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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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**March Spotlight**

# Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Between February and March, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates declined in 20 states and the District of Columbia. Jobless rates were unchanged in 30 states. In March, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.9 percent in Nebraska, South Dakota, Utah, and Vermont to a high of 9.0 percent in Ha- waii. Arkansas ranked 16th, with a jobless rate of 4.4 percent. Thirty states, including Arkansas, posted jobless rates below the national rate of 6.0 percent.

Compared to March 2020, unemployment rates are higher in 40 states and the District of Columbia. Rates in 10 states had little or no change. Eight states posted jobless rate increases of more than 3.0 percent, with Hawaii increasing 6.9 percentage points compared to last March. The United States’ unemployment rate is up 1.6 percent, while Arkansas’ rate is up five-tenths of a percentage point over- the-year.

**Rank State Rate**

1 Nebraska 2.9

1 South Dakota 2.9

1 Utah 2.9

1 Vermont 2.9

1. New Hampshire 3.0
2. Idaho 3.2
3. Iowa 3.7

7 Kansas 3.7

9 Alabama 3.8

9 Montana 3.8

9 Wisconsin 3.8

1. Indiana 3.9
2. Minnesota 4.2

13 Missouri 4.2

13 Oklahoma 4.2

**16 Arkansas 4.4**

16 North Dakota 4.4

**Rank State Rate**

1. Georgia 4.5
2. Florida 4.7

19 Ohio 4.7

1. Maine 4.8
2. Kentucky 5.0

22 Tennessee 5.0

24 Michigan 5.1

24 South Carolina 5.1

24 Virginia 5.1

1. North Carolina 5.2
2. Wyoming 5.3
3. Washington 5.4
4. West Virginia 5.9
5. Oregon 6.0
6. Maryland 6.2
7. Mississippi 6.3
8. Colorado 6.4

**Rank State Rate**

1. Delaware 6.5
2. Alaska 6.6
3. Arizona 6.7
4. Massachusetts 6.8
5. Texas 6.9
6. Illinois 7.1

40 Rhode Island 7.1

42 Louisiana 7.3

42 Pennsylvania 7.3

1. New Jersey 7.7
2. District of Columbia 7.8
3. Nevada 8.1
4. California 8.3

47 Connecticut 8.3

47 New Mexico 8.3

1. New York 8.5
2. Hawaii 9.0

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 6.0 Percent

**Washington**

**Idaho**

**Montana**

**North Dakota**

**South Dakota**

**Minnesota**

**Wisconsin**

**Michigan**

**Vermont**

**Maine**

**Oregon**

**Nevada**

**Utah**

**Wyoming**

**Nebraska**

**Iowa**

**Illinois Indiana**

**Ohio**

**New YorkNew Hampshire**

**Massachusetts PennsylvaniaNew Jersey**

**California**

**Colorado**

**Kansas**

**Oklahoma**

**Missouri**

**Arkansas**

**Kentucky Tennessee**

**West VirginiaMaryland Virginia**

**North Carolina**

**Arizona**

Continental U.S. Only

**New Mexico**

**Texas**

**South Carolina MississippiAlabama Georgia**

**Louisiana**

**Florida**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0%

> 9.0% [NONE]

**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 declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 4.5 percent in February to 4.4 percent in March. Arkan- sas’ civilian labor force decreased 3,789, a result of 2,382 fewer employed and 1,407 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point, from 6.2 percent in February to 6.0 percent in March.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate continues to de- cline, down to 4.4 percent in March. Unemployment is now half a percentage point higher than in March 2020, when Arkansas’ pre-pandemic unemployment rate was at 3.9 percent.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,299,702 1,302,084 1,318,251 Employment 1,294,031 1,281,132 1,310,660

Unemployment 60,199 61,606 53,851 Unemployment 64,739 72,037 57,100

Unemployment Rate 4.4 4.5 3.9 Unemployment Rate 4.8 5.3 4.2

U.S. Unemployment 6.0 6.2 4.4 U.S. Unemployment 6.2 6.6 4.5

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** | **Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,359,901 | 1,363,690 | 1,372,102 Civilian Labor Force | 1,358,770 | 1,353,169 | 1,367,760 |

120,000

**Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

March: 2001 - 2021

100,000

80,000

60,000

40,000

20,000

0

2001 2003 2005 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017 2019 2021

