

Labor Market Report

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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bureau 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 number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data collected for production workers in manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2018 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 Work- force Services. The data are based on es- tablishment 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 Man- agement and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, com- muting patterns and social and economic integration.

**Current Population Survey (CPS)**

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

**Civilian Labor Force**

The sum of all employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

**Employment**

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not work- ing, 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 oc- cur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.



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## Februar y Spotlight

**Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates**

Due to differing economies and labor force conditions in various parts of the country, unemployment rates vary greatly from state to state. In February 2019, seasonally adjusted jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.4 percent in four states (Iowa, New Hampshire, North Dakota, and Vermont) to a high of 6.5 percent in Alaska. The unemployment rate in Arkansas increased to 3.8 percent in February, a ranking of 26 out of 51 states. By looking at the map below, it becomes apparent that trends exist among states that are located within the same region. While there are some exceptions, western states tend to have higher jobless rates than states located in the Midwest. Similarly, states located in the northeast gener- ally experience lower unemployment rates than states located in the southeast. These regional trends occur because states often experience economic similarities based on shared industries, work forces, and climates.

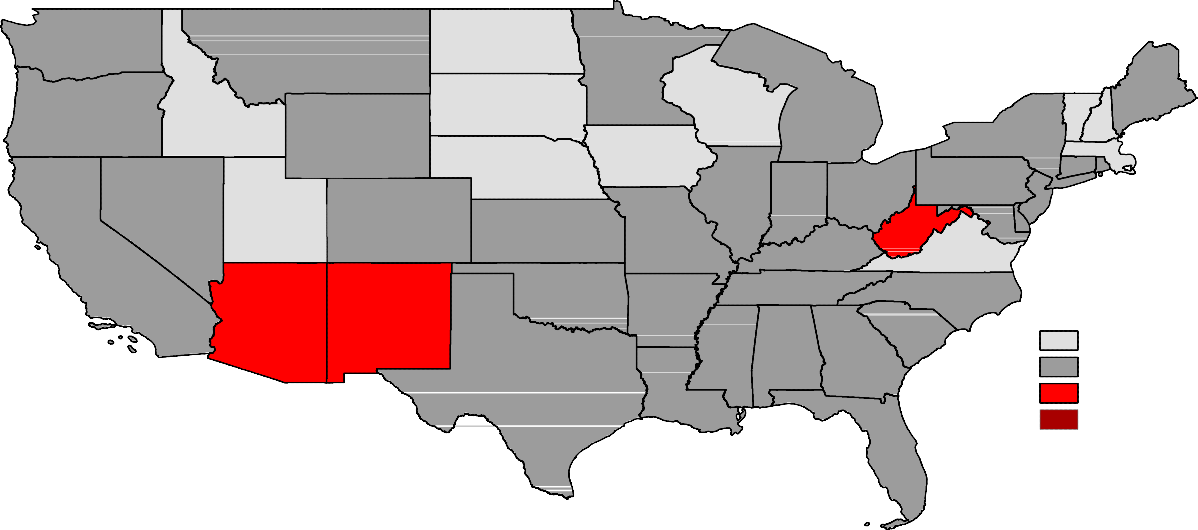
**Unemployment Rates, Ranked by State (Seasonally Adjusted)**

February 2019

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 3.8 Percent

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **State**  Iowa | **Rate**  2.4 | **Rank**  18 | **State**  Delaware | **Rate**  3.4 | **Rank**  35 | **State**  Michigan | **Rate**  4.0 |
| 1 | New Hampshire | 2.4 | 18 | Kansas | 3.4 | 35 | New Jersey | 4.0 |
| 1 | North Dakota | 2.4 | 18 | Maine | 3.4 | 35 | Pennsylvania | 4.0 |
| 1 | Vermont | 2.4 | 21 | Florida | 3.5 | 38 | Kentucky | 4.1 |
| 5 | Hawaii | 2.7 | 21 | Indiana | 3.5 | 39 | California | 4.2 |
| 6 | Nebraska | 2.8 | 23 | Alabama | 3.7 | 40 | Illinois | 4.3 |
| 7 | Idaho | 2.9 | 23 | Colorado | 3.7 | 40 | Nevada | 4.3 |
| 7 | South Dakota | 2.9 | 23 | Maryland | 3.7 | 42 | Oregon | 4.4 |
| 7 | Virginia | 2.9 | **26** | **Arkansas** | **3.8** | 43 | Washington | 4.5 |
| 7 | Wisconsin | 2.9 | 26 | Connecticut | 3.8 | 44 | Ohio | 4.6 |
| 11 | Massachusetts | 3.0 | 26 | Montana | 3.8 | 45 | Mississippi | 4.8 |
| 11 | Utah | 3.0 | 26 | Texas | 3.8 | 46 | Louisiana | 4.9 |
| 13 | Minnesota | 3.1 | 30 | Georgia | 3.9 | 47 | Arizona | 5.1 |
| 14 | Missouri | 3.2 | 30 | New York | 3.9 | 47 | New Mexico | 5.1 |
| 14 | South Carolina | 3.2 | 30 | North Carolina | 3.9 | 49 | West Virginia | 5.2 |
| 14 | Tennessee | 3.2 | 30 | Rhode Island | 3.9 | 50 | District of Columbia | 5.5 |
| 17 | Oklahoma | 3.3 | 30 | Wyoming | 3.9 | 51 | Alaska | 6.5 |

**Washington**



**Montana**

**North Dakota**

**Minnesota**

**Oregon**

**Idaho**

**South Dakota**

**Wisconsin**

**Michigan**

**Vermont**

**Maine**

**Wyoming**

**Nebraska**

**Iowa**

**New York**

**Pennsylvania**

**New Hampshire**

**Massachusetts Connecticut**

**Rhode Island**

**Illinois**

**Indiana**

**Ohio**

**Ne Jersey**

**California**

**Nevada**

**Utah**

**Colorado**

**Kansas**

**Missouri**

**Kentucky**

**West Virginia Maryland**

**Delaware**

**Virginia**

**Arizona**

**New Mexico**

**Oklahoma**

**Arkansas**

**Tennessee North Carolina South Carolina**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0%

Continental US Only

**Texas**

**Mississippi Alabama**

**Louisiana**

**Georgia**

**Florida**

3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

## State of Arkansas

**Civilian Labor Force Summary**

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 increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.7 percent in January to 3.8 percent in February. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose 2,446, a result of 1,758 more employed and an additional 688 unem- ployed Arkansans. At 3.8 percent, the United States’ jobless rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point between January and February.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “The number of employed in Arkansas rose 1,758 in February, adding slightly to the civilian labor force. There are currently 6,592 more employed Arkan- sans than in February 2018.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Feb 19**  1,357,845 | **Jan 19**  1,355,399 | **Feb 18**  1,351,078 | Civilian Labor Force | **Feb 19**  1,355,868 | **Jan 19**  1,337,914 | **Feb 18**  1,344,868 |
| Employment | 1,306,637 | 1,304,879 | 1,300,045 | Employment | 1,296,974 | 1,278,367 | 1,287,358 |
| Unemployment | 51,208 | 50,520 | 51,033 | Unemployment | 58,894 | 59,547 | 57,510 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.8 | Unemployment Rate | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.1 | U.S. Unemployment | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.4 |

