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Workforce Services



The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious month’s data is subject to revision.

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data col- lected for production workers in manufactur- ing industries.

Industries are classi- fied according to the North American In- dustry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2020 benchmark.

**Explanation of Terms and Concepts**

**Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample sur- vey designed to pro- vide industry infor- mation on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bu- reau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Work- force Services. The data are based on establish- ment records and in- clude all workers, full- or part-time, who re- ceived pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas busi- ness establishments are surveyed.

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

A term applied by the

U.S. Office of Manage- ment 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 sur- vey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to pro- vide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conduct- ed each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The informa- tion is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the cal- endar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

**Civilian Labor Force**

The sum of all em- ployed and unem- ployed 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 work- ers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

**Unemployment**

An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seek- ing work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

**Unemployment Rate**

The number of unem- ployed 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, ma- jor holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

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**May Spotlight**

# Wages by County

The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) is the most comprehensive data collection program utilized by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The program is based on each state’s Unemploy- ment Insurance (UI) program, which enables BLS to produce data using every business that is covered under UI tax law. In addition to calculating UI covered employment, the program also tracks the wages paid to employees. Due to the extensive nature of the information, data can be produced at any level-- national, statewide, counties, and cities.

The information below comes from the QCEW program and shows annual average wage data for each county in Arkansas. Annual average wages are calculated using the total wages earned during the cal- endar year, divided by annual average employment. The wages below are compiled using all industries in the private sector, for all workers included under UI tax law. It is important to note that QCEW data is based on county of employment, not county of residency. So if an individual works in a different county than where they live, their wages are counted in the county where they work.

In 2020, average annual wages in the private sector ranged from a low of $28,236, for those employed in Montgomery County, to a high of $70,064 in Benton County. Compared to 2019 annual averages, wages are up in 74 Arkansas counties.

**Wages in Arkansas by County**

2020 Annual Average

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Greene**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Craighead**

**Mississippi**

**Crawford Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Faulkner**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Jefferson**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland Lincoln**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada Ouachita**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Calhoun**

**Bradley**

**Drew**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**2020 AA Wages**

< $30,000

$30,001 - $40,000

$40,001 - $50,000

$50,001 - $60,000

> $60,000

**State of Arkansas**

# Civilian Labor Force Summary

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, shows Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.4 percent in May. Arkansas’ civilian labor force declined 4,733, a result of 3,971 fewer employed and 762 fewer unemployed Arkansans. At 5.8 percent, the United States’ jobless rate dropped three-tenths of a percentage point between April and May.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ economy continues to see improvement, as the number of employed has increased 61,414 compared to May 2020. At 4.4 percent, the states’ jobless rate is currently one and four-tenths of a percentage point lower than the United States’ rate.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,298,687 1,302,658 1,237,273 Employment 1,306,082 1,308,597 1,240,444

Unemployment 59,078 59,840 114,735 Unemployment 60,425 58,531 118,575

Unemployment Rate 4.4 4.4 8.5 Unemployment Rate 4.4 4.3 8.7

U.S. Unemployment 5.8 6.1 13.3 U.S. Unemployment 5.5 5.7 13.0

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** | **May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,357,765 | 1,362,498 | 1,352,008 Civilian Labor Force | 1,366,507 | 1,367,128 | 1,359,019 |

16.0%

**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)- Arkansas vs United States**

May 2019 - May 2021

14.0%

12.0%

10.0%

8.0%

6.0%

4.0%

2.0%

0.0%

May '19 Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Arkansas United States

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1272.2 | 1266.1 | 1201.7 | 6.1 | 70.5 |
| Goods Producing | 221.1 | 219.3 | 209.6 | 1.8 | 11.5 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 58.9 | 59.5 | 58.4 | -0.6 | 0.5 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.4** | **5.3** | **5.5** | **0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Construction** | **53.5** | **54.2** | **52.9** | **-0.7** | **0.6** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 34.1 | 34.2 | 33.4 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| **Manufacturing** | **162.2** | **159.8** | **151.2** | **2.4** | **11.0** |
| Durable Goods | 81.1 | 80.1 | 70.2 | 1.0 | 10.9 |
| Nondurable Goods | 81.1 | 79.7 | 81.0 | 1.4 | 0.1 |
| Service Providing | 1051.1 | 1046.8 | 992.1 | 4.3 | 59.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **250.6** | **248.7** | **239.6** | **1.9** | **11.0** |
| Wholesale Trade | 47.1 | 46.4 | 46.0 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| Retail Trade | 138.5 | 137.6 | 129.4 | 0.9 | 9.1 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 65.0 | 64.7 | 64.2 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| **Information** | **12.0** | **11.8** | **11.6** | **0.2** | **0.4** |
| **Financial Activities** | **64.7** | **64.2** | **63.5** | **0.5** | **1.2** |
| Finance & Insurance | 51.1 | 50.7 | 50.2 | 0.4 | 0.9 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.6 | 13.5 | 13.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **145.2** | **146.4** | **132.0** | **-1.2** | **13.2** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 42.7 | 43.3 | 41.9 | -0.6 | 0.8 |
| Management of Companies | 33.4 | 33.6 | 33.2 | -0.2 | 0.2 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 69.1 | 69.5 | 56.9 | -0.4 | 12.2 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **189.8** | **188.6** | **182.3** | **1.2** | **7.5** |
| Educational Services | 16.8 | 16.7 | 14.9 | 0.1 | 1.9 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 173.0 | 171.9 | 167.4 | 1.1 | 5.6 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 59.0 | 59.3 | 56.3 | -0.3 | 2.7 |
| Social Assistance | 37.1 | 36.5 | 35.7 | 0.6 | 1.4 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **113.4** | **111.0** | **93.1** | **2.4** | **20.3** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 12.7 | 11.9 | 8.5 | 0.8 | 4.2 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 100.7 | 99.1 | 84.6 | 1.6 | 16.1 |
| Accommodation Services | 9.8 | 9.2 | 8.0 | 0.6 | 1.8 |
| Food Services | 90.9 | 89.9 | 76.6 | 1.0 | 14.3 |
| **Other Services** | **66.9** | **67.0** | **63.8** | **-0.1** | **3.1** |
| **Government** | **208.5** | **209.1** | **206.2** | **-0.6** | **2.3** |
| Federal Government | 20.5 | 20.5 | 20.7 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| State Government | 77.6 | 78.5 | 74.3 | -0.9 | 3.3 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.1 | 32.0 | 26.6 | -0.9 | 4.5 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.5 | 46.5 | 47.7 | 0.0 | -1.2 |
| Local Government | 110.4 | 110.1 | 111.2 | 0.3 | -0.8 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 67.0 | 67.3 | 68.2 | -0.3 | -1.2 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 43.4 | 42.8 | 43.0 | 0.6 | 0.4 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**April 2021 - May 2021**

