

Arkansas Labor Market Report

November 2017



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Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau 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 number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data collected 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 unemployed. 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. Approximately 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 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 seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

Unemployment Rate

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

Seasonal Adjustment

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

November Spotlight

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 establishments with changes in employment. These employment changes occur when establishments 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 existing 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.

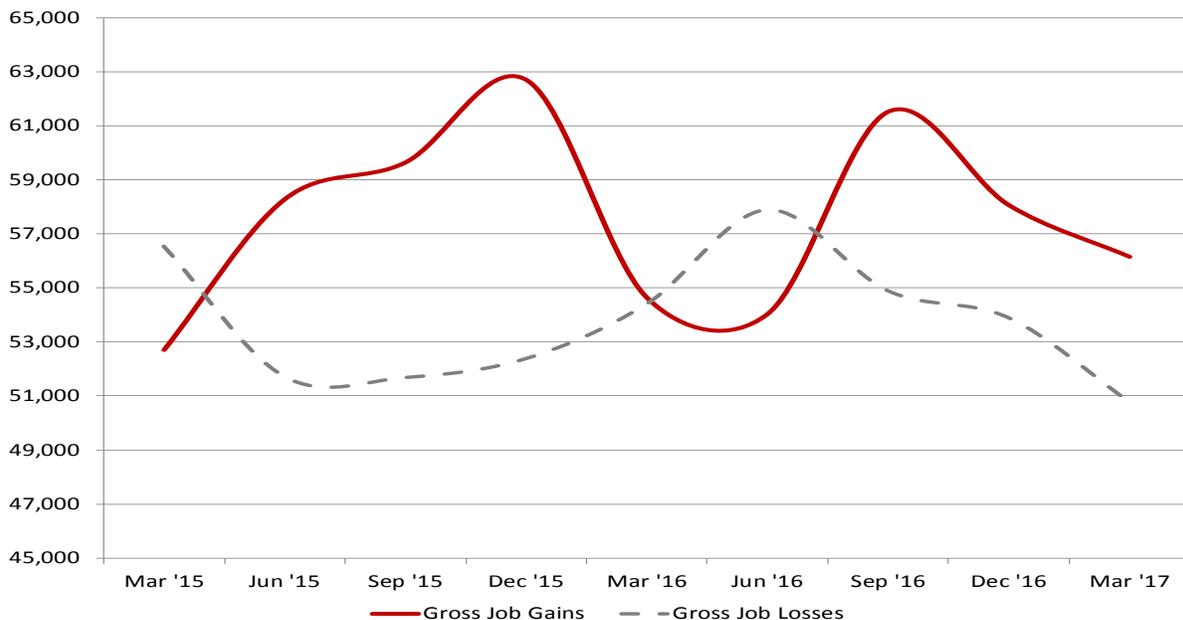
Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)					
State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)					

3 months ended					
Category	Mar 16	Jun 16	Sep 16	Dec 16	Mar 17*

Employment Levels					
Gross job gains.....	54,640	54,032	61,522	58,062	56,151
Gross job losses....	54,408	57,902	54,893	53,892	50,773
Net Change.....	232	-3,870	6,629	4,170	5,378

*Most recent BED data available is for 1st Quarter 2017

Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)
1st Quarter 2015 - 1st Quarter 2017



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

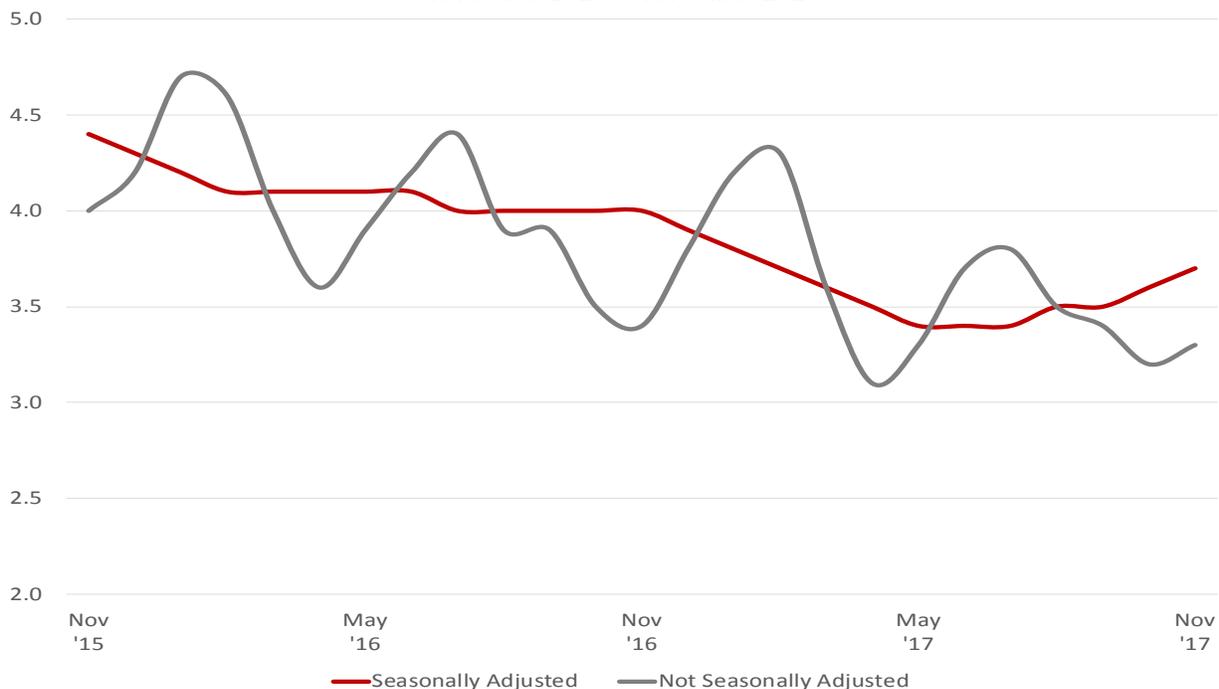
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.6 percent in October to 3.7 percent in November. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 6,248, a result of 6,784 fewer employed and 536 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate was unchanged at 4.1 percent in November.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "The unemployment rate in Arkansas rose slightly in November, brought on by a decline in employment and the size of the civilian labor force. Compared to November 2016, there are currently 36,308 more employed in the State."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 17	Oct 17	Nov 16	Nov 17	Oct 17	Nov 16	
Civilian Labor Force	1,372,006	1,378,254	1,338,739	Civilian Labor Force	1,358,380	1,374,366	1,334,504
Employment	1,321,879	1,328,663	1,285,571	Employment	1,313,197	1,330,120	1,288,668
Unemployment	50,127	49,591	53,168	Unemployment	45,183	44,246	45,836
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.6	4.0	Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.2	3.4
U.S. Unemployment	4.1	4.1	4.6	U.S. Unemployment	3.9	3.9	4.4

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted vs. Not Seasonally Adjusted)
November 2015 - November 2017



