**Arkansas**

**Labor Market**

**Report**

**March 2017**



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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 month’s data is 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 2016 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.

March Spotlight

A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Due to differing economies and labor force conditions in various parts of the country, unemployment rates vary greatly from state to state. In March 2017, state jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.6 per- cent in Colorado to a high of 6.7 percent in New Mexico. The unemployment rate in Arkansas in March declined to 3.6 percent, a ranking of 13 out of 51 states. By looking at the map below, it becomes ap- parent that trends exist among states that are located within the same region. While there are some ex- ceptions, western states tend to have higher jobless rates than states located in the Midwest. Similarly, states located in the northeast generally experience lower unemployment rates than states located in the southeast. These regional trends occur because states often experience economic similarities based on shared industries, work forces, and climates.

**Unemployment Rates, Ranked by State (Seasonally Adjusted)**

March 2017

**Rank**

**State**

**Rate Rank State Rate Rank State Rate**

1 Colorado

2 Hawaii

3 New Hampshire

3 North Dakota

3 South Dakota

6 Maine

6 Vermont

8 Iowa

8 Nebraska

8 Utah

11 Wisconsin

12 Idaho

**13 Arkansas**

13 Massachusetts

15 Kansas

15 Minnesota

15 Montana

2.6

2.7

2.8

2.8

2.8

3.0

3.0

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.4

3.5

**3.6**

3.6

3.8

3.8

3.8

15 Oregon

15 Virginia

20 Indiana

20 Missouri

22 New Jersey

23 Maryland

23 New York

23 Oklahoma

23 Rhode Island

27 South Carolina

28 Delaware

28 Wyoming

30 Washington

31 Connecticut

31 Florida

31 Nevada

31 Pennsylvania

3.8

3.8

3.9

3.9

4.2

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.4

4.5

4.5

4.7

4.8

4.8

4.8

4.8

35 California

35 Illinois

35 North Carolina

35 West Virginia

39 Arizona

39 Kentucky

39 Mississippi

39 Texas

43 Georgia

43 Michigan

43 Ohio

43 Tennessee

47 Louisiana

48 Alabama

48 District of Columbia

50 Alaska

51 New Mexico

4.9

4.9

4.9

4.9

5.0

5.0

5.0

5.0

5.1

5.1

5.1

5.1

5.7

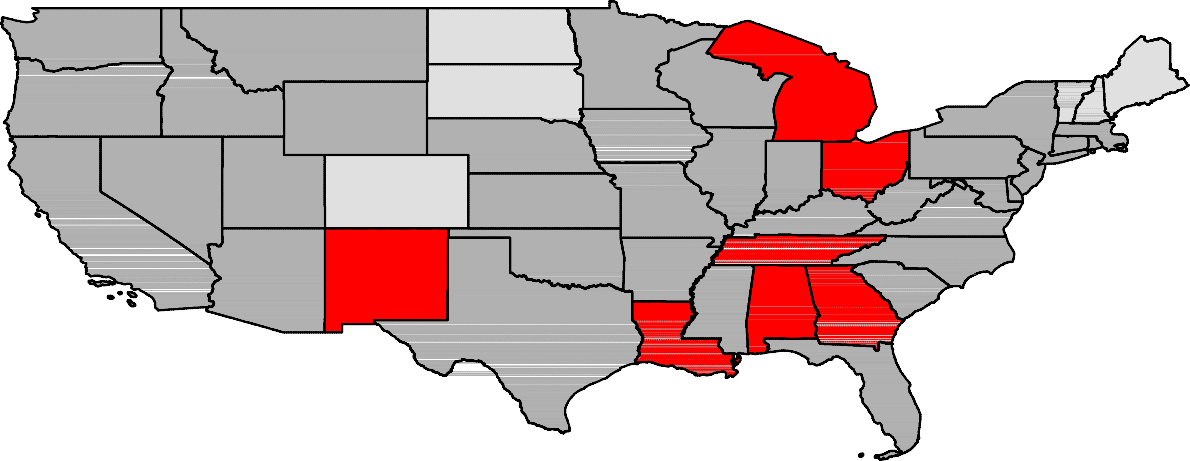
5.8

5.8

6.4

6.7

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 4.5 Percent



Washington

Oregon

Idaho

Montana

North Dakota

South Dakota

Minnesota

Wisconsin

Michigan

Vermont

Maine

Wyoming

Nebraska

Iowa

New York

Pennsylvania

New Hampshire

Massachusetts

Connecticut

Rhode Island

Illinois

Indiana

Ohio

New Jersey

Nevada

California

Utah

Colorado

Kansas

Missouri

Kentucky

West Virginia Maryland

Delaware

Virginia

Arizona

New Mexico

Oklahoma

Arkansas

Tennessee North Carolina

South Carolina

Continental U.S. Only

Texas

MississippiAlabama

Louisiana

Georgia

Florida

Rate

< or = 3.0%

3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

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 decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.7 percent in February to 3.6 percent in March. Arkansas’ civilian labor force gained 3,188, a result of 4,428 more employed and 1,240 fewer unem- ployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.7 percent in February to 4.5 percent in March.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “The unemployment rate decline to 3.6 percent marks a new record low for Arkansas, breaking last month’s previous record low of 3.7 percent. Arkan- sas’ jobless rate has fallen each month since December, after remaining fairly stable throughout most

of 2016.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Mar 17**  1,341,183 | **Feb 17**  1,337,995 | **Mar 16**  1,345,488 | Civilian Labor Force | **Mar 17**  1,343,083 | **Feb 17**  1,336,804 | **Mar 16**  1,343,609 |
| Employment | 1,292,574 | 1,288,146 | 1,290,525 | Employment | 1,295,244 | 1,279,386 | 1,289,318 |
| Unemployment | 48,609 | 49,849 | 54,963 | Unemployment | 47,839 | 57,418 | 54,291 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6 | 3.7 | 4.1 | Unemployment Rate | 3.6 | 4.3 | 4.0 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.0 | U.S. Unemployment | 4.6 | 4.9 | 5.1 |

9.0

**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted vs. Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

March 2013 - March 2017

8.0

7.0

6.0

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

0.0

Mar '13 Sep '13 Mar '14 Sep '14 Mar '15 Sep '15 Mar '16 Sep '16 Mar '17

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted



(In Thousands)

