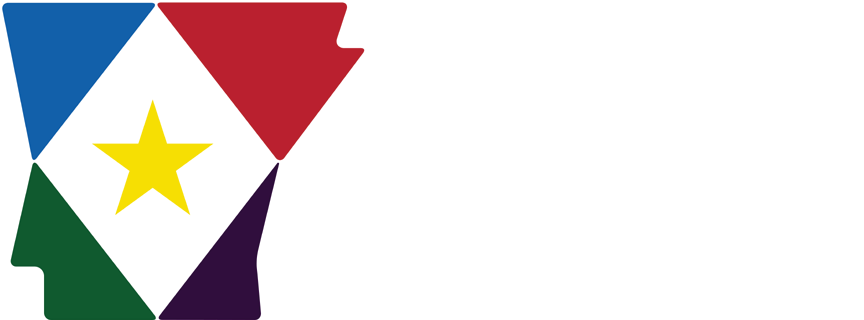
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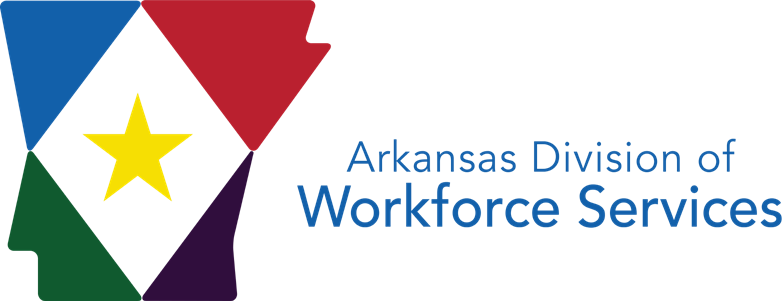
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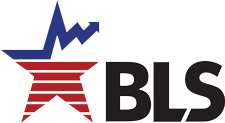
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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious month’s data is subject to revision.

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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**September Spotlight**

# A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

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

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

#### Unemployment Rates by State (Seasonally Adjusted)

September 2024

**Rank State Rate**

1. South Dakota 2.0
2. Vermont 2.2
3. North Dakota 2.3
4. New Hampshire 2.5
5. Nebraska 2.7
6. Maine 2.8

6 Mississippi 2.8

8 Alabama 2.9

8 Hawaii 2.9

8 Iowa 2.9

8 Maryland 2.9

8 Virginia 2.9

8 Wisconsin 2.9

14 Wyoming 3.1

15 Connecticut 3.2

15 Tennessee 3.2

**17 Arkansas 3.3**

**Rank State Rate**

17 Florida 3.3

17 Kansas 3.3

17 Montana 3.3

21 Minnesota 3.4

21 Oklahoma 3.4

21 Pennsylvania 3.4

24 Arizona 3.5

24 Utah 3.5

26 Georgia 3.6

26 Idaho 3.6

28 Massachusetts 3.8

28 North Carolina 3.8

30 Louisiana 3.9

30 Missouri 3.9

32 Colorado 4.0

32 Oregon 4.0

34 Texas 4.1

**Rank State Rate**

35 Delaware 4.2

35 New Mexico 4.2

35 West Virginia 4.2

38 Indiana 4.3

39 New York 4.4

40 Michigan 4.5

40 Ohio 4.5

40 South Carolina 4.5

43 Alaska 4.6

43 Rhode Island 4.6

1. New Jersey 4.7
2. Washington 4.8
3. Kentucky 4.9
4. California 5.3

48 Illinois 5.3

1. Nevada 5.6
2. District of Columbia 5.7

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 4.1%



**State of Arkansas**

# Civilian Labor Force Summary

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

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

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

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,363,021 1,358,680 1,334,014 Employment 1,373,814 1,363,422 1,339,883

Unemployment 45,797 46,741 49,599 Unemployment 40,289 48,819 47,931

Unemployment Rate 3.3% 3.3% 3.6% Unemployment Rate 2.8% 3.5% 3.5%

LF Participation Rate 58.1% 58.0% 57.6% LF Participation Rate 58.3% 58.3% 57.8%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Sep 24** | **Aug 24** | **Sep 23** |  | **Sep 24** | **Aug 24** | **Sep 23** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,408,818 | 1,405,421 | 1,383,613 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,414,103 | 1,412,241 | 1,387,814 |

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

September: 2014 - 2024

59.0%

58.0%

57.0%

56.0%

55.0%

54.0%

2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

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

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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

August 2024 - September 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Government