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Nov 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1263.0	1264.8	1242.0	-1.8	21.0
Goods Producing	220.0	220.8	212.2	-0.8	7.8
Mining, Logging, and Construction	59.2	60.1	56.2	-0.9	3.0
Mining & Logging	6.1	6.0	6.1	0.1	0.0
Construction	53.1	54.1	50.1	-1.0	3.0
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.7	34.3	31.4	-0.6	2.3
Manufacturing	160.8	160.7	156.0	0.1	4.8
Durable Goods	73.7	73.6	73.6	0.1	0.1
Nondurable Goods	87.1	87.1	82.4	0.0	4.7
Service Providing	1043.0	1044.0	1029.8	-1.0	13.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	257.0	254.9	254.7	2.1	2.3
Wholesale Trade	47.9	47.8	46.2	0.1	1.7
Retail Trade	144.2	142.2	143.4	2.0	0.8
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	64.9	64.9	65.1	0.0	-0.2
Information	13.1	13.1	13.5	0.0	-0.4
Financial Activities	51.2	51.0	51.3	0.2	-0.1
Finance & Insurance	38.1	37.9	38.2	0.2	-0.1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.1	13.1	13.1	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	149.9	149.9	146.2	0.0	3.7
Professional, Scientific & Technical	45.3	44.4	42.9	0.9	2.4
Management of Companies	33.8	33.8	35.7	0.0	-1.9
Administrative & Support Services	70.8	71.7	67.6	-0.9	3.2
Educational & Health Services	191.7	191.3	186.0	0.4	5.7
Educational Services	19.4	19.3	16.7	0.1	2.7
Health Care & Social Assistance	172.3	172.0	169.3	0.3	3.0
Ambulatory Health Care	59.1	59.2	55.2	-0.1	3.9
Social Assistance	39.0	38.7	39.9	0.3	-0.9
Leisure & Hospitality	115.7	119.5	114.1	-3.8	1.6
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	9.7	10.4	9.3	-0.7	0.4
Accommodation & Food Services	106.0	109.1	104.8	-3.1	1.2
Accommodation Services	12.0	12.3	11.1	-0.3	0.9
Food Services	94.0	96.8	93.7	-2.8	0.3
Other Services	49.2	50.0	48.0	-0.8	1.2
Government	215.2	214.3	216.0	0.9	-0.8
Federal Government	20.2	20.2	20.4	0.0	-0.2
State Government	80.4	80.1	80.0	0.3	0.4
Local Government	114.6	114.0	115.6	0.6	-1.0

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

October 2017 - November 2017

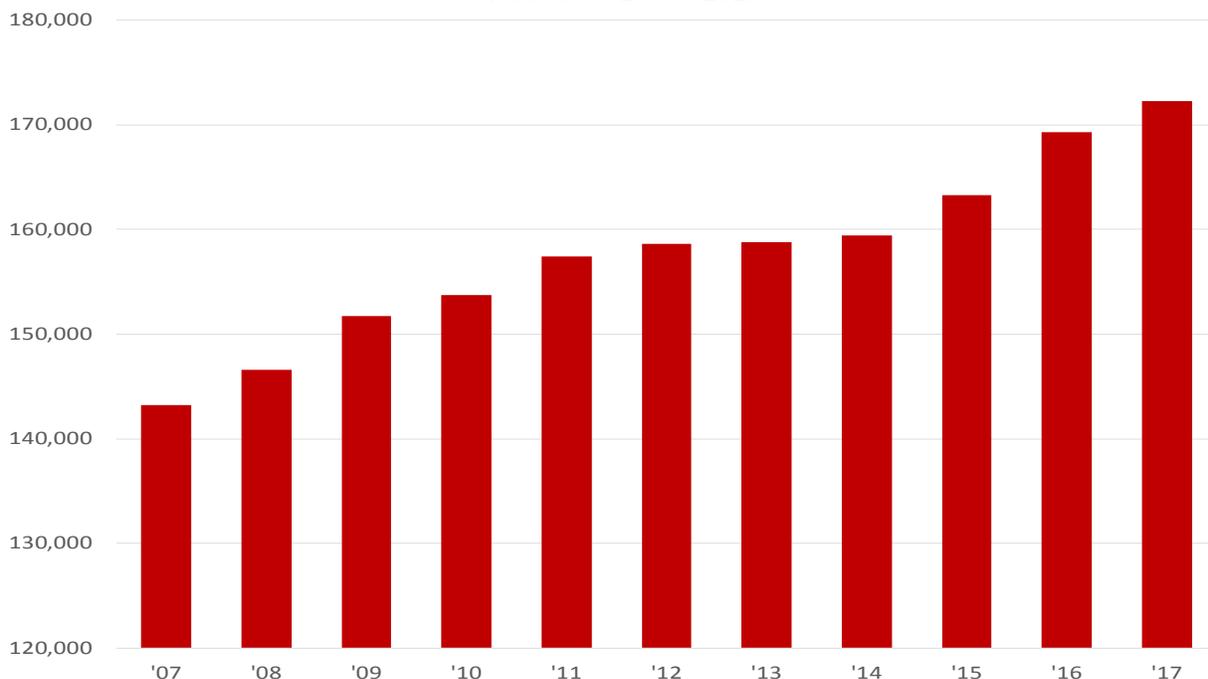
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas declined 1,800 in November to total 1,263,000. Three major industry sectors posted losses, while six increased and two were unchanged. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** dropped 3,800. A majority of the decline occurred in food services (-2,800), attributed in part to reported staff reductions and closures at full service restaurants. Jobs in **construction** decreased 1,000, a typical seasonal loss. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 2,100 jobs. Most of the increase occurred in retail trade (+2,000), as stores began temporary hiring for the holiday shopping season.

November 2016 - November 2017

Compared to November 2016, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment is up 21,000. Growth was reported in seven major industry sectors, with four adding 3,000 or more jobs, each. Employment in **educational and health services** increased 5,700. Gains were posted in both health care and social assistance (+3,000) and educational services (+2,700). **Manufacturing** added 4,800 jobs, mostly in nondurable goods manufacturing (+4,700). Jobs in **professional and business services** rose 3,700. Increases occurred in administrative-support services (+3,200) and professional-scientific-technical services (+2,400). **Construction** reported moderate growth, up 3,000. A majority of the expansion was in specialty trade contractors (+2,300). Other notable gains were posted in **trade-transportation-utilities** (+2,300), **leisure and hospitality** (+1,600), and **other services** (+1,200).

