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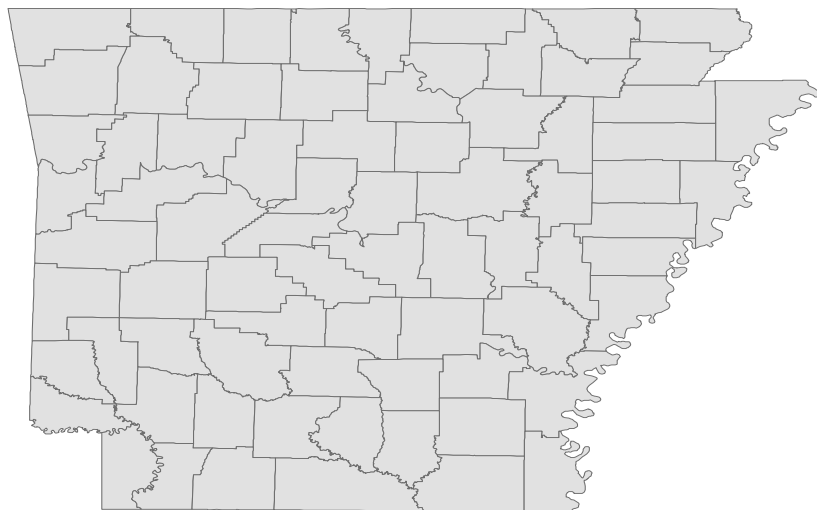
Labor Market Report

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Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month's estimates are preliminary, while previous data are 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 collected for production workers in manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2015 benchmark.

Explanation of Terms and Concepts

Monthly Business Survey of Employers

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Workforce Services. The data are based on establishment records and include all workers, full-or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the

month. Approximately 5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Management 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 survey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

Civilian Labor Force

The sum of all employed and unemployed 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 workers 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 seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

Unemployment Rate

The number of unemployed 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, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/closing of schools.

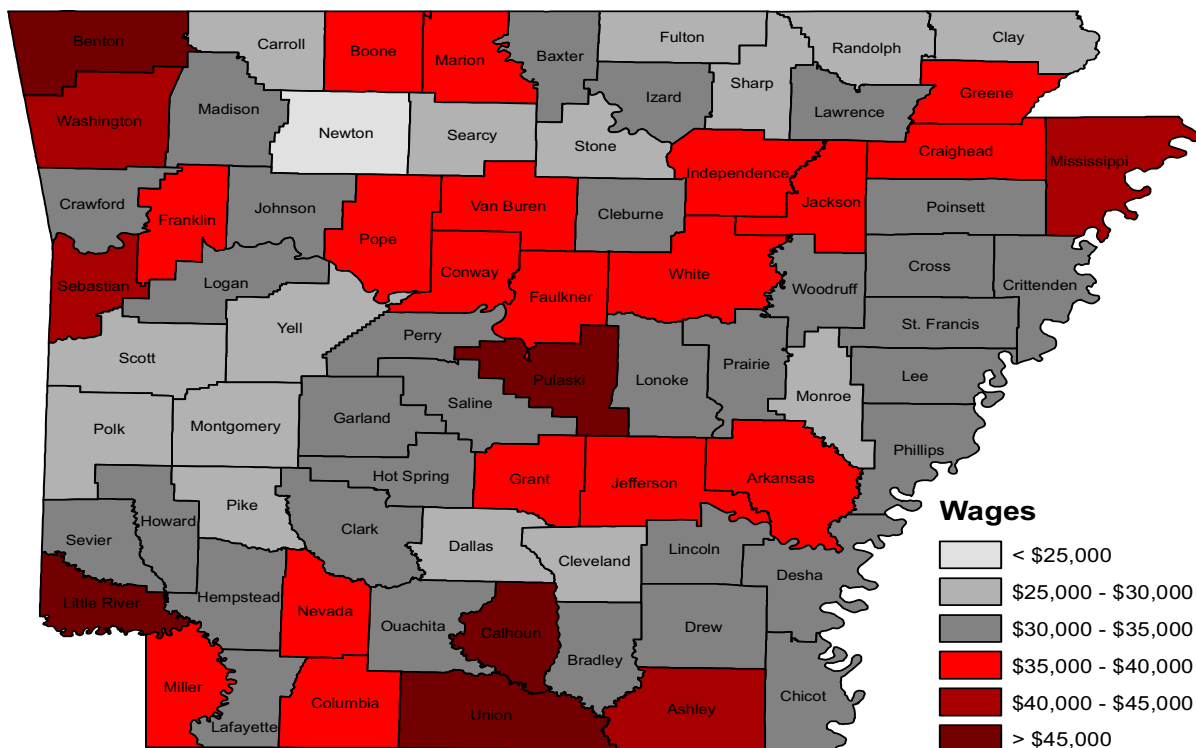
April Spotlight Wages in Arkansas

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 Unemployment Insurance (UI) program, which enables BLS to produce data using every business that is covered under UI tax law. In addition to calculating covered employment, the program also tracks the wages paid to employees. Due to the comprehensive 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 provides annual average wage data for each county in Arkansas. Annual average wages are calculated using the total wages earned during the calendar year, divided by annual average employment. The wages are compiled using all industries and includes both private and government jobs, 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 2015, average annual wages ranged from a high of \$54,843, for those employed in Benton County, to a low of \$24,137 in Newton County. The map below represents the wages of Arkansas workers by county, with wages divided into six different monetary ranges.

Wages in Arkansas by County
2015 Annual Average



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.1 percent in March (revised up from 4.0 percent) to 3.9 percent in April. Arkansas' civilian labor force rose 2,860, a result of 5,309 more employed and 2,449 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate remained stable at 5.0 percent in April.

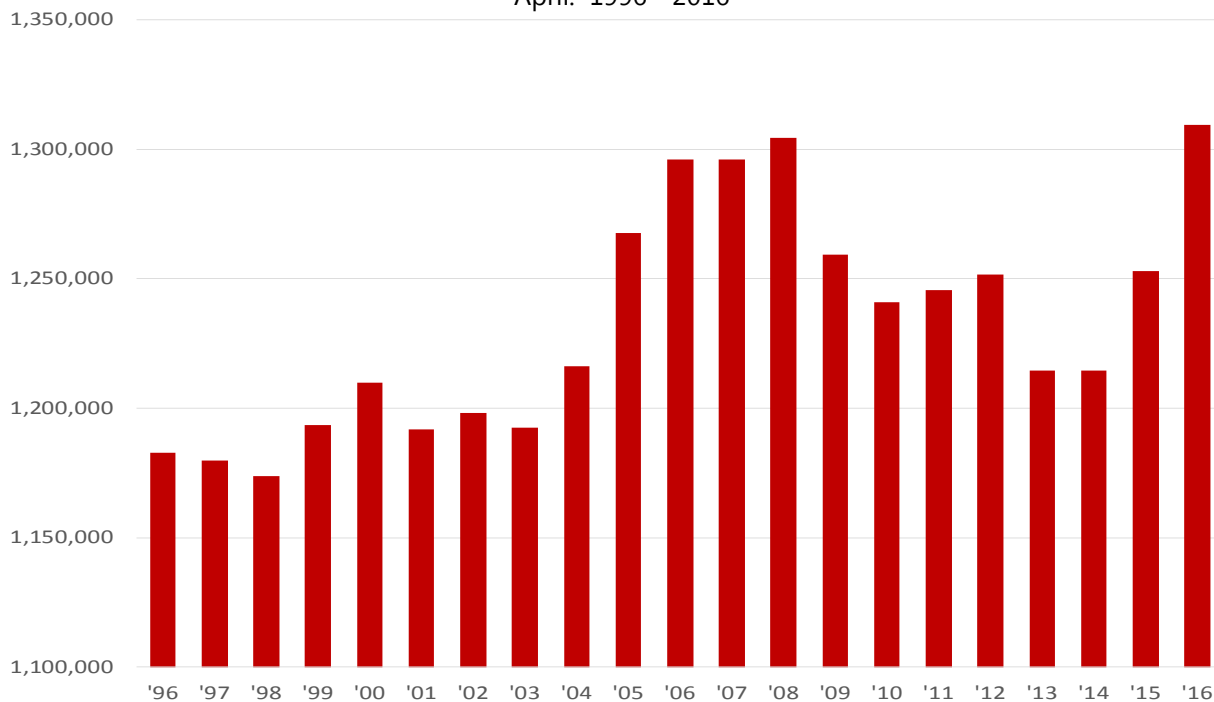
BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' employment in April reached a new record high of 1,309,268, breaking the previous record set in May 2008. The employment increase helped push the unemployment rate down to 3.9 percent, breaking last month's record low of 4.1 percent."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Apr 16</u>	<u>Mar 16</u>	<u>Apr 15</u>		<u>Apr 16</u>	<u>Mar 16</u>	<u>Apr 15</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,361,951	1,359,091	1,325,923	Civilian Labor Force	1,355,321	1,359,762	1,326,263
Employment	1,309,268	1,303,959	1,253,095	Employment	1,309,448	1,304,808	1,257,277
Unemployment	52,683	55,132	72,828	Unemployment	45,873	54,954	68,986
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.1	5.5	Unemployment Rate	3.4	4.0	5.2
U.S. Unemployment	5.0	5.0	5.4	U.S. Unemployment	4.7	5.1	5.1

Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)

April: 1996 - 2016



State of Arkansas

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Apr 16</u>	<u>Mar 16</u>	<u>Apr 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1232.8	1224.4	1206.7	8.4	26.1
Goods Producing	209.3	207.3	210.2	2.0	-0.9
Mining, Logging, and Construction	55.9	54.4	55.5	1.5	0.4
Mining & Logging	6.9	7.0	8.3	-0.1	-1.4
Construction	49.0	47.4	47.2	1.6	1.8
Specialty Trade Contractors	32.0	30.7	30.0	1.3	2.0
Manufacturing	153.4	152.9	154.7	0.5	-1.3
Durable Goods	73.9	73.9	76.4	0.0	-2.5
Nondurable Goods	79.5	79.0	78.3	0.5	1.2
Service Providing	1023.5	1017.1	996.5	6.4	27.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	258.3	255.4	249.5	2.9	8.8
Wholesale Trade	49.2	47.9	47.1	1.3	2.1
Retail Trade	145.4	142.9	139.1	2.5	6.3
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	63.7	64.6	63.3	-0.9	0.4
Information	13.8	14.0	13.2	-0.2	0.6
Financial Activities	49.2	48.9	49.0	0.3	0.2
Finance & Insurance	36.2	36.0	36.0	0.2	0.2
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.0	12.9	13.0	0.1	0.0
Professional & Business Services	143.9	142.2	138.6	1.7	5.3
Professional, Scientific & Technical	44.4	44.4	41.9	0.0	2.5
Management of Companies	34.6	34.1	33.0	0.5	1.6
Administrative & Support Services	64.9	63.7	63.7	1.2	1.2
Educational & Health Services	179.9	180.1	174.6	-0.2	5.3
Educational Services	15.3	15.2	14.6	0.1	0.7
Health Care & Social Assistance	164.6	164.9	160.0	-0.3	4.6
Ambulatory Health Care	51.9	52.2	50.5	-0.3	1.4
Social Assistance	40.4	41.5	38.7	-1.1	1.7
Leisure & Hospitality	116.9	115.0	111.6	1.9	5.3
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11.1	10.1	10.9	1.0	0.2
Accommodation & Food Services	105.8	104.9	100.7	0.9	5.1
Accommodation Services	11.2	11.0	11.0	0.2	0.2
Food Services	94.6	93.9	89.7	0.7	4.9
Other Services	44.2	44.5	43.3	-0.3	0.9
Government	217.3	217.0	216.7	0.3	0.6
Federal Government	20.3	20.3	20.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	81.0	80.7	80.4	0.3	0.6
Local Government	116.0	116.0	116.0	0.0	0.0

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

March 2016 - April 2016

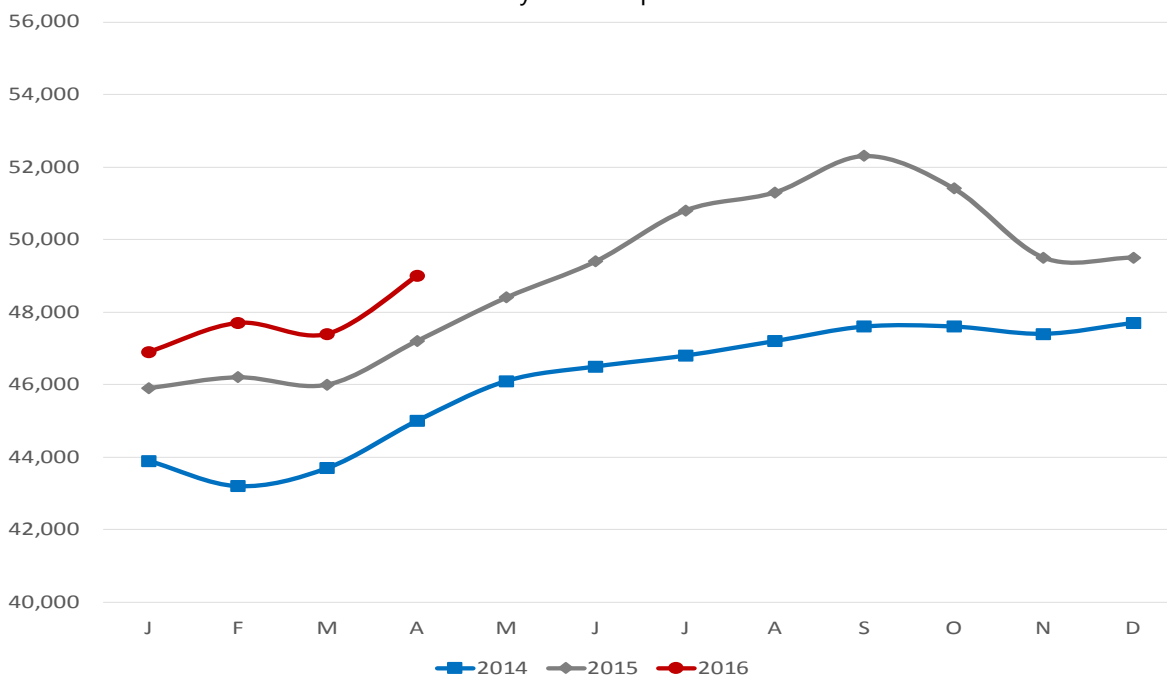
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs rose 8,400 in April to total 1,232,800. Seven major industry sectors posted gains, while four sectors declined slightly. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 2,900 jobs. Seasonal hiring occurred in both retail (+2,500) and wholesale (+1,300) trade. **Leisure and hospitality** (+1,900) posted expected gains across all subsectors. Jobs in **professional and business services** rose 1,700. Most of the increase occurred in administrative and support services, up 1,200. **Construction** added 1,600 jobs, a typical spring expansion.

