**Arkansas**

**Labor Market**

**Report**

**May 2016**



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Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bu- reau 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 num- ber 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 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 unem- ployed. 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. Approxi- mately 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 dur- ing 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.

May 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 pro- duced and published on a quarterly basis. At this time, BED data is only available at the national and statewide levels.

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

State of Arkansas

(Seasonally Adjusted)

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

3 months ended

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

Category | Sep 14 | Dec 14 | Mar 15 | Jun 15 | Sep 15\*

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

Employment Levels

Gross job gains..... 57,019 63,560 52,074 57,124 58,978

Gross job losses.... 52,229 48,759 55,318 51,031 50,906

**Net Change**.......... **4,790 14,801 -3,244 6,093 8,072**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 3rd Quarter 2015

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.

65,000

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

3rd Quarter 2013 - 3rd Quarter 2015

63,000

61,000

59,000

57,000

55,000

53,000

51,000

49,000

47,000

45,000

Sep '13 Dec '13 Mar '14 Jun '14 Sep '14 Dec '14 Mar '15 Jun '15 Sep '15

Gross Job Gains

Gross Job Losses

Civilian Labor Force Summar y

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 one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.9 percent in April to 3.8 percent in May. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose 46, a result of 1,073 more employed and 1,027 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate dropped three-tenths of a percentage point, falling to 4.7 percent in May.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ jobless rate declined to 3.8 percent in May, as the number of unemployed dropped to 51,773. The number of unemployed in Arkansas has been on a steady decline since February 2011, when unemployment was at a record high of 114,892.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **May 16**  1,362,030 | **Apr 16**  1,361,984 | **May 15**  1,327,394 | Civilian Labor Force | **May 16**  1,360,986 | **Apr 16**  1,355,374 | **May 15**  1,336,245 |
| Employment | 1,310,257 | 1,309,184 | 1,255,531 | Employment | 1,309,326 | 1,309,238 | 1,263,944 |
| Unemployment | 51,773 | 52,800 | 71,863 | Unemployment | 51,660 | 46,136 | 72,301 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.8 | 3.9 | 5.4 | Unemployment Rate | 3.8 | 3.4 | 5.4 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 4.7 | 5.0 | 5.5 | U.S. Unemployment | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.3 |

7.0

**Unemployment Rates: Seasonally Adjusted vs Not Seasonally Adjusted**

May 2014 - May 2016

6.5

6.0

5.5

5.0

4.5

4.0

3.5

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 3.0 |  | | | | | | | | |
|  | May | Aug | Nov | Feb | May | Aug | Nov | Feb | May |
|  | '14 | '14 | '14 | '15 | '15 | '15 | '15 | '16 | '16 |

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted



(In Thousands)

(NAICS)

**May 16 Apr 16 May 15**

**OTM OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Nonfarm | 1235.4 | 1232.7 | 1213.5 | 2.7 | 21.9 |
| Goods Producing | 209.2 | 208.2 | 210.8 | 1.0 | -1.6 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 55.3 | 54.9 | 56.5 | 0.4 | -1.2 |
| **Mining & Logging 6.6 6.6 8.1 0.0 -1.5** | | | | | |
| **Construction** | **48.7** | **48.3** | **48.4** | **0.4** | **0.3** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 32.3 | 31.9 | 30.7 | 0.4 | 1.6 |
| **Manufacturing** | **153.9** | **153.3** | **154.3** | **0.6** | **-0.4** |
| Durable Goods | 74.4 | 73.8 | 76.2 | 0.6 | -1.8 |
| Nondurable Goods | 79.5 | 79.5 | 78.1 | 0.0 | 1.4 |
| Service Providing | 1026.2 | 1024.5 | 1002.7 | 1.7 | 23.5 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **258.6** | **258.1** | **251.7** | **0.5** | **6.9** |
| Wholesale Trade | 49.5 | 49.2 | 47.4 | 0.3 | 2.1 |
| Retail Trade | 145.4 | 145.2 | 140.7 | 0.2 | 4.7 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 63.7 | 63.7 | 63.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| I**nformation** | **14.0** | **13.9** | **13.2** | **0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Financial Activities** | **49.8** | **49.4** | **49.3** | **0.4** | **0.5** |
| Finance & Insurance | 36.7 | 36.4 | 36.1 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.1 | 13.0 | 13.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **143.4** | **144.1** | **139.1** | **-0.7** | **4.3** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 42.4 | 44.6 | 40.7 | -2.2 | 1.7 |
| Management of Companies | 34.8 | 34.6 | 33.1 | 0.2 | 1.7 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 66.2 | 64.9 | 65.3 | 1.3 | 0.9 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **182.0** | **180.5** | **175.0** | **1.5** | **7.0** |
| Educational Services | 14.6 | 15.1 | 14.4 | -0.5 | 0.2 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 167.4 | 165.4 | 160.6 | 2.0 | 6.8 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 52.8 | 52.0 | 50.9 | 0.8 | 1.9 |
| Social Assistance | 41.0 | 40.8 | 38.7 | 0.2 | 2.3 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 117.5 117.0 114.9 0.5 2.6** | | | | | |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 12.2 | 11.1 | 12.2 | 1.1 | 0.0 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 105.3 | 105.9 | 102.7 | -0.6 | 2.6 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.6 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Food Services | 93.7 | 94.6 | 91.4 | -0.9 | 2.3 |
| **Other Services** | **44.3** | **44.2** | **43.6** | **0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Government** | **216.6** | **217.3** | **215.9** | **-0.7** | **0.7** |
| Federal Government | 20.3 | 20.3 | 20.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 79.3 | 81.0 | 78.7 | -1.7 | 0.6 |
| Local Government | 117.0 | 116.0 | 117.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summar y

April 2016 - May 2016

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 2,700 in May to total 1,235,400. Eight major industry sec- tors added jobs, while two declined and one remained stable. Employment in **educational and health services** rose 1,500. All gains occurred in health care and social assistance (+2,000), with reported hir- ing in nursing care facilities, hospitals, and physicians’ offices. **Manufacturing** added 600 jobs, all in durable goods manufacturing. Seasonal losses were posted in both **professional and business ser- vices** (-700) and in **government** (-700).