5.0%

**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted vs Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

February 2016 - February 2019

4.5%

4.0%

3.5%

3.0%

2.5%

2.0%

Feb '16 Aug '16 Feb '17 Aug '17 Feb '18 Aug '18 Feb '19

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

**(NAICS)**

**Feb 19**

**Jan 19**

**Feb 18**

**OTM**

**OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Nonfarm** | 1264.7 | 1255.2 | 1253.1 | 9.5 | 11.6 |
| **Goods Producing** | 219.2 | 217.9 | 214.9 | 1.3 | 4.3 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | 54.7 | 55.2 | 55.1 | -0.5 | -0.4 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.7** | **5.8** | **5.9** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Construction** | **49.0** | **49.4** | **49.2** | **-0.4** | **-0.2** |
| **Specialty Trade Contractors** | 30.8 | 31.2 | 30.8 | -0.4 | 0.0 |
| **Manufacturing** | **164.5** | **162.7** | **159.8** | **1.8** | **4.7** |
| **Durable Goods** | 80.0 | 79.1 | 75.8 | 0.9 | 4.2 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 84.5 | 83.6 | 84.0 | 0.9 | 0.5 |
| **Service Providing** | 1045.5 | 1037.3 | 1038.2 | 8.2 | 7.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **251.4** | **251.2** | **248.4** | **0.2** | **3.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 48.5 | 48.4 | 47.0 | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| **Retail Trade** | 137.8 | 137.2 | 137.6 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| **Transport, Warehousing & Utilities** | 65.1 | 65.6 | 63.8 | -0.5 | 1.3 |
| **Information** | **11.0** | **11.1** | **11.3** | **-0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **60.4** | **60.9** | **59.8** | **-0.5** | **0.6** |
| **Finance & Insurance** | 47.1 | 47.5 | 46.4 | -0.4 | 0.7 |
| **Real Estate & Rental & Leasing** | 13.3 | 13.4 | 13.4 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **144.4** | **142.1** | **146.5** | **2.3** | **-2.1** |
| **Professional, Scientific & Technical** | 45.2 | 44.5 | 44.2 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| **Management of Companies** | 34.6 | 35.0 | 35.2 | -0.4 | -0.6 |
| **Administrative & Support Services** | 64.6 | 62.6 | 67.1 | 2.0 | -2.5 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **192.4** | **191.6** | **190.6** | **0.8** | **1.8** |
| **Educational Services** | 15.9 | 15.3 | 15.9 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| **Health Care & Social Assistance** | 176.5 | 176.3 | 174.7 | 0.2 | 1.8 |
| **Ambulatory Health Care** | 58.5 | 58.7 | 57.5 | -0.2 | 1.0 |
| **Social Assistance** | 40.3 | 40.2 | 39.9 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **116.7** | **114.5** | **114.4** | **2.2** | **2.3** |
| **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** | 10.0 | 9.6 | 10.3 | 0.4 | -0.3 |
| **Accommodation & Food Services** | 106.7 | 104.9 | 104.1 | 1.8 | 2.6 |
| **Accommodation Services** | 10.6 | 10.4 | 10.7 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| **Food Services** | 96.1 | 94.5 | 93.4 | 1.6 | 2.7 |
| **Other Services** | **53.4** | **53.2** | **52.8** | **0.2** | **0.6** |
| **Government** | **215.8** | **212.7** | **214.4** | **3.1** | **1.4** |
| **Federal Government** | 20.1 | 19.8 | 19.9 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** | 79.5 | 77.2 | 79.5 | 2.3 | 0.0 |
| **Local Government** | 116.2 | 115.7 | 115.0 | 0.5 | 1.2 |

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

**Januar y 2019 - Februar y 2019**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs rose 9,500 in February to total 1,264,700. Employment gains were post- ed in seven major industry sectors, while four sectors declined slightly. **Government** added 3,100 jobs, as public school employees returned from the winter holiday break. Jobs in **professional and business services** increased 2,300. Most of the additions were in administrative and support services (+2,000), a subsector which includes employment agencies. **Leisure and hospitality** rose 2,200. A majority of the hiring occurred in food services (+1,600), as food contractors returned to schools and universities. **Manufacturing** added 1,800 jobs, split between durable goods (+900) and nondurable goods (+900) manufacturing.

**Februar y 2018 - Februar y 2019**

Compared to February 2018, nonfarm payroll employment in Arkansas is up 11,600. Seven major indus- try sectors added jobs, as four sectors declined. Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 4,700. Most of the growth was in durable goods (+4,200), with reported expansions in the manufacturing of items such as machin- ery, transportation equipment, and fabricated metal products. Employment in t**rade, transportation, and utilities** increased 3,000. Hiring was reported in all three subsectors. **Leisure and hospitality** added 2,300 jobs, all in food services (+2,700). Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 1,800. All gains were posted in health care and social assistance. **Government** employment expanded 1,400, mostly in local government (+1,200). **Professional and business services** posted the greatest decline (-2,100). Most of the loss occurred in administrative and support services (-2,500), which includes activi- ties such as call centers, travel agencies, and janitorial services.

