**Arkansas**

**Labor Market**

**Report**

**September 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.

September Spotlight

Seasonal Employment Trends (Par t 2 of 2)

As discussed in the August Labor Market Report, employment in some major industry sectors is directly influ- enced by seasonal trends. When employment from multiple years is compared, these patterns become apparent. Seasonal trends are related to set schedules of operation, holidays, and weather patterns. Last month’s Spotlight discussed the seasonal trends seen in state and local government, educational services, and **leisure and hospital- ity**. In this issue, the seasonality of **construction** and professional-scientific-technical services are highlighted, along with some of the industries that are *indirectly* affected by seasonal movements.

Employment in the **construction** sector is sig- nificantly affected by weather patterns. While construction operations run year round, more projects are commissioned during the spring and summer than in the winter. In general, em- ployment in **construction** begins to increase in March, often peaking in August or September. Employment then tends to decline after Octo- ber (see Chart 4). These weather patterns are a generalization, as non-typical weather events will also influence jobs in **construction**. On the other hand, large scale projects can cause employment spikes that are unrelated to the weather.

56,000

54,000

52,000

50,000

48,000

46,000

44,000

**Chart 4. Employment in Construction**

January 2015 - September 2017

Found under the **professional and business ser-**

42,000

**vices** sector, the professional-scientific-technical

services subsector includes a particular type of

business that is highly seasonal-- accounting and

tax preparation services. Seasonal hiring related

40,000

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2015 2016 2017

to tax preparation typically begins in November or December, with employment in the subsector peaking from

February to April. Employment tends to remain fairly constant throughout the summer and fall months. While

this seasonal trend is significant, employment in accounting and tax preparation is not large enough to affect the

trend of the **professional and business services** sector as a whole.

There are also other seasonal businesses, many of which may not be visible when tracking the movement of a major industry sector. For example, landscaping services is influenced by weather and the seasons. Employ- ment in landscaping services increases during the spring and summer months, but the number of workers is not large enough to impact the movement of the administrative and support services subsector as a whole. Similar- ly, employment in other services to buildings and dwellings (also under the administrative and support services subsector) tends to increase in the spring and summer. This includes activities such as cleaning swimming pools, driveways, and gutters and power-washing building exteriors.

It is important to keep in mind that some other industries are *indirectly* affected by these seasonal employment fluctuations. The timber industry, for example, relies heavily on the **construction** sector and may experience declines and increases in employment related to construction patterns. Similarly, movement within the retail trade sector will affect both wholesale trade and the transportation of goods. Some industries are indirectly affected by school closures in the summer. Employment in day care services (found under the social assistance subsector) increases in the summer when schools are closed, as does employment at businesses such as day camps and summer sports programs. There are also many non-profit organizations (under **Other Services**) with activities designed for children during the summer months.

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 stable at 3.5 percent between August and September. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose

1,435, a result of 938 more unemployed and an additional 497 employed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.4 percent in August to 4.2 percent in September.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate remained stable at

3.5 percent in September. While the number of employed Arkansans increased slightly from last month,

there are 43,387 more employed than in September 2016.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Sep 17**  1,379,592 | **Aug 17**  1,378,157 | **Sep 16**  1,341,482 | Civilian Labor Force | **Sep 17**  1,375,186 | **Aug 17**  1,372,881 | **Sep 16**  1,345,513 |
| Employment | 1,330,925 | 1,330,428 | 1,287,538 | Employment | 1,328,621 | 1,324,256 | 1,293,350 |
| Unemployment | 48,667 | 47,729 | 53,944 | Unemployment | 46,565 | 48,625 | 52,163 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.0 | Unemployment Rate | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.9 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.9 | U.S. Unemployment | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.8 |

6.0

**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)** State of Arkansas vs. United States September 2015 - September 2017

5.5

5.0

4.5

4.0

3.5

3.0

Sep

'15

Mar

'16

Sep

'16

State of Arkansas United States

Mar

'17

Sep

'17

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted



(In Thousands)

(NAICS)

**Sep 17 Aug 17 Sep 16**

**OTM OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Nonfarm | 1258.3 | 1242.8 | 1237.4 | 15.5 | 20.9 |
| Goods Producing | 219.7 | 217.3 | 213.0 | 2.4 | 6.7 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 59.5 | 58.4 | 57.5 | 1.1 | 2.0 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **6.1** | **6.1** | **6.2** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Construction** | **53.4** | **52.3** | **51.3** | **1.1** | **2.1** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 34.6 | 34.0 | 32.8 | 0.6 | 1.8 |
| **Manufacturing** | **160.2** | **158.9** | **155.5** | **1.3** | **4.7** |
| Durable Goods | 73.8 | 73.2 | 74.1 | 0.6 | -0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 86.4 | 85.7 | 81.4 | 0.7 | 5.0 |
| Service Providing | 1038.6 | 1025.5 | 1024.4 | 13.1 | 14.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **253.5** | **255.5** | **252.2** | **-2.0** | **1.3** |
| Wholesale Trade | 47.4 | 48.3 | 46.3 | -0.9 | 1.1 |
| Retail Trade | 140.9 | 141.9 | 141.7 | -1.0 | -0.8 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 65.2 | 65.3 | 64.2 | -0.1 | 1.0 |
| I**nformation** | **13.1** | **13.3** | **13.4** | **-0.2** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **51.2** | **51.3** | **51.2** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| Finance & Insurance | 38.1 | 38.0 | 37.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.1 | 13.3 | 13.3 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **148.9** | **146.0** | **144.2** | **2.9** | **4.7** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 44.0 | 43.3 | 42.0 | 0.7 | 2.0 |
| Management of Companies | 33.5 | 33.9 | 35.5 | -0.4 | -2.0 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 71.4 | 68.8 | 66.7 | 2.6 | 4.7 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **190.6** | **187.5** | **185.3** | **3.1** | **5.3** |
| Educational Services | 18.5 | 15.7 | 16.0 | 2.8 | 2.5 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 172.1 | 171.8 | 169.3 | 0.3 | 2.8 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 58.7 | 58.4 | 55.3 | 0.3 | 3.4 |
| Social Assistance | 38.7 | 38.2 | 39.6 | 0.5 | -0.9 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 119.2 123.2 117.5 -4.0 1.7** | | | | | |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 11.5 | 12.6 | 10.9 | -1.1 | 0.6 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 107.7 | 110.6 | 106.6 | -2.9 | 1.1 |
| Accommodation Services | 12.6 | 12.8 | 11.6 | -0.2 | 1.0 |
| Food Services | 95.1 | 97.8 | 95.0 | -2.7 | 0.1 |
| **Other Services** | **49.8** | **48.8** | **47.5** | **1.0** | **2.3** |
| **Government** | **212.3** | **199.9** | **213.1** | **12.4** | **-0.8** |
| Federal Government | 20.3 | 20.2 | 20.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 79.1 | 74.5 | 79.0 | 4.6 | 0.1 |
| Local Government | 112.9 | 105.2 | 113.9 | 7.7 | -1.0 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summar y

