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Workforce Services



The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious 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 col- lected for production workers in manufactur- ing industries.

Industries are classi- fied according to the North American In- dustry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2020 benchmark.

**Explanation of Terms and Concepts**

**Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample sur- vey designed to pro- vide industry infor- mation on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bu- reau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Work- force Services. The data are based on establish- ment records and in- clude all workers, full- or part-time, who re- ceived pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas busi- ness establishments are surveyed.

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

A term applied by the

U.S. Office of Manage- ment 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 sur- vey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to pro- vide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conduct- ed each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The informa- tion is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the cal- endar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

**Civilian Labor Force**

The sum of all em- ployed and unem- ployed 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 work- ers 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 seek- ing work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

**Unemployment Rate**

The number of unem- ployed 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, ma- jor holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

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**April 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 estab- lishments with changes in em- ployment. These employment changes occur when establish- ments open/expand or close/ contract. Gross job gains are a combination of jobs created from both openings of new businesses and expansions at existing businesses. Gross job losses are a combination of jobs lost from both exist- ing businesses that close and those that reduce their number of employees. The net change is the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses.

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

State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)

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

**Quarter Ending**

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

**Category | Sep 19 | Dec 19 | Mar 20 | Jun 20 | Sep 20\***

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

**Employment Levels**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 3rd Quarter 2020

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gross job gains..... | 56,712 | 66,058 | 52,888 | 47,653 | 72,104 |
| Gross job losses.... | 59,055 | 49,413 | 56,439 | 119,256 | 54,052 |
| **Net Change**.......... | **-2,343** | **16,645** | **-3,551** | **-71,603** | **18,052** |

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

3rd Quarter 2018 - 3rd Quarter 2020

130,000

120,000

110,000

100,000

90,000

80,000

70,000

60,000

50,000

40,000

Sep '18 Dec '18 Mar '19 Jun '19 Sep '19 Dec '19 Mar '20 Jun '20 Sep '20 Gross Job Gains Gross Job Losses

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**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 Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 4.4 percent between March and April. Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased 1,984, a result of 2,779 more employed and 795 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point, from 6.0 percent in March to 6.1 percent in April.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Compared to April 2020 when COVID-related job losses peaked, the number of unemployed in Arkansas has declined 77,978. Employment is up 68,488 and the unemployment rate is down significantly from the peak of 10.0 percent last April.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,302,692 1,299,913 1,234,204 Employment 1,308,674 1,294,410 1,234,808

Unemployment 59,389 60,184 137,367 Unemployment 56,479 64,627 132,291

Unemployment Rate 4.4 4.4 10.0 Unemployment Rate 4.1 4.8 9.7

U.S. Unemployment 6.1 6.0 14.8 U.S. Unemployment 5.7 6.2 14.4

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** | **Apr 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,362,081 | 1,360,097 | 1,371,571 Civilian Labor Force | 1,365,153 | 1,359,037 | 1,367,099 |

1,340,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

April: 2001 - 2021

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

1,180,000

1,160,000

1,140,000

'01 '03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19 '21

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Apr 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1266.2 | 1260.1 | 1171.6 | 6.1 | 94.6 |
| Goods Producing | 219.4 | 219.4 | 206.2 | 0.0 | 13.2 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 59.5 | 58.3 | 56.9 | 1.2 | 2.6 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.3** | **5.3** | **5.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Construction** | **54.2** | **53.0** | **51.5** | **1.2** | **2.7** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 34.2 | 33.4 | 32.5 | 0.8 | 1.7 |
| **Manufacturing** | **159.9** | **161.1** | **149.3** | **-1.2** | **10.6** |
| Durable Goods | 80.2 | 79.7 | 69.3 | 0.5 | 10.9 |
| Nondurable Goods | 79.7 | 81.4 | 80.0 | -1.7 | -0.3 |
| Service Providing | 1046.8 | 1040.7 | 965.4 | 6.1 | 81.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **248.5** | **249.1** | **232.4** | **-0.6** | **16.1** |
| Wholesale Trade | 46.4 | 46.5 | 45.5 | -0.1 | 0.9 |
| Retail Trade | 137.6 | 137.5 | 123.4 | 0.1 | 14.2 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 64.5 | 65.1 | 63.5 | -0.6 | 1.0 |
| **Information** | **11.8** | **11.8** | **11.5** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **64.2** | **64.4** | **63.1** | **-0.2** | **1.1** |
| Finance & Insurance | 50.7 | 51.1 | 50.1 | -0.4 | 0.6 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.5 | 13.3 | 13.0 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **146.4** | **144.5** | **131.6** | **1.9** | **14.8** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43.2 | 43.5 | 42.1 | -0.3 | 1.1 |
| Management of Companies | 33.6 | 33.9 | 33.3 | -0.3 | 0.3 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 69.6 | 67.1 | 56.2 | 2.5 | 13.4 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **188.7** | **188.8** | **178.2** | **-0.1** | **10.5** |
| Educational Services | 16.7 | 16.8 | 15.4 | -0.1 | 1.3 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 172.0 | 172.0 | 162.8 | 0.0 | 9.2 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 59.1 | 59.2 | 52.8 | -0.1 | 6.3 |
| Social Assistance | 36.5 | 36.2 | 34.2 | 0.3 | 2.3 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **111.1** | **107.3** | **76.4** | **3.8** | **34.7** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 11.9 | 11.0 | 6.5 | 0.9 | 5.4 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 99.2 | 96.3 | 69.9 | 2.9 | 29.3 |
| Accommodation Services | 9.2 | 8.9 | 7.3 | 0.3 | 1.9 |
| Food Services | 90.0 | 87.4 | 62.6 | 2.6 | 27.4 |
| **Other Services** | **67.0** | **66.7** | **61.9** | **0.3** | **5.1** |
| **Government** | **209.1** | **208.1** | **210.3** | **1.0** | **-1.2** |
| Federal Government | 20.5 | 20.2 | 20.6 | 0.3 | -0.1 |
| State Government | 78.5 | 78.1 | 76.9 | 0.4 | 1.6 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 32.0 | 31.5 | 29.2 | 0.5 | 2.8 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.5 | 46.6 | 47.7 | -0.1 | -1.2 |
| Local Government | 110.1 | 109.8 | 112.8 | 0.3 | -2.7 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 67.3 | 67.4 | 69.5 | -0.1 | -2.2 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.8 | 42.4 | 43.3 | 0.4 | -0.5 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**March 2021 - April 2021**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs rose 6,100 in April to total 1,266,200. Five major industry sectors added jobs, more than offsetting small declines in four sectors. The largest increase was in **leisure and hospi- tality**, up 3,800 jobs. Hiring occurred in all subsectors, with food services adding 2,600 jobs. Employ- ment in **professional and business services** rose 1,900. All gains were in administrative and support services (+2,500), a subsector which includes employment agencies. **Construction** added 1,200 jobs, mostly in specialty trade contractors (+800). Jobs in **government** increased 1,000. Small gains were posted in both state (+400) and local (+300) government. **Manufacturing** declined 1,200. Losses in nondurable goods (-1,700) were offset by expansions in durable goods (+500) manufacturing.

