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REPORT**



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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 2020 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 Areas

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 1,000 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.



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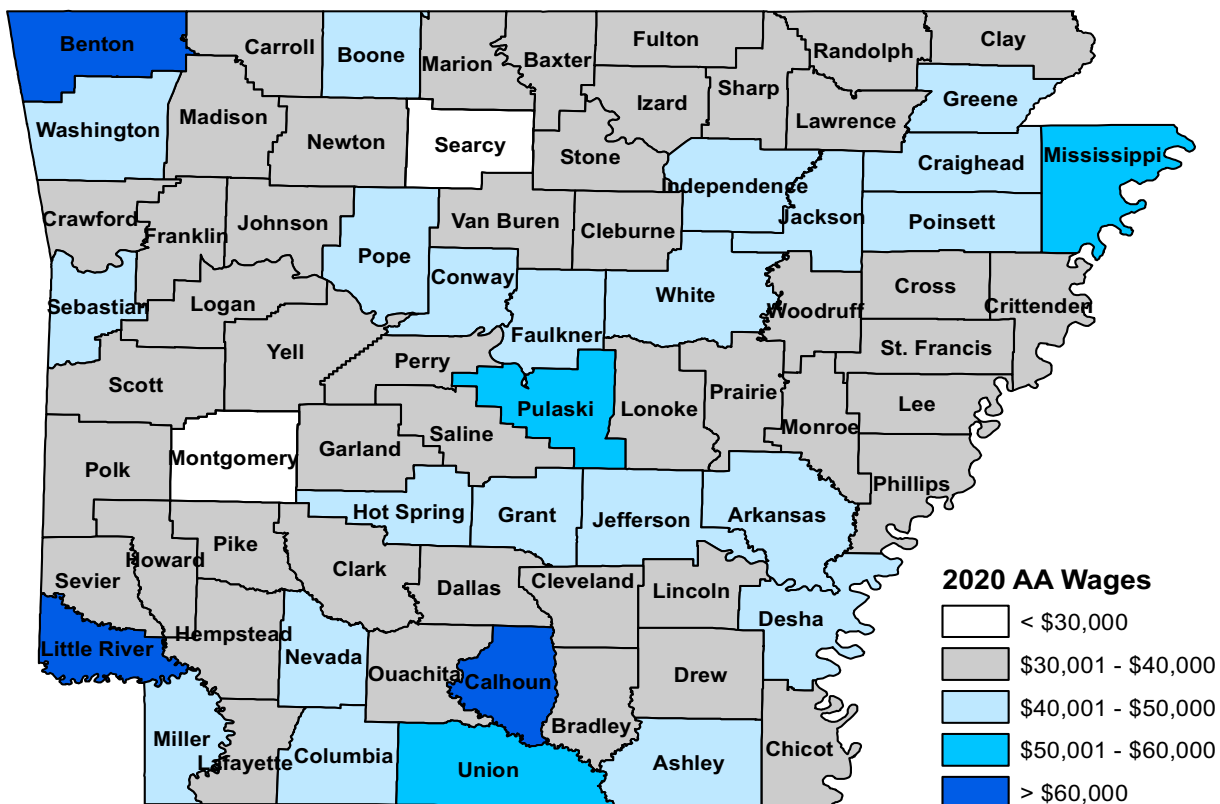
## May Spotlight Wages by County

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

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

In 2020, average annual wages in the private sector ranged from a low of \$28,236, for those employed in Montgomery County, to a high of \$70,064 in Benton County. Compared to 2019 annual averages, wages are up in 74 Arkansas counties.

**Wages in Arkansas by County**  
2020 Annual Average



## State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

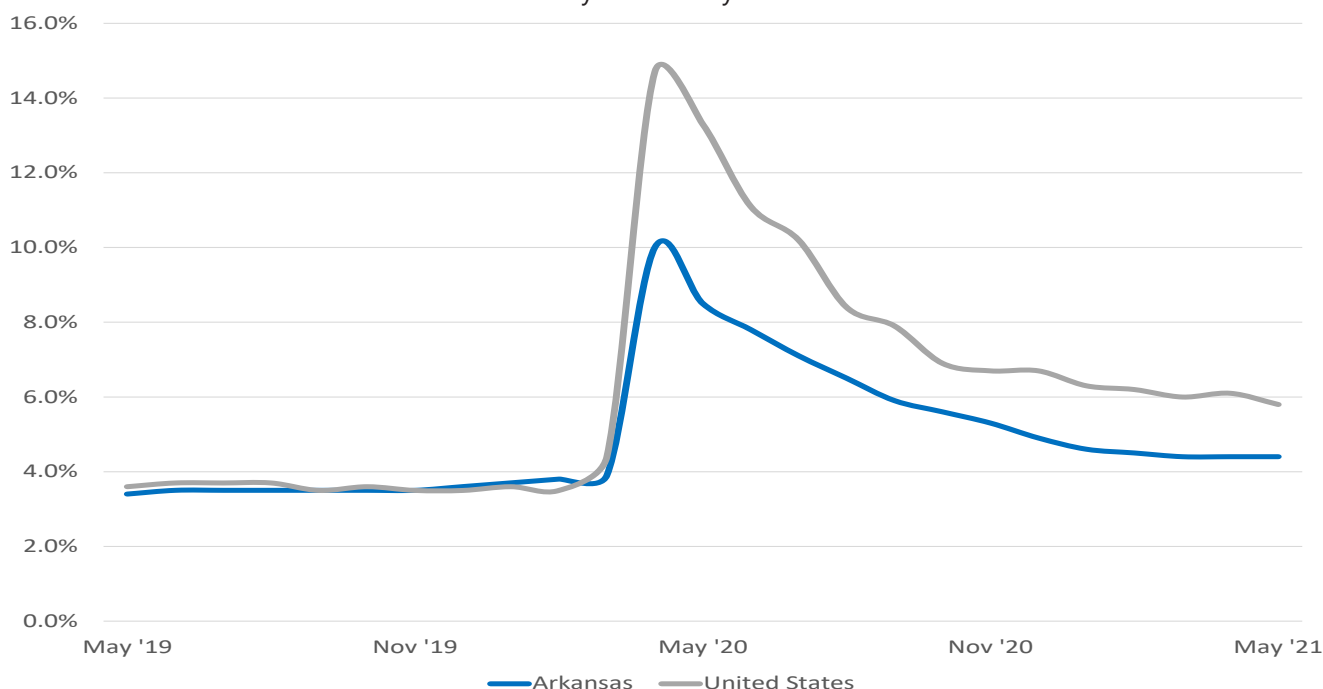
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, shows Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.4 percent in May. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 4,733, a result of 3,971 fewer employed and 762 fewer unemployed Arkansans. At 5.8 percent, the United States' jobless rate dropped three-tenths of a percentage point between April and May.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' economy continues to see improvement, as the number of employed has increased 61,414 compared to May 2020. At 4.4 percent, the states' jobless rate is currently one and four-tenths of a percentage point lower than the United States' rate."