**Over-the-Year Employment Changes by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

February 2018 vs February 2019

Manufacturing

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Leisure & Hospitality

Education & Health

Government

Other Services

Financial Activities

Construction

Mining & Logging

Information

Professional & Business

(3,000) (2,000) (1,000) - 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 5,000 6,000

## State of Arkansas

**Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

**Manufacturing**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 19** | **Jan 19** | **Feb 18** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 40.3 | 41.0 | 41.2 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 18.18 | 18.30 | 16.71 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 732.65 | 750.30 | 688.45 |

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Feb 19 Jan 19**

**Feb 18**

Average Weekly Hours 39.0 39.3

Average Hourly Earnings 16.64 16.56

Average Weekly Earnings 648.96 650.81

40.5

15.13

612.77

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 19** | **Jan 19** | **Feb 18** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 41.7 | 42.9 | 42.2 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 19.80 | 20.11 | 18.55 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 825.66 | 862.72 | 782.81 |

50.0

**Average Weekly Hours Worked - Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

February 2017 - February 2019

45.0

40.0

35.0

30.0

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 25.0 |  | | | | |
|  | Feb '17 | Aug '17 | Feb '18 | Aug '18 | Feb '19 |

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA**

The Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA = Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, & Saline counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 19** | **Jan 19** | **Feb 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 355,704 | 350,889 | 352,148 | 4,815 | 3,556 |
| **Employment** | 341,940 | 337,077 | 338,451 | 4,863 | 3,489 |
| **Unemployment** | 13,764 | 13,812 | 13,697 | -48 | 67 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

321.3

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Feb 19**  360.5 | **Jan 19**  358.7 | **Feb 18**  357.5 | **OTM**  1.8 | **OT Y**  3.0 |
| **Goods Producing** | 37.0 | 37.4 | 37.0 | -0.4 | 0.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **16.0** | **16.5** | **16.7** | **-0.5** | **-0.7** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **21.0**  323.5 | **20.9** | **20.3** | **0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **70.8** | **70.8** | **69.6** | 2.2  **0.0** | 3.0  **1.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 16.0 | 15.9 | 15.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** | 38.9 | 39.0 | 38.5 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 15.9 | 15.9 | 15.3 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| **Information** | **4.2** | **4.2** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **21.4** | **21.4** | **20.8** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **48.5** | **48.1** | **49.3** | **0.4** | **-0.8** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **57.0** | **56.4** | **56.9** | **0.6** | **0.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **34.3** | **33.9** | **33.3** | **0.4** | **1.0** |
| **Other Services** | **15.7** | **15.7** | **15.3** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Government** | **71.6** | **70.8** | **71.0** | **0.8** | **0.6** |
| **Federal Government** | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 35.9 | 35.3 | 35.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| **Local Government** | 26.1 | 26.0 | 25.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 |

320.5

**Number of Employed**

February: 2009 - 2019

345,000

**Jobs in Trade-Transportation-Utilities**

February 2016 - February 2019

340,000

335,000

72,000

330,000

325,000

71,000

320,000

70,000

315,000

310,000

69,000

305,000

300,000

'09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

68,000

Feb '16 Aug '16 Feb '17 Aug '17 Feb '18 Aug '18 Feb '19

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA**

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 19** | **Jan 19** | **Feb 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 277,676 | 271,419 | 273,736 | 6,257 | 3,940 |
| **Employment** | 268,933 | 262,689 | 265,223 | 6,244 | 3,710 |
| **Unemployment** | 8,743 | 8,730 | 8,513 | 13 | 230 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

214.6

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Feb 19**  260.5 | **Jan 19**  256.2 | **Feb 18**  257.0 | **OTM**  4.3 | **OT Y**  3.5 |
| **Goods Producing** | 41.8 | 41.6 | 40.9 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **11.6** | **11.5** | **11.3** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **30.2**  218.7 | **30.1** | **29.6** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **56.2** | **56.0** | **55.3** | 4.1  **0.2** | 2.6  **0.9** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 12.4 | 12.3 | 12.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** | 26.0 | 26.0 | 26.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 17.8 | 17.7 | 17.0 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| **Information** | **2.1** | **2.1** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **8.2** | **8.2** | **8.1** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **49.7** | **49.7** | **50.2** | **0.0** | **-0.5** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **29.8** | **29.5** | **29.2** | **0.3** | **0.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **25.3** | **23.9** | **25.5** | **1.4** | **-0.2** |
| **Other Services** | **9.3** | **9.3** | **9.1** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **38.1** | **35.9** | **36.7** | **2.2** | **1.4** |
| **Federal Government** | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** | 16.1 | 14.2 | 15.1 | 1.9 | 1.0 |
| **Local Government** | 19.3 | 19.1 | 19.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 |

216.1

260,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

February: 1999 - 2019

220,000

180,000

140,000

100,000

'99 '01 '03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fort Smith MSA**

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 19** | **Jan 19** | **Feb 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 119,037 | 117,339 | 120,122 | 1,698 | -1,085 |
| **Employment** | 113,856 | 112,203 | 114,632 | 1,653 | -776 |
| **Unemployment** | 5,181 | 5,136 | 5,490 | 45 | -309 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 0.0 | -0.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

89.0

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Feb 19**  112.9 | **Jan 19**  111.9 | **Feb 18**  113.3 | **OTM**  1.0 | **OT Y**  -0.4 |
| **Goods Producing** | 22.7 | 22.9 | 22.9 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.0** | **5.1** | **5.1** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **17.7**  90.2 | **17.8** | **17.8** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23.1** | **23.1** | **23.0** | 1.2  **0.0** | -0.2  **0.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** | 12.4 | 12.3 | 12.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.5 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Information** | **1.1** | **1.1** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **4.0** | **4.0** | **3.9** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **12.8** | **12.3** | **13.0** | **0.5** | **-0.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **17.1** | **17.0** | **16.9** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.2** | **9.1** | **9.2** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Other Services** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **18.5** | **18.0** | **18.8** | **0.5** | **-0.3** |
| **Federal Government** | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 3.1 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| **Local Government** | 14.1 | 14.0 | 14.4 | 0.1 | -0.3 |

90.4

**Number of Unemployed**

February 2017 - February 2019

6,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Sectors**

February: 2009 - 2019

92,000

5,500

90,000

5,000

88,000

4,500

86,000

4,000

84,000

3,500

82,000

3,000

Feb

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | | | | | | | | |
| '17 | '17 | '18 | '18 | '19 |  | '09 | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '15 | '16 | '17 | '18 | '19 |

Aug

Feb

Aug

Feb

80,000

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 19** | **Jan 19** | **Feb 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,074 | 40,608 | 40,730 | 466 | 344 |
| **Employment** | 39,206 | 38,660 | 38,835 | 546 | 371 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,868 | 1,948 | 1,895 | -80 | -27 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.7 | -0.3 | -0.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 19** | **Jan 19** | **Feb 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 38.9 | 38.8 | 38.5 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 34.5 | 34.5 | 34.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

