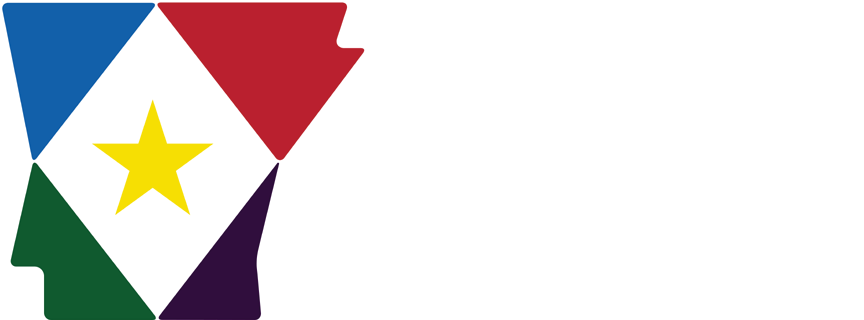
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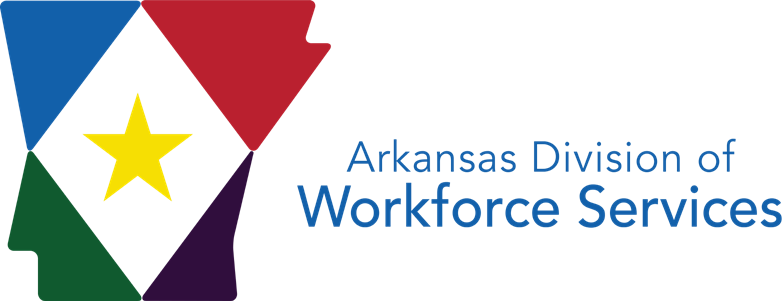
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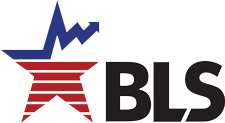
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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious month’s data is subject to revision.

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data col- lected for production workers in manufactur- ing industries.

Industries are classi- fied according to the North American In- dustry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2023 benchmark.

#### Explanation of Terms and Concepts

**Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

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

5,000 Arkansas busi- ness establishments are surveyed.

#### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

A term applied by the

U.S. Office of Manage- ment and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, commuting patterns and social and economic integration.

#### Current Population

**Survey (CPS)**

A monthly sample sur- vey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to pro- vide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conduct- ed each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The informa- tion is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the cal- endar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

#### Civilian Labor Force

The sum of all em- ployed and unem- ployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

#### Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid work- ers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

#### Unemployment

An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seek- ing work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

#### Unemployment Rate

The number of unem- ployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

#### Seasonal Adjustment

A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally occur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, ma- jor holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

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**August Spotlight**

# Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

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

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

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

State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)

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

**Quarter Ending**

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

**Category | Dec 22 | Mar 23 | Jun 23 | Sep 23 | Dec 23\***

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

**Employment Levels**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 4th Quarter 2023

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gross job gains..... | 66,289 | 61,533 | 63,471 | 60,444 | 66,620 |
| Gross job losses.... | 55,695 | 54,248 | 65,458 | 61,771 | 57,045 |
| **Net Change**.......... | **10,594** | **7,285** | **-1,987** | **-1,327** | **9,575** |

85,000

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

4th Quarter 2021 - 4th Quarter 2023

80,000

75,000

70,000

65,000

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

Dec '21 Mar '22 Jun '22 Sep '22 Dec '22 Mar '23 Jun '23 Sep '23 Dec '23 Gross Job Gains Gross Job Losses

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# Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, Workforce Policy and Innovation, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 3.3% for a third consecutive month. The United States’ jobless rate declined one-tenth of a percent point, from 4.3% in July to 4.2% in August.

Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose by 4,062 in August, as 4,116 more Arkansans are employed compared to July. Both the civilian labor force and the number of employed remain at record high levels. Arkan- sas’ labor force participation rate rose to 58.0%.

Compared to August 2023, the number of employed Arkansans has increased 23,681. The labor force participation rate is up four-tenths of a percentage point, while the unemployment rate remains slightly lower compared to last August.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,358,748 1,354,632 1,335,067 Employment 1,363,785 1,369,864 1,335,514

Unemployment 46,708 46,762 47,248 Unemployment 48,647 55,968 50,173

Unemployment Rate 3.3% 3.3% 3.4% Unemployment Rate 3.4% 3.9% 3.6%

LF Participation Rate 58.0% 57.9% 57.6% LF Participation Rate 58.3% 58.9% 57.8%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** |  | **Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,405,456 | 1,401,394 | 1,382,315 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,412,432 | 1,425,832 | 1,385,687 |

