**Arkansas**

**Labor Market**

**Report**

**November 2016**



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Technical Notes

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

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the num- ber 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 manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2015 benchmark.

**Explanation of Terms and Concepts**

**Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Workforce Services. The data are based on establishment records and include all workers, full-or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the

month. Approximately 5,000 Arkansas business

establishments are surveyed.

**Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)**

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, commuting patterns and social and economic integration.

**Current Population Survey (CPS)**

A monthly sample survey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unem- ployed. 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. Approxi- mately 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 dur- ing 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.

November Spotlight

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional es- timates based on various definitions of ‘unemployment’. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census

Bureau. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are

available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quar- ter moving average. The most recent data available is for the 4th Q 2015 through 3rd Q 2016.

The following definitions are used to calculate each measure of Labor Underutilization:

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

4th Q 2015 - 3rd Q 2016

**U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6**

1.7% 1.8% 4.1% 4.4% 4.9% 7.8%

**U-1 Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.

**U-2 Measure:** Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force. **U-3 Measure:** Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).

**U-4 Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.

**U-5 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

**U-6 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those em- ployed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

12.0

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

Over-the-Year Comparison

10.0

8.0

6.0

4.0

2.0

0.0

U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6

4th Q 2014 - 3rd Q 2015 4th Q 2015 - 3rd Q 2016

Civilian Labor Force Summar y

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.0 percent between October and November. Arkansas’ civilian labor force declined 5,059, a result of 3,929 fewer employed and 1,130 less unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate declined three-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.9 percent in October to 4.6 per- cent in November.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate remained at four percent for the third consecutive month, despite small declines in both employment and unemploy- ment. Compared to November 2015, there are currently 24,265 more employed Arkansans.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Nov 16**  1,349,512 | **Oct 16**  1,354,571 | **Nov 15**  1,335,905 | Civilian Labor Force | **Nov 16**  1,338,918 | **Oct 16**  1,348,643 | **Nov 15**  1,331,955 |
| Employment | 1,295,992 | 1,299,921 | 1,271,727 | Employment | 1,291,726 | 1,302,204 | 1,274,621 |
| Unemployment | 53,520 | 54,650 | 64,178 | Unemployment | 47,192 | 46,439 | 57,334 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.8 | Unemployment Rate | 3.5 | 3.4 | 4.3 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.0 | U.S. Unemployment | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.8 |

1,350,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2014 - November 2016

1,325,000

1,300,000

1,275,000

1,250,000

1,225,000

1,200,000

1,175,000

1,150,000

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2014 2015 2016

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted



(In Thousands)

(NAICS)

**Nov 16 Oct 16 Nov 15**

**OTM OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Nonfarm | 1236.9 | 1237.7 | 1228.2 | -0.8 | 8.7 |
| Goods Producing | 209.3 | 210.4 | 210.9 | -1.1 | -1.6 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 55.6 | 57.2 | 57.1 | -1.6 | -1.5 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **6.5** | **6.4** | **7.6** | **0.1** | **-1.1** |
| **Construction** | **49.1** | **50.8** | **49.5** | **-1.7** | **-0.4** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 31.8 | 32.7 | 31.6 | -0.9 | 0.2 |
| **Manufacturing** | **153.7** | **153.2** | **153.8** | **0.5** | **-0.1** |
| Durable Goods | 72.7 | 72.5 | 74.3 | 0.2 | -1.6 |
| Nondurable Goods | 81.0 | 80.7 | 79.5 | 0.3 | 1.5 |
| Service Providing | 1027.6 | 1027.3 | 1017.3 | 0.3 | 10.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **255.8** | **254.4** | **258.6** | **1.4** | **-2.8** |
| Wholesale Trade | 47.5 | 47.1 | 47.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Retail Trade | 143.0 | 143.1 | 145.5 | -0.1 | -2.5 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 65.3 | 64.2 | 65.9 | 1.1 | -0.6 |
| I**nformation** | **13.6** | **13.6** | **13.8** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities** | **50.2** | **50.5** | **49.7** | **-0.3** | **0.5** |
| Finance & Insurance | 37.2 | 37.3 | 36.6 | -0.1 | 0.6 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.0 | 13.2 | 13.1 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **146.5** | **145.5** | **140.7** | **1.0** | **5.8** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43.4 | 43.1 | 41.6 | 0.3 | 1.8 |
| Management of Companies | 35.3 | 34.9 | 34.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 67.8 | 67.5 | 64.5 | 0.3 | 3.3 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **184.6** | **186.1** | **178.8** | **-1.5** | **5.8** |
| Educational Services | 15.9 | 15.9 | 15.5 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 168.7 | 170.2 | 163.3 | -1.5 | 5.4 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 52.9 | 53.4 | 51.9 | -0.5 | 1.0 |
| Social Assistance | 40.6 | 41.1 | 39.8 | -0.5 | 0.8 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 113.3 115.3 112.8 -2.0 0.5** | | | | | |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 9.4 | 10.2 | 9.2 | -0.8 | 0.2 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 103.9 | 105.1 | 103.6 | -1.2 | 0.3 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.4 | 11.6 | 11.2 | -0.2 | 0.2 |
| Food Services | 92.5 | 93.5 | 92.4 | -1.0 | 0.1 |
| **Other Services** | **44.9** | **44.8** | **44.4** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Government** | **218.7** | **217.1** | **218.5** | **1.6** | **0.2** |
| Federal Government | 20.7 | 20.5 | 20.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| State Government | 81.2 | 81.0 | 80.6 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| Local Government | 116.8 | 115.6 | 117.6 | 1.2 | -0.8 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summar y

October 2016 - November 2016

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas decreased 800 in November to total 1,236,900. Four major industry sectors posted declines, more than offsetting minor gains in six sectors. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** dropped 2,000. Seasonal losses occurred in both accommodation-food services (-1,200) and arts-entertainment-recreation (-800). Jobs in **construction** decreased 1,700, a typical seasonal reduction. **Educational and health services** lost 1,500 jobs, all in health care and social assistance. Declines were reported at hospitals, nursing care facilities, and physician’s offices. Jobs in **government** rose 1,600. Most of the gains were in local government (+1,200), related in part to temporary hiring for the recent elections. **Trade-transportation-utilities** (+1,400) and **professional-business services** (+1,000) also posted increases.

