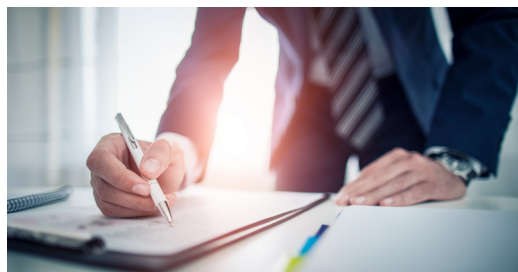




# Arkansas

## Labor Market Report

May

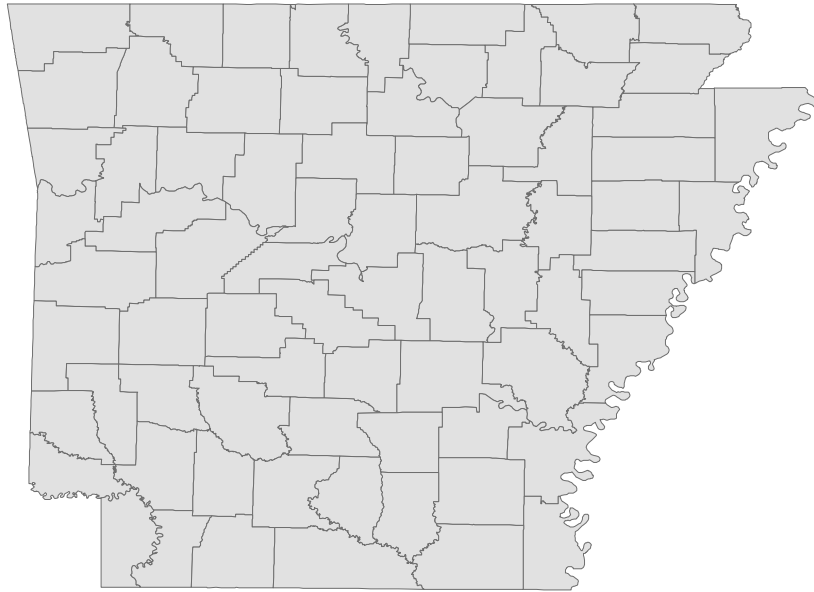


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### Technical Notes

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 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 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)

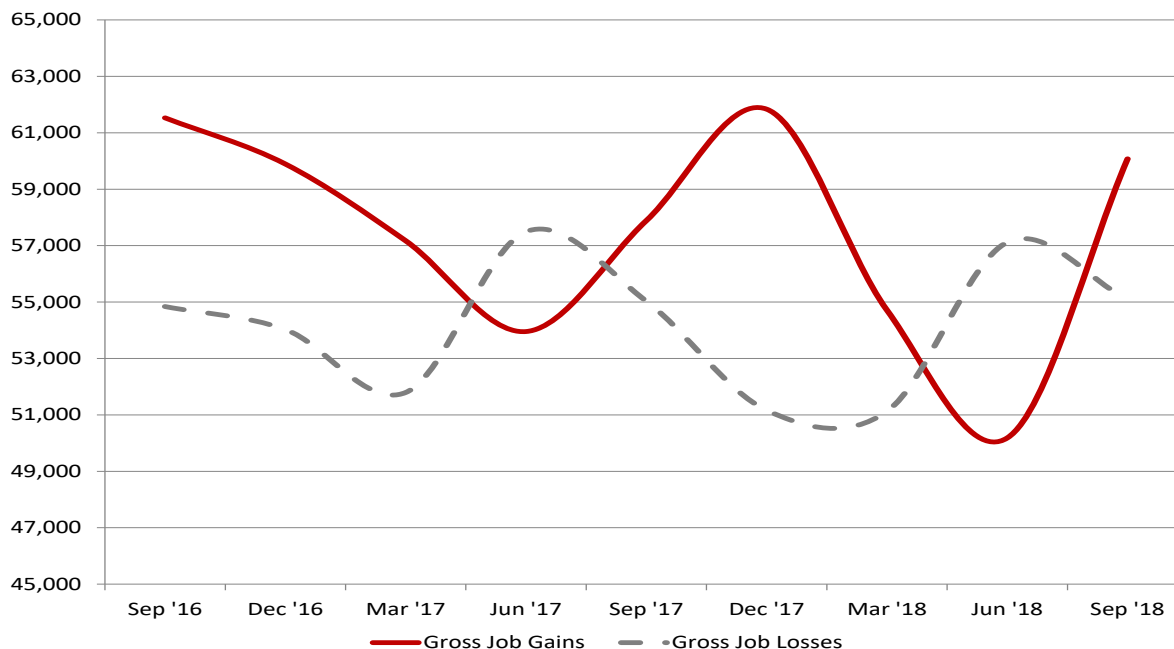
State of Arkansas  
(Seasonally Adjusted)

3 months ended

Category	Sep 17	Dec 17	Mar 18	Jun 18	Sep 18*
Employment Levels					
Gross job gains....	57,887	61,837	54,713	50,184	60,077
Gross job losses....	55,030	51,164	51,129	57,117	55,090
<b>Net Change.....</b>	<b>2,857</b>	<b>10,673</b>	<b>3,584</b>	<b>-6,933</b>	<b>4,987</b>

\*Most recent BED data available is for 3rd Quarter 2018

**Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)**  
3rd Quarter 2016 - 3rd Quarter 2018



### State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

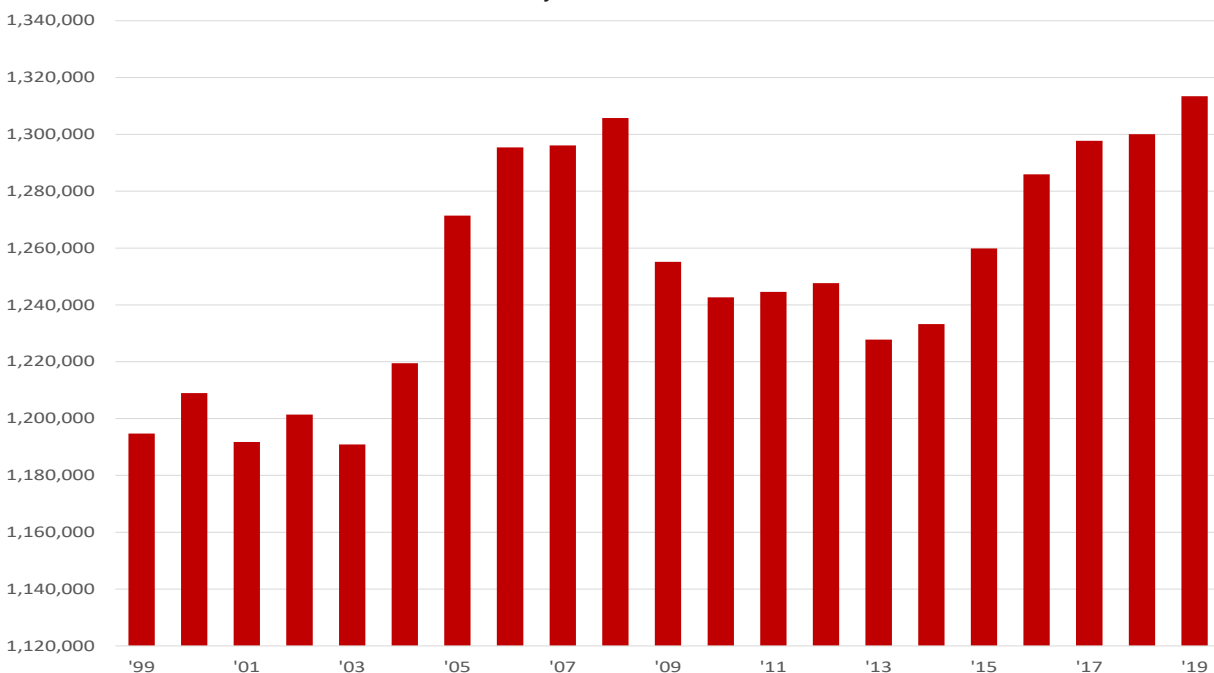
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.6 percent between April and May. Arkansas' civilian labor force rose 1,410, a result of 2,543 more employed and 1,133 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate was also unchanged at 3.6 percent in May.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Nonfarm payroll jobs rose 3,900 in May to hit a new record high. Two major industry sectors-- Leisure and Hospitality and Other Services-- reached record high levels. Compared to May 2018, nonfarm payroll jobs are up 14,300."

#### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 19	Apr 19	May 18	May 19	Apr 19	May 18	
Civilian Labor Force	1,361,929	1,360,519	1,350,032	Civilian Labor Force	1,367,965	1,359,733	1,353,659
Employment	1,313,429	1,310,886	1,300,064	Employment	1,324,564	1,320,551	1,306,161
Unemployment	48,500	49,633	49,968	Unemployment	43,401	39,182	47,498
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.6	3.7	Unemployment Rate	3.2	2.9	3.5
U.S. Unemployment	3.6	3.6	3.8	U.S. Unemployment	3.4	3.3	3.6

Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)  
May: 1999 - 2019



### State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

#### Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>May 19</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1283.4	1279.5	1269.1	3.9	14.3
Goods Producing	221.7	221.9	216.5	-0.2	5.2
Mining, Logging, and Construction	58.9	58.4	56.8	0.5	2.1
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.5	33.2	32.1	0.3	1.4
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>162.8</b>	<b>163.5</b>	<b>159.7</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>3.1</b>
Durable Goods	77.8	78.6	76.0	-0.8	1.8
Nondurable Goods	85.0	84.9	83.7	0.1	1.3
Service Providing	1061.7	1057.6	1052.6	4.1	9.1
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>254.5</b>	<b>251.6</b>	<b>251.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Wholesale Trade	49.0	48.7	47.2	0.3	1.8
Retail Trade	140.6	138.2	139.4	2.4	1.2
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	64.9	64.7	64.6	0.2	0.3
<b>Information</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Finance & Insurance	46.8	46.9	46.7	-0.1	0.1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.8	13.7	13.7	0.1	0.1
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>148.2</b>	<b>148.4</b>	<b>148.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	44.2	45.3	43.6	-1.1	0.6
Management of Companies	35.0	34.8	34.6	0.2	0.4
Administrative & Support Services	69.0	68.3	69.9	0.7	-0.9
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>193.4</b>	<b>193.1</b>	<b>192.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Educational Services	15.5	15.9	16.1	-0.4	-0.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	177.9	177.2	175.9	0.7	2.0
Ambulatory Health Care	58.9	59.1	58.1	-0.2	0.8
Social Assistance	40.8	40.4	40.1	0.4	0.7
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>123.2</b>	<b>122.0</b>	<b>121.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12.1	11.5	12.5	0.6	-0.4
Accommodation & Food Services	111.1	110.5	108.6	0.6	2.5
Accommodation Services	11.5	11.4	11.5	0.1	0.0
Food Services	99.6	99.1	97.1	0.5	2.5
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>216.5</b>	<b>217.2</b>	<b>215.1</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Federal Government	20.1	20.2	19.9	-0.1	0.2
State Government	79.2	80.4	78.7	-1.2	0.5
Local Government	117.2	116.6	116.5	0.6	0.7

## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

### April 2019 - May 2019

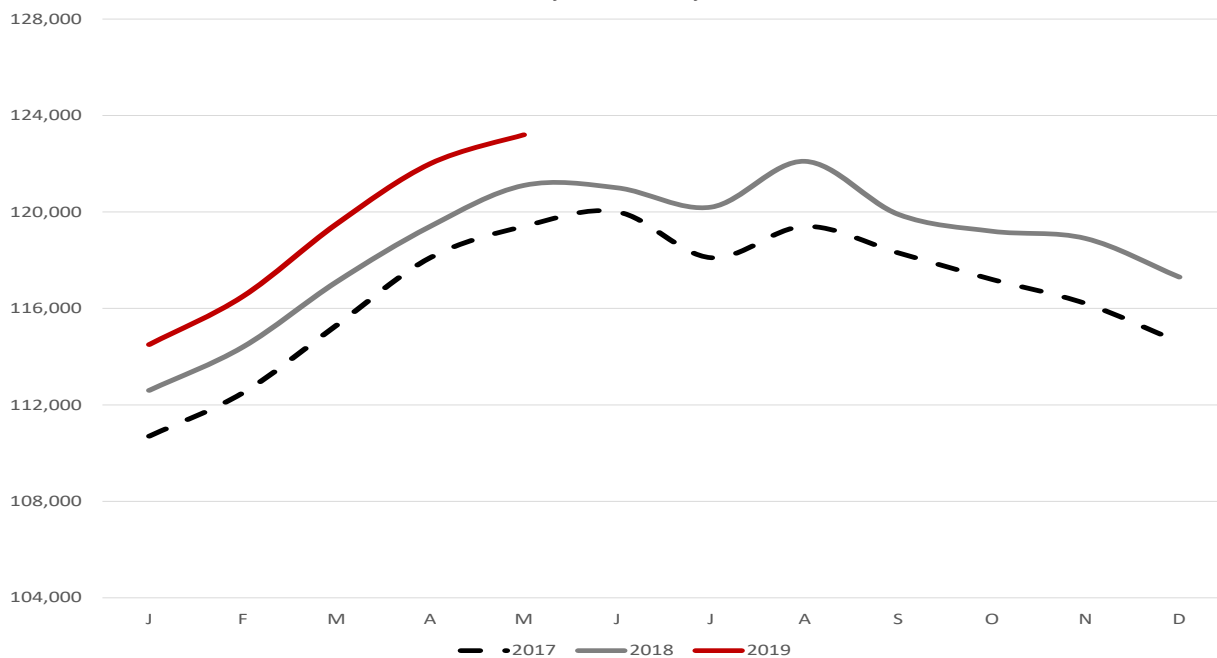
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs increased 3,900 in May to total 1,283,400. Five major industry sectors added jobs, with **leisure and hospitality** and **other services** setting new record high job totals. Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 2,900. Most of the gains were in retail trade (+2,400), a result of seasonal hiring. **Leisure and hospitality** added 1,200 jobs. Growth was posted in all three subsectors, a typical seasonal expansion. **Other services** set record high employment, with 600 new jobs over the month.

