

Labor Market Report

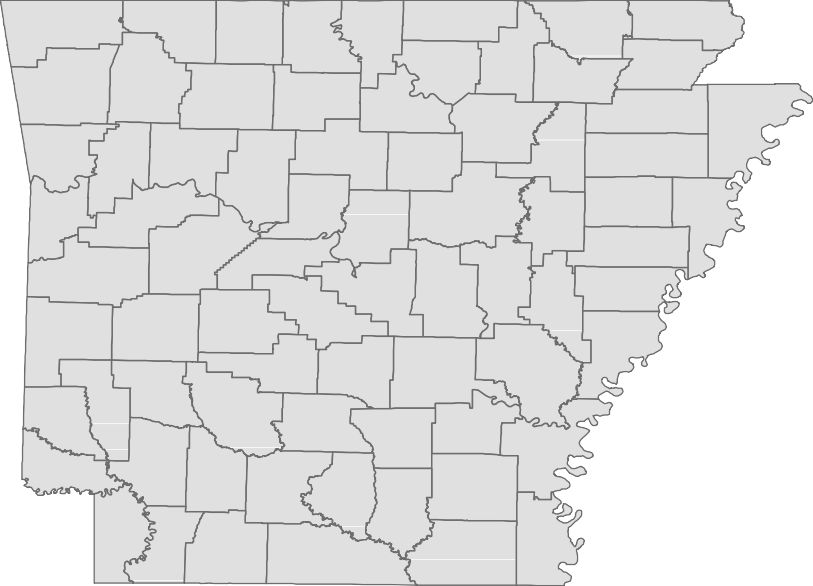
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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while previous month’s data is subject to revision.

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

## Technical Notes

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.

## September 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 September 2019, seasonally adjusted jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Vermont to a high of 6.2 percent in Alaska. The unemployment rate in Arkansas increased to 3.5 percent in September, a ranking of 27 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 generally 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)

##### September 2019

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank** | **State** | **Rate** | **Rank** | **State** | **Rate** | **Rank** | **State** | **Rate** |
| 1 | Vermont | 2.2 | 18 | Florida | 3.2 | 34 | New York | 3.9 |
| 2 | Iowa | 2.5 | 18 | Indiana | 3.2 | 36 | California | 4.0 |
| 2  2 | New Hampshire  North Dakota | 2.5  2.5 | 18  18 | Kansas  Minnesota | 3.2  3.2 | 36  38 | Pennsylvania  Nevada | 4.0  4.1 |
| 5 | Colorado | 2.7 | 18 | Oklahoma | 3.2 | 38 | North Carolina | 4.1 |
| 5 | Hawaii | 2.7 | 18 | Wisconsin | 3.2 | 38 | Oregon | 4.1 |
| 5  5 | Utah  Virginia | 2.7  2.7 | 24  25 | Montana  Tennessee | 3.3  3.4 | 41  41 | Michigan  Ohio | 4.2  4.2 |
| 9  9 | Idaho  Maine | 2.9  2.9 | 25  **27** | Texas  **Arkansas** | 3.4  **3.5** | 43  44 | Louisiana  Kentucky | 4.3  4.4 |
| 9 | Massachusetts | 2.9 | 27 | Delaware | 3.5 | 45 | Washington | 4.6 |
| 9 | South Carolina | 2.9 | 27 | Georgia | 3.5 | 46 | West Virginia | 4.7 |
| 13  13 | Alabama  South Dakota | 3.0  3.0 | 30  30 | Connecticut  Rhode Island | 3.6  3.6 | 47  47 | Arizona  New Mexico | 4.9  4.9 |
| 15  15 | Missouri  Nebraska | 3.1  3.1 | 32  33 | Maryland  Wyoming | 3.7  3.8 | 49  49 | District of Columbia  Mississippi | 5.4  5.4 |
| 15 | New Jersey | 3.1 | 34 | Illinois | 3.9 | 51 | Alaska | 6.2 |
| U.S. Unemployment Rate = 3.5 Percent | | | | | | | | |

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Washington

Montana

North Dakota Minnesota

Oregon

Idaho

South Dakota

Wisconsin Michigan

Wyoming

Vermont Maine New YorkNew Hampshire

Nebraska

Iowa

Nevada Utah

Colorado

Illinois Indiana Ohio

Massachusetts

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

Kansas

Missouri

West VirginiaMaryland

California

Kentucky Virginia

Oklahoma

Arizona

New Mexico

Arkansas

Tennessee

North Carolina

South Carolina

Texas

MississippiAlabamaGeorgia Louisiana

Florida

Continental US Only

**Unemployment Rat**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

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## 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 Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.4 percent in August to 3.5 percent in September. Arkan- sas’ civilian labor force declined 319, a result of 552 fewer employed and 233 additional unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate declined to 3.5 percent in September, down from 3.7 percent in August.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Although Arkansas’ unemployment rate rose one- tenth of a percentage point in September, the civilian labor force remained statistically stable. Com- pared to September 2018, Arkansas’ labor force has grown by 10,487.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,315,091 1,315,643 1,302,425 Employment 1,318,270 1,310,849 1,306,513

Unemployment 47,102 46,869 49,281 Unemployment 45,693 48,750 46,919

Unemployment Rate 3.5 3.4 3.6 Unemployment Rate 3.4 3.6 3.5

U.S. Unemployment 3.5 3.7 3.7 U.S. Unemployment 3.3 3.8 3.6

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 19** | **Aug 19** | **Sep 18** | **Sep 19** | **Aug 19** | **Sep 18** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,362,193 | 1,362,512 | 1,351,706 Civilian Labor Force | 1,363,963 | 1,359,599 | 1,353,432 |

