

Labor Market Report

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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bureau 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 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 2018 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 Work- force Services. The data are based on es- tablishment 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 Man- agement and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, com- muting patterns and social and economic integration.

**Current Population Survey (CPS)**

A monthly sample survey of the popula- tion 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 work- ing, 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 oc- cur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.



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## April Spotlight

**Wages in Arkansas**

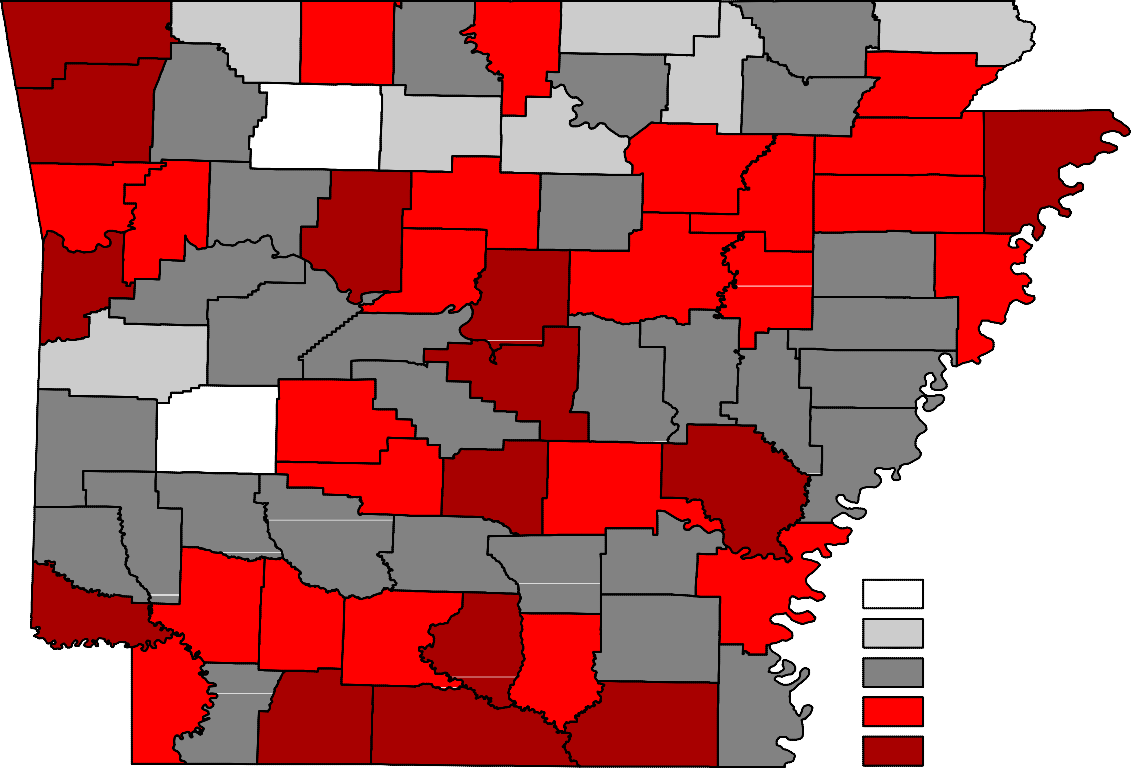
The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) is the most comprehensive data collection program utilized by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The program is based on each state’s Unemploy- ment Insurance (UI) program, which enables BLS to produce data using every business that is covered under UI tax law. In addition to calculating UI covered employment, the program also tracks the wages paid to employees. Due to the extensive nature of the information, data can be produced at any level-- national, statewide, counties, and cities.

The information below comes from the QCEW program and shows annual average wage data for each county in Arkansas. Annual average wages are calculated using the total wages earned during the cal- endar year, divided by annual average employment. The wages below are compiled using all industries in the private sector, for all workers included under UI tax law. It is important to note that QCEW data is based on county of employment, not county of residency. So if an individual works in a different county than where they live, their wages are counted in the county where they work.

In 2018, average annual wages in the private sector ranged from a low of $23,100, for those employed in Newton County, to a high of $60,604 in Benton County. Compared to 2017 annual averages, wages are up in 70 Arkansas counties.

**Wages in Arkansas by County**

2018 Annual Average (Private Sector)



**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Boone**

**Randolph**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Sharp**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Madison**

**Washington**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Crawford**

**Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Jackson**

**Franklin**

**Cleburne**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**Conway**

**White**

**Cross**

**Crittenden**

**Faulkner**

**Woodruff**

**Yell**

**St. Francis**

**Perry**

**Scott**

**Prairie**

**Pulaski Lonoke**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Phillips**

**Howard**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Pike**

**Sevier**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Lincoln**

**Cleveland**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada**

**Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller**

**fayette Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Annual Average Wages**

< $25,000

$25,000 - $30,000

$30,000 - $35,000

$35,000 - $40,000

> $40,000

## 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 unemploy- ment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.7 percent in March to 3.6 percent in April. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose 1,001, a result of 2,107 more employed and 1,106 fewer unemployed Arkansans. Down two-tenths of a percentage point, the United States’ jobless rate decreased from 3.8 percent in March to 3.6 percent in April.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Employment in Arkansas rose for the fourth straight month, with 10,700 more employed over-the-year. Nonfarm payroll jobs also increased, setting a new record high number of jobs in the State.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Apr 19**  1,360,466 | **Mar 19**  1,359,465 | **Apr 18**  1,350,620 | Civilian Labor Force | **Apr 19**  1,359,450 | **Mar 19**  1,357,713 | **Apr 18**  1,349,698 |
| Employment | 1,310,833 | 1,308,726 | 1,300,133 | Employment | 1,320,271 | 1,311,032 | 1,304,441 |
| Unemployment | 49,633 | 50,739 | 50,487 | Unemployment | 39,179 | 46,681 | 45,257 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 | Unemployment Rate | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.9 | U.S. Unemployment | 3.3 | 3.9 | 3.7 |

1,320,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

April 2014 - April 2019

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

1,180,000

Apr '14 Oct '14 Apr '15 Oct '15 Apr '16 Oct '16 Apr '17 Oct '17 Apr '18 Oct '18 Apr '19