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1258.7 | 1249.3 | 1287.9 | 9.4 | -29.2 |
| Goods Producing | 219.9 | 218.4 | 218.3 | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 58.6 | 57.9 | 58.3 | 0.7 | 0.3 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.3** | **5.2** | **5.6** | **0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Construction** | **53.3** | **52.7** | **52.7** | **0.6** | **0.6** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 33.7 | 33.1 | 33.4 | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| **Manufacturing** | **161.3** | **160.5** | **160.0** | **0.8** | **1.3** |
| Durable Goods | 79.9 | 78.3 | 75.7 | 1.6 | 4.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 81.4 | 82.2 | 84.3 | -0.8 | -2.9 |
| Service Providing | 1038.8 | 1030.9 | 1069.6 | 7.9 | -30.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **248.4** | **248.6** | **249.5** | **-0.2** | **-1.1** |
| Wholesale Trade | 46.3 | 46.3 | 47.4 | 0.0 | -1.1 |
| Retail Trade | 137.1 | 137.1 | 135.3 | 0.0 | 1.8 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 65.0 | 65.2 | 66.8 | -0.2 | -1.8 |
| **Information** | **11.3** | **11.5** | **12.6** | **-0.2** | **-1.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **64.3** | **63.5** | **63.9** | **0.8** | **0.4** |
| Finance & Insurance | 50.9 | 50.4 | 50.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.4 | 13.1 | 13.6 | 0.3 | -0.2 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **144.2** | **143.2** | **145.9** | **1.0** | **-1.7** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43.5 | 43.9 | 43.9 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| Management of Companies | 33.9 | 33.4 | 34.3 | 0.5 | -0.4 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 66.8 | 65.9 | 67.7 | 0.9 | -0.9 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **189.2** | **187.2** | **195.3** | **2.0** | **-6.1** |
| Educational Services | 17.0 | 16.5 | 17.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 172.2 | 170.7 | 178.3 | 1.5 | -6.1 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 59.1 | 58.7 | 59.8 | 0.4 | -0.7 |
| Social Assistance | 36.2 | 35.7 | 40.0 | 0.5 | -3.8 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **107.4** | **104.2** | **119.4** | **3.2** | **-12.0** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 11.0 | 10.4 | 11.9 | 0.6 | -0.9 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 96.4 | 93.8 | 107.5 | 2.6 | -11.1 |
| Accommodation Services | 9.0 | 8.8 | 11.6 | 0.2 | -2.6 |
| Food Services | 87.4 | 85.0 | 95.9 | 2.4 | -8.5 |
| **Other Services** | **65.9** | **65.1** | **65.9** | **0.8** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **208.1** | **207.6** | **217.1** | **0.5** | **-9.0** |
| Federal Government | 20.2 | 20.2 | 20.7 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| State Government | 78.1 | 77.7 | 80.2 | 0.4 | -2.1 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.5 | 31.1 | 32.2 | 0.4 | -0.7 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.6 | 46.6 | 48.0 | 0.0 | -1.4 |
| Local Government | 109.8 | 109.7 | 116.2 | 0.1 | -6.4 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 67.4 | 67.5 | 71.5 | -0.1 | -4.1 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.4 | 42.2 | 44.7 | 0.2 | -2.3 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Februar y 2021 - March 2021**

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 9,400 in March to total 1,258,700. Nine major industry sec- tors posted job gains. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** rose 3,200. Most of the hiring occurred in food services (+2,400). **Educational and health services** added 2,000 jobs, largely in health care and social assistance (+1,500). Jobs in **professional and business services** increased 1,000. Gains were posted in administrative and support services (+900) and management of companies (+500). Other notable expansions occurred in **manufacturing** (+800), **financial activities** (+800), and **other services** (+800).

**March 2020 - March 2021**

Compared to March 2020, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll job totals are down 29,200. Declines were re- ported in seven major industry sectors, while three sectors added jobs. **Leisure and hospitality** posted the largest loss (-12,000). Most of the decreases occurred in food services (-8,500) and accommodation services (-2,600). Employment in **government** is down 9,000. Local government (-6,400) and state government (-2,100) posted much of the loss. Jobs in **educational and health services** declined 6,100, all in health care and social assistance (-6,100). Smaller decreases were reported in **professional and business services** (-1,700), **information** (-1,300), and **trade-transportation-utilities** (-1,100). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 1,300. Expansions in durable goods (+4,200) more than offset losses in nondu- rable goods (-2,900). **Construction** (+600) and **financial activities** (+400) posted minor gains.

**Jobs in the Leisure and Hospitality Subsectors (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

March 2019 - March 2021

140,000

120,000

100,000

80,000

60,000

40,000

20,000

0

Mar '19

Sep '19

Mar '20

Sep '20

Mar '21

Arts-Entertainment-Recreation Accommodation-Food Services

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Mar 21**

Average Weekly Hours 40.4

Average Hourly Earnings 19.29

Average Weekly Earnings 779.32

**Feb 21**

37.8

19.33

730.67

**Mar 20**

39.7

18.43

731.67

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Mar 21**

Average Weekly Hours 40.2

Average Hourly Earnings 21.03

Average Weekly Earnings 845.41

**Feb 21**

36.7

21.31

782.08

**Mar 20**

39.8

20.33

809.13

**Mar 21**

Average Weekly Hours 40.6

Average Hourly Earnings 17.59

Average Weekly Earnings 714.15

**Feb 21**

38.9

17.56

683.08

**Mar 20**

39.6

16.75

663.30

$25.00

**Average Hourly Earnings - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods (Production Workers)**

March: 2011 - 2021

$20.00

$15.00

$10.00

$5.00

$0.00

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

## 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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 353,202 | 352,498 | 358,344 | 704 | -5,142 |
| **Employment** | 335,805 | 333,288 | 344,136 | 2,517 | -8,331 |
| **Unemployment** | 17,397 | 19,210 | 14,208 | -1,813 | 3,189 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.9 | 5.4 | 4.0 | -0.5 | 0.9 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 351.0 | 348.8 | 365.0 | 2.2 | -14.0 |
| **Goods Producing** 37.4 | 36.8 | 38.1 | 0.6 | -0.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 18.0** | **17.4** | **17.9** | **0.6** | **0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 19.4** | **19.4** | **20.2** | **0.0** | **-0.8** |
| **Service Providing** 313.6 | 312.0 | 326.9 | 1.6 | -13.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 68.3** | **68.5** | **69.4** | **-0.2** | **-1.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 15.1 | 15.1 | 15.7 | 0.0 | -0.6 |
| **Retail Trade** 37.2 | 37.5 | 37.3 | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 16.0 | 15.9 | 16.4 | 0.1 | -0.4 |
| **Information 5.0** | **5.1** | **5.7** | **-0.1** | **-0.7** |
| **Financial Activities 22.8** | **22.5** | **22.3** | **0.3** | **0.5** |
| **Professional & Business Services 45.2** | **44.8** | **46.4** | **0.4** | **-1.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services 58.1** | **58.4** | **59.1** | **-0.3** | **-1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 28.3** | **27.3** | **33.6** | **1.0** | **-5.3** |
| **Other Services 18.0** | **17.8** | **18.1** | **0.2** | **-0.1** |
| **Government 67.9** | **67.6** | **72.3** | **0.3** | **-4.4** |
| **Federal Government** 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.8 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **State Government** 34.4 | 34.3 | 36.3 | 0.1 | -1.9 |
| **Local Government** 23.8 | 23.6 | 26.2 | 0.2 | -2.4 |