November 2015 - November 2016

Compared to November 2015, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment rose 8,700. Six major industry sectors added jobs, while five sectors posted declines. Employment in **professional and business services** increased 5,800. A majority of the gains were in administrative and support services (+3,300). Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 5,800, mostly in health care and social assistance (+5,400). **Financial activities**, **leisure and hospitality**, and **other services** added 500 jobs, each. **Trade, trans- portation, and utilities** lost 2,800, attributed in large part to reported declines in retail trade (-2,500). Employment in **mining and logging** decreased 1,100. The industry has suffered from ongoing layoffs and closures.

160,000

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

November: 1996 - 2016

140,000

120,000

100,000

80,000

60,000

40,000

20,000

0

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

**Nov 16 Oct 16**

**Nov 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

40.6

15.52

630.11

40.7

15.70

638.99

41.1

16.19

665.41

Durable Goods Manufacturing Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Nov 16 Oct 16**

**Nov 15**

**Nov 16 Oct 16**

**Nov 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

41.8

17.27

721.89

41.2

17.56

723.47

40.4

17.69

714.68

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

39.6

13.88

549.65

40.2

14.02

563.60

41.8

14.84

620.31

18.00

**Average Hourly Earnings- Manufacturing**

November 2013 - November 2016

17.50

17.00

16.50

16.00

15.50

15.00

14.50

14.00

13.50

13.00

Nov '13 May '14 Nov '14 May '15 Nov '15 May '16 Nov '16

Little Rock-Nor th Little Rock-Conway MSA

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



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 16** | **Oct 16** | **Nov 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 350,245 | 353,658 | 348,912 | -3,413 | 1,333 |
| Employment | 339,094 | 342,666 | 335,160 | -3,572 | 3,934 |
| Unemployment | 11,151 | 10,992 | 13,752 | 159 | -2,601 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 0.1 | -0.7 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Nov 16**  357.9 | **Oct 16**  357.5 | **Nov 15**  356.3 | **OTM**  0.4 | **OT Y**  1.6 |
| Goods Producing | 35.6 | 36.0 | 37.4 | -0.4 | -1.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **15.3** | **15.7** | **17.1** | **-0.4** | **-1.8** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.3** | **20.3** | **20.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| Service Providing 322.3 321.5 318.9 0.8 3.4 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **71.3** | **70.2** | **71.2** | **1.1** | **0.1** |
| Wholesale Trade | 15.1 | 15.2 | 15.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 41.0 | 40.0 | 41.2 | 1.0 | -0.2 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 15.2 | 15.0 | 14.8 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| **Information** | **6.1** | **6.1** | **6.5** | **0.0** | **-0.4** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.7** | **20.7** | **20.7** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **49.2** | **49.5** | **46.7** | **-0.3** | **2.5** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **53.0** | **53.6** | **53.0** | **-0.6** | **0.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **34.8** | **34.6** | **34.1** | **0.2** | **0.7** |
| **Other Services** | **15.2** | **15.2** | **15.0** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **72.0** | **71.6** | **71.7** | **0.4** | **0.3** |
| Federal Government | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| State Government | 35.4 | 35.3 | 35.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Local Government | 26.7 | 26.4 | 27.0 | 0.3 | -0.3 |

50,000

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services**

November: 1996 - 2016

45,000

40,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA



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



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 16** | **Oct 16** | **Nov 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 261,762 | 262,899 | 257,197 | -1,137 | 4,565 |
| Employment | 255,039 | 256,222 | 249,162 | -1,183 | 5,877 |
| Unemployment | 6,723 | 6,677 | 8,035 | 46 | -1,312 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.6 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 0.1 | -0.5 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Nov 16**  246.0 | **Oct 16**  244.9 | **Nov 15**  242.5 | **OTM**  1.1 | **OT Y**  3.5 |
| Goods Producing | 36.1 | 36.4 | 36.6 | -0.3 | -0.5 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **10.2** | **10.4** | **9.9** | **-0.2** | **0.3** |
| **Manufacturing** | **25.9** | **26.0** | **26.7** | **-0.1** | **-0.8** |
| Service Providing 209.9 208.5 205.9 1.4 4.0 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **55.2** | **55.1** | **55.4** | **0.1** | **-0.2** |
| Wholesale Trade | 12.3 | 12.2 | 11.9 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Retail Trade | 26.2 | 26.4 | 26.9 | -0.2 | -0.7 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 16.7 | 16.5 | 16.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| **Information** | **2.0** | **2.0** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **7.0** | **7.0** | **6.9** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **51.2** | **50.2** | **48.3** | **1.0** | **2.9** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **27.4** | **27.5** | **26.4** | **-0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **23.7** | **23.5** | **24.7** | **0.2** | **-1.0** |
| **Other Services** | **7.4** | **7.4** | **7.2** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **36.0** | **35.8** | **35.0** | **0.2** | **1.0** |
| Federal Government | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 14.5 | 14.4 | 13.7 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| Local Government | 18.9 | 18.8 | 18.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 |