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 6,100 in May to total 1,272,200. Seven major industry sec- tors posted gains, while four sectors declined. Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 2,400. Hiring occurred in both nondurable (+1,400) and durable (+1,000) goods manufacturing. **Leisure and hospitality** added 2,400 jobs. Expansions were posted in both accommodation-food services (+1,600) and in arts-enter- tainment-recreation (+800). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 1,900, with reported hiring in all three subsectors. Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 1,200. Most of the gains were in health care and social assistance (+1,100). **Professional and business services** declined 1,200. Minor losses were reported across all subsectors.

**May 2020 - May 2021**

Compared to May 2020, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs are up 70,500. Ten major industry sectors re- ported growth. **Leisure and hospitality** added 20,300 jobs, mostly in food services (+14,300). Jobs in **professional and business services** increased 13,200. A majority of the hiring occurred in administra- tive and support services (+12,200), the subsector which includes employment agencies. **Manufactur- ing** added 11,000 jobs, mostly in durable goods (+10,900) manufacturing. Jobs in **trade, transporta- tion, and utilities** rose 11,000. Most of the expansion was in retail trade (+9,100). **Educational and health services** increased 7,500. Gains occurred in all subsectors, with health care and social assistance adding 5,600 jobs. Notable growth was also posted in **other services** (+3,100), **government** (+2,300), and **financial activities** (+1,200).

**Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector**

May 2020 vs May 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Leisure & Hospitality 20,300

13,200

11,000

11,000

7,500

3,100

2,300

1,200

600

400

Professional & Business

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Manufacturing

Educational & Health

Other Services

Government

Financial Activities

Construction

Information

Mining & Logging -100

-5,000 0 5,000 10,000 15,000 20,000 25,000

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**May 21**

Average Weekly Hours 39.7

Average Hourly Earnings 19.52

Average Weekly Earnings 774.94

**Apr 21**

40.0

19.54

781.60

**May 20**

38.0

18.32

696.16

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**May 21**

Average Weekly Hours 39.4

Average Hourly Earnings 21.05

Average Weekly Earnings 829.37

**Apr 21**

39.1

20.94

818.75

**May 20**

37.2

20.09

747.35

**May 21**

Average Weekly Hours 40.0

Average Hourly Earnings 18.01

Average Weekly Earnings 720.40

**Apr 21**

40.9

18.20

744.38

**May 20**

38.7

16.88

653.26

$25.00

**Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods**

May: 2011 - 2021

$20.00

$15.00

$10.00

$5.00

$0.00

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

# Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

The Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA = Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, & Saline counties.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 355,879 | 357,848 | 356,620 | -1,969 | -741 |
| **Employment** | 339,496 | 341,579 | 322,545 | -2,083 | 16,951 |
| **Unemployment** | 16,383 | 16,269 | 34,075 | 114 | -17,692 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.6 | 4.5 | 9.6 | 0.1 | -5.0 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 352.4 | 352.1 | 336.3 | 0.3 | 16.1 |
| **Goods Producing** 37.4 | 37.3 | 36.7 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 18.1** | **18.0** | **17.7** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Manufacturing 19.3** | **19.3** | **19.0** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Service Providing** 315.0 | 314.8 | 299.6 | 0.2 | 15.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 68.4** | **68.2** | **65.1** | **0.2** | **3.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 15.3 | 15.2 | 15.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** 37.1 | 37.0 | 34.7 | 0.1 | 2.4 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 16.0 | 16.0 | 15.4 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| **Information 5.2** | **5.1** | **5.3** | **0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 22.8** | **22.8** | **22.0** | **0.0** | **0.8** |
| **Professional & Business Services 44.0** | **44.9** | **41.2** | **-0.9** | **2.8** |
| **Educational & Health Services 58.9** | **58.7** | **54.8** | **0.2** | **4.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 30.1** | **29.2** | **25.3** | **0.9** | **4.8** |
| **Other Services 18.2** | **18.0** | **17.4** | **0.2** | **0.8** |
| **Government 67.4** | **67.9** | **68.5** | **-0.5** | **-1.1** |
| **Federal Government** 9.7 | 9.8 | 9.8 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| **State Government** 33.9 | 34.3 | 33.6 | -0.4 | 0.3 |
| **Local Government** 23.8 | 23.8 | 25.1 | 0.0 | -1.3 |

