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Labor Market report

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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**

# Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional es- timates based on various definitions of ‘unemployment’. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quar- ter moving average. The most recent data available

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

2nd Q 2021 - 1st Q 2022 (Average)

**U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6**

1.7% 1.8% 3.8% 4.1% 4.6% 6.8%

is for 1st Quarter 2022.

The following definitions are used to calculate each measure of Labor Underutilization:

* 1. **Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.
  2. **Measure:** Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force. **U-3 Measure:** Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).
  3. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.
  4. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.
  5. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those em- ployed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

Three-Quarter Comparison (Quarter Ending)

12.0

10.0

8.0

6.0

4.0

2.0

0.0

U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6 1st Q 2020 1st Q 2021 1st Q 2022

**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, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.2 percent between April and May. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose by 2,545, a result of 2,367 more employed and 178 additional unemployed Arkansans. At 3.6 percent, the United States’ jobless rate was also stable between April and May.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate remained at 3.2 percent in May, as gains in employment and unemployment were not large enough to impact the rate. The number of employed Arkansans continues to grow each month, with 34,671 more employed in the

State compared to May 2021.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment Unemployment

1,309,327

42,771

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,306,960

42,593

3.2% 3.2%

56.9% 56.8%

3.6% 3.6%

1,274,656

58,102

4.4%

56.6%

5.8%

Employment Unemployment

1,306,752

43,086

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,313,767 1,275,250

43,185 57,708

3.2% 3.2% 4.3%

56.8% 57.1% 56.6%

3.4% 3.3% 5.5%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** |  | **May 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,352,098 | 1,349,553 | 1,332,758 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,349,838 | 1,356,952 | 1,332,958 |

1,340,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2020 - May 2022

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

1,180,000

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2020 2021 2022

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **May 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1315.8 | 1314.5 | 1282.6 | 1.3 | 33.2 |
| Goods Producing | 221.5 | 221.2 | 216.3 | 0.3 | 5.2 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 58.4 | 58.4 | 60.7 | 0.0 | -2.3 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.0** | **5.0** | **5.3** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Construction** | **53.4** | **53.4** | **55.4** | **0.0** | **-2.0** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 33.6 | 33.8 | 35.6 | -0.2 | -2.0 |
| **Manufacturing** | **163.1** | **162.8** | **155.6** | **0.3** | **7.5** |
| Durable Goods | 77.6 | 77.8 | 74.7 | -0.2 | 2.9 |
| Nondurable Goods | 85.5 | 85.0 | 80.9 | 0.5 | 4.6 |
| Service Providing | 1094.3 | 1093.3 | 1066.3 | 1.0 | 28.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **265.4** | **266.6** | **252.9** | **-1.2** | **12.5** |
| Wholesale Trade | 52.2 | 51.6 | 47.2 | 0.6 | 5.0 |
| Retail Trade | 138.6 | 140.2 | 138.9 | -1.6 | -0.3 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 74.6 | 74.8 | 66.8 | -0.2 | 7.8 |
| **Information** | **12.6** | **12.4** | **11.6** | **0.2** | **1.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **67.6** | **66.5** | **66.0** | **1.1** | **1.6** |
| Finance & Insurance | 52.9 | 52.2 | 51.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 14.7 | 14.3 | 14.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **149.7** | **148.6** | **146.1** | **1.1** | **3.6** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 45.0 | 45.8 | 44.6 | -0.8 | 0.4 |
| Management of Companies | 38.7 | 38.1 | 33.7 | 0.6 | 5.0 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 66.0 | 64.7 | 67.8 | 1.3 | -1.8 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **195.2** | **197.2** | **195.6** | **-2.0** | **-0.4** |
| Educational Services | 17.4 | 17.8 | 16.6 | -0.4 | 0.8 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 177.8 | 179.4 | 179.0 | -1.6 | -1.2 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 61.3 | 62.4 | 61.0 | -1.1 | 0.3 |
| Social Assistance | 35.2 | 35.6 | 36.7 | -0.4 | -1.5 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **124.1** | **122.6** | **116.9** | **1.5** | **7.2** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 12.5 | 12.3 | 11.3 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 111.6 | 110.3 | 105.6 | 1.3 | 6.0 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.6 | 11.3 | 10.4 | 0.3 | 1.2 |
| Food Services | 100.0 | 99.0 | 95.2 | 1.0 | 4.8 |
| **Other Services** | **67.1** | **66.5** | **67.2** | **0.6** | **-0.1** |
| **Government** | **212.6** | **212.9** | **210.0** | **-0.3** | **2.6** |
| Federal Government | 20.6 | 20.6 | 20.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 77.7 | 78.6 | 77.6 | -0.9 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.3 | 32.2 | 31.1 | -0.9 | 0.2 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.4 | 46.4 | 46.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Local Government | 114.3 | 113.7 | 111.9 | 0.6 | 2.4 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 71.0 | 71.1 | 68.8 | -0.1 | 2.2 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 43.3 | 42.6 | 43.1 | 0.7 | 0.2 |



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# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**April 2022 - May 2022**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 1,300 in May to total 1,315,800, setting a record high num- ber of jobs for a second consecutive month. Gains were posted in six major industry sectors. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose by 1,500, mostly in accommodation and food services (+1,300). **Financial activities** added 1,100 jobs. Hiring occurred in both finance and insurance (+700) and real estate, rental, and leasing (+400). Jobs in **professional and business services** increased by 1,100. Expansions were posted in administrative and support services (+1,300) and management of companies (+600). **Educa- tional and health services** declined by 2,000. Losses were reported across all subsectors. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** decreased by 1,200. Most of the contraction was in retail trade (-1,600).

