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Arkansas Division of

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 2022 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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**April Spotlight**

# Wages by County

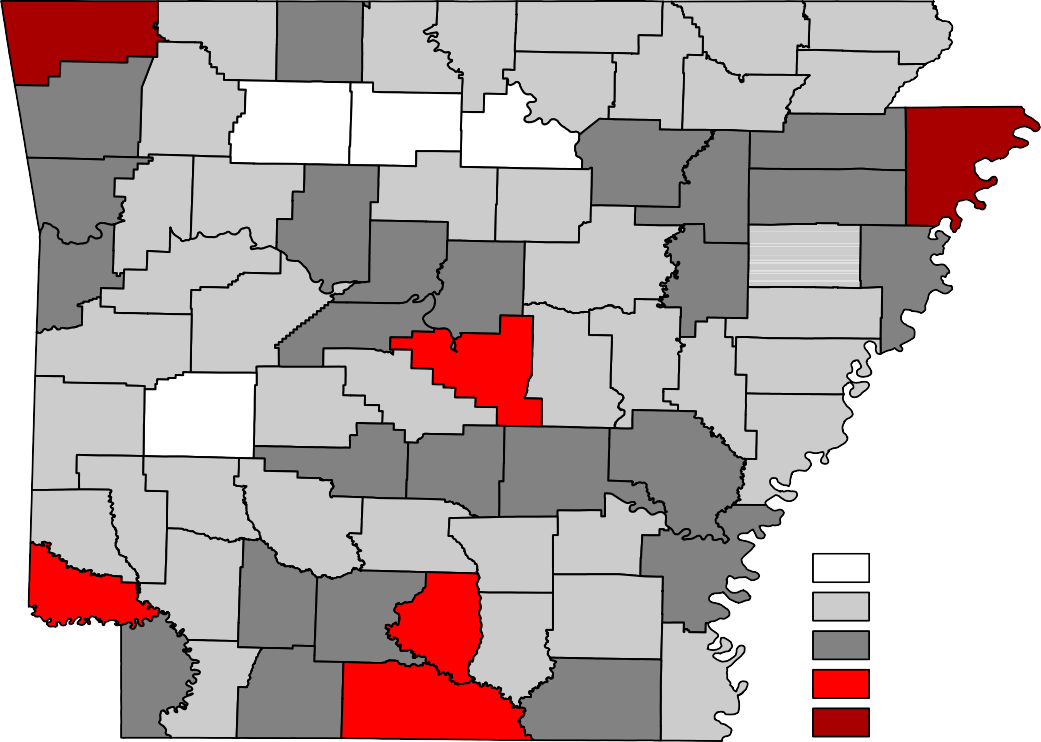
The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) is the most comprehensive data collection program utilized by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The program is based on each state’s Unemploy- ment Insurance (UI) program, which enables BLS to produce data using every business that is covered under 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 2022, average annual wages in the private sector ranged from a low of $29,733, for those employed in Montgomery County, to a high of $74,365 in Benton County. Compared to 2021 annual averages, wages are up in 72 of Arkansas’ 75 counties.

#### Wages in Arkansas by County (Private)

2022 Annual Average



**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Randolph**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Lawrence**

**Newton Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Crawford Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**Conway**

**White**

**Cross**

**Faulkner**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Saline**

**Phillips**

**Howard**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Pike**

**Sevier**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland**

**Lincoln**

**Desha**

**Little River**

**Hempstead Nevada Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller Lafayette Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**2022 AA Wages**

< $35,000

$35,000 - $45,000

$45,000 - $55,000

$55,000 - $65,000

> $65,000

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**State of Arkansas**

# Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, an- nounced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point, from 3.0% in March to 2.8% in April. Down to 3.4% in April, the United States’ jobless rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point over the month.

In April, Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased by 2,945. There were 4,831 more employed and 1,886 fewer unemployed in the State, pushing the unemployment rate down to a new record low of 2.8%. Em- ployment has increased for seven consecutive months, with the labor force participation rate increasing to 57.5% in April.

Compared to April 2022, there are 12,869 more employed Arkansans. The unemployment rate is down three-tenths of a percentage point over the year, while the labor force participation rate remains two- tenths of a percentage point lower than last April.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,339,385 1,334,554 1,326,516 Employment 1,353,759 1,345,032 1,327,478

Unemployment 38,982 40,868 43,104 Unemployment 33,969 36,392 40,040

Unemployment Rate 2.8% 3.0% 3.1% Unemployment Rate 2.4% 2.6% 2.9%

LF Participation Rate 57.5% 57.4% 57.7% LF Participation Rate 57.9% 57.6% 57.6%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 23** | **Mar 23** | **Apr 22** |  | **Apr 23** | **Mar 23** | **Apr 22** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,378,367 | 1,375,422 | 1,369,620 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,387,728 | 1,381,424 | 1,367,518 |

#### Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

April 2020 - April 2023

1,360,000

1,340,000

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

1,140,000

Apr '20 Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22 Apr '23

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Apr 23** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1360.7 | 1349.8 | 1326.9 | 10.9 | 33.8 |
| Goods Producing | 229.5 | 228.1 | 222.1 | 1.4 | 7.4 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 66.4 | 64.5 | 61.3 | 1.9 | 5.1 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **4.9** | **4.9** | **5.1** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Construction** | **61.5** | **59.6** | **56.2** | **1.9** | **5.3** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 37.8 | 36.6 | 35.6 | 1.2 | 2.2 |
| **Manufacturing** | **163.1** | **163.6** | **160.8** | **-0.5** | **2.3** |
| Durable Goods | 79.6 | 79.8 | 77.9 | -0.2 | 1.7 |
| Nondurable Goods | 83.5 | 83.8 | 82.9 | -0.3 | 0.6 |
| Service Providing | 1131.2 | 1121.7 | 1104.8 | 9.5 | 26.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **273.4** | **274.7** | **266.9** | **-1.3** | **6.5** |
| Wholesale Trade | 54.1 | 53.6 | 50.0 | 0.5 | 4.1 |
| Retail Trade | 142.8 | 144.0 | 143.5 | -1.2 | -0.7 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 76.5 | 77.1 | 73.4 | -0.6 | 3.1 |
| **Information** | **12.7** | **12.5** | **12.6** | **0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **70.3** | **69.2** | **70.1** | **1.1** | **0.2** |
| Finance & Insurance | 55.8 | 55.1 | 55.6 | 0.7 | 0.2 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 14.5 | 14.1 | 14.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **152.9** | **151.8** | **151.7** | **1.1** | **1.2** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 49.5 | 48.7 | 47.6 | 0.8 | 1.9 |
| Management of Companies | 40.0 | 40.4 | 36.3 | -0.4 | 3.7 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 63.4 | 62.7 | 67.8 | 0.7 | -4.4 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **203.6** | **203.6** | **197.9** | **0.0** | **5.7** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 19.2 | 19.2 | 18.2 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 184.4 | 184.4 | 179.7 | 0.0 | 4.7 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 64.7 | 64.1 | 62.1 | 0.6 | 2.6 |
| Social Assistance | 37.3 | 37.4 | 37.1 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **131.6** | **124.7** | **122.5** | **6.9** | **9.1** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 13.7 | 12.8 | 13.2 | 0.9 | 0.5 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 117.9 | 111.9 | 109.3 | 6.0 | 8.6 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.8 | 11.3 | 11.1 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Food Services | 106.1 | 100.6 | 98.2 | 5.5 | 7.9 |
| **Other Services** | **73.4** | **73.0** | **71.3** | **0.4** | **2.1** |
| **Government** | **213.3** | **212.2** | **211.8** | **1.1** | **1.5** |
| Federal Government | 21.0 | 20.9 | 20.5 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| State Government | 78.6 | 78.2 | 78.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 32.4 | 32.0 | 32.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.2 | 46.2 | 46.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Local Government | 113.7 | 113.1 | 112.7 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 70.2 | 70.1 | 69.7 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 43.5 | 43.0 | 43.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 |

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

#### Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

March 2023 - April 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Leisure & Hospitality

6,900

Construction

1,900

Government

1,100

Professional & Business

1,100

Financial Activities

1,100

Other Services

400

Information

200

Private Ed & Health

0

Mining & Logging

0

Manufacturing

-500

Trade-Transport-Utilities -1,300

-2,000 -1,000 0 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 5,000 6,000 7,000 8,000

#### Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

April 2022 - April 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Leisure & Hospitality

9,100

Trade-Transport-Utilities

6,500

Private Ed & Health

5,700

Construction

5,300

Manufacturing

2,300

Other Services

2,100

Government

1,500

Professional & Business

1,200

Financial Activities

200

Information

100

Mining & Logging

-200

-2,000

0

2,000

4,000

6,000

8,000

10,000

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# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**Apr 23**

Average Weekly Hours 37.8

Average Hourly Earnings $22.17

Average Weekly Earnings $838.03

**Mar 23**

37.5

$21.58

$809.25

**Apr 22**

39.8

$20.33

$809.13

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Apr 23**

Average Weekly Hours

Average Hourly Earnings $24.73

Average Weekly Earnings $1,038.66

42.0

**Mar 23 Apr 22**

41.8 41.6

$23.82 $21.41

$995.68 $890.66

**Apr 23**

Average Weekly Hours 33.9

Average Hourly Earnings $19.20

Average Weekly Earnings $650.88

**Mar 23**

33.6

$18.99

$638.06

**Apr 22**

38.2

$19.27

$736.11

#### Average Weekly Earnings in Durable Goods (Production Workers)

April 2020 - April 2023

$1,100.00

$1,000.00

$900.00

$800.00

$700.00

$600.00

$500.00

$400.00

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**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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 23** | **Mar 23** | **Apr 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 363,051 | 359,950 | 358,862 | 3,101 | 4,189 |
| **Employment** | 354,559 | 350,907 | 348,538 | 3,652 | 6,021 |
| **Unemployment** | 8,492 | 9,043 | 10,324 | -551 | -1,832 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.3% | 2.5% | 2.9% | -0.2% | -0.6% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Apr 23** | **Mar 23** | **Apr 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 383.3 | 379.4 | 375.4 | 3.9 | 7.9 |
| **Goods Producing** 39.5 | 39.1 | 38.4 | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 19.7** | **19.3** | **18.6** | **0.4** | **1.1** |
| **Manufacturing 19.8** | **19.8** | **19.8** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Service Providing** 343.8 | 340.3 | 337.0 | 3.5 | 6.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 77.7** | **78.3** | **77.0** | **-0.6** | **0.7** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 18.3 | 18.3 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 1.6 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.2 | 38.6 | 38.7 | -0.4 | -0.5 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.2 | 21.4 | 21.6 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| **Information 5.7** | **5.6** | **5.6** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 24.6** | **24.2** | **24.5** | **0.4** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 47.8** | **46.9** | **47.7** | **0.9** | **0.1** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 63.2** | **62.6** | **60.7** | **0.6** | **2.5** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 36.0** | **34.0** | **33.3** | **2.0** | **2.7** |
| **Other Services 19.3** | **19.2** | **18.8** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Government 69.5** | **69.5** | **69.4** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Federal Government** 10.0 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 34.1 | 34.2 | 34.4 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| **Local Government** 25.4 | 25.4 | 25.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 |