**April 2020 - April 2021**

Compared to April 2020, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 94,600. Nine major industry sec- tors posted gains. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 34,700, mostly in food services (+27,400). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 16,100 jobs. Most of the expansion occurred in retail trade (+14,200). Employment in **professional and business services** increased 14,800, largely in adminis- trative and support services (+13,400). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 10,600. Hiring in durable goods (+10,900) more than offset minor losses in nondurable goods (-300). **Educational and health services** added 10,500 jobs. Expansions occurred in both health care and social assistance (+9,200) and educa- tional services (+1,300). Other notable increases were seen in **other services** (+5,100) and **construc- tion** (+2,700). **Government** posted the largest annual decline, down 1,200 jobs. The greatest loss occurred in local government, educational services (-2,200).

**Jobs in Food Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

April 2019 - April 2021

120,000

110,000

100,000

90,000

80,000

70,000

60,000

50,000

40,000

Apr '19

Oct '19

Apr '20

Oct '20

Apr '21

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Apr 21**

Average Weekly Hours 39.9

Average Hourly Earnings 20.00

Average Weekly Earnings 798.00

**Mar 21**

40.9

19.54

799.19

**Apr 20**

39.2

18.46

723.63

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Apr 21**

Average Weekly Hours 39.0

Average Hourly Earnings 21.88

Average Weekly Earnings 853.32

**Mar 21**

40.2

21.03

845.41

**Apr 20**

38.8

20.43

792.68

**Apr 21**

Average Weekly Hours 40.9

Average Hourly Earnings 18.20

Average Weekly Earnings 744.38

**Mar 21**

41.5

18.12

751.98

**Apr 20**

39.6

16.81

665.68

$900.00

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

April: 2011 - 2021

$800.00

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

$700.00

$600.00

$500.00

$400.00

$300.00

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

## 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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 357,242 | 352,669 | 358,966 | 4,573 | -1,724 |
| **Employment** | 341,559 | 335,270 | 321,775 | 6,289 | 19,784 |
| **Unemployment** | 15,683 | 17,399 | 37,191 | -1,716 | -21,508 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.4 | 4.9 | 10.4 | -0.5 | -6.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Apr 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 352.1 | 350.3 | 329.4 | 1.8 | 22.7 |
| **Goods Producing** 37.3 | 37.3 | 36.9 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 18.0** | **17.9** | **17.5** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Manufacturing 19.3** | **19.4** | **19.4** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Service Providing** 314.8 | 313.0 | 292.5 | 1.8 | 22.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 68.2** | **67.9** | **62.8** | **0.3** | **5.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 15.2 | 15.1 | 14.9 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** 37.1 | 36.8 | 33.1 | 0.3 | 4.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 15.9 | 16.0 | 14.8 | -0.1 | 1.1 |
| **Information 5.1** | **5.1** | **5.2** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 22.9** | **22.8** | **22.0** | **0.1** | **0.9** |
| **Professional & Business Services 44.8** | **45.2** | **41.4** | **-0.4** | **3.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services 58.7** | **58.1** | **53.3** | **0.6** | **5.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 29.2** | **28.2** | **21.0** | **1.0** | **8.2** |
| **Other Services 18.0** | **17.9** | **16.7** | **0.1** | **1.3** |
| **Government 67.9** | **67.8** | **70.1** | **0.1** | **-2.2** |
| **Federal Government** 9.8 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 34.3 | 34.4 | 34.9 | -0.1 | -0.6 |
| **Local Government** 23.8 | 23.8 | 25.5 | 0.0 | -1.7 |