120,000

#### Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)

##### September: 1999 - 2019

100,000

80,000

60,000

40,000

20,000

0

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

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

### **Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS) Sep 19 Aug 19 Sep 18 OTM OTY** | | | | | |
| **Total Nonfarm** | 1286.2 | 1269.6 | 1270.3 | 16.6 | 15.9 |
| **Goods Producing** | 223.6 | 223.8 | 219.0 | -0.2 | 4.6 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | 61.2 | 60.0 | 57.9 | 1.2 | 3.3 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.8** | **5.8** | **6.0** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Construction** | **55.4** | **54.2** | **51.9** | **1.2** | **3.5** |
| **Specialty Trade Contractors** | 34.0 | 33.3 | 32.8 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| **Manufacturing** | **162.4** | **163.8** | **161.1** | **-1.4** | **1.3** |
| **Durable Goods** | 77.1 | 78.3 | 76.6 | -1.2 | 0.5 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 85.3 | 85.5 | 84.5 | -0.2 | 0.8 |
| **Service Providing** | 1062.6 | 1045.8 | 1051.3 | 16.8 | 11.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **252.3** | **253.1** | **251.1** | **-0.8** | **1.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 48.4 | 49.2 | 47.3 | -0.8 | 1.1 |
| **Retail Trade** | 138.3 | 138.8 | 137.9 | -0.5 | 0.4 |
| **Transport, Warehousing & Utilities** | 65.6 | 65.1 | 65.9 | 0.5 | -0.3 |
| **Information** | **11.0** | **11.0** | **11.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **63.3** | **63.6** | **60.8** | **-0.3** | **2.5** |
| **Finance & Insurance** | 49.3 | 49.1 | 47.2 | 0.2 | 2.1 |
| **Real Estate & Rental & Leasing** | 14.0 | 14.5 | 13.6 | -0.5 | 0.4 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **146.9** | **144.7** | **147.7** | **2.2** | **-0.8** |
| **Professional, Scientific & Technical** | 43.2 | 43.3 | 43.5 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| **Management of Companies** | 36.2 | 36.3 | 34.7 | -0.1 | 1.5 |
| **Administrative & Support Services** | 67.5 | 65.1 | 69.5 | 2.4 | -2.0 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **195.6** | **191.5** | **192.7** | **4.1** | **2.9** |
| **Educational Services** | 15.9 | 13.1 | 15.8 | 2.8 | 0.1 |
| **Health Care & Social Assistance** | 179.7 | 178.4 | 176.9 | 1.3 | 2.8 |
| **Ambulatory Health Care** | 59.0 | 59.1 | 58.7 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Social Assistance** | 41.8 | 41.0 | 39.8 | 0.8 | 2.0 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **124.6** | **125.4** | **119.9** | **-0.8** | **4.7** |
| **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** | 11.3 | 12.6 | 11.1 | -1.3 | 0.2 |
| **Accommodation & Food Services** | 113.3 | 112.8 | 108.8 | 0.5 | 4.5 |
| **Accommodation Services** | 11.6 | 11.8 | 11.6 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Food Services** | 101.7 | 101.0 | 97.2 | 0.7 | 4.5 |
| **Other Services** | **53.1** | **53.7** | **53.9** | **-0.6** | **-0.8** |
| **Government** | **215.8** | **202.8** | **214.2** | **13.0** | **1.6** |
| **Federal Government** | 20.6 | 20.5 | 20.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| **State Government** | 79.3 | 74.7 | 79.1 | 4.6 | 0.2 |
| **Local Government** | 115.9 | 107.6 | 115.0 | 8.3 | 0.9 |

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

### **August 2019 - September 2019**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs increased 16,600 in September to total 1,286,200. Four major industry sectors posted gains, more than offsetting declines in five sectors. **Government** added 13,000 jobs, mostly due to the return of teachers and staff at public schools and universities. Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 4,100. A majority of the expansion occurred in educational services (+2,800), related to staffing at private schools. Employment in **professional and business services** increased 2,200. All hiring was reported in administrative and support services (+2,400), a subsector which in- cludes employment agencies. **Construction** added 1,200 jobs, as work continues on several major projects. **Manufacturing** posted the largest decline, down 1,400 jobs. Most of the losses were re- ported in durable goods (-1,200), related to reductions in fabricated metal product manufacturing and in machinery manufacturing.

**September 2018 - September 2019**

Compared to September 2018, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 15,900. Growth occurred in seven major industry sectors, while three sectors posted minor declines. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** rose 4,700, mostly in food services (+4,500). **Construction** added 3,500, related to on- going projects. Jobs in **educational and health services** increased 2,900. A majority of the gains were in social assistance (+2,000), which includes activities such as day care services and vocational rehabilitation. Jobs in **financial activities** rose 2,500, largely in finance and insurance (+2,100). No- table expansions were also reported in **government** (+1,600), **manufacturing** (+1,300), and **trade- transportation-utilities** (+1,200).

#### Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

##### January 2017 - September 2019

130,000

125,000

120,000

115,000

110,000

105,000

100,000

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2017 2018 2019

## State of Arkansas

**Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

### **Manufacturing**

**Sep 18**

42.2

18.08

762.98

**Aug 19**

42.0

18.72

786.24

**Sep 19**

Average Weekly Hours 40.8

Average Hourly Earnings 18.53

Average Weekly Earnings 756.02

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

**Sep 18**

40.9

15.80

646.22

**Aug 19**

41.1

16.83

691.71

**Sep 19**

Average Weekly Hours 39.7

Average Hourly Earnings 16.17

Average Weekly Earnings 641.95

**Sep 18**

43.7

20.60

900.22

**Aug 19**

43.0

20.75

892.25

**Sep 19**

Average Weekly Hours 42.0

Average Hourly Earnings 21.09

Average Weekly Earnings 885.78

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing

#### Average Weekly Earnings- Production Workers in Manufacturing

##### September: 2009 - 2019

$800.00

$750.00

$700.00

$650.00

$600.00

$550.00

$500.00

$450.00

$400.00

$350.00

$300.00

'09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '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)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 19** | **Aug 19** | **Sep 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 356,778 | 358,362 | 355,268 | -1,584 | 1,510 |
| **Employment** | 345,493 | 346,616 | 343,927 | -1,123 | 1,566 |
| **Unemployment** | 11,285 | 11,746 | 11,341 | -461 | -56 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | -0.1 | 0.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Sep 19** | **Aug 19** | **Sep 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 366.4 | 363.8 | 363.8 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| **Goods Producing** 38.5 | 38.4 | 38.6 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.5** | **17.3** | **17.5** | **0.2** | **0.0** |
| **Manufacturing 21.0** | **21.1** | **21.1** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Service Providing** 327.9 | 325.4 | 325.2 | 2.5 | 2.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 70.5** | **70.6** | **70.3** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 16.3 | 16.4 | 15.9 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.0 | 38.1 | 38.5 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 16.2 | 16.1 | 15.9 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Information 4.1** | **4.2** | **4.3** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 21.6** | **21.7** | **21.3** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services 48.0** | **48.2** | **49.8** | **-0.2** | **-1.8** |
| **Educational & Health Services 59.9** | **58.7** | **57.9** | **1.2** | **2.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 36.1** | **36.2** | **34.4** | **-0.1** | **1.7** |
| **Other Services 16.0** | **16.2** | **15.9** | **-0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Government 71.7** | **69.6** | **71.3** | **2.1** | **0.4** |
| **Federal Government** 9.8 | 9.8 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** 35.9 | 34.9 | 35.6 | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| **Local Government** 26.0 | 24.9 | 26.1 | 1.1 | -0.1 |

**Number of Employed**

##### September 2016 - September 2019

360,000

#### Jobs in Educational and Health Services

##### September: 2009 - 2019

65,000

355,000

60,000

350,000

55,000

345,000

50,000

340,000

45,000

335,000

40,000

330,000

325,000

35,000

320,000

Sep '16 Mar '17 Sep '17 Mar '18 Sep '18 Mar '19 Sep '19

30,000

'09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '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)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 19** | **Aug 19** | **Sep 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 283,708 | 281,814 | 275,697 | 1,894 | 8,011 |
| **Employment** | 276,979 | 274,459 | 268,436 | 2,520 | 8,543 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,729 | 7,355 | 7,261 | -626 | -532 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.6 | -0.2 | -0.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Sep 19** | **Aug 19** | **Sep 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 269.7 | 264.5 | 260.5 | 5.2 | 9.2 |
| **Goods Producing** 42.6 | 42.8 | 41.5 | -0.2 | 1.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 12.3** | **12.3** | **11.8** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Manufacturing 30.3** | **30.5** | **29.7** | **-0.2** | **0.6** |
| **Service Providing** 227.1 | 221.7 | 219.0 | 5.4 | 8.1 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 57.6** | **57.2** | **56.1** | **0.4** | **1.5** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 12.5 | 12.6 | 12.2 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** 27.2 | 26.8 | 26.2 | 0.4 | 1.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 17.9 | 17.8 | 17.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Information 2.2** | **2.2** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 8.5** | **8.7** | **8.2** | **-0.2** | **0.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services 53.2** | **53.4** | **49.9** | **-0.2** | **3.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services 30.4** | **29.7** | **29.4** | **0.7** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 27.3** | **26.3** | **27.0** | **1.0** | **0.3** |
| **Other Services 9.5** | **9.5** | **9.3** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government 38.4** | **34.7** | **37.1** | **3.7** | **1.3** |
| **Federal Government** 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 16.9 | 14.4 | 15.8 | 2.5 | 1.1 |
| **Local Government** 18.8 | 17.6 | 18.6 | 1.2 | 0.2 |

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| --- | --- |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | **Jobs in Professional & Business Services** |
| September: 1999 - 2019 | January 2017 - September 2019 |
| 300,000 | 54,000 |
|  | 53,000 |
| 260,000 |  |
|  | 52,000 |
| 220,000 | 51,000 |
|  | 50,000 |
| 180,000 |  |
|  | 49,000 |
| 140,000 | 48,000 |

100,000

'99

'01

'03

'05

'07

'09

'11

'13

'15

'17

'19

47,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2017 2018 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)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 19** | **Aug 19** | **Sep 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 118,128 | 118,744 | 118,788 | -616 | -660 |
| **Employment** | 114,009 | 114,304 | 114,569 | -295 | -560 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,119 | 4,440 | 4,219 | -321 | -100 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.6 | -0.2 | -0.1 |

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

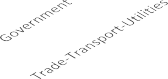
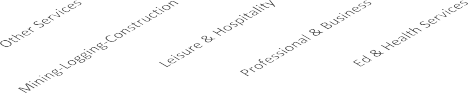
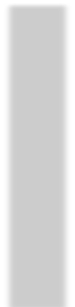
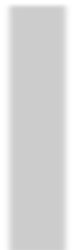
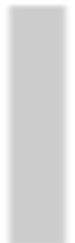
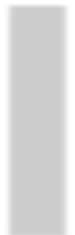
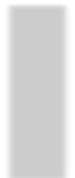
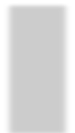
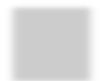
(In Thousands)

