 861 | 4.4 | 19,808 | 18,810 | 998 | 5.0 |
| Hempstead | 9,771 | 9,381 | 390 | 4.0 | 9,884 | 9,515 | 369 | 3.7 | 9,821 | 9,391 | 430 | 4.4 |
| Hot Spring | 13,957 | 13,401 | 556 | 4.0 | 13,965 | 13,454 | 511 | 3.7 | 13,971 | 13,316 | 655 | 4.7 |
| Howard | 5,827 | 5,626 | 201 | 3.4 | 5,739 | 5,554 | 185 | 3.2 | 5,952 | 5,732 | 220 | 3.7 |
| Independence | 15,824 | 14,989 | 835 | 5.3 | 15,895 | 15,138 | 757 | 4.8 | 16,033 | 15,041 | 992 | 6.2 |
| Izard | 4,901 | 4,595 | 306 | 6.2 | 5,007 | 4,723 | 284 | 5.7 | 4,913 | 4,574 | 339 | 6.9 |
| Jackson | 5,965 | 5,535 | 430 | 7.2 | 6,003 | 5,614 | 389 | 6.5 | 6,174 | 5,716 | 458 | 7.4 |
| Jefferson | 27,675 | 26,073 | 1,602 | 5.8 | 28,245 | 26,760 | 1,485 | 5.3 | 28,107 | 26,256 | 1,851 | 6.6 |
| Johnson | 10,341 | 9,825 | 516 | 5.0 | 10,487 | 10,014 | 473 | 4.5 | 10,414 | 9,809 | 605 | 5.8 |
| Lafayette | 2,551 | 2,405 | 146 | 5.7 | 2,590 | 2,447 | 143 | 5.5 | 2,594 | 2,419 | 175 | 6.7 |
| Lawrence | 6,836 | 6,495 | 341 | 5.0 | 6,906 | 6,619 | 287 | 4.2 | 7,024 | 6,643 | 381 | 5.4 |
| Lee | 3,039 | 2,852 | 187 | 6.2 | 3,042 | 2,897 | 145 | 4.8 | 3,153 | 2,948 | 205 | 6.5 |
| Lincoln | 3,930 | 3,731 | 199 | 5.1 | 4,023 | 3,844 | 179 | 4.4 | 4,053 | 3,802 | 251 | 6.2 |
| Little River | 5,498 | 5,219 | 279 | 5.1 | 5,547 | 5,295 | 252 | 4.5 | 5,591 | 5,290 | 301 | 5.4 |
| Logan | 8,885 | 8,509 | 376 | 4.2 | 9,004 | 8,646 | 358 | 4.0 | 9,020 | 8,560 | 460 | 5.1 |
| Lonoke | 32,593 | 31,397 | 1,196 | 3.7 | 32,759 | 31,708 | 1,051 | 3.2 | 32,769 | 31,529 | 1,240 | 3.8 |
| Madison | 7,130 | 6,897 | 233 | 3.3 | 7,209 | 6,993 | 216 | 3.0 | 7,107 | 6,835 | 272 | 3.8 |
| Marion | 6,388 | 6,096 | 292 | 4.6 | 6,466 | 6,193 | 273 | 4.2 | 6,460 | 6,137 | 323 | 5.0 |
| Miller | 19,537 | 18,653 | 884 | 4.5 | 19,759 | 18,942 | 817 | 4.1 | 19,856 | 18,911 | 945 | 4.8 |