### May 2018 - May 2019

Compared to May 2018, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 14,300. Nine major industry sectors posted gains, with six adding 1,400 or more jobs, each. Employment in **trade-transportation-utilities** is up 3,300, with hiring across all three subsectors. Jobs in **manufacturing** increased 3,100. Expansions occurred in both durable (+1,800) and nondurable (+1,300) goods manufacturing. **Construction** added 2,400 jobs, due to multiple large-scale projects. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** rose 2,100, with all hiring in food services (+2,500). **Educational and health services** increased 1,400. Gains in health care and social assistance (+2,000) were offset by a small decline in educational services (-600). **Government** added 1,400 jobs, with small additions posted across all levels of government.

### Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2017 - May 2019



### State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

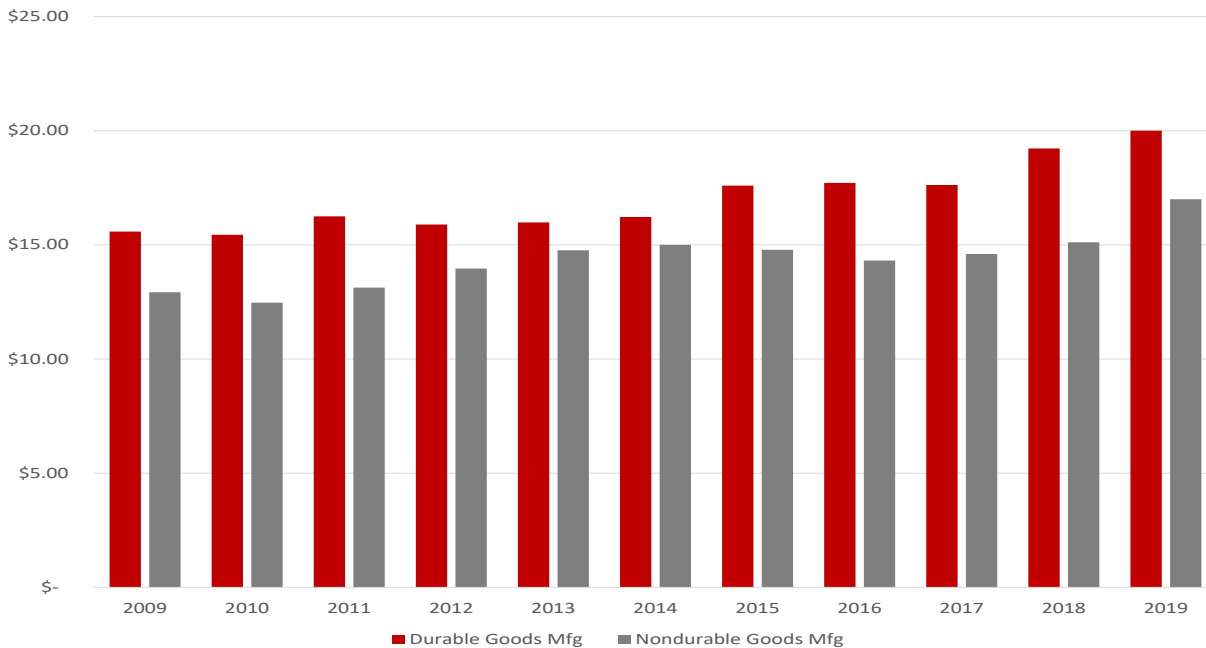
#### Manufacturing

	<u>May 19</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>May 18</u>
Average Weekly Hours	40.9	39.7	41.6
Average Hourly Earnings	18.44	18.69	17.00
Average Weekly Earnings	754.20	741.99	707.20

#### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>May 19</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>May 18</u>		<u>May 19</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>May 18</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.9	41.3	41.9	Average Weekly Hours	40.1	38.3	41.4
Average Hourly Earnings	19.94	20.24	19.22	Average Hourly Earnings	17.06	17.23	15.11
Average Weekly Earnings	835.49	835.91	805.32	Average Weekly Earnings	684.11	659.91	625.55

**Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers: Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods**  
May: 2009 - 2019



### 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)

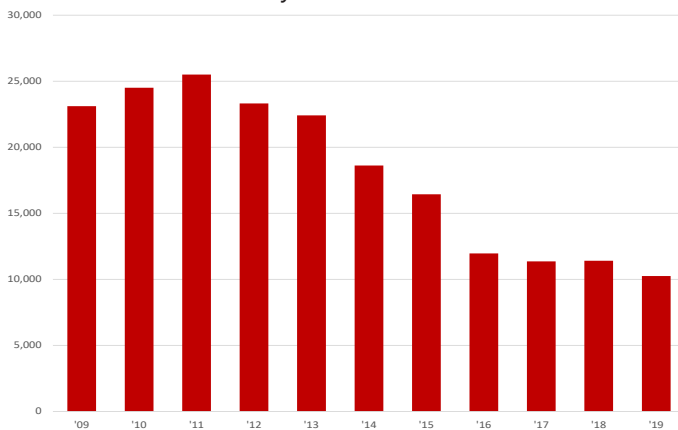
	<u>May 19</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	358,897	355,877	353,889	3,020	5,008
Employment	348,647	346,525	342,476	2,122	6,171
Unemployment	10,250	9,352	11,413	898	-1,163
Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.6	3.2	0.3	-0.3

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

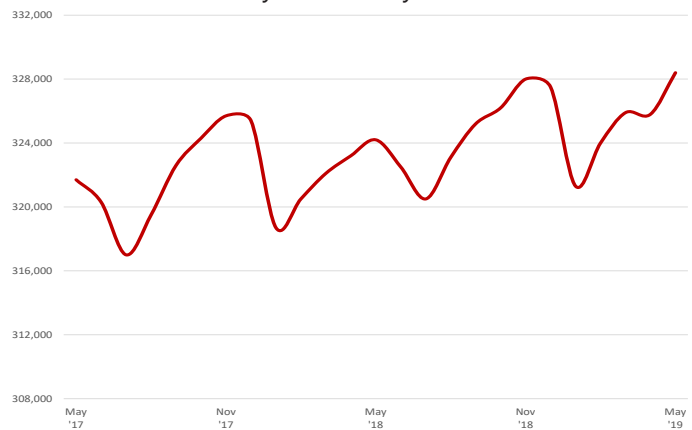
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	367.0	363.7	361.8	3.3	5.2
Goods Producing	38.6	37.9	37.6	0.7	1.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.6	16.9	17.0	0.7	0.6
Manufacturing	21.0	21.0	20.6	0.0	0.4
Service Providing	328.4	325.8	324.2	2.6	4.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	71.6	71.2	70.1	0.4	1.5
Wholesale Trade	16.2	16.1	15.8	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	39.4	39.1	38.6	0.3	0.8
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.0	16.0	15.7	0.0	0.3
Information	4.3	4.2	4.3	0.1	0.0
Financial Activities	21.5	21.4	21.0	0.1	0.5
Professional & Business Services	48.6	48.5	49.8	0.1	-1.2
Educational & Health Services	58.1	57.6	57.3	0.5	0.8
Leisure & Hospitality	36.8	35.2	35.3	1.6	1.5
Other Services	16.0	15.9	15.6	0.1	0.4
Government	71.5	71.8	70.8	-0.3	0.7
Federal Government	9.7	9.7	9.6	0.0	0.1
State Government	35.4	35.9	35.1	-0.5	0.3
Local Government	26.4	26.2	26.1	0.2	0.3

