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INTRODUCTION

Arkansas Labor Force Statistics Annual Averages 2002-2006 is prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Programs Section of the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services (DWS). One of its responsibilities is to provide statistical information to the many agencies and organizations throughout the State involved in area analysis and economic development planning.

This publication contains a **civilian labor force series** for the years 2002-2006 for the United States, State of Arkansas, metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) in Arkansas, and all Arkansas counties. Also presented is a **nonfarm payroll jobs series** for the years 2002-2006 for the United States, State of Arkansas and all of the MSAs. Arkansas counties are published for the years 2002-2006 for the nonfarm payroll jobs series. The difference in publication years relates to Arkansas' conversion to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) from the Standard Industrial Classification System (SIC). This historical time series was reconstructed back to 2001 for Arkansas counties.

All statistics were developed in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Employment and unemployment estimates were computed based on data made available through the BLS sample household survey known as the Current Population Survey (CPS). Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs were developed by Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, Bureau of Labor Statistics Programs Section through the Current Employment Statistics Program—a monthly survey of Arkansas employers.

Labor force and nonfarm estimates for 2002-2006, shown in this publication, have been **revised** and **supersede** any data published for those years.

There are six MSAs in Arkansas: *Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers* (Benton, Washington and Madison Counties, Arkansas, and McDonald County, Missouri), *Fort Smith* (Crawford, Sebastian and Franklin Counties, Arkansas, and Sequoyah, and LeFlore Counties, Oklahoma), *Hot Springs* (Garland County), *Jonesboro* (Craighead and Poinsett Counties), *Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway* (Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, and Saline Counties), and *Pine Bluff* (Cleveland, Jefferson and Lincoln Counties). Two counties, Crittenden and Miller, are part of the Memphis, Tennessee-Arkansas-Mississippi, and Texarkana, Texas-Arkansas MSAs, respectively.

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs for the Memphis, Tennessee-Arkansas-Mississippi MSA are prepared by the Tennessee Department of Employment Security; estimates for the Texarkana, Texas-Arkansas MSA are prepared by the Texas Workforce Commission. Data for these MSAs can be obtained by contacting the respective state agencies at the following addresses:

Research & Statistics
Tennessee Department of Labor
& Workforce Development
220 French Landing Drive
Nashville, Tennessee 37243
Telephone Number (615) 253 -6996
<http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/lmi.htm>

Labor Market Information Department
Texas Workforce Commission
9001 IH-35 North, Suite 103A
Austin, Texas 78753
Telephone Number (512) 491-4922
<http://www.tracer2.com/>

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Note of Change

In the on-going effort to save money and continue to produce quality, timely employment and unemployment statistics, the National Office of the Bureau of Labor Statistics is centralizing the estimation process. This change means that the Department of Workforce Services will no longer be able to provide monthly county detail data on nonfarm employment. Effective with this release (for those counties not part of a metropolitan statistical area), *only the total nonfarm figure will be published.*

You will also notice less published detail for Arkansas' metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). We will continue to develop data through the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program. If from time to time you need customized data, we may be able to provide some detail, but anything made available will not be as current. As always, data will adhere to confidentiality requirements.

DEFINITIONS

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, on a place-of-residence basis, who worked any time for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as an unpaid family worker during the week of reference (the week including 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, for the entire week of reference (the week including the 12th of the month), did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work, or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new job.

Unemployment Rate - The number of unemployed workers as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs - An estimate of jobs by place of work. Proprietors, the self-employed, unpaid family workers, farm workers, and private household workers are excluded.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) - A term applied by the U. S. Office of Management and Budget to counties or aggregations of counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population, population density, commuting patterns, and social and economic integration.