13,200

Private Ed & Health

2,500

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Other Services

0

0

Mining & Logging

Leisure & Hospitality

Information Construction Manufacturing Professional & Business Financial Activities

-100

-200

-200

-400

-500

-1,200

-2,300

-6,000 -3,500 -1,000 1,500 4,000 6,500 9,000 11,500 14,000 16,500

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

September 2023 - September 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Private Ed & Health

9,600

Construction

Government Trade-Transport-Utilities Leisure & Hospitality Professional & Business

2,600

1,900

1,700

1,500

800

Financial Activities

Mining & Logging

400

100

Manufacturing -200

Information -200

Other Services -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

**Sep 24**

Average Weekly Hours 37.1

Average Hourly Earnings $22.37

Average Weekly Earnings $829.93

**Aug 24**

36.8

$22.81

$839.41

**Sep 23**

39.3

$21.55

$846.92

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Sep 24**

Average Weekly Hours 40.5

Average Hourly Earnings $24.49

Average Weekly Earnings $991.85

**Aug 24**

38.7

$25.46

$985.30

**Sep 23**

41.9

$23.67

$991.77

**Sep 24**

Average Weekly Hours 34.1

Average Hourly Earnings $20.13

Average Weekly Earnings $686.43

**Aug 24**

35.0

$20.16

$705.60

**Sep 23**

37.0

$19.38

$717.06

#### Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing (Production Workers)

September 2021 - September 2024

$24.00

$23.00

$22.00

$21.00

$20.00

$19.00

$18.00

Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23 Sep '23 Mar '24 Sep '24

**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)

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

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

(In Thousands)

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

400,000

#### Civilian Labor Force

September 2021 - September 2024

410,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

September: 2004 - 2024

390,000

390,000

380,000

370,000

370,000

360,000 350,000

350,000

330,000

340,000

310,000

330,000

320,000

Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23 Sep '23 Mar '24 Sep '24

290,000

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

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

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

(In Thousands)

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

#### Job Change by Major Industry Sector

September 2023 vs September 2024

Government 0

2,10

2,000

1,100

900

100

0

0

-100

-500

00

Private Ed & Health

Manufacturing

Mining-Logging-Construct

Professional & Business

Financial Activities

Information

Other Services

Leisure & Hospitality

Trade-Transport-Utilities -6

-1,000 -500 0 500 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500

**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)

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

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

(In Thousands)

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

#### Employment

September 2021 - September 2024

#### Jobs in Private Education and Health Services

September: 2014 - 2024

120,000 20,000

118,000

19,000

116,000

18,000

114,000

112,000

17,000

16,000

110,000

108,000

15,000

106,000

Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23 Sep '23 Mar '24 Sep '24

14,000

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

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

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

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 24** | **Aug 24** | **Sep 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 40.9 | 41.0 | 41.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 36.5 | 36.6 | 36.5 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 |

42,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

September: 2014 - 2024

41,000

40,000

39,000

38,000

37,000

36,000

35,000

34,000

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

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

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

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 24** | **Aug 24** | **Sep 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 65.5 | 64.8 | 64.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| 11.7 | 11.8 | 11.5 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| 53.8 | 53.0 | 53.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| 9.4 | 8.8 | 9.3 | 0.6 | 0.1 |

69,000

#### Employment

September 2021 - September 2024

68,000

67,000

66,000

65,000

64,000

63,000

62,000

61,000

60,000

Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23 Sep '23 Mar '24 Sep '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

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

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Sep 24** | **Aug 24** | **Sep 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.2 | 31.0 | 31.4 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| 25.9 | 25.6 | 26.0 | 0.3 | -0.1 |
| 8.4 | 8.1 | 8.5 | 0.3 | -0.1 |