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**County CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 17,882 | 16,684 | 1,198 | 6.7 | 18,309 | 17,050 | 1,259 | 6.9 | 17,950 | 16,618 | 1,332 | 7.4 |
| Monroe | 2,788 | 2,629 | 159 | 5.7 | 2,778 | 2,623 | 155 | 5.6 | 2,944 | 2,770 | 174 | 5.9 |
| Montgomery | 2,764 | 2,583 | 181 | 6.5 | 2,811 | 2,645 | 166 | 5.9 | 3,043 | 2,834 | 209 | 6.9 |
| Nevada | 3,603 | 3,478 | 125 | 3.5 | 3,647 | 3,521 | 126 | 3.5 | 3,615 | 3,462 | 153 | 4.2 |
| Newton | 3,366 | 3,215 | 151 | 4.5 | 3,417 | 3,268 | 149 | 4.4 | 3,395 | 3,238 | 157 | 4.6 |
| Ouachita | 9,642 | 9,164 | 478 | 5.0 | 9,697 | 9,244 | 453 | 4.7 | 9,849 | 9,279 | 570 | 5.8 |
| Perry | 4,126 | 3,910 | 216 | 5.2 | 4,137 | 3,952 | 185 | 4.5 | 4,172 | 3,931 | 241 | 5.8 |
| Phillips | 6,473 | 6,041 | 432 | 6.7 | 6,553 | 6,179 | 374 | 5.7 | 6,823 | 6,295 | 528 | 7.7 |
| Pike | 4,116 | 3,921 | 195 | 4.7 | 4,112 | 3,939 | 173 | 4.2 | 4,150 | 3,934 | 216 | 5.2 |
| Poinsett | 10,021 | 9,544 | 477 | 4.8 | 10,133 | 9,708 | 425 | 4.2 | 10,030 | 9,488 | 542 | 5.4 |
| Polk | 8,028 | 7,602 | 426 | 5.3 | 8,173 | 7,772 | 401 | 4.9 | 8,097 | 7,650 | 447 | 5.5 |
| Pope | 28,687 | 27,235 | 1,452 | 5.1 | 29,121 | 27,840 | 1,281 | 4.4 | 29,010 | 27,453 | 1,557 | 5.4 |
| Prairie | 3,549 | 3,384 | 165 | 4.6 | 3,583 | 3,447 | 136 | 3.8 | 3,678 | 3,503 | 175 | 4.8 |
| Pulaski | 184,092 | 177,312 | 6,780 | 3.7 | 184,999 | 178,734 | 6,265 | 3.4 | 184,665 | 177,153 | 7,512 | 4.1 |
| Randolph | 6,320 | 5,975 | 345 | 5.5 | 6,457 | 6,142 | 315 | 4.9 | 6,231 | 5,834 | 397 | 6.4 |
| St. Francis | 8,639 | 8,146 | 493 | 5.7 | 8,709 | 8,286 | 423 | 4.9 | 8,871 | 8,261 | 610 | 6.9 |
| Saline | 55,465 | 53,631 | 1,834 | 3.3 | 55,731 | 54,065 | 1,666 | 3.0 | 55,548 | 53,587 | 1,961 | 3.5 |
| Scott | 4,336 | 4,189 | 147 | 3.4 | 4,391 | 4,246 | 145 | 3.3 | 4,430 | 4,240 | 190 | 4.3 |
| Searcy | 2,989 | 2,827 | 162 | 5.4 | 3,034 | 2,887 | 147 | 4.8 | 2,897 | 2,734 | 163 | 5.6 |
| Sebastian | 55,832 | 53,746 | 2,086 | 3.7 | 56,989 | 55,019 | 1,970 | 3.5 | 57,148 | 54,599 | 2,549 | 4.5 |
| Sevier | 5,578 | 5,279 | 299 | 5.4 | 5,615 | 5,346 | 269 | 4.8 | 5,665 | 5,351 | 314 | 5.5 |
| Sharp | 5,943 | 5,577 | 366 | 6.2 | 5,969 | 5,636 | 333 | 5.6 | 6,022 | 5,614 | 408 | 6.8 |
| Stone | 4,561 | 4,270 | 291 | 6.4 | 4,674 | 4,415 | 259 | 5.5 | 4,626 | 4,322 | 304 | 6.6 |
| Union | 15,992 | 15,086 | 906 | 5.7 | 16,109 | 15,258 | 851 | 5.3 | 16,627 | 15,672 | 955 | 5.7 |
| Van Buren | 5,792 | 5,388 | 404 | 7.0 | 5,843 | 5,463 | 380 | 6.5 | 6,254 | 5,796 | 458 | 7.3 |
| Washington | 117,981 | 114,875 | 3,106 | 2.6 | 118,733 | 115,823 | 2,910 | 2.5 | 115,437 | 111,885 | 3,552 | 3.1 |
| White | 33,459 | 31,694 | 1,765 | 5.3 | 33,767 | 32,176 | 1,591 | 4.7 | 34,413 | 32,205 | 2,208 | 6.4 |
| Woodruff | 2,887 | 2,716 | 171 | 5.9 | 2,937 | 2,778 | 159 | 5.4 | 3,014 | 2,805 | 209 | 6.9 |
| Yell | 8,538 | 8,144 | 394 | 4.6 | 8,711 | 8,349 | 362 | 4.2 | 8,728 | 8,293 | 435 | 5.0 |

County Labor Force Summar y

Between December and January, unemployment rates increased in seventy of Arkansas’ 75 coun- ties. Rates declined in three counties, while remaining stable in two. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.6 percent in Washington County to a high of 8.3 percent in Chicot County.