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

**(NAICS)**

**Apr 19**

**Mar 19**

**Apr 18**

**OTM**

**OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Nonfarm** | 1279.0 | 1270.3 | 1264.7 | 8.7 | 14.3 |
| **Goods Producing** | 221.5 | 220.0 | 215.2 | 1.5 | 6.3 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | 58.4 | 56.1 | 55.8 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.7** | **5.7** | **5.9** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Construction** | **52.7** | **50.4** | **49.9** | **2.3** | **2.8** |
| **Specialty Trade Contractors** | 33.3 | 31.7 | 31.4 | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| **Manufacturing** | **163.1** | **163.9** | **159.4** | **-0.8** | **3.7** |
| **Durable Goods** | 78.5 | 78.9 | 75.8 | -0.4 | 2.7 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 84.6 | 85.0 | 83.6 | -0.4 | 1.0 |
| **Service Providing** | 1057.5 | 1050.3 | 1049.5 | 7.2 | 8.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **251.6** | **250.8** | **249.8** | **0.8** | **1.8** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 48.7 | 48.1 | 47.1 | 0.6 | 1.6 |
| **Retail Trade** | 138.2 | 137.7 | 138.6 | 0.5 | -0.4 |
| **Transport, Warehousing & Utilities** | 64.7 | 65.0 | 64.1 | -0.3 | 0.6 |
| **Information** | **11.0** | **10.9** | **11.1** | **0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **60.6** | **60.2** | **60.0** | **0.4** | **0.6** |
| **Finance & Insurance** | 46.9 | 46.8 | 46.5 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Real Estate & Rental & Leasing** | 13.7 | 13.4 | 13.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **148.5** | **146.4** | **148.4** | **2.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional, Scientific & Technical** | 45.4 | 44.8 | 44.4 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| **Management of Companies** | 35.2 | 35.1 | 34.8 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Administrative & Support Services** | 67.9 | 66.5 | 69.2 | 1.4 | -1.3 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **193.2** | **192.9** | **191.6** | **0.3** | **1.6** |
| **Educational Services** | 15.9 | 16.1 | 16.3 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| **Health Care & Social Assistance** | 177.3 | 176.8 | 175.3 | 0.5 | 2.0 |
| **Ambulatory Health Care** | 59.0 | 59.3 | 57.9 | -0.3 | 1.1 |
| **Social Assistance** | 40.4 | 40.1 | 39.9 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **121.5** | **119.5** | **119.4** | **2.0** | **2.1** |
| **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** | 11.6 | 10.6 | 11.7 | 1.0 | -0.1 |
| **Accommodation & Food Services** | 109.9 | 108.9 | 107.7 | 1.0 | 2.2 |
| **Accommodation Services** | 11.4 | 11.1 | 11.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| **Food Services** | 98.5 | 97.8 | 96.4 | 0.7 | 2.1 |
| **Other Services** | **53.9** | **53.3** | **53.3** | **0.6** | **0.6** |
| **Government** | **217.2** | **216.3** | **215.9** | **0.9** | **1.3** |
| **Federal Government** | 20.2 | 20.0 | 19.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| **State Government** | 80.4 | 79.9 | 80.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| **Local Government** | 116.6 | 116.4 | 115.6 | 0.2 | 1.0 |

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

**March 2019 - April 2019**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment increased 8,700 in April to total 1,279,000. Nine major industry sectors posted gains, with three adding 2,000 or more jobs, each. Employment in **construction** rose 2,300, due largely to seasonal hiring. Jobs in **professional and business services** increased 2,100. Most of the expansion occurred in administrative and support services (+1,400). **Leisure and hospital- ity** added 2,000 jobs. Gains were posted in both arts, entertainment, and recreation (+1,000) and in accommodation and food services (+1,000), a typical seasonal growth.

**April 2018 - April 2019**

Compared to April 2018, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 14,300. Expansions were reported in nine major industry sectors. **Manufacturing** added 3,700 jobs, with hiring in both durable (+2,700) and nondurable (+1,000) goods manufacturing. Jobs in **construction** rose 2,800, related to on-going large- scale projects across the State. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** increased 2,100. All growth occurred in accommodation and food services (+2,200). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 1,800 jobs, mostly in wholesale trade (+1,600). **Educational and health services** gained 1,600 jobs, all in health care and social assistance (+2,000). Jobs in **government** rose 1,300. Hiring was reported in both local (+1,000) and federal (+300) government.

1,300,000

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

April: 1999 - 2019

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

1,100,000

1,050,000

'99 '01 '03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19

## State of Arkansas

**Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

**Manufacturing**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 19** | **Mar 19** | **Apr 18** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 41.0 | 41.2 | 41.8 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 18.50 | 18.37 | 17.25 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 758.50 | 756.84 | 721.05 |

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Apr 19 Mar 19 Apr 18**

Average Weekly Hours 40.6 39.4

Average Hourly Earnings 16.96 17.10

Average Weekly Earnings 688.58 673.74

41.3

15.48

639.32

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 19** | **Mar 19** | **Apr 18** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 41.4 | 43.2 | 42.4 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 20.22 | 19.68 | 19.30 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 837.11 | 850.18 | 818.32 |

$850.00

**Average Weekly Earnings for Production Workers - Manufacturing**

April 2016 - April 2019

$800.00

$750.00

$700.00

$650.00

$600.00

$550.00

$500.00

$450.00

Apr '16 Oct '16 Apr '17 Oct '17 Apr '18 Oct '18 Apr '19

## 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)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 19** | **Mar 19** | **Apr 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 356,049 | 356,584 | 353,718 | -535 | 2,331 |
| **Employment** | 346,699 | 345,515 | 342,614 | 1,184 | 4,085 |
| **Unemployment** | 9,350 | 11,069 | 11,104 | -1,719 | -1,754 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.6 | 3.1 | 3.1 | -0.5 | -0.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

