**Arkansas**

**Labor Market Report**

**October 2017**



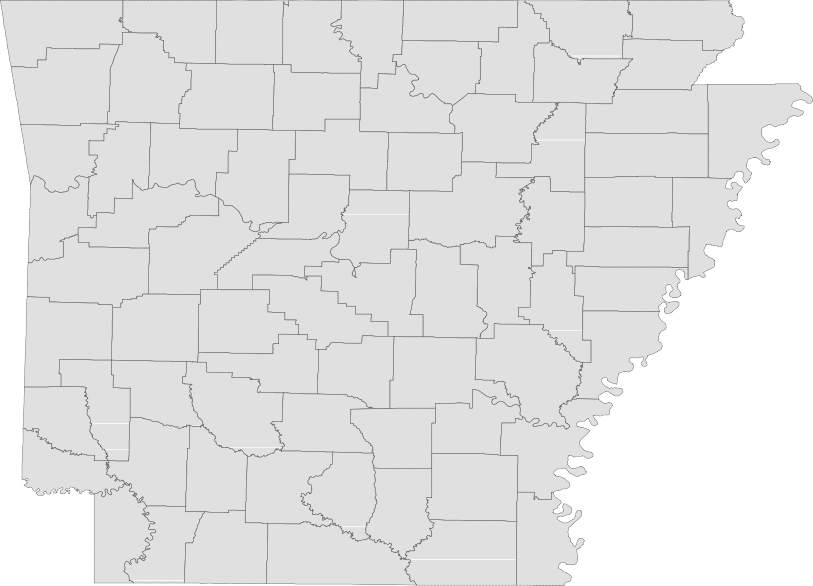


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**Technical Notes**

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 month’s data is 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 2016 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.

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**October Spotlight**

Comparative Looks at Unemployment

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Due to differing economies and labor force conditions across various regions of the country, unemploy-

ment rates vary greatly from state to state. In October 2017, state jobless rates ranged from a low of

2.2 percent in Hawaii to a high of 7.2 percent in Alaska. The unemployment rate in Arkansas in October increased to 3.6 percent, a ranking of 16 out of 51 states. By looking at the map below, it becomes ap- parent that trends exist among states that are located within the same region. While there are some ex- ceptions, western states tend to have higher jobless rates than states located in the Midwest. Similarly, states located in the northeast generally experience lower unemployment rates than states located in the southeast. These regional trends occur because states often experience economic similarities based on shared industries, work forces, and climates.

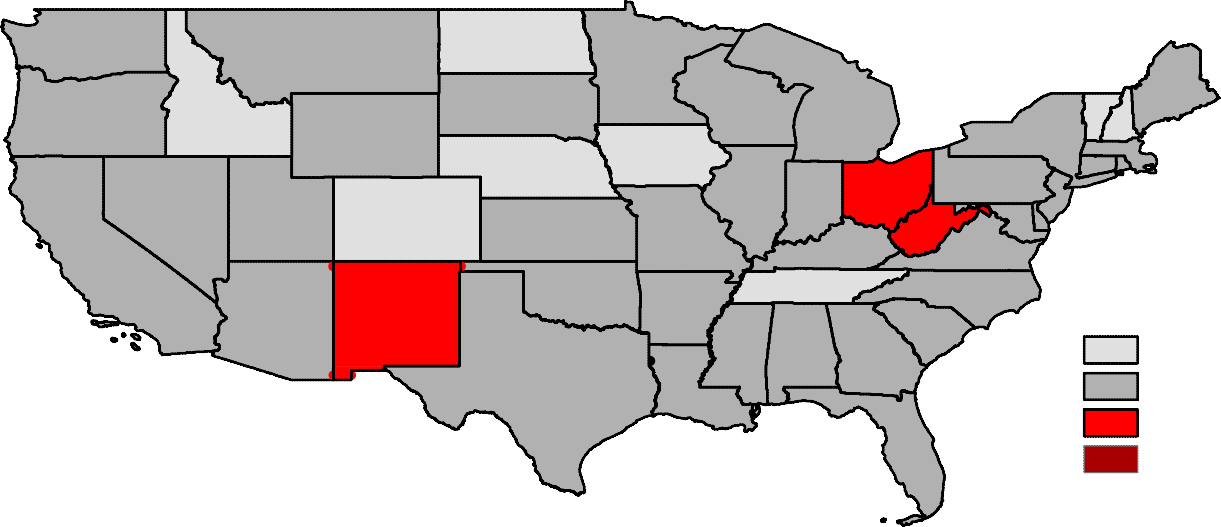
**Unemployment Rates, Ranked by State (Seasonally Adjusted)**

###### October 2017

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 4.1 Percent

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **State**  Hawaii | **Rate**  2.2 | **Rank**  16 | **State**  Florida | **Rate**  3.6 | **Rank**  33 | **State**  Michigan | **Rate**  4.5 |
| 2 | North Dakota | 2.5 | 16 | Kansas | 3.6 | 33 | Washington | 4.5 |
| 3 | Colorado | 2.7 | 16 | Virginia | 3.6 | 37 | Pennsylvania | 4.7 |
| 3 | Nebraska | 2.7 | 21 | Massachusetts | 3.7 | 38 | Delaware | 4.8 |
| 3 | New Hampshire | 2.7 | 22 | Maryland | 3.8 | 38 | Louisiana | 4.8 |
| 6 | Idaho | 2.9 | 23 | Indiana | 3.9 | 38 | New York | 4.8 |
| 6 | Vermont | 2.9 | 23 | Montana | 3.9 | 41 | California | 4.9 |
| 8 | Iowa | 3.0 | 23 | South Carolina | 3.9 | 41 | Illinois | 4.9 |
| 8 | Tennessee | 3.0 | 23 | Texas | 3.9 | 41 | Mississippi | 4.9 |
| 10 | Minnesota | 3.3 | 27 | North Carolina | 4.1 | 41 | New Jersey | 4.9 |
| 10 | Utah | 3.3 | 28 | Rhode Island | 4.2 | 45 | Kentucky | 5.0 |
| 12 | Wisconsin | 3.4 | 28 | Wyoming | 4.2 | 45 | Nevada | 5.0 |
| 13 | Maine | 3.5 | 30 | Georgia | 4.3 | 47 | Ohio | 5.1 |
| 13 | Missouri | 3.5 | 30 | Oregon | 4.3 | 47 | West Virginia | 5.1 |
| 13 | South Dakota | 3.5 | 32 | Oklahoma | 4.4 | 49 | New Mexico | 6.1 |
| 16 | Alabama | 3.6 | 33 | Arizona | 4.5 | 50 | District of Columbia | 6.6 |
| **16** | **Arkansas** | **3.6** | 33 | Connecticut | 4.5 | 51 | Alaska | 7.2 |

