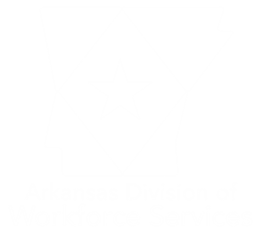
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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious month’s data is subject to revision.

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 col- lected for production workers in manufactur- ing industries.

Industries are classi- fied according to the North American In- dustry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2019 benchmark.

**Explanation of Terms and Concepts**

**Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample sur- vey designed to pro- vide industry infor- mation on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bu- reau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Work- force Services. The data are based on establish- ment records and in- clude all workers, full- or part-time, who re- ceived pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas busi- ness establishments are surveyed.

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

A term applied by the

U.S. Office of Manage- ment 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 sur- vey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to pro- vide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conduct- ed each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The informa- tion is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the cal- endar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

**Civilian Labor Force**

The sum of all em- ployed and unem- ployed 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 work- ers 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 seek- ing work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

**Unemployment Rate**

The number of unem- ployed 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, ma- jor holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

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**Business Employment Dynamics**

Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced and published on a quarterly basis. At this time, BED data is only available at the national and statewide levels.

The information produced from BED statistics includes gross job gains and losses at estab- lishments with changes in em- ployment. These employment changes occur when establish- ments open/expand or close/ contract. Gross job gains are a combination of jobs created from both openings of new businesses and expansions at existing businesses. Gross job losses are a combination of jobs lost from both exist- ing businesses that close and those that reduce their number of employees. The net change is the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses.

**Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)**

State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)

**-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**Quarter Ending**

**----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**Category | Jun 19 | Sep 19 | Dec 19 | Mar 20 | Jun 20\***

**----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**Employment Levels**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 2nd Quarter 2020

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gross job gains..... | 51,536 | 56,712 | 66,058 | 52,888 | 47,653 |
| Gross job losses.... | 58,717 | 59,055 | 49,413 | 56,439 | 119,256 |
| **Net Change**.......... | **-7,181** | **-2,343** | **16,645** | **-3,551** | **-71,603** |

**Arkansas’ Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)**

2nd Quarter 2018 - 2nd Quarter 2020

140,000

120,000

100,000

80,000

60,000

40,000

20,000

Jun '18 Sep '18 Dec '18 Mar '19 Jun '19 Sep '19 Dec '19 Mar '20 Jun '20

Gross Job Gains Gross Job Losses

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### 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 dropped two and one-tenth of a percentage point, from 6.3 percent in November (revised up from 6.2 percent) to 4.2 percent in December. Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased 38,904, a result of 65,543 more employed and 26,639 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate held steady at 6.7 percent between November and December.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “After peaking at 10.8 percent in April, Arkansas’ unemployment has slowly declined throughout 2020 and fell to 4.2 percent in December. This drop reflects the cumulative impact of recent hiring, as more Arkansans report they are currently employed.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,303,673 1,238,130 1,316,069 Employment 1,295,366 1,241,354 1,310,216

Unemployment 57,224 83,863 48,186 Unemployment 54,497 76,825 45,725

Unemployment Rate 4.2 6.3 3.5 Unemployment Rate 4.0 5.8 3.4

U.S. Unemployment 6.7 6.7 3.6 U.S. Unemployment 6.5 6.4 3.4

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 20** | **Nov 20** | **Dec 19** | **Dec 20** | **Nov 20** | **Dec 19** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,360,897 | 1,321,993 | 1,364,255 Civilian Labor Force | 1,349,863 | 1,318,179 | 1,355,941 |

1,350,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

December 2018 - December 2020

1,300,000

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

1,100,000

1,050,000



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### Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS) Dec 20 Nov 20 Dec 19 OTM OTY** | | | | | |
| Total Nonfarm | 1252.9 | 1250.3 | 1286.8 | 2.6 | -33.9 |
| Goods Producing | 207.6 | 208.2 | 219.9 | -0.6 | -12.3 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 59.5 | 60.3 | 57.5 | -0.8 | 2.0 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.0** | **5.1** | **5.8** | **-0.1** | **-0.8** |
| **Construction** | **54.5** | **55.2** | **51.7** | **-0.7** | **2.8** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 34.4 | 35.1 | 33.4 | -0.7 | 1.0 |
| **Manufacturing** | **148.1** | **147.9** | **162.4** | **0.2** | **-14.3** |
| Durable Goods | 68.9 | 68.3 | 76.4 | 0.6 | -7.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 79.2 | 79.6 | 86.0 | -0.4 | -6.8 |
| Service Providing | 1045.3 | 1042.1 | 1066.9 | 3.2 | -21.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **271.9** | **268.2** | **258.4** | **3.7** | **13.5** |
| Wholesale Trade | 49.5 | 50.1 | 48.9 | -0.6 | 0.6 |
| Retail Trade | 147.0 | 144.8 | 138.9 | 2.2 | 8.1 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 75.4 | 73.3 | 70.6 | 2.1 | 4.8 |
| **Information** | **10.7** | **10.7** | **11.2** | **0.0** | **-0.5** |
| **Financial Activities** | **60.8** | **60.8** | **61.7** | **0.0** | **-0.9** |
| Finance & Insurance | 48.0 | 47.9 | 48.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 12.8 | 12.9 | 13.7 | -0.1 | -0.9 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **150.5** | **147.9** | **147.4** | **2.6** | **3.1** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 46.1 | 45.2 | 46.1 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| Management of Companies | 36.6 | 36.3 | 34.5 | 0.3 | 2.1 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 67.8 | 66.4 | 66.8 | 1.4 | 1.0 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **188.4** | **188.4** | **197.6** | **0.0** | **-9.2** |
| Educational Services | 16.1 | 16.3 | 16.5 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 172.3 | 172.1 | 181.1 | 0.2 | -8.8 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 59.8 | 60.3 | 62.7 | -0.5 | -2.9 |
| Social Assistance | 36.9 | 36.9 | 39.5 | 0.0 | -2.6 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **102.8** | **105.4** | **116.5** | **-2.6** | **-13.7** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 9.6 | 9.8 | 10.1 | -0.2 | -0.5 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 93.2 | 95.6 | 106.4 | -2.4 | -13.2 |
| Accommodation Services | 8.2 | 8.4 | 10.9 | -0.2 | -2.7 |
| Food Services | 85.0 | 87.2 | 95.5 | -2.2 | -10.5 |
| **Other Services** | **55.9** | **56.0** | **60.2** | **-0.1** | **-4.3** |
| **Government** | **204.3** | **204.7** | **213.9** | **-0.4** | **-9.6** |
| Federal Government | 21.0 | 20.7 | 20.5 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| State Government | 77.7 | 78.1 | 79.6 | -0.4 | -1.9 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.1 | 31.4 | 31.7 | -0.3 | -0.6 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.6 | 46.7 | 47.9 | -0.1 | -1.3 |
| Local Government | 105.6 | 105.9 | 113.8 | -0.3 | -8.2 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 63.2 | 63.2 | 69.8 | 0.0 | -6.6 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.4 | 42.7 | 44.0 | -0.3 | -1.6 |

