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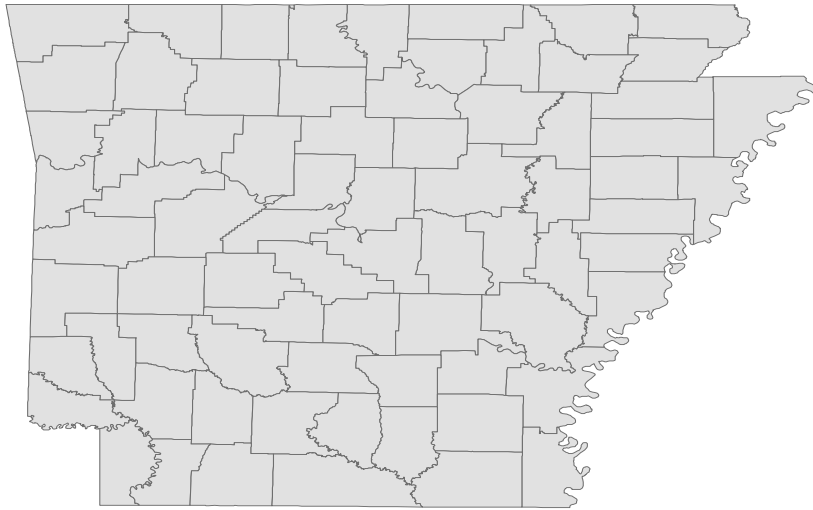
Labor Market Report

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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.

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

The information produced from BED statistics includes gross job gains and losses at establishments with changes in employment. These employment changes occur when establishments 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 existing businesses that close and those that reduce their number of employees. The net change is the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses.

Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)

State of Arkansas
(Seasonally Adjusted)