Number of Unemployed  
May: 2009 - 2019



Jobs in Service Providing Industries  
May 2017 - May 2019





### 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)

	<b>May 19</b>	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>May 18</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	279,990	279,332	275,831	658	4,159
Employment	273,661	273,636	268,621	25	5,040
Unemployment	6,329	5,696	7,210	633	-881
Unemployment Rate	2.3	2.0	2.6	0.3	-0.3

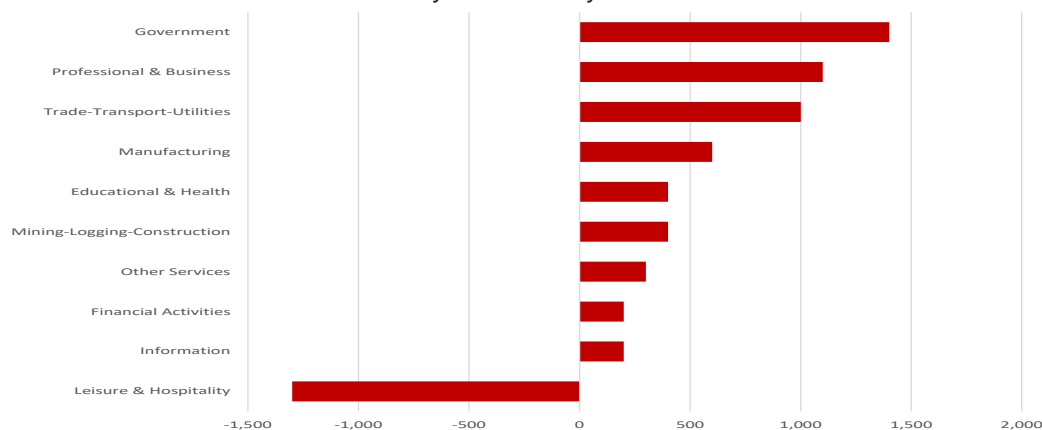
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>May 19</b>	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>May 18</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	264.4	263.7	260.1	0.7	4.3
Goods Producing	42.1	41.8	41.1	0.3	1.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	12.1	11.9	11.7	0.2	0.4
Manufacturing	30.0	29.9	29.4	0.1	0.6
Service Providing	222.3	221.9	219.0	0.4	3.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	56.7	56.3	55.7	0.4	1.0
Wholesale Trade	12.4	12.4	12.1	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	26.6	26.2	26.5	0.4	0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.7	17.7	17.1	0.0	0.6
Information	2.2	2.1	2.0	0.1	0.2
Financial Activities	8.3	8.3	8.1	0.0	0.2
Professional & Business Services	51.6	52.2	50.5	-0.6	1.1
Educational & Health Services	29.9	30.0	29.5	-0.1	0.4
Leisure & Hospitality	25.7	25.5	27.0	0.2	-1.3
Other Services	9.5	9.4	9.2	0.1	0.3
Government	38.4	38.1	37.0	0.3	1.4
Federal Government	2.7	2.6	2.6	0.1	0.1
State Government	16.3	16.1	15.2	0.2	1.1
Local Government	19.4	19.4	19.2	0.0	0.2

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

May 2018 vs May 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)

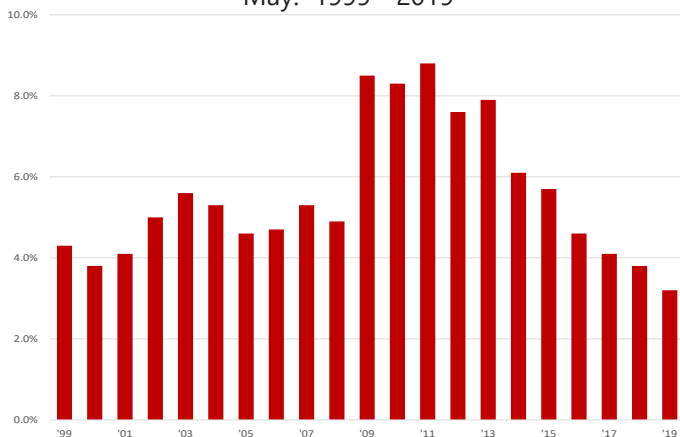
	<u>May 19</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	118,976	118,281	119,965	695	-989
Employment	115,135	114,832	115,453	303	-318
Unemployment	3,841	3,449	4,512	392	-671
Unemployment Rate	3.2	2.9	3.8	0.3	-0.6

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

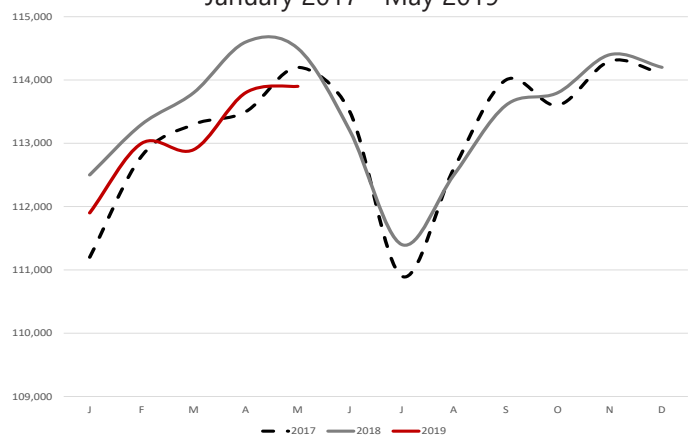
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	113.9	113.8	114.5	0.1	-0.6
Goods Producing	22.7	22.7	23.1	0.0	-0.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.2	5.1	5.4	0.1	-0.2
Manufacturing	17.5	17.6	17.7	-0.1	-0.2
Service Providing	91.2	91.1	91.4	0.1	-0.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.8	22.8	23.1	0.0	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	12.2	12.3	12.5	-0.1	-0.3
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	3.9	4.0	3.9	-0.1	0.0
Professional & Business Services	13.2	13.3	13.1	-0.1	0.1
Educational & Health Services	17.2	17.2	17.0	0.0	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.9	9.6	9.7	0.3	0.2
Other Services	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
Government	18.6	18.6	18.9	0.0	-0.3
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.1	3.2	3.2	-0.1	-0.1
Local Government	14.2	14.1	14.4	0.1	-0.2

**Unemployment Rates**  
May: 1999 - 2019



**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
January 2017 - May 2019



### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<u>May 19</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,701	41,655	40,641	46	1,060
Employment	40,359	40,450	39,085	-91	1,274
Unemployment	1,342	1,205	1,556	137	-214
Unemployment Rate	3.2	2.9	3.8	0.3	-0.6