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### Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**November 2020 - December 2020**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs increased 2,600 in December to total 1,252,900. Three major industry sectors added jobs, more than offsetting small losses in five sectors. Employment in three industry sectors was unchanged. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 3,700. Gains were posted in retail trade (+2,200) and transportation-warehousing-utilities (+2,100), related in large part to seasonal hiring for the holidays. **Professional and business services** added 2,600 jobs. The largest increase was in administrative and support services (+1,400), a subsector which includes employment agencies. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** declined 2,600. Most of the loss was in food services (-2,200), due in part to the temporary closure of food services at educational facilities during winter break.

**December 2019 - December 2020**

Compared to December 2019, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are down 33,900. Employment de- creased in eight major industry sectors. **Manufacturing** posted the largest drop, down 14,300 jobs. Losses were reported in both durable goods (-7,500) and nondurable goods (-6,800) manufacturing. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** declined 13,700, mostly in food services (-10,500). Jobs in **government** decreased 9,600, largely in local government (-8,200). Employment in **educational and health services** is down 9,200. Most of the loss was reported in health care and social assistance (-8,800). **Other services** declined 4,300. The sector includes activities such as repair-maintenance and membership organizations. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** reported the largest increase, add- ing 13,500 jobs. **Professional and business services** (+3,100) and **construction** (+2,800) also posted notable gains in employment.

**Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

December 2019 vs December 2020

Trade-Transportation-Utilities

13,500

3,100

2,800

-500

-800

-900

-4,300

-9,200

-9,600

Professional & Business

Construction

Information

Mining & Logging

Financial Activities

Other Services

Education & Health

Government

Leisure & Hospitality

-13,700

Manufacturing

-14,300



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-20,000 -15,000 -10,000 -5,000 0 5,000 10,000 15,000

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### Production Workers - Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Dec 20**

Average Weekly Hours 40.1

Average Hourly Earnings 19.40

Average Weekly Earnings 777.94

**Nov 20**

39.2

19.13

749.90

**Dec 19**

41.5

18.71

776.47

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Dec 20**

Average Weekly Hours 38.4

Average Hourly Earnings 21.04

Average Weekly Earnings 807.94

**Nov 20**

37.2

21.20

788.64

**Dec 19**

42.7

20.72

884.74

**Dec 20**

Average Weekly Hours 41.5

Average Hourly Earnings 18.10

Average Weekly Earnings 751.15

**Nov 20**

40.8

17.54

715.63

**Dec 19**

40.4

16.87

681.55

**Average Weekly Hours Worked in Manufacturing (Production Workers)**

December 2018 - December 2020

45.0

44.0

43.0

42.0

41.0

40.0

39.0

38.0

37.0

36.0

35.0

34.0



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#### 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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 20** | **Nov 20** | **Dec 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 348,009 | 339,382 | 354,854 | 8,627 | -6,845 |
| **Employment** | 333,024 | 317,625 | 343,794 | 15,399 | -10,770 |
| **Unemployment** | 14,985 | 21,757 | 11,060 | -6,772 | 3,925 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3 | 6.4 | 3.1 | -2.1 | 1.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Dec 20** | **Nov 20** | **Dec 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm 350.7 | 349.1 | 366.4 | 1.6 | -15.7 |
| Goods Producing 37.1 | 37.1 | 38.5 | 0.0 | -1.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 18.0** | **18.1** | **17.8** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 19.1** | **19.0** | **20.7** | **0.1** | **-1.6** |
| Service Providing 313.6 | 312.0 | 327.9 | 1.6 | -14.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 73.8** | **72.6** | **72.1** | **1.2** | **1.7** |
| Wholesale Trade 15.8 | 15.8 | 15.9 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Retail Trade 40.2 | 39.3 | 38.9 | 0.9 | 1.3 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities 17.8 | 17.5 | 17.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| **Information 3.6** | **3.6** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **-0.7** |
| **Financial Activities 21.3** | **21.3** | **21.6** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services 47.3** | **46.0** | **48.4** | **1.3** | **-1.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services 55.9** | **55.4** | **58.8** | **0.5** | **-2.9** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 27.6** | **28.9** | **33.6** | **-1.3** | **-6.0** |
| **Other Services 17.3** | **17.3** | **18.4** | **0.0** | **-1.1** |
| **Government 66.8** | **66.9** | **70.7** | **-0.1** | **-3.9** |
| Federal Government 10.2 | 10.1 | 9.9 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| State Government 34.3 | 34.4 | 36.1 | -0.1 | -1.8 |
| Local Government 22.3 | 22.4 | 24.7 | -0.1 | -2.4 |