325.9

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Apr 19**  363.9 | **Mar 19**  363.3 | **Apr 18**  360.4 | **OTM**  0.6 | **OT Y**  3.5 |
| **Goods Producing** | 37.9 | 37.4 | 37.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **16.9** | **16.4** | **16.7** | **0.5** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **21.0**  326.0 | **21.0** | **20.5** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **71.1** | **71.2** | **69.7** | 0.1  **-0.1** | 2.8  **1.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 16.1 | 16.0 | 15.7 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** | 39.0 | 39.2 | 38.5 | -0.2 | 0.5 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 16.0 | 16.0 | 15.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **Information** | **4.2** | **4.3** | **4.2** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **21.4** | **21.4** | **20.9** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **48.8** | **48.7** | **49.8** | **0.1** | **-1.0** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **57.5** | **57.8** | **57.2** | **-0.3** | **0.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **35.3** | **34.8** | **34.8** | **0.5** | **0.5** |
| **Other Services** | **15.9** | **15.8** | **15.5** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Government** | **71.8** | **71.9** | **71.1** | **-0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Federal Government** | 9.7 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** | 35.9 | 36.0 | 35.5 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Local Government** | 26.2 | 26.3 | 26.0 | -0.1 | 0.2 |

323.2

**Over-the-Year Employment Change by Industry**

April 2018 vs April 2019

Trade-Transport-Utilities

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

Government

Manufacturing

Leisure & Hospitality

Financial Activities

Other Services

Educational & Health

Mining-Logging-Construction

Information

Professional & Business

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

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA**

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA = Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas

and McDonald county in Missouri.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 19** | **Mar 19** | **Apr 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 279,104 | 279,019 | 275,462 | 85 | 3,642 |
| **Employment** | 273,409 | 272,176 | 268,565 | 1,233 | 4,844 |
| **Unemployment** | 5,695 | 6,843 | 6,897 | -1,148 | -1,202 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.5 | -0.5 | -0.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

221.4

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Apr 19**  263.6 | **Mar 19**  263.1 | **Apr 18**  259.0 | **OTM**  0.5 | **OT Y**  4.6 |
| **Goods Producing** | 41.8 | 41.7 | 40.9 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **11.9** | **11.7** | **11.5** | **0.2** | **0.4** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **29.9**  221.8 | **30.0** | **29.4** | **-0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **56.5** | **56.2** | **55.4** | 0.4  **0.3** | 3.7  **1.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** | 26.4 | 26.0 | 26.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 17.7 | 17.8 | 17.0 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| **Information** | **2.1** | **2.1** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **8.2** | **8.2** | **8.1** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **52.0** | **51.6** | **50.6** | **0.4** | **1.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **30.0** | **29.9** | **29.5** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **25.5** | **25.8** | **26.5** | **-0.3** | **-1.0** |
| **Other Services** | **9.4** | **9.4** | **9.1** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Government** | **38.1** | **38.2** | **36.9** | **-0.1** | **1.2** |
| **Federal Government** | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 16.1 | 16.2 | 15.1 | -0.1 | 1.0 |
| **Local Government** | 19.4 | 19.4 | 19.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 |

218.1

**Number of Employed**

April: 2009 - 2019

290,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2017 - April 2019

225,000

270,000

220,000

250,000

230,000

215,000

210,000

210,000

190,000

205,000

170,000

150,000

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

200,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2017 2018 2019

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fort Smith MSA**

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 19** | **Mar 19** | **Apr 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 118,592 | 118,191 | 120,290 | 401 | -1,698 |
| **Employment** | 115,159 | 114,090 | 115,895 | 1,069 | -736 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,433 | 4,101 | 4,395 | -668 | -962 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.7 | -0.6 | -0.8 |

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

(In Thousands)

90.3

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Apr 19**  114.3 | **Mar 19**  112.9 | **Apr 18**  114.6 | **OTM**  1.4 | **OT Y**  -0.3 |
| **Goods Producing** | 22.7 | 22.6 | 23.0 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.1** | **5.0** | **5.3** | **0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **17.6**  91.6 | **17.6** | **17.7** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23.2** | **22.8** | **23.1** | 1.3  **0.4** | 0.0  **0.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** | 12.5 | 12.2 | 12.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Information** | **1.1** | **1.1** | **1.2** | **0.0** | -**0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **4.0** | **4.0** | **3.9** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **13.4** | **13.0** | **13.5** | **0.4** | **-0.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **17.2** | **17.1** | **17.0** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.6** | **9.4** | **9.5** | **0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Other Services** | **4.5** | **4.4** | **4.5** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **18.6** | **18.5** | **18.9** | **0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **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** | 14.1 | 14.1 | 14.4 | 0.0 | -0.3 |

91.6

**Civilian Labor Force**

April 2016 - April 2019

128,000

**Jobs in Educational and Health Services**

April: 2009 - 2019

17,500

17,000

124,000

16,500

16,000

120,000

15,500

116,000

15,000

14,500

112,000

Apr '16 Oct '16 Apr '17 Oct '17 Apr '18 Oct '18 Apr '19

14,000

'09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 19** | **Mar 19** | **Apr 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,627 | 41,314 | 41,230 | 313 | 397 |
| **Employment** | 40,421 | 39,833 | 39,771 | 588 | 650 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,206 | 1,481 | 1,459 | -275 | -253 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.9 | 3.6 | 3.5 | -0.7 | -0.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 19** | **Mar 19** | **Apr 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 39.9 | 39.4 | 39.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 35.5 | 35.0 | 34.9 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.5 | -0.1 | 0.0 |

40,500

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2017 - April 2019

40,000

39,500

39,000

38,500

38,000

37,500

37,000

36,500

36,000

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2017 2018 2019

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 19** | **Mar 19** | **Apr 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,834 | 64,538 | 63,951 | 296 | 883 |
| **Employment** | 63,332 | 62,731 | 62,126 | 601 | 1,206 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,502 | 1,807 | 1,825 | -305 | -323 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.3 | 2.8 | 2.9 | -0.5 | -0.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 19** | **Mar 19** | **Apr 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 59.3 | 58.9 | 58.1 | 0.4 | 1.2 |
| 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 49.4 | 49.0 | 48.2 | 0.4 | 1.2 |
| 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

**Number of Employed**

April: 1999 - 2019

65,000

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

35,000

30,000

'99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Pine Bluff MSA**

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 19** | **Mar 19** | **Apr 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 35,173 | 35,277 | 35,249 | -104 | -76 |
| **Employment** | 33,658 | 33,516 | 33,655 | 142 | 3 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,515 | 1,761 | 1,594 | -246 | -79 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.5 | -0.7 | -0.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 19** | **Mar 19** | **Apr 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.2 | 33.3 | 33.3 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 27.3 | 27.4 | 27.2 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.3 | -0.1 | -0.1 |