40,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

February 2014 - February 2019

39,500

39,000

38,500

38,000

37,500

37,000

36,500

36,000

35,500

Feb '14 Aug '14 Feb '15 Aug '15 Feb '16 Aug '16 Feb '17 Aug '17 Feb '18 Aug '18 Feb '19

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 19** | **Jan 19** | **Feb 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,684 | 63,789 | 63,833 | 895 | 851 |
| **Employment** | 62,367 | 61,422 | 61,473 | 945 | 894 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,317 | 2,367 | 2,360 | -50 | -43 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 | -0.1 | -0.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 19** | **Jan 19** | **Feb 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 58.7 | 58.2 | 57.8 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| 9.8 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 48.9 | 48.4 | 48.0 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| 9.1 | 9.0 | 9.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

70,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Goods Producing + Service Providing)**

February: 2009 - 2019

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

10,000

0

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

Goods Producing Service Providing

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Pine Bluff MSA**

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 19** | **Jan 19** | **Feb 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 35,109 | 34,866 | 35,405 | 243 | -296 |
| **Employment** | 32,988 | 32,689 | 33,423 | 299 | -435 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,121 | 2,177 | 1,982 | -56 | 139 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.0 | 6.2 | 5.6 | -0.2 | 0.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 19** | **Jan 19** | **Feb 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 32.8 | 32.6 | 33.2 | 0.2 | -0.4 |
| 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 26.9 | 26.7 | 27.2 | 0.2 | -0.3 |
| 9.3 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |

6,000

**Number of Unemployed**

February: 1999 - 2019

5,000

4,000

3,000

2,000

1,000

0

'99 '01 '03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Out-of-State MSA**

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

### Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

The Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA = Fayette, Shelby, & Tipton counties in Tennessee; Benton, Desoto, Marshall, Tate, & Tunica counties in Mississippi; & Crittenden County in Arkansas.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 19** | **Jan 19** | **Feb 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 639,087 | 634,327 | 632,023 | 4,760 | 7,064 |
| **Employment** | 614,745 | 606,879 | 604,817 | 7,866 | 9,928 |
| **Unemployment** | 24,342 | 27,448 | 27,206 | -3,106 | -2,864 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.3 | -0.5 | -0.5 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Feb 19** | **Jan 19** | **Feb 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,468 | 64,984 | 64,438 | 484 | 1,030 |
| **Employment** | 62,010 | 61,362 | 61,286 | 648 | 724 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,458 | 3,622 | 3,152 | -164 | 306 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.3 | 5.6 | 4.9 | -0.3 | 0.4 |

**Memphis MSA - Number of Employed**

February 2017 - February 2019

620,000

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**

February: 2009 - 2019

10.0

610,000

8.0

6.0

600,000

4.0

590,000

2.0

580,000

Feb

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | | | | | | | | |
| '17 | '17 | '18 | '18 | '19 |  | '09 | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '15 | '16 | '17 | '18 | '19 |

Aug

Feb

Aug

Feb

0.0

## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**Micro Area**

**February 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**January 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**February 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,794 | 9,412 | 382 | 3.9 | 9,604 | 9,169 | 435 | 4.5 | 9,472 | 9,070 | 402 | 4.2 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,575 | 15,793 | 782 | 4.7 | 16,364 | 15,585 | 779 | 4.8 | 16,161 | 15,436 | 725 | 4.5 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,975 | 15,992 | 983 | 5.8 | 16,957 | 15,952 | 1,005 | 5.9 | 17,294 | 16,224 | 1,070 | 6.2 |
| Camden Micro | 12,594 | 11,799 | 795 | 6.3 | 12,487 | 11,674 | 813 | 6.5 | 12,073 | 11,464 | 609 | 5.0 |
| El Dorado Micro | 16,011 | 15,044 | 967 | 6.0 | 15,846 | 14,899 | 947 | 6.0 | 16,083 | 15,004 | 1,079 | 6.7 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,327 | 7,781 | 546 | 6.6 | 8,257 | 7,718 | 539 | 6.5 | 8,306 | 7,798 | 508 | 6.1 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,381 | 18,569 | 812 | 4.2 | 19,099 | 18,309 | 790 | 4.1 | 19,193 | 18,350 | 843 | 4.4 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,562 | 6,082 | 480 | 7.3 | 6,574 | 6,104 | 470 | 7.1 | 6,656 | 6,151 | 505 | 7.6 |
| Hope Micro | 13,571 | 12,956 | 615 | 4.5 | 13,444 | 12,835 | 609 | 4.5 | 13,435 | 12,928 | 507 | 3.8 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,157 | 8,695 | 462 | 5.0 | 9,054 | 8,576 | 478 | 5.3 | 9,032 | 8,548 | 484 | 5.4 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,058 | 13,458 | 600 | 4.3 | 13,882 | 13,281 | 601 | 4.3 | 13,975 | 13,391 | 584 | 4.2 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,431 | 15,600 | 831 | 5.1 | 16,263 | 15,400 | 863 | 5.3 | 16,264 | 15,499 | 765 | 4.7 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,939 | 19,074 | 865 | 4.3 | 19,730 | 18,880 | 850 | 4.3 | 19,648 | 18,827 | 821 | 4.2 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,490 | 35,587 | 1,903 | 5.1 | 37,143 | 35,101 | 2,042 | 5.5 | 37,524 | 35,651 | 1,873 | 5.0 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,015 | 32,093 | 1,922 | 5.7 | 33,593 | 31,657 | 1,936 | 5.8 | 33,926 | 32,147 | 1,779 | 5.2 |