(NAICS)

**Mar 17 Feb 17 Mar 16**

**OTM OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Nonfarm | 1240.9 | 1233.4 | 1224.3 | 7.5 | 16.6 |
| Goods Producing | 211.7 | 211.7 | 209.8 | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 55.1 | 55.2 | 55.8 | -0.1 | -0.7 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **6.0** | **6.0** | **6.6** | **0.0** | **-0.6** |
| **Construction** | **49.1** | **49.2** | **49.2** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 31.3 | 31.8 | 31.5 | -0.5 | -0.2 |
| **Manufacturing** | **156.6** | **156.5** | **154.0** | **0.1** | **2.6** |
| Durable Goods | 73.6 | 73.6 | 74.7 | 0.0 | -1.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 83.0 | 82.9 | 79.3 | 0.1 | 3.7 |
| Service Providing | 1029.2 | 1021.7 | 1014.5 | 7.5 | 14.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **252.0** | **249.7** | **250.4** | **2.3** | **1.6** |
| Wholesale Trade | 46.6 | 45.7 | 46.3 | 0.9 | 0.3 |
| Retail Trade | 140.9 | 139.7 | 140.7 | 1.2 | 0.2 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 64.5 | 64.3 | 63.4 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| I**nformation** | **13.1** | **13.1** | **13.6** | **0.0** | **-0.5** |
| **Financial Activities** | **50.9** | **50.7** | **50.8** | **0.2** | **0.1** |
| Finance & Insurance | 37.9 | 37.8 | 37.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.0 | 12.9 | 13.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **148.1** | **146.1** | **142.3** | **2.0** | **5.8** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 44.3 | 44.7 | 43.0 | -0.4 | 1.3 |
| Management of Companies | 34.7 | 34.5 | 34.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 69.1 | 66.9 | 64.9 | 2.2 | 4.2 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **185.8** | **187.1** | **178.8** | **-1.3** | **7.0** |
| Educational Services | 17.1 | 17.0 | 15.0 | 0.1 | 2.1 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 168.7 | 170.1 | 163.8 | -1.4 | 4.9 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 55.5 | 56.3 | 52.6 | -0.8 | 2.9 |
| Social Assistance | 39.6 | 39.5 | 39.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 115.3 112.5 113.8 2.8 1.5** | | | | | |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 10.2 | 9.7 | 10.4 | 0.5 | -0.2 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 105.1 | 102.8 | 103.4 | 2.3 | 1.7 |
| Accommodation Services | 10.9 | 10.4 | 10.9 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Food Services | 94.2 | 92.4 | 92.5 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| **Other Services** | **48.2** | **48.0** | **46.9** | **0.2** | **1.3** |
| **Government** | **215.8** | **214.5** | **217.9** | **1.3** | **-2.1** |
| Federal Government | 20.3 | 20.3 | 20.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 80.2 | 79.5 | 80.7 | 0.7 | -0.5 |
| Local Government | 115.3 | 114.7 | 116.9 | 0.6 | -1.6 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summar y

Februar y 2017 - March 2017

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 7,500 in March to total 1,240,900. Seven major industry sec- tors posted gains, while two sectors declined and two were unchanged. **Leisure and hospitality** added

2,800 jobs, mostly in accommodation and food services (+2,300). Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 2,300. A majority of the expansion occurred in retail trade (+1,200), typical hiring for the spring shopping season. Employment in **professional and business services** increased 2,000. Most of the gains were in administrative and support services (+2,200). **Educational and health services** de- creased 1,300. Losses were reported in health care and social assistance (-1,400), with reported declines at nursing care facilities, hospitals, and physicians’ offices.

March 2016 - March 2017

Compared to March 2016, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment is up 16,600. Growth was posted in seven major industry sectors, as four sectors declined. Employment in **educational and health servic- es** rose 7,000, mostly in health care and social assistance (+4,900). **Professional and business services** added 5,800 jobs, with gains posted in all three subsectors. Jobs in **manufacturing** are up 2,600. Hiring in nondurable goods (+3,700) more than offset losses in durable goods (-1,100). Small increases were reported in **trade, transportation, and utilities** (+1,600), **leisure and hospitality** (+1,500), and **other services** (+1,300). Jobs in **government** fell 2,100. Decreases occurred in local (-1,600) and state (-500) government.

160,000

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services**

**March: 1997 - 2017**

150,000

140,000

130,000

120,000

110,000

100,000

90,000

80,000

70,000

60,000

'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

**Mar 17 Feb 17**

**Mar 16**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

38.5

15.93

613.31

38.4

15.94

612.10

39.7

15.90

631.23

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Mar 17 Feb 17**

**Mar 16**

**Mar 17 Feb 17**

**Mar 16**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

40.8

17.57

716.86

40.3

17.28

696.38

41.0

17.52

718.32

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

36.5

14.35

523.78

36.8

14.66

539.49

38.5

14.26

549.01

17.00

**Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing**

March 2015 - March 2017

16.50

16.00

15.50

15.00

14.50

Mar

'15

Sep

'15

Mar

'16

Sep

'16

Mar

'17

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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 17** | **Feb 17** | **Mar 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 349,775 | 348,254 | 350,064 | 1,521 | -289 |
| Employment | 338,502 | 334,842 | 337,518 | 3,660 | 984 |
| Unemployment | 11,273 | 13,412 | 12,546 | -2,139 | -1,273 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.2 | 3.9 | 3.6 | -0.7 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Mar 17**  356.5 | **Feb 17**  354.6 | **Mar 16**  353.5 | **OTM**  1.9 | **OT Y**  3.0 |
| Goods Producing | 36.5 | 36.5 | 37.1 | 0.0 | -0.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **16.5** | **16.5** | **17.0** | **0.0** | **-0.5** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.0** | **20.0** | **20.1** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| Service Providing 320.0 318.1 316.4 1.9 3.6 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **70.8** | **70.6** | **69.8** | **0.2** | **1.0** |
| Wholesale Trade | 14.9 | 14.9 | 15.2 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| Retail Trade | 40.0 | 39.8 | 39.0 | 0.2 | 1.0 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 15.9 | 15.9 | 15.6 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Information** | **6.1** | **6.1** | **6.4** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.4** | **20.3** | **20.3** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **47.9** | **47.5** | **47.4** | **0.4** | **0.5** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **56.3** | **56.2** | **53.0** | **0.1** | **3.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **32.9** | **32.4** | **33.2** | **0.5** | **-0.3** |
| **Other Services** | **14.7** | **14.6** | **14.4** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Government** | **70.9** | **70.4** | **71.9** | **0.5** | **-1.0** |
| Federal Government | 9.8 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| State Government | 35.3 | 35.2 | 35.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Local Government | 25.8 | 25.5 | 27.2 | 0.3 | -1.4 |