**Number of Unemployed**

April: 2011 - 2021

40,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

April 2019 - April 2021

380,000

35,000 370,000

30,000

360,000

25,000

350,000

20,000

340,000

15,000

330,000

10,000

320,000

310,000

5,000

0

'11

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

300,000

Apr '19

Oct '19

Apr '20

Oct '20

Apr '21

**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 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 293,920 | 290,297 | 282,448 | 3,623 | 11,472 |
| **Employment** | 285,425 | 280,188 | 261,039 | 5,237 | 24,386 |
| **Unemployment** | 8,495 | 10,109 | 21,409 | -1,614 | -12,914 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.9 | 3.5 | 7.6 | -0.6 | -4.7 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Apr 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 270.5 | 268.9 | 245.8 | 1.6 | 24.7 |
| **Goods Producing** 44.3 | 44.8 | 42.2 | -0.5 | 2.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 13.3** | **13.2** | **12.5** | **0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Manufacturing 31.0** | **31.6** | **29.7** | **-0.6** | **1.3** |
| **Service Providing** 226.2 | 224.1 | 203.6 | 2.1 | 22.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 58.0** | **57.8** | **53.0** | **0.2** | **5.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 12.4 | 12.3 | 11.8 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| **Retail Trade** 27.4 | 27.3 | 23.1 | 0.1 | 4.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 18.2 | 18.2 | 18.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Information 2.1** | **2.1** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 8.5** | **8.6** | **8.4** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 52.2** | **51.2** | **49.5** | **1.0** | **2.7** |
| **Educational & Health Services 30.4** | **30.5** | **27.4** | **-0.1** | **3.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 26.0** | **24.8** | **16.5** | **1.2** | **9.5** |
| **Other Services 9.9** | **9.8** | **8.9** | **0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Government 39.1** | **39.3** | **37.9** | **-0.2** | **1.2** |
| **Federal Government** 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 16.8 | 16.9 | 15.7 | -0.1 | 1.1 |
| **Local Government** 19.5 | 19.6 | 19.4 | -0.1 | 0.1 |

**Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector**

April 2020 vs April 2021

Leisure & Hospitality

9,500

5,000

3,000

2,700

1,300

1,200

1,000

800

100

100

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Educational & Health

Professional & Business

Manufacturing

Government

Other Services

Mining-Logging-Construct

Financial Activities

Information

- 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 5,000 6,000 7,000 8,000 9,000 10,000

**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 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 120,306 | 119,229 | 118,580 | 1,077 | 1,726 |
| **Employment** | 115,133 | 113,439 | 105,725 | 1,694 | 9,408 |
| **Unemployment** | 5,173 | 5,790 | 12,855 | -617 | -7,682 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3 | 4.9 | 10.8 | -0.6 | -6.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Apr 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 110.7 | 110.5 | 103.3 | 0.2 | 7.4 |
| **Goods Producing** 22.2 | 22.2 | 21.9 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.6** | **5.5** | **5.2** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Manufacturing 16.6** | **16.7** | **16.7** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Service Providing** 88.5 | 88.3 | 81.4 | 0.2 | 7.1 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 23.5** | **23.5** | **21.2** | **0.0** | **2.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.1 | 12.1 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 1.4 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.8 | 6.9 | 6.5 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Information 1.0** | **1.1** | **1.1** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 3.8** | **3.7** | **3.7** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 12.0** | **12.0** | **10.7** | **0.0** | **1.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services 17.0** | **16.8** | **16.1** | **0.2** | **0.9** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 8.6** | **8.5** | **6.3** | **0.1** | **2.3** |
| **Other Services 4.7** | **4.7** | **4.1** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Government 17.9** | **18.0** | **18.2** | **-0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **State Government** 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| **Local Government** 13.9 | 14.0 | 13.7 | -0.1 | 0.2 |

**Number of Employed**

April 2019 - April 2021

118,000

**Jobs in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities**

April: 2011 - 2021

24,000

116,000

23,000

114,000

112,000

22,000

21,000

110,000

108,000

20,000

106,000

19,000

104,000 18,000

102,000

17,000

100,000

Apr '19

Oct '19

Apr '20

Oct '20

Apr '21

16,000

'11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,971 | 41,385 | 40,882 | 586 | 1,089 |
| **Employment** | 39,769 | 38,869 | 34,738 | 900 | 5,031 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,202 | 2,516 | 6,144 | -314 | -3,942 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.2 | 6.1 | 15.0 | -0.9 | -9.8 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 38.5 | 38.1 | 33.4 | 0.4 | 5.1 |
| 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 33.9 | 33.6 | 28.9 | 0.3 | 5.0 |
| 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

42,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2019 - April 2021

40,000

38,000

36,000

34,000

32,000

30,000

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2019 2020 2021

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,671 | 65,893 | 65,287 | 778 | 1,384 |
| **Employment** | 64,398 | 63,223 | 59,629 | 1,175 | 4,769 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,273 | 2,670 | 5,658 | -397 | -3,385 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.4 | 4.1 | 8.7 | -0.7 | -5.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 59.1 | 58.8 | 54.4 | 0.3 | 4.7 |
| 10.5 | 10.4 | 10.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 48.6 | 48.4 | 44.2 | 0.2 | 4.4 |
| 8.2 | 8.2 | 9.0 | 0.0 | -0.8 |