August 2017 - September 2017

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 15,500 in September to total 1,258,300. Six major industries added jobs, while employment in four sectors declined. The largest increase occurred in **government** (+12,400). Expansions in local (+7,700) and state (+4,600) government reflect seasonal hiring at pub- lic schools and universities. Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 3,100. A majority of the gain was posted in educational services (+2,800), related to hiring at private facilities. **Professional and business services** added 2,900 jobs, largely in administrative and support services (+2,600). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 1,300. Gains occurred in both nondurable goods (+700) and durable goods (+600) manufacturing. **Leisure and hospitality** posted the greatest declined (-4,000). Employment fell in all subsectors, due in part to seasonal factors.

September 2016 - September 2017

Compared to September 2016, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment is up 20,900. Seven major indus- try sectors posted growth, with five adding 2,100 or more jobs, each. **Educational and health services** increased 5,300. Gains occurred in both health care and social assistance (+2,800) and educational services (+2,500). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 4,700, all in nondurable goods manufacturing (+5,000). **Professional and business services** added 4,700 jobs. Expansions were largely in administrative and support services (+4,700), a subsector which includes employment agencies. Jobs in **other services** increased 2,300. This sector includes activities such as automotive repair, dry cleaning services, and civic organizations. **Construction** added 2,100 jobs, mostly in specialty trade construction (+1,800).

162,000

**Jobs in Manufacturing (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2015 - September 2017

160,000

158,000

156,000

154,000

152,000

150,000

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Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

**Sep 17 Aug 17**

**Sep 16**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

41.0

15.99

655.59

39.6

16.27

644.29

39.7

15.57

618.13

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Sep 17 Aug 17**

**Sep 16**

**Sep 17 Aug 17**

**Sep 16**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

41.0

17.78

728.98

40.9

17.94

733.75

41.4

17.57

727.40

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

41.0

14.56

596.96

38.5

14.86

572.11

38.2

13.62

520.28

$17.00

**Average Hourly Earnings- Manufacturing**

September: 2002 - 2017

$16.00

$15.00

$14.00

$13.00

$12.00

$11.00

'02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 17** | **Aug 17** | **Sep 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 358,901 | 359,928 | 350,114 | -1,027 | 8,787 |
| Employment | 347,802 | 348,547 | 337,705 | -745 | 10,097 |
| Unemployment | 11,099 | 11,381 | 12,409 | -282 | -1,310 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.5 | -0.1 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Sep 17**  357.1 | **Aug 17**  353.9 | **Sep 16**  355.3 | **OTM**  3.2 | **OT Y**  1.8 |
| Goods Producing | 38.1 | 37.6 | 37.1 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **18.1** | **17.6** | **17.0** | **0.5** | **1.1** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.0** | **20.0** | **20.1** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| Service Providing 319.0 316.3 318.2 2.7 0.8 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **69.5** | **70.0** | **69.7** | **-0.5** | **-0.2** |
| Wholesale Trade | 14.9 | 15.0 | 15.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 38.4 | 38.9 | 38.9 | -0.5 | -0.5 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 16.2 | 16.1 | 15.8 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Information** | **6.1** | **6.1** | **6.3** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.5** | **20.6** | **20.5** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **47.6** | **46.0** | **47.2** | **1.6** | **0.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **57.4** | **57.1** | **55.8** | **0.3** | **1.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **33.2** | **33.6** | **34.0** | **-0.4** | **-0.8** |
| **Other Services** | **14.9** | **15.0** | **14.6** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Government** | **69.8** | **67.9** | **70.1** | **1.9** | **-0.3** |
| Federal Government | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 35.3 | 34.3 | 35.0 | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| Local Government | 24.8 | 23.9 | 25.5 | 0.9 | -0.7 |

355,000

**Number of Employed**

September: 2007 - 2017

58,000

**Jobs in Educational and Health Services**

January 2015 - September 2017

350,000

57,000

345,000

56,000

340,000

55,000

335,000

54,000

330,000

53,000

325,000

320,000

315,000

52,000

51,000

50,000

310,000

49,000

305,000

300,000

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

48,000

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2015 2016 2017

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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 17** | **Aug 17** | **Sep 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 277,923 | 278,166 | 266,473 | -243 | 11,450 |
| Employment | 270,724 | 270,648 | 258,836 | 76 | 11,888 |
| Unemployment | 7,199 | 7,518 | 7,637 | -319 | -438 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.9 | -0.1 | -0.3 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Sep 17**  255.6 | **Aug 17**  252.5 | **Sep 16**  249.3 | **OTM**  3.1 | **OT Y**  6.3 |
| Goods Producing | 39.4 | 39.3 | 38.4 | 0.1 | 1.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **11.2** | **11.2** | **10.6** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Manufacturing** | **28.2** | **28.1** | **27.8** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| Service Providing 216.2 213.2 210.9 3.0 5.3 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **56.3** | **56.4** | **56.5** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| Wholesale Trade | 12.8 | 12.9 | 12.4 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| Retail Trade | 25.8 | 25.8 | 26.8 | 0.0 | -1.0 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 17.7 | 17.7 | 17.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| **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** | **51.8** | **51.9** | **49.5** | **-0.1** | **2.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **28.7** | **27.9** | **27.7** | **0.8** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **25.7** | **27.0** | **25.3** | **-1.3** | **0.4** |
| **Other Services** | **7.8** | **7.8** | **7.6** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **36.0** | **32.3** | **34.7** | **3.7** | **1.3** |
| Federal Government | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 15.0 | 12.6 | 14.1 | 2.4 | 0.9 |
| Local Government | 18.4 | 17.2 | 18.1 | 1.2 | 0.3 |