35,000

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

September: 2004 - 2024

32,500

30,000

27,500

25,000

22,500

20,000

2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 2024

**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.

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

**Texarkana MSA**

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

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

615,000

#### Memphis MSA - Employment

September 2021 - September 2024

4,500

#### Texarkana MSA - Unemployment

September: 2014 - 2024

610,000

4,000

605,000

3,500

600,000

595,000

590,000

3,000

2,500

2,000

1,500

585,000

1,000

580,000

500

575,000

Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23 Sep '23 Mar '24 Sep '24

0

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

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not Seasonally Adjusted  **September 2024 August 2024 September 2023 Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,970 | 8,620 | 350 | 3.9 | 8,820 | 8,379 | 441 | 5.0 | 8,700 | 8,273 | 427 | 4.9 |
| Batesville Micro | 17,195 | 16,741 | 454 | 2.6 | 16,956 | 16,337 | 619 | 3.7 | 16,770 | 16,202 | 568 | 3.4 |
| Blytheville Micro | 18,083 | 17,403 | 680 | 3.8 | 17,954 | 17,063 | 891 | 5.0 | 17,110 | 16,308 | 802 | 4.7 |
| Camden Micro | 12,176 | 11,773 | 403 | 3.3 | 12,009 | 11,528 | 481 | 4.0 | 12,070 | 11,623 | 447 | 3.7 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,985 | 14,258 | 727 | 4.9 | 14,930 | 14,085 | 845 | 5.7 | 14,802 | 14,101 | 701 | 4.7 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,536 | 7,165 | 371 | 4.9 | 7,607 | 7,159 | 448 | 5.9 | 7,501 | 7,115 | 386 | 5.1 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,072 | 18,537 | 535 | 2.8 | 18,777 | 18,131 | 646 | 3.4 | 19,205 | 18,557 | 648 | 3.4 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,147 | 4,893 | 254 | 4.9 | 5,136 | 4,840 | 296 | 5.8 | 5,223 | 4,906 | 317 | 6.1 |
| Hope Micro | 12,190 | 11,811 | 379 | 3.1 | 11,904 | 11,456 | 448 | 3.8 | 12,534 | 12,054 | 480 | 3.8 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,934 | 8,610 | 324 | 3.6 | 8,778 | 8,382 | 396 | 4.5 | 8,982 | 8,584 | 398 | 4.4 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,937 | 13,494 | 443 | 3.2 | 13,922 | 13,400 | 522 | 3.7 | 13,714 | 13,203 | 511 | 3.7 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 17,054 | 16,536 | 518 | 3.0 | 16,979 | 16,354 | 625 | 3.7 | 16,738 | 16,072 | 666 | 4.0 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,764 | 19,156 | 608 | 3.1 | 19,673 | 18,940 | 733 | 3.7 | 19,750 | 19,075 | 675 | 3.4 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,402 | 36,178 | 1,224 | 3.3 | 36,703 | 35,158 | 1,545 | 4.2 | 36,889 | 35,396 | 1,493 | 4.0 |
| Searcy Micro | 35,160 | 34,102 | 1,058 | 3.0 | 35,009 | 33,745 | 1,264 | 3.6 | 34,016 | 32,794 | 1,222 | 3.6 |

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

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

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

### City Labor Force Statistics

**City**

**CLF**

**September 2024**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**August 2024**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

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

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**September 2024 August 2024 September 2023**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

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

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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

# County Labor Force Summary

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**September 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2023**

