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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 2022 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 Areas

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 1,000 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.



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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.

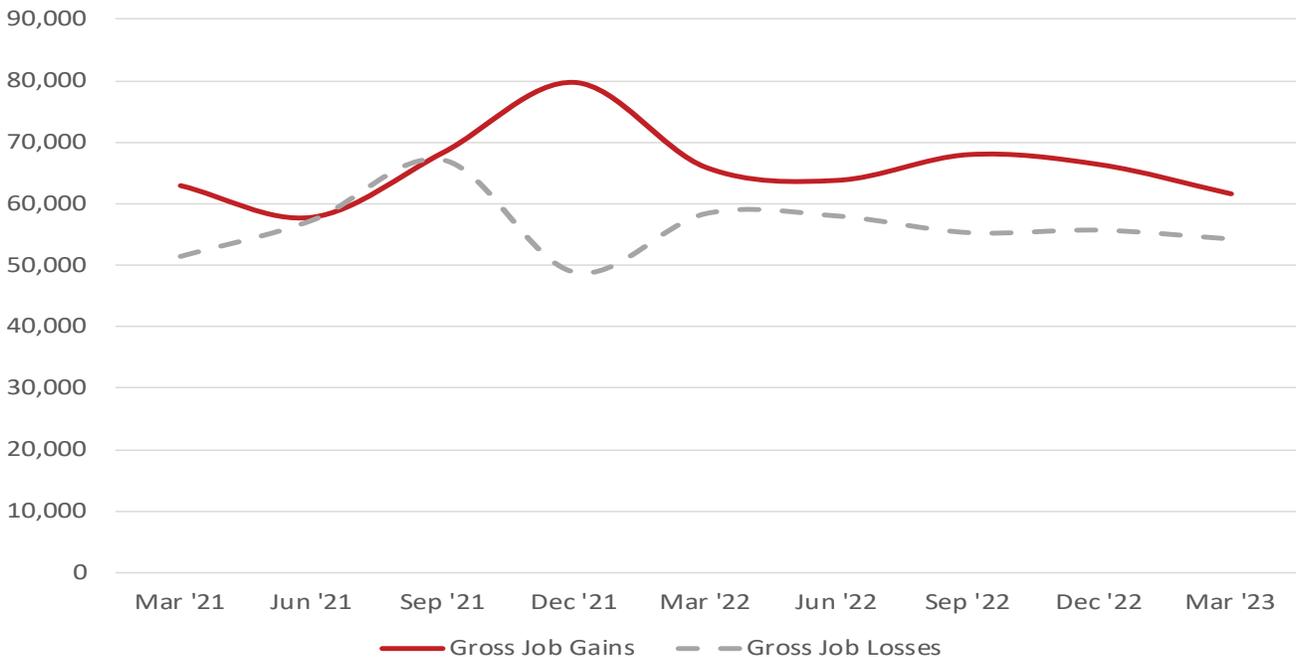
Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)					
State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)					

Quarter Ending					
Category	Mar 22	Jun 22	Sep 22	Dec 22	Mar 23*

Employment Levels					
Gross job gains.....	65,839	63,722	67,914	66,289	61,533
Gross job losses....	58,403	58,012	55,294	55,695	54,248
Net Change.....	7,436	5,710	12,620	10,594	7,285
*Most recent BED data available is for 1st Quarter 2023					

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.

Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)
 1st Quarter 2021 - 1st Quarter 2023



State of Arkansas

Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose two-tenths of a percentage point, from 3.1% in October to 3.3% in November. The United States' jobless rate declined to 3.7% in November, down two-tenths of a percentage point from October.

The civilian labor force in Arkansas decreased by 251 in November, as employment declined 2,937. Unemployment increased for the fourth consecutive month, as 2,686 more unemployed Arkansans began actively looking for work. The labor force participation rate declined a slight one-tenth of a percentage point over the month.

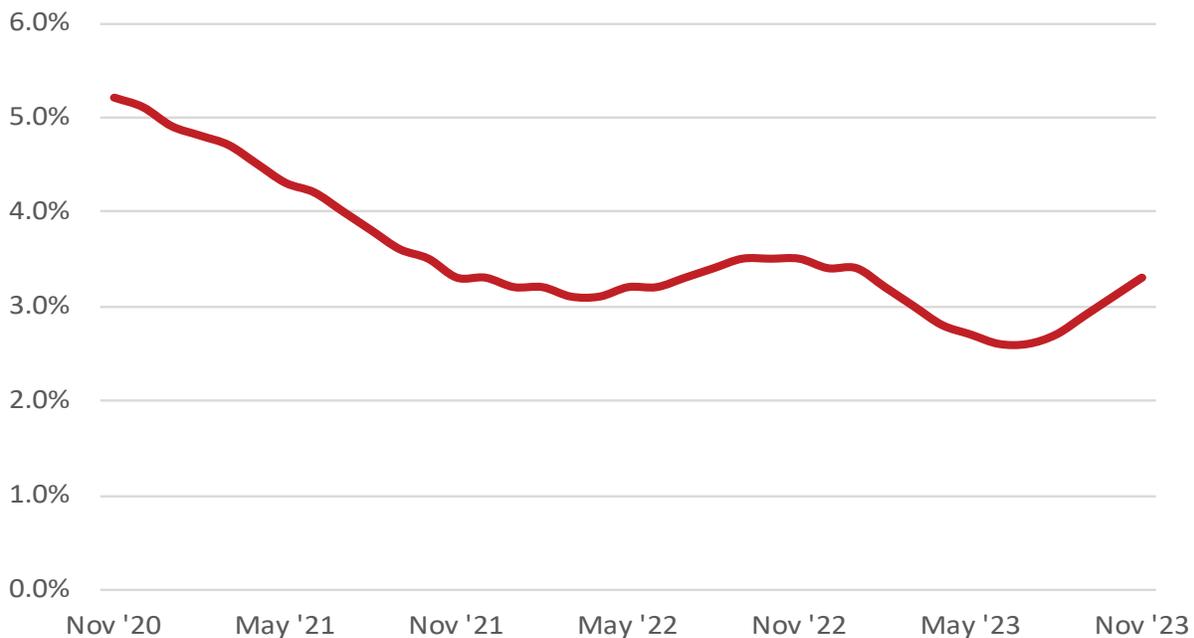
Compared to November 2022, there are 23,100 more employed in the State and 2,397 fewer unemployed. Arkansas' unemployment rate is two-tenths of a percentage point lower, while the labor force participation rate is up three-tenths of a percentage point from 57.4% last November.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Nov 23	Oct 23	Nov 22	Nov 23	Oct 23	Nov 22
Civilian Labor Force	1,392,927	1,393,178	1,372,224	Civilian Labor Force	1,380,425	1,385,637
Employment	1,347,648	1,350,585	1,324,548	Employment	1,338,041	1,346,154
Unemployment	45,279	42,593	47,676	Unemployment	42,384	39,483
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.1%	3.5%	Unemployment Rate	3.1%	2.8%
LF Participation Rate	57.7%	57.8%	57.4%	LF Participation Rate	57.2%	57.4%