265,000

**Number of Employed**

November 2014 - November 2016

260,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

November: 2006 - 2016

260,000

250,000

255,000

250,000

245,000

240,000

230,000

240,000

220,000

235,000

210,000

230,000

225,000

200,000

220,000

190,000

215,000

Nov '14 May '15 Nov '15 May '16 Nov '16

180,000

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

For t Smith MSA

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



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 16** | **Oct 16** | **Nov 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 120,829 | 121,899 | 121,602 | -1,070 | -773 |
| Employment | 115,703 | 116,725 | 115,652 | -1,022 | 51 |
| Unemployment | 5,126 | 5,174 | 5,950 | -48 | -824 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 0.0 | -0.7 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Nov 16**  114.4 | **Oct 16**  115.0 | **Nov 15**  114.3 | **OTM**  -0.6 | **OT Y**  0.1 |
| Goods Producing | 23.5 | 23.6 | 23.7 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.6** | **5.7** | **6.0** | **-0.1** | **-0.4** |
| **Manufacturing** | **17.9** | **17.9** | **17.7** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| Service Providing 90.9 91.4 90.6 -0.5 0.3 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **24.0** | **24.2** | **24.2** | **-0.2** | **-0.2** |
| Wholesale Trade | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 13.3 | 13.5 | 13.2 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| **Information** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.7** | **3.7** | **3.7** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **12.2** | **12.3** | **12.1** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.8** | **16.8** | **16.9** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.4** | **9.6** | **9.3** | **-0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Other Services** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **19.3** | **19.3** | **18.9** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| Federal Government | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Local Government | 14.7 | 14.7 | 14.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 |

116,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2014 - November 2016

115,000

114,000

113,000

112,000

111,000

110,000

109,000

108,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2014 2015 2016

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 16** | **Oct 16** | **Nov 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 39,908 | 40,264 | 39,705 | -356 | 203 |
| Employment | 38,303 | 38,673 | 37,728 | -370 | 575 |
| Unemployment | 1,605 | 1,591 | 1,977 | 14 | -372 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 0.0 | -1.0 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 16** | **Oct 16** | **Nov 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 37.9 | 38.0 | 37.4 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 33.4 | 33.5 | 32.9 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

40,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

November: 1996 - 2016

39,000

38,000

37,000

36,000

35,000

34,000

33,000

32,000

31,000

30,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Nov 16** | **Oct 16** | **Nov 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 62,654 | 63,147 | 61,354 | -493 | 1,300 |
| Employment | 60,813 | 61,319 | 58,969 | -506 | 1,844 |
| Unemployment | 1,841 | 1,828 | 2,385 | 13 | -544 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 0.0 | -1.0 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Nov 16** | **Oct 16** | **Nov 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 56.8 | 56.9 | 55.5 | -0.1 | 1.3 |
| 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 47.6 | 47.7 | 46.5 | -0.1 | 1.1 |
| 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

64,000

**Number of Employed**

November 2013 - November 2016

62,000

60,000

58,000

56,000

54,000

52,000

50,000

48,000

Nov '13 May '14 Nov '14 May '15 Nov '15 May '16 Nov '16

Pine Bluff MSA

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



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|  | **Nov 16** | **Oct 16** | **Nov 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 35,672 | 36,059 | 36,564 | -387 | -892 |
| Employment | 33,992 | 34,364 | 34,441 | -372 | -449 |
| Unemployment | 1,680 | 1,695 | 2,123 | -15 | -443 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 0.0 | -1.1 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

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| **Nov 16** | **Oct 16** | **Nov 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.5 | 33.5 | 34.2 | 0.0 | -0.7 |
| 5.9 | 6.0 | 6.2 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| 27.6 | 27.5 | 28.0 | 0.1 | -0.4 |
| 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.8 | 0.1 | -0.2 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

84.0%

**Service Providing Jobs as Percent of Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment**

November: 2006 - 2016

82.0%

80.0%

78.0%

76.0%

74.0%

72.0%

70.0%

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Out-of-State MSA



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.

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|  | **Nov 16** | **Oct 16** | **Nov 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 628,502 | 629,239 | 614,070 | -737 | 14,432 |
| Employment | 596,713 | 595,249 | 577,063 | 1,464 | 19,650 |
| Unemployment | 31,789 | 33,990 | 37,007 | -2,201 | -5,218 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.1 | 5.4 | 6.0 | -0.3 | -0.9 |

Texarkana MSA

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

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|  | **Nov 16** | **Oct 16** | **Nov 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 64,880 | 64,902 | 64,821 | -22 | 59 |
| Employment | 62,102 | 62,007 | 61,870 | 95 | 232 |
| Unemployment | 2,778 | 2,895 | 2,951 | -117 | -173 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.6 | -0.2 | -0.3 |

610,000

**Number of Employed- Memphis MSA**

November: 1996 - 2016

8.0

**Unemployment Rates- Texarkana MSA**

January 2014 - November 2016

600,000

590,000

7.0

580,000

6.0

570,000

5.0

560,000

550,000

4.0

540,000

3.0

530,000

520,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

2.0

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2014 2015 2016



**November 2016 October 2016 November 2015**

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| **Micro Area**  Arkadelphia Micro | **CLF**  9,647 | **Emp**  9,294 | **Unemp**  353 | **Rate**  3.7 | **CLF**  9,730 | **Emp**  9,362 | **Unemp**  368 | **Rate**  3.8 | **CLF**  9,662 | **Emp**  9,181 | **Unemp**  481 | **Rate**  5.0 |
| Batesville Micro | 15,933 | 15,247 | 686 | 4.3 | 15,980 | 15,316 | 664 | 4.2 | 15,595 | 14,649 | 946 | 6.1 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,902 | 16,850 | 1,052 | 5.9 | 17,899 | 16,909 | 990 | 5.5 | 18,075 | 16,720 | 1,355 | 7.5 |
| Camden Micro | 12,152 | 11,619 | 533 | 4.4 | 12,267 | 11,727 | 540 | 4.4 | 12,124 | 11,475 | 649 | 5.4 |
| El Dorado Micro | 16,752 | 15,965 | 787 | 4.7 | 16,902 | 16,109 | 793 | 4.7 | 16,619 | 15,725 | 894 | 5.4 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,842 | 8,430 | 412 | 4.7 | 8,879 | 8,491 | 388 | 4.4 | 8,867 | 8,319 | 548 | 6.2 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,328 | 18,696 | 632 | 3.3 | 19,391 | 18,780 | 611 | 3.2 | 19,015 | 18,238 | 777 | 4.1 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,670 | 6,330 | 340 | 5.1 | 6,689 | 6,354 | 335 | 5.0 | 6,785 | 6,346 | 439 | 6.5 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,443 | 8,961 | 482 | 5.1 | 9,505 | 9,043 | 462 | 4.9 | 9,530 | 8,983 | 547 | 5.7 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,321 | 13,829 | 492 | 3.4 | 14,400 | 13,914 | 486 | 3.4 | 14,286 | 13,636 | 650 | 4.5 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,122 | 15,497 | 625 | 3.9 | 16,172 | 15,538 | 634 | 3.9 | 16,285 | 15,517 | 768 | 4.7 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,794 | 19,007 | 787 | 4.0 | 19,929 | 19,136 | 793 | 4.0 | 20,034 | 19,141 | 893 | 4.5 |
| Russellville Micro | 38,337 | 36,845 | 1,492 | 3.9 | 38,638 | 37,178 | 1,460 | 3.8 | 38,746 | 37,044 | 1,702 | 4.4 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,184 | 32,728 | 1,456 | 4.3 | 34,470 | 33,028 | 1,442 | 4.2 | 34,450 | 32,627 | 1,823 | 5.3 |