May 2015 - May 2016

Compared to May 2015, Arkansas’ nonfarm employment has increased 21,900. Nine major industry sectors posted growth, with three adding 4,300 or more jobs, each. Two industries reported job losses. Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 7,000. A majority of the gains occurred in health care and social assistance (+6,800). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 6,900 jobs, mostly in retail trade (+4,700). Employment in **professional and business services** increased 4,300. Growth was posted in all three subsectors. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 2,600, with all gains reported in accommo- dation and food services. The largest decline occurred in **mining and logging** (-1,500), attributed to recent layoffs and closures.

180,000

**Jobs in Health Care and Social Assistance (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

May: 1996 - 2016

170,000

160,000

150,000

140,000

130,000

120,000

110,000

100,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

**May 16 Apr 16**

**May 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

40.6

15.97

648.38

39.5

16.19

639.51

40.5

16.12

652.86

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**May 16 Apr 16**

**May 15**

**May 16 Apr 16**

**May 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

40.8

17.71

722.57

42.0

17.81

748.02

39.5

17.59

694.81

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

40.4

14.31

578.12

37.2

14.48

538.66

41.5

14.78

613.37

$800.00

**Average Weekly Earnings: Durable Goods vs. Nondurable Goods**

May 2013 - May 2016

$750.00

$700.00

$650.00

$600.00

$550.00

$500.00

May '13 Aug '13 Nov '13 Feb '14 May '14 Aug '14 Nov '14 Feb '15 May '15 Aug '15 Nov '15 Feb '16 May '16

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

Little Rock-Nor th 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 16** | **Apr 16** | **May 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 355,380 | 353,147 | 346,483 | 2,233 | 8,897 |
| Employment | 343,340 | 342,448 | 329,572 | 892 | 13,768 |
| Unemployment | 12,040 | 10,699 | 16,911 | 1,341 | -4,871 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.4 | 3.0 | 4.9 | 0.4 | -1.5 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **May 16**  358.2 | **Apr 16**  355.1 | **May 15**  351.3 | **OTM**  3.1 | **OT Y**  6.9 |
| Goods Producing | 36.7 | 36.4 | 37.3 | 0.3 | -0.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **16.4** | **16.1** | **16.9** | **0.3** | **-0.5** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.3** | **20.3** | **20.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| Service Providing 321.5 318.7 314.0 2.8 7.5 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **70.5** | **70.3** | **68.4** | **0.2** | **2.1** |
| Wholesale Trade | 15.3 | 15.3 | 15.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Retail Trade | 40.4 | 40.2 | 38.6 | 0.2 | 1.8 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 14.8 | 14.8 | 14.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Information** | **6.3** | **6.2** | **6.2** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.7** | **20.7** | **20.6** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **48.8** | **47.2** | **46.6** | **1.6** | **2.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **53.4** | **53.0** | **52.6** | **0.4** | **0.8** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **35.4** | **34.7** | **33.7** | **0.7** | **1.7** |
| **Other Services** | **15.3** | **15.2** | **15.1** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **71.1** | **71.4** | **70.8** | **-0.3** | **0.3** |
| Federal Government | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 34.6 | 35.0 | 34.3 | -0.4 | 0.3 |
| Local Government | 26.8 | 26.7 | 26.9 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

350,000

**Number of Employed**

May 2014 - May 2016

41,000

**Jobs in Retail Trade**

May: 2006 - 2016

345,000

40,000

340,000

39,000

335,000

38,000

330,000

37,000

325,000

36,000

320,000

35,000

315,000

34,000

310,000

33,000

305,000

May '14 Aug '14 Nov '14 Feb '15 May '15 Aug '15 Nov '15 Feb '16 May '16

32,000

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 16** | **Apr 16** | **May 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 263,834 | 263,738 | 252,914 | 96 | 10,920 |
| Employment | 256,471 | 257,305 | 242,499 | -834 | 13,972 |
| Unemployment | 7,363 | 6,433 | 10,415 | 930 | -3,052 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.8 | 2.4 | 4.1 | 0.4 | -1.3 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **May 16**  244.7 | **Apr 16**  243.8 | **May 15**  235.3 | **OTM**  0.9 | **OT Y**  9.4 |
| Goods Producing | 36.1 | 36.0 | 36.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **10.1** | **10.0** | **9.4** | **0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Manufacturing** | **26.0** | **26.0** | **26.8** | **0.0** | **-0.8** |
| Service Providing 208.6 207.8 199.1 0.8 9.5 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **55.7** | **55.4** | **53.5** | **0.3** | **2.2** |
| Wholesale Trade | 12.2 | 12.1 | 11.6 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Retail Trade | 27.1 | 27.0 | 25.9 | 0.1 | 1.2 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 16.4 | 16.3 | 16.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Information** | **2.1** | **2.0** | **2.0** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **7.0** | **6.9** | **6.8** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **50.5** | **50.4** | **46.8** | **0.1** | **3.7** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **26.7** | **26.7** | **25.3** | **0.0** | **1.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **24.4** | **24.6** | **23.7** | **-0.2** | **0.7** |
| **Other Services** | **7.3** | **7.2** | **7.2** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Government** | **34.9** | **34.6** | **33.8** | **0.3** | **1.1** |
| Federal Government | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 13.6 | 13.4 | 12.8 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| Local Government | 18.7 | 18.6 | 18.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 |