30,000

**Number of Unemployed**

March: 2007 - 2017

57,000

**Jobs in Educational and Health Services**

March 2014 - March 2017

56,000

25,000

55,000

20,000

54,000

53,000

15,000

52,000

51,000

10,000

50,000

5,000

49,000

48,000

0

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

47,000

Mar '14 Sep '14 Mar '15 Sep '15 Mar '16 Sep '16 Mar '17

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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 17** | **Feb 17** | **Mar 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 269,347 | 267,189 | 262,252 | 2,158 | 7,095 |
| Employment | 262,512 | 258,927 | 254,599 | 3,585 | 7,913 |
| Unemployment | 6,835 | 8,262 | 7,653 | -1,427 | -818 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.5 | 3.1 | 2.9 | -0.6 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Mar 17**  253.5 | **Feb 17**  251.0 | **Mar 16**  243.7 | **OTM**  2.5 | **OT Y**  9.8 |
| Goods Producing | 38.1 | 37.9 | 37.4 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **10.6** | **10.4** | **10.2** | **0.2** | **0.4** |
| **Manufacturing** | **27.5** | **27.5** | **27.2** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| Service Providing 215.4 213.1 206.3 2.3 9.1 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **55.9** | **55.5** | **55.2** | **0.4** | **0.7** |
| Wholesale Trade | 12.6 | 12.5 | 12.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Retail Trade | 25.9 | 25.6 | 26.3 | 0.3 | -0.4 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 17.4 | 17.4 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| **Information** | **1.9** | **1.9** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **7.8** | **7.7** | **7.6** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **53.3** | **52.4** | **47.9** | **0.9** | **5.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **28.0** | **27.9** | **27.0** | **0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **25.0** | **24.5** | **24.2** | **0.5** | **0.8** |
| **Other Services** | **7.7** | **7.6** | **7.5** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **35.8** | **35.6** | **34.9** | **0.2** | **0.9** |
| Federal Government | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| State Government | 14.3 | 14.2 | 13.5 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| Local Government | 19.0 | 18.9 | 18.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 |

300,000

**Number of Employed**

March: 1997 - 2017

250,000

200,000

150,000

100,000

50,000

'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 17** | **Feb 17** | **Mar 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 119,652 | 120,140 | 121,288 | -488 | -1,636 |
| Employment | 114,793 | 114,592 | 115,594 | 201 | -801 |
| Unemployment | 4,859 | 5,548 | 5,694 | -689 | -835 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.7 | -0.5 | -0.6 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Mar 17**  112.9 | **Feb 17**  113.4 | **Mar 16**  113.5 | **OTM**  -0.5 | **OT Y**  -0.6 |
| Goods Producing | 22.6 | 22.9 | 23.4 | -0.3 | -0.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.2** | **5.3** | **5.5** | **-0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Manufacturing** | **17.4** | **17.6** | **17.9** | **-0.2** | **-0.5** |
| Service Providing 90.3 90.5 90.1 -0.2 0.2 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23.1** | **23.3** | **23.4** | **-0.2** | **-0.3** |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.7 | 12.9 | 12.9 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Information** | **1.3** | **1.3** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.8** | **3.8** | **3.7** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **12.8** | **13.0** | **12.8** | **-0.2** | **0.0** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.8** | **16.8** | **16.5** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.5** | **9.4** | **9.5** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Other Services** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **18.7** | **18.6** | **18.7** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| Federal Government | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Local Government | 14.2 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

118,000

**Number of Employed**

January 2015 - March 2017

94,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Sectors**

March: 2007 - 2017

117,000

116,000

92,000

115,000

90,000

114,000

113,000

88,000

112,000

86,000

111,000

110,000

84,000

109,000

82,000

108,000

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

2015 2016 2017

80,000

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 17** | **Feb 17** | **Mar 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 40,583 | 40,252 | 40,249 | 331 | 334 |
| Employment | 39,052 | 38,399 | 38,531 | 653 | 521 |
| Unemployment | 1,531 | 1,853 | 1,718 | -322 | -187 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.3 | -0.8 | -0.5 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 17** | **Feb 17** | **Mar 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 38.6 | 38.1 | 37.8 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 34.1 | 33.7 | 33.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 0.0 | -0.2 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

50,000

45,000

**Employment and Unemployment**

March: 1997 - 2017

Employment + Unemployment = Civilian Labor Force

40,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

0

'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Employment Unemployment

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 17** | **Feb 17** | **Mar 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 62,468 | 62,375 | 62,054 | 93 | 414 |
| Employment | 60,571 | 60,084 | 59,887 | 487 | 684 |
| Unemployment | 1,897 | 2,291 | 2,167 | -394 | -270 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.0 | 3.7 | 3.5 | -0.7 | -0.5 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 17** | **Feb 17** | **Mar 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 56.5 | 56.5 | 55.3 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| 9.4 | 9.4 | 8.9 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| 47.1 | 47.1 | 46.4 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| 9.1 | 9.1 | 8.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

48,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2015 - March 2017

47,000

46,000

45,000

44,000

43,000

42,000

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2015 2016 2017

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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|  | **Mar 17** | **Feb 17** | **Mar 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 35,689 | 35,640 | 36,248 | 49 | -559 |
| Employment | 33,928 | 33,579 | 34,282 | 349 | -354 |
| Unemployment | 1,761 | 2,061 | 1,966 | -300 | -205 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.9 | 5.8 | 5.4 | -0.9 | -0.5 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 17** | **Feb 17** | **Mar 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.4 | 33.2 | 33.5 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 27.4 | 27.2 | 27.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

