**Arkansas**

**Labor Market**

**Report**

**May 2017**



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Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bu- reau 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 num- ber of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data col- lected 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 unem- ployed. 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. Approxi- mately 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 dur- ing 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.

May 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 pro- duced 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 estab- lishments with changes in em- ployment. These employment changes occur when establish- ments 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 exist- ing 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 | Sep 15 | Dec 15 | Mar 16 | Jun 16 | Sep 16\*

**----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

Employment Levels

Gross job gains..... 59,893 62,679 53,819 53,228 61,167

Gross job losses.... 51,688 52,402 53,379 57,344 54,494

**Net Change**.......... **8,205 10,277 440 -4,116 6,673**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 3rd Quarter 2016

**Arkansas’ Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)**

3rd Quarter 2014 - 3rd Quarter 2016

65,000

63,000

61,000

59,000

57,000

55,000

53,000

51,000

49,000

47,000

45,000

Sep '14 Dec '14 Mar '15 Ju n '15 Sep '15 Dec '15 Mar '16 Ju n '16 Sep '16

Gross Job Gains

Gross Job Losses

Civilian Labor Force Summar y

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 decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.5 percent in April to 3.4 percent in May. Arkan- sas’ civilian labor force increased 7,539, a result of 8,604 more employed and 1,065 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate declined from 4.4 percent in April to 4.3 percent in May.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate continued to decline in May, setting another record low at 3.4 percent. Employment rose to 1,309,035, the highest number of employed Arkansans since August 2008.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **May 17**  1,355,668 | **Apr 17**  1,348,129 | **May 16**  1,344,508 | Civilian Labor Force | **May 17**  1,365,434 | **Apr 17**  1,353,749 | **May 16**  1,348,027 |
| Employment | 1,309,035 | 1,300,431 | 1,290,032 | Employment | 1,319,736 | 1,312,399 | 1,295,372 |
| Unemployment | 46,633 | 47,698 | 54,476 | Unemployment | 45,698 | 41,350 | 52,655 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.4 | 3.5 | 4.1 | Unemployment Rate | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.9 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.7 | U.S. Unemployment | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.5 |

1,340,000

**Employment (Seasonally Adjusted vs. Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

May 2014 - May 2017

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

1,180,000

1,160,000

May '14 Nov '14 May '15 Nov '15 May '16 Nov '16 May '17

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted



(In Thousands)

(NAICS)

**May 17 Apr 17 May 16**

**OTM OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Nonfarm | 1,255,900 | 1,252,200 | 1,233,100 | 3,700 | 22,800 |
| Goods Producing | 214,200 | 213,700 | 210,600 | 500 | 3,600 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 56,900 | 56,100 | 56,700 | 800 | 200 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **6,000** | **6,000** | **6,200** | **0** | **-200** |
| **Construction** | **50,900** | **50,100** | **50,500** | **800** | **400** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 32,400 | 31,500 | 32,200 | 900 | 200 |
| **Manufacturing** | **157,300** | **157,600** | **153,900** | **-300** | **3,400** |
| Durable Goods | 73,800 | 74,000 | 74,500 | -200 | -700 |
| Nondurable Goods | 83,500 | 83,600 | 79,400 | -100 | 4,100 |
| Service Providing | 1,041,700 | 1,038,500 | 1,022,500 | 3,200 | 19,200 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **252,900** | **253,400** | **252,200** | **-500** | **700** |
| Wholesale Trade | 46,700 | 47,400 | 46,600 | -700 | 100 |
| Retail Trade | 141,900 | 141,400 | 142,600 | 500 | -700 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 64,300 | 64,600 | 63,000 | -300 | 1,300 |
| I**nformation** | **13,100** | **13,200** | **13,600** | **-100** | **-500** |
| **Financial Activities** | **52,100** | **51,500** | **51,200** | **600** | **900** |
| Finance & Insurance | 38,800 | 38,400 | 37,900 | 400 | 900 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13,300 | 13,100 | 13,300 | 200 | 0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **152,000** | **149,800** | **143,000** | **2,200** | **9,000** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43,500 | 44,700 | 42,000 | -1,200 | 1,500 |
| Management of Companies | 33,800 | 34,300 | 34,500 | -500 | -700 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 74,700 | 70,800 | 66,500 | 3,900 | 8,200 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **186,700** | **187,300** | **180,500** | **-600** | **6,200** |
| Educational Services | 16,500 | 16,900 | 15,000 | -400 | 1,500 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 170,200 | 170,400 | 165,500 | -200 | 4,700 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 56,200 | 56,500 | 53,200 | -300 | 3,000 |
| Social Assistance | 40,000 | 40,500 | 39,900 | -500 | 100 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 121,000 119,300 118,900 1,700 2,100** | | | | | |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 12,600 | 11,400 | 12,800 | 1,200 | -200 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 108,400 | 107,900 | 106,100 | 500 | 2,300 |
| Accommodation Services | 11,700 | 11,200 | 11,600 | 500 | 100 |
| Food Services | 96,700 | 96,700 | 94,500 | 0 | 2,200 |
| **Other Services** | **49,300** | **48,400** | **47,100** | **900** | **2,200** |
| **Government** | **214,600** | **215,600** | **216,000** | **-1,000** | **-1,400** |
| Federal Government | 20,300 | 20,100 | 20,200 | 200 | 100 |
| State Government | 78,800 | 80,500 | 79,300 | -1,700 | -500 |
| Local Government | 115,500 | 115,000 | 116,500 | 500 | -1,000 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summar y

April 2017 - May 2017

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 3,700 in May to total 1,255,900. Five major industry sectors added jobs, more than offsetting minor declines in five sectors. Employment in **professional and busi- ness services** rose 2,200. All gains were in administrative and support services (+3,900), attributed in large part to expansions in employment agencies and seasonal activities such as landscaping services. **Leisure and hospitality** added 1,700 jobs, with seasonal hiring in both arts-entertainment-recreation (+1,200) and accommodation-food services (+500). Jobs in **government** declined 1,000. Losses in state government (-1,700) were related to the start of summer break at some public colleges and uni- versities.