260,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

May: 1996 - 2016

240,000

220,000

200,000

180,000

160,000

140,000

120,000

100,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

For t Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA= Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 16** | **Apr 16** | **May 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 122,097 | 121,703 | 122,228 | 394 | -131 |
| Employment | 116,511 | 116,660 | 115,239 | -149 | 1,272 |
| Unemployment | 5,586 | 5,043 | 6,989 | 543 | -1,403 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.6 | 4.1 | 5.7 | 0.5 | -1.1 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **May 16**  114.6 | **Apr 16**  113.6 | **May 15**  114.6 | **OTM**  1.0 | **OT Y**  0.0 |
| Goods Producing | 23.7 | 23.3 | 23.7 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.8** | **5.7** | **6.1** | **0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Manufacturing** | **17.9** | **17.6** | **17.6** | **0.3** | **0.3** |
| Service Providing 90.9 90.3 90.9 0.6 0.0 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23.8** | **23.6** | **23.9** | **0.2** | **-0.1** |
| Wholesale Trade | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.9 | 12.8 | 12.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 0.0 | -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** | **12.1** | **12.7** | **0.0** | **-0.6** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **17.0** | **16.8** | **16.5** | **0.2** | **0.5** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.5** | **9.5** | **9.7** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Other Services** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **19.2** | **19.0** | **18.7** | **0.2** | **0.5** |
| Federal Government | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Local Government | 14.6 | 14.4 | 14.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 |

10.0

**Unemployment Rates**

May: 2006 - 2016

94,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2014 -May 2016

9.0

92,000

8.0

7.0

90,000

6.0

88,000

5.0

86,000

4.0

3.0

84,000

2.0

82,000

1.0

0.0

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

80,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2014 2015 2016

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 16** | **Apr 16** | **May 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 41,120 | 41,344 | 40,373 | -224 | 747 |
| Employment | 39,450 | 39,874 | 38,044 | -424 | 1,406 |
| Unemployment | 1,670 | 1,470 | 2,329 | 200 | -659 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.1 | 3.6 | 5.8 | 0.5 | -1.7 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 16** | **Apr 16** | **May 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 38.8 | 38.9 | 38.0 | -0.1 | 0.8 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 34.3 | 34.4 | 33.6 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

39,500

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

May 2014 - May 2016

39,000

38,500

38,000

37,500

37,000

36,500

36,000

May '14 Aug '14 Nov '14 Feb '15 May '15 Aug '15 Nov '15 Feb '16 May '16

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 16** | **Apr 16** | **May 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 62,560 | 62,674 | 60,926 | -114 | 1,634 |
| Employment | 60,556 | 60,893 | 57,943 | -337 | 2,613 |
| Unemployment | 2,004 | 1,781 | 2,983 | 223 | -979 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.2 | 2.8 | 4.9 | 0.4 | -1.7 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 16** | **Apr 16** | **May 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 55.8 | 55.8 | 54.2 | 0.0 | 1.6 |
| 9.0 | 8.9 | 8.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 46.8 | 46.9 | 45.4 | -0.1 | 1.4 |
| 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

64,000

**Number of Employed and Unemployed**

May: 2006 - 2016

62,000

60,000

Employment + Unemployment= Civilian Labor Force

58,000

56,000

54,000

52,000

50,000

48,000

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Employed Unemployed

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 16** | **Apr 16** | **May 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 36,620 | 36,675 | 36,870 | -55 | -250 |
| Employment | 34,721 | 34,988 | 34,237 | -267 | 484 |
| Unemployment | 1,899 | 1,687 | 2,633 | 212 | -734 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.2 | 4.6 | 7.1 | 0.6 | -1.9 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 16** | **Apr 16** | **May 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.7 | 33.9 | 34.1 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.2 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| 27.7 | 27.8 | 27.9 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.8 | 0.0 | -0.2 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

45,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

May: 1996 - 2016

43,000

41,000

39,000

37,000

35,000

33,000

31,000

29,000

27,000

25,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

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.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 16** | **Apr 16** | **May 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 620,753 | 618,499 | 614,585 | 2,254 | 6,168 |
| Employment | 592,545 | 591,185 | 573,883 | 1,360 | 18,662 |
| Unemployment | 28,208 | 27,314 | 40,702 | 894 | -12,494 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.5 | 4.4 | 6.6 | 0.1 | -2.1 |

Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 16** | **Apr 16** | **May 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 65,123 | 65,234 | 64,811 | -111 | 312 |
| Employment | 62,552 | 62,740 | 61,604 | -188 | 948 |
| Unemployment | 2,571 | 2,494 | 3,207 | 77 | -636 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 0.1 | -1.0 |