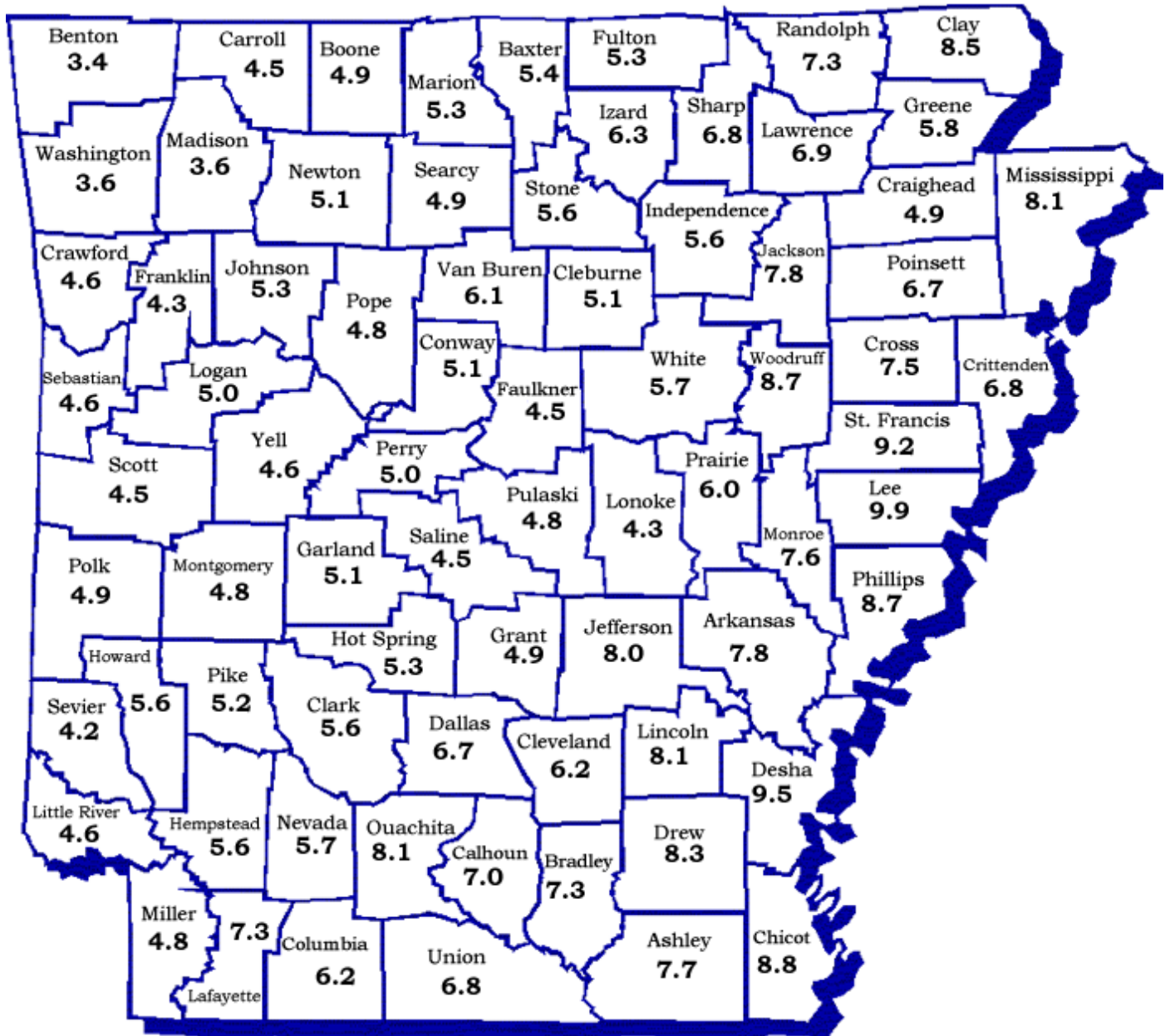


Civilian Labor Force

Annual Averages

2002 - 2006

Unemployment Rates in Arkansas Counties 2006 Annual Averages



UNITED STATES

(in thousands)

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 144,863 | 146,510 | 147,401 | 149,320 | 151,428 |
| Employment | 136,485 | 137,736 | 139,252 | 141,730 | 144,427 |
| Unemployment | 8,378 | 8,774 | 8,149 | 7,591 | 7,001 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.8 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.6 |

STATE OF ARKANSAS

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,273,000 | 1,273,000 | 1,301,000 | 1,346,000 | 1,365,000 |
| Employment | 1,205,000 | 1,199,000 | 1,228,000 | 1,277,000 | 1,293,000 |
| Unemployment | 68,000 | 74,000 | 73,000 | 69,000 | 72,000 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.3 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 5.3 |

FAYETTEVILLE-SPRINGDALE-ROGERS MSA

Counties include Benton, Washington, and Madison in Arkansas and McDonald in Missouri

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|---------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 192,300 | 1,97,600 | 2,06,650 | 222,950 | 226,900 |
| Employment | 186,025 | 1,90,200 | 1,98,875 | 216,350 | 218,925 |
| Unemployment | 6,275 | 7,400 | 7,775 | 6,600 | 7,975 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 3.5 |

FORT SMITH MSA

Counties include Crawford, Franklin, and Sebastian in Arkansas and Leflore and Sequoyah in Oklahoma

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|---------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 128,625 | 1,97,600 | 1,31,075 | 137,175 | 138,150 |
| Employment | 122,175 | 1,90,200 | 1,24,300 | 131,200 | 131,550 |
| Unemployment | 6,450 | 7,400 | 6,775 | 5,975 | 6,600 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.0 | 3.7 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 4.8 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

HOT SPRINGS MSA*Garland County*

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 38,350 | 39,250 | 40,650 | 42,300 | 42,500 |
| Employment | 36,200 | 36,775 | 38,175 | 40,150 | 40,250 |
| Unemployment | 2,150 | 2,475 | 2,475 | 2,150 | 2,250 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.6 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 5.1 | 5.3 |

JONESBORO MSA*Counties include Craighead and Poinsett*

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 53,850 | 54,125 | 55,475 | 57,150 | 57,475 |
| Employment | 50,825 | 50,950 | 52,375 | 54,400 | 54,475 |
| Unemployment | 3,025 | 3,175 | 3,100 | 2,750 | 3,000 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 5.2 |

LITTLE ROCK-NORTH LITTLE ROCK- CONWAY MSA*Counties include Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, and Saline*

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|---------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 311,800 | 3,13,200 | 3,23,450 | 339,500 | 338,750 |
| Employment | 296,900 | 2,97,050 | 3,07,300 | 324,700 | 322,925 |
| Unemployment | 14,900 | 16,150 | 16,150 | 14,800 | 15,825 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.7 |

PINE BLUFF MSA*Counties include Cleveland, Jefferson, and Lincoln*

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 44,575 | 44,825 | 45,800 | 47,075 | 45,975 |
| Employment | 41,250 | 41,350 | 42,300 | 43,750 | 42,350 |
| Unemployment | 3,325 | 3,475 | 3,500 | 3,325 | 3,625 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.5 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 7.9 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

ARKANSAS COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 10,500 | 10,725 | 10,850 | 11,300 | 11,575 |
| Employment | 9,850 | 10,150 | 10,200 | 10,525 | 10,675 |
| Unemployment | 650 | 575 | 650 | 775 | 900 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 6.8 | 7.8 |

ASHLEY COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 10,225 | 10,000 | 9,675 | 9,625 | 9,700 |
| Employment | 9,425 | 9,075 | 8,775 | 8,850 | 8,950 |
| Unemployment | 800 | 925 | 900 | 775 | 750 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.7 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 8.1 | 7.7 |

BAXTER COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 16,125 | 15,950 | 16,425 | 17,200 | 17,525 |
| Employment | 15,150 | 14,900 | 15,425 | 16,275 | 16,575 |
| Unemployment | 975 | 1,050 | 1,000 | 925 | 950 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.1 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 5.4 |