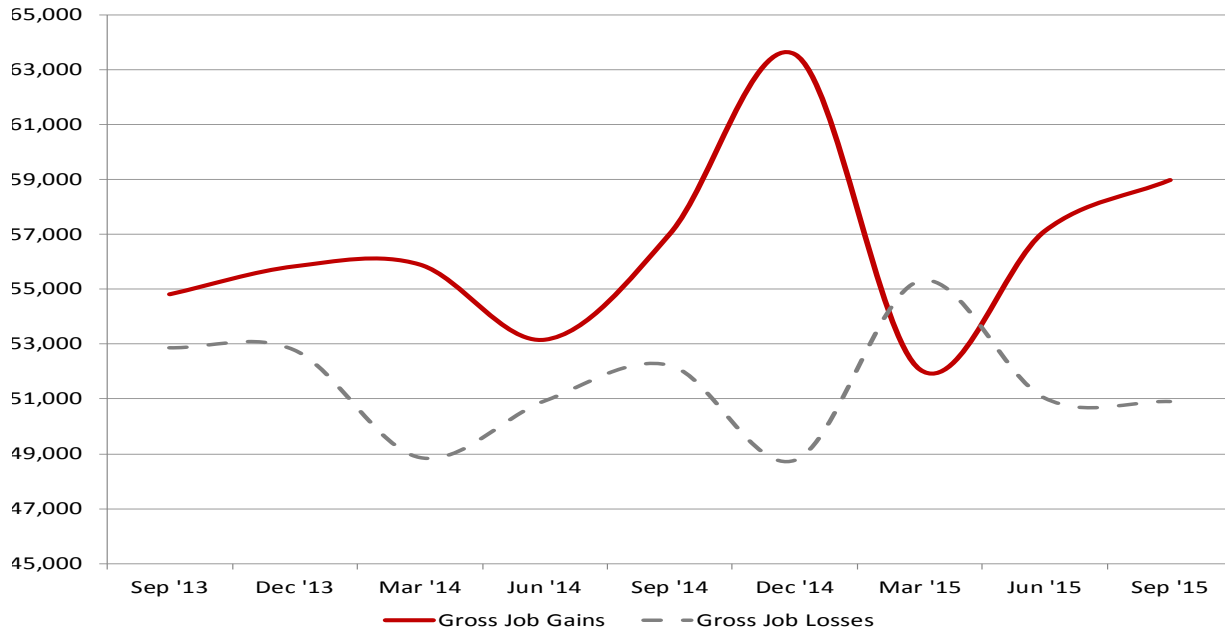
3 months ended

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

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

3rd Quarter 2013 - 3rd Quarter 2015



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

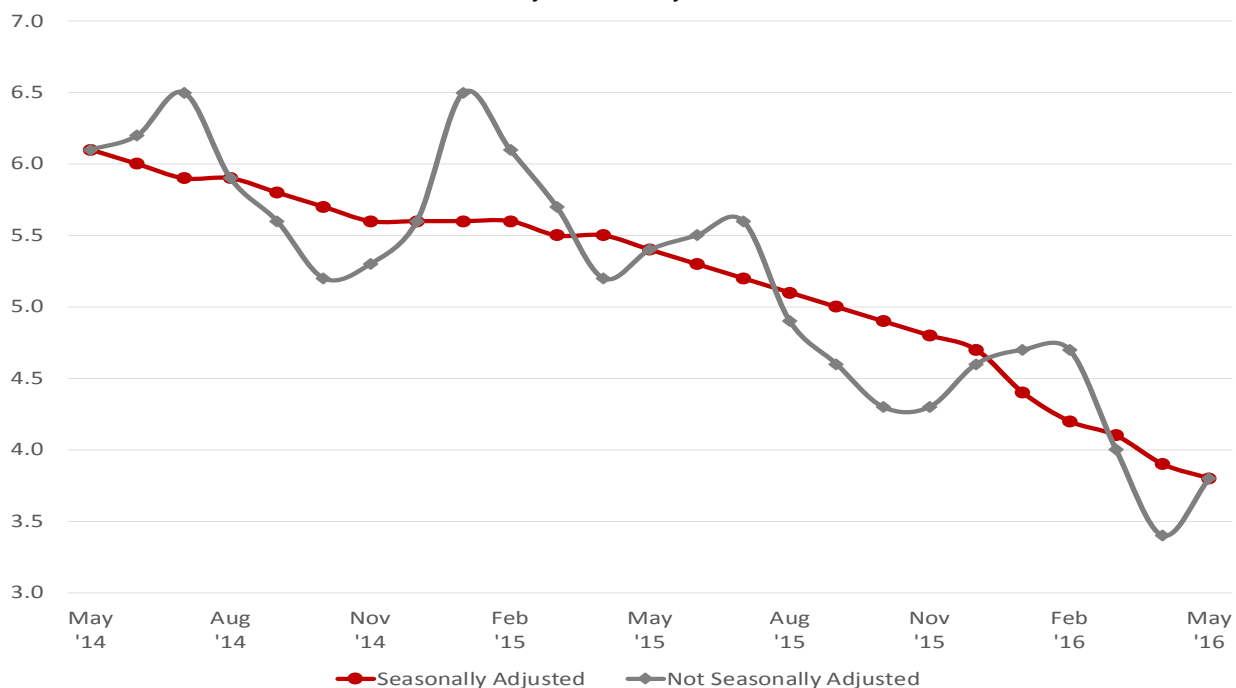
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.9 percent in April to 3.8 percent in May. Arkansas' 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		
	May 16	Apr 16	May 15		May 16	Apr 16	May 15
Civilian Labor Force	1,362,030	1,361,984	1,327,394	Civilian Labor Force	1,360,986	1,355,374	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

Unemployment Rates: Seasonally Adjusted vs Not Seasonally Adjusted
May 2014 - May 2016



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>May 16</u>	<u>Apr 16</u>	<u>May 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
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
Information	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