Washington



Oregon

Idaho

Montana

Wyoming

North Dakota South Dakota

Nebraska

Minnesota

Wisconsin

Iowa

Michigan

Maine

Vermont New Hampshire New YorkMassachusetts

Illinois Indiana

Ohio

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

Nevada

Utah

Colorado

Kansas

Missouri

West Vir aMaryland

California

Arizona

New Mexico

Oklahoma

Arkansas

Kentucky

Tennessee

Virginia

North Carolina

**Unemployment Rates**

Continental U.S. Only

Texas

Mississippi Alabama Louisiana

South Carolina

Georgia

Florida

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0%

### Civilian Labor Force Summary

#### Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose from 3.5 percent in September to 3.6 percent in October. Arkansas’ civilian labor force declined 1,191, a result of 1,870 fewer employed and 679 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ job- less rate declined to 4.1 percent in October, down from 4.2 percent in September.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate rose one-tenth a percentage point in October, as employment declined slightly over the month. Even with this decrease, there are still 42,501 more employed in Arkansas compared to October 2016.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Oct 17**  1,378,419 | **Sep 17**  1,379,610 | **Oct 16**  1,340,169 | Civilian Labor Force | **Oct 17**  1,374,813 | **Sep 17**  1,375,221 | **Oct 16**  1,342,421 |
| Employment | 1,329,105 | 1,330,975 | 1,286,604 | Employment | 1,331,212 | 1,328,742 | 1,296,015 |
| Unemployment | 49,314 | 48,635 | 53,565 | Unemployment | 43,601 | 46,479 | 46,406 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6 | 3.5 | 4.0 | Unemployment Rate | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.8 | U.S. Unemployment | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.7 |

1,350,000

##### Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)

###### October: 1997 - 2017

1,300,000

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

1,100,000

1,050,000

'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

#### Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

**(NAICS)**

**Oct 17**

**Sep 17**

**Oct 16**

**OTM**

**OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Nonfarm** | 1266.8 | 1258.8 | 1243.3 | 8.0 | 23.5 |
| **Goods Producing** | 220.6 | 219.9 | 213.0 | 0.7 | 7.6 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | 59.9 | 59.8 | 58.0 | 0.1 | 1.9 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **6.0** | **6.1** | **6.1** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Construction** | **53.9** | **53.7** | **51.9** | **0.2** | **2.0** |
| **Specialty Trade Contractors** | 34.2 | 34.6 | 32.5 | -0.4 | 1.7 |
| **Manufacturing** | **160.7** | **160.1** | **155.0** | **0.6** | **5.7** |
| **Durable Goods** | 73.6 | 73.8 | 73.2 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 87.1 | 86.3 | 81.8 | 0.8 | 5.3 |
| **Service Providing** | 1046.2 | 1038.9 | 1030.3 | 7.3 | 15.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **257.1** | **253.9** | **252.7** | **3.2** | **4.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 48.5 | 47.7 | 46.0 | 0.8 | 2.5 |
| **Retail Trade** | 142.9 | 141.2 | 142.1 | 1.7 | 0.8 |
| **Transport, Warehousing & Utilities** | 65.7 | 65.0 | 64.6 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| **Information** | **13.2** | **13.1** | **13.5** | **0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **51.0** | **51.3** | **51.5** | **-0.3** | **-0.5** |
| **Finance & Insurance** | 37.9 | 38.2 | 38.2 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| **Real Estate & Rental & Leasing** | 13.1 | 13.1 | 13.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **150.2** | **148.5** | **145.8** | **1.7** | **4.4** |
| **Professional, Scientific & Technical** | 44.3 | 44.0 | 42.7 | 0.3 | 1.6 |
| **Management of Companies** | 34.0 | 33.5 | 35.6 | 0.5 | -1.6 |
| **Administrative & Support Services** | 71.9 | 71.0 | 67.5 | 0.9 | 4.4 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **191.5** | **190.9** | **187.3** | **0.6** | **4.2** |
| **Educational Services** | 19.3 | 19.1 | 16.8 | 0.2 | 2.5 |
| **Health Care & Social Assistance** | 172.2 | 171.8 | 170.5 | 0.4 | 1.7 |
| **Ambulatory Health Care** | 59.3 | 58.5 | 55.7 | 0.8 | 3.6 |
| **Social Assistance** | 38.7 | 38.6 | 40.4 | 0.1 | -1.7 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **118.9** | **119.2** | **116.9** | **-0.3** | **2.0** |
| **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** | 10.4 | 11.4 | 10.0 | -1.0 | 0.4 |
| **Accommodation & Food Services** | 108.5 | 107.8 | 106.9 | 0.7 | 1.6 |
| **Accommodation Services** | 12.3 | 12.6 | 11.4 | -0.3 | 0.9 |
| **Food Services** | 96.2 | 95.2 | 95.5 | 1.0 | 0.7 |
| **Other Services** | **50.0** | **49.8** | **47.7** | **0.2** | **2.3** |
| **Government** | **214.3** | **212.2** | **214.9** | **2.1** | **-0.6** |
| **Federal Government** | 20.2 | 20.2 | 20.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 80.1 | 79.1 | 79.7 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| **Local Government** | 114.0 | 112.9 | 115.0 | 1.1 | -1.0 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

September 2017 - October 2017

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs increased 8,000 in October to total 1,266,800. Eight major industry sectors posted gains, while three sectors reported minor declines. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 3,200, mostly in retail trade (+1,700). **Government** added 2,100 jobs. A majority of the hiring occurred at public education facilities, with expansions in both local (+1,100) and state (+1,000) government. Employment in **professional and business services** increased 1,700. Gains were posted in all three subsectors.

October 2016 - October 2017

OTY verbiage from the PR Compared to October 2016, nonfarm payroll employment is up 23,500. Growth occurred in seven major industry sectors, with four adding 4,200 or more jobs, each. **Manu- facturing** increased 5,700, mostly in nondurable goods manufacturing (+5,300). Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 4,400. Hiring was reported across all three subsectors, with the greatest expansion in wholesale trade (+2,500). **Professional and businesses services** added 4,400 jobs. The largest gains were posted in administrative and support services (+4,400). Employment in **educational and health services** increased 4,200. Additions occurred in both educational services (+2,500) and health care and social assistance (+1,700). Growth was also reported in **other services** (+2,300), **construction** (+2,000), and **leisure and hospitality** (+2,000).