365,000

#### Civilian Labor Force

April: 2013 - 2023

40,000

#### Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality

April 2020 - April 2023

360,000

35,000

355,000

350,000

30,000

345,000

25,000

340,000

20,000

335,000

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330,000

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15,000

Apr '20 Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22 Apr '23

**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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 23** | **Mar 23** | **Apr 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 315,096 | 313,868 | 302,118 | 1,228 | 12,978 |
| **Employment** | 309,345 | 307,689 | 295,733 | 1,656 | 13,612 |
| **Unemployment** | 5,751 | 6,179 | 6,385 | -428 | -634 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 1.8% | 2.0% | 2.1% | -0.2% | -0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Apr 23** | **Mar 23** | **Apr 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 307.8 | 306.1 | 292.4 | 1.7 | 15.4 |
| **Goods Producing** 47.7 | 47.3 | 45.6 | 0.4 | 2.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 15.7** | **15.4** | **14.3** | **0.3** | **1.4** |
| **Manufacturing 32.0** | **31.9** | **31.3** | **0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Service Providing** 260.1 | 258.8 | 246.8 | 1.3 | 13.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 63.7** | **64.1** | **60.5** | **-0.4** | **3.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 14.4 | 14.3 | 13.1 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| **Retail Trade** 28.7 | 28.9 | 28.9 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.6 | 20.9 | 18.5 | -0.3 | 2.1 |
| **Information 2.4** | **2.3** | **2.3** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 10.2** | **10.0** | **10.0** | **0.2** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 59.2** | **59.4** | **57.0** | **-0.2** | **2.2** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 34.6** | **34.5** | **32.8** | **0.1** | **1.8** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 31.5** | **30.0** | **28.8** | **1.5** | **2.7** |
| **Other Services 15.7** | **15.7** | **15.0** | **0.0** | **0.7** |
| **Government 42.8** | **42.8** | **40.4** | **0.0** | **2.4** |
| **Federal Government** 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** 19.5 | 19.6 | 18.0 | -0.1 | 1.5 |
| **Local Government** 20.2 | 20.1 | 19.5 | 0.1 | 0.7 |

350,000

#### Employment

April: 2003 - 2023

270,000

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

April 2020 - April 2023

300,000

250,000

250,000

230,000

200,000

210,000

150,000

190,000

100,000

50,000

170,000

0

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'03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19 '21 '23

150,000

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**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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 23** | **Mar 23** | **Apr 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 119,354 | 118,736 | 117,585 | 618 | 1,769 |
| **Employment** | 116,477 | 115,398 | 114,178 | 1,079 | 2,299 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,877 | 3,338 | 3,407 | -461 | -530 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.4% | 2.8% | 2.9% | -0.4% | -0.5% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Apr 23** | **Mar 23** | **Apr 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 116.0 | 114.9 | 113.4 | 1.1 | 2.6 |
| **Goods Producing** 24.2 | 23.9 | 23.2 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.5** | **5.3** | **5.0** | **0.2** | **0.5** |
| **Manufacturing 18.7** | **18.6** | **18.2** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Service Providing** 91.8 | 91.0 | 90.2 | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.5** | **24.6** | **24.2** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.9 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.3 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Information 1.4** | **1.4** | **1.3** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 4.2** | **4.1** | **4.2** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.4** | **11.2** | **12.0** | **0.2** | **-0.6** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 18.1** | **18.0** | **17.4** | **0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.3** | **9.9** | **9.6** | **0.4** | **0.7** |
| **Other Services 3.6** | **3.6** | **3.5** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Government 18.3** | **18.2** | **18.0** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Local Government** 14.6 | 14.5 | 14.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 |

#### Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

April 2022 vs April 2023

Leisure & Hospitality

700

500

500

300

300

100

100

0

Private Ed & Health

700

Manufacturing

Mining-Logging-Construct

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Government

Other Services

Information

Financial Activities

Professional & Business

-600

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-800 -600 -400 -200 0 200 400 600 800

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 23** | **Mar 23** | **Apr 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 42,717 | 42,175 | 42,400 | 542 | 317 |
| **Employment** | 41,506 | 40,905 | 40,987 | 601 | 519 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,211 | 1,270 | 1,413 | -59 | -202 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.8% | 3.0% | 3.3% | -0.2% | -0.5% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 23** | **Mar 23** | **Apr 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 42.2 | 41.8 | 41.6 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 37.5 | 37.1 | 37.0 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 |

45,000

#### Employment

April 2020 - April 2023

**April**

43,000

41,000

39,000

37,000

35,000

33,000

31,000

29,000

27,000

25,000

Apr '20 Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22 Apr '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 23** | **Mar 23** | **Apr 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 68,560 | 68,420 | 67,365 | 140 | 1,195 |
| **Employment** | 67,152 | 66,892 | 65,691 | 260 | 1,461 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,408 | 1,528 | 1,674 | -120 | -266 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.1% | 2.2% | 2.5% | -0.1% | -0.4% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 23** | **Mar 23** | **Apr 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 64.7 | 64.5 | 62.9 | 0.2 | 1.8 |
| 12.3 | 12.5 | 11.9 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| 52.4 | 52.0 | 51.0 | 0.4 | 1.4 |
| 9.2 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 0.0 | 0.4 |