35,000

**Number of Employed**

March 2014 - March 2017

34,500

34,000

33,500

33,000

32,500

32,000

Mar

'14

Sep

'14

Mar

'15

Sep

'15

Mar

'16

Sep

'16

Mar

'17

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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|  | **Mar 17** | **Feb 17** | **Mar 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 629,130 | 626,302 | 617,757 | 2,828 | 11,373 |
| Employment | 597,471 | 594,206 | 586,999 | 3,265 | 10,472 |
| Unemployment | 31,659 | 32,096 | 30,758 | -437 | 901 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.0 | -0.1 | -0.0 |

Texarkana MSA

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

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|  | **Mar 17** | **Feb 17** | **Mar 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 65,253 | 64,922 | 65,240 | 331 | 13 |
| Employment | 62,093 | 61,481 | 62,425 | 612 | -332 |
| Unemployment | 3,160 | 3,441 | 2,815 | -281 | 345 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.8 | 5.3 | 4.3 | -0.5 | 0.5 |

70,000

**Number of Unemployed- Memphis MSA**

March: 2007 - 2017

63,500

**Number of Employed- Texarkana MSA**

March 2015 - March 2017

60,000

63,000

62,500

50,000

62,000

40,000

61,500

30,000

61,000

60,500

20,000

60,000

10,000

59,500

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'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

59,000

Mar

'15

Sep

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Mar

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Sep

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Mar

'17

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| **Micro Area** | **CLF** | **Marc**  **Emp** | **h 2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Februa**  **Emp** | **ry 2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Marc**  **Emp** | **h 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,536 | 9,191 | 345 | 3.6 | 9,510 | 9,084 | 426 | 4.5 | 9,525 | 9,124 | 401 | 4.2 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,124 | 15,468 | 656 | 4.1 | 16,100 | 15,281 | 819 | 5.1 | 16,099 | 15,298 | 801 | 5.0 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,981 | 16,929 | 1,052 | 5.9 | 17,937 | 16,679 | 1,258 | 7.0 | 18,046 | 16,826 | 1,220 | 6.8 |
| Camden Micro | 12,157 | 11,636 | 521 | 4.3 | 12,133 | 11,522 | 611 | 5.0 | 12,205 | 11,614 | 591 | 4.8 |
| El Dorado Micro | 16,279 | 15,407 | 872 | 5.4 | 16,223 | 15,274 | 949 | 5.8 | 16,708 | 15,813 | 895 | 5.4 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,891 | 8,462 | 429 | 4.8 | 8,860 | 8,354 | 506 | 5.7 | 8,923 | 8,433 | 490 | 5.5 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,453 | 18,815 | 638 | 3.3 | 19,358 | 18,543 | 815 | 4.2 | 19,563 | 18,790 | 773 | 4.0 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,566 | 6,192 | 374 | 5.7 | 6,511 | 6,075 | 436 | 6.7 | 6,902 | 6,475 | 427 | 6.2 |
| Hope Micro | 13,625 | 13,180 | 445 | 3.3 | 13,553 | 13,020 | 533 | 3.9 | 13,673 | 13,145 | 528 | 3.9 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,092 | 8,638 | 454 | 5.0 | 9,069 | 8,525 | 544 | 6.0 | 9,498 | 8,980 | 518 | 5.5 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,048 | 13,567 | 481 | 3.4 | 13,970 | 13,392 | 578 | 4.1 | 14,300 | 13,702 | 598 | 4.2 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,233 | 15,579 | 654 | 4.0 | 16,131 | 15,332 | 799 | 5.0 | 16,124 | 15,422 | 702 | 4.4 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,631 | 18,912 | 719 | 3.7 | 19,628 | 18,782 | 846 | 4.3 | 19,930 | 19,067 | 863 | 4.3 |
| Russellville Micro | 38,193 | 36,704 | 1,489 | 3.9 | 37,985 | 36,164 | 1,821 | 4.8 | 38,311 | 36,589 | 1,722 | 4.5 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,292 | 31,724 | 1,568 | 4.7 | 33,228 | 31,405 | 1,823 | 5.5 | 34,529 | 32,625 | 1,904 | 5.5 |

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

Camden Micro= Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro= Union County