12.0

**Unemployment Rates- Memphis MSA**

May: 2006 - 2016

64,000

**Number of Employed- Texarkana MSA**

January 2015 - May 2016

10.0

63,500

63,000

8.0

62,500

62,000

6.0

61,500

61,000

4.0

60,500

60,000

2.0

59,500

0.0

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

59,000

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2015 2016

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Micro Area** | **CLF** | **May**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **April**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Ma**  **Emp** | **y 2015**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,699 | 9,292 | 407 | 4.2 | 9,745 | 9,391 | 354 | 3.6 | 9,517 | 8,882 | 635 | 6.7 |
| Batesville Micro | 15,973 | 15,216 | 757 | 4.7 | 15,870 | 15,184 | 686 | 4.3 | 15,757 | 14,716 | 1,041 | 6.6 |
| Blytheville Micro | 18,349 | 17,061 | 1,288 | 7.0 | 18,069 | 17,027 | 1,042 | 5.8 | 18,464 | 16,660 | 1,804 | 9.8 |
| Camden Micro | 12,461 | 11,889 | 572 | 4.6 | 12,406 | 11,887 | 519 | 4.2 | 12,345 | 11,528 | 817 | 6.6 |
| El Dorado Micro | 17,423 | 16,567 | 856 | 4.9 | 17,359 | 16,576 | 783 | 4.5 | 16,760 | 15,658 | 1,102 | 6.6 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,891 | 8,463 | 428 | 4.8 | 8,867 | 8,464 | 403 | 4.5 | 9,002 | 8,350 | 652 | 7.2 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,498 | 18,820 | 678 | 3.5 | 19,534 | 18,906 | 628 | 3.2 | 19,389 | 18,359 | 1,030 | 5.3 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 7,014 | 6,638 | 376 | 5.4 | 6,953 | 6,599 | 354 | 5.1 | 7,140 | 6,588 | 552 | 7.7 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,653 | 9,113 | 540 | 5.6 | 9,616 | 9,151 | 465 | 4.8 | 9,679 | 8,986 | 693 | 7.2 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,627 | 14,094 | 533 | 3.6 | 14,614 | 14,123 | 491 | 3.4 | 14,261 | 13,501 | 760 | 5.3 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,532 | 15,886 | 646 | 3.9 | 16,402 | 15,823 | 579 | 3.5 | 16,445 | 15,475 | 970 | 5.9 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,368 | 19,604 | 764 | 3.8 | 20,259 | 19,552 | 707 | 3.5 | 20,054 | 19,004 | 1,050 | 5.2 |
| Russellville Micro | 39,024 | 37,245 | 1,779 | 4.6 | 38,791 | 37,321 | 1,470 | 3.8 | 38,780 | 36,558 | 2,222 | 5.7 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,746 | 32,943 | 1,803 | 5.2 | 34,709 | 33,055 | 1,654 | 4.8 | 34,611 | 32,289 | 2,322 | 6.7 |

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 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

City Labor Force Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **City** | **CLF** | **May**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **April**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Ma**  **Emp** | **y 2015**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Bella Vista | 12,127 | 11,720 | 407 | 3.4 | 12,124 | 11,759 | 365 | 3.0 | 11,582 | 11,068 | 514 | 4.4 |
| Benton | 16,335 | 15,835 | 500 | 3.1 | 16,249 | 15,801 | 448 | 2.8 | 15,976 | 15,193 | 783 | 4.9 |
| Bentonville | 22,659 | 22,029 | 630 | 2.8 | 22,651 | 22,101 | 550 | 2.4 | 21,583 | 20,803 | 780 | 3.6 |
| Blytheville | 6,289 | 5,825 | 464 | 7.4 | 6,212 | 5,813 | 399 | 6.4 | 6,433 | 5,688 | 745 | 11.6 |
| Cabot | 11,929 | 11,583 | 346 | 2.9 | 11,833 | 11,526 | 307 | 2.6 | 11,619 | 11,146 | 473 | 4.1 |
| Conway | 33,442 | 32,285 | 1,157 | 3.5 | 33,201 | 32,201 | 1,000 | 3.0 | 32,591 | 31,004 | 1,587 | 4.9 |
| El Dorado | 7,549 | 7,144 | 405 | 5.4 | 7,526 | 7,148 | 378 | 5.0 | 7,270 | 6,752 | 518 | 7.1 |
| Fayetteville | 45,953 | 44,698 | 1,255 | 2.7 | 45,900 | 44,857 | 1,043 | 2.3 | 44,126 | 42,225 | 1,901 | 4.3 |
| Fort Smith | 40,372 | 38,939 | 1,433 | 3.5 | 40,201 | 38,889 | 1,312 | 3.3 | 40,185 | 38,103 | 2,082 | 5.2 |
| Hot Springs | 14,353 | 13,713 | 640 | 4.5 | 14,395 | 13,860 | 535 | 3.7 | 14,133 | 13,224 | 909 | 6.4 |
| Jacksonville | 11,999 | 11,482 | 517 | 4.3 | 11,899 | 11,457 | 442 | 3.7 | 11,661 | 11,015 | 646 | 5.5 |
| Jonesboro | 36,417 | 35,268 | 1,149 | 3.2 | 36,489 | 35,498 | 991 | 2.7 | 35,424 | 33,712 | 1,712 | 4.8 |
| Little Rock | 98,004 | 94,798 | 3,206 | 3.3 | 97,485 | 94,593 | 2,892 | 3.0 | 95,572 | 90,939 | 4,633 | 4.8 |
| North Little Rock | 30,511 | 29,409 | 1,102 | 3.6 | 30,321 | 29,346 | 975 | 3.2 | 29,858 | 28,212 | 1,646 | 5.5 |
| Paragould | 12,704 | 12,206 | 498 | 3.9 | 12,641 | 12,174 | 467 | 3.7 | 12,498 | 11,832 | 666 | 5.3 |
| Pine Bluff | 17,450 | 16,378 | 1,072 | 6.1 | 17,464 | 16,526 | 938 | 5.4 | 17,619 | 16,131 | 1,488 | 8.4 |
| Rogers | 33,450 | 32,566 | 884 | 2.6 | 33,491 | 32,674 | 817 | 2.4 | 32,232 | 30,755 | 1,477 | 4.6 |
| Russellville | 13,891 | 13,259 | 632 | 4.5 | 13,797 | 13,305 | 492 | 3.6 | 13,798 | 13,000 | 798 | 5.8 |
| Searcy | 10,591 | 10,152 | 439 | 4.1 | 10,558 | 10,187 | 371 | 3.5 | 10,611 | 9,951 | 660 | 6.2 |
| Sherwood | 15,740 | 15,296 | 444 | 2.8 | 15,653 | 15,262 | 391 | 2.5 | 15,307 | 14,673 | 634 | 4.1 |
| Springdale | 38,501 | 37,439 | 1,062 | 2.8 | 38,446 | 37,571 | 875 | 2.3 | 36,770 | 35,366 | 1,404 | 3.8 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,790 | 13,273 | 517 | 3.7 | 13,840 | 13,368 | 472 | 3.4 | 13,627 | 12,890 | 737 | 5.4 |
| Van Buren | 10,554 | 10,180 | 374 | 3.5 | 10,487 | 10,153 | 334 | 3.2 | 10,554 | 9,970 | 584 | 5.5 |
| West Memphis | 10,789 | 10,275 | 514 | 4.8 | 10,803 | 10,324 | 479 | 4.4 | 10,675 | 9,922 | 753 | 7.1 |