May 2016 - May 2017

Compared to May 2016, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment rose 22,800. Eight major industry sec- tors reported growth, with four adding 2,200 or more jobs, each. **Professional and business services** increased 9,000. A majority of the expansion occurred in administrative and support services (+8,200). **Educational and health services** added 6,200 jobs, mostly in health care and social assistance (+4,700). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 3,400. All gains were posted in nondurable goods (+4,100), attributed in part to reported growth in food manufacturing. **Other services** increased 2,200. The sector includes activities such as repair-maintenance and membership organizations. **Government** declined 1,400. Losses were posted in both local (-1,000) and state (-500) government.

160,000

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

May: 1997 - 2017

150,000

140,000

130,000

120,000

110,000

100,000

90,000

80,000

70,000

60,000

'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

**May 17 Apr 17**

**May 16**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

40.0

16.04

641.60

38.5

16.00

616.00

40.6

15.96

647.98

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**May 17 Apr 17**

**May 16**

**May 17 Apr 17**

**May 16**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

40.4

17.74

716.70

40.8

17.48

713.18

40.8

17.71

722.57

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

39.6

14.57

576.97

36.6

14.59

533.99

40.4

14.31

578.12

680.00

**Average Weekly Earnings- Manufacturing**

May: 2007 - 2017

660.00

640.00

620.00

600.00

580.00

560.00

540.00

520.00

500.00

480.00

2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

Little Rock-Nor th 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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 17** | **Apr 17** | **May 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 352,514 | 350,170 | 350,499 | 2,344 | 2,015 |
| Employment | 341,662 | 340,343 | 338,305 | 1,319 | 3,357 |
| Unemployment | 10,852 | 9,827 | 12,194 | 1,025 | -1,342 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 0.3 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **May 17**  355,500 | **Apr 17**  354,700 | **May 16**  355,600 | **OTM**  800 | **OT Y**  -100 |
| Goods Producing | 36,800 | 36,500 | 37,600 | 300 | -800 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **16,800** | **16,500** | **17,400** | **300** | **-600** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20,000** | **20,000** | **20,200** | **0** | **-200** |
| Service Providing 318,700 318,200 318,000 500 700 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **69,800** | **70,400** | **69,900** | **-600** | **-100** |
| Wholesale Trade | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,100 | 0 | -100 |
| Retail Trade | 38,800 | 39,500 | 39,300 | -700 | -500 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 16,000 | 15,900 | 15,500 | 100 | 500 |
| **Information** | **6,100** | **6,100** | **6,300** | **0** | -**200** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20,500** | **20,400** | **20,400** | **100** | **100** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **47,500** | **47,500** | **47,400** | **0** | **100** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **55,800** | **55,900** | **53,600** | **-100** | **2,200** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **33,800** | **32,700** | **34,600** | **1,100** | **-800** |
| **Other Services** | **14,900** | **14,700** | **14,500** | **200** | **400** |
| **Government** | **70,300** | **70,500** | **71,300** | **-200** | **-1,000** |
| Federal Government | 9,700 | 9,600 | 9,600 | 100 | 100 |
| State Government | 34,800 | 35,200 | 34,600 | -400 | 200 |
| Local Government | 25,800 | 25,700 | 27,100 | 100 | -1,300 |

350,000

**Employment**

May 2014 - May 2017

58,000

**Jobs in Educational and Health Services**

May: 2007 - 2017

345,000

56,000

340,000

54,000

335,000

52,000

330,000

50,000

325,000

48,000

320,000

46,000

315,000

44,000

310,000

42,000

305,000

May '14 Nov '14 May '15 Nov '15 May '16 Nov '16 May '17

40,000

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 17** | **Apr 17** | **May 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 275,375 | 272,424 | 263,773 | 2,951 | 11,602 |
| Employment | 268,391 | 266,371 | 256,180 | 2,020 | 12,211 |
| Unemployment | 6,984 | 6,053 | 7,593 | 931 | -609 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 0.3 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **May 17**  256,500 | **Apr 17**  254,500 | **May 16**  246,000 | **OTM**  2,000 | **OT Y**  10,500 |
| Goods Producing | 38,500 | 38,100 | 37,500 | 400 | 1,000 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **10,900** | **10,700** | **10,400** | **200** | **500** |
| **Manufacturing** | **27,600** | **27,400** | **27,100** | **200** | **500** |
| Service Providing 218,000 216,400 208,500 1,600 9,500 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **56,700** | **56,100** | **55,700** | **600** | **1,000** |
| Wholesale Trade | 12,700 | 12,600 | 12,200 | 100 | 500 |
| Retail Trade | 26,600 | 26,100 | 26,700 | 500 | -100 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 17,400 | 17,400 | 16,800 | 0 | 600 |
| **Information** | **1,900** | **1,900** | **1,900** | **0** | **0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **8,000** | **7,800** | **7,600** | **200** | **400** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **53,200** | **53,400** | **48,700** | **-200** | **4,500** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **28,100** | **28,200** | **27,100** | **-100** | **1,000** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **26,300** | **25,700** | **25,200** | **600** | **1,100** |
| **Other Services** | **7,800** | **7,700** | **7,500** | **100** | **300** |
| **Government** | **36,000** | **35,600** | **34,800** | **400** | **1,200** |
| Federal Government | 2,600 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 100 | 100 |
| State Government | 14,400 | 14,200 | 13,600 | 200 | 800 |
| Local Government | 19,000 | 18,900 | 18,700 | 100 | 300 |

