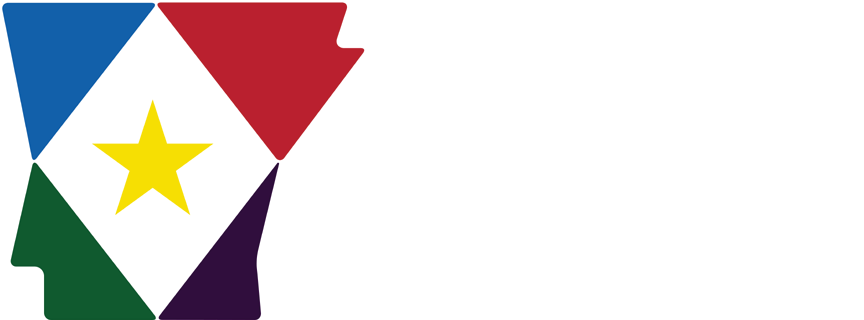
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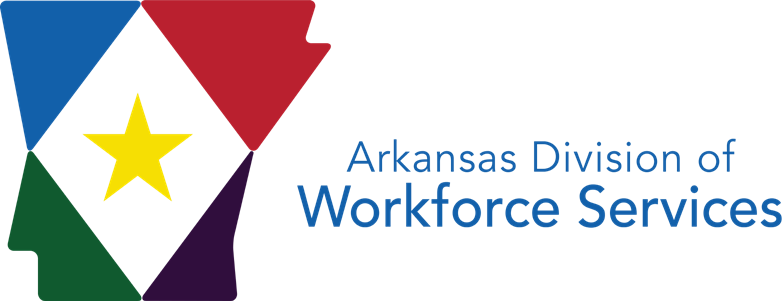
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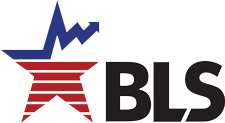
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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious month’s data is subject to revision.

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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**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 Quarter 2023 - 1st Quarter 2024 Average

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

1.0% 1.4% 3.7% 3.9% 4.5% 6.1%

are for 2nd Quarter 2023 - 1st Quarter 2024.

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

Comparison of 1st Quarter Ending Averages

8.0%

7.0%

6.0%



5.0%

4.0%

3.0%

2.0%

1.0%

0.0%

U-4 U-5 U-6

 1st Q 2022  1st Q 2023  1st Q 2024

**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 remained stable at 3.4% between April and May. The United States’ jobless rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point over the month, from 3.9% in April to 4.0% in May.

Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose by 2,798 in May, with 3,406 more Arkansans employed compared to last month. Both the civilian labor force and employment continue to be at record-high levels. Arkan- sas’ labor force participation rate and the unemployment rate remained stable between April and May.

Compared to May 2023, the number of employed in the State is up 8,502. There are now 6,795 more unemployed Arkansans actively seeking work, while the labor force participation rate remains un- changed over the year.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,344,233 1,340,827 1,335,731 Employment 1,354,849 1,359,244 1,337,723

Unemployment 46,918 47,526 40,123 Unemployment 45,587 43,216 40,201

Unemployment Rate 3.4% 3.4% 2.9% Unemployment Rate 3.3% 3.1% 2.9%

LF Participation Rate 57.5% 57.5% 57.5% LF Participation Rate 57.9% 58.1% 57.6%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** |  | **May 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,391,151 | 1,388,353 | 1,375,854 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,400,436 | 1,402,460 | 1,377,924 |

1,360,000

#### Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

May 2021 - May 2023

1,340,000

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23 Nov '23 May '24

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **May 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1376.0 | 1375.8 | 1357.4 | 0.2 | 18.6 |
| Goods Producing | 233.8 | 233.6 | 231.1 | 0.2 | 2.7 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 72.7 | 72.7 | 68.5 | 0.0 | 4.2 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.3** | **5.3** | **5.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Construction** | **67.4** | **67.4** | **63.2** | **0.0** | **4.2** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 42.5 | 42.6 | 39.5 | -0.1 | 3.0 |
| **Manufacturing** | **161.1** | **160.9** | **162.6** | **0.2** | **-1.5** |
| Durable Goods | 77.3 | 77.2 | 78.6 | 0.1 | -1.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 83.8 | 83.7 | 84.0 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| Service Providing | 1142.2 | 1142.2 | 1126.3 | 0.0 | 15.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **268.3** | **269.3** | **266.1** | **-1.0** | **2.2** |
| Wholesale Trade | 50.8 | 51.4 | 52.4 | -0.6 | -1.6 |
| Retail Trade | 146.0 | 146.0 | 142.2 | 0.0 | 3.8 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 71.5 | 71.9 | 71.5 | -0.4 | 0.0 |
| **Information** | **12.4** | **12.7** | **12.8** | **-0.3** | **-0.4** |
| **Financial Activities** | **70.9** | **70.3** | **70.2** | **0.6** | **0.7** |
| Finance & Insurance | 55.8 | 55.3 | 54.9 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 15.1 | 15.0 | 15.3 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **159.1** | **159.7** | **158.2** | **-0.6** | **0.9** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 49.9 | 50.5 | 49.9 | -0.6 | 0.0 |
| Management of Companies | 38.1 | 38.0 | 37.6 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 71.1 | 71.2 | 70.7 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **213.8** | **214.1** | **207.1** | **-0.3** | **6.7** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 18.6 | 19.6 | 18.8 | -1.0 | -0.2 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 195.2 | 194.5 | 188.3 | 0.7 | 6.9 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 69.2 | 68.6 | 65.2 | 0.6 | 4.0 |
| Social Assistance | 39.6 | 39.6 | 39.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **133.1** | **131.5** | **130.5** | **1.6** | **2.6** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 14.5 | 14.2 | 14.6 | 0.3 | -0.1 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 118.6 | 117.3 | 115.9 | 1.3 | 2.7 |
| Accommodation Services | 12.0 | 11.7 | 11.8 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Food Services | 106.6 | 105.6 | 104.1 | 1.0 | 2.5 |
| **Other Services** | **68.1** | **67.9** | **67.6** | **0.2** | **0.5** |
| **Government** | **216.5** | **216.7** | **213.8** | **-0.2** | **2.7** |
| Federal Government | 21.9 | 21.8 | 21.1 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| State Government | 77.7 | 78.6 | 77.7 | -0.9 | 0.0 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.6 | 32.5 | 31.5 | -0.9 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.1 | 46.1 | 46.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Local Government | 116.9 | 116.3 | 115.0 | 0.6 | 1.9 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 71.5 | 71.6 | 70.5 | -0.1 | 1.0 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 45.4 | 44.7 | 44.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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