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	May 21	Apr 21	May 20		May 21	Apr 21	May 20
Civilian Labor Force	1,357,765	1,362,498	1,352,008	Civilian Labor Force	1,366,507	1,367,128	1,359,019
Employment	1,298,687	1,302,658	1,237,273	Employment	1,306,082	1,308,597	1,240,444
Unemployment	59,078	59,840	114,735	Unemployment	60,425	58,531	118,575
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.4	8.5	Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.3	8.7
U.S. Unemployment	5.8	6.1	13.3	U.S. Unemployment	5.5	5.7	13.0

**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)- Arkansas vs United States**  
May 2019 - May 2021



**State of Arkansas  
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1272.2	1266.1	1201.7	6.1	70.5
Goods Producing	221.1	219.3	209.6	1.8	11.5
Mining, Logging, & Construction	58.9	59.5	58.4	-0.6	0.5
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	34.1	34.2	33.4	-0.1	0.7
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>162.2</b>	<b>159.8</b>	<b>151.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>11.0</b>
Durable Goods	81.1	80.1	70.2	1.0	10.9
Nondurable Goods	81.1	79.7	81.0	1.4	0.1
Service Providing	1051.1	1046.8	992.1	4.3	59.0
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>250.6</b>	<b>248.7</b>	<b>239.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>11.0</b>
Wholesale Trade	47.1	46.4	46.0	0.7	1.1
Retail Trade	138.5	137.6	129.4	0.9	9.1
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	65.0	64.7	64.2	0.3	0.8
<b>Information</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>64.2</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Finance & Insurance	51.1	50.7	50.2	0.4	0.9
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.6	13.5	13.3	0.1	0.3
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>145.2</b>	<b>146.4</b>	<b>132.0</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	42.7	43.3	41.9	-0.6	0.8
Management of Companies	33.4	33.6	33.2	-0.2	0.2
Administrative & Support Services	69.1	69.5	56.9	-0.4	12.2
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>189.8</b>	<b>188.6</b>	<b>182.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Educational Services	16.8	16.7	14.9	0.1	1.9
Health Care & Social Assistance	173.0	171.9	167.4	1.1	5.6
Ambulatory Health Care	59.0	59.3	56.3	-0.3	2.7
Social Assistance	37.1	36.5	35.7	0.6	1.4
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>111.0</b>	<b>93.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>20.3</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12.7	11.9	8.5	0.8	4.2
Accommodation & Food Services	100.7	99.1	84.6	1.6	16.1
Accommodation Services	9.8	9.2	8.0	0.6	1.8
Food Services	90.9	89.9	76.6	1.0	14.3
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>208.5</b>	<b>209.1</b>	<b>206.2</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>
Federal Government	20.5	20.5	20.7	0.0	-0.2
State Government	77.6	78.5	74.3	-0.9	3.3
State Gov, Educational Services	31.1	32.0	26.6	-0.9	4.5
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.5	46.5	47.7	0.0	-1.2
Local Government	110.4	110.1	111.2	0.3	-0.8
Local Gov, Educational Services	67.0	67.3	68.2	-0.3	-1.2
Local Gov, Excluding Education	43.4	42.8	43.0	0.6	0.4

**State of Arkansas  
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

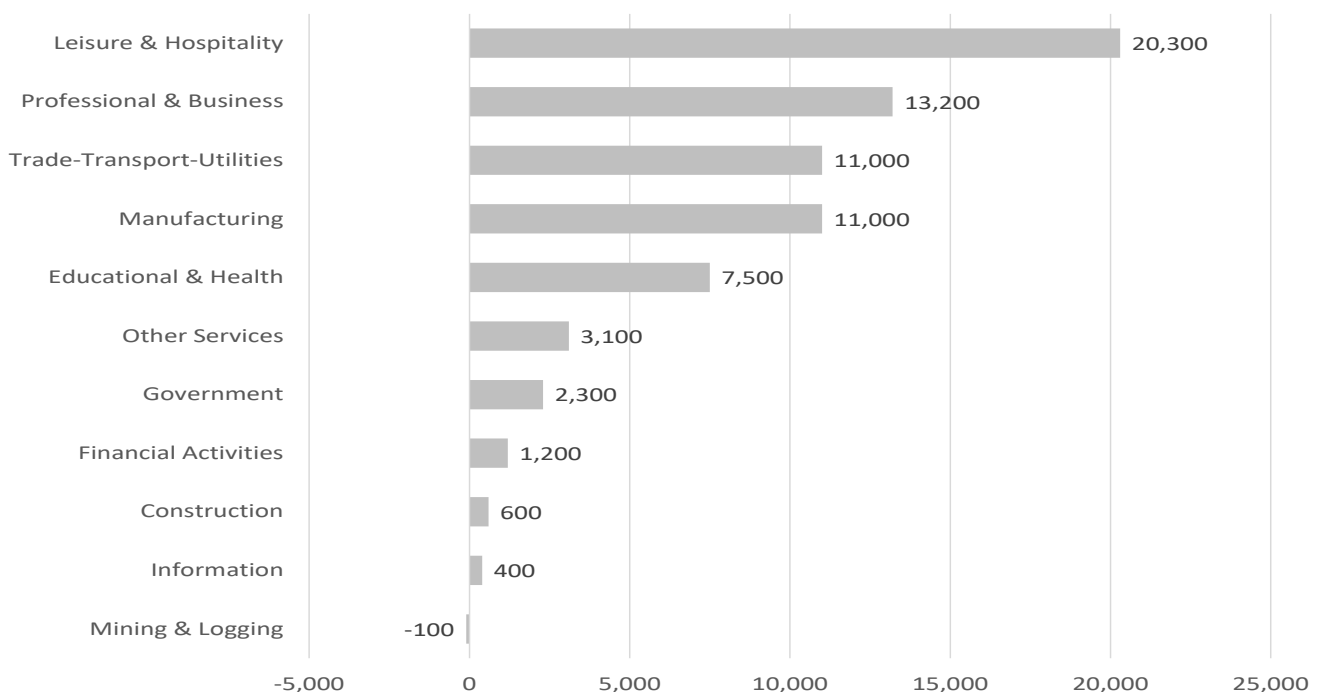
**April 2021 - May 2021**

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 6,100 in May to total 1,272,200. Seven major industry sectors posted gains, while four sectors declined. Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 2,400. Hiring occurred in both nondurable (+1,400) and durable (+1,000) goods manufacturing. **Leisure and hospitality** added 2,400 jobs. Expansions were posted in both accommodation-food services (+1,600) and in arts-entertainment-recreation (+800). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 1,900, with reported hiring in all three subsectors. Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 1,200. Most of the gains were in health care and social assistance (+1,100). **Professional and business services** declined 1,200. Minor losses were reported across all subsectors.

**May 2020 - May 2021**

Compared to May 2020, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs are up 70,500. Ten major industry sectors reported growth. **Leisure and hospitality** added 20,300 jobs, mostly in food services (+14,300). Jobs in **professional and business services** increased 13,200. A majority of the hiring occurred in administrative and support services (+12,200), the subsector which includes employment agencies. **Manufacturing** added 11,000 jobs, mostly in durable goods (+10,900) manufacturing. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 11,000. Most of the expansion was in retail trade (+9,100). **Educational and health services** increased 7,500. Gains occurred in all subsectors, with health care and social assistance adding 5,600 jobs. Notable growth was also posted in **other services** (+3,100), **government** (+2,300), and **financial activities** (+1,200).

**Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector**  
May 2020 vs May 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)





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

**Manufacturing**

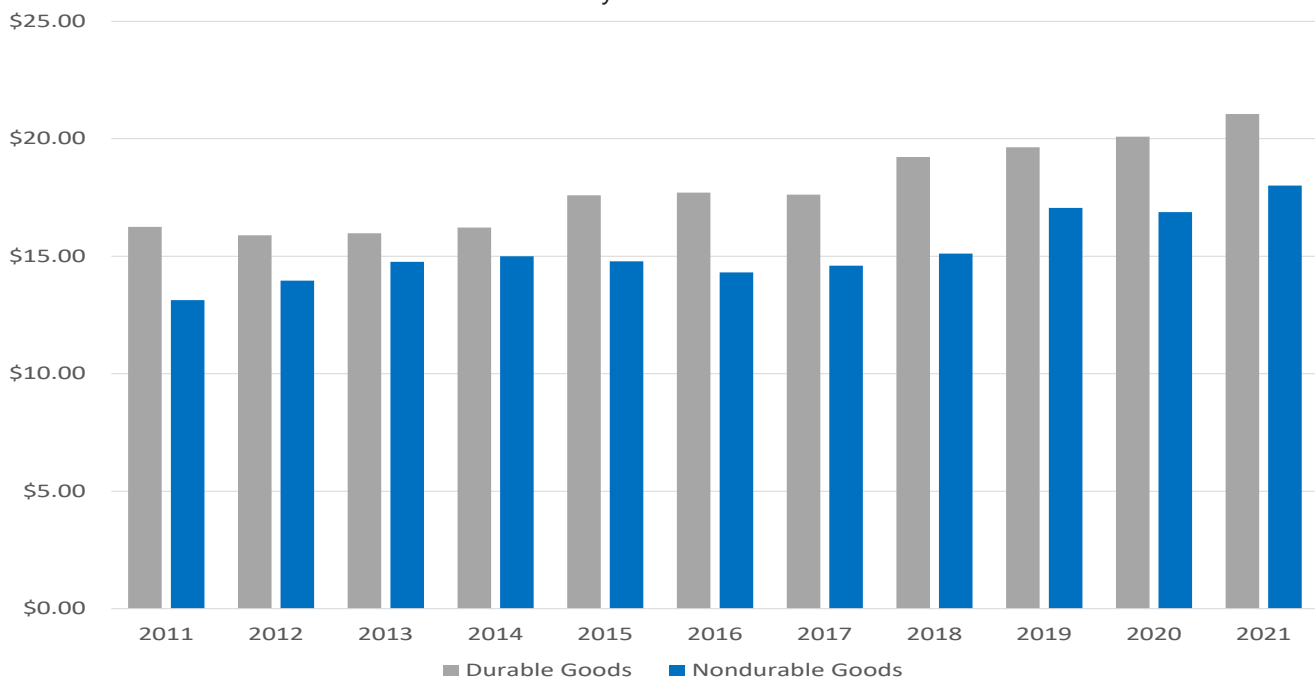
	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.7	40.0	38.0
Average Hourly Earnings	19.52	19.54	18.32
Average Weekly Earnings	774.94	781.60	696.16

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>		<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.4	39.1	37.2	Average Weekly Hours	40.0	40.9	38.7
Average Hourly Earnings	21.05	20.94	20.09	Average Hourly Earnings	18.01	18.20	16.88
Average Weekly Earnings	829.37	818.75	747.35	Average Weekly Earnings	720.40	744.38	653.26

**Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods**

May: 2011 - 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)

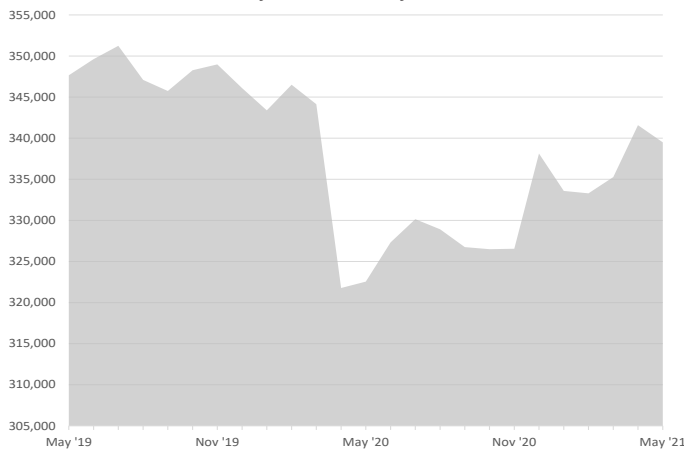
	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	355,879	357,848	356,620	-1,969	-741
Employment	339,496	341,579	322,545	-2,083	16,951
Unemployment	16,383	16,269	34,075	114	-17,692
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.5	9.6	0.1	-5.0

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

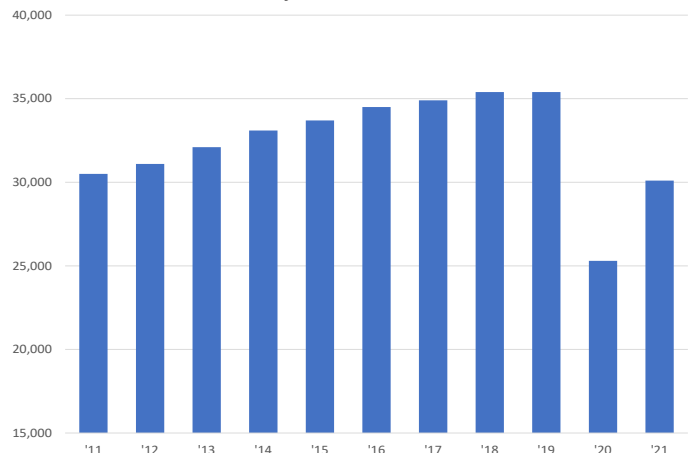
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	352.4	352.1	336.3	0.3	16.1
Goods Producing	37.4	37.3	36.7	0.1	0.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.1	18.0	17.7	0.1	0.4
Manufacturing	19.3	19.3	19.0	0.0	0.3
Service Providing	315.0	314.8	299.6	0.2	15.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	68.4	68.2	65.1	0.2	3.3
Wholesale Trade	15.3	15.2	15.0	0.1	0.3
Retail Trade	37.1	37.0	34.7	0.1	2.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.0	16.0	15.4	0.0	0.6
Information	5.2	5.1	5.3	0.1	-0.1
Financial Activities	22.8	22.8	22.0	0.0	0.8
Professional & Business Services	44.0	44.9	41.2	-0.9	2.8
Educational & Health Services	58.9	58.7	54.8	0.2	4.1
Leisure & Hospitality	30.1	29.2	25.3	0.9	4.8
Other Services	18.2	18.0	17.4	0.2	0.8
Government	67.4	67.9	68.5	-0.5	-1.1
Federal Government	9.7	9.8	9.8	-0.1	-0.1
State Government	33.9	34.3	33.6	-0.4	0.3
Local Government	23.8	23.8	25.1	0.0	-1.3

**Number of Employed**  
May 2019 - May 2021



**Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality**  
May: 2011 - 2021





## 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)

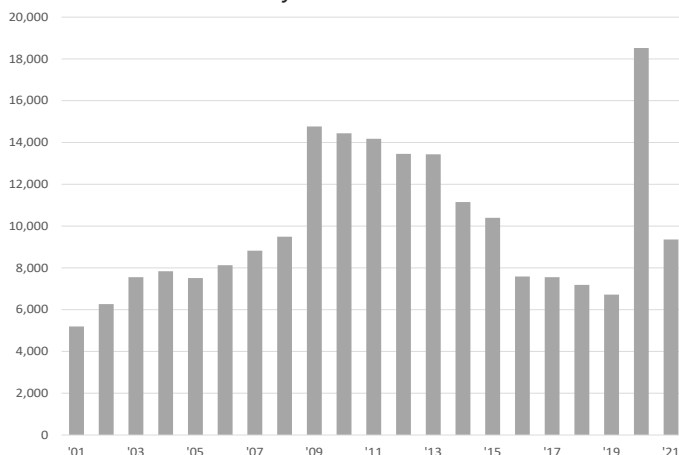
	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	295,181	294,043	280,589	1,138	14,592
Employment	285,823	285,244	262,065	579	23,758
Unemployment	9,358	8,799	18,524	559	-9,166
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.0	6.6	0.2	-3.4