270,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2015 - May 2017

260,000

250,000

240,000

230,000

220,000

210,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2015 2016 2017

For t Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA= Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 17** | **Apr 17** | **May 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 120,986 | 120,207 | 122,076 | 779 | -1,090 |
| Employment | 116,103 | 115,817 | 116,400 | 286 | -297 |
| Unemployment | 4,883 | 4,390 | 5,676 | 493 | -793 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.0 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 0.3 | -0.6 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **May 17**  114,100 | **Apr 17**  113,400 | **May 16**  115,000 | **OTM**  700 | **OT Y**  -900 |
| Goods Producing | 22,800 | 22,700 | 23,600 | 100 | -800 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5,300** | **5,300** | **5,600** | **0** | **-300** |
| **Manufacturing** | **17,500** | **17,400** | **18,000** | **100** | **-500** |
| Service Providing 91,300 90,700 91,400 600 -100 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23,200** | **22,900** | **23,800** | **300** | **-600** |
| Wholesale Trade | 4,000 | 3,900 | 3,900 | 100 | 100 |
| Retail Trade | 12,700 | 12,500 | 13,100 | 200 | -400 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,800 | 0 | -300 |
| **Information** | **1,300** | **1,300** | **1,200** | **0** | **100** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3,800** | **3,800** | **3,800** | **0** | **0** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **13,200** | **13,100** | **13,000** | **100** | **200** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16,800** | **16,900** | **16,700** | **-100** | **100** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9,900** | **9,700** | **10,000** | **200** | **-100** |
| **Other Services** | **4,300** | **4,300** | **4,300** | **0** | **0** |
| **Government** | **18,800** | **18,700** | **18,600** | **100** | **200** |
| Federal Government | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 0 | 0 |
| State Government | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 0 | 0 |
| Local Government | 14,300 | 14,200 | 14,100 | 100 | 200 |

12,000

**Number of Unemployed**

May: 2007 - 2017

14,000

**Jobs in Professional & Business Services**

May 2015 - May 2017

10,000

13,500

8,000

13,000

6,000

12,500

4,000

12,000

2,000

11,500

0

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

11,000

May '15 Nov '15 May '16 Nov '16 May '17

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 17** | **Apr 17** | **May 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 40,857 | 41,283 | 40,770 | -426 | 87 |
| Employment | 39,380 | 39,950 | 39,078 | -570 | 302 |
| Unemployment | 1,477 | 1,333 | 1,692 | 144 | -215 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 0.4 | -0.6 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 17** | **Apr 17** | **May 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 38,600 | 39,200 | 38,700 | -600 | -100 |
| 4,600 | 4,500 | 4,400 | 100 | 200 |
| 34,000 | 34,700 | 34,300 | -700 | -300 |
| 4,500 | 4,600 | 4,600 | -100 | -100 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

40,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

May: 1997 - 2017

39,000

38,000

37,000

36,000

35,000

34,000

33,000

32,000

31,000

30,000

'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 17** | **Apr 17** | **May 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 63,748 | 63,397 | 62,592 | 351 | 1,156 |
| Employment | 61,898 | 61,736 | 60,540 | 162 | 1,358 |
| Unemployment | 1,850 | 1,661 | 2,052 | 189 | -202 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.9 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 0.3 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 17** | **Apr 17** | **May 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 57,000 | 57,000 | 56,100 | 0 | 900 |
| 9,300 | 9,400 | 9,000 | -100 | 300 |
| 47,700 | 47,600 | 47,100 | 100 | 600 |
| 9,200 | 9,200 | 9,100 | 0 | 100 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

64,000

**Employment**

May 2014 - May 2017

62,000

60,000

58,000

56,000

54,000

52,000

50,000

May '14 Nov '14 May '15 Nov '15 May '16 Nov '16 May '17

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 17** | **Apr 17** | **May 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 36,055 | 35,808 | 36,141 | 247 | -86 |
| Employment | 34,455 | 34,300 | 34,223 | 155 | 232 |
| Unemployment | 1,600 | 1,508 | 1,918 | 92 | -318 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.4 | 4.2 | 5.3 | 0.2 | -0.9 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 17** | **Apr 17** | **May 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33,500 | 33,300 | 33,600 | 200 | -100 |
| 5,900 | 5,900 | 6,100 | 0 | -200 |
| 27,600 | 27,400 | 27,500 | 200 | 100 |
| 9,700 | 9,600 | 9,800 | 100 | -100 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

12.0

**Unemployment Rates**

May: 2007 - 2017

10.0

8.0

6.0

4.0

2.0

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2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

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.

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|  | **May 17** | **Apr 17** | **May 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 624,508 | 628,706 | 619,214 | -4,198 | 5,294 |
| Employment | 601,509 | 602,489 | 589,275 | -980 | 12,234 |
| Unemployment | 22,999 | 26,217 | 29,939 | -3,218 | -6,940 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.8 | -0.5 | -1.1 |

Texarkana MSA

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

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|  | **May 17** | **Apr 17** | **May 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 65,098 | 65,003 | 65,430 | 95 | -332 |
| Employment | 62,200 | 62,145 | 62,813 | 55 | -613 |
| Unemployment | 2,898 | 2,858 | 2,617 | 40 | 281 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 |