April 2024 - May 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Leisure & Hospitality

Financial Activities

1,600

600

Other Services

Manufacturing

200

200

Construction

Mining & Logging Government

Private Ed & Health

Information Professional & Business

0

0

Trade-Transport-Utilities

-1,000

-2,000 -1,500 -1,000 -500

0

500 1,000 1,500 2,000

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| -200  -300  -300  -600 | |
|  |  |
|  | |

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

May 2023 - May 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Private Ed & Health

6,700

Construction

4,200

Government

Leisure & Hospitality Trade-Transport-Utilities

2,700

2,600

2,200

Professional & Business 900

Financial Activities 700

Other Services 500

Mining & Logging

0

Information

-400

Manufacturing

-1,500

-6,000 -3,500 -1,000

1,500

4,000

6,500

9,000

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**May 24**

Average Weekly Hours 37.9

Average Hourly Earnings $22.57

Average Weekly Earnings $855.40

**Apr 24**

38.4

$22.04

$846.34

**May 23**

38.6

$21.63

$834.92

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**May 24**

Average Weekly Hours

**May 23**

43.4

Average Hourly Earnings $25.27

40.8

**Apr 24**

41.5

$24.23

Average Weekly Earnings $1,031.02 $1,017.58 $1,051.58

$24.52

**May 24**

Average Weekly Hours 35.3

Average Hourly Earnings $19.76

Average Weekly Earnings $697.53

**Apr 24**

35.6

$19.42

$691.35

**May 23**

34.3

$18.65

$639.70

$1,200.00

#### Average Hourly Earnings- Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods

May: 2014 - 2024

$1,000.00

$800.00

$600.00

$400.00

$200.00

$0.00

2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

 Durable Goods  Nondurable Goods

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 375,007 | 375,506 | 365,463 | -499 | 9,544 |
| **Employment** | 363,469 | 364,398 | 355,487 | -929 | 7,982 |
| **Unemployment** | 11,538 | 11,108 | 9,976 | 430 | 1,562 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.1% | 3.0% | 2.7% | 0.1% | 0.4% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS May 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 398.3 | 397.3 | 389.1 | 1.0 | 9.2 |
| **Goods Producing** 42.9 | 42.6 | 40.6 | 0.3 | 2.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 22.2** | **22.2** | **20.9** | **0.0** | **1.3** |
| **Manufacturing 20.7** | **20.4** | **19.7** | **0.3** | **1.0** |
| **Service Providing** 355.4 | 354.7 | 348.5 | 0.7 | 6.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 78.0** | **78.1** | **77.4** | **-0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 17.6 | 17.7 | 17.6 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Retail Trade** 39.0 | 39.1 | 38.5 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.4 | 21.3 | 21.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Information 5.3** | **5.3** | **5.6** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities 27.9** | **27.7** | **27.8** | **0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 50.1** | **50.4** | **49.4** | **-0.3** | **0.7** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 66.3** | **65.9** | **63.8** | **0.4** | **2.5** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 36.5** | **35.7** | **35.6** | **0.8** | **0.9** |
| **Other Services 19.8** | **19.7** | **19.4** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Government 71.5** | **71.9** | **69.5** | **-0.4** | **2.0** |
| **Federal Government** 10.7 | 10.7 | 10.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **State Government** 33.8 | 34.2 | 33.7 | -0.4 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** 27.0 | 27.0 | 25.6 | 0.0 | 1.4 |

370,000

#### Employment

May 2021 - May 2024

22,000

#### Jobs in Manufacturing

May: 2014 - 2024

360,000

21,000

350,000

20,000

340,000

19,000

330,000

320,000

18,000

310,000

May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23 Nov '23 May '24

17,000

'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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 320,004 | 319,829 | 311,358 | 175 | 8,646 |
| **Employment** | 312,129 | 312,496 | 304,514 | -367 | 7,615 |
| **Unemployment** | 7,875 | 7,333 | 6,844 | 542 | 1,031 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.5% | 2.3% | 2.2% | 0.2% | 0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS May 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 315.3 | 313.8 | 307.2 | 1.5 | 8.1 |
| **Goods Producing** 48.7 | 48.3 | 46.9 | 0.4 | 1.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.7** | **17.6** | **16.6** | **0.1** | **1.1** |
| **Manufacturing 31.0** | **30.7** | **30.3** | **0.3** | **0.7** |
| **Service Providing** 266.6 | 265.5 | 260.3 | 1.1 | 6.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 63.0** | **63.3** | **62.5** | **-0.3** | **0.5** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 13.9 | 14.1 | 14.1 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 30.0 | 30.1 | 29.0 | -0.1 | 1.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 19.1 | 19.1 | 19.4 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| **Information 2.3** | **2.3** | **2.5** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 12.5** | **12.4** | **12.4** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 59.6** | **59.4** | **59.2** | **0.2** | **0.4** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 37.1** | **37.2** | **35.3** | **-0.1** | **1.8** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 33.0** | **32.3** | **31.7** | **0.7** | **1.3** |
| **Other Services 13.9** | **13.8** | **13.6** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Government 45.2** | **44.8** | **43.1** | **0.4** | **2.1** |
| **Federal Government** 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 21.2 | 20.9 | 19.7 | 0.3 | 1.5 |
| **Local Government** 20.8 | 20.6 | 20.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 |