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

April 2016 - May 2016

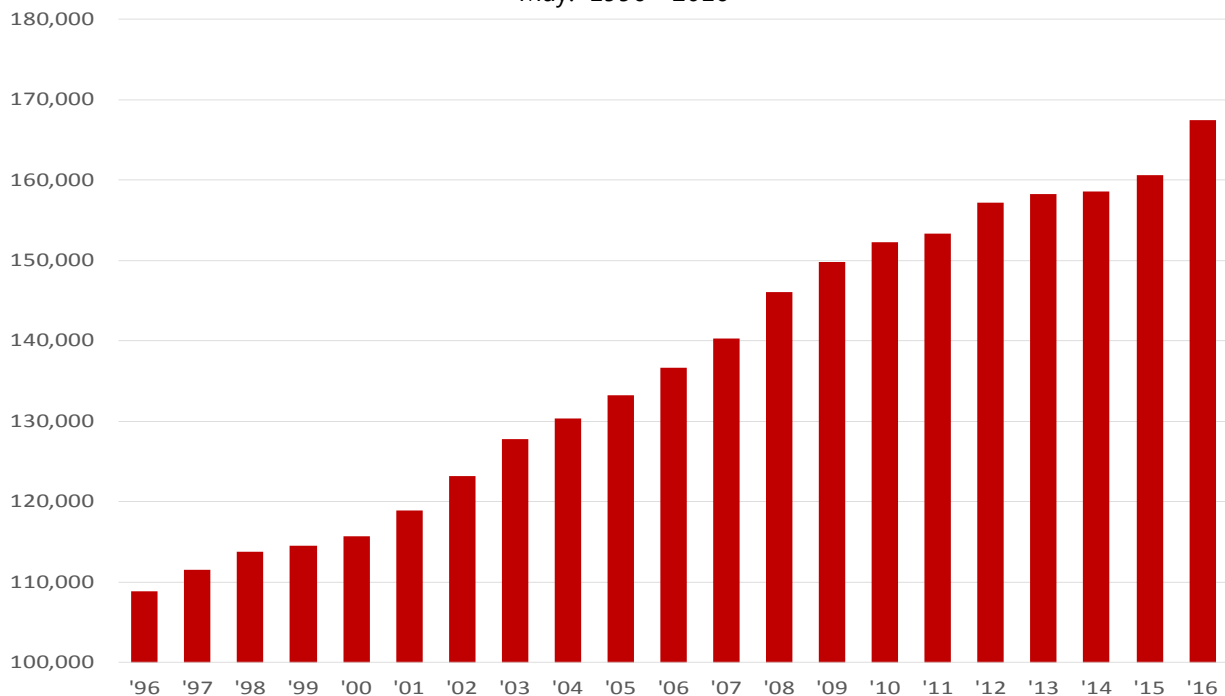
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 2,700 in May to total 1,235,400. Eight major industry sectors added jobs, while two declined and one remained stable. Employment in **educational and health services** rose 1,500. All gains occurred in health care and social assistance (+2,000), with reported hiring 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 services** (-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 accommodation and food services. The largest decline occurred in **mining and logging** (-1,500), attributed to recent layoffs and closures.