**Number of Unemployed**

March 2019 - March 2021

45,000

**Jobs in Retail Trade**

March: 2011 - 2021

39,500

40,000

39,000

35,000

38,500

30,000 38,000

25,000 37,500

20,000

37,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

0

36,500

36,000

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|  |  |
|  |  |

35,500

35,000

Mar '19

Sep '19

Mar '20

Sep '20

Mar

'21 34,500

'11

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 290,382 | 288,734 | 287,777 | 1,648 | 2,605 |
| **Employment** | 280,271 | 277,681 | 279,302 | 2,590 | 969 |
| **Unemployment** | 10,111 | 11,053 | 8,475 | -942 | 1,636 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5 | 3.8 | 2.9 | -0.3 | 0.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 268.6 | 267.3 | 271.7 | 1.3 | -3.1 |
| **Goods Producing** 44.6 | 44.7 | 44.0 | -0.1 | 0.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 13.2** | **13.2** | **12.7** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Manufacturing 31.4** | **31.5** | **31.3** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Service Providing** 224.0 | 222.6 | 227.7 | 1.4 | -3.7 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 57.8** | **57.9** | **57.1** | **-0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 12.3 | 12.2 | 12.5 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 27.2 | 27.3 | 25.9 | -0.1 | 1.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 18.3 | 18.4 | 18.7 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| **Information 2.0** | **1.9** | **2.2** | **0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 8.6** | **8.6** | **8.6** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 51.4** | **50.5** | **52.3** | **0.9** | **-0.9** |
| **Educational & Health Services 30.4** | **30.1** | **30.8** | **0.3** | **-0.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 24.7** | **24.7** | **27.1** | **0.0** | **-2.4** |
| **Other Services 9.8** | **9.7** | **9.8** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Government 39.3** | **39.2** | **39.8** | **0.1** | **-0.5** |
| **Federal Government** 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 16.9 | 16.8 | 17.3 | 0.1 | -0.4 |
| **Local Government** 19.6 | 19.6 | 19.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

**Employment**

March: 2001 - 2021

300,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

March 2019 - March 2021

275,000

250,000

270,000

265,000

200,000

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 260,000 |   |
| 255,000 |   |
| 250,000 |   |
| 245,000 |   |
| 240,000 |   |
| 235,000 |   |

150,000

100,000

50,000

0

'01

'03

'05

'07

'09

'11

'13

'15

'17

'19

'21

230,000

Mar '19

Sep '19

Mar '20

Sep '20

Mar '21

**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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 119,157 | 119,566 | 117,737 | -409 | 1,420 |
| **Employment** | 113,387 | 112,829 | 112,997 | 558 | 390 |
| **Unemployment** | 5,770 | 6,737 | 4,740 | -967 | 1,030 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.8 | 5.6 | 4.0 | -0.8 | 0.8 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 110.1 | 109.4 | 112.3 | 0.7 | -2.2 |
| **Goods Producing** 22.2 | 22.1 | 22.5 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.5** | **5.4** | **5.2** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Manufacturing 16.7** | **16.7** | **17.3** | **0.0** | **-0.6** |
| **Service Providing** 87.9 | 87.3 | 89.8 | 0.6 | -1.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 23.4** | **23.3** | **23.0** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.3 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Information 1.0** | **1.0** | **1.1** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 3.7** | **3.7** | **3.8** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 12.0** | **11.9** | **12.2** | **0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.8** | **16.7** | **17.3** | **0.1** | **-0.5** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 8.3** | **8.1** | **9.1** | **0.2** | **-0.8** |
| **Other Services 4.7** | **4.5** | **4.5** | **0.2** | **0.2** |
| **Government 18.0** | **18.1** | **18.8** | **-0.1** | **-0.8** |
| **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** 14.0 | 14.1 | 14.3 | -0.1 | -0.3 |

**Jobs in Goods Producing and Service Providing Industries**

March: 2011 - 2021

120,000

100,000

80,000

60,000

40,000

20,000

0

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

Goods Producing Service Providing

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,373 | 41,514 | 41,923 | -141 | -550 |
| **Employment** | 38,854 | 38,694 | 40,163 | 160 | -1,309 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,519 | 2,820 | 1,760 | -301 | 759 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.1 | 6.8 | 4.2 | -0.7 | 1.9 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 38.1 | 38.2 | 39.9 | -0.1 | -1.8 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 33.6 | 33.7 | 35.2 | -0.1 | -1.6 |
| 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 0.0 | -0.4 |