#### Job Change by Major Industry Sector

May 2023 vs May 2024

Government

2,100

1,800

1,300

1,100

700

500

400

300

100

Private Ed & Health

Leisure & Hospitality

Mining-Logging-Construct

Manufacturing

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Professional & Business

Other Services

Financial Activities

Information

-200

-500 0 500 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500

**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 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 122,034 | 121,449 | 119,563 | 585 | 2,471 |
| **Employment** | 117,670 | 117,450 | 115,882 | 220 | 1,788 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,364 | 3,999 | 3,681 | 365 | 683 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6% | 3.3% | 3.1% | 0.3% | 0.5% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS May 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 118.7 | 117.8 | 116.4 | 0.9 | 2.3 |
| **Goods Producing** 25.6 | 25.4 | 24.5 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 6.3** | **6.2** | **5.7** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Manufacturing 19.3** | **19.2** | **18.8** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Service Providing** 93.1 | 92.4 | 91.9 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.2** | **24.1** | **23.8** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.5 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Retail Trade** 13.2 | 13.1 | 12.9 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 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 11.8** | **11.9** | **12.0** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 19.2** | **19.1** | **18.4** | **0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.7** | **10.3** | **10.4** | **0.4** | **0.3** |
| **Other Services 4.0** | **4.0** | **4.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government 17.0** | **16.8** | **16.9** | **0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Federal Government** 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 13.3 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

119,000

#### Employment

May 2021 - May 2024

130,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

May: 2004 - 2024

118,000

117,000

116,000

125,000

120,000

115,000

115,000

114,000

113,000

110,000

112,000

105,000

111,000

110,000

109,000

100,000

95,000

108,000

May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23 Nov '23 May '

90,000

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

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,383 | 41,804 | 41,763 | -421 | -380 |
| **Employment** | 39,920 | 40,372 | 40,352 | -452 | -432 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,463 | 1,432 | 1,411 | 31 | 52 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5% | 3.4% | 3.4% | 0.1% | 0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 41.2 | 41.3 | 41.7 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 36.8 | 37.0 | 37.3 | -0.2 | -0.5 |
| 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

41,500

#### Employment

May 2021 - May 2024

41,000

40,500

40,000

39,500

39,000

38,500

38,000

37,500

May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23 Nov '23 May '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 68,311 | 68,230 | 66,986 | 81 | 1,325 |
| **Employment** | 66,321 | 66,390 | 65,261 | -69 | 1,060 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,990 | 1,840 | 1,725 | 150 | 265 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.9% | 2.7% | 2.6% | 0.2% | 0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 64.9 | 64.6 | 63.8 | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| 11.5 | 11.4 | 11.6 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| 53.4 | 53.2 | 52.2 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

70,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

May: 2014 - 2014

65,000

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

35,000

30,000

'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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 32,064 | 32,100 | 32,289 | -36 | -225 |
| **Employment** | 30,627 | 30,764 | 30,985 | -137 | -358 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,437 | 1,336 | 1,304 | 101 | 133 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.5% | 4.2% | 4.0% | 0.3% | 0.5% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.4 | 31.4 | 31.8 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 26.1 | 26.1 | 26.4 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.8 | 0.0 | -0.3 |

30,000

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

May: 2014 - 2024

27,500

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

25,000

22,500

20,000

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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 619,289 | 621,615 | 624,628 | -2,326 | -5,339 |
| **Employment** | 597,368 | 601,429 | 601,416 | -4,061 | -4,048 |
| **Unemployment** | 21,921 | 20,186 | 23,212 | 1,735 | -1,291 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5% | 3.2% | 3.7% | 0.3% | -0.2% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 62,415 | 62,636 | 62,294 | -221 | 121 |
| **Employment** | 59,970 | 60,313 | 59,871 | -343 | 99 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,445 | 2,323 | 2,423 | 122 | 22 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9% | 3.7% | 3.9% | 0.2% | 0.0% |