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

Camden Micro= Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro= Union County

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

Malvern Micro= Hot Spring County

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

City Labor Force Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**November 2016 October 2016 November 2015**

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| **City**  Bella Vista | **CLF**  12,030 | **Emp**  11,656 | **Unemp**  374 | **Rate**  3.1 | **CLF**  12,077 | **Emp**  11,715 | **Unemp**  362 | **Rate**  3.0 | **CLF**  11,811 | **Emp**  11,376 | **Unemp**  435 | **Rate**  3.7 |
| Benton | 16,124 | 15,649 | 475 | 2.9 | 16,294 | 15,819 | 475 | 2.9 | 16,069 | 15,466 | 603 | 3.8 |
| Bentonville | 22,427 | 21,907 | 520 | 2.3 | 22,531 | 22,019 | 512 | 2.3 | 22,040 | 21,381 | 659 | 3.0 |
| Blytheville | 6,116 | 5,753 | 363 | 5.9 | 6,157 | 5,773 | 384 | 6.2 | 6,271 | 5,709 | 562 | 9.0 |
| Cabot | 11,728 | 11,401 | 327 | 2.8 | 11,816 | 11,502 | 314 | 2.7 | 11,671 | 11,276 | 395 | 3.4 |
| Conway | 32,964 | 31,879 | 1,085 | 3.3 | 33,261 | 32,200 | 1,061 | 3.2 | 32,800 | 31,514 | 1,286 | 3.9 |
| El Dorado | 7,264 | 6,885 | 379 | 5.2 | 7,326 | 6,947 | 379 | 5.2 | 7,245 | 6,781 | 464 | 6.4 |
| Fayetteville | 45,572 | 44,456 | 1,116 | 2.4 | 45,787 | 44,670 | 1,117 | 2.4 | 44,781 | 43,396 | 1,385 | 3.1 |
| Fort Smith | 39,744 | 38,452 | 1,292 | 3.3 | 40,350 | 39,075 | 1,275 | 3.2 | 40,038 | 38,331 | 1,707 | 4.3 |
| Hot Springs | 13,915 | 13,314 | 601 | 4.3 | 14,068 | 13,443 | 625 | 4.4 | 13,901 | 13,114 | 787 | 5.7 |
| Jacksonville | 11,845 | 11,348 | 497 | 4.2 | 11,963 | 11,473 | 490 | 4.1 | 11,797 | 11,215 | 582 | 4.9 |
| Jonesboro | 36,482 | 35,469 | 1,013 | 2.8 | 36,832 | 35,788 | 1,044 | 2.8 | 35,731 | 34,378 | 1,353 | 3.8 |
| Little Rock | 96,762 | 93,691 | 3,071 | 3.2 | 97,744 | 94,723 | 3,021 | 3.1 | 96,432 | 92,588 | 3,844 | 4.0 |
| North Little Rock | 30,087 | 29,066 | 1,021 | 3.4 | 30,413 | 29,386 | 1,027 | 3.4 | 30,064 | 28,724 | 1,340 | 4.5 |
| Paragould | 12,350 | 11,834 | 516 | 4.2 | 12,441 | 11,915 | 526 | 4.2 | 12,512 | 11,918 | 594 | 4.7 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,972 | 16,062 | 910 | 5.4 | 17,209 | 16,262 | 947 | 5.5 | 17,480 | 16,274 | 1,206 | 6.9 |
| Rogers | 33,262 | 32,387 | 875 | 2.6 | 33,377 | 32,553 | 824 | 2.5 | 32,624 | 31,609 | 1,015 | 3.1 |
| Russellville | 13,619 | 13,143 | 476 | 3.5 | 13,782 | 13,276 | 506 | 3.7 | 13,840 | 13,214 | 626 | 4.5 |
| Searcy | 10,451 | 10,086 | 365 | 3.5 | 10,552 | 10,178 | 374 | 3.5 | 10,557 | 10,055 | 502 | 4.8 |
| Sherwood | 15,527 | 15,117 | 410 | 2.6 | 15,700 | 15,283 | 417 | 2.7 | 15,423 | 14,939 | 484 | 3.1 |
| Springdale | 38,152 | 37,236 | 916 | 2.4 | 38,320 | 37,416 | 904 | 2.4 | 37,460 | 36,348 | 1,112 | 3.0 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,655 | 13,116 | 539 | 3.9 | 13,762 | 13,175 | 587 | 4.3 | 13,697 | 13,044 | 653 | 4.8 |
| Van Buren | 10,361 | 10,036 | 325 | 3.1 | 10,506 | 10,189 | 317 | 3.0 | 10,483 | 10,005 | 478 | 4.6 |
| West Memphis | 10,813 | 10,277 | 536 | 5.0 | 10,865 | 10,327 | 538 | 5.0 | 10,613 | 10,046 | 567 | 5.3 |

