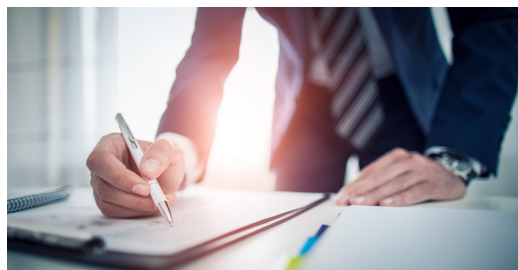




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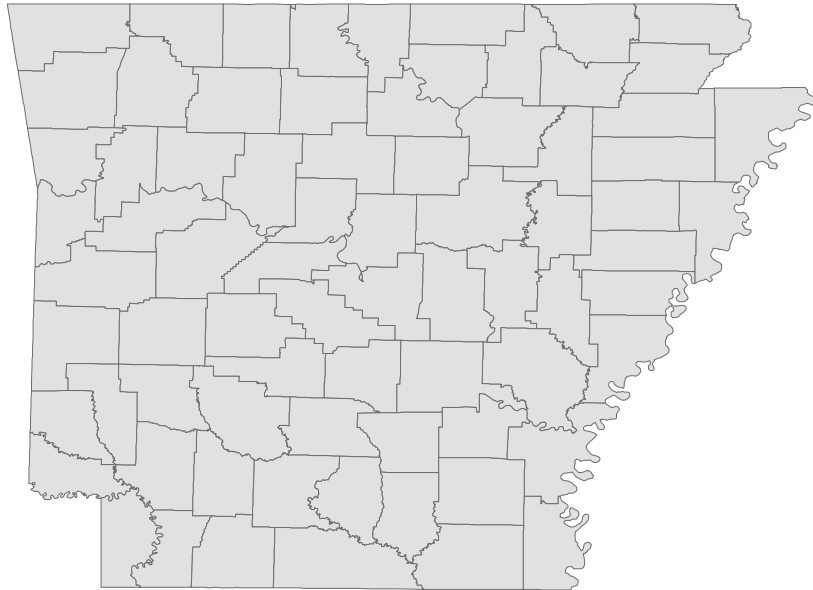


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Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month's estimates are preliminary, while previous 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 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 unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

Civilian Labor Force

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

Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

Unemployment

An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

Unemployment Rate

The number of unemployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

Seasonal Adjustment

A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally occur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/closing of schools.

January Spotlight Upcoming in 2019

2019 Arkansas Publication Schedule

Reference Month	State Press Release	MSA's & Counties*
January	03/11/19	03/15/19
February	03/22/19	04/03/19
March	04/19/19	05/01/19
April	05/17/19	05/29/19
May	06/21/19	07/03/19
June	07/19/19	08/01/19
July	08/16/19	08/28/19
August	09/20/19	10/02/19
September	10/18/19	10/30/19
October	11/19/19	11/27/19
November	12/20/19	01/03/20
December	01/24/20	02/05/20

*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 Statistics, Arkansas' Civilian Labor Force (CLF) estimates have undergone annual processing. The purpose of annual processing is to incorporate more complete and accurate information into the estimation process.

All levels of data—State, counties, Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), Micropolitan Statistical Areas, Local Workforce Development Areas, and cities—have been revised from January 2010 through December 2018. All newly revised Statewide and sub-state CLF data is now available at 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. Statewide estimates were revised back to the beginning of the current series in January 1976. MSA estimates were also revised back to the start of the series, which dates back to January 1990. All revised Nonfarm Payroll Jobs data are available on the Discover Arkansas website.

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 remained stable at 3.7 percent between December 2018 and January 2019. The December 2018 rate was revised up from 3.6 percent to 3.7 percent. Arkansas' civilian labor force increased 2,154, a result of 1,334 more employed and 820 additional unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.9 percent in December 2018 to 4.0 percent in January 2019.

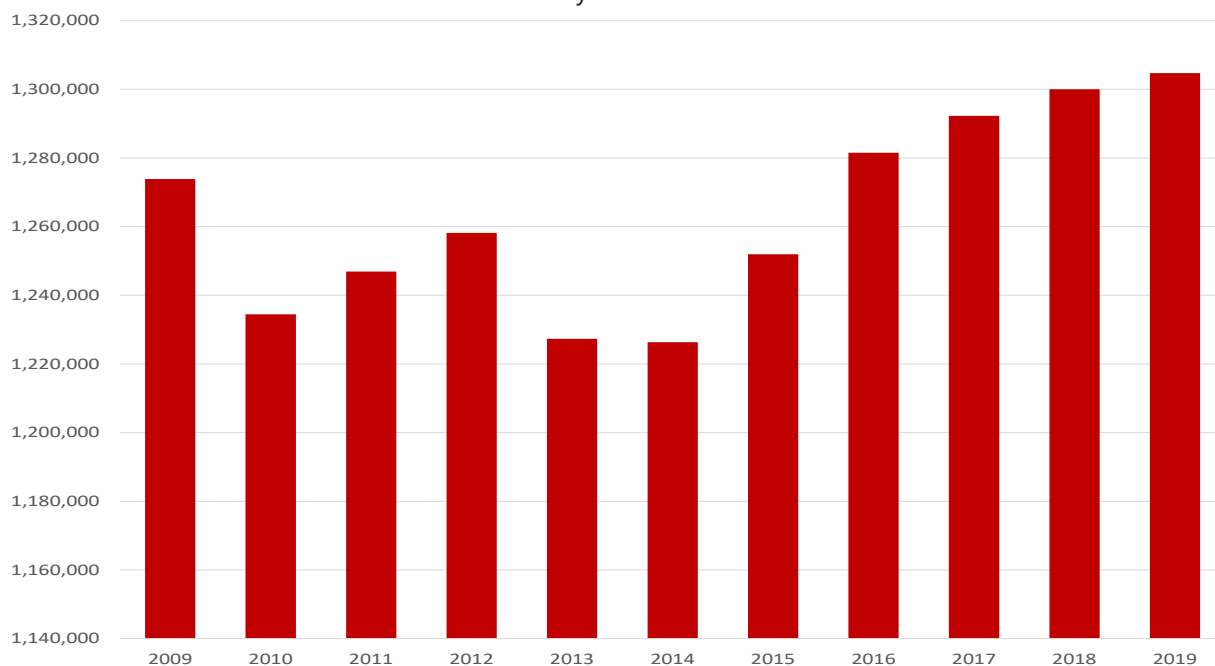
BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Employment in Arkansas is up 4,696 compared to January 2018. Additionally, the annual revision shows that there were more employed Arkansans in the second half of 2018 than originally estimated."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,355,245	1,353,091	1,351,032	Civilian Labor Force	1,337,090	1,344,510
Employment	1,304,727	1,303,393	1,300,031	Employment	1,277,555	1,295,892
Unemployment	50,518	49,698	51,001	Unemployment	59,535	48,618
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.7	3.8	Unemployment Rate	4.5	3.6
U.S. Unemployment	4.0	3.9	4.1	U.S. Unemployment	4.4	3.7

Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)

January: 2009 - 2019



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1254.1	1273.3	1242.8	-19.2	11.3
Goods Producing	217.7	219.6	213.2	-1.9	4.5
Mining, Logging, and Construction	55.7	56.0	54.3	-0.3	1.4
Mining & Logging	5.8	5.8	5.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	49.9	50.2	48.5	-0.3	1.4
Specialty Trade Contractors	31.5	31.7	30.4	-0.2	1.1
Manufacturing	162.0	163.6	158.9	-1.6	3.1
Durable Goods	79.0	78.9	75.3	0.1	3.7
Nondurable Goods	83.0	84.7	83.6	-1.7	-0.6
Service Providing	1036.4	1053.7	1029.6	-17.3	6.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	251.1	256.5	249.1	-5.4	2.0
Wholesale Trade	48.3	48.6	46.7	-0.3	1.6
Retail Trade	137.2	141.0	138.6	-3.8	-1.4
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	65.6	66.9	63.8	-1.3	1.8
Information	11.0	11.2	11.4	-0.2	-0.4
Financial Activities	61.1	61.1	59.8	0.0	1.3
Finance & Insurance	47.6	47.4	46.4	0.2	1.2
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.5	13.7	13.4	-0.2	0.1
Professional & Business Services	142.5	144.5	142.8	-2.0	-0.3
Professional, Scientific & Technical	44.5	44.3	43.5	0.2	1.0
Management of Companies	35.0	35.1	34.9	-0.1	0.1
Administrative & Support Services	63.0	65.1	64.4	-2.1	-1.4
Educational & Health Services	190.6	192.9	189.7	-2.3	0.9
Educational Services	15.0	15.8	15.6	-0.8	-0.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	175.6	177.1	174.1	-1.5	1.5
Ambulatory Health Care	58.5	59.4	57.2	-0.9	1.3
Social Assistance	40.1	40.5	39.6	-0.4	0.5
Leisure & Hospitality	114.2	117.3	112.6	-3.1	1.6
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	9.6	9.7	9.8	-0.1	-0.2
Accommodation & Food Services	104.6	107.6	102.8	-3.0	1.8
Accommodation Services	10.4	10.9	10.4	-0.5	0.0
Food Services	94.2	96.7	92.4	-2.5	1.8
Other Services	53.8	53.5	52.7	0.3	1.1
Government	212.1	216.7	211.5	-4.6	0.6
Federal Government	19.8	20.4	20.0	-0.6	-0.2
State Government	76.7	79.4	76.9	-2.7	-0.2
Local Government	115.6	116.9	114.6	-1.3	1.0

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

December 2018 - January 2019

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas declined 19,200 in January to total 1,254,100. Eight major industry sectors posted job losses, most of which were seasonal. The largest decrease occurred in **trade-transportation-utilities** (-5,400). A majority of the contraction was in retail trade (-3,800), marking the end of temporary holiday hiring. **Government** employment was down 4,600, related to public schools and universities closing for winter break. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** declined 3,100. Most of the loss was reported in food services (-2,500), due in part to the temporary shutdown of food service contractors at colleges. Employment in **educational and health services** decreased 2,300, with losses in both in health care and social assistance (-1,500) and educational services (-800).

January 2018 - January 2019

Compared to January 2018, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment is up 11,300. Growth was reported in eight major industry sectors, while two sectors had minor declines. **Manufacturing** added 3,100 jobs, all in durable goods manufacturing (+3,700). Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 2,000. Expansions in transportation-warehousing-utilities (+1,800) and wholesale trade (+1,600) were offset by losses in retail trade (-1,400). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 1,600, all in food services (+1,800). **Construction** added 1,400 jobs, mostly in specialty trade contractors (+1,100). Notable gains were also posted in **financial activities** (+1,300) and in **other services** (+1,100).

Jobs in Manufacturing (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2014 - January 2019



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.2	41.7	41.5
Average Hourly Earnings	18.44	18.39	16.27
Average Weekly Earnings	759.73	766.86	675.21

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

	Durable Goods Manufacturing			Nondurable Goods Manufacturing		
	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>
Average Weekly Hours	42.2	44.4	41.7	40.3	39.4	41.2
Average Hourly Earnings	20.61	21.05	17.84	16.42	15.77	14.96
Average Weekly Earnings	869.74	934.62	743.93	661.73	621.34	616.35

Average Weekly Earnings of Production Workers - Durable Goods Manufacturing

January: 2009 - 2019



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)

	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	350,489	352,310	348,050	-1,821	2,439
Employment	336,682	340,771	334,793	-4,089	1,889
Unemployment	13,807	11,539	13,257	2,268	550
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.3	3.8	0.6	0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

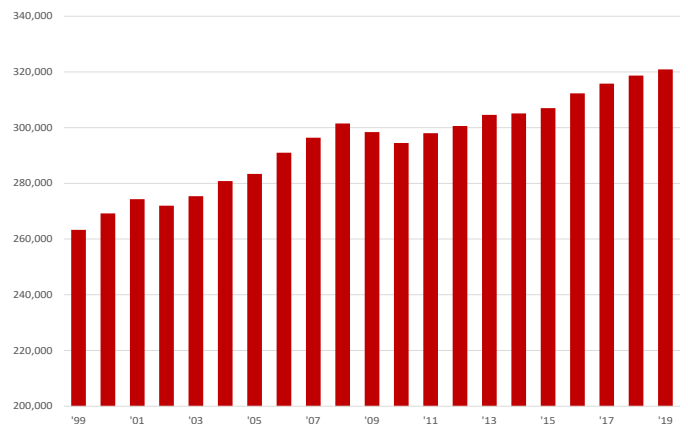
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	358.3	365.0	355.4	-6.7	2.9
Goods Producing	37.4	37.5	36.7	-0.1	0.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	16.4	16.4	16.4	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	21.0	21.1	20.3	-0.1	0.7
Service Providing	320.9	327.5	318.7	-6.6	2.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	70.6	72.2	69.7	-1.6	0.9
Wholesale Trade	15.9	16.0	15.7	-0.1	0.2
Retail Trade	38.8	40.0	38.7	-1.2	0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	15.9	16.2	15.3	-0.3	0.6
Information	4.2	4.2	4.4	0.0	-0.2
Financial Activities	21.4	21.5	20.8	-0.1	0.6
Professional & Business Services	48.3	49.5	48.5	-1.2	-0.2
Educational & Health Services	55.9	57.4	56.3	-1.5	-0.4
Leisure & Hospitality	33.9	35.1	33.3	-1.2	0.6
Other Services	15.7	15.7	15.3	0.0	0.4
Government	70.9	71.9	70.4	-1.0	0.5
Federal Government	9.6	9.9	9.6	-0.3	0.0
State Government	35.3	35.8	35.0	-0.5	0.3
Local Government	26.0	26.2	25.8	-0.2	0.2