280,000

**Number of Employed**

September 2015 - September 2017

280,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

September: 1997 - 2017

275,000

260,000

270,000

240,000

265,000

260,000

255,000

220,000

200,000

250,000

180,000

245,000

160,000

240,000

140,000

235,000

120,000

230,000

Sep

'15

Mar

'16

Sep

'16

Mar

'17

Sep

'17

100,000

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

For t Smith MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 17** | **Aug 17** | **Sep 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 122,844 | 122,135 | 121,639 | 709 | 1,205 |
| Employment | 117,905 | 116,931 | 116,058 | 974 | 1,847 |
| Unemployment | 4,939 | 5,204 | 5,581 | -265 | -642 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.6 | -0.3 | -0.6 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Sep 17**  114.4 | **Aug 17**  112.6 | **Sep 16**  114.6 | **OTM**  1.8 | **OT Y**  -0.2 |
| Goods Producing | 23.5 | 23.1 | 23.6 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.4** | **5.4** | **5.6** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Manufacturing** | **18.1** | **17.7** | **18.0** | **0.4** | **0.1** |
| Service Providing 90.9 89.5 91.0 1.4 -0.1 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **22.9** | **23.1** | **23.6** | **-0.2** | **-0.7** |
| Wholesale Trade | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.4 | 12.6 | 13.1 | -0.2 | -0.7 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **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** | **13.5** | **13.1** | **13.0** | **0.4** | **0.5** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.9** | **16.8** | **16.7** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.6** | **9.9** | **9.8** | **-0.3** | **-0.2** |
| **Other Services** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **4.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Government** | **18.6** | **17.2** | **18.5** | **1.4** | **0.1** |
| Federal Government | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Local Government | 14.2 | 13.0 | 14.1 | 1.2 | 0.1 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Ranked by Sector (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

September 2017

**Trade-Transportation-Utilities**

**Government**

**Manufacturing**

**Educational & Health Services**

**Professional & Business Services**

**Leisure & Hospitality**

**Mining-Logging-Construction**

**Other Services**

**Financial Activities**

**Information**

0 5,000 10,000 15,000 20,000 25,000

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 17** | **Aug 17** | **Sep 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 41,154 | 41,848 | 39,846 | -694 | 1,308 |
| Employment | 39,610 | 40,273 | 38,143 | -663 | 1,467 |
| Unemployment | 1,544 | 1,575 | 1,703 | -31 | -159 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 0.0 | -0.5 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 17** | **Aug 17** | **Sep 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 38.4 | 38.5 | 37.6 | -0.1 | 0.8 |
| 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 33.7 | 33.9 | 33.2 | -0.2 | 0.5 |
| 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

42,000

**Number of Employed**

September 2014 - September 2017

41,000

40,000

39,000

38,000

37,000

36,000

35,000

34,000

Sep '14 Mar '15 Sep '15 Mar '16 Sep '16 Mar '17 Sep '17

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 17** | **Aug 17** | **Sep 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 64,439 | 64,584 | 62,628 | -145 | 1,811 |
| Employment | 62,551 | 62,530 | 60,579 | 21 | 1,972 |
| Unemployment | 1,888 | 2,054 | 2,049 | -166 | -161 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.3 | -0.3 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 17** | **Aug 17** | **Sep 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 57.3 | 56.5 | 56.6 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 47.8 | 47.0 | 47.3 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| 9.2 | 8.7 | 9.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

50,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

September: 2007 - 2017

48,000

46,000

44,000

42,000

40,000

38,000

36,000

34,000

32,000

30,000

2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 17** | **Aug 17** | **Sep 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 35,995 | 36,031 | 36,062 | -36 | -67 |
| Employment | 34,362 | 34,286 | 34,160 | 76 | 202 |
| Unemployment | 1,633 | 1,745 | 1,902 | -112 | -269 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.5 | 4.8 | 5.3 | -0.3 | -0.8 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 17** | **Aug 17** | **Sep 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.2 | 32.6 | 33.7 | 0.6 | -0.5 |
| 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| 27.2 | 26.7 | 27.5 | 0.5 | -0.3 |
| 9.4 | 9.1 | 9.5 | 0.3 | -0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

34,500

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2015 - September 2017

34,000

33,500

33,000

32,500

32,000

31,500

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2015 2016 2017

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.

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|  | **Sep 17** | **Aug 17** | **Sep 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 631,458 | 630,658 | 624,508 | 800 | 6,950 |
| Employment | 609,158 | 604,568 | 589,198 | 4,590 | 19,960 |
| Unemployment | 22,300 | 26,090 | 35,310 | -3,790 | -13,010 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.5 | 4.1 | 5.7 | -0.6 | -2.2 |

Texarkana MSA

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 17** | **Aug 17** | **Sep 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 64,884 | 64,446 | 65,361 | 438 | -477 |
| Employment | 62,158 | 61,409 | 62,193 | 749 | -35 |
| Unemployment | 2,726 | 3,037 | 3,168 | -311 | -442 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.2 | 4.7 | 4.8 | -0.5 | -0.6 |