**Number of Unemployed**

December: 2010 - 2020

30,000

**Jobs in Leisure & Hospitality**

January 2018 - December 2020

40,000

25,000

35,000



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20,000

30,000

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25,000

10,000

20,000

5,000

15,000

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### 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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 20** | **Nov 20** | **Dec 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 284,148 | 276,826 | 281,513 | 7,322 | 2,635 |
| **Employment** | 275,471 | 264,826 | 274,919 | 10,645 | 552 |
| **Unemployment** | 8,677 | 12,000 | 6,594 | -3,323 | 2,083 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.1 | 4.3 | 2.3 | -1.2 | 0.8 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Dec 20** | **Nov 20** | **Dec 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm 266.8 | 267.0 | 268.5 | -0.2 | -1.7 |
| Goods Producing 41.5 | 41.5 | 43.0 | 0.0 | -1.5 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 12.8** | **12.7** | **12.6** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 28.7** | **28.8** | **30.4** | **-0.1** | **-1.7** |
| Service Providing 225.3 | 225.5 | 225.5 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 60.2** | **59.7** | **57.6** | **0.5** | **2.6** |
| Wholesale Trade 13.0 | 13.0 | 12.3 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Retail Trade 27.9 | 27.6 | 26.5 | 0.3 | 1.4 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities 19.3 | 19.1 | 18.8 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| **Information 1.9** | **1.9** | **2.1** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 8.3** | **8.3** | **8.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 54.1** | **53.5** | **51.3** | **0.6** | **2.8** |
| **Educational & Health Services 27.1** | **27.8** | **30.7** | **-0.7** | **-3.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 26.1** | **26.4** | **26.7** | **-0.3** | **-0.6** |
| **Other Services 9.5** | **9.5** | **9.7** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Government 38.1** | **38.4** | **39.1** | **-0.3** | **-1.0** |
| Federal Government 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| State Government 16.3 | 16.8 | 16.7 | -0.5 | -0.4 |
| Local Government 18.9 | 18.8 | 19.7 | 0.1 | -0.8 |

**Unemployment Rates**

December 2018 - December 2020

9.0%

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

December: 2010 - 2020

300,000

8.0%

7.0%

260,000

6.0%

5.0%

220,000

4.0%

3.0%

2.0% 180,000

1.0%

0.0%

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### Fort Smith MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 20** | **Nov 20** | **Dec 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 116,217 | 115,675 | 118,116 | 542 | -1,899 |
| **Employment** | 111,052 | 108,830 | 113,956 | 2,222 | -2,904 |
| **Unemployment** | 5,165 | 6,845 | 4,160 | -1,680 | 1,005 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.4 | 5.9 | 3.5 | -1.5 | 0.9 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Dec 20** | **Nov 20** | **Dec 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm 109.5 | 110.3 | 114.1 | -0.8 | -4.6 |
| Goods Producing 22.2 | 22.3 | 23.5 | -0.1 | -1.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.7** | **5.8** | **5.9** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 16.5** | **16.5** | **17.6** | **0.0** | **-1.1** |
| Service Providing 87.3 | 88.0 | 90.6 | -0.7 | -3.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.1** | **24.2** | **23.7** | **-0.1** | **0.4** |
| Wholesale Trade 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Retail Trade 13.2 | 13.3 | 12.7 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Information 1.1** | **1.1** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 4.4** | **4.4** | **4.0** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.4** | **11.6** | **12.1** | **-0.2** | **-0.7** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.7** | **16.7** | **17.3** | **0.0** | **-0.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 8.1** | **8.4** | **9.2** | **-0.3** | **-1.1** |
| **Other Services 4.3** | **4.4** | **4.5** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Government 17.2** | **17.2** | **18.6** | **0.0** | **-1.4** |
| Federal Government 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| Local Government 13.2 | 13.2 | 14.2 | 0.0 | -1.0 |

**Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry**

December 2019 vs December 2020

Trade-Transportation-Utilities

400

-100

-200

-200

-600

-700

-1,100

-1,100

Financial Activities

400

Information

Mining-Logging-Construction

Other Services

Education & Health

Professional & Business

Leisure & Hospitality

Manufacturing

Government

-1,400

-1,600 -1,400 -1,200 -1,000 -800 -600 -400 -200 0 200 400 600

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 20** | **Nov 20** | **Dec 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,296 | 40,519 | 40,408 | 777 | 888 |
| **Employment** | 39,199 | 37,501 | 39,008 | 1,698 | 191 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,097 | 3,018 | 1,400 | -921 | 697 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.1 | 7.4 | 3.5 | -2.3 | 1.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 20** | **Nov 20** | **Dec 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 39.0 | 38.9 | 39.2 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 34.5 | 34.4 | 34.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 | -0.1 | -0.1 |

44,000

**Number of Employed**

January 2018 - December 2020

42,000

40,000

38,000

36,000

34,000

32,000

30,000

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2018 2019 2020

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 20** | **Nov 20** | **Dec 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 67,980 | 66,391 | 66,308 | 1,589 | 1,672 |
| **Employment** | 65,769 | 63,237 | 64,556 | 2,532 | 1,213 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,211 | 3,154 | 1,752 | -943 | 459 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.3 | 4.8 | 2.6 | -1.5 | 0.7 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 20** | **Nov 20** | **Dec 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 62.1 | 62.2 | 61.3 | -0.1 | 0.8 |
| 10.6 | 10.7 | 10.2 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| 51.5 | 51.5 | 51.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| 8.7 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 0.0 | -0.5 |

11,000

**Jobs in Goods Producing Industries**

December: 2010 - 2020

10,000

9,000

8,000

7,000

6,000

5,000

4,000

2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 20** | **Nov 20** | **Dec 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 33,664 | 33,238 | 34,617 | 426 | -953 |
| **Employment** | 31,702 | 30,499 | 32,879 | 1,203 | -1,177 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,962 | 2,739 | 1,738 | -777 | 224 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.8 | 8.2 | 5.0 | -2.4 | 0.8 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dec 20** | **Nov 20** | **Dec 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.3 | 31.4 | 32.9 | -0.1 | -1.6 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| 25.7 | 25.8 | 26.9 | -0.1 | -1.2 |
| 8.0 | 8.1 | 9.2 | -0.1 | -1.2 |