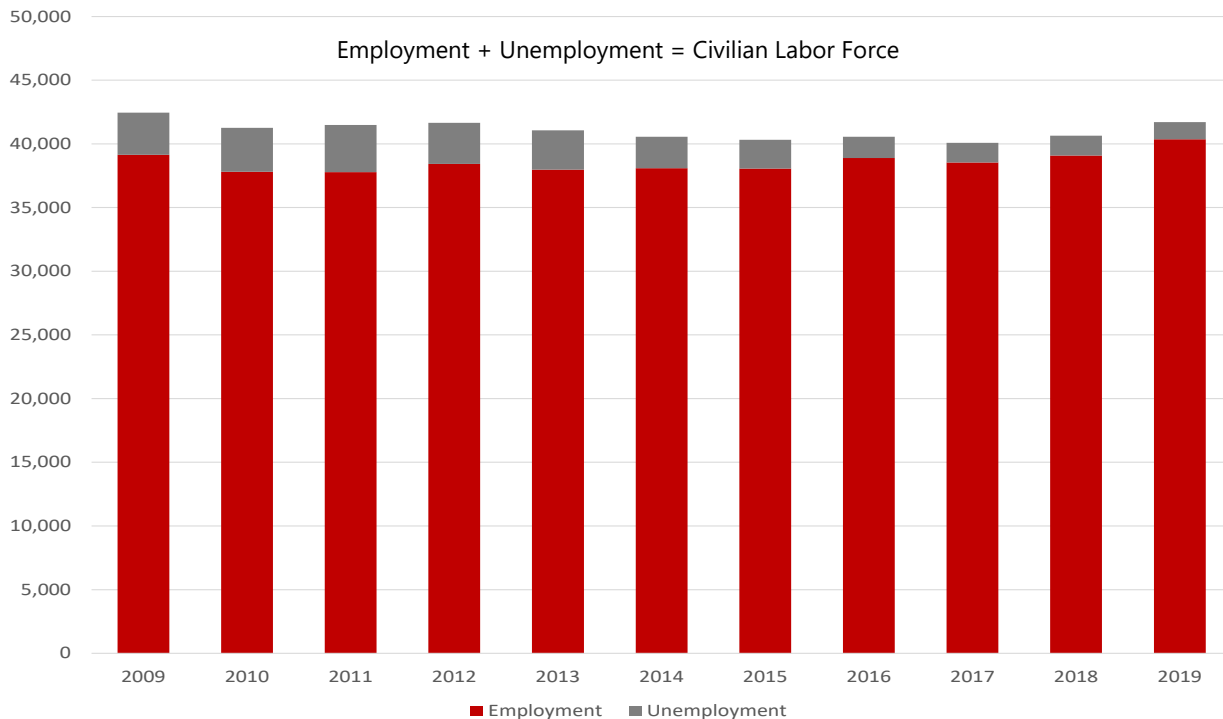
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.8	39.9	38.7	-0.1	1.1
Goods Producing	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.1	0.0
Service Providing	35.3	35.5	34.2	-0.2	1.1
Government	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0

### Employment and Unemployment

May: 2009 - 2019



### Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<u>May 19</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,133	64,876	64,406	257	727
Employment	63,374	63,375	62,465	-1	909
Unemployment	1,759	1,501	1,941	258	-182
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.3	3.0	0.4	-0.3

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

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	59.4	59.3	58.7	0.1	0.7
Goods Producing	10.0	9.9	10.0	0.1	0.0
Service Providing	49.4	49.4	48.7	0.0	0.7
Government	9.1	9.1	9.1	0.0	0.0

#### Number of Employed

May 2014 - May 2019



### Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

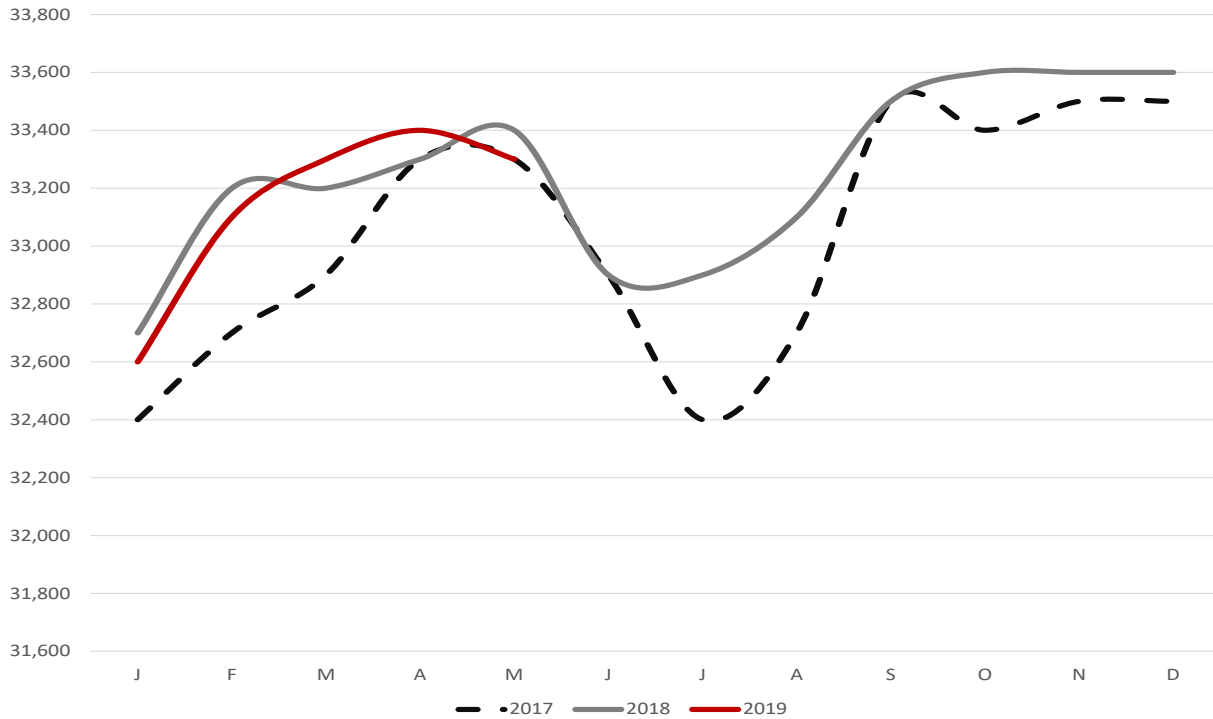
	<u>May 19</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	35,523	35,383	35,343	140	180
Employment	33,789	33,866	33,662	-77	127
Unemployment	1,734	1,517	1,681	217	53
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.3	4.8	0.6	0.1

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

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	33.3	33.4	33.4	-0.1	-0.1
Goods Producing	5.9	5.9	6.1	0.0	-0.2
Service Providing	27.4	27.5	27.3	-0.1	0.1
Government	9.2	9.2	9.3	0.0	-0.1