April 2015 - April 2016

Since April 2015, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment increased 26,100. Growth was reported in nine major industry sectors, while two sectors declined. Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 8,800. Most of the gains were in retail trade (+6,300). **Professional and business services** added 5,300 jobs, spread throughout all three subsectors. Jobs in **educational and health services** increased 5,300. A majority of the expansion occurred in health care and social assistance (+4,600). Employment in **leisure and hospitality** rose 5,300, mostly in food services (+4,900). **Construction** added 1,800 jobs. Declines were reported in both **mining and logging** (-1,400) and in **manufacturing** (-1,300).

Jobs in Construction (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2014 - April 2016



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Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

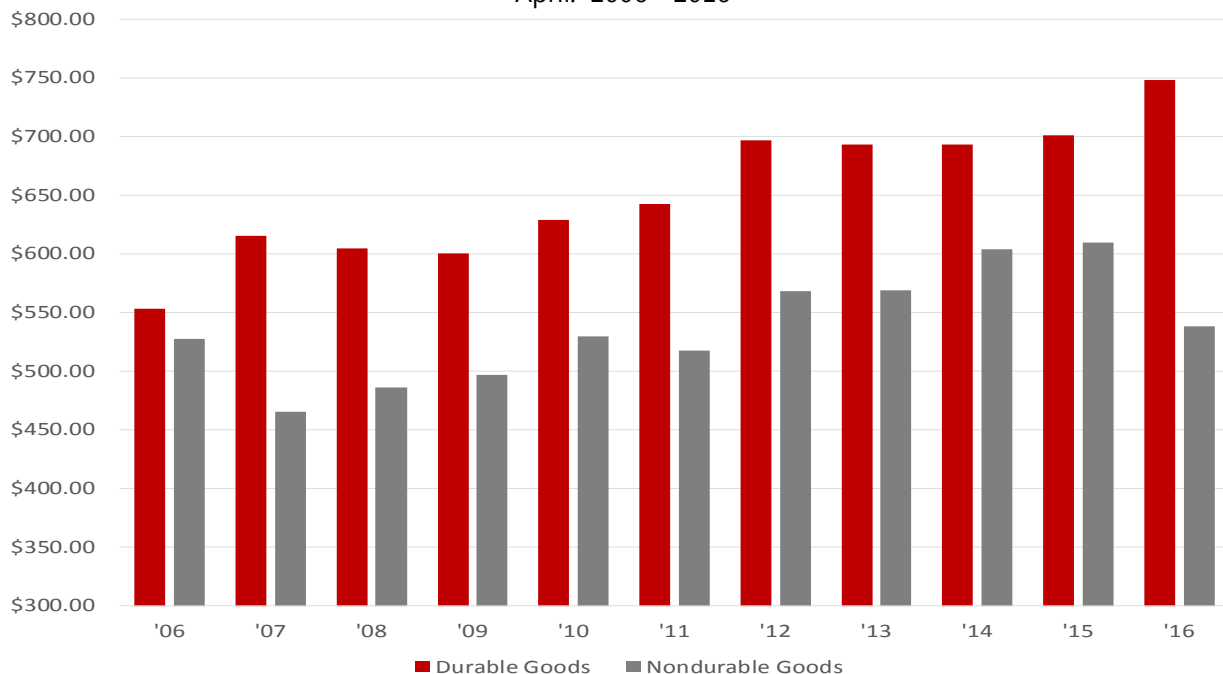
Manufacturing

	Apr 16	Mar 16	Apr 15
Average Weekly Hours	39.5	39.7	40.4
Average Hourly Earnings	16.19	15.89	16.21
Average Weekly Earnings	639.51	630.83	654.88

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	Apr 16	Mar 16	Apr 15		Apr 16	Mar 16	Apr 15
Average Weekly Hours	42.0	41.0	39.4	Average Weekly Hours	37.2	38.5	41.3
Average Hourly Earnings	17.81	17.52	17.79	Average Hourly Earnings	14.48	14.26	14.77
Average Weekly Earnings	748.02	718.32	700.93	Average Weekly Earnings	538.66	549.01	610.00

Average Weekly Earnings: Durable Goods vs. Nondurable Goods
April: 2006 - 2016



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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)

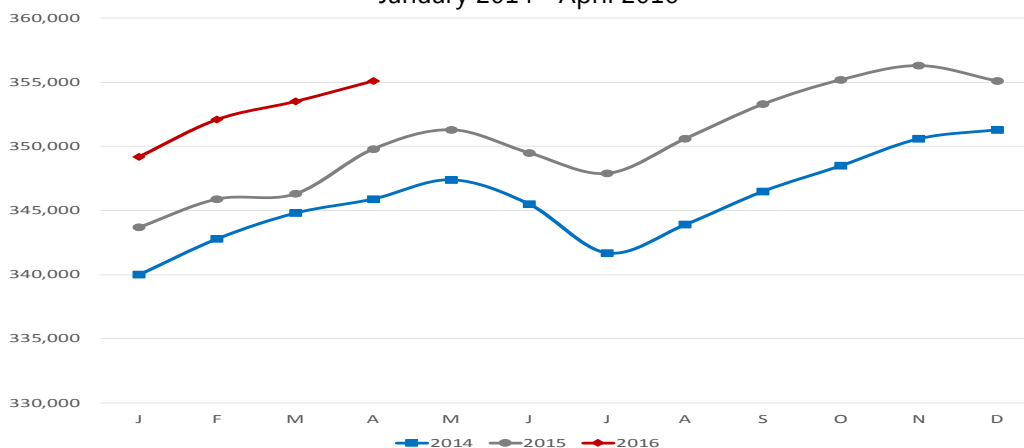
	Apr 16	Mar 16	Apr 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	353,334	354,046	345,654	-712	7,680
Employment	342,636	341,337	329,564	1,299	13,072
Unemployment	10,698	12,709	16,090	-2,011	-5,392
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.6	4.7	-0.6	-1.7

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Apr 16	Mar 16	Apr 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	355.1	353.5	349.8	1.6	5.3
Goods Producing	36.6	36.5	37.0	0.1	-0.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	16.3	16.2	16.7	0.1	-0.4
Manufacturing	20.3	20.3	20.3	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	318.5	317.0	312.8	1.5	5.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	70.3	69.3	67.7	1.0	2.6
Wholesale Trade	15.3	15.2	15.2	0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	40.2	39.4	38.0	0.8	2.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	14.8	14.7	14.5	0.1	0.3
Information	6.2	6.3	6.1	-0.1	0.1
Financial Activities	20.6	20.6	20.5	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	47.1	46.8	46.8	0.3	0.3
Educational & Health Services	53.0	52.5	52.7	0.5	0.3
Leisure & Hospitality	34.7	34.8	32.9	-0.1	1.8
Other Services	15.2	15.1	14.9	0.1	0.3
Government	71.4	71.6	71.2	-0.2	0.2
Federal Government	9.7	9.7	9.7	0.0	0.0
State Government	35.0	35.1	34.7	-0.1	0.3
Local Government	26.7	26.8	26.8	-0.1	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
January 2014 - April 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

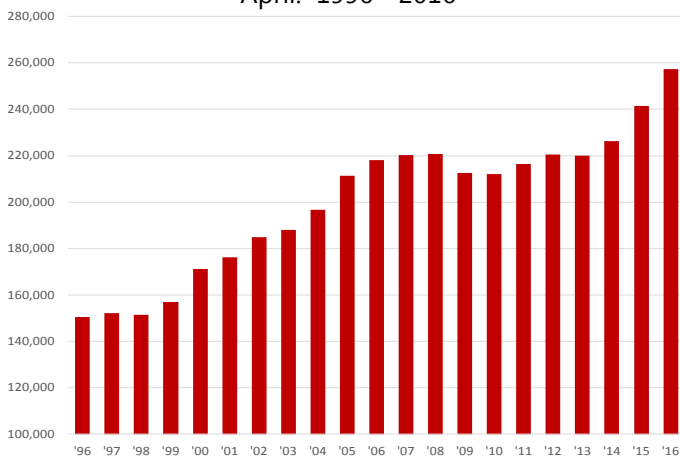
	Apr 16	Mar 16	Apr 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	263,820	263,746	250,939	74	12,881
Employment	257,388	256,121	241,367	1,267	16,021
Unemployment	6,432	7,625	9,572	-1,193	-3,140
Unemployment Rate	2.4	2.9	3.8	-0.5	-1.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