#### Labor Force Participation Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

August 2021 - August 2024

58.5%

58.0%

57.5%

57.0%

56.5%

56.0%

55.5%

Aug '21 Feb '22 Aug '22 Feb '23 Aug '23 Feb '24 Aug '24

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1366.7 | 1361.1 | 1340.7 | 5.6 | 26.0 |
| Goods Producing | 236.5 | 234.9 | 231.8 | 1.6 | 4.7 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 73.1 | 72.6 | 69.1 | 0.5 | 4.0 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.4** | **5.4** | **5.2** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Construction** | **67.7** | **67.2** | **63.9** | **0.5** | **3.8** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 42.8 | 42.7 | 40.0 | 0.1 | 2.8 |
| **Manufacturing** | **163.4** | **162.3** | **162.7** | **1.1** | **0.7** |
| Durable Goods | 78.3 | 77.3 | 78.5 | 1.0 | -0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 85.1 | 85.0 | 84.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| Service Providing | 1130.2 | 1126.2 | 1108.9 | 4.0 | 21.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **268.7** | **268.7** | **266.8** | **0.0** | **1.9** |
| Wholesale Trade | 51.7 | 51.0 | 52.6 | 0.7 | -0.9 |
| Retail Trade | 144.6 | 145.5 | 143.0 | -0.9 | 1.6 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 72.4 | 72.2 | 71.2 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| **Information** | **12.5** | **12.5** | **12.6** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **72.3** | **72.9** | **70.1** | **-0.6** | **2.2** |
| Finance & Insurance | 56.9 | 57.5 | 54.7 | -0.6 | 2.2 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 15.4 | 15.4 | 15.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **160.4** | **159.6** | **154.3** | **0.8** | **6.1** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 50.0 | 50.1 | 49.4 | -0.1 | 0.6 |
| Management of Companies | 38.5 | 39.0 | 38.3 | -0.5 | 0.2 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 71.9 | 70.5 | 66.6 | 1.4 | 5.3 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **217.2** | **214.1** | **207.2** | **3.1** | **10.0** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 17.8 | 16.9 | 16.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 199.4 | 197.2 | 190.4 | 2.2 | 9.0 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 70.8 | 70.0 | 66.0 | 0.8 | 4.8 |
| Social Assistance | 40.0 | 39.9 | 38.6 | 0.1 | 1.4 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **130.1** | **132.4** | **129.8** | **-2.3** | **0.3** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 14.7 | 15.0 | 14.5 | -0.3 | 0.2 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 115.4 | 117.4 | 115.3 | -2.0 | 0.1 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.8 | 12.2 | 11.9 | -0.4 | -0.1 |
| Food Services | 103.6 | 105.2 | 103.4 | -1.6 | 0.2 |
| **Other Services** | **66.8** | **67.6** | **67.6** | **-0.8** | **-0.8** |
| **Government** | **202.2** | **198.4** | **200.5** | **3.8** | **1.7** |
| Federal Government | 21.8 | 21.9 | 21.4 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| State Government | 73.1 | 71.3 | 73.1 | 1.8 | 0.0 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 27.0 | 25.2 | 26.9 | 1.8 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.1 | 46.1 | 46.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Local Government | 107.3 | 105.2 | 106.0 | 2.1 | 1.3 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 61.4 | 58.4 | 60.5 | 3.0 | 0.9 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 45.9 | 46.8 | 45.5 | -0.9 | 0.4 |

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

#### Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

July 2024 - August 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Government

Private Ed & Health

3,800

3,100

Manufacturing

Professional & Business

Construction

1,100

800

500

Information

Trade-Transport-Utilities Mining & Logging Financial Activities

Other Services -2,300 Leisure & Hospitality

0

0

0

-600

-800

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

#### Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

August 2023 - August 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Private Ed & Health

10,000

Professional & Business

6,100

Construction

Financial Activities Trade-Transport-Utilities

Government Manufacturing Leisure & Hospitality

Mining & Logging

3,800

2,200

1,900

1,700

700

300

200

Information

Other Services

-100

-800

-6,000 -3,500 -1,000 1,500 4,000 6,500 9,000 11,500

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**Aug 24**

Average Weekly Hours 36.7

Average Hourly Earnings $22.82

Average Weekly Earnings $837.49

**Jul 24**

38.0

$22.51

$855.38

**Aug 23**

39.9

$21.24

$847.48

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

**Aug 24**

38.7

**Jul 24 Aug 23**

40.2 43.9

$986.08 $1,011.83 $1,020.24

$25.48

$25.17 $23.24

**Aug 24**

Average Weekly Hours 35.0

Average Hourly Earnings $20.16

Average Weekly Earnings $705.60

**Jul 24**

36.1

$19.86

$716.95

**Aug 23**

36.3

$19.02

$690.43

#### Average Weekly Hours Worked- Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods

August 2021 - August 2024

46.0

44.0

42.0

40.0

38.0

36.0

34.0

32.0

30.0

Aug '21 Feb '22 Aug '22 Feb '23 Aug '23 Feb '24 Aug '24

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 379,885 | 387,706 | 368,622 | -7,821 | 11,263 |
| **Employment** | 367,734 | 373,841 | 356,518 | -6,107 | 11,216 |
| **Unemployment** | 12,151 | 13,865 | 12,104 | -1,714 | 47 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.2% | 3.6% | 3.3% | -0.4% | -0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 397.3 | 397.3 | 388.2 | 0.0 | 9.1 |
| **Goods Producing** 43.4 | 43.1 | 41.5 | 0.3 | 1.9 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 22.6** | **22.5** | **21.4** | **0.1** | **1.2** |
| **Manufacturing 20.8** | **20.6** | **20.1** | **0.2** | **0.7** |
| **Service Providing** 353.9 | 354.2 | 346.7 | -0.3 | 7.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 77.9** | **77.9** | **77.6** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 17.7 | 17.6 | 17.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.5 | 38.7 | 38.8 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.7 | 21.6 | 21.1 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| **Information 5.3** | **5.3** | **5.5** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 28.2** | **28.3** | **27.7** | **-0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Professional & Business Services 51.2** | **50.9** | **48.2** | **0.3** | **3.0** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 66.7** | **66.8** | **64.3** | **-0.1** | **2.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 35.4** | **36.4** | **35.6** | **-1.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Other Services 19.7** | **19.9** | **19.7** | **-0.2** | **0.0** |
| **Government 69.5** | **68.7** | **68.1** | **0.8** | **1.4** |
| **Federal Government** 10.7 | 10.8 | 10.4 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| **State Government** 33.3 | 32.7 | 33.2 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** 25.5 | 25.2 | 24.5 | 0.3 | 1.0 |

30,000

#### Unemployment

August: 2014 - 2024

53,000

#### Jobs in Professional & Business Services

August 2021 - August 2024

25,000

52,000

51,000

20,000

50,000

49,000

15,000

48,000

47,000

10,000

5,000

46,000

45,000

44,000

43,000

0

'14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

42,000

Aug '21 Feb '22 Aug '22 Feb '23 Aug '23 Feb '24 Aug '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 322,580 | 327,714 | 311,645 | -5,134 | 10,935 |
| **Employment** | 314,215 | 318,009 | 303,148 | -3,794 | 11,067 |
| **Unemployment** | 8,365 | 9,705 | 8,497 | -1,340 | -132 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.6% | 3.0% | 2.7% | -0.4% | -0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 312.8 | 311.3 | 303.3 | 1.5 | 9.5 |
| **Goods Producing** 49.7 | 49.3 | 47.0 | 0.4 | 2.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 18.2** | **18.0** | **16.8** | **0.2** | **1.4** |
| **Manufacturing 31.5** | **31.3** | **30.2** | **0.2** | **1.3** |
| **Service Providing** 263.1 | 262.0 | 256.3 | 1.1 | 6.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 62.6** | **62.7** | **62.4** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 13.9 | 13.9 | 14.3 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** 29.6 | 29.7 | 29.0 | -0.1 | 0.6 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 19.1 | 19.1 | 19.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Information 2.3** | **2.3** | **2.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 12.6** | **12.6** | **12.5** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 60.1** | **60.4** | **58.9** | **-0.3** | **1.2** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 37.9** | **37.2** | **35.2** | **0.7** | **2.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 32.3** | **32.9** | **31.6** | **-0.6** | **0.7** |
| **Other Services 13.7** | **13.9** | **13.6** | **-0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Government 41.6** | **40.0** | **39.7** | **1.6** | **1.9** |
| **Federal Government** 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 18.8 | 17.6 | 17.5 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| **Local Government** 19.6 | 19.2 | 19.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 |