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| **County** | **CLF** | **May**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **April**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Ma**  **Emp** | **y 2015**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,668 | 9,355 | 313 | 3.2 | 9,582 | 9,303 | 279 | 2.9 | 9,470 | 9,072 | 398 | 4.2 |
| Ashley | 8,388 | 7,946 | 442 | 5.3 | 8,276 | 7,867 | 409 | 4.9 | 8,342 | 7,678 | 664 | 8.0 |
| Baxter | 16,532 | 15,886 | 646 | 3.9 | 16,402 | 15,823 | 579 | 3.5 | 16,445 | 15,475 | 970 | 5.9 |
| Benton | 125,474 | 121,936 | 3,538 | 2.8 | 125,435 | 122,340 | 3,095 | 2.5 | 120,137 | 115,153 | 4,984 | 4.1 |
| Boone | 16,051 | 15,494 | 557 | 3.5 | 16,092 | 15,574 | 518 | 3.2 | 15,956 | 15,101 | 855 | 5.4 |
| Bradley | 4,598 | 4,413 | 185 | 4.0 | 4,533 | 4,367 | 166 | 3.7 | 4,469 | 4,193 | 276 | 6.2 |
| Calhoun | 2,421 | 2,311 | 110 | 4.5 | 2,401 | 2,299 | 102 | 4.2 | 2,394 | 2,253 | 141 | 5.9 |
| Carroll | 13,041 | 12,625 | 416 | 3.2 | 12,662 | 12,275 | 387 | 3.1 | 12,864 | 12,288 | 576 | 4.5 |
| Chicot | 3,657 | 3,430 | 227 | 6.2 | 3,612 | 3,411 | 201 | 5.6 | 3,833 | 3,480 | 353 | 9.2 |
| Clark | 9,699 | 9,292 | 407 | 4.2 | 9,745 | 9,391 | 354 | 3.6 | 9,517 | 8,882 | 635 | 6.7 |
| Clay | 6,322 | 6,011 | 311 | 4.9 | 6,276 | 5,974 | 302 | 4.8 | 6,397 | 5,994 | 403 | 6.3 |
| Cleburne | 9,661 | 9,086 | 575 | 6.0 | 9,580 | 9,045 | 535 | 5.6 | 9,702 | 8,997 | 705 | 7.3 |
| Cleveland | 3,441 | 3,287 | 154 | 4.5 | 3,427 | 3,297 | 130 | 3.8 | 3,457 | 3,253 | 204 | 5.9 |
| Columbia | 9,653 | 9,113 | 540 | 5.6 | 9,616 | 9,151 | 465 | 4.8 | 9,679 | 8,986 | 693 | 7.2 |
| Conway | 8,892 | 8,366 | 526 | 5.9 | 8,817 | 8,340 | 477 | 5.4 | 8,670 | 8,104 | 566 | 6.5 |
| Craighead | 52,051 | 50,444 | 1,607 | 3.1 | 52,195 | 50,773 | 1,422 | 2.7 | 50,622 | 48,218 | 2,404 | 4.7 |
| Crawford | 27,210 | 26,165 | 1,045 | 3.8 | 27,038 | 26,096 | 942 | 3.5 | 27,140 | 25,626 | 1,514 | 5.6 |
| Crittenden | 21,718 | 20,819 | 899 | 4.1 | 21,771 | 20,919 | 852 | 3.9 | 21,496 | 20,104 | 1,392 | 6.5 |
| Cross | 8,209 | 7,876 | 333 | 4.1 | 8,130 | 7,821 | 309 | 3.8 | 8,293 | 7,845 | 448 | 5.4 |
| Dallas | 3,024 | 2,884 | 140 | 4.6 | 2,982 | 2,858 | 124 | 4.2 | 2,918 | 2,698 | 220 | 7.5 |
| Desha | 5,578 | 5,303 | 275 | 4.9 | 5,484 | 5,211 | 273 | 5.0 | 5,665 | 5,256 | 409 | 7.2 |
| Drew | 8,213 | 7,797 | 416 | 5.1 | 8,176 | 7,783 | 393 | 4.8 | 8,127 | 7,543 | 584 | 7.2 |
| Faulkner | 61,286 | 58,922 | 2,364 | 3.9 | 60,852 | 58,769 | 2,083 | 3.4 | 59,617 | 56,585 | 3,032 | 5.1 |
| Franklin | 7,582 | 7,276 | 306 | 4.0 | 7,547 | 7,273 | 274 | 3.6 | 7,468 | 7,072 | 396 | 5.3 |
| Fulton | 4,894 | 4,693 | 201 | 4.1 | 4,845 | 4,667 | 178 | 3.7 | 4,926 | 4,646 | 280 | 5.7 |
| Garland | 41,120 | 39,450 | 1,670 | 4.1 | 41,344 | 39,874 | 1,470 | 3.6 | 40,373 | 38,044 | 2,329 | 5.8 |
| Grant | 8,501 | 8,215 | 286 | 3.4 | 8,435 | 8,171 | 264 | 3.1 | 8,298 | 7,899 | 399 | 4.8 |
| Greene | 20,368 | 19,604 | 764 | 3.8 | 20,259 | 19,552 | 707 | 3.5 | 20,054 | 19,004 | 1,050 | 5.2 |
| Hempstead | 9,971 | 9,607 | 364 | 3.7 | 9,924 | 9,607 | 317 | 3.2 | 9,959 | 9,437 | 522 | 5.2 |
| Hot Spring | 14,627 | 14,094 | 533 | 3.6 | 14,614 | 14,123 | 491 | 3.4 | 14,261 | 13,501 | 760 | 5.3 |
| Howard | 6,102 | 5,905 | 197 | 3.2 | 6,066 | 5,900 | 166 | 2.7 | 6,195 | 5,900 | 295 | 4.8 |
| Independence | 15,973 | 15,216 | 757 | 4.7 | 15,870 | 15,184 | 686 | 4.3 | 15,757 | 14,716 | 1,041 | 6.6 |
| Izard | 5,136 | 4,880 | 256 | 5.0 | 5,155 | 4,926 | 229 | 4.4 | 5,068 | 4,715 | 353 | 7.0 |
| Jackson | 6,291 | 5,923 | 368 | 5.8 | 6,209 | 5,862 | 347 | 5.6 | 6,294 | 5,819 | 475 | 7.5 |
| Jefferson | 28,989 | 27,437 | 1,552 | 5.4 | 29,077 | 27,685 | 1,392 | 4.8 | 29,178 | 27,023 | 2,155 | 7.4 |
| Johnson | 10,595 | 10,089 | 506 | 4.8 | 10,469 | 10,042 | 427 | 4.1 | 10,571 | 9,910 | 661 | 6.3 |
| Lafayette | 2,652 | 2,514 | 138 | 5.2 | 2,656 | 2,519 | 137 | 5.2 | 2,670 | 2,451 | 219 | 8.2 |
| Lawrence | 7,124 | 6,844 | 280 | 3.9 | 7,119 | 6,864 | 255 | 3.6 | 7,194 | 6,738 | 456 | 6.3 |
| Lee | 3,177 | 3,043 | 134 | 4.2 | 3,124 | 3,002 | 122 | 3.9 | 3,287 | 3,076 | 211 | 6.4 |
| Lincoln | 4,190 | 3,997 | 193 | 4.6 | 4,171 | 4,006 | 165 | 4.0 | 4,235 | 3,961 | 274 | 6.5 |
| Little River | 5,692 | 5,461 | 231 | 4.1 | 5,713 | 5,497 | 216 | 3.8 | 5,612 | 5,297 | 315 | 5.6 |
| Logan | 9,450 | 9,017 | 433 | 4.6 | 9,377 | 8,985 | 392 | 4.2 | 9,310 | 8,706 | 604 | 6.5 |
| Lonoke | 33,893 | 32,827 | 1,066 | 3.1 | 33,606 | 32,665 | 941 | 2.8 | 33,088 | 31,588 | 1,500 | 4.5 |
| Madison | 7,514 | 7,283 | 231 | 3.1 | 7,462 | 7,252 | 210 | 2.8 | 7,260 | 6,957 | 303 | 4.2 |
| Marion | 6,658 | 6,415 | 243 | 3.6 | 6,621 | 6,398 | 223 | 3.4 | 6,618 | 6,253 | 365 | 5.5 |
| Miller | 19,935 | 19,217 | 718 | 3.6 | 20,023 | 19,354 | 669 | 3.3 | 19,712 | 18,663 | 1,049 | 5.3 |

