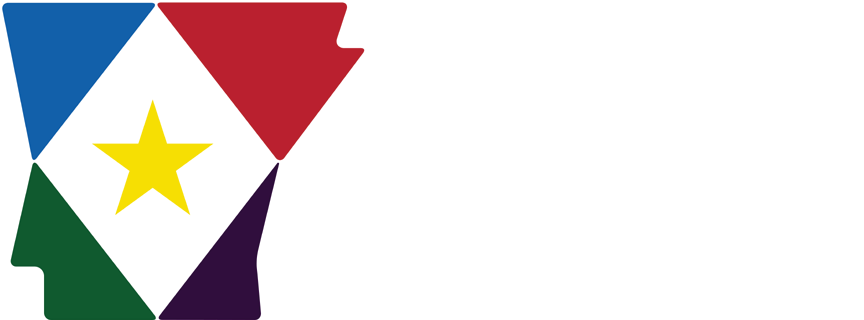
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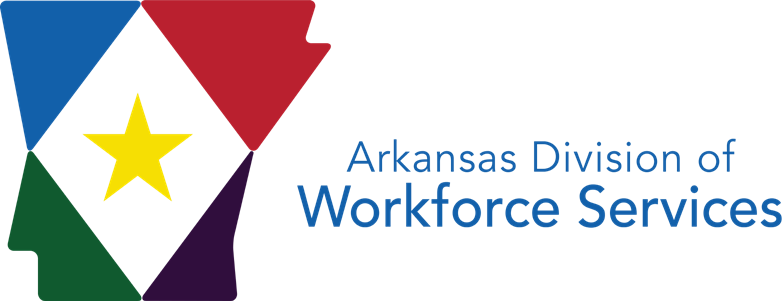
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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious month’s data is subject to revision.

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 2023 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**

# Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced and published on a quarterly basis. At this time, BED data is only available at the national and statewide levels.

The information produced from BED statistics includes gross job gains and losses at estab- lishments with changes in em- ployment. These employment changes occur when establish- ments open/expand or close/ contract. Gross job gains are a combination of jobs created from both openings of new businesses and expansions at existing businesses. Gross job losses are a combination of jobs lost from both exist- ing businesses that close and those that reduce their number of employees. The net change is the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses.

**Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)**

State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)

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

**Quarter Ending**

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

**Category | Sep 22 | Dec 22 | Mar 23 | Jun 23 | Sep 23\***

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

**Employment Levels**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 3rd Quarter 2023

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gross job gains..... | 67,914 | 66,289 | 61,533 | 63,471 | 60,444 |
| Gross job losses.... | 55,294 | 55,695 | 54,248 | 65,458 | 61,771 |
| **Net Change**.......... | **12,620** | **10,594** | **7,285** | **-1,987** | **-1,327** |

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

3rd Quarter 2021 - 3rd Quarter 2023

90,000

80,000

70,000

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

Sep '21 Dec '21 Mar '22 Jun '22 Sep '22 Dec '22 Mar '23 Jun '23 Sep '23 Gross Job Gains Gross Job Losses

**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 decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.5% in March to 3.4% in April. At 3.9%, the United States’ jobless rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point between March and April.

Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased by 2,731 in April, as 3,557 more Arkansans are employed since March. The civilian labor force and the number of employed are both at record high levels. The unem- ployment rate declined to 3.4%, while the States’ labor force participation rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point.

Compared to April 2023, employment is up by 6,594. There are now 8,424 more unemployed Arkan- sans actively looking for work, pushing the unemployment rate up six-tenths of a percentage point. The labor force participation rate remained stable over the year.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,340,867 1,337,310 1,334,273 Employment 1,359,476 1,345,373 1,343,164

Unemployment 47,490 48,316 39,066 Unemployment 43,026 45,934 35,069

Unemployment Rate 3.4% 3.5% 2.8% Unemployment Rate 3.1% 3.3% 2.5%

LF Participation Rate 57.5% 57.4% 57.5% LF Participation Rate 58.1% 57.7% 57.7%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** |  | **Apr 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,388,357 | 1,385,626 | 1,373,339 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,402,502 | 1,391,307 | 1,378,233 |

#### Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

April: 2004 - 2024

1,400,000

1,350,000

1,300,000

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

1,100,000

2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 2024

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Apr 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1377.0 | 1363.1 | 1352.9 | 13.9 | 24.1 |
| Goods Producing | 233.6 | 232.2 | 230.0 | 1.4 | 3.6 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 72.8 | 71.9 | 67.8 | 0.9 | 5.0 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.2** | **5.2** | **5.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Construction** | **67.6** | **66.7** | **62.6** | **0.9** | **5.0** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 42.8 | 42.1 | 39.2 | 0.7 | 3.6 |
| **Manufacturing** | **160.8** | **160.3** | **162.2** | **0.5** | **-1.4** |
| Durable Goods | 77.2 | 77.2 | 78.7 | 0.0 | -1.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 83.6 | 83.1 | 83.5 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| Service Providing | 1143.4 | 1130.9 | 1122.9 | 12.5 | 20.5 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **269.9** | **267.8** | **265.5** | **2.1** | **4.4** |
| Wholesale Trade | 51.7 | 51.5 | 52.1 | 0.2 | -0.4 |
| Retail Trade | 146.0 | 145.0 | 142.0 | 1.0 | 4.0 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 72.2 | 71.3 | 71.4 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| **Information** | **12.7** | **12.4** | **12.9** | **0.3** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities** | **70.9** | **70.0** | **70.0** | **0.9** | **0.9** |
| Finance & Insurance | 55.9 | 55.1 | 54.9 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 15.0 | 14.9 | 15.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **159.0** | **157.9** | **158.7** | **1.1** | **0.3** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 50.4 | 50.6 | 50.6 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| Management of Companies | 38.0 | 37.8 | 37.6 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 70.6 | 69.5 | 70.5 | 1.1 | 0.1 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **213.9** | **212.9** | **206.7** | **1.0** | **7.2** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 19.4 | 19.5 | 19.2 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 194.5 | 193.4 | 187.5 | 1.1 | 7.0 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 68.6 | 67.7 | 64.9 | 0.9 | 3.7 |
| Social Assistance | 39.6 | 40.3 | 39.0 | -0.7 | 0.6 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **132.4** | **127.3** | **128.0** | **5.1** | **4.4** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 14.4 | 13.4 | 13.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 118.0 | 113.9 | 114.6 | 4.1 | 3.4 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.8 | 11.4 | 11.8 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Food Services | 106.2 | 102.5 | 102.8 | 3.7 | 3.4 |
| **Other Services** | **67.9** | **66.9** | **67.1** | **1.0** | **0.8** |
| **Government** | **216.7** | **215.7** | **214.0** | **1.0** | **2.7** |
| Federal Government | 21.8 | 21.9 | 21.0 | -0.1 | 0.8 |
| State Government | 78.6 | 78.2 | 78.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 32.5 | 32.1 | 32.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.1 | 46.1 | 46.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Local Government | 116.3 | 115.6 | 114.4 | 0.7 | 1.9 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 71.6 | 71.4 | 70.6 | 0.2 | 1.0 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 44.7 | 44.2 | 43.8 | 0.5 | 0.9 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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