10.0%

**Unemployment Rates**

April: 2001 - 2021

9.0%

8.0%

7.0%

6.0%

5.0%

4.0%

3.0%

2.0%

1.0%

0.0%

'01 '03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19 '21

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 35,143 | 34,932 | 34,659 | 211 | 484 |
| **Employment** | 32,985 | 32,549 | 31,324 | 436 | 1,661 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,158 | 2,383 | 3,335 | -225 | -1,177 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.1 | 6.8 | 9.6 | -0.7 | -3.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 32.0 | 32.0 | 30.2 | 0.0 | 1.8 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 26.4 | 26.4 | 24.8 | 0.0 | 1.6 |
| 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

33,500

**Number of Employed**

April 2019 - April 2021

33,000

32,500

32,000

31,500

31,000

30,500

30,000

Apr '19

Oct '19

Apr '20

Oct '20

Apr '21

**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 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 652,169 | 642,235 | 602,619 | 9,934 | 49,550 |
| **Employment** | 609,091 | 600,754 | 524,098 | 8,337 | 84,993 |
| **Unemployment** | 43,078 | 41,481 | 78,521 | 1,597 | -35,443 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.6 | 6.5 | 13.0 | 0.1 | -6.4 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 21** | **Mar 21** | **Apr 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,879 | 63,835 | 61,695 | 44 | 2,184 |
| **Employment** | 60,220 | 59,651 | 53,516 | 569 | 6,704 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,659 | 4,184 | 8,179 | -525 | -4,520 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.7 | 6.6 | 13.3 | -0.9 | -7.6 |

640,000

**Memphis MSA - Number of Employed**

April 2019 - April 2021

9,000

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployed**

April: 2011 - 2021

620,000 8,000

600,000

7,000

580,000

6,000

560,000

5,000

540,000

4,000

520,000

3,000

500,000

2,000

480,000

1,000

460,000

Apr '19

Oct '19

Apr '20

Oct '20

Apr '21

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'11

'12

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'14

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'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**April 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**March 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,933 | 8,507 | 426 | 4.8 | 9,125 | 8,652 | 473 | 5.2 | 9,397 | 8,562 | 835 | 8.9 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,894 | 16,249 | 645 | 3.8 | 16,879 | 16,137 | 742 | 4.4 | 17,709 | 15,820 | 1,889 | 10.7 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,776 | 15,560 | 1,216 | 7.2 | 16,875 | 15,575 | 1,300 | 7.7 | 17,827 | 15,664 | 2,163 | 12.1 |
| Camden Micro | 12,283 | 11,822 | 461 | 3.8 | 12,316 | 11,776 | 540 | 4.4 | 12,619 | 11,550 | 1,069 | 8.5 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,266 | 14,292 | 974 | 6.4 | 15,282 | 14,242 | 1,040 | 6.8 | 16,086 | 14,283 | 1,803 | 11.2 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,809 | 7,291 | 518 | 6.6 | 7,902 | 7,324 | 578 | 7.3 | 8,188 | 7,274 | 914 | 11.2 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,353 | 17,789 | 564 | 3.1 | 19,107 | 18,396 | 711 | 3.7 | 19,340 | 17,404 | 1,936 | 10.0 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,253 | 5,748 | 505 | 8.1 | 6,366 | 5,822 | 544 | 8.5 | 6,635 | 5,814 | 821 | 12.4 |
| Hope Micro | 13,115 | 12,671 | 444 | 3.4 | 13,093 | 12,557 | 536 | 4.1 | 13,730 | 12,645 | 1,085 | 7.9 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,918 | 8,423 | 495 | 5.6 | 8,982 | 8,423 | 559 | 6.2 | 9,343 | 8,503 | 840 | 9.0 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,078 | 13,543 | 535 | 3.8 | 14,102 | 13,456 | 646 | 4.6 | 14,272 | 12,876 | 1,396 | 9.8 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,433 | 15,808 | 625 | 3.8 | 16,579 | 15,840 | 739 | 4.5 | 16,608 | 14,966 | 1,642 | 9.9 |
| Paragould Micro | 18,806 | 18,137 | 669 | 3.6 | 19,577 | 18,765 | 812 | 4.1 | 19,433 | 17,429 | 2,004 | 10.3 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,707 | 34,359 | 1,348 | 3.8 | 35,755 | 34,144 | 1,611 | 4.5 | 36,200 | 33,038 | 3,162 | 8.7 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,942 | 32,510 | 1,432 | 4.2 | 34,067 | 32,418 | 1,649 | 4.8 | 34,591 | 31,402 | 3,189 | 9.2 |