**Over-the-Year Job Growth by Industry Sector (Ranked)**

###### October 2016 - October 2017

Manufacturing

Professional and Business Services

Trade, Transportation, and Utilities

Education and Health Services

Other Services

Leisure and Hospitality

Construction

Mining and Logging

Information

Financial Activities

Government

-1,000 0 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 5,000 6,000

### Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 17** | **Sep 17** | **Oct 16** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 41.0 | 41.0 | 40.8 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 16.13 | 15.98 | 15.64 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 661.33 | 655.18 | 638.11 |

#### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Oct 17 Sep 17**

**Oct 16**

Average Weekly Hours 41.1 41.0

Average Hourly Earnings 14.77 14.55

Average Weekly Earnings 607.05 596.55

40.2

14.02

563.60

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 17** | **Sep 17** | **Oct 16** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 40.9 | 41.0 | 41.5 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 17.88 | 17.78 | 17.42 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 731.29 | 728.98 | 722.93 |

$680.00

##### Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing (Productions Workers)

###### October 2015 - October 2017

$670.00

$660.00

$650.00

$640.00

$630.00

$620.00

$610.00

$600.00

$590.00

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| $580.00 |  | | | | |
|  | Oct '15 | Apr '16 | Oct '16 | Apr '17 | Oct '17 |

### Little Rock-Nor th 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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 17** | **Sep 17** | **Oct 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 358,455 | 358,585 | 350,226 | -130 | 8,229 |
| **Employment** | 348,141 | 347,508 | 339,247 | 633 | 8,894 |
| **Unemployment** | 10,314 | 11,077 | 10,979 | -763 | -665 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.1 | -0.2 | -0.2 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

318.5

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Oct 17**  358.4 | **Sep 17**  356.7 | **Oct 16**  356.6 | **OTM**  1.7 | **OT Y**  1.8 |
| **Goods Producing** | 38.6 | 38.2 | 37.0 | 0.4 | 1.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **18.5** | **18.1** | **16.9** | **0.4** | **1.6** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **20.1**  319.8 | **20.1** | **20.1** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **70.6** | **69.6** | **70.3** | 1.3  **1.0** | 0.2  **0.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 14.9 | 14.9 | 15.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** | 39.5 | 38.7 | 39.4 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 16.2 | 16.0 | 15.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| **Information** | **6.0** | **6.0** | **6.3** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.5** | **20.5** | **20.5** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **47.0** | **47.3** | **48.1** | **-0.3** | **-1.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **57.6** | **57.4** | **55.6** | **0.2** | **2.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **33.2** | **33.0** | **34.0** | **0.2** | **-0.8** |
| **Other Services** | **14.8** | **14.9** | **14.5** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Government** | **70.1** | **69.8** | **70.3** | **0.3** | **-0.2** |
| **Federal Government** | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** | 35.4 | 35.3 | 35.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Local Government** | 25.0 | 24.8 | 25.6 | 0.2 | -0.6 |

319.6

**Number of Employed**

October: 1997 - 2017

360,000

350,000

340,000

330,000

320,000

310,000

300,000

290,000

280,000

270,000

260,000

'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

### Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 17** | **Sep 17** | **Oct 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 279,658 | 278,467 | 266,858 | 1,191 | 12,800 |
| **Employment** | 272,998 | 271,282 | 260,094 | 1,716 | 12,904 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,660 | 7,185 | 6,764 | -525 | -104 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.5 | -0.2 | -0.1 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

216.8

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Oct 17**  258.2 | **Sep 17**  256.1 | **Oct 16**  250.5 | **OTM**  2.1 | **OT Y**  7.7 |
| **Goods Producing** | 39.1 | 39.3 | 38.3 | -0.2 | 0.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **11.0** | **11.1** | **10.5** | **-0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **28.1**  219.1 | **28.2** | **27.8** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **56.5** | **56.3** | **56.3** | 2.3  **0.2** | 6.9  **0.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 12.9 | 12.8 | 12.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Retail Trade** | 25.8 | 25.8 | 26.7 | 0.0 | -0.9 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 17.8 | 17.7 | 17.2 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| **Information** | **1.9** | **1.9** | **1.9** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **8.0** | **8.0** | **7.7** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **52.7** | **51.8** | **50.7** | **0.9** | **2.0** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **28.9** | **28.8** | **27.9** | **0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **26.4** | **26.2** | **24.5** | **0.2** | **1.9** |
| **Other Services** | **7.8** | **7.8** | **7.6** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **36.9** | **36.0** | **35.6** | **0.9** | **1.3** |
| **Federal Government** | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** | 15.3 | 15.0 | 14.4 | 0.3 | 0.9 |
| **Local Government** | 19.0 | 18.4 | 18.7 | 0.6 | 0.3 |

212.2

**Employment**

October: 2007 - 2017

280,000

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services**

###### October 2015 - October 2017

54,000

270,000

260,000

52,000

250,000

50,000

240,000

230,000

48,000

220,000

210,000

46,000

200,000

44,000

190,000

42,000

180,000

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Oct '15

Apr '16

Oct '16

Apr '17

Oct '17

### Fort Smith MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 17** | **Sep 17** | **Oct 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 122,455 | 122,563 | 121,476 | -108 | 979 |
| **Employment** | 117,753 | 117,631 | 116,363 | 122 | 1,390 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,702 | 4,932 | 5,113 | -230 | -411 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.2 | -0.2 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

90.8

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Oct 17**  114.2 | **Sep 17**  114.1 | **Oct 16**  114.9 | **OTM**  0.1 | **OT Y**  -0.7 |
| **Goods Producing** | 22.9 | 23.3 | 23.3 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.3** | **5.4** | **5.5** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **17.6**  91.3 | **17.9** | **17.8** | **-0.3** | **-0.2** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **22.9** | **22.8** | **23.9** | 0.5  **0.1** | -0.3  **-1.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** | 12.4 | 12.4 | 13.3 | 0.0 | -0.9 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Information** | **1.3** | **1.3** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.8** | **3.8** | **3.8** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **13.8** | **13.5** | **13.1** | **0.3** | **0.7** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.8** | **16.9** | **16.8** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.6** | **9.6** | **9.7** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Other Services** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **4.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Government** | **18.8** | **18.6** | **18.7** | **0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Federal Government** | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Local Government** | 14.3 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

91.6

**Unemployment Rates**

October: 1997 - 2017

9.0

**Jobs in Service-Providing Industries**

###### January 2015 - October 2017

93,000

8.0

92,000

7.0

91,000

6.0

90,000

5.0

89,000

4.0

88,000

3.0

87,000

2.0

86,000

1.0

0.0

'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

85,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2015 2016 2016

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 17** | **Sep 17** | **Oct 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 40,446 | 41,093 | 39,419 | -647 | 1,027 |
| **Employment** | 39,017 | 39,551 | 37,831 | -534 | 1,186 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,429 | 1,542 | 1,588 | -113 | -159 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.0 | -0.3 | -0.5 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 17** | **Sep 17** | **Oct 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 37.9 | 38.3 | 37.4 | -0.4 | 0.5 |
| 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.4 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| 33.3 | 33.6 | 33.0 | -0.3 | 0.3 |
| 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | -0.1 | -0.1 |