BENTON COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 84,775 | 88,050 | 93,100 | 100,225 | 102,800 |
| Employment | 52,200 | 84,925 | 89,775 | 97,075 | 99,350 |
| Unemployment | 2,575 | 3,125 | 3,325 | 3,150 | 3,450 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.4 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

BOONE COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 16,125 | 16,075 | 16,225 | 16,725 | 17,100 |
| Employment | 15,250 | 15,150 | 15,275 | 15,900 | 16,250 |
| Unemployment | 875 | 925 | 950 | 825 | 850 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 4.9 |

BRADLEY COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 5,450 | 5,500 | 5,550 | 5,500 | 5,600 |
| Employment | 4,050 | 5,100 | 5,125 | 5,075 | 5,200 |
| Unemployment | 400 | 400 | 425 | 425 | 400 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 7.3 |

CALHOUN COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 2,550 | 2,550 | 2,600 | 2,675 | 2,675 |
| Employment | 2,400 | 2,350 | 2,425 | 2,500 | 2,475 |
| Unemployment | 150 | 200 | 175 | 175 | 200 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.3 | 7.8 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 7.0 |

CARROLL COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 13,325 | 13,250 | 13,375 | 13,550 | 13,900 |
| Employment | 12,750 | 12,625 | 12,725 | 12,950 | 13,275 |
| Unemployment | 575 | 625 | 650 | 600 | 625 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.5 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

CHICOT COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 5,300 | 5,200 | 4,900 | 4,875 | 4,900 |
| Employment | 4,775 | 4,650 | 4,375 | 4,400 | 4,475 |
| Unemployment | 525 | 550 | 525 | 475 | 425 |
| Unemployment Rate | 9.8 | 10.4 | 10.9 | 9.8 | 8.8 |

CLARK COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 11,225 | 11,150 | 11,100 | 11,025 | 11,050 |
| Employment | 10,575 | 10,450 | 10,425 | 10,375 | 10,425 |
| Unemployment | 650 | 700 | 675 | 650 | 625 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.8 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 5.6 |

CLAY COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 7,750 | 7,500 | 7,300 | 7,075 | 6,975 |
| Employment | 7,175 | 6,900 | 6,725 | 6,500 | 6,375 |
| Unemployment | 575 | 600 | 575 | 575 | 600 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.3 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 8.5 |

CLEBURNE COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 10,900 | 10,900 | 11,100 | 11,625 | 11,625 |
| Employment | 10,400 | 10,300 | 10,500 | 11,075 | 11,025 |
| Unemployment | 500 | 600 | 600 | 550 | 600 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.7 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.1 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

CLEVELAND COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 3,900 | 3,975 | 4,150 | 4,275 | 4,225 |
| Employment | 3,675 | 3,725 | 3,875 | 4,025 | 3,950 |
| Unemployment | 225 | 250 | 275 | 250 | 275 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.8 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 5.7 | 6.2 |

COLUMBIA COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 11,025 | 10,725 | 10,800 | 11,075 | 11,225 |
| Employment | 10,375 | 10,000 | 10,100 | 10,400 | 10,525 |
| Unemployment | 650 | 725 | 700 | 675 | 700 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.8 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 6.2 |

CONWAY COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 9,675 | 9,625 | 9,450 | 9,650 | 9,900 |
| Employment | 9,125 | 9,025 | 8,900 | 9,175 | 9,400 |
| Unemployment | 550 | 600 | 550 | 475 | 500 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.6 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 5 | 5.1 |

CRAIGHEAD COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 42,575 | 42,900 | 44,225 | 45,050 | 45,825 |
| Employment | 40,375 | 40,550 | 41,850 | 42,975 | 43,600 |
| Unemployment | 2,200 | 2,350 | 2,375 | 2,075 | 2,225 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.9 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 25,200 | 25,275 | 26,225 | 27,425 | 28,025 |
| Employment | 24,025 | 23,950 | 24,900 | 26,275 | 26,750 |
| Unemployment | 1,175 | 1,325 | 1,325 | 1,150 | 1,275 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.6 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 4.6 |

CRITTENDEN COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 21,450 | 21,350 | 21,850 | 22,500 | 22,700 |
| Employment | 20,175 | 19,925 | 20,350 | 21,075 | 21,150 |
| Unemployment | 1,275 | 1,425 | 1,500 | 1,425 | 1,550 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.9 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 6.8 |

CROSS COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 8,600 | 8,700 | 8,575 | 8,500 | 8,525 |
| Employment | 8,075 | 8,050 | 7,875 | 7,875 | 7,875 |
| Unemployment | 525 | 650 | 700 | 625 | 650 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.1 | 7.4 | 8.0 | 7.4 | 7.5 |

DALLAS COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 3,825 | 3,825 | 3,775 | 3,875 | 3,975 |
| Employment | 3,525 | 3,525 | 3,500 | 3,600 | 3,700 |
| Unemployment | 300 | 300 | 275 | 275 | 275 |
| Unemployment Rate | 8.1 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 6.8 | 6.7 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

DESHA COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 6,300 | 6,175 | 6,050 | 6,100 | 6,200 |
| Employment | 5,750 | 5,625 | 5,500 | 5,575 | 5,600 |
| Unemployment | 550 | 550 | 550 | 525 | 600 |
| Unemployment Rate | 8.8 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 8.5 | 9.5 |

DREW COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 8,500 | 8,525 | 8,625 | 8,675 | 8,475 |
| Employment | 7,825 | 7,850 | 7,950 | 7,950 | 7,775 |
| Unemployment | 675 | 675 | 675 | 725 | 700 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.9 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 8.3 |

FAULKNER COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 46,650 | 47,850 | 49,900 | 52,000 | 52,700 |
| Employment | 44,350 | 45,350 | 47,450 | 49,750 | 50,350 |
| Unemployment | 2,300 | 2,500 | 2,450 | 2,250 | 2,350 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.5 |