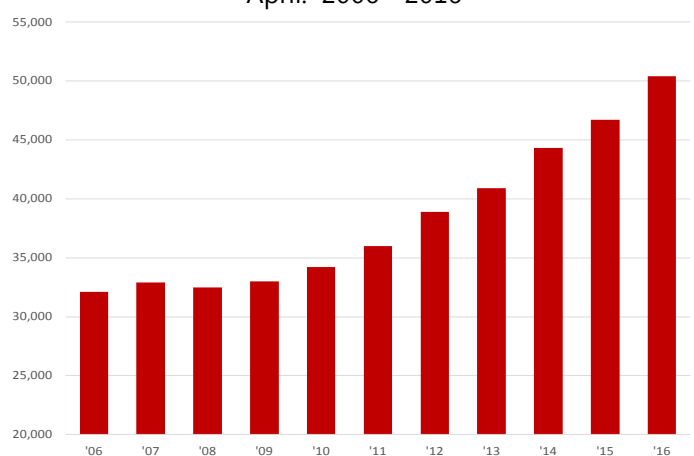
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Apr 16	Mar 16	Apr 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	243.9	242.2	233.7	1.7	10.2
Goods Producing	35.9	35.9	36.2	0.0	-0.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	10.0	9.8	9.2	0.2	0.8
Manufacturing	25.9	26.1	27.0	-0.2	-1.1
Service Providing	208.0	206.3	197.5	1.7	10.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	55.6	55.4	53.0	0.2	2.6
Wholesale Trade	12.1	12.0	11.5	0.1	0.6
Retail Trade	27.2	27.0	25.7	0.2	1.5
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.3	16.4	15.8	-0.1	0.5
Information	2.0	2.1	2.0	-0.1	0.0
Financial Activities	6.9	6.8	6.7	0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	50.4	48.9	46.7	1.5	3.7
Educational & Health Services	26.7	26.5	25.4	0.2	1.3
Leisure & Hospitality	24.6	24.7	23.1	-0.1	1.5
Other Services	7.2	7.2	7.1	0.0	0.1
Government	34.6	34.7	33.5	-0.1	1.1
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
State Government	13.4	13.5	12.7	-0.1	0.7
Local Government	18.6	18.6	18.2	0.0	0.4

Number of Employed
April: 1996 - 2016



Jobs in Professional and Business Services
April: 2006 - 2016



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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 16	Mar 16	Apr 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	121,657	122,143	121,434	-486	223
Employment	116,639	116,494	114,696	145	1,943
Unemployment	5,018	5,649	6,738	-631	-1,720
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.6	5.5	-0.5	-1.4

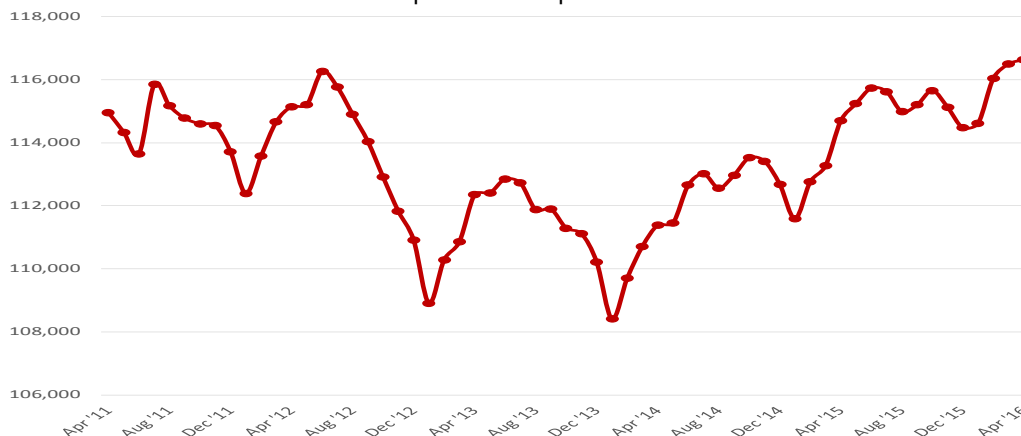
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Apr 16	Mar 16	Apr 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	113.7	112.9	113.6	0.8	0.1
Goods Producing	23.3	23.5	23.9	-0.2	-0.6
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.7	5.7	6.1	0.0	-0.4
Manufacturing	17.6	17.8	17.8	-0.2	-0.2
Service Providing	90.4	89.4	89.7	1.0	0.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.9	23.7	23.7	0.2	0.2
Wholesale Trade	4.3	4.2	4.2	0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	13.0	13.0	12.7	0.0	0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.6	6.5	6.8	0.1	-0.2
Information	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.7	3.7	3.8	0.0	-0.1
Professional & Business Services	12.1	11.8	12.5	0.3	-0.4
Educational & Health Services	16.7	16.6	16.5	0.1	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.5	9.3	9.3	0.2	0.2
Other Services	4.4	4.2	4.3	0.2	0.1
Government	18.9	18.9	18.4	0.0	0.5
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0
Local Government	14.4	14.4	13.9	0.0	0.5

Number of Employed

April 2011 - April 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Apr 16	Mar 16	Apr 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	41,310	41,118	40,197	192	1,113
Employment	39,851	39,378	37,973	473	1,878
Unemployment	1,459	1,740	2,224	-281	-765
Unemployment Rate	3.5	4.2	5.5	-0.7	-2.0

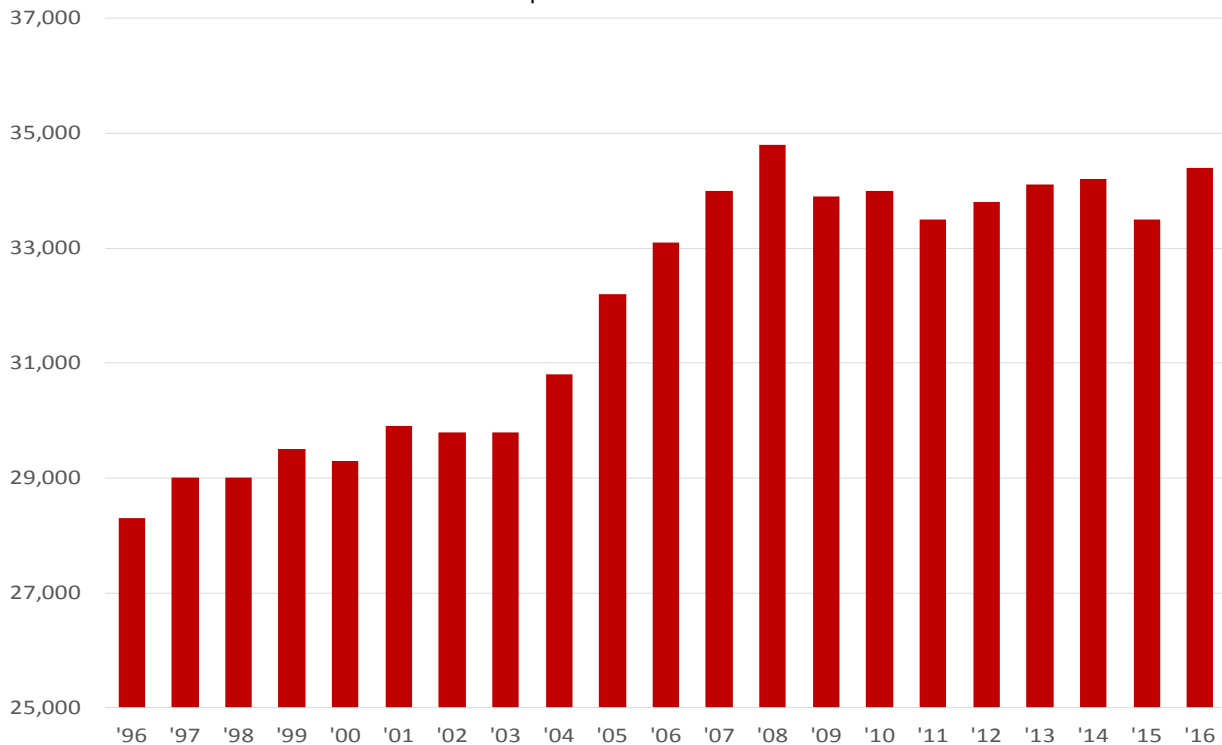
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Apr 16	Mar 16	Apr 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	38.9	38.2	37.9	0.7	1.0
Goods Producing	4.5	4.4	4.4	0.1	0.1
Service Providing	34.4	33.8	33.5	0.6	0.9
Government	4.8	4.8	4.6	0.0	0.2