March 2024 - April 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Leisure & Hospitality

5,100

Trade-Transport-Utilities

2,100

Professional & Business

1,100

Government

1,000

Other Services

1,000

Private Ed & Health

1,000

Construction

900

Financial Activities

900

Manufacturing

500

Information

300

Mining & Logging 0

0

1,000

2,000

3,000

4,000

5,000

6,000

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

April 2023 - April 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Private Ed & Health

7,200

Construction

5,000

Trade-Transport-Utilities

4,400

Leisure & Hospitality

4,400

Government

2,700

Financial Activities

900

Other Services

800

Professional & Business

300

Mining & Logging

0

Information

-200

Manufacturing -1,400

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

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**Apr 24**

Average Weekly Hours 38.7

Average Hourly Earnings $21.49

Average Weekly Earnings $831.66

**Mar 24**

37.8

$22.89

$865.24

**Apr 23**

38.0

$21.97

$834.86

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Apr 24**

Average Weekly Hours

**Apr 23**

42.3

Average Hourly Earnings $23.85

Average Weekly Earnings $1,016.01

42.6

**Mar 24**

40.4

$24.37

$991.42 $1,030.85

$24.54

**Apr 24**

Average Weekly Hours 35.2

Average Hourly Earnings $18.91

Average Weekly Earnings $665.63

**Mar 24**

35.5

$19.63

$696.87

**Apr 23**

33.9

$19.20

$650.88

$1,100.00

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

April 2021 - April 2024

$1,050.00

$1,000.00

$950.00

$900.00

$850.00

$800.00

$750.00

$700.00

Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22 Apr '23 Oct '23 Apr '24

**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 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 375,116 | 372,017 | 364,498 | 3,099 | 10,618 |
| **Employment** | 364,102 | 360,324 | 355,730 | 3,778 | 8,372 |
| **Unemployment** | 11,014 | 11,693 | 8,768 | -679 | 2,246 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.9% | 3.1% | 2.4% | -0.2% | 0.5% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Apr 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 397.0 | 394.5 | 388.3 | 2.5 | 8.7 |
| **Goods Producing** 42.6 | 42.1 | 40.4 | 0.5 | 2.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 22.3** | **21.9** | **20.7** | **0.4** | **1.6** |
| **Manufacturing 20.3** | **20.2** | **19.7** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Service Providing** 354.4 | 352.4 | 347.9 | 2.0 | 6.5 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 78.2** | **78.1** | **77.0** | **0.1** | **1.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 17.7 | 17.8 | 17.5 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 39.1 | 38.9 | 38.4 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.4 | 21.4 | 21.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Information 5.4** | **5.3** | **5.7** | **0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities 27.7** | **27.7** | **27.8** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 50.4** | **50.3** | **49.4** | **0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 66.0** | **65.4** | **63.7** | **0.6** | **2.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 35.1** | **34.3** | **34.9** | **0.8** | **0.2** |
| **Other Services 19.7** | **19.5** | **19.4** | **0.2** | **0.3** |
| **Government 71.9** | **71.8** | **70.0** | **0.1** | **1.9** |
| **Federal Government** 10.7 | 10.7 | 10.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **State Government** 34.2 | 34.3 | 34.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** 27.0 | 26.8 | 25.7 | 0.2 | 1.3 |

370,000

#### Employment

April 2021 - April 2024

53,000

#### Jobs in Professional and Business Services

April: 2014 - 2024

360,000

49,000

350,000

45,000

340,000

41,000

330,000

320,000

37,000

310,000

Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22 Apr '23 Oct '23 Apr '24

33,000

'14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

**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 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 320,289 | 316,901 | 310,277 | 3,388 | 10,012 |
| **Employment** | 312,996 | 309,031 | 304,314 | 3,965 | 8,682 |
| **Unemployment** | 7,293 | 7,870 | 5,963 | -577 | 1,330 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.3% | 2.5% | 1.9% | -0.2% | 0.4% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Apr 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 314.3 | 311.8 | 305.0 | 2.5 | 9.3 |
| **Goods Producing** 48.3 | 47.9 | 46.4 | 0.4 | 1.9 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.6** | **17.4** | **16.3** | **0.2** | **1.3** |
| **Manufacturing 30.7** | **30.5** | **30.1** | **0.2** | **0.6** |
| **Service Providing** 266.0 | 263.9 | 258.6 | 2.1 | 7.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 63.5** | **63.0** | **62.1** | **0.5** | **1.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 14.1 | 14.1 | 13.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 30.1 | 29.7 | 28.8 | 0.4 | 1.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 19.3 | 19.2 | 19.4 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Information 2.3** | **2.3** | **2.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 12.4** | **12.4** | **12.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 59.4** | **59.1** | **59.4** | **0.3** | **0.0** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 37.2** | **37.0** | **35.2** | **0.2** | **2.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 32.6** | **31.4** | **31.0** | **1.2** | **1.6** |
| **Other Services 13.8** | **13.7** | **13.4** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Government 44.8** | **45.0** | **42.7** | **-0.2** | **2.1** |
| **Federal Government** 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** 20.9 | 21.1 | 19.5 | -0.2 | 1.4 |
| **Local Government** 20.6 | 20.6 | 20.1 | 0.0 | 0.5 |