34,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

December 2018 - December 2020

33,500

33,000

32,500

32,000

31,500

31,000

30,500

30,000

29,500

29,000

Dec '18

Jun '19

Dec '19

Jun '20

Dec '20

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

### Out-of-State MSAs

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 20** | **Nov 20** | **Dec 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 668,382 | 668,305 | 647,507 | 77 | 20,875 |
| **Employment** | 618,793 | 623,537 | 622,648 | -4,744 | -3,855 |
| **Unemployment** | 49,589 | 44,768 | 24,859 | 4,821 | 24,730 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 7.4 | 6.7 | 3.8 | 0.7 | 3.6 |

##### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Dec 20** | **Nov 20** | **Dec 19** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,942 | 65,448 | 65,290 | 494 | 652 |
| **Employment** | 62,200 | 60,910 | 62,805 | 1,290 | -605 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,742 | 4,538 | 2,485 | -796 | 1,257 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.7 | 6.9 | 3.8 | -1.2 | 1.9 |

**Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates**

December: 2010 - 2020

10.0

**Texarkana MSA - Employment**

December 2018 - December 2020

66,000

9.0

8.0

61,000

7.0

56,000

6.0

5.0

51,000

4.0

3.0

46,000

2.0 41,000

1.0



**ARKANSAS**

**LABOR MARKET REPORT**

December

0.0

'10

'11

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

36,000

Dec '18

Jun '19

Dec '19

Jun '20

Dec '20

MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND CITIES

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**December 2020**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**November 2020**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**December 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,627 | 9,250 | 377 | 3.9 | 9,359 | 8,858 | 501 | 5.4 | 9,756 | 9,415 | 341 | 3.5 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,702 | 16,096 | 606 | 3.6 | 16,229 | 15,420 | 809 | 5.0 | 16,555 | 15,937 | 618 | 3.7 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,276 | 16,235 | 1,041 | 6.0 | 17,097 | 15,584 | 1,513 | 8.8 | 17,257 | 16,421 | 836 | 4.8 |
| Camden Micro | 12,126 | 11,673 | 453 | 3.7 | 11,817 | 11,176 | 641 | 5.4 | 12,215 | 11,637 | 578 | 4.7 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,546 | 14,687 | 859 | 5.5 | 15,280 | 14,060 | 1,220 | 8.0 | 15,788 | 14,947 | 841 | 5.3 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,159 | 7,705 | 454 | 5.6 | 8,013 | 7,384 | 629 | 7.8 | 8,095 | 7,716 | 379 | 4.7 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,310 | 18,717 | 593 | 3.1 | 18,781 | 17,936 | 845 | 4.5 | 19,285 | 18,688 | 597 | 3.1 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,253 | 5,819 | 434 | 6.9 | 6,171 | 5,606 | 565 | 9.2 | 6,329 | 5,938 | 391 | 6.2 |
| Hope Micro | 13,316 | 12,865 | 451 | 3.4 | 12,966 | 12,339 | 627 | 4.8 | 13,425 | 12,938 | 487 | 3.6 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,450 | 8,904 | 546 | 5.8 | 9,163 | 8,522 | 641 | 7.0 | 9,151 | 8,784 | 367 | 4.0 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,873 | 13,347 | 526 | 3.8 | 13,517 | 12,768 | 749 | 5.5 | 13,898 | 13,445 | 453 | 3.3 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,163 | 15,537 | 626 | 3.9 | 15,717 | 14,866 | 851 | 5.4 | 16,140 | 15,523 | 617 | 3.8 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,022 | 19,328 | 694 | 3.5 | 19,535 | 18,561 | 974 | 5.0 | 19,978 | 19,316 | 662 | 3.3 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,292 | 35,905 | 1,387 | 3.7 | 36,250 | 34,425 | 1,825 | 5.0 | 37,321 | 35,828 | 1,493 | 4.0 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,442 | 32,010 | 1,432 | 4.3 | 32,545 | 30,618 | 1,927 | 5.9 | 33,765 | 32,279 | 1,486 | 4.4 |

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

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties El Dorado Micro = Union County