Jobs in Health Care and Social Assistance (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

November: 2007 - 2017



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State of Arkansas

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

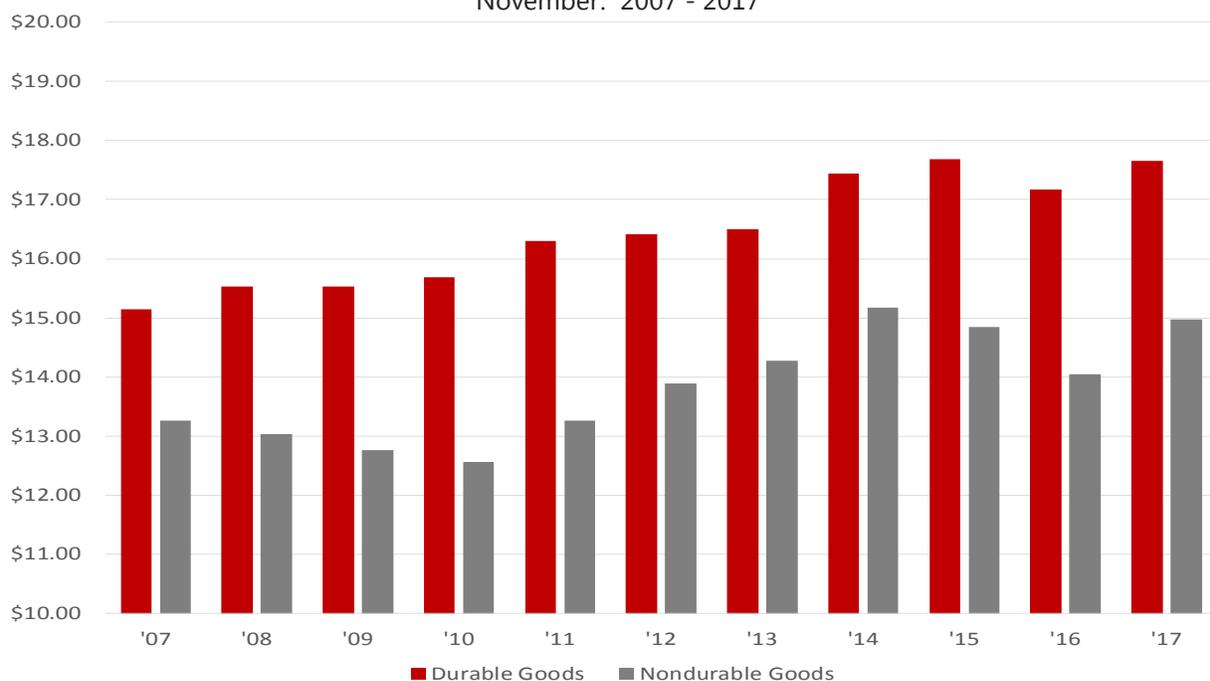
Manufacturing

	Nov 17	Oct 17	Nov 16
Average Weekly Hours	42.7	41.2	40.6
Average Hourly Earnings	16.17	16.13	15.57
Average Weekly Earnings	690.46	664.56	632.14

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	Nov 17	Oct 17	Nov 16		Nov 17	Oct 17	Nov 16
Average Weekly Hours	43.2	41.4	42.1	Average Weekly Hours	42.3	41.1	39.2
Average Hourly Earnings	17.65	17.85	17.17	Average Hourly Earnings	14.97	14.77	14.04
Average Weekly Earnings	762.48	738.99	722.86	Average Weekly Earnings	633.23	607.05	550.37

Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers
Durable Goods Manufacturing vs Nondurable Goods Manufacturing
November: 2007 - 2017



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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)

	Nov 17	Oct 17	Nov 16	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	353,321	357,970	346,511	-4,649	6,810
Employment	342,653	347,449	335,738	-4,796	6,915
Unemployment	10,668	10,521	10,773	147	-105
Unemployment Rate	3.0	2.9	3.1	0.1	-0.1

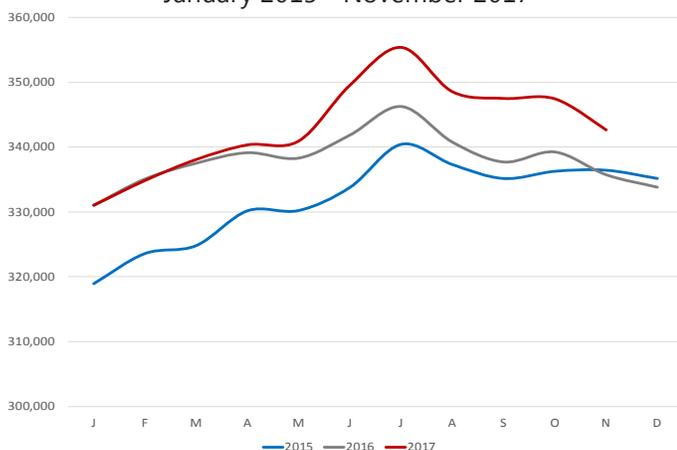
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 17	Oct 17	Nov 16	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	357.7	357.7	355.8	0.0	1.9
Goods Producing	38.4	38.4	36.6	0.0	1.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.3	18.4	16.5	-0.1	1.8
Manufacturing	20.1	20.0	20.1	0.1	0.0
Service Providing	319.3	319.3	319.2	0.0	0.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	70.4	70.0	71.5	0.4	-1.1
Wholesale Trade	14.8	14.9	15.0	-0.1	-0.2
Retail Trade	39.5	39.1	40.5	0.4	-1.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.1	16.0	16.0	0.1	0.1
Information	6.0	6.0	6.3	0.0	-0.3
Financial Activities	20.5	20.5	20.4	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	47.4	47.1	47.8	0.3	-0.4
Educational & Health Services	57.8	57.6	55.1	0.2	2.7
Leisure & Hospitality	32.2	33.2	32.9	-1.0	-0.7
Other Services	14.7	14.8	14.5	-0.1	0.2
Government	70.3	70.1	70.7	0.2	-0.4
Federal Government	9.7	9.7	9.7	0.0	0.0
State Government	35.5	35.4	35.3	0.1	0.2
Local Government	25.1	25.0	25.7	0.1	-0.6

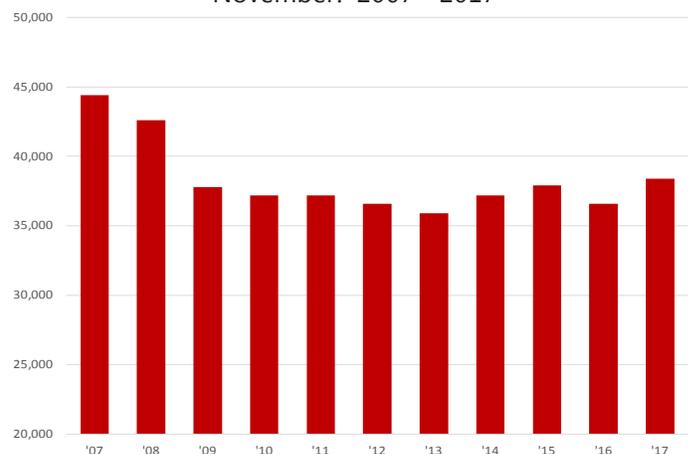
Employment

January 2015 - November 2017



Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

November: 2007 - 2017



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas 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)

	Nov 17	Oct 17	Nov 16	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	275,998	279,460	266,181	-3,462	9,817
Employment	269,028	272,685	259,568	-3,657	9,460
Unemployment	6,970	6,775	6,613	195	357
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.4	2.5	0.1	0.0