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

May: 1996 - 2016



State of Arkansas

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

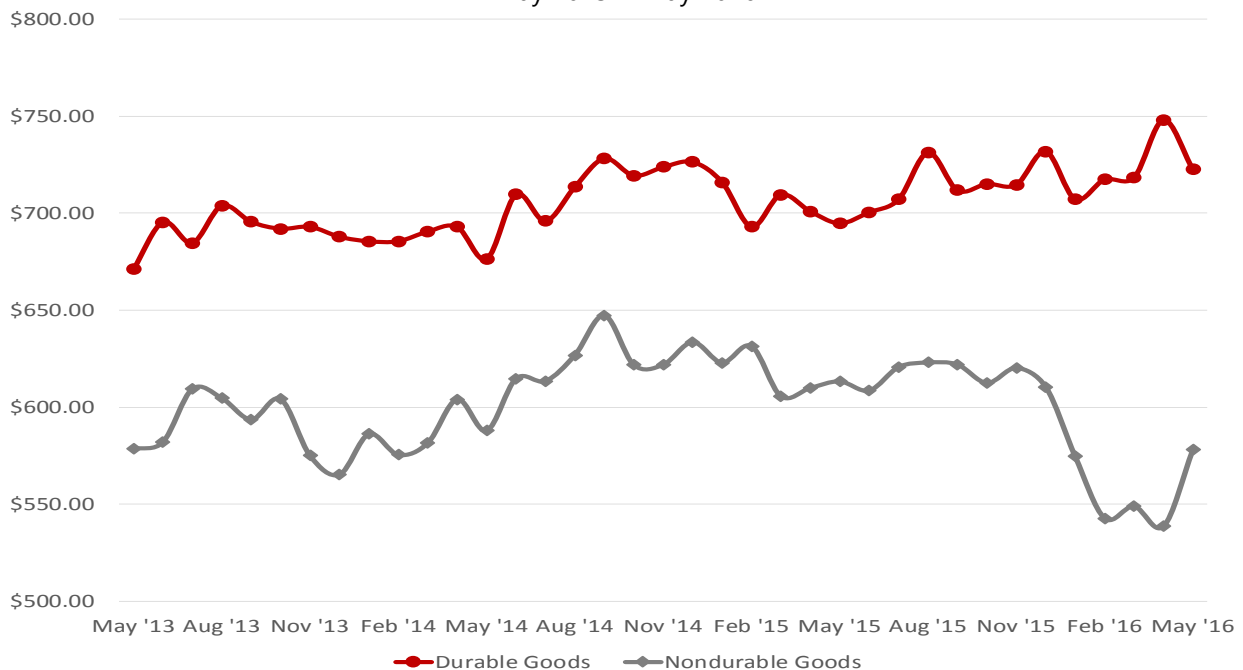
Manufacturing

	May 16	Apr 16	May 15
Average Weekly Hours	40.6	39.5	40.5
Average Hourly Earnings	15.97	16.19	16.12
Average Weekly Earnings	648.38	639.51	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	40.8	42.0	39.5	Average Weekly Hours	40.4	37.2	41.5
Average Hourly Earnings	17.71	17.81	17.59	Average Hourly Earnings	14.31	14.48	14.78
Average Weekly Earnings	722.57	748.02	694.81	Average Weekly Earnings	578.12	538.66	613.37

Average Weekly Earnings: Durable Goods vs. Nondurable Goods
May 2013 - May 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)

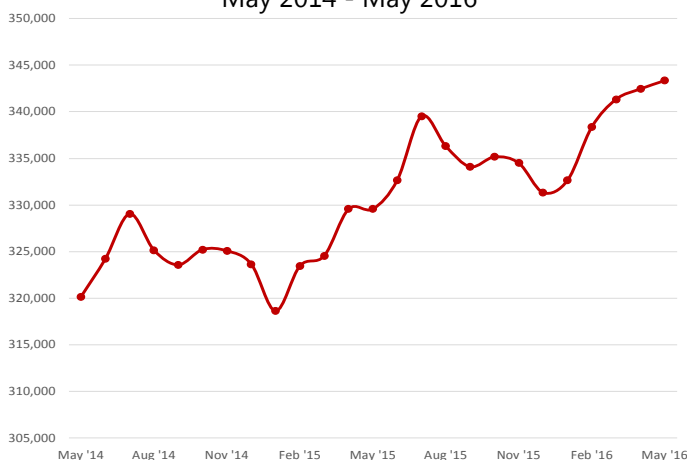
	May 16	Apr 16	May 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	355,380	353,147	346,483	2,233	8,897
Employment	343,340	342,448	329,572	892	13,768
Unemployment	12,040	10,699	16,911	1,341	-4,871
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.0	4.9	0.4	-1.5