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| **County** | **CLF** | **May**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **April**  **Emp** | **2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Ma**  **Emp** | **y 2015**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 18,349 | 17,061 | 1,288 | 7.0 | 18,069 | 17,027 | 1,042 | 5.8 | 18,464 | 16,660 | 1,804 | 9.8 |
| Monroe | 3,038 | 2,911 | 127 | 4.2 | 3,014 | 2,898 | 116 | 3.8 | 3,065 | 2,891 | 174 | 5.7 |
| Montgomery | 3,283 | 3,131 | 152 | 4.6 | 3,195 | 3,055 | 140 | 4.4 | 3,376 | 3,147 | 229 | 6.8 |
| Nevada | 3,694 | 3,559 | 135 | 3.7 | 3,687 | 3,572 | 115 | 3.1 | 3,685 | 3,490 | 195 | 5.3 |
| Newton | 3,447 | 3,326 | 121 | 3.5 | 3,442 | 3,332 | 110 | 3.2 | 3,433 | 3,258 | 175 | 5.1 |
| Ouachita | 10,040 | 9,578 | 462 | 4.6 | 10,005 | 9,588 | 417 | 4.2 | 9,951 | 9,275 | 676 | 6.8 |
| Perry | 4,324 | 4,120 | 204 | 4.7 | 4,289 | 4,102 | 187 | 4.4 | 4,236 | 3,973 | 263 | 6.2 |
| Phillips | 7,014 | 6,638 | 376 | 5.4 | 6,953 | 6,599 | 354 | 5.1 | 7,140 | 6,588 | 552 | 7.7 |
| Pike | 4,328 | 4,149 | 179 | 4.1 | 4,277 | 4,111 | 166 | 3.9 | 4,290 | 4,023 | 267 | 6.2 |
| Poinsett | 10,509 | 10,112 | 397 | 3.8 | 10,479 | 10,120 | 359 | 3.4 | 10,304 | 9,725 | 579 | 5.6 |
| Polk | 8,378 | 7,987 | 391 | 4.7 | 8,289 | 7,933 | 356 | 4.3 | 8,550 | 8,004 | 546 | 6.4 |
| Pope | 29,859 | 28,485 | 1,374 | 4.6 | 29,723 | 28,585 | 1,138 | 3.8 | 29,645 | 27,930 | 1,715 | 5.8 |
| Prairie | 3,741 | 3,605 | 136 | 3.6 | 3,701 | 3,579 | 122 | 3.3 | 3,866 | 3,684 | 182 | 4.7 |
| Pulaski | 190,718 | 184,330 | 6,388 | 3.3 | 189,625 | 183,931 | 5,694 | 3.0 | 186,023 | 176,827 | 9,196 | 4.9 |
| Randolph | 6,086 | 5,812 | 274 | 4.5 | 6,049 | 5,796 | 253 | 4.2 | 6,319 | 5,863 | 456 | 7.2 |
| St. Francis | 8,891 | 8,463 | 428 | 4.8 | 8,867 | 8,464 | 403 | 4.5 | 9,002 | 8,350 | 652 | 7.2 |
| Saline | 56,658 | 54,926 | 1,732 | 3.1 | 56,340 | 54,810 | 1,530 | 2.7 | 55,221 | 52,700 | 2,521 | 4.6 |
| Scott | 4,620 | 4,454 | 166 | 3.6 | 4,574 | 4,419 | 155 | 3.4 | 4,620 | 4,365 | 255 | 5.5 |
| Searcy | 3,116 | 2,985 | 131 | 4.2 | 3,065 | 2,954 | 111 | 3.6 | 3,201 | 3,013 | 188 | 5.9 |
| Sebastian | 58,093 | 56,000 | 2,093 | 3.6 | 57,830 | 55,928 | 1,902 | 3.3 | 57,778 | 54,798 | 2,980 | 5.2 |
| Sevier | 5,823 | 5,556 | 267 | 4.6 | 5,761 | 5,522 | 239 | 4.1 | 5,697 | 5,340 | 357 | 6.3 |
| Sharp | 6,135 | 5,819 | 316 | 5.2 | 6,120 | 5,837 | 283 | 4.6 | 6,075 | 5,648 | 427 | 7.0 |
| Stone | 4,796 | 4,569 | 227 | 4.7 | 4,768 | 4,552 | 216 | 4.5 | 4,785 | 4,475 | 310 | 6.5 |
| Union | 17,423 | 16,567 | 856 | 4.9 | 17,359 | 16,576 | 783 | 4.5 | 16,760 | 15,658 | 1,102 | 6.6 |
| Van Buren | 6,616 | 6,179 | 437 | 6.6 | 6,589 | 6,172 | 417 | 6.3 | 6,546 | 6,094 | 452 | 6.9 |
| Washington | 119,815 | 116,625 | 3,190 | 2.7 | 119,750 | 117,038 | 2,712 | 2.3 | 114,755 | 110,171 | 4,584 | 4.0 |
| White | 34,746 | 32,943 | 1,803 | 5.2 | 34,709 | 33,055 | 1,654 | 4.8 | 34,611 | 32,289 | 2,322 | 6.7 |
| Woodruff | 3,060 | 2,905 | 155 | 5.1 | 3,004 | 2,850 | 154 | 5.1 | 3,117 | 2,921 | 196 | 6.3 |
| Yell | 9,165 | 8,760 | 405 | 4.4 | 9,068 | 8,736 | 332 | 3.7 | 9,135 | 8,628 | 507 | 5.6 |