42,000

**Number of Employed**

March 2018 - March 2021

41,000

40,000

39,000

38,000

37,000

36,000

35,000

34,000

33,000

32,000

Mar '18 Sep '18 Mar '19 Sep '19 Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,055 | 65,548 | 66,660 | 507 | -605 |
| **Employment** | 63,383 | 62,582 | 64,360 | 801 | -977 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,672 | 2,966 | 2,300 | -294 | 372 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.0 | 4.5 | 3.5 | -0.5 | 0.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 59.0 | 58.4 | 60.8 | 0.6 | -1.8 |
| 10.6 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 48.4 | 48.1 | 50.5 | 0.3 | -2.1 |
| 8.2 | 8.2 | 9.0 | 0.0 | -0.8 |

12,000

**Jobs in Goods Producing Industries**

March: 2011 - 2021

11,000

10,000

9,000

8,000

7,000

6,000

5,000

4,000

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 35,025 | 34,630 | 34,458 | 395 | 567 |
| **Employment** | 32,646 | 32,025 | 32,348 | 621 | 298 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,379 | 2,605 | 2,110 | -226 | 269 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.8 | 7.5 | 6.1 | -0.7 | 0.7 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 32.0 | 31.6 | 32.2 | 0.4 | -0.2 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 26.4 | 26.0 | 26.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

4,000

**Unemployment**

March 2019 - March 2021

3,500

3,000

2,500

2,000

1,500

1,000

500

0

Mar '19

Sep '19

Mar '20

Sep '20

Mar '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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 641,448 | 640,612 | 636,440 | 836 | 5,008 |
| **Employment** | 600,742 | 600,106 | 604,469 | 636 | -3,727 |
| **Unemployment** | 40,706 | 40,506 | 31,971 | 200 | 8,735 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.3 | 6.3 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 21** | **Feb 21** | **Mar 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,564 | 63,709 | 63,986 | -145 | -422 |
| **Employment** | 59,357 | 59,241 | 60,551 | 116 | -1,194 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,207 | 4,468 | 3,435 | -261 | 772 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.6 | 7.0 | 5.4 | -0.4 | 1.2 |

12.0

**Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates**

March: 2011 - 2021

64,000

**Texarkana MSA - Employment**

March 2019 - March 2021

62,000

10.0

60,000

8.0

58,000

6.0

56,000

4.0

54,000

2.0

52,000

0.0

'11

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

50,000

Mar '19

Sep '19

Mar '20

Sep '20

Mar '21

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**March 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**February 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,377 | 8,905 | 472 | 5.0 | 9,321 | 8,828 | 493 | 5.3 | 9,520 | 9,128 | 392 | 4.1 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,716 | 15,970 | 746 | 4.5 | 16,665 | 15,797 | 868 | 5.2 | 16,737 | 15,994 | 743 | 4.4 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,892 | 15,584 | 1,308 | 7.7 | 16,821 | 15,374 | 1,447 | 8.6 | 17,438 | 16,350 | 1,088 | 6.2 |
| Camden Micro | 12,217 | 11,675 | 542 | 4.4 | 12,210 | 11,607 | 603 | 4.9 | 12,324 | 11,642 | 682 | 5.5 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,371 | 14,318 | 1,053 | 6.9 | 15,393 | 14,235 | 1,158 | 7.5 | 15,714 | 14,680 | 1,034 | 6.6 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,912 | 7,333 | 579 | 7.3 | 7,915 | 7,277 | 638 | 8.1 | 8,074 | 7,605 | 469 | 5.8 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,019 | 18,306 | 713 | 3.7 | 18,968 | 18,149 | 819 | 4.3 | 19,386 | 18,635 | 751 | 3.9 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,504 | 5,955 | 549 | 8.4 | 6,453 | 5,849 | 604 | 9.4 | 6,384 | 5,932 | 452 | 7.1 |
| Hope Micro | 12,970 | 12,437 | 533 | 4.1 | 12,908 | 12,315 | 593 | 4.6 | 13,371 | 12,758 | 613 | 4.6 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,026 | 8,466 | 560 | 6.2 | 9,078 | 8,454 | 624 | 6.9 | 9,078 | 8,612 | 466 | 5.1 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,203 | 13,555 | 648 | 4.6 | 14,181 | 13,478 | 703 | 5.0 | 14,216 | 13,647 | 569 | 4.0 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,554 | 15,818 | 736 | 4.4 | 16,499 | 15,654 | 845 | 5.1 | 16,589 | 15,854 | 735 | 4.4 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,216 | 18,400 | 816 | 4.2 | 19,183 | 18,219 | 964 | 5.0 | 19,774 | 18,933 | 841 | 4.3 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,672 | 34,053 | 1,619 | 4.5 | 35,562 | 33,732 | 1,830 | 5.1 | 36,450 | 34,871 | 1,579 | 4.3 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,021 | 32,367 | 1,654 | 4.9 | 33,948 | 32,091 | 1,857 | 5.5 | 34,424 | 32,534 | 1,890 | 5.5 |

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

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties El Dorado Micro = Union County