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| **NAICS Sep 19** | **Aug 19** | **Sep 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 113.0 | 112.2 | 113.6 | 0.8 | -0.6 |
| **Goods Producing** 22.9 | 22.9 | 22.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.1** | **5.2** | **5.3** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 17.8** | **17.7** | **17.6** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Service Providing** 90.1 | 89.3 | 90.7 | 0.8 | -0.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 22.6** | **22.8** | **22.9** | **-0.2** | **-0.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.0 | 12.2 | 12.3 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Information 1.1** | **1.1** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 4.0** | **4.0** | **4.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 12.9** | **12.9** | **13.1** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services 17.2** | **17.3** | **17.1** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.5** | **9.7** | **9.5** | **-0.2** | **0.0** |
| **Other Services 4.5** | **4.5** | **4.5** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government 18.3** | **17.0** | **18.4** | **1.3** | **-0.1** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Local Government** 13.9 | 12.8 | 14.0 | 1.1 | -0.1 |

#### Percent of Jobs by Industry Sector

##### September 2019

25.0%



16.2%

15.8%

15.2%

11.4%

8.4%

4.5%

4.0%

3.5%

1.0%

20.0%

20.0%

15.0%

10.0%

5.0%

0.0%

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 19** | **Aug 19** | **Sep 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 40,914 | 41,612 | 40,425 | -698 | 489 |
| **Employment** | 39,457 | 40,047 | 38,856 | -590 | 601 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,457 | 1,565 | 1,569 | -108 | -112 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.9 | -0.2 | -0.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 19** | **Aug 19** | **Sep 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 39.3 | 39.6 | 38.7 | -0.3 | 0.6 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 34.8 | 35.1 | 34.2 | -0.3 | 0.6 |
| 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 0.2 | -0.1 |

40,500

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

##### September 2016 - September 2019

40,000

39,500

39,000

38,500

38,000

37,500

37,000

36,500

36,000

Sep '16 Mar '17 Sep '17 Mar '18 Sep '18 Mar '19 Sep '19

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 19** | **Aug 19** | **Sep 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,393 | 65,333 | 64,771 | 60 | 622 |
| **Employment** | 63,611 | 63,409 | 62,873 | 202 | 738 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,782 | 1,924 | 1,898 | -142 | -116 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.9 | -0.2 | -0.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 19** | **Aug 19** | **Sep 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 60.2 | 59.3 | 59.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| 10.2 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 50.0 | 49.1 | 49.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| 9.2 | 8.7 | 9.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 |

70,000

#### Civilian Labor Force

##### September: 2009 - 2019

Civilian Labor Force = Employment + Unemployment

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

10,000

0

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

Employment Unemployment

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Pine Bluff MSA**

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 19** | **Aug 19** | **Sep 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 34,976 | 35,140 | 35,370 | -164 | -394 |
| **Employment** | 33,252 | 33,293 | 33,686 | -41 | -434 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,724 | 1,847 | 1,684 | -123 | 40 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.8 | -0.4 | 0.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 19** | **Aug 19** | **Sep 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 33.1 | 32.8 | 33.5 | 0.3 | -0.4 |
| 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 27.1 | 26.8 | 27.4 | 0.3 | -0.3 |
| 9.1 | 8.8 | 9.2 | 0.3 | -0.1 |

33,800

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

##### January 2017 - September 2019

33,600

33,400

33,200

33,000

32,800

32,600

32,400

32,200

32,000

31,800

31,600

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2017 2018 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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 19** | **Aug 19** | **Sep 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 648,472 | 651,867 | 630,566 | -3,395 | 17,906 |
| **Employment** | 622,071 | 624,520 | 605,359 | -2,449 | 16,712 |
| **Unemployment** | 26,401 | 27,347 | 25,207 | -946 | 1,194 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.0 | -0.1 | 0.1 |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 19** | **Aug 19** | **Sep 18** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,668 | 64,108 | 65,016 | 560 | -348 |
| **Employment** | 62,028 | 61,248 | 61,632 | 780 | 396 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,640 | 2,860 | 3,384 | -220 | -744 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1 | 4.5 | 5.2 | -0.4 | -1.1 |