Population in the Civilian Labor Force
January 2017 - January 2019



Jobs in Service Providing Industries
January: 1999 - 2019



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)

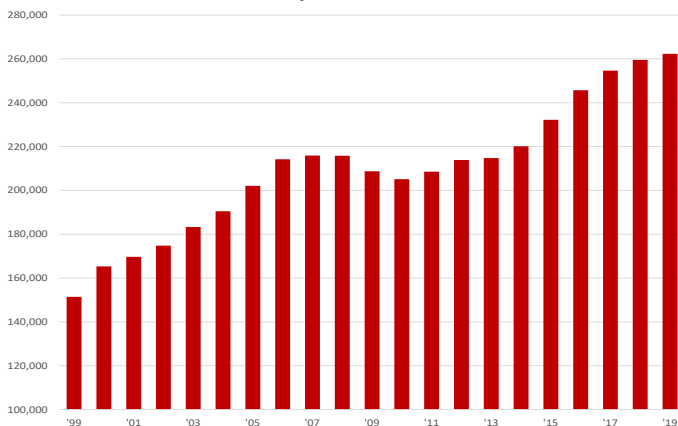
	Jan 19	Dec 18	Jan 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	271,054	273,049	268,003	-1,995	3,051
Employment	262,323	265,770	259,564	-3,447	2,759
Unemployment	8,731	7,279	8,439	1,452	292
Unemployment Rate	3.2	2.7	3.1	0.5	0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jan 19	Dec 18	Jan 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	256.0	260.7	252.4	-4.7	3.6
Goods Producing	41.5	41.7	40.6	-0.2	0.9
Mining, Logging & Construction	11.5	11.7	11.2	-0.2	0.3
Manufacturing	30.0	30.0	29.4	0.0	0.6
Service Providing	214.5	219.0	211.8	-4.5	2.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	56.1	57.0	55.3	-0.9	0.8
Wholesale Trade	12.3	12.3	12.1	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	26.0	26.8	26.4	-0.8	-0.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.8	17.9	16.8	-0.1	1.0
Information	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	8.2	8.3	8.0	-0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	49.8	50.1	49.2	-0.3	0.6
Educational & Health Services	29.5	29.7	28.9	-0.2	0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	23.6	24.7	24.8	-1.1	-1.2
Other Services	9.3	9.3	9.0	0.0	0.3
Government	35.9	37.8	34.6	-1.9	1.3
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
State Government	14.2	15.7	13.2	-1.5	1.0
Local Government	19.1	19.5	18.8	-0.4	0.3

Number of Employed
January: 1999 - 2019



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
January 2017 - January 2019



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)

	Jan 19	Dec 18	Jan 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	117,611	118,086	118,800	-475	-1,189
Employment	112,481	113,788	113,351	-1,307	-870
Unemployment	5,130	4,298	5,449	832	-319
Unemployment Rate	4.4	3.6	4.6	0.8	-0.2

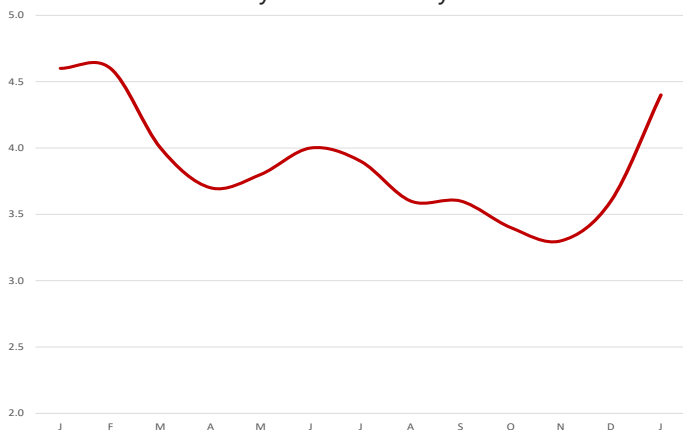
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jan 19	Dec 18	Jan 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	112.3	114.2	112.5	-1.9	-0.2
Goods Producing	22.9	23.1	22.9	-0.2	0.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.1	5.2	5.1	-0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	17.8	17.9	17.8	-0.1	0.0
Service Providing	89.4	91.1	89.6	-1.7	-0.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.2	23.5	23.2	-0.3	0.0
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	12.4	12.6	12.5	-0.2	-0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.6	6.7	6.6	-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	12.5	13.0	12.6	-0.5	-0.1
Educational & Health Services	17.0	17.1	16.8	-0.1	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.1	9.3	9.1	-0.2	0.0
Other Services	4.5	4.5	4.4	0.0	0.1
Government	18.0	18.6	18.4	-0.6	-0.4
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.7	3.2	2.8	-0.5	-0.1
Local Government	14.0	14.1	14.3	-0.1	-0.3

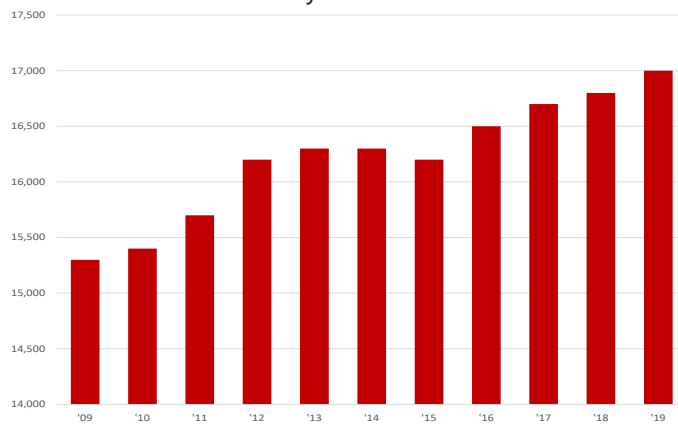
Unemployment Rates

January 2018 - January 2019



Jobs in Educational and Health Services

January: 2009 - 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	40,640	40,005	40,106	635	534
Employment	38,696	38,413	38,236	283	460
Unemployment	1,944	1,592	1,870	352	74
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.0	4.7	0.8	0.1