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

November 2020 - November 2023



State of Arkansas

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

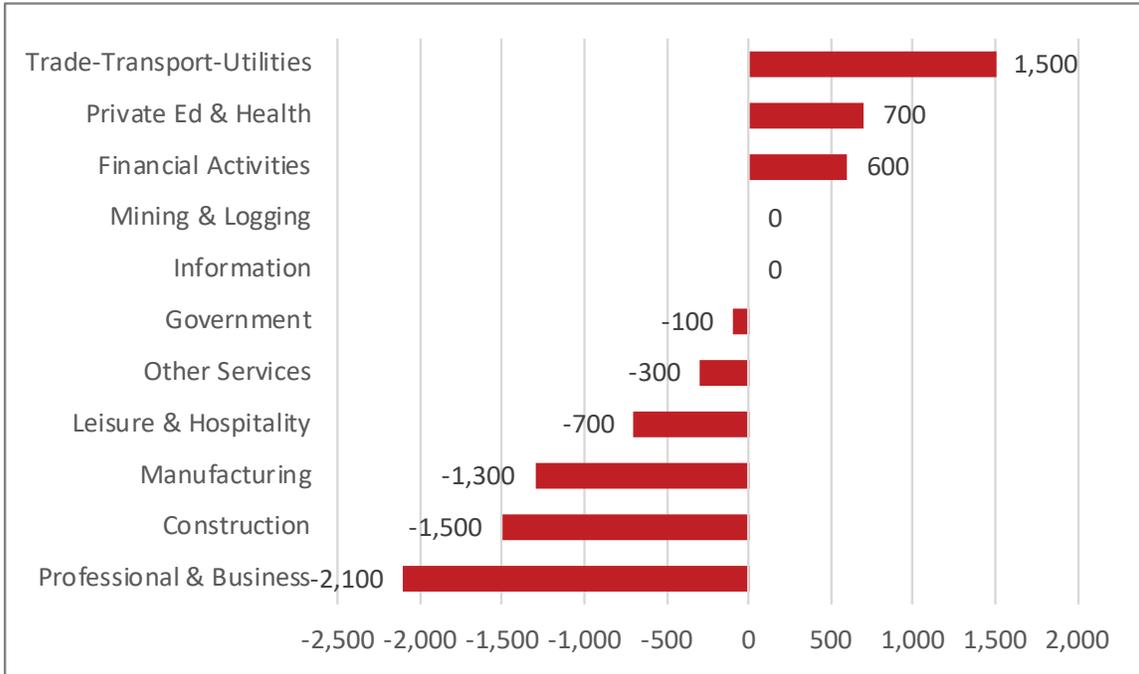
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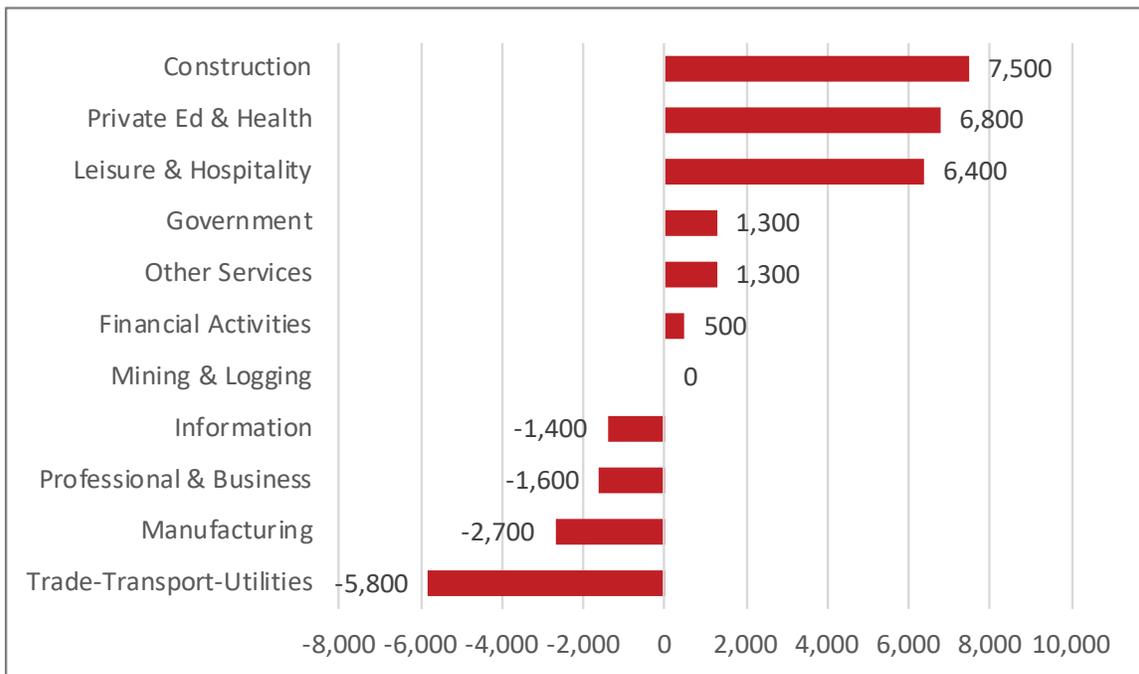
(NAICS)	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1367.2	1370.4	1354.9	-3.2	12.3
Goods Producing	231.4	234.2	226.6	-2.8	4.8
Mining, Logging, & Construction	70.8	72.3	63.3	-1.5	7.5
Mining & Logging	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	65.8	67.3	58.3	-1.5	7.5
Specialty Trade Contractors	41.0	42.1	35.9	-1.1	5.1
Manufacturing	160.6	161.9	163.3	-1.3	-2.7
Durable Goods	76.9	78.1	78.7	-1.2	-1.8
Nondurable Goods	83.7	83.8	84.6	-0.1	-0.9
Service Providing	1135.8	1136.2	1128.3	-0.4	7.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	272.2	270.7	278.0	1.5	-5.8
Wholesale Trade	53.4	54.1	52.5	-0.7	0.9
Retail Trade	142.9	141.4	146.9	1.5	-4.0
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	75.9	75.2	78.6	0.7	-2.7
Information	11.5	11.5	12.9	0.0	-1.4
Financial Activities	71.6	71.0	71.1	0.6	0.5
Finance & Insurance	56.8	56.1	56.3	0.7	0.5
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14.8	14.9	14.8	-0.1	0.0
Professional & Business Services	150.9	153.0	152.5	-2.1	-1.6
Professional, Scientific & Technical	49.8	50.1	48.3	-0.3	1.5
Management of Companies	40.9	41.5	38.5	-0.6	2.4
Administrative & Support Services	60.2	61.4	65.7	-1.2	-5.5
Private Education & Health Services	210.9	210.2	204.1	0.7	6.8
Private Educational Services	19.5	19.6	19.5	-0.1	0.0
Health Care & Social Assistance	191.4	190.6	184.6	0.8	6.8
Ambulatory Health Care	68.1	68.1	63.6	0.0	4.5
Social Assistance	39.7	39.3	37.8	0.4	1.9
Leisure & Hospitality	130.5	131.2	124.1	-0.7	6.4
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13.3	14.1	12.5	-0.8	0.8
Accommodation & Food Services	117.2	117.1	111.6	0.1	5.6
Accommodation Services	11.8	12.0	11.2	-0.2	0.6
Food Services	105.4	105.1	100.4	0.3	5.0
Other Services	74.1	74.4	72.8	-0.3	1.3
Government	214.1	214.2	212.8	-0.1	1.3
Federal Government	21.6	21.7	20.7	-0.1	0.9
State Government	77.9	77.8	78.2	0.1	-0.3
State Gov, Educational Services	31.8	31.7	32.0	0.1	-0.2
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.1	46.1	46.2	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	114.6	114.7	113.9	-0.1	0.7
Local Gov, Educational Services	70.8	70.9	70.4	-0.1	0.4
Local Gov, Excluding Education	43.8	43.8	43.5	0.0	0.3