**Number of Employed**

May 2019 - May 2021

355,000

**Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality**

May: 2011 - 2021

40,000

350,000

345,000 35,000

340,000

335,000

30,000

330,000

325,000

25,000

320,000

315,000

20,000

310,000

305,000

May '19 Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20 May '21

15,000

'11

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA = Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas and McDonald county in Missouri.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 295,181 | 294,043 | 280,589 | 1,138 | 14,592 |
| **Employment** | 285,823 | 285,244 | 262,065 | 579 | 23,758 |
| **Unemployment** | 9,358 | 8,799 | 18,524 | 559 | -9,166 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.2 | 3.0 | 6.6 | 0.2 | -3.4 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 272.7 | 270.2 | 251.5 | 2.5 | 21.2 |
| **Goods Producing** 44.6 | 44.3 | 42.8 | 0.3 | 1.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 13.5** | **13.3** | **12.9** | **0.2** | **0.6** |
| **Manufacturing 31.1** | **31.0** | **29.9** | **0.1** | **1.2** |
| **Service Providing** 228.1 | 225.9 | 208.7 | 2.2 | 19.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 59.1** | **57.8** | **54.2** | **1.3** | **4.9** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 12.6 | 12.4 | 12.0 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| **Retail Trade** 28.1 | 27.2 | 24.2 | 0.9 | 3.9 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 18.4 | 18.2 | 18.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| **Information 2.1** | **2.1** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 8.6** | **8.5** | **8.5** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 52.0** | **52.2** | **49.4** | **-0.2** | **2.6** |
| **Educational & Health Services 30.5** | **30.3** | **28.3** | **0.2** | **2.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 26.5** | **26.0** | **20.4** | **0.5** | **6.1** |
| **Other Services 9.9** | **9.9** | **9.4** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Government 39.4** | **39.1** | **36.5** | **0.3** | **2.9** |
| **Federal Government** 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 17.0 | 16.8 | 14.8 | 0.2 | 2.2 |
| **Local Government** 19.6 | 19.5 | 18.9 | 0.1 | 0.7 |

**Unemployment**

May: 2001 - 2021

20,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2019 - May 2021

280,000

18,000

275,000

16,000

270,000

14,000

12,000

265,000

260,000

10,000

8,000

255,000

6,000 250,000

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245,000

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240,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2019 2020 2021

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Fort Smith MSA

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

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 120,151 | 119,633 | 119,229 | 518 | 922 |
| **Employment** | 115,325 | 115,081 | 107,318 | 244 | 8,007 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,826 | 4,552 | 11,911 | 274 | -7,085 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.0 | 3.8 | 10.0 | 0.2 | -6.0 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 111.4 | 110.9 | 105.6 | 0.5 | 5.8 |
| **Goods Producing** 22.3 | 22.2 | 21.9 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.6** | **5.6** | **5.5** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 16.7** | **16.6** | **16.4** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Service Providing** 89.1 | 88.7 | 83.7 | 0.4 | 5.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 23.5** | **23.5** | **22.1** | **0.0** | **1.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.1 | 12.1 | 11.5 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Information 1.1** | **1.1** | **1.1** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 3.8** | **3.8** | **3.7** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.9** | **12.1** | **10.7** | **-0.2** | **1.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.9** | **16.9** | **16.6** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.3** | **8.7** | **7.8** | **0.6** | **1.5** |
| **Other Services 4.6** | **4.7** | **4.2** | **-0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Government 18.0** | **17.9** | **17.5** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **State Government** 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| **Local Government** 14.0 | 13.9 | 13.1 | 0.1 | 0.9 |

**Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector**

May 2020 vs May 2021

Leisure & Hospitality

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Professional & Business

Government

Other Services

Educational & Health

Manufacturing

Financial Activities

Mining-Logging-Construct

Information

0 200 400 600 800 1,000 1,200 1,400 1,600

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 42,047 | 42,057 | 41,547 | -10 | 500 |
| **Employment** | 39,751 | 39,790 | 36,250 | -39 | 3,501 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,296 | 2,267 | 5,297 | 29 | -3,001 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.5 | 5.4 | 12.7 | 0.1 | -7.2 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 38.8 | 38.5 | 35.5 | 0.3 | 3.3 |
| 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 34.2 | 33.9 | 30.8 | 0.3 | 3.4 |
| 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

42,000

**Number of Employed**

May 2018 - May 2021

40,000

38,000

36,000

34,000

32,000

30,000

May '18 Nov '18 May '19 Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20 May '21

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,955 | 66,774 | 65,688 | 181 | 1,267 |
| **Employment** | 64,483 | 64,429 | 60,483 | 54 | 4,000 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,472 | 2,345 | 5,205 | 127 | -2,733 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7 | 3.5 | 7.9 | 0.2 | -4.2 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 59.8 | 59.1 | 56.4 | 0.7 | 3.4 |
| 10.6 | 10.5 | 10.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 49.2 | 48.6 | 46.1 | 0.6 | 3.1 |
| 8.3 | 8.2 | 8.8 | 0.1 | -0.5 |