45,000

**Number of Unemployed - Memphis MSA**

September 2015 - September 2017

9.0

**Unemployment Rates - Texarkana MSA**

September: 2007 - 2017

40,000

8.0

7.0

35,000

6.0

30,000

5.0

4.0

25,000

3.0

20,000

2.0

1.0

15,000

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Mar

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Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**September 2017 August 2017 September 2016**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Micro Area**  Arkadelphia Micro | **CLF**  9,903 | **Emp**  9,563 | **Unemp**  340 | **Rate**  3.4 | **CLF**  9,715 | **Emp**  9,344 | **Unemp**  371 | **Rate**  3.8 | **CLF**  9,514 | **Emp**  9,100 | **Unemp**  414 | **Rate**  4.4 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,554 | 15,943 | 611 | 3.7 | 16,044 | 15,361 | 683 | 4.3 | 16,157 | 15,413 | 744 | 4.6 |
| Blytheville Micro | 18,385 | 17,529 | 856 | 4.7 | 18,355 | 17,291 | 1,064 | 5.8 | 18,413 | 17,238 | 1,175 | 6.4 |
| Camden Micro | 12,379 | 11,863 | 516 | 4.2 | 12,322 | 11,778 | 544 | 4.4 | 12,238 | 11,631 | 607 | 5.0 |
| El Dorado Micro | 16,296 | 15,516 | 780 | 4.8 | 16,264 | 15,444 | 820 | 5.0 | 16,312 | 15,413 | 899 | 5.5 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,549 | 8,155 | 394 | 4.6 | 8,668 | 8,252 | 416 | 4.8 | 8,931 | 8,512 | 419 | 4.7 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,450 | 18,811 | 639 | 3.3 | 18,961 | 18,357 | 604 | 3.2 | 19,404 | 18,710 | 694 | 3.6 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,536 | 6,167 | 369 | 5.6 | 6,547 | 6,178 | 369 | 5.6 | 6,632 | 6,261 | 371 | 5.6 |
| Hope Micro | 13,881 | 13,440 | 441 | 3.2 | 13,438 | 12,971 | 467 | 3.5 | 13,726 | 13,207 | 519 | 3.8 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,319 | 8,893 | 426 | 4.6 | 9,137 | 8,670 | 467 | 5.1 | 9,207 | 8,699 | 508 | 5.5 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,495 | 13,977 | 518 | 3.6 | 14,470 | 13,939 | 531 | 3.7 | 14,042 | 13,496 | 546 | 3.9 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,969 | 16,282 | 687 | 4.0 | 16,721 | 16,054 | 667 | 4.0 | 16,397 | 15,703 | 694 | 4.2 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,189 | 19,540 | 649 | 3.2 | 20,107 | 19,430 | 677 | 3.4 | 19,742 | 18,893 | 849 | 4.3 |
| Russellville Micro | 38,882 | 37,307 | 1,575 | 4.1 | 38,108 | 36,367 | 1,741 | 4.6 | 38,430 | 36,798 | 1,632 | 4.2 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,275 | 32,941 | 1,334 | 3.9 | 34,076 | 32,689 | 1,387 | 4.1 | 34,018 | 32,380 | 1,638 | 4.8 |

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)



**September 2017 August 2017 September 2016**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **City**  Bella Vista | **CLF**  12,693 | **Emp**  12,250 | **Unemp**  443 | **Rate**  3.5 | **CLF**  12,686 | **Emp**  12,247 | **Unemp**  439 | **Rate**  3.5 | **CLF**  12,110 | **Emp**  11,690 | **Unemp**  420 | **Rate**  3.5 |
| Benton | 16,714 | 16,271 | 443 | 2.7 | 16,761 | 16,303 | 458 | 2.7 | 16,336 | 15,789 | 547 | 3.3 |
| Bentonville | 25,050 | 24,346 | 704 | 2.8 | 25,127 | 24,340 | 787 | 3.1 | 23,859 | 23,233 | 626 | 2.6 |
| Blytheville | 6,297 | 5,976 | 321 | 5.1 | 6,310 | 5,895 | 415 | 6.6 | 6,367 | 5,877 | 490 | 7.7 |
| Cabot | 11,947 | 11,583 | 364 | 3.0 | 12,008 | 11,620 | 388 | 3.2 | 11,653 | 11,282 | 371 | 3.2 |
| Conway | 33,828 | 32,807 | 1,021 | 3.0 | 33,948 | 32,884 | 1,064 | 3.1 | 33,041 | 31,870 | 1,171 | 3.5 |
| El Dorado | 7,107 | 6,716 | 391 | 5.5 | 7,080 | 6,685 | 395 | 5.6 | 7,116 | 6,672 | 444 | 6.2 |
| Fayetteville | 48,599 | 47,448 | 1,151 | 2.4 | 48,713 | 47,445 | 1,268 | 2.6 | 46,578 | 45,291 | 1,287 | 2.8 |
| Fort Smith | 41,132 | 39,766 | 1,366 | 3.3 | 40,985 | 39,593 | 1,392 | 3.4 | 40,397 | 38,916 | 1,481 | 3.7 |
| Hot Springs | 14,367 | 13,774 | 593 | 4.1 | 14,621 | 14,005 | 616 | 4.2 | 13,945 | 13,264 | 681 | 4.9 |
| Jacksonville | 12,019 | 11,546 | 473 | 3.9 | 12,051 | 11,567 | 484 | 4.0 | 11,737 | 11,202 | 535 | 4.6 |
| Jonesboro | 37,981 | 36,903 | 1,078 | 2.8 | 38,041 | 36,875 | 1,166 | 3.1 | 36,858 | 35,696 | 1,162 | 3.2 |
| Little Rock | 99,110 | 96,010 | 3,100 | 3.1 | 99,382 | 96,188 | 3,194 | 3.2 | 96,533 | 93,151 | 3,382 | 3.5 |
| North Little Rock | 30,686 | 29,606 | 1,080 | 3.5 | 30,761 | 29,661 | 1,100 | 3.6 | 29,901 | 28,725 | 1,176 | 3.9 |
| Paragould | 12,655 | 12,218 | 437 | 3.5 | 12,603 | 12,150 | 453 | 3.6 | 12,403 | 11,814 | 589 | 4.7 |
| Pine Bluff | 17,164 | 16,265 | 899 | 5.2 | 17,199 | 16,215 | 984 | 5.7 | 17,216 | 16,142 | 1,074 | 6.2 |
| Rogers | 35,523 | 34,587 | 936 | 2.6 | 35,536 | 34,579 | 957 | 2.7 | 33,886 | 33,006 | 880 | 2.6 |
| Russellville | 13,947 | 13,427 | 520 | 3.7 | 13,630 | 13,075 | 555 | 4.1 | 13,756 | 13,222 | 534 | 3.9 |
| Searcy | 10,529 | 10,167 | 362 | 3.4 | 10,496 | 10,090 | 406 | 3.9 | 10,444 | 9,994 | 450 | 4.3 |
| Sherwood | 15,976 | 15,525 | 451 | 2.8 | 16,011 | 15,554 | 457 | 2.9 | 15,574 | 15,063 | 511 | 3.3 |
| Springdale | 40,276 | 39,337 | 939 | 2.3 | 40,292 | 39,335 | 957 | 2.4 | 38,609 | 37,549 | 1,060 | 2.7 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,968 | 13,367 | 601 | 4.3 | 14,030 | 13,381 | 649 | 4.6 | 13,866 | 13,229 | 637 | 4.6 |
| Van Buren | 10,592 | 10,261 | 331 | 3.1 | 10,558 | 10,222 | 336 | 3.2 | 10,418 | 10,056 | 362 | 3.5 |
| West Memphis | 10,838 | 10,401 | 437 | 4.0 | 11,068 | 10,529 | 539 | 4.9 | 10,643 | 10,080 | 563 | 5.3 |