610,000

**Number of Employed- Memphis MSA**

January 2015 - May 2017

8.0

**Unemployment Rates- Texarkana MSA**

May: 2007 - 2017

600,000

7.0

590,000

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2015 2016 2017

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Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| **Micro Area** | **CLF** | **May**  **Emp** | **2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **April**  **Emp** | **2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **May**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,628 | 9,274 | 354 | 3.7 | 9,613 | 9,301 | 312 | 3.2 | 9,455 | 9,048 | 407 | 4.3 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,416 | 15,832 | 584 | 3.6 | 16,246 | 15,700 | 546 | 3.4 | 16,166 | 15,392 | 774 | 4.8 |
| Blytheville Micro | 18,300 | 17,319 | 981 | 5.4 | 18,085 | 17,202 | 883 | 4.9 | 18,187 | 16,884 | 1,303 | 7.2 |
| Camden Micro | 12,426 | 11,915 | 511 | 4.1 | 12,314 | 11,833 | 481 | 3.9 | 12,289 | 11,718 | 571 | 4.6 |
| El Dorado Micro | 16,353 | 15,569 | 784 | 4.8 | 16,286 | 15,529 | 757 | 4.6 | 16,321 | 15,443 | 878 | 5.4 |
| Forrest City Micro | 9,036 | 8,664 | 372 | 4.1 | 8,979 | 8,629 | 350 | 3.9 | 8,853 | 8,422 | 431 | 4.9 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,833 | 19,228 | 605 | 3.1 | 19,704 | 19,158 | 546 | 2.8 | 19,721 | 19,021 | 700 | 3.5 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,671 | 6,333 | 338 | 5.1 | 6,600 | 6,284 | 316 | 4.8 | 6,841 | 6,464 | 377 | 5.5 |
| Hope Micro | 13,920 | 13,483 | 437 | 3.1 | 13,812 | 13,399 | 413 | 3.0 | 13,772 | 13,265 | 507 | 3.7 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,191 | 8,763 | 428 | 4.7 | 9,115 | 8,740 | 375 | 4.1 | 9,421 | 8,869 | 552 | 5.9 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,235 | 13,755 | 480 | 3.4 | 14,180 | 13,765 | 415 | 2.9 | 14,217 | 13,677 | 540 | 3.8 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,630 | 16,010 | 620 | 3.7 | 16,402 | 15,835 | 567 | 3.5 | 16,247 | 15,590 | 657 | 4.0 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,138 | 19,487 | 651 | 3.2 | 19,885 | 19,307 | 578 | 2.9 | 20,051 | 19,274 | 777 | 3.9 |
| Russellville Micro | 38,818 | 37,411 | 1,407 | 3.6 | 38,520 | 37,290 | 1,230 | 3.2 | 38,454 | 36,648 | 1,806 | 4.7 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,735 | 32,193 | 1,542 | 4.6 | 33,498 | 32,116 | 1,382 | 4.1 | 34,372 | 32,527 | 1,845 | 5.4 |

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)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **City** | **CLF** | **May**  **Emp** | **2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **April**  **Emp** | **2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Ma**  **Emp** | **y 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Bella Vista | 12,558 | 12,137 | 421 | 3.4 | 12,406 | 12,037 | 369 | 3.0 | 11,991 | 11,563 | 428 | 3.6 |
| Benton | 16,410 | 15,964 | 446 | 2.7 | 16,324 | 15,906 | 418 | 2.6 | 16,312 | 15,802 | 510 | 3.1 |
| Bentonville | 24,827 | 24,122 | 705 | 2.8 | 24,532 | 23,923 | 609 | 2.5 | 23,630 | 22,980 | 650 | 2.8 |
| Blytheville | 6,222 | 5,904 | 318 | 5.1 | 6,169 | 5,864 | 305 | 4.9 | 6,231 | 5,756 | 475 | 7.6 |
| Cabot | 11,779 | 11,454 | 325 | 2.8 | 11,695 | 11,398 | 297 | 2.5 | 11,724 | 11,360 | 364 | 3.1 |
| Conway | 33,306 | 32,256 | 1,050 | 3.2 | 33,028 | 32,133 | 895 | 2.7 | 33,130 | 31,943 | 1,187 | 3.6 |
| El Dorado | 7,129 | 6,739 | 390 | 5.5 | 7,104 | 6,722 | 382 | 5.4 | 7,116 | 6,685 | 431 | 6.1 |
| Fayetteville | 48,215 | 47,024 | 1,191 | 2.5 | 47,626 | 46,643 | 983 | 2.1 | 46,093 | 44,803 | 1,290 | 2.8 |
| Fort Smith | 40,538 | 39,203 | 1,335 | 3.3 | 40,126 | 38,902 | 1,224 | 3.1 | 40,548 | 39,086 | 1,462 | 3.6 |
| Hot Springs | 14,269 | 13,694 | 575 | 4.0 | 14,409 | 13,892 | 517 | 3.6 | 14,231 | 13,589 | 642 | 4.5 |
| Jacksonville | 11,793 | 11,325 | 468 | 4.0 | 11,691 | 11,283 | 408 | 3.5 | 11,735 | 11,209 | 526 | 4.5 |
| Jonesboro | 37,495 | 36,431 | 1,064 | 2.8 | 37,284 | 36,349 | 935 | 2.5 | 36,784 | 35,605 | 1,179 | 3.2 |
| Little Rock | 97,163 | 94,171 | 2,992 | 3.1 | 96,558 | 93,824 | 2,734 | 2.8 | 96,465 | 93,211 | 3,254 | 3.4 |
| North Little Rock | 30,059 | 29,039 | 1,020 | 3.4 | 29,866 | 28,932 | 934 | 3.1 | 29,847 | 28,743 | 1,104 | 3.7 |
| Paragould | 12,643 | 12,185 | 458 | 3.6 | 12,480 | 12,073 | 407 | 3.3 | 12,582 | 12,052 | 530 | 4.2 |
| Pine Bluff | 17,085 | 16,245 | 840 | 4.9 | 16,948 | 16,179 | 769 | 4.5 | 17,212 | 16,121 | 1,091 | 6.3 |
| Rogers | 35,097 | 34,269 | 828 | 2.4 | 34,710 | 33,986 | 724 | 2.1 | 33,555 | 32,647 | 908 | 2.7 |
| Russellville | 13,890 | 13,415 | 475 | 3.4 | 13,768 | 13,380 | 388 | 2.8 | 13,746 | 13,126 | 620 | 4.5 |
| Searcy | 10,382 | 9,937 | 445 | 4.3 | 10,292 | 9,913 | 379 | 3.7 | 10,505 | 10,040 | 465 | 4.4 |
| Sherwood | 15,659 | 15,228 | 431 | 2.8 | 15,568 | 15,172 | 396 | 2.5 | 15,545 | 15,072 | 473 | 3.0 |
| Springdale | 39,874 | 38,985 | 889 | 2.2 | 39,461 | 38,669 | 792 | 2.0 | 38,236 | 37,143 | 1,093 | 2.9 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,990 | 13,378 | 612 | 4.4 | 13,863 | 13,302 | 561 | 4.0 | 13,937 | 13,387 | 550 | 3.9 |
| Van Buren | 10,470 | 10,149 | 321 | 3.1 | 10,358 | 10,065 | 293 | 2.8 | 10,502 | 10,126 | 376 | 3.6 |
| West Memphis | 10,808 | 10,296 | 512 | 4.7 | 10,776 | 10,297 | 479 | 4.4 | 10,605 | 10,073 | 532 | 5.0 |