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
January 2017 - May 2019



### 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.

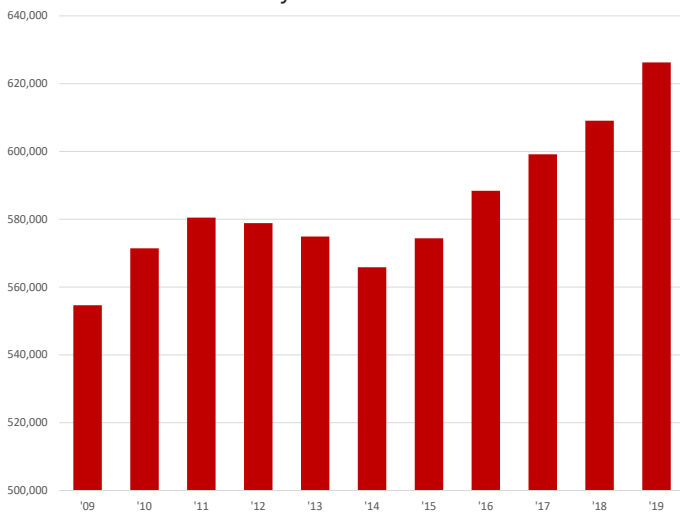
	<u>May 19</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	650,774	644,068	633,919	6,706	16,855
Employment	626,285	621,491	609,067	4,794	17,218
Unemployment	24,489	22,577	24,852	1,912	-363
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.5	3.9	0.3	-0.1

##### Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>May 19</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,704	64,652	64,591	52	113
Employment	62,329	62,262	61,492	67	837
Unemployment	2,375	2,390	3,099	-15	-724
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.7	4.8	0.0	-1.1

**Memphis MSA - Employment**  
May: 2009 - 2019



**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**  
May 2017 - May 2019



### Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

#### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	May 2019				April 2019				May 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,950	9,608	342	3.4	9,976	9,649	327	3.3	9,503	9,169	334	3.5
Batesville Micro	16,838	16,236	602	3.6	16,618	16,112	506	3.0	16,365	15,741	624	3.8
Blytheville Micro	17,103	16,339	764	4.5	17,065	16,392	673	3.9	17,509	16,467	1,042	6.0
Camden Micro	12,430	11,855	575	4.6	12,409	11,848	561	4.5	12,236	11,696	540	4.4
El Dorado Micro	15,953	15,201	752	4.7	15,858	15,174	684	4.3	16,000	15,154	846	5.3
Forrest City Micro	8,312	7,911	401	4.8	8,281	7,906	375	4.5	8,331	7,921	410	4.9
Harrison Micro	19,688	19,130	558	2.8	19,512	19,002	510	2.6	19,339	18,713	626	3.2
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,593	6,261	332	5.0	6,566	6,256	310	4.7	6,705	6,321	384	5.7
Hope Micro	13,856	13,374	482	3.5	13,845	13,368	477	3.4	13,573	13,129	444	3.3
Magnolia Micro	9,191	8,785	406	4.4	9,136	8,814	322	3.5	9,109	8,673	436	4.8
Malvern Micro	13,976	13,532	444	3.2	13,949	13,539	410	2.9	14,019	13,528	491	3.5
Mountain Home Micro	16,613	16,027	586	3.5	16,454	15,927	527	3.2	16,424	15,800	624	3.8
Paragould Micro	20,292	19,678	614	3.0	20,146	19,619	527	2.6	19,833	19,212	621	3.1
Russellville Micro	38,119	36,573	1,546	4.1	37,823	36,594	1,229	3.2	37,936	36,389	1,547	4.1
Searcy Micro	34,055	32,627	1,428	4.2	33,952	32,613	1,339	3.9	33,926	32,490	1,436	4.2

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

City	May 2019				April 2019				May 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,397	12,044	353	2.8	12,419	12,047	372	3.0	12,249	11,813	436	3.6
Benton	17,340	16,929	411	2.4	17,228	16,823	405	2.4	17,111	16,621	490	2.9
Bentonville	26,579	26,042	537	2.0	26,505	26,049	456	1.7	26,226	25,542	684	2.6
Blytheville	5,821	5,526	295	5.1	5,773	5,544	229	4.0	5,937	5,569	368	6.2
Cabot	12,081	11,744	337	2.8	11,986	11,677	309	2.6	11,916	11,562	354	3.0
Conway	33,951	33,004	947	2.8	33,618	32,791	827	2.5	33,468	32,418	1,050	3.1
El Dorado	6,971	6,567	404	5.8	6,934	6,555	379	5.5	6,985	6,546	439	6.3
Fayetteville	48,281	47,192	1,089	2.3	48,151	47,180	971	2.0	47,514	46,273	1,241	2.6
Fort Smith	39,586	38,462	1,124	2.8	39,458	38,420	1,038	2.6	39,836	38,405	1,431	3.6
Hot Springs	14,844	14,320	524	3.5	14,811	14,353	458	3.1	14,531	13,868	663	4.6
Jacksonville	11,863	11,416	447	3.8	11,758	11,347	411	3.5	11,684	11,209	475	4.1
Jonesboro	38,585	37,526	1,059	2.7	38,436	37,525	911	2.4	38,093	36,960	1,133	3.0
Little Rock	98,606	95,657	2,949	3.0	97,788	95,080	2,708	2.8	97,151	93,925	3,226	3.3
North Little Rock	30,171	29,144	1,027	3.4	29,895	28,968	927	3.1	29,713	28,616	1,097	3.7
Paragould	12,759	12,325	434	3.4	12,659	12,288	371	2.9	12,431	12,033	398	3.2
Pine Bluff	16,871	15,829	1,042	6.2	16,676	15,873	803	4.8	16,701	15,757	944	5.7
Rogers	35,873	35,125	748	2.1	35,850	35,133	717	2.0	35,295	34,451	844	2.4
Russellville	13,678	13,189	489	3.6	13,599	13,196	403	3.0	13,617	13,108	509	3.7
Searcy	10,392	9,973	419	4.0	10,290	9,968	322	3.1	10,348	9,931	417	4.0
Sherwood	16,135	15,705	430	2.7	16,019	15,610	409	2.6	15,878	15,420	458	2.9
Springdale	39,724	38,856	868	2.2	39,591	38,848	743	1.9	39,091	38,099	992	2.5
Texarkana, AR	13,664	13,140	524	3.8	13,565	13,070	495	3.6	13,604	12,886	718	5.3
Van Buren	10,428	10,122	306	2.9	10,373	10,115	258	2.5	10,508	10,119	389	3.7
West Memphis	10,699	10,208	491	4.6	10,621	10,186	435	4.1	10,515	10,029	486	4.6