70,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

April: 2013 - 2023

**April**

65,000

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

35,000

30,000

2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 23** | **Mar 23** | **Apr 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 32,447 | 32,480 | 32,427 | -33 | 20 |
| **Employment** | 31,354 | 31,300 | 30,921 | 54 | 433 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,093 | 1,180 | 1,506 | -87 | -413 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.4% | 3.6% | 4.6% | -0.2% | -1.2% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 23** | **Mar 23** | **Apr 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.7 | 31.7 | 31.1 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.2 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| 26.2 | 26.1 | 25.9 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 8.6 | 8.7 | 8.6 | -0.1 | 0.0 |

5,800

#### Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

April 2020 - April 2023

**April**

5,700

5,600

5,500

5,400

5,300

5,200

5,100

5,000

4,900

Apr '20 Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22 Apr '23

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 23** | **Mar 23** | **Apr 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 624,862 | 630,623 | 636,649 | -5,761 | -11,787 |
| **Employment** | 604,658 | 606,538 | 612,374 | -1,880 | -7,716 |
| **Unemployment** | 20,204 | 24,085 | 24,275 | -3,881 | -4,071 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.2% | 3.8% | 3.8% | -0.6% | -0.6% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 23** | **Mar 23** | **Apr 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 62,863 | 62,964 | 62,663 | -101 | 200 |
| **Employment** | 60,625 | 60,460 | 60,166 | 165 | 459 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,238 | 2,504 | 2,497 | -266 | -259 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6% | 4.0% | 4.0% | -0.4% | -0.4% |

650,000

#### Memphis MSA - Civilian Labor Force

April: 2013 - 2023

62,000

#### Texarkana MSA - Employment

April 2020 - April 2023

640,000 60,000

630,000 58,000

620,000 56,000

610,000 54,000

600,000 52,000

590,000 50,000

580,000

**April**

'13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23

48,000

Apr '20 Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22 Apr '23

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,657 | 8,382 | 275 | 3.2 | 8,661 | 8,354 | 307 | 3.5 | 8,620 | 8,310 | 310 | 3.6 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,993 | 16,573 | 420 | 2.5 | 16,910 | 16,471 | 439 | 2.6 | 16,574 | 16,092 | 482 | 2.9 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,537 | 15,942 | 595 | 3.6 | 16,625 | 16,000 | 625 | 3.8 | 16,269 | 15,546 | 723 | 4.4 |
| Camden Micro | 12,094 | 11,738 | 356 | 2.9 | 12,144 | 11,755 | 389 | 3.2 | 12,079 | 11,664 | 415 | 3.4 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,747 | 14,233 | 514 | 3.5 | 14,792 | 14,241 | 551 | 3.7 | 14,838 | 14,210 | 628 | 4.2 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,647 | 7,371 | 276 | 3.6 | 7,641 | 7,346 | 295 | 3.9 | 7,722 | 7,405 | 317 | 4.1 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,438 | 18,978 | 460 | 2.4 | 19,259 | 18,761 | 498 | 2.6 | 19,216 | 18,752 | 464 | 2.4 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,544 | 5,273 | 271 | 4.9 | 5,593 | 5,278 | 315 | 5.6 | 5,745 | 5,451 | 294 | 5.1 |
| Hope Micro | 12,931 | 12,618 | 313 | 2.4 | 12,900 | 12,569 | 331 | 2.6 | 12,812 | 12,434 | 378 | 3.0 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,846 | 8,557 | 289 | 3.3 | 8,856 | 8,547 | 309 | 3.5 | 8,948 | 8,610 | 338 | 3.8 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,049 | 13,684 | 365 | 2.6 | 13,991 | 13,602 | 389 | 2.8 | 13,840 | 13,427 | 413 | 3.0 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,611 | 16,162 | 449 | 2.7 | 16,496 | 16,022 | 474 | 2.9 | 16,614 | 16,108 | 506 | 3.0 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,032 | 19,546 | 486 | 2.4 | 20,090 | 19,547 | 543 | 2.7 | 19,752 | 19,214 | 538 | 2.7 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,987 | 34,982 | 1,005 | 2.8 | 35,896 | 34,816 | 1,080 | 3.0 | 35,613 | 34,490 | 1,123 | 3.2 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,571 | 33,671 | 900 | 2.6 | 34,491 | 33,514 | 977 | 2.8 | 34,461 | 33,362 | 1,099 | 3.2 |

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County Batesville Micro = Independence County Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**April 2023**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**March 2023**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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**

**April 2023**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**March 2023**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2022**