330,000

#### Employment

August 2021 - August 2024

275,000

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

August: 2004 - 2024

250,000

315,000

225,000

300,000

200,000

285,000

175,000

150,000

270,000

125,000

255,000

Aug '21 Feb '22 Aug '22 Feb '23 Aug '23 Feb '24 Aug '24

100,000

'04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18 '20 '22 '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Fort Smith MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 122,762 | 123,969 | 120,332 | -1,207 | 2,430 |
| **Employment** | 118,344 | 118,995 | 115,491 | -651 | 2,853 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,418 | 4,974 | 4,841 | -556 | -423 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6% | 4.0% | 4.0% | -0.4% | -0.4% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 117.4 | 116.3 | 114.7 | 1.1 | 2.7 |
| **Goods Producing** 26.0 | 25.9 | 24.8 | 0.1 | 1.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 6.3** | **6.3** | **5.8** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Manufacturing 19.7** | **19.6** | **19.0** | **0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Service Providing** 91.4 | 90.4 | 89.9 | 1.0 | 1.5 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.0** | **24.0** | **24.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.9 | 12.9 | 13.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Information 1.4** | **1.4** | **1.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 4.8** | **4.8** | **4.8** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 12.0** | **11.9** | **11.4** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 19.4** | **19.3** | **18.5** | **0.1** | **0.9** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.3** | **10.7** | **10.2** | **-0.4** | **0.1** |
| **Other Services 4.0** | **4.0** | **3.9** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Government 15.5** | **14.3** | **15.7** | **1.2** | **-0.2** |
| **Federal Government** 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 12.1 | 10.9 | 12.2 | 1.2 | -0.1 |

#### Annual Job Change by Major Industry Sector

August 2023 vs August 2024

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Private Ed & Health |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 900 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 700 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Professional & Business |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 600 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining-Logging-Construct |  |  |  |  |  |  | 500 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leisure & Hospitality |  |  |  | 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Services |  |  |  | 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trade-Transport-Utilities |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Financial Activities |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Information |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Government | -200 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,916 | 42,925 | 41,758 | -1,009 | 158 |
| **Employment** | 40,372 | 41,140 | 40,116 | -768 | 256 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,544 | 1,785 | 1,642 | -241 | -98 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7% | 4.2% | 3.9% | -0.5% | -0.2% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 41.0 | 41.1 | 40.9 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 36.6 | 36.7 | 36.5 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 |

41,500

#### Employment

August 2021 - August 2024

41,000

40,500

40,000

39,500

39,000

38,500

38,000

37,500

Aug '21 Feb '22 Aug '22 Feb '23 Aug '23 Feb '24 Aug '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 69,299 | 70,682 | 67,671 | -1,383 | 1,628 |
| **Employment** | 67,191 | 68,194 | 65,493 | -1,003 | 1,698 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,108 | 2,488 | 2,178 | -380 | -70 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.0% | 3.5% | 3.2% | -0.5% | -0.2% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 64.7 | 64.7 | 63.4 | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| 11.7 | 11.7 | 11.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 53.0 | 53.0 | 51.9 | 0.0 | 1.1 |
| 8.8 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

70,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

August: 2004 - 2024

65,000

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

'04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 32,255 | 32,875 | 32,105 | -620 | 150 |
| **Employment** | 30,670 | 31,024 | 30,583 | -354 | 87 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,585 | 1,851 | 1,522 | -266 | 63 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.9% | 5.6% | 4.7% | -0.7% | 0.2% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.0 | 30.9 | 31.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 25.6 | 25.5 | 25.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 8.1 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 0.2 | -0.1 |

33,000

#### Civilian Labor Force

August 2021 - August 2024

32,500

32,000

31,500

31,000

30,500

Aug '21 Feb '22 Aug '22 Feb '23 Aug '23 Feb '24 Aug '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# 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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 623,883 | 627,202 | 621,427 | -3,319 | 2,456 |
| **Employment** | 596,035 | 598,685 | 594,038 | -2,650 | 1,197 |
| **Unemployment** | 27,848 | 28,517 | 27,389 | -669 | 459 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.5% | 4.5% | 4.4% | 0.0% | 0.1% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,278 | 63,561 | 62,505 | -283 | 773 |
| **Employment** | 60,554 | 60,741 | 59,861 | -187 | 693 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,724 | 2,820 | 2,644 | -96 | 80 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3% | 4.4% | 4.2% | -0.1% | 0.1% |