**May 2021 - May 2022**

Compared to May 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 33,200. Seven major industry sectors posted growth, as five sectors increased by 2,600 or more jobs each. **Trade, transportation, and utili- ties** added 12,500 jobs, all in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+7,800) and wholesale trade (+5,000). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose by 7,500, with expansions in both nondurable goods (+4,600) and durable goods (+2,900) manufacturing. **Leisure and hospitality** added 7,200 jobs, due to hiring in all subsectors. Employment in **professional and business services** increased by 3,600. Growth in man- agement of companies (+5,000) was offset by declines in administrative and support services (-1,800). **Government** added 2,600 jobs, mostly in local government-educational services (+2,200). Jobs in **con- struction** declined by 2,000. All losses were in specialty trade contractors, down 2,000.

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

May: 2002 - 2022

1,350,000

1,300,000

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

1,100,000

1,050,000

'02 '04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18 '20 '22

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# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**May 22**

Average Weekly Hours 40.1

Average Hourly Earnings $20.08

Average Weekly Earnings $805.21

**Apr 22**

39.8

$20.32

$808.74

**May 21**

39.8

$19.43

$773.31

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**May 22**

Average Weekly Hours 41.3

Average Hourly Earnings $21.54

Average Weekly Earnings $889.60

**Apr 22**

41.6

$21.41

$890.66

**May 21**

39.4

$21.05

$829.37

**May 22**

Average Weekly Hours 39.0

Average Hourly Earnings $18.75

Average Weekly Earnings $731.25

**Apr 22**

38.2

$19.27

$736.11

**May 21**

40.1

$17.96

$720.20

$850.00

**Average Weekly Earnings - Manufacturing (Production Workers)**

May 2019 - May 2022

$800.00

$750.00

$700.00

$650.00

$600.00

May '19 Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22

## 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 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 354,807 | 355,089 | 348,848 | -282 | 5,959 |
| **Employment** | 343,638 | 343,718 | 333,049 | -80 | 10,589 |
| **Unemployment** | 11,169 | 11,371 | 15,799 | -202 | -4,630 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.1 | 3.2 | 4.5 | -0.1 | -1.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS May 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 367.9 | 366.6 | 357.1 | 1.3 | 10.8 |
| **Goods Producing** 37.6 | 37.8 | 37.0 | -0.2 | 0.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.9** | **17.9** | **18.4** | **0.0** | **-0.5** |
| **Manufacturing 19.7** | **19.9** | **18.6** | **-0.2** | **1.1** |
| **Service Providing** 330.3 | 328.8 | 320.1 | 1.5 | 10.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 75.7** | **75.1** | **68.8** | **0.6** | **6.9** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 17.0 | 16.8 | 15.4 | 0.2 | 1.6 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.5 | 38.0 | 37.6 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.2 | 20.3 | 15.8 | -0.1 | 4.4 |
| **Information 5.5** | **5.5** | **5.3** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 23.1** | **22.9** | **22.3** | **0.2** | **0.8** |
| **Professional & Business Services 45.4** | **45.5** | **46.8** | **-0.1** | **-1.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services 59.3** | **59.0** | **58.1** | **0.3** | **1.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 35.4** | **34.6** | **32.2** | **0.8** | **3.2** |
| **Other Services 18.3** | **18.1** | **18.1** | **0.2** | **0.2** |
| **Government 67.6** | **68.1** | **68.5** | **-0.5** | **-0.9** |
| **Federal Government** 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** 34.0 | 34.4 | 33.9 | -0.4 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** 23.7 | 23.8 | 24.9 | -0.1 | -1.2 |

**Unemployment Rates**

May: 2012 - 2022

12.0%

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2020 - May 2022

340,000

10.0%

330,000

320,000

8.0%

310,000

6.0%

300,000

4.0%

290,000

2.0%

280,000

0.0%

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270,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2020 2021 2022

**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)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 296,828 | 297,828 | 284,596 | -1,000 | 12,232 |
| **Employment** | 290,186 | 291,284 | 275,575 | -1,098 | 14,611 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,642 | 6,544 | 9,021 | 98 | -2,379 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.2 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 0.0 | -1.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS May 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 285.6 | 284.8 | 271.1 | 0.8 | 14.5 |
| **Goods Producing** 45.5 | 45.1 | 44.2 | 0.4 | 1.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 13.7** | **13.5** | **13.7** | **0.2** | **0.0** |
| **Manufacturing 31.8** | **31.6** | **30.5** | **0.2** | **1.3** |
| **Service Providing** 240.1 | 239.7 | 226.9 | 0.4 | 13.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 62.2** | **62.8** | **58.2** | **-0.6** | **4.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 13.6 | 13.4 | 12.6 | 0.2 | 1.0 |
| **Retail Trade** 28.4 | 29.2 | 27.2 | -0.8 | 1.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.2 | 20.2 | 18.4 | 0.0 | 1.8 |
| **Information 2.1** | **2.1** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 9.1** | **9.0** | **8.9** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 58.5** | **57.2** | **52.7** | **1.3** | **5.8** |
| **Educational & Health Services 29.4** | **30.7** | **30.0** | **-1.3** | **-0.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 27.8** | **27.2** | **26.0** | **0.6** | **1.8** |
| **Other Services 10.1** | **9.9** | **9.9** | **0.2** | **0.2** |
| **Government 40.9** | **40.8** | **39.2** | **0.1** | **1.7** |
| **Federal Government** 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 18.2 | 18.0 | 17.0 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| **Local Government** 19.9 | 19.9 | 19.4 | 0.0 | 0.5 |