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

**City Labor Force Statistics**

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

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



**City**

**CLF**

**February 2019**

**Emp Unemp**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**January 2019**

**Rate**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**February 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 12,426 | 11,834 | 592 | 4.8 | 12,168 | 11,552 | 616 | 5.1 | 12,208 | 11,660 | 548 | 4.5 |
| Benton | 17,196 | 16,608 | 588 | 3.4 | 16,986 | 16,360 | 626 | 3.7 | 17,064 | 16,434 | 630 | 3.7 |
| Bentonville | 26,317 | 25,588 | 729 | 2.8 | 25,720 | 24,980 | 740 | 2.9 | 25,972 | 25,213 | 759 | 2.9 |
| Blytheville | 5,743 | 5,409 | 334 | 5.8 | 5,728 | 5,395 | 333 | 5.8 | 5,857 | 5,487 | 370 | 6.3 |
| Cabot | 11,924 | 11,495 | 429 | 3.6 | 11,813 | 11,372 | 441 | 3.7 | 11,815 | 11,401 | 414 | 3.5 |
| Conway | 33,581 | 32,352 | 1,229 | 3.7 | 33,125 | 31,898 | 1,227 | 3.7 | 33,300 | 32,037 | 1,263 | 3.8 |
| El Dorado | 6,975 | 6,499 | 476 | 6.8 | 6,886 | 6,436 | 450 | 6.5 | 6,991 | 6,482 | 509 | 7.3 |
| Fayetteville | 47,835 | 46,349 | 1,486 | 3.1 | 46,739 | 45,241 | 1,498 | 3.2 | 47,089 | 45,687 | 1,402 | 3.0 |
| Fort Smith | 39,646 | 37,938 | 1,708 | 4.3 | 38,822 | 37,259 | 1,563 | 4.0 | 39,699 | 37,992 | 1,707 | 4.3 |
| Hot Springs | 14,605 | 13,911 | 694 | 4.8 | 14,504 | 13,718 | 786 | 5.4 | 14,519 | 13,780 | 739 | 5.1 |
| Jacksonville | 11,769 | 11,203 | 566 | 4.8 | 11,565 | 11,035 | 530 | 4.6 | 11,639 | 11,082 | 557 | 4.8 |
| Jonesboro | 38,296 | 36,958 | 1,338 | 3.5 | 37,698 | 36,351 | 1,347 | 3.6 | 37,735 | 36,400 | 1,335 | 3.5 |
| Little Rock | 97,730 | 93,869 | 3,861 | 4.0 | 96,308 | 92,465 | 3,843 | 4.0 | 96,648 | 92,860 | 3,788 | 3.9 |
| North Little Rock | 29,941 | 28,599 | 1,342 | 4.5 | 29,452 | 28,172 | 1,280 | 4.3 | 29,612 | 28,292 | 1,320 | 4.5 |
| Paragould | 12,539 | 11,946 | 593 | 4.7 | 12,415 | 11,825 | 590 | 4.8 | 12,331 | 11,792 | 539 | 4.4 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,619 | 15,478 | 1,141 | 6.9 | 16,448 | 15,309 | 1,139 | 6.9 | 16,718 | 15,663 | 1,055 | 6.3 |
| Rogers | 35,626 | 34,512 | 1,114 | 3.1 | 34,804 | 33,692 | 1,112 | 3.2 | 35,029 | 34,007 | 1,022 | 2.9 |
| Russellville | 13,430 | 12,848 | 582 | 4.3 | 13,283 | 12,645 | 638 | 4.8 | 13,464 | 12,857 | 607 | 4.5 |
| Searcy | 10,297 | 9,809 | 488 | 4.7 | 10,174 | 9,676 | 498 | 4.9 | 10,263 | 9,826 | 437 | 4.3 |
| Sherwood | 16,013 | 15,411 | 602 | 3.8 | 15,783 | 15,181 | 602 | 3.8 | 15,796 | 15,246 | 550 | 3.5 |
| Springdale | 39,311 | 38,163 | 1,148 | 2.9 | 38,366 | 37,251 | 1,115 | 2.9 | 38,769 | 37,617 | 1,152 | 3.0 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,677 | 12,937 | 740 | 5.4 | 13,547 | 12,755 | 792 | 5.8 | 13,487 | 12,790 | 697 | 5.2 |
| Van Buren | 10,401 | 9,975 | 426 | 4.1 | 10,221 | 9,816 | 405 | 4.0 | 10,433 | 9,997 | 436 | 4.2 |
| West Memphis | 10,663 | 10,068 | 595 | 5.6 | 10,540 | 9,953 | 587 | 5.6 | 10,465 | 9,900 | 565 | 5.4 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County CLF** | | **February 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **January 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **February 2018 Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 8,959 | 8,574 | 385 | 4.3 | 8,962 | 8,566 | 396 | 4.4 | 8,942 | 8,560 | 382 | 4.3 |
| Ashley | 7,883 | 7,373 | 510 | 6.5 | 7,869 | 7,349 | 520 | 6.6 | 7,691 | 7,183 | 508 | 6.6 |
| Baxter | 16,431 | 15,600 | 831 | 5.1 | 16,263 | 15,400 | 863 | 5.3 | 16,264 | 15,499 | 765 | 4.7 |
| Benton | 135,841 | 131,393 | 4,448 | 3.3 | 132,746 | 128,269 | 4,477 | 3.4 | 133,815 | 129,469 | 4,346 | 3.2 |
| Boone | 16,034 | 15,379 | 655 | 4.1 | 15,778 | 15,150 | 628 | 4.0 | 15,878 | 15,183 | 695 | 4.4 |
| Bradley | 4,488 | 4,235 | 253 | 5.6 | 4,493 | 4,243 | 250 | 5.6 | 4,269 | 4,031 | 238 | 5.6 |