#### Employment

August: 2014 - 2024

630,000

5,000

#### Unemployment

August 2021 - August 2024

620,000

610,000

4,000

600,000

590,000

580,000

3,000

570,000

560,000

2,000

550,000

540,000

530,000

'14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

1,000

Aug '21 Feb '22 Aug '22 Feb '23 Aug '23 Feb '24 Aug '24

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not Seasonally Adjusted  **August 2024 July 2024 August 2023 Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,814 | 8,377 | 437 | 5.0 | 8,587 | 8,080 | 507 | 5.9 | 8,639 | 8,161 | 478 | 5.5 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,953 | 16,333 | 620 | 3.7 | 16,924 | 16,299 | 625 | 3.7 | 17,045 | 16,140 | 905 | 5.3 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,946 | 17,059 | 887 | 4.9 | 18,004 | 16,876 | 1,128 | 6.3 | 16,983 | 15,988 | 995 | 5.9 |
| Camden Micro | 12,006 | 11,526 | 480 | 4.0 | 11,920 | 11,383 | 537 | 4.5 | 11,953 | 11,498 | 455 | 3.8 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,923 | 14,081 | 842 | 5.6 | 14,796 | 13,868 | 928 | 6.3 | 14,799 | 14,070 | 729 | 4.9 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,607 | 7,160 | 447 | 5.9 | 7,581 | 7,083 | 498 | 6.6 | 7,555 | 7,136 | 419 | 5.5 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,772 | 18,127 | 645 | 3.4 | 18,757 | 18,001 | 756 | 4.0 | 19,020 | 18,366 | 654 | 3.4 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,132 | 4,838 | 294 | 5.7 | 5,018 | 4,667 | 351 | 7.0 | 5,235 | 4,882 | 353 | 6.7 |
| Hope Micro | 11,900 | 11,453 | 447 | 3.8 | 11,919 | 11,376 | 543 | 4.6 | 12,438 | 11,935 | 503 | 4.0 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,777 | 8,380 | 397 | 4.5 | 8,279 | 7,828 | 451 | 5.4 | 8,883 | 8,438 | 445 | 5.0 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,911 | 13,393 | 518 | 3.7 | 14,134 | 13,510 | 624 | 4.4 | 13,743 | 13,205 | 538 | 3.9 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,975 | 16,350 | 625 | 3.7 | 17,110 | 16,353 | 757 | 4.4 | 16,886 | 16,245 | 641 | 3.8 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,673 | 18,938 | 735 | 3.7 | 19,834 | 19,012 | 822 | 4.1 | 19,754 | 19,071 | 683 | 3.5 |
| Russellville Micro | 36,692 | 35,150 | 1,542 | 4.2 | 36,454 | 34,635 | 1,819 | 5.0 | 37,038 | 35,331 | 1,707 | 4.6 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,999 | 33,737 | 1,262 | 3.6 | 34,505 | 33,030 | 1,475 | 4.3 | 33,934 | 32,623 | 1,311 | 3.9 |

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

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

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

### City Labor Force Statistics

**City**

**CLF**

**August 2024**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**July 2024**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 13,860 | 13,426 | 434 | 3.1 | 14,088 | 13,592 | 496 | 3.5 | 13,380 | 12,940 | 440 | 3.3 |
| Benton | 18,889 | 18,360 | 529 | 2.8 | 19,311 | 18,672 | 639 | 3.3 | 18,321 | 17,795 | 526 | 2.9 |
| Bentonville | 33,692 | 32,834 | 858 | 2.5 | 34,200 | 33,240 | 960 | 2.8 | 32,469 | 31,645 | 824 | 2.5 |
| Blytheville | 6,086 | 5,710 | 376 | 6.2 | 6,116 | 5,649 | 467 | 7.6 | 5,822 | 5,352 | 470 | 8.1 |
| Cabot | 12,764 | 12,391 | 373 | 2.9 | 13,003 | 12,572 | 431 | 3.3 | 12,401 | 12,036 | 365 | 2.9 |
| Conway | 36,739 | 35,610 | 1,129 | 3.1 | 37,447 | 36,197 | 1,250 | 3.3 | 35,679 | 34,546 | 1,133 | 3.2 |
| El Dorado | 6,418 | 6,060 | 358 | 5.6 | 6,383 | 5,968 | 415 | 6.5 | 6,407 | 6,055 | 352 | 5.5 |
| Fayetteville | 54,987 | 53,515 | 1,472 | 2.7 | 55,870 | 54,182 | 1,688 | 3.0 | 53,216 | 51,607 | 1,609 | 3.0 |
| Fort Smith | 39,766 | 38,386 | 1,380 | 3.5 | 40,269 | 38,704 | 1,565 | 3.9 | 38,981 | 37,331 | 1,650 | 4.2 |
| Hot Springs | 15,551 | 14,940 | 611 | 3.9 | 15,944 | 15,224 | 720 | 4.5 | 15,479 | 14,845 | 634 | 4.1 |
| Jacksonville | 12,361 | 11,848 | 513 | 4.2 | 12,649 | 12,049 | 600 | 4.7 | 11,980 | 11,479 | 501 | 4.2 |
| Jonesboro | 41,779 | 40,484 | 1,295 | 3.1 | 42,648 | 41,116 | 1,532 | 3.6 | 40,740 | 39,436 | 1,304 | 3.2 |
| Little Rock | 103,033 | 99,435 | 3,598 | 3.5 | 105,245 | 101,129 | 4,116 | 3.9 | 99,793 | 96,346 | 3,447 | 3.5 |
| North Little Rock | 31,815 | 30,577 | 1,238 | 3.9 | 32,393 | 31,098 | 1,295 | 4.0 | 30,775 | 29,627 | 1,148 | 3.7 |
| Paragould | 12,505 | 12,036 | 469 | 3.8 | 12,610 | 12,083 | 527 | 4.2 | 12,576 | 12,120 | 456 | 3.6 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,112 | 14,247 | 865 | 5.7 | 15,449 | 14,427 | 1,022 | 6.6 | 15,062 | 14,186 | 876 | 5.8 |
| Rogers | 41,219 | 40,281 | 938 | 2.3 | 41,865 | 40,779 | 1,086 | 2.6 | 39,831 | 38,823 | 1,008 | 2.5 |
| Russellville | 13,199 | 12,656 | 543 | 4.1 | 13,126 | 12,481 | 645 | 4.9 | 13,330 | 12,712 | 618 | 4.6 |
| Searcy | 10,570 | 10,188 | 382 | 3.6 | 10,465 | 9,974 | 491 | 4.7 | 10,251 | 9,851 | 400 | 3.9 |
| Sherwood | 17,166 | 16,687 | 479 | 2.8 | 17,549 | 16,971 | 578 | 3.3 | 16,662 | 16,169 | 493 | 3.0 |
| Springdale | 43,818 | 42,740 | 1,078 | 2.5 | 44,526 | 43,272 | 1,254 | 2.8 | 42,255 | 41,214 | 1,041 | 2.5 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,003 | 12,455 | 548 | 4.2 | 13,218 | 12,601 | 617 | 4.7 | 12,882 | 12,330 | 552 | 4.3 |
| Van Buren | 10,641 | 10,268 | 373 | 3.5 | 10,726 | 10,342 | 384 | 3.6 | 10,447 | 9,993 | 454 | 4.3 |
| West Memphis | 10,045 | 9,559 | 486 | 4.8 | 10,310 | 9,665 | 645 | 6.3 | 10,023 | 9,536 | 487 | 4.9 |