**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

**April**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 13,535 | 13,197 | 338 | 2.5 | 13,477 | 13,131 | 346 | 2.6 | 13,003 | 12,617 | 386 | 3.0 |
| Benton | 18,073 | 17,693 | 380 | 2.1 | 17,897 | 17,503 | 394 | 2.2 | 17,848 | 17,387 | 461 | 2.6 |
| Bentonville | 32,838 | 32,273 | 565 | 1.7 | 32,723 | 32,112 | 611 | 1.9 | 31,444 | 30,854 | 590 | 1.9 |
| Blytheville | 5,570 | 5,336 | 234 | 4.2 | 5,559 | 5,356 | 203 | 3.7 | 5,510 | 5,204 | 306 | 5.6 |
| Cabot | 12,244 | 11,984 | 260 | 2.1 | 12,157 | 11,882 | 275 | 2.3 | 12,082 | 11,796 | 286 | 2.4 |
| Conway | 35,169 | 34,363 | 806 | 2.3 | 34,861 | 33,998 | 863 | 2.5 | 34,658 | 33,778 | 880 | 2.5 |
| El Dorado | 6,343 | 6,125 | 218 | 3.4 | 6,388 | 6,128 | 260 | 4.1 | 6,416 | 6,115 | 301 | 4.7 |
| Fayetteville | 53,603 | 52,632 | 971 | 1.8 | 53,416 | 52,339 | 1,077 | 2.0 | 51,451 | 50,312 | 1,139 | 2.2 |
| Fort Smith | 38,812 | 37,900 | 912 | 2.3 | 38,485 | 37,526 | 959 | 2.5 | 38,311 | 37,215 | 1,096 | 2.9 |
| Hot Springs | 15,836 | 15,360 | 476 | 3.0 | 15,647 | 15,137 | 510 | 3.3 | 15,809 | 15,167 | 642 | 4.1 |
| Jacksonville | 11,731 | 11,413 | 318 | 2.7 | 11,642 | 11,293 | 349 | 3.0 | 11,646 | 11,217 | 429 | 3.7 |
| Jonesboro | 41,277 | 40,431 | 846 | 2.0 | 41,184 | 40,253 | 931 | 2.3 | 40,503 | 39,532 | 971 | 2.4 |
| Little Rock | 98,191 | 95,789 | 2,402 | 2.4 | 97,380 | 94,781 | 2,599 | 2.7 | 97,300 | 94,142 | 3,158 | 3.2 |
| North Little Rock | 30,304 | 29,456 | 848 | 2.8 | 30,017 | 29,146 | 871 | 2.9 | 29,972 | 28,949 | 1,023 | 3.4 |
| Paragould | 12,733 | 12,422 | 311 | 2.4 | 12,763 | 12,423 | 340 | 2.7 | 12,563 | 12,211 | 352 | 2.8 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,132 | 14,541 | 591 | 3.9 | 15,168 | 14,511 | 657 | 4.3 | 15,130 | 14,331 | 799 | 5.3 |
| Rogers | 40,292 | 39,593 | 699 | 1.7 | 40,139 | 39,395 | 744 | 1.9 | 38,614 | 37,852 | 762 | 2.0 |
| Russellville | 12,918 | 12,576 | 342 | 2.6 | 12,870 | 12,505 | 365 | 2.8 | 12,763 | 12,390 | 373 | 2.9 |
| Searcy | 10,438 | 10,168 | 270 | 2.6 | 10,390 | 10,121 | 269 | 2.6 | 10,383 | 10,075 | 308 | 3.0 |
| Sherwood | 16,442 | 16,075 | 367 | 2.2 | 16,304 | 15,906 | 398 | 2.4 | 16,195 | 15,799 | 396 | 2.4 |
| Springdale | 42,769 | 42,032 | 737 | 1.7 | 42,598 | 41,799 | 799 | 1.9 | 41,010 | 40,180 | 830 | 2.0 |
| Texarkana, AR | 12,898 | 12,509 | 389 | 3.0 | 12,782 | 12,403 | 379 | 3.0 | 12,866 | 12,372 | 494 | 3.8 |
| Van Buren | 10,375 | 10,149 | 226 | 2.2 | 10,304 | 10,061 | 243 | 2.4 | 10,281 | 9,973 | 308 | 3.0 |
| West Memphis | 10,102 | 9,736 | 366 | 3.6 | 10,137 | 9,758 | 379 | 3.7 | 10,034 | 9,689 | 345 | 3.4 |