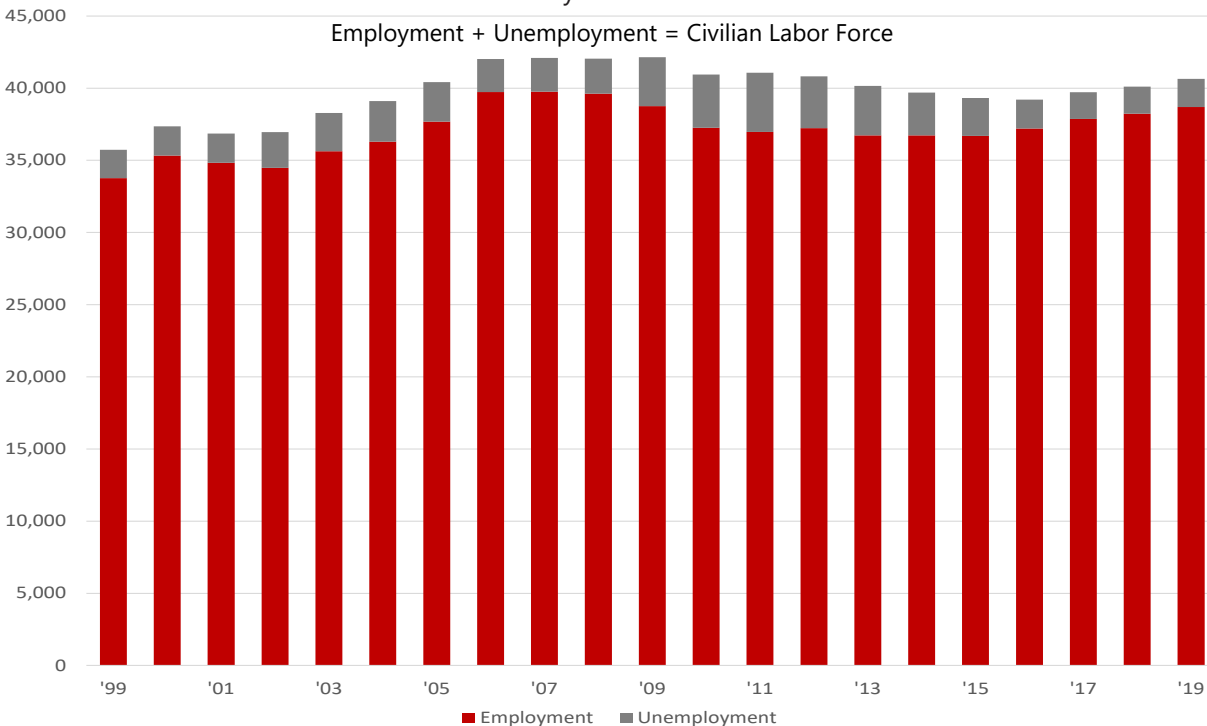
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	38.9	38.8	38.2	0.1	0.7
Goods Producing	4.4	4.5	4.3	-0.1	0.1
Service Providing	34.5	34.3	33.9	0.2	0.6
Government	4.5	4.6	4.5	-0.1	0.0

Civilian Labor Force

January: 1999 - 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

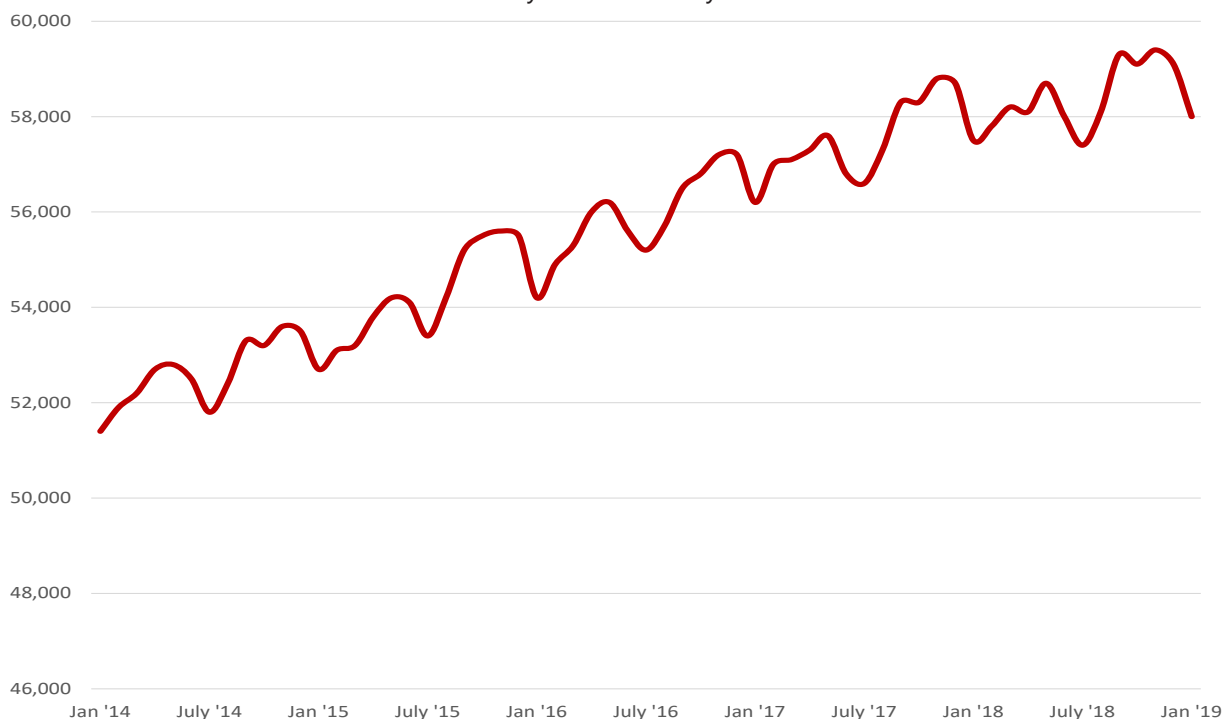
	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,582	64,122	63,114	-540	468
Employment	61,215	62,175	60,728	-960	487
Unemployment	2,367	1,947	2,386	420	-19
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.0	3.8	0.7	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	58.0	59.1	57.5	-1.1	0.5
Goods Producing	9.9	9.9	9.7	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	48.1	49.2	47.8	-1.1	0.3
Government	9.0	9.1	9.2	-0.1	-0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
January 2014 - January 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	34,931	35,221	34,776	-290	155
Employment	32,756	33,430	32,846	-674	-90
Unemployment	2,175	1,791	1,930	384	245
Unemployment Rate	6.2	5.1	5.5	1.1	0.7