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| **County** | **CLF** | **May**  **Emp** | **2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **April**  **Emp** | **2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Ma**  **Emp** | **y 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,399 | 9,142 | 257 | 2.7 | 9,303 | 9,062 | 241 | 2.6 | 9,312 | 8,996 | 316 | 3.4 |
| Ashley | 7,901 | 7,493 | 408 | 5.2 | 7,782 | 7,394 | 388 | 5.0 | 7,842 | 7,390 | 452 | 5.8 |
| Baxter | 16,630 | 16,010 | 620 | 3.7 | 16,402 | 15,835 | 567 | 3.5 | 16,247 | 15,590 | 657 | 4.0 |
| Benton | 132,144 | 128,655 | 3,489 | 2.6 | 130,636 | 127,593 | 3,043 | 2.3 | 126,220 | 122,566 | 3,654 | 2.9 |
| Boone | 16,338 | 15,841 | 497 | 3.0 | 16,236 | 15,786 | 450 | 2.8 | 16,238 | 15,662 | 576 | 3.5 |
| Bradley | 4,631 | 4,424 | 207 | 4.5 | 4,552 | 4,367 | 185 | 4.1 | 4,390 | 4,202 | 188 | 4.3 |
| Calhoun | 2,438 | 2,352 | 86 | 3.5 | 2,413 | 2,331 | 82 | 3.4 | 2,430 | 2,321 | 109 | 4.5 |
| Carroll | 13,751 | 13,361 | 390 | 2.8 | 13,320 | 12,959 | 361 | 2.7 | 13,171 | 12,743 | 428 | 3.2 |
| Chicot | 3,575 | 3,373 | 202 | 5.7 | 3,547 | 3,351 | 196 | 5.5 | 3,662 | 3,432 | 230 | 6.3 |
| Clark | 9,628 | 9,274 | 354 | 3.7 | 9,613 | 9,301 | 312 | 3.2 | 9,455 | 9,048 | 407 | 4.3 |
| Clay | 6,039 | 5,808 | 231 | 3.8 | 5,977 | 5,761 | 216 | 3.6 | 6,183 | 5,867 | 316 | 5.1 |
| Cleburne | 9,481 | 9,064 | 417 | 4.4 | 9,354 | 8,962 | 392 | 4.2 | 9,621 | 9,034 | 587 | 6.1 |
| Cleveland | 3,371 | 3,232 | 139 | 4.1 | 3,343 | 3,212 | 131 | 3.9 | 3,373 | 3,219 | 154 | 4.6 |
| Columbia | 9,191 | 8,763 | 428 | 4.7 | 9,115 | 8,740 | 375 | 4.1 | 9,421 | 8,869 | 552 | 5.9 |
| Conway | 8,362 | 8,002 | 360 | 4.3 | 8,271 | 7,950 | 321 | 3.9 | 8,463 | 7,929 | 534 | 6.3 |
| Craighead | 53,293 | 51,822 | 1,471 | 2.8 | 53,009 | 51,706 | 1,303 | 2.5 | 52,293 | 50,647 | 1,646 | 3.1 |
| Crawford | 26,952 | 26,074 | 878 | 3.3 | 26,620 | 25,859 | 761 | 2.9 | 27,082 | 26,016 | 1,066 | 3.9 |
| Crittenden | 21,786 | 20,920 | 866 | 4.0 | 21,726 | 20,922 | 804 | 3.7 | 21,395 | 20,468 | 927 | 4.3 |
| Cross | 8,072 | 7,795 | 277 | 3.4 | 7,970 | 7,716 | 254 | 3.2 | 8,065 | 7,726 | 339 | 4.2 |
| Dallas | 3,082 | 2,966 | 116 | 3.8 | 3,024 | 2,915 | 109 | 3.6 | 2,930 | 2,790 | 140 | 4.8 |
| Desha | 5,513 | 5,266 | 247 | 4.5 | 5,410 | 5,183 | 227 | 4.2 | 5,510 | 5,235 | 275 | 5.0 |
| Drew | 8,122 | 7,743 | 379 | 4.7 | 8,055 | 7,698 | 357 | 4.4 | 7,954 | 7,509 | 445 | 5.6 |