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

**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



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**ARKANSAS**

**LABOR MARKET REPORT**

December

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Not Seasonally Adjusted**  **December 2020 November 2020 December 2019**  **City CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bella Vista | 12,382 | 11,927 | 455 | 3.7 | 12,102 | 11,445 | 657 | 5.4 | 12,248 | 11,893 | 355 | 2.9 |
| Benton | 16,926 | 16,378 | 548 | 3.2 | 16,405 | 15,614 | 791 | 4.8 | 17,356 | 16,905 | 451 | 2.6 |
| Bentonville | 27,319 | 26,598 | 721 | 2.6 | 26,529 | 25,522 | 1,007 | 3.8 | 27,074 | 26,521 | 553 | 2.0 |
| Blytheville | 5,892 | 5,468 | 424 | 7.2 | 5,940 | 5,249 | 691 | 11.6 | 5,891 | 5,531 | 360 | 6.1 |
| Cabot | 11,802 | 11,381 | 421 | 3.6 | 11,448 | 10,879 | 569 | 5.0 | 12,133 | 11,757 | 376 | 3.1 |
| Conway | 32,880 | 31,701 | 1,179 | 3.6 | 31,819 | 30,245 | 1,574 | 4.9 | 33,653 | 32,729 | 924 | 2.7 |
| El Dorado | 6,776 | 6,362 | 414 | 6.1 | 6,712 | 6,090 | 622 | 9.3 | 6,854 | 6,475 | 379 | 5.5 |
| Fayetteville | 48,878 | 47,266 | 1,612 | 3.3 | 47,692 | 45,357 | 2,335 | 4.9 | 48,244 | 47,134 | 1,110 | 2.3 |
| Fort Smith | 38,293 | 36,777 | 1,516 | 4.0 | 37,600 | 35,416 | 2,184 | 5.8 | 39,102 | 37,858 | 1,244 | 3.2 |
| Hot Springs | 14,764 | 13,935 | 829 | 5.6 | 14,626 | 13,331 | 1,295 | 8.9 | 14,434 | 13,867 | 567 | 3.9 |
| Jacksonville | 11,554 | 10,775 | 779 | 6.7 | 11,273 | 10,271 | 1,002 | 8.9 | 11,713 | 11,122 | 591 | 5.0 |
| Jonesboro | 40,409 | 39,128 | 1,281 | 3.2 | 39,532 | 37,596 | 1,936 | 4.9 | 39,391 | 38,379 | 1,012 | 2.6 |
| Little Rock | 95,461 | 90,677 | 4,784 | 5.0 | 93,655 | 86,438 | 7,217 | 7.7 | 96,600 | 93,594 | 3,006 | 3.1 |
| North Little Rock | 29,491 | 27,819 | 1,672 | 5.7 | 29,086 | 26,518 | 2,568 | 8.8 | 29,877 | 28,714 | 1,163 | 3.9 |
| Paragould | 12,713 | 12,212 | 501 | 3.9 | 12,448 | 11,728 | 720 | 5.8 | 12,638 | 12,205 | 433 | 3.4 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,015 | 14,836 | 1,179 | 7.4 | 15,959 | 14,253 | 1,706 | 10.7 | 16,355 | 15,381 | 974 | 6.0 |
| Rogers | 36,257 | 35,210 | 1,047 | 2.9 | 35,254 | 33,786 | 1,468 | 4.2 | 35,886 | 35,109 | 777 | 2.2 |
| Russellville | 13,381 | 12,917 | 464 | 3.5 | 12,952 | 12,369 | 583 | 4.5 | 13,337 | 12,875 | 462 | 3.5 |
| Searcy | 10,107 | 9,759 | 348 | 3.4 | 9,818 | 9,335 | 483 | 4.9 | 10,182 | 9,841 | 341 | 3.3 |
| Sherwood | 15,655 | 15,017 | 638 | 4.1 | 15,269 | 14,315 | 954 | 6.2 | 15,954 | 15,500 | 454 | 2.8 |
| Springdale | 40,111 | 38,938 | 1,173 | 2.9 | 39,058 | 37,365 | 1,693 | 4.3 | 39,679 | 38,828 | 851 | 2.1 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,745 | 13,059 | 686 | 5.0 | 13,462 | 12,481 | 981 | 7.3 | 13,603 | 13,043 | 560 | 4.1 |
| Van Buren | 10,126 | 9,786 | 340 | 3.4 | 9,908 | 9,434 | 474 | 4.8 | 10,385 | 10,078 | 307 | 3.0 |
| West Memphis | 10,535 | 9,905 | 630 | 6.0 | 10,407 | 9,425 | 982 | 9.4 | 10,532 | 10,072 | 460 | 4.4 |

#### COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **CLF** | **December 2020**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **November 2020**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **December 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,448 | 9,167 | 281 | 3.0 | 9,213 | 8,812 | 401 | 4.4 | 9,419 | 9,136 | 283 | 3.0 |
| Ashley | 7,393 | 6,921 | 472 | 6.4 | 7,302 | 6,642 | 660 | 9.0 | 7,585 | 7,158 | 427 | 5.6 |
| Baxter | 16,163 | 15,537 | 626 | 3.9 | 15,717 | 14,866 | 851 | 5.4 | 16,140 | 15,523 | 617 | 3.8 |
| Benton | 138,929 | 134,851 | 4,078 | 2.9 | 135,200 | 129,395 | 5,805 | 4.3 | 137,770 | 134,463 | 3,307 | 2.4 |
| Boone | 16,001 | 15,509 | 492 | 3.1 | 15,563 | 14,851 | 712 | 4.6 | 15,960 | 15,475 | 485 | 3.0 |
| Bradley | 4,472 | 4,296 | 176 | 3.9 | 4,385 | 4,138 | 247 | 5.6 | 4,489 | 4,332 | 157 | 3.5 |
| Calhoun | 2,428 | 2,344 | 84 | 3.5 | 2,373 | 2,255 | 118 | 5.0 | 2,441 | 2,345 | 96 | 3.9 |
| Carroll | 12,766 | 12,285 | 481 | 3.8 | 12,420 | 11,796 | 624 | 5.0 | 12,565 | 12,203 | 362 | 2.9 |
| Chicot | 3,167 | 2,901 | 266 | 8.4 | 3,158 | 2,803 | 355 | 11.2 | 3,259 | 3,041 | 218 | 6.7 |
| Clark | 9,627 | 9,250 | 377 | 3.9 | 9,359 | 8,858 | 501 | 5.4 | 9,756 | 9,415 | 341 | 3.5 |
| Clay | 5,539 | 5,326 | 213 | 3.8 | 5,411 | 5,145 | 266 | 4.9 | 5,625 | 5,341 | 284 | 5.0 |
| Cleburne | 9,013 | 8,564 | 449 | 5.0 | 8,823 | 8,212 | 611 | 6.9 | 9,065 | 8,638 | 427 | 4.7 |
| Cleveland | 3,108 | 2,967 | 141 | 4.5 | 3,071 | 2,868 | 203 | 6.6 | 3,208 | 3,081 | 127 | 4.0 |
| Columbia | 9,450 | 8,904 | 546 | 5.8 | 9,163 | 8,522 | 641 | 7.0 | 9,151 | 8,784 | 367 | 4.0 |
| Conway | 8,174 | 7,845 | 329 | 4.0 | 7,967 | 7,503 | 464 | 5.8 | 8,284 | 7,951 | 333 | 4.0 |
| Craighead | 57,412 | 55,583 | 1,829 | 3.2 | 56,043 | 53,407 | 2,636 | 4.7 | 55,922 | 54,519 | 1,403 | 2.5 |
| Crawford | 26,108 | 25,170 | 938 | 3.6 | 25,574 | 24,265 | 1,309 | 5.1 | 26,734 | 25,922 | 812 | 3.0 |
| Crittenden | 21,311 | 20,207 | 1,104 | 5.2 | 20,868 | 19,228 | 1,640 | 7.9 | 21,355 | 20,548 | 807 | 3.8 |
| Cross | 7,395 | 7,096 | 299 | 4.0 | 7,253 | 6,825 | 428 | 5.9 | 7,395 | 7,091 | 304 | 4.1 |
| Dallas | 2,732 | 2,639 | 93 | 3.4 | 2,664 | 2,531 | 133 | 5.0 | 2,826 | 2,703 | 123 | 4.4 |
| Desha | 5,319 | 5,063 | 256 | 4.8 | 5,241 | 4,882 | 359 | 6.8 | 5,382 | 5,147 | 235 | 4.4 |
| Drew | 7,726 | 7,353 | 373 | 4.8 | 7,559 | 7,072 | 487 | 6.4 | 7,936 | 7,548 | 388 | 4.9 |
| Faulkner | 60,172 | 58,049 | 2,123 | 3.5 | 58,336 | 55,382 | 2,954 | 5.1 | 61,703 | 59,931 | 1,772 | 2.9 |
| Franklin | 7,438 | 7,157 | 281 | 3.8 | 7,269 | 6,884 | 385 | 5.3 | 7,417 | 7,179 | 238 | 3.2 |
| Fulton | 5,016 | 4,829 | 187 | 3.7 | 4,882 | 4,639 | 243 | 5.0 | 4,931 | 4,758 | 173 | 3.5 |
| Garland | 41,296 | 39,199 | 2,097 | 5.1 | 40,519 | 37,501 | 3,018 | 7.4 | 40,408 | 39,008 | 1,400 | 3.5 |
| Grant | 8,099 | 7,813 | 286 | 3.5 | 7,859 | 7,466 | 393 | 5.0 | 8,323 | 8,072 | 251 | 3.0 |
| Greene | 20,022 | 19,328 | 694 | 3.5 | 19,535 | 18,561 | 974 | 5.0 | 19,978 | 19,316 | 662 | 3.3 |
| Hempstead | 9,727 | 9,411 | 316 | 3.2 | 9,472 | 9,032 | 440 | 4.6 | 9,825 | 9,467 | 358 | 3.6 |
| Hot Spring | 13,873 | 13,347 | 526 | 3.8 | 13,517 | 12,768 | 749 | 5.5 | 13,898 | 13,445 | 453 | 3.3 |
| Howard | 5,548 | 5,367 | 181 | 3.3 | 5,421 | 5,164 | 257 | 4.7 | 5,743 | 5,545 | 198 | 3.4 |
| Independence | 16,702 | 16,096 | 606 | 3.6 | 16,229 | 15,420 | 809 | 5.0 | 16,555 | 15,937 | 618 | 3.7 |
| Izard | 4,790 | 4,540 | 250 | 5.2 | 4,703 | 4,359 | 344 | 7.3 | 4,900 | 4,612 | 288 | 5.9 |
| Jackson | 5,599 | 5,300 | 299 | 5.3 | 5,503 | 5,111 | 392 | 7.1 | 5,871 | 5,464 | 407 | 6.9 |
| Jefferson | 26,768 | 25,110 | 1,658 | 6.2 | 26,435 | 24,124 | 2,311 | 8.7 | 27,477 | 26,032 | 1,445 | 5.3 |
| Johnson | 10,118 | 9,693 | 425 | 4.2 | 9,844 | 9,297 | 547 | 5.6 | 10,216 | 9,824 | 392 | 3.8 |
| Lafayette | 2,464 | 2,315 | 149 | 6.0 | 2,441 | 2,231 | 210 | 8.6 | 2,439 | 2,343 | 96 | 3.9 |
| Lawrence | 6,986 | 6,692 | 294 | 4.2 | 6,833 | 6,447 | 386 | 5.6 | 6,835 | 6,560 | 275 | 4.0 |
| Lee | 2,772 | 2,616 | 156 | 5.6 | 2,736 | 2,533 | 203 | 7.4 | 2,838 | 2,707 | 131 | 4.6 |
| Lincoln | 3,788 | 3,625 | 163 | 4.3 | 3,732 | 3,507 | 225 | 6.0 | 3,932 | 3,766 | 166 | 4.2 |
| Little River | 5,549 | 5,307 | 242 | 4.4 | 5,397 | 5,069 | 328 | 6.1 | 5,523 | 5,297 | 226 | 4.1 |
| Logan | 8,229 | 7,874 | 355 | 4.3 | 8,070 | 7,572 | 498 | 6.2 | 8,551 | 8,167 | 384 | 4.5 |
| Lonoke | 33,225 | 32,017 | 1,208 | 3.6 | 32,342 | 30,605 | 1,737 | 5.4 | 34,203 | 33,076 | 1,127 | 3.3 |
| Madison | 7,500 | 7,290 | 210 | 2.8 | 7,339 | 7,046 | 293 | 4.0 | 7,481 | 7,313 | 168 | 2.2 |
| Marion | 6,586 | 6,296 | 290 | 4.4 | 6,435 | 6,036 | 399 | 6.2 | 6,579 | 6,321 | 258 | 3.9 |
| Miller | 19,874 | 19,005 | 869 | 4.4 | 19,404 | 18,164 | 1,240 | 6.4 | 19,724 | 18,982 | 742 | 3.8 |