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 17	Oct 17	Nov 16	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	258.3	257.9	251.9	0.4	6.4
Goods Producing	39.4	39.2	38.1	0.2	1.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	11.1	11.0	10.4	0.1	0.7
Manufacturing	28.3	28.2	27.7	0.1	0.6
Service Providing	218.9	218.7	213.8	0.2	5.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	56.7	56.3	56.2	0.4	0.5
Wholesale Trade	12.9	12.8	12.4	0.1	0.5
Retail Trade	26.1	25.8	26.5	0.3	-0.4
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	7.8	0.0	0.2
Professional & Business Services	52.5	52.5	51.7	0.0	0.8
Educational & Health Services	29.0	28.9	27.9	0.1	1.1
Leisure & Hospitality	25.9	26.4	24.8	-0.5	1.1
Other Services	7.8	7.8	7.6	0.0	0.2
Government	37.1	36.9	35.9	0.2	1.2
Federal Government	2.5	2.6	2.5	-0.1	0.0
State Government	15.4	15.3	14.5	0.1	0.9
Local Government	19.2	19.0	18.9	0.2	0.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

November 2014 - November 2017



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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)

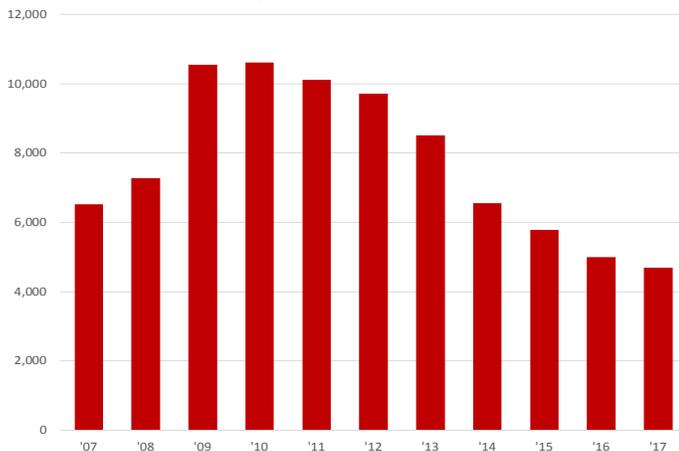
	Nov 17	Oct 17	Nov 16	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	121,824	122,459	120,573	-635	1,251
Employment	117,129	117,689	115,572	-560	1,557
Unemployment	4,695	4,770	5,001	-75	-306
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.9	4.1	0.0	-0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

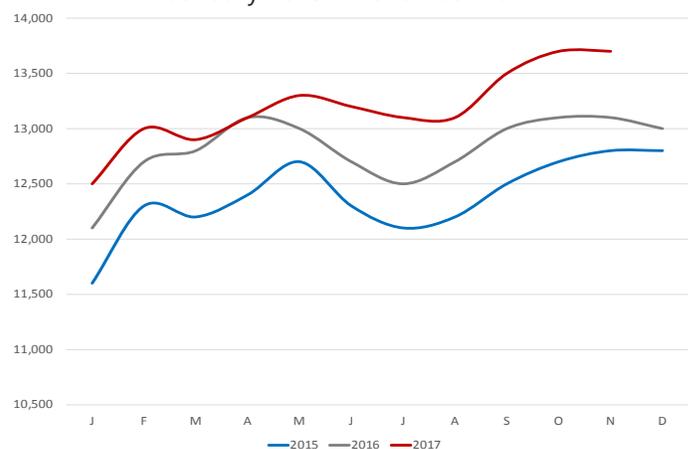
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 17	Oct 17	Nov 16	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	114.5	114.1	114.4	0.4	0.1
Goods Producing	23.0	22.9	23.2	0.1	-0.2
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.3	5.3	5.4	0.0	-0.1
Manufacturing	17.7	17.6	17.8	0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	91.5	91.2	91.2	0.3	0.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.2	22.9	23.8	0.3	-0.6
Wholesale Trade	4.0	4.0	3.9	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	12.7	12.4	13.2	0.3	-0.5
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.5	6.5	6.7	0.0	-0.2
Information	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.8	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	13.7	13.7	13.1	0.0	0.6
Educational & Health Services	16.9	16.8	16.8	0.1	0.1
Leisure & Hospitality	9.5	9.6	9.5	-0.1	0.0
Other Services	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
Government	18.8	18.8	18.7	0.0	0.1
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0
Local Government	14.3	14.3	14.2	0.0	0.1

Number of Unemployed
November: 2007 - 2017



Jobs in Professional and Business Services
January 2015 - November 2017



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Nov 17	Oct 17	Nov 16	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	39,980	40,477	39,108	-497	872
Employment	38,532	39,022	37,552	-490	980
Unemployment	1,448	1,455	1,556	-7	-108
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.6	4.0	0.0	-0.4

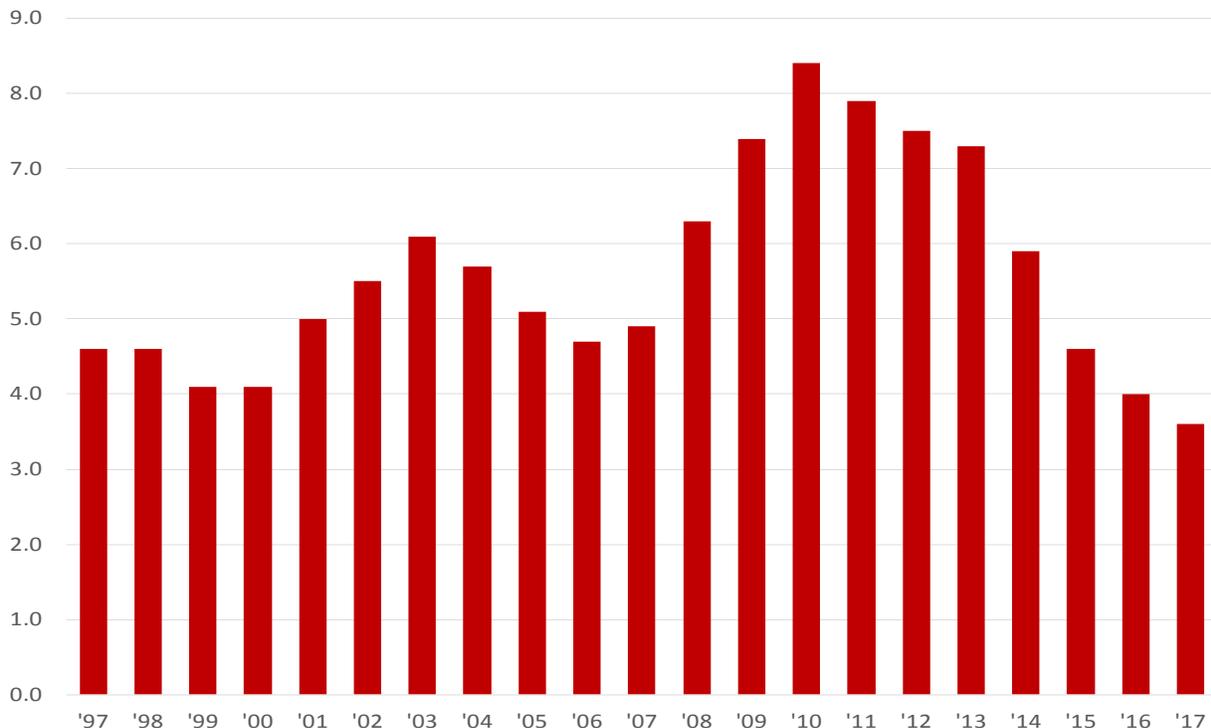
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 17	Oct 17	Nov 16	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	37.7	37.9	37.3	-0.2	0.4
Goods Producing	4.6	4.6	4.4	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	33.1	33.3	32.9	-0.2	0.2
Government	4.5	4.4	4.6	0.1	-0.1