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| **County**  Arkansas | **CLF**  9,149 | **Emp**  8,871 | **Unemp**  278 | **Rate**  3.0 | **CLF**  9,198 | **Emp**  8,930 | **Unemp**  268 | **Rate**  2.9 | **CLF**  9,341 | **Emp**  9,038 | **Unemp**  303 | **Rate**  3.2 |
| Ashley | 7,937 | 7,543 | 394 | 5.0 | 7,826 | 7,410 | 416 | 5.3 | 7,681 | 7,191 | 490 | 6.4 |
| Baxter | 16,969 | 16,282 | 687 | 4.0 | 16,721 | 16,054 | 667 | 4.0 | 16,397 | 15,703 | 694 | 4.2 |
| Benton | 133,568 | 129,847 | 3,721 | 2.8 | 133,648 | 129,819 | 3,829 | 2.9 | 127,586 | 123,912 | 3,674 | 2.9 |
| Boone | 16,051 | 15,527 | 524 | 3.3 | 15,630 | 15,141 | 489 | 3.1 | 15,997 | 15,429 | 568 | 3.6 |
| Bradley | 4,580 | 4,392 | 188 | 4.1 | 4,417 | 4,228 | 189 | 4.3 | 4,354 | 4,109 | 245 | 5.6 |
| Calhoun | 2,399 | 2,309 | 90 | 3.8 | 2,388 | 2,300 | 88 | 3.7 | 2,393 | 2,279 | 114 | 4.8 |
| Carroll | 13,428 | 13,063 | 365 | 2.7 | 13,547 | 13,197 | 350 | 2.6 | 13,375 | 12,960 | 415 | 3.1 |
| Chicot | 3,463 | 3,269 | 194 | 5.6 | 3,498 | 3,299 | 199 | 5.7 | 3,557 | 3,342 | 215 | 6.0 |
| Clark | 9,903 | 9,563 | 340 | 3.4 | 9,715 | 9,344 | 371 | 3.8 | 9,514 | 9,100 | 414 | 4.4 |
| Clay | 5,923 | 5,685 | 238 | 4.0 | 5,973 | 5,723 | 250 | 4.2 | 6,025 | 5,722 | 303 | 5.0 |
| Cleburne | 9,557 | 9,141 | 416 | 4.4 | 9,458 | 9,037 | 421 | 4.5 | 9,527 | 9,013 | 514 | 5.4 |
| Cleveland | 3,320 | 3,181 | 139 | 4.2 | 3,328 | 3,184 | 144 | 4.3 | 3,323 | 3,181 | 142 | 4.3 |
| Columbia | 9,319 | 8,893 | 426 | 4.6 | 9,137 | 8,670 | 467 | 5.1 | 9,207 | 8,699 | 508 | 5.5 |
| Conway | 8,398 | 8,046 | 352 | 4.2 | 8,384 | 8,019 | 365 | 4.4 | 8,394 | 7,936 | 458 | 5.5 |
| Craighead | 53,993 | 52,494 | 1,499 | 2.8 | 54,068 | 52,454 | 1,614 | 3.0 | 52,404 | 50,777 | 1,627 | 3.1 |
| Crawford | 27,260 | 26,362 | 898 | 3.3 | 27,192 | 26,263 | 929 | 3.4 | 26,845 | 25,837 | 1,008 | 3.8 |
| Crittenden | 21,973 | 21,134 | 839 | 3.8 | 22,355 | 21,394 | 961 | 4.3 | 21,438 | 20,482 | 956 | 4.5 |
| Cross | 7,881 | 7,604 | 277 | 3.5 | 7,923 | 7,639 | 284 | 3.6 | 7,979 | 7,654 | 325 | 4.1 |
| Dallas | 2,971 | 2,845 | 126 | 4.2 | 2,987 | 2,854 | 133 | 4.5 | 2,884 | 2,750 | 134 | 4.6 |
| Desha | 5,467 | 5,239 | 228 | 4.2 | 5,480 | 5,245 | 235 | 4.3 | 5,465 | 5,201 | 264 | 4.8 |
| Drew | 8,044 | 7,690 | 354 | 4.4 | 7,742 | 7,350 | 392 | 5.1 | 7,814 | 7,395 | 419 | 5.4 |