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

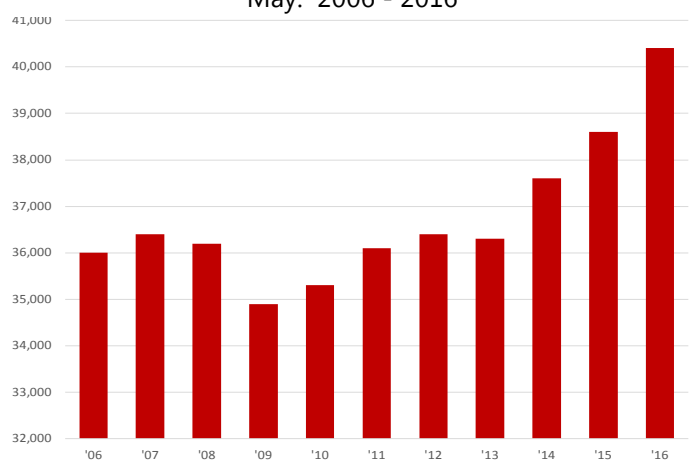
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NAICS	May 16	Apr 16	May 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	358.2	355.1	351.3	3.1	6.9
Goods Producing	36.7	36.4	37.3	0.3	-0.6
Mining, Logging & Construction	16.4	16.1	16.9	0.3	-0.5
Manufacturing	20.3	20.3	20.4	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	321.5	318.7	314.0	2.8	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

Number of Employed
May 2014 - May 2016



Jobs in Retail Trade
May: 2006 - 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)

	May 16	Apr 16	May 15	OTM	QTY
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

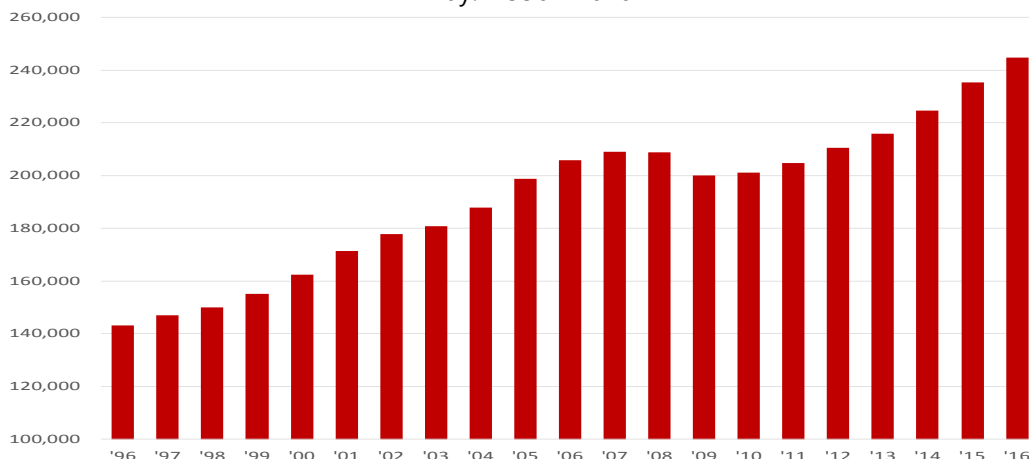
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	May 16	Apr 16	May 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	244.7	243.8	235.3	0.9	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

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

May: 1996 - 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)

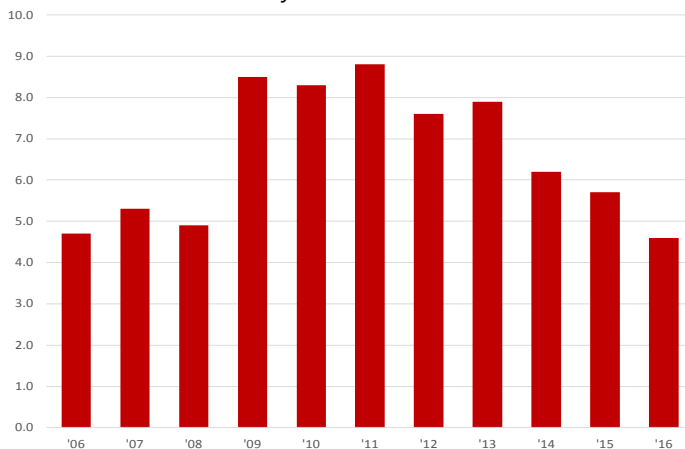
	<u>May 16</u>	<u>Apr 16</u>	<u>May 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	122,097	121,703	122,228	394	-131
Employment	116,511	116,660	115,239	-149	1,272
Unemployment	5,586	5,043	6,989	543	-1,403
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.1	5.7	0.5	-1.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