#### Memphis MSA - Employment

May 2021 - May 2024

615,000

#### Texarkana MSA - Unemployment

May: 2014 - 2024

7,000

610,000

6,000

605,000

5,000

600,000

4,000

595,000

3,000

590,000

2,000

585,000

580,000

1,000

575,000

May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23 Nov '23 May '24

0

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

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not Seasonally Adjusted  **May 2024 April 2024 May 2023**  **Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,663 | 8,269 | 394 | 4.5 | 8,715 | 8,397 | 318 | 3.6 | 8,492 | 8,138 | 354 | 4.2 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,997 | 16,500 | 497 | 2.9 | 17,075 | 16,607 | 468 | 2.7 | 16,885 | 16,385 | 500 | 3.0 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,154 | 16,318 | 836 | 4.9 | 17,196 | 16,427 | 769 | 4.5 | 16,648 | 15,831 | 817 | 4.9 |
| Camden Micro | 12,028 | 11,566 | 462 | 3.8 | 12,000 | 11,553 | 447 | 3.7 | 12,035 | 11,626 | 409 | 3.4 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,623 | 13,875 | 748 | 5.1 | 14,629 | 13,939 | 690 | 4.7 | 14,780 | 14,164 | 616 | 4.2 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,464 | 7,070 | 394 | 5.3 | 7,480 | 7,107 | 373 | 5.0 | 7,459 | 7,123 | 336 | 4.5 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,096 | 18,468 | 628 | 3.3 | 19,262 | 18,643 | 619 | 3.2 | 19,070 | 18,541 | 529 | 2.8 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,147 | 4,863 | 284 | 5.5 | 5,183 | 4,914 | 269 | 5.2 | 5,294 | 4,986 | 308 | 5.8 |
| Hope Micro | 12,108 | 11,685 | 423 | 3.5 | 12,170 | 11,768 | 402 | 3.3 | 12,643 | 12,280 | 363 | 2.9 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,911 | 8,547 | 364 | 4.1 | 8,874 | 8,554 | 320 | 3.6 | 8,836 | 8,478 | 358 | 4.1 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,670 | 13,189 | 481 | 3.5 | 13,754 | 13,296 | 458 | 3.3 | 13,730 | 13,299 | 431 | 3.1 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 17,063 | 16,440 | 623 | 3.7 | 17,073 | 16,468 | 605 | 3.5 | 16,992 | 16,468 | 524 | 3.1 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,031 | 19,339 | 692 | 3.5 | 20,068 | 19,412 | 656 | 3.3 | 19,785 | 19,176 | 609 | 3.1 |
| Russellville Micro | 36,894 | 35,564 | 1,330 | 3.6 | 37,065 | 35,852 | 1,213 | 3.3 | 36,712 | 35,508 | 1,204 | 3.3 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,339 | 33,130 | 1,209 | 3.5 | 34,517 | 33,378 | 1,139 | 3.3 | 33,691 | 32,605 | 1,086 | 3.2 |

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

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

### City Labor Force Statistics

**City**

**CLF**

**May 2024**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**April 2024**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**May 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 | 13,754 | 13,336 | 418 | 3.0 | 13,764 | 13,342 | 422 | 3.1 | 13,359 | 13,004 | 355 | 2.7 |
| Benton | 18,654 | 18,149 | 505 | 2.7 | 18,711 | 18,194 | 517 | 2.8 | 18,214 | 17,752 | 462 | 2.5 |
| Bentonville | 33,383 | 32,612 | 771 | 2.3 | 33,363 | 32,628 | 735 | 2.2 | 32,464 | 31,801 | 663 | 2.0 |
| Blytheville | 5,771 | 5,462 | 309 | 5.4 | 5,770 | 5,499 | 271 | 4.7 | 5,605 | 5,299 | 306 | 5.5 |
| Cabot | 12,576 | 12,238 | 338 | 2.7 | 12,606 | 12,278 | 328 | 2.6 | 12,284 | 11,967 | 317 | 2.6 |
| Conway | 36,218 | 35,188 | 1,030 | 2.8 | 36,299 | 35,297 | 1,002 | 2.8 | 35,387 | 34,423 | 964 | 2.7 |
| El Dorado | 6,380 | 5,971 | 409 | 6.4 | 6,350 | 5,998 | 352 | 5.5 | 6,377 | 6,095 | 282 | 4.4 |
| Fayetteville | 54,429 | 53,141 | 1,288 | 2.4 | 54,360 | 53,196 | 1,164 | 2.1 | 53,049 | 51,836 | 1,213 | 2.3 |
| Fort Smith | 39,538 | 38,242 | 1,296 | 3.3 | 39,451 | 38,224 | 1,227 | 3.1 | 38,664 | 37,582 | 1,082 | 2.8 |
| Hot Springs | 15,412 | 14,773 | 639 | 4.1 | 15,522 | 14,940 | 582 | 3.7 | 15,487 | 14,932 | 555 | 3.6 |
| Jacksonville | 12,132 | 11,713 | 419 | 3.5 | 12,169 | 11,739 | 430 | 3.5 | 11,839 | 11,455 | 384 | 3.2 |
| Jonesboro | 41,200 | 39,972 | 1,228 | 3.0 | 41,102 | 40,001 | 1,101 | 2.7 | 40,382 | 39,335 | 1,047 | 2.6 |
| Little Rock | 101,788 | 98,306 | 3,482 | 3.4 | 101,936 | 98,525 | 3,411 | 3.3 | 99,014 | 96,141 | 2,873 | 2.9 |
| North Little Rock | 31,393 | 30,230 | 1,163 | 3.7 | 31,398 | 30,297 | 1,101 | 3.5 | 30,527 | 29,564 | 963 | 3.2 |
| Paragould | 12,753 | 12,291 | 462 | 3.6 | 12,770 | 12,337 | 433 | 3.4 | 12,588 | 12,187 | 401 | 3.2 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,041 | 14,241 | 800 | 5.3 | 15,035 | 14,288 | 747 | 5.0 | 15,134 | 14,413 | 721 | 4.8 |
| Rogers | 40,940 | 40,009 | 931 | 2.3 | 40,935 | 40,029 | 906 | 2.2 | 39,870 | 39,014 | 856 | 2.1 |
| Russellville | 13,272 | 12,816 | 456 | 3.4 | 13,313 | 12,914 | 399 | 3.0 | 13,254 | 12,801 | 453 | 3.4 |
| Searcy | 10,359 | 10,005 | 354 | 3.4 | 10,412 | 10,079 | 333 | 3.2 | 10,180 | 9,846 | 334 | 3.3 |
| Sherwood | 17,001 | 16,498 | 503 | 3.0 | 17,023 | 16,534 | 489 | 2.9 | 16,568 | 16,134 | 434 | 2.6 |
| Springdale | 43,489 | 42,442 | 1,047 | 2.4 | 43,424 | 42,484 | 940 | 2.2 | 42,278 | 41,398 | 880 | 2.1 |
| Texarkana, AR | 12,780 | 12,266 | 514 | 4.0 | 12,861 | 12,363 | 498 | 3.9 | 12,735 | 12,282 | 453 | 3.6 |
| Van Buren | 10,564 | 10,225 | 339 | 3.2 | 10,549 | 10,222 | 327 | 3.1 | 10,308 | 10,046 | 262 | 2.5 |
| West Memphis | 9,908 | 9,442 | 466 | 4.7 | 9,934 | 9,526 | 408 | 4.1 | 9,997 | 9,553 | 444 | 4.4 |