**November 2016 October 2016 November 2015**

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| **County**  Arkansas | **CLF**  9,307 | **Emp**  8,993 | **Unemp**  314 | **Rate**  3.4 | **CLF**  9,372 | **Emp**  9,090 | **Unemp**  282 | **Rate**  3.0 | **CLF**  9,398 | **Emp**  9,047 | **Unemp**  351 | **Rate**  3.7 |
| Ashley | 7,904 | 7,450 | 454 | 5.7 | 8,004 | 7,551 | 453 | 5.7 | 8,288 | 7,751 | 537 | 6.5 |
| Baxter | 16,122 | 15,497 | 625 | 3.9 | 16,172 | 15,538 | 634 | 3.9 | 16,285 | 15,517 | 768 | 4.7 |
| Benton | 124,557 | 121,266 | 3,291 | 2.6 | 125,123 | 121,886 | 3,237 | 2.6 | 122,283 | 118,353 | 3,930 | 3.2 |
| Boone | 15,921 | 15,407 | 514 | 3.2 | 15,986 | 15,489 | 497 | 3.1 | 15,667 | 15,022 | 645 | 4.1 |
| Bradley | 4,511 | 4,297 | 214 | 4.7 | 4,527 | 4,314 | 213 | 4.7 | 4,551 | 4,329 | 222 | 4.9 |
| Calhoun | 2,332 | 2,244 | 88 | 3.8 | 2,355 | 2,256 | 99 | 4.2 | 2,328 | 2,219 | 109 | 4.7 |
| Carroll | 13,035 | 12,638 | 397 | 3.0 | 13,220 | 12,862 | 358 | 2.7 | 12,695 | 12,248 | 447 | 3.5 |
| Chicot | 3,534 | 3,322 | 212 | 6.0 | 3,549 | 3,345 | 204 | 5.7 | 3,651 | 3,382 | 269 | 7.4 |
| Clark | 9,647 | 9,294 | 353 | 3.7 | 9,730 | 9,362 | 368 | 3.8 | 9,662 | 9,181 | 481 | 5.0 |
| Clay | 6,034 | 5,750 | 284 | 4.7 | 6,033 | 5,754 | 279 | 4.6 | 6,225 | 5,882 | 343 | 5.5 |
| Cleburne | 9,396 | 8,926 | 470 | 5.0 | 9,443 | 8,988 | 455 | 4.8 | 9,600 | 9,015 | 585 | 6.1 |
| Cleveland | 3,334 | 3,199 | 135 | 4.0 | 3,345 | 3,219 | 126 | 3.8 | 3,396 | 3,241 | 155 | 4.6 |
| Columbia | 9,443 | 8,961 | 482 | 5.1 | 9,505 | 9,043 | 462 | 4.9 | 9,530 | 8,983 | 547 | 5.7 |
| Conway | 8,561 | 8,144 | 417 | 4.9 | 8,640 | 8,224 | 416 | 4.8 | 8,637 | 8,147 | 490 | 5.7 |
| Craighead | 52,182 | 50,731 | 1,451 | 2.8 | 52,641 | 51,187 | 1,454 | 2.8 | 51,078 | 49,170 | 1,908 | 3.7 |
| Crawford | 26,696 | 25,794 | 902 | 3.4 | 27,082 | 26,187 | 895 | 3.3 | 26,936 | 25,715 | 1,221 | 4.5 |
| Crittenden | 21,732 | 20,823 | 909 | 4.2 | 21,824 | 20,925 | 899 | 4.1 | 21,405 | 20,355 | 1,050 | 4.9 |
| Cross | 7,902 | 7,572 | 330 | 4.2 | 7,913 | 7,613 | 300 | 3.8 | 7,971 | 7,593 | 378 | 4.7 |
| Dallas | 3,027 | 2,899 | 128 | 4.2 | 3,023 | 2,904 | 119 | 3.9 | 2,899 | 2,730 | 169 | 5.8 |
| Desha | 5,578 | 5,315 | 263 | 4.7 | 5,614 | 5,372 | 242 | 4.3 | 5,614 | 5,278 | 336 | 6.0 |
| Drew | 8,053 | 7,666 | 387 | 4.8 | 8,057 | 7,674 | 383 | 4.8 | 8,017 | 7,565 | 452 | 5.6 |
| Faulkner | 60,164 | 58,181 | 1,983 | 3.3 | 60,721 | 58,767 | 1,954 | 3.2 | 59,976 | 57,516 | 2,460 | 4.1 |
| Franklin | 7,326 | 7,070 | 256 | 3.5 | 7,373 | 7,120 | 253 | 3.4 | 7,430 | 7,097 | 333 | 4.5 |
| Fulton | 4,676 | 4,501 | 175 | 3.7 | 4,671 | 4,506 | 165 | 3.5 | 4,830 | 4,619 | 211 | 4.4 |
| Garland | 39,908 | 38,303 | 1,605 | 4.0 | 40,264 | 38,673 | 1,591 | 4.0 | 39,705 | 37,728 | 1,977 | 5.0 |
| Grant | 8,353 | 8,086 | 267 | 3.2 | 8,424 | 8,166 | 258 | 3.1 | 8,322 | 7,994 | 328 | 3.9 |
| Greene | 19,794 | 19,007 | 787 | 4.0 | 19,929 | 19,136 | 793 | 4.0 | 20,034 | 19,141 | 893 | 4.5 |
| Hempstead | 9,902 | 9,571 | 331 | 3.3 | 9,985 | 9,640 | 345 | 3.5 | 9,819 | 9,412 | 407 | 4.1 |
| Hot Spring | 14,321 | 13,829 | 492 | 3.4 | 14,400 | 13,914 | 486 | 3.4 | 14,286 | 13,636 | 650 | 4.5 |
| Howard | 5,697 | 5,520 | 177 | 3.1 | 5,801 | 5,627 | 174 | 3.0 | 5,934 | 5,714 | 220 | 3.7 |
| Independence | 15,933 | 15,247 | 686 | 4.3 | 15,980 | 15,316 | 664 | 4.2 | 15,595 | 14,649 | 946 | 6.1 |
| Izard | 5,019 | 4,769 | 250 | 5.0 | 4,994 | 4,784 | 210 | 4.2 | 5,003 | 4,732 | 271 | 5.4 |
| Jackson | 6,096 | 5,769 | 327 | 5.4 | 6,124 | 5,800 | 324 | 5.3 | 6,117 | 5,757 | 360 | 5.9 |
| Jefferson | 28,273 | 26,907 | 1,366 | 4.8 | 28,634 | 27,242 | 1,392 | 4.9 | 29,022 | 27,263 | 1,759 | 6.1 |
| Johnson | 10,471 | 10,048 | 423 | 4.0 | 10,457 | 10,050 | 407 | 3.9 | 10,447 | 9,948 | 499 | 4.8 |
| Lafayette | 2,593 | 2,452 | 141 | 5.4 | 2,571 | 2,435 | 136 | 5.3 | 2,617 | 2,447 | 170 | 6.5 |
| Lawrence | 7,118 | 6,862 | 256 | 3.6 | 7,125 | 6,879 | 246 | 3.5 | 7,050 | 6,713 | 337 | 4.8 |
| Lee | 3,071 | 2,936 | 135 | 4.4 | 3,076 | 2,950 | 126 | 4.1 | 3,192 | 3,015 | 177 | 5.5 |
| Lincoln | 4,065 | 3,886 | 179 | 4.4 | 4,080 | 3,903 | 177 | 4.3 | 4,146 | 3,937 | 209 | 5.0 |
| Little River | 5,637 | 5,397 | 240 | 4.3 | 5,685 | 5,429 | 256 | 4.5 | 5,650 | 5,364 | 286 | 5.1 |
| Logan | 9,066 | 8,721 | 345 | 3.8 | 9,164 | 8,802 | 362 | 4.0 | 9,228 | 8,751 | 477 | 5.2 |
| Lonoke | 33,331 | 32,312 | 1,019 | 3.1 | 33,601 | 32,597 | 1,004 | 3.0 | 33,183 | 31,957 | 1,226 | 3.7 |
| Madison | 7,361 | 7,158 | 203 | 2.8 | 7,345 | 7,148 | 197 | 2.7 | 7,250 | 7,015 | 235 | 3.2 |
| Marion | 6,572 | 6,326 | 246 | 3.7 | 6,601 | 6,366 | 235 | 3.6 | 6,534 | 6,233 | 301 | 4.6 |
| Miller | 19,729 | 18,990 | 739 | 3.7 | 19,847 | 19,075 | 772 | 3.9 | 19,778 | 18,886 | 892 | 4.5 |