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**April 2023 March 2023 April 2022**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,145 | 8,949 | 196 | 2.1 | 9,189 | 8,984 | 205 | 2.2 | 9,150 | 8,855 | 295 | 3.2 |
| Ashley | 6,534 | 6,251 | 283 | 4.3 | 6,538 | 6,244 | 294 | 4.5 | 6,750 | 6,441 | 309 | 4.6 |
| Baxter | 16,611 | 16,162 | 449 | 2.7 | 16,496 | 16,022 | 474 | 2.9 | 16,614 | 16,108 | 506 | 3.0 |
| Benton | 156,896 | 153,973 | 2,923 | 1.9 | 156,336 | 153,203 | 3,133 | 2.0 | 150,383 | 147,202 | 3,181 | 2.1 |
| Boone | 16,167 | 15,787 | 380 | 2.4 | 16,024 | 15,607 | 417 | 2.6 | 15,977 | 15,597 | 380 | 2.4 |
| Bradley | 4,019 | 3,868 | 151 | 3.8 | 4,072 | 3,903 | 169 | 4.2 | 4,179 | 4,005 | 174 | 4.2 |
| Calhoun | 2,393 | 2,340 | 53 | 2.2 | 2,413 | 2,350 | 63 | 2.6 | 2,394 | 2,330 | 64 | 2.7 |
| Carroll | 12,475 | 12,198 | 277 | 2.2 | 12,314 | 12,016 | 298 | 2.4 | 12,577 | 12,257 | 320 | 2.5 |
| Chicot | 2,975 | 2,848 | 127 | 4.3 | 3,008 | 2,869 | 139 | 4.6 | 3,058 | 2,874 | 184 | 6.0 |
| Clark | 8,657 | 8,382 | 275 | 3.2 | 8,661 | 8,354 | 307 | 3.5 | 8,620 | 8,310 | 310 | 3.6 |
| Clay | 5,554 | 5,390 | 164 | 3.0 | 5,535 | 5,347 | 188 | 3.4 | 5,574 | 5,385 | 189 | 3.4 |
| Cleburne | 8,989 | 8,712 | 277 | 3.1 | 8,883 | 8,585 | 298 | 3.4 | 8,960 | 8,620 | 340 | 3.8 |
| Cleveland | 3,114 | 3,036 | 78 | 2.5 | 3,122 | 3,035 | 87 | 2.8 | 3,111 | 3,000 | 111 | 3.6 |
| Columbia | 8,846 | 8,557 | 289 | 3.3 | 8,856 | 8,547 | 309 | 3.5 | 8,948 | 8,610 | 338 | 3.8 |
| Conway | 8,373 | 8,128 | 245 | 2.9 | 8,313 | 8,055 | 258 | 3.1 | 8,443 | 8,168 | 275 | 3.3 |
| Craighead | 58,420 | 57,251 | 1,169 | 2.0 | 58,271 | 57,000 | 1,271 | 2.2 | 57,353 | 55,978 | 1,375 | 2.4 |
| Crawford | 26,599 | 25,973 | 626 | 2.4 | 26,422 | 25,750 | 672 | 2.5 | 26,296 | 25,524 | 772 | 2.9 |
| Crittenden | 20,590 | 19,950 | 640 | 3.1 | 20,701 | 19,996 | 705 | 3.4 | 20,532 | 19,855 | 677 | 3.3 |
| Cross | 6,951 | 6,764 | 187 | 2.7 | 6,923 | 6,737 | 186 | 2.7 | 7,105 | 6,888 | 217 | 3.1 |
| Dallas | 2,660 | 2,571 | 89 | 3.3 | 2,693 | 2,600 | 93 | 3.5 | 2,727 | 2,633 | 94 | 3.4 |
| Desha | 4,938 | 4,759 | 179 | 3.6 | 4,952 | 4,764 | 188 | 3.8 | 5,048 | 4,809 | 239 | 4.7 |
| Drew | 7,416 | 7,168 | 248 | 3.3 | 7,552 | 7,290 | 262 | 3.5 | 7,400 | 7,110 | 290 | 3.9 |
| Faulkner | 63,878 | 62,416 | 1,462 | 2.3 | 63,331 | 61,754 | 1,577 | 2.5 | 62,992 | 61,354 | 1,638 | 2.6 |
| Franklin | 7,565 | 7,383 | 182 | 2.4 | 7,544 | 7,349 | 195 | 2.6 | 7,478 | 7,252 | 226 | 3.0 |
| Fulton | 5,066 | 4,931 | 135 | 2.7 | 4,974 | 4,833 | 141 | 2.8 | 5,014 | 4,872 | 142 | 2.8 |
| Garland | 42,717 | 41,506 | 1,211 | 2.8 | 42,175 | 40,905 | 1,270 | 3.0 | 42,400 | 40,987 | 1,413 | 3.3 |
| Grant | 8,557 | 8,366 | 191 | 2.2 | 8,513 | 8,307 | 206 | 2.4 | 8,469 | 8,237 | 232 | 2.7 |
| Greene | 20,032 | 19,546 | 486 | 2.4 | 20,090 | 19,547 | 543 | 2.7 | 19,752 | 19,214 | 538 | 2.7 |
| Hempstead | 9,472 | 9,247 | 225 | 2.4 | 9,453 | 9,216 | 237 | 2.5 | 9,375 | 9,116 | 259 | 2.8 |
| Hot Spring | 14,049 | 13,684 | 365 | 2.6 | 13,991 | 13,602 | 389 | 2.8 | 13,840 | 13,427 | 413 | 3.0 |
| Howard | 5,359 | 5,215 | 144 | 2.7 | 5,390 | 5,238 | 152 | 2.8 | 5,504 | 5,357 | 147 | 2.7 |
| Independence | 16,993 | 16,573 | 420 | 2.5 | 16,910 | 16,471 | 439 | 2.6 | 16,574 | 16,092 | 482 | 2.9 |
| Izard | 4,525 | 4,361 | 164 | 3.6 | 4,468 | 4,299 | 169 | 3.8 | 4,536 | 4,339 | 197 | 4.3 |
| Jackson | 5,482 | 5,271 | 211 | 3.8 | 5,534 | 5,314 | 220 | 4.0 | 5,568 | 5,337 | 231 | 4.1 |
| Jefferson | 25,589 | 24,694 | 895 | 3.5 | 25,611 | 24,644 | 967 | 3.8 | 25,582 | 24,339 | 1,243 | 4.9 |
| Johnson | 10,140 | 9,840 | 300 | 3.0 | 10,164 | 9,842 | 322 | 3.2 | 10,193 | 9,846 | 347 | 3.4 |
| Lafayette | 2,353 | 2,270 | 83 | 3.5 | 2,347 | 2,252 | 95 | 4.0 | 2,388 | 2,297 | 91 | 3.8 |
| Lawrence | 7,046 | 6,879 | 167 | 2.4 | 7,047 | 6,872 | 175 | 2.5 | 6,981 | 6,765 | 216 | 3.1 |
| Lee | 2,674 | 2,564 | 110 | 4.1 | 2,689 | 2,579 | 110 | 4.1 | 2,630 | 2,531 | 99 | 3.8 |
| Lincoln | 3,744 | 3,624 | 120 | 3.2 | 3,747 | 3,621 | 126 | 3.4 | 3,734 | 3,582 | 152 | 4.1 |
| Little River | 5,202 | 5,070 | 132 | 2.5 | 5,193 | 5,042 | 151 | 2.9 | 5,208 | 5,019 | 189 | 3.6 |
| Logan | 8,311 | 8,072 | 239 | 2.9 | 8,320 | 8,063 | 257 | 3.1 | 8,371 | 8,086 | 285 | 3.4 |
| Lonoke | 34,711 | 33,972 | 739 | 2.1 | 34,461 | 33,683 | 778 | 2.3 | 34,291 | 33,439 | 852 | 2.5 |
| Madison | 8,109 | 7,950 | 159 | 2.0 | 8,105 | 7,936 | 169 | 2.1 | 7,822 | 7,650 | 172 | 2.2 |
| Marion | 6,267 | 6,096 | 171 | 2.7 | 6,171 | 5,976 | 195 | 3.2 | 6,326 | 6,124 | 202 | 3.2 |
| Miller | 18,832 | 18,285 | 547 | 2.9 | 18,687 | 18,130 | 557 | 3.0 | 18,748 | 18,085 | 663 | 3.5 |