FRANKLIN COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 8,075 | 7,975 | 8,200 | 8,525 | 8,700 |
| Employment | 7,700 | 7,600 | 7,800 | 8,175 | 8,325 |
| Unemployment | 375 | 375 | 400 | 350 | 375 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 4.3 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

FULTON COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 4,850 | 4,975 | 4,975 | 5,100 | 5,125 |
| Employment | 4,525 | 4,675 | 4,675 | 4,825 | 4,850 |
| Unemployment | 325 | 300 | 300 | 275 | 275 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.7 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 5.3 |

GARLAND COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 38,350 | 39,250 | 40,650 | 41,900 | 42,300 |
| Employment | 36,200 | 36,775 | 38,175 | 39,600 | 40,150 |
| Unemployment | 2,150 | 2,475 | 2,475 | 2,300 | 2,150 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.6 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 5.1 |

GRANT COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 8,075 | 8,100 | 8,425 | 8,650 | 8,775 |
| Employment | 7,650 | 7,650 | 7,975 | 8,250 | 8,350 |
| Unemployment | 425 | 450 | 450 | 400 | 425 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 4.9 |

GREENE COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 17,100 | 17,125 | 17,825 | 18,750 | 18,950 |
| Employment | 15,975 | 16,000 | 16,750 | 17,700 | 17,850 |
| Unemployment | 1,125 | 1,125 | 1,075 | 1,050 | 1,100 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.8 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

HEMPSTEAD COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 11,175 | 11,075 | 10,825 | 10,900 | 10,950 |
| Employment | 10,675 | 10,500 | 10,200 | 10,300 | 10,350 |
| Unemployment | 500 | 575 | 625 | 600 | 600 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.6 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 5.6 |

HOT SPRING COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 14,125 | 14,250 | 14,625 | 15,150 | 15,575 |
| Employment | 13,225 | 13,300 | 13,750 | 14,375 | 14,750 |
| Unemployment | 900 | 950 | 875 | 775 | 825 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.3 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 5.3 |

HOWARD COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 6,550 | 6,550 | 6,375 | 6,225 | 6,475 |
| Employment | 6,200 | 6,150 | 6,000 | 5,900 | 6,100 |
| Unemployment | 350 | 400 | 375 | 325 | 375 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.4 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 5.6 |

INDEPENDENCE COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 16,900 | 17,025 | 17,400 | 17,850 | 17,700 |
| Employment | 15,950 | 15,950 | 16,300 | 16,800 | 16,700 |
| Unemployment | 950 | 1075 | 1,100 | 1,050 | 1,000 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.6 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 5.6 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

IZARD COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 5,200 | 5,200 | 5,200 | 5,250 | 5,425 |
| Employment | 4,825 | 4,800 | 4,850 | 4,925 | 5,075 |
| Unemployment | 375 | 400 | 350 | 325 | 350 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.0 | 7.8 | 6.9 | 6.2 | 6.3 |

JACKSON COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 7,750 | 7,800 | 7,800 | 7,775 | 7,950 |
| Employment | 7,150 | 7,100 | 7,125 | 7,150 | 7,325 |
| Unemployment | 600 | 700 | 675 | 625 | 625 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.7 | 8.9 | 8.6 | 8.1 | 7.8 |

JEFFERSON COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 36,650 | 35,775 | 36,500 | 37,000 | 36,550 |
| Employment | 32,925 | 32,950 | 33,675 | 34,275 | 33,625 |
| Unemployment | 2,725 | 2825 | 2,825 | 2,725 | 2,925 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.6 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 8.0 |

JOHNSON COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 10,475 | 10,675 | 10,825 | 11,000 | 11,075 |
| Employment | 9,975 | 10,100 | 10,250 | 10,475 | 10,500 |
| Unemployment | 500 | 575 | 575 | 525 | 575 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 5.3 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 3,450 | 3,375 | 3,275 | 3,200 | 3,125 |
| Employment | 3,275 | 3,175 | 3,050 | 2,975 | 2,900 |
| Unemployment | 175 | 200 | 225 | 225 | 225 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.0 | 5.9 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 7.3 |

LAWRENCE COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 7,850 | 7,725 | 7,550 | 7,525 | 7,525 |
| Employment | 7,325 | 7,075 | 6,950 | 6,975 | 7,000 |
| Unemployment | 525 | 650 | 600 | 550 | 525 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.8 | 8.4 | 8.0 | 7.3 | 6.9 |

LEE COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 3,750 | 3,675 | 3,450 | 3,400 | 3,475 |
| Employment | 3,400 | 3,250 | 3,075 | 3,050 | 3,125 |
| Unemployment | 350 | 425 | 375 | 350 | 350 |
| Unemployment Rate | 9.1 | 11.4 | 11.1 | 10.3 | 9.9 |

LINCOLN COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 5,025 | 5,075 | 5,150 | 5,225 | 5,200 |
| Employment | 4,650 | 4,675 | 4,750 | 4,850 | 4,775 |
| Unemployment | 375 | 400 | 400 | 375 | 425 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.4 | 8.0 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 8.1 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

LITTLE RIVER COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 6,500 | 6,400 | 6,450 | 6,525 | 6,550 |
| Employment | 6,225 | 6,100 | 6,125 | 6,225 | 6,250 |
| Unemployment | 275 | 300 | 325 | 300 | 300 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.6 |

LOGAN COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 9,850 | 9,950 | 9,925 | 10,075 | 10,375 |
| Employment | 9,300 | 9,400 | 9,400 | 9,600 | 9,850 |
| Unemployment | 550 | 550 | 525 | 475 | 525 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.0 |

LONOKE COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 26,975 | 27,550 | 29,075 | 30,775 | 31,150 |
| Employment | 25,825 | 26,225 | 27,725 | 29,450 | 29,800 |
| Unemployment | 1,150 | 1,325 | 1,350 | 1,325 | 1,350 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.3 |

