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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 2023 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 Areas

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 1,000 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.

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September Spotlight

A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Between August and September, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates remained stable in 44 states and the District of Columbia. Five states posted a jobless rate increase, while one state declined. In September, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.0% in South Dakota to a high of 5.7% in the District of Columbia. Arkansas ranked 17th among states, with a jobless rate of 3.3% in September. Thirty-four states, including Arkansas, posted jobless rates at or below the national rate of 4.1%.

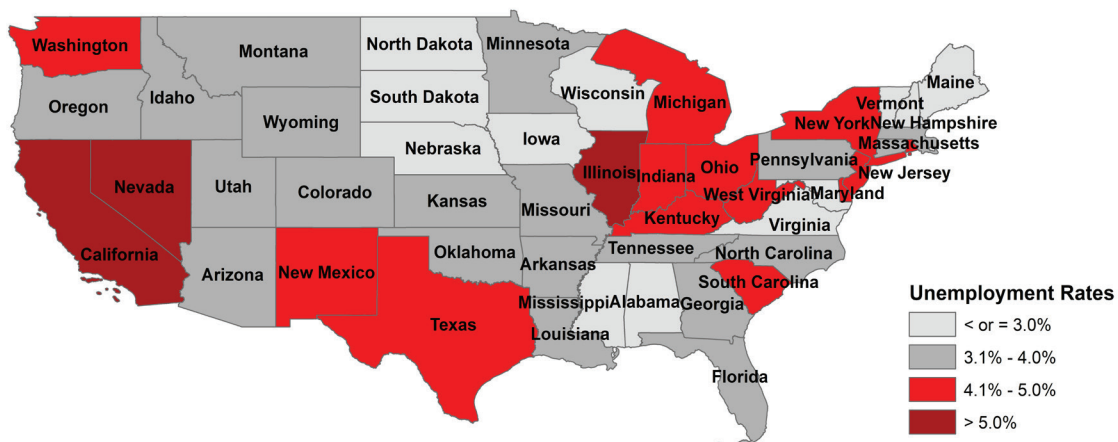
Compared to September 2023, unemployment rates have increased in 22 states and the District of Columbia. Six states posted jobless rate declines, while 22 states were statistically unchanged over-the-year. Arkansas' unemployment rate is down three-tenths of a percentage point, from 3.6% in September 2023 to 3.3% in September 2024.

Unemployment Rates by State (Seasonally Adjusted)

September 2024

Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate
1	South Dakota	2.0	17	Florida	3.3	35	Delaware	4.2
2	Vermont	2.2	17	Kansas	3.3	35	New Mexico	4.2
3	North Dakota	2.3	17	Montana	3.3	35	West Virginia	4.2
4	New Hampshire	2.5	21	Minnesota	3.4	38	Indiana	4.3
5	Nebraska	2.7	21	Oklahoma	3.4	39	New York	4.4
6	Maine	2.8	21	Pennsylvania	3.4	40	Michigan	4.5
6	Mississippi	2.8	24	Arizona	3.5	40	Ohio	4.5
8	Alabama	2.9	24	Utah	3.5	40	South Carolina	4.5
8	Hawaii	2.9	26	Georgia	3.6	43	Alaska	4.6
8	Iowa	2.9	26	Idaho	3.6	43	Rhode Island	4.6
8	Maryland	2.9	28	Massachusetts	3.8	45	New Jersey	4.7
8	Virginia	2.9	28	North Carolina	3.8	46	Washington	4.8
8	Wisconsin	2.9	30	Louisiana	3.9	47	Kentucky	4.9
14	Wyoming	3.1	30	Missouri	3.9	48	California	5.3
15	Connecticut	3.2	32	Colorado	4.0	48	Illinois	5.3
15	Tennessee	3.2	32	Oregon	4.0	50	Nevada	5.6
17	Arkansas	3.3	34	Texas	4.1	51	District of Columbia	5.7

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 4.1%



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State of Arkansas

Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, Workforce Policy and Innovation, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.3% between August and September. The United States' jobless rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 4.2% in August to 4.1% in September.

Arkansas' civilian labor force increased by 3,397 in September, a result of 4,341 additional employed and 944 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The gains in employment and resulting increase in the civilian labor force pushed the labor force participation rate up to 58.1%. Both the civilian labor force and employment remain at record high levels.

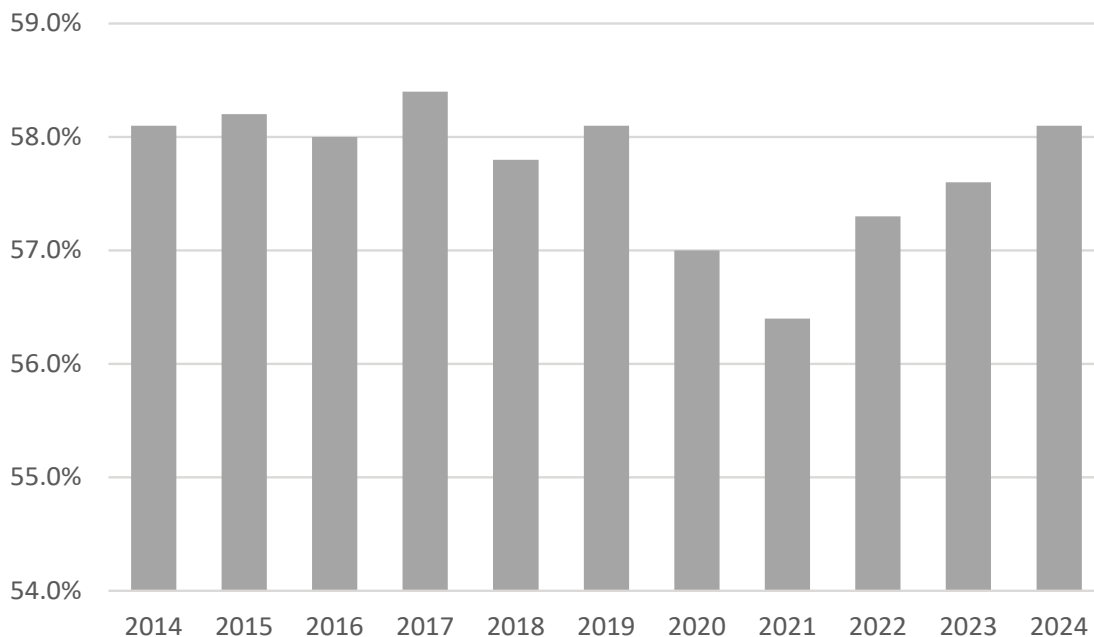
Compared to September 2023, there are 29,007 more employed in the State. The unemployment rate is down three-tenths of a percentage point, with 3,802 fewer unemployed Arkansans actively looking for work. Arkansas' labor force participation rate rose from 57.6% in September 2023 to 58.1% in September 2024.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Sep 24	Aug 24	Sep 23		Sep 24	Aug 24	Sep 23
Civilian Labor Force	1,408,818	1,405,421	1,383,613	Civilian Labor Force	1,414,103	1,412,241	1,387,814
Employment	1,363,021	1,358,680	1,334,014	Employment	1,373,814	1,363,422	1,339,883
Unemployment	45,797	46,741	49,599	Unemployment	40,289	48,819	47,931
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.3%	3.6%	Unemployment Rate	2.8%	3.5%	3.5%
LF Participation Rate	58.1%	58.0%	57.6%	LF Participation Rate	58.3%	58.3%	57.8%