330,000

#### Civilian Labor Force

April: 2004 - 2024

270,000

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

April 2021 - April 2024

310,000

290,000

260,000

270,000 250,000

250,000

230,000

240,000

210,000 230,000

190,000

170,000

220,000

150,000

'04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18 '20 '22 '24

210,000

Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22 Apr '23 Oct '23 Apr '24

**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 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 121,540 | 120,807 | 118,952 | 733 | 2,588 |
| **Employment** | 117,545 | 116,543 | 115,884 | 1,002 | 1,661 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,995 | 4,264 | 3,068 | -269 | 927 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.3% | 3.5% | 2.6% | -0.2% | 0.7% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Apr 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 118.0 | 117.2 | 116.1 | 0.8 | 1.9 |
| **Goods Producing** 25.4 | 25.1 | 24.5 | 0.3 | 0.9 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 6.3** | **6.1** | **5.7** | **0.2** | **0.6** |
| **Manufacturing 19.1** | **19.0** | **18.8** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Service Providing** 92.6 | 92.1 | 91.6 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.1** | **24.1** | **24.0** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Retail Trade** 13.1 | 13.0 | 12.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.5 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Information 1.4** | **1.4** | **1.5** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 4.8** | **4.8** | **4.9** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.9** | **11.8** | **12.0** | **0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 19.1** | **19.0** | **18.3** | **0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.5** | **10.1** | **10.1** | **0.4** | **0.4** |
| **Other Services 4.0** | **3.9** | **3.9** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Government 16.8** | **17.0** | **16.9** | **-0.2** | **-0.1** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 13.2 | 13.3 | 13.2 | -0.1 | 0.0 |

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

April 2023 vs April 2024

600

400

300

100

100

Private Ed & Health

800

Mining-Logging-Construct

Leisure & Hospitality

Manufacturing

Other Services

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Professional & Business

-100

Government

-100

Information

-100

Financial Activities

-100

-200 -100 0 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,782 | 41,398 | 41,955 | 384 | -173 |
| **Employment** | 40,350 | 39,867 | 40,706 | 483 | -356 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,432 | 1,531 | 1,249 | -99 | 183 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.4% | 3.7% | 3.0% | -0.3% | 0.4% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 41.3 | 41.1 | 41.7 | 0.2 | -0.4 |
| 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 37.0 | 36.8 | 37.3 | 0.2 | -0.3 |
| 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

#### Employment

April 2021 - April 2024

41,500

41,000

40,500

40,000

39,500

39,000

38,500

38,000

37,500

Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22 Apr '23 Oct '23 Apr '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 68,187 | 67,517 | 67,292 | 670 | 895 |
| **Employment** | 66,354 | 65,547 | 65,827 | 807 | 527 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,833 | 1,970 | 1,465 | -137 | 368 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.7% | 2.9% | 2.2% | -0.2% | 0.5% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 64.5 | 64.0 | 63.9 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| 11.4 | 11.2 | 11.6 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| 53.1 | 52.8 | 52.3 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| 9.2 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

13,000

#### Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

April: 2004 - 2024

12,000

11,000

10,000

9,000

8,000

7,000

'04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 32,082 | 31,875 | 32,328 | 207 | -246 |
| **Employment** | 30,755 | 30,478 | 31,197 | 277 | -442 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,327 | 1,397 | 1,131 | -70 | 196 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1% | 4.4% | 3.5% | -0.3% | 0.6% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.4 | 31.2 | 31.9 | 0.2 | -0.5 |
| 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 26.1 | 25.9 | 26.4 | 0.2 | -0.3 |
| 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.8 | 0.0 | -0.3 |

#### Unemployment Rates

April: 2014 - 2024

10.0%

8.0%

6.0%

4.0%

2.0%

0.0%

2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

**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 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 622,534 | 623,679 | 624,453 | -1,145 | -1,919 |
| **Employment** | 602,142 | 600,855 | 603,656 | 1,287 | -1,514 |
| **Unemployment** | 20,392 | 22,824 | 20,797 | -2,432 | -405 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.3% | 3.7% | 3.3% | -0.4% | 0.0% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 62,700 | 62,539 | 62,378 | 161 | 322 |
| **Employment** | 60,370 | 59,951 | 60,186 | 419 | 184 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,330 | 2,588 | 2,192 | -258 | 138 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7% | 4.1% | 3.5% | -0.4% | 0.2% |

#### Memphis MSA - Employment

April 2021 - April 2024

615,000

#### Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates

April: 2014 - 2024

14.0%

610,000

12.0%

605,000

10.0%

600,000

8.0%

595,000

6.0%

590,000

4.0%

585,000

580,000

2.0%

575,000

Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22 Oct '22 Apr '23 Oct '23 Apr '24

0.0%

'14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not Seasonally Adjusted  **April 2024 March 2024 April 2023**  **Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,715 | 8,398 | 317 | 3.6 | 8,704 | 8,355 | 349 | 4.0 | 8,463 | 8,177 | 286 | 3.4 |
| Batesville Micro | 17,076 | 16,607 | 469 | 2.7 | 16,903 | 16,409 | 494 | 2.9 | 17,067 | 16,635 | 432 | 2.5 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,199 | 16,428 | 771 | 4.5 | 17,127 | 16,368 | 759 | 4.4 | 16,634 | 16,009 | 625 | 3.8 |
| Camden Micro | 11,995 | 11,553 | 442 | 3.7 | 11,983 | 11,518 | 465 | 3.9 | 11,990 | 11,626 | 364 | 3.0 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,620 | 13,940 | 680 | 4.7 | 14,609 | 13,889 | 720 | 4.9 | 14,738 | 14,214 | 524 | 3.6 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,477 | 7,108 | 369 | 4.9 | 7,428 | 7,047 | 381 | 5.1 | 7,472 | 7,187 | 285 | 3.8 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,263 | 18,643 | 620 | 3.2 | 19,038 | 18,381 | 657 | 3.5 | 19,204 | 18,727 | 477 | 2.5 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,183 | 4,914 | 269 | 5.2 | 5,183 | 4,891 | 292 | 5.6 | 5,374 | 5,093 | 281 | 5.2 |
| Hope Micro | 12,168 | 11,769 | 399 | 3.3 | 12,085 | 11,670 | 415 | 3.4 | 12,652 | 12,334 | 318 | 2.5 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,876 | 8,554 | 322 | 3.6 | 8,868 | 8,520 | 348 | 3.9 | 8,720 | 8,426 | 294 | 3.4 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,746 | 13,292 | 454 | 3.3 | 13,653 | 13,160 | 493 | 3.6 | 13,783 | 13,408 | 375 | 2.7 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 17,074 | 16,468 | 606 | 3.5 | 16,976 | 16,307 | 669 | 3.9 | 16,938 | 16,475 | 463 | 2.7 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,067 | 19,410 | 657 | 3.3 | 20,014 | 19,298 | 716 | 3.6 | 19,868 | 19,368 | 500 | 2.5 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,060 | 35,852 | 1,208 | 3.3 | 36,853 | 35,569 | 1,284 | 3.5 | 36,889 | 35,857 | 1,032 | 2.8 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,511 | 33,373 | 1,138 | 3.3 | 34,366 | 33,121 | 1,245 | 3.6 | 33,902 | 32,973 | 929 | 2.7 |