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **May 2024** | |  |  | **April 2024** | |  |  | **May 2023** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,008 | 8,762 | 246 | 2.7 | 9,012 | 8,761 | 251 | 2.8 | 9,006 | 8,792 | 214 | 2.4 |
| Ashley | 6,651 | 6,280 | 371 | 5.6 | 6,603 | 6,253 | 350 | 5.3 | 6,484 | 6,141 | 343 | 5.3 |
| Baxter | 17,063 | 16,440 | 623 | 3.7 | 17,073 | 16,468 | 605 | 3.5 | 16,992 | 16,468 | 524 | 3.1 |
| Benton | 159,488 | 155,590 | 3,898 | 2.4 | 159,381 | 155,666 | 3,715 | 2.3 | 155,169 | 151,721 | 3,448 | 2.2 |
| Boone | 15,904 | 15,387 | 517 | 3.3 | 16,028 | 15,522 | 506 | 3.2 | 15,885 | 15,448 | 437 | 2.8 |
| Bradley | 4,103 | 3,937 | 166 | 4.0 | 4,111 | 3,950 | 161 | 3.9 | 4,021 | 3,839 | 182 | 4.5 |
| Calhoun | 2,368 | 2,289 | 79 | 3.3 | 2,369 | 2,293 | 76 | 3.2 | 2,358 | 2,298 | 60 | 2.5 |
| Carroll | 12,174 | 11,779 | 395 | 3.2 | 12,101 | 11,737 | 364 | 3.0 | 12,396 | 12,079 | 317 | 2.6 |
| Chicot | 2,848 | 2,685 | 163 | 5.7 | 2,860 | 2,702 | 158 | 5.5 | 2,828 | 2,682 | 146 | 5.2 |
| Clark | 8,663 | 8,269 | 394 | 4.5 | 8,715 | 8,397 | 318 | 3.6 | 8,492 | 8,138 | 354 | 4.2 |
| Clay | 5,359 | 5,136 | 223 | 4.2 | 5,391 | 5,169 | 222 | 4.1 | 5,376 | 5,192 | 184 | 3.4 |
| Cleburne | 9,119 | 8,769 | 350 | 3.8 | 9,135 | 8,779 | 356 | 3.9 | 8,991 | 8,675 | 316 | 3.5 |
| Cleveland | 3,047 | 2,941 | 106 | 3.5 | 3,064 | 2,966 | 98 | 3.2 | 3,063 | 2,972 | 91 | 3.0 |
| Columbia | 8,911 | 8,547 | 364 | 4.1 | 8,874 | 8,554 | 320 | 3.6 | 8,836 | 8,478 | 358 | 4.1 |
| Conway | 8,364 | 8,074 | 290 | 3.5 | 8,377 | 8,095 | 282 | 3.4 | 8,368 | 8,093 | 275 | 3.3 |
| Craighead | 58,242 | 56,601 | 1,641 | 2.8 | 58,145 | 56,642 | 1,503 | 2.6 | 57,140 | 55,700 | 1,440 | 2.5 |
| Crawford | 27,069 | 26,169 | 900 | 3.3 | 27,019 | 26,162 | 857 | 3.2 | 26,445 | 25,711 | 734 | 2.8 |
| Crittenden | 20,191 | 19,349 | 842 | 4.2 | 20,268 | 19,520 | 748 | 3.7 | 20,333 | 19,576 | 757 | 3.7 |
| Cross | 7,019 | 6,775 | 244 | 3.5 | 7,013 | 6,781 | 232 | 3.3 | 6,851 | 6,646 | 205 | 3.0 |
| Dallas | 2,651 | 2,545 | 106 | 4.0 | 2,638 | 2,534 | 104 | 3.9 | 2,667 | 2,572 | 95 | 3.6 |
| Desha | 4,891 | 4,613 | 278 | 5.7 | 4,893 | 4,637 | 256 | 5.2 | 4,849 | 4,648 | 201 | 4.1 |
| Drew | 7,645 | 7,340 | 305 | 4.0 | 7,662 | 7,364 | 298 | 3.9 | 7,483 | 7,206 | 277 | 3.7 |
| Faulkner | 65,752 | 63,914 | 1,838 | 2.8 | 65,862 | 64,112 | 1,750 | 2.7 | 64,249 | 62,526 | 1,723 | 2.7 |
| Franklin | 7,523 | 7,285 | 238 | 3.2 | 7,543 | 7,326 | 217 | 2.9 | 7,417 | 7,204 | 213 | 2.9 |
| Fulton | 4,561 | 4,401 | 160 | 3.5 | 4,582 | 4,424 | 158 | 3.4 | 4,541 | 4,384 | 157 | 3.5 |
| Garland | 41,383 | 39,920 | 1,463 | 3.5 | 41,804 | 40,372 | 1,432 | 3.4 | 41,763 | 40,352 | 1,411 | 3.4 |
| Grant | 8,802 | 8,567 | 235 | 2.7 | 8,802 | 8,581 | 221 | 2.5 | 8,587 | 8,371 | 216 | 2.5 |
| Greene | 20,031 | 19,339 | 692 | 3.5 | 20,068 | 19,412 | 656 | 3.3 | 19,785 | 19,176 | 609 | 3.1 |
| Hempstead | 8,868 | 8,559 | 309 | 3.5 | 8,910 | 8,622 | 288 | 3.2 | 9,252 | 8,989 | 263 | 2.8 |
| Hot Spring | 13,670 | 13,189 | 481 | 3.5 | 13,754 | 13,296 | 458 | 3.3 | 13,730 | 13,299 | 431 | 3.1 |
| Howard | 5,206 | 5,042 | 164 | 3.2 | 5,221 | 5,060 | 161 | 3.1 | 5,268 | 5,107 | 161 | 3.1 |
| Independence | 16,997 | 16,500 | 497 | 2.9 | 17,075 | 16,607 | 468 | 2.7 | 16,885 | 16,385 | 500 | 3.0 |
| Izard | 4,616 | 4,412 | 204 | 4.4 | 4,671 | 4,467 | 204 | 4.4 | 4,484 | 4,282 | 202 | 4.5 |
| Jackson | 5,390 | 5,163 | 227 | 4.2 | 5,382 | 5,164 | 218 | 4.1 | 5,383 | 5,128 | 255 | 4.7 |
| Jefferson | 25,347 | 24,186 | 1,161 | 4.6 | 25,338 | 24,265 | 1,073 | 4.2 | 25,558 | 24,477 | 1,081 | 4.2 |
| Johnson | 9,846 | 9,326 | 520 | 5.3 | 9,831 | 9,359 | 472 | 4.8 | 9,988 | 9,638 | 350 | 3.5 |
| Lafayette | 2,154 | 2,051 | 103 | 4.8 | 2,188 | 2,086 | 102 | 4.7 | 2,223 | 2,124 | 99 | 4.5 |
| Lawrence | 6,861 | 6,626 | 235 | 3.4 | 6,930 | 6,719 | 211 | 3.0 | 6,773 | 6,578 | 195 | 2.9 |