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**August 2024 July 2024 August 2023**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 8,846 | 8,586 | 260 | 2.9 | 8,805 | 8,507 | 298 | 3.4 | 9,370 | 9,120 | 250 | 2.7 |
| Ashley | 6,897 | 6,511 | 386 | 5.6 | 6,729 | 6,276 | 453 | 6.7 | 6,622 | 6,237 | 385 | 5.8 |
| Baxter | 16,975 | 16,350 | 625 | 3.7 | 17,110 | 16,353 | 757 | 4.4 | 16,886 | 16,245 | 641 | 3.8 |
| Benton | 160,809 | 156,647 | 4,162 | 2.6 | 163,302 | 158,584 | 4,718 | 2.9 | 155,222 | 150,977 | 4,245 | 2.7 |
| Boone | 15,625 | 15,090 | 535 | 3.4 | 15,613 | 14,991 | 622 | 4.0 | 15,810 | 15,280 | 530 | 3.4 |
| Bradley | 4,033 | 3,851 | 182 | 4.5 | 3,979 | 3,783 | 196 | 4.9 | 4,026 | 3,839 | 187 | 4.6 |
| Calhoun | 2,365 | 2,289 | 76 | 3.2 | 2,336 | 2,253 | 83 | 3.6 | 2,355 | 2,289 | 66 | 2.8 |
| Carroll | 12,780 | 12,363 | 417 | 3.3 | 12,539 | 12,082 | 457 | 3.6 | 12,733 | 12,352 | 381 | 3.0 |
| Chicot | 2,904 | 2,712 | 192 | 6.6 | 2,895 | 2,699 | 196 | 6.8 | 2,924 | 2,740 | 184 | 6.3 |
| Clark | 8,814 | 8,377 | 437 | 5.0 | 8,587 | 8,080 | 507 | 5.9 | 8,639 | 8,161 | 478 | 5.5 |
| Clay | 5,481 | 5,269 | 212 | 3.9 | 5,402 | 5,156 | 246 | 4.6 | 5,488 | 5,266 | 222 | 4.0 |
| Cleburne | 9,076 | 8,706 | 370 | 4.1 | 9,137 | 8,700 | 437 | 4.8 | 9,116 | 8,724 | 392 | 4.3 |
| Cleveland | 3,078 | 2,956 | 122 | 4.0 | 3,116 | 2,978 | 138 | 4.4 | 3,075 | 2,960 | 115 | 3.7 |
| Columbia | 8,777 | 8,380 | 397 | 4.5 | 8,279 | 7,828 | 451 | 5.4 | 8,883 | 8,438 | 445 | 5.0 |
| Conway | 8,508 | 8,193 | 315 | 3.7 | 8,504 | 8,136 | 368 | 4.3 | 8,357 | 8,013 | 344 | 4.1 |
| Craighead | 59,074 | 57,327 | 1,747 | 3.0 | 60,262 | 58,222 | 2,040 | 3.4 | 57,637 | 55,843 | 1,794 | 3.1 |
| Crawford | 27,230 | 26,279 | 951 | 3.5 | 27,527 | 26,469 | 1,058 | 3.8 | 26,623 | 25,575 | 1,048 | 3.9 |
| Crittenden | 20,525 | 19,589 | 936 | 4.6 | 20,969 | 19,805 | 1,164 | 5.6 | 20,483 | 19,542 | 941 | 4.6 |
| Cross | 7,088 | 6,832 | 256 | 3.6 | 6,994 | 6,691 | 303 | 4.3 | 6,936 | 6,693 | 243 | 3.5 |
| Dallas | 2,703 | 2,594 | 109 | 4.0 | 2,704 | 2,581 | 123 | 4.5 | 2,665 | 2,560 | 105 | 3.9 |
| Desha | 4,881 | 4,590 | 291 | 6.0 | 4,832 | 4,498 | 334 | 6.9 | 4,995 | 4,751 | 244 | 4.9 |
| Drew | 7,525 | 7,194 | 331 | 4.4 | 7,152 | 6,781 | 371 | 5.2 | 7,382 | 7,046 | 336 | 4.6 |
| Faulkner | 66,642 | 64,681 | 1,961 | 2.9 | 67,971 | 65,747 | 2,224 | 3.3 | 64,792 | 62,748 | 2,044 | 3.2 |
| Franklin | 7,643 | 7,379 | 264 | 3.5 | 7,520 | 7,226 | 294 | 3.9 | 7,534 | 7,259 | 275 | 3.7 |
| Fulton | 4,277 | 4,105 | 172 | 4.0 | 4,304 | 4,104 | 200 | 4.6 | 4,415 | 4,221 | 194 | 4.4 |
| Garland | 41,916 | 40,372 | 1,544 | 3.7 | 42,925 | 41,140 | 1,785 | 4.2 | 41,758 | 40,116 | 1,642 | 3.9 |
| Grant | 8,930 | 8,668 | 262 | 2.9 | 9,100 | 8,794 | 306 | 3.4 | 8,670 | 8,406 | 264 | 3.0 |
| Greene | 19,673 | 18,938 | 735 | 3.7 | 19,834 | 19,012 | 822 | 4.1 | 19,754 | 19,071 | 683 | 3.5 |
| Hempstead | 8,719 | 8,394 | 325 | 3.7 | 8,719 | 8,332 | 387 | 4.4 | 9,107 | 8,747 | 360 | 4.0 |
| Hot Spring | 13,911 | 13,393 | 518 | 3.7 | 14,134 | 13,510 | 624 | 4.4 | 13,743 | 13,205 | 538 | 3.9 |
| Howard | 4,892 | 4,718 | 174 | 3.6 | 4,928 | 4,722 | 206 | 4.2 | 5,339 | 5,127 | 212 | 4.0 |
| Independence | 16,953 | 16,333 | 620 | 3.7 | 16,924 | 16,299 | 625 | 3.7 | 17,045 | 16,140 | 905 | 5.3 |
| Izard | 4,805 | 4,561 | 244 | 5.1 | 4,629 | 4,356 | 273 | 5.9 | 4,550 | 4,244 | 306 | 6.7 |
| Jackson | 5,531 | 5,283 | 248 | 4.5 | 5,388 | 5,114 | 274 | 5.1 | 5,551 | 5,238 | 313 | 5.6 |
| Jefferson | 25,468 | 24,195 | 1,273 | 5.0 | 26,000 | 24,501 | 1,499 | 5.8 | 25,344 | 24,092 | 1,252 | 4.9 |
| Johnson | 9,407 | 8,884 | 523 | 5.6 | 9,480 | 8,859 | 621 | 6.6 | 9,528 | 9,083 | 445 | 4.7 |
| Lafayette | 2,147 | 2,029 | 118 | 5.5 | 2,087 | 1,960 | 127 | 6.1 | 2,198 | 2,086 | 112 | 5.1 |
| Lawrence | 6,781 | 6,537 | 244 | 3.6 | 6,560 | 6,282 | 278 | 4.2 | 6,722 | 6,461 | 261 | 3.9 |