Unemployment Rates

November: 1997 - 2017



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Nov 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,002	64,468	62,303	-466	1,699
Employment	62,194	62,682	60,507	-488	1,687
Unemployment	1,808	1,786	1,796	22	12
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Nov 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	57.7	57.4	56.8	0.3	0.9
Goods Producing	9.5	9.4	9.2	0.1	0.3
Service Providing	48.2	48.0	47.6	0.2	0.6
Government	9.3	9.3	9.2	0.0	0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

November 2014 - November 2017



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Nov 17	Oct 17	Nov 16	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	35,736	36,130	35,730	-394	6
Employment	34,124	34,557	34,117	-433	7
Unemployment	1,612	1,573	1,613	39	-1
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.1	0.0

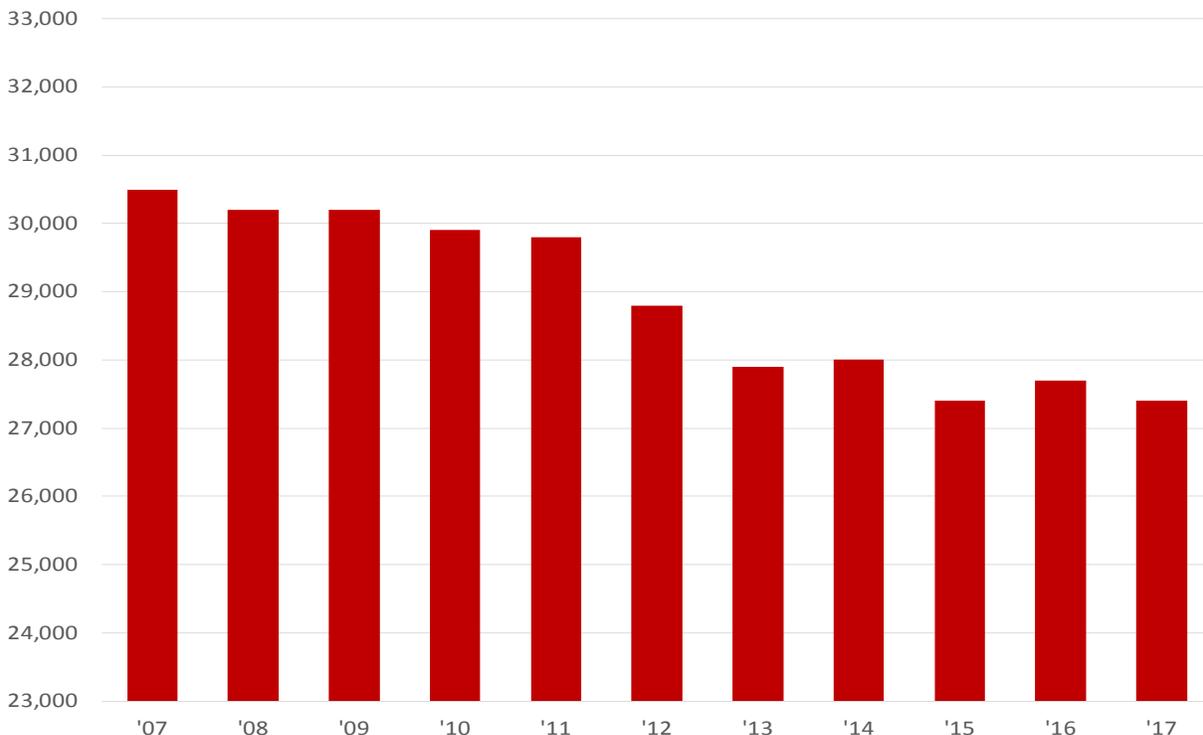
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 17	Oct 17	Nov 16	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	33.3	33.3	33.8	0.0	-0.5
Goods Producing	5.9	6.0	6.1	-0.1	-0.2
Service Providing	27.4	27.3	27.7	0.1	-0.3
Government	9.6	9.5	9.7	0.1	-0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

November: 2007 - 2017



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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.

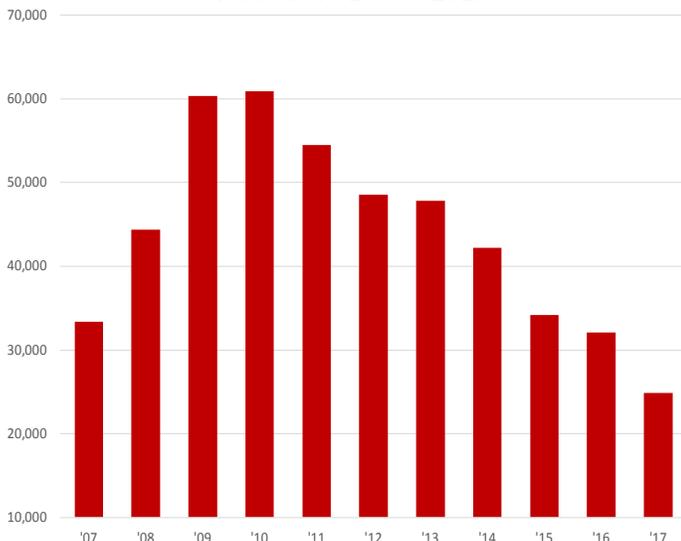
	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Nov 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	633,932	630,622	628,951	3,310	4,981
Employment	609,057	607,468	596,855	1,589	12,202
Unemployment	24,875	23,154	32,096	1,721	-7,221
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.7	5.1	0.2	-1.2

Texarkana MSA

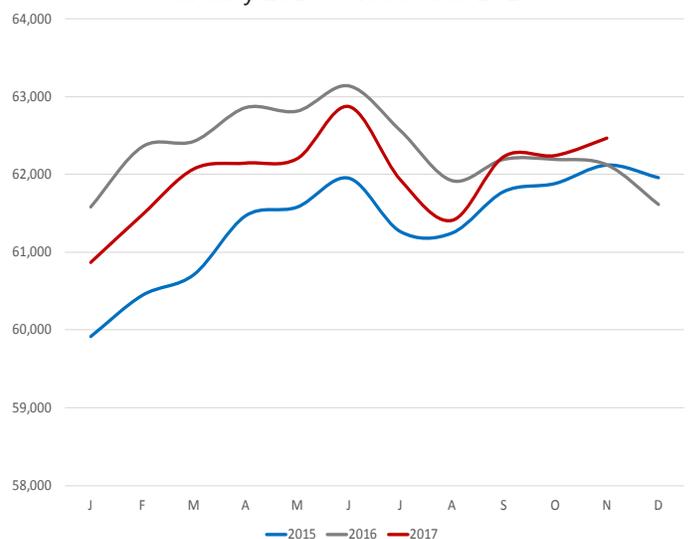
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Nov 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,075	64,720	65,003	355	72
Employment	62,466	62,242	62,122	224	344
Unemployment	2,609	2,478	2,881	131	-272
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.8	4.4	0.2	-0.4