| Calhoun | 2,475 | 2,324 | 151 | 6.1 | 2,460 | 2,315 | 145 | 5.9 | 2,383 | 2,270 | 113 | 4.7 |
| Carroll | 12,196 | 11,592 | 604 | 5.0 | 12,102 | 11,453 | 649 | 5.4 | 12,247 | 11,689 | 558 | 4.6 |
| Chicot | 3,250 | 2,966 | 284 | 8.7 | 3,275 | 2,986 | 289 | 8.8 | 3,393 | 3,081 | 312 | 9.2 |
| Clark | 9,794 | 9,412 | 382 | 3.9 | 9,604 | 9,169 | 435 | 4.5 | 9,472 | 9,070 | 402 | 4.2 |
| Clay | 5,637 | 5,266 | 371 | 6.6 | 5,677 | 5,287 | 390 | 6.9 | 5,805 | 5,488 | 317 | 5.5 |
| Cleburne | 9,035 | 8,500 | 535 | 5.9 | 8,906 | 8,377 | 529 | 5.9 | 9,144 | 8,642 | 502 | 5.5 |
| Cleveland | 3,249 | 3,089 | 160 | 4.9 | 3,247 | 3,081 | 166 | 5.1 | 3,297 | 3,142 | 155 | 4.7 |
| Columbia | 9,157 | 8,695 | 462 | 5.0 | 9,054 | 8,576 | 478 | 5.3 | 9,032 | 8,548 | 484 | 5.4 |
| Conway | 8,131 | 7,723 | 408 | 5.0 | 8,070 | 7,638 | 432 | 5.4 | 8,168 | 7,737 | 431 | 5.3 |
| Craighead | 54,460 | 52,570 | 1,890 | 3.5 | 53,623 | 51,707 | 1,916 | 3.6 | 53,665 | 51,776 | 1,889 | 3.5 |
| Crawford | 26,824 | 25,689 | 1,135 | 4.2 | 26,374 | 25,280 | 1,094 | 4.1 | 26,873 | 25,745 | 1,128 | 4.2 |
| Crittenden | 21,599 | 20,525 | 1,074 | 5.0 | 21,354 | 20,290 | 1,064 | 5.0 | 21,209 | 20,183 | 1,026 | 4.8 |
| Cross | 7,264 | 6,867 | 397 | 5.5 | 7,232 | 6,830 | 402 | 5.6 | 7,490 | 7,122 | 368 | 4.9 |
| Dallas | 2,870 | 2,700 | 170 | 5.9 | 2,853 | 2,687 | 166 | 5.8 | 2,841 | 2,697 | 144 | 5.1 |
| Desha | 5,309 | 5,023 | 286 | 5.4 | 5,339 | 5,041 | 298 | 5.6 | 5,352 | 5,060 | 292 | 5.5 |
| Drew | 7,930 | 7,421 | 509 | 6.4 | 7,870 | 7,367 | 503 | 6.4 | 7,753 | 7,283 | 470 | 6.1 |
| Faulkner | 61,541 | 59,269 | 2,272 | 3.7 | 60,762 | 58,437 | 2,325 | 3.8 | 61,072 | 58,692 | 2,380 | 3.9 |
| Franklin | 7,350 | 7,052 | 298 | 4.1 | 7,288 | 6,988 | 300 | 4.1 | 7,429 | 7,120 | 309 | 4.2 |
| Fulton | 4,904 | 4,648 | 256 | 5.2 | 4,866 | 4,598 | 268 | 5.5 | 4,762 | 4,529 | 233 | 4.9 |
| Garland | 41,074 | 39,206 | 1,868 | 4.5 | 40,608 | 38,660 | 1,948 | 4.8 | 40,730 | 38,835 | 1,895 | 4.7 |
| Grant | 8,311 | 8,008 | 303 | 3.6 | 8,254 | 7,926 | 328 | 4.0 | 8,220 | 7,934 | 286 | 3.5 |
| Greene | 19,939 | 19,074 | 865 | 4.3 | 19,730 | 18,880 | 850 | 4.3 | 19,648 | 18,827 | 821 | 4.2 |
| Hempstead | 9,938 | 9,480 | 458 | 4.6 | 9,862 | 9,403 | 459 | 4.7 | 9,822 | 9,465 | 357 | 3.6 |
| Hot Spring | 14,058 | 13,458 | 600 | 4.3 | 13,882 | 13,281 | 601 | 4.3 | 13,975 | 13,391 | 584 | 4.2 |
| Howard | 5,854 | 5,631 | 223 | 3.8 | 5,837 | 5,602 | 235 | 4.0 | 5,952 | 5,745 | 207 | 3.5 |
| Independence | 16,575 | 15,793 | 782 | 4.7 | 16,364 | 15,585 | 779 | 4.8 | 16,161 | 15,436 | 725 | 4.5 |
| Izard | 4,977 | 4,671 | 306 | 6.1 | 4,935 | 4,575 | 360 | 7.3 | 4,781 | 4,484 | 297 | 6.2 |
| Jackson | 5,733 | 5,289 | 444 | 7.7 | 5,750 | 5,291 | 459 | 8.0 | 5,761 | 5,358 | 403 | 7.0 |
| Jefferson | 27,894 | 26,142 | 1,752 | 6.3 | 27,662 | 25,856 | 1,806 | 6.5 | 28,074 | 26,454 | 1,620 | 5.8 |
| Johnson | 10,456 | 9,889 | 567 | 5.4 | 10,399 | 9,827 | 572 | 5.5 | 10,535 | 10,000 | 535 | 5.1 |
| Lafayette | 2,485 | 2,348 | 137 | 5.5 | 2,499 | 2,354 | 145 | 5.8 | 2,490 | 2,332 | 158 | 6.3 |
| Lawrence | 6,950 | 6,584 | 366 | 5.3 | 6,894 | 6,552 | 342 | 5.0 | 6,862 | 6,547 | 315 | 4.6 |
| Lee | 2,836 | 2,665 | 171 | 6.0 | 2,865 | 2,694 | 171 | 6.0 | 2,878 | 2,708 | 170 | 5.9 |
| Lincoln | 3,966 | 3,757 | 209 | 5.3 | 3,957 | 3,752 | 205 | 5.2 | 4,034 | 3,827 | 207 | 5.1 |
| Little River | 5,520 | 5,212 | 308 | 5.6 | 5,457 | 5,141 | 316 | 5.8 | 5,430 | 5,143 | 287 | 5.3 |
| Logan | 8,678 | 8,268 | 410 | 4.7 | 8,643 | 8,207 | 436 | 5.0 | 8,706 | 8,307 | 399 | 4.6 |
| Lonoke | 33,787 | 32,536 | 1,251 | 3.7 | 33,448 | 32,188 | 1,260 | 3.8 | 33,542 | 32,268 | 1,274 | 3.8 |
| Madison | 7,394 | 7,146 | 248 | 3.4 | 7,309 | 7,065 | 244 | 3.3 | 7,359 | 7,102 | 257 | 3.5 |
| Marion | 6,419 | 6,080 | 339 | 5.3 | 6,350 | 6,005 | 345 | 5.4 | 6,518 | 6,203 | 315 | 4.8 |
| Miller | 19,852 | 18,816 | 1,036 | 5.2 | 19,621 | 18,551 | 1,070 | 5.5 | 19,605 | 18,602 | 1,003 | 5.1 |