| Faulkner | 60,723 | 58,805 | 1,918 | 3.2 | 60,281 | 58,581 | 1,700 | 2.8 | 60,636 | 58,236 | 2,400 | 4.0 |
| Franklin | 7,487 | 7,239 | 248 | 3.3 | 7,420 | 7,206 | 214 | 2.9 | 7,395 | 7,087 | 308 | 4.2 |
| Fulton | 4,813 | 4,631 | 182 | 3.8 | 4,736 | 4,566 | 170 | 3.6 | 4,820 | 4,611 | 209 | 4.3 |
| Garland | 40,857 | 39,380 | 1,477 | 3.6 | 41,283 | 39,950 | 1,333 | 3.2 | 40,770 | 39,078 | 1,692 | 4.2 |
| Grant | 8,366 | 8,118 | 248 | 3.0 | 8,293 | 8,076 | 217 | 2.6 | 8,341 | 8,053 | 288 | 3.5 |
| Greene | 20,138 | 19,487 | 651 | 3.2 | 19,885 | 19,307 | 578 | 2.9 | 20,051 | 19,274 | 777 | 3.9 |
| Hempstead | 10,164 | 9,851 | 313 | 3.1 | 10,079 | 9,785 | 294 | 2.9 | 10,068 | 9,697 | 371 | 3.7 |
| Hot Spring | 14,235 | 13,755 | 480 | 3.4 | 14,180 | 13,765 | 415 | 2.9 | 14,217 | 13,677 | 540 | 3.8 |
| Howard | 6,126 | 5,962 | 164 | 2.7 | 6,082 | 5,932 | 150 | 2.5 | 5,999 | 5,799 | 200 | 3.3 |
| Independence | 16,416 | 15,832 | 584 | 3.6 | 16,246 | 15,700 | 546 | 3.4 | 16,166 | 15,392 | 774 | 4.8 |
| Izard | 5,089 | 4,837 | 252 | 5.0 | 5,074 | 4,853 | 221 | 4.4 | 5,009 | 4,746 | 263 | 5.3 |
| Jackson | 6,096 | 5,793 | 303 | 5.0 | 6,013 | 5,724 | 289 | 4.8 | 6,212 | 5,841 | 371 | 6.0 |
| Jefferson | 28,574 | 27,274 | 1,300 | 4.5 | 28,381 | 27,162 | 1,219 | 4.3 | 28,637 | 27,066 | 1,571 | 5.5 |
| Johnson | 10,754 | 10,363 | 391 | 3.6 | 10,598 | 10,261 | 337 | 3.2 | 10,596 | 10,079 | 517 | 4.9 |
| Lafayette | 2,586 | 2,477 | 109 | 4.2 | 2,573 | 2,472 | 101 | 3.9 | 2,609 | 2,472 | 137 | 5.3 |
| Lawrence | 7,036 | 6,810 | 226 | 3.2 | 7,030 | 6,814 | 216 | 3.1 | 7,002 | 6,723 | 279 | 4.0 |
| Lee | 3,252 | 3,127 | 125 | 3.8 | 3,198 | 3,081 | 117 | 3.7 | 3,209 | 3,072 | 137 | 4.3 |
| Lincoln | 4,110 | 3,949 | 161 | 3.9 | 4,084 | 3,926 | 158 | 3.9 | 4,131 | 3,938 | 193 | 4.7 |
| Little River | 5,651 | 5,418 | 233 | 4.1 | 5,601 | 5,383 | 218 | 3.9 | 5,657 | 5,421 | 236 | 4.2 |
| Logan | 9,261 | 8,943 | 318 | 3.4 | 9,135 | 8,860 | 275 | 3.0 | 9,284 | 8,839 | 445 | 4.8 |
| Lonoke | 33,530 | 32,549 | 981 | 2.9 | 33,277 | 32,390 | 887 | 2.7 | 33,358 | 32,282 | 1,076 | 3.2 |
| Madison | 7,592 | 7,409 | 183 | 2.4 | 7,494 | 7,331 | 163 | 2.2 | 7,368 | 7,131 | 237 | 3.2 |
| Marion | 6,642 | 6,414 | 228 | 3.4 | 6,564 | 6,352 | 212 | 3.2 | 6,612 | 6,368 | 244 | 3.7 |
| Miller | 20,159 | 19,363 | 796 | 3.9 | 19,979 | 19,254 | 725 | 3.6 | 20,134 | 19,376 | 758 | 3.8 |