| Lee | 2,514 | 2,388 | 126 | 5.0 | 2,487 | 2,346 | 141 | 5.7 | 2,578 | 2,440 | 138 | 5.4 |
| Lincoln | 3,709 | 3,519 | 190 | 5.1 | 3,759 | 3,545 | 214 | 5.7 | 3,686 | 3,531 | 155 | 4.2 |
| Little River | 5,253 | 5,063 | 190 | 3.6 | 5,337 | 5,121 | 216 | 4.0 | 5,193 | 4,999 | 194 | 3.7 |
| Logan | 8,448 | 8,114 | 334 | 4.0 | 8,272 | 7,891 | 381 | 4.6 | 8,466 | 8,090 | 376 | 4.4 |
| Lonoke | 36,191 | 35,127 | 1,064 | 2.9 | 36,841 | 35,640 | 1,201 | 3.3 | 35,193 | 34,120 | 1,073 | 3.0 |
| Madison | 8,234 | 7,999 | 235 | 2.9 | 8,306 | 8,049 | 257 | 3.1 | 8,001 | 7,782 | 219 | 2.7 |
| Marion | 6,000 | 5,748 | 252 | 4.2 | 6,028 | 5,738 | 290 | 4.8 | 6,007 | 5,753 | 254 | 4.2 |
| Miller | 18,944 | 18,206 | 738 | 3.9 | 19,254 | 18,420 | 834 | 4.3 | 18,765 | 18,023 | 742 | 4.0 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 17,946 | 17,059 | 887 | 4.9 | 18,004 | 16,876 | 1,128 | 6.3 | 16,983 | 15,988 | 995 | 5.9 |
| Monroe | 2,484 | 2,358 | 126 | 5.1 | 2,462 | 2,315 | 147 | 6.0 | 2,525 | 2,417 | 108 | 4.3 |
| Montgomery | 2,993 | 2,855 | 138 | 4.6 | 2,924 | 2,761 | 163 | 5.6 | 3,048 | 2,899 | 149 | 4.9 |
| Nevada | 3,181 | 3,059 | 122 | 3.8 | 3,200 | 3,044 | 156 | 4.9 | 3,331 | 3,188 | 143 | 4.3 |
| Newton | 3,147 | 3,037 | 110 | 3.5 | 3,144 | 3,010 | 134 | 4.3 | 3,210 | 3,086 | 124 | 3.9 |
| Ouachita | 9,641 | 9,237 | 404 | 4.2 | 9,584 | 9,130 | 454 | 4.7 | 9,598 | 9,209 | 389 | 4.1 |
| Perry | 4,446 | 4,284 | 162 | 3.6 | 4,534 | 4,346 | 188 | 4.1 | 4,344 | 4,175 | 169 | 3.9 |
| Phillips | 5,132 | 4,838 | 294 | 5.7 | 5,018 | 4,667 | 351 | 7.0 | 5,235 | 4,882 | 353 | 6.7 |
| Pike | 4,098 | 3,940 | 158 | 3.9 | 3,963 | 3,780 | 183 | 4.6 | 4,122 | 3,969 | 153 | 3.7 |
| Poinsett | 10,225 | 9,864 | 361 | 3.5 | 10,420 | 9,972 | 448 | 4.3 | 10,034 | 9,650 | 384 | 3.8 |
| Polk | 7,750 | 7,429 | 321 | 4.1 | 7,536 | 7,155 | 381 | 5.1 | 7,823 | 7,517 | 306 | 3.9 |
| Pope | 28,533 | 27,326 | 1,207 | 4.2 | 28,366 | 26,947 | 1,419 | 5.0 | 28,802 | 27,446 | 1,356 | 4.7 |
| Prairie | 3,561 | 3,456 | 105 | 2.9 | 3,464 | 3,343 | 121 | 3.5 | 3,614 | 3,497 | 117 | 3.2 |
| Pulaski | 200,242 | 193,327 | 6,915 | 3.5 | 204,478 | 196,619 | 7,859 | 3.8 | 194,053 | 187,320 | 6,733 | 3.5 |
| Randolph | 7,293 | 7,022 | 271 | 3.7 | 7,221 | 6,888 | 333 | 4.6 | 7,085 | 6,814 | 271 | 3.8 |
| St. Francis | 7,607 | 7,160 | 447 | 5.9 | 7,581 | 7,083 | 498 | 6.6 | 7,555 | 7,136 | 419 | 5.5 |
| Saline | 63,434 | 61,647 | 1,787 | 2.8 | 64,782 | 62,695 | 2,087 | 3.2 | 61,570 | 59,749 | 1,821 | 3.0 |
| Scott | 4,412 | 4,277 | 135 | 3.1 | 4,379 | 4,218 | 161 | 3.7 | 4,473 | 4,320 | 153 | 3.4 |
| Searcy | 2,886 | 2,765 | 121 | 4.2 | 2,759 | 2,618 | 141 | 5.1 | 3,038 | 2,913 | 125 | 4.1 |
| Sebastian | 57,230 | 55,297 | 1,933 | 3.4 | 57,945 | 55,755 | 2,190 | 3.8 | 56,002 | 53,777 | 2,225 | 4.0 |
| Sevier | 5,582 | 5,365 | 217 | 3.9 | 5,522 | 5,265 | 257 | 4.7 | 5,576 | 5,344 | 232 | 4.2 |
| Sharp | 5,923 | 5,664 | 259 | 4.4 | 5,966 | 5,682 | 284 | 4.8 | 5,882 | 5,563 | 319 | 5.4 |
| Stone | 4,727 | 4,530 | 197 | 4.2 | 4,613 | 4,396 | 217 | 4.7 | 4,731 | 4,520 | 211 | 4.5 |
| Union | 14,923 | 14,081 | 842 | 5.6 | 14,796 | 13,868 | 928 | 6.3 | 14,799 | 14,070 | 729 | 4.9 |
| Van Buren | 5,985 | 5,740 | 245 | 4.1 | 5,988 | 5,700 | 288 | 4.8 | 5,871 | 5,618 | 253 | 4.3 |
| Washington | 141,950 | 138,434 | 3,516 | 2.5 | 144,224 | 140,159 | 4,065 | 2.8 | 137,141 | 133,497 | 3,644 | 2.7 |
| White | 34,999 | 33,737 | 1,262 | 3.6 | 34,505 | 33,030 | 1,475 | 4.3 | 33,934 | 32,623 | 1,311 | 3.9 |
| Woodruff | 2,956 | 2,854 | 102 | 3.5 | 2,807 | 2,694 | 113 | 4.0 | 2,906 | 2,808 | 98 | 3.4 |
| Yell | 8,159 | 7,824 | 335 | 4.1 | 8,088 | 7,688 | 400 | 4.9 | 8,236 | 7,885 | 351 | 4.3 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**August 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**July 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2023**