**Number of Employed**

May 2019 - May 2022

295,000

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services**

May: 2012 - 2022

70,000

290,000

285,000

60,000

280,000

275,000

270,000

265,000

260,000

255,000

250,000

50,000

40,000

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30,000



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245,000

May '19 Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22 20,000

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'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

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'22

**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 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 117,360 | 117,477 | 116,446 | -117 | 914 |
| **Employment** | 113,729 | 113,875 | 111,516 | -146 | 2,213 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,631 | 3,602 | 4,930 | 29 | -1,299 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.1 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 0.0 | -1.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS May 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 112.6 | 112.4 | 110.7 | 0.2 | 1.9 |
| **Goods Producing** 23.3 | 23.0 | 21.6 | 0.3 | 1.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.2** | **5.1** | **5.0** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 18.1** | **17.9** | **16.6** | **0.2** | **1.5** |
| **Service Providing** 89.3 | 89.4 | 89.1 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 23.9** | **24.2** | **23.5** | **-0.3** | **0.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.5 | 12.8 | 12.8 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.4 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Information 1.2** | **1.2** | **1.1** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 3.9** | **3.8** | **3.8** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.7** | **11.7** | **12.0** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.4** | **16.7** | **16.8** | **-0.3** | **-0.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.8** | **9.5** | **9.8** | **0.3** | **0.0** |
| **Other Services 4.4** | **4.3** | **4.4** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Government 18.0** | **18.0** | **17.7** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 14.1 | 14.1 | 13.7 | 0.0 | 0.4 |

**Unemployment**

May: 2002 - 2022

14,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

May 2019 - May 2022

116,000

12,000

112,000

10,000

8,000

108,000

6,000

104,000

4,000

100,000

2,000

0

'02 '04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18 '20 '22

96,000

May '19 Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 40,846 | 41,001 | 40,593 | -155 | 253 |
| **Employment** | 39,322 | 39,427 | 38,410 | -105 | 912 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,524 | 1,574 | 2,183 | -50 | -659 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7 | 3.8 | 5.4 | -0.1 | -1.7 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 39.5 | 39.4 | 38.6 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 35.0 | 35.0 | 34.1 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 |

37,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2020 - May 2022

35,000

33,000

31,000

29,000

27,000

25,000



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**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,118 | 66,436 | 65,024 | -318 | 1,094 |
| **Employment** | 64,358 | 64,716 | 62,626 | -358 | 1,732 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,760 | 1,720 | 2,398 | 40 | -638 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.7 | 2.6 | 3.7 | 0.1 | -1.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 61.7 | 61.3 | 60.0 | 0.4 | 1.7 |
| 11.1 | 11.0 | 11.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 50.6 | 50.3 | 48.9 | 0.3 | 1.7 |
| 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.8 | 0.0 | -0.3 |

70,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs by Industry Sector**

May: 2012 - 2022

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs = Goods Producing + Service Providing

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

10,000

0

2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Goods Producing Service Providing

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 33,236 | 33,565 | 33,152 | -329 | 84 |
| **Employment** | 31,529 | 31,763 | 31,030 | -234 | 499 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,707 | 1,802 | 2,122 | -95 | -415 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.1 | 5.4 | 6.4 | -0.3 | -1.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.9 | 31.7 | 31.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 26.1 | 26.0 | 25.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 0.0 | -0.3 |

34,000

**Number of Employed**

May 2019 - May 2022



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33,500

33,000

32,500

32,000

31,500

31,000

30,500

30,000

29,500

29,000

May '19 Nov '19 May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22

**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 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 648,313 | 650,405 | 635,530 | -2,092 | 12,783 |
| **Employment** | 619,491 | 622,932 | 595,308 | -3,441 | 24,183 |
| **Unemployment** | 28,822 | 27,473 | 40,222 | 1,349 | -11,400 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.4 | 4.2 | 6.3 | 0.2 | -1.9 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 22** | **Apr 22** | **May 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,726 | 63,867 | 63,383 | -141 | 343 |
| **Employment** | 61,128 | 61,303 | 59,921 | -175 | 1,207 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,598 | 2,564 | 3,462 | 34 | -864 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1 | 4.0 | 5.5 | 0.1 | -1.4 |