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## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**County**

**February 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**January 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**February 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 16,975 | 15,992 | 983 | 5.8 | 16,957 | 15,952 | 1,005 | 5.9 | 17,294 | 16,224 | 1,070 | 6.2 |
| Monroe | 2,740 | 2,599 | 141 | 5.1 | 2,744 | 2,605 | 139 | 5.1 | 2,761 | 2,628 | 133 | 4.8 |
| Montgomery | 2,939 | 2,760 | 179 | 6.1 | 2,951 | 2,764 | 187 | 6.3 | 2,961 | 2,786 | 175 | 5.9 |
| Nevada | 3,633 | 3,476 | 157 | 4.3 | 3,582 | 3,432 | 150 | 4.2 | 3,613 | 3,463 | 150 | 4.2 |
| Newton | 3,347 | 3,190 | 157 | 4.7 | 3,321 | 3,159 | 162 | 4.9 | 3,315 | 3,167 | 148 | 4.5 |
| Ouachita | 10,119 | 9,475 | 644 | 6.4 | 10,027 | 9,359 | 668 | 6.7 | 9,690 | 9,194 | 496 | 5.1 |
| Perry | 4,266 | 4,037 | 229 | 5.4 | 4,223 | 3,995 | 228 | 5.4 | 4,233 | 4,012 | 221 | 5.2 |
| Phillips | 6,562 | 6,082 | 480 | 7.3 | 6,574 | 6,104 | 470 | 7.1 | 6,656 | 6,151 | 505 | 7.6 |
| Pike | 4,267 | 4,066 | 201 | 4.7 | 4,265 | 4,052 | 213 | 5.0 | 4,187 | 3,985 | 202 | 4.8 |
| Poinsett | 10,224 | 9,797 | 427 | 4.2 | 10,166 | 9,715 | 451 | 4.4 | 10,168 | 9,697 | 471 | 4.6 |
| Polk | 8,006 | 7,612 | 394 | 4.9 | 7,990 | 7,570 | 420 | 5.3 | 7,997 | 7,618 | 379 | 4.7 |
| Pope | 29,027 | 27,568 | 1,459 | 5.0 | 28,713 | 27,134 | 1,579 | 5.5 | 29,050 | 27,588 | 1,462 | 5.0 |
| Prairie | 3,514 | 3,327 | 187 | 5.3 | 3,540 | 3,336 | 204 | 5.8 | 3,522 | 3,360 | 162 | 4.6 |
| Pulaski | 189,967 | 182,277 | 7,690 | 4.0 | 187,143 | 179,552 | 7,591 | 4.1 | 187,818 | 180,319 | 7,499 | 4.0 |
| Randolph | 7,307 | 6,957 | 350 | 4.8 | 7,212 | 6,864 | 348 | 4.8 | 7,091 | 6,745 | 346 | 4.9 |
| St. Francis | 8,327 | 7,781 | 546 | 6.6 | 8,257 | 7,718 | 539 | 6.5 | 8,306 | 7,798 | 508 | 6.1 |
| Saline | 57,832 | 55,813 | 2,019 | 3.5 | 57,059 | 54,979 | 2,080 | 3.6 | 57,263 | 55,226 | 2,037 | 3.6 |
| Scott | 4,403 | 4,222 | 181 | 4.1 | 4,422 | 4,226 | 196 | 4.4 | 4,364 | 4,174 | 190 | 4.4 |
| Searcy | 2,880 | 2,729 | 151 | 5.2 | 2,832 | 2,681 | 151 | 5.3 | 2,870 | 2,708 | 162 | 5.6 |
| Sebastian | 57,091 | 54,704 | 2,387 | 4.2 | 55,975 | 53,724 | 2,251 | 4.0 | 57,209 | 54,781 | 2,428 | 4.2 |
| Sevier | 5,598 | 5,292 | 306 | 5.5 | 5,588 | 5,267 | 321 | 5.7 | 5,496 | 5,207 | 289 | 5.3 |
| Sharp | 5,818 | 5,458 | 360 | 6.2 | 5,763 | 5,388 | 375 | 6.5 | 5,774 | 5,468 | 306 | 5.3 |
| Stone | 4,727 | 4,402 | 325 | 6.9 | 4,733 | 4,409 | 324 | 6.8 | 4,647 | 4,384 | 263 | 5.7 |
| Union | 16,011 | 15,044 | 967 | 6.0 | 15,846 | 14,899 | 947 | 6.0 | 16,083 | 15,004 | 1,079 | 6.7 |
| Van Buren | 5,872 | 5,508 | 364 | 6.2 | 5,851 | 5,463 | 388 | 6.6 | 5,969 | 5,601 | 368 | 6.2 |
| Washington | 123,860 | 120,159 | 3,701 | 3.0 | 120,948 | 117,286 | 3,662 | 3.0 | 121,994 | 118,442 | 3,552 | 2.9 |
| White | 34,015 | 32,093 | 1,922 | 5.7 | 33,593 | 31,657 | 1,936 | 5.8 | 33,926 | 32,147 | 1,779 | 5.2 |
| Woodruff | 2,768 | 2,595 | 173 | 6.3 | 2,819 | 2,632 | 187 | 6.6 | 2,808 | 2,652 | 156 | 5.6 |
| Yell | 8,463 | 8,019 | 444 | 5.2 | 8,430 | 7,967 | 463 | 5.5 | 8,474 | 8,063 | 411 | 4.9 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between January and February, unemployment rates declined in 50 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Jobless rates were unchanged in thirteen counties, while twelve counties increased over-the- month. Rates ranged from a low of 3.0 percent in Washington County to a high of 8.7 percent in Chicot County.

In February, eleven counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. Three coun- ties reported jobless rates at or above seven percent, down from four counties at or above seven percent in January.

Compared to February 2018, unemployment rates are up in 44 Arkansas counties. Rates declined

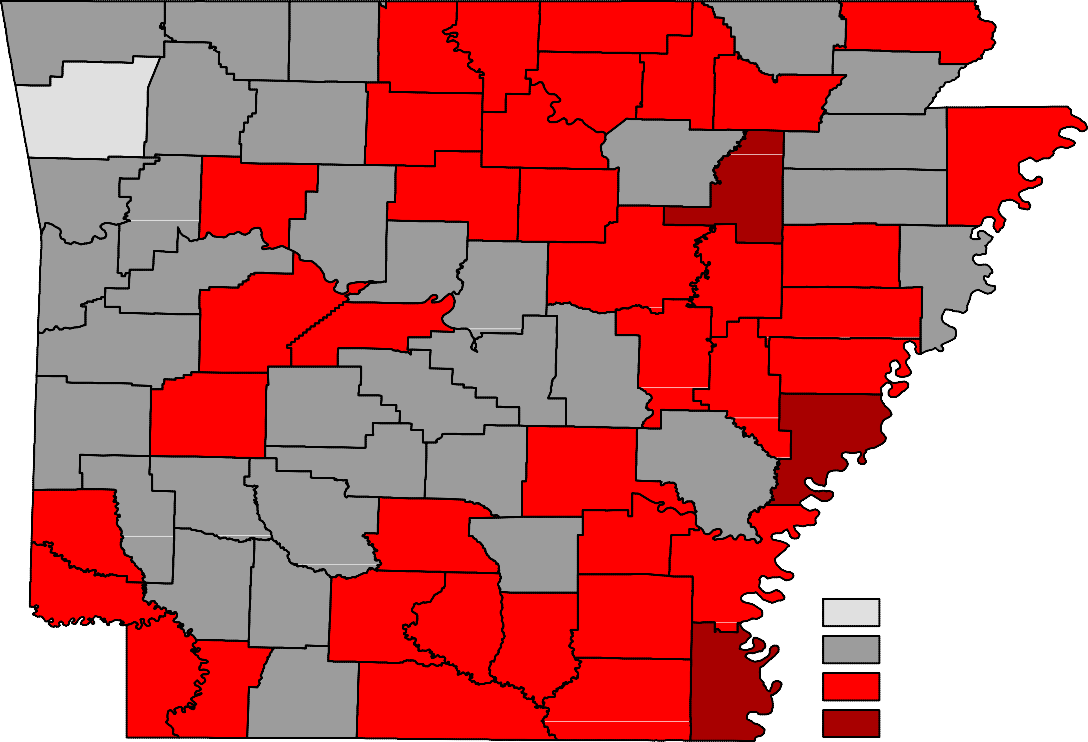
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## County Unemployment Rates