#### Memphis MSA - Number of Employed

##### September 2017 - September 2019

640,000

#### Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates

##### September: 2009 - 2019

9.0

8.0

630,000

7.0

620,000

6.0

5.0

610,000

4.0

600,000

3.0

2.0

590,000

1.0

580,000

Sep '17

Mar '18

Sep '18

Mar '19

Sep '19

0.0

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

## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

### **Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

3.8

3.8

4.8

4.2

4.9

4.8

3.1

5.8

3.5

4.3

3.5

3.8

3.2

4.0

3.9

370

625

835

512

782

400

603

377

476

391

495

629

625

1,504

1,300

9,313

15,868

16,547

11,773

15,141

7,898

18,708

6,175

13,117

8,790

13,450

15,864

19,193

36,021

32,421

**September 2018**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**CLF**

9,683

16,493

17,382

12,285

15,923

8,298

19,311

6,552

13,593

9,181

13,945

16,493

19,818

37,525

33,721

4.2

4.2

5.3

4.8

5.3

5.0

3.4

6.1

4.0

4.8

3.9

4.0

3.5

4.5

4.1

406

682

923

578

838

414

639

390

533

430

535

643

699

1,638

1,373

9,230

15,386

16,434

11,491

14,954

7,863

18,416

6,050

12,775

8,476

13,299

15,507

19,235

34,946

32,112

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**CLF**

9,636

16,068

17,357

12,069

15,792

8,277

19,055

6,440

13,308

8,906

13,834

16,150

19,934

36,584

33,485

3.6

3.8

4.5

4.4

4.9

4.7

3.1

5.7

3.6

4.2

3.5

3.7

3.3

3.8

4.0

352

640

786

537

780

388

603

367

496

384

485

596

669

1,424

1,358

9,520

16,027

16,736

11,672

15,076

7,794

18,887

6,116

13,241

8,807

13,366

15,697

19,352

36,113

32,414

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**August 2019**

**September 2019**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**CLF**

9,872

16,667

17,522

12,209

15,856

8,182

19,490

6,483

13,737

9,191

13,851

16,293

20,021

37,537

33,772

**Micro Area**

Arkadelphia Micro Batesville Micro Blytheville Micro Camden Micro

El Dorado Micro Forrest City Micro Harrison Micro

Helena-West Helena Micro Hope Micro

Magnolia Micro Malvern Micro Mountain Home Micro Paragould Micro Russellville Micro Searcy Micro

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

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

###### September 2019 August 2019 September 2018

**City CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

Bella Vista Benton Bentonville Blytheville Cabot Conway

El Dorado Fayetteville Fort Smith Hot Springs Jacksonville Jonesboro Little Rock

North Little Rock Paragould

Pine Bluff Rogers Russellville Searcy Sherwood Springdale Texarkana, AR Van Buren West Memphis

12,551

17,251

26,929

5,995

12,034

33,636

6,894

48,848

39,119

14,628

11,887

38,704

97,850

29,990

12,564

16,584

36,368

13,487

10,273

16,053

40,172

13,510

10,257

10,681

12,179

16,770

26,334

5,660

11,654

32,696

6,513

47,694

37,820

14,000

11,311

37,653

94,777

28,876

12,120

15,571

35,519

13,012

9,908

15,560

39,271

12,961

9,964

10,160

372

481

595

335

380

940

381

1,154

1,299

628

576

1,051

3,073

1,114

444

1,013

849

475

365

493

901

549

293

521

3.0

2.8

2.2

5.6

3.2

2.8

5.5

2.4

3.3

4.3

4.8

2.7

3.1

3.7

3.5

6.1

2.3

3.5

3.6

3.1

2.2

4.1

2.9

4.9

12,463

17,363

26,756

5,998

12,083

33,810

6,890

48,582

39,284

14,866

11,884

38,637

98,419

30,045

12,529

16,705

36,111

13,086

10,215

16,123

39,920

13,530

10,334

10,817

12,073

16,826

26,106

5,558

11,687

32,805

6,460

47,288

37,942

14,210

11,348

37,537

95,090

28,971

12,047

15,591

35,211

12,586

9,815

15,612

38,936

12,938

9,993

10,277

390

537

650

440

396

1,005

430

1,294

1,342

656

536

1,100

3,329

1,074

482

1,114

900

500

400

511

984

592

341

540

3.1

3.1

2.4

7.3

3.3

3.0

6.2

2.7

3.4

4.4

4.5

2.8

3.4

3.6

3.8

6.7

2.5

3.8

3.9

3.2

2.5

4.4

3.3

5.0

12,259

17,212

26,160

5,893

11,970

33,592

6,954

47,494

39,444

14,431

11,755

38,313

97,622

29,754

12,438

16,752

35,358

13,478

10,321

15,933

39,064

13,655

10,387

10,522

11,811

16,693

25,539

5,596

11,602

32,546

6,541

46,255

38,094

13,787

11,260

37,213

94,346

28,745

12,021

15,779

34,446

12,979

9,910

15,490

38,086

12,897

10,035

10,075

448

519

621

297

368

1,046

413

1,239

1,350

644

495

1,100

3,276

1,009

417

973

912

499

411

443

978

758

352

447

3.7

3.0

2.4

5.0

3.1

3.1

5.9

2.6

3.4

4.5

4.2

2.9

3.4

3.4

3.4

5.8

2.6

3.7

4.0

2.8

2.5

5.6

3.4

4.2



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## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

###### September 2019 August 2019 September 2018

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

Arkansas Ashley Baxter Benton Boone Bradley Calhoun Carroll Chicot Clark Clay Cleburne Cleveland Columbia Conway

Craighead Crawford Crittenden Cross Dallas Desha Drew Faulkner Franklin Fulton Garland Grant Greene Hempstead Hot Spring Howard

Independence Izard

Jackson Jefferson Johnson Lafayette Lawrence Lee Lincoln Little River Logan Lonoke Madison Marion Miller