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COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **CLF** | **December 2020**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **November 2020**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **December 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 17,276 | 16,235 | 1,041 | 6.0 | 17,097 | 15,584 | 1,513 | 8.8 | 17,257 | 16,421 | 836 | 4.8 |
| Monroe | 2,772 | 2,623 | 149 | 5.4 | 2,737 | 2,532 | 205 | 7.5 | 2,747 | 2,622 | 125 | 4.6 |
| Montgomery | 2,892 | 2,743 | 149 | 5.2 | 2,860 | 2,667 | 193 | 6.7 | 2,891 | 2,762 | 129 | 4.5 |
| Nevada | 3,589 | 3,454 | 135 | 3.8 | 3,494 | 3,307 | 187 | 5.4 | 3,600 | 3,471 | 129 | 3.6 |
| Newton | 3,309 | 3,208 | 101 | 3.1 | 3,218 | 3,085 | 133 | 4.1 | 3,325 | 3,213 | 112 | 3.4 |
| Ouachita | 9,698 | 9,329 | 369 | 3.8 | 9,444 | 8,921 | 523 | 5.5 | 9,774 | 9,292 | 482 | 4.9 |
| Perry | 4,086 | 3,932 | 154 | 3.8 | 3,966 | 3,763 | 203 | 5.1 | 4,215 | 4,063 | 152 | 3.6 |
| Phillips | 6,253 | 5,819 | 434 | 6.9 | 6,171 | 5,606 | 565 | 9.2 | 6,329 | 5,938 | 391 | 6.2 |
| Pike | 4,256 | 4,070 | 186 | 4.4 | 4,183 | 3,923 | 260 | 6.2 | 4,227 | 4,066 | 161 | 3.8 |
| Poinsett | 10,568 | 10,186 | 382 | 3.6 | 10,348 | 9,830 | 518 | 5.0 | 10,386 | 10,037 | 349 | 3.4 |
| Polk | 8,010 | 7,652 | 358 | 4.5 | 7,867 | 7,365 | 502 | 6.4 | 8,162 | 7,803 | 359 | 4.4 |
| Pope | 28,878 | 27,782 | 1,096 | 3.8 | 28,056 | 26,603 | 1,453 | 5.2 | 28,903 | 27,693 | 1,210 | 4.2 |
| Prairie | 3,559 | 3,420 | 139 | 3.9 | 3,491 | 3,301 | 190 | 5.4 | 3,599 | 3,442 | 157 | 4.4 |
| Pulaski | 185,504 | 176,151 | 9,353 | 5.0 | 181,725 | 167,916 | 13,809 | 7.6 | 188,032 | 181,818 | 6,214 | 3.3 |
| Randolph | 7,421 | 7,104 | 317 | 4.3 | 7,249 | 6,821 | 428 | 5.9 | 7,363 | 7,071 | 292 | 4.0 |
| St. Francis | 8,159 | 7,705 | 454 | 5.6 | 8,013 | 7,384 | 629 | 7.8 | 8,095 | 7,716 | 379 | 4.7 |
| Saline | 56,923 | 55,062 | 1,861 | 3.3 | 55,154 | 52,493 | 2,661 | 4.8 | 58,378 | 56,834 | 1,544 | 2.6 |
| Scott | 4,360 | 4,207 | 153 | 3.5 | 4,253 | 4,060 | 193 | 4.5 | 4,320 | 4,176 | 144 | 3.3 |
| Searcy | 2,826 | 2,715 | 111 | 3.9 | 2,759 | 2,607 | 152 | 5.5 | 2,819 | 2,674 | 145 | 5.1 |
| Sebastian | 55,144 | 52,997 | 2,147 | 3.9 | 54,109 | 51,037 | 3,072 | 5.7 | 56,319 | 54,555 | 1,764 | 3.1 |
| Sevier | 5,486 | 5,243 | 243 | 4.4 | 5,375 | 5,048 | 327 | 6.1 | 5,528 | 5,270 | 258 | 4.7 |
| Sharp | 5,741 | 5,444 | 297 | 5.2 | 5,611 | 5,219 | 392 | 7.0 | 5,670 | 5,387 | 283 | 5.0 |
| Stone | 4,671 | 4,422 | 249 | 5.3 | 4,604 | 4,273 | 331 | 7.2 | 4,613 | 4,402 | 211 | 4.6 |
| Union | 15,546 | 14,687 | 859 | 5.5 | 15,280 | 14,060 | 1,220 | 8.0 | 15,788 | 14,947 | 841 | 5.3 |
| Van Buren | 5,709 | 5,394 | 315 | 5.5 | 5,571 | 5,171 | 400 | 7.2 | 5,636 | 5,353 | 283 | 5.0 |
| Washington | 126,835 | 123,001 | 3,834 | 3.0 | 123,545 | 118,034 | 5,511 | 4.5 | 125,398 | 122,658 | 2,740 | 2.2 |
| White | 33,442 | 32,010 | 1,432 | 4.3 | 32,545 | 30,618 | 1,927 | 5.9 | 33,765 | 32,279 | 1,486 | 4.4 |
| Woodruff | 2,718 | 2,594 | 124 | 4.6 | 2,682 | 2,510 | 172 | 6.4 | 2,773 | 2,634 | 139 | 5.0 |
| Yell | 8,414 | 8,123 | 291 | 3.5 | 8,194 | 7,822 | 372 | 4.5 | 8,418 | 8,135 | 283 | 3.4 |

### County Labor Force Summary

Between November and December, unemployment rates decreased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.8 percent in Madison County to a high of 8.4 percent in Chi- cot County.

In December, one county-- Chicot County-- posted an unemployment rate above 7.0 percent. That is down from nineteen counties at or above seven percent in November. Thirty-eight coun- ties reported jobless rates at or below four percent. That is up significantly from one county at or below four percent last month.

Compared to December 2019, unemployment rates are up in 54 Arkansas counties. Rates de- clined in nineteen counties, while two were stable compared to last December. Jobless rate changes ranged from an increase of two and one-tenths of a percentage point in Lafayette Coun- ty to a decline of one and six-tenths of a percentage point in Jackson County.