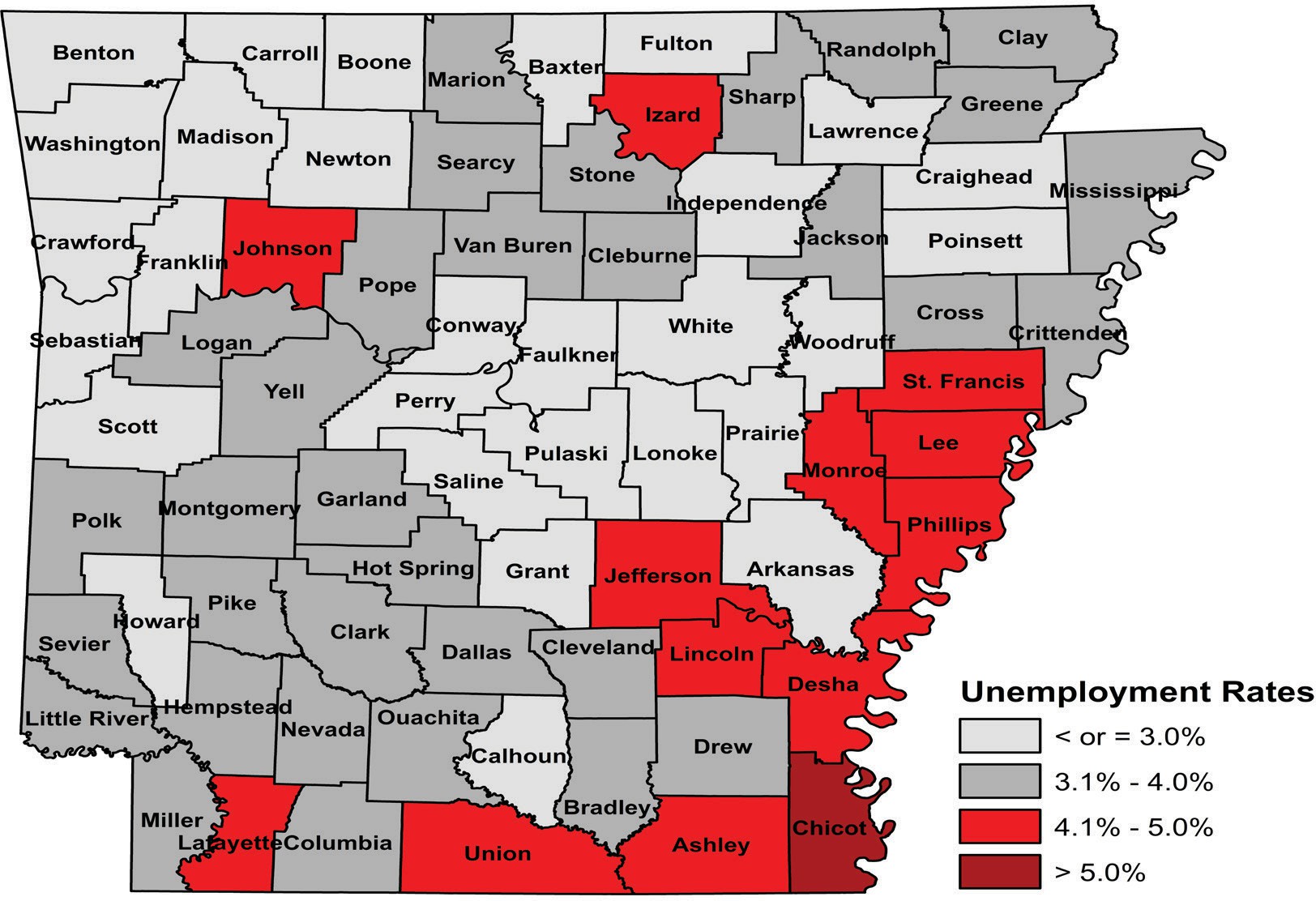
**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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