In January, nineteen counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down from 24 counties at or below four percent in December. Only one-- Chicot County-- reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to January 2016, unemployment rates are down in 72 Arkansas counties. Bradley

County posted a slight increase, while Conway and Union counties were the same over-the-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

Sebastian

Scott

Logan

Yell

Conway

Perry

Saline

Faulkner

Pulaski

White

Lonoke

Prairie

Woodruff

Monroe

Cross

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

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3.1% - 5.0%

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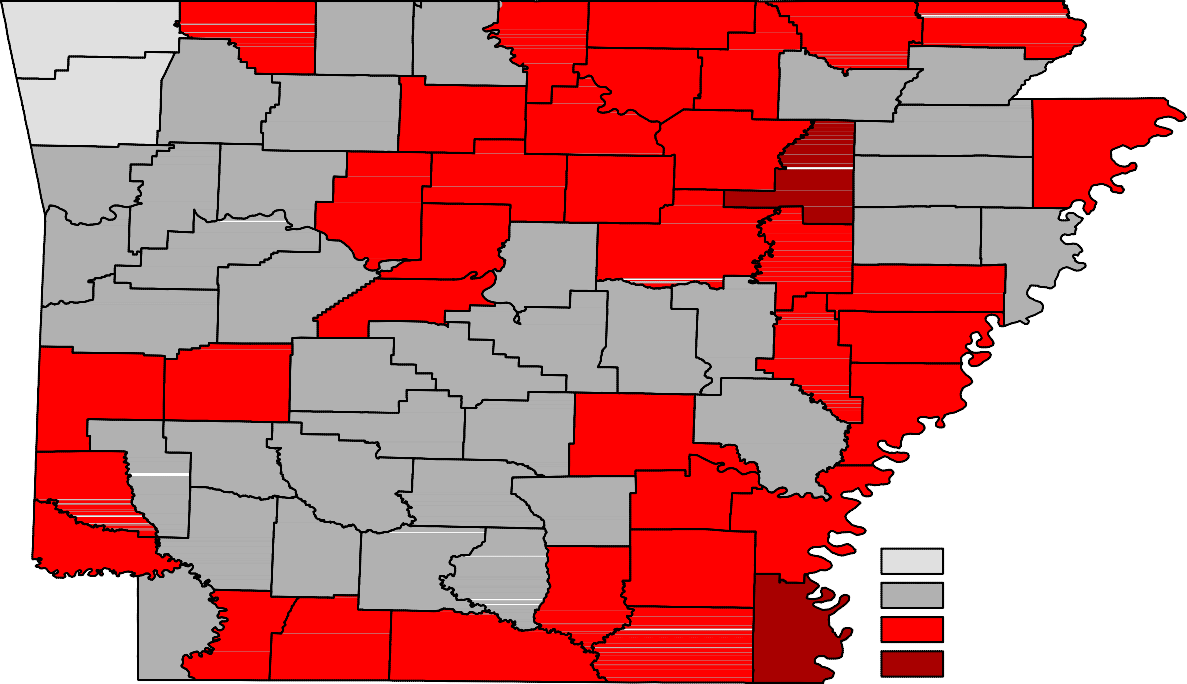
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Ranked by Unemployment Rates