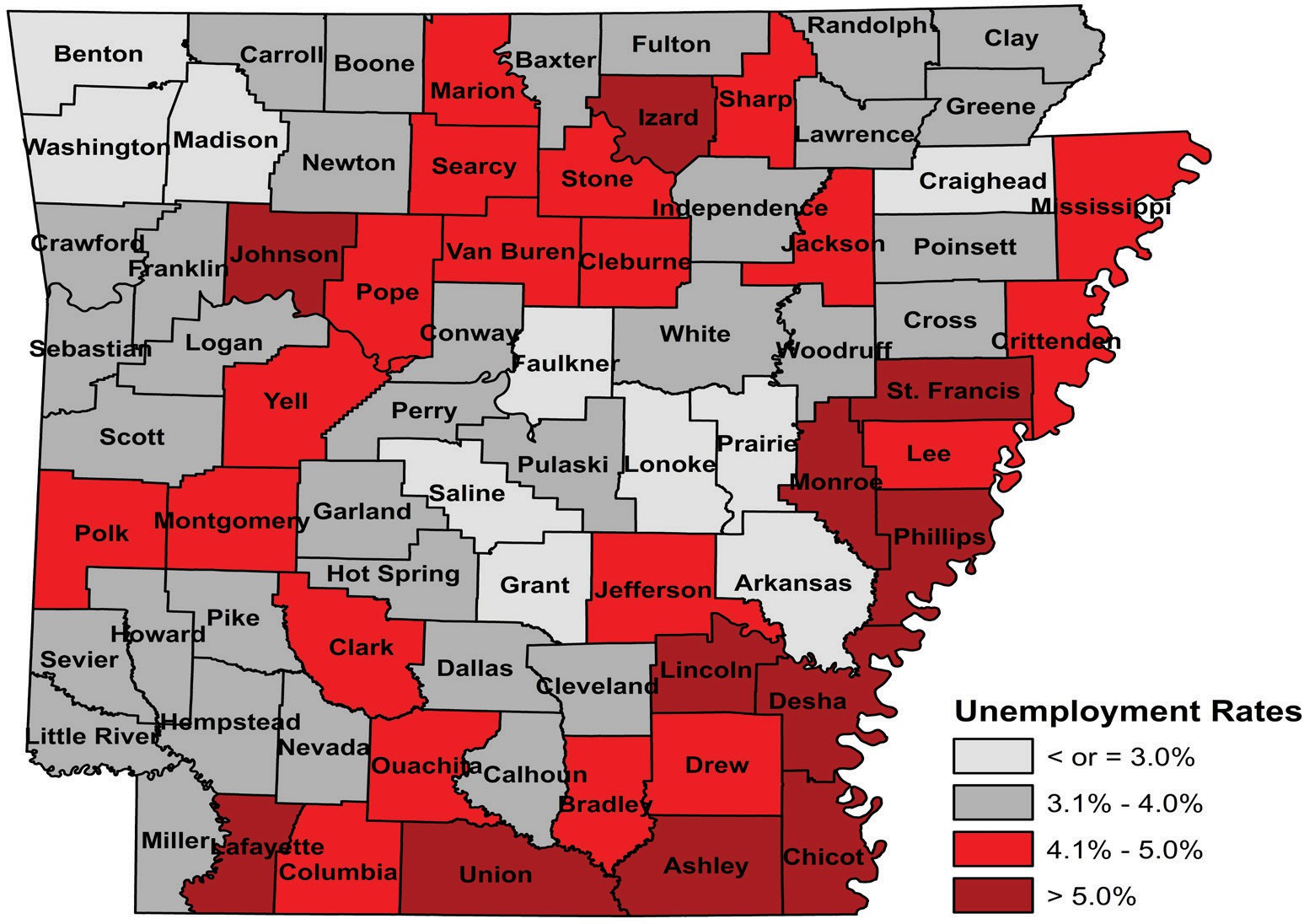
**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Between July and August, unemployment rates declined in 74 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Inde- pendence County was unchanged over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.5% in Washington County to a high of 6.6% in Chicot County.