39,500

##### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

###### January 2015 - October 2017

39,000

38,500

38,000

37,500

37,000

36,500

36,000

35,500

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

2015 2016 2017

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 17** | **Sep 17** | **Oct 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,437 | 64,584 | 62,541 | -147 | 1,896 |
| **Employment** | 62,679 | 62,700 | 60,708 | -21 | 1,971 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,758 | 1,884 | 1,833 | -126 | -75 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.9 | -0.2 | -0.2 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

**Oct 17**

57.4

9.4

48.0

9.3

**Sep 17**

57.4

9.5

47.9

9.2

**Oct 16**

56.7

9.2

47.5

9.2

**OTM**

0.0

-0.1

0.1

0.1

**OT Y**

0.7

0.2

0.5

0.1

70,000

##### Employment and Unemployment

###### October: 2007 - 2017

Employment + Unemployment = Civilian Labor Force

65,000

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Employment Unemployment

### Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 17** | **Sep 17** | **Oct 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 36,113 | 35,979 | 36,018 | 134 | 95 |
| **Employment** | 34,563 | 34,344 | 34,336 | 219 | 227 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,550 | 1,635 | 1,682 | -85 | -132 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.7 | -0.2 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Oct 17** | **Sep 17** | **Oct 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.3 | 33.2 | 33.9 | 0.1 | -0.6 |
| 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 27.3 | 27.2 | 27.7 | 0.1 | -0.4 |
| 9.5 | 9.4 | 9.7 | 0.1 | -0.2 |

35,500

**Number of Employed**

###### October 2014 - October 2017

35,000

34,500

34,000

33,500

33,000

32,500

32,000

31,500

Oct '14 Apr '15 Oct '15 Apr '16 Oct '16 Apr '17 Oct '17

### 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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 17** | **Sep 17** | **Oct 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 630,651 | 630,308 | 628,223 | 343 | 2,428 |
| **Employment** | 607,392 | 608,149 | 593,946 | -757 | 13,446 |
| **Unemployment** | 23,259 | 22,159 | 34,277 | 1,100 | -11,018 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7 | 3.5 | 5.5 | 0.2 | -1.8 |

Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Oct 17** | **Sep 17** | **Oct 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,704 | 64,941 | 65,156 | -227 | -452 |
| **Employment** | 62,238 | 62,227 | 62,192 | 11 | 46 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,466 | 2,714 | 2,964 | -248 | -498 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.5 | -0.4 | -0.7 |

12.0

**Unemployment Rates - Memphis MSA**

###### October: 2007 - 2017

3,600

##### Number of Unemployed - Texarkana MSA

###### October 2015 - October 2017

10.0

3,400

3,200

8.0

3,000

6.0

2,800

2,600

4.0

2,400

2.0

2,200

0.0

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

2,000

Oct '15

Apr '16

Oct '16

Apr '17

Oct '17

#### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Micro Area**

**October 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2016**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,844 | 9,499 | 345 | 3.5 | 9,902 | 9,563 | 339 | 3.4 | 9,669 | 9,300 | 369 | 3.8 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,449 | 15,854 | 595 | 3.6 | 16,554 | 15,943 | 611 | 3.7 | 15,844 | 15,181 | 663 | 4.2 |
| Blytheville Micro | 18,478 | 17,675 | 803 | 4.3 | 18,382 | 17,529 | 853 | 4.6 | 18,280 | 17,298 | 982 | 5.4 |
| Camden Micro | 12,339 | 11,848 | 491 | 4.0 | 12,378 | 11,862 | 516 | 4.2 | 12,160 | 11,626 | 534 | 4.4 |
| El Dorado Micro | 16,200 | 15,466 | 734 | 4.5 | 16,294 | 15,516 | 778 | 4.8 | 16,214 | 15,421 | 793 | 4.9 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,518 | 8,143 | 375 | 4.4 | 8,547 | 8,152 | 395 | 4.6 | 8,757 | 8,372 | 385 | 4.4 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,331 | 18,743 | 588 | 3.0 | 19,448 | 18,811 | 637 | 3.3 | 19,346 | 18,734 | 612 | 3.2 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,564 | 6,208 | 356 | 5.4 | 6,535 | 6,167 | 368 | 5.6 | 6,568 | 6,236 | 332 | 5.1 |
| Hope Micro | 13,790 | 13,377 | 413 | 3.0 | 13,881 | 13,440 | 441 | 3.2 | 13,655 | 13,201 | 454 | 3.3 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,266 | 8,885 | 381 | 4.1 | 9,318 | 8,893 | 425 | 4.6 | 9,258 | 8,795 | 463 | 5.0 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,431 | 13,955 | 476 | 3.3 | 14,487 | 13,970 | 517 | 3.6 | 14,055 | 13,569 | 486 | 3.5 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,721 | 16,094 | 627 | 3.7 | 16,966 | 16,282 | 684 | 4.0 | 15,911 | 15,279 | 632 | 4.0 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,149 | 19,521 | 628 | 3.1 | 20,196 | 19,548 | 648 | 3.2 | 19,770 | 18,978 | 792 | 4.0 |
| Russellville Micro | 39,011 | 37,618 | 1,393 | 3.6 | 38,880 | 37,307 | 1,573 | 4.0 | 38,248 | 36,797 | 1,451 | 3.8 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,279 | 33,012 | 1,267 | 3.7 | 34,269 | 32,936 | 1,333 | 3.9 | 34,044 | 32,606 | 1,438 | 4.2 |

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

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

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

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

#### City Labor Force Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**City**

**October 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2016**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**