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

**City Labor Force Statistics**

**City**

**CLF**

**March 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**February 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 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 | 12,632 | 12,021 | 611 | 4.8 | 12,563 | 11,914 | 649 | 5.2 | 12,483 | 11,986 | 497 | 4.0 |
| Benton | 17,311 | 16,668 | 643 | 3.7 | 17,220 | 16,552 | 668 | 3.9 | 17,702 | 17,093 | 609 | 3.4 |
| Bentonville | 29,445 | 28,589 | 856 | 2.9 | 29,264 | 28,334 | 930 | 3.2 | 29,258 | 28,507 | 751 | 2.6 |
| Blytheville | 5,707 | 5,234 | 473 | 8.3 | 5,677 | 5,164 | 513 | 9.0 | 5,916 | 5,491 | 425 | 7.2 |
| Cabot | 11,899 | 11,384 | 515 | 4.3 | 11,820 | 11,268 | 552 | 4.7 | 12,050 | 11,632 | 418 | 3.5 |
| Conway | 33,935 | 32,510 | 1,425 | 4.2 | 33,755 | 32,251 | 1,504 | 4.5 | 34,532 | 33,312 | 1,220 | 3.5 |
| El Dorado | 6,651 | 6,176 | 475 | 7.1 | 6,703 | 6,140 | 563 | 8.4 | 6,847 | 6,332 | 515 | 7.5 |
| Fayetteville | 49,707 | 47,770 | 1,937 | 3.9 | 49,384 | 47,331 | 2,053 | 4.2 | 49,006 | 47,646 | 1,360 | 2.8 |
| Fort Smith | 39,003 | 37,218 | 1,785 | 4.6 | 38,914 | 36,923 | 1,991 | 5.1 | 38,939 | 37,463 | 1,476 | 3.8 |
| Hot Springs | 15,572 | 14,384 | 1,188 | 7.6 | 15,560 | 14,325 | 1,235 | 7.9 | 15,550 | 14,868 | 682 | 4.4 |
| Jacksonville | 11,656 | 10,820 | 836 | 7.2 | 11,694 | 10,746 | 948 | 8.1 | 11,769 | 11,095 | 674 | 5.7 |
| Jonesboro | 39,542 | 37,934 | 1,608 | 4.1 | 39,228 | 37,489 | 1,739 | 4.4 | 39,911 | 38,556 | 1,355 | 3.4 |
| Little Rock | 96,663 | 90,952 | 5,711 | 5.9 | 96,487 | 90,332 | 6,155 | 6.4 | 97,298 | 93,265 | 4,033 | 4.1 |
| North Little Rock | 29,689 | 27,888 | 1,801 | 6.1 | 29,763 | 27,698 | 2,065 | 6.9 | 30,049 | 28,598 | 1,451 | 4.8 |
| Paragould | 12,235 | 11,656 | 579 | 4.7 | 12,211 | 11,541 | 670 | 5.5 | 12,553 | 11,993 | 560 | 4.5 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,682 | 15,261 | 1,421 | 8.5 | 16,575 | 14,996 | 1,579 | 9.5 | 16,291 | 15,135 | 1,156 | 7.1 |
| Rogers | 37,029 | 35,787 | 1,242 | 3.4 | 36,729 | 35,467 | 1,262 | 3.4 | 36,741 | 35,683 | 1,058 | 2.9 |
| Russellville | 12,723 | 12,173 | 550 | 4.3 | 12,638 | 12,079 | 559 | 4.4 | 13,073 | 12,489 | 584 | 4.5 |
| Searcy | 10,251 | 9,820 | 431 | 4.2 | 10,166 | 9,736 | 430 | 4.2 | 10,346 | 9,870 | 476 | 4.6 |
| Sherwood | 15,995 | 15,202 | 793 | 5.0 | 15,955 | 15,099 | 856 | 5.4 | 16,206 | 15,589 | 617 | 3.8 |
| Springdale | 40,413 | 39,022 | 1,391 | 3.4 | 40,145 | 38,665 | 1,480 | 3.7 | 40,058 | 38,920 | 1,138 | 2.8 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,358 | 12,483 | 875 | 6.6 | 13,386 | 12,418 | 968 | 7.2 | 13,512 | 12,820 | 692 | 5.1 |
| Van Buren | 10,323 | 9,904 | 419 | 4.1 | 10,244 | 9,813 | 431 | 4.2 | 10,345 | 9,954 | 391 | 3.8 |
| West Memphis | 10,450 | 9,737 | 713 | 6.8 | 10,460 | 9,602 | 858 | 8.2 | 10,371 | 9,818 | 553 | 5.3 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **CLF** | **March 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **February 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **March 2020****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,484 | 9,104 | 380 | 4.0 | 9,388 | 8,975 | 413 | 4.4 | 9,490 | 9,168 | 322 | 3.4 |
| Ashley | 7,091 | 6,494 | 597 | 8.4 | 7,106 | 6,434 | 672 | 9.5 | 7,192 | 6,609 | 583 | 8.1 |
| Baxter | 16,554 | 15,818 | 736 | 4.4 | 16,499 | 15,654 | 845 | 5.1 | 16,589 | 15,854 | 735 | 4.4 |
| Benton | 143,034 | 138,157 | 4,877 | 3.4 | 142,248 | 136,923 | 5,325 | 3.7 | 141,979 | 137,758 | 4,221 | 3.0 |
| Boone | 15,752 | 15,161 | 591 | 3.8 | 15,715 | 15,048 | 667 | 4.2 | 16,053 | 15,445 | 608 | 3.8 |
| Bradley | 4,358 | 4,141 | 217 | 5.0 | 4,350 | 4,103 | 247 | 5.7 | 4,393 | 4,186 | 207 | 4.7 |