9,567

7,748

16,293

138,642

16,121

4,574

2,403

12,907

3,299

9,872

5,697

9,315

3,246

9,191

8,203

55,010

26,506

21,579

7,328

2,832

5,550

7,898

61,699

7,384

4,943

40,914

8,373

20,021

10,055

13,851

5,641

16,667

5,036

5,884

27,751

10,359

2,483

6,933

2,844

3,979

5,444

8,594

34,183

7,607

6,652

19,588

9,317

7,388

15,697

135,226

15,628

4,414

2,318

12,557

3,099

9,520

5,452

8,916

3,134

8,807

7,854

53,559

25,659

20,712

7,040

2,706

5,325

7,542

59,899

7,136

4,767

39,457

8,119

19,352

9,699

13,366

5,477

16,027

4,785

5,528

26,299

9,945

2,367

6,664

2,721

3,819

5,221

8,212

32,984

7,423

6,388

18,850

250

360

596

3,416

493

160

85

350

200

352

245

399

112

384

349

1,451

847

867

288

126

225

356

1,800

248

176

1,457

254

669

356

485

164

640

251

356

1,452

414

116

269

123

160

223

382

1,199

184

264

738

2.6

4.6

3.7

2.5

3.1

3.5

3.5

2.7

6.1

3.6

4.3

4.3

3.5

4.2

4.3

2.6

3.2

4.0

3.9

4.4

4.1

4.5

2.9

3.4

3.6

3.6

3.0

3.3

3.5

3.5

2.9

3.8

5.0

6.1

5.2

4.0

4.7

3.9

4.3

4.0

4.1

4.4

3.5

2.4

4.0

3.8

9,576

7,619

16,150

137,690

15,765

4,415

2,381

12,991

3,333

9,636

5,728

9,212

3,265

8,906

8,183

54,959

26,677

21,884

7,361

2,832

5,541

7,613

62,008

7,382

4,789

41,612

8,416

19,934

9,749

13,834

5,598

16,068

4,930

5,886

27,876

10,003

2,444

6,648

2,859

3,999

5,448

8,610

34,162

7,559

6,586

19,618

9,317

7,218

15,507

134,052

15,234

4,240

2,283

12,628

3,116

9,230

5,476

8,811

3,138

8,476

7,827

53,393

25,735

20,951

7,052

2,693

5,305

7,225

60,099

7,105

4,595

40,047

8,140

19,235

9,359

13,299

5,416

15,386

4,671

5,524

26,332

9,523

2,320

6,349

2,725

3,823

5,208

8,214

33,078

7,360

6,329

18,817

259

401

643

3,638

531

175

98

363

217

406

252

401

127

430

356

1,566

942

933

309

139

236

388

1,909

277

194

1,565

276

699

390

535

182

682

259

362

1,544

480

124

299

134

176

240

396

1,084

199

257

801

2.7

5.3

4.0

2.6

3.4

4.0

4.1

2.8

6.5

4.2

4.4

4.4

3.9

4.8

4.4

2.8

3.5

4.3

4.2

4.9

4.3

5.1

3.1

3.8

4.1

3.8

3.3

3.5

4.0

3.9

3.3

4.2

5.3

6.2

5.5

4.8

5.1

4.5

4.7

4.4

4.4

4.6

3.2

2.6

3.9

4.1

9,180

7,768

16,493

134,851

15,977

4,339

2,413

12,845

3,317

9,683

5,707

9,173

3,290

9,181

8,129

54,476

26,772

21,408

7,320

2,736

5,434

7,732

61,512

7,386

4,931

40,425

8,333

19,818

9,962

13,945

5,856

16,493

5,058

5,789

28,056

10,365

2,468

7,001

2,891

4,024

5,503

8,711

33,866

7,427

6,496

19,736

8,898

7,401

15,864

131,141

15,480

4,165

2,336

12,486

3,124

9,313

5,482

8,786

3,173

8,790

7,808

52,933

25,843

20,539

7,037

2,623

5,211

7,386

59,625

7,133

4,763

38,856

8,085

19,193

9,609

13,450

5,646

15,868

4,813

5,448

26,650

9,965

2,349

6,759

2,755

3,863

5,196

8,374

32,837

7,219

6,230

18,757

282

367

629

3,710

497

174

77

359

193

370

225

387

117

391

321

1,543

929

869

283

113

223

346

1,887

253

168

1,569

248

625

353

495

210

625

245

341

1,406

400

119

242

136

161

307

337

1,029

208

266

979

3.1

4.7

3.8

2.8

3.1

4.0

3.2

2.8

5.8

3.8

3.9

4.2

3.6

4.3

3.9

2.8

3.5

4.1

3.9

4.1

4.1

4.5

3.1

3.4

3.4

3.9

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## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