660,000

**Memphis MSA - Civilian Labor Force**

January 2020 - May 2022

68,000

**Texarkana MSA - Employment**

May: 2012 - 2022

650,000

64,000

640,000

630,000

60,000

620,000

610,000

56,000

600,000

590,000

52,000

580,000



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48,000

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**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**May 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**April 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**May 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,629 | 8,274 | 355 | 4.1 | 8,747 | 8,413 | 334 | 3.8 | 8,846 | 8,352 | 494 | 5.6 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,673 | 16,161 | 512 | 3.1 | 16,737 | 16,232 | 505 | 3.0 | 16,568 | 15,892 | 676 | 4.1 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,091 | 15,042 | 1,049 | 6.5 | 16,324 | 15,360 | 964 | 5.9 | 16,287 | 14,983 | 1,304 | 8.0 |
| Camden Micro | 12,108 | 11,684 | 424 | 3.5 | 12,151 | 11,725 | 426 | 3.5 | 12,263 | 11,792 | 471 | 3.8 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,834 | 14,099 | 735 | 5.0 | 14,925 | 14,171 | 754 | 5.1 | 15,117 | 14,151 | 966 | 6.4 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,521 | 7,153 | 368 | 4.9 | 7,601 | 7,221 | 380 | 5.0 | 7,759 | 7,253 | 506 | 6.5 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,001 | 18,531 | 470 | 2.5 | 19,026 | 18,568 | 458 | 2.4 | 19,086 | 18,497 | 589 | 3.1 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,642 | 5,257 | 385 | 6.8 | 5,772 | 5,390 | 382 | 6.6 | 5,942 | 5,463 | 479 | 8.1 |
| Hope Micro | 12,204 | 11,814 | 390 | 3.2 | 12,402 | 12,011 | 391 | 3.2 | 12,621 | 12,158 | 463 | 3.7 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,780 | 8,397 | 383 | 4.4 | 8,832 | 8,455 | 377 | 4.3 | 8,919 | 8,389 | 530 | 5.9 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,717 | 13,293 | 424 | 3.1 | 13,830 | 13,400 | 430 | 3.1 | 13,748 | 13,187 | 561 | 4.1 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,511 | 16,010 | 501 | 3.0 | 16,467 | 15,956 | 511 | 3.1 | 16,379 | 15,748 | 631 | 3.9 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,333 | 18,796 | 537 | 2.8 | 19,425 | 18,881 | 544 | 2.8 | 19,279 | 18,582 | 697 | 3.6 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,020 | 33,771 | 1,249 | 3.6 | 35,384 | 34,226 | 1,158 | 3.3 | 35,094 | 33,592 | 1,502 | 4.3 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,957 | 32,805 | 1,152 | 3.4 | 34,021 | 32,882 | 1,139 | 3.3 | 33,686 | 32,221 | 1,465 | 4.3 |

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 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**April 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**May 2021**