|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 12,763 | 12,352 | 411 | 3.2 | 12,717 | 12,275 | 442 | 3.5 | 12,120 | 11,748 | 372 | 3.1 |
| Benton | 16,691 | 16,275 | 416 | 2.5 | 16,699 | 16,257 | 442 | 2.6 | 16,321 | 15,862 | 459 | 2.8 |
| Bentonville | 25,212 | 24,548 | 664 | 2.6 | 25,101 | 24,396 | 705 | 2.8 | 23,880 | 23,348 | 532 | 2.2 |
| Blytheville | 6,331 | 6,026 | 305 | 4.8 | 6,297 | 5,976 | 321 | 5.1 | 6,291 | 5,897 | 394 | 6.3 |
| Cabot | 11,973 | 11,636 | 337 | 2.8 | 11,938 | 11,574 | 364 | 3.0 | 11,656 | 11,332 | 324 | 2.8 |
| Conway | 33,802 | 32,841 | 961 | 2.8 | 33,796 | 32,778 | 1,018 | 3.0 | 33,092 | 32,009 | 1,083 | 3.3 |
| El Dorado | 7,059 | 6,695 | 364 | 5.2 | 7,106 | 6,716 | 390 | 5.5 | 7,059 | 6,675 | 384 | 5.4 |
| Fayetteville | 48,888 | 47,827 | 1,061 | 2.2 | 48,692 | 47,546 | 1,146 | 2.4 | 46,649 | 45,508 | 1,141 | 2.4 |
| Fort Smith | 40,889 | 39,605 | 1,284 | 3.1 | 41,049 | 39,685 | 1,364 | 3.3 | 40,305 | 39,031 | 1,274 | 3.2 |
| Hot Springs | 14,125 | 13,568 | 557 | 3.9 | 14,350 | 13,754 | 596 | 4.2 | 13,782 | 13,156 | 626 | 4.5 |
| Jacksonville | 11,992 | 11,549 | 443 | 3.7 | 12,007 | 11,536 | 471 | 3.9 | 11,733 | 11,254 | 479 | 4.1 |
| Jonesboro | 37,918 | 36,932 | 986 | 2.6 | 38,066 | 36,992 | 1,074 | 2.8 | 36,824 | 35,775 | 1,049 | 2.8 |
| Little Rock | 98,892 | 96,039 | 2,853 | 2.9 | 99,023 | 95,929 | 3,094 | 3.1 | 96,621 | 93,586 | 3,035 | 3.1 |
| North Little Rock | 30,595 | 29,615 | 980 | 3.2 | 30,661 | 29,581 | 1,080 | 3.5 | 29,882 | 28,859 | 1,023 | 3.4 |
| Paragould | 12,629 | 12,207 | 422 | 3.3 | 12,659 | 12,223 | 436 | 3.4 | 12,427 | 11,867 | 560 | 4.5 |
| Pine Bluff | 17,177 | 16,333 | 844 | 4.9 | 17,157 | 16,257 | 900 | 5.2 | 17,169 | 16,232 | 937 | 5.5 |
| Rogers | 35,764 | 34,875 | 889 | 2.5 | 35,593 | 34,658 | 935 | 2.6 | 33,999 | 33,170 | 829 | 2.4 |
| Russellville | 13,963 | 13,512 | 451 | 3.2 | 13,946 | 13,427 | 519 | 3.7 | 13,703 | 13,222 | 481 | 3.5 |
| Searcy | 10,532 | 10,189 | 343 | 3.3 | 10,528 | 10,166 | 362 | 3.4 | 10,445 | 10,064 | 381 | 3.6 |
| Sherwood | 15,942 | 15,530 | 412 | 2.6 | 15,963 | 15,512 | 451 | 2.8 | 15,589 | 15,133 | 456 | 2.9 |
| Springdale | 40,544 | 39,653 | 891 | 2.2 | 40,356 | 39,418 | 938 | 2.3 | 38,644 | 37,729 | 915 | 2.4 |
| Texarkana, AR | 14,003 | 13,446 | 557 | 4.0 | 13,988 | 13,387 | 601 | 4.3 | 13,846 | 13,260 | 586 | 4.2 |
| Van Buren | 10,554 | 10,241 | 313 | 3.0 | 10,572 | 10,240 | 332 | 3.1 | 10,396 | 10,086 | 310 | 3.0 |
| West Memphis | 10,835 | 10,427 | 408 | 3.8 | 10,819 | 10,382 | 437 | 4.0 | 10,702 | 10,168 | 534 | 5.0 |