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| **County**  Mississippi | **CLF**  17,902 | **Emp**  16,850 | **Unemp**  1,052 | **Rate**  5.9 | **CLF**  17,899 | **Emp**  16,909 | **Unemp**  990 | **Rate**  5.5 | **CLF**  18,075 | **Emp**  16,720 | **Unemp**  1,355 | **Rate**  7.5 |
| Monroe | 2,870 | 2,734 | 136 | 4.7 | 2,889 | 2,767 | 122 | 4.2 | 2,925 | 2,754 | 171 | 5.8 |
| Montgomery | 3,069 | 2,929 | 140 | 4.6 | 3,074 | 2,942 | 132 | 4.3 | 3,213 | 3,023 | 190 | 5.9 |
| Nevada | 3,683 | 3,563 | 120 | 3.3 | 3,711 | 3,596 | 115 | 3.1 | 3,659 | 3,501 | 158 | 4.3 |
| Newton | 3,407 | 3,289 | 118 | 3.5 | 3,405 | 3,291 | 114 | 3.3 | 3,348 | 3,216 | 132 | 3.9 |
| Ouachita | 9,820 | 9,375 | 445 | 4.5 | 9,912 | 9,471 | 441 | 4.4 | 9,796 | 9,256 | 540 | 5.5 |
| Perry | 4,231 | 4,054 | 177 | 4.2 | 4,254 | 4,081 | 173 | 4.1 | 4,238 | 4,013 | 225 | 5.3 |
| Phillips | 6,670 | 6,330 | 340 | 5.1 | 6,689 | 6,354 | 335 | 5.0 | 6,785 | 6,346 | 439 | 6.5 |
| Pike | 4,203 | 4,032 | 171 | 4.1 | 4,216 | 4,051 | 165 | 3.9 | 4,151 | 3,936 | 215 | 5.2 |
| Poinsett | 10,472 | 10,082 | 390 | 3.7 | 10,506 | 10,132 | 374 | 3.6 | 10,276 | 9,799 | 477 | 4.6 |
| Polk | 8,099 | 7,748 | 351 | 4.3 | 8,061 | 7,709 | 352 | 4.4 | 8,277 | 7,862 | 415 | 5.0 |
| Pope | 29,384 | 28,237 | 1,147 | 3.9 | 29,653 | 28,523 | 1,130 | 3.8 | 29,712 | 28,388 | 1,324 | 4.5 |
| Prairie | 3,641 | 3,513 | 128 | 3.5 | 3,653 | 3,531 | 122 | 3.3 | 3,777 | 3,621 | 156 | 4.1 |
| Pulaski | 188,264 | 182,178 | 6,086 | 3.2 | 190,209 | 184,184 | 6,025 | 3.2 | 187,571 | 180,032 | 7,539 | 4.0 |
| Randolph | 6,217 | 5,954 | 263 | 4.2 | 6,231 | 5,984 | 247 | 4.0 | 6,106 | 5,763 | 343 | 5.6 |
| St. Francis | 8,842 | 8,430 | 412 | 4.7 | 8,879 | 8,491 | 388 | 4.4 | 8,867 | 8,319 | 548 | 6.2 |
| Saline | 55,902 | 54,283 | 1,619 | 2.9 | 56,449 | 54,871 | 1,578 | 2.8 | 55,622 | 53,648 | 1,974 | 3.5 |
| Scott | 4,456 | 4,315 | 141 | 3.2 | 4,468 | 4,324 | 144 | 3.2 | 4,525 | 4,337 | 188 | 4.2 |
| Searcy | 2,927 | 2,800 | 127 | 4.3 | 2,933 | 2,815 | 118 | 4.0 | 3,104 | 2,969 | 135 | 4.3 |
| Sebastian | 57,196 | 55,300 | 1,896 | 3.3 | 58,065 | 56,195 | 1,870 | 3.2 | 57,571 | 55,125 | 2,446 | 4.2 |
| Sevier | 5,662 | 5,403 | 259 | 4.6 | 5,662 | 5,411 | 251 | 4.4 | 5,602 | 5,315 | 287 | 5.1 |
| Sharp | 6,042 | 5,746 | 296 | 4.9 | 6,055 | 5,778 | 277 | 4.6 | 6,003 | 5,649 | 354 | 5.9 |
| Stone | 4,696 | 4,471 | 225 | 4.8 | 4,704 | 4,494 | 210 | 4.5 | 4,634 | 4,399 | 235 | 5.1 |
| Union | 16,752 | 15,965 | 787 | 4.7 | 16,902 | 16,109 | 793 | 4.7 | 16,619 | 15,725 | 894 | 5.4 |
| Van Buren | 6,336 | 5,990 | 346 | 5.5 | 6,397 | 6,047 | 350 | 5.5 | 6,540 | 6,159 | 381 | 5.8 |
| Washington | 118,824 | 115,993 | 2,831 | 2.4 | 119,360 | 116,550 | 2,810 | 2.4 | 116,706 | 113,228 | 3,478 | 3.0 |
| White | 34,184 | 32,728 | 1,456 | 4.3 | 34,470 | 33,028 | 1,442 | 4.2 | 34,450 | 32,627 | 1,823 | 5.3 |
| Woodruff | 2,928 | 2,786 | 142 | 4.8 | 2,944 | 2,807 | 137 | 4.7 | 3,011 | 2,842 | 169 | 5.6 |
| Yell | 8,953 | 8,608 | 345 | 3.9 | 8,985 | 8,655 | 330 | 3.7 | 9,034 | 8,656 | 378 | 4.2 |