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

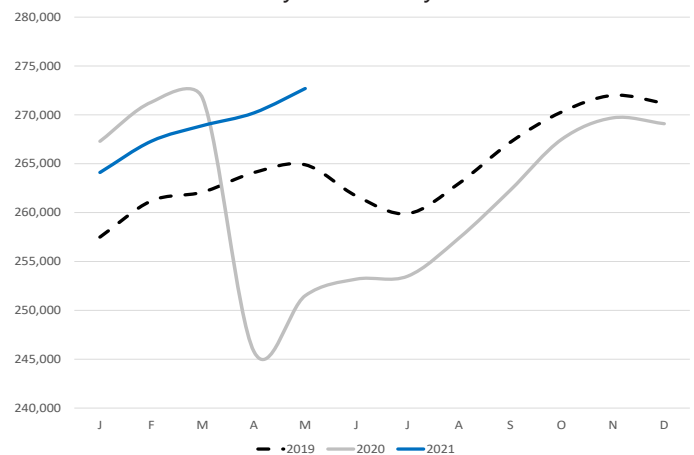
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	272.7	270.2	251.5	2.5	21.2
Goods Producing	44.6	44.3	42.8	0.3	1.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	13.5	13.3	12.9	0.2	0.6
Manufacturing	31.1	31.0	29.9	0.1	1.2
Service Providing	228.1	225.9	208.7	2.2	19.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	59.1	57.8	54.2	1.3	4.9
Wholesale Trade	12.6	12.4	12.0	0.2	0.6
Retail Trade	28.1	27.2	24.2	0.9	3.9
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.4	18.2	18.0	0.2	0.4
Information	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	8.6	8.5	8.5	0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	52.0	52.2	49.4	-0.2	2.6
Educational & Health Services	30.5	30.3	28.3	0.2	2.2
Leisure & Hospitality	26.5	26.0	20.4	0.5	6.1
Other Services	9.9	9.9	9.4	0.0	0.5
Government	39.4	39.1	36.5	0.3	2.9
Federal Government	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
State Government	17.0	16.8	14.8	0.2	2.2
Local Government	19.6	19.5	18.9	0.1	0.7

**Unemployment**  
May: 2001 - 2021



**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
January 2019 - May 2021



## 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)

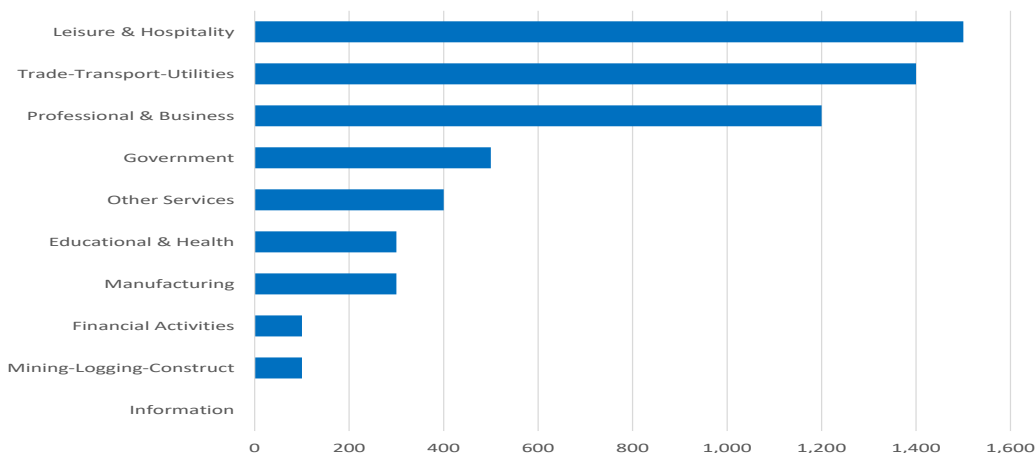
	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	120,151	119,633	119,229	518	922
Employment	115,325	115,081	107,318	244	8,007
Unemployment	4,826	4,552	11,911	274	-7,085
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.8	10.0	0.2	-6.0

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	111.4	110.9	105.6	0.5	5.8
Goods Producing	22.3	22.2	21.9	0.1	0.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.6	5.6	5.5	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	16.7	16.6	16.4	0.1	0.3
Service Providing	89.1	88.7	83.7	0.4	5.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.5	23.5	22.1	0.0	1.4
Wholesale Trade	4.6	4.6	4.1	0.0	0.5
Retail Trade	12.1	12.1	11.5	0.0	0.6
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.8	6.8	6.5	0.0	0.3
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.7	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	11.9	12.1	10.7	-0.2	1.2
Educational & Health Services	16.9	16.9	16.6	0.0	0.3
Leisure & Hospitality	9.3	8.7	7.8	0.6	1.5
Other Services	4.6	4.7	4.2	-0.1	0.4
Government	18.0	17.9	17.5	0.1	0.5
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.0	-0.1
State Government	2.7	2.7	3.0	0.0	-0.3
Local Government	14.0	13.9	13.1	0.1	0.9

### Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector May 2020 vs May 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas  
Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	42,047	42,057	41,547	-10	500
Employment	39,751	39,790	36,250	-39	3,501
Unemployment	2,296	2,267	5,297	29	-3,001
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.4	12.7	0.1	-7.2