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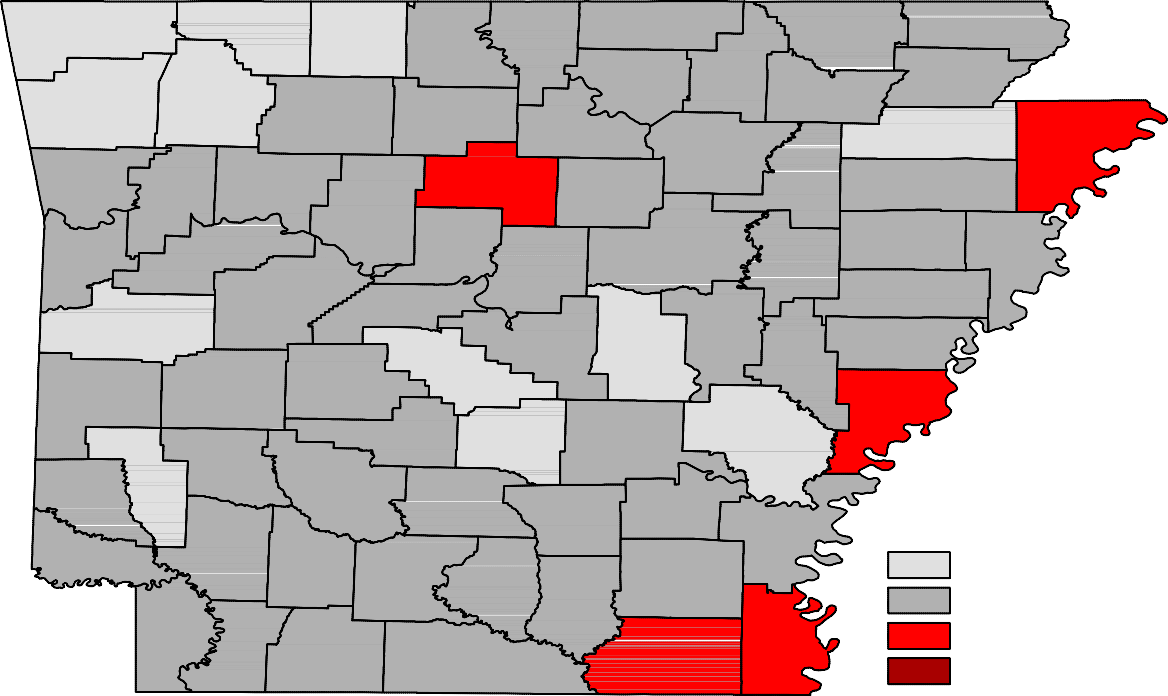
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| **County** | **CLF** | **May**  **Emp** | **2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **April**  **Emp** | **2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Ma**  **Emp** | **y 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 18,300 | 17,319 | 981 | 5.4 | 18,085 | 17,202 | 883 | 4.9 | 18,187 | 16,884 | 1,303 | 7.2 |
| Monroe | 2,911 | 2,813 | 98 | 3.4 | 2,898 | 2,800 | 98 | 3.4 | 2,956 | 2,830 | 126 | 4.3 |
| Montgomery | 3,204 | 3,080 | 124 | 3.9 | 3,146 | 3,024 | 122 | 3.9 | 3,246 | 3,090 | 156 | 4.8 |
| Nevada | 3,756 | 3,632 | 124 | 3.3 | 3,733 | 3,614 | 119 | 3.2 | 3,704 | 3,568 | 136 | 3.7 |
| Newton | 3,495 | 3,387 | 108 | 3.1 | 3,468 | 3,372 | 96 | 2.8 | 3,483 | 3,359 | 124 | 3.6 |
| Ouachita | 9,988 | 9,563 | 425 | 4.3 | 9,901 | 9,502 | 399 | 4.0 | 9,859 | 9,397 | 462 | 4.7 |
| Perry | 4,221 | 4,058 | 163 | 3.9 | 4,194 | 4,038 | 156 | 3.7 | 4,233 | 4,026 | 207 | 4.9 |
| Phillips | 6,671 | 6,333 | 338 | 5.1 | 6,600 | 6,284 | 316 | 4.8 | 6,841 | 6,464 | 377 | 5.5 |
| Pike | 4,347 | 4,195 | 152 | 3.5 | 4,279 | 4,143 | 136 | 3.2 | 4,279 | 4,105 | 174 | 4.1 |
| Poinsett | 10,455 | 10,076 | 379 | 3.6 | 10,388 | 10,030 | 358 | 3.4 | 10,299 | 9,893 | 406 | 3.9 |
| Polk | 8,002 | 7,665 | 337 | 4.2 | 7,898 | 7,584 | 314 | 4.0 | 8,326 | 7,928 | 398 | 4.8 |
| Pope | 29,828 | 28,734 | 1,094 | 3.7 | 29,621 | 28,659 | 962 | 3.2 | 29,508 | 28,115 | 1,393 | 4.7 |
| Prairie | 3,723 | 3,585 | 138 | 3.7 | 3,680 | 3,555 | 125 | 3.4 | 3,703 | 3,564 | 139 | 3.8 |
| Pulaski | 188,777 | 182,830 | 5,947 | 3.2 | 187,579 | 182,156 | 5,423 | 2.9 | 187,415 | 180,966 | 6,449 | 3.4 |
| Randolph | 6,866 | 6,611 | 255 | 3.7 | 6,780 | 6,549 | 231 | 3.4 | 6,364 | 6,081 | 283 | 4.4 |
| St. Francis | 9,036 | 8,664 | 372 | 4.1 | 8,979 | 8,629 | 350 | 3.9 | 8,853 | 8,422 | 431 | 4.9 |
| Saline | 56,897 | 55,302 | 1,595 | 2.8 | 56,546 | 55,102 | 1,444 | 2.6 | 56,516 | 54,742 | 1,774 | 3.1 |
| Scott | 4,598 | 4,464 | 134 | 2.9 | 4,537 | 4,418 | 119 | 2.6 | 4,520 | 4,348 | 172 | 3.8 |
| Searcy | 3,054 | 2,939 | 115 | 3.8 | 2,990 | 2,888 | 102 | 3.4 | 2,997 | 2,861 | 136 | 4.5 |
| Sebastian | 58,220 | 56,281 | 1,939 | 3.3 | 57,627 | 55,849 | 1,778 | 3.1 | 58,243 | 56,114 | 2,129 | 3.7 |
| Sevier | 5,852 | 5,616 | 236 | 4.0 | 5,764 | 5,554 | 210 | 3.6 | 5,740 | 5,468 | 272 | 4.7 |
| Sharp | 6,218 | 5,939 | 279 | 4.5 | 6,175 | 5,909 | 266 | 4.3 | 6,138 | 5,813 | 325 | 5.3 |
| Stone | 4,821 | 4,610 | 211 | 4.4 | 4,755 | 4,564 | 191 | 4.0 | 4,782 | 4,549 | 233 | 4.9 |
| Union | 16,353 | 15,569 | 784 | 4.8 | 16,286 | 15,529 | 757 | 4.6 | 16,321 | 15,443 | 878 | 5.4 |
| Van Buren | 5,871 | 5,568 | 303 | 5.2 | 5,828 | 5,535 | 293 | 5.0 | 6,118 | 5,669 | 449 | 7.3 |
| Washington | 124,839 | 121,953 | 2,886 | 2.3 | 123,451 | 120,964 | 2,487 | 2.0 | 119,480 | 116,193 | 3,287 | 2.8 |
| White | 33,735 | 32,193 | 1,542 | 4.6 | 33,498 | 32,116 | 1,382 | 4.1 | 34,372 | 32,527 | 1,845 | 5.4 |
| Woodruff | 3,047 | 2,913 | 134 | 4.4 | 2,996 | 2,864 | 132 | 4.4 | 3,064 | 2,906 | 158 | 5.2 |
| Yell | 8,990 | 8,677 | 313 | 3.5 | 8,899 | 8,631 | 268 | 3.0 | 8,946 | 8,533 | 413 | 4.6 |