County Labor Force Summar y

Between October and November, unemployment rates increased in fifty-three of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Fourteen counties were unchanged over the month, while eight counties posted rate declines. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.4 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.0 percent in Chicot County.

In November, thirty-seven counties reported jobless rates at or below four percent. This is down slightly from 41 counties at or below four percent in October. For the fifth consecutive month, no county posted an unemployment rate above eight percent.

Compared to November 2015, jobless rates are down in 74 counties. Only one-- Searcy County-- posted the same unemployment rate as last November.

Benton

Washington

Carroll

Madison

Boone

Newton

Marion

Searcy

Baxter

Stone

Fulton

Izard

Sharp

Randolph

Lawrence

Clay

Greene

Craighead

Mississippi

Crawford

Franklin

Johnson

Pope

Van Buren

Cleburne

Independence

Jackson

Poinsett

Cross

Sebastian

Scott

Logan

Yell

Conway

Perry

Saline

Faulkner

Pulaski

White

Lonoke

Prairie

Woodruff

Monroe

St. Francis

Lee

Crittenden

Polk

Howard

Sevier

Little River

Montgomery

Pike

Hempstead

Garland

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Nevada

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

Desha

Phillips

Unemployment Rates

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Miller

Lafayette

Ouachita

Columbia

Calhoun

Union

Bradley

Drew

Ashley

Chicot

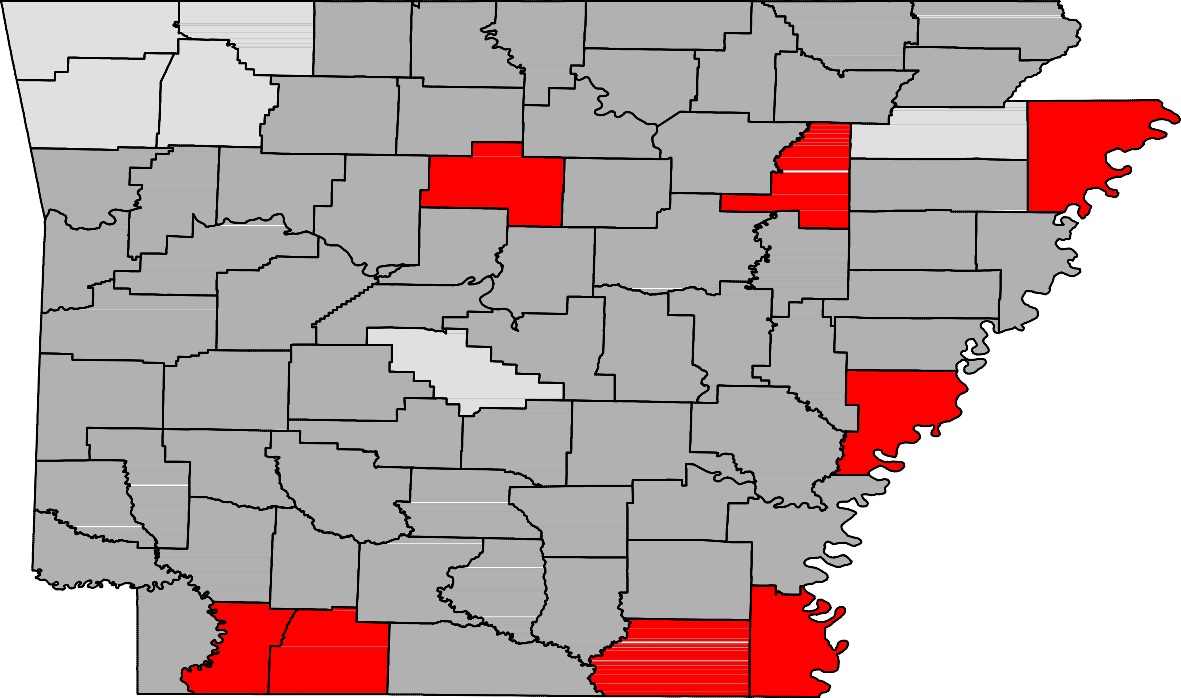
3.1% - 5.0%

5.0% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

Ranked by Unemployment Rates

November 2016- Not Seasonally Adjusted



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| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  2.4 | **Rank**  24 | **County**  Marion | **Rate**  3.7 | **Rank**  51 | **County**  Ouachita | **Rate**  4.5 |
| 2 | Benton | 2.6 | 24 | Miller | 3.7 | 52 | Montgomery | 4.6 |
| 3 | Craighead | 2.8 | 24 | Poinsett | 3.7 | 52 | Sevier | 4.6 |
| 3 | Madison | 2.8 | 29 | Calhoun | 3.8 | 54 | Bradley | 4.7 |
| 5 | Saline | 2.9 | 29 | Logan | 3.8 | 54 | Clay | 4.7 |
| 6 | Carroll | 3.0 | 31 | Baxter | 3.9 | 54 | Desha | 4.7 |
| 7 | Howard | 3.1 | 31 | Pope | 3.9 | 54 | Monroe | 4.7 |
| 7 | Lonoke | 3.1 | 31 | Yell | 3.9 | 54 | St. Francis | 4.7 |
| 9 | Boone | 3.2 | 34 | Cleveland | 4.0 | 54 | Union | 4.7 |
| 9 | Grant | 3.2 | 34 | Garland | 4.0 | 60 | Drew | 4.8 |
| 9 | Pulaski | 3.2 | 34 | Greene | 4.0 | 60 | Jefferson | 4.8 |
| 9 | Scott | 3.2 | 34 | Johnson | 4.0 | 60 | Stone | 4.8 |
| 13 | Faulkner | 3.3 | 38 | Pike | 4.1 | 60 | Woodruff | 4.8 |
| 13 | Hempstead | 3.3 | 39 | Crittenden | 4.2 | 64 | Conway | 4.9 |
| 13 | Nevada | 3.3 | 39 | Cross | 4.2 | 64 | Sharp | 4.9 |