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**

**April 2024**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**March 2024**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2023**

**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 | 13,779 | 13,363 | 416 | 3.0 | 13,613 | 13,194 | 419 | 3.1 | 13,327 | 12,985 | 342 | 2.6 |
| Benton | 18,686 | 18,179 | 507 | 2.7 | 18,510 | 17,986 | 524 | 2.8 | 18,150 | 17,753 | 397 | 2.2 |
| Bentonville | 33,414 | 32,680 | 734 | 2.2 | 33,027 | 32,266 | 761 | 2.3 | 32,341 | 31,755 | 586 | 1.8 |
| Blytheville | 5,773 | 5,499 | 274 | 4.7 | 5,745 | 5,479 | 266 | 4.6 | 5,596 | 5,359 | 237 | 4.2 |
| Cabot | 12,593 | 12,268 | 325 | 2.6 | 12,514 | 12,153 | 361 | 2.9 | 12,288 | 12,018 | 270 | 2.2 |
| Conway | 36,258 | 35,268 | 990 | 2.7 | 35,969 | 34,896 | 1,073 | 3.0 | 35,305 | 34,475 | 830 | 2.4 |
| El Dorado | 6,341 | 5,999 | 342 | 5.4 | 6,319 | 5,977 | 342 | 5.4 | 6,338 | 6,117 | 221 | 3.5 |
| Fayetteville | 54,434 | 53,281 | 1,153 | 2.1 | 53,866 | 52,589 | 1,277 | 2.4 | 52,811 | 51,788 | 1,023 | 1.9 |
| Fort Smith | 39,486 | 38,260 | 1,226 | 3.1 | 39,102 | 37,787 | 1,315 | 3.4 | 38,559 | 37,617 | 942 | 2.4 |
| Hot Springs | 15,517 | 14,932 | 585 | 3.8 | 15,379 | 14,753 | 626 | 4.1 | 15,546 | 15,063 | 483 | 3.1 |
| Jacksonville | 12,159 | 11,730 | 429 | 3.5 | 12,051 | 11,606 | 445 | 3.7 | 11,778 | 11,452 | 326 | 2.8 |
| Jonesboro | 41,071 | 39,979 | 1,092 | 2.7 | 40,637 | 39,479 | 1,158 | 2.8 | 40,519 | 39,629 | 890 | 2.2 |
| Little Rock | 101,822 | 98,445 | 3,377 | 3.3 | 100,949 | 97,411 | 3,538 | 3.5 | 98,606 | 96,115 | 2,491 | 2.5 |
| North Little Rock | 31,371 | 30,272 | 1,099 | 3.5 | 31,113 | 29,954 | 1,159 | 3.7 | 30,418 | 29,556 | 862 | 2.8 |
| Paragould | 12,771 | 12,336 | 435 | 3.4 | 12,748 | 12,265 | 483 | 3.8 | 12,631 | 12,309 | 322 | 2.5 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,032 | 14,284 | 748 | 5.0 | 14,904 | 14,151 | 753 | 5.1 | 15,081 | 14,469 | 612 | 4.1 |
| Rogers | 41,001 | 40,093 | 908 | 2.2 | 40,550 | 39,584 | 966 | 2.4 | 39,666 | 38,957 | 709 | 1.8 |
| Russellville | 13,305 | 12,914 | 391 | 2.9 | 13,185 | 12,805 | 380 | 2.9 | 13,254 | 12,898 | 356 | 2.7 |
| Searcy | 10,406 | 10,078 | 328 | 3.2 | 10,347 | 10,002 | 345 | 3.3 | 10,234 | 9,957 | 277 | 2.7 |
| Sherwood | 16,990 | 16,521 | 469 | 2.8 | 16,836 | 16,347 | 489 | 2.9 | 16,510 | 16,130 | 380 | 2.3 |
| Springdale | 43,472 | 42,551 | 921 | 2.1 | 42,985 | 42,000 | 985 | 2.3 | 42,123 | 41,358 | 765 | 1.8 |
| Texarkana, AR | 12,879 | 12,379 | 500 | 3.9 | 12,766 | 12,253 | 513 | 4.0 | 12,757 | 12,359 | 398 | 3.1 |
| Van Buren | 10,557 | 10,232 | 325 | 3.1 | 10,454 | 10,113 | 341 | 3.3 | 10,305 | 10,072 | 233 | 2.3 |
| West Memphis | 9,936 | 9,534 | 402 | 4.0 | 9,873 | 9,440 | 433 | 4.4 | 10,009 | 9,636 | 373 | 3.7 |