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

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** | **Marc**  **Emp** | **h 2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Februa**  **Emp** | **ry 2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Marc**  **Emp** | **h 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Bella Vista | 12,260 | 11,859 | 401 | 3.3 | 12,193 | 11,692 | 501 | 4.1 | 11,946 | 11,487 | 459 | 3.8 |
| Benton | 16,299 | 15,825 | 474 | 2.9 | 16,246 | 15,658 | 588 | 3.6 | 16,281 | 15,768 | 513 | 3.2 |
| Bentonville | 24,206 | 23,570 | 636 | 2.6 | 23,949 | 23,238 | 711 | 3.0 | 23,487 | 22,830 | 657 | 2.8 |
| Blytheville | 6,136 | 5,771 | 365 | 5.9 | 6,146 | 5,686 | 460 | 7.5 | 6,225 | 5,736 | 489 | 7.9 |
| Cabot | 11,673 | 11,318 | 355 | 3.0 | 11,594 | 11,183 | 411 | 3.5 | 11,694 | 11,325 | 369 | 3.2 |
| Conway | 32,993 | 31,959 | 1,034 | 3.1 | 32,845 | 31,609 | 1,236 | 3.8 | 32,992 | 31,874 | 1,118 | 3.4 |
| El Dorado | 7,115 | 6,669 | 446 | 6.3 | 7,089 | 6,611 | 478 | 6.7 | 7,275 | 6,845 | 430 | 5.9 |
| Fayetteville | 47,149 | 45,965 | 1,184 | 2.5 | 46,707 | 45,317 | 1,390 | 3.0 | 45,764 | 44,523 | 1,241 | 2.7 |
| Fort Smith | 39,694 | 38,328 | 1,366 | 3.4 | 39,832 | 38,234 | 1,598 | 4.0 | 40,270 | 38,741 | 1,529 | 3.8 |
| Hot Springs | 14,169 | 13,580 | 589 | 4.2 | 14,044 | 13,353 | 691 | 4.9 | 14,037 | 13,399 | 638 | 4.5 |
| Jacksonville | 11,711 | 11,225 | 486 | 4.1 | 11,692 | 11,107 | 585 | 5.0 | 11,741 | 11,184 | 557 | 4.7 |
| Jonesboro | 36,718 | 35,679 | 1,039 | 2.8 | 36,654 | 35,409 | 1,245 | 3.4 | 36,443 | 35,226 | 1,217 | 3.3 |
| Little Rock | 96,504 | 93,344 | 3,160 | 3.3 | 96,018 | 92,359 | 3,659 | 3.8 | 96,358 | 93,003 | 3,355 | 3.5 |
| North Little Rock | 29,799 | 28,784 | 1,015 | 3.4 | 29,667 | 28,480 | 1,187 | 4.0 | 29,834 | 28,679 | 1,155 | 3.9 |
| Paragould | 12,335 | 11,826 | 509 | 4.1 | 12,342 | 11,744 | 598 | 4.8 | 12,506 | 11,923 | 583 | 4.7 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,935 | 16,014 | 921 | 5.4 | 16,915 | 15,860 | 1,055 | 6.2 | 17,204 | 16,152 | 1,052 | 6.1 |
| Rogers | 34,342 | 33,485 | 857 | 2.5 | 34,052 | 33,013 | 1,039 | 3.1 | 33,385 | 32,434 | 951 | 2.8 |
| Russellville | 13,651 | 13,180 | 471 | 3.5 | 13,569 | 12,995 | 574 | 4.2 | 13,656 | 13,110 | 546 | 4.0 |
| Searcy | 10,212 | 9,792 | 420 | 4.1 | 10,175 | 9,693 | 482 | 4.7 | 10,536 | 10,070 | 466 | 4.4 |
| Sherwood | 15,553 | 15,094 | 459 | 3.0 | 15,503 | 14,935 | 568 | 3.7 | 15,529 | 15,039 | 490 | 3.2 |
| Springdale | 38,991 | 38,106 | 885 | 2.3 | 38,656 | 37,569 | 1,087 | 2.8 | 37,921 | 36,910 | 1,011 | 2.7 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,862 | 13,228 | 634 | 4.6 | 13,778 | 13,063 | 715 | 5.2 | 13,872 | 13,299 | 573 | 4.1 |
| Van Buren | 10,249 | 9,909 | 340 | 3.3 | 10,270 | 9,877 | 393 | 3.8 | 10,430 | 10,033 | 397 | 3.8 |
| West Memphis | 10,650 | 10,107 | 543 | 5.1 | 10,598 | 9,983 | 615 | 5.8 | 10,589 | 10,051 | 538 | 5.1 |