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector
 October 2023 - November 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector
 November 2022 - November 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

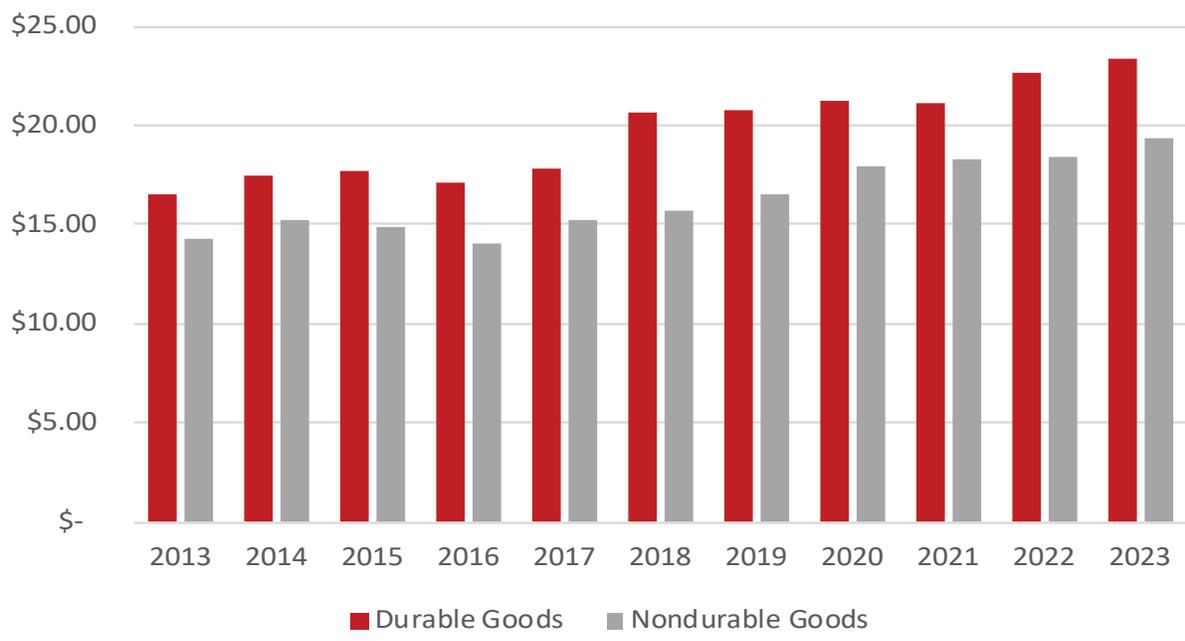
Manufacturing

	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.0	39.0	39.6
Average Hourly Earnings	\$21.45	\$21.51	\$20.48
Average Weekly Earnings	\$836.55	\$838.89	\$811.01

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>		<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>
Average Weekly Hours	42.7	43.5	41.1	Average Weekly Hours	35.6	34.9	38.3
Average Hourly Earnings	\$23.36	\$23.39	\$22.68	Average Hourly Earnings	\$19.37	\$19.35	\$18.37
Average Weekly Earnings	\$997.47	\$1,017.47	\$932.15	Average Weekly Earnings	\$689.57	\$675.32	\$703.57

Average Hourly Earnings - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods
 November: 2013 - 2023



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 23	Oct 23	Nov 22	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	363,105	363,650	358,408	-545	4,697
Employment	352,450	353,616	348,756	-1,166	3,694
Unemployment	10,655	10,034	9,652	621	1,003
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	2.8%	2.7%	0.1%	0.2%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 23	Oct 23	Nov 22	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	388.7	388.6	382.4	0.1	6.3
Goods Producing	40.8	41.2	38.8	-0.4	2.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	21.1	21.3	18.9	-0.2	2.2
Manufacturing	19.7	19.9	19.9	-0.2	-0.2
Service Providing	347.9	347.4	343.6	0.5	4.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	77.7	76.9	79.2	0.8	-1.5
Wholesale Trade	18.3	18.6	17.9	-0.3	0.4
Retail Trade	37.6	37.0	39.4	0.6	-1.8
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	21.8	21.3	21.9	0.5	-0.1
Information	5.5	5.5	5.8	0.0	-0.3
Financial Activities	24.9	24.7	24.9	0.2	0.0
Professional & Business Services	47.3	47.9	47.8	-0.6	-0.5
Private Education & Health Services	66.7	65.9	63.3	0.8	3.4
Leisure & Hospitality	35.9	36.7	33.4	-0.8	2.5
Other Services	19.7	19.7	19.2	0.0	0.5
Government	70.2	70.1	70.0	0.1	0.2
Federal Government	10.4	10.4	9.9	0.0	0.5
State Government	34.4	34.3	34.5	0.1	-0.1
Local Government	25.4	25.4	25.6	0.0	-0.2

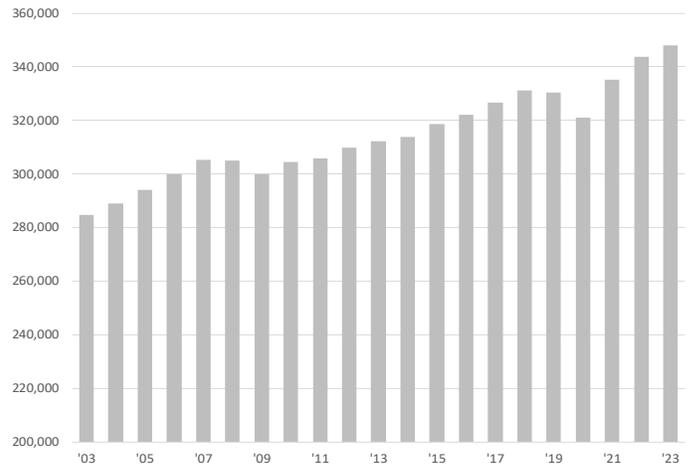
Unemployment

November 2020 - November 2023



Jobs in Service Providing Industries

November: 2003 - 2023



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)