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

April: 1996 - 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

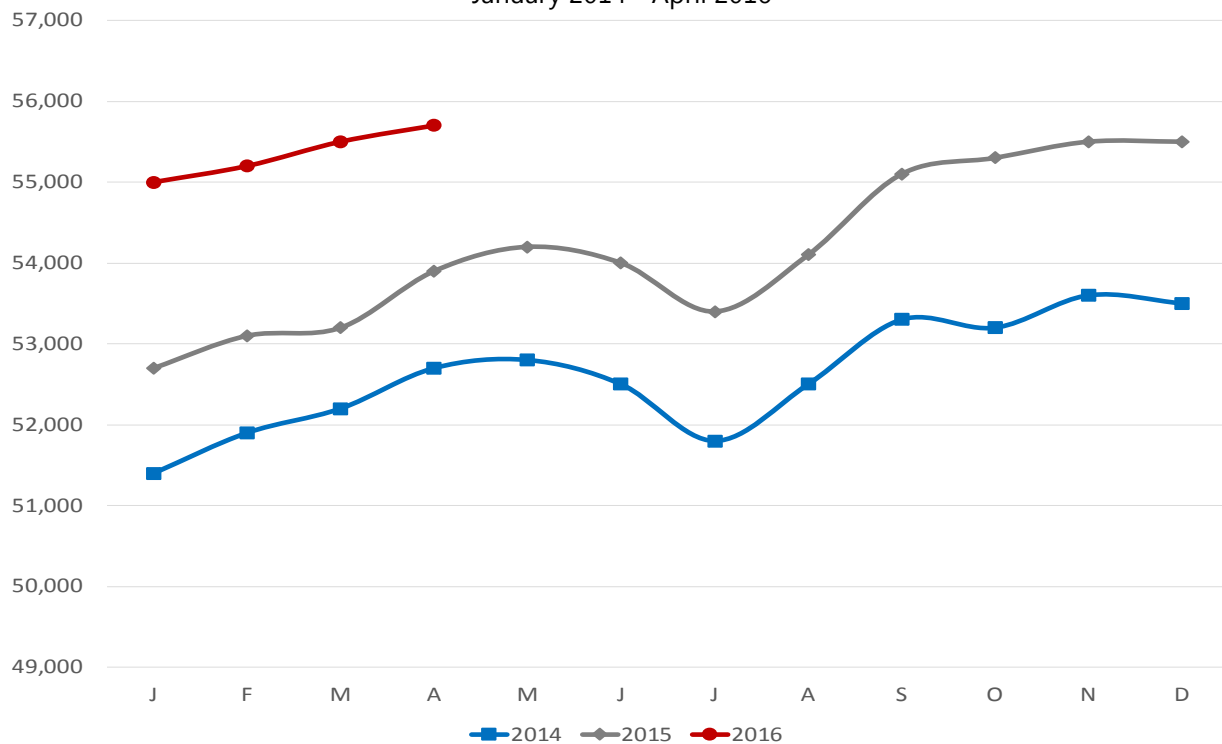
	Apr 16	Mar 16	Apr 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	62,591	62,885	60,303	-294	2,288
Employment	60,812	60,704	57,467	108	3,345
Unemployment	1,779	2,181	2,836	-402	-1,057
Unemployment Rate	2.8	3.5	4.7	-0.7	-1.9

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Apr 16	Mar 16	Apr 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	55.7	55.5	53.9	0.2	1.8
Goods Producing	8.9	8.9	8.7	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	46.8	46.6	45.2	0.2	1.6
Government	9.0	9.0	8.9	0.0	0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
January 2014 - April 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Apr 16	Mar 16	Apr 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	36,697	36,915	36,817	-218	-120
Employment	35,008	34,909	34,289	99	719
Unemployment	1,689	2,006	2,528	-317	-839
Unemployment Rate	4.6	5.4	6.9	-0.8	-2.3

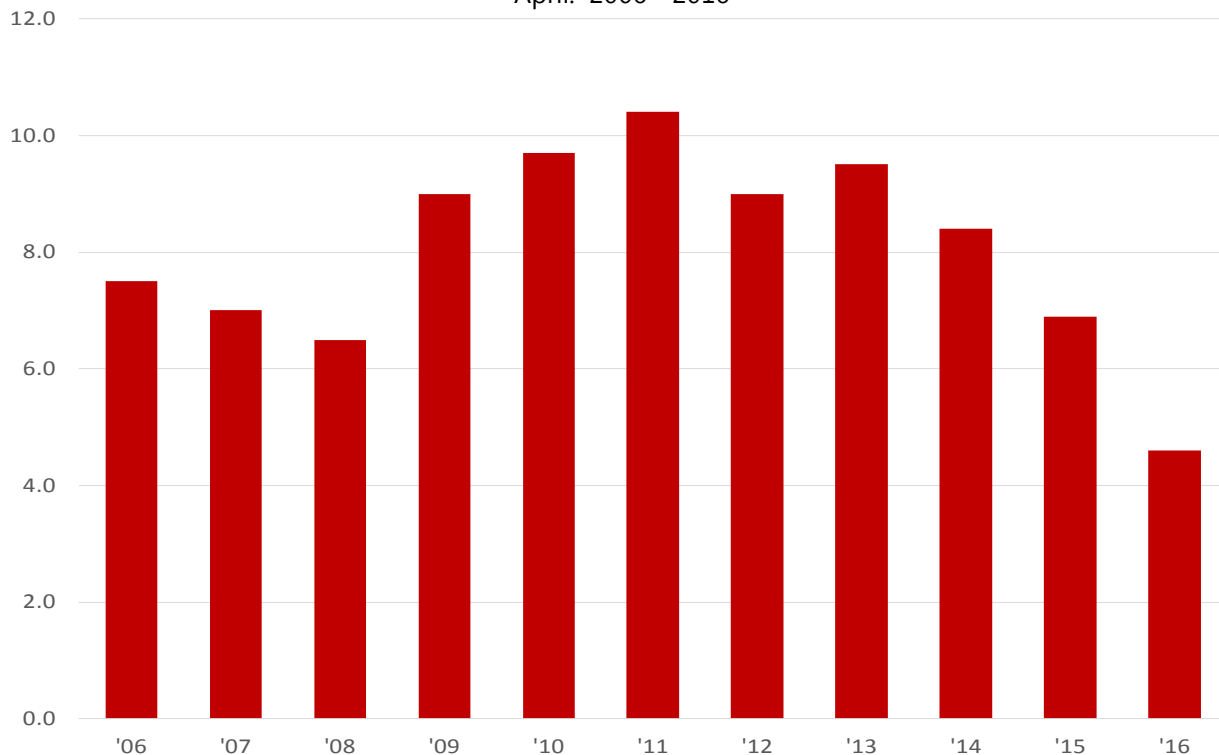
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Apr 16	Mar 16	Apr 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	33.9	33.8	34.1	0.1	-0.2
Goods Producing	6.1	6.1	6.3	0.0	-0.2
Service Providing	27.8	27.7	27.8	0.1	0.0
Government	9.6	9.6	9.7	0.0	-0.1