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**April 2024 March 2024 April 2023**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,013 | 8,761 | 252 | 2.8 | 9,007 | 8,743 | 264 | 2.9 | 9,070 | 8,867 | 203 | 2.2 |
| Ashley | 6,601 | 6,253 | 348 | 5.3 | 6,533 | 6,181 | 352 | 5.4 | 6,482 | 6,189 | 293 | 4.5 |
| Baxter | 17,074 | 16,468 | 606 | 3.5 | 16,976 | 16,307 | 669 | 3.9 | 16,938 | 16,475 | 463 | 2.7 |
| Benton | 159,611 | 155,914 | 3,697 | 2.3 | 157,879 | 153,938 | 3,941 | 2.5 | 154,523 | 151,500 | 3,023 | 2.0 |
| Boone | 16,028 | 15,522 | 506 | 3.2 | 15,838 | 15,303 | 535 | 3.4 | 15,974 | 15,579 | 395 | 2.5 |
| Bradley | 4,110 | 3,950 | 160 | 3.9 | 4,122 | 3,949 | 173 | 4.2 | 4,072 | 3,915 | 157 | 3.9 |
| Calhoun | 2,368 | 2,293 | 75 | 3.2 | 2,367 | 2,289 | 78 | 3.3 | 2,372 | 2,318 | 54 | 2.3 |
| Carroll | 12,096 | 11,737 | 359 | 3.0 | 11,957 | 11,569 | 388 | 3.2 | 12,237 | 11,949 | 288 | 2.4 |
| Chicot | 2,861 | 2,702 | 159 | 5.6 | 2,866 | 2,697 | 169 | 5.9 | 2,879 | 2,746 | 133 | 4.6 |
| Clark | 8,715 | 8,398 | 317 | 3.6 | 8,704 | 8,355 | 349 | 4.0 | 8,463 | 8,177 | 286 | 3.4 |
| Clay | 5,393 | 5,169 | 224 | 4.2 | 5,345 | 5,104 | 241 | 4.5 | 5,440 | 5,273 | 167 | 3.1 |
| Cleburne | 9,133 | 8,778 | 355 | 3.9 | 9,025 | 8,649 | 376 | 4.2 | 8,977 | 8,693 | 284 | 3.2 |
| Cleveland | 3,064 | 2,965 | 99 | 3.2 | 3,050 | 2,940 | 110 | 3.6 | 3,101 | 3,020 | 81 | 2.6 |
| Columbia | 8,876 | 8,554 | 322 | 3.6 | 8,868 | 8,520 | 348 | 3.9 | 8,720 | 8,426 | 294 | 3.4 |
| Conway | 8,374 | 8,093 | 281 | 3.4 | 8,285 | 7,974 | 311 | 3.8 | 8,392 | 8,140 | 252 | 3.0 |
| Craighead | 58,108 | 56,611 | 1,497 | 2.6 | 57,506 | 55,903 | 1,603 | 2.8 | 57,334 | 56,116 | 1,218 | 2.1 |
| Crawford | 27,038 | 26,186 | 852 | 3.2 | 26,796 | 25,881 | 915 | 3.4 | 26,427 | 25,778 | 649 | 2.5 |
| Crittenden | 20,279 | 19,536 | 743 | 3.7 | 20,149 | 19,345 | 804 | 4.0 | 20,405 | 19,746 | 659 | 3.2 |
| Cross | 7,014 | 6,782 | 232 | 3.3 | 6,974 | 6,722 | 252 | 3.6 | 6,879 | 6,685 | 194 | 2.8 |
| Dallas | 2,638 | 2,534 | 104 | 3.9 | 2,644 | 2,538 | 106 | 4.0 | 2,674 | 2,583 | 91 | 3.4 |
| Desha | 4,891 | 4,637 | 254 | 5.2 | 4,863 | 4,599 | 264 | 5.4 | 4,901 | 4,715 | 186 | 3.8 |
| Drew | 7,663 | 7,364 | 299 | 3.9 | 7,744 | 7,436 | 308 | 4.0 | 7,500 | 7,243 | 257 | 3.4 |
| Faulkner | 65,797 | 64,060 | 1,737 | 2.6 | 65,275 | 63,384 | 1,891 | 2.9 | 64,128 | 62,619 | 1,509 | 2.4 |
| Franklin | 7,545 | 7,328 | 217 | 2.9 | 7,497 | 7,253 | 244 | 3.3 | 7,448 | 7,261 | 187 | 2.5 |
| Fulton | 4,582 | 4,424 | 158 | 3.4 | 4,508 | 4,335 | 173 | 3.8 | 4,594 | 4,455 | 139 | 3.0 |
| Garland | 41,782 | 40,350 | 1,432 | 3.4 | 41,398 | 39,867 | 1,531 | 3.7 | 41,955 | 40,706 | 1,249 | 3.0 |
| Grant | 8,795 | 8,574 | 221 | 2.5 | 8,745 | 8,501 | 244 | 2.8 | 8,588 | 8,391 | 197 | 2.3 |
| Greene | 20,067 | 19,410 | 657 | 3.3 | 20,014 | 19,298 | 716 | 3.6 | 19,868 | 19,368 | 500 | 2.5 |
| Hempstead | 8,907 | 8,622 | 285 | 3.2 | 8,848 | 8,552 | 296 | 3.3 | 9,267 | 9,039 | 228 | 2.5 |
| Hot Spring | 13,746 | 13,292 | 454 | 3.3 | 13,653 | 13,160 | 493 | 3.6 | 13,783 | 13,408 | 375 | 2.7 |
| Howard | 5,219 | 5,060 | 159 | 3.0 | 5,209 | 5,046 | 163 | 3.1 | 5,264 | 5,118 | 146 | 2.8 |
| Independence | 17,076 | 16,607 | 469 | 2.7 | 16,903 | 16,409 | 494 | 2.9 | 17,067 | 16,635 | 432 | 2.5 |
| Izard | 4,673 | 4,467 | 206 | 4.4 | 4,621 | 4,399 | 222 | 4.8 | 4,517 | 4,349 | 168 | 3.7 |
| Jackson | 5,384 | 5,165 | 219 | 4.1 | 5,385 | 5,151 | 234 | 4.3 | 5,424 | 5,207 | 217 | 4.0 |
| Jefferson | 25,321 | 24,258 | 1,063 | 4.2 | 25,149 | 24,033 | 1,116 | 4.4 | 25,502 | 24,573 | 929 | 3.6 |
| Johnson | 9,828 | 9,359 | 469 | 4.8 | 9,821 | 9,322 | 499 | 5.1 | 10,054 | 9,745 | 309 | 3.1 |
| Lafayette | 2,185 | 2,086 | 99 | 4.5 | 2,165 | 2,063 | 102 | 4.7 | 2,268 | 2,184 | 84 | 3.7 |
| Lawrence | 6,931 | 6,718 | 213 | 3.1 | 6,932 | 6,686 | 246 | 3.5 | 6,903 | 6,732 | 171 | 2.5 |