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| **County** | **CLF** | **MarchEmp** | **2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Februa**  **Emp** | **ry 2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Marc**  **Emp** | **h 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,192 | 8,905 | 287 | 3.1 | 9,124 | 8,776 | 348 | 3.8 | 9,291 | 8,968 | 323 | 3.5 |
| Ashley | 7,763 | 7,310 | 453 | 5.8 | 7,724 | 7,186 | 538 | 7.0 | 7,874 | 7,392 | 482 | 6.1 |
| Baxter | 16,233 | 15,579 | 654 | 4.0 | 16,131 | 15,332 | 799 | 5.0 | 16,124 | 15,422 | 702 | 4.4 |
| Benton | 129,091 | 125,711 | 3,380 | 2.6 | 128,048 | 123,938 | 4,110 | 3.2 | 125,485 | 121,766 | 3,719 | 3.0 |
| Boone | 16,026 | 15,506 | 520 | 3.2 | 15,944 | 15,287 | 657 | 4.1 | 16,099 | 15,470 | 629 | 3.9 |
| Bradley | 4,515 | 4,290 | 225 | 5.0 | 4,485 | 4,223 | 262 | 5.8 | 4,339 | 4,142 | 197 | 4.5 |
| Calhoun | 2,376 | 2,286 | 90 | 3.8 | 2,363 | 2,257 | 106 | 4.5 | 2,408 | 2,299 | 109 | 4.5 |
| Carroll | 13,082 | 12,654 | 428 | 3.3 | 12,913 | 12,331 | 582 | 4.5 | 12,777 | 12,292 | 485 | 3.8 |
| Chicot | 3,501 | 3,251 | 250 | 7.1 | 3,483 | 3,194 | 289 | 8.3 | 3,620 | 3,372 | 248 | 6.9 |
| Clark | 9,536 | 9,191 | 345 | 3.6 | 9,510 | 9,084 | 426 | 4.5 | 9,525 | 9,124 | 401 | 4.2 |
| Clay | 5,893 | 5,617 | 276 | 4.7 | 5,877 | 5,523 | 354 | 6.0 | 6,141 | 5,752 | 389 | 6.3 |
| Cleburne | 9,291 | 8,828 | 463 | 5.0 | 9,281 | 8,709 | 572 | 6.2 | 9,540 | 8,919 | 621 | 6.5 |
| Cleveland | 3,322 | 3,171 | 151 | 4.5 | 3,301 | 3,131 | 170 | 5.1 | 3,381 | 3,223 | 158 | 4.7 |
| Columbia | 9,092 | 8,638 | 454 | 5.0 | 9,069 | 8,525 | 544 | 6.0 | 9,498 | 8,980 | 518 | 5.5 |
| Conway | 8,292 | 7,885 | 407 | 4.9 | 8,307 | 7,800 | 507 | 6.1 | 8,570 | 8,105 | 465 | 5.4 |
| Craighead | 52,236 | 50,752 | 1,484 | 2.8 | 52,166 | 50,368 | 1,798 | 3.4 | 51,826 | 50,108 | 1,718 | 3.3 |
| Crawford | 26,345 | 25,458 | 887 | 3.4 | 26,461 | 25,377 | 1,084 | 4.1 | 26,861 | 25,776 | 1,085 | 4.0 |
| Crittenden | 21,466 | 20,537 | 929 | 4.3 | 21,377 | 20,284 | 1,093 | 5.1 | 21,403 | 20,423 | 980 | 4.6 |
| Cross | 7,885 | 7,577 | 308 | 3.9 | 7,823 | 7,430 | 393 | 5.0 | 8,008 | 7,634 | 374 | 4.7 |
| Dallas | 3,009 | 2,891 | 118 | 3.9 | 3,000 | 2,853 | 147 | 4.9 | 2,955 | 2,798 | 157 | 5.3 |
| Desha | 5,358 | 5,091 | 267 | 5.0 | 5,334 | 5,000 | 334 | 6.3 | 5,535 | 5,210 | 325 | 5.9 |
| Drew | 7,959 | 7,540 | 419 | 5.3 | 7,913 | 7,440 | 473 | 6.0 | 8,007 | 7,539 | 468 | 5.8 |
| Faulkner | 60,255 | 58,264 | 1,991 | 3.3 | 59,985 | 57,627 | 2,358 | 3.9 | 60,473 | 58,109 | 2,364 | 3.9 |
| Franklin | 7,348 | 7,104 | 244 | 3.3 | 7,321 | 7,025 | 296 | 4.0 | 7,456 | 7,126 | 330 | 4.4 |
| Fulton | 4,640 | 4,453 | 187 | 4.0 | 4,638 | 4,384 | 254 | 5.5 | 4,765 | 4,542 | 223 | 4.7 |
| Garland | 40,583 | 39,052 | 1,531 | 3.8 | 40,252 | 38,399 | 1,853 | 4.6 | 40,249 | 38,531 | 1,718 | 4.3 |
| Grant | 8,266 | 8,015 | 251 | 3.0 | 8,245 | 7,920 | 325 | 3.9 | 8,350 | 8,021 | 329 | 3.9 |
| Greene | 19,631 | 18,912 | 719 | 3.7 | 19,628 | 18,782 | 846 | 4.3 | 19,930 | 19,067 | 863 | 4.3 |
| Hempstead | 9,944 | 9,621 | 323 | 3.2 | 9,898 | 9,500 | 398 | 4.0 | 9,993 | 9,607 | 386 | 3.9 |
| Hot Spring | 14,048 | 13,567 | 481 | 3.4 | 13,970 | 13,392 | 578 | 4.1 | 14,300 | 13,702 | 598 | 4.2 |
| Howard | 6,026 | 5,854 | 172 | 2.9 | 5,969 | 5,748 | 221 | 3.7 | 6,022 | 5,817 | 205 | 3.4 |
| Independence | 16,124 | 15,468 | 656 | 4.1 | 16,100 | 15,281 | 819 | 5.1 | 16,099 | 15,298 | 801 | 5.0 |
| Izard | 4,994 | 4,753 | 241 | 4.8 | 4,954 | 4,666 | 288 | 5.8 | 5,056 | 4,770 | 286 | 5.7 |
| Jackson | 5,981 | 5,619 | 362 | 6.1 | 5,923 | 5,488 | 435 | 7.3 | 6,241 | 5,836 | 405 | 6.5 |
| Jefferson | 28,321 | 26,886 | 1,435 | 5.1 | 28,299 | 26,627 | 1,672 | 5.9 | 28,713 | 27,117 | 1,596 | 5.6 |
| Johnson | 10,544 | 10,144 | 400 | 3.8 | 10,552 | 10,045 | 507 | 4.8 | 10,510 | 10,013 | 497 | 4.7 |
| Lafayette | 2,550 | 2,426 | 124 | 4.9 | 2,551 | 2,401 | 150 | 5.9 | 2,600 | 2,442 | 158 | 6.1 |
| Lawrence | 6,958 | 6,712 | 246 | 3.5 | 6,924 | 6,618 | 306 | 4.4 | 7,114 | 6,818 | 296 | 4.2 |
| Lee | 3,144 | 2,997 | 147 | 4.7 | 3,130 | 2,943 | 187 | 6.0 | 3,158 | 3,006 | 152 | 4.8 |
| Lincoln | 4,046 | 3,871 | 175 | 4.3 | 4,040 | 3,821 | 219 | 5.4 | 4,154 | 3,942 | 212 | 5.1 |
| Little River | 5,599 | 5,350 | 249 | 4.4 | 5,576 | 5,284 | 292 | 5.2 | 5,621 | 5,379 | 242 | 4.3 |
| Logan | 9,048 | 8,724 | 324 | 3.6 | 9,021 | 8,620 | 401 | 4.4 | 9,183 | 8,748 | 435 | 4.7 |
| Lonoke | 33,182 | 32,164 | 1,018 | 3.1 | 33,033 | 31,778 | 1,255 | 3.8 | 33,322 | 32,184 | 1,138 | 3.4 |
| Madison | 7,384 | 7,196 | 188 | 2.5 | 7,317 | 7,070 | 247 | 3.4 | 7,314 | 7,077 | 237 | 3.2 |
| Marion | 6,475 | 6,233 | 242 | 3.7 | 6,443 | 6,135 | 308 | 4.8 | 6,544 | 6,287 | 257 | 3.9 |
| Miller | 19,974 | 19,146 | 828 | 4.1 | 19,873 | 18,907 | 966 | 4.9 | 20,086 | 19,250 | 836 | 4.2 |