Labor Force Participation Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

September: 2014 - 2024



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State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

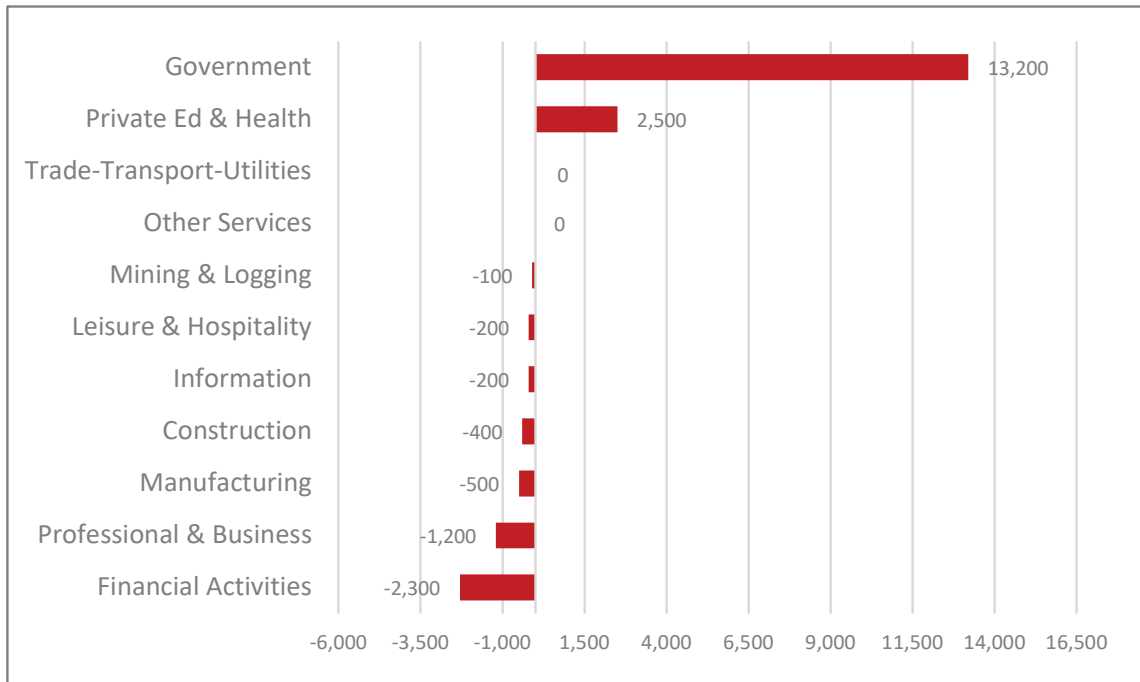
(NAICS)	Sep 24	Aug 24	Sep 23	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	1376.2	1365.4	1358.8	10.8	17.4
Goods Producing	234.9	235.9	232.4	-1.0	2.5
Mining, Logging, & Construction	72.3	72.8	69.6	-0.5	2.7
Mining & Logging	5.3	5.4	5.2	-0.1	0.1
Construction	67.0	67.4	64.4	-0.4	2.6
Specialty Trade Contractors	42.6	42.7	40.6	-0.1	2.0
Manufacturing	162.6	163.1	162.8	-0.5	-0.2
Durable Goods	77.3	78.3	78.0	-1.0	-0.7
Nondurable Goods	85.3	84.8	84.8	0.5	0.5
Service Providing	1141.3	1129.5	1126.4	11.8	14.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	268.7	268.7	267.0	0.0	1.7
Wholesale Trade	50.9	51.6	52.5	-0.7	-1.6
Retail Trade	145.9	145.0	143.3	0.9	2.6
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	71.9	72.1	71.2	-0.2	0.7
Information	12.3	12.5	12.5	-0.2	-0.2
Financial Activities	70.1	72.4	69.7	-2.3	0.4
Finance & Insurance	55.1	57.0	54.5	-1.9	0.6
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	15.0	15.4	15.2	-0.4	-0.2
Professional & Business Services	158.5	159.7	157.7	-1.2	0.8
Professional, Scientific & Technical	49.0	49.9	48.7	-0.9	0.3
Management of Companies	37.8	38.3	38.5	-0.5	-0.7
Administrative & Support Services	71.7	71.5	70.5	0.2	1.2
Private Education & Health Services	219.6	217.1	210.0	2.5	9.6
Private Educational Services	19.6	17.7	19.4	1.9	0.2
Health Care & Social Assistance	200.0	199.4	190.6	0.6	9.4
Ambulatory Health Care	70.7	71.0	65.8	-0.3	4.9
Social Assistance	41.1	40.7	38.7	0.4	2.4
Leisure & Hospitality	130.0	130.2	128.5	-0.2	1.5
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14.6	14.7	13.7	-0.1	0.9
Accommodation & Food Services	115.4	115.5	114.8	-0.1	0.6
Accommodation Services	11.7	11.8	11.7	-0.1	0.0
Food Services	103.7	103.7	103.1	0.0	0.6
Other Services	66.7	66.7	67.5	0.0	-0.8
Government	215.4	202.2	213.5	13.2	1.9
Federal Government	21.8	21.8	21.6	0.0	0.2
State Government	77.8	73.1	77.6	4.7	0.2
State Gov, Educational Services	31.7	27.0	31.5	4.7	0.2
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.1	46.1	46.1	0.0	0.0
Local Government	115.8	107.3	114.3	8.5	1.5
Local Gov, Educational Services	70.6	61.4	69.6	9.2	1.0
Local Gov, Excluding Education	45.2	45.9	44.7	-0.7	0.5