### County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	May 2019				April 2019				May 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,077	8,817	260	2.9	9,061	8,818	243	2.7	8,941	8,669	272	3.0
Ashley	7,791	7,428	363	4.7	7,775	7,403	372	4.8	7,653	7,249	404	5.3
Baxter	16,613	16,027	586	3.5	16,454	15,927	527	3.2	16,424	15,800	624	3.8
Benton	136,841	133,725	3,116	2.3	136,618	133,758	2,860	2.1	134,816	131,159	3,657	2.7
Boone	16,285	15,830	455	2.8	16,140	15,729	411	2.5	16,009	15,477	532	3.3
Bradley	4,506	4,340	166	3.7	4,514	4,346	168	3.7	4,374	4,195	179	4.1
Calhoun	2,445	2,346	99	4.0	2,446	2,346	100	4.1	2,413	2,326	87	3.6
Carroll	12,716	12,388	328	2.6	12,329	12,004	325	2.6	12,781	12,424	357	2.8
Chicot	3,323	3,111	212	6.4	3,310	3,098	212	6.4	3,347	3,130	217	6.5
Clark	9,950	9,608	342	3.4	9,976	9,649	327	3.3	9,503	9,169	334	3.5
Clay	5,775	5,525	250	4.3	5,736	5,506	230	4.0	5,889	5,679	210	3.6
Cleburne	9,189	8,813	376	4.1	9,009	8,676	333	3.7	9,249	8,842	407	4.4
Cleveland	3,303	3,180	123	3.7	3,290	3,182	108	3.3	3,305	3,176	129	3.9
Columbia	9,191	8,785	406	4.4	9,136	8,814	322	3.5	9,109	8,673	436	4.8
Conway	8,194	7,842	352	4.3	8,130	7,811	319	3.9	8,269	7,924	345	4.2
Craighead	54,824	53,378	1,446	2.6	54,616	53,377	1,239	2.3	54,147	52,572	1,575	2.9
Crawford	26,861	26,068	793	3.0	26,759	26,048	711	2.7	26,971	26,058	913	3.4
Crittenden	21,665	20,811	854	3.9	21,514	20,765	749	3.5	21,361	20,445	916	4.3
Cross	7,443	7,155	288	3.9	7,425	7,161	264	3.6	7,437	7,167	270	3.6
Dallas	2,895	2,772	123	4.2	2,869	2,759	110	3.8	2,768	2,645	123	4.4
Desha	5,537	5,314	223	4.0	5,488	5,284	204	3.7	5,434	5,199	235	4.3
Drew	7,822	7,446	376	4.8	7,801	7,439	362	4.6	7,725	7,368	357	4.6
Faulkner	62,198	60,464	1,734	2.8	61,579	60,073	1,506	2.4	61,343	59,391	1,952	3.2
Franklin	7,414	7,195	219	3.0	7,369	7,174	195	2.6	7,432	7,181	251	3.4
Fulton	5,115	4,925	190	3.7	4,971	4,809	162	3.3	4,901	4,725	176	3.6
Garland	41,701	40,359	1,342	3.2	41,655	40,450	1,205	2.9	40,641	39,085	1,556	3.8
Grant	8,410	8,171	239	2.8	8,344	8,136	208	2.5	8,290	8,051	239	2.9
Greene	20,292	19,678	614	3.0	20,146	19,619	527	2.6	19,833	19,212	621	3.1
Hempstead	10,136	9,791	345	3.4	10,130	9,788	342	3.4	9,944	9,620	324	3.3
Hot Spring	13,976	13,532	444	3.2	13,949	13,539	410	2.9	14,019	13,528	491	3.5
Howard	5,857	5,689	168	2.9	5,857	5,710	147	2.5	5,980	5,796	184	3.1
Independence	16,838	16,236	602	3.6	16,618	16,112	506	3.0	16,365	15,741	624	3.8
Izard	5,042	4,787	255	5.1	5,016	4,781	235	4.7	4,871	4,626	245	5.0
Jackson	5,882	5,526	356	6.1	5,817	5,511	306	5.3	5,770	5,463	307	5.3
Jefferson	28,187	26,734	1,453	5.2	28,071	26,809	1,262	4.5	28,002	26,613	1,389	5.0
Johnson	10,394	9,957	437	4.2	10,312	9,924	388	3.8	10,494	10,060	434	4.1
Lafayette	2,510	2,404	106	4.2	2,488	2,395	93	3.7	2,513	2,393	120	4.8
Lawrence	6,831	6,577	254	3.7	6,850	6,626	224	3.3	6,858	6,615	243	3.5
Lee	2,878	2,776	102	3.5	2,878	2,783	95	3.3	2,921	2,796	125	4.3
Lincoln	4,033	3,875	158	3.9	4,022	3,875	147	3.7	4,036	3,873	163	4.0
Little River	5,485	5,281	204	3.7	5,454	5,266	188	3.4	5,472	5,186	286	5.2
Logan	8,729	8,407	322	3.7	8,639	8,358	281	3.3	8,755	8,416	339	3.9
Lonoke	34,184	33,239	945	2.8	33,881	33,049	832	2.5	33,732	32,725	1,007	3.0
Madison	7,493	7,335	158	2.1	7,476	7,327	149	2.0	7,438	7,244	194	2.6
Marion	6,585	6,353	232	3.5	6,486	6,263	223	3.4	6,520	6,277	243	3.7
Miller	19,791	19,111	680	3.4	19,686	19,009	677	3.4	19,700	18,741	959	4.9

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### County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	Not Seasonally Adjusted											
	May 2019				April 2019				May 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,103	16,339	764	4.5	17,065	16,392	673	3.9	17,509	16,467	1,042	6.0
Monroe	2,775	2,670	105	3.8	2,785	2,690	95	3.4	2,731	2,620	111	4.1
Montgomery	3,063	2,947	116	3.8	3,013	2,897	116	3.8	3,068	2,936	132	4.3
Nevada	3,720	3,583	137	3.7	3,715	3,580	135	3.6	3,629	3,509	120	3.3
Newton	3,403	3,300	103	3.0	3,372	3,273	99	2.9	3,330	3,236	94	2.8
Ouachita	9,985	9,509	476	4.8	9,963	9,502	461	4.6	9,823	9,370	453	4.6
Perry	4,306	4,134	172	4.0	4,255	4,101	154	3.6	4,233	4,067	166	3.9
Phillips	6,593	6,261	332	5.0	6,566	6,256	310	4.7	6,705	6,321	384	5.7
Pike	4,402	4,258	144	3.3	4,351	4,224	127	2.9	4,269	4,105	164	3.8
Poinsett	10,309	9,996	313	3.0	10,260	9,998	262	2.6	10,259	9,893	366	3.6
Polk	8,187	7,898	289	3.5	8,079	7,823	256	3.2	8,100	7,786	314	3.9
Pope	29,515	28,300	1,215	4.1	29,283	28,315	968	3.3	29,334	28,126	1,208	4.1
Prairie	3,619	3,481	138	3.8	3,588	3,464	124	3.5	3,574	3,456	118	3.3
Pulaski	191,502	185,749	5,753	3.0	189,983	184,630	5,353	2.8	188,718	182,386	6,332	3.4
Randolph	7,366	7,108	258	3.5	7,240	7,016	224	3.1	7,225	6,968	257	3.6
St. Francis	8,312	7,911	401	4.8	8,281	7,906	375	4.5	8,331	7,921	410	4.9
Saline	58,297	56,890	1,407	2.4	57,835	56,536	1,299	2.2	57,573	55,856	1,717	3.0
Scott	4,359	4,239	120	2.8	4,341	4,227	114	2.6	4,385	4,229	156	3.6
Searcy	2,941	2,828	113	3.8	2,874	2,769	105	3.7	3,093	2,981	112	3.6
Sebastian	57,084	55,460	1,624	2.8	56,867	55,399	1,468	2.6	57,388	55,377	2,011	3.5
Sevier	5,744	5,480	264	4.6	5,646	5,426	220	3.9	5,567	5,325	242	4.3
Sharp	5,936	5,694	242	4.1	5,832	5,624	208	3.6	5,887	5,641	246	4.2
Stone	4,939	4,727	212	4.3	4,844	4,656	188	3.9	4,830	4,639	191	4.0
Union	15,953	15,201	752	4.7	15,858	15,174	684	4.3	16,000	15,154	846	5.3
Van Buren	5,860	5,603	257	4.4	5,768	5,537	231	4.0	5,973	5,675	298	5.0
Washington	125,055	122,343	2,712	2.2	124,705	122,312	2,393	1.9	123,024	119,960	3,064	2.5
White	34,055	32,627	1,428	4.2	33,952	32,613	1,339	3.9	33,926	32,490	1,436	4.2
Woodruff	2,772	2,641	131	4.7	2,775	2,642	133	4.8	2,816	2,698	118	4.2
Yell	8,604	8,273	331	3.8	8,540	8,279	261	3.1	8,602	8,263	339	3.9