| Lee | 2,514 | 2,396 | 118 | 4.7 | 2,508 | 2,390 | 118 | 4.7 | 2,612 | 2,497 | 115 | 4.4 |
| Lincoln | 3,697 | 3,532 | 165 | 4.5 | 3,676 | 3,505 | 171 | 4.7 | 3,725 | 3,604 | 121 | 3.2 |
| Little River | 5,227 | 5,025 | 202 | 3.9 | 5,181 | 4,982 | 199 | 3.8 | 5,145 | 5,010 | 135 | 2.6 |
| Logan | 8,311 | 8,005 | 306 | 3.7 | 8,312 | 7,963 | 349 | 4.2 | 8,289 | 8,040 | 249 | 3.0 |
| Lonoke | 35,717 | 34,778 | 939 | 2.6 | 35,456 | 34,452 | 1,004 | 2.8 | 34,832 | 34,070 | 762 | 2.2 |
| Madison | 8,171 | 7,967 | 204 | 2.5 | 8,108 | 7,886 | 222 | 2.7 | 7,990 | 7,826 | 164 | 2.1 |
| Marion | 5,993 | 5,761 | 232 | 3.9 | 5,910 | 5,649 | 261 | 4.4 | 6,162 | 5,987 | 175 | 2.8 |
| Miller | 18,790 | 18,096 | 694 | 3.7 | 18,623 | 17,911 | 712 | 3.8 | 18,624 | 18,066 | 558 | 3.0 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 17,199 | 16,428 | 771 | 4.5 | 17,127 | 16,368 | 759 | 4.4 | 16,634 | 16,009 | 625 | 3.8 |
| Monroe | 2,467 | 2,374 | 93 | 3.8 | 2,466 | 2,372 | 94 | 3.8 | 2,509 | 2,433 | 76 | 3.0 |
| Montgomery | 3,051 | 2,917 | 134 | 4.4 | 2,994 | 2,855 | 139 | 4.6 | 3,001 | 2,890 | 111 | 3.7 |
| Nevada | 3,261 | 3,147 | 114 | 3.5 | 3,237 | 3,118 | 119 | 3.7 | 3,385 | 3,295 | 90 | 2.7 |
| Newton | 3,235 | 3,121 | 114 | 3.5 | 3,200 | 3,078 | 122 | 3.8 | 3,230 | 3,148 | 82 | 2.5 |
| Ouachita | 9,627 | 9,260 | 367 | 3.8 | 9,616 | 9,229 | 387 | 4.0 | 9,618 | 9,308 | 310 | 3.2 |
| Perry | 4,395 | 4,248 | 147 | 3.3 | 4,357 | 4,203 | 154 | 3.5 | 4,284 | 4,170 | 114 | 2.7 |
| Phillips | 5,183 | 4,914 | 269 | 5.2 | 5,183 | 4,891 | 292 | 5.6 | 5,374 | 5,093 | 281 | 5.2 |
| Pike | 4,082 | 3,959 | 123 | 3.0 | 4,040 | 3,903 | 137 | 3.4 | 4,109 | 3,995 | 114 | 2.8 |
| Poinsett | 10,079 | 9,743 | 336 | 3.3 | 10,011 | 9,644 | 367 | 3.7 | 9,958 | 9,711 | 247 | 2.5 |
| Polk | 7,780 | 7,470 | 310 | 4.0 | 7,767 | 7,432 | 335 | 4.3 | 7,880 | 7,663 | 217 | 2.8 |
| Pope | 28,825 | 27,884 | 941 | 3.3 | 28,638 | 27,648 | 990 | 3.5 | 28,647 | 27,849 | 798 | 2.8 |
| Prairie | 3,613 | 3,512 | 101 | 2.8 | 3,595 | 3,479 | 116 | 3.2 | 3,546 | 3,463 | 83 | 2.3 |
| Pulaski | 197,772 | 191,401 | 6,371 | 3.2 | 196,069 | 189,391 | 6,678 | 3.4 | 191,708 | 186,872 | 4,836 | 2.5 |
| Randolph | 7,130 | 6,872 | 258 | 3.6 | 7,137 | 6,872 | 265 | 3.7 | 7,093 | 6,901 | 192 | 2.7 |
| St. Francis | 7,477 | 7,108 | 369 | 4.9 | 7,428 | 7,047 | 381 | 5.1 | 7,472 | 7,187 | 285 | 3.8 |
| Saline | 62,640 | 61,041 | 1,599 | 2.6 | 62,115 | 60,393 | 1,722 | 2.8 | 60,958 | 59,608 | 1,350 | 2.2 |
| Scott | 4,444 | 4,310 | 134 | 3.0 | 4,428 | 4,287 | 141 | 3.2 | 4,420 | 4,322 | 98 | 2.2 |
| Searcy | 2,879 | 2,771 | 108 | 3.8 | 2,778 | 2,662 | 116 | 4.2 | 2,902 | 2,804 | 98 | 3.4 |
| Sebastian | 56,885 | 55,115 | 1,770 | 3.1 | 56,349 | 54,434 | 1,915 | 3.4 | 55,551 | 54,190 | 1,361 | 2.5 |
| Sevier | 5,548 | 5,360 | 188 | 3.4 | 5,554 | 5,351 | 203 | 3.7 | 5,476 | 5,315 | 161 | 2.9 |
| Sharp | 6,123 | 5,898 | 225 | 3.7 | 6,020 | 5,774 | 246 | 4.1 | 6,036 | 5,854 | 182 | 3.0 |
| Stone | 4,687 | 4,517 | 170 | 3.6 | 4,618 | 4,429 | 189 | 4.1 | 4,551 | 4,402 | 149 | 3.3 |
| Union | 14,620 | 13,940 | 680 | 4.7 | 14,609 | 13,889 | 720 | 4.9 | 14,738 | 14,214 | 524 | 3.6 |
| Van Buren | 5,948 | 5,722 | 226 | 3.8 | 5,908 | 5,663 | 245 | 4.1 | 5,906 | 5,715 | 191 | 3.2 |
| Washington | 140,775 | 137,828 | 2,947 | 2.1 | 139,235 | 136,038 | 3,197 | 2.3 | 136,471 | 133,965 | 2,506 | 1.8 |
| White | 34,511 | 33,373 | 1,138 | 3.3 | 34,366 | 33,121 | 1,245 | 3.6 | 33,902 | 32,973 | 929 | 2.7 |
| Woodruff | 2,828 | 2,731 | 97 | 3.4 | 2,855 | 2,745 | 110 | 3.9 | 2,866 | 2,784 | 82 | 2.9 |
| Yell | 8,235 | 7,968 | 267 | 3.2 | 8,215 | 7,921 | 294 | 3.6 | 8,242 | 8,008 | 234 | 2.8 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**April 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2023**