54,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

May 2019 - May 2021

52,000

50,000

48,000

46,000

44,000

42,000

40,000

May '19 Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20 May '21

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 34,835 | 35,214 | 34,433 | -379 | 402 |
| **Employment** | 32,623 | 32,982 | 31,176 | -359 | 1,447 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,212 | 2,232 | 3,257 | -20 | -1,045 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.3 | 6.3 | 9.5 | 0.0 | -3.2 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.9 | 32.0 | 30.7 | -0.1 | 1.2 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 26.3 | 26.4 | 25.1 | -0.1 | 1.2 |
| 8.9 | 9.0 | 8.8 | -0.1 | 0.1 |

40,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

May: 2011 - 2021

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

0

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Out-of-State MSA

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

### Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

The Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA = Fayette, Shelby, & Tipton counties in Tennessee; Benton, Desoto, Marshall, Tate, & Tunica counties in Mississippi; & Crittenden County in Arkansas.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 652,391 | 649,593 | 613,896 | 2,798 | 38,495 |
| **Employment** | 611,392 | 608,501 | 552,937 | 2,891 | 58,455 |
| **Unemployment** | 40,999 | 41,092 | 60,959 | -93 | -19,960 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.3 | 6.3 | 9.9 | 0.0 | 3.6 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 21** | **Apr 21** | **May 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,340 | 63,982 | 62,095 | 358 | 2,245 |
| **Employment** | 60,700 | 60,224 | 55,821 | 476 | 4,879 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,640 | 3,758 | 6,274 | -118 | -2,634 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.7 | 5.9 | 10.1 | -0.2 | -4.4 |

640,000

**Memphis MSA - Employment**

January 2019 - May 2021

12.0

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**

May: 2011 - 2021

620,000

10.0

600,000

580,000

8.0

560,000

540,000

6.0

520,000

500,000

4.0

480,000 2.0

460,000

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

2019 2020 2021

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'11

'12

'13

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'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**May 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**April 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**May 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,927 | 8,406 | 521 | 5.8 | 8,950 | 8,508 | 442 | 4.9 | 9,203 | 8,415 | 788 | 8.6 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,954 | 16,227 | 727 | 4.3 | 16,917 | 16,253 | 664 | 3.9 | 17,113 | 15,774 | 1,339 | 7.8 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,742 | 15,396 | 1,346 | 8.0 | 16,831 | 15,564 | 1,267 | 7.5 | 17,623 | 15,166 | 2,457 | 13.9 |
| Camden Micro | 12,300 | 11,814 | 486 | 4.0 | 12,306 | 11,826 | 480 | 3.9 | 12,347 | 11,467 | 880 | 7.1 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,262 | 14,247 | 1,015 | 6.7 | 15,315 | 14,295 | 1,020 | 6.7 | 16,022 | 14,216 | 1,806 | 11.3 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,807 | 7,276 | 531 | 6.8 | 7,828 | 7,291 | 537 | 6.9 | 8,173 | 7,251 | 922 | 11.3 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,616 | 17,992 | 624 | 3.4 | 18,377 | 17,792 | 585 | 3.2 | 19,207 | 17,718 | 1,489 | 7.8 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,211 | 5,705 | 506 | 8.1 | 6,269 | 5,749 | 520 | 8.3 | 6,529 | 5,735 | 794 | 12.2 |
| Hope Micro | 13,040 | 12,546 | 494 | 3.8 | 13,137 | 12,674 | 463 | 3.5 | 13,397 | 12,491 | 906 | 6.8 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,958 | 8,394 | 564 | 6.3 | 8,935 | 8,425 | 510 | 5.7 | 9,270 | 8,501 | 769 | 8.3 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,073 | 13,479 | 594 | 4.2 | 14,100 | 13,546 | 554 | 3.9 | 14,082 | 12,923 | 1,159 | 8.2 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,603 | 15,934 | 669 | 4.0 | 16,459 | 15,812 | 647 | 3.9 | 16,783 | 15,306 | 1,477 | 8.8 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,154 | 18,423 | 731 | 3.8 | 18,837 | 18,142 | 695 | 3.7 | 19,737 | 17,952 | 1,785 | 9.0 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,661 | 34,078 | 1,583 | 4.4 | 35,762 | 34,366 | 1,396 | 3.9 | 35,884 | 33,097 | 2,787 | 7.8 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,982 | 32,435 | 1,547 | 4.6 | 33,998 | 32,516 | 1,482 | 4.4 | 34,305 | 31,476 | 2,829 | 8.2 |