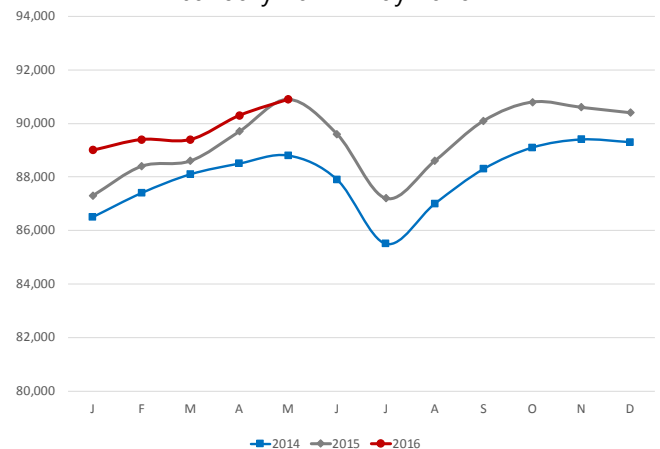
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>Apr 16</u>	<u>May 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	114.6	113.6	114.6	1.0	0.0
Goods Producing	23.7	23.3	23.7	0.4	0.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.8	5.7	6.1	0.1	-0.3
Manufacturing	17.9	17.6	17.6	0.3	0.3
Service 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

Unemployment Rates
May: 2006 - 2016



Jobs in Service Providing Industries
January 2014 - May 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	May 16	Apr 16	May 15	OTM	QTY
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	QTY
Total Nonfarm	38.8	38.9	38.0	-0.1	0.8
Goods Producing	4.5	4.5	4.4	0.0	0.1
Service Providing	34.3	34.4	33.6	-0.1	0.7
Government	4.8	4.8	4.6	0.0	0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

May 2014 - May 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>May 16</u>	<u>Apr 16</u>	<u>May 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>Apr 16</u>	<u>May 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	55.8	55.8	54.2	0.0	1.6
Goods Producing	9.0	8.9	8.8	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	46.8	46.9	45.4	-0.1	1.4
Government	9.0	9.0	8.9	0.0	0.1

Number of Employed and Unemployed

May: 2006 - 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)

	May 16	Apr 16	May 15	OTM	QTY
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