MADISON COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 7,175 | 7,175 | 7,425 | 7,825 | 8,025 |
| Employment | 6,925 | 6,900 | 7,125 | 7,550 | 7,725 |
| Unemployment | 250 | 275 | 300 | 275 | 300 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.6 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

MARION COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 6,475 | 6,525 | 6,575 | 6,800 | 6,975 |
| Employment | 6,075 | 6,100 | 6,175 | 6,450 | 6,600 |
| Unemployment | 400 | 425 | 400 | 350 | 375 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.1 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 5.3 |

MILLER COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 18,300 | 18,275 | 18,875 | 19,725 | 19,750 |
| Employment | 17,450 | 17,350 | 17,950 | 18,800 | 18,800 |
| Unemployment | 850 | 925 | 925 | 925 | 950 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.8 |

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 21,575 | 20,225 | 19,725 | 20,175 | 20,875 |
| Employment | 19,050 | 17,850 | 17,775 | 18,475 | 19,175 |
| Unemployment | 2,525 | 2375 | 1,950 | 1,700 | 1,700 |
| Unemployment Rate | 11.7 | 11.8 | 9.9 | 8.4 | 8.1 |

MONROE COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 4,025 | 3,975 | 3,825 | 3,850 | 3,800 |
| Employment | 3,725 | 3,675 | 3,550 | 3,600 | 3,500 |
| Unemployment | 300 | 300 | 275 | 250 | 300 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.2 | 7.4 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 7.6 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 4,150 | 4,250 | 4,225 | 4,325 | 4,400 |
| Employment | 3,925 | 4,025 | 4,000 | 4,125 | 4,200 |
| Unemployment | 225 | 225 | 225 | 200 | 200 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.8 |

NEVADA COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 4,575 | 4,500 | 4,350 | 4,400 | 4,425 |
| Employment | 4,350 | 4,275 | 4,100 | 4,150 | 4,175 |
| Unemployment | 225 | 225 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.7 |

NEWTON COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 3,600 | 3,625 | 3,575 | 3,600 | 3,700 |
| Employment | 3,400 | 3,425 | 3,350 | 3,425 | 3,500 |
| Unemployment | 200 | 200 | 225 | 175 | 200 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.5 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 5.1 |

OUACHITA COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 12,275 | 12,100 | 12,300 | 12,575 | 12,625 |
| Employment | 11,425 | 11,150 | 11,475 | 11,725 | 11,600 |
| Unemployment | 850 | 950 | 825 | 850 | 1,025 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.8 | 7.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 8.1 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

PERRY COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 4,800 | 4,775 | 4,850 | 4,975 | 5,025 |
| Employment | 4,525 | 4,450 | 4,575 | 4,725 | 4,775 |
| Unemployment | 275 | 325 | 275 | 250 | 250 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.9 | 6.8 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 5.0 |

PHILLIPS COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 9,375 | 9,200 | 9,025 | 8,825 | 8,825 |
| Employment | 8,575 | 8,400 | 8,200 | 8,050 | 8,050 |
| Unemployment | 800 | 800 | 825 | 775 | 775 |
| Unemployment Rate | 8.4 | 8.7 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 8.7 |

PIKE COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 5,350 | 5,200 | 5,125 | 5,175 | 5,350 |
| Employment | 5,075 | 4,925 | 4,850 | 4,925 | 5,075 |
| Unemployment | 275 | 275 | 275 | 250 | 275 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 5.2 |

POINSETT COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 11,300 | 11,225 | 11,250 | 11,475 | 11,650 |
| Employment | 10,475 | 10,400 | 10,525 | 10,725 | 10,875 |
| Unemployment | 825 | 825 | 725 | 750 | 775 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.3 | 7.3 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.7 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

POLK COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 8,800 | 8,600 | 8,425 | 8,700 | 8,850 |
| Employment | 8,050 | 7,950 | 7,925 | 8,275 | 8,425 |
| Unemployment | 750 | 650 | 500 | 425 | 425 |
| Unemployment Rate | 8.6 | 7.6 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 4.9 |

POPE COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 26,650 | 26,575 | 27,475 | 29,575 | 29,975 |
| Employment | 25,300 | 25,075 | 26,025 | 28,275 | 28,525 |
| Unemployment | 1,350 | 1,500 | 1,450 | 1,300 | 1,450 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 4.8 |

PRAIRIE COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 4,475 | 4,450 | 4,350 | 4,300 | 4,425 |
| Employment | 4,250 | 4,225 | 4,125 | 4,050 | 4,150 |
| Unemployment | 225 | 225 | 225 | 250 | 275 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 6.0 |

PULASKI COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 182,250 | 181,450 | 185,900 | 190,525 | 193,075 |
| Employment | 173,325 | 172,075 | 176,350 | 181,600 | 183,775 |
| Unemployment | 8,925 | 9,375 | 9,550 | 8,925 | 9,300 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.8 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 8,275 | 7,850 | 7,700 | 7,875 | 7,900 |
| Employment | 7,675 | 7,100 | 7,075 | 7,275 | 7,325 |
| Unemployment | 600 | 750 | 625 | 600 | 575 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.3 | 9.4 | 8.2 | 7.6 | 7.3 |

ST. FRANCIS COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 10,850 | 10,825 | 10,650 | 10,800 | 10,775 |
| Employment | 9,975 | 9,825 | 9,675 | 9,900 | 9,775 |
| Unemployment | 875 | 1,000 | 975 | 900 | 1,000 |
| Unemployment Rate | 8.1 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 8.3 | 9.2 |

SALINE COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 43,050 | 43,475 | 45,300 | 47,325 | 48,025 |
| Employment | 41,225 | 41,375 | 43,225 | 45,350 | 45,875 |
| Unemployment | 1,825 | 2,100 | 2,075 | 1,975 | 2,150 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.5 |