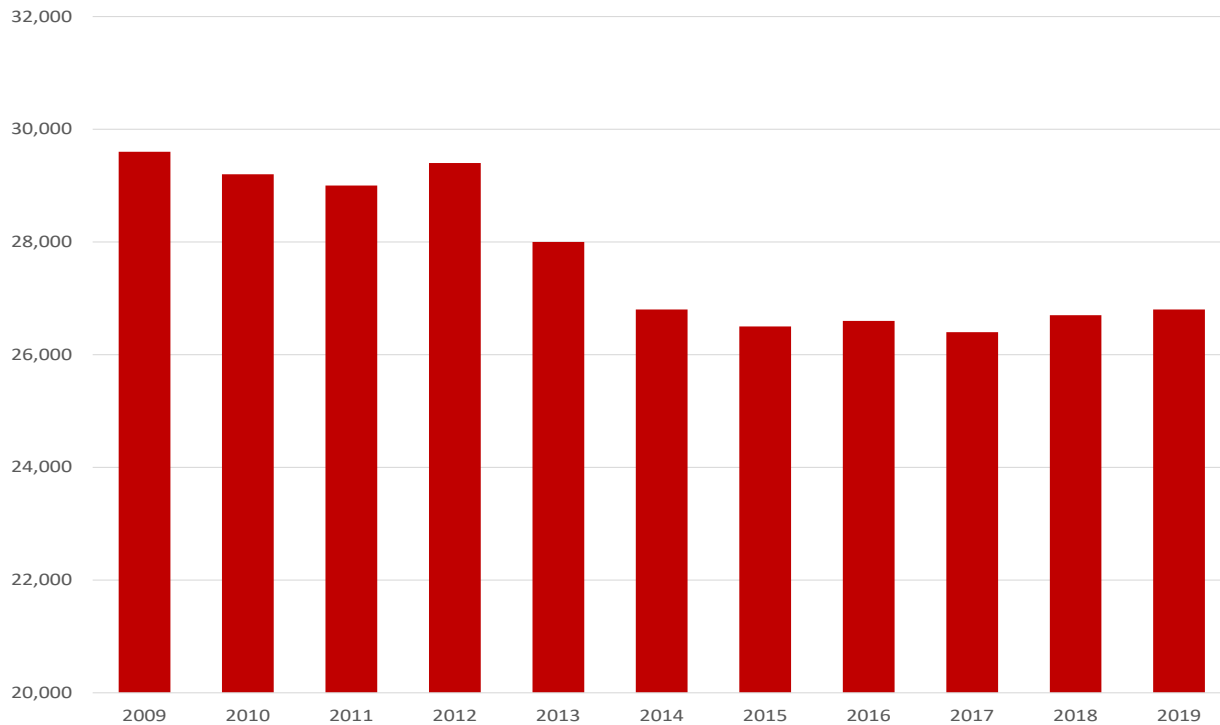
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	32.7	33.6	32.7	-0.9	0.0
Goods Producing	5.9	6.1	6.0	-0.2	-0.1
Service Providing	26.8	27.5	26.7	-0.7	0.1
Government	9.0	9.3	9.0	-0.3	0.0

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January: 2009 - 2019



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.

	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	634,776	638,849	626,017	-4,073	8,759
Employment	607,295	615,344	598,070	-8,049	9,225
Unemployment	27,481	23,505	27,947	3,976	-466
Unemployment Rate	4.3	3.7	4.5	0.6	-0.2

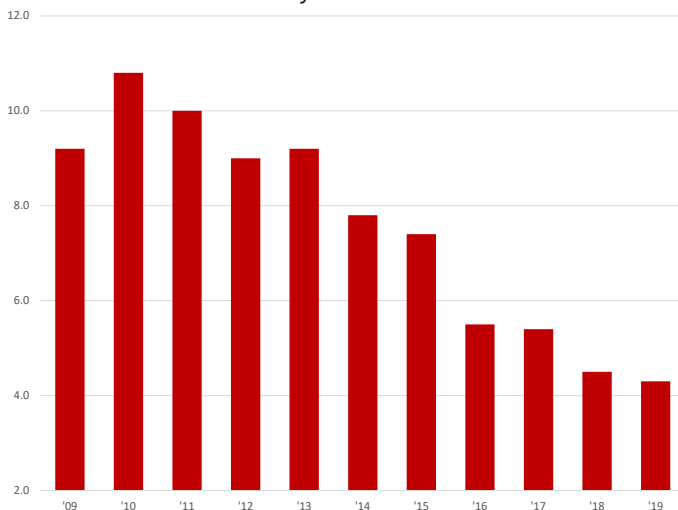
Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,984	65,165	63,885	-181	1,099
Employment	61,362	62,063	60,805	-701	557
Unemployment	3,622	3,102	3,080	520	542
Unemployment Rate	5.6	4.8	4.8	0.8	0.8