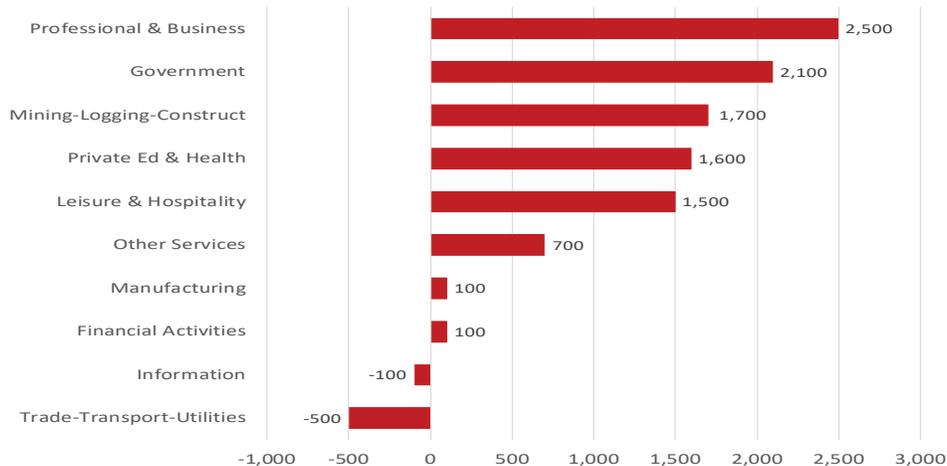
	Nov 23	Oct 23	Nov 22	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	316,242	316,286	307,799	-44	8,443
Employment	309,087	309,804	301,581	-717	7,506
Unemployment	7,155	6,482	6,218	673	937
Unemployment Rate	2.3%	2.0%	2.0%	0.3%	0.3%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Nov 23	Oct 23	Nov 22	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	314.6	313.9	304.9	0.7	9.7
Goods Producing	48.9	49.0	47.1	-0.1	1.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	16.9	16.9	15.2	0.0	1.7
Manufacturing	32.0	32.1	31.9	-0.1	0.1
Service Providing	265.7	264.9	257.8	0.8	7.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	64.5	64.3	65.0	0.2	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	14.3	14.5	13.9	-0.2	0.4
Retail Trade	29.3	29.1	29.8	0.2	-0.5
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.9	20.7	21.3	0.2	-0.4
Information	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	10.4	10.3	10.3	0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	61.0	60.5	58.5	0.5	2.5
Private Education & Health Services	35.6	35.4	34.0	0.2	1.6
Leisure & Hospitality	31.1	31.3	29.6	-0.2	1.5
Other Services	16.2	16.2	15.5	0.0	0.7
Government	44.6	44.6	42.5	0.0	2.1
Federal Government	3.2	3.2	2.9	0.0	0.3
State Government	20.9	21.0	19.5	-0.1	1.4
Local Government	20.5	20.4	20.1	0.1	0.4

Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector November 2022 vs November 2023



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)

	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	120,334	120,130	118,086	204	2,248
Employment	116,023	115,827	114,722	196	1,301
Unemployment	4,311	4,303	3,364	8	947
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.6%	2.8%	0.0%	0.8%

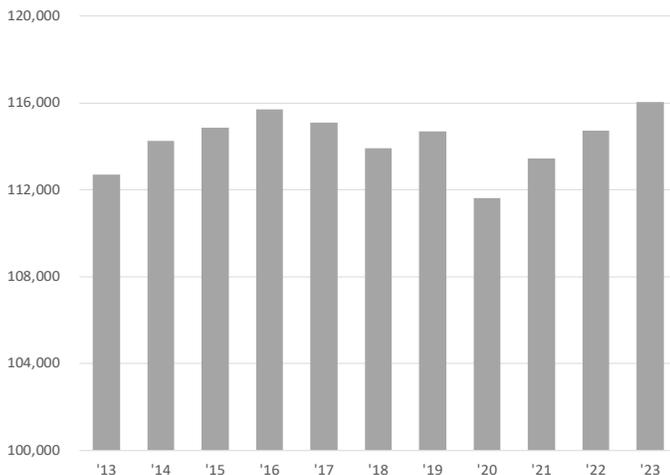
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	117.0	116.1	116.0	0.9	1.0
Goods Producing	24.2	24.4	23.8	-0.2	0.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.7	5.8	5.2	-0.1	0.5
Manufacturing	18.5	18.6	18.6	-0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	92.8	91.7	92.2	1.1	0.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.8	24.3	25.0	0.5	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	4.9	5.0	4.9	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	13.2	12.8	13.2	0.4	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.7	6.5	6.9	0.2	-0.2
Information	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	4.3	4.2	4.2	0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	11.3	11.1	12.2	0.2	-0.9
Private Education & Health Services	18.5	18.3	17.8	0.2	0.7
Leisure & Hospitality	10.2	10.3	9.8	-0.1	0.4
Other Services	3.7	3.7	3.6	0.0	0.1
Government	18.6	18.4	18.2	0.2	0.4
Federal Government	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
State Government	2.4	2.3	2.5	0.1	-0.1
Local Government	14.8	14.7	14.4	0.1	0.4

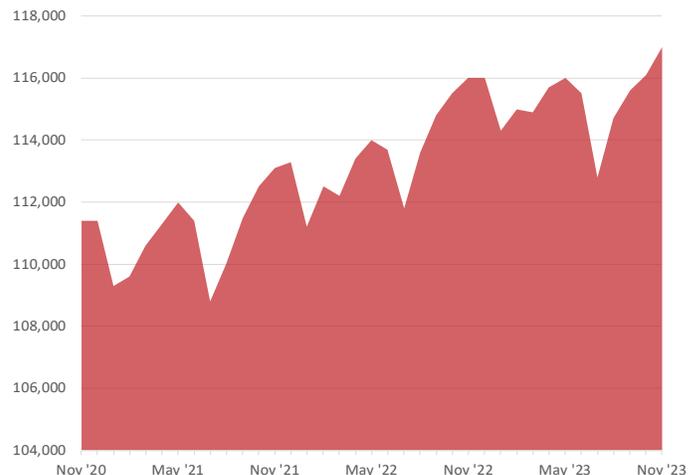
Employment

November: 2013 - 2023



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

November 2020 - November 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,544	41,587	41,683	-43	-139
Employment	40,133	40,265	40,316	-132	-183
Unemployment	1,411	1,322	1,367	89	44
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.2%	3.3%	0.2%	0.1%