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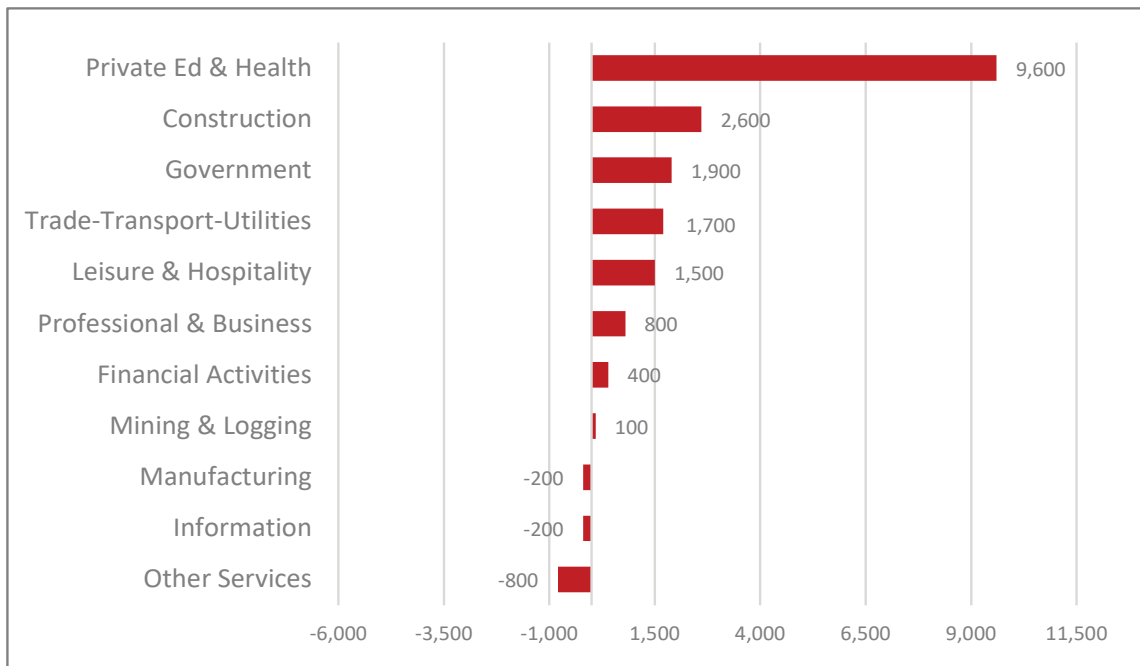
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State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector
August 2024 - September 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector
September 2023 - September 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>
Average Weekly Hours	37.1	36.8	39.3
Average Hourly Earnings	\$22.37	\$22.81	\$21.55
Average Weekly Earnings	\$829.93	\$839.41	\$846.92

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>		<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>
Average Weekly Hours	40.5	38.7	41.9	Average Weekly Hours	34.1	35.0	37.0
Average Hourly Earnings	\$24.49	\$25.46	\$23.67	Average Hourly Earnings	\$20.13	\$20.16	\$19.38
Average Weekly Earnings	\$991.85	\$985.30	\$991.77	Average Weekly Earnings	\$686.43	\$705.60	\$717.06

Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing (Production Workers) September 2021 - September 2024



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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)

	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	379,570	380,032	368,201	-462	11,369
Employment	369,450	367,822	356,274	1,628	13,176
Unemployment	10,120	12,210	11,927	-2,090	-1,807
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	3.2%	3.2%	-0.5%	-0.5%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

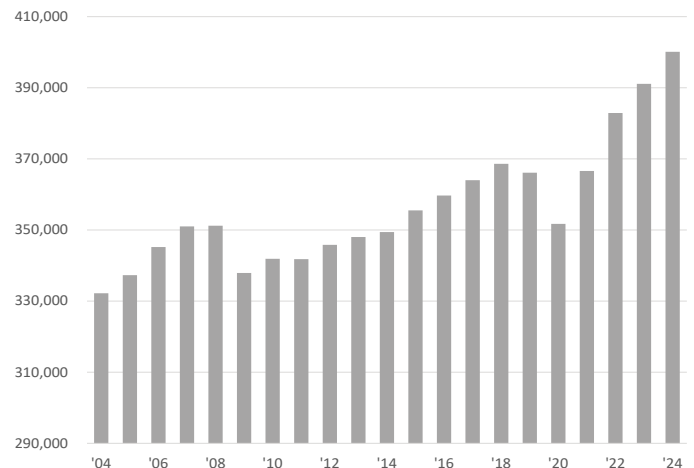
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	400.1	397.5	391.1	2.6	9.0
Goods Producing	43.2	43.4	41.4	-0.2	1.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	22.5	22.6	21.4	-0.1	1.1
Manufacturing	20.7	20.8	20.0	-0.1	0.7
Service Providing	356.9	354.1	349.7	2.8	7.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	78.0	77.9	77.3	0.1	0.7
Wholesale Trade	17.4	17.7	17.6	-0.3	-0.2
Retail Trade	38.7	38.5	38.6	0.2	0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	21.9	21.7	21.1	0.2	0.8
Information	5.3	5.4	5.4	-0.1	-0.1
Financial Activities	27.7	28.1	27.7	-0.4	0.0
Professional & Business Services	50.8	51.1	49.5	-0.3	1.3
Private Education & Health Services	67.4	66.9	64.8	0.5	2.6
Leisure & Hospitality	36.5	35.5	34.9	1.0	1.6
Other Services	19.6	19.7	19.5	-0.1	0.1
Government	71.6	69.5	70.6	2.1	1.0
Federal Government	10.7	10.7	10.6	0.0	0.1
State Government	34.2	33.3	34.1	0.9	0.1
Local Government	26.7	25.5	25.9	1.2	0.8

Civilian Labor Force
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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
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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)

	Sep 24	Aug 24	Sep 23	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	322,302	322,080	314,708	222	7,594
Employment	315,387	313,700	306,419	1,687	8,968
Unemployment	6,915	8,380	8,289	-1,465	-1,374
Unemployment Rate	2.1%	2.6%	2.6%	-0.5%	-0.5%

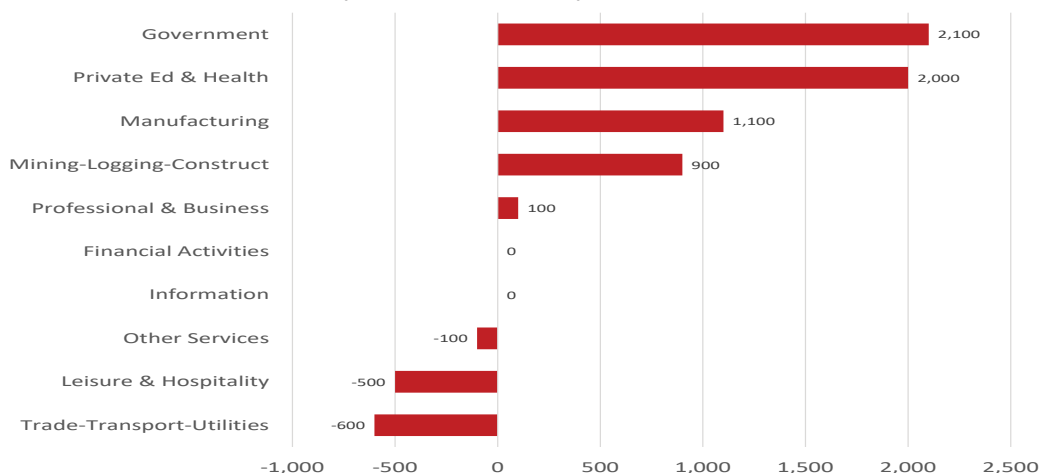
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Sep 24	Aug 24	Sep 23	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	314.7	312.1	309.7	2.6	5.0
Goods Producing	49.3	49.7	47.3	-0.4	2.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.8	18.1	16.9	-0.3	0.9
Manufacturing	31.5	31.6	30.4	-0.1	1.1
Service Providing	265.4	262.4	262.4	3.0	3.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.4	62.5	63.0	-0.1	-0.6
Wholesale Trade	13.8	13.9	14.3	-0.1	-0.5
Retail Trade	29.7	29.5	29.6	0.2	0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.9	19.1	19.1	-0.2	-0.2
Information	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	12.4	12.6	12.4	-0.2	0.0
Professional & Business Services	59.3	60.0	59.2	-0.7	0.1
Private Education & Health Services	38.0	37.6	36.0	0.4	2.0
Leisure & Hospitality	31.5	32.2	32.0	-0.7	-0.5
Other Services	13.5	13.6	13.6	-0.1	-0.1
Government	46.0	41.6	43.9	4.4	2.1
Federal Government	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0
State Government	22.0	18.8	20.5	3.2	1.5
Local Government	20.8	19.6	20.2	1.2	0.6