In August, ten counties posted a jobless rate at or below 3 percent. That is up from two coun- ties at or below 3% last month. No county had an unemployment rate above seven percent in August, compared to one county above 7% in July.

Compared to August 2023, jobless rates are down in 49 Arkansas counties. Twenty-two counties reported rate increases over-the-year, while four counties were unchanged. The largest annual rate declines were in Izard and Independence counties, both down one and six-tenths of a per- centage point. Desha County posted the largest rate increase, up one and one-tenth of a per- centage point over the year.

**County Unemployment Rates**



# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

August 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County**

1 Washington

2 Benton

3 Saline

4 Arkansas

4 Faulkner

4 Grant

4 Lonoke

4 Madison

4 Prairie

10 Craighead

11 Scott

12 Calhoun

13 Carroll

14 Boone

14 Sebastian

16 Crawford

16 Franklin

16 Newton

16 Poinsett

16 Pulaski

16 Woodruff

22 Cross

22 Howard

22 Lawrence

22 Little River

**Rate**

2.5

2.6

2.8

2.9

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3.0

3.1

3.2

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3.5

3.5

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**Rank County Rate**

22 Perry 3.6

22 White 3.6

28 Baxter 3.7

28 Conway 3.7

28 Garland 3.7

28 Greene 3.7

28 Hempstead 3.7

28 Hot Spring 3.7

28 Independence 3.7

28 Randolph 3.7

36 Nevada 3.8

37 Clay 3.9

37 Miller 3.9

37 Pike 3.9

37 Sevier 3.9

41 Cleveland 4.0

41 Dallas 4.0

41 Fulton 4.0

41 Logan 4.0

45 Cleburne 4.1

45 Polk 4.1

45 Van Buren 4.1

45 Yell 4.1

49 Marion 4.2

49 Ouachita 4.2

**Rank County**

49 Pope

49 Searcy

49 Stone

54 Drew

54 Sharp

56 Bradley

56 Columbia

56 Jackson

59 Crittenden

59 Montgomery

61 Mississippi

62 Clark

62 Jefferson

62 Lee

65 Izard

65 Lincoln

65 Monroe

68 Lafayette

69 Ashley

69 Johnson

69 Union

1. Phillips
2. St. Francis
3. Desha
4. Chicot

**Rate**

4.2

4.2

4.2

4.4

4.4

4.5

4.5

4.5

4.6

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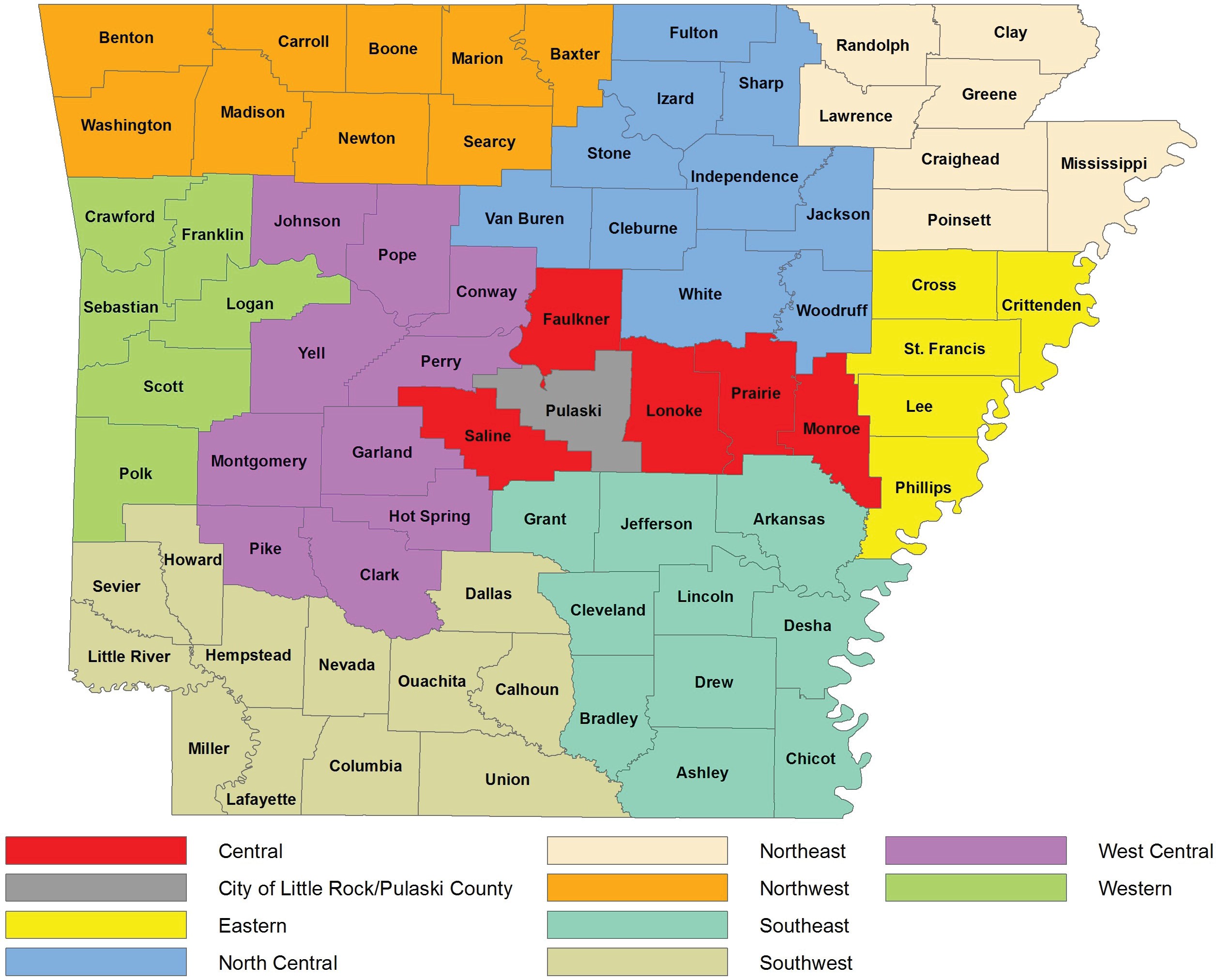
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## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**August 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**July 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 269,521 261,161

City of Little Rock 103,033 99,435

Eastern 42,866 40,807

North Central 95,232 91,513

Northeast 126,473 122,016

Northwest 368,406 358,433

Southeast 76,271 72,782

Southwest 87,127 83,415

West Central 130,785 125,448

Western 112,713 108,775

8,360

3,598

2,059

3,719

4,457

9,973

3,489

3,712

5,337

3,938

3.1

3.5

4.8

3.9

3.5

2.7

4.6

4.3

4.1

3.5

274,753 265,230

105,245 101,129

43,049

40,592

94,261 90,075

127,703 122,408

373,025 361,584

76,367 72,362

86,746 82,524

131,505 125,247

113,179 108,714

9,523 3.5

4,116 3.9

2,457 5.7

4,186 4.4

5,295 4.1

11,441 3.1

4,005 5.2

4,222 4.9

6,258 4.8

4,465 3.9

261,954 253,505 8,449 3.2

99,793 96,346 3,447 3.5

42,787 40,693 2,094 4.9

94,001 89,699 4,302 4.6

123,703 119,093 4,610 3.7

358,048 347,885 10,163 2.8

76,094 72,722 3,372 4.4

87,809 84,080 3,729 4.2

130,577 124,952 5,625 4.3

110,921 106,538 4,383 4.0