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

**City Labor Force Statistics**

**City**

**CLF**

**April 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**March 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 12,728 | 12,247 | 481 | 3.8 | 12,619 | 12,018 | 601 | 4.8 | 12,323 | 11,220 | 1,103 | 9.0 |
| Benton | 17,467 | 16,963 | 504 | 2.9 | 17,281 | 16,642 | 639 | 3.7 | 17,583 | 15,979 | 1,604 | 9.1 |
| Bentonville | 29,810 | 29,127 | 683 | 2.3 | 29,455 | 28,583 | 872 | 3.0 | 28,469 | 26,685 | 1,784 | 6.3 |
| Blytheville | 5,721 | 5,226 | 495 | 8.7 | 5,714 | 5,231 | 483 | 8.5 | 6,025 | 5,261 | 764 | 12.7 |
| Cabot | 11,994 | 11,551 | 443 | 3.7 | 11,867 | 11,366 | 501 | 4.2 | 12,094 | 10,880 | 1,214 | 10.0 |
| Conway | 34,280 | 33,065 | 1,215 | 3.5 | 33,871 | 32,459 | 1,412 | 4.2 | 34,909 | 31,135 | 3,774 | 10.8 |
| El Dorado | 6,655 | 6,165 | 490 | 7.4 | 6,606 | 6,143 | 463 | 7.0 | 7,148 | 6,161 | 987 | 13.8 |
| Fayetteville | 50,363 | 48,677 | 1,686 | 3.3 | 49,711 | 47,760 | 1,951 | 3.9 | 49,432 | 44,577 | 4,855 | 9.8 |
| Fort Smith | 39,439 | 37,973 | 1,466 | 3.7 | 39,054 | 37,271 | 1,783 | 4.6 | 39,919 | 35,580 | 4,339 | 10.9 |
| Hot Springs | 15,826 | 14,723 | 1,103 | 7.0 | 15,565 | 14,389 | 1,176 | 7.6 | 15,808 | 12,860 | 2,948 | 18.6 |
| Jacksonville | 11,868 | 11,010 | 858 | 7.2 | 11,619 | 10,802 | 817 | 7.0 | 11,881 | 10,375 | 1,506 | 12.7 |
| Jonesboro | 39,979 | 38,574 | 1,405 | 3.5 | 39,443 | 37,838 | 1,605 | 4.1 | 39,312 | 35,715 | 3,597 | 9.1 |
| Little Rock | 97,764 | 92,555 | 5,209 | 5.3 | 96,549 | 90,807 | 5,742 | 5.9 | 98,664 | 87,212 | 11,452 | 11.6 |
| North Little Rock | 30,192 | 28,380 | 1,812 | 6.0 | 29,665 | 27,844 | 1,821 | 6.1 | 30,764 | 26,742 | 4,022 | 13.1 |
| Paragould | 11,970 | 11,489 | 481 | 4.0 | 12,459 | 11,887 | 572 | 4.6 | 12,565 | 11,041 | 1,524 | 12.1 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,717 | 15,436 | 1,281 | 7.7 | 16,636 | 15,214 | 1,422 | 8.5 | 16,443 | 14,671 | 1,772 | 10.8 |
| Rogers | 37,619 | 36,460 | 1,159 | 3.1 | 37,028 | 35,779 | 1,249 | 3.4 | 36,126 | 33,403 | 2,723 | 7.5 |
| Russellville | 12,778 | 12,299 | 479 | 3.7 | 12,757 | 12,207 | 550 | 4.3 | 12,986 | 11,832 | 1,154 | 8.9 |
| Searcy | 10,237 | 9,863 | 374 | 3.7 | 10,268 | 9,835 | 433 | 4.2 | 10,476 | 9,527 | 949 | 9.1 |
| Sherwood | 16,155 | 15,470 | 685 | 4.2 | 15,960 | 15,178 | 782 | 4.9 | 16,251 | 14,577 | 1,674 | 10.3 |
| Springdale | 40,926 | 39,763 | 1,163 | 2.8 | 40,378 | 39,014 | 1,364 | 3.4 | 39,152 | 36,415 | 2,737 | 7.0 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,548 | 12,747 | 801 | 5.9 | 13,416 | 12,538 | 878 | 6.5 | 13,632 | 11,674 | 1,958 | 14.4 |
| Van Buren | 10,461 | 10,090 | 371 | 3.5 | 10,343 | 9,917 | 426 | 4.1 | 10,413 | 9,456 | 957 | 9.2 |
| West Memphis | 10,645 | 9,905 | 740 | 7.0 | 10,453 | 9,730 | 723 | 6.9 | 10,929 | 9,236 | 1,693 | 15.5 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**April 2021 March 2021 April 2020**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,552 | 9,235 | 317 | 3.3 | 9,622 | 9,246 | 376 | 3.9 | 9,460 | 9,006 | 454 | 4.8 |
| Ashley | 7,062 | 6,511 | 551 | 7.8 | 7,090 | 6,496 | 594 | 8.4 | 7,300 | 6,416 | 884 | 12.1 |
| Baxter | 16,433 | 15,808 | 625 | 3.8 | 16,579 | 15,840 | 739 | 4.5 | 16,608 | 14,966 | 1,642 | 9.9 |
| Benton | 144,866 | 140,754 | 4,112 | 2.8 | 143,008 | 138,128 | 4,880 | 3.4 | 139,284 | 128,956 | 10,328 | 7.4 |
| Boone | 15,205 | 14,734 | 471 | 3.1 | 15,827 | 15,237 | 590 | 3.7 | 16,081 | 14,430 | 1,651 | 10.3 |
| Bradley | 4,316 | 4,114 | 202 | 4.7 | 4,317 | 4,100 | 217 | 5.0 | 4,676 | 4,213 | 463 | 9.9 |
