

Arkansas Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 4,817,000 jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 602,000 created each month.
- In the month of September, the latest for which national data are available, 194,000 jobs were created, and the unemployment rate dropped to 4.8%, outperforming expectations and reaching a new pandemic-era low.
- The unemployment rate went down for adult men (4.7%), adult women (4.2%), white workers (4.2%) and Black workers (7.9%). The unemployment rate among Asian workers (4.2%) and Hispanic workers (6.3%) remained stable.

State Employment Data

- Since President Biden took office, 10,800 jobs have been created in Arkansas.
- In the month of September, the latest for which state-level data are available, 1,000 jobs were created in Arkansas.

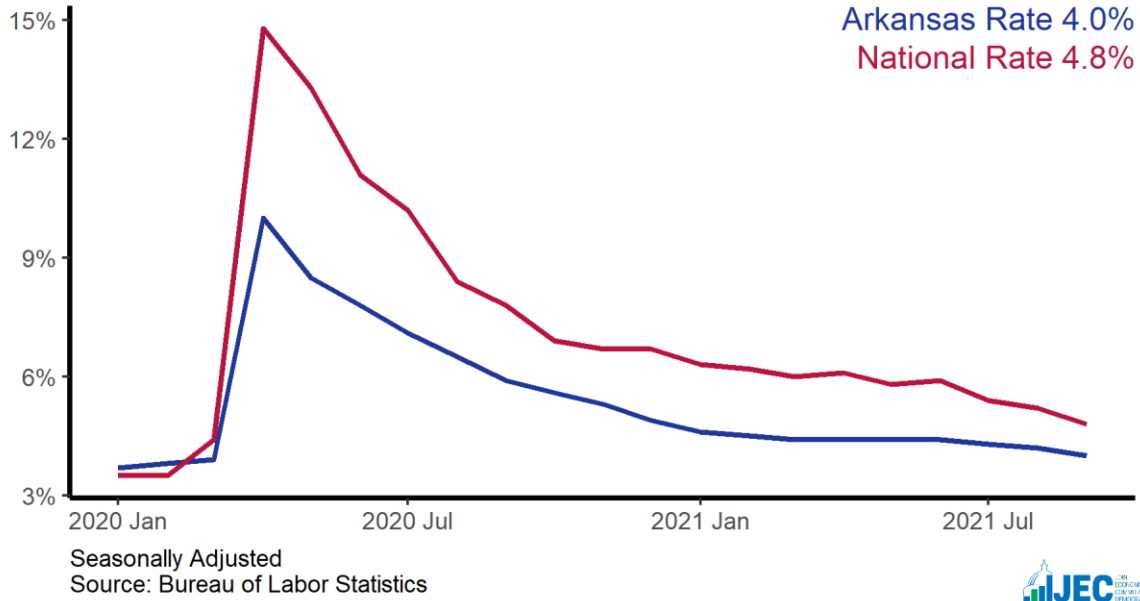
| Sector | Change in Total Jobs in September | Jobs Recovered | Change in Total Jobs Since January |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Total Nonfarm, Arkansas | 1,000 | 82% | 10,800 |
| Retail Trade, Arkansas | 1,800 | 116% | -800 |
| Manufacturing, Arkansas | 100 | 103% | 3,700 |
| Construction, Arkansas | 100 | 6% | -3,400 |
| Professional and Business Services, Arkansas | -100 | 120% | 4,900 |
| Leisure and Hospitality, Arkansas | -200 | 79% | 1,500 |
| Government, Arkansas | -500 | 2% | -2,400 |
| Education and Health Services, Arkansas | -2,200 | 58% | 0 |

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