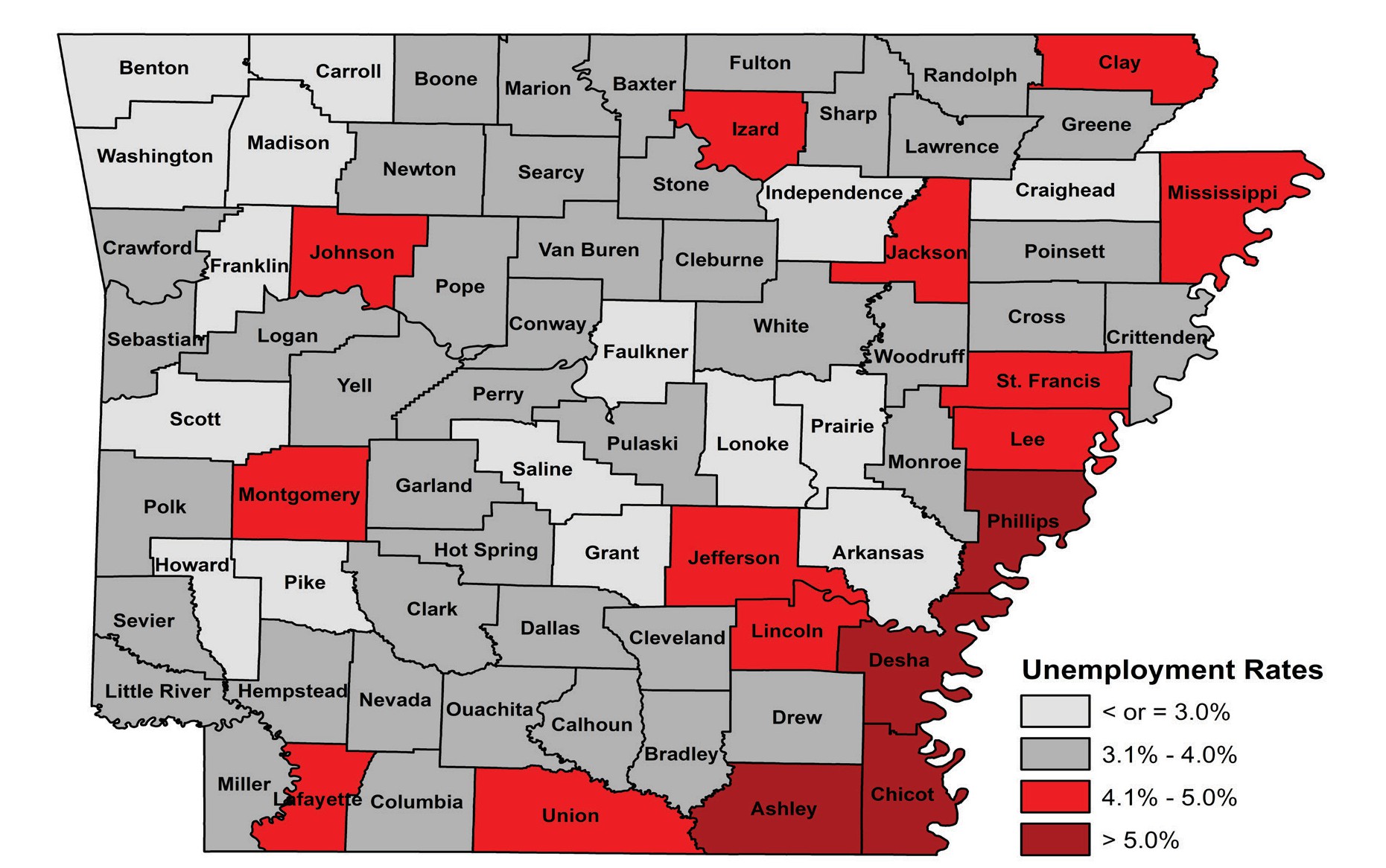
**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Between March and April, unemployment rates declined in 71 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Two counties posted rate increases over the month, while two counties remained stable. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.1% in Washington County to a high of 5.6% in Chicot County.