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

**City Labor Force Statistics**

**City**

**CLF**

**May 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**April 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**May 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County Paragould Micro = Greene County Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties Searcy Micro = White County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 12,761 | 12,268 | 493 | 3.9 | 12,751 | 12,239 | 512 | 4.0 | 12,205 | 11,269 | 936 | 7.7 |
| Benton | 17,482 | 16,868 | 614 | 3.5 | 17,493 | 16,964 | 529 | 3.0 | 17,450 | 16,029 | 1,421 | 8.1 |
| Bentonville | 29,991 | 29,176 | 815 | 2.7 | 29,821 | 29,109 | 712 | 2.4 | 28,398 | 26,801 | 1,597 | 5.6 |
| Blytheville | 5,624 | 5,171 | 453 | 8.1 | 5,722 | 5,227 | 495 | 8.7 | 6,012 | 5,094 | 918 | 15.3 |
| Cabot | 11,939 | 11,455 | 484 | 4.1 | 12,005 | 11,552 | 453 | 3.8 | 11,916 | 10,869 | 1,047 | 8.8 |
| Conway | 34,152 | 32,856 | 1,296 | 3.8 | 34,327 | 33,067 | 1,260 | 3.7 | 34,374 | 31,205 | 3,169 | 9.2 |
| El Dorado | 6,672 | 6,145 | 527 | 7.9 | 6,679 | 6,166 | 513 | 7.7 | 7,135 | 6,132 | 1,003 | 14.1 |
| Fayetteville | 50,695 | 48,755 | 1,940 | 3.8 | 50,371 | 48,647 | 1,724 | 3.4 | 49,019 | 44,779 | 4,240 | 8.6 |
| Fort Smith | 39,501 | 37,877 | 1,624 | 4.1 | 39,501 | 37,954 | 1,547 | 3.9 | 39,642 | 35,711 | 3,931 | 9.9 |
| Hot Springs | 15,842 | 14,716 | 1,126 | 7.1 | 15,869 | 14,730 | 1,139 | 7.2 | 16,020 | 13,420 | 2,600 | 16.2 |
| Jacksonville | 11,702 | 10,950 | 752 | 6.4 | 11,888 | 11,011 | 877 | 7.4 | 11,822 | 10,407 | 1,415 | 12.0 |
| Jonesboro | 40,194 | 38,657 | 1,537 | 3.8 | 40,045 | 38,593 | 1,452 | 3.6 | 39,576 | 36,271 | 3,305 | 8.4 |
| Little Rock | 97,582 | 92,046 | 5,536 | 5.7 | 97,972 | 92,562 | 5,410 | 5.5 | 98,455 | 87,482 | 10,973 | 11.1 |
| North Little Rock | 29,970 | 28,224 | 1,746 | 5.8 | 30,252 | 28,382 | 1,870 | 6.2 | 30,736 | 26,824 | 3,912 | 12.7 |
| Paragould | 12,185 | 11,670 | 515 | 4.2 | 11,994 | 11,492 | 502 | 4.2 | 12,701 | 11,372 | 1,329 | 10.5 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,639 | 15,288 | 1,351 | 8.1 | 16,769 | 15,435 | 1,334 | 8.0 | 16,474 | 14,627 | 1,847 | 11.2 |
| Rogers | 37,583 | 36,521 | 1,062 | 2.8 | 37,616 | 36,437 | 1,179 | 3.1 | 35,880 | 33,548 | 2,332 | 6.5 |
| Russellville | 12,761 | 12,217 | 544 | 4.3 | 12,788 | 12,302 | 486 | 3.8 | 12,863 | 11,879 | 984 | 7.6 |
| Searcy | 10,294 | 9,840 | 454 | 4.4 | 10,249 | 9,865 | 384 | 3.7 | 10,388 | 9,549 | 839 | 8.1 |
| Sherwood | 16,095 | 15,385 | 710 | 4.4 | 16,186 | 15,471 | 715 | 4.4 | 16,201 | 14,622 | 1,579 | 9.7 |
| Springdale | 41,024 | 39,827 | 1,197 | 2.9 | 40,945 | 39,738 | 1,207 | 2.9 | 38,971 | 36,580 | 2,391 | 6.1 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,564 | 12,783 | 781 | 5.8 | 13,574 | 12,748 | 826 | 6.1 | 13,475 | 12,017 | 1,458 | 10.8 |
| Van Buren | 10,468 | 10,053 | 415 | 4.0 | 10,466 | 10,085 | 381 | 3.6 | 10,349 | 9,474 | 875 | 8.5 |
| West Memphis | 10,633 | 9,885 | 748 | 7.0 | 10,650 | 9,892 | 758 | 7.1 | 10,716 | 9,213 | 1,503 | 14.0 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **CLF** | **May 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **April 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **May 2020****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,531 | 9,187 | 344 | 3.6 | 9,563 | 9,237 | 326 | 3.4 | 9,360 | 8,926 | 434 | 4.6 |
| Ashley | 7,079 | 6,508 | 571 | 8.1 | 7,084 | 6,513 | 571 | 8.1 | 7,332 | 6,483 | 849 | 11.6 |
| Baxter | 16,603 | 15,934 | 669 | 4.0 | 16,459 | 15,812 | 647 | 3.9 | 16,783 | 15,306 | 1,477 | 8.8 |
| Benton | 145,445 | 140,992 | 4,453 | 3.1 | 144,924 | 140,666 | 4,258 | 2.9 | 138,384 | 129,515 | 8,869 | 6.4 |
| Boone | 15,437 | 14,918 | 519 | 3.4 | 15,225 | 14,737 | 488 | 3.2 | 15,952 | 14,705 | 1,247 | 7.8 |