###### September 2019 August 2019 September 2018

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

Mississippi Monroe Montgomery Nevada Newton Ouachita Perry

Phillips Pike Poinsett Polk Pope Prairie Pulaski Randolph

St. Francis Saline Scott Searcy Sebastian Sevier Sharp Stone Union Van Buren

Washington White Woodruff Yell

17,522

2,789

3,016

3,682

3,369

9,806

4,244

6,483

4,288

10,383

8,126

29,045

3,624

190,329

7,414

8,182

57,950

4,337

2,902

56,339

5,475

5,880

4,913

15,856

5,742

126,523

33,772

2,810

8,492

16,736

2,672

2,885

3,542

3,259

9,354

4,095

6,116

4,139

10,052

7,772

27,921

3,458

184,041

7,171

7,794

56,355

4,192

2,771

54,533

5,214

5,611

4,730

15,076

5,483

123,646

32,414

2,670

8,192

786

117

131

140

110

452

149

367

149

331

354

1,124

166

6,288

243

388

1,595

145

131

1,806

261

269

183

780

259

2,877

1,358

140

300

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17,357

2,792

3,006

3,559

3,290

9,688

4,283

6,440

4,336

10,374

8,094

28,303

3,563

191,251

7,304

8,277

58,242

4,284

2,953

56,636

5,450

5,686

4,933

15,792

5,643

125,748

33,485

2,812

8,281

16,434

2,680

2,868

3,416

3,182

9,208

4,107

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4,167

10,016

7,742

27,007

3,426

184,648

7,036

7,863

56,544

4,138

2,804

54,710

5,163

5,407

4,746

14,954

5,365

122,592

32,112

2,664

7,939

923

112

138

143

108

480

176

390

169

358

352

1,296

137

6,603

268

414

1,698

146

149

1,926

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279

187

838

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3,156

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17,382

2,752

3,032

3,631

3,334

9,872

4,236

6,552

4,259

10,295

7,980

29,027

3,569

189,492

7,227

8,298

57,829

4,400

2,984

56,860

5,581

5,818

4,841

15,923

5,924

123,003

33,721

2,837

8,498

16,547

2,648

2,897

3,508

3,228

9,437

4,076

6,175

4,100

9,940

7,673

27,849

3,439

183,205

6,975

7,898

56,099

4,252

2,862

54,928

5,320

5,560

4,638

15,141

5,638

119,915

32,421

2,709

8,172

835

104

135

123

106

435

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1,178

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6,287

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1,730

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# County Labor Force Summary

### Between August and September, unemployment rates declined in 69 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates increased in five counties, while one county was unchanged. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.1 percent in Chicot and Jackson counties.

In September, forty-five counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is up from 33 counties at or below four percent last month. For the second month, no county re- ported an unemployment rate above seven percent.

Compared to September 2018, jobless rates are down in 37 Arkansas counties. Unemployment rates increased in 26 counties, while twelve counties were stable compared to last year.

**County Unemployment Rates**



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**Rate**

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**Rank County**

50 Cleburne

50 Conway

50 Lee

50 Montgomery

55 Dallas

55 Logan

55 Polk

58 Drew

58 Mississippi

58 Searcy

58 Van Buren

62 Ashley

62 Ouachita

62 Prairie

62 Sharp

66 Lafayette

66 St. Francis

1. Sevier
2. Union
3. Izard

70 Woodruff

1. Jefferson
2. Phillips
3. Chicot

74 Jackson

**Rank County Rate**

21 Lonoke 3.5

21 Perry 3.5

21 Pike 3.5

21 Yell 3.5

30 Clark 3.6

30 Fulton 3.6

30 Garland 3.6

33 Baxter 3.7

33 Stone 3.7

35 Independence 3.8

35 Miller 3.8

35 Nevada 3.8

38 Cross 3.9

38 Lawrence 3.9

38 Pope 3.9

41 Crittenden 4.0

41 Johnson 4.0

41 Lincoln 4.0

41 Marion 4.0

41 White 4.0

46 Desha 4.1

46 Little River 4.1

48 Columbia 4.2

48 Monroe 4.2

50 Clay 4.3

**Rate**

2.3

2.4

2.5

2.6

2.6

2.7

2.8

2.9

2.9

3.0

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**Rank County**

1. Washington
2. Madison
3. Benton
4. Arkansas

4 Craighead

1. Carroll
2. Saline
3. Faulkner

8 Howard

1. Grant
2. Boone
3. Crawford

12 Poinsett

12 Sebastian

15 Greene

15 Newton

15 Pulaski

15 Randolph

15 Scott

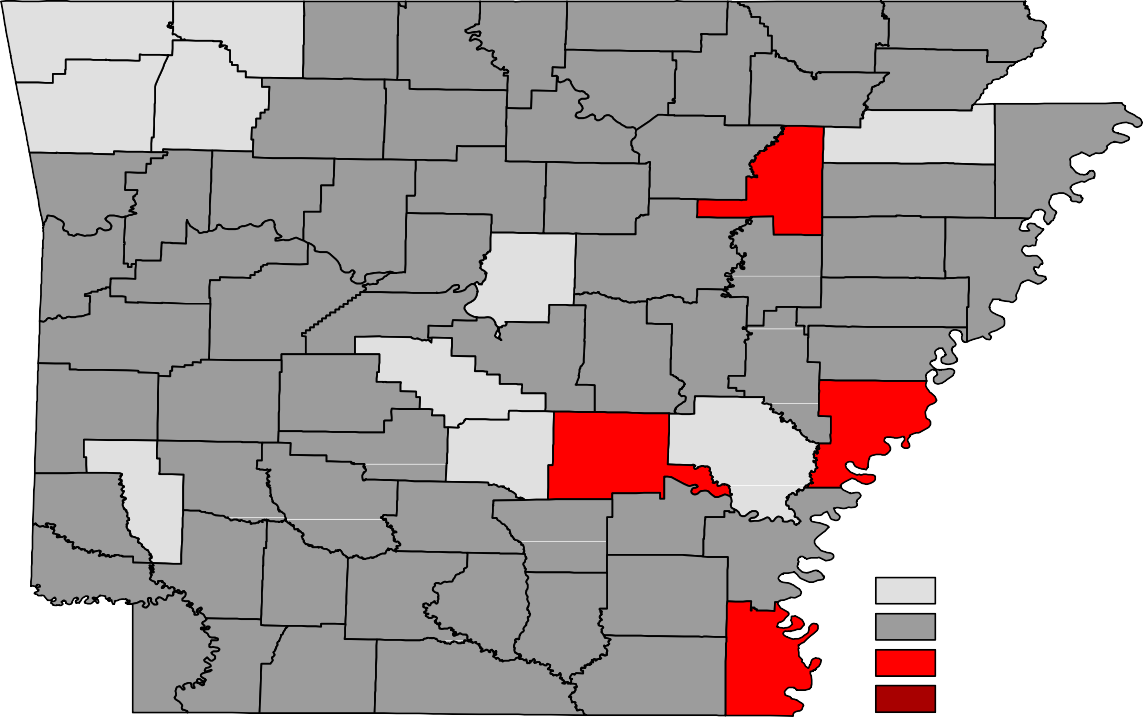
1. Franklin
2. Bradley

21 Calhoun

21 Cleveland

21 Hempstead

21 Hot Spring



**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Randolph**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Crawford**