Januar y 2017- Not Seasonally Adjusted

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| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  2.6 | **Rank**  26 | **County**  Clark | **Rate**  4.6 | **Rank**  51 | **County**  Bradley | **Rate**  5.5 |
| 2 | Benton | 3.0 | 26 | Marion | 4.6 | 51 | Randolph | 5.5 |
| 3 | Madison | 3.3 | 26 | Prairie | 4.6 | 53 | Lafayette | 5.7 |
| 3 | Saline | 3.3 | 26 | Yell | 4.6 | 53 | Monroe | 5.7 |
| 5 | Craighead | 3.4 | 30 | Crittenden | 4.7 | 53 | St. Francis | 5.7 |
| 5 | Howard | 3.4 | 30 | Pike | 4.7 | 53 | Union | 5.7 |
| 5 | Scott | 3.4 | 32 | Cleveland | 4.8 | 57 | Columbia | 5.8 |
| 8 | Nevada | 3.5 | 32 | Poinsett | 4.8 | 57 | Conway | 5.8 |
| 9 | Faulkner | 3.7 | 34 | Cross | 4.9 | 57 | Jefferson | 5.8 |
| 9 | Grant | 3.7 | 34 | Dallas | 4.9 | 60 | Desha | 5.9 |
| 9 | Lonoke | 3.7 | 36 | Johnson | 5.0 | 60 | Woodruff | 5.9 |
| 9 | Pulaski | 3.7 | 36 | Lawrence | 5.0 | 62 | Drew | 6.0 |
| 9 | Sebastian | 3.7 | 36 | Ouachita | 5.0 | 63 | Clay | 6.2 |
| 14 | Arkansas | 3.9 | 39 | Baxter | 5.1 | 63 | Izard | 6.2 |
| 14 | Boone | 3.9 | 39 | Lincoln | 5.1 | 63 | Lee | 6.2 |
| 14 | Crawford | 3.9 | 39 | Little River | 5.1 | 63 | Sharp | 6.2 |
| 17 | Franklin | 4.0 | 39 | Pope | 5.1 | 67 | Cleburne | 6.4 |
| 17 | Hempstead | 4.0 | 43 | Carroll | 5.2 | 67 | Stone | 6.4 |
| 17 | Hot Spring | 4.0 | 43 | Fulton | 5.2 | 69 | Montgomery | 6.5 |
| 20 | Logan | 4.2 | 43 | Perry | 5.2 | 70 | Mississippi | 6.7 |
| 21 | Greene | 4.3 | 46 | Independence | 5.3 | 70 | Phillips | 6.7 |
| 22 | Calhoun | 4.5 | 46 | Polk | 5.3 | 72 | Ashley | 6.8 |
| 22 | Garland | 4.5 | 46 | White | 5.3 | 73 | Van Buren | 7.0 |
| 22 | Miller | 4.5 | 49 | Searcy | 5.4 | 74 | Jackson | 7.2 |
| 22 | Newton | 4.5 | 49 | Sevier | 5.4 | 75 | Chicot | 8.3 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**January 2017 December 2016 January 2016**

**LWDA CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

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**Rate**

Central (minus LR) 242,877

233,981

8,896

3.7

244,191

235,965

8,226

3.4

244,079

234,272

9,807

4.0

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| City of Little Rock | 94,749 | 91,329 | 3,420 | 3.6 | 95,189 | 92,061 | 3,128 | 3.3 | 95,065 | 91,247 | 3,818 | 4.0 |
| Eastern | 46,914 | 44,431 | 2,483 | 5.3 | 47,748 | 45,481 | 2,267 | 4.7 | 47,919 | 44,993 | 2,926 | 6.1 |
| North Central | 93,147 | 87,748 | 5,399 | 5.8 | 94,060 | 89,211 | 4,849 | 5.2 | 95,611 | 89,283 | 6,328 | 6.6 |
| Northeast | 117,607 | 112,317 | 5,290 | 4.5 | 119,140 | 114,105 | 5,035 | 4.2 | 117,946 | 111,788 | 6,158 | 5.2 |
| Northwest | 306,730 | 297,025 | 9,705 | 3.2 | 309,096 | 300,171 | 8,925 | 2.9 | 301,582 | 290,744 | 10,838 | 3.6 |
| Southeast | 80,859 | 76,404 | 4,455 | 5.5 | 82,303 | 78,145 | 4,158 | 5.1 | 82,230 | 77,180 | 5,050 | 6.1 |
| Southwest | 92,241 | 87,759 | 4,482 | 4.9 | 93,024 | 88,794 | 4,230 | 4.5 | 94,235 | 89,301 | 4,934 | 5.2 |
| West Central | 129,934 | 123,722 | 6,212 | 4.8 | 130,228 | 124,556 | 5,672 | 4.4 | 130,605 | 123,735 | 6,870 | 5.3 |
| Western | 110,034 | 105,712 | 4,322 | 3.9 | 112,138 | 108,063 | 4,075 | 3.6 | 112,612 | 107,351 | 5,261 | 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

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Lafayette

Columbia

Union

Ashley

Central (minus LR) Eastern

North Central

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

Southwest

West Central

Western



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