Unemployment Rates

April: 2006 - 2016



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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 16	Mar 16	Apr 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	618,807	616,825	608,392	1,982	10,415
Employment	591,444	587,823	571,853	3,621	19,591
Unemployment	27,363	29,002	36,539	-1,639	-9,176
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.7	6.0	-0.3	-1.6

Texarkana MSA

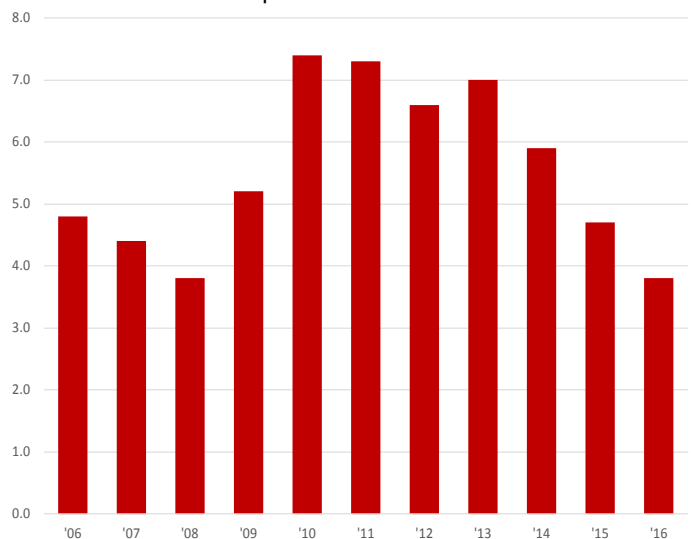
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	Apr 16	Mar 16	Apr 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	65,242	65,570	64,574	-328	668
Employment	62,775	62,723	61,507	52	1,268
Unemployment	2,467	2,847	3,067	-380	-600
Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.3	4.7	-0.5	-0.9

Number of Employed- Memphis MSA
April 2014 - April 2016



Unemployment Rates- Texarkana MSA
April: 2006 - 2016



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Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Micro Area	April 2016				March 2016				April 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,744	9,391	353	3.6	9,802	9,393	409	4.2	9,468	8,943	525	5.5
Batesville Micro	15,862	15,185	677	4.3	15,961	15,148	813	5.1	15,552	14,610	942	6.1
Blytheville Micro	18,069	17,028	1,041	5.8	18,352	17,110	1,242	6.8	18,377	16,634	1,743	9.5
Camden Micro	12,405	11,887	518	4.2	12,458	11,852	606	4.9	12,336	11,517	819	6.6
El Dorado Micro	17,350	16,577	773	4.5	17,505	16,598	907	5.2	16,646	15,577	1,069	6.4
Forrest City Micro	8,867	8,464	403	4.5	8,914	8,416	498	5.6	8,984	8,350	634	7.1
Harrison Micro	19,519	18,908	611	3.1	19,624	18,844	780	4.0	19,212	18,236	976	5.1
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,955	6,600	355	5.1	7,060	6,626	434	6.1	6,980	6,443	537	7.7
Magnolia Micro	9,615	9,152	463	4.8	9,679	9,153	526	5.4	9,639	9,029	610	6.3
Malvern Micro	14,615	14,123	492	3.4	14,673	14,064	609	4.2	14,174	13,458	716	5.1
Mountain Home Micro	16,395	15,823	572	3.5	16,460	15,745	715	4.3	16,175	15,227	948	5.9
Paragould Micro	20,256	19,549	707	3.5	20,292	19,421	871	4.3	19,944	18,903	1,041	5.2
Russellville Micro	38,786	37,322	1,464	3.8	39,035	37,289	1,746	4.5	38,425	36,404	2,021	5.3
Searcy Micro	34,682	33,060	1,622	4.7	34,839	32,917	1,922	5.5	34,623	32,397	2,226	6.4

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

Magnolia Micro= Columbia County

Malvern Micro= Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro= Baxter County

Paragould Micro= Greene County

Russellville Micro= Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro= White County

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City	April 2016				March 2016				April 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,128	11,763	365	3.0	12,147	11,703	444	3.7	11,538	11,023	515	4.5
Benton	16,257	15,810	447	2.7	16,280	15,744	536	3.3	15,963	15,204	759	4.8
Bentonville	22,657	22,109	548	2.4	22,654	21,995	659	2.9	21,465	20,718	747	3.5
Blytheville	6,209	5,814	395	6.4	6,342	5,842	500	7.9	6,442	5,679	763	11.8
Cabot	11,835	11,532	303	2.6	11,882	11,510	372	3.1	11,539	11,101	438	3.8
Conway	33,221	32,218	1,003	3.0	33,236	32,103	1,133	3.4	32,453	30,986	1,467	4.5
El Dorado	7,518	7,149	369	4.9	7,580	7,158	422	5.6	7,215	6,717	498	6.9
Fayetteville	45,912	44,871	1,041	2.3	45,876	44,643	1,233	2.7	43,630	42,043	1,587	3.6
Fort Smith	40,173	38,881	1,292	3.2	40,254	38,713	1,541	3.8	39,975	37,938	2,037	5.1
Hot Springs	14,380	13,852	528	3.7	14,337	13,688	649	4.5	14,060	13,200	860	6.1
Jacksonville	11,906	11,464	442	3.7	11,978	11,415	563	4.7	11,669	11,025	644	5.5
Jonesboro	36,448	35,451	997	2.7	36,579	35,363	1,216	3.3	35,068	33,484	1,584	4.5
Little Rock	97,543	94,645	2,898	3.0	97,626	94,246	3,380	3.5	95,463	91,023	4,440	4.7
North Little Rock	30,339	29,362	977	3.2	30,415	29,238	1,177	3.9	29,763	28,238	1,525	5.1
Paragould	12,639	12,172	467	3.7	12,652	12,092	560	4.4	12,438	11,770	668	5.4
Pine Bluff	17,473	16,536	937	5.4	17,534	16,470	1,064	6.1	17,597	16,199	1,398	7.9
Rogers	33,498	32,685	813	2.4	33,475	32,517	958	2.9	31,986	30,628	1,358	4.2
Russellville	13,798	13,306	492	3.6	13,865	13,280	585	4.2	13,681	12,976	705	5.2
Searcy	10,556	10,188	368	3.5	10,614	10,144	470	4.4	10,588	9,984	604	5.7
Sherwood	15,662	15,271	391	2.5	15,677	15,206	471	3.0	15,319	14,686	633	4.1
Springdale	38,460	37,583	877	2.3	38,403	37,391	1,012	2.6	36,540	35,215	1,325	3.6
Texarkana, AR	13,826	13,377	449	3.2	13,936	13,345	591	4.2	13,583	12,856	727	5.4
Van Buren	10,488	10,152	336	3.2	10,509	10,118	391	3.7	10,494	9,909	585	5.6
West Memphis	10,807	10,328	479	4.4	10,801	10,256	545	5.0	10,653	9,900	753	7.1