| Faulkner | 61,695 | 59,810 | 1,885 | 3.1 | 61,903 | 59,951 | 1,952 | 3.2 | 60,302 | 58,103 | 2,199 | 3.6 |
| Franklin | 7,549 | 7,311 | 238 | 3.2 | 7,540 | 7,289 | 251 | 3.3 | 7,424 | 7,139 | 285 | 3.8 |
| Fulton | 4,765 | 4,589 | 176 | 3.7 | 4,626 | 4,434 | 192 | 4.2 | 4,681 | 4,491 | 190 | 4.1 |
| Garland | 41,154 | 39,610 | 1,544 | 3.8 | 41,848 | 40,273 | 1,575 | 3.8 | 39,846 | 38,143 | 1,703 | 4.3 |
| Grant | 8,466 | 8,219 | 247 | 2.9 | 8,504 | 8,244 | 260 | 3.1 | 8,290 | 8,000 | 290 | 3.5 |
| Greene | 20,189 | 19,540 | 649 | 3.2 | 20,107 | 19,430 | 677 | 3.4 | 19,742 | 18,893 | 849 | 4.3 |
| Hempstead | 10,124 | 9,799 | 325 | 3.2 | 9,801 | 9,464 | 337 | 3.4 | 10,019 | 9,639 | 380 | 3.8 |
| Hot Spring | 14,495 | 13,977 | 518 | 3.6 | 14,470 | 13,939 | 531 | 3.7 | 14,042 | 13,496 | 546 | 3.9 |
| Howard | 5,913 | 5,742 | 171 | 2.9 | 5,871 | 5,700 | 171 | 2.9 | 5,947 | 5,756 | 191 | 3.2 |
| Independence | 16,554 | 15,943 | 611 | 3.7 | 16,044 | 15,361 | 683 | 4.3 | 16,157 | 15,413 | 744 | 4.6 |
| Izard | 5,033 | 4,783 | 250 | 5.0 | 4,956 | 4,682 | 274 | 5.5 | 5,026 | 4,772 | 254 | 5.1 |
| Jackson | 5,922 | 5,626 | 296 | 5.0 | 5,975 | 5,647 | 328 | 5.5 | 5,971 | 5,615 | 356 | 6.0 |
| Jefferson | 28,649 | 27,308 | 1,341 | 4.7 | 28,671 | 27,223 | 1,448 | 5.1 | 28,666 | 27,100 | 1,566 | 5.5 |
| Johnson | 10,915 | 10,478 | 437 | 4.0 | 10,481 | 10,018 | 463 | 4.4 | 10,661 | 10,188 | 473 | 4.4 |
| Lafayette | 2,488 | 2,363 | 125 | 5.0 | 2,447 | 2,313 | 134 | 5.5 | 2,537 | 2,387 | 150 | 5.9 |
| Lawrence | 7,019 | 6,784 | 235 | 3.3 | 6,775 | 6,520 | 255 | 3.8 | 7,012 | 6,722 | 290 | 4.1 |
| Lee | 3,010 | 2,872 | 138 | 4.6 | 3,039 | 2,899 | 140 | 4.6 | 3,121 | 2,976 | 145 | 4.6 |
| Lincoln | 4,026 | 3,873 | 153 | 3.8 | 4,032 | 3,879 | 153 | 3.8 | 4,073 | 3,879 | 194 | 4.8 |
| Little River | 5,689 | 5,422 | 267 | 4.7 | 5,703 | 5,424 | 279 | 4.9 | 5,628 | 5,360 | 268 | 4.8 |
| Logan | 9,053 | 8,730 | 323 | 3.6 | 9,058 | 8,725 | 333 | 3.7 | 9,141 | 8,728 | 413 | 4.5 |
| Lonoke | 33,945 | 32,916 | 1,029 | 3.0 | 34,085 | 33,022 | 1,063 | 3.1 | 33,196 | 32,062 | 1,134 | 3.4 |
| Madison | 7,513 | 7,312 | 201 | 2.7 | 7,544 | 7,343 | 201 | 2.7 | 7,296 | 7,074 | 222 | 3.0 |
| Marion | 6,683 | 6,433 | 250 | 3.7 | 6,604 | 6,363 | 241 | 3.6 | 6,568 | 6,308 | 260 | 4.0 |
| Miller | 20,167 | 19,348 | 819 | 4.1 | 20,239 | 19,368 | 871 | 4.3 | 20,004 | 19,148 | 856 | 4.3 |