| Lee | 2,500 | 2,382 | 118 | 4.7 | 2,512 | 2,395 | 117 | 4.7 | 2,559 | 2,433 | 126 | 4.9 |
| Lincoln | 3,670 | 3,500 | 170 | 4.6 | 3,698 | 3,533 | 165 | 4.5 | 3,668 | 3,536 | 132 | 3.6 |
| Little River | 5,193 | 4,993 | 200 | 3.9 | 5,220 | 5,018 | 202 | 3.9 | 5,150 | 4,993 | 157 | 3.0 |
| Logan | 8,278 | 7,966 | 312 | 3.8 | 8,307 | 8,003 | 304 | 3.7 | 8,272 | 7,976 | 296 | 3.6 |
| Lonoke | 35,689 | 34,693 | 996 | 2.8 | 35,749 | 34,806 | 943 | 2.6 | 34,793 | 33,924 | 869 | 2.5 |
| Madison | 8,133 | 7,913 | 220 | 2.7 | 8,165 | 7,955 | 210 | 2.6 | 7,902 | 7,724 | 178 | 2.3 |
| Marion | 5,940 | 5,705 | 235 | 4.0 | 6,000 | 5,761 | 239 | 4.0 | 6,036 | 5,826 | 210 | 3.5 |
| Miller | 18,634 | 17,930 | 704 | 3.8 | 18,763 | 18,072 | 691 | 3.7 | 18,593 | 17,953 | 640 | 3.4 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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|  |  | **May 2024** | |  |  | **April 2024** | |  |  | **May 2023** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 17,154 | 16,318 | 836 | 4.9 | 17,196 | 16,427 | 769 | 4.5 | 16,648 | 15,831 | 817 | 4.9 |
| Monroe | 2,466 | 2,368 | 98 | 4.0 | 2,467 | 2,374 | 93 | 3.8 | 2,491 | 2,404 | 87 | 3.5 |
| Montgomery | 3,031 | 2,899 | 132 | 4.4 | 3,051 | 2,917 | 134 | 4.4 | 2,937 | 2,811 | 126 | 4.3 |
| Nevada | 3,240 | 3,126 | 114 | 3.5 | 3,260 | 3,146 | 114 | 3.5 | 3,391 | 3,291 | 100 | 2.9 |
| Newton | 3,192 | 3,081 | 111 | 3.5 | 3,234 | 3,121 | 113 | 3.5 | 3,185 | 3,093 | 92 | 2.9 |
| Ouachita | 9,660 | 9,277 | 383 | 4.0 | 9,631 | 9,260 | 371 | 3.9 | 9,677 | 9,328 | 349 | 3.6 |
| Perry | 4,371 | 4,224 | 147 | 3.4 | 4,397 | 4,251 | 146 | 3.3 | 4,268 | 4,138 | 130 | 3.0 |
| Phillips | 5,147 | 4,863 | 284 | 5.5 | 5,183 | 4,914 | 269 | 5.2 | 5,294 | 4,986 | 308 | 5.8 |
| Pike | 4,085 | 3,928 | 157 | 3.8 | 4,082 | 3,959 | 123 | 3.0 | 4,043 | 3,921 | 122 | 3.0 |
| Poinsett | 10,069 | 9,720 | 349 | 3.5 | 10,085 | 9,748 | 337 | 3.3 | 9,846 | 9,561 | 285 | 2.9 |
| Polk | 7,747 | 7,416 | 331 | 4.3 | 7,779 | 7,470 | 309 | 4.0 | 7,805 | 7,565 | 240 | 3.1 |
| Pope | 28,709 | 27,672 | 1,037 | 3.6 | 28,827 | 27,884 | 943 | 3.3 | 28,575 | 27,638 | 937 | 3.3 |
| Prairie | 3,598 | 3,491 | 107 | 3.0 | 3,614 | 3,513 | 101 | 2.8 | 3,481 | 3,386 | 95 | 2.7 |
| Pulaski | 197,753 | 191,132 | 6,621 | 3.3 | 197,986 | 191,557 | 6,429 | 3.2 | 192,447 | 186,923 | 5,524 | 2.9 |
| Randolph | 7,100 | 6,839 | 261 | 3.7 | 7,130 | 6,872 | 258 | 3.6 | 7,085 | 6,868 | 217 | 3.1 |
| St. Francis | 7,464 | 7,070 | 394 | 5.3 | 7,480 | 7,107 | 373 | 5.0 | 7,459 | 7,123 | 336 | 4.5 |
| Saline | 62,640 | 60,939 | 1,701 | 2.7 | 62,710 | 61,091 | 1,619 | 2.6 | 61,119 | 59,605 | 1,514 | 2.5 |
| Scott | 4,415 | 4,279 | 136 | 3.1 | 4,443 | 4,309 | 134 | 3.0 | 4,382 | 4,264 | 118 | 2.7 |
| Searcy | 2,913 | 2,798 | 115 | 3.9 | 2,879 | 2,771 | 108 | 3.8 | 2,967 | 2,856 | 111 | 3.7 |
| Sebastian | 56,928 | 55,090 | 1,838 | 3.2 | 56,832 | 55,064 | 1,768 | 3.1 | 55,695 | 54,139 | 1,556 | 2.8 |
| Sevier | 5,545 | 5,345 | 200 | 3.6 | 5,548 | 5,360 | 188 | 3.4 | 5,429 | 5,247 | 182 | 3.4 |
| Sharp | 6,124 | 5,884 | 240 | 3.9 | 6,123 | 5,898 | 225 | 3.7 | 6,006 | 5,792 | 214 | 3.6 |
| Stone | 4,640 | 4,458 | 182 | 3.9 | 4,686 | 4,517 | 169 | 3.6 | 4,473 | 4,308 | 165 | 3.7 |
| Union | 14,623 | 13,875 | 748 | 5.1 | 14,629 | 13,939 | 690 | 4.7 | 14,780 | 14,164 | 616 | 4.2 |
| Van Buren | 5,944 | 5,706 | 238 | 4.0 | 5,949 | 5,724 | 225 | 3.8 | 5,938 | 5,726 | 212 | 3.6 |
| Washington | 140,714 | 137,466 | 3,248 | 2.3 | 140,571 | 137,608 | 2,963 | 2.1 | 136,955 | 134,089 | 2,866 | 2.1 |
| White | 34,339 | 33,130 | 1,209 | 3.5 | 34,517 | 33,378 | 1,139 | 3.3 | 33,691 | 32,605 | 1,086 | 3.2 |
| Woodruff | 2,820 | 2,724 | 96 | 3.4 | 2,829 | 2,731 | 98 | 3.5 | 2,827 | 2,732 | 95 | 3.4 |
| Yell | 8,185 | 7,892 | 293 | 3.6 | 8,238 | 7,968 | 270 | 3.3 | 8,137 | 7,870 | 267 | 3.3 |