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**April**

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**April**

**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 16,537 | 15,942 | 595 | 3.6 | 16,625 | 16,000 | 625 | 3.8 | 16,269 | 15,546 | 723 | 4.4 |
| Monroe | 2,529 | 2,454 | 75 | 3.0 | 2,574 | 2,487 | 87 | 3.4 | 2,567 | 2,466 | 101 | 3.9 |
| Montgomery | 2,977 | 2,871 | 106 | 3.6 | 2,953 | 2,840 | 113 | 3.8 | 2,950 | 2,829 | 121 | 4.1 |
| Nevada | 3,459 | 3,371 | 88 | 2.5 | 3,447 | 3,353 | 94 | 2.7 | 3,437 | 3,318 | 119 | 3.5 |
| Newton | 3,271 | 3,191 | 80 | 2.4 | 3,235 | 3,154 | 81 | 2.5 | 3,239 | 3,155 | 84 | 2.6 |
| Ouachita | 9,701 | 9,398 | 303 | 3.1 | 9,731 | 9,405 | 326 | 3.4 | 9,685 | 9,334 | 351 | 3.6 |
| Perry | 4,273 | 4,160 | 113 | 2.6 | 4,239 | 4,116 | 123 | 2.9 | 4,232 | 4,092 | 140 | 3.3 |
| Phillips | 5,544 | 5,273 | 271 | 4.9 | 5,593 | 5,278 | 315 | 5.6 | 5,745 | 5,451 | 294 | 5.1 |
| Pike | 4,100 | 3,988 | 112 | 2.7 | 4,057 | 3,947 | 110 | 2.7 | 4,197 | 4,052 | 145 | 3.5 |
| Poinsett | 10,140 | 9,901 | 239 | 2.4 | 10,149 | 9,892 | 257 | 2.5 | 10,012 | 9,713 | 299 | 3.0 |
| Polk | 7,956 | 7,746 | 210 | 2.6 | 7,964 | 7,730 | 234 | 2.9 | 7,925 | 7,668 | 257 | 3.2 |
| Pope | 27,930 | 27,153 | 777 | 2.8 | 27,836 | 26,999 | 837 | 3.0 | 27,612 | 26,751 | 861 | 3.1 |
| Prairie | 3,628 | 3,547 | 81 | 2.2 | 3,609 | 3,524 | 85 | 2.4 | 3,554 | 3,465 | 89 | 2.5 |
| Pulaski | 190,915 | 186,238 | 4,677 | 2.4 | 189,248 | 184,277 | 4,971 | 2.6 | 189,034 | 183,035 | 5,999 | 3.2 |
| Randolph | 7,311 | 7,127 | 184 | 2.5 | 7,323 | 7,125 | 198 | 2.7 | 7,314 | 7,104 | 210 | 2.9 |
| St. Francis | 7,647 | 7,371 | 276 | 3.6 | 7,641 | 7,346 | 295 | 3.9 | 7,722 | 7,405 | 317 | 4.1 |
| Saline | 60,717 | 59,407 | 1,310 | 2.2 | 60,158 | 58,770 | 1,388 | 2.3 | 59,844 | 58,381 | 1,463 | 2.4 |
| Scott | 4,345 | 4,251 | 94 | 2.2 | 4,372 | 4,270 | 102 | 2.3 | 4,229 | 4,125 | 104 | 2.5 |
| Searcy | 2,888 | 2,793 | 95 | 3.3 | 2,832 | 2,724 | 108 | 3.8 | 2,885 | 2,781 | 104 | 3.6 |
| Sebastian | 55,919 | 54,597 | 1,322 | 2.4 | 55,466 | 54,058 | 1,408 | 2.5 | 55,157 | 53,611 | 1,546 | 2.8 |
| Sevier | 5,449 | 5,292 | 157 | 2.9 | 5,487 | 5,320 | 167 | 3.0 | 5,413 | 5,219 | 194 | 3.6 |
| Sharp | 5,979 | 5,802 | 177 | 3.0 | 5,887 | 5,694 | 193 | 3.3 | 5,841 | 5,634 | 207 | 3.5 |
| Stone | 4,583 | 4,441 | 142 | 3.1 | 4,497 | 4,344 | 153 | 3.4 | 4,658 | 4,498 | 160 | 3.4 |
| Union | 14,747 | 14,233 | 514 | 3.5 | 14,792 | 14,241 | 551 | 3.7 | 14,838 | 14,210 | 628 | 4.2 |
| Van Buren | 6,091 | 5,903 | 188 | 3.1 | 6,016 | 5,816 | 200 | 3.3 | 5,933 | 5,723 | 210 | 3.5 |
| Washington | 138,563 | 136,149 | 2,414 | 1.7 | 137,996 | 135,390 | 2,606 | 1.9 | 132,946 | 130,147 | 2,799 | 2.1 |
| White | 34,571 | 33,671 | 900 | 2.6 | 34,491 | 33,514 | 977 | 2.8 | 34,461 | 33,362 | 1,099 | 3.2 |
| Woodruff | 2,909 | 2,829 | 80 | 2.8 | 2,959 | 2,865 | 94 | 3.2 | 2,843 | 2,756 | 87 | 3.1 |
| Yell | 8,057 | 7,829 | 228 | 2.8 | 8,060 | 7,817 | 243 | 3.0 | 8,001 | 7,739 | 262 | 3.3 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**April 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