10.0

**Unemployment Rates**

April 2014 - April 2019

9.0

8.0

7.0

6.0

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

0.0

Apr '14 Oct '14 Apr '15 Oct '15 Apr '16 Oct '16 Apr '17 Oct '17 Apr '18 Oct '18 Apr '19

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Out-of-State MSA**

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

### Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

The Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA = Fayette, Shelby, & Tipton counties in Tennessee; Benton, Desoto, Marshall, Tate, & Tunica counties in Mississippi; & Crittenden County in Arkansas.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 19** | **Mar 19** | **Apr 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 642,837 | 642,312 | 630,603 | 525 | 12,234 |
| **Employment** | 620,166 | 617,057 | 606,740 | 3,109 | 13,426 |
| **Unemployment** | 22,671 | 25,255 | 23,863 | -2,584 | -1,192 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.8 | -0.4 | -0.3 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 19** | **Mar 19** | **Apr 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,645 | 64,944 | 64,247 | -299 | 398 |
| **Employment** | 62,251 | 62,046 | 61,581 | 205 | 670 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,394 | 2,898 | 2,666 | -504 | -272 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.1 | -0.8 | -0.4 |

**Memphis MSA - Civilian Labor Force**

April: 2009 - 2019

**Texarkana MSA - Number of Employed**

January 2017 - April 2019

63,000

660,000

640,000

62,000

620,000

61,000

600,000

60,000

580,000

560,000

'09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

59,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2017 2018 2019

## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**Micro Area**

**April 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,974 | 9,646 | 328 | 3.3 | 9,910 | 9,617 | 293 | 3.0 | 9,518 | 9,217 | 301 | 3.2 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,614 | 16,106 | 508 | 3.1 | 16,644 | 16,045 | 599 | 3.6 | 16,062 | 15,506 | 556 | 3.5 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,060 | 16,386 | 674 | 4.0 | 17,078 | 16,268 | 810 | 4.7 | 17,324 | 16,443 | 881 | 5.1 |
| Camden Micro | 12,406 | 11,844 | 562 | 4.5 | 12,402 | 11,746 | 656 | 5.3 | 12,136 | 11,628 | 508 | 4.2 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,854 | 15,169 | 685 | 4.3 | 15,937 | 15,137 | 800 | 5.0 | 15,919 | 15,048 | 871 | 5.5 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,275 | 7,901 | 374 | 4.5 | 8,274 | 7,825 | 449 | 5.4 | 8,295 | 7,924 | 371 | 4.5 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,506 | 18,995 | 511 | 2.6 | 19,528 | 18,896 | 632 | 3.2 | 19,294 | 18,659 | 635 | 3.3 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,564 | 6,254 | 310 | 4.7 | 6,526 | 6,144 | 382 | 5.9 | 6,661 | 6,275 | 386 | 5.8 |
| Hope Micro | 13,840 | 13,362 | 478 | 3.5 | 13,708 | 13,207 | 501 | 3.7 | 13,518 | 13,116 | 402 | 3.0 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,132 | 8,810 | 322 | 3.5 | 9,163 | 8,782 | 381 | 4.2 | 9,028 | 8,641 | 387 | 4.3 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,944 | 13,535 | 409 | 2.9 | 13,946 | 13,447 | 499 | 3.6 | 14,015 | 13,527 | 488 | 3.5 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,449 | 15,921 | 528 | 3.2 | 16,473 | 15,789 | 684 | 4.2 | 16,414 | 15,818 | 596 | 3.6 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,139 | 19,611 | 528 | 2.6 | 20,113 | 19,449 | 664 | 3.3 | 19,773 | 19,183 | 590 | 3.0 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,806 | 36,580 | 1,226 | 3.2 | 37,702 | 36,215 | 1,487 | 3.9 | 37,602 | 36,270 | 1,332 | 3.5 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,945 | 32,606 | 1,339 | 3.9 | 34,051 | 32,459 | 1,592 | 4.7 | 33,954 | 32,567 | 1,387 | 4.1 |

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

**City Labor Force Statistics**

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County Paragould Micro = Greene County Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties Searcy Micro = White County