**County**

**October 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2017**

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**October 2016**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,226 | 8,964 | 262 | 2.8 | 9,146 | 8,871 | 275 | 3.0 | 9,294 | 9,015 | 279 | 3.0 |
| Ashley | 7,882 | 7,510 | 372 | 4.7 | 7,940 | 7,543 | 397 | 5.0 | 7,954 | 7,502 | 452 | 5.7 |
| Baxter | 16,721 | 16,094 | 627 | 3.7 | 16,966 | 16,282 | 684 | 4.0 | 15,911 | 15,279 | 632 | 4.0 |
| Benton | 134,415 | 130,928 | 3,487 | 2.6 | 133,832 | 130,116 | 3,716 | 2.8 | 127,814 | 124,528 | 3,286 | 2.6 |
| Boone | 15,945 | 15,457 | 488 | 3.1 | 16,049 | 15,527 | 522 | 3.3 | 15,952 | 15,452 | 500 | 3.1 |
| Bradley | 4,575 | 4,405 | 170 | 3.7 | 4,578 | 4,392 | 186 | 4.1 | 4,531 | 4,319 | 212 | 4.7 |
| Calhoun | 2,408 | 2,325 | 83 | 3.4 | 2,399 | 2,309 | 90 | 3.8 | 2,374 | 2,278 | 96 | 4.0 |
| Carroll | 13,418 | 13,072 | 346 | 2.6 | 13,427 | 13,063 | 364 | 2.7 | 13,104 | 12,747 | 357 | 2.7 |
| Chicot | 3,500 | 3,292 | 208 | 5.9 | 3,463 | 3,269 | 194 | 5.6 | 3,518 | 3,315 | 203 | 5.8 |
| Clark | 9,844 | 9,499 | 345 | 3.5 | 9,902 | 9,563 | 339 | 3.4 | 9,669 | 9,300 | 369 | 3.8 |
| Clay | 5,916 | 5,701 | 215 | 3.6 | 5,922 | 5,685 | 237 | 4.0 | 5,928 | 5,652 | 276 | 4.7 |
| Cleburne | 9,449 | 9,044 | 405 | 4.3 | 9,555 | 9,140 | 415 | 4.3 | 9,409 | 8,956 | 453 | 4.8 |
| Cleveland | 3,350 | 3,219 | 131 | 3.9 | 3,318 | 3,179 | 139 | 4.2 | 3,319 | 3,193 | 126 | 3.8 |
| Columbia | 9,266 | 8,885 | 381 | 4.1 | 9,318 | 8,893 | 425 | 4.6 | 9,258 | 8,795 | 463 | 5.0 |
| Conway | 8,363 | 8,040 | 323 | 3.9 | 8,394 | 8,043 | 351 | 4.2 | 8,372 | 7,956 | 416 | 5.0 |
| Craighead | 53,909 | 52,534 | 1,375 | 2.6 | 54,115 | 52,620 | 1,495 | 2.8 | 52,348 | 50,889 | 1,459 | 2.8 |
| Crawford | 27,166 | 26,311 | 855 | 3.1 | 27,205 | 26,308 | 897 | 3.3 | 26,803 | 25,913 | 890 | 3.3 |
| Crittenden | 21,967 | 21,187 | 780 | 3.6 | 21,934 | 21,095 | 839 | 3.8 | 21,552 | 20,661 | 891 | 4.1 |
| Cross | 7,848 | 7,586 | 262 | 3.3 | 7,880 | 7,604 | 276 | 3.5 | 7,909 | 7,609 | 300 | 3.8 |
| Dallas | 2,967 | 2,849 | 118 | 4.0 | 2,971 | 2,845 | 126 | 4.2 | 2,912 | 2,795 | 117 | 4.0 |
| Desha | 5,576 | 5,362 | 214 | 3.8 | 5,467 | 5,239 | 228 | 4.2 | 5,475 | 5,236 | 239 | 4.4 |
| Drew | 8,058 | 7,724 | 334 | 4.1 | 8,042 | 7,690 | 352 | 4.4 | 7,993 | 7,603 | 390 | 4.9 |
| Faulkner | 61,636 | 59,872 | 1,764 | 2.9 | 61,641 | 59,758 | 1,883 | 3.1 | 60,311 | 58,356 | 1,955 | 3.2 |
| Franklin | 7,553 | 7,328 | 225 | 3.0 | 7,545 | 7,308 | 237 | 3.1 | 7,255 | 7,006 | 249 | 3.4 |
| Fulton | 4,696 | 4,531 | 165 | 3.5 | 4,765 | 4,589 | 176 | 3.7 | 4,638 | 4,471 | 167 | 3.6 |
| Garland | 40,446 | 39,017 | 1,429 | 3.5 | 41,093 | 39,551 | 1,542 | 3.8 | 39,419 | 37,831 | 1,588 | 4.0 |
| Grant | 8,494 | 8,263 | 231 | 2.7 | 8,460 | 8,213 | 247 | 2.9 | 8,295 | 8,039 | 256 | 3.1 |
| Greene | 20,149 | 19,521 | 628 | 3.1 | 20,196 | 19,548 | 648 | 3.2 | 19,770 | 18,978 | 792 | 4.0 |
| Hempstead | 10,065 | 9,766 | 299 | 3.0 | 10,123 | 9,799 | 324 | 3.2 | 9,975 | 9,635 | 340 | 3.4 |
| Hot Spring | 14,431 | 13,955 | 476 | 3.3 | 14,487 | 13,970 | 517 | 3.6 | 14,055 | 13,569 | 486 | 3.5 |
| Howard | 5,910 | 5,757 | 153 | 2.6 | 5,912 | 5,741 | 171 | 2.9 | 5,876 | 5,701 | 175 | 3.0 |
| Independence | 16,449 | 15,854 | 595 | 3.6 | 16,554 | 15,943 | 611 | 3.7 | 15,844 | 15,181 | 663 | 4.2 |
| Izard | 4,953 | 4,740 | 213 | 4.3 | 5,032 | 4,783 | 249 | 4.9 | 4,975 | 4,769 | 206 | 4.1 |
| Jackson | 5,994 | 5,711 | 283 | 4.7 | 5,921 | 5,626 | 295 | 5.0 | 6,041 | 5,718 | 323 | 5.3 |
| Jefferson | 28,695 | 27,422 | 1,273 | 4.4 | 28,637 | 27,294 | 1,343 | 4.7 | 28,637 | 27,252 | 1,385 | 4.8 |
| Johnson | 10,903 | 10,497 | 406 | 3.7 | 10,912 | 10,477 | 435 | 4.0 | 10,478 | 10,071 | 407 | 3.9 |
| Lafayette | 2,501 | 2,388 | 113 | 4.5 | 2,488 | 2,363 | 125 | 5.0 | 2,587 | 2,453 | 134 | 5.2 |
| Lawrence | 7,080 | 6,852 | 228 | 3.2 | 7,024 | 6,789 | 235 | 3.3 | 6,951 | 6,707 | 244 | 3.5 |
| Lee | 3,039 | 2,918 | 121 | 4.0 | 3,010 | 2,872 | 138 | 4.6 | 3,067 | 2,943 | 124 | 4.0 |
| Lincoln | 4,068 | 3,922 | 146 | 3.6 | 4,024 | 3,871 | 153 | 3.8 | 4,062 | 3,891 | 171 | 4.2 |
| Little River | 5,711 | 5,462 | 249 | 4.4 | 5,696 | 5,431 | 265 | 4.7 | 5,632 | 5,378 | 254 | 4.5 |
| Logan | 9,060 | 8,756 | 304 | 3.4 | 9,049 | 8,727 | 322 | 3.6 | 9,112 | 8,753 | 359 | 3.9 |
| Lonoke | 34,026 | 33,066 | 960 | 2.8 | 33,915 | 32,889 | 1,026 | 3.0 | 33,203 | 32,203 | 1,000 | 3.0 |
| Madison | 7,635 | 7,448 | 187 | 2.4 | 7,527 | 7,326 | 201 | 2.7 | 7,294 | 7,097 | 197 | 2.7 |
| Marion | 6,568 | 6,344 | 224 | 3.4 | 6,682 | 6,433 | 249 | 3.7 | 6,508 | 6,277 | 231 | 3.5 |
| Miller | 20,241 | 19,462 | 779 | 3.8 | 20,195 | 19,377 | 818 | 4.1 | 19,967 | 19,193 | 774 | 3.9 |