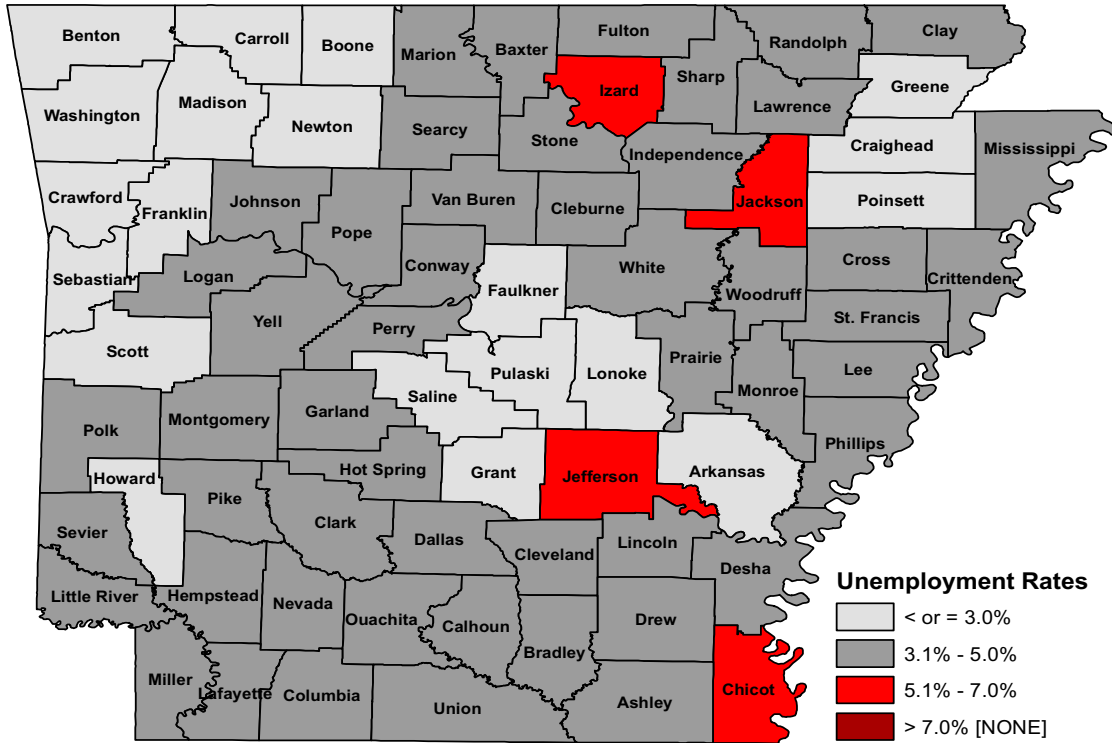
### County Labor Force Summary

Between April and May, unemployment rates increased in 66 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Six counties were stable over-the-month, while rates in 3 counties declined. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.1 percent in Madison County to a high of 6.4 percent in Chicot County.

In May, fifty counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down slightly from the 63 counties with rates at or above four percent in April. For the second month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to May 2018, unemployment rates are down in 52 Arkansas counties. Rates are up over-the year in twenty-one counties, while two were unchanged.

### County Unemployment Rates



### Ranked by Unemployment Rates

May 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Madison	2.1	24	Miller	3.4	51	Cleburne	4.1
2	Washington	2.2	27	Baxter	3.5	51	Pope	4.1
3	Benton	2.3	27	Lee	3.5	51	Sharp	4.1
4	Saline	2.4	27	Marion	3.5	54	Dallas	4.2
5	Carroll	2.6	27	Polk	3.5	54	Johnson	4.2
5	Craighead	2.6	27	Randolph	3.5	54	Lafayette	4.2
7	Boone	2.8	32	Independence	3.6	54	White	4.2
7	Faulkner	2.8	33	Bradley	3.7	58	Clay	4.3
7	Grant	2.8	33	Cleveland	3.7	58	Conway	4.3
7	Lonoke	2.8	33	Fulton	3.7	58	Stone	4.3
7	Scott	2.8	33	Lawrence	3.7	61	Columbia	4.4
7	Sebastian	2.8	33	Little River	3.7	61	Van Buren	4.4
13	Arkansas	2.9	33	Logan	3.7	63	Mississippi	4.5
13	Howard	2.9	33	Nevada	3.7	64	Sevier	4.6
15	Crawford	3.0	40	Monroe	3.8	65	Ashley	4.7
15	Franklin	3.0	40	Montgomery	3.8	65	Union	4.7
15	Greene	3.0	40	Prairie	3.8	65	Woodruff	4.7
15	Newton	3.0	40	Searcy	3.8	68	Drew	4.8
15	Poinsett	3.0	40	Yell	3.8	68	Ouachita	4.8
15	Pulaski	3.0	45	Crittenden	3.9	68	St. Francis	4.8
21	Garland	3.2	45	Cross	3.9	71	Phillips	5.0
21	Hot Spring	3.2	45	Lincoln	3.9	72	Izard	5.1
23	Pike	3.3	48	Calhoun	4.0	73	Jefferson	5.2
24	Clark	3.4	48	Desha	4.0	74	Jackson	6.1
24	Hempstead	3.4	48	Perry	4.0	75	Chicot	6.4

### Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	May 2019				April 2019				May 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	253,969	246,836	7,133	2.8	251,863	245,362	6,501	2.6	250,520	242,509	8,011	3.2
City of Little Rock	98,606	95,657	2,949	3.0	97,788	95,080	2,708	2.8	97,151	93,925	3,226	3.3
Eastern	46,891	44,914	1,977	4.2	46,664	44,871	1,793	3.8	46,755	44,650	2,105	4.5
North Central	95,628	91,579	4,049	4.2	94,602	90,961	3,641	3.8	94,588	90,540	4,048	4.3
Northeast	122,500	118,601	3,899	3.2	121,913	118,534	3,379	2.8	121,720	117,406	4,314	3.5
Northwest	327,932	320,129	7,803	2.4	326,454	319,362	7,092	2.2	323,435	314,558	8,877	2.7
Southeast	81,989	78,416	3,573	4.4	81,676	78,390	3,286	4.0	81,107	77,523	3,584	4.4
Southwest	93,712	89,952	3,760	4.0	93,248	89,769	3,479	3.7	92,918	88,738	4,180	4.5
West Central	134,105	129,210	4,895	3.7	133,464	129,189	4,275	3.2	132,432	127,263	5,169	3.9
Western	112,634	109,267	3,367	3.0	112,054	109,029	3,025	2.7	113,031	109,047	3,984	3.5