**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 | 12,763 | 12,382 | 381 | 3.0 | 12,825 | 12,420 | 405 | 3.2 | 12,215 | 11,753 | 462 | 3.8 |
| Benton | 17,656 | 17,167 | 489 | 2.8 | 17,623 | 17,145 | 478 | 2.7 | 17,231 | 16,631 | 600 | 3.5 |
| Bentonville | 30,907 | 30,280 | 627 | 2.0 | 30,964 | 30,373 | 591 | 1.9 | 29,555 | 28,742 | 813 | 2.8 |
| Blytheville | 5,418 | 5,035 | 383 | 7.1 | 5,569 | 5,142 | 427 | 7.7 | 5,482 | 5,015 | 467 | 8.5 |
| Cabot | 11,885 | 11,549 | 336 | 2.8 | 11,934 | 11,640 | 294 | 2.5 | 11,683 | 11,218 | 465 | 4.0 |
| Conway | 34,239 | 33,284 | 955 | 2.8 | 34,220 | 33,315 | 905 | 2.6 | 33,524 | 32,266 | 1,258 | 3.8 |
| El Dorado | 6,409 | 6,067 | 342 | 5.3 | 6,462 | 6,098 | 364 | 5.6 | 6,607 | 6,090 | 517 | 7.8 |
| Fayetteville | 50,594 | 49,380 | 1,214 | 2.4 | 50,709 | 49,531 | 1,178 | 2.3 | 48,707 | 46,877 | 1,830 | 3.8 |
| Fort Smith | 38,253 | 37,111 | 1,142 | 3.0 | 38,369 | 37,224 | 1,145 | 3.0 | 37,961 | 36,411 | 1,550 | 4.1 |
| Hot Springs | 15,239 | 14,551 | 688 | 4.5 | 15,324 | 14,590 | 734 | 4.8 | 15,269 | 14,214 | 1,055 | 6.9 |
| Jacksonville | 11,596 | 11,076 | 520 | 4.5 | 11,557 | 11,060 | 497 | 4.3 | 11,426 | 10,729 | 697 | 6.1 |
| Jonesboro | 39,877 | 38,818 | 1,059 | 2.7 | 39,926 | 38,936 | 990 | 2.5 | 39,266 | 37,746 | 1,520 | 3.9 |
| Little Rock | 96,456 | 92,958 | 3,498 | 3.6 | 96,481 | 92,825 | 3,656 | 3.8 | 95,524 | 90,049 | 5,475 | 5.7 |
| North Little Rock | 29,759 | 28,585 | 1,174 | 3.9 | 29,724 | 28,544 | 1,180 | 4.0 | 29,418 | 27,691 | 1,727 | 5.9 |
| Paragould | 12,323 | 11,946 | 377 | 3.1 | 12,357 | 12,000 | 357 | 2.9 | 12,294 | 11,810 | 484 | 3.9 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,658 | 14,686 | 972 | 6.2 | 15,715 | 14,728 | 987 | 6.3 | 15,737 | 14,437 | 1,300 | 8.3 |
| Rogers | 37,939 | 37,148 | 791 | 2.1 | 38,028 | 37,262 | 766 | 2.0 | 36,269 | 35,262 | 1,007 | 2.8 |
| Russellville | 12,587 | 12,184 | 403 | 3.2 | 12,670 | 12,292 | 378 | 3.0 | 12,639 | 12,107 | 532 | 4.2 |
| Searcy | 10,271 | 9,906 | 365 | 3.6 | 10,241 | 9,930 | 311 | 3.0 | 10,166 | 9,730 | 436 | 4.3 |
| Sherwood | 16,041 | 15,600 | 441 | 2.7 | 16,016 | 15,578 | 438 | 2.7 | 15,759 | 15,112 | 647 | 4.1 |
| Springdale | 40,263 | 39,435 | 828 | 2.1 | 40,410 | 39,555 | 855 | 2.1 | 38,570 | 37,437 | 1,133 | 2.9 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,175 | 12,654 | 521 | 4.0 | 13,242 | 12,699 | 543 | 4.1 | 13,076 | 12,342 | 734 | 5.6 |
| Van Buren | 10,235 | 9,907 | 328 | 3.2 | 10,295 | 9,977 | 318 | 3.1 | 10,132 | 9,730 | 402 | 4.0 |
| West Memphis | 10,094 | 9,702 | 392 | 3.9 | 10,178 | 9,779 | 399 | 3.9 | 10,038 | 9,343 | 695 | 6.9 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **May 2022** | |  |  | **April 2022** | |  |  | **May 2021** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,324 | 9,024 | 300 | 3.2 | 9,497 | 9,183 | 314 | 3.3 | 9,314 | 8,990 | 324 | 3.5 |
| Ashley | 6,722 | 6,320 | 402 | 6.0 | 6,769 | 6,368 | 401 | 5.9 | 6,952 | 6,414 | 538 | 7.7 |
| Baxter | 16,511 | 16,010 | 501 | 3.0 | 16,467 | 15,956 | 511 | 3.1 | 16,379 | 15,748 | 631 | 3.9 |
| Benton | 147,719 | 144,463 | 3,256 | 2.2 | 148,127 | 144,907 | 3,220 | 2.2 | 141,458 | 137,128 | 4,330 | 3.1 |
| Boone | 15,831 | 15,446 | 385 | 2.4 | 15,816 | 15,441 | 375 | 2.4 | 15,902 | 15,412 | 490 | 3.1 |
| Bradley | 3,987 | 3,827 | 160 | 4.0 | 4,112 | 3,944 | 168 | 4.1 | 4,091 | 3,881 | 210 | 5.1 |
| Calhoun | 2,370 | 2,297 | 73 | 3.1 | 2,407 | 2,342 | 65 | 2.7 | 2,408 | 2,325 | 83 | 3.4 |