SCOTT COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 4,850 | 4,725 | 4,575 | 4,675 | 4,875 |
| Employment | 4,650 | 4,500 | 4,350 | 4,475 | 4,650 |
| Unemployment | 200 | 225 | 225 | 200 | 225 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.4 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

SEARCY COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 3,325 | 3,375 | 3,350 | 3,425 | 3,525 |
| Employment | 3,175 | 3,200 | 3,150 | 3,250 | 3,350 |
| Unemployment | 150 | 175 | 200 | 175 | 175 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 4.9 |

SEBASTIAN COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 56,400 | 56,125 | 57,350 | 59,650 | 61,050 |
| Employment | 53,925 | 53,375 | 54,625 | 57,175 | 58,225 |
| Unemployment | 2,475 | 2,750 | 2,725 | 2,475 | 2,825 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.6 |

SEVIER COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 7,375 | 7,425 | 7,525 | 7,675 | 7,700 |
| Employment | 7,050 | 7,075 | 7,175 | 7,350 | 7,375 |
| Unemployment | 325 | 350 | 350 | 325 | 325 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 4.2 |

SHARP COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 6,425 | 6,400 | 6,475 | 6,550 | 6,575 |
| Employment | 5,950 | 5,850 | 5,975 | 6,100 | 6,125 |
| Unemployment | 475 | 550 | 500 | 450 | 450 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.2 | 8.5 | 7.8 | 7.0 | 6.8 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

STONE COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 4,475 | 4,475 | 4,450 | 4,500 | 4,775 |
| Employment | 4,200 | 4,150 | 4,125 | 4,225 | 4,500 |
| Unemployment | 275 | 325 | 325 | 275 | 275 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.4 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 6.3 | 5.6 |

UNION COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 21,325 | 19,725 | 19,775 | 20,125 | 19,925 |
| Employment | 20,150 | 18,175 | 18,325 | 18,775 | 18,575 |
| Unemployment | 1,175 | 1550 | 1,450 | 1,350 | 1,350 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.6 | 7.9 | 7.3 | 6.7 | 6.8 |

VAN BUREN COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 6,875 | 6,800 | 6,925 | 7,025 | 7,150 |
| Employment | 6,450 | 6,325 | 6,450 | 6,600 | 6,725 |
| Unemployment | 425 | 475 | 475 | 425 | 425 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.3 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 6.0 | 6.1 |

WASHINGTON COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 88,675 | 90,600 | 94,350 | 100,900 | 103,650 |
| Employment | 85,800 | 87,175 | 90,775 | 97,600 | 99,900 |
| Unemployment | 2,875 | 3,425 | 3,575 | 3,300 | 3,750 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.2 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.6 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

WHITE COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 30,525 | 30,800 | 31,850 | 32,475 | 32,575 |
| Employment | 28,775 | 28,875 | 29,825 | 30,475 | 30,700 |
| Unemployment | 1,750 | 1,925 | 2,025 | 2,000 | 1,875 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.8 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 5.7 |

WOODRUFF COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 4,000 | 3,775 | 3,500 | 3,450 | 3,500 |
| Employment | 3,725 | 3,425 | 3,150 | 3,150 | 3,200 |
| Unemployment | 275 | 350 | 350 | 300 | 300 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.9 | 9.5 | 9.9 | 8.9 | 8.7 |

YELL COUNTY

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 9,800 | 9,800 | 9,975 | 10,650 | 10,800 |
| Employment | 9,375 | 9,300 | 9,475 | 10,225 | 10,300 |
| Unemployment | 425 | 500 | 500 | 425 | 500 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.4 | 5.2 | 5 | 4.1 | 4.6 |

*Note : Unemployment Rates calculated from unrounded data.

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

United States, State of Arkansas
& Metropolitan Statistical Areas
2002-2006

Arkansas Counties
Annual Averages
2002-2006

UNITED STATES*(in thousands)*

| INDUSTRY | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nonfarm Payroll Jobs | 130,341 | 129,999 | 131,435 | 133,703 | 136,174 |
| Natural Resources & Mining | 583 | 572 | 591 | 628 | 684 |
| Construction | 6,716 | 6,735 | 6,976 | 7,336 | 7,689 |
| Manufacturing | 15,259 | 14,510 | 14,315 | 14,226 | 14,197 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 25,497 | 25,287 | 25,533 | 25,959 | 26,231 |
| Information | 3,395 | 3,188 | 3,118 | 3,061 | 3,055 |
| Financial Activities | 7,847 | 7,977 | 8,031 | 8,153 | 8,363 |
| Professional & Business Services | 15,976 | 15,987 | 16,395 | 16,954 | 17,552 |
| Educational & Health Services | 16,199 | 16,588 | 16,953 | 17,372 | 17,838 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 11,986 | 12,173 | 12,493 | 12,816 | 13,143 |
| Other Services | 5,372 | 5,401 | 5,409 | 5,385 | 5,432 |
| Government | 21,513 | 21,583 | 21,621 | 21,804 | 21,990 |

STATE OF ARKANSAS

| INDUSTRY | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nonfarm Payroll Jobs | 1,146,300 | 1,145,100 | 1,158,100 | 1,177,900 | 1,199,600 |
| Natural Resources & Mining | 6,800 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,500 |
| Construction | 54,300 | 50,800 | 51,400 | 54,700 | 57,000 |
| Manufacturing | 213,700 | 205,800 | 203,300 | 201,200 | 199,000 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 240,900 | 239,500 | 242,000 | 245,500 | 249,000 |
| Information | 20,400 | 20,300 | 20,200 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Financial Activities | 49,600 | 50,400 | 50,900 | 51,400 | 52,600 |
| Professional & Business Services | 101,300 | 104,000 | 108,200 | 111,400 | 114,600 |
| Educational & Health Services | 135,600 | 139,700 | 142,600 | 146,200 | 151,000 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 87,500 | 88,300 | 90,900 | 94,200 | 97,300 |
| Other Services | 40,800 | 40,900 | 41,300 | 42,600 | 43,500 |
| Government | 195,400 | 198,500 | 200,400 | 203,700 | 208,200 |