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| **County** | **CLF** | **MarchEmp** | **2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Februa**  **Emp** | **ry 2017**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Marc**  **Emp** | **h 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 17,981 | 16,929 | 1,052 | 5.9 | 17,937 | 16,679 | 1,258 | 7.0 | 18,046 | 16,826 | 1,220 | 6.8 |
| Monroe | 2,858 | 2,734 | 124 | 4.3 | 2,825 | 2,678 | 147 | 5.2 | 2,987 | 2,853 | 134 | 4.5 |
| Montgomery | 3,050 | 2,901 | 149 | 4.9 | 3,000 | 2,827 | 173 | 5.8 | 3,157 | 2,985 | 172 | 5.4 |
| Nevada | 3,681 | 3,559 | 122 | 3.3 | 3,655 | 3,520 | 135 | 3.7 | 3,680 | 3,538 | 142 | 3.9 |
| Newton | 3,427 | 3,309 | 118 | 3.4 | 3,414 | 3,256 | 158 | 4.6 | 3,464 | 3,320 | 144 | 4.2 |
| Ouachita | 9,781 | 9,350 | 431 | 4.4 | 9,770 | 9,265 | 505 | 5.2 | 9,797 | 9,315 | 482 | 4.9 |
| Perry | 4,195 | 4,013 | 182 | 4.3 | 4,188 | 3,963 | 225 | 5.4 | 4,235 | 4,018 | 217 | 5.1 |
| Phillips | 6,566 | 6,192 | 374 | 5.7 | 6,511 | 6,075 | 436 | 6.7 | 6,902 | 6,475 | 427 | 6.2 |
| Pike | 4,195 | 4,033 | 162 | 3.9 | 4,147 | 3,951 | 196 | 4.7 | 4,227 | 4,041 | 186 | 4.4 |
| Poinsett | 10,232 | 9,819 | 413 | 4.0 | 10,209 | 9,716 | 493 | 4.8 | 10,228 | 9,779 | 449 | 4.4 |
| Polk | 7,857 | 7,473 | 384 | 4.9 | 7,764 | 7,328 | 436 | 5.6 | 8,307 | 7,896 | 411 | 4.9 |
| Pope | 29,391 | 28,230 | 1,161 | 4.0 | 29,248 | 27,833 | 1,415 | 4.8 | 29,408 | 28,081 | 1,327 | 4.5 |
| Prairie | 3,634 | 3,489 | 145 | 4.0 | 3,612 | 3,433 | 179 | 5.0 | 3,678 | 3,528 | 150 | 4.1 |
| Pulaski | 187,400 | 181,224 | 6,176 | 3.3 | 186,594 | 179,312 | 7,282 | 3.9 | 187,257 | 180,562 | 6,695 | 3.6 |
| Randolph | 6,749 | 6,470 | 279 | 4.1 | 6,721 | 6,377 | 344 | 5.1 | 6,386 | 6,082 | 304 | 4.8 |
| St. Francis | 8,891 | 8,462 | 429 | 4.8 | 8,860 | 8,354 | 506 | 5.7 | 8,923 | 8,433 | 490 | 5.5 |
| Saline | 56,477 | 54,822 | 1,655 | 2.9 | 56,209 | 54,242 | 1,967 | 3.5 | 56,427 | 54,624 | 1,803 | 3.2 |
| Scott | 4,485 | 4,353 | 132 | 2.9 | 4,448 | 4,294 | 154 | 3.5 | 4,497 | 4,325 | 172 | 3.8 |
| Searcy | 2,953 | 2,833 | 120 | 4.1 | 2,924 | 2,775 | 149 | 5.1 | 2,971 | 2,832 | 139 | 4.7 |
| Sebastian | 56,992 | 55,025 | 1,967 | 3.5 | 57,215 | 54,890 | 2,325 | 4.1 | 57,824 | 55,619 | 2,205 | 3.8 |
| Sevier | 5,721 | 5,475 | 246 | 4.3 | 5,686 | 5,376 | 310 | 5.5 | 5,726 | 5,444 | 282 | 4.9 |
| Sharp | 6,076 | 5,767 | 309 | 5.1 | 6,069 | 5,694 | 375 | 6.2 | 6,026 | 5,679 | 347 | 5.8 |
| Stone | 4,659 | 4,419 | 240 | 5.2 | 4,602 | 4,319 | 283 | 6.1 | 4,714 | 4,464 | 250 | 5.3 |
| Union | 16,279 | 15,407 | 872 | 5.4 | 16,223 | 15,274 | 949 | 5.8 | 16,708 | 15,813 | 895 | 5.4 |
| Van Buren | 5,908 | 5,556 | 352 | 6.0 | 5,864 | 5,441 | 423 | 7.2 | 6,391 | 5,945 | 446 | 7.0 |
| Washington | 122,075 | 119,206 | 2,869 | 2.4 | 120,959 | 117,526 | 3,433 | 2.8 | 118,682 | 115,466 | 3,216 | 2.7 |
| White | 33,292 | 31,724 | 1,568 | 4.7 | 33,228 | 31,405 | 1,823 | 5.5 | 34,529 | 32,625 | 1,904 | 5.5 |
| Woodruff | 2,948 | 2,797 | 151 | 5.1 | 2,912 | 2,742 | 170 | 5.8 | 3,014 | 2,843 | 171 | 5.7 |
| Yell | 8,802 | 8,474 | 328 | 3.7 | 8,737 | 8,331 | 406 | 4.6 | 8,903 | 8,508 | 395 | 4.4 |

County Labor Force Summar y

Between February and March, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.4 percent in Washington County to a high of 7.1 percent in Chicot County.

In March, thirty-eight counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is more than double the 15 counties at or below four percent last month. No county reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to March 2016, unemployment rates are down in 70 counties. Three counties posted

rate increases while two were unchanged.