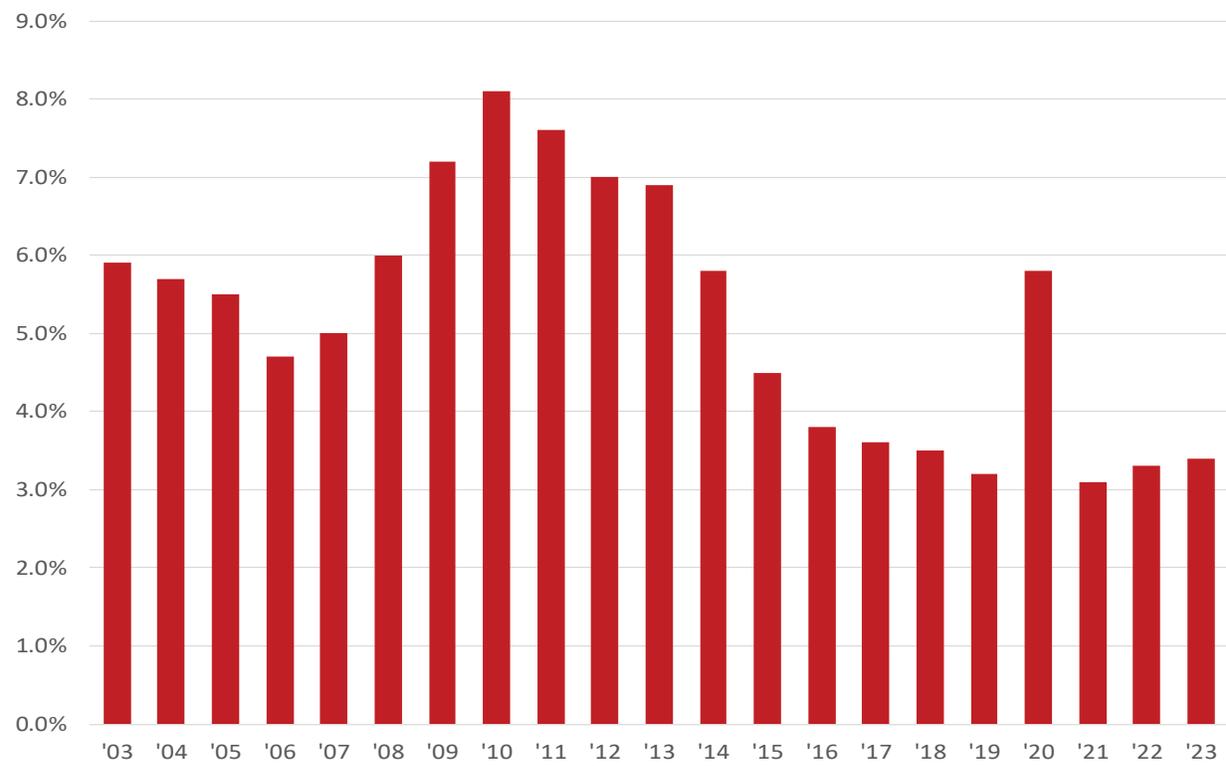
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	41.6	41.5	41.7	0.1	-0.1
Goods Producing	4.6	4.7	4.7	-0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	37.0	36.8	37.0	0.2	0.0
Government	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-0.1

Unemployment Rates

November: 2003 - 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	67,837	68,193	67,791	-356	46
Employment	66,034	66,513	66,137	-479	-103
Unemployment	1,803	1,680	1,654	123	149
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	2.5%	2.4%	0.2%	0.3%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	65.2	65.2	65.1	0.0	0.1
Goods Producing	11.6	11.7	12.2	-0.1	-0.6
Service Providing	53.6	53.5	52.9	0.1	0.7
Government	9.3	9.3	9.3	0.0	0.0

Employment

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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)

	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	31,851	32,064	31,943	-213	-92
Employment	30,531	30,807	30,598	-276	-67
Unemployment	1,320	1,257	1,345	63	-25
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.9%	4.2%	0.2%	-0.1%

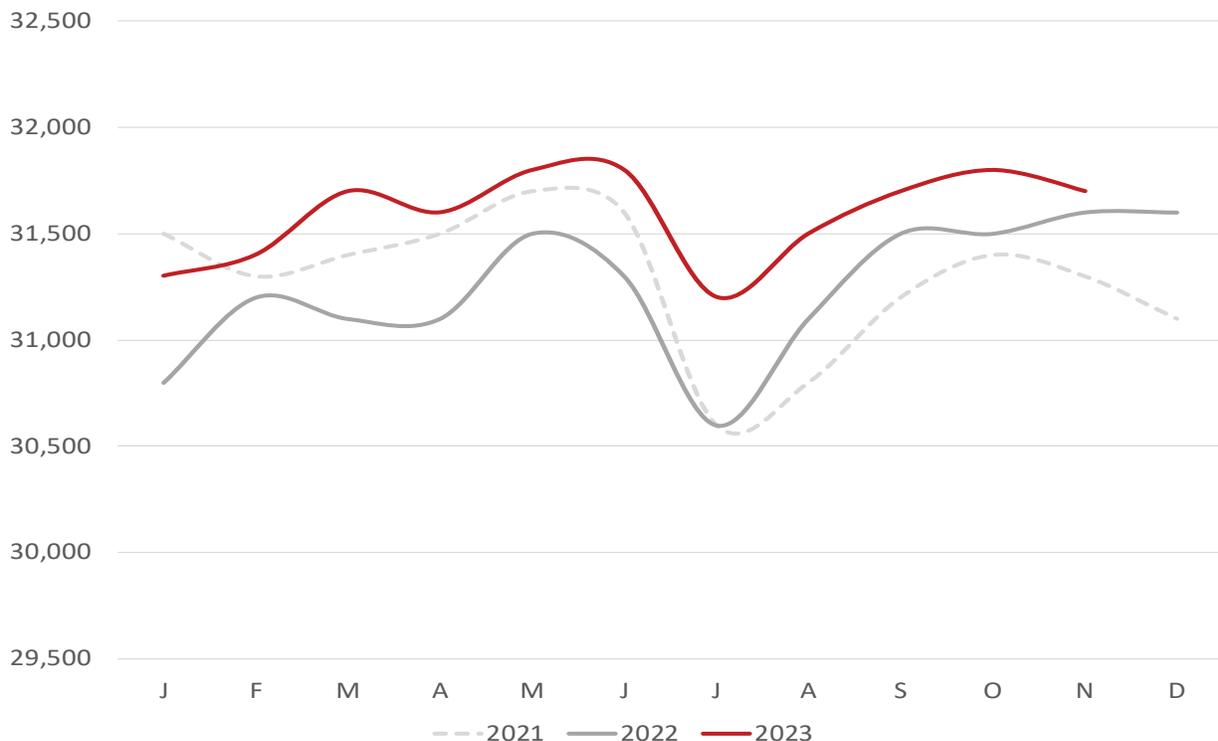
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.7	31.8	31.6	-0.1	0.1
Goods Producing	5.4	5.5	5.4	-0.1	0.0
Service Providing	26.3	26.3	26.2	0.0	0.1
Government	8.6	8.6	8.7	0.0	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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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.