**Rank County Rate**

1. Madison 2.8
2. Benton 2.9
3. Arkansas 3.0

3 Washington 3.0

5 Boone 3.1

5 Newton 3.1

7 Craighead 3.2

7 Hempstead 3.2

9 Howard 3.3

9 Saline 3.3

1. Dallas 3.4
2. Calhoun 3.5

12 Faulkner 3.5

12 Grant 3.5

12 Greene 3.5

12 Scott 3.5

12 Yell 3.5

18 Crawford 3.6

18 Independence 3.6

18 Lonoke 3.6

18 Poinsett 3.6

1. Fulton 3.7
2. Carroll 3.8

23 Clay 3.8

23 Franklin 3.8

**Rank County**

23 Hot Spring

23 Nevada

23 Ouachita

23 Perry

23 Pope

31 Baxter

31 Bradley

31 Clark

31 Prairie

31 Searcy

31 Sebastian

37 Conway

37 Cross

39 Johnson

39 Lawrence

41 Lincoln

41 Logan

41 Randolph

41 White

45 Little River

45 Marion

45 Miller

45 Pike

45 Sevier

50 Cleveland

**Rate**

3.8

3.8

3.8

3.8

3.8

3.9

3.9

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3.9

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3.9

4.0

4.0

4.2

4.2

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.4

4.4

4.4

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4.4

4.5

**Rank County**

50 Polk

1. Woodruff
2. Desha

53 Drew

55 Cleburne

55 Pulaski

1. Garland
2. Crittenden

58 Izard

58 Montgomery

58 Sharp

62 Jackson

62 Stone

1. Monroe
2. Union

65 Van Buren

67 Lee

67 St. Francis

1. Columbia
2. Lafayette

70 Mississippi

1. Jefferson
2. Ashley
3. Phillips
4. Chicot

**Rate**

4.5

4.6

4.8

4.8

5.0

5.0

5.1

5.2

5.2

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5.2

5.3

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6.9

8.4

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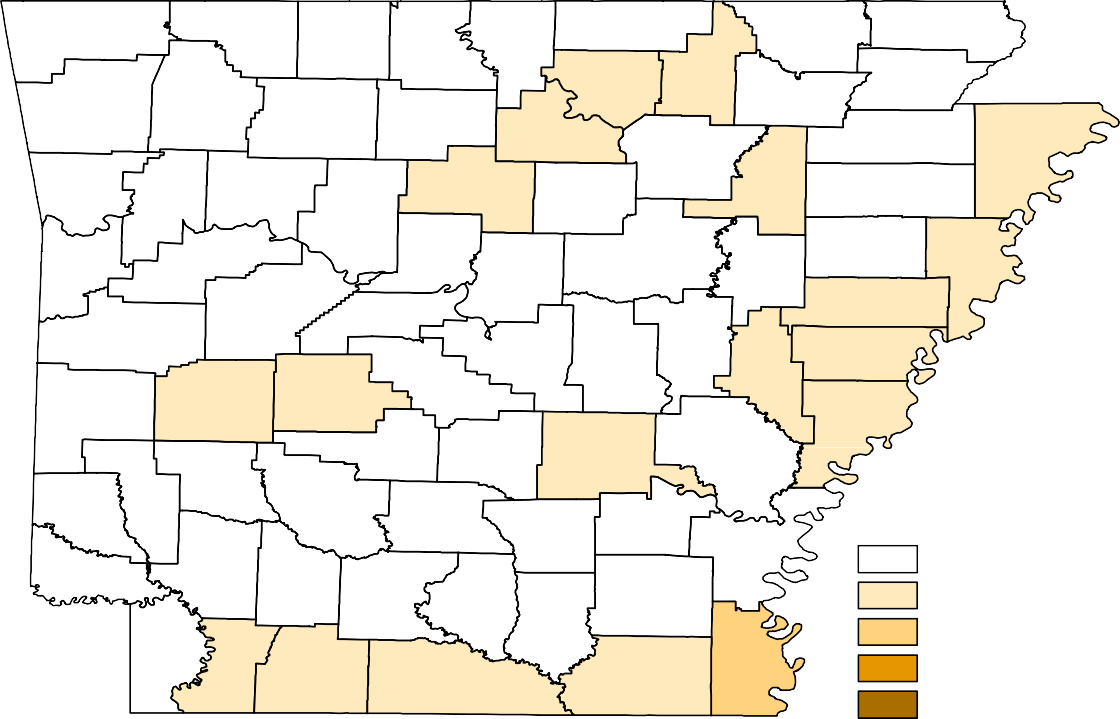


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### County Unemployment Rates



**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Randolph**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Craighead**

**Independence**

**Mississippi**

**Crawford**

**Franklin**

**Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Faulkner**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland Lincoln**

**Desha**

**Little River**

**HempsteadNevada Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Bradley**

**LafayetteColumbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 5.0% 5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0%

9.1% - 11.0% [NONE]

> 11.0% [NONE]

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

**December 2020 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**



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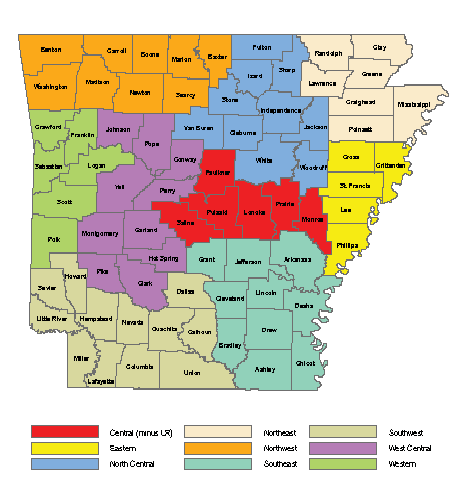
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#### LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates



**LWDA**

**CLF**

**December 2020**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**November 2020**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**December 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 246,694 236,645

City of Little Rock 95,461 90,677

Eastern 45,890 43,443

North Central 93,401 89,193

Northeast 125,224 120,454

Northwest 330,915 320,692

Southeast 79,288 75,216

Southwest 92,091 88,005

West Central 131,614 125,984

Western 109,289 105,057

10,049 4.1

4,784 5.0

2,447 5.3

4,208 4.5

4,770 3.8

10,223 3.1

4,072 5.1

4,086 4.4

5,630 4.3

4,232 3.9

240,130 225,791 14,339 6.0

93,655 86,438 7,217 7.7

45,041 41,576 3,465 7.7

91,153 85,532 5,621 6.2

122,516 115,795 6,721 5.5

322,196 307,716 14,480 4.5

77,955 72,314 5,641 7.2

89,928 84,304 5,624 6.3

128,465 120,705 7,760 6.0

107,142 101,183 5,959 5.6

252,062 244,129 7,933 3.1

96,600 93,594 3,006 3.1

46,012 44,000 2,012 4.4

93,779 89,464 4,315 4.6

123,366 119,265 4,101 3.3

328,037 319,843 8,194 2.5

81,010 77,313 3,697 4.6

92,362 88,446 3,916 4.2

131,216 126,362 4,854 3.7

111,503 107,802 3,701 3.3