| Calhoun | 2,447 | 2,359 | 88 | 3.6 | 2,458 | 2,360 | 98 | 4.0 | 2,470 | 2,300 | 170 | 6.9 |
| Carroll | 12,368 | 11,906 | 462 | 3.7 | 12,644 | 12,077 | 567 | 4.5 | 12,690 | 11,387 | 1,303 | 10.3 |
| Chicot | 3,109 | 2,815 | 294 | 9.5 | 3,156 | 2,835 | 321 | 10.2 | 3,345 | 2,928 | 417 | 12.5 |
| Clark | 8,933 | 8,507 | 426 | 4.8 | 9,125 | 8,652 | 473 | 5.2 | 9,397 | 8,562 | 835 | 8.9 |
| Clay | 5,530 | 5,309 | 221 | 4.0 | 5,639 | 5,354 | 285 | 5.1 | 5,522 | 5,072 | 450 | 8.1 |
| Cleburne | 8,886 | 8,465 | 421 | 4.7 | 9,110 | 8,593 | 517 | 5.7 | 9,052 | 7,619 | 1,433 | 15.8 |
| Cleveland | 3,251 | 3,120 | 131 | 4.0 | 3,238 | 3,090 | 148 | 4.6 | 3,220 | 2,956 | 264 | 8.2 |
| Columbia | 8,918 | 8,423 | 495 | 5.6 | 8,982 | 8,423 | 559 | 6.2 | 9,343 | 8,503 | 840 | 9.0 |
| Conway | 8,568 | 8,205 | 363 | 4.2 | 8,520 | 8,103 | 417 | 4.9 | 8,566 | 7,689 | 877 | 10.2 |
| Craighead | 56,560 | 54,693 | 1,867 | 3.3 | 55,851 | 53,649 | 2,202 | 3.9 | 55,547 | 50,639 | 4,908 | 8.8 |
| Crawford | 26,862 | 25,901 | 961 | 3.6 | 26,604 | 25,457 | 1,147 | 4.3 | 26,637 | 24,274 | 2,363 | 8.9 |
| Crittenden | 21,435 | 20,237 | 1,198 | 5.6 | 21,105 | 19,880 | 1,225 | 5.8 | 21,734 | 18,871 | 2,863 | 13.2 |
| Cross | 7,048 | 6,707 | 341 | 4.8 | 7,234 | 6,846 | 388 | 5.4 | 7,372 | 6,624 | 748 | 10.1 |
| Dallas | 2,846 | 2,740 | 106 | 3.7 | 2,859 | 2,734 | 125 | 4.4 | 2,848 | 2,601 | 247 | 8.7 |
| Desha | 5,178 | 4,864 | 314 | 6.1 | 5,246 | 4,913 | 333 | 6.3 | 5,506 | 5,019 | 487 | 8.8 |
| Drew | 7,608 | 7,199 | 409 | 5.4 | 7,737 | 7,301 | 436 | 5.6 | 8,021 | 7,217 | 804 | 10.0 |
| Faulkner | 62,236 | 60,034 | 2,202 | 3.5 | 61,493 | 58,933 | 2,560 | 4.2 | 62,844 | 56,530 | 6,314 | 10.0 |
| Franklin | 7,428 | 7,154 | 274 | 3.7 | 7,446 | 7,125 | 321 | 4.3 | 7,624 | 7,012 | 612 | 8.0 |
| Fulton | 5,008 | 4,832 | 176 | 3.5 | 5,011 | 4,786 | 225 | 4.5 | 5,017 | 4,669 | 348 | 6.9 |
| Garland | 41,971 | 39,769 | 2,202 | 5.2 | 41,385 | 38,869 | 2,516 | 6.1 | 40,882 | 34,738 | 6,144 | 15.0 |
| Grant | 8,263 | 8,015 | 248 | 3.0 | 8,191 | 7,891 | 300 | 3.7 | 8,210 | 7,563 | 647 | 7.9 |
| Greene | 18,806 | 18,137 | 669 | 3.6 | 19,577 | 18,765 | 812 | 4.1 | 19,433 | 17,429 | 2,004 | 10.3 |
| Hempstead | 9,585 | 9,267 | 318 | 3.3 | 9,578 | 9,191 | 387 | 4.0 | 10,026 | 9,243 | 783 | 7.8 |
| Hot Spring | 14,078 | 13,543 | 535 | 3.8 | 14,102 | 13,456 | 646 | 4.6 | 14,272 | 12,876 | 1,396 | 9.8 |
| Howard | 5,542 | 5,380 | 162 | 2.9 | 5,640 | 5,434 | 206 | 3.7 | 5,545 | 5,121 | 424 | 7.6 |
| Independence | 16,894 | 16,249 | 645 | 3.8 | 16,879 | 16,137 | 742 | 4.4 | 17,709 | 15,820 | 1,889 | 10.7 |
| Izard | 4,430 | 4,186 | 244 | 5.5 | 4,493 | 4,227 | 266 | 5.9 | 4,864 | 4,229 | 635 | 13.1 |
| Jackson | 5,826 | 5,536 | 290 | 5.0 | 5,894 | 5,543 | 351 | 6.0 | 6,028 | 5,487 | 541 | 9.0 |
| Jefferson | 27,972 | 26,124 | 1,848 | 6.6 | 27,771 | 25,749 | 2,022 | 7.3 | 27,570 | 24,829 | 2,741 | 9.9 |
| Johnson | 9,778 | 9,317 | 461 | 4.7 | 10,210 | 9,673 | 537 | 5.3 | 10,208 | 9,110 | 1,098 | 10.8 |
| Lafayette | 2,411 | 2,256 | 155 | 6.4 | 2,409 | 2,237 | 172 | 7.1 | 2,517 | 2,270 | 247 | 9.8 |
| Lawrence | 6,889 | 6,594 | 295 | 4.3 | 6,937 | 6,592 | 345 | 5.0 | 6,944 | 6,335 | 609 | 8.8 |
| Lee | 2,661 | 2,505 | 156 | 5.9 | 2,703 | 2,536 | 167 | 6.2 | 2,828 | 2,570 | 258 | 9.1 |
| Lincoln | 3,920 | 3,741 | 179 | 4.6 | 3,923 | 3,710 | 213 | 5.4 | 3,869 | 3,539 | 330 | 8.5 |
| Little River | 5,429 | 5,186 | 243 | 4.5 | 5,387 | 5,105 | 282 | 5.2 | 5,298 | 4,760 | 538 | 10.2 |
| Logan | 8,558 | 8,200 | 358 | 4.2 | 8,725 | 8,299 | 426 | 4.9 | 8,707 | 7,727 | 980 | 11.3 |