| Bradley | 4,284 | 4,067 | 217 | 5.1 | 4,324 | 4,115 | 209 | 4.8 | 4,398 | 4,065 | 333 | 7.6 |
| Calhoun | 2,435 | 2,345 | 90 | 3.7 | 2,452 | 2,360 | 92 | 3.8 | 2,411 | 2,268 | 143 | 5.9 |
| Carroll | 12,563 | 12,069 | 494 | 3.9 | 12,387 | 11,909 | 478 | 3.9 | 12,602 | 11,495 | 1,107 | 8.8 |
| Chicot | 3,104 | 2,801 | 303 | 9.8 | 3,118 | 2,815 | 303 | 9.7 | 3,283 | 2,903 | 380 | 11.6 |
| Clark | 8,927 | 8,406 | 521 | 5.8 | 8,950 | 8,508 | 442 | 4.9 | 9,203 | 8,415 | 788 | 8.6 |
| Clay | 5,519 | 5,289 | 230 | 4.2 | 5,539 | 5,311 | 228 | 4.1 | 5,520 | 5,082 | 438 | 7.9 |
| Cleburne | 9,143 | 8,694 | 449 | 4.9 | 8,900 | 8,467 | 433 | 4.9 | 9,443 | 8,428 | 1,015 | 10.7 |
| Cleveland | 3,206 | 3,072 | 134 | 4.2 | 3,254 | 3,119 | 135 | 4.1 | 3,173 | 2,924 | 249 | 7.8 |
| Columbia | 8,958 | 8,394 | 564 | 6.3 | 8,935 | 8,425 | 510 | 5.7 | 9,270 | 8,501 | 769 | 8.3 |
| Conway | 8,571 | 8,184 | 387 | 4.5 | 8,584 | 8,207 | 377 | 4.4 | 8,468 | 7,765 | 703 | 8.3 |
| Craighead | 56,840 | 54,811 | 2,029 | 3.6 | 56,647 | 54,720 | 1,927 | 3.4 | 55,901 | 51,428 | 4,473 | 8.0 |
| Crawford | 26,844 | 25,805 | 1,039 | 3.9 | 26,882 | 25,888 | 994 | 3.7 | 26,534 | 24,318 | 2,216 | 8.4 |
| Crittenden | 21,443 | 20,197 | 1,246 | 5.8 | 21,447 | 20,212 | 1,235 | 5.8 | 21,343 | 18,823 | 2,520 | 11.8 |
| Cross | 7,076 | 6,730 | 346 | 4.9 | 7,063 | 6,709 | 354 | 5.0 | 7,327 | 6,743 | 584 | 8.0 |
| Dallas | 2,871 | 2,753 | 118 | 4.1 | 2,850 | 2,741 | 109 | 3.8 | 2,870 | 2,679 | 191 | 6.7 |
| Desha | 5,130 | 4,805 | 325 | 6.3 | 5,192 | 4,865 | 327 | 6.3 | 5,330 | 4,853 | 477 | 8.9 |
| Drew | 7,585 | 7,143 | 442 | 5.8 | 7,625 | 7,201 | 424 | 5.6 | 7,778 | 7,087 | 691 | 8.9 |
| Faulkner | 62,019 | 59,654 | 2,365 | 3.8 | 62,325 | 60,038 | 2,287 | 3.7 | 61,975 | 56,656 | 5,319 | 8.6 |
| Franklin | 7,395 | 7,093 | 302 | 4.1 | 7,440 | 7,153 | 287 | 3.9 | 7,647 | 6,905 | 742 | 9.7 |
| Fulton | 5,049 | 4,848 | 201 | 4.0 | 5,017 | 4,833 | 184 | 3.7 | 4,957 | 4,635 | 322 | 6.5 |
| Garland | 42,047 | 39,751 | 2,296 | 5.5 | 42,057 | 39,790 | 2,267 | 5.4 | 41,547 | 36,250 | 5,297 | 12.7 |
| Grant | 8,241 | 7,952 | 289 | 3.5 | 8,274 | 8,015 | 259 | 3.1 | 8,126 | 7,553 | 573 | 7.1 |
| Greene | 19,154 | 18,423 | 731 | 3.8 | 18,837 | 18,142 | 695 | 3.7 | 19,737 | 17,952 | 1,785 | 9.0 |
| Hempstead | 9,521 | 9,168 | 353 | 3.7 | 9,601 | 9,269 | 332 | 3.5 | 9,756 | 9,122 | 634 | 6.5 |
| Hot Spring | 14,073 | 13,479 | 594 | 4.2 | 14,100 | 13,546 | 554 | 3.9 | 14,082 | 12,923 | 1,159 | 8.2 |
| Howard | 5,514 | 5,334 | 180 | 3.3 | 5,549 | 5,381 | 168 | 3.0 | 5,450 | 5,112 | 338 | 6.2 |
| Independence | 16,954 | 16,227 | 727 | 4.3 | 16,917 | 16,253 | 664 | 3.9 | 17,113 | 15,774 | 1,339 | 7.8 |
| Izard | 4,427 | 4,170 | 257 | 5.8 | 4,442 | 4,187 | 255 | 5.7 | 4,769 | 4,227 | 542 | 11.4 |
| Jackson | 5,826 | 5,503 | 323 | 5.5 | 5,836 | 5,537 | 299 | 5.1 | 5,896 | 5,421 | 475 | 8.1 |
| Jefferson | 27,766 | 25,873 | 1,893 | 6.8 | 28,032 | 26,122 | 1,910 | 6.8 | 27,491 | 24,755 | 2,736 | 10.0 |
| Johnson | 9,908 | 9,376 | 532 | 5.4 | 9,798 | 9,319 | 479 | 4.9 | 10,214 | 9,216 | 998 | 9.8 |
| Lafayette | 2,389 | 2,232 | 157 | 6.6 | 2,417 | 2,256 | 161 | 6.7 | 2,464 | 2,237 | 227 | 9.2 |
| Lawrence | 6,835 | 6,511 | 324 | 4.7 | 6,902 | 6,595 | 307 | 4.4 | 6,821 | 6,263 | 558 | 8.2 |
| Lee | 2,635 | 2,472 | 163 | 6.2 | 2,666 | 2,505 | 161 | 6.0 | 2,791 | 2,516 | 275 | 9.9 |
| Lincoln | 3,863 | 3,678 | 185 | 4.8 | 3,928 | 3,741 | 187 | 4.8 | 3,769 | 3,497 | 272 | 7.2 |
| Little River | 5,466 | 5,206 | 260 | 4.8 | 5,438 | 5,187 | 251 | 4.6 | 5,339 | 4,899 | 440 | 8.2 |
| Logan | 8,599 | 8,212 | 387 | 4.5 | 8,571 | 8,199 | 372 | 4.3 | 8,740 | 7,796 | 944 | 10.8 |
| Lonoke | 33,578 | 32,341 | 1,237 | 3.7 | 33,802 | 32,615 | 1,187 | 3.5 | 33,287 | 30,687 | 2,600 | 7.8 |