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,583	9,304	279	2.9	9,651	9,323	328	3.4	9,345	8,953	392	4.2
Ashley	8,266	7,867	399	4.8	8,405	7,914	491	5.8	8,218	7,563	655	8.0
Baxter	16,395	15,823	572	3.5	16,460	15,745	715	4.3	16,175	15,227	948	5.9
Benton	125,470	122,379	3,091	2.5	125,459	121,752	3,707	3.0	119,374	114,680	4,694	3.9
Boone	16,077	15,575	502	3.1	16,146	15,513	633	3.9	15,839	15,022	817	5.2
Bradley	4,532	4,368	164	3.6	4,591	4,391	200	4.4	4,421	4,139	282	6.4
Calhoun	2,401	2,299	102	4.2	2,414	2,302	112	4.6	2,362	2,230	132	5.6
Carroll	12,655	12,275	380	3.0	12,627	12,134	493	3.9	12,439	11,860	579	4.7
Chicot	3,609	3,411	198	5.5	3,653	3,397	256	7.0	3,777	3,415	362	9.6
Clark	9,744	9,391	353	3.6	9,802	9,393	409	4.2	9,468	8,943	525	5.5
Clay	6,272	5,974	298	4.8	6,350	5,954	396	6.2	6,291	5,875	416	6.6
Cleburne	9,575	9,046	529	5.5	9,637	9,006	631	6.5	9,595	8,899	696	7.3
Cleveland	3,430	3,299	131	3.8	3,464	3,302	162	4.7	3,436	3,230	206	6.0
Columbia	9,615	9,152	463	4.8	9,679	9,153	526	5.4	9,639	9,029	610	6.3
Conway	8,817	8,343	474	5.4	8,780	8,308	472	5.4	8,584	8,043	541	6.3
Craighead	52,126	50,705	1,421	2.7	52,305	50,579	1,726	3.3	50,166	47,892	2,274	4.5
Crawford	27,032	26,092	940	3.5	27,102	26,005	1,097	4.0	26,936	25,467	1,469	5.5
Crittenden	21,780	20,928	852	3.9	21,779	20,782	997	4.6	21,437	20,060	1,377	6.4
Cross	8,131	7,821	310	3.8	8,225	7,845	380	4.6	8,156	7,703	453	5.6
Dallas	2,983	2,858	125	4.2	3,008	2,849	159	5.3	2,850	2,635	215	7.5
Desha	5,482	5,211	271	4.9	5,586	5,251	335	6.0	5,472	5,051	421	7.7
Drew	8,163	7,783	380	4.7	8,192	7,732	460	5.6	8,023	7,463	560	7.0
Faulkner	60,882	58,801	2,081	3.4	60,982	58,591	2,391	3.9	59,395	56,552	2,843	4.8
Franklin	7,548	7,273	275	3.6	7,615	7,278	337	4.4	7,420	7,039	381	5.1
Fulton	4,844	4,667	177	3.7	4,818	4,596	222	4.6	4,832	4,584	248	5.1
Garland	41,310	39,851	1,459	3.5	41,118	39,378	1,740	4.2	40,197	37,973	2,224	5.5
Grant	8,439	8,175	264	3.1	8,492	8,159	333	3.9	8,257	7,874	383	4.6
Greene	20,256	19,549	707	3.5	20,292	19,421	871	4.3	19,944	18,903	1,041	5.2
Hempstead	9,924	9,608	316	3.2	9,985	9,592	393	3.9	9,858	9,346	512	5.2
Hot Spring	14,615	14,123	492	3.4	14,673	14,064	609	4.2	14,174	13,458	716	5.1
Howard	6,064	5,900	164	2.7	6,146	5,938	208	3.4	6,188	5,930	258	4.2
Independence	15,862	15,185	677	4.3	15,961	15,148	813	5.1	15,552	14,610	942	6.1
Izard	5,152	4,926	226	4.4	5,165	4,879	286	5.5	5,027	4,694	333	6.6
Jackson	6,208	5,862	346	5.6	6,307	5,890	417	6.6	6,168	5,676	492	8.0
Jefferson	29,093	27,701	1,392	4.8	29,218	27,591	1,627	5.6	29,195	27,136	2,059	7.1
Johnson	10,466	10,042	424	4.1	10,581	10,076	505	4.8	10,218	9,609	609	6.0
Lafayette	2,653	2,519	134	5.1	2,698	2,536	162	6.0	2,628	2,419	209	8.0
Lawrence	7,115	6,862	253	3.6	7,171	6,868	303	4.2	7,103	6,667	436	6.1
Lee	3,123	3,002	121	3.9	3,181	3,026	155	4.9	3,243	3,022	221	6.8
Lincoln	4,174	4,008	166	4.0	4,233	4,016	217	5.1	4,186	3,923	263	6.3
Little River	5,713	5,500	213	3.7	5,731	5,485	246	4.3	5,594	5,291	303	5.4
Logan	9,373	8,985	388	4.1	9,425	8,983	442	4.7	9,146	8,581	565	6.2
Lonoke	33,621	32,682	939	2.8	33,775	32,620	1,155	3.4	32,879	31,462	1,417	4.3
Madison	7,463	7,254	209	2.8	7,503	7,264	239	3.2	7,117	6,832	285	4.0
Marion	6,621	6,398	223	3.4	6,616	6,345	271	4.1	6,521	6,153	368	5.6
Miller	20,008	19,367	641	3.2	20,164	19,321	843	4.2	19,638	18,614	1,024	5.2

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County	April 2016				March 2016				April 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	18,069	17,028	1,041	5.8	18,352	17,110	1,242	6.8	18,377	16,634	1,743	9.5
Monroe	3,015	2,898	117	3.9	3,027	2,886	141	4.7	3,063	2,887	176	5.7
Montgomery	3,194	3,054	140	4.4	3,194	3,020	174	5.4	3,232	3,014	218	6.7
Nevada	3,686	3,572	114	3.1	3,701	3,557	144	3.9	3,672	3,472	200	5.4
Newton	3,442	3,333	109	3.2	3,478	3,331	147	4.2	3,373	3,214	159	4.7
Ouachita	10,004	9,588	416	4.2	10,044	9,550	494	4.9	9,974	9,287	687	6.9
Perry	4,288	4,105	183	4.3	4,321	4,099	222	5.1	4,210	3,948	262	6.2
Phillips	6,955	6,600	355	5.1	7,060	6,626	434	6.1	6,980	6,443	537	7.7
Pike	4,278	4,111	167	3.9	4,267	4,075	192	4.5	4,208	3,959	249	5.9
Poinsett	10,465	10,107	358	3.4	10,580	10,125	455	4.3	10,137	9,575	562	5.5
Polk	8,278	7,933	345	4.2	8,379	7,962	417	5.0	8,337	7,849	488	5.9
Pope	29,722	28,586	1,136	3.8	29,875	28,530	1,345	4.5	29,426	27,878	1,548	5.3
Prairie	3,702	3,579	123	3.3	3,739	3,589	150	4.0	3,769	3,594	175	4.6
Pulaski	189,734	184,033	5,701	3.0	190,051	183,256	6,795	3.6	185,765	176,990	8,775	4.7
Randolph	6,047	5,797	250	4.1	6,097	5,788	309	5.1	6,201	5,744	457	7.4
St. Francis	8,867	8,464	403	4.5	8,914	8,416	498	5.6	8,984	8,350	634	7.1
Saline	56,370	54,840	1,530	2.7	56,425	54,612	1,813	3.2	55,148	52,738	2,410	4.4
Scott	4,569	4,419	150	3.3	4,622	4,451	171	3.7	4,517	4,283	234	5.2
Searcy	3,065	2,954	111	3.6	3,064	2,923	141	4.6	3,014	2,832	182	6.0
Sebastian	57,802	55,917	1,885	3.3	57,907	55,675	2,232	3.9	57,529	54,561	2,968	5.2
Sevier	5,753	5,523	230	4.0	5,826	5,539	287	4.9	5,534	5,198	336	6.1
Sharp	6,119	5,838	281	4.6	6,119	5,764	355	5.8	6,048	5,625	423	7.0
Stone	4,764	4,552	212	4.5	4,730	4,474	256	5.4	4,699	4,398	301	6.4
Union	17,350	16,577	773	4.5	17,505	16,598	907	5.2	16,646	15,577	1,069	6.4
Van Buren	6,587	6,173	414	6.3	6,581	6,126	455	6.9	6,479	6,026	453	7.0
Washington	119,788	117,075	2,713	2.3	119,688	116,480	3,208	2.7	113,779	109,696	4,083	3.6
White	34,682	33,060	1,622	4.7	34,839	32,917	1,922	5.5	34,623	32,397	2,226	6.4
Woodruff	3,000	2,850	150	5.0	3,052	2,877	175	5.7	3,056	2,856	200	6.5
Yell	9,064	8,736	328	3.6	9,160	8,759	401	4.4	8,999	8,526	473	5.3