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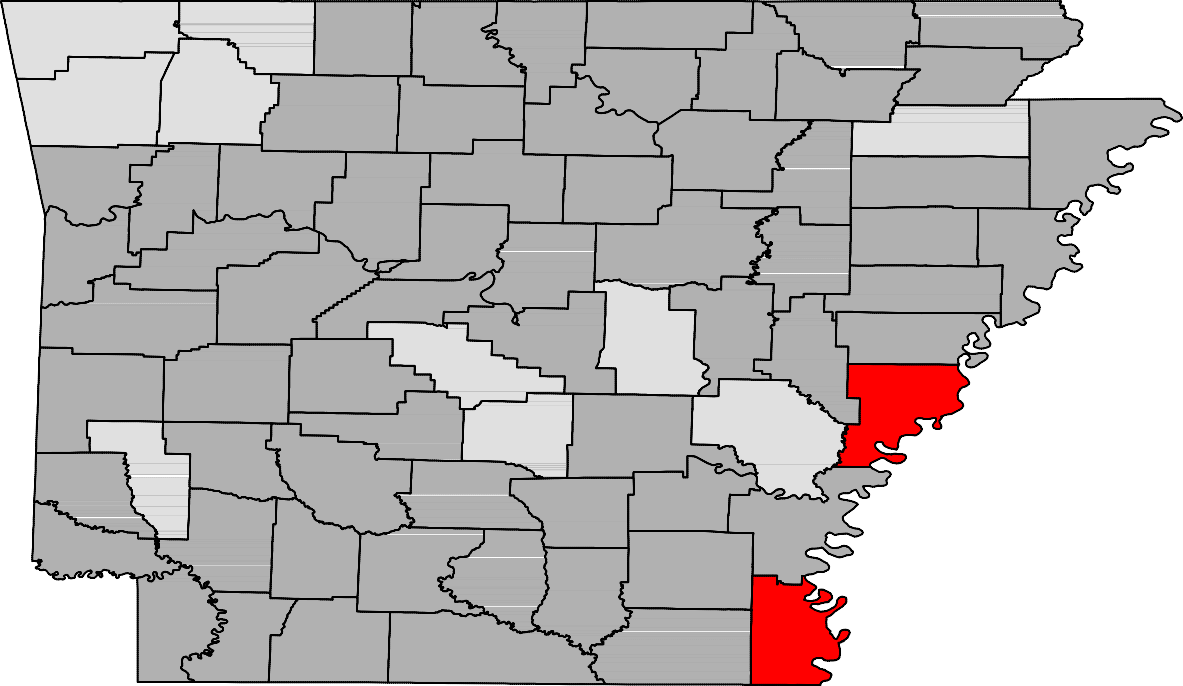
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| **County**  Mississippi | **CLF**  18,385 | **Emp**  17,529 | **Unemp**  856 | **Rate**  4.7 | **CLF**  18,355 | **Emp**  17,291 | **Unemp**  1,064 | **Rate**  5.8 | **CLF**  18,413 | **Emp**  17,238 | **Unemp**  1,175 | **Rate**  6.4 |
| Monroe | 2,801 | 2,687 | 114 | 4.1 | 2,840 | 2,727 | 113 | 4.0 | 2,849 | 2,720 | 129 | 4.5 |
| Montgomery | 3,111 | 2,976 | 135 | 4.3 | 3,146 | 3,007 | 139 | 4.4 | 3,102 | 2,947 | 155 | 5.0 |
| Nevada | 3,757 | 3,641 | 116 | 3.1 | 3,637 | 3,507 | 130 | 3.6 | 3,707 | 3,568 | 139 | 3.7 |
| Newton | 3,399 | 3,284 | 115 | 3.4 | 3,331 | 3,216 | 115 | 3.5 | 3,407 | 3,281 | 126 | 3.7 |
| Ouachita | 9,980 | 9,554 | 426 | 4.3 | 9,934 | 9,478 | 456 | 4.6 | 9,845 | 9,352 | 493 | 5.0 |
| Perry | 4,244 | 4,089 | 155 | 3.7 | 4,265 | 4,107 | 158 | 3.7 | 4,178 | 3,992 | 186 | 4.5 |
| Phillips | 6,536 | 6,167 | 369 | 5.6 | 6,547 | 6,178 | 369 | 5.6 | 6,632 | 6,261 | 371 | 5.6 |
| Pike | 4,298 | 4,140 | 158 | 3.7 | 4,345 | 4,182 | 163 | 3.8 | 4,143 | 3,969 | 174 | 4.2 |
| Poinsett | 10,446 | 10,057 | 389 | 3.7 | 10,516 | 10,076 | 440 | 4.2 | 10,224 | 9,802 | 422 | 4.1 |
| Polk | 7,954 | 7,627 | 327 | 4.1 | 8,018 | 7,691 | 327 | 4.1 | 8,112 | 7,720 | 392 | 4.8 |
| Pope | 30,006 | 28,760 | 1,246 | 4.2 | 29,393 | 28,005 | 1,388 | 4.7 | 29,586 | 28,320 | 1,266 | 4.3 |
| Prairie | 3,760 | 3,619 | 141 | 3.8 | 3,727 | 3,583 | 144 | 3.9 | 3,657 | 3,524 | 133 | 3.6 |
| Pulaski | 192,536 | 186,401 | 6,135 | 3.2 | 193,041 | 186,747 | 6,294 | 3.3 | 187,628 | 180,850 | 6,778 | 3.6 |
| Randolph | 7,120 | 6,860 | 260 | 3.7 | 7,011 | 6,736 | 275 | 3.9 | 6,807 | 6,524 | 283 | 4.2 |
| St. Francis | 8,549 | 8,155 | 394 | 4.6 | 8,668 | 8,252 | 416 | 4.8 | 8,931 | 8,512 | 419 | 4.7 |
| Saline | 58,015 | 56,367 | 1,648 | 2.8 | 58,130 | 56,476 | 1,654 | 2.8 | 56,520 | 54,698 | 1,822 | 3.2 |
| Scott | 4,536 | 4,371 | 165 | 3.6 | 4,507 | 4,355 | 152 | 3.4 | 4,465 | 4,303 | 162 | 3.6 |
| Searcy | 2,992 | 2,859 | 133 | 4.4 | 3,033 | 2,895 | 138 | 4.5 | 3,029 | 2,888 | 141 | 4.7 |
| Sebastian | 59,076 | 57,090 | 1,986 | 3.4 | 58,881 | 56,841 | 2,040 | 3.5 | 58,019 | 55,870 | 2,149 | 3.7 |
| Sevier | 5,712 | 5,465 | 247 | 4.3 | 5,697 | 5,447 | 250 | 4.4 | 5,636 | 5,364 | 272 | 4.8 |
| Sharp | 6,152 | 5,897 | 255 | 4.1 | 5,969 | 5,701 | 268 | 4.5 | 6,112 | 5,808 | 304 | 5.0 |
| Stone | 4,824 | 4,625 | 199 | 4.1 | 4,877 | 4,669 | 208 | 4.3 | 4,757 | 4,530 | 227 | 4.8 |
| Union | 16,296 | 15,516 | 780 | 4.8 | 16,264 | 15,444 | 820 | 5.0 | 16,312 | 15,413 | 899 | 5.5 |
| Van Buren | 6,002 | 5,708 | 294 | 4.9 | 5,893 | 5,598 | 295 | 5.0 | 6,021 | 5,631 | 390 | 6.5 |
| Washington | 125,983 | 123,051 | 2,932 | 2.3 | 126,114 | 123,044 | 3,070 | 2.4 | 120,720 | 117,459 | 3,261 | 2.7 |
| White | 34,275 | 32,941 | 1,334 | 3.9 | 34,076 | 32,689 | 1,387 | 4.1 | 34,018 | 32,380 | 1,638 | 4.8 |
| Woodruff | 2,997 | 2,868 | 129 | 4.3 | 3,012 | 2,885 | 127 | 4.2 | 2,993 | 2,849 | 144 | 4.8 |
| Yell | 8,876 | 8,547 | 329 | 3.7 | 8,715 | 8,362 | 353 | 4.1 | 8,844 | 8,478 | 366 | 4.1 |