Number of Unemployed - Memphis MSA
November: 2007 - 2017



Employment- Texarkana MSA
January 2015 - November 2017



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Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Micro Area	November 2017				October 2017				November 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,726	9,393	333	3.4	9,852	9,498	354	3.6	9,602	9,260	342	3.6
Batesville Micro	16,333	15,723	610	3.7	16,450	15,852	598	3.6	15,819	15,157	662	4.2
Blytheville Micro	18,098	17,242	856	4.7	18,490	17,673	817	4.4	18,289	17,283	1,006	5.5
Camden Micro	12,172	11,672	500	4.1	12,344	11,847	497	4.0	12,067	11,554	513	4.3
El Dorado Micro	16,028	15,268	760	4.7	16,202	15,464	738	4.6	16,095	15,331	764	4.7
Forrest City Micro	8,411	8,021	390	4.6	8,526	8,142	384	4.5	8,733	8,341	392	4.5
Harrison Micro	19,220	18,592	628	3.3	19,338	18,741	597	3.1	19,322	18,702	620	3.2
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,471	6,102	369	5.7	6,562	6,208	354	5.4	6,556	6,231	325	5.0
Hope Micro	13,612	13,192	420	3.1	13,794	13,375	419	3.0	13,578	13,139	439	3.2
Magnolia Micro	9,173	8,769	404	4.4	9,271	8,884	387	4.2	9,212	8,743	469	5.1
Malvern Micro	14,253	13,777	476	3.3	14,428	13,950	478	3.3	13,991	13,516	475	3.4
Mountain Home Micro	16,631	15,974	657	4.0	16,720	16,092	628	3.8	15,898	15,283	615	3.9
Paragould Micro	19,932	19,289	643	3.2	20,153	19,519	634	3.1	19,668	18,914	754	3.8
Russellville Micro	38,576	37,086	1,490	3.9	39,033	37,614	1,419	3.6	38,022	36,576	1,446	3.8
Searcy Micro	33,966	32,622	1,344	4.0	34,275	32,996	1,279	3.7	33,805	32,389	1,416	4.2

Arkadelphia Micro= Clark County
 Batesville Micro= Independence County
 Blytheville Micro= Mississippi County
 Camden Micro= Calhoun & Ouachita counties
 El Dorado Micro= Union County

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

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

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City	November 2017				October 2017				November 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,598	12,170	428	3.4	12,772	12,338	434	3.4	12,089	11,718	371	3.1
Benton	16,482	16,023	459	2.8	16,667	16,242	425	2.5	16,154	15,693	461	2.9
Bentonville	24,844	24,188	656	2.6	25,197	24,521	676	2.7	23,806	23,290	516	2.2
Blytheville	6,214	5,878	336	5.4	6,334	6,025	309	4.9	6,251	5,892	359	5.7
Cabot	11,785	11,442	343	2.9	11,961	11,613	348	2.9	11,563	11,235	328	2.8
Conway	33,378	32,339	1,039	3.1	33,758	32,776	982	2.9	32,763	31,693	1,070	3.3
El Dorado	6,959	6,609	350	5.0	7,053	6,694	359	5.1	7,010	6,636	374	5.3
Fayetteville	48,308	47,155	1,153	2.4	48,849	47,773	1,076	2.2	46,514	45,408	1,106	2.4
Fort Smith	40,515	39,172	1,343	3.3	40,906	39,591	1,315	3.2	39,869	38,613	1,256	3.2
Hot Springs	13,955	13,399	556	4.0	14,134	13,570	564	4.0	13,647	13,059	588	4.3
Jacksonville	11,833	11,367	466	3.9	11,990	11,526	464	3.9	11,590	11,132	458	4.0
Jonesboro	37,673	36,659	1,014	2.7	37,938	36,934	1,004	2.6	36,638	35,634	1,004	2.7
Little Rock	97,468	94,524	2,944	3.0	98,783	95,846	2,937	3.0	95,556	92,572	2,984	3.1
North Little Rock	30,166	29,148	1,018	3.4	30,559	29,556	1,003	3.3	29,526	28,546	980	3.3
Paragould	12,492	12,062	430	3.4	12,631	12,205	426	3.4	12,360	11,827	533	4.3
Pine Bluff	17,023	16,122	901	5.3	17,194	16,330	864	5.0	16,978	16,104	874	5.1
Rogers	35,261	34,362	899	2.5	35,732	34,836	896	2.5	33,933	33,086	847	2.5
Russellville	13,828	13,327	501	3.6	13,986	13,511	475	3.4	13,574	13,129	445	3.3
Searcy	10,418	10,069	349	3.3	10,534	10,184	350	3.3	10,362	9,997	365	3.5
Sherwood	15,694	15,285	409	2.6	15,912	15,498	414	2.6	15,398	14,969	429	2.8
Springdale	40,019	39,093	926	2.3	40,508	39,608	900	2.2	38,539	37,645	894	2.3
Texarkana, AR	13,992	13,418	574	4.1	14,014	13,444	570	4.1	13,775	13,216	559	4.1
Van Buren	10,475	10,120	355	3.4	10,559	10,237	322	3.0	10,296	9,986	310	3.0
West Memphis	10,838	10,392	446	4.1	10,854	10,432	422	3.9	10,687	10,175	512	4.8