| Madison | 7,692 | 7,432 | 260 | 3.4 | 7,725 | 7,482 | 243 | 3.1 | 7,193 | 6,811 | 382 | 5.3 |
| Marion | 6,116 | 5,825 | 291 | 4.8 | 6,149 | 5,857 | 292 | 4.7 | 6,292 | 5,718 | 574 | 9.1 |
| Miller | 19,702 | 18,656 | 1,046 | 5.3 | 19,651 | 18,604 | 1,047 | 5.3 | 19,401 | 17,538 | 1,863 | 9.6 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **CLF** | **May 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **April 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **May 2020****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 16,742 | 15,396 | 1,346 | 8.0 | 16,831 | 15,564 | 1,267 | 7.5 | 17,623 | 15,166 | 2,457 | 13.9 |
| Monroe | 2,722 | 2,580 | 142 | 5.2 | 2,766 | 2,614 | 152 | 5.5 | 2,713 | 2,504 | 209 | 7.7 |
| Montgomery | 2,857 | 2,710 | 147 | 5.1 | 2,842 | 2,705 | 137 | 4.8 | 2,921 | 2,659 | 262 | 9.0 |
| Nevada | 3,519 | 3,378 | 141 | 4.0 | 3,536 | 3,405 | 131 | 3.7 | 3,641 | 3,369 | 272 | 7.5 |
| Newton | 3,179 | 3,074 | 105 | 3.3 | 3,152 | 3,055 | 97 | 3.1 | 3,255 | 3,013 | 242 | 7.4 |
| Ouachita | 9,865 | 9,469 | 396 | 4.0 | 9,854 | 9,466 | 388 | 3.9 | 9,936 | 9,199 | 737 | 7.4 |
| Perry | 4,236 | 4,038 | 198 | 4.7 | 4,261 | 4,076 | 185 | 4.3 | 4,147 | 3,825 | 322 | 7.8 |
| Phillips | 6,211 | 5,705 | 506 | 8.1 | 6,269 | 5,749 | 520 | 8.3 | 6,529 | 5,735 | 794 | 12.2 |
| Pike | 4,292 | 4,101 | 191 | 4.5 | 4,310 | 4,126 | 184 | 4.3 | 4,267 | 3,924 | 343 | 8.0 |
| Poinsett | 10,115 | 9,672 | 443 | 4.4 | 10,127 | 9,709 | 418 | 4.1 | 9,787 | 9,055 | 732 | 7.5 |
| Polk | 7,940 | 7,539 | 401 | 5.1 | 7,947 | 7,577 | 370 | 4.7 | 8,011 | 7,330 | 681 | 8.5 |
| Pope | 27,665 | 26,441 | 1,224 | 4.4 | 27,706 | 26,626 | 1,080 | 3.9 | 27,982 | 25,710 | 2,272 | 8.1 |
| Prairie | 3,674 | 3,522 | 152 | 4.1 | 3,715 | 3,560 | 155 | 4.2 | 3,562 | 3,328 | 234 | 6.6 |
| Pulaski | 189,258 | 178,976 | 10,282 | 5.4 | 190,403 | 179,978 | 10,425 | 5.5 | 190,963 | 170,101 | 20,862 | 10.9 |
| Randolph | 7,491 | 7,170 | 321 | 4.3 | 7,435 | 7,130 | 305 | 4.1 | 7,465 | 6,892 | 573 | 7.7 |
| St. Francis | 7,807 | 7,276 | 531 | 6.8 | 7,828 | 7,291 | 537 | 6.9 | 8,173 | 7,251 | 922 | 11.3 |
| Saline | 58,547 | 56,535 | 2,012 | 3.4 | 58,783 | 56,857 | 1,926 | 3.3 | 58,122 | 53,723 | 4,399 | 7.6 |
| Scott | 4,347 | 4,178 | 169 | 3.9 | 4,383 | 4,219 | 164 | 3.7 | 4,362 | 4,117 | 245 | 5.6 |
| Searcy | 2,939 | 2,804 | 135 | 4.6 | 2,780 | 2,655 | 125 | 4.5 | 3,044 | 2,792 | 252 | 8.3 |
| Sebastian | 56,848 | 54,586 | 2,262 | 4.0 | 56,891 | 54,697 | 2,194 | 3.9 | 57,025 | 51,465 | 5,560 | 9.8 |
| Sevier | 5,553 | 5,276 | 277 | 5.0 | 5,555 | 5,288 | 267 | 4.8 | 5,539 | 5,186 | 353 | 6.4 |
| Sharp | 5,769 | 5,473 | 296 | 5.1 | 5,729 | 5,457 | 272 | 4.7 | 5,842 | 5,303 | 539 | 9.2 |
| Stone | 4,589 | 4,334 | 255 | 5.6 | 4,571 | 4,328 | 243 | 5.3 | 4,627 | 4,211 | 416 | 9.0 |
| Union | 15,262 | 14,247 | 1,015 | 6.7 | 15,315 | 14,295 | 1,020 | 6.7 | 16,022 | 14,216 | 1,806 | 11.3 |
| Van Buren | 5,819 | 5,491 | 328 | 5.6 | 5,798 | 5,474 | 324 | 5.6 | 5,841 | 5,274 | 567 | 9.7 |
| Washington | 131,073 | 126,840 | 4,233 | 3.2 | 130,524 | 126,560 | 3,964 | 3.0 | 125,140 | 116,496 | 8,644 | 6.9 |
| White | 33,982 | 32,435 | 1,547 | 4.6 | 33,998 | 32,516 | 1,482 | 4.4 | 34,305 | 31,476 | 2,829 | 8.2 |
| Woodruff | 2,847 | 2,682 | 165 | 5.8 | 2,888 | 2,717 | 171 | 5.9 | 2,753 | 2,563 | 190 | 6.9 |
| Yell | 7,996 | 7,637 | 359 | 4.5 | 8,056 | 7,740 | 316 | 3.9 | 7,902 | 7,387 | 515 | 6.5 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between April and May, unemployment rates increased in 56 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates were unchanged in ten counties, while nine counties posted rate declines. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 3.1 percent in Benton County to a high of 9.8 percent in Chicot County.