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

Unemployment Rate

Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Nevada

Ouachita

Calhoun

Bradley

Drew

Chicot

< or = 3.0%

3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

Lafayette

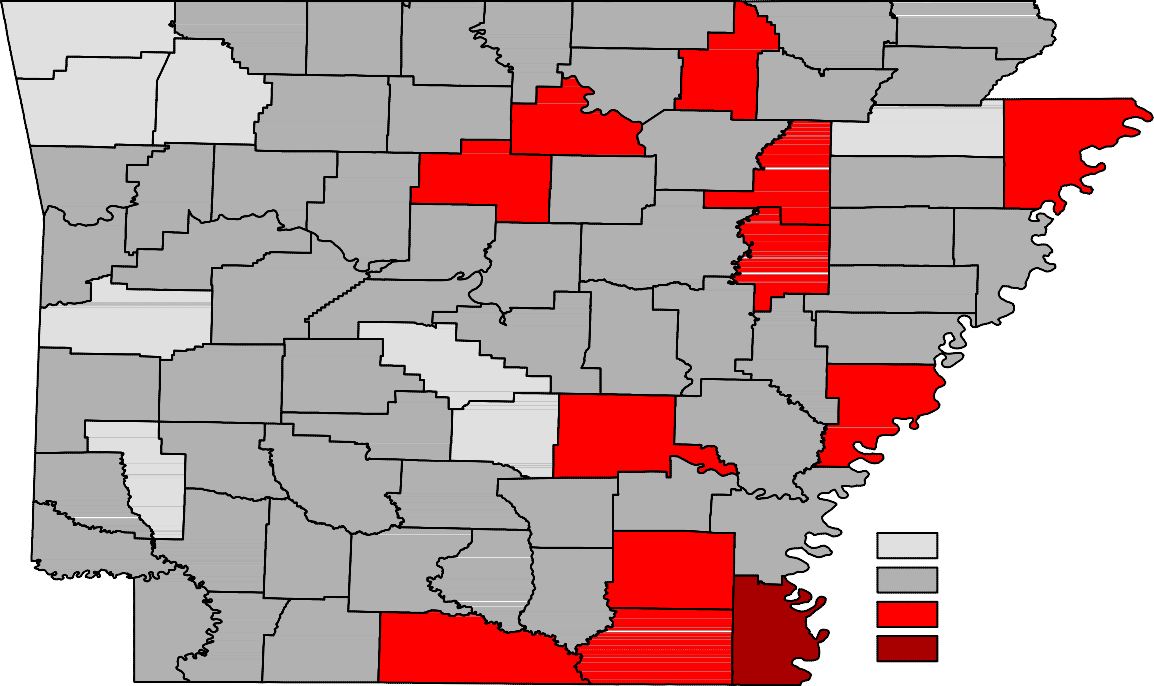
Columbia

Union

Ashley

> 7.0%

Ranked by Unemployment Rates



March 2017- Not Seasonally Adjusted



|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  2.4 | **Rank**  25 | **County**  Marion | **Rate**  3.7 | **Rank**  51 | **County**  Clay | **Rate**  4.7 |
| 2 | Madison | 2.5 | 25 | Yell | 3.7 | 51 | Lee | 4.7 |
| 3 | Benton | 2.6 | 28 | Calhoun | 3.8 | 51 | White | 4.7 |
| 4 | Craighead | 2.8 | 28 | Garland | 3.8 | 54 | Izard | 4.8 |
| 5 | Howard | 2.9 | 28 | Johnson | 3.8 | 54 | St. Francis | 4.8 |
| 5 | Saline | 2.9 | 31 | Cross | 3.9 | 56 | Conway | 4.9 |
| 5 | Scott | 2.9 | 31 | Dallas | 3.9 | 56 | Lafayette | 4.9 |
| 8 | Grant | 3.0 | 31 | Pike | 3.9 | 56 | Montgomery | 4.9 |
| 9 | Arkansas | 3.1 | 34 | Baxter | 4.0 | 56 | Polk | 4.9 |
| 9 | Lonoke | 3.1 | 34 | Fulton | 4.0 | 60 | Bradley | 5.0 |
| 11 | Boone | 3.2 | 34 | Poinsett | 4.0 | 60 | Cleburne | 5.0 |
| 11 | Hempstead | 3.2 | 34 | Pope | 4.0 | 60 | Columbia | 5.0 |
| 13 | Carroll | 3.3 | 34 | Prairie | 4.0 | 60 | Desha | 5.0 |
| 13 | Faulkner | 3.3 | 39 | Independence | 4.1 | 64 | Jefferson | 5.1 |
| 13 | Franklin | 3.3 | 39 | Miller | 4.1 | 64 | Sharp | 5.1 |
| 13 | Nevada | 3.3 | 39 | Randolph | 4.1 | 64 | Woodruff | 5.1 |
| 13 | Pulaski | 3.3 | 39 | Searcy | 4.1 | 67 | Stone | 5.2 |
| 18 | Crawford | 3.4 | 43 | Crittenden | 4.3 | 68 | Drew | 5.3 |
| 18 | Hot Spring | 3.4 | 43 | Lincoln | 4.3 | 69 | Union | 5.4 |
| 18 | Newton | 3.4 | 43 | Monroe | 4.3 | 70 | Phillips | 5.7 |
| 21 | Lawrence | 3.5 | 43 | Perry | 4.3 | 71 | Ashley | 5.8 |
| 21 | Sebastian | 3.5 | 43 | Sevier | 4.3 | 72 | Mississippi | 5.9 |
| 23 | Clark | 3.6 | 48 | Little River | 4.4 | 73 | Van Buren | 6.0 |
| 23 | Logan | 3.6 | 48 | Ouachita | 4.4 | 74 | Jackson | 6.1 |
| 25 | Greene | 3.7 | 50 | Cleveland | 4.5 | 75 | Chicot | 7.1 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **LWDA CLF** | | **March 2017**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **February 2017**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **March 2016**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) 247,302 239,353 7,949 3.2 246,240 236,711 9,529 3.9 247,786 238,857 8,929 3.6 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Little Rock | 96,504 | 93,344 | 3,160 | 3.3 | 96,018 | 92,359 | 3,659 | 3.8 | 96,358 | 93,003 | 3,355 | 3.5 |
| Eastern | 47,952 | 45,765 | 2,187 | 4.6 | 47,701 | 45,086 | 2,615 | 5.5 | 48,394 | 45,971 | 2,423 | 5.0 |
| North Central | 93,913 | 89,384 | 4,529 | 4.8 | 93,571 | 88,129 | 5,442 | 5.8 | 96,375 | 90,921 | 5,454 | 5.7 |
| Northeast | 119,680 | 115,211 | 4,469 | 3.7 | 119,462 | 114,063 | 5,399 | 4.5 | 119,671 | 114,432 | 5,239 | 4.4 |
| Northwest | 316,746 | 308,227 | 8,519 | 2.7 | 314,093 | 303,650 | 10,443 | 3.3 | 309,460 | 299,932 | 9,528 | 3.1 |
| Southeast | 82,243 | 78,330 | 3,913 | 4.8 | 81,948 | 77,318 | 4,630 | 5.6 | 83,264 | 78,926 | 4,338 | 5.2 |
| Southwest | 94,032 | 90,003 | 4,029 | 4.3 | 93,633 | 88,910 | 4,723 | 5.0 | 95,094 | 90,682 | 4,412 | 4.6 |
| West Central | 132,636 | 127,490 | 5,146 | 3.9 | 131,911 | 125,625 | 6,286 | 4.8 | 133,084 | 127,108 | 5,976 | 4.5 |
| Western | 112,075 | 108,137 | 3,938 | 3.5 | 112,230 | 107,534 | 4,696 | 4.2 | 114,128 | 109,490 | 4,638 | 4.1 |

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Lafayette

Columbia

Union

Ashley

Central (minus LR) Eastern

North Central

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

Southwest

West Central

Western



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