County Labor Force Summar y

Between April and May, unemployment rates increased in 72 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Two coun- ties were stable, while the rate in one-- Desha County-- declined. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.7 percent in Washington County to a high of 7.0 percent in Mississippi County.

In May, twenty-nine counties posted jobless rates at or below four percent. For the fourth month

in a row, no county had a rate above 8 percent.

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

Benton

Washington

Carroll

Madison

Boone

Newton

Marion

Searcy

Baxter

Stone

Fulton

Izard

Sharp

Randolph

Lawrence

Clay

Greene

Craighead

Mississippi

Crawford

Franklin

Johnson

Pope

Van Buren

Cleburne

Independence

Jackson

Poinsett

Cross

Sebastian

Scott

Logan

Yell

Conway

Perry

Saline

Faulkner

Pulaski

White

Lonoke

Prairie

Woodruff

Monroe

St. Francis

Lee

Crittenden

Polk

Sevier

Montgomery

Pike

Howard

Garland

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

Desha

Phillips

Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Nevada

Ouachita

Calhoun

Bradley

Drew

Chicot

Unemployment Rate

< or = 4.0%

4.1% - 6.0%

Lafayette

Columbia

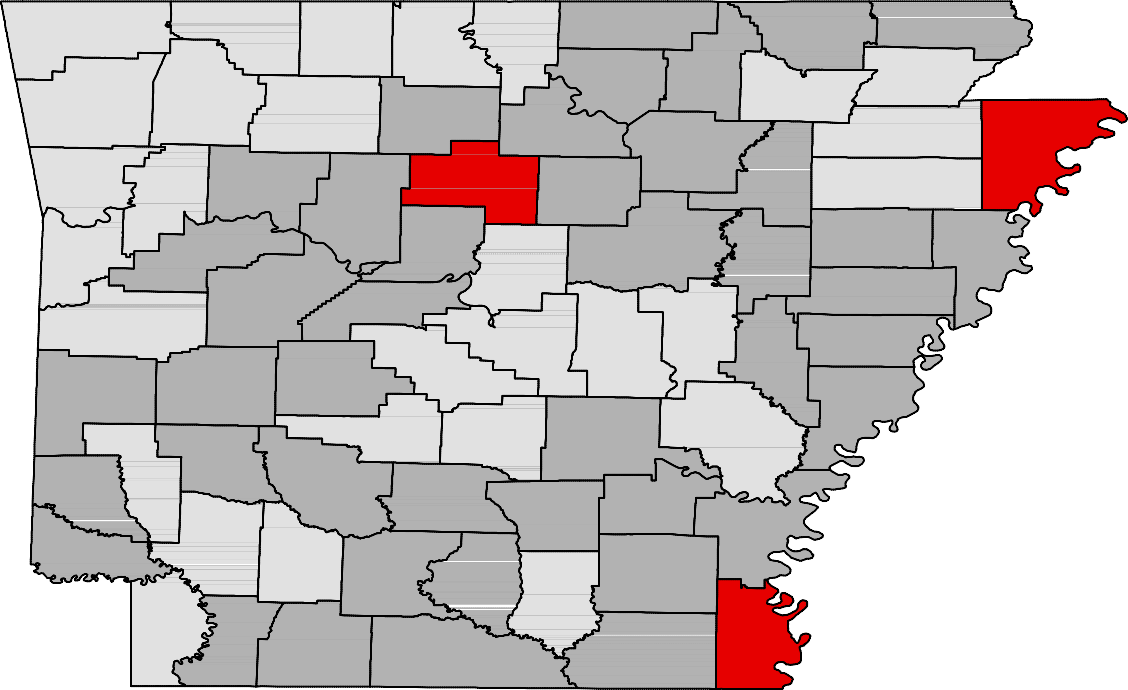
Union

Ashley

6.1% - 8.0%

> 8.0% [NONE]