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

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

**County Unemployment Rates**



# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

September 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Benton 2.1

1 Washington 2.1

3 Grant 2.3

3 Lonoke 2.3

5 Faulkner 2.4

5 Saline 2.4

5 Scott 2.4

8 Arkansas 2.5

8 Craighead 2.5

8 Madison 2.5

8 Prairie 2.5

12 Calhoun 2.6

12 Independence 2.6

14 Carroll 2.7

14 Franklin 2.7

14 Howard 2.7

17 Boone 2.8

17 Lawrence 2.8

17 Newton 2.8

17 Sebastian 2.8

21 Crawford 2.9

21 Poinsett 2.9

21 Pulaski 2.9

24 Baxter 3.0

24 Conway 3.0

**Rank County**

24 Fulton

24 Perry

24 White

24 Woodruff

30 Cross

30 Greene

30 Hempstead

30 Little River

30 Randolph

30 Sevier

36 Clay

36 Garland

36 Hot Spring

36 Nevada

36 Pike

36 Yell

42 Cleveland

42 Dallas

42 Marion

42 Miller

42 Pope

42 Searcy

42 Van Buren

49 Cleburne

49 Logan

**Rate**

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.2

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3.4

**Rank County**

49 Polk

49 Sharp

49 Stone

54 Ouachita

55 Columbia

56 Bradley

56 Crittenden

56 Drew

56 Jackson

60 Mississippi

61 Clark

62 Montgomery

63 Izard

64 Jefferson

64 Lincoln

66 Lee

67 Johnson

67 Monroe

69 Lafayette

70 Ashley

70 Phillips

70 St. Francis

70 Union

1. Desha
2. Chicot

**Rate**

3.4

3.4

3.4

3.5

3.6

3.7

3.7

3.7

3.7

3.8

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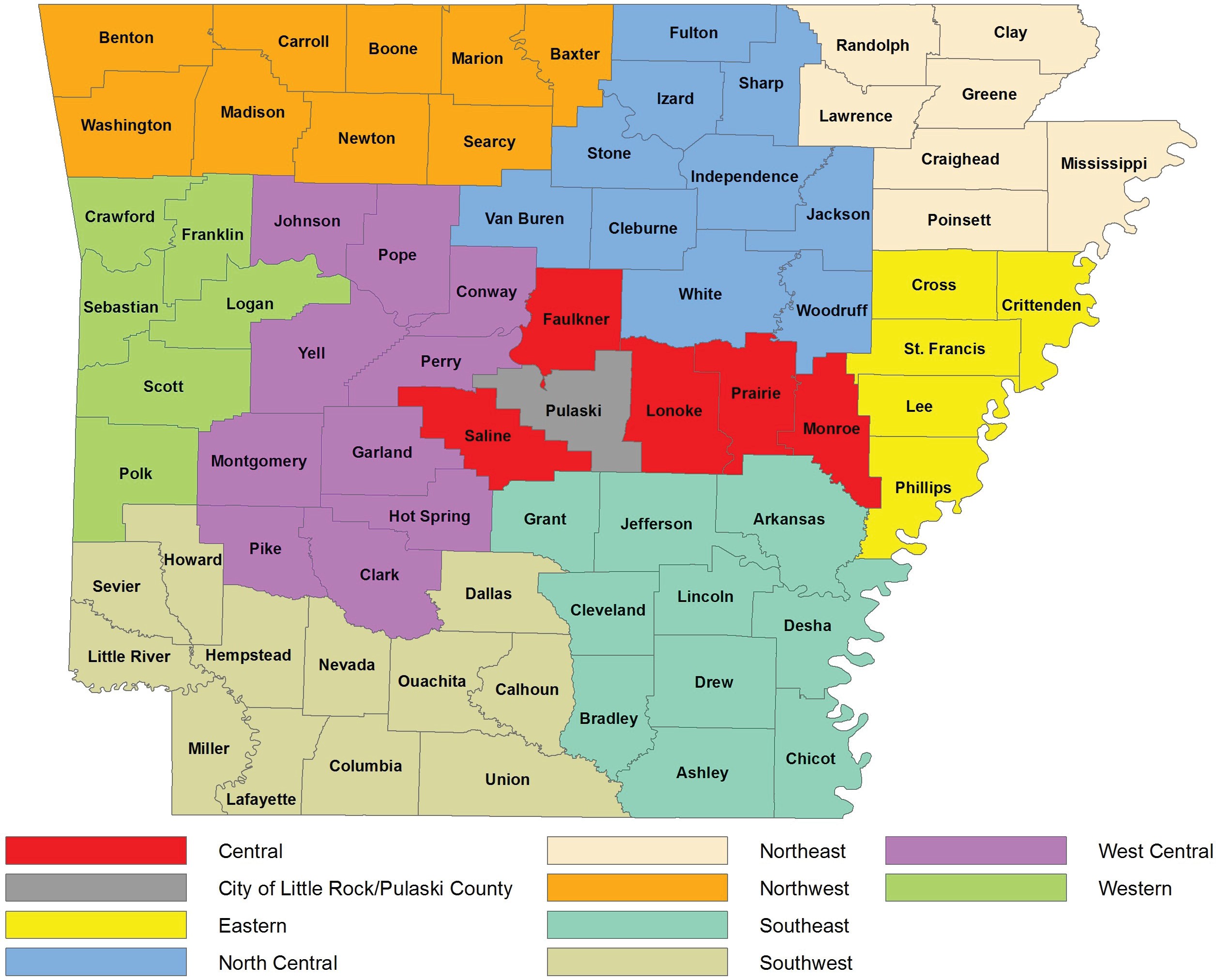
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5.7

## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**September 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**September 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 269,326 262,380

City of Little Rock 102,940 99,901

Eastern 42,558 40,853

North Central 96,145 93,135

Northeast 126,973 123,334

Northwest 368,423 360,173

Southeast 76,149 73,234

Southwest 87,708 84,591

West Central 131,371 126,961

Western 112,506 109,254

6,946

3,039

1,705

3,010

3,639

8,250

2,915

3,117

4,410

3,252

2.6

3.0

4.0

3.1

2.9

2.2

3.8

3.6

3.4

2.9

269,626 261,221

103,073 99,459

42,840

40,773

95,262 91,535

126,464 121,993

367,942 357,952

76,274 72,769

87,128 83,406

130,874 125,511

112,757 108,803

8,405 3.1

3,614 3.5

2,067 4.8

3,727 3.9

4,471 3.5

9,990 2.7

3,505 4.6

3,722 4.3

5,363 4.1

3,954 3.5

261,550 253,228 8,322 3.2

99,708 96,314 3,394 3.4

42,415 40,455 1,960 4.6

94,061 90,457 3,604 3.8

124,178 119,889 4,289 3.5

360,825 350,773 10,052 2.8

75,652 72,448 3,204 4.2

87,840 84,299 3,541 4.0

130,215 124,933 5,282 4.1

111,367 107,085 4,282 3.8