FAYETTEVILLE-SPRINGDALE-ROGERS MSA*Counties include Benton, Washington, and Madison in Arkansas and McDonald in Missouri*

| INDUSTRY | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nonfarm Payroll Jobs | 176,800 | 181,800 | 188,300 | 198,500 | 205,100 |
| Natural Resources, Mining & Construction | 7,900 | 8,400 | 9,800 | 11,200 | 12,300 |
| Manufacturing | 34,800 | 34,300 | 33,400 | 33,400 | 33,300 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 42,800 | 43,700 | 44,900 | 47,100 | 48,300 |
| Information | 2,400 | 2,300 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Financial Activities | 6,600 | 6,800 | 7,000 | 7,600 | 8,200 |
| Professional & Business Services | 26,500 | 27,300 | 28,800 | 31,200 | 32,400 |
| Educational & Health Services | 15,200 | 16,100 | 16,800 | 17,600 | 18,300 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 13,600 | 14,000 | 14,700 | 15,800 | 17,000 |
| Other Services | 4,800 | 5,200 | 5,900 | 6,300 | 6,400 |
| Government | 22,500 | 23,600 | 24,600 | 25,800 | 26,500 |

Note: Figures may not add due to rounding.

FORT SMITH MSA*Counties include Crawford, Franklin, and Sebastian in Arkansas, Leflore and Sequoyah in Oklahoma*

| INDUSTRY | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nonfarm Payroll Jobs | 115,600 | 115,400 | 116,900 | 119,700 | 123,200 |
| Natural Resources, Mining & Construction | 6,200 | 6,300 | 6,400 | 6,900 | 7,900 |
| Manufacturing | 29,000 | 28,400 | 28,500 | 28,900 | 28,700 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 22,300 | 22,900 | 23,200 | 23,800 | 24,500 |
| Information | 1,900 | 1,800 | 1,700 | 1,600 | 1,600 |
| Financial Activities | 4,100 | 4,200 | 4,000 | 4,100 | 4,200 |
| Professional & Business Services | 10,900 | 10,300 | 10,900 | 11,200 | 11,700 |
| Educational & Health Services | 14,200 | 14,100 | 13,900 | 14,000 | 14,700 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 8,200 | 8,100 | 8,300 | 8,600 | 9,000 |
| Other Services | 3,200 | 3,300 | 3,700 | 3,800 | 3,800 |
| Government | 15,600 | 16,000 | 16,300 | 16,900 | 17,200 |

HOT SPRINGS MSA*Garland County*

| INDUSTRY | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nonfarm Payroll Jobs | 35,400 | 36,300 | 37,000 | 37,500 | 38,600 |
| Private Goods Providing | 6,200 | 6,100 | 5,900 | 6,000 | 6,100 |
| Natural Resources, Mining & Construction | 2,300 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,600 | 2,700 |
| Manufacturing | 3,900 | 3,600 | 3,500 | 3,400 | 3,400 |
| Private Service Producing | 29,200 | 30,200 | 31,000 | 31,500 | 32,500 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 7,200 | 7,200 | 7,300 | 7,400 | 7,600 |
| Financial Activities | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,600 | 1,600 |
| Professional & Business Services | 2,300 | 2,400 | 2,700 | 2,800 | 2,800 |
| Educational & Health Services | 6,800 | 6,900 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,100 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 5,600 | 5,700 | 6,000 | 6,100 | 6,500 |
| Government | 4,500 | 4,600 | 4,600 | 4,600 | 4,800 |

JONESBORO MSA*Counties include Craighead and Poinsett*

| INDUSTRY | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nonfarm Payroll Jobs | 46,700 | 47,100 | 48,000 | 48,000 | 49,100 |
| Natural Resources, Mining & Construction | 2,100 | 2,300 | 2,200 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Manufacturing | 8,900 | 9,000 | 8,900 | 8,400 | 8,100 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 9,200 | 9,200 | 9,500 | 9,700 | 10,000 |
| Financial Activities | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,900 |
| Professional & Business Services | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,500 | 4,000 | 3,900 |
| Educational & Health Services | 7,000 | 7,200 | 7,300 | 7,800 | 8,100 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,100 | 4,000 | 4,400 |
| Government | 8,000 | 8,000 | 8,200 | 8,000 | 8,400 |

Note: Figures may not add due to rounding.

LITTLE ROCK-NORTH LITTLE ROCK- CONWAY MSA*Counties include Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, and Saline*

| INDUSTRY | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nonfarm Payroll Jobs | 320,800 | 323,500 | 328,200 | 332,900 | 341,500 |
| Natural Resources, Mining & Construction | 17,000 | 17,500 | 17,400 | 17,700 | 18,600 |
| Manufacturing | 27,500 | 25,700 | 25,200 | 25,300 | 25,200 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 68,700 | 68,200 | 68,900 | 69,500 | 70,600 |
| Information | 9,200 | 9,400 | 9,500 | 9,300 | 9,600 |
| Financial Activities | 19,200 | 19,500 | 19,500 | 19,500 | 20,000 |
| Professional & Business Services | 38,700 | 40,000 | 41,100 | 41,700 | 42,800 |
| Educational & Health Services | 39,800 | 41,100 | 42,200 | 43,600 | 45,300 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 24,600 | 24,900 | 25,800 | 27,000 | 27,700 |
| Other Services | 12,400 | 12,900 | 13,900 | 14,100 | 14,500 |
| Government | 63,700 | 64,300 | 64,600 | 65,200 | 67,100 |