# County Labor Force Summary

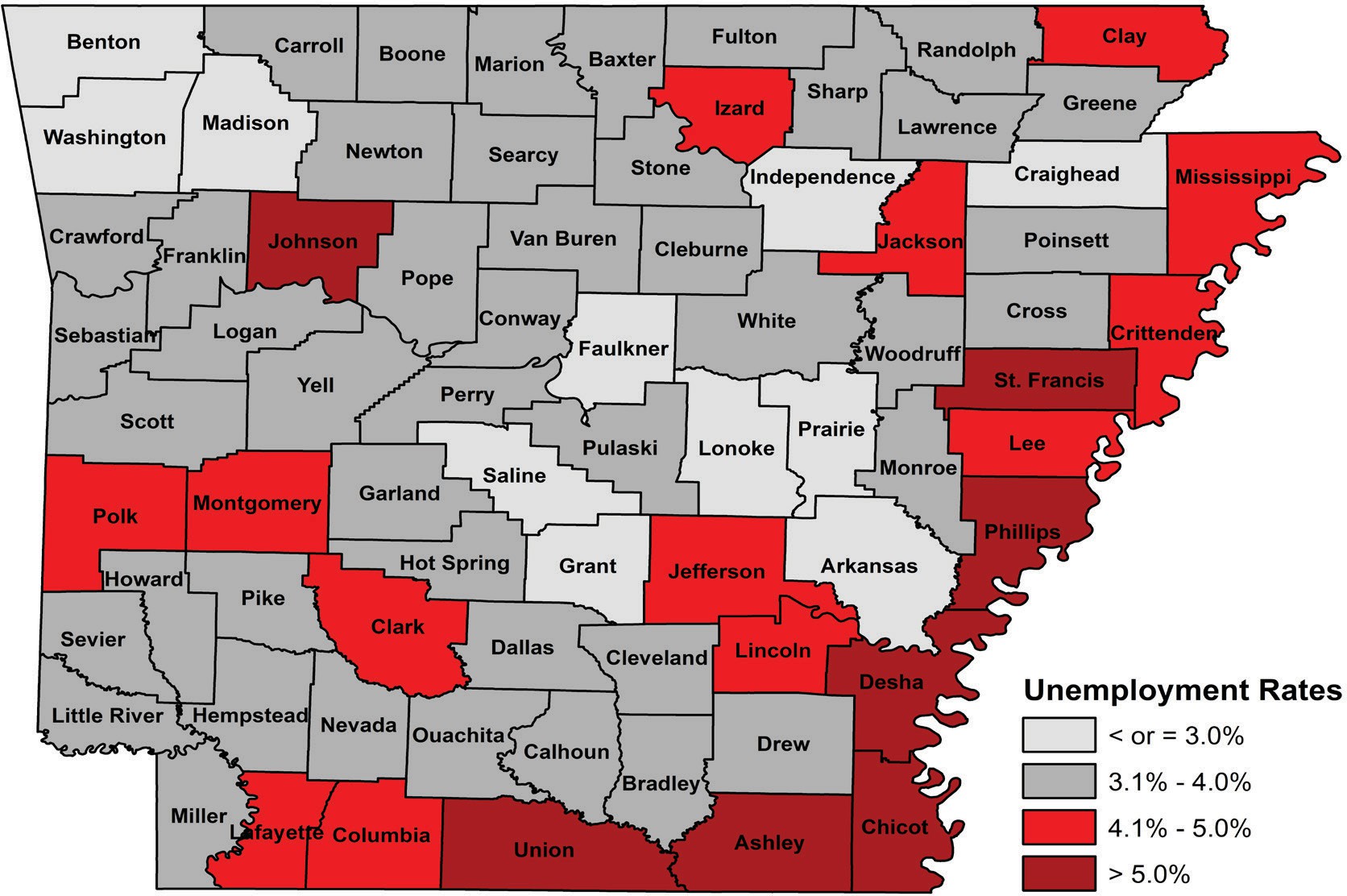
Not Seasonally Adjusted

Between April and May, unemployment rates increased in 65 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Jobless rates remained stable in seven counties, while declining in three counties. May unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.3% in Washington County to a high of 5.7% in Chicot and Desha counties.

In May, eleven counties posted jobless rates at or below 3%. That is down from 16 counties at or below 3% last month. For the fourth month in a row, no county in Arkansas had a rate at or above seven percent.

Compared to May 2023, unemployment rates are up in 65 Arkansas counties. Six counties posted jobless rate declines, while four counties were unchanged. Jobless rate increases averaged five- tenths of a percentage point over the year, with the largest increase in Johnson County (+1.8%). Bradley and Jackson counties posted the largest annual rate decline, both down five-tenths of a percentage point.

**County Unemployment Rates**



# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

May 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 2.3

2 Benton 2.4

3 Arkansas 2.7

3 Grant 2.7

3 Madison 2.7

3 Saline 2.7

7 Craighead 2.8

7 Faulkner 2.8

7 Lonoke 2.8

10 Independence 2.9

11 Prairie 3.0

12 Scott 3.1

13 Carroll 3.2

13 Franklin 3.2

13 Howard 3.2

13 Sebastian 3.2

17 Boone 3.3

17 Calhoun 3.3

17 Crawford 3.3

17 Pulaski 3.3

21 Lawrence 3.4

21 Perry 3.4

21 Woodruff 3.4

24 Cleveland 3.5

24 Conway 3.5

**Rank County**

24 Cross

24 Fulton

24 Garland

24 Greene

24 Hempstead

24 Hot Spring

24 Nevada

24 Newton

24 Poinsett

24 White

36 Pope

36 Sevier

36 Yell

39 Baxter

39 Randolph

41 Cleburne

41 Logan

41 Miller

41 Pike

45 Little River

45 Searcy

45 Sharp

45 Stone

49 Bradley

49 Dallas

**Rate**

3.5

3.5

3.5

3.5

3.5

3.5

3.5

3.5

3.5

3.5

3.6

3.6

3.6

3.7

3.7

3.8

3.8