Memphis CLF - Unemployment Rates

January: 2009 - 2019



Texarkana MSA - Number of Employed

January 2016 - January 2019



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	January 2019				December 2018				January 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,599	9,166	433	4.5	9,877	9,539	338	3.4	9,294	8,889	405	4.4
Batesville Micro	16,359	15,579	780	4.8	16,306	15,660	646	4.0	16,032	15,266	766	4.8
Blytheville Micro	16,952	15,946	1,006	5.9	17,479	16,622	857	4.9	17,155	16,087	1,068	6.2
Camden Micro	12,481	11,669	812	6.5	12,127	11,603	524	4.3	11,939	11,329	610	5.1
El Dorado Micro	15,840	14,893	947	6.0	15,806	15,020	786	5.0	15,891	14,913	978	6.2
Forrest City Micro	8,256	7,716	540	6.5	8,262	7,821	441	5.3	8,235	7,714	521	6.3
Harrison Micro	19,090	18,301	789	4.1	18,958	18,310	648	3.4	18,972	18,126	846	4.5
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,573	6,102	471	7.2	6,547	6,179	368	5.6	6,646	6,143	503	7.6
Hope Micro	13,439	12,830	609	4.5	13,566	13,073	493	3.6	13,323	12,808	515	3.9
Magnolia Micro	9,050	8,573	477	5.3	8,899	8,501	398	4.5	9,008	8,521	487	5.4
Malvern Micro	13,879	13,278	601	4.3	13,909	13,419	490	3.5	13,812	13,222	590	4.3
Mountain Home Micro	16,256	15,394	862	5.3	16,555	15,839	716	4.3	16,125	15,305	820	5.1
Paragould Micro	19,713	18,863	850	4.3	19,509	18,821	688	3.5	19,467	18,643	824	4.2
Russellville Micro	37,131	35,088	2,043	5.5	37,473	35,857	1,616	4.3	36,989	35,043	1,946	5.3
Searcy Micro	33,577	31,640	1,937	5.8	33,839	32,323	1,516	4.5	33,550	31,763	1,787	5.3

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

City	January 2019				December 2018				January 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,152	11,537	615	5.1	12,186	11,687	499	4.1	11,965	11,410	555	4.6
Benton	16,967	16,341	626	3.7	17,051	16,531	520	3.0	16,874	16,254	620	3.7
Bentonville	25,687	24,946	741	2.9	25,906	25,271	635	2.5	25,445	24,672	773	3.0
Blytheville	5,726	5,393	333	5.8	5,917	5,622	295	5.0	5,806	5,441	365	6.3
Cabot	11,797	11,359	438	3.7	11,884	11,529	355	3.0	11,678	11,282	396	3.4
Conway	33,088	31,860	1,228	3.7	33,298	32,257	1,041	3.1	32,912	31,688	1,224	3.7
El Dorado	6,884	6,434	450	6.5	6,875	6,489	386	5.6	6,914	6,442	472	6.8
Fayetteville	46,677	45,180	1,497	3.2	46,989	45,769	1,220	2.6	46,023	44,700	1,323	2.9
Fort Smith	38,921	37,359	1,562	4.0	39,169	37,797	1,372	3.5	39,116	37,509	1,607	4.1
Hot Springs	14,515	13,730	785	5.4	14,258	13,630	628	4.4	14,316	13,567	749	5.2
Jacksonville	11,552	11,022	530	4.6	11,629	11,149	480	4.1	11,504	10,962	542	4.7
Jonesboro	37,577	36,228	1,349	3.6	37,892	36,761	1,131	3.0	37,285	35,954	1,331	3.6
Little Rock	96,196	92,357	3,839	4.0	96,706	93,421	3,285	3.4	95,463	91,852	3,611	3.8
North Little Rock	29,417	28,139	1,278	4.3	29,570	28,463	1,107	3.7	29,249	27,985	1,264	4.3
Paragould	12,404	11,814	590	4.8	12,270	11,788	482	3.9	12,223	11,676	547	4.5
Pine Bluff	16,476	15,340	1,136	6.9	16,637	15,632	1,005	6.0	16,430	15,391	1,039	6.3
Rogers	34,757	33,646	1,111	3.2	34,992	34,084	908	2.6	34,292	33,276	1,016	3.0
Russellville	13,280	12,641	639	4.8	13,387	12,898	489	3.7	13,217	12,634	583	4.4
Searcy	10,169	9,671	498	4.9	10,289	9,880	409	4.0	10,139	9,709	430	4.2
Sherwood	15,765	15,163	602	3.8	15,805	15,338	467	3.0	15,668	15,080	588	3.8
Springdale	38,317	37,201	1,116	2.9	38,650	37,685	965	2.5	37,935	36,805	1,130	3.0
Texarkana, AR	13,531	12,741	790	5.8	13,591	12,921	670	4.9	13,341	12,662	679	5.1
Van Buren	10,245	9,842	403	3.9	10,333	9,972	361	3.5	10,278	9,872	406	4.0
West Memphis	10,541	9,955	586	5.6	10,627	10,159	468	4.4	10,361	9,780	581	5.6