Job Change by Major Industry Sector

September 2023 vs September 2024



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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)

	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	122,454	122,746	121,145	-292	1,309
Employment	118,580	118,309	116,371	271	2,209
Unemployment	3,874	4,437	4,774	-563	-900
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.6%	3.9%	-0.4%	-0.7%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	118.3	117.2	116.9	1.1	1.4
Goods Producing	25.9	25.9	25.0	0.0	0.9
Mining, Logging & Construction	6.2	6.2	5.9	0.0	0.3
Manufacturing	19.7	19.7	19.1	0.0	0.6
Service Providing	92.4	91.3	91.9	1.1	0.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.8	23.9	24.0	-0.1	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	4.4	4.5	4.6	-0.1	-0.2
Retail Trade	12.8	12.8	12.9	0.0	-0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.6	6.6	6.5	0.0	0.1
Information	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	4.8	4.8	4.8	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	12.0	12.0	12.0	0.0	0.0
Private Education & Health Services	19.4	19.4	18.6	0.0	0.8
Leisure & Hospitality	10.3	10.4	10.1	-0.1	0.2
Other Services	3.9	3.9	4.0	0.0	-0.1
Government	16.8	15.5	17.0	1.3	-0.2
Federal Government	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.2	2.0	2.3	0.2	-0.1
Local Government	13.2	12.1	13.3	1.1	-0.1

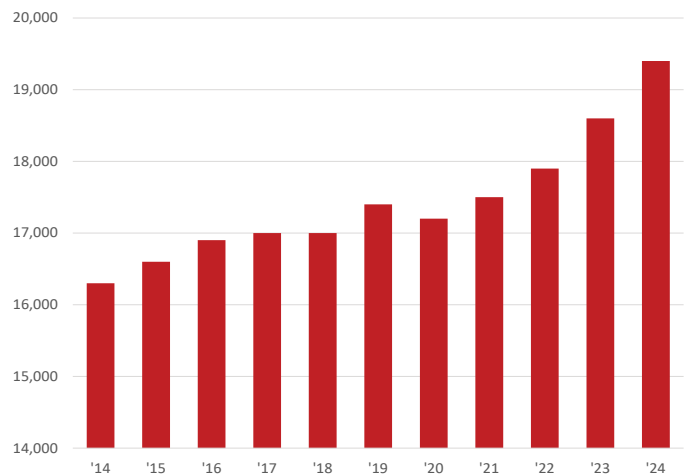
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Jobs in Private Education and Health Services

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Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,397	41,965	41,484	-568	-87
Employment	40,077	40,411	39,855	-334	222
Unemployment	1,320	1,554	1,629	-234	-309
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.7%	3.9%	-0.5%	-0.7%

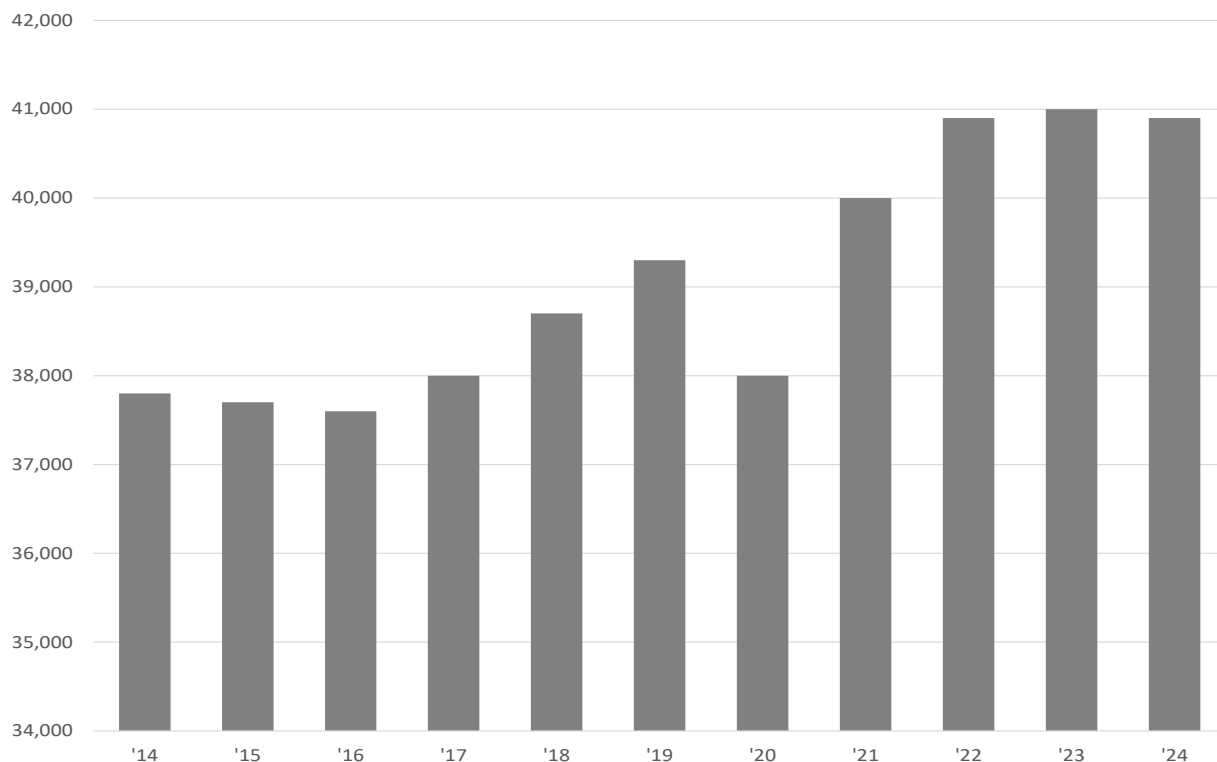
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	40.9	41.0	41.0	-0.1	-0.1
Goods Producing	4.4	4.4	4.5	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	36.5	36.6	36.5	-0.1	0.0
Government	4.5	4.3	4.5	0.2	0.0

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	69,387	69,278	67,938	109	1,449
Employment	67,638	67,158	65,873	480	1,765
Unemployment	1,749	2,120	2,065	-371	-316
Unemployment Rate	2.5%	3.1%	3.0%	-0.6%	-0.5%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	65.5	64.8	64.5	0.7	1.0
Goods Producing	11.7	11.8	11.5	-0.1	0.2
Service Providing	53.8	53.0	53.0	0.8	0.8
Government	9.4	8.8	9.3	0.6	0.1

Employment

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Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	32,091	32,245	32,017	-154	74
Employment	30,779	30,645	30,557	134	222
Unemployment	1,312	1,600	1,460	-288	-148
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	5.0%	4.6%	-0.9%	-0.5%