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3.8

3.9

3.9

3.9

3.9

4.0

4.0

**Rank County**

49 Drew

49 Marion

49 Monroe

49 Ouachita

49 Van Buren

56 Columbia

57 Clay

57 Crittenden

57 Jackson

60 Polk

61 Izard

61 Montgomery

63 Clark

64 Jefferson

64 Lincoln

66 Lee

67 Lafayette

68 Mississippi

69 Union

70 Johnson

70 St. Francis

72 Phillips

73 Ashley

74 Chicot

74 Desha

**Rate**

4.0

4.0

4.0

4.0

4.0

4.1

4.2

4.2

4.2

4.3

4.4

4.4

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4.7

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4.9

5.1

5.3

5.3

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5.7

## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **May 2024** | |  |  | **April 2024** | |  |  | **May 2023** | | |
| **LWDA** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | |
| Central (minus LR) | 266,110 | 258,231 | 7,879 | 3.0 | 266,452 | 258,928 | 7,524 | 2.8 | 259,566 | 252,627 | 6,939 | 2.7 |
| City of Little Rock | 101,788 | 98,306 | 3,482 | 3.4 | 101,936 | 98,525 | 3,411 | 3.3 | 99,014 | 96,141 | 2,873 | 2.9 |
| Eastern | 42,321 | 40,439 | 1,882 | 4.4 | 42,456 | 40,717 | 1,739 | 4.1 | 42,496 | 40,764 | 1,732 | 4.1 |
| North Central | 94,550 | 91,147 | 3,403 | 3.6 | 94,949 | 91,689 | 3,260 | 3.4 | 93,219 | 90,017 | 3,202 | 3.4 |
| Northeast | 124,816 | 120,579 | 4,237 | 3.4 | 124,945 | 120,989 | 3,956 | 3.2 | 122,653 | 118,906 | 3,747 | 3.1 |
| Northwest | 365,521 | 356,159 | 9,362 | 2.6 | 365,432 | 356,609 | 8,823 | 2.4 | 357,487 | 349,304 | 8,183 | 2.3 |
| Southeast | 76,012 | 72,811 | 3,201 | 4.2 | 76,043 | 73,012 | 3,031 | 4.0 | 75,547 | 72,664 | 2,883 | 3.8 |
| Southwest | 87,053 | 83,579 | 3,474 | 4.0 | 87,251 | 83,944 | 3,307 | 3.8 | 87,624 | 84,544 | 3,080 | 3.5 |
| West Central | 130,307 | 125,393 | 4,914 | 3.8 | 131,076 | 126,498 | 4,578 | 3.5 | 130,301 | 125,898 | 4,403 | 3.4 |
| Western | 111,960 | 108,205 | 3,755 | 3.4 | 111,923 | 108,334 | 3,589 | 3.2 | 110,016 | 106,859 | 3,157 | 2.9 |