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	January 2019				December 2018				January 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	8,958	8,562	396	4.4	9,086	8,776	310	3.4	8,841	8,443	398	4.5
Ashley	7,866	7,346	520	6.6	7,692	7,263	429	5.6	7,627	7,112	515	6.8
Baxter	16,256	15,394	862	5.3	16,555	15,839	716	4.3	16,125	15,305	820	5.1
Benton	132,573	128,096	4,477	3.4	133,505	129,763	3,742	2.8	131,117	126,688	4,429	3.4
Boone	15,771	15,144	627	4.0	15,658	15,135	523	3.3	15,694	14,997	697	4.4
Bradley	4,491	4,241	250	5.6	4,539	4,333	206	4.5	4,219	4,011	208	4.9
Calhoun	2,459	2,314	145	5.9	2,406	2,318	88	3.7	2,354	2,244	110	4.7
Carroll	12,098	11,449	649	5.4	12,426	12,010	416	3.3	12,178	11,567	611	5.0
Chicot	3,274	2,985	289	8.8	3,293	3,062	231	7.0	3,368	3,074	294	8.7
Clark	9,599	9,166	433	4.5	9,877	9,539	338	3.4	9,294	8,889	405	4.4
Clay	5,675	5,285	390	6.9	5,817	5,534	283	4.9	5,764	5,439	325	5.6
Cleburne	8,902	8,373	529	5.9	9,099	8,693	406	4.5	8,971	8,439	532	5.9
Cleveland	3,253	3,087	166	5.1	3,292	3,166	126	3.8	3,230	3,089	141	4.4
Columbia	9,050	8,573	477	5.3	8,899	8,501	398	4.5	9,008	8,521	487	5.4
Conway	8,066	7,634	432	5.4	8,183	7,831	352	4.3	8,086	7,674	412	5.1
Craighead	53,447	51,531	1,916	3.6	53,876	52,289	1,587	2.9	53,034	51,141	1,893	3.6
Crawford	26,441	25,347	1,094	4.1	26,607	25,680	927	3.5	26,514	25,424	1,090	4.1
Crittenden	21,358	20,295	1,063	5.0	21,566	20,711	855	4.0	20,963	19,938	1,025	4.9
Cross	7,230	6,828	402	5.6	7,385	7,042	343	4.6	7,428	7,045	383	5.2
Dallas	2,852	2,686	166	5.8	2,853	2,741	112	3.9	2,807	2,664	143	5.1
Desha	5,337	5,039	298	5.6	5,473	5,225	248	4.5	5,351	5,052	299	5.6
Drew	7,867	7,365	502	6.4	7,977	7,581	396	5.0	7,658	7,192	466	6.1
Faulkner	60,695	58,368	2,327	3.8	61,049	59,095	1,954	3.2	60,340	58,053	2,287	3.8
Franklin	7,291	6,991	300	4.1	7,355	7,111	244	3.3	7,319	7,026	293	4.0
Fulton	4,864	4,596	268	5.5	4,772	4,567	205	4.3	4,718	4,474	244	5.2
Garland	40,640	38,696	1,944	4.8	40,005	38,413	1,592	4.0	40,106	38,236	1,870	4.7
Grant	8,243	7,916	327	4.0	8,288	8,032	256	3.1	8,146	7,855	291	3.6
Greene	19,713	18,863	850	4.3	19,509	18,821	688	3.5	19,467	18,643	824	4.2
Hempstead	9,859	9,400	459	4.7	9,961	9,586	375	3.8	9,757	9,377	380	3.9
Hot Spring	13,879	13,278	601	4.3	13,909	13,419	490	3.5	13,812	13,222	590	4.3
Howard	5,834	5,599	235	4.0	5,832	5,625	207	3.5	5,913	5,708	205	3.5
Independence	16,359	15,579	780	4.8	16,306	15,660	646	4.0	16,032	15,266	766	4.8
Izard	4,933	4,573	360	7.3	4,898	4,607	291	5.9	4,738	4,410	328	6.9
Jackson	5,748	5,289	459	8.0	5,829	5,438	391	6.7	5,713	5,281	432	7.6
Jefferson	27,713	25,909	1,804	6.5	27,903	26,402	1,501	5.4	27,585	25,994	1,591	5.8
Johnson	10,397	9,824	573	5.5	10,499	10,055	444	4.2	10,517	9,953	564	5.4
Lafayette	2,497	2,353	144	5.8	2,526	2,397	129	5.1	2,491	2,342	149	6.0
Lawrence	6,885	6,543	342	5.0	6,923	6,647	276	4.0	6,830	6,496	334	4.9
Lee	2,864	2,693	171	6.0	2,904	2,778	126	4.3	2,867	2,695	172	6.0
Lincoln	3,965	3,760	205	5.2	4,026	3,862	164	4.1	3,961	3,763	198	5.0
Little River	5,457	5,136	321	5.9	5,483	5,206	277	5.1	5,383	5,095	288	5.4
Logan	8,642	8,210	432	5.0	8,725	8,379	346	4.0	8,646	8,257	389	4.5
Lonoke	33,412	32,151	1,261	3.8	33,669	32,631	1,038	3.1	33,176	31,932	1,244	3.7
Madison	7,300	7,056	244	3.3	7,417	7,217	200	2.7	7,220	6,963	257	3.6
Marion	6,347	6,002	345	5.4	6,437	6,155	282	4.4	6,422	6,094	328	5.1
Miller	19,600	18,531	1,069	5.5	19,671	18,793	878	4.5	19,382	18,415	967	5.0

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted												
County	January 2019				December 2018				January 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,952	15,946	1,006	5.9	17,479	16,622	857	4.9	17,155	16,087	1,068	6.2
Monroe	2,743	2,604	139	5.1	2,686	2,571	115	4.3	2,737	2,596	141	5.2
Montgomery	2,951	2,764	187	6.3	3,006	2,863	143	4.8	2,919	2,740	179	6.1
Nevada	3,580	3,430	150	4.2	3,605	3,487	118	3.3	3,566	3,431	135	3.8
Newton	3,319	3,157	162	4.9	3,300	3,175	125	3.8	3,278	3,129	149	4.5
Ouachita	10,022	9,355	667	6.7	9,721	9,285	436	4.5	9,585	9,085	500	5.2
Perry	4,219	3,991	228	5.4	4,243	4,054	189	4.5	4,176	3,968	208	5.0
Phillips	6,573	6,102	471	7.2	6,547	6,179	368	5.6	6,646	6,143	503	7.6
Pike	4,264	4,051	213	5.0	4,241	4,078	163	3.8	4,155	3,937	218	5.2
Poinsett	10,135	9,684	451	4.4	10,246	9,886	360	3.5	10,080	9,587	493	4.9
Polk	7,987	7,567	420	5.3	7,983	7,658	325	4.1	7,943	7,543	400	5.0
Pope	28,704	27,124	1,580	5.5	28,943	27,676	1,267	4.4	28,637	27,109	1,528	5.3
Prairie	3,539	3,335	204	5.8	3,575	3,424	151	4.2	3,533	3,366	167	4.7
Pulaski	186,927	179,341	7,586	4.1	187,807	181,407	6,400	3.4	185,615	178,362	7,253	3.9
Randolph	7,210	6,862	348	4.8	7,240	6,958	282	3.9	7,011	6,631	380	5.4
St. Francis	8,256	7,716	540	6.5	8,262	7,821	441	5.3	8,235	7,714	521	6.3
Saline	56,993	54,915	2,078	3.6	57,254	55,552	1,702	3.0	56,597	54,623	1,974	3.5
Scott	4,421	4,225	196	4.4	4,407	4,253	154	3.5	4,314	4,133	181	4.2
Searcy	2,831	2,680	151	5.3	2,895	2,772	123	4.2	2,809	2,643	166	5.9
Sebastian	56,116	53,869	2,247	4.0	56,419	54,500	1,919	3.4	56,421	54,085	2,336	4.1
Sevier	5,589	5,265	324	5.8	5,548	5,292	256	4.6	5,454	5,158	296	5.4
Sharp	5,761	5,386	375	6.5	5,760	5,484	276	4.8	5,708	5,385	323	5.7
Stone	4,732	4,408	324	6.8	4,799	4,557	242	5.0	4,607	4,331	276	6.0
Union	15,840	14,893	947	6.0	15,806	15,020	786	5.0	15,891	14,913	978	6.2
Van Buren	5,849	5,461	388	6.6	5,844	5,533	311	5.3	5,925	5,548	377	6.4
Washington	120,789	117,128	3,661	3.0	121,709	118,655	3,054	2.5	119,275	115,884	3,391	2.8
White	33,577	31,640	1,937	5.8	33,839	32,323	1,516	4.5	33,550	31,763	1,787	5.3
Woodruff	2,818	2,631	187	6.6	2,852	2,698	154	5.4	2,819	2,661	158	5.6
Yell	8,427	7,964	463	5.5	8,530	8,181	349	4.1	8,352	7,934	418	5.0