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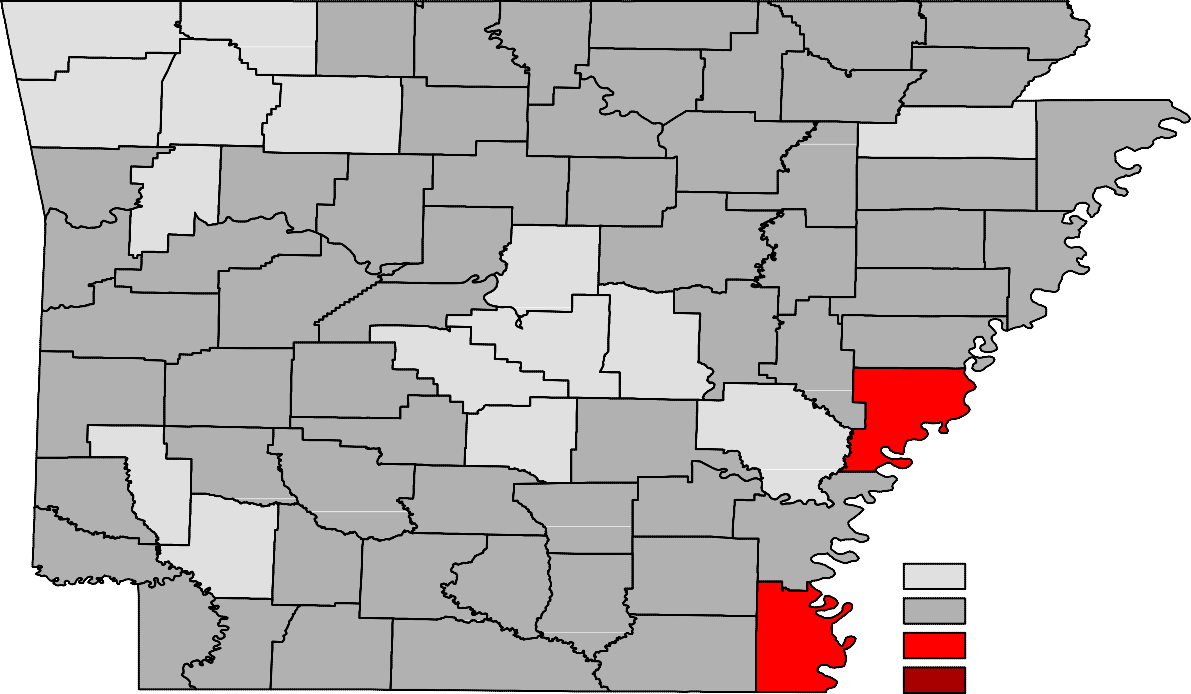
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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 18,478 | 17,675 | 803 | 4.3 | 18,382 | 17,529 | 853 | 4.6 | 18,280 | 17,298 | 982 | 5.4 |
| Monroe | 2,825 | 2,717 | 108 | 3.8 | 2,802 | 2,687 | 115 | 4.1 | 2,784 | 2,665 | 119 | 4.3 |
| Montgomery | 3,142 | 3,007 | 135 | 4.3 | 3,109 | 2,975 | 134 | 4.3 | 2,840 | 2,708 | 132 | 4.6 |
| Nevada | 3,725 | 3,611 | 114 | 3.1 | 3,758 | 3,641 | 117 | 3.1 | 3,680 | 3,566 | 114 | 3.1 |
| Newton | 3,386 | 3,286 | 100 | 3.0 | 3,399 | 3,284 | 115 | 3.4 | 3,394 | 3,282 | 112 | 3.3 |
| Ouachita | 9,931 | 9,523 | 408 | 4.1 | 9,979 | 9,553 | 426 | 4.3 | 9,786 | 9,348 | 438 | 4.5 |
| Perry | 4,262 | 4,105 | 157 | 3.7 | 4,241 | 4,086 | 155 | 3.7 | 4,174 | 4,005 | 169 | 4.0 |
| Phillips | 6,564 | 6,208 | 356 | 5.4 | 6,535 | 6,167 | 368 | 5.6 | 6,568 | 6,236 | 332 | 5.1 |
| Pike | 4,307 | 4,151 | 156 | 3.6 | 4,296 | 4,139 | 157 | 3.7 | 4,150 | 3,992 | 158 | 3.8 |
| Poinsett | 10,528 | 10,145 | 383 | 3.6 | 10,469 | 10,080 | 389 | 3.7 | 10,193 | 9,819 | 374 | 3.7 |
| Polk | 8,011 | 7,705 | 306 | 3.8 | 7,954 | 7,627 | 327 | 4.1 | 8,140 | 7,788 | 352 | 4.3 |
| Pope | 30,035 | 28,942 | 1,093 | 3.6 | 30,004 | 28,760 | 1,244 | 4.1 | 29,442 | 28,321 | 1,121 | 3.8 |
| Prairie | 3,773 | 3,644 | 129 | 3.4 | 3,758 | 3,618 | 140 | 3.7 | 3,620 | 3,496 | 124 | 3.4 |
| Pulaski | 192,132 | 186,456 | 5,676 | 3.0 | 192,365 | 186,243 | 6,122 | 3.2 | 187,701 | 181,695 | 6,006 | 3.2 |
| Randolph | 7,140 | 6,890 | 250 | 3.5 | 7,119 | 6,860 | 259 | 3.6 | 6,471 | 6,224 | 247 | 3.8 |
| St. Francis | 8,518 | 8,143 | 375 | 4.4 | 8,547 | 8,152 | 395 | 4.6 | 8,757 | 8,372 | 385 | 4.4 |
| Saline | 57,905 | 56,379 | 1,526 | 2.6 | 57,963 | 56,319 | 1,644 | 2.8 | 56,542 | 54,949 | 1,593 | 2.8 |
| Scott | 4,565 | 4,413 | 152 | 3.3 | 4,535 | 4,370 | 165 | 3.6 | 4,420 | 4,276 | 144 | 3.3 |
| Searcy | 2,896 | 2,773 | 123 | 4.2 | 2,992 | 2,859 | 133 | 4.4 | 3,041 | 2,926 | 115 | 3.8 |
| Sebastian | 58,731 | 56,859 | 1,872 | 3.2 | 58,953 | 56,973 | 1,980 | 3.4 | 57,906 | 56,034 | 1,872 | 3.2 |
| Sevier | 5,733 | 5,500 | 233 | 4.1 | 5,712 | 5,465 | 247 | 4.3 | 5,647 | 5,399 | 248 | 4.4 |
| Sharp | 6,103 | 5,845 | 258 | 4.2 | 6,151 | 5,897 | 254 | 4.1 | 5,984 | 5,712 | 272 | 4.5 |
| Stone | 4,823 | 4,632 | 191 | 4.0 | 4,823 | 4,625 | 198 | 4.1 | 4,707 | 4,498 | 209 | 4.4 |
| Union | 16,200 | 15,466 | 734 | 4.5 | 16,294 | 15,516 | 778 | 4.8 | 16,214 | 15,421 | 793 | 4.9 |
| Van Buren | 5,939 | 5,657 | 282 | 4.7 | 6,000 | 5,707 | 293 | 4.9 | 5,930 | 5,577 | 353 | 6.0 |
| Washington | 126,788 | 124,035 | 2,753 | 2.2 | 126,229 | 123,305 | 2,924 | 2.3 | 120,876 | 118,021 | 2,855 | 2.4 |
| White | 34,279 | 33,012 | 1,267 | 3.7 | 34,269 | 32,936 | 1,333 | 3.9 | 34,044 | 32,606 | 1,438 | 4.2 |
| Woodruff | 3,046 | 2,918 | 128 | 4.2 | 2,996 | 2,868 | 128 | 4.3 | 2,969 | 2,836 | 133 | 4.5 |
| Yell | 8,976 | 8,676 | 300 | 3.3 | 8,876 | 8,547 | 329 | 3.7 | 8,806 | 8,476 | 330 | 3.7 |

County Labor Force Summary

Between September and October, unemployment rates declined in 68 Arkansas counties. Four counties were unchanged, while 3 counties increased over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Washington County to a high of 5.9 percent in Chicot County.

In October, fifty-four counties posted jobless rates at or below four percent. That is up from 43 counties at or below four percent in September. For the 8th month in a row, no county reported an unemployment rate above eight percent.

Compared to October 2016, jobless rates have decreased in 61 counties in Arkansas. Nine coun- ties were the same as last year, while five posted rate increases.