| 13 | Sebastian | 3.3 | 39 | Dallas | 4.2 | 66 | Cleburne | 5.0 |
| 17 | Arkansas | 3.4 | 39 | Perry | 4.2 | 66 | Izard | 5.0 |
| 17 | Crawford | 3.4 | 39 | Randolph | 4.2 | 68 | Columbia | 5.1 |
| 17 | Hot Spring | 3.4 | 44 | Independence | 4.3 | 68 | Phillips | 5.1 |
| 20 | Franklin | 3.5 | 44 | Little River | 4.3 | 70 | Jackson | 5.4 |
| 20 | Newton | 3.5 | 44 | Polk | 4.3 | 70 | Lafayette | 5.4 |
| 20 | Prairie | 3.5 | 44 | Searcy | 4.3 | 72 | Van Buren | 5.5 |
| 23 | Lawrence | 3.6 | 44 | White | 4.3 | 73 | Ashley | 5.7 |
| 24 | Clark | 3.7 | 49 | Lee | 4.4 | 74 | Mississippi | 5.9 |
| 24 | Fulton | 3.7 | 49 | Lincoln | 4.4 | 75 | Chicot | 6.0 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**November 2016 October 2016 November 2015**

**LWDA CLF Emp Unemp**

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Central (minus LR) 247,410

239,510

7,900

3.2

249,778

241,994

7,784

3.1

246,622

236,940

9,682

3.9

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| City of Little Rock | 96,762 | 93,691 | 3,071 | 3.2 | 97,744 | 94,723 | 3,021 | 3.1 | 96,432 | 92,588 | 3,844 | 4.0 |
| Eastern | 48,217 | 46,091 | 2,126 | 4.4 | 48,381 | 46,333 | 2,048 | 4.2 | 48,220 | 45,628 | 2,592 | 5.4 |
| North Central | 95,306 | 90,933 | 4,373 | 4.6 | 95,782 | 91,548 | 4,234 | 4.4 | 95,783 | 90,448 | 5,335 | 5.6 |
| Northeast | 119,719 | 115,236 | 4,483 | 3.7 | 120,364 | 115,981 | 4,383 | 3.6 | 118,844 | 113,188 | 5,656 | 4.8 |
| Northwest | 308,726 | 300,374 | 8,352 | 2.7 | 310,145 | 301,945 | 8,200 | 2.6 | 303,872 | 293,801 | 10,071 | 3.3 |
| Southeast | 82,912 | 79,121 | 3,791 | 4.6 | 83,606 | 79,876 | 3,730 | 4.5 | 84,405 | 79,787 | 4,618 | 5.5 |
| Southwest | 94,277 | 90,340 | 3,937 | 4.2 | 94,959 | 90,996 | 3,963 | 4.2 | 94,231 | 89,552 | 4,679 | 5.0 |
| West Central | 132,748 | 127,478 | 5,270 | 4.0 | 133,673 | 128,475 | 5,198 | 3.9 | 133,085 | 126,656 | 6,429 | 4.8 |
| Western | 112,839 | 108,948 | 3,891 | 3.4 | 114,213 | 110,337 | 3,876 | 3.4 | 113,967 | 108,887 | 5,080 | 4.5 |

Benton

Washington

Carroll

Madison

Boone

Newton

Marion

Searcy

Baxter

Stone

Fulton

Izard

Sharp

Randolph

Lawrence

Clay

Greene

Craighead

Mississippi

Crawford

Franklin

Johnson

Pope

Van Buren

Cleburne

Independence

Jackson

Poinsett

Cross

Sebastian

Scott

Logan

Yell

Conway

Perry

Saline

Faulkner

Pulaski

White

Lonoke

Prairie

Woodruff

Monroe

St. Francis

Lee

Crittenden

Polk

Sevier

Montgomery

Pike

Howard

Garland

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

Desha

Phillips

Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Nevada

Ouachita

Calhoun

Bradley

Drew

Chicot

Lafayette

Columbia

Union

Ashley

Central (minus LR) Eastern

North Central

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

Southwest

West Central

Western



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