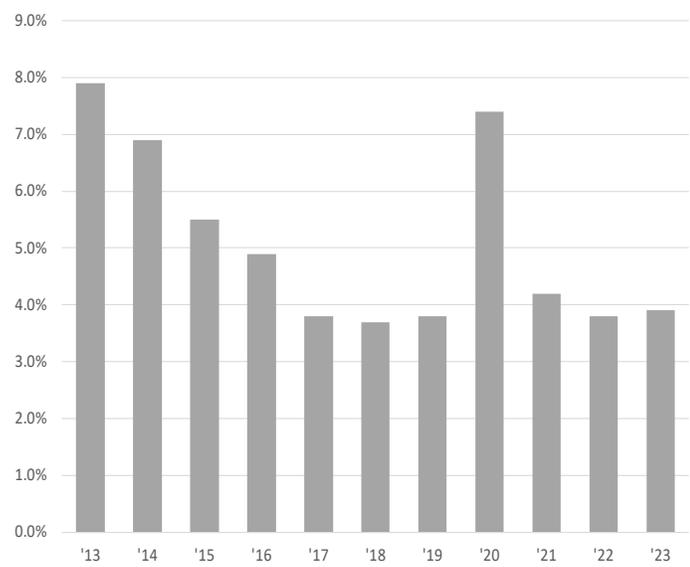
	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	622,571	625,071	621,358	-2,500	1,213
Employment	598,009	598,805	597,981	-796	28
Unemployment	24,562	26,266	23,377	-1,704	1,185
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.2%	3.8%	-0.3%	0.1%

Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Nov 23</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,416	63,158	62,077	258	1,339
Employment	61,242	60,929	59,685	313	1,557
Unemployment	2,174	2,229	2,392	-55	-218
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.5%	3.9%	-0.1%	-0.5%

Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates
 November: 2013 - 2023



Texarkana MSA - Employment
 November 2020 - November 2023



Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	November 2023				October 2023				November 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,675	8,303	372	4.3	8,715	8,348	367	4.2	8,484	8,143	341	4.0
Batesville Micro	16,974	16,484	490	2.9	16,945	16,498	447	2.6	16,589	16,132	457	2.8
Blytheville Micro	16,785	16,085	700	4.2	17,057	16,346	711	4.2	16,243	15,550	693	4.3
Camden Micro	11,932	11,498	434	3.6	11,964	11,586	378	3.2	11,879	11,488	391	3.3
El Dorado Micro	14,717	14,039	678	4.6	14,764	14,113	651	4.4	14,660	14,047	613	4.2
Forrest City Micro	7,324	6,981	343	4.7	7,404	7,056	348	4.7	7,356	7,044	312	4.2
Harrison Micro	19,045	18,474	571	3.0	19,163	18,670	493	2.6	18,982	18,486	496	2.6
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,071	4,783	288	5.7	5,195	4,910	285	5.5	5,442	5,110	332	6.1
Hope Micro	12,638	12,227	411	3.3	12,738	12,339	399	3.1	12,744	12,366	378	3.0
Magnolia Micro	8,918	8,583	335	3.8	8,917	8,596	321	3.6	8,935	8,587	348	3.9
Malvern Micro	13,704	13,245	459	3.3	13,745	13,325	420	3.1	13,677	13,273	404	3.0
Mountain Home Micro	17,021	16,425	596	3.5	16,997	16,474	523	3.1	16,356	15,836	520	3.2
Paragould Micro	19,777	19,158	619	3.1	19,871	19,344	527	2.7	19,964	19,057	907	4.5
Russellville Micro	37,117	35,825	1,292	3.5	37,413	36,207	1,206	3.2	35,418	34,274	1,144	3.2
Searcy Micro	34,003	32,932	1,071	3.1	34,038	33,045	993	2.9	34,095	33,097	998	2.9

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

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	November 2023				October 2023				November 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	13,590	13,203	387	2.8	13,556	13,228	328	2.4	13,214	12,878	336	2.5
Benton	18,074	17,611	463	2.6	18,059	17,655	404	2.2	17,844	17,422	422	2.4
Bentonville	32,984	32,288	696	2.1	32,985	32,349	636	1.9	32,077	31,493	584	1.8
Blytheville	5,646	5,384	262	4.6	5,734	5,472	262	4.6	5,467	5,205	262	4.8
Cabot	12,132	11,829	303	2.5	12,196	11,920	276	2.3	12,013	11,722	291	2.4
Conway	35,085	34,131	954	2.7	35,168	34,266	902	2.6	34,651	33,778	873	2.5
El Dorado	6,416	6,041	375	5.8	6,433	6,073	360	5.6	6,352	6,045	307	4.8
Fayetteville	53,835	52,644	1,191	2.2	53,898	52,758	1,140	2.1	52,493	51,350	1,143	2.2
Fort Smith	38,762	37,438	1,324	3.4	38,685	37,363	1,322	3.4	38,400	37,378	1,022	2.7
Hot Springs	15,399	14,851	548	3.6	15,460	14,900	560	3.6	15,481	14,919	562	3.6
Jacksonville	11,802	11,363	439	3.7	11,814	11,389	425	3.6	11,640	11,241	399	3.4
Jonesboro	40,958	39,847	1,111	2.7	41,115	40,078	1,037	2.5	40,898	39,893	1,005	2.5
Little Rock	98,396	95,373	3,023	3.1	98,572	95,588	2,984	3.0	97,164	94,344	2,820	2.9
North Little Rock	30,401	29,328	1,073	3.5	30,414	29,394	1,020	3.4	29,911	29,011	900	3.0
Paragould	12,575	12,176	399	3.2	12,643	12,294	349	2.8	12,737	12,111	626	4.9
Pine Bluff	14,957	14,221	736	4.9	15,051	14,305	746	5.0	14,994	14,243	751	5.0
Rogers	40,434	39,611	823	2.0	40,431	39,686	745	1.8	39,413	38,636	777	2.0
Russellville	13,373	12,941	432	3.2	13,448	13,046	402	3.0	12,787	12,365	422	3.3
Searcy	10,251	9,945	306	3.0	10,260	9,979	281	2.7	10,276	9,995	281	2.7
Sherwood	16,466	16,005	461	2.8	16,446	16,041	405	2.5	16,228	15,833	395	2.4
Springdale	42,927	42,042	885	2.1	42,930	42,133	797	1.9	41,796	41,009	787	1.9
Texarkana, AR	12,927	12,488	439	3.4	12,950	12,526	424	3.3	12,735	12,304	431	3.4
Van Buren	10,305	9,989	316	3.1	10,307	9,992	315	3.1	10,240	9,979	261	2.5
West Memphis	9,966	9,555	411	4.1	10,008	9,586	422	4.2	10,073	9,659	414	4.1