County Labor Force Summar y

Between April and May, unemployment rates increased in 71 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Four coun- ties were unchanged over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in Washing- ton County to a high of 5.7 percent Chicot County.

In May, fifty counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. This is down slightly from fifty-eight counties at or below four percent in April. For the third month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to May 2016, unemployment rates are down in 73 Arkansas counties. Two counties-- Bradley and Miller-- posted rate increases over the year.



Benton

Washington

Carroll

Madison

Boone

Newton

Marion

Searcy

Baxter

Stone

Fulton

Izard

Sharp

Randolph

Lawrence

Clay

Greene

Craighead

Mississippi

Crawford

Franklin

Johnson

Pope

Van Buren

Cleburne

Independence

Jackson

Poinsett

Cross

Sebastian

Scott

Logan

Yell

Conway

Perry

Saline

Faulkner

Pulaski

White

Lonoke

Prairie

Woodruff

Monroe

St. Francis

Lee

Crittenden

Polk

Sevier

Montgomery

Pike

Howard

Garland

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

Desha

Phillips

Unemployment Rate

Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Nevada

Ouachita

Calhoun

Bradley

Drew

Chicot

< or = 3.0%

3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

Lafayette

Columbia

Union

Ashley

> 7.0% [NONE]

Ranked by Unemployment Rates

May 2017- Not Seasonally Adjusted



|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  2.3 | **Rank**  23 | **County**  Marion | **Rate**  3.4 | **Rank**  51 | **County**  Cleveland | **Rate**  4.1 |
| 2 | Madison | 2.4 | 23 | Monroe | 3.4 | 51 | Little River | 4.1 |
| 3 | Benton | 2.6 | 28 | Calhoun | 3.5 | 51 | St. Francis | 4.1 |
| 4 | Arkansas | 2.7 | 28 | Pike | 3.5 | 54 | Lafayette | 4.2 |
| 4 | Howard | 2.7 | 28 | Yell | 3.5 | 54 | Polk | 4.2 |
| 6 | Carroll | 2.8 | 31 | Garland | 3.6 | 56 | Conway | 4.3 |
| 6 | Craighead | 2.8 | 31 | Independence | 3.6 | 56 | Ouachita | 4.3 |
| 6 | Saline | 2.8 | 31 | Johnson | 3.6 | 58 | Cleburne | 4.4 |
| 9 | Lonoke | 2.9 | 31 | Poinsett | 3.6 | 58 | Stone | 4.4 |
| 9 | Scott | 2.9 | 35 | Baxter | 3.7 | 58 | Woodruff | 4.4 |
| 11 | Boone | 3.0 | 35 | Clark | 3.7 | 61 | Bradley | 4.5 |
| 11 | Grant | 3.0 | 35 | Pope | 3.7 | 61 | Desha | 4.5 |
| 13 | Hempstead | 3.1 | 35 | Prairie | 3.7 | 61 | Jefferson | 4.5 |
| 13 | Newton | 3.1 | 35 | Randolph | 3.7 | 61 | Sharp | 4.5 |
| 15 | Faulkner | 3.2 | 40 | Clay | 3.8 | 65 | White | 4.6 |
| 15 | Greene | 3.2 | 40 | Dallas | 3.8 | 66 | Columbia | 4.7 |
| 15 | Lawrence | 3.2 | 40 | Fulton | 3.8 | 66 | Drew | 4.7 |
| 15 | Pulaski | 3.2 | 40 | Lee | 3.8 | 68 | Union | 4.8 |
| 19 | Crawford | 3.3 | 40 | Searcy | 3.8 | 69 | Izard | 5.0 |
| 19 | Franklin | 3.3 | 45 | Lincoln | 3.9 | 69 | Jackson | 5.0 |
| 19 | Nevada | 3.3 | 45 | Miller | 3.9 | 71 | Phillips | 5.1 |
| 19 | Sebastian | 3.3 | 45 | Montgomery | 3.9 | 72 | Ashley | 5.2 |
| 23 | Cross | 3.4 | 45 | Perry | 3.9 | 72 | Van Buren | 5.2 |
| 23 | Hot Spring | 3.4 | 49 | Crittenden | 4.0 | 74 | Mississippi | 5.4 |
| 23 | Logan | 3.4 | 49 | Sevier | 4.0 | 75 | Chicot | 5.7 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| **LWDA CLF** | | **May 2017**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **April 2017**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **May 2016**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) 249,398 241,713 7,685 3.1 247,703 240,760 6,943 2.8 248,119 239,409 8,710 3.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Little Rock | 97,163 | 94,171 | 2,992 | 3.1 | 96,558 | 93,824 | 2,734 | 2.8 | 96,465 | 93,211 | 3,254 | 3.4 |
| Eastern | 48,817 | 46,839 | 1,978 | 4.1 | 48,473 | 46,632 | 1,841 | 3.8 | 48,363 | 46,152 | 2,211 | 4.6 |
| North Central | 95,587 | 91,380 | 4,207 | 4.4 | 94,675 | 90,793 | 3,882 | 4.1 | 96,302 | 91,088 | 5,214 | 5.4 |
| Northeast | 122,127 | 117,933 | 4,194 | 3.4 | 121,154 | 117,369 | 3,785 | 3.1 | 120,379 | 115,369 | 5,010 | 4.2 |
| Northwest | 324,485 | 315,969 | 8,516 | 2.6 | 320,561 | 313,080 | 7,481 | 2.3 | 311,816 | 302,473 | 9,343 | 3.0 |
| Southeast | 83,562 | 80,014 | 3,548 | 4.2 | 82,750 | 79,431 | 3,319 | 4.0 | 83,152 | 79,040 | 4,112 | 4.9 |
| Southwest | 95,346 | 91,532 | 3,814 | 4.0 | 94,550 | 91,011 | 3,539 | 3.7 | 94,872 | 90,621 | 4,251 | 4.5 |
| West Central | 134,426 | 129,518 | 4,908 | 3.7 | 134,084 | 129,722 | 4,362 | 3.3 | 133,713 | 127,680 | 6,033 | 4.5 |
| Western | 114,520 | 110,666 | 3,854 | 3.4 | 113,237 | 109,776 | 3,461 | 3.1 | 114,850 | 110,332 | 4,518 | 3.9 |



Benton

Washington

Carroll

Madison

Boone

Newton

Marion

Searcy

Baxter

Stone

Fulton

Izard

Sharp

Randolph

Lawrence

Clay

Greene

Craighead

Mississippi

Crawford

Franklin

Johnson

Pope

Van Buren

Cleburne

Independence

Jackson

Poinsett

Cross

Sebastian

Scott

Logan

Yell

Conway

Perry

Saline

Faulkner

Pulaski

White

Lonoke

Prairie

Woodruff

Monroe

St. Francis

Lee

Crittenden

Polk

Sevier

Montgomery

Pike

Howard

Garland

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

Desha

Phillips

Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Nevada

Ouachita

Calhoun

Bradley

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Lafayette

Columbia

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Ashley

Central (minus LR) Eastern

North Central

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West Central

Western

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