Ranked by Unemployment Rates



May 2016- Not Seasonally Adjusted



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  2.7 | **Rank**  25 | **County**  Faulkner | **Rate**  3.9 | **Rank**  51 | **County**  Independence | **Rate**  4.7 |
| 2 | Benton | 2.8 | 25 | Lawrence | 3.9 | 51 | Perry | 4.7 |
| 3 | Craighead | 3.1 | 28 | Bradley | 4.0 | 51 | Polk | 4.7 |
| 3 | Lonoke | 3.1 | 28 | Franklin | 4.0 | 51 | Stone | 4.7 |
| 3 | Madison | 3.1 | 30 | Crittenden | 4.1 | 55 | Johnson | 4.8 |
| 3 | Saline | 3.1 | 30 | Cross | 4.1 | 55 | St. Francis | 4.8 |
| 7 | Arkansas | 3.2 | 30 | Fulton | 4.1 | 57 | Clay | 4.9 |
| 7 | Carroll | 3.2 | 30 | Garland | 4.1 | 57 | Desha | 4.9 |
| 7 | Howard | 3.2 | 30 | Little River | 4.1 | 57 | Union | 4.9 |
| 10 | Pulaski | 3.3 | 30 | Pike | 4.1 | 60 | Izard | 5.0 |
| 11 | Grant | 3.4 | 36 | Clark | 4.2 | 61 | Drew | 5.1 |
| 12 | Boone | 3.5 | 36 | Lee | 4.2 | 61 | Woodruff | 5.1 |
| 12 | Newton | 3.5 | 36 | Monroe | 4.2 | 63 | Lafayette | 5.2 |
| 14 | Hot Spring | 3.6 | 36 | Searcy | 4.2 | 63 | Sharp | 5.2 |
| 14 | Marion | 3.6 | 40 | Yell | 4.4 | 63 | White | 5.2 |
| 14 | Miller | 3.6 | 41 | Calhoun | 4.5 | 66 | Ashley | 5.3 |
| 14 | Prairie | 3.6 | 41 | Cleveland | 4.5 | 67 | Jefferson | 5.4 |
| 14 | Scott | 3.6 | 41 | Randolph | 4.5 | 67 | Phillips | 5.4 |
| 14 | Sebastian | 3.6 | 44 | Dallas | 4.6 | 69 | Columbia | 5.6 |
| 20 | Hempstead | 3.7 | 44 | Lincoln | 4.6 | 70 | Jackson | 5.8 |
| 20 | Nevada | 3.7 | 44 | Logan | 4.6 | 71 | Conway | 5.9 |
| 22 | Crawford | 3.8 | 44 | Montgomery | 4.6 | 72 | Cleburne | 6.0 |
| 22 | Greene | 3.8 | 44 | Ouachita | 4.6 | 73 | Chicot | 6.2 |
| 22 | Poinsett | 3.8 | 44 | Pope | 4.6 | 74 | Van Buren | 6.6 |
| 25 | Baxter | 3.9 | 44 | Sevier | 4.6 | 75 | Mississippi | 7.0 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **LWDA CLF** | | **May 2016**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **April 2016**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **May 2015**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) 251,330 242,723 8,607 3.4 249,653 242,059 7,594 3.0 245,308 233,336 11,972 4.9 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Little Rock | 98,004 | 94,798 | 3,206 | 3.3 | 97,485 | 94,593 | 2,892 | 3.0 | 95,572 | 90,939 | 4,633 | 4.8 |
| Eastern | 49,009 | 46,839 | 2,170 | 4.4 | 48,845 | 46,805 | 2,040 | 4.2 | 49,218 | 45,963 | 3,255 | 6.6 |
| North Central | 97,308 | 92,213 | 5,095 | 5.2 | 96,849 | 92,150 | 4,699 | 4.9 | 96,881 | 90,320 | 6,561 | 6.8 |
| Northeast | 120,809 | 115,888 | 4,921 | 4.1 | 120,446 | 116,106 | 4,340 | 3.6 | 119,354 | 112,202 | 7,152 | 6.0 |
| Northwest | 311,648 | 302,575 | 9,073 | 2.9 | 310,931 | 302,986 | 7,945 | 2.6 | 300,669 | 287,669 | 13,000 | 4.3 |
| Southeast | 85,223 | 81,180 | 4,043 | 4.7 | 84,773 | 81,101 | 3,672 | 4.3 | 85,074 | 79,358 | 5,716 | 6.7 |
| Southwest | 96,430 | 92,272 | 4,158 | 4.3 | 96,193 | 92,443 | 3,750 | 3.9 | 95,232 | 89,448 | 5,784 | 6.1 |
| West Central | 135,892 | 129,936 | 5,956 | 4.4 | 135,541 | 130,359 | 5,182 | 3.8 | 134,074 | 126,142 | 7,932 | 5.9 |
| Western | 115,333 | 110,899 | 4,434 | 3.8 | 114,655 | 110,634 | 4,021 | 3.5 | 114,866 | 108,571 | 6,295 | 5.5 |

Benton

Washington

Carroll

Madison

Boone

Newton

Marion

Searcy

Baxter

Stone

Fulton

Izard

Sharp

Randolph

Lawrence

Clay

Greene

Craighead

Mississippi

Crawford

Franklin

Johnson

Pope

Van Buren

Cleburne

Independence

Jackson

Poinsett

Cross

Sebastian

Scott

Logan

Yell

Conway

Perry

Saline

Faulkner

Pulaski

White

Lonoke

Prairie

Woodruff

Monroe

St. Francis

Lee

Crittenden

Polk

Sevier

Montgomery

Pike

Howard

Garland

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

Desha

Phillips

Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Nevada

Ouachita

Calhoun

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Lafayette

Columbia

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Ashley

Central (minus LR) Eastern

North Central

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

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West Central

Western



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