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,037	8,752	285	3.2	9,230	8,963	267	2.9	9,245	8,945	300	3.2
Ashley	7,731	7,356	375	4.9	7,881	7,509	372	4.7	7,864	7,422	442	5.6
Baxter	16,631	15,974	657	4.0	16,720	16,092	628	3.8	15,898	15,283	615	3.9
Benton	132,575	129,004	3,571	2.7	134,345	130,782	3,563	2.7	127,465	124,215	3,250	2.5
Boone	15,858	15,329	529	3.3	15,950	15,456	494	3.1	15,919	15,414	505	3.2
Bradley	4,485	4,315	170	3.8	4,577	4,405	172	3.8	4,522	4,314	208	4.6
Calhoun	2,374	2,287	87	3.7	2,410	2,325	85	3.5	2,355	2,273	82	3.5
Carroll	13,075	12,709	366	2.8	13,417	13,071	346	2.6	12,950	12,562	388	3.0
Chicot	3,421	3,210	211	6.2	3,499	3,291	208	5.9	3,508	3,303	205	5.8
Clark	9,726	9,393	333	3.4	9,852	9,498	354	3.6	9,602	9,260	342	3.6
Clay	5,857	5,619	238	4.1	5,916	5,701	215	3.6	5,939	5,665	274	4.6
Cleburne	9,357	8,954	403	4.3	9,448	9,041	407	4.3	9,371	8,918	453	4.8
Cleveland	3,304	3,179	125	3.8	3,349	3,218	131	3.9	3,319	3,189	130	3.9
Columbia	9,173	8,769	404	4.4	9,271	8,884	387	4.2	9,212	8,743	469	5.1
Conway	8,259	7,932	327	4.0	8,361	8,033	328	3.9	8,297	7,895	402	4.8
Craighead	53,576	52,147	1,429	2.7	53,938	52,537	1,401	2.6	52,108	50,688	1,420	2.7
Crawford	26,889	26,000	889	3.3	27,161	26,301	860	3.2	26,524	25,656	868	3.3
Crittenden	21,926	21,115	811	3.7	21,996	21,197	799	3.6	21,549	20,674	875	4.1
Cross	7,731	7,450	281	3.6	7,852	7,585	267	3.4	7,909	7,593	316	4.0
Dallas	2,934	2,818	116	4.0	2,967	2,848	119	4.0	2,922	2,800	122	4.2
Desha	5,437	5,212	225	4.1	5,575	5,361	214	3.8	5,450	5,196	254	4.7
Drew	7,963	7,608	355	4.5	8,062	7,723	339	4.2	8,008	7,617	391	4.9
Faulkner	60,821	58,957	1,864	3.1	61,547	59,753	1,794	2.9	59,699	57,780	1,919	3.2
Franklin	7,476	7,239	237	3.2	7,552	7,326	226	3.0	7,227	6,981	246	3.4
Fulton	4,709	4,531	178	3.8	4,696	4,530	166	3.5	4,658	4,480	178	3.8
Garland	39,980	38,532	1,448	3.6	40,477	39,022	1,455	3.6	39,108	37,552	1,556	4.0
Grant	8,357	8,111	246	2.9	8,481	8,248	233	2.7	8,220	7,962	258	3.1
Greene	19,932	19,289	643	3.2	20,153	19,519	634	3.1	19,668	18,914	754	3.8
Hempstead	9,929	9,627	302	3.0	10,068	9,765	303	3.0	9,917	9,594	323	3.3
Hot Spring	14,253	13,777	476	3.3	14,428	13,950	478	3.3	13,991	13,516	475	3.4
Howard	5,760	5,602	158	2.7	5,911	5,756	155	2.6	5,777	5,607	170	2.9
Independence	16,333	15,723	610	3.7	16,450	15,852	598	3.6	15,819	15,157	662	4.2
Izard	4,964	4,700	264	5.3	4,953	4,739	214	4.3	5,015	4,769	246	4.9
Jackson	5,880	5,587	293	5.0	5,999	5,710	289	4.8	6,018	5,704	314	5.2
Jefferson	28,401	27,067	1,334	4.7	28,713	27,417	1,296	4.5	28,352	27,037	1,315	4.6
Johnson	10,879	10,464	415	3.8	10,907	10,496	411	3.8	10,514	10,100	414	3.9
Lafayette	2,498	2,382	116	4.6	2,502	2,387	115	4.6	2,608	2,475	133	5.1
Lawrence	7,000	6,770	230	3.3	7,083	6,851	232	3.3	6,966	6,716	250	3.6
Lee	2,975	2,852	123	4.1	3,044	2,917	127	4.2	3,064	2,936	128	4.2
Lincoln	4,031	3,878	153	3.8	4,068	3,922	146	3.6	4,059	3,891	168	4.1
Little River	5,700	5,434	266	4.7	5,712	5,460	252	4.4	5,588	5,351	237	4.2
Logan	8,931	8,630	301	3.4	9,055	8,754	301	3.3	9,033	8,700	333	3.7
Lonoke	33,514	32,514	1,000	3.0	33,978	33,002	976	2.9	32,917	31,927	990	3.0
Madison	7,524	7,335	189	2.5	7,631	7,441	190	2.5	7,323	7,127	196	2.7
Marion	6,537	6,302	235	3.6	6,564	6,343	221	3.4	6,486	6,253	233	3.6
Miller	20,198	19,421	777	3.8	20,244	19,459	785	3.9	19,888	19,129	759	3.8

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County	November 2017				October 2017				November 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	18,098	17,242	856	4.7	18,490	17,673	817	4.4	18,289	17,283	1,006	5.5
Monroe	2,748	2,631	117	4.3	2,825	2,717	108	3.8	2,770	2,641	129	4.7
Montgomery	3,075	2,941	134	4.4	3,144	3,007	137	4.4	2,847	2,711	136	4.8
Nevada	3,683	3,565	118	3.2	3,726	3,610	116	3.1	3,661	3,545	116	3.2
Newton	3,362	3,263	99	2.9	3,388	3,285	103	3.0	3,403	3,288	115	3.4
Ouachita	9,798	9,385	413	4.2	9,934	9,522	412	4.1	9,712	9,281	431	4.4
Perry	4,211	4,049	162	3.8	4,254	4,097	157	3.7	4,146	3,980	166	4.0
Phillips	6,471	6,102	369	5.7	6,562	6,208	354	5.4	6,556	6,231	325	5.0
Pike	4,262	4,096	166	3.9	4,311	4,151	160	3.7	4,148	3,985	163	3.9
Poinsett	10,426	10,047	379	3.6	10,530	10,145	385	3.7	10,195	9,819	376	3.7
Polk	8,016	7,703	313	3.9	8,013	7,704	309	3.9	8,190	7,846	344	4.2
Pope	29,724	28,545	1,179	4.0	30,058	28,939	1,119	3.7	29,233	28,122	1,111	3.8
Prairie	3,719	3,575	144	3.9	3,774	3,642	132	3.5	3,612	3,487	125	3.5
Pulaski	189,317	183,516	5,801	3.1	191,889	186,082	5,807	3.0	185,585	179,725	5,860	3.2
Randolph	7,077	6,807	270	3.8	7,146	6,889	257	3.6	6,468	6,207	261	4.0
St. Francis	8,411	8,021	390	4.6	8,526	8,142	384	4.5	8,733	8,341	392	4.5
Saline	57,101	55,506	1,595	2.8	57,821	56,267	1,554	2.7	55,944	54,364	1,580	2.8
Scott	4,512	4,354	158	3.5	4,570	4,413	157	3.4	4,416	4,281	135	3.1
Searcy	2,881	2,755	126	4.4	2,897	2,773	124	4.3	3,039	2,918	121	4.0
Sebastian	58,179	56,237	1,942	3.3	58,741	56,838	1,903	3.2	57,281	55,435	1,846	3.2
Sevier	5,687	5,446	241	4.2	5,732	5,499	233	4.1	5,665	5,409	256	4.5
Sharp	6,048	5,800	248	4.1	6,102	5,844	258	4.2	5,985	5,697	288	4.8
Stone	4,788	4,586	202	4.2	4,824	4,631	193	4.0	4,712	4,490	222	4.7
Union	16,028	15,268	760	4.7	16,202	15,464	738	4.6	16,095	15,331	764	4.7
Van Buren	5,902	5,612	290	4.9	5,940	5,654	286	4.8	5,880	5,541	339	5.8
Washington	125,168	122,291	2,877	2.3	126,682	123,896	2,786	2.2	120,534	117,761	2,773	2.3
White	33,966	32,622	1,344	4.0	34,275	32,996	1,279	3.7	33,805	32,389	1,416	4.2
Woodruff	2,971	2,837	134	4.5	3,044	2,917	127	4.2	2,956	2,823	133	4.5
Yell	8,852	8,541	311	3.5	8,975	8,675	300	3.3	8,789	8,454	335	3.8