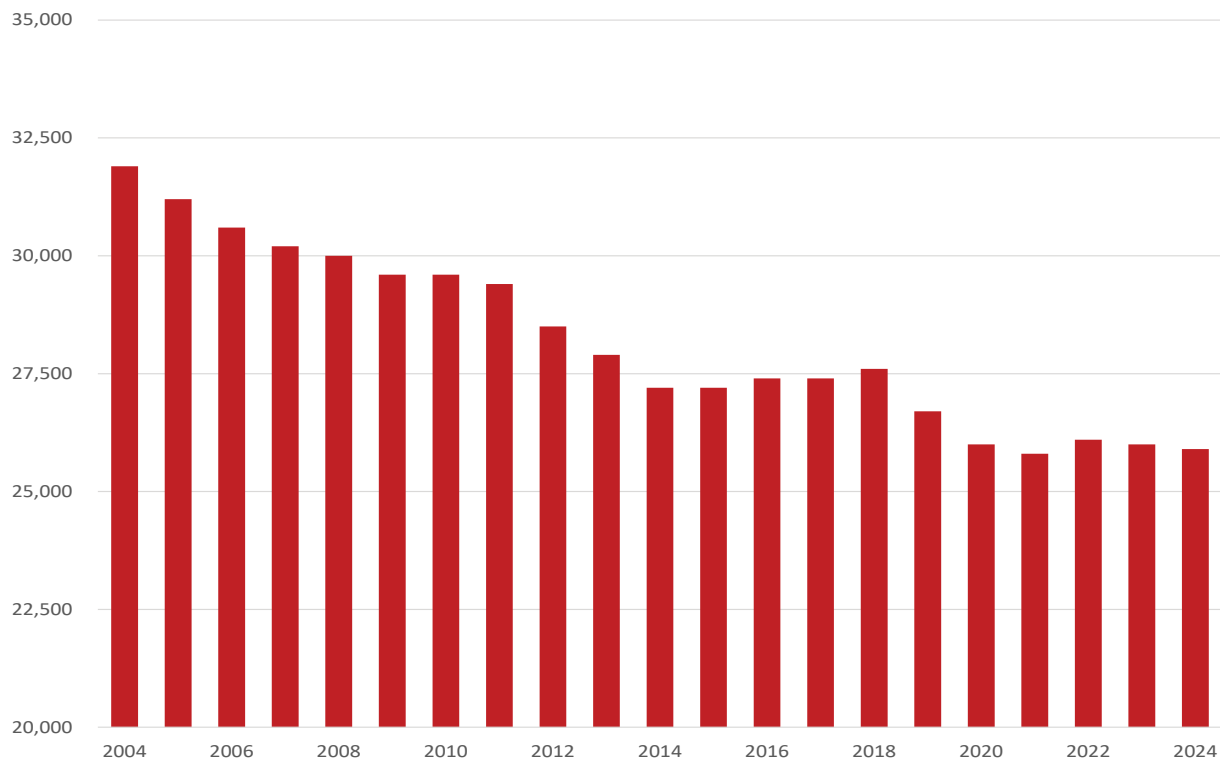
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.2	31.0	31.4	0.2	-0.2
Goods Producing	5.3	5.4	5.4	-0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	25.9	25.6	26.0	0.3	-0.1
Government	8.4	8.1	8.5	0.3	-0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

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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>Sep 24</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	620,540	622,437	618,474	-1,897	2,066
Employment	593,216	594,754	593,734	-1,538	-518
Unemployment	27,324	27,683	24,740	-359	2,584
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.4%	4.0%	0.0%	0.4%

Texarkana MSA

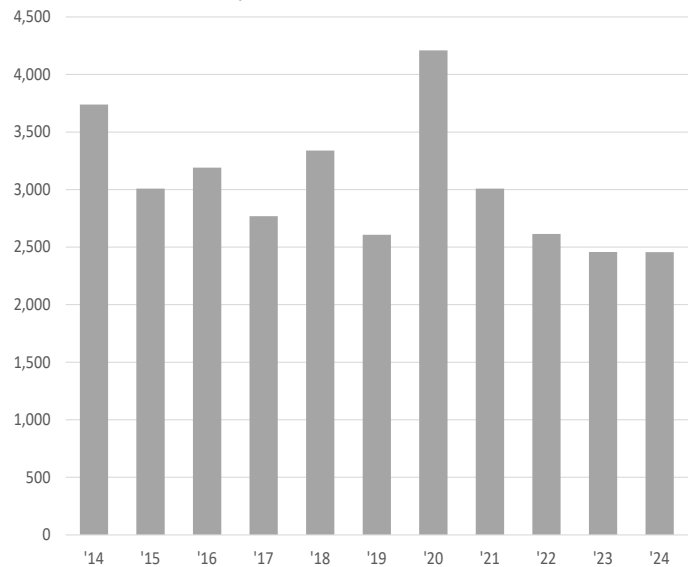
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Aug 24</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,140	63,186	62,283	-46	857
Employment	60,683	60,461	59,825	222	858
Unemployment	2,457	2,725	2,458	-268	-1
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.3%	3.9%	-0.4%	0.0%

Memphis MSA - Employment
September 2021 - September 2024



Texarkana MSA - Unemployment
September: 2014 - 2024



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Micropolitan Statistical Areas

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Micro Area	September 2024				August 2024				September 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,970	8,620	350	3.9	8,820	8,379	441	5.0	8,700	8,273	427	4.9
Batesville Micro	17,195	16,741	454	2.6	16,956	16,337	619	3.7	16,770	16,202	568	3.4
Blytheville Micro	18,083	17,403	680	3.8	17,954	17,063	891	5.0	17,110	16,308	802	4.7
Camden Micro	12,176	11,773	403	3.3	12,009	11,528	481	4.0	12,070	11,623	447	3.7
El Dorado Micro	14,985	14,258	727	4.9	14,930	14,085	845	5.7	14,802	14,101	701	4.7
Forrest City Micro	7,536	7,165	371	4.9	7,607	7,159	448	5.9	7,501	7,115	386	5.1
Harrison Micro	19,072	18,537	535	2.8	18,777	18,131	646	3.4	19,205	18,557	648	3.4
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,147	4,893	254	4.9	5,136	4,840	296	5.8	5,223	4,906	317	6.1
Hope Micro	12,190	11,811	379	3.1	11,904	11,456	448	3.8	12,534	12,054	480	3.8
Magnolia Micro	8,934	8,610	324	3.6	8,778	8,382	396	4.5	8,982	8,584	398	4.4
Malvern Micro	13,937	13,494	443	3.2	13,922	13,400	522	3.7	13,714	13,203	511	3.7
Mountain Home Micro	17,054	16,536	518	3.0	16,979	16,354	625	3.7	16,738	16,072	666	4.0
Paragould Micro	19,764	19,156	608	3.1	19,673	18,940	733	3.7	19,750	19,075	675	3.4
Russellville Micro	37,402	36,178	1,224	3.3	36,703	35,158	1,545	4.2	36,889	35,396	1,493	4.0
Searcy Micro	35,160	34,102	1,058	3.0	35,009	33,745	1,264	3.6	34,016	32,794	1,222	3.6

