

Arkansas Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, more than 6 million jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 565,000 created each month.
- In the month of December, the latest for which national data are available, 199,000 jobs were created, and the unemployment rate dropped to 3.9%, outperforming expectations and reaching a new pandemic-era low.
- The unemployment rate went down for adult men (3.6%), adult women (3.6%), white workers (3.2%), Hispanic workers (4.9%) and Asian workers (3.8%), and rose for Black workers (7.1%).

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 24,800 jobs have been created in Arkansas.
- In the month of December, the latest for which state-level data are available, 1,200 jobs were created in Arkansas.

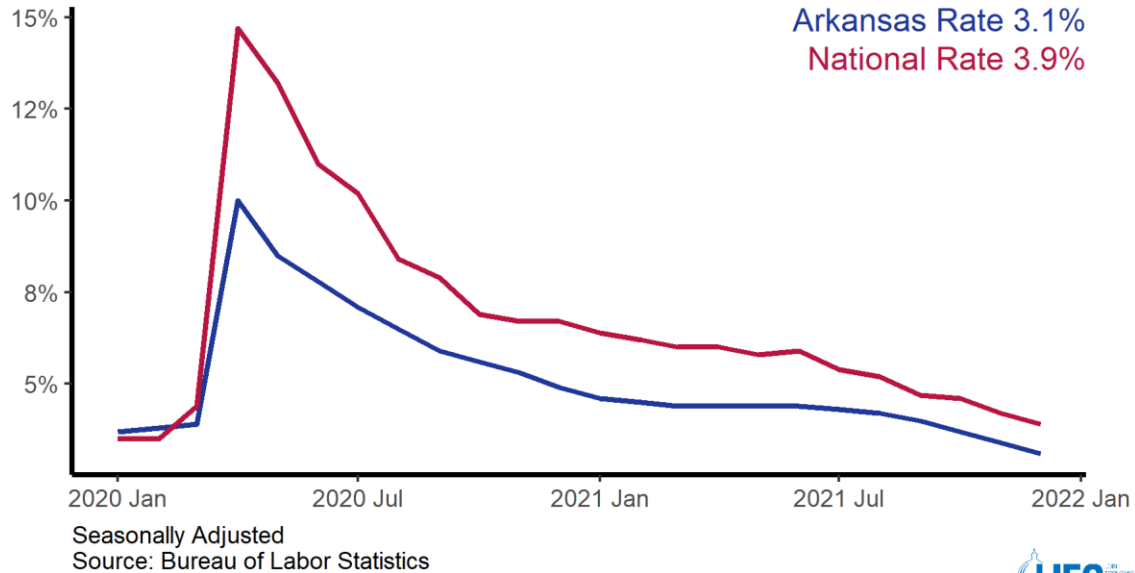
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in December	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January 2021
Total Nonfarm, Arkansas	1,200	93%	24,800
Leisure and Hospitality, Arkansas	1,200	85%	4,200
Manufacturing, Arkansas	700	115%	5,100
Professional and Business Services, Arkansas	400	138%	7,800
Construction, Arkansas	300	53%	-2,700
Retail Trade, Arkansas	100	118%	-600
Government, Arkansas	-200	5%	-2,100
Education and Health Services, Arkansas	-900	64%	1,200

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: Positive change reflects net job creation. "Recovered" refers to the share of jobs recovered since the pandemic low point as a share of jobs lost during the pandemic. Jobs lost during the pandemic are measured as the difference between the number of jobs in the industry in February 2020 and the number at the "low point" of the pandemic--the month with the fewest people employed in a given industry. The month of the low point varies by industry.

Arkansas Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020



Arkansas Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