| Calhoun | 2,439 | 2,341 | 98 | 4.0 | 2,432 | 2,314 | 118 | 4.9 | 2,455 | 2,323 | 132 | 5.4 |
| Carroll | 12,510 | 11,938 | 572 | 4.6 | 12,293 | 11,604 | 689 | 5.6 | 12,767 | 12,291 | 476 | 3.7 |
| Chicot | 3,214 | 2,890 | 324 | 10.1 | 3,209 | 2,849 | 360 | 11.2 | 3,185 | 2,903 | 282 | 8.9 |
| Clark | 9,377 | 8,905 | 472 | 5.0 | 9,321 | 8,828 | 493 | 5.3 | 9,520 | 9,128 | 392 | 4.1 |
| Clay | 5,522 | 5,234 | 288 | 5.2 | 5,456 | 5,125 | 331 | 6.1 | 5,603 | 5,251 | 352 | 6.3 |
| Cleburne | 9,052 | 8,531 | 521 | 5.8 | 9,024 | 8,418 | 606 | 6.7 | 9,208 | 8,672 | 536 | 5.8 |
| Cleveland | 3,248 | 3,100 | 148 | 4.6 | 3,194 | 3,024 | 170 | 5.3 | 3,231 | 3,062 | 169 | 5.2 |
| Columbia | 9,026 | 8,466 | 560 | 6.2 | 9,078 | 8,454 | 624 | 6.9 | 9,078 | 8,612 | 466 | 5.1 |
| Conway | 8,460 | 8,045 | 415 | 4.9 | 8,439 | 7,979 | 460 | 5.5 | 8,384 | 7,978 | 406 | 4.8 |
| Craighead | 55,986 | 53,786 | 2,200 | 3.9 | 55,597 | 53,155 | 2,442 | 4.4 | 56,538 | 54,667 | 1,871 | 3.3 |
| Crawford | 26,573 | 25,422 | 1,151 | 4.3 | 26,451 | 25,188 | 1,263 | 4.8 | 26,561 | 25,552 | 1,009 | 3.8 |
| Crittenden | 21,115 | 19,894 | 1,221 | 5.8 | 21,038 | 19,618 | 1,420 | 6.7 | 21,048 | 20,060 | 988 | 4.7 |
| Cross | 7,261 | 6,869 | 392 | 5.4 | 7,198 | 6,766 | 432 | 6.0 | 7,409 | 7,077 | 332 | 4.5 |
| Dallas | 2,881 | 2,758 | 123 | 4.3 | 2,867 | 2,732 | 135 | 4.7 | 2,773 | 2,639 | 134 | 4.8 |
| Desha | 5,247 | 4,912 | 335 | 6.4 | 5,200 | 4,830 | 370 | 7.1 | 5,419 | 5,127 | 292 | 5.4 |
| Drew | 7,669 | 7,226 | 443 | 5.8 | 7,667 | 7,174 | 493 | 6.4 | 7,783 | 7,311 | 472 | 6.1 |
| Faulkner | 61,594 | 59,027 | 2,567 | 4.2 | 61,365 | 58,556 | 2,809 | 4.6 | 62,722 | 60,482 | 2,240 | 3.6 |
| Franklin | 7,474 | 7,151 | 323 | 4.3 | 7,423 | 7,072 | 351 | 4.7 | 7,453 | 7,146 | 307 | 4.1 |
| Fulton | 4,929 | 4,704 | 225 | 4.6 | 4,873 | 4,601 | 272 | 5.6 | 5,139 | 4,922 | 217 | 4.2 |
| Garland | 41,373 | 38,854 | 2,519 | 6.1 | 41,514 | 38,694 | 2,820 | 6.8 | 41,923 | 40,163 | 1,760 | 4.2 |
| Grant | 8,206 | 7,904 | 302 | 3.7 | 8,168 | 7,831 | 337 | 4.1 | 8,415 | 8,073 | 342 | 4.1 |
| Greene | 19,216 | 18,400 | 816 | 4.2 | 19,183 | 18,219 | 964 | 5.0 | 19,774 | 18,933 | 841 | 4.3 |
| Hempstead | 9,488 | 9,104 | 384 | 4.0 | 9,431 | 9,006 | 425 | 4.5 | 9,777 | 9,328 | 449 | 4.6 |
| Hot Spring | 14,203 | 13,555 | 648 | 4.6 | 14,181 | 13,478 | 703 | 5.0 | 14,216 | 13,647 | 569 | 4.0 |
| Howard | 5,561 | 5,354 | 207 | 3.7 | 5,527 | 5,296 | 231 | 4.2 | 5,561 | 5,327 | 234 | 4.2 |
| Independence | 16,716 | 15,970 | 746 | 4.5 | 16,665 | 15,797 | 868 | 5.2 | 16,737 | 15,994 | 743 | 4.4 |
| Izard | 4,461 | 4,193 | 268 | 6.0 | 4,400 | 4,086 | 314 | 7.1 | 4,782 | 4,432 | 350 | 7.3 |
| Jackson | 5,921 | 5,570 | 351 | 5.9 | 5,895 | 5,476 | 419 | 7.1 | 5,834 | 5,422 | 412 | 7.1 |
| Jefferson | 27,847 | 25,827 | 2,020 | 7.3 | 27,587 | 25,379 | 2,208 | 8.0 | 27,349 | 25,615 | 1,734 | 6.3 |
| Johnson | 10,235 | 9,700 | 535 | 5.2 | 10,216 | 9,629 | 587 | 5.7 | 10,340 | 9,864 | 476 | 4.6 |
| Lafayette | 2,434 | 2,257 | 177 | 7.3 | 2,420 | 2,228 | 192 | 7.9 | 2,409 | 2,275 | 134 | 5.6 |
| Lawrence | 6,916 | 6,570 | 346 | 5.0 | 6,803 | 6,423 | 380 | 5.6 | 6,965 | 6,648 | 317 | 4.6 |
| Lee | 2,780 | 2,612 | 168 | 6.0 | 2,761 | 2,567 | 194 | 7.0 | 2,768 | 2,584 | 184 | 6.6 |
| Lincoln | 3,930 | 3,719 | 211 | 5.4 | 3,849 | 3,622 | 227 | 5.9 | 3,878 | 3,671 | 207 | 5.3 |
| Little River | 5,367 | 5,082 | 285 | 5.3 | 5,392 | 5,064 | 328 | 6.1 | 5,501 | 5,217 | 284 | 5.2 |
| Logan | 8,711 | 8,285 | 426 | 4.9 | 8,677 | 8,192 | 485 | 5.6 | 8,647 | 8,242 | 405 | 4.7 |
| Lonoke | 33,490 | 32,143 | 1,347 | 4.0 | 33,320 | 31,815 | 1,505 | 4.5 | 34,306 | 32,841 | 1,465 | 4.3 |
| Madison | 7,701 | 7,406 | 295 | 3.8 | 7,586 | 7,266 | 320 | 4.2 | 7,561 | 7,334 | 227 | 3.0 |