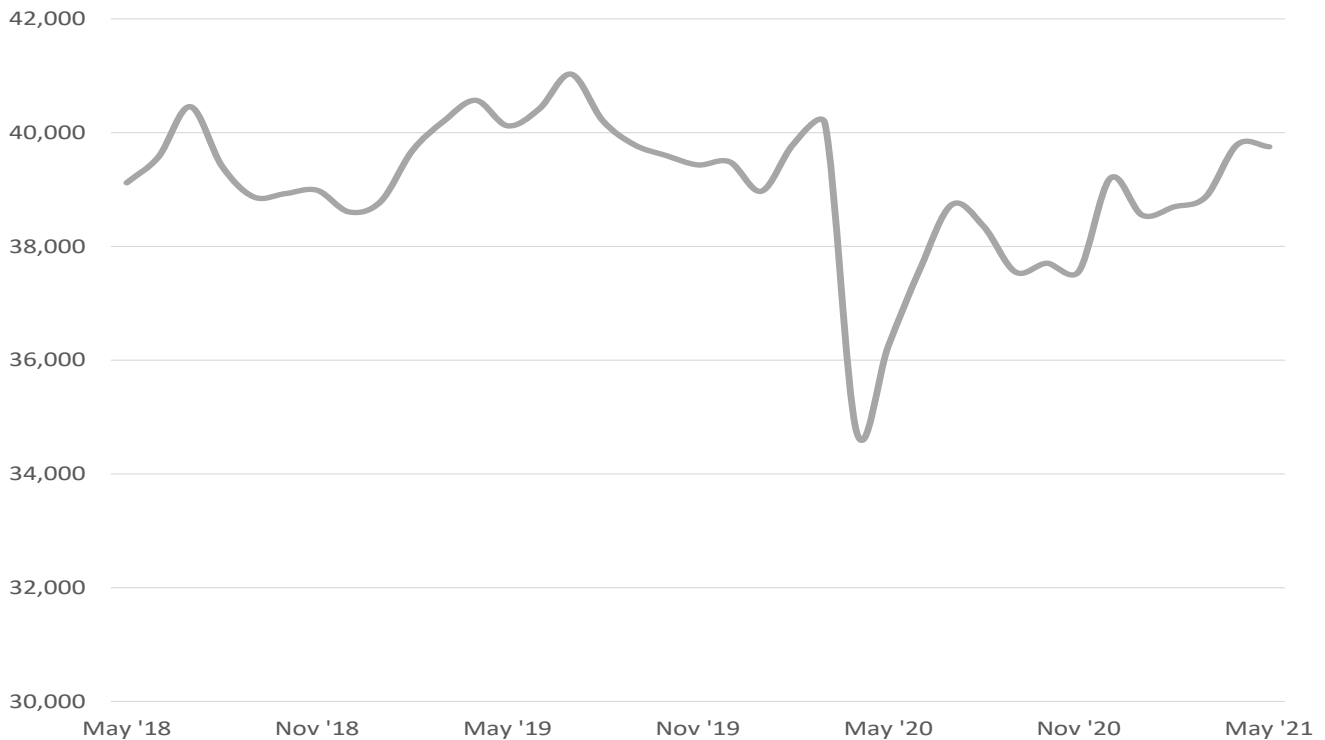
**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	38.8	38.5	35.5	0.3	3.3
Goods Producing	4.6	4.6	4.7	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	34.2	33.9	30.8	0.3	3.4
Government	4.1	4.1	4.2	0.0	-0.1

**Number of Employed**

May 2018 - May 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas  
Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	66,955	66,774	65,688	181	1,267
Employment	64,483	64,429	60,483	54	4,000
Unemployment	2,472	2,345	5,205	127	-2,733
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.5	7.9	0.2	-4.2

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

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	59.8	59.1	56.4	0.7	3.4
Goods Producing	10.6	10.5	10.3	0.1	0.3
Service Providing	49.2	48.6	46.1	0.6	3.1
Government	8.3	8.2	8.8	0.1	-0.5

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

May 2019 - May 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas  
Pine Bluff MSA**

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

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

	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	34,835	35,214	34,433	-379	402
Employment	32,623	32,982	31,176	-359	1,447
Unemployment	2,212	2,232	3,257	-20	-1,045
Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.3	9.5	0.0	-3.2

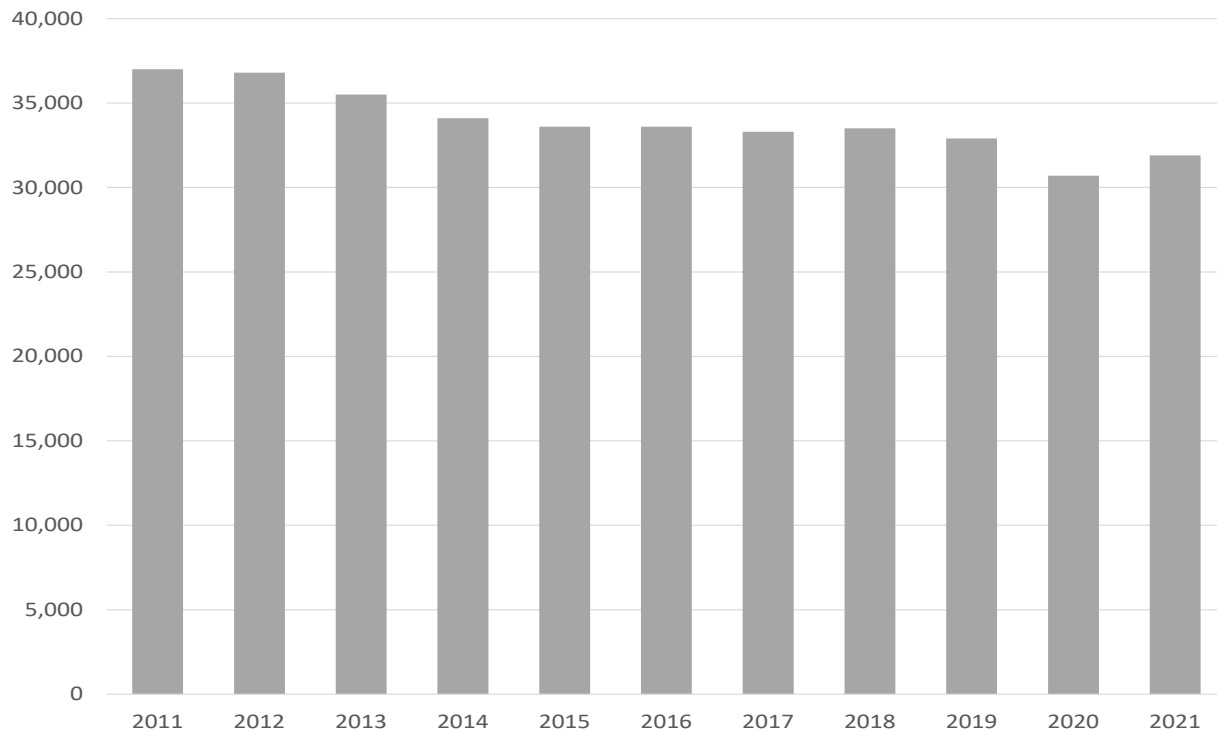
**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.9	32.0	30.7	-0.1	1.2
Goods Producing	5.6	5.6	5.6	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	26.3	26.4	25.1	-0.1	1.2
Government	8.9	9.0	8.8	-0.1	0.1

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

May: 2011 - 2021



## 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.

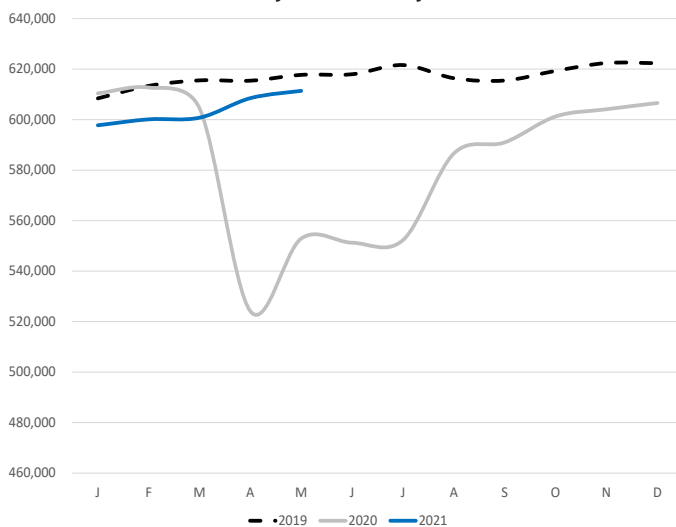
	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	652,391	649,593	613,896	2,798	38,495
Employment	611,392	608,501	552,937	2,891	58,455
Unemployment	40,999	41,092	60,959	-93	-19,960
Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.3	9.9	0.0	3.6