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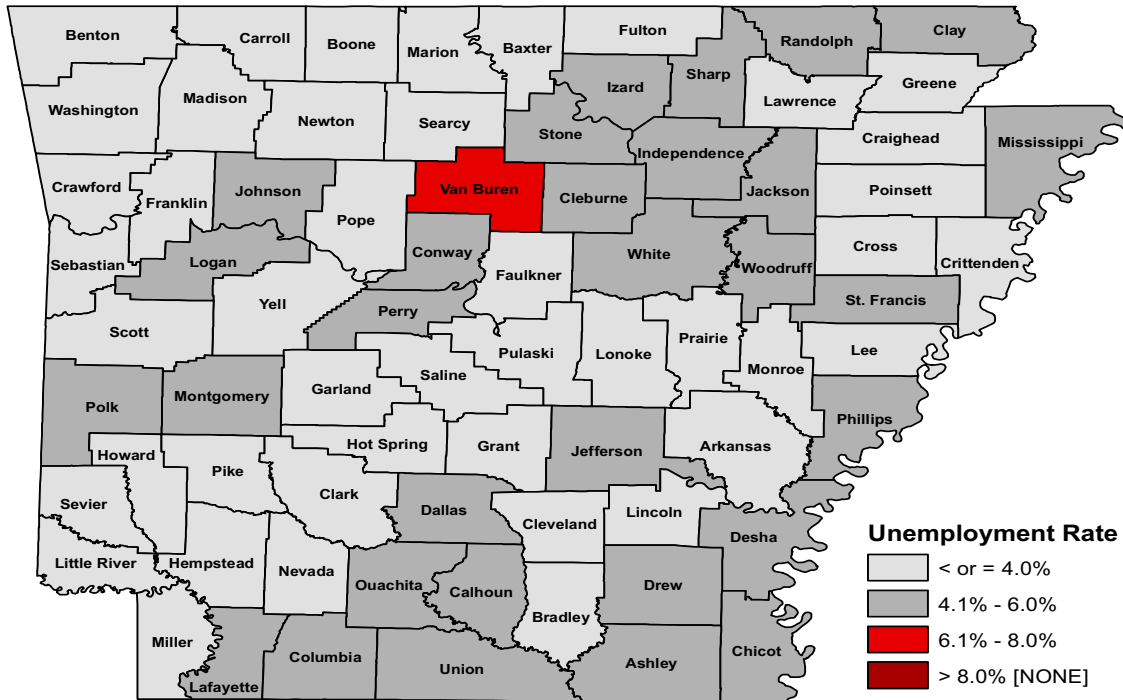
Between March and April, unemployment rates declined in 74 of Arkansas' 75 counties. One area, Conway County, was unchanged over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.3 percent in Van Buren County.

In April, forty-four counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. For the third consecutive month, no county had a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to April 2015, unemployment rates are down in all 75 counties.

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Ranked by Unemployment Rates

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Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.3	24	Garland	3.5	48	Polk	4.2
2	Benton	2.5	24	Greene	3.5	52	Independence	4.3
3	Craighead	2.7	28	Bradley	3.6	52	Perry	4.3
3	Howard	2.7	28	Clark	3.6	54	Izard	4.4
3	Saline	2.7	28	Franklin	3.6	54	Montgomery	4.4
6	Lonoke	2.8	28	Lawrence	3.6	56	St. Francis	4.5
6	Madison	2.8	28	Searcy	3.6	56	Stone	4.5
8	Arkansas	2.9	28	Yell	3.6	56	Union	4.5
9	Carroll	3.0	34	Fulton	3.7	59	Sharp	4.6
9	Pulaski	3.0	34	Little River	3.7	60	Drew	4.7
11	Boone	3.1	36	Cleveland	3.8	60	White	4.7
11	Grant	3.1	36	Cross	3.8	62	Ashley	4.8
11	Nevada	3.1	36	Pope	3.8	62	Clay	4.8
14	Hempstead	3.2	39	Crittenden	3.9	62	Columbia	4.8
14	Miller	3.2	39	Lee	3.9	62	Jefferson	4.8
14	Newton	3.2	39	Monroe	3.9	66	Desha	4.9
17	Prairie	3.3	39	Pike	3.9	67	Woodruff	5.0
17	Scott	3.3	43	Lincoln	4.0	68	Lafayette	5.1
17	Sebastian	3.3	43	Sevier	4.0	68	Phillips	5.1
20	Faulkner	3.4	45	Johnson	4.1	70	Conway	5.4
20	Hot Spring	3.4	45	Logan	4.1	71	Chicot	5.5
20	Marion	3.4	45	Randolph	4.1	71	Cleburne	5.5
20	Poinsett	3.4	48	Calhoun	4.2	73	Jackson	5.6
24	Baxter	3.5	48	Dallas	4.2	74	Mississippi	5.8
24	Crawford	3.5	48	Ouachita	4.2	75	Van Buren	6.3

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Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LWDA	April 2016				March 2016				April 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	249,781	242,188	7,593	3.0	250,373	241,308	9,065	3.6	244,556	233,200	11,356	4.6
City of Little Rock	97,543	94,645	2,898	3.0	97,626	94,246	3,380	3.5	95,463	91,023	4,440	4.7
Eastern	48,856	46,815	2,041	4.2	49,159	46,695	2,464	5.0	48,800	45,578	3,222	6.6
North Central	96,793	92,159	4,634	4.8	97,209	91,677	5,532	5.7	96,079	89,765	6,314	6.6
Northeast	120,350	116,022	4,328	3.6	121,147	115,845	5,302	4.4	118,219	111,290	6,929	5.9
Northwest	310,976	303,066	7,910	2.5	311,041	301,487	9,554	3.1	297,631	285,516	12,115	4.1
Southeast	84,771	81,127	3,644	4.3	85,485	81,076	4,409	5.2	84,330	78,747	5,583	6.6
Southwest	96,154	92,463	3,691	3.8	96,901	92,420	4,481	4.6	94,583	89,028	5,555	5.9
West Central	135,498	130,342	5,156	3.8	135,771	129,702	6,069	4.5	132,716	125,351	7,365	5.5
Western	114,602	110,619	3,983	3.5	115,050	110,354	4,696	4.1	113,885	107,780	6,105	5.4