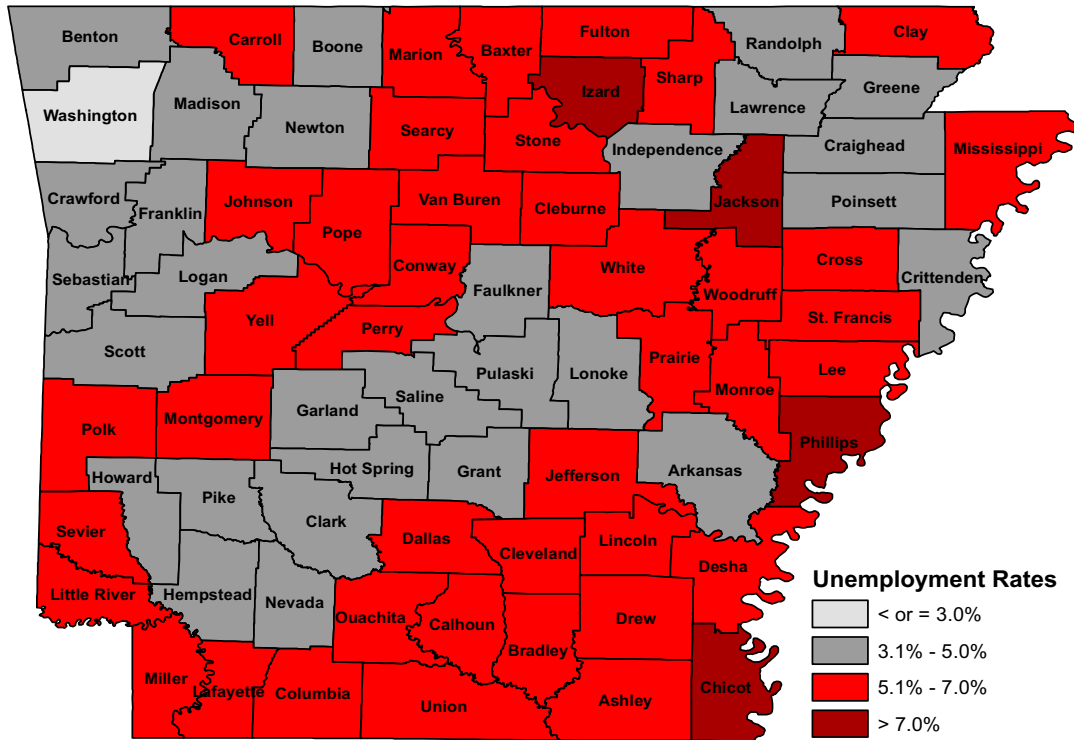
County Labor Force Summary

Between December 2018 and January 2019, unemployment rates increased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rate ranged from a low of 3.0 percent in Washington County to a high of 8.8 percent in Chicot County.

In January, eleven counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down from 34 counties at or below four percent last month. Four counties reported jobless rate at or above seven percent, compared to no counties above seven percent in December.

Compared to January 2018, unemployment rates are up in 51 Arkansas counties. Rates in fifteen counties were lower compared to last year, while nine counties were the same.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

January 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	3.0	26	Newton	4.9	50	Lafayette	5.8
2	Madison	3.3	27	Crittenden	5.0	50	Prairie	5.8
3	Benton	3.4	27	Lawrence	5.0	50	Sevier	5.8
4	Craighead	3.6	27	Logan	5.0	50	White	5.8
4	Saline	3.6	27	Pike	5.0	55	Calhoun	5.9
6	Faulkner	3.8	31	Cleveland	5.1	55	Cleburne	5.9
6	Lonoke	3.8	31	Monroe	5.1	55	Little River	5.9
8	Boone	4.0	33	Lincoln	5.2	55	Mississippi	5.9
8	Grant	4.0	34	Baxter	5.3	59	Lee	6.0
8	Howard	4.0	34	Columbia	5.3	59	Union	6.0
8	Sebastian	4.0	34	Polk	5.3	61	Montgomery	6.3
12	Crawford	4.1	34	Searcy	5.3	62	Drew	6.4
12	Franklin	4.1	38	Carroll	5.4	63	Jefferson	6.5
12	Pulaski	4.1	38	Conway	5.4	63	St. Francis	6.5
15	Nevada	4.2	38	Marion	5.4	63	Sharp	6.5
16	Greene	4.3	38	Perry	5.4	66	Ashley	6.6
16	Hot Spring	4.3	42	Fulton	5.5	66	Van Buren	6.6
18	Arkansas	4.4	42	Johnson	5.5	66	Woodruff	6.6
18	Poinsett	4.4	42	Miller	5.5	69	Ouachita	6.7
18	Scott	4.4	42	Pope	5.5	70	Stone	6.8
21	Clark	4.5	42	Yell	5.5	71	Clay	6.9
22	Hempstead	4.7	47	Bradley	5.6	72	Phillips	7.2
23	Garland	4.8	47	Cross	5.6	73	Izard	7.3
23	Independence	4.8	47	Desha	5.6	74	Jackson	8.0
23	Randolph	4.8	50	Dallas	5.8	75	Chicot	8.8

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	January 2019				December 2018				January 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	248,113	238,357	9,756	3.9	249,334	241,259	8,075	3.2	246,535	237,080	9,455	3.8
City of Little Rock	96,196	92,357	3,839	4.0	96,706	93,421	3,285	3.4	95,463	91,852	3,611	3.8
Eastern	46,281	43,634	2,647	5.7	46,664	44,531	2,133	4.6	46,139	43,535	2,604	5.6
North Central	93,543	87,936	5,607	6.0	93,998	89,560	4,438	4.7	92,781	87,558	5,223	5.6
Northeast	120,017	114,714	5,303	4.4	121,090	116,757	4,333	3.6	119,341	114,024	5,317	4.5
Northwest	317,284	306,106	11,178	3.5	319,902	310,721	9,181	2.9	314,118	303,270	10,848	3.5
Southeast	80,967	76,210	4,757	5.9	81,569	77,702	3,867	4.7	79,986	75,585	4,401	5.5
Southwest	92,639	87,535	5,104	5.5	92,311	88,251	4,060	4.4	91,591	86,953	4,638	5.1
West Central	131,146	124,492	6,654	5.1	131,436	126,109	5,327	4.1	130,054	123,662	6,392	4.9
Western	110,898	106,209	4,689	4.2	111,496	107,581	3,915	3.5	111,157	106,468	4,689	4.2