**City**

**CLF**

**April 2019**

**Emp Unemp**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**March 2019**

**Rate**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**April 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 12,407 | 12,037 | 370 | 3.0 | 12,417 | 11,983 | 434 | 3.5 | 12,245 | 11,811 | 434 | 3.5 |
| Benton | 17,239 | 16,832 | 407 | 2.4 | 17,281 | 16,785 | 496 | 2.9 | 17,126 | 16,632 | 494 | 2.9 |
| Bentonville | 26,484 | 26,027 | 457 | 1.7 | 26,467 | 25,911 | 556 | 2.1 | 26,204 | 25,539 | 665 | 2.5 |
| Blytheville | 5,771 | 5,542 | 229 | 4.0 | 5,782 | 5,502 | 280 | 4.8 | 5,850 | 5,561 | 289 | 4.9 |
| Cabot | 11,992 | 11,682 | 310 | 2.6 | 11,970 | 11,606 | 364 | 3.0 | 11,906 | 11,552 | 354 | 3.0 |
| Conway | 33,635 | 32,807 | 828 | 2.5 | 33,622 | 32,691 | 931 | 2.8 | 33,372 | 32,426 | 946 | 2.8 |
| El Dorado | 6,933 | 6,553 | 380 | 5.5 | 6,967 | 6,539 | 428 | 6.1 | 6,928 | 6,501 | 427 | 6.2 |
| Fayetteville | 48,115 | 47,142 | 973 | 2.0 | 48,105 | 46,940 | 1,165 | 2.4 | 47,377 | 46,263 | 1,114 | 2.4 |
| Fort Smith | 39,573 | 38,535 | 1,038 | 2.6 | 39,357 | 38,095 | 1,262 | 3.2 | 39,995 | 38,559 | 1,436 | 3.6 |
| Hot Springs | 14,800 | 14,342 | 458 | 3.1 | 14,697 | 14,134 | 563 | 3.8 | 14,703 | 14,112 | 591 | 4.0 |
| Jacksonville | 11,763 | 11,353 | 410 | 3.5 | 11,772 | 11,321 | 451 | 3.8 | 11,642 | 11,217 | 425 | 3.7 |
| Jonesboro | 38,412 | 37,499 | 913 | 2.4 | 38,220 | 37,184 | 1,036 | 2.7 | 37,821 | 36,774 | 1,047 | 2.8 |
| Little Rock | 97,833 | 95,129 | 2,704 | 2.8 | 97,989 | 94,862 | 3,127 | 3.2 | 97,261 | 93,991 | 3,270 | 3.4 |
| North Little Rock | 29,911 | 28,983 | 928 | 3.1 | 30,008 | 28,902 | 1,106 | 3.7 | 29,646 | 28,637 | 1,009 | 3.4 |
| Paragould | 12,655 | 12,283 | 372 | 2.9 | 12,632 | 12,181 | 451 | 3.6 | 12,413 | 12,015 | 398 | 3.2 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,577 | 15,774 | 803 | 4.8 | 16,675 | 15,733 | 942 | 5.6 | 16,617 | 15,766 | 851 | 5.1 |
| Rogers | 35,822 | 35,105 | 717 | 2.0 | 35,828 | 34,948 | 880 | 2.5 | 35,228 | 34,446 | 782 | 2.2 |
| Russellville | 13,593 | 13,191 | 402 | 3.0 | 13,551 | 13,083 | 468 | 3.5 | 13,517 | 13,075 | 442 | 3.3 |
| Searcy | 10,288 | 9,966 | 322 | 3.1 | 10,320 | 9,921 | 399 | 3.9 | 10,317 | 9,954 | 363 | 3.5 |
| Sherwood | 16,023 | 15,618 | 405 | 2.5 | 16,039 | 15,574 | 465 | 2.9 | 15,881 | 15,431 | 450 | 2.8 |
| Springdale | 39,557 | 38,816 | 741 | 1.9 | 39,544 | 38,649 | 895 | 2.3 | 39,004 | 38,093 | 911 | 2.3 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,555 | 13,062 | 493 | 3.6 | 13,588 | 12,995 | 593 | 4.4 | 13,464 | 12,895 | 569 | 4.2 |
| Van Buren | 10,402 | 10,144 | 258 | 2.5 | 10,314 | 10,013 | 301 | 2.9 | 10,527 | 10,152 | 375 | 3.6 |
| West Memphis | 10,601 | 10,167 | 434 | 4.1 | 10,570 | 10,097 | 473 | 4.5 | 10,487 | 10,025 | 462 | 4.4 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**County**