| Lonoke | 33,764 | 32,613 | 1,151 | 3.4 | 33,438 | 32,092 | 1,346 | 4.0 | 33,705 | 30,720 | 2,985 | 8.9 |
| Madison | 7,721 | 7,487 | 234 | 3.0 | 7,697 | 7,404 | 293 | 3.8 | 7,255 | 6,860 | 395 | 5.4 |
| Marion | 6,139 | 5,856 | 283 | 4.6 | 6,111 | 5,782 | 329 | 5.4 | 6,481 | 5,918 | 563 | 8.7 |
| Miller | 19,609 | 18,603 | 1,006 | 5.1 | 19,420 | 18,298 | 1,122 | 5.8 | 19,646 | 17,037 | 2,609 | 13.3 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**April 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 16,776 | 15,560 | 1,216 | 7.2 | 16,875 | 15,575 | 1,300 | 7.7 | 17,827 | 15,664 | 2,163 | 12.1 |
| Monroe | 2,760 | 2,613 | 147 | 5.3 | 2,809 | 2,643 | 166 | 5.9 | 2,769 | 2,551 | 218 | 7.9 |
| Montgomery | 2,834 | 2,704 | 130 | 4.6 | 2,919 | 2,761 | 158 | 5.4 | 2,936 | 2,650 | 286 | 9.7 |
| Nevada | 3,530 | 3,404 | 126 | 3.6 | 3,515 | 3,366 | 149 | 4.2 | 3,704 | 3,402 | 302 | 8.2 |
| Newton | 3,148 | 3,055 | 93 | 3.0 | 3,280 | 3,159 | 121 | 3.7 | 3,259 | 2,974 | 285 | 8.7 |
| Ouachita | 9,836 | 9,463 | 373 | 3.8 | 9,858 | 9,416 | 442 | 4.5 | 10,149 | 9,250 | 899 | 8.9 |
| Perry | 4,256 | 4,077 | 179 | 4.2 | 4,214 | 4,010 | 204 | 4.8 | 4,216 | 3,829 | 387 | 9.2 |
| Phillips | 6,253 | 5,748 | 505 | 8.1 | 6,366 | 5,822 | 544 | 8.5 | 6,635 | 5,814 | 821 | 12.4 |
| Pike | 4,303 | 4,125 | 178 | 4.1 | 4,325 | 4,105 | 220 | 5.1 | 4,314 | 3,958 | 356 | 8.3 |
| Poinsett | 10,111 | 9,705 | 406 | 4.0 | 10,042 | 9,574 | 468 | 4.7 | 9,740 | 8,990 | 750 | 7.7 |
| Polk | 7,931 | 7,576 | 355 | 4.5 | 8,011 | 7,579 | 432 | 5.4 | 8,158 | 7,372 | 786 | 9.6 |
| Pope | 27,665 | 26,620 | 1,045 | 3.8 | 27,660 | 26,419 | 1,241 | 4.5 | 28,206 | 25,609 | 2,597 | 9.2 |
| Prairie | 3,707 | 3,559 | 148 | 4.0 | 3,712 | 3,539 | 173 | 4.7 | 3,595 | 3,342 | 253 | 7.0 |
| Pulaski | 190,019 | 179,966 | 10,053 | 5.3 | 187,347 | 176,567 | 10,780 | 5.8 | 191,521 | 169,576 | 21,945 | 11.5 |
| Randolph | 7,421 | 7,128 | 293 | 3.9 | 7,530 | 7,173 | 357 | 4.7 | 7,515 | 6,838 | 677 | 9.0 |
| St. Francis | 7,809 | 7,291 | 518 | 6.6 | 7,902 | 7,324 | 578 | 7.3 | 8,188 | 7,274 | 914 | 11.2 |
| Saline | 58,704 | 56,854 | 1,850 | 3.2 | 57,986 | 55,777 | 2,209 | 3.8 | 58,470 | 53,557 | 4,913 | 8.4 |
| Scott | 4,376 | 4,218 | 158 | 3.6 | 4,415 | 4,227 | 188 | 4.3 | 4,428 | 4,175 | 253 | 5.7 |
| Searcy | 2,775 | 2,655 | 120 | 4.3 | 2,816 | 2,676 | 140 | 5.0 | 2,845 | 2,550 | 295 | 10.4 |
| Sebastian | 56,840 | 54,725 | 2,115 | 3.7 | 56,207 | 53,712 | 2,495 | 4.4 | 57,175 | 51,276 | 5,899 | 10.3 |
| Sevier | 5,546 | 5,287 | 259 | 4.7 | 5,594 | 5,286 | 308 | 5.5 | 5,663 | 5,237 | 426 | 7.5 |
| Sharp | 5,719 | 5,456 | 263 | 4.6 | 5,763 | 5,427 | 336 | 5.8 | 5,911 | 5,292 | 619 | 10.5 |
| Stone | 4,563 | 4,327 | 236 | 5.2 | 4,603 | 4,319 | 284 | 6.2 | 4,597 | 4,068 | 529 | 11.5 |
| Union | 15,266 | 14,292 | 974 | 6.4 | 15,282 | 14,242 | 1,040 | 6.8 | 16,086 | 14,283 | 1,803 | 11.2 |
| Van Buren | 5,784 | 5,473 | 311 | 5.4 | 5,777 | 5,424 | 353 | 6.1 | 5,820 | 5,191 | 629 | 10.8 |
| Washington | 130,455 | 126,638 | 3,817 | 2.9 | 128,773 | 124,251 | 4,522 | 3.5 | 125,784 | 115,971 | 9,813 | 7.8 |
| White | 33,942 | 32,510 | 1,432 | 4.2 | 34,067 | 32,418 | 1,649 | 4.8 | 34,591 | 31,402 | 3,189 | 9.2 |
| Woodruff | 2,882 | 2,717 | 165 | 5.7 | 2,923 | 2,744 | 179 | 6.1 | 2,844 | 2,643 | 201 | 7.1 |
| Yell | 8,042 | 7,739 | 303 | 3.8 | 8,095 | 7,725 | 370 | 4.6 | 7,994 | 7,429 | 565 | 7.1 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between March and April, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.8 percent in Benton County to a high of 9.5 percent in Chicot County. The average monthly rate decline was seven-tenths of a percentage point.