#### Texarkana MSA

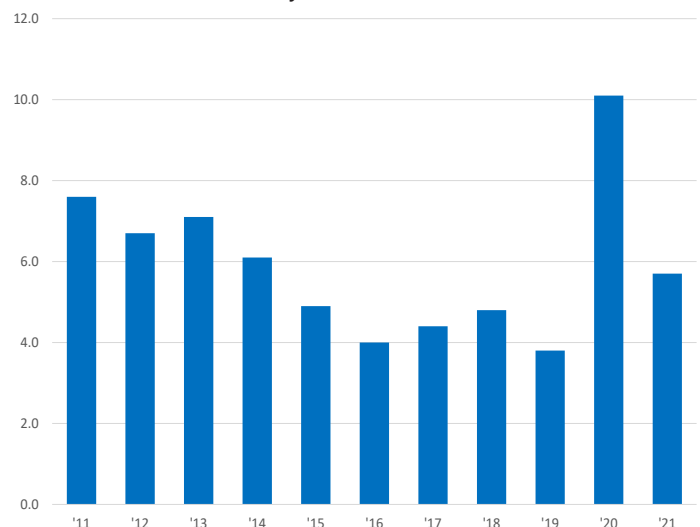
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,340	63,982	62,095	358	2,245
Employment	60,700	60,224	55,821	476	4,879
Unemployment	3,640	3,758	6,274	-118	-2,634
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.9	10.1	-0.2	-4.4

**Memphis MSA - Employment**  
January 2019 - May 2021



**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**  
May: 2011 - 2021





## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	May 2021				April 2021				May 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,927	8,406	521	5.8	8,950	8,508	442	4.9	9,203	8,415	788	8.6
Batesville Micro	16,954	16,227	727	4.3	16,917	16,253	664	3.9	17,113	15,774	1,339	7.8
Blytheville Micro	16,742	15,396	1,346	8.0	16,831	15,564	1,267	7.5	17,623	15,166	2,457	13.9
Camden Micro	12,300	11,814	486	4.0	12,306	11,826	480	3.9	12,347	11,467	880	7.1
El Dorado Micro	15,262	14,247	1,015	6.7	15,315	14,295	1,020	6.7	16,022	14,216	1,806	11.3
Forrest City Micro	7,807	7,276	531	6.8	7,828	7,291	537	6.9	8,173	7,251	922	11.3
Harrison Micro	18,616	17,992	624	3.4	18,377	17,792	585	3.2	19,207	17,718	1,489	7.8
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,211	5,705	506	8.1	6,269	5,749	520	8.3	6,529	5,735	794	12.2
Hope Micro	13,040	12,546	494	3.8	13,137	12,674	463	3.5	13,397	12,491	906	6.8
Magnolia Micro	8,958	8,394	564	6.3	8,935	8,425	510	5.7	9,270	8,501	769	8.3
Malvern Micro	14,073	13,479	594	4.2	14,100	13,546	554	3.9	14,082	12,923	1,159	8.2
Mountain Home Micro	16,603	15,934	669	4.0	16,459	15,812	647	3.9	16,783	15,306	1,477	8.8
Paragould Micro	19,154	18,423	731	3.8	18,837	18,142	695	3.7	19,737	17,952	1,785	9.0
Russellville Micro	35,661	34,078	1,583	4.4	35,762	34,366	1,396	3.9	35,884	33,097	2,787	7.8
Searcy Micro	33,982	32,435	1,547	4.6	33,998	32,516	1,482	4.4	34,305	31,476	2,829	8.2

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 2021				April 2021				May 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,761	12,268	493	3.9	12,751	12,239	512	4.0	12,205	11,269	936	7.7
Benton	17,482	16,868	614	3.5	17,493	16,964	529	3.0	17,450	16,029	1,421	8.1
Bentonville	29,991	29,176	815	2.7	29,821	29,109	712	2.4	28,398	26,801	1,597	5.6
Blytheville	5,624	5,171	453	8.1	5,722	5,227	495	8.7	6,012	5,094	918	15.3
Cabot	11,939	11,455	484	4.1	12,005	11,552	453	3.8	11,916	10,869	1,047	8.8
Conway	34,152	32,856	1,296	3.8	34,327	33,067	1,260	3.7	34,374	31,205	3,169	9.2
El Dorado	6,672	6,145	527	7.9	6,679	6,166	513	7.7	7,135	6,132	1,003	14.1
Fayetteville	50,695	48,755	1,940	3.8	50,371	48,647	1,724	3.4	49,019	44,779	4,240	8.6
Fort Smith	39,501	37,877	1,624	4.1	39,501	37,954	1,547	3.9	39,642	35,711	3,931	9.9
Hot Springs	15,842	14,716	1,126	7.1	15,869	14,730	1,139	7.2	16,020	13,420	2,600	16.2
Jacksonville	11,702	10,950	752	6.4	11,888	11,011	877	7.4	11,822	10,407	1,415	12.0
Jonesboro	40,194	38,657	1,537	3.8	40,045	38,593	1,452	3.6	39,576	36,271	3,305	8.4
Little Rock	97,582	92,046	5,536	5.7	97,972	92,562	5,410	5.5	98,455	87,482	10,973	11.1
North Little Rock	29,970	28,224	1,746	5.8	30,252	28,382	1,870	6.2	30,736	26,824	3,912	12.7
Paragould	12,185	11,670	515	4.2	11,994	11,492	502	4.2	12,701	11,372	1,329	10.5
Pine Bluff	16,639	15,288	1,351	8.1	16,769	15,435	1,334	8.0	16,474	14,627	1,847	11.2
Rogers	37,583	36,521	1,062	2.8	37,616	36,437	1,179	3.1	35,880	33,548	2,332	6.5
Russellville	12,761	12,217	544	4.3	12,788	12,302	486	3.8	12,863	11,879	984	7.6
Searcy	10,294	9,840	454	4.4	10,249	9,865	384	3.7	10,388	9,549	839	8.1
Sherwood	16,095	15,385	710	4.4	16,186	15,471	715	4.4	16,201	14,622	1,579	9.7
Springdale	41,024	39,827	1,197	2.9	40,945	39,738	1,207	2.9	38,971	36,580	2,391	6.1
Texarkana, AR	13,564	12,783	781	5.8	13,574	12,748	826	6.1	13,475	12,017	1,458	10.8
Van Buren	10,468	10,053	415	4.0	10,466	10,085	381	3.6	10,349	9,474	875	8.5
West Memphis	10,633	9,885	748	7.0	10,650	9,892	758	7.1	10,716	9,213	1,503	14.0

## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	May 2021				April 2021				May 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,531	9,187	344	3.6	9,563	9,237	326	3.4	9,360	8,926	434	4.6
Ashley	7,079	6,508	571	8.1	7,084	6,513	571	8.1	7,332	6,483	849	11.6
Baxter	16,603	15,934	669	4.0	16,459	15,812	647	3.9	16,783	15,306	1,477	8.8
Benton	145,445	140,992	4,453	3.1	144,924	140,666	4,258	2.9	138,384	129,515	8,869	6.4
Boone	15,437	14,918	519	3.4	15,225	14,737	488	3.2	15,952	14,705	1,247	7.8
Bradley	4,284	4,067	217	5.1	4,324	4,115	209	4.8	4,398	4,065	333	7.6
Calhoun	2,435	2,345	90	3.7	2,452	2,360	92	3.8	2,411	2,268	143	5.9
Carroll	12,563	12,069	494	3.9	12,387	11,909	478	3.9	12,602	11,495	1,107	8.8
Chicot	3,104	2,801	303	9.8	3,118	2,815	303	9.7	3,283	2,903	380	11.6
Clark	8,927	8,406	521	5.8	8,950	8,508	442	4.9	9,203	8,415	788	8.6
Clay	5,519	5,289	230	4.2	5,539	5,311	228	4.1	5,520	5,082	438	7.9
Cleburne	9,143	8,694	449	4.9	8,900	8,467	433	4.9	9,443	8,428	1,015	10.7
Cleveland	3,206	3,072	134	4.2	3,254	3,119	135	4.1	3,173	2,924	249	7.8
Columbia	8,958	8,394	564	6.3	8,935	8,425	510	5.7	9,270	8,501	769	8.3
Conway	8,571	8,184	387	4.5	8,584	8,207	377	4.4	8,468	7,765	703	8.3
Craighead	56,840	54,811	2,029	3.6	56,647	54,720	1,927	3.4	55,901	51,428	4,473	8.0
Crawford	26,844	25,805	1,039	3.9	26,882	25,888	994	3.7	26,534	24,318	2,216	8.4
Crittenden	21,443	20,197	1,246	5.8	21,447	20,212	1,235	5.8	21,343	18,823	2,520	11.8
Cross	7,076	6,730	346	4.9	7,063	6,709	354	5.0	7,327	6,743	584	8.0
Dallas	2,871	2,753	118	4.1	2,850	2,741	109	3.8	2,870	2,679	191	6.7
Desh	5,130	4,805	325	6.3	5,192	4,865	327	6.3	5,330	4,853	477	8.9
Drew	7,585	7,143	442	5.8	7,625	7,201	424	5.6	7,778	7,087	691	8.9
Faulkner	62,019	59,654	2,365	3.8	62,325	60,038	2,287	3.7	61,975	56,656	5,319	8.6
Franklin	7,395	7,093	302	4.1	7,440	7,153	287	3.9	7,647	6,905	742	9.7
Fulton	5,049	4,848	201	4.0	5,017	4,833	184	3.7	4,957	4,635	322	6.5
Garland	42,047	39,751	2,296	5.5	42,057	39,790	2,267	5.4	41,547	36,250	5,297	12.7
Grant	8,241	7,952	289	3.5	8,274	8,015	259	3.1	8,126	7,553	573	7.1
Greene	19,154	18,423	731	3.8	18,837	18,142	695	3.7	19,737	17,952	1,785	9.0
Hempstead	9,521	9,168	353	3.7	9,601	9,269	332	3.5	9,756	9,122	634	6.5
Hot Spring	14,073	13,479	594	4.2	14,100	13,546	554	3.9	14,082	12,923	1,159	8.2
Howard	5,514	5,334	180	3.3	5,549	5,381	168	3.0	5,450	5,112	338	6.2
Independence	16,954	16,227	727	4.3	16,917	16,253	664	3.9	17,113	15,774	1,339	7.8
Izard	4,427	4,170	257	5.8	4,442	4,187	255	5.7	4,769	4,227	542	11.4
Jackson	5,826	5,503	323	5.5	5,836	5,537	299	5.1	5,896	5,421	475	8.1
Jefferson	27,766	25,873	1,893	6.8	28,032	26,122	1,910	6.8	27,491	24,755	2,736	10.0
Johnson	9,908	9,376	532	5.4	9,798	9,319	479	4.9	10,214	9,216	998	9.8
Lafayette	2,389	2,232	157	6.6	2,417	2,256	161	6.7	2,464	2,237	227	9.2
Lawrence	6,835	6,511	324	4.7	6,902	6,595	307	4.4	6,821	6,263	558	8.2
Lee	2,635	2,472	163	6.2	2,666	2,505	161	6.0	2,791	2,516	275	9.9
Lincoln	3,863	3,678	185	4.8	3,928	3,741	187	4.8	3,769	3,497	272	7.2
Little River	5,466	5,206	260	4.8	5,438	5,187	251	4.6	5,339	4,899	440	8.2
Logan	8,599	8,212	387	4.5	8,571	8,199	372	4.3	8,740	7,796	944	10.8
Lonoke	33,578	32,341	1,237	3.7	33,802	32,615	1,187	3.5	33,287	30,687	2,600	7.8
Madison	7,692	7,432	260	3.4	7,725	7,482	243	3.1	7,193	6,811	382	5.3
Marion	6,116	5,825	291	4.8	6,149	5,857	292	4.7	6,292	5,718	574	9.1
Miller	19,702	18,656	1,046	5.3	19,651	18,604	1,047	5.3	19,401	17,538	1,863	9.6

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**County Labor Force Statistics  
Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	May 2021				April 2021				May 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,742	15,396	1,346	8.0	16,831	15,564	1,267	7.5	17,623	15,166	2,457	13.9
Monroe	2,722	2,580	142	5.2	2,766	2,614	152	5.5	2,713	2,504	209	7.7
Montgomery	2,857	2,710	147	5.1	2,842	2,705	137	4.8	2,921	2,659	262	9.0
Nevada	3,519	3,378	141	4.0	3,536	3,405	131	3.7	3,641	3,369	272	7.5
Newton	3,179	3,074	105	3.3	3,152	3,055	97	3.1	3,255	3,013	242	7.4
Ouachita	9,865	9,469	396	4.0	9,854	9,466	388	3.9	9,936	9,199	737	7.4
Perry	4,236	4,038	198	4.7	4,261	4,076	185	4.3	4,147	3,825	322	7.8
Phillips	6,211	5,705	506	8.1	6,269	5,749	520	8.3	6,529	5,735	794	12.2
Pike	4,292	4,101	191	4.5	4,310	4,126	184	4.3	4,267	3,924	343	8.0
Poinsett	10,115	9,672	443	4.4	10,127	9,709	418	4.1	9,787	9,055	732	7.5
Polk	7,940	7,539	401	5.1	7,947	7,577	370	4.7	8,011	7,330	681	8.5
Pope	27,665	26,441	1,224	4.4	27,706	26,626	1,080	3.9	27,982	25,710	2,272	8.1
Prairie	3,674	3,522	152	4.1	3,715	3,560	155	4.2	3,562	3,328	234	6.6
Pulaski	189,258	178,976	10,282	5.4	190,403	179,978	10,425	5.5	190,963	170,101	20,862	10.9
Randolph	7,491	7,170	321	4.3	7,435	7,130	305	4.1	7,465	6,892	573	7.7
St. Francis	7,807	7,276	531	6.8	7,828	7,291	537	6.9	8,173	7,251	922	11.3
Saline	58,547	56,535	2,012	3.4	58,783	56,857	1,926	3.3	58,122	53,723	4,399	7.6
Scott	4,347	4,178	169	3.9	4,383	4,219	164	3.7	4,362	4,117	245	5.6
Searcy	2,939	2,804	135	4.6	2,780	2,655	125	4.5	3,044	2,792	252	8.3
Sebastian	56,848	54,586	2,262	4.0	56,891	54,697	2,194	3.9	57,025	51,465	5,560	9.8
Sevier	5,553	5,276	277	5.0	5,555	5,288	267	4.8	5,539	5,186	353	6.4
Sharp	5,769	5,473	296	5.1	5,729	5,457	272	4.7	5,842	5,303	539	9.2
Stone	4,589	4,334	255	5.6	4,571	4,328	243	5.3	4,627	4,211	416	9.0
Union	15,262	14,247	1,015	6.7	15,315	14,295	1,020	6.7	16,022	14,216	1,806	11.3
Van Buren	5,819	5,491	328	5.6	5,798	5,474	324	5.6	5,841	5,274	567	9.7
Washington	131,073	126,840	4,233	3.2	130,524	126,560	3,964	3.0	125,140	116,496	8,644	6.9
White	33,982	32,435	1,547	4.6	33,998	32,516	1,482	4.4	34,305	31,476	2,829	8.2
Woodruff	2,847	2,682	165	5.8	2,888	2,717	171	5.9	2,753	2,563	190	6.9
Yell	7,996	7,637	359	4.5	8,056	7,740	316	3.9	7,902	7,387	515	6.5