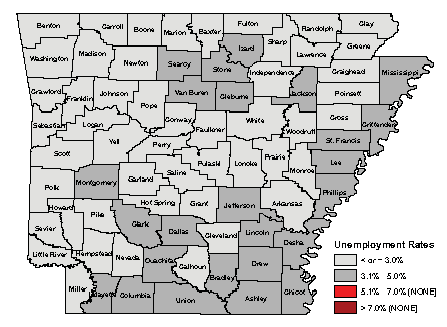
Between March and April, unemployment rates decreased in 72 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates in three counties were unchanged over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 1.7% in Washington County to a high of 4.9% in Phillips County.

In April, fifty counties in Arkansas posted unemployment rates at or below 3%. That is up slightly from 42 counties at or below 3% last month. For the third month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to April 2022, unemployment rates are down in 72 Arkansas counties. The rate in Lee County increased over the year, while the rates in Boone and Howard counties were stable. Chicot and Jefferson counties posted the largest annual unemployment rate declines, down one and seven-tenths of a percentage point and one and four-tenths of a percent point, respectively.

**April**

**County Unemployment Rates**



# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

April 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 1.7

2 Benton 1.9

3 Craighead 2.0

3 Madison 2.0

5 Arkansas 2.1

5 Lonoke 2.1

7 Calhoun 2.2

7 Carroll 2.2

7 Grant 2.2

7 Prairie 2.2

7 Saline 2.2

7 Scott 2.2

13 Faulkner 2.3

14 Boone 2.4

14 Crawford 2.4

14 Franklin 2.4

14 Greene 2.4

14 Hempstead 2.4

14 Lawrence 2.4

14 Newton 2.4

14 Poinsett 2.4

14 Pulaski 2.4

14 Sebastian 2.4

24 Cleveland 2.5

24 Independence 2.5

**Rank County**

24 Little River

24 Nevada

24 Randolph

29 Hot Spring

29 Perry

29 Polk

29 White

33 Baxter

33 Cross

33 Fulton

33 Howard

33 Marion

33 Pike

39 Garland

39 Pope

39 Woodruff

39 Yell

43 Conway

43 Logan

43 Miller

43 Sevier

47 Clay

47 Johnson

47 Monroe

47 Sharp

**Rate**

2.5

2.5

2.5

2.6

2.6

2.6

2.6

2.7

2.7

2.7

2.7

2.7

2.7

2.8

2.8

2.8

2.8

2.9

2.9

2.9

2.9

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.0

**Rank County**

51 Cleburne

51 Crittenden

51 Ouachita

51 Stone

51 Van Buren

56 Clark

56 Lincoln

58 Columbia

58 Dallas

58 Drew

58 Searcy

62 Jefferson

62 Lafayette

62 Union

65 Desha

65 Izard

65 Mississippi

65 Montgomery

65 St. Francis

70 Bradley

70 Jackson

72 Lee

73 Ashley

73 Chicot

75 Phillips

**Rate**

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.2

3.2

3.3

3.3

3.3

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3.8

3.8

4.1

4.3

4.3

4.9

**April**

## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**April 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 258,187 252,245

City of Little Rock 98,191 95,789

Eastern 43,406 41,922

North Central 95,188 92,494

Northeast 125,040 122,036

Northwest 361,247 354,299

Southeast 76,031 73,563

Southwest 88,473 85,849

West Central 131,273 127,541

Western 110,695 108,022

5,942 2.3

2,402 2.4

1,484 3.4

2,694 2.8

3,004 2.4

6,948 1.9

2,468 3.2

2,624 3.0

3,732 2.8

2,673 2.4

256,001 249,714 6,287 2.5

97,380 94,781 2,599 2.7

43,547 41,936 1,611 3.7

94,619 91,735 2,884 3.0

125,040 121,783 3,257 2.6

359,509 352,028 7,481 2.1

76,304 73,661 2,643 3.5

88,489 85,694 2,795 3.2

130,449 126,477 3,972 3.0

110,088 107,220 2,868 2.6

254,982 247,998 6,984 2.7

97,300 94,142 3,158 3.2

43,734 42,130 1,604 3.7

94,388 91,233 3,155 3.3

123,255 119,705 3,550 2.9

348,769 341,021 7,748 2.2

76,481 73,252 3,229 4.2

88,665 85,528 3,137 3.5

130,488 126,201 4,287 3.3

109,456 106,266 3,190 2.9