| Carroll | 12,687 | 12,377 | 310 | 2.4 | 12,646 | 12,325 | 321 | 2.5 | 12,707 | 12,249 | 458 | 3.6 |
| Chicot | 2,916 | 2,700 | 216 | 7.4 | 3,015 | 2,790 | 225 | 7.5 | 3,073 | 2,794 | 279 | 9.1 |
| Clark | 8,629 | 8,274 | 355 | 4.1 | 8,747 | 8,413 | 334 | 3.8 | 8,846 | 8,352 | 494 | 5.6 |
| Clay | 5,303 | 5,120 | 183 | 3.5 | 5,475 | 5,284 | 191 | 3.5 | 5,397 | 5,180 | 217 | 4.0 |
| Cleburne | 8,982 | 8,635 | 347 | 3.9 | 8,881 | 8,531 | 350 | 3.9 | 9,035 | 8,614 | 421 | 4.7 |
| Cleveland | 3,116 | 3,010 | 106 | 3.4 | 3,190 | 3,078 | 112 | 3.5 | 3,102 | 2,974 | 128 | 4.1 |
| Columbia | 8,780 | 8,397 | 383 | 4.4 | 8,832 | 8,455 | 377 | 4.3 | 8,919 | 8,389 | 530 | 5.9 |
| Conway | 8,387 | 8,100 | 287 | 3.4 | 8,408 | 8,122 | 286 | 3.4 | 8,219 | 7,849 | 370 | 4.5 |
| Craighead | 56,415 | 54,967 | 1,448 | 2.6 | 56,545 | 55,134 | 1,411 | 2.5 | 55,433 | 53,450 | 1,983 | 3.6 |
| Crawford | 26,137 | 25,356 | 781 | 3.0 | 26,321 | 25,534 | 787 | 3.0 | 25,882 | 24,901 | 981 | 3.8 |
| Crittenden | 20,681 | 19,881 | 800 | 3.9 | 20,819 | 20,038 | 781 | 3.8 | 20,349 | 19,146 | 1,203 | 5.9 |
| Cross | 6,904 | 6,678 | 226 | 3.3 | 7,021 | 6,786 | 235 | 3.3 | 7,052 | 6,732 | 320 | 4.5 |
| Dallas | 2,765 | 2,663 | 102 | 3.7 | 2,766 | 2,667 | 99 | 3.6 | 2,790 | 2,674 | 116 | 4.2 |
| Desha | 4,773 | 4,503 | 270 | 5.7 | 4,929 | 4,652 | 277 | 5.6 | 4,961 | 4,655 | 306 | 6.2 |
| Drew | 7,396 | 7,078 | 318 | 4.3 | 7,537 | 7,218 | 319 | 4.2 | 7,597 | 7,184 | 413 | 5.4 |
| Faulkner | 62,185 | 60,456 | 1,729 | 2.8 | 62,217 | 60,513 | 1,704 | 2.7 | 60,896 | 58,607 | 2,289 | 3.8 |
| Franklin | 7,253 | 7,018 | 235 | 3.2 | 7,388 | 7,154 | 234 | 3.2 | 7,253 | 6,966 | 287 | 4.0 |
| Fulton | 5,053 | 4,897 | 156 | 3.1 | 5,047 | 4,905 | 142 | 2.8 | 4,935 | 4,742 | 193 | 3.9 |
| Garland | 40,846 | 39,322 | 1,524 | 3.7 | 41,001 | 39,427 | 1,574 | 3.8 | 40,593 | 38,410 | 2,183 | 5.4 |
| Grant | 8,302 | 8,067 | 235 | 2.8 | 8,363 | 8,127 | 236 | 2.8 | 8,112 | 7,834 | 278 | 3.4 |
| Greene | 19,333 | 18,796 | 537 | 2.8 | 19,425 | 18,881 | 544 | 2.8 | 19,279 | 18,582 | 697 | 3.6 |
| Hempstead | 8,905 | 8,641 | 264 | 3.0 | 9,075 | 8,809 | 266 | 2.9 | 9,229 | 8,897 | 332 | 3.6 |
| Hot Spring | 13,717 | 13,293 | 424 | 3.1 | 13,830 | 13,400 | 430 | 3.1 | 13,748 | 13,187 | 561 | 4.1 |
| Howard | 5,352 | 5,197 | 155 | 2.9 | 5,474 | 5,325 | 149 | 2.7 | 5,511 | 5,335 | 176 | 3.2 |
| Independence | 16,673 | 16,161 | 512 | 3.1 | 16,737 | 16,232 | 505 | 3.0 | 16,568 | 15,892 | 676 | 4.1 |
| Izard | 4,385 | 4,174 | 211 | 4.8 | 4,435 | 4,224 | 211 | 4.8 | 4,487 | 4,235 | 252 | 5.6 |
| Jackson | 5,454 | 5,208 | 246 | 4.5 | 5,593 | 5,343 | 250 | 4.5 | 5,634 | 5,326 | 308 | 5.5 |
| Jefferson | 26,380 | 24,941 | 1,439 | 5.5 | 26,540 | 25,012 | 1,528 | 5.8 | 26,336 | 24,518 | 1,818 | 6.9 |
| Johnson | 9,923 | 9,495 | 428 | 4.3 | 9,944 | 9,569 | 375 | 3.8 | 9,896 | 9,402 | 494 | 5.0 |
| Lafayette | 2,284 | 2,178 | 106 | 4.6 | 2,341 | 2,238 | 103 | 4.4 | 2,346 | 2,198 | 148 | 6.3 |
| Lawrence | 6,621 | 6,391 | 230 | 3.5 | 6,800 | 6,569 | 231 | 3.4 | 6,719 | 6,409 | 310 | 4.6 |
| Lee | 2,448 | 2,337 | 111 | 4.5 | 2,564 | 2,451 | 113 | 4.4 | 2,550 | 2,397 | 153 | 6.0 |
| Lincoln | 3,740 | 3,578 | 162 | 4.3 | 3,835 | 3,673 | 162 | 4.2 | 3,714 | 3,538 | 176 | 4.7 |
| Little River | 5,335 | 5,141 | 194 | 3.6 | 5,351 | 5,154 | 197 | 3.7 | 5,257 | 5,012 | 245 | 4.7 |
| Logan | 8,231 | 7,930 | 301 | 3.7 | 8,301 | 8,008 | 293 | 3.5 | 8,399 | 8,028 | 371 | 4.4 |