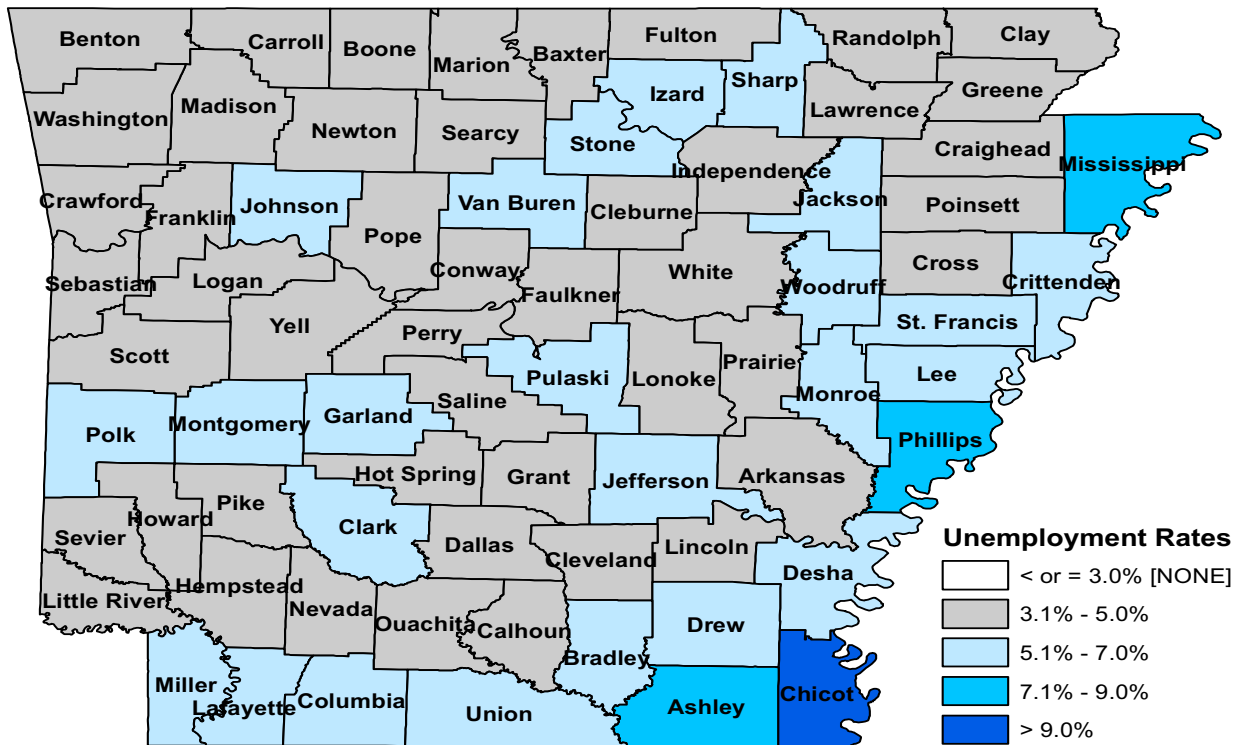
**County Labor Force Summary**

Between April and May, unemployment rates increased in 56 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates were unchanged in ten counties, while nine counties posted rate declines. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 3.1 percent in Benton County to a high of 9.8 percent in Chicot County.

In May, four counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. The same four counties had rates above seven percent last month. Twenty-three counties had jobless rates at or below four percent, down from 29 counties below four percent last month.

Compared to May 2020, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rate changes ranged from a decline of one percentage point in Arkansas County to as much as seven and two-tenths of a percentage point drop in Garland County.

## County Unemployment Rates



## Ranked by Unemployment Rates

May 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	3.1	24	Prairie	4.1	48	Sharp	5.1
2	Washington	3.2	27	Clay	4.2	52	Monroe	5.2
3	Howard	3.3	27	Cleveland	4.2	53	Miller	5.3
3	Newton	3.3	27	Hot Spring	4.2	54	Johnson	5.4
5	Boone	3.4	30	Independence	4.3	54	Pulaski	5.4
5	Madison	3.4	30	Randolph	4.3	56	Garland	5.5
5	Saline	3.4	32	Poinsett	4.4	56	Jackson	5.5
8	Grant	3.5	32	Pope	4.4	58	Stone	5.6
9	Arkansas	3.6	34	Conway	4.5	58	Van Buren	5.6
9	Craighead	3.6	34	Logan	4.5	60	Clark	5.8
11	Calhoun	3.7	34	Pike	4.5	60	Crittenden	5.8
11	Hempstead	3.7	34	Yell	4.5	60	Drew	5.8
11	Lonoke	3.7	38	Searcy	4.6	60	Izard	5.8
14	Faulkner	3.8	38	White	4.6	60	Woodruff	5.8
14	Greene	3.8	40	Lawrence	4.7	65	Lee	6.2
16	Carroll	3.9	40	Perry	4.7	66	Columbia	6.3
16	Crawford	3.9	42	Lincoln	4.8	66	Desha	6.3
16	Scott	3.9	42	Little River	4.8	68	Lafayette	6.6
19	Baxter	4.0	42	Marion	4.8	69	Union	6.7
19	Fulton	4.0	45	Cleburne	4.9	70	Jefferson	6.8
19	Nevada	4.0	45	Cross	4.9	70	St. Francis	6.8
19	Ouachita	4.0	47	Sevier	5.0	72	Mississippi	8.0
19	Sebastian	4.0	48	Bradley	5.1	73	Ashley	8.1
24	Dallas	4.1	48	Montgomery	5.1	73	Phillips	8.1
24	Franklin	4.1	48	Polk	5.1	75	Chicot	9.8

## Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	May 2021				April 2021				May 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	252,216	241,562	10,654	4.2	253,822	243,100	10,722	4.2	252,167	229,517	22,650	9.0
City of Little Rock	97,582	92,046	5,536	5.7	97,972	92,562	5,410	5.5	98,455	87,482	10,973	11.1
Eastern	45,172	42,380	2,792	6.2	45,273	42,466	2,807	6.2	46,163	41,068	5,095	11.0
North Central	94,405	89,857	4,548	4.8	94,096	89,769	4,327	4.6	95,546	87,312	8,234	8.6
Northeast	122,696	117,272	5,424	4.4	122,318	117,171	5,147	4.2	122,854	111,838	11,016	9.0
Northwest	341,047	329,888	11,159	3.3	339,325	328,733	10,592	3.1	328,645	305,851	22,794	6.9
Southeast	79,789	75,086	4,703	5.9	80,394	75,743	4,651	5.8	80,040	73,046	6,994	8.7
Southwest	91,055	86,458	4,597	5.0	91,153	86,677	4,476	4.9	92,099	84,326	7,773	8.4
West Central	130,572	124,123	6,449	4.9	130,664	124,643	6,021	4.6	130,733	118,074	12,659	9.7
Western	111,973	107,413	4,560	4.1	112,114	107,733	4,381	3.9	112,319	101,931	10,388	9.2