**April 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,059 | 8,815 | 244 | 2.7 | 9,005 | 8,704 | 301 | 3.3 | 8,939 | 8,661 | 278 | 3.1 |
| Ashley | 7,773 | 7,401 | 372 | 4.8 | 7,792 | 7,354 | 438 | 5.6 | 7,574 | 7,187 | 387 | 5.1 |
| Baxter | 16,449 | 15,921 | 528 | 3.2 | 16,473 | 15,789 | 684 | 4.2 | 16,414 | 15,818 | 596 | 3.6 |
| Benton | 136,507 | 133,650 | 2,857 | 2.1 | 136,503 | 133,051 | 3,452 | 2.5 | 134,679 | 131,140 | 3,539 | 2.6 |
| Boone | 16,135 | 15,723 | 412 | 2.6 | 16,167 | 15,654 | 513 | 3.2 | 15,979 | 15,439 | 540 | 3.4 |
| Bradley | 4,512 | 4,344 | 168 | 3.7 | 4,448 | 4,250 | 198 | 4.5 | 4,347 | 4,161 | 186 | 4.3 |
| Calhoun | 2,445 | 2,345 | 100 | 4.1 | 2,430 | 2,311 | 119 | 4.9 | 2,396 | 2,306 | 90 | 3.8 |
| Carroll | 12,325 | 12,000 | 325 | 2.6 | 12,233 | 11,819 | 414 | 3.4 | 12,431 | 12,081 | 350 | 2.8 |
| Chicot | 3,309 | 3,096 | 213 | 6.4 | 3,286 | 3,046 | 240 | 7.3 | 3,290 | 3,069 | 221 | 6.7 |
| Clark | 9,974 | 9,646 | 328 | 3.3 | 9,910 | 9,617 | 293 | 3.0 | 9,518 | 9,217 | 301 | 3.2 |
| Clay | 5,736 | 5,504 | 232 | 4.0 | 5,655 | 5,365 | 290 | 5.1 | 5,844 | 5,623 | 221 | 3.8 |
| Cleburne | 9,007 | 8,674 | 333 | 3.7 | 9,018 | 8,597 | 421 | 4.7 | 9,141 | 8,752 | 389 | 4.3 |
| Cleveland | 3,272 | 3,164 | 108 | 3.3 | 3,264 | 3,133 | 131 | 4.0 | 3,295 | 3,167 | 128 | 3.9 |
| Columbia | 9,132 | 8,810 | 322 | 3.5 | 9,163 | 8,782 | 381 | 4.2 | 9,028 | 8,641 | 387 | 4.3 |
| Conway | 8,130 | 7,810 | 320 | 3.9 | 8,094 | 7,764 | 330 | 4.1 | 8,197 | 7,869 | 328 | 4.0 |
| Craighead | 54,579 | 53,340 | 1,239 | 2.3 | 54,367 | 52,891 | 1,476 | 2.7 | 53,792 | 52,308 | 1,484 | 2.8 |
| Crawford | 26,836 | 26,124 | 712 | 2.7 | 26,638 | 25,785 | 853 | 3.2 | 27,043 | 26,144 | 899 | 3.3 |
| Crittenden | 21,476 | 20,727 | 749 | 3.5 | 21,446 | 20,584 | 862 | 4.0 | 21,278 | 20,436 | 842 | 4.0 |
| Cross | 7,423 | 7,159 | 264 | 3.6 | 7,367 | 7,057 | 310 | 4.2 | 7,490 | 7,222 | 268 | 3.6 |
| Dallas | 2,867 | 2,757 | 110 | 3.8 | 2,884 | 2,745 | 139 | 4.8 | 2,755 | 2,634 | 121 | 4.4 |
| Desha | 5,486 | 5,282 | 204 | 3.7 | 5,426 | 5,191 | 235 | 4.3 | 5,371 | 5,139 | 232 | 4.3 |
| Drew | 7,799 | 7,436 | 363 | 4.7 | 7,800 | 7,365 | 435 | 5.6 | 7,692 | 7,345 | 347 | 4.5 |
| Faulkner | 61,611 | 60,103 | 1,508 | 2.4 | 61,678 | 59,891 | 1,787 | 2.9 | 61,231 | 59,406 | 1,825 | 3.0 |
| Franklin | 7,372 | 7,177 | 195 | 2.6 | 7,345 | 7,115 | 230 | 3.1 | 7,415 | 7,179 | 236 | 3.2 |
| Fulton | 4,971 | 4,807 | 164 | 3.3 | 4,923 | 4,730 | 193 | 3.9 | 4,803 | 4,640 | 163 | 3.4 |
| Garland | 41,627 | 40,421 | 1,206 | 2.9 | 41,314 | 39,833 | 1,481 | 3.6 | 41,230 | 39,771 | 1,459 | 3.5 |
| Grant | 8,348 | 8,139 | 209 | 2.5 | 8,332 | 8,082 | 250 | 3.0 | 8,283 | 8,044 | 239 | 2.9 |
| Greene | 20,139 | 19,611 | 528 | 2.6 | 20,113 | 19,449 | 664 | 3.3 | 19,773 | 19,183 | 590 | 3.0 |
| Hempstead | 10,127 | 9,784 | 343 | 3.4 | 10,033 | 9,660 | 373 | 3.7 | 9,896 | 9,605 | 291 | 2.9 |
| Hot Spring | 13,944 | 13,535 | 409 | 2.9 | 13,946 | 13,447 | 499 | 3.6 | 14,015 | 13,527 | 488 | 3.5 |
| Howard | 5,856 | 5,708 | 148 | 2.5 | 5,823 | 5,644 | 179 | 3.1 | 5,983 | 5,816 | 167 | 2.8 |
| Independence | 16,614 | 16,106 | 508 | 3.1 | 16,644 | 16,045 | 599 | 3.6 | 16,062 | 15,506 | 556 | 3.5 |
| Izard | 5,015 | 4,779 | 236 | 4.7 | 4,987 | 4,740 | 247 | 5.0 | 4,847 | 4,596 | 251 | 5.2 |
| Jackson | 5,814 | 5,509 | 305 | 5.2 | 5,802 | 5,441 | 361 | 6.2 | 5,696 | 5,393 | 303 | 5.3 |
| Jefferson | 27,902 | 26,641 | 1,261 | 4.5 | 28,025 | 26,573 | 1,452 | 5.2 | 27,941 | 26,629 | 1,312 | 4.7 |
| Johnson | 10,309 | 9,920 | 389 | 3.8 | 10,327 | 9,873 | 454 | 4.4 | 10,445 | 10,056 | 389 | 3.7 |
| Lafayette | 2,486 | 2,394 | 92 | 3.7 | 2,459 | 2,348 | 111 | 4.5 | 2,502 | 2,383 | 119 | 4.8 |
| Lawrence | 6,849 | 6,624 | 225 | 3.3 | 6,800 | 6,540 | 260 | 3.8 | 6,891 | 6,662 | 229 | 3.3 |
| Lee | 2,877 | 2,782 | 95 | 3.3 | 2,846 | 2,715 | 131 | 4.6 | 2,903 | 2,773 | 130 | 4.5 |
| Lincoln | 3,999 | 3,853 | 146 | 3.7 | 3,988 | 3,810 | 178 | 4.5 | 4,013 | 3,859 | 154 | 3.8 |
| Little River | 5,453 | 5,263 | 190 | 3.5 | 5,464 | 5,232 | 232 | 4.2 | 5,428 | 5,191 | 237 | 4.4 |
| Logan | 8,640 | 8,361 | 279 | 3.2 | 8,632 | 8,296 | 336 | 3.9 | 8,599 | 8,295 | 304 | 3.5 |
| Lonoke | 33,895 | 33,065 | 830 | 2.4 | 33,864 | 32,849 | 1,015 | 3.0 | 33,700 | 32,696 | 1,004 | 3.0 |
| Madison | 7,470 | 7,321 | 149 | 2.0 | 7,387 | 7,215 | 172 | 2.3 | 7,401 | 7,209 | 192 | 2.6 |
| Marion | 6,483 | 6,260 | 223 | 3.4 | 6,477 | 6,207 | 270 | 4.2 | 6,502 | 6,269 | 233 | 3.6 |
| Miller | 19,674 | 18,998 | 676 | 3.4 | 19,719 | 18,900 | 819 | 4.2 | 19,552 | 18,755 | 797 | 4.1 |

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## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**County**