In May, four counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. The same four counties had rates above seven percent last month. Twenty-three counties had jobless rates at or below four percent, down from 29 counties below four percent last month.

Compared to May 2020, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rate changes ranged from a decline of one percentage point in Arkansas County to as much as seven and two- tenths of a percentage point drop in Garland County.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**Benton**

**Carroll Boone**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Sharp**

**Washington Madison**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

**Lawrence**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**CrawfordFranklin Johnson**

**Van Buren Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**Conway**

**Faulkner**

**White**

**Woodruff**

**Cross**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Scott**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Pulaski Lonoke Prairie**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland Lincoln**

**Little River**

**Hempstead**

**NevadaOuachita**

**Desha**

**Calhoun**

**Bradley**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% [NONE] 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0%

> 9.0%

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

May 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County**

1. Benton
2. Washington
3. Howard

3 Newton

5 Boone

5 Madison

5 Saline

1. Grant
2. Arkansas

9 Craighead

11 Calhoun

11 Hempstead

11 Lonoke

14 Faulkner

14 Greene

16 Carroll

16 Crawford

16 Scott

19 Baxter

19 Fulton

19 Nevada

19 Ouachita

19 Sebastian

24 Dallas

24 Franklin

**Rate**

3.1

3.2

3.3

3.3

3.4

3.4

3.4

3.5

3.6

3.6

3.7

3.7

3.7

3.8

3.8

3.9

3.9

3.9

4.0

4.0

4.0

4.0

4.0

4.1

4.1

**Rank County Rate**

24 Prairie 4.1

27 Clay 4.2

27 Cleveland 4.2

27 Hot Spring 4.2

30 Independence 4.3

30 Randolph 4.3

32 Poinsett 4.4

32 Pope 4.4

34 Conway 4.5

34 Logan 4.5

34 Pike 4.5

34 Yell 4.5

38 Searcy 4.6

38 White 4.6

40 Lawrence 4.7

40 Perry 4.7

42 Lincoln 4.8

42 Little River 4.8

42 Marion 4.8

45 Cleburne 4.9

45 Cross 4.9

1. Sevier 5.0
2. Bradley 5.1

48 Montgomery 5.1

48 Polk 5.1

**Rank County**

48 Sharp

1. Monroe
2. Miller
3. Johnson

54 Pulaski

56 Garland

56 Jackson

58 Stone

58 Van Buren

60 Clark

60 Crittenden

60 Drew

60 Izard

60 Woodruff

1. Lee
2. Columbia

66 Desha

1. Lafayette
2. Union
3. Jefferson

70 St. Francis

1. Mississippi
2. Ashley

73 Phillips

75 Chicot

**Rate**

5.1

5.2

5.3

5.4

5.4

5.5

5.5

5.6

5.6

5.8

5.8

5.8

5.8

5.8

6.2

6.3

6.3

6.6

6.7

6.8

6.8

8.0

8.1

8.1

9.8

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



**LWDA**

**CLF**

**May 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**April 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**May 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 252,216 241,562

City of Little Rock 97,582 92,046

Eastern 45,172 42,380

North Central 94,405 89,857

Northeast 122,696 117,272

Northwest 341,047 329,888

Southeast 79,789 75,086

Southwest 91,055 86,458

West Central 130,572 124,123

Western 111,973 107,413

10,654 4.2

5,536 5.7

2,792 6.2

4,548 4.8

5,424 4.4

11,159 3.3

4,703 5.9

4,597 5.0

6,449 4.9

4,560 4.1

253,822 243,100 10,722 4.2

97,972 92,562 5,410 5.5

45,273 42,466 2,807 6.2

94,096 89,769 4,327 4.6

122,318 117,171 5,147 4.2

339,325 328,733 10,592 3.1

80,394 75,743 4,651 5.8

91,153 86,677 4,476 4.9

130,664 124,643 6,021 4.6

112,114 107,733 4,381 3.9

252,167 229,517 22,650 9.0

98,455 87,482 10,973 11.1

46,163 41,068 5,095 11.0

95,546 87,312 8,234 8.6

122,854 111,838 11,016 9.0

328,645 305,851 22,794 6.9

80,040 73,046 6,994 8.7

92,099 84,326 7,773 8.4

130,733 118,074 12,659 9.7

112,319 101,931 10,388 9.2