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County	November 2023				October 2023				November 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,045	8,809	236	2.6	9,176	8,972	204	2.2	9,263	9,015	248	2.7
Ashley	6,350	6,019	331	5.2	6,476	6,164	312	4.8	6,621	6,286	335	5.1
Baxter	17,021	16,425	596	3.5	16,997	16,474	523	3.1	16,356	15,836	520	3.2
Benton	157,635	154,043	3,592	2.3	157,616	154,333	3,283	2.1	153,380	150,250	3,130	2.0
Boone	15,865	15,402	463	2.9	15,942	15,540	402	2.5	15,827	15,407	420	2.7
Bradley	3,958	3,796	162	4.1	3,998	3,852	146	3.7	3,945	3,757	188	4.8
Calhoun	2,325	2,259	66	2.8	2,355	2,298	57	2.4	2,331	2,263	68	2.9
Carroll	12,251	11,926	325	2.7	12,598	12,312	286	2.3	12,301	11,987	314	2.6
Chicot	2,763	2,614	149	5.4	2,833	2,683	150	5.3	2,831	2,691	140	4.9
Clark	8,675	8,303	372	4.3	8,715	8,348	367	4.2	8,484	8,143	341	4.0
Clay	5,271	5,067	204	3.9	5,379	5,202	177	3.3	5,302	5,084	218	4.1
Cleburne	8,896	8,579	317	3.6	8,996	8,719	277	3.1	8,810	8,491	319	3.6
Cleveland	3,019	2,915	104	3.4	3,054	2,971	83	2.7	3,029	2,928	101	3.3
Columbia	8,918	8,583	335	3.8	8,917	8,596	321	3.6	8,935	8,587	348	3.9
Conway	8,366	8,078	288	3.4	8,397	8,138	259	3.1	8,285	8,019	266	3.2
Craighead	57,908	56,424	1,484	2.6	58,140	56,751	1,389	2.4	57,861	56,490	1,371	2.4
Crawford	26,454	25,565	889	3.4	26,437	25,572	865	3.3	26,242	25,540	702	2.7
Crittenden	20,367	19,580	787	3.9	20,457	19,644	813	4.0	20,522	19,794	728	3.5
Cross	6,696	6,480	216	3.2	6,799	6,600	199	2.9	6,756	6,529	227	3.4
Dallas	2,660	2,560	100	3.8	2,657	2,577	80	3.0	2,680	2,587	93	3.5
Desha	4,830	4,630	200	4.1	4,930	4,733	197	4.0	4,879	4,665	214	4.4
Drew	7,617	7,337	280	3.7	7,707	7,452	255	3.3	7,343	7,058	285	3.9
Faulkner	63,719	61,994	1,725	2.7	63,845	62,240	1,605	2.5	62,976	61,353	1,623	2.6
Franklin	7,422	7,189	233	3.1	7,520	7,312	208	2.8	7,375	7,168	207	2.8
Fulton	4,518	4,351	167	3.7	4,588	4,448	140	3.1	4,904	4,762	142	2.9
Garland	41,544	40,133	1,411	3.4	41,587	40,265	1,322	3.2	41,683	40,316	1,367	3.3
Grant	8,504	8,267	237	2.8	8,530	8,320	210	2.5	8,418	8,190	228	2.7
Greene	19,777	19,158	619	3.1	19,871	19,344	527	2.7	19,964	19,057	907	4.5
Hempstead	9,235	8,939	296	3.2	9,321	9,035	286	3.1	9,311	9,045	266	2.9
Hot Spring	13,704	13,245	459	3.3	13,745	13,325	420	3.1	13,677	13,273	404	3.0
Howard	5,119	4,957	162	3.2	5,206	5,052	154	3.0	5,214	5,049	165	3.2
Independence	16,974	16,484	490	2.9	16,945	16,498	447	2.6	16,589	16,132	457	2.8
Izard	4,612	4,395	217	4.7	4,655	4,477	178	3.8	4,515	4,313	202	4.5
Jackson	5,237	4,992	245	4.7	5,322	5,080	242	4.5	5,358	5,119	239	4.5
Jefferson	25,228	24,151	1,077	4.3	25,349	24,294	1,055	4.2	25,293	24,188	1,105	4.4
Johnson	10,157	9,678	479	4.7	10,161	9,693	468	4.6	10,021	9,680	341	3.4
Lafayette	2,206	2,108	98	4.4	2,240	2,153	87	3.9	2,286	2,177	109	4.8
Lawrence	6,896	6,675	221	3.2	6,981	6,777	204	2.9	6,837	6,626	211	3.1
Lee	2,480	2,361	119	4.8	2,547	2,428	119	4.7	2,468	2,368	100	4.1
Lincoln	3,604	3,465	139	3.9	3,661	3,542	119	3.3	3,621	3,482	139	3.8
Little River	5,237	5,072	165	3.2	5,231	5,077	154	2.9	5,171	4,997	174	3.4
Logan	8,241	7,930	311	3.8	8,312	8,021	291	3.5	8,124	7,862	262	3.2
Lonoke	34,459	33,534	925	2.7	34,642	33,791	851	2.5	34,060	33,230	830	2.4
Madison	7,955	7,758	197	2.5	8,066	7,897	169	2.1	7,769	7,612	157	2.0
Marion	6,026	5,784	242	4.0	6,091	5,873	218	3.6	6,213	6,006	207	3.3
Miller	18,869	18,254	615	3.3	18,875	18,310	565	3.0	18,574	17,985	589	3.2

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County	November 2023				October 2023				November 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,785	16,085	700	4.2	17,057	16,346	711	4.2	16,243	15,550	693	4.3
Monroe	2,407	2,325	82	3.4	2,469	2,394	75	3.0	2,483	2,387	96	3.9
Montgomery	2,768	2,635	133	4.8	2,874	2,755	119	4.1	2,660	2,548	112	4.2
Nevada	3,403	3,288	115	3.4	3,417	3,304	113	3.3	3,433	3,321	112	3.3
Newton	3,180	3,072	108	3.4	3,221	3,130	91	2.8	3,155	3,079	76	2.4
Ouachita	9,607	9,239	368	3.8	9,609	9,288	321	3.3	9,548	9,225	323	3.4
Perry	4,252	4,094	158	3.7	4,285	4,137	148	3.5	4,180	4,057	123	2.9
Phillips	5,071	4,783	288	5.7	5,195	4,910	285	5.5	5,442	5,110	332	6.1
Pike	3,970	3,840	130	3.3	4,050	3,929	121	3.0	3,899	3,774	125	3.2
Poinsett	9,929	9,610	319	3.2	10,053	9,762	291	2.9	9,930	9,647	283	2.8
Polk	7,849	7,577	272	3.5	7,938	7,693	245	3.1	7,764	7,523	241	3.1
Pope	28,962	27,942	1,020	3.5	29,131	28,167	964	3.3	27,593	26,697	896	3.2
Prairie	3,502	3,394	108	3.1	3,573	3,474	99	2.8	3,528	3,431	97	2.7
Pulaski	191,419	185,428	5,991	3.1	191,588	185,846	5,742	3.0	188,867	183,429	5,438	2.9
Randolph	7,075	6,839	236	3.3	7,111	6,903	208	2.9	7,097	6,881	216	3.0
St. Francis	7,324	6,981	343	4.7	7,404	7,056	348	4.7	7,356	7,044	312	4.2
Saline	60,752	59,133	1,619	2.7	60,760	59,282	1,478	2.4	59,907	58,497	1,410	2.4
Scott	4,359	4,224	135	3.1	4,439	4,318	121	2.7	4,192	4,098	94	2.2
Searcy	2,857	2,745	112	3.9	2,867	2,765	102	3.6	2,768	2,660	108	3.9
Sebastian	55,873	53,931	1,942	3.5	55,717	53,823	1,894	3.4	55,293	53,845	1,448	2.6
Sevier	5,423	5,221	202	3.7	5,487	5,307	180	3.3	5,393	5,212	181	3.4
Sharp	5,944	5,731	213	3.6	5,956	5,787	169	2.8	5,820	5,628	192	3.3
Stone	4,342	4,165	177	4.1	4,452	4,307	145	3.3	4,475	4,312	163	3.6
Union	14,717	14,039	678	4.6	14,764	14,113	651	4.4	14,660	14,047	613	4.2
Van Buren	5,989	5,759	230	3.8	6,030	5,831	199	3.3	5,890	5,683	207	3.5
Washington	139,109	136,179	2,930	2.1	139,135	136,475	2,660	1.9	135,527	132,832	2,695	2.0
White	34,003	32,932	1,071	3.1	34,038	33,045	993	2.9	34,095	33,097	998	2.9
Woodruff	2,795	2,705	90	3.2	2,873	2,786	87	3.0	2,779	2,700	79	2.8
Yell	8,155	7,883	272	3.3	8,282	8,040	242	2.9	7,825	7,577	248	3.2