| Marion | 6,067 | 5,737 | 330 | 5.4 | 6,032 | 5,652 | 380 | 6.3 | 6,449 | 6,135 | 314 | 4.9 |
| Miller | 19,344 | 18,217 | 1,127 | 5.8 | 19,348 | 18,123 | 1,225 | 6.3 | 19,659 | 18,710 | 949 | 4.8 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **CLF** | **March 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **February 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **March 2020****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 16,892 | 15,584 | 1,308 | 7.7 | 16,821 | 15,374 | 1,447 | 8.6 | 17,438 | 16,350 | 1,088 | 6.2 |
| Monroe | 2,744 | 2,577 | 167 | 6.1 | 2,715 | 2,538 | 177 | 6.5 | 2,728 | 2,588 | 140 | 5.1 |
| Montgomery | 3,035 | 2,876 | 159 | 5.2 | 2,945 | 2,766 | 179 | 6.1 | 2,972 | 2,792 | 180 | 6.1 |
| Nevada | 3,482 | 3,333 | 149 | 4.3 | 3,477 | 3,309 | 168 | 4.8 | 3,594 | 3,430 | 164 | 4.6 |
| Newton | 3,267 | 3,145 | 122 | 3.7 | 3,253 | 3,101 | 152 | 4.7 | 3,333 | 3,190 | 143 | 4.3 |
| Ouachita | 9,778 | 9,334 | 444 | 4.5 | 9,778 | 9,293 | 485 | 5.0 | 9,869 | 9,319 | 550 | 5.6 |
| Perry | 4,220 | 4,016 | 204 | 4.8 | 4,183 | 3,967 | 216 | 5.2 | 4,294 | 4,105 | 189 | 4.4 |
| Phillips | 6,504 | 5,955 | 549 | 8.4 | 6,453 | 5,849 | 604 | 9.4 | 6,384 | 5,932 | 452 | 7.1 |
| Pike | 4,343 | 4,126 | 217 | 5.0 | 4,295 | 4,042 | 253 | 5.9 | 4,220 | 4,023 | 197 | 4.7 |
| Poinsett | 10,069 | 9,597 | 472 | 4.7 | 9,951 | 9,427 | 524 | 5.3 | 10,122 | 9,693 | 429 | 4.2 |
| Polk | 8,049 | 7,614 | 435 | 5.4 | 7,962 | 7,480 | 482 | 6.1 | 8,100 | 7,615 | 485 | 6.0 |
| Pope | 27,593 | 26,347 | 1,246 | 4.5 | 27,559 | 26,143 | 1,416 | 5.1 | 28,264 | 27,030 | 1,234 | 4.4 |
| Prairie | 3,670 | 3,498 | 172 | 4.7 | 3,618 | 3,426 | 192 | 5.3 | 3,674 | 3,485 | 189 | 5.1 |
| Pulaski | 187,619 | 176,849 | 10,770 | 5.7 | 187,552 | 175,643 | 11,909 | 6.3 | 189,348 | 181,346 | 8,002 | 4.2 |
| Randolph | 7,598 | 7,240 | 358 | 4.7 | 7,569 | 7,155 | 414 | 5.5 | 7,434 | 7,084 | 350 | 4.7 |
| St. Francis | 7,912 | 7,333 | 579 | 7.3 | 7,915 | 7,277 | 638 | 8.1 | 8,074 | 7,605 | 469 | 5.8 |
| Saline | 58,073 | 55,866 | 2,207 | 3.8 | 57,910 | 55,476 | 2,434 | 4.2 | 59,259 | 57,289 | 1,970 | 3.3 |
| Scott | 4,428 | 4,239 | 189 | 4.3 | 4,362 | 4,172 | 190 | 4.4 | 4,383 | 4,221 | 162 | 3.7 |
| Searcy | 2,831 | 2,689 | 142 | 5.0 | 2,781 | 2,617 | 164 | 5.9 | 2,899 | 2,730 | 169 | 5.8 |
| Sebastian | 56,138 | 53,637 | 2,501 | 4.5 | 56,029 | 53,211 | 2,818 | 5.0 | 56,180 | 53,989 | 2,191 | 3.9 |
| Sevier | 5,520 | 5,209 | 311 | 5.6 | 5,480 | 5,146 | 334 | 6.1 | 5,573 | 5,257 | 316 | 5.7 |
| Sharp | 5,699 | 5,365 | 334 | 5.9 | 5,675 | 5,277 | 398 | 7.0 | 5,806 | 5,466 | 340 | 5.9 |
| Stone | 4,595 | 4,308 | 287 | 6.2 | 4,523 | 4,184 | 339 | 7.5 | 4,568 | 4,315 | 253 | 5.5 |
| Union | 15,371 | 14,318 | 1,053 | 6.9 | 15,393 | 14,235 | 1,158 | 7.5 | 15,714 | 14,680 | 1,034 | 6.6 |
| Van Buren | 5,758 | 5,406 | 352 | 6.1 | 5,718 | 5,315 | 403 | 7.0 | 5,764 | 5,431 | 333 | 5.8 |
| Washington | 128,800 | 124,277 | 4,523 | 3.5 | 128,092 | 123,137 | 4,955 | 3.9 | 127,490 | 123,954 | 3,536 | 2.8 |
| White | 34,021 | 32,367 | 1,654 | 4.9 | 33,948 | 32,091 | 1,857 | 5.5 | 34,424 | 32,534 | 1,890 | 5.5 |
| Woodruff | 2,869 | 2,689 | 180 | 6.3 | 2,824 | 2,630 | 194 | 6.9 | 2,842 | 2,685 | 157 | 5.5 |
| Yell | 8,079 | 7,706 | 373 | 4.6 | 8,003 | 7,589 | 414 | 5.2 | 8,186 | 7,841 | 345 | 4.2 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between February and March, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Job- less rates ranged from a low of 3.4 percent in Benton County to a high of 10.1 percent in Chicot County. The largest rate decline occurred in Stone County, dropping one and three-tenths of a percentage point over-the-month.