PINE BLUFF MSA*Counties include Cleveland, Jefferson, and Lincoln*

| INDUSTRY | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nonfarm Payroll Jobs | 39,600 | 39,900 | 40,300 | 40,100 | 39,500 |
| Natural Resources, Mining & Construction | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,500 | 2,000 | 2,100 |
| Manufacturing | 7,600 | 7,500 | 7,200 | 6,900 | 6,700 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 7,200 | 7,200 | 7,400 | 7,300 | 7,100 |
| Information | 200 | 300 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Financial Activities | 1,500 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Professional & Business Services | 2,200 | 2,400 | 2,600 | 2,000 | 1,800 |
| Educational & Health Services | 5,800 | 5,800 | 5,900 | 5,900 | 6,000 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 2,200 | 2,300 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 |
| Other Services | 1,500 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 |
| Government | 10,000 | 10,300 | 10,300 | 10,400 | 10,300 |

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NONFARM PAYROLL JOBS

Includes all counties not in an MSA

| COUNTY | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Arkansas County | 9,450 | 9,725 | 9,950 | 10,100 | 10,100 |
| Ashley County | 9,200 | 8,800 | 8,525 | 8,425 | 8,500 |
| Baxter County | 14,200 | 14,000 | 14,275 | 14,700 | 15,175 |
| Boone County | 14,225 | 14,175 | 14,100 | 14,300 | 14,700 |
| Bradley County | 4,050 | 4,100 | 4,150 | 4,025 | 4,125 |
| Calhoun County | 3,525 | 3,575 | 3,750 | 3,750 | 3,200 |
| Carroll County | 9,900 | 9,725 | 9,800 | 9,725 | 9,975 |
| Chicot County | 3,975 | 3,750 | 3,575 | 3,550 | 3,550 |
| Clark County | 11,075 | 10,950 | 10,775 | 10,425 | 10,500 |
| Clay County | 5,625 | 5,275 | 5,100 | 4,675 | 4,450 |
| Cleburne County | 6,925 | 6,825 | 6,875 | 7,125 | 7,150 |
| Columbia County | 10,450 | 10,075 | 10,075 | 10,175 | 10,375 |
| Conway County | 7,100 | 6,975 | 6,675 | 6,700 | 6,925 |
| Cross County | 5,500 | 5,450 | 5,350 | 5,175 | 5,125 |
| Dallas County | 3,350 | 3,350 | 3,375 | 3,425 | 3,475 |
| Desha County | 5,275 | 5,075 | 5,025 | 5,025 | 4,975 |
| Drew County | 7,175 | 7,225 | 7,375 | 7,200 | 6,950 |
| Fulton County | 1,850 | 1,975 | 1,950 | 1,975 | 1,975 |
| Greene County | 13,950 | 14,050 | 14,575 | 15,150 | 15,375 |
| Hempstead County | 9,475 | 9,225 | 8,675 | 8,425 | 8,425 |
| Hot Springs County | 7,550 | 7,625 | 7,550 | 8,125 | 8,475 |
| Howard County | 8,150 | 8,000 | 7,850 | 7,550 | 7,750 |
| Independence County | 16,525 | 16,600 | 16,775 | 16,900 | 16,900 |
| Izard County | 3,075 | 3,075 | 3,100 | 3,050 | 3,175 |
| Jackson County | 5,825 | 5,750 | 5,800 | 5,675 | 5,675 |
| Johnson County | 8,525 | 8,650 | 8,750 | 8,725 | 8,750 |
| Lafayette County | 1,850 | 1,850 | 1,750 | 1,625 | 1,500 |
| Lawrence County | 4,950 | 4,725 | 4,600 | 4,475 | 4,425 |
| Lee County | 2,325 | 2,150 | 2,025 | 1,975 | 1,975 |
| Little River County | 4,850 | 4,750 | 4,700 | 4,650 | 4,650 |
| Logan County | 6,050 | 6,200 | 6,150 | 6,075 | 6,275 |
| Marion County | 3,925 | 3,950 | 3,950 | 4,075 | 4,175 |
| Mississippi County | 19,350 | 17,875 | 17,750 | 18,125 | 18,875 |
| Monroe County | 2,725 | 2,625 | 2,575 | 2,550 | 2,375 |
| Montgomery County | 1,750 | 1,775 | 1,800 | 1,825 | 1,825 |
| Nevada County | 2,525 | 2,525 | 2,650 | 2,750 | 2,775 |
| Newton County | 1,150 | 1,175 | 1,150 | 1,175 | 1,175 |
| Ouachita County | 8,000 | 7,825 | 7,850 | 7,900 | 8,400 |
| Phillips County | 7,050 | 6,850 | 6,725 | 6,375 | 6,350 |
| Pike County | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,025 | 3,075 |
| Polk County | 6,375 | 6,225 | 6,275 | 6,450 | 6,500 |
| Pope County | 24,550 | 24,525 | 25,400 | 27,375 | 28,750 |
| Prairie County | 1,750 | 1,675 | 1,675 | 1,525 | 1,525 |
| Randolph County | 5,675 | 5,200 | 5,150 | 5,200 | 5,275 |
| St. Francis County | 9,425 | 9,275 | 9,025 | 9,050 | 8,900 |
| Scott County | 3,125 | 2,925 | 2,850 | 2,900 | 2,950 |
| Searcy County | 1,675 | 1,675 | 1,650 | 1,700 | 1,725 |
| Sevier County | 5,800 | 5,825 | 6,025 | 6,100 | 6,025 |
| Sharp County | 4,125 | 4,025 | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,125 |
| Stone County | 2,950 | 2,875 | 2,850 | 2,850 | 3,100 |
| Union County | 23,325 | 21,025 | 20,875 | 20,925 | 20,850 |
| Van Buren County | 3,950 | 3,850 | 3,900 | 3,875 | 3,975 |
| White County | 24,375 | 24,625 | 25,050 | 24,975 | 25,350 |
| Woodruff County | 2,625 | 2,275 | 2,100 | 2,050 | 2,025 |
| Yell County | 7,150 | 6,975 | 6,950 | 7,175 | 7,050 |

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