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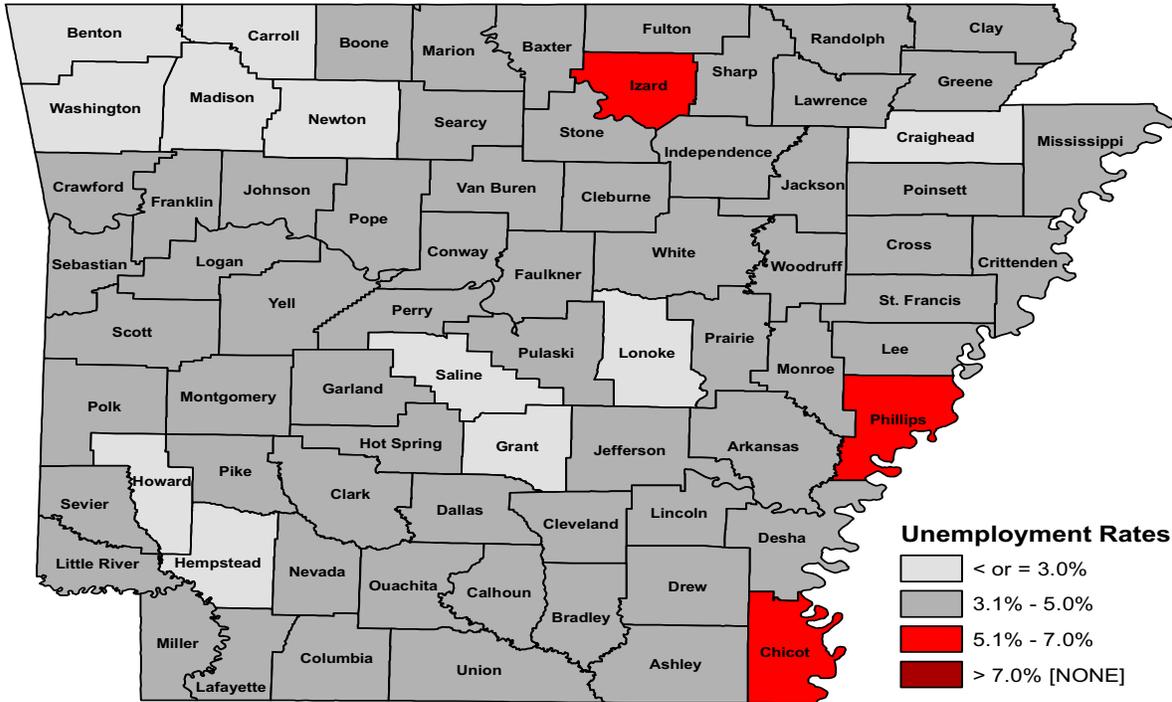
Between October and November, unemployment rates increased in fifty-five of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates were stable in thirteen counties, while seven counties posted rate declines. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.2 percent in Chicot County.

In November, forty-nine counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down from 53 counties at or below four percent in October. For the 9th consecutive month, no county in Arkansas reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to November 2016, unemployment rates are down in 47 counties. Fifteen counties reported higher rates over-the-year, while 13 counties were the same.

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Ranked by Unemployment Rates

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Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.3	25	Yell	3.5	50	Desha	4.1
2	Madison	2.5	27	Cross	3.6	50	Lee	4.1
3	Benton	2.7	27	Garland	3.6	50	Sharp	4.1
3	Craighead	2.7	27	Marion	3.6	54	Ouachita	4.2
3	Howard	2.7	27	Poinsett	3.6	54	Sevier	4.2
6	Carroll	2.8	31	Calhoun	3.7	54	Stone	4.2
6	Saline	2.8	31	Crittenden	3.7	57	Cleburne	4.3
8	Grant	2.9	31	Independence	3.7	57	Monroe	4.3
8	Newton	2.9	34	Bradley	3.8	59	Columbia	4.4
10	Hempstead	3.0	34	Cleveland	3.8	59	Montgomery	4.4
10	Lonoke	3.0	34	Fulton	3.8	59	Searcy	4.4
12	Faulkner	3.1	34	Johnson	3.8	62	Drew	4.5
12	Pulaski	3.1	34	Lincoln	3.8	62	Woodruff	4.5
14	Arkansas	3.2	34	Miller	3.8	64	Lafayette	4.6
14	Franklin	3.2	34	Perry	3.8	64	St. Francis	4.6
14	Greene	3.2	34	Randolph	3.8	66	Jefferson	4.7
14	Nevada	3.2	42	Pike	3.9	66	Little River	4.7
18	Boone	3.3	42	Polk	3.9	66	Mississippi	4.7
18	Crawford	3.3	42	Prairie	3.9	66	Union	4.7
18	Hot Spring	3.3	45	Baxter	4.0	70	Ashley	4.9
18	Lawrence	3.3	45	Conway	4.0	70	Van Buren	4.9
18	Sebastian	3.3	45	Dallas	4.0	72	Jackson	5.0
23	Clark	3.4	45	Pope	4.0	73	Izard	5.3
23	Logan	3.4	45	White	4.0	74	Phillips	5.7
25	Scott	3.5	50	Clay	4.1	75	Chicot	6.2

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Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LWDA	November 2017				October 2017				November 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	249,752	242,175	7,577	3.0	253,051	245,617	7,434	2.9	244,971	237,352	7,619	3.1
City of Little Rock	97,468	94,524	2,944	3.0	98,783	95,846	2,937	3.0	95,556	92,572	2,984	3.1
Eastern	47,514	45,540	1,974	4.2	47,980	46,049	1,931	4.0	47,811	45,775	2,036	4.3
North Central	94,918	90,952	3,966	4.2	95,731	91,914	3,817	4.0	94,219	89,968	4,251	4.5
Northeast	121,966	117,921	4,045	3.3	123,256	119,315	3,941	3.2	119,633	115,292	4,341	3.6
Northwest	323,611	314,962	8,649	2.7	327,594	319,139	8,455	2.6	313,017	304,821	8,196	2.6
Southeast	82,167	78,688	3,479	4.2	83,435	80,057	3,378	4.0	82,547	78,876	3,671	4.4
Southwest	93,762	90,004	3,758	4.0	94,679	90,979	3,700	3.9	93,400	89,538	3,862	4.1
West Central	133,221	128,270	4,951	3.7	134,767	129,868	4,899	3.6	130,675	125,575	5,100	3.9
Western	114,003	110,163	3,840	3.4	115,092	111,336	3,756	3.3	112,671	108,899	3,772	3.3