In April, four counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is down from seven counties above seven percent last month. Rates in 34 counties were at or below four per- cent, up sharply from 13 counties at or below four percent in March.

Compared to April 2020, jobless rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rate declines ranged from a decrease of one and four-tenths of a percentage point in Woodruff County to as much as eleven and one-tenth of a percentage point drop in Cleburne County.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Greene**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Crawford Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Faulkner**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland Lincoln**

**Little River**

**Hempstead**

**Nevada Ouachita**

**Desha**

**Calhoun**

**Bradley**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0%

> 9.0%

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

April 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County**

1. Benton
2. Howard

2 Washington

4 Grant

4 Madison

4 Newton

1. Boone
2. Saline
3. Arkansas

9 Craighead

9 Hempstead

1. Lonoke
2. Faulkner

13 Fulton

15 Calhoun

15 Crawford

15 Greene

15 Nevada

15 Scott

20 Carroll

20 Dallas

20 Franklin

20 Sebastian

24 Baxter

24 Hot Spring

**Rate**

2.8

2.9

2.9

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.1

3.2

3.3

3.3

3.3

3.4

3.5

3.5

3.6

3.6

3.6

3.6

3.6

3.7

3.7

3.7

3.7

3.8

3.8

**Rank County Rate**

24 Independence 3.8

24 Ouachita 3.8

24 Pope 3.8

24 Yell 3.8

1. Randolph 3.9
2. Clay 4.0

31 Cleveland 4.0

31 Poinsett 4.0

31 Prairie 4.0

1. Pike 4.1
2. Conway 4.2

36 Logan 4.2

36 Perry 4.2

36 White 4.2

40 Lawrence 4.3

40 Searcy 4.3

42 Little River 4.5

42 Polk 4.5

44 Lincoln 4.6

44 Marion 4.6

44 Montgomery 4.6

44 Sharp 4.6

48 Bradley 4.7

48 Cleburne 4.7

48 Johnson 4.7

**Rank County**

48 Sevier

52 Clark

52 Cross

1. Jackson
2. Miller
3. Garland

56 Stone

58 Monroe

58 Pulaski

60 Drew

60 Van Buren

1. Izard
2. Columbia

63 Crittenden

1. Woodruff
2. Lee
3. Desha
4. Lafayette

68 Union

70 Jefferson

70 St. Francis

1. Mississippi
2. Ashley
3. Phillips
4. Chicot

**Rate**

4.7

4.8

4.8

5.0

5.1

5.2

5.2

5.3

5.3

5.4

5.4

5.5

5.6

5.6

5.7

5.9

6.1

6.4

6.4

6.6

6.6

7.2

7.8

8.1

9.5

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



**LWDA**

**CLF**

**April 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**March 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 253,426 243,084

City of Little Rock 97,764 92,555

Eastern 45,206 42,488

North Central 93,934 89,751

Northeast 122,093 117,126

Northwest 339,110 328,893

Southeast 80,231 75,738

Southwest 90,965 86,660

West Central 130,428 124,606

Western 111,995 107,774

10,342 4.1

5,209 5.3

2,718 6.0

4,183 4.5

4,967 4.1

10,217 3.0

4,493 5.6

4,305 4.7

5,822 4.5

4,221 3.8

250,236 238,744 11,492 4.6

96,549 90,807 5,742 5.9

45,310 42,408 2,902 6.4

94,520 89,618 4,902 5.2

122,451 116,682 5,769 4.7

336,735 324,554 12,181 3.6

80,291 75,331 4,960 6.2

90,982 86,092 4,890 5.4

130,555 123,773 6,782 5.2

111,408 106,399 5,009 4.5

254,240 229,064 25,176 9.9

98,664 87,212 11,452 11.6

46,757 41,153 5,604 12.0

96,433 86,420 10,013 10.4

122,528 110,967 11,561 9.4

330,287 304,012 26,275 8.0

81,177 73,686 7,491 9.2

93,295 84,007 9,288 10.0

130,991 116,450 14,541 11.1

112,729 101,836 10,893 9.7