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

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City	September 2024				August 2024				September 2023			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	13,845	13,476	369	2.7	13,843	13,404	439	3.2	13,495	13,077	418	3.1
Benton	18,879	18,444	435	2.3	18,898	18,364	534	2.8	18,300	17,789	511	2.8
Bentonville	33,628	32,956	672	2.0	33,636	32,780	856	2.5	32,780	31,981	799	2.4
Blytheville	6,068	5,825	243	4.0	6,086	5,712	374	6.1	5,776	5,459	317	5.5
Cabot	12,747	12,451	296	2.3	12,765	12,394	371	2.9	12,381	12,008	373	3.0
Conway	36,664	35,771	893	2.4	36,757	35,618	1,139	3.1	35,607	34,518	1,089	3.1
El Dorado	6,490	6,136	354	5.5	6,429	6,061	368	5.7	6,418	6,068	350	5.5
Fayetteville	54,900	53,705	1,195	2.2	54,896	53,428	1,468	2.7	53,678	52,154	1,524	2.8
Fort Smith	39,718	38,548	1,170	2.9	39,787	38,396	1,391	3.5	39,274	37,685	1,589	4.0
Hot Springs	15,382	14,831	551	3.6	15,565	14,954	611	3.9	15,410	14,749	661	4.3
Jacksonville	12,330	11,903	427	3.5	12,369	11,850	519	4.2	11,980	11,476	504	4.2
Jonesboro	41,832	40,752	1,080	2.6	41,770	40,464	1,306	3.1	40,925	39,690	1,235	3.0
Little Rock	102,940	99,901	3,039	3.0	103,073	99,459	3,614	3.5	99,708	96,314	3,394	3.4
North Little Rock	31,806	30,720	1,086	3.4	31,833	30,584	1,249	3.9	30,768	29,617	1,151	3.7
Paragould	12,577	12,174	403	3.2	12,505	12,037	468	3.7	12,570	12,123	447	3.6
Pine Bluff	15,024	14,299	725	4.8	15,111	14,234	877	5.8	15,007	14,188	819	5.5
Rogers	41,224	40,431	793	1.9	41,155	40,215	940	2.3	40,208	39,234	974	2.4
Russellville	13,447	13,029	418	3.1	13,201	12,659	542	4.1	13,284	12,749	535	4.0
Searcy	10,624	10,298	326	3.1	10,573	10,190	383	3.6	10,271	9,903	368	3.6
Sherwood	17,170	16,765	405	2.4	17,174	16,691	483	2.8	16,645	16,163	482	2.9
Springdale	43,807	42,891	916	2.1	43,756	42,670	1,086	2.5	42,690	41,651	1,039	2.4
Texarkana, AR	12,882	12,435	447	3.5	12,992	12,442	550	4.2	12,758	12,262	496	3.9
Van Buren	10,618	10,313	305	2.9	10,643	10,271	372	3.5	10,492	10,077	415	4.0
West Memphis	9,975	9,556	419	4.2	10,033	9,541	492	4.9	9,924	9,473	451	4.5

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	8,790	8,569	221	2.5	8,849	8,588	261	2.9	9,165	8,909	256	2.8
Ashley	6,879	6,542	337	4.9	6,898	6,513	385	5.6	6,560	6,202	358	5.5
Baxter	17,054	16,536	518	3.0	16,979	16,354	625	3.7	16,738	16,072	666	4.0
Benton	160,670	157,229	3,441	2.1	160,562	156,390	4,172	2.6	156,767	152,577	4,190	2.7
Boone	15,882	15,436	446	2.8	15,630	15,094	536	3.4	15,981	15,447	534	3.3
Bradley	4,147	3,992	155	3.7	4,034	3,852	182	4.5	4,108	3,928	180	4.4
Calhoun	2,398	2,336	62	2.6	2,365	2,289	76	3.2	2,379	2,304	75	3.2
Carroll	12,669	12,327	342	2.7	12,783	12,366	417	3.3	12,594	12,208	386	3.1
Chicot	2,874	2,711	163	5.7	2,904	2,713	191	6.6	2,875	2,709	166	5.8
Clark	8,970	8,620	350	3.9	8,820	8,379	441	5.0	8,700	8,273	427	4.9
Clay	5,449	5,273	176	3.2	5,481	5,270	211	3.8	5,424	5,199	225	4.1
Cleburne	9,170	8,859	311	3.4	9,081	8,708	373	4.1	9,158	8,790	368	4.0
Cleveland	3,067	2,965	102	3.3	3,076	2,954	122	4.0	3,060	2,947	113	3.7
Columbia	8,934	8,610	324	3.6	8,778	8,382	396	4.5	8,982	8,584	398	4.4
Conway	8,509	8,250	259	3.0	8,512	8,195	317	3.7	8,304	7,970	334	4.0
Craighead	59,159	57,706	1,453	2.5	59,054	57,298	1,756	3.0	57,911	56,202	1,709	3.0
Crawford	27,178	26,394	784	2.9	27,238	26,286	952	3.5	26,825	25,790	1,035	3.9
Crittenden	20,333	19,583	750	3.7	20,491	19,552	939	4.6	20,295	19,411	884	4.4
Cross	7,032	6,811	221	3.1	7,090	6,833	257	3.6	6,850	6,605	245	3.6
Dallas	2,707	2,617	90	3.3	2,703	2,595	108	4.0	2,645	2,547	98	3.7
Desha	4,872	4,630	242	5.0	4,883	4,591	292	6.0	4,928	4,713	215	4.4
Drew	7,578	7,296	282	3.7	7,528	7,196	332	4.4	7,350	7,045	305	4.1
Faulkner	66,589	64,974	1,615	2.4	66,666	64,696	1,970	3.0	64,698	62,698	2,000	3.1
Franklin	7,640	7,434	206	2.7	7,647	7,381	266	3.5	7,549	7,288	261	3.5
Fulton	4,448	4,314	134	3.0	4,279	4,106	173	4.0	4,602	4,421	181	3.9
Garland	41,397	40,077	1,320	3.2	41,965	40,411	1,554	3.7	41,484	39,855	1,629	3.9
Grant	8,918	8,715	203	2.3	8,933	8,671	262	2.9	8,649	8,385	264	3.1
Greene	19,764	19,156	608	3.1	19,673	18,940	733	3.7	19,750	19,075	675	3.4
Hempstead	8,930	8,655	275	3.1	8,721	8,396	325	3.7	9,171	8,827	344	3.8
Hot Spring	13,937	13,494	443	3.2	13,922	13,400	522	3.7	13,714	13,203	511	3.7
Howard	4,933	4,800	133	2.7	4,893	4,719	174	3.6	5,327	5,122	205	3.8
Independence	17,195	16,741	454	2.6	16,956	16,337	619	3.7	16,770	16,202	568	3.4
Izard	4,839	4,643	196	4.1	4,807	4,562	245	5.1	4,521	4,296	225	5.0
Jackson	5,495	5,293	202	3.7	5,533	5,284	249	4.5	5,475	5,203	272	5.0
Jefferson	25,339	24,283	1,056	4.2	25,461	24,174	1,287	5.1	25,289	24,096	1,193	4.7
Johnson	9,711	9,278	433	4.5	9,412	8,886	526	5.6	9,736	9,315	421	4.3
Lafayette	2,169	2,067	102	4.7	2,147	2,029	118	5.5	2,175	2,068	107	4.9
Lawrence	6,945	6,748	197	2.8	6,781	6,538	243	3.6	6,859	6,598	261	3.8
Lee	2,510	2,401	109	4.3	2,516	2,389	127	5.0	2,546	2,418	128	5.0
Lincoln	3,685	3,531	154	4.2	3,708	3,517	191	5.2	3,668	3,514	154	4.2
Little River	5,221	5,060	161	3.1	5,249	5,058	191	3.6	5,162	4,971	191	3.7
Logan	8,405	8,123	282	3.4	8,452	8,116	336	4.0	8,375	8,023	352	4.2
Lonoke	36,142	35,297	845	2.3	36,203	35,136	1,067	2.9	35,101	34,040	1,061	3.0
Madison	8,234	8,029	205	2.5	8,222	7,988	234	2.8	8,040	7,812	228	2.8
Marion	6,043	5,843	200	3.3	6,004	5,750	254	4.2	6,024	5,763	261	4.3
Miller	18,802	18,177	625	3.3	18,932	18,188	744	3.9	18,608	17,924	684	3.7