**Franklin**

**Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**Conway**

**White**

**Cross**

**Faulkner**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Phillips**

**Howard**

**Hot Spring Grant Jefferson Arkansas**

**Pike**

**Sevier**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland**

**Lincoln**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead Nevada Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller Lafayette Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

**September 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

251,398 243,507 7,891 3.1

97,622 94,346 3,276 3.4

46,469 44,404 2,065 4.4

94,585 90,644 3,941 4.2

121,906 117,829 4,077 3.3

323,410 314,425 8,985 2.8

81,473 77,956 3,517 4.3

92,862 88,712 4,150 4.5

131,599 126,486 5,113 3.9

112,109 108,203 3,906 3.5

253,599 245,385 8,214 3.2

98,419 95,090 3,329 3.4

46,821 44,641 2,180 4.7

93,444 89,281 4,163 4.5

122,304 117,939 4,365 3.6

328,732 319,688 9,044 2.8

81,653 77,854 3,799 4.7

91,465 87,313 4,152 4.5

131,477 126,014 5,463 4.2

111,683 107,644 4,039 3.6

8,092 3.2

3,073 3.1

2,033 4.4

4,031 4.2

3,994 3.2

8,421 2.5

3,529 4.3

3,825 4.1

4,910 3.7

3,782 3.4

Eastern 46,416 44,383

North Central 94,962 90,931

Northeast 122,980 118,986

Northwest 331,016 322,595

Southeast 81,985 78,456

Southwest 92,456 88,631

West Central 132,284 127,374

Western 111,286 107,504

Central (minus LR) 252,724 244,632

City of Little Rock 97,850 94,777

**September 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**CLF**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

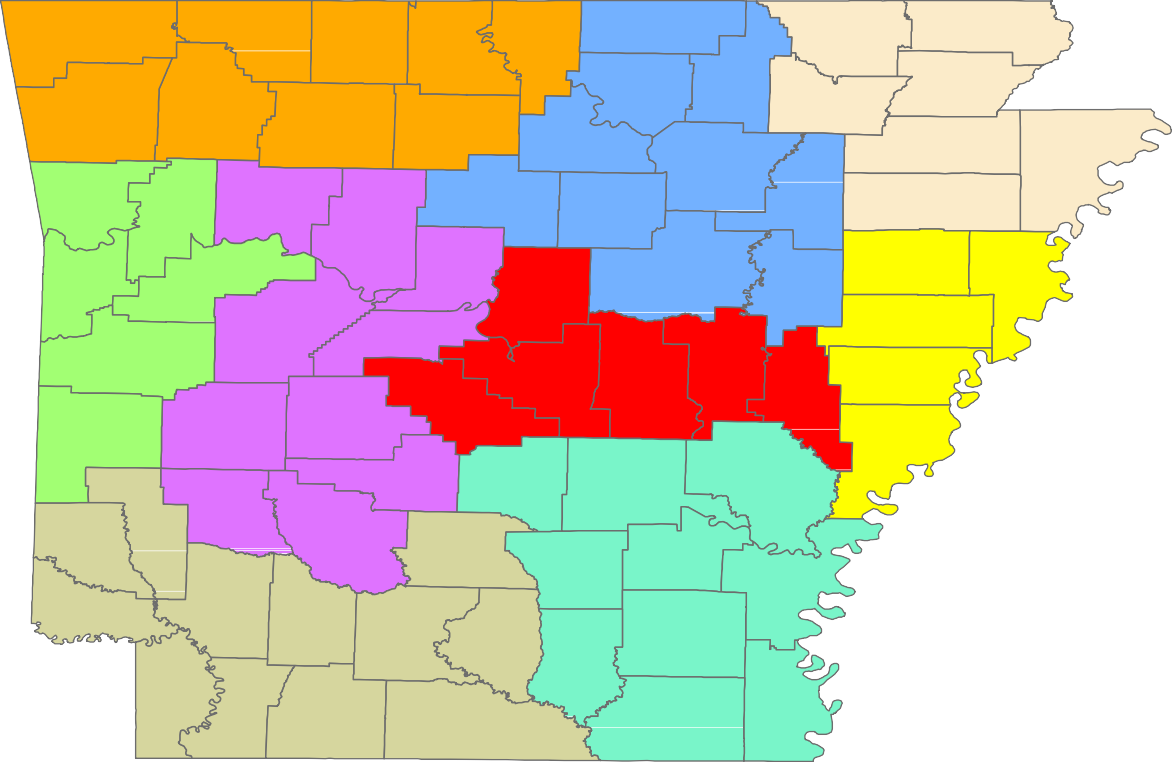
**August 2019**

**September 2019**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**CLF**

**LWDA**



**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Randolph**

**Sharp**

**Greene**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Craighead**

**Independence**

**Mississippi**

**Crawford**

**Franklin**

**Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

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**White**

**Cross**

**Faulkner**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Prairie**

**Pulaski Lonoke**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring**

**Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Howard**

**Pike**

**Sevier**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland**

**Lincoln**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada**

**Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller**

**Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Lafayette**

Central (minus LR) Eastern



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North Central

Northeast Northwest Southeast

Southwest West Central Western