| Lonoke | 33,636 | 32,740 | 896 | 2.7 | 33,881 | 32,996 | 885 | 2.6 | 32,977 | 31,800 | 1,177 | 3.6 |
| Madison | 7,512 | 7,335 | 177 | 2.4 | 7,727 | 7,548 | 179 | 2.3 | 7,275 | 7,030 | 245 | 3.4 |
| Marion | 6,247 | 6,043 | 204 | 3.3 | 6,274 | 6,068 | 206 | 3.3 | 6,104 | 5,831 | 273 | 4.5 |
| Miller | 19,180 | 18,497 | 683 | 3.6 | 19,284 | 18,563 | 721 | 3.7 | 19,010 | 18,041 | 969 | 5.1 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **May 2022** | |  |  | **April 2022** | |  |  | **May 2021** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 16,091 | 15,042 | 1,049 | 6.5 | 16,324 | 15,360 | 964 | 5.9 | 16,287 | 14,983 | 1,304 | 8.0 |
| Monroe | 2,559 | 2,449 | 110 | 4.3 | 2,658 | 2,545 | 113 | 4.3 | 2,606 | 2,470 | 136 | 5.2 |
| Montgomery | 2,768 | 2,645 | 123 | 4.4 | 2,955 | 2,828 | 127 | 4.3 | 2,836 | 2,696 | 140 | 4.9 |
| Nevada | 3,299 | 3,173 | 126 | 3.8 | 3,327 | 3,202 | 125 | 3.8 | 3,392 | 3,261 | 131 | 3.9 |
| Newton | 3,170 | 3,085 | 85 | 2.7 | 3,210 | 3,127 | 83 | 2.6 | 3,184 | 3,085 | 99 | 3.1 |
| Ouachita | 9,738 | 9,387 | 351 | 3.6 | 9,744 | 9,383 | 361 | 3.7 | 9,855 | 9,467 | 388 | 3.9 |
| Perry | 4,150 | 4,000 | 150 | 3.6 | 4,189 | 4,040 | 149 | 3.6 | 4,072 | 3,889 | 183 | 4.5 |
| Phillips | 5,642 | 5,257 | 385 | 6.8 | 5,772 | 5,390 | 382 | 6.6 | 5,942 | 5,463 | 479 | 8.1 |
| Pike | 4,137 | 3,991 | 146 | 3.5 | 4,241 | 4,085 | 156 | 3.7 | 4,227 | 4,041 | 186 | 4.4 |
| Poinsett | 9,703 | 9,391 | 312 | 3.2 | 9,891 | 9,582 | 309 | 3.1 | 9,591 | 9,176 | 415 | 4.3 |
| Polk | 7,640 | 7,386 | 254 | 3.3 | 7,790 | 7,520 | 270 | 3.5 | 7,755 | 7,388 | 367 | 4.7 |
| Pope | 27,280 | 26,306 | 974 | 3.6 | 27,429 | 26,539 | 890 | 3.2 | 27,306 | 26,140 | 1,166 | 4.3 |
| Prairie | 3,521 | 3,432 | 89 | 2.5 | 3,628 | 3,537 | 91 | 2.5 | 3,508 | 3,367 | 141 | 4.0 |
| Pulaski | 187,390 | 180,734 | 6,656 | 3.6 | 187,377 | 180,475 | 6,902 | 3.7 | 185,023 | 175,078 | 9,945 | 5.4 |
| Randolph | 7,215 | 6,994 | 221 | 3.1 | 7,264 | 7,045 | 219 | 3.0 | 7,308 | 7,003 | 305 | 4.2 |
| St. Francis | 7,521 | 7,153 | 368 | 4.9 | 7,601 | 7,221 | 380 | 5.0 | 7,759 | 7,253 | 506 | 6.5 |
| Saline | 59,144 | 57,641 | 1,503 | 2.5 | 59,062 | 57,567 | 1,495 | 2.5 | 57,768 | 55,841 | 1,927 | 3.3 |
| Scott | 4,067 | 3,956 | 111 | 2.7 | 4,179 | 4,072 | 107 | 2.6 | 4,194 | 4,040 | 154 | 3.7 |
| Searcy | 3,048 | 2,931 | 117 | 3.8 | 2,947 | 2,839 | 108 | 3.7 | 2,955 | 2,828 | 127 | 4.3 |
| Sebastian | 55,069 | 53,461 | 1,608 | 2.9 | 55,230 | 53,624 | 1,606 | 2.9 | 54,595 | 52,452 | 2,143 | 3.9 |
| Sevier | 5,232 | 5,047 | 185 | 3.5 | 5,320 | 5,126 | 194 | 3.6 | 5,346 | 5,095 | 251 | 4.7 |
| Sharp | 5,794 | 5,567 | 227 | 3.9 | 5,780 | 5,560 | 220 | 3.8 | 5,704 | 5,419 | 285 | 5.0 |
| Stone | 4,505 | 4,332 | 173 | 3.8 | 4,597 | 4,425 | 172 | 3.7 | 4,561 | 4,316 | 245 | 5.4 |
| Union | 14,834 | 14,099 | 735 | 5.0 | 14,925 | 14,171 | 754 | 5.1 | 15,117 | 14,151 | 966 | 6.4 |
| Van Buren | 5,939 | 5,713 | 226 | 3.8 | 5,937 | 5,717 | 220 | 3.7 | 5,842 | 5,541 | 301 | 5.2 |
| Washington | 130,649 | 127,737 | 2,912 | 2.2 | 131,011 | 128,128 | 2,883 | 2.2 | 125,294 | 121,263 | 4,031 | 3.2 |
| White | 33,957 | 32,805 | 1,152 | 3.4 | 34,021 | 32,882 | 1,139 | 3.3 | 33,686 | 32,221 | 1,465 | 4.3 |
| Woodruff | 2,719 | 2,619 | 100 | 3.7 | 2,825 | 2,724 | 101 | 3.6 | 2,768 | 2,614 | 154 | 5.6 |
| Yell | 7,740 | 7,465 | 275 | 3.6 | 7,955 | 7,687 | 268 | 3.4 | 7,788 | 7,452 | 336 | 4.3 |