**April 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 17,060 | 16,386 | 674 | 4.0 | 17,078 | 16,268 | 810 | 4.7 | 17,324 | 16,443 | 881 | 5.1 |
| Monroe | 2,784 | 2,689 | 95 | 3.4 | 2,751 | 2,632 | 119 | 4.3 | 2,713 | 2,610 | 103 | 3.8 |
| Montgomery | 3,012 | 2,896 | 116 | 3.9 | 2,965 | 2,830 | 135 | 4.6 | 3,020 | 2,886 | 134 | 4.4 |
| Nevada | 3,713 | 3,578 | 135 | 3.6 | 3,675 | 3,547 | 128 | 3.5 | 3,622 | 3,511 | 111 | 3.1 |
| Newton | 3,371 | 3,272 | 99 | 2.9 | 3,361 | 3,242 | 119 | 3.5 | 3,315 | 3,220 | 95 | 2.9 |
| Ouachita | 9,961 | 9,499 | 462 | 4.6 | 9,972 | 9,435 | 537 | 5.4 | 9,740 | 9,322 | 418 | 4.3 |
| Perry | 4,257 | 4,103 | 154 | 3.6 | 4,261 | 4,078 | 183 | 4.3 | 4,221 | 4,061 | 160 | 3.8 |
| Phillips | 6,564 | 6,254 | 310 | 4.7 | 6,526 | 6,144 | 382 | 5.9 | 6,661 | 6,275 | 386 | 5.8 |
| Pike | 4,349 | 4,222 | 127 | 2.9 | 4,280 | 4,126 | 154 | 3.6 | 4,250 | 4,085 | 165 | 3.9 |
| Poinsett | 10,255 | 9,992 | 263 | 2.6 | 10,171 | 9,840 | 331 | 3.3 | 10,159 | 9,818 | 341 | 3.4 |
| Polk | 8,076 | 7,820 | 256 | 3.2 | 8,042 | 7,749 | 293 | 3.6 | 7,943 | 7,633 | 310 | 3.9 |
| Pope | 29,269 | 28,304 | 965 | 3.3 | 29,221 | 28,072 | 1,149 | 3.9 | 29,077 | 28,055 | 1,022 | 3.5 |
| Prairie | 3,588 | 3,463 | 125 | 3.5 | 3,536 | 3,388 | 148 | 4.2 | 3,549 | 3,419 | 130 | 3.7 |
| Pulaski | 190,070 | 184,724 | 5,346 | 2.8 | 190,456 | 184,207 | 6,249 | 3.3 | 188,731 | 182,515 | 6,216 | 3.3 |
| Randolph | 7,235 | 7,014 | 221 | 3.1 | 7,232 | 6,956 | 276 | 3.8 | 7,099 | 6,862 | 237 | 3.3 |
| St. Francis | 8,275 | 7,901 | 374 | 4.5 | 8,274 | 7,825 | 449 | 5.4 | 8,295 | 7,924 | 371 | 4.5 |
| Saline | 57,868 | 56,565 | 1,303 | 2.3 | 57,993 | 56,408 | 1,585 | 2.7 | 57,552 | 55,892 | 1,660 | 2.9 |
| Scott | 4,342 | 4,228 | 114 | 2.6 | 4,318 | 4,173 | 145 | 3.4 | 4,365 | 4,222 | 143 | 3.3 |
| Searcy | 2,874 | 2,768 | 106 | 3.7 | 2,873 | 2,738 | 135 | 4.7 | 2,904 | 2,790 | 114 | 3.9 |
| Sebastian | 57,033 | 55,564 | 1,469 | 2.6 | 56,702 | 54,930 | 1,772 | 3.1 | 57,571 | 55,599 | 1,972 | 3.4 |
| Sevier | 5,645 | 5,424 | 221 | 3.9 | 5,636 | 5,386 | 250 | 4.4 | 5,470 | 5,246 | 224 | 4.1 |
| Sharp | 5,831 | 5,622 | 209 | 3.6 | 5,822 | 5,558 | 264 | 4.5 | 5,825 | 5,583 | 242 | 4.2 |
| Stone | 4,842 | 4,654 | 188 | 3.9 | 4,746 | 4,510 | 236 | 5.0 | 4,749 | 4,560 | 189 | 4.0 |
| Union | 15,854 | 15,169 | 685 | 4.3 | 15,937 | 15,137 | 800 | 5.0 | 15,919 | 15,048 | 871 | 5.5 |
| Van Buren | 5,765 | 5,536 | 229 | 4.0 | 5,773 | 5,489 | 284 | 4.9 | 5,946 | 5,653 | 293 | 4.9 |
| Washington | 124,602 | 122,213 | 2,389 | 1.9 | 124,552 | 121,691 | 2,861 | 2.3 | 122,782 | 119,936 | 2,846 | 2.3 |
| White | 33,945 | 32,606 | 1,339 | 3.9 | 34,051 | 32,459 | 1,592 | 4.7 | 33,954 | 32,567 | 1,387 | 4.1 |
| Woodruff | 2,774 | 2,641 | 133 | 4.8 | 2,729 | 2,583 | 146 | 5.3 | 2,806 | 2,687 | 119 | 4.2 |
| Yell | 8,537 | 8,276 | 261 | 3.1 | 8,481 | 8,143 | 338 | 4.0 | 8,525 | 8,215 | 310 | 3.6 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between March and April, unemployment rates decreased in 73 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Two counties posted over-the-month increases. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 1.9 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.4 percent in Chicot County.

In April, sixty-three counties reported unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is up significantly from the 36 counties at or below four percent in March. For the first time in 2019, no county posted a jobless rate at or above seven percent.

Compared to April 2018, unemployment rates are down in 62 Arkansas counties. Rates were up

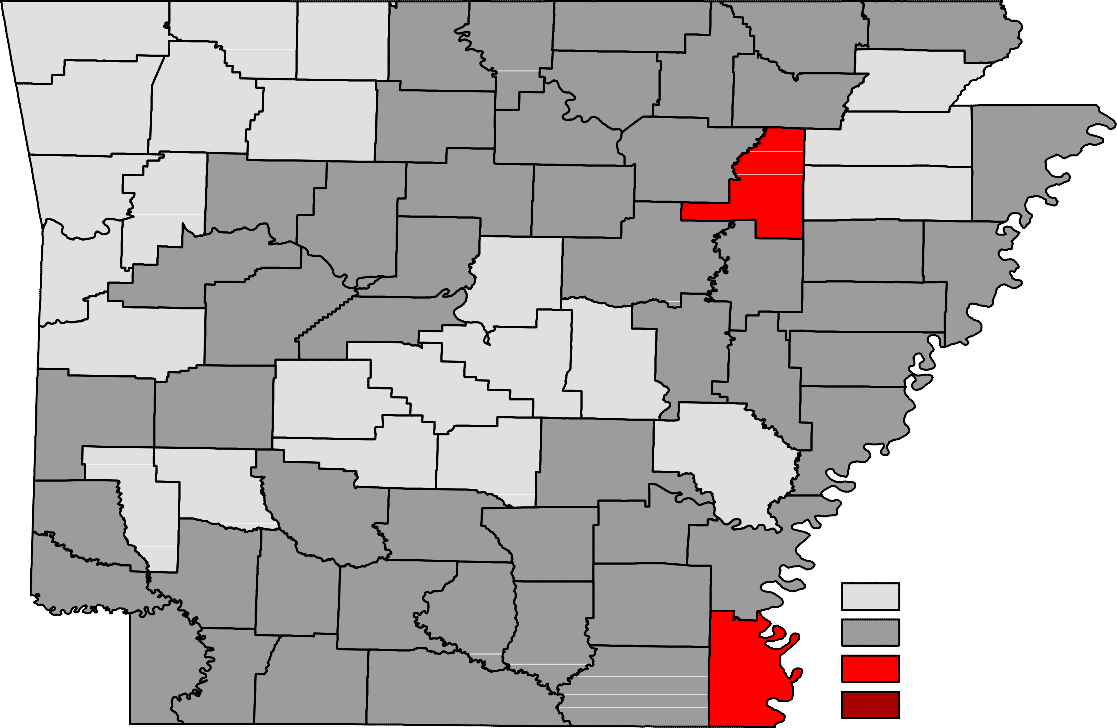
over the year in nine counties, while four counties were unchanged.