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	18,083	17,403	680	3.8	17,954	17,063	891	5.0	17,110	16,308	802	4.7
Monroe	2,467	2,357	110	4.5	2,484	2,358	126	5.1	2,466	2,368	98	4.0
Montgomery	2,940	2,822	118	4.0	2,994	2,856	138	4.6	2,977	2,825	152	5.1
Nevada	3,260	3,156	104	3.2	3,183	3,060	123	3.9	3,363	3,227	136	4.0
Newton	3,190	3,101	89	2.8	3,147	3,037	110	3.5	3,224	3,110	114	3.5
Ouachita	9,778	9,437	341	3.5	9,644	9,239	405	4.2	9,691	9,319	372	3.8
Perry	4,435	4,302	133	3.0	4,447	4,285	162	3.6	4,330	4,164	166	3.8
Phillips	5,147	4,893	254	4.9	5,136	4,840	296	5.8	5,223	4,906	317	6.1
Pike	4,070	3,940	130	3.2	4,099	3,941	158	3.9	4,081	3,932	149	3.7
Poinsett	10,228	9,932	296	2.9	10,224	9,860	364	3.6	10,027	9,671	356	3.6
Polk	7,712	7,452	260	3.4	7,752	7,431	321	4.1	7,729	7,427	302	3.9
Pope	29,092	28,132	960	3.3	28,541	27,332	1,209	4.2	28,710	27,527	1,183	4.1
Prairie	3,582	3,491	91	2.5	3,563	3,456	107	3.0	3,570	3,449	121	3.4
Pulaski	200,063	194,233	5,830	2.9	200,324	193,373	6,951	3.5	193,878	187,258	6,620	3.4
Randolph	7,345	7,116	229	3.1	7,297	7,024	273	3.7	7,097	6,836	261	3.7
St. Francis	7,536	7,165	371	4.9	7,607	7,159	448	5.9	7,501	7,115	386	5.1
Saline	63,423	61,929	1,494	2.4	63,459	61,661	1,798	2.8	61,545	59,729	1,816	3.0
Scott	4,427	4,320	107	2.4	4,413	4,278	135	3.1	4,427	4,270	157	3.5
Searcy	2,843	2,748	95	3.3	2,885	2,765	120	4.2	2,990	2,871	119	4.0
Sebastian	57,144	55,531	1,613	2.8	57,255	55,311	1,944	3.4	56,462	54,287	2,175	3.9
Sevier	5,591	5,418	173	3.1	5,583	5,366	217	3.9	5,535	5,305	230	4.2
Sharp	6,118	5,912	206	3.4	5,925	5,665	260	4.4	5,995	5,756	239	4.0
Stone	4,673	4,516	157	3.4	4,728	4,531	197	4.2	4,647	4,464	183	3.9
Union	14,985	14,258	727	4.9	14,930	14,085	845	5.7	14,802	14,101	701	4.7
Van Buren	6,067	5,864	203	3.3	5,987	5,742	245	4.1	5,986	5,742	244	4.1
Washington	141,838	138,924	2,914	2.1	141,730	138,208	3,522	2.5	138,467	134,913	3,554	2.6
White	35,160	34,102	1,058	3.0	35,009	33,745	1,264	3.6	34,016	32,794	1,222	3.6
Woodruff	2,980	2,891	89	3.0	2,957	2,855	102	3.4	2,891	2,789	102	3.5
Yell	8,310	8,046	264	3.2	8,162	7,826	336	4.1	8,179	7,869	310	3.8

County Labor Force Summary

Between August and September, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rates ranged from a low of 2.1% in Benton and Washington counties to a high of 5.7% in Chicot County. Ten counties posted jobless rate declines of one percentage point or more, with Mississippi County decreasing one and two-tenths of a percentage point over-the-month.

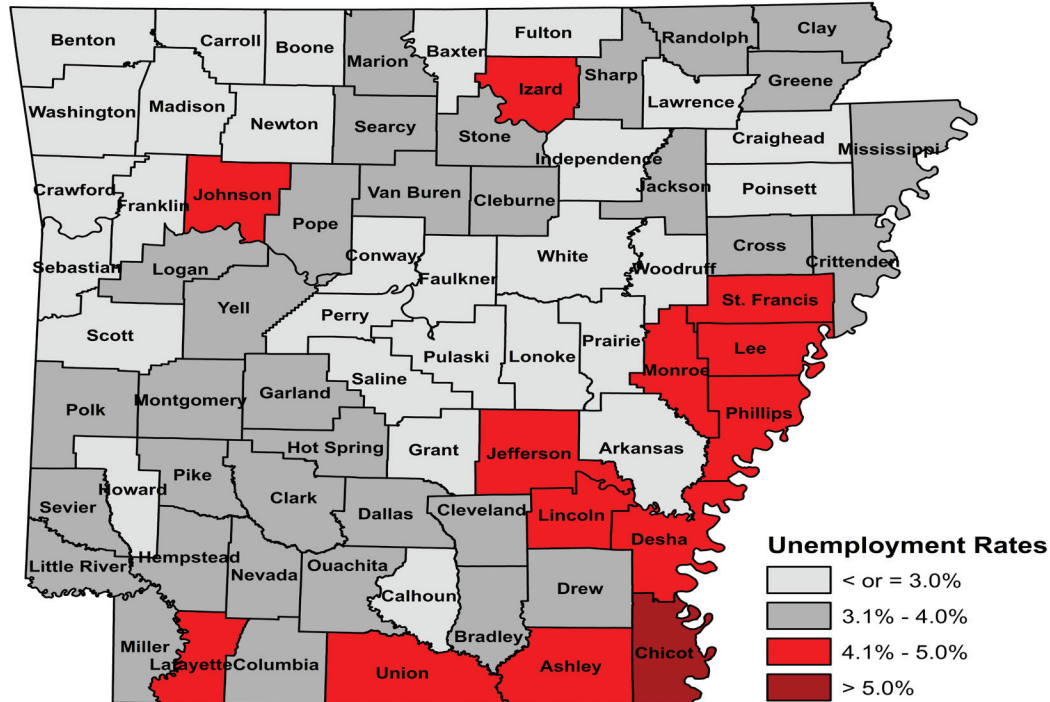
In September, twenty-nine counties reported an unemployment rate at or below 3%. That is up sharply from 10 counties at or below 3% in August. For the 2nd month in a row, no county posted a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to September 2023, unemployment rates are down in 70 Arkansas counties. Rates increased in four counties- Desha, Johnson, Monroe, and Union- over the year. The rate in Lincoln County remained stable. Jackson County posted the largest annual decline, down one and three-tenths of a percentage point over-the-year.