County Labor Force Summar y

Between August and September, unemployment rates declined in 57 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Ten counties were unchanged over the month, while eight counties posted rate increases. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in Washington County to a high of 5.6 percent in Chicot and Phillips counties.

In September, forty-three counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is up from 36 counties at or below four percent last month. For the 7th month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to September 2016, unemployment rates are down in 71 counties. Three counties were the same as last year, while one-- Prairie County-- increased slightly over the year.



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Pike

Howard

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Dallas

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Desha

Phillips

Unemployment Rates

Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Nevada

Ouachita

Calhoun

Bradley

Drew

Chicot

< or = 3.0%

3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

Lafayette

Columbia

Union

Ashley

> 7.0% [NONE]

Ranked by Unemployment Rates

September 2017- Not Seasonally Adjusted



|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  2.3 | **Rank**  24 | **County**  Scott | **Rate**  3.6 | **Rank**  50 | **County**  Conway | **Rate**  4.2 |
| 2 | Carroll | 2.7 | 27 | Fulton | 3.7 | 50 | Dallas | 4.2 |
| 2 | Madison | 2.7 | 27 | Independence | 3.7 | 50 | Desha | 4.2 |
| 4 | Benton | 2.8 | 27 | Marion | 3.7 | 50 | Pope | 4.2 |
| 4 | Craighead | 2.8 | 27 | Perry | 3.7 | 55 | Montgomery | 4.3 |
| 4 | Saline | 2.8 | 27 | Pike | 3.7 | 55 | Ouachita | 4.3 |
| 7 | Grant | 2.9 | 27 | Poinsett | 3.7 | 55 | Sevier | 4.3 |
| 7 | Howard | 2.9 | 27 | Randolph | 3.7 | 55 | Woodruff | 4.3 |
| 9 | Arkansas | 3.0 | 27 | Yell | 3.7 | 59 | Cleburne | 4.4 |
| 9 | Lonoke | 3.0 | 35 | Calhoun | 3.8 | 59 | Drew | 4.4 |
| 11 | Faulkner | 3.1 | 35 | Crittenden | 3.8 | 59 | Searcy | 4.4 |
| 11 | Nevada | 3.1 | 35 | Garland | 3.8 | 62 | Columbia | 4.6 |
| 13 | Franklin | 3.2 | 35 | Lincoln | 3.8 | 62 | Lee | 4.6 |
| 13 | Greene | 3.2 | 35 | Prairie | 3.8 | 62 | St. Francis | 4.6 |
| 13 | Hempstead | 3.2 | 40 | White | 3.9 | 65 | Jefferson | 4.7 |
| 13 | Pulaski | 3.2 | 41 | Baxter | 4.0 | 65 | Little River | 4.7 |
| 17 | Boone | 3.3 | 41 | Clay | 4.0 | 65 | Mississippi | 4.7 |
| 17 | Crawford | 3.3 | 41 | Johnson | 4.0 | 68 | Union | 4.8 |
| 17 | Lawrence | 3.3 | 44 | Bradley | 4.1 | 69 | Van Buren | 4.9 |
| 20 | Clark | 3.4 | 44 | Miller | 4.1 | 70 | Ashley | 5.0 |
| 20 | Newton | 3.4 | 44 | Monroe | 4.1 | 70 | Izard | 5.0 |
| 20 | Sebastian | 3.4 | 44 | Polk | 4.1 | 70 | Jackson | 5.0 |
| 23 | Cross | 3.5 | 44 | Sharp | 4.1 | 70 | Lafayette | 5.0 |
| 24 | Hot Spring | 3.6 | 44 | Stone | 4.1 | 74 | Chicot | 5.6 |
| 24 | Logan | 3.6 | 50 | Cleveland | 4.2 | 74 | Phillips | 5.6 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**September 2017 August 2017 September 2016**

**LWDA CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

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**Rate**

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**Rate**

Central (minus LR) 253,642

245,790

7,852

3.1

254,344

246,318

8,026

3.2

247,619

238,806

8,813

3.6

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| City of Little Rock | 99,110 | 96,010 | 3,100 | 3.1 | 99,382 | 96,188 | 3,194 | 3.2 | 96,533 | 93,151 | 3,382 | 3.5 |
| Eastern | 47,949 | 45,932 | 2,017 | 4.2 | 48,532 | 46,362 | 2,170 | 4.5 | 48,101 | 45,885 | 2,216 | 4.6 |
| North Central | 96,081 | 92,121 | 3,960 | 4.1 | 94,886 | 90,703 | 4,183 | 4.4 | 95,263 | 90,502 | 4,761 | 5.0 |
| Northeast | 123,075 | 118,949 | 4,126 | 3.4 | 122,805 | 118,230 | 4,575 | 3.7 | 120,627 | 115,678 | 4,949 | 4.1 |
| Northwest | 326,586 | 317,658 | 8,928 | 2.7 | 326,172 | 317,072 | 9,100 | 2.8 | 314,375 | 305,014 | 9,361 | 3.0 |
| Southeast | 83,101 | 79,585 | 3,516 | 4.2 | 82,696 | 78,992 | 3,704 | 4.5 | 82,564 | 78,436 | 4,128 | 5.0 |
| Southwest | 94,815 | 90,897 | 3,918 | 4.1 | 94,105 | 89,969 | 4,136 | 4.4 | 94,119 | 89,715 | 4,404 | 4.7 |
| West Central | 135,400 | 130,186 | 5,214 | 3.9 | 134,762 | 129,256 | 5,506 | 4.1 | 132,310 | 126,569 | 5,741 | 4.3 |
| Western | 115,428 | 111,491 | 3,937 | 3.4 | 115,196 | 111,164 | 4,032 | 3.5 | 114,006 | 109,597 | 4,409 | 3.9 |



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North Central

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

Southwest

West Central

Western

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