In March, seven counties posted jobless rates at or above seven percent. That is down from 15 counties at or above seven percent last month. Thirteen counties had rates at or below four per- cent, up sharply from two counties below four percent in February.

Compared to March 2020, unemployment rates are up in 48 Arkansas counties. Twenty-two counties posted jobless rate declines, while 5 counties remained stable. Rate changes ranged from a decrease of one and four-tenths of a percentage point in Calhoun County to an increase of one and nine-tenths of a percentage point in Garland County.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Crawford Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Greene**

**Craighead Mississippi Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Faulkner**

**Perry**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**St. Francis**

**Lee**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Jefferson**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland Lincoln**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Bradley**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% [NONE] 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0%

> 9.0%

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

March 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1. Benton 3.4
2. Washington 3.5
3. Grant 3.7

3 Howard 3.7

3 Newton 3.7

6 Boone 3.8

6 Madison 3.8

6 Saline 3.8

1. Craighead 3.9
2. Arkansas 4.0

10 Calhoun 4.0

10 Hempstead 4.0

10 Lonoke 4.0

14 Faulkner 4.2

14 Greene 4.2

16 Crawford 4.3

16 Dallas 4.3

16 Franklin 4.3

16 Nevada 4.3

16 Scott 4.3

1. Baxter 4.4
2. Independence 4.5

22 Ouachita 4.5

22 Pope 4.5

22 Sebastian 4.5

**Rank County Rate**

26 Carroll 4.6

26 Cleveland 4.6

26 Fulton 4.6

26 Hot Spring 4.6

26 Yell 4.6

31 Poinsett 4.7

31 Prairie 4.7

31 Randolph 4.7

1. Perry 4.8
2. Conway 4.9

35 Logan 4.9

35 White 4.9

38 Bradley 5.0

38 Clark 5.0

38 Lawrence 5.0

38 Pike 5.0

38 Searcy 5.0

43 Clay 5.2

43 Johnson 5.2

43 Montgomery 5.2

1. Little River 5.3
2. Cross 5.4

47 Lincoln 5.4

47 Marion 5.4

47 Polk 5.4

**Rank County**

1. Sevier
2. Pulaski
3. Cleburne

53 Crittenden

53 Drew

53 Miller

57 Jackson

57 Sharp

59 Izard

59 Lee

61 Garland

61 Monroe

61 Van Buren

64 Columbia

64 Stone

1. Woodruff
2. Desha
3. Union
4. Jefferson

69 Lafayette

69 St. Francis

1. Mississippi
2. Ashley

73 Phillips

75 Chicot

**Rate**

5.6

5.7

5.8

5.8

5.8

5.8

5.9

5.9

6.0

6.0

6.1

6.1

6.1

6.2

6.2

6.3

6.4

6.9

7.3

7.3

7.3

7.7

8.4

8.4

10.1

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



**LWDA**

**CLF**

**March 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**February 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 250,527 239,008

City of Little Rock 96,663 90,952

Eastern 45,572 42,663

North Central 94,021 89,103

Northeast 122,199 116,411

Northwest 336,516 324,328

Southeast 80,294 75,317

Southwest 90,691 85,773

West Central 130,918 124,130

Western 111,373 106,348

11,519 4.6

5,711 5.9

2,909 6.4

4,918 5.2

5,788 4.7

12,188 3.6

4,977 6.2

4,918 5.4

6,788 5.2

5,025 4.5

249,993 237,122 12,871 5.1

96,487 90,332 6,155 6.4

45,365 42,077 3,288 7.2

93,545 87,875 5,670 6.1

121,380 114,878 6,502 5.4

334,499 321,002 13,497 4.0

79,718 74,221 5,497 6.9

90,623 85,200 5,423 6.0

130,656 123,115 7,541 5.8

110,904 105,315 5,589 5.0

254,739 244,766 9,973 3.9

97,298 93,265 4,033 4.1

45,683 43,258 2,425 5.3

95,104 89,873 5,231 5.5

123,874 118,626 5,248 4.2

335,120 324,691 10,429 3.1

80,335 75,725 4,610 5.7

91,963 87,117 4,846 5.3

132,319 126,571 5,748 4.3

111,324 106,765 4,559 4.1