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**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Boone**

**Randolph**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Sharp**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Madison**

**Washington**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Craighead**

**Mississippi**

**Crawford**

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**Arkansas**

**Pike**

**Sevier**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Lincoln**

**Cleveland**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada**

**Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller**

**fayette Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0%

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

**February 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  3.0 | **Rank**  24 | **County**  Newton | **Rate**  4.7 | **Rank**  49 | **County**  Sevier | **Rate**  5.5 |
| 2 | Benton | 3.3 | 24 | Pike | 4.7 | 52 | Bradley | 5.6 |
| 3 | Madison | 3.4 | 28 | Randolph | 4.8 | 52 | Little River | 5.6 |
| 4 | Craighead | 3.5 | 29 | Cleveland | 4.9 | 54 | White | 5.7 |
| 4 | Saline | 3.5 | 29 | Polk | 4.9 | 55 | Mississippi | 5.8 |
| 6 | Grant | 3.6 | 31 | Carroll | 5.0 | 56 | Cleburne | 5.9 |
| 7 | Faulkner | 3.7 | 31 | Columbia | 5.0 | 56 | Dallas | 5.9 |
| 7 | Lonoke | 3.7 | 31 | Conway | 5.0 | 58 | Lee | 6.0 |
| 9 | Howard | 3.8 | 31 | Crittenden | 5.0 | 58 | Union | 6.0 |
| 10 | Clark | 3.9 | 31 | Pope | 5.0 | 60 | Calhoun | 6.1 |
| 11 | Pulaski | 4.0 | 36 | Baxter | 5.1 | 60 | Izard | 6.1 |
| 12 | Boone | 4.1 | 36 | Monroe | 5.1 | 60 | Montgomery | 6.1 |
| 12 | Franklin | 4.1 | 38 | Fulton | 5.2 | 63 | Sharp | 6.2 |
| 12 | Scott | 4.1 | 38 | Miller | 5.2 | 63 | Van Buren | 6.2 |
| 15 | Crawford | 4.2 | 38 | Searcy | 5.2 | 65 | Jefferson | 6.3 |
| 15 | Poinsett | 4.2 | 38 | Yell | 5.2 | 65 | Woodruff | 6.3 |
| 15 | Sebastian | 4.2 | 42 | Lawrence | 5.3 | 67 | Drew | 6.4 |
| 18 | Arkansas | 4.3 | 42 | Lincoln | 5.3 | 67 | Ouachita | 6.4 |
| 18 | Greene | 4.3 | 42 | Marion | 5.3 | 69 | Ashley | 6.5 |
| 18 | Hot Spring | 4.3 | 42 | Prairie | 5.3 | 70 | Clay | 6.6 |
| 18 | Nevada | 4.3 | 46 | Desha | 5.4 | 70 | St. Francis | 6.6 |
| 22 | Garland | 4.5 | 46 | Johnson | 5.4 | 72 | Stone | 6.9 |
| 23 | Hempstead | 4.6 | 46 | Perry | 5.4 | 73 | Phillips | 7.3 |
| 24 | Independence | 4.7 | 49 | Cross | 5.5 | 74 | Jackson | 7.7 |
| 24 | Logan | 4.7 | 49 | Lafayette | 5.5 | 75 | Chicot | 8.7 |

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**LWDA**

**February 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**January 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**February 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Central (minus LR) | 251,651 | 241,952 | 9,699 | 3.9 | 248,388 | 238,632 | 9,756 | 3.9 | 249,330 | 239,633 | 9,697 | 3.9 |
| City of Little Rock | 97,730 | 93,869 | 3,861 | 4.0 | 96,308 | 92,465 | 3,843 | 4.0 | 96,648 | 92,860 | 3,788 | 3.9 |
| Eastern | 46,588 | 43,920 | 2,668 | 5.7 | 46,282 | 43,636 | 2,646 | 5.7 | 46,539 | 43,962 | 2,577 | 5.5 |
| North Central | 94,424 | 88,957 | 5,467 | 5.8 | 93,580 | 87,975 | 5,605 | 6.0 | 93,733 | 88,701 | 5,032 | 5.4 |
| Northeast | 121,492 | 116,240 | 5,252 | 4.3 | 120,259 | 114,957 | 5,302 | 4.4 | 120,533 | 115,304 | 5,229 | 4.3 |
| Northwest | 324,402 | 313,268 | 11,134 | 3.4 | 317,649 | 306,468 | 11,181 | 3.5 | 320,260 | 309,462 | 10,798 | 3.4 |
| Southeast | 81,239 | 76,588 | 4,651 | 5.7 | 80,928 | 76,167 | 4,761 | 5.9 | 81,025 | 76,555 | 4,470 | 5.5 |
| Southwest | 93,512 | 88,493 | 5,019 | 5.4 | 92,686 | 87,586 | 5,100 | 5.5 | 92,437 | 87,670 | 4,767 | 5.2 |
| West Central | 132,475 | 126,138 | 6,337 | 4.8 | 131,145 | 124,487 | 6,658 | 5.1 | 131,785 | 125,467 | 6,318 | 4.8 |
| Western | 112,352 | 107,547 | 4,805 | 4.3 | 110,692 | 105,995 | 4,697 | 4.2 | 112,578 | 107,745 | 4,833 | 4.3 |



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**Ashley**

**Lafayette**

Central (minus LR) Eastern

North Central

Northeast Northwest Southeast

Southwest West Central Western



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