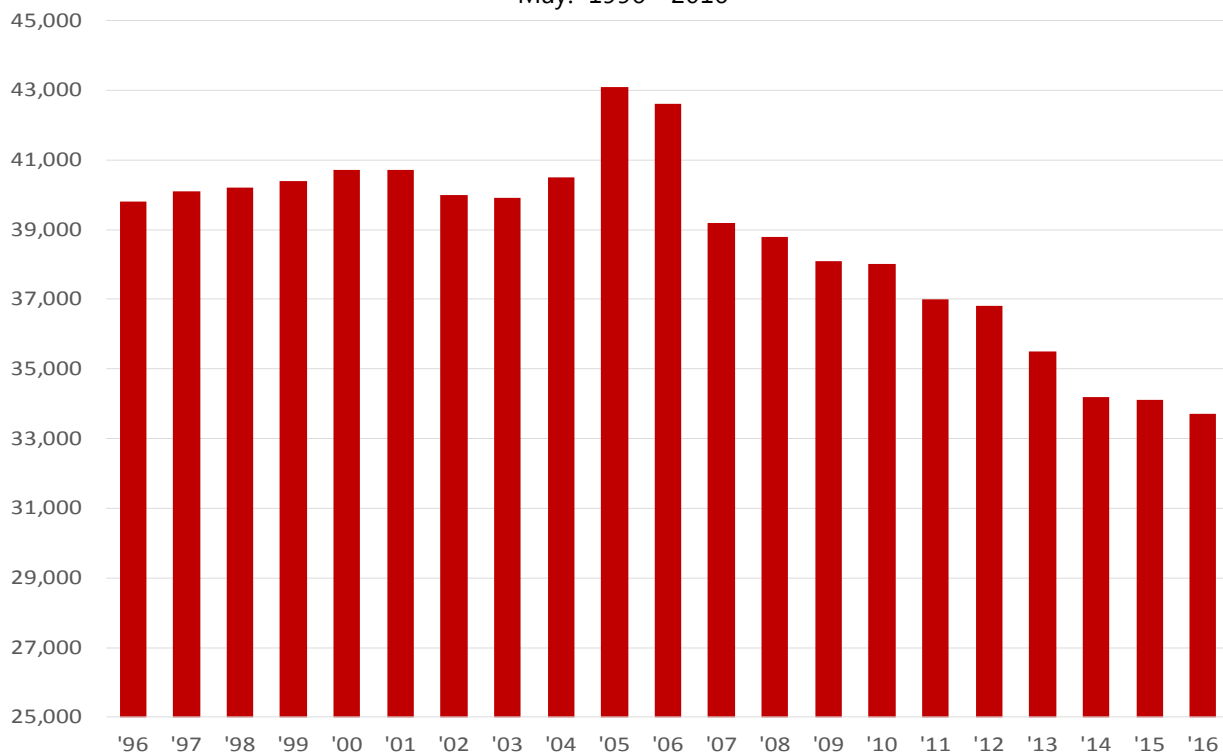
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	May 16	Apr 16	May 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	33.7	33.9	34.1	-0.2	-0.4
Goods Producing	6.0	6.1	6.2	-0.1	-0.2
Service Providing	27.7	27.8	27.9	-0.1	-0.2
Government	9.6	9.6	9.8	0.0	-0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

May: 1996 - 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.

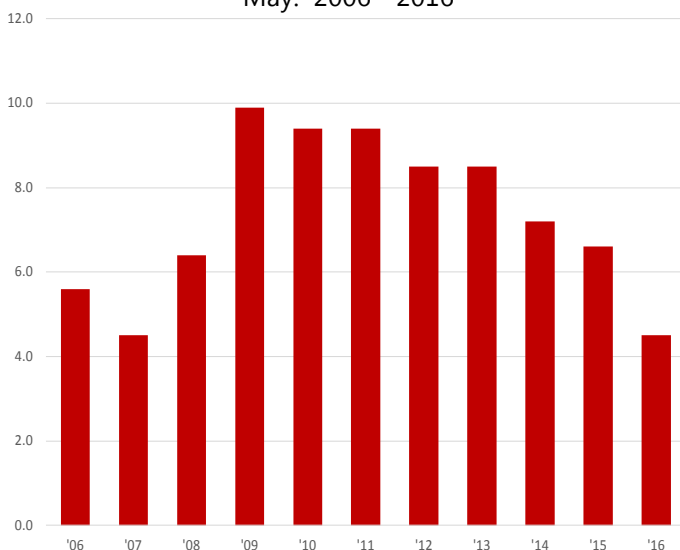
	May 16	Apr 16	May 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	620,753	618,499	614,585	2,254	6,168
Employment	592,545	591,185	573,883	1,360	18,662
Unemployment	28,208	27,314	40,702	894	-12,494
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.4	6.6	0.1	-2.1