In April, sixteen counties reported jobless rates at or below 3%. That is up from ten counties at or below three percent last month. For the third consecutive month, no county had an unemploy- ment rate above seven percent.

Compared to April 2023, unemployment rates are up in 73 Arkansas counties. Two counties- Bradley and Phillips- were stable over the year. Jobless rate increases ranged from as little as one-tenth of a percentage point in Jackson County to as much as a one and seven-tenths of a percentage point gain in Johnson County. The average annual unemployment rate increase for counties was six-tenths of a percentage point.

**County Unemployment Rates**



# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

April 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 2.1

2 Benton 2.3

3 Grant 2.5

3 Madison 2.5

5 Craighead 2.6

5 Faulkner 2.6

5 Lonoke 2.6

5 Saline 2.6

9 Independence 2.7

10 Arkansas 2.8

10 Prairie 2.8

12 Franklin 2.9

13 Carroll 3.0

13 Howard 3.0

13 Pike 3.0

13 Scott 3.0

17 Lawrence 3.1

17 Sebastian 3.1

19 Boone 3.2

19 Calhoun 3.2

19 Cleveland 3.2

19 Crawford 3.2

19 Hempstead 3.2

19 Pulaski 3.2

19 Yell 3.2

**Rank County**

26 Cross

26 Greene

26 Hot Spring

26 Perry

26 Poinsett

26 Pope

26 White

33 Conway

33 Fulton

33 Garland

33 Sevier

33 Woodruff

38 Baxter

38 Nevada

38 Newton

41 Clark

41 Columbia

41 Randolph

41 Stone

45 Crittenden

45 Logan

45 Miller

45 Sharp

49 Monroe

49 Ouachita

**Rate**

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**Rank County**

49 Searcy

49 Van Buren

53 Bradley

53 Cleburne

53 Dallas

53 Drew

53 Little River

53 Marion

59 Polk

60 Jackson

61 Clay

61 Jefferson

63 Izard

63 Montgomery

65 Lafayette

65 Lincoln

65 Mississippi

68 Lee

68 Union

1. Johnson
2. St. Francis
3. Desha

72 Phillips

1. Ashley
2. Chicot

**Rate**

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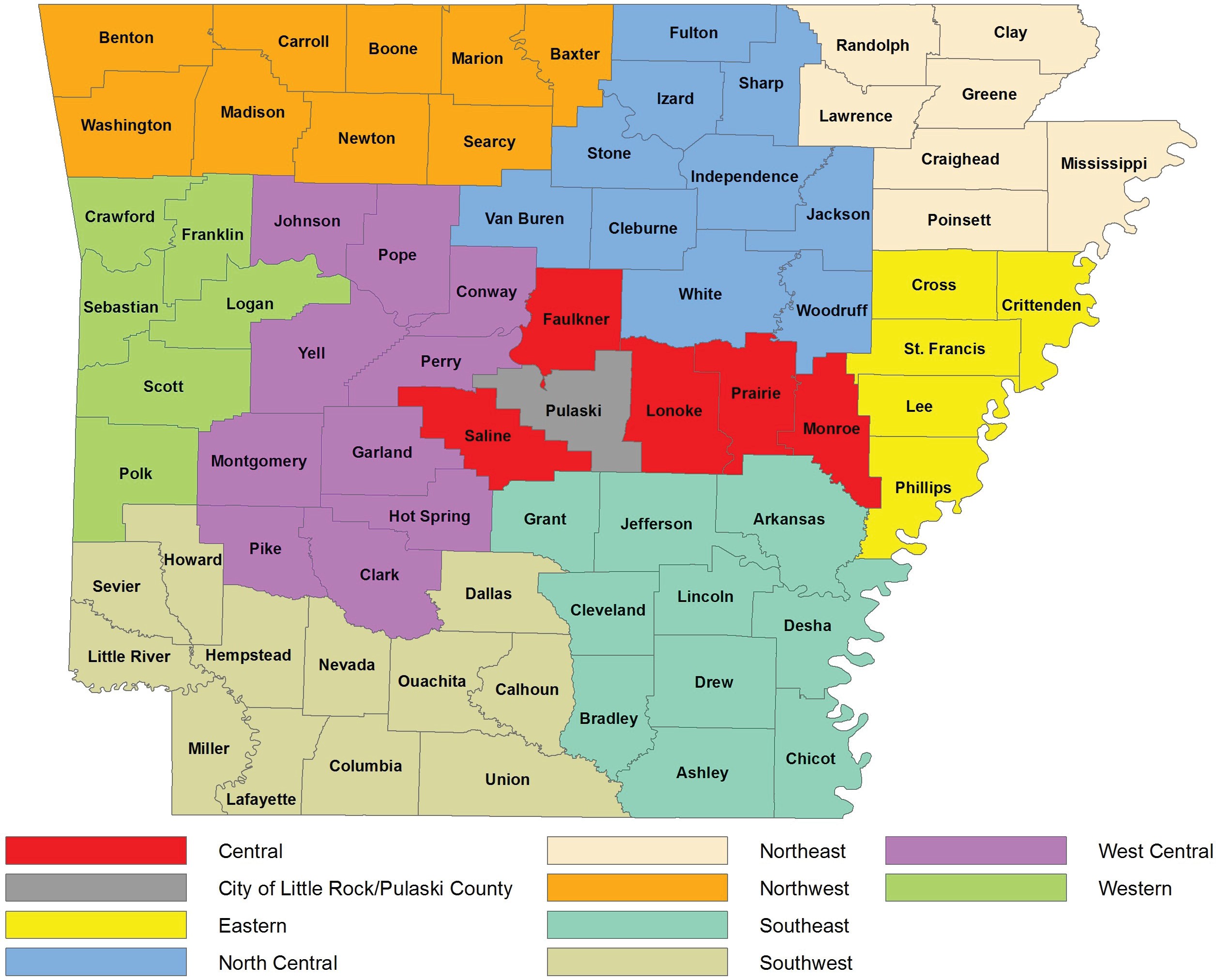
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## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**April 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2024**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 266,184 258,721

City of Little Rock 101,822 98,445

Eastern 42,467 40,736

North Central 94,945 91,682

Northeast 124,907 120,951

Northwest 365,862 357,089

Southeast 76,016 72,996

Southwest 87,266 83,977

West Central 131,033 126,468

Western 112,003 108,414

7,463

3,377

1,731

3,263

3,956

8,773

3,020

3,289

4,565

3,589

2.8

3.3

4.1

3.4

3.2

2.4

4.0

3.8

3.5

3.2

264,027 256,060

100,949 97,411

42,242

40,395

94,209 90,675

124,072 119,875

361,881 352,430

75,755 72,584

86,921 83,488

130,105 125,208

111,149 107,250

7,967 3.0

3,538 3.5

1,847 4.4

3,534 3.8

4,197 3.4

9,451 2.6

3,171 4.2

3,433 3.9

4,897 3.8

3,899 3.5

259,075 252,950 6,125 2.4

98,606 96,115 2,491 2.5

42,742 41,208 1,534 3.6

93,840 91,067 2,773 3.0

123,230 120,110 3,120 2.5

356,427 349,233 7,194 2.0

75,820 73,263 2,557 3.4

87,551 84,876 2,675 3.1

130,930 127,088 3,842 2.9

110,015 107,254 2,761 2.5