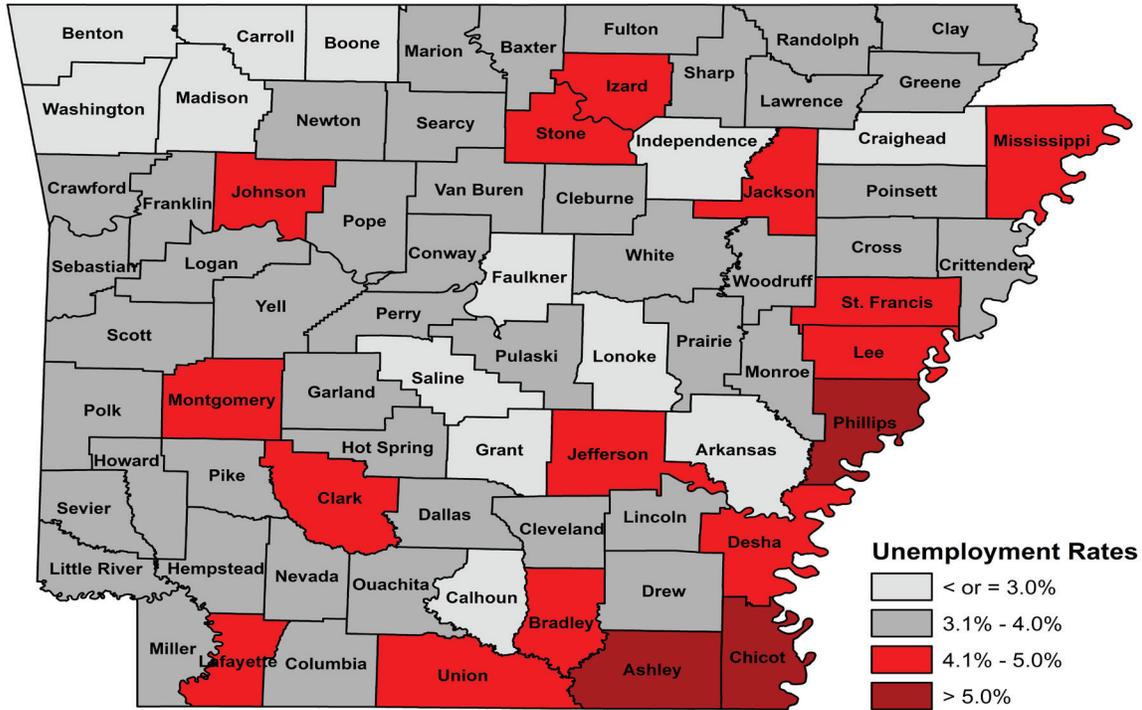
County Labor Force Summary

Between October and November, unemployment rates increased in 72 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Only Crittenden County posted a rate decline over-the-month (-0.1%), while rates in Mississippi and St. Francis counties were unchanged. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.1% in Washington County to a high of 5.7% in Phillips County.

In November, thirteen counties posted unemployment rates at or below three percent. That is down from 34 counties at or below 3% in October. For the 10th month in a row, no county in Arkansas had a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to November 2022, rates are up in 57 Arkansas counties. Unemployment rates in 15 counties were lower than last year, while 3 counties remained stable. The largest annual rate increases were in Newton (+1.0%) and Johnson (+1.3%) counties.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

November 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.1	20	Woodruff	3.2	49	Logan	3.8
2	Benton	2.3	27	Hot Spring	3.3	49	Ouachita	3.8
3	Madison	2.5	27	Miller	3.3	49	Van Buren	3.8
4	Arkansas	2.6	27	Pike	3.3	54	Clay	3.9
4	Craighead	2.6	27	Randolph	3.3	54	Crittenden	3.9
6	Carroll	2.7	27	Yell	3.3	54	Lincoln	3.9
6	Faulkner	2.7	32	Cleveland	3.4	54	Searcy	3.9
6	Lonoke	2.7	32	Conway	3.4	58	Marion	4.0
6	Saline	2.7	32	Crawford	3.4	59	Bradley	4.1
10	Calhoun	2.8	32	Garland	3.4	59	Desha	4.1
10	Grant	2.8	32	Monroe	3.4	59	Stone	4.1
12	Boone	2.9	32	Nevada	3.4	62	Mississippi	4.2
12	Independence	2.9	32	Newton	3.4	63	Clark	4.3
14	Franklin	3.1	39	Baxter	3.5	63	Jefferson	4.3
14	Greene	3.1	39	Polk	3.5	65	Lafayette	4.4
14	Prairie	3.1	39	Pope	3.5	66	Union	4.6
14	Pulaski	3.1	39	Sebastian	3.5	67	Izard	4.7
14	Scott	3.1	43	Cleburne	3.6	67	Jackson	4.7
14	White	3.1	43	Sharp	3.6	67	Johnson	4.7
20	Cross	3.2	45	Drew	3.7	67	St. Francis	4.7
20	Hempstead	3.2	45	Fulton	3.7	71	Lee	4.8
20	Howard	3.2	45	Perry	3.7	71	Montgomery	4.8
20	Lawrence	3.2	45	Sevier	3.7	73	Ashley	5.2
20	Little River	3.2	49	Columbia	3.8	74	Chicot	5.4
20	Poinsett	3.2	49	Dallas	3.8	75	Phillips	5.7

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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LWDA	November 2023				October 2023				November 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	257,862	250,435	7,427	2.9	258,305	251,439	6,866	2.7	254,657	247,983	6,674	2.6
City of Little Rock	98,396	95,373	3,023	3.1	98,572	95,588	2,984	3.0	97,164	94,344	2,820	2.9
Eastern	41,938	40,185	1,753	4.2	42,402	40,638	1,764	4.2	42,544	40,845	1,699	4.0
North Central	93,310	90,093	3,217	3.4	93,855	90,978	2,877	3.1	93,235	90,237	2,998	3.2
Northeast	123,641	119,858	3,783	3.1	124,592	121,085	3,507	2.8	123,234	119,335	3,899	3.2
Northwest	361,899	353,334	8,565	2.4	362,533	354,799	7,734	2.1	353,296	345,669	7,627	2.2
Southeast	74,918	72,003	2,915	3.9	75,714	72,983	2,731	3.6	75,243	72,260	2,983	4.0
Southwest	87,719	84,519	3,200	3.6	88,079	85,110	2,969	3.4	87,536	84,495	3,041	3.5
West Central	130,553	125,831	4,722	3.6	131,227	126,797	4,430	3.4	128,307	124,084	4,223	3.3
Western	110,198	106,416	3,782	3.4	110,363	106,739	3,624	3.3	108,990	106,036	2,954	2.7