Texarkana MSA

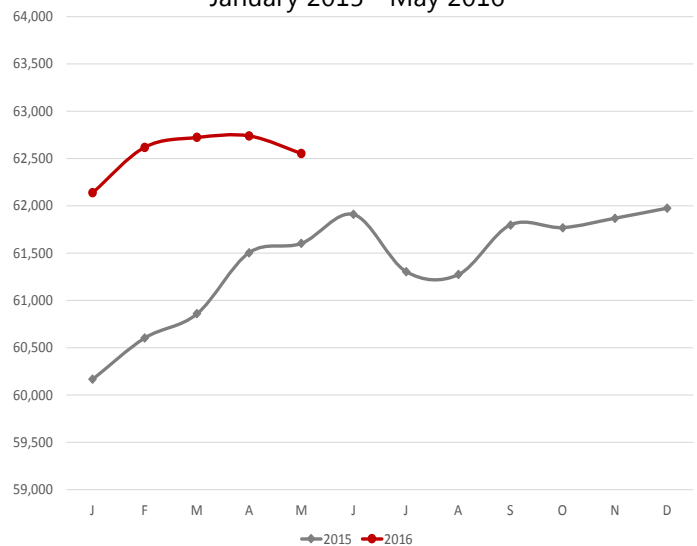
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	May 16	Apr 16	May 15	OTM	QTY
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

Unemployment Rates- Memphis MSA
May: 2006 - 2016



Number of Employed- Texarkana MSA
January 2015 - May 2016



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Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Micro Area	May 2016				April 2016				May 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	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

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City	May 2016				April 2016				May 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	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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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	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	May 2016				April 2016				May 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	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	184,630	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

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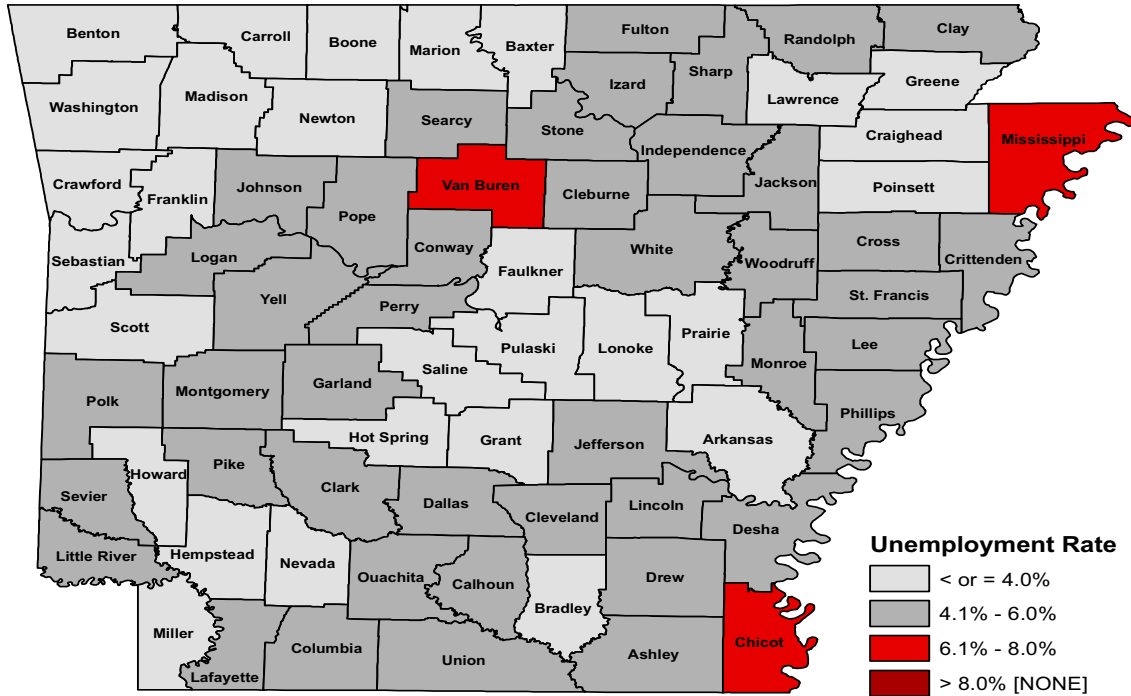
Between April and May, unemployment rates increased in 72 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Two counties were stable, while the rate in one-- Desha County-- declined. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.7 percent in Washington County to a high of 7.0 percent in Mississippi County.

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.

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Ranked by Unemployment Rates

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Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.7	25	Faulkner	3.9	51	Independence	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

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Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LWDA	May 2016				April 2016				May 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	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