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County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

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Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	2.1	24	Fulton	3.0	49	Polk	3.4
1	Washington	2.1	24	Perry	3.0	49	Sharp	3.4
3	Grant	2.3	24	White	3.0	49	Stone	3.4
3	Lonoke	2.3	24	Woodruff	3.0	54	Ouachita	3.5
5	Faulkner	2.4	30	Cross	3.1	55	Columbia	3.6
5	Saline	2.4	30	Greene	3.1	56	Bradley	3.7
5	Scott	2.4	30	Hempstead	3.1	56	Crittenden	3.7
8	Arkansas	2.5	30	Little River	3.1	56	Drew	3.7
8	Craighead	2.5	30	Randolph	3.1	56	Jackson	3.7
8	Madison	2.5	30	Sevier	3.1	60	Mississippi	3.8
8	Prairie	2.5	36	Clay	3.2	61	Clark	3.9
12	Calhoun	2.6	36	Garland	3.2	62	Montgomery	4.0
12	Independence	2.6	36	Hot Spring	3.2	63	Izard	4.1
14	Carroll	2.7	36	Nevada	3.2	64	Jefferson	4.2
14	Franklin	2.7	36	Pike	3.2	64	Lincoln	4.2
14	Howard	2.7	36	Yell	3.2	66	Lee	4.3
17	Boone	2.8	42	Cleveland	3.3	67	Johnson	4.5
17	Lawrence	2.8	42	Dallas	3.3	67	Monroe	4.5
17	Newton	2.8	42	Marion	3.3	69	Lafayette	4.7
17	Sebastian	2.8	42	Miller	3.3	70	Ashley	4.9
21	Crawford	2.9	42	Pope	3.3	70	Phillips	4.9
21	Poinsett	2.9	42	Searcy	3.3	70	St. Francis	4.9
21	Pulaski	2.9	42	Van Buren	3.3	70	Union	4.9
24	Baxter	3.0	49	Cleburne	3.4	74	Desha	5.0
24	Conway	3.0	49	Logan	3.4	75	Chicot	5.7

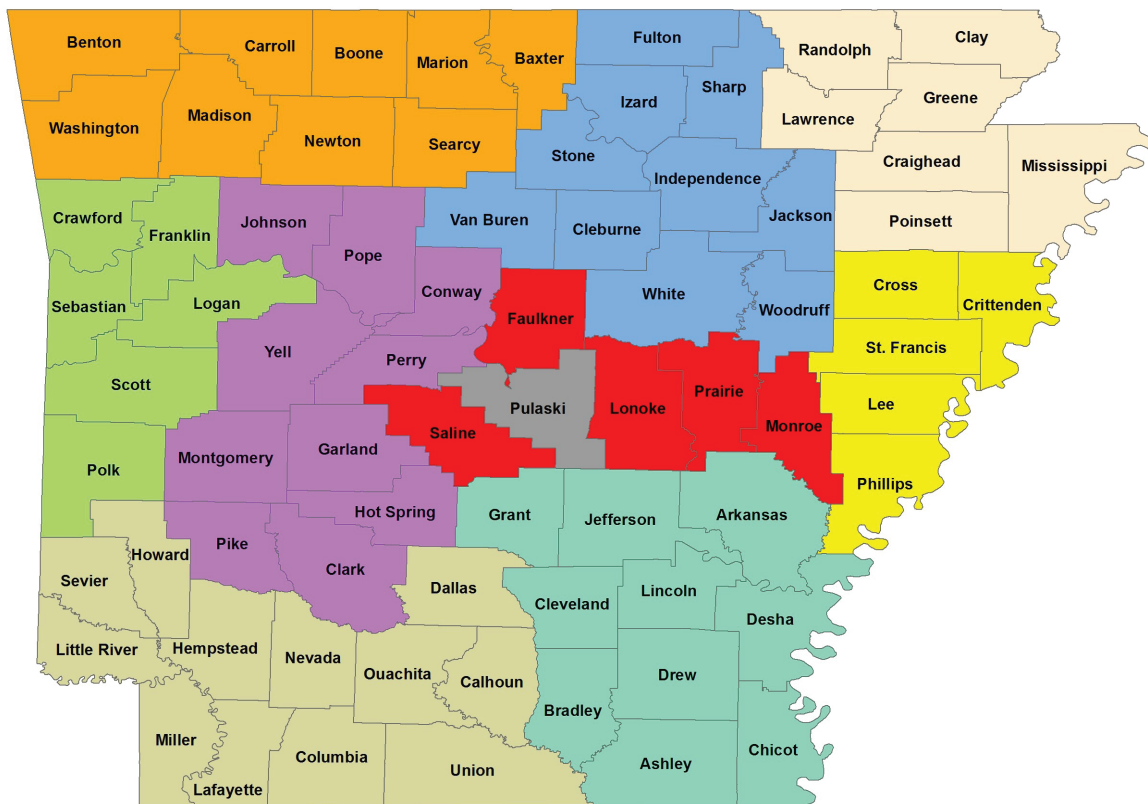
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<u>LWDA</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Central (minus LR)	269,326	262,380	6,946	2.6	269,626	261,221	8,405	3.1	261,550	253,228	8,322	3.2
City of Little Rock	102,940	99,901	3,039	3.0	103,073	99,459	3,614	3.5	99,708	96,314	3,394	3.4
Eastern	42,558	40,853	1,705	4.0	42,840	40,773	2,067	4.8	42,415	40,455	1,960	4.6
North Central	96,145	93,135	3,010	3.1	95,262	91,535	3,727	3.9	94,061	90,457	3,604	3.8
Northeast	126,973	123,334	3,639	2.9	126,464	121,993	4,471	3.5	124,178	119,889	4,289	3.5
Northwest	368,423	360,173	8,250	2.2	367,942	357,952	9,990	2.7	360,825	350,773	10,052	2.8
Southeast	76,149	73,234	2,915	3.8	76,274	72,769	3,505	4.6	75,652	72,448	3,204	4.2
Southwest	87,708	84,591	3,117	3.6	87,128	83,406	3,722	4.3	87,840	84,299	3,541	4.0
West Central	131,371	126,961	4,410	3.4	130,874	125,511	5,363	4.1	130,215	124,933	5,282	4.1
Western	112,506	109,254	3,252	2.9	112,757	108,803	3,954	3.5	111,367	107,085	4,282	3.8



	Central		Northeast		West Central
	City of Little Rock/Pulaski County		Northwest		Western
	Eastern		Southeast		
	North Central		Southwest		