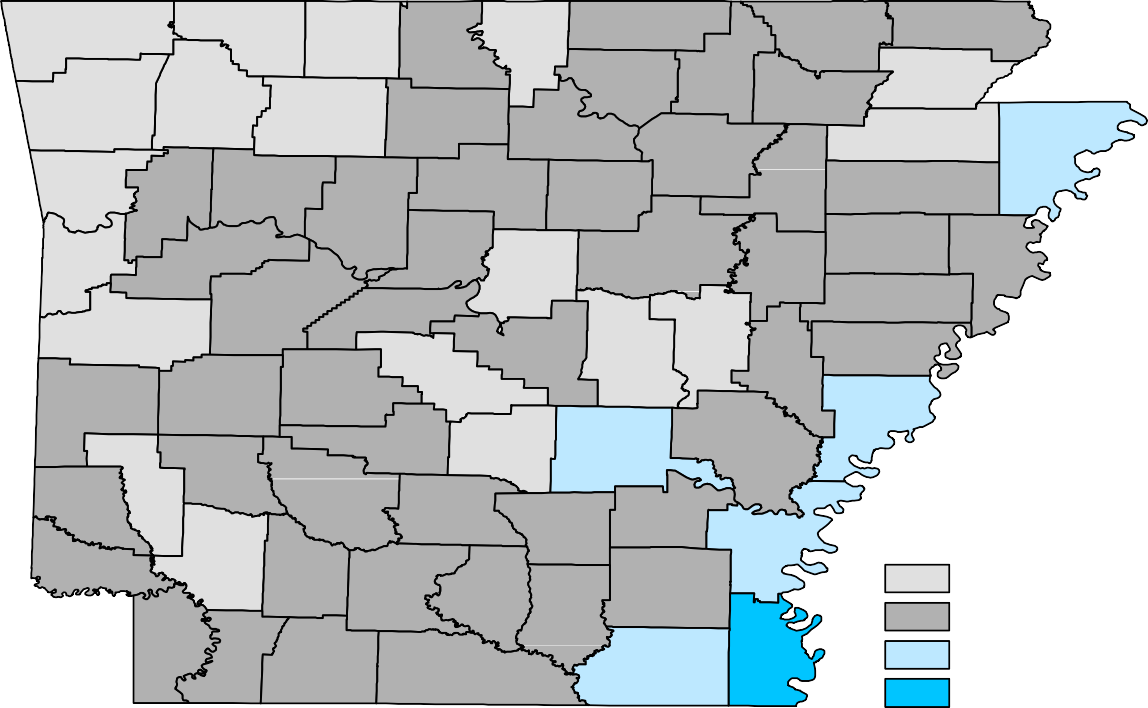
# County Labor Force Summary

Between April and May, unemployment rates increased in 37 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates were unchanged in 21 counties, while seventeen county posted rate declines. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Benton and Washington counties to a high of 7.4 percent in Chicot County.

In May, fifty-six counties reported unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down slightly from 57 counties at or below four percent in April. For the second consecutive month, only one county-- Chicot County-- had an unemployment rate at or above seven percent.

Compared to May 2021, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rate declines ranged from as little as one-tenth of a percentage point decrease in Nevada County to as much as a two percentage point drop in Crittenden County.

**County Unemployment Rates**



**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Greene**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Crawford Franklin Johnson**

**Jackson**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Van Buren**

**Conway**

**Cleburne**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Faulkner**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland Lincoln**

**Little River**

**Hempstead**

**Nevada Ouachita**

**Desha**

**Calhoun**

**Bradley**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0%

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

May 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Benton 2.2

1 Washington 2.2

3 Boone 2.4

3 Carroll 2.4

3 Madison 2.4

6 Prairie 2.5

6 Saline 2.5

1. Craighead 2.6
2. Lonoke 2.7

9 Newton 2.7

9 Scott 2.7

12 Faulkner 2.8

12 Grant 2.8

12 Greene 2.8

15 Howard 2.9

15 Sebastian 2.9

17 Baxter 3.0

17 Crawford 3.0

17 Hempstead 3.0

20 Calhoun 3.1

20 Fulton 3.1

20 Hot Spring 3.1

20 Independence 3.1

20 Randolph 3.1

25 Arkansas 3.2

**Rank County**

25 Franklin

25 Poinsett

28 Cross

28 Marion

28 Polk

31 Cleveland

31 Conway

31 White

34 Clay

34 Lawrence

34 Pike

34 Sevier

38 Little River

38 Miller

38 Ouachita

38 Perry

38 Pope

38 Pulaski

38 Yell

45 Dallas

45 Garland

45 Logan

45 Woodruff

49 Nevada

49 Searcy

**Rate**

3.2

3.2

3.3

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3.3

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3.4

3.4

3.5

3.5

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3.8

**Rank County**

49 Stone

49 Van Buren

53 Cleburne

53 Crittenden

53 Sharp

1. Bradley
2. Clark
3. Drew

58 Johnson

58 Lincoln

58 Monroe

62 Columbia

62 Montgomery

64 Jackson

64 Lee

1. Lafayette
2. Izard
3. St. Francis
4. Union
5. Jefferson
6. Desha
7. Ashley
8. Mississippi
9. Phillips
10. Chicot

**Rate**

3.8

3.8

3.9

3.9

3.9

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4.1

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.4

4.4

4.5

4.5

4.6

4.8

4.9

5.0

5.5

5.7

6.0

6.5

6.8

7.4



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## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **May 2022** | |  |  | **April 2022** | |  |  | **May 2021** | |  |
| **LWDA** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) 251,979 | | 244,494 | 7,485 | 3.0 | 252,342 | 244,808 | 7,534 | 3.0 | 247,254 | 237,114 | 10,140 | 4.1 |
| City of Little Rock 96,456 | | 92,958 | 3,498 | 3.6 | 96,481 | 92,825 | 3,656 | 3.8 | 95,524 | 90,049 | 5,475 | 5.7 |
| Eastern 43,196 | | 41,306 | 1,890 | 4.4 | 43,777 | 41,886 | 1,891 | 4.3 | 43,652 | 40,991 | 2,661 | 6.1 |
| North Central 93,461 | | 90,111 | 3,350 | 3.6 | 93,853 | 90,543 | 3,310 | 3.5 | 93,220 | 88,920 | 4,300 | 4.6 |
| Northeast 120,681 | | 116,701 | 3,980 | 3.3 | 121,724 | 117,855 | 3,869 | 3.2 | 120,014 | 114,783 | 5,231 | 4.4 |
| Northwest 343,374 | | 335,427 | 7,947 | 2.3 | 344,225 | 336,339 | 7,886 | 2.3 | 331,258 | 320,574 | 10,684 | 3.2 |
| Southeast 76,656 | | 73,048 | 3,608 | 4.7 | 77,787 | 74,045 | 3,742 | 4.8 | 77,252 | 72,782 | 4,470 | 5.8 |
| Southwest 88,074 | | 84,717 | 3,357 | 3.8 | 88,846 | 85,435 | 3,411 | 3.8 | 89,180 | 84,845 | 4,335 | 4.9 |
| West Central 127,577 | | 122,891 | 4,686 | 3.7 | 128,699 | 124,110 | 4,589 | 3.6 | 127,531 | 121,418 | 6,113 | 4.8 |
| Western 108,397 | | 105,107 | 3,290 | 3.0 | 109,209 | 105,912 | 3,297 | 3.0 | 108,078 | 103,775 | 4,303 | 4.0 |