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**Sevier**

**Dallas**

**Lincoln**

**Cleveland**

**Desha**

**Little River**

**Hempstead**

**Nevada**

**Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller**

**Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Lafayette**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

### Ranked by Unemployment Rates

#### October 2017- Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  2.2 | **Rank**  26 | **County**  Calhoun | **Rate**  3.4 | **Rank**  50 | **County**  Conway | **Rate**  3.9 |
| 2 | Madison | 2.4 | 26 | Logan | 3.4 | 52 | Dallas | 4.0 |
| 3 | Benton | 2.6 | 26 | Marion | 3.4 | 52 | Lee | 4.0 |
| 3 | Carroll | 2.6 | 26 | Prairie | 3.4 | 52 | Stone | 4.0 |
| 3 | Craighead | 2.6 | 30 | Clark | 3.5 | 55 | Columbia | 4.1 |
| 3 | Howard | 2.6 | 30 | Fulton | 3.5 | 55 | Drew | 4.1 |
| 3 | Saline | 2.6 | 30 | Garland | 3.5 | 55 | Ouachita | 4.1 |
| 8 | Grant | 2.7 | 30 | Randolph | 3.5 | 55 | Sevier | 4.1 |
| 9 | Arkansas | 2.8 | 34 | Clay | 3.6 | 59 | Searcy | 4.2 |
| 9 | Lonoke | 2.8 | 34 | Crittenden | 3.6 | 59 | Sharp | 4.2 |
| 11 | Faulkner | 2.9 | 34 | Independence | 3.6 | 59 | Woodruff | 4.2 |
| 12 | Franklin | 3.0 | 34 | Lincoln | 3.6 | 62 | Cleburne | 4.3 |
| 12 | Hempstead | 3.0 | 34 | Pike | 3.6 | 62 | Izard | 4.3 |
| 12 | Newton | 3.0 | 34 | Poinsett | 3.6 | 62 | Mississippi | 4.3 |
| 12 | Pulaski | 3.0 | 34 | Pope | 3.6 | 62 | Montgomery | 4.3 |
| 16 | Boone | 3.1 | 41 | Baxter | 3.7 | 66 | Jefferson | 4.4 |
| 16 | Crawford | 3.1 | 41 | Bradley | 3.7 | 66 | Little River | 4.4 |
| 16 | Greene | 3.1 | 41 | Johnson | 3.7 | 66 | St. Francis | 4.4 |
| 16 | Nevada | 3.1 | 41 | Perry | 3.7 | 69 | Lafayette | 4.5 |
| 20 | Lawrence | 3.2 | 41 | White | 3.7 | 69 | Union | 4.5 |
| 20 | Sebastian | 3.2 | 46 | Desha | 3.8 | 71 | Ashley | 4.7 |
| 22 | Cross | 3.3 | 46 | Miller | 3.8 | 71 | Jackson | 4.7 |
| 22 | Hot Spring | 3.3 | 46 | Monroe | 3.8 | 71 | Van Buren | 4.7 |
| 22 | Scott | 3.3 | 46 | Polk | 3.8 | 74 | Phillips | 5.4 |
| 22 | Yell | 3.3 | 50 | Cleveland | 3.9 | 75 | Chicot | 5.9 |

# Local Workforce Development Areas

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

#### LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**LWDA**

**October 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**September 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**October 2016**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 253,405 246,095 7,310

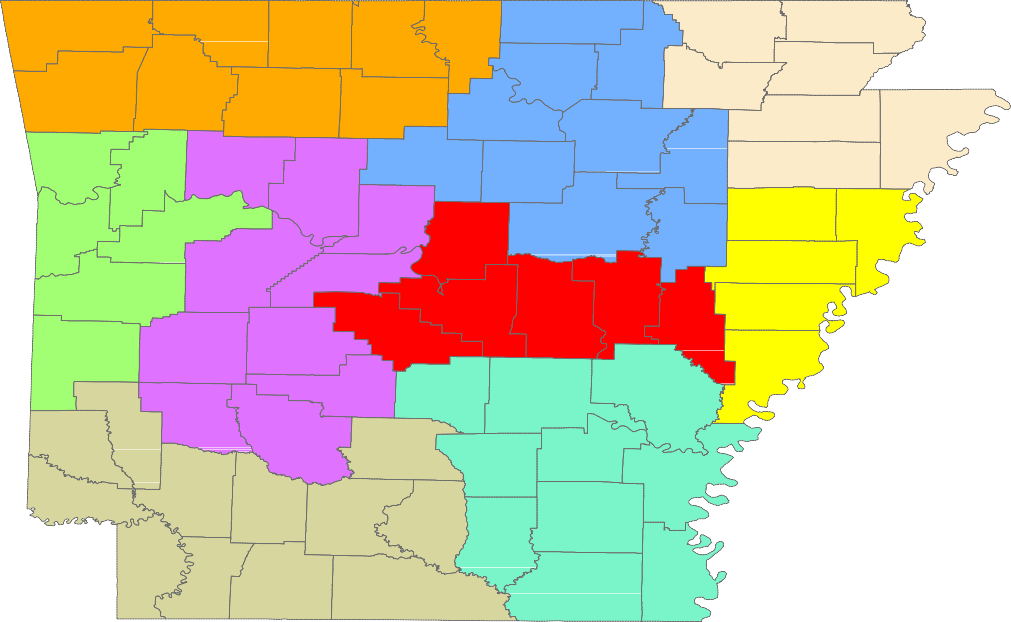
**Rate**

2.9

253,421 245,585 7,836 3.1

247,540 239,778 7,762 3.1

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| City of Little Rock | 98,892 | 96,039 | 2,853 | 2.9 | 99,023 | 95,929 | 3,094 | 3.1 | 96,621 | 93,586 | 3,035 | 3.1 |
| Eastern | 47,936 | 46,042 | 1,894 | 4.0 | 47,906 | 45,890 | 2,016 | 4.2 | 47,853 | 45,821 | 2,032 | 4.2 |
| North Central | 95,731 | 91,944 | 3,787 | 4.0 | 96,066 | 92,114 | 3,952 | 4.1 | 94,541 | 90,324 | 4,217 | 4.5 |
| Northeast | 123,200 | 119,318 | 3,882 | 3.2 | 123,227 | 119,111 | 4,116 | 3.3 | 119,941 | 115,567 | 4,374 | 3.6 |
| Northwest | 327,772 | 319,437 | 8,335 | 2.5 | 327,103 | 318,195 | 8,908 | 2.7 | 313,894 | 305,609 | 8,285 | 2.6 |
| Southeast | 83,424 | 80,083 | 3,341 | 4.0 | 83,075 | 79,561 | 3,514 | 4.2 | 83,078 | 79,365 | 3,713 | 4.5 |
| Southwest | 94,658 | 90,994 | 3,664 | 3.9 | 94,845 | 90,933 | 3,912 | 4.1 | 93,908 | 89,962 | 3,946 | 4.2 |
| West Central | 134,709 | 129,889 | 4,820 | 3.6 | 135,314 | 130,111 | 5,203 | 3.8 | 131,405 | 126,229 | 5,176 | 3.9 |
| Western | 115,086 | 111,372 | 3,714 | 3.2 | 115,241 | 111,313 | 3,928 | 3.4 | 113,636 | 109,770 | 3,866 | 3.4 |



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Central (minus LR) Eastern

North Central

Northeast Northwest Southeast

Southwest West Central Western