## County Unemployment Rates



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**Benton**

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**Fulton**

**Clay**

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**Marion**

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**Madison**

**Washington**

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**Arkansas**

**Pike**

**Sevier**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Lincoln**

**Cleveland**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada**

**Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller**

**Lafayette Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

**April 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  1.9 | **Rank**  24 | **County**  Yell | **Rate**  3.1 | **Rank**  48 | **County**  Lafayette | **Rate**  3.7 |
| 2 | Madison | 2.0 | 27 | Baxter | 3.2 | 48 | Lincoln | 3.7 |
| 3 | Benton | 2.1 | 27 | Logan | 3.2 | 48 | Searcy | 3.7 |
| 4 | Craighead | 2.3 | 27 | Polk | 3.2 | 54 | Dallas | 3.8 |
| 4 | Saline | 2.3 | 30 | Clark | 3.3 | 54 | Johnson | 3.8 |
| 6 | Faulkner | 2.4 | 30 | Cleveland | 3.3 | 56 | Conway | 3.9 |
| 6 | Lonoke | 2.4 | 30 | Fulton | 3.3 | 56 | Montgomery | 3.9 |
| 8 | Grant | 2.5 | 30 | Lawrence | 3.3 | 56 | Sevier | 3.9 |
| 8 | Howard | 2.5 | 30 | Lee | 3.3 | 56 | Stone | 3.9 |
| 10 | Boone | 2.6 | 30 | Pope | 3.3 | 56 | White | 3.9 |
| 10 | Carroll | 2.6 | 36 | Hempstead | 3.4 | 61 | Clay | 4.0 |
| 10 | Franklin | 2.6 | 36 | Marion | 3.4 | 61 | Mississippi | 4.0 |
| 10 | Greene | 2.6 | 36 | Miller | 3.4 | 61 | Van Buren | 4.0 |
| 10 | Poinsett | 2.6 | 36 | Monroe | 3.4 | 64 | Calhoun | 4.1 |
| 10 | Scott | 2.6 | 40 | Columbia | 3.5 | 65 | Union | 4.3 |
| 10 | Sebastian | 2.6 | 40 | Crittenden | 3.5 | 66 | Jefferson | 4.5 |
| 17 | Arkansas | 2.7 | 40 | Little River | 3.5 | 66 | St. Francis | 4.5 |
| 17 | Crawford | 2.7 | 40 | Prairie | 3.5 | 68 | Ouachita | 4.6 |
| 19 | Pulaski | 2.8 | 44 | Cross | 3.6 | 69 | Drew | 4.7 |
| 20 | Garland | 2.9 | 44 | Nevada | 3.6 | 69 | Izard | 4.7 |
| 20 | Hot Spring | 2.9 | 44 | Perry | 3.6 | 69 | Phillips | 4.7 |
| 20 | Newton | 2.9 | 44 | Sharp | 3.6 | 72 | Ashley | 4.8 |
| 20 | Pike | 2.9 | 48 | Bradley | 3.7 | 72 | Woodruff | 4.8 |
| 24 | Independence | 3.1 | 48 | Cleburne | 3.7 | 74 | Jackson | 5.2 |
| 24 | Randolph | 3.1 | 48 | Desha | 3.7 | 75 | Chicot | 6.4 |

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**LWDA**

**April 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Central (minus LR) | 251,983 | 245,480 | 6,503 | 2.6 | 252,289 | 244,513 | 7,776 | 3.1 | 250,215 | 242,547 | 7,668 | 3.1 |
| City of Little Rock | 97,833 | 95,129 | 2,704 | 2.8 | 97,989 | 94,862 | 3,127 | 3.2 | 97,261 | 93,991 | 3,270 | 3.4 |
| Eastern | 46,615 | 44,823 | 1,792 | 3.8 | 46,459 | 44,325 | 2,134 | 4.6 | 46,627 | 44,630 | 1,997 | 4.3 |
| North Central | 94,578 | 90,934 | 3,644 | 3.9 | 94,495 | 90,152 | 4,343 | 4.6 | 93,829 | 89,937 | 3,892 | 4.1 |
| Northeast | 121,853 | 118,471 | 3,382 | 2.8 | 121,416 | 117,309 | 4,107 | 3.4 | 120,882 | 116,899 | 3,983 | 3.3 |
| Northwest | 326,216 | 319,128 | 7,088 | 2.2 | 326,026 | 317,406 | 8,620 | 2.6 | 322,407 | 313,902 | 8,505 | 2.6 |
| Southeast | 81,459 | 78,171 | 3,288 | 4.0 | 81,366 | 77,508 | 3,858 | 4.7 | 80,745 | 77,261 | 3,484 | 4.3 |
| Southwest | 93,213 | 89,729 | 3,484 | 3.7 | 93,195 | 89,127 | 4,068 | 4.4 | 92,291 | 88,458 | 3,833 | 4.2 |
| West Central | 133,408 | 129,133 | 4,275 | 3.2 | 132,799 | 127,783 | 5,016 | 3.8 | 132,498 | 127,742 | 4,756 | 3.6 |
| Western | 112,299 | 109,274 | 3,025 | 2.7 | 111,677 | 108,048 | 3,629 | 3.2 | 112,936 | 109,072 | 3,864 | 3.4 |



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Northeast Northwest Southeast

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