

Labor Market Report

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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while previous month’s data is subject to revision.

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data collected for production workers in manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2018 benchmark.

**Explanation of Terms and Concepts Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Work- force Services. The data are based on es- tablishment records and include all workers, full-or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of

the month. Approximately 5,000 Arkansas

business establishments are surveyed.

**Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)**

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Man- agement and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, com- muting patterns and social and economic integration.

**Current Population Survey (CPS)**

A monthly sample survey of the popula- tion 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

**Civilian Labor Force**

The sum of all employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

**Employment**

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not work- ing, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

**Unemployment**

An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

**Unemployment Rate**

The number of unemployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

**Seasonal Adjustment**

A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally oc- cur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.



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## March Spotlight

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional es- timates based on various definitions of ‘unemployment’. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quar- ter moving average. The most recent data available

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

2nd Q 2018 - 1st Q 2019

**U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6**

1.1% 1.5% 3.7% 4.0% 4.6% 7.5%

is for the 2nd Quarter 2018 - 1st Quarter 2019.

The following definitions are used to calculate each

measure of Labor Underutilization:

* 1. **Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.
  2. **Measure:** Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force. **U-3 Measure:** Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).
  3. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.
  4. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.
  5. **Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those em- ployed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

Three-Year Comparison (Quarter Ending)

8.0

7.0



6.0

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

0.0

U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6 1st Q 2017 1st Q 2018 1st Q 2019



## State of Arkansas

**Civilian Labor Force Summary**

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.8 percent in February to 3.7 percent in March. Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased 1,610, a result of 2,079 additional employed and 469 fewer un- employed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate was stable at 3.8 percent between February and March.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “With the addition of 2,079 more employed Arkan- sans in March, employment in the State has increased for three consecutive months. The number of employed is up 8,585 compared to March 2018.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Mar 19**  1,359,436 | **Feb 19**  1,357,826 | **Mar 18**  1,350,994 | Civilian Labor Force | **Mar 19**  1,357,559 | **Feb 19**  1,355,762 | **Mar 18**  1,348,676 |
| Employment | 1,308,697 | 1,306,618 | 1,300,112 | Employment | 1,310,876 | 1,296,873 | 1,297,651 |
| Unemployment | 50,739 | 51,208 | 50,882 | Unemployment | 46,683 | 58,889 | 51,025 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 | Unemployment Rate | 3.4 | 4.3 | 3.8 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.0 | U.S. Unemployment | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.1 |

12.0%

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

March: 2009 - 2019

10.0%

8.0%

6.0%

4.0%

2.0%

0.0%

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

Arkansas United States

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

**(NAICS)**

**Mar 19**

**Feb 19**

**Mar 18**

**OTM**

**OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Nonfarm** | 1270.1 | 1264.7 | 1260.2 | 5.4 | 9.9 |
| **Goods Producing** | 219.4 | 219.3 | 215.5 | 0.1 | 3.9 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | 56.0 | 54.9 | 55.4 | 1.1 | 0.6 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.7** | **5.7** | **5.9** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Construction** | **50.3** | **49.2** | **49.5** | **1.1** | **0.8** |
| **Specialty Trade Contractors** | 31.7 | 30.9 | 31.1 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| **Manufacturing** | **163.4** | **164.4** | **160.1** | **-1.0** | **3.3** |
| **Durable Goods** | 78.9 | 79.9 | 76.1 | -1.0 | 2.8 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 84.5 | 84.5 | 84.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **Service Providing** | 1050.7 | 1045.4 | 1044.7 | 5.3 | 6.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **250.9** | **250.0** | **249.6** | **0.9** | **1.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 48.0 | 48.2 | 47.1 | -0.2 | 0.9 |
| **Retail Trade** | 137.9 | 136.7 | 138.2 | 1.2 | -0.3 |
| **Transport, Warehousing & Utilities** | 65.0 | 65.1 | 64.3 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| **Information** | **11.1** | **11.0** | **11.2** | **0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **60.2** | **60.5** | **59.7** | **-0.3** | **0.5** |
| **Finance & Insurance** | 46.8 | 47.1 | 46.4 | -0.3 | 0.4 |
| **Real Estate & Rental & Leasing** | 13.4 | 13.4 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **146.2** | **145.4** | **147.3** | **0.8** | **-1.1** |
| **Professional, Scientific & Technical** | 44.8 | 45.3 | 44.2 | -0.5 | 0.6 |
| **Management of Companies** | 35.1 | 35.1 | 35.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Administrative & Support Services** | 66.3 | 65.0 | 68.0 | 1.3 | -1.7 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **193.1** | **192.8** | **191.3** | **0.3** | **1.8** |
| **Educational Services** | 16.1 | 15.9 | 16.2 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| **Health Care & Social Assistance** | 177.0 | 176.9 | 175.1 | 0.1 | 1.9 |
| **Ambulatory Health Care** | 59.4 | 59.0 | 57.5 | 0.4 | 1.9 |
| **Social Assistance** | 40.1 | 40.3 | 40.2 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **119.6** | **116.5** | **117.1** | **3.1** | **2.5** |
| **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** | 10.6 | 10.0 | 10.8 | 0.6 | -0.2 |
| **Accommodation & Food Services** | 109.0 | 106.5 | 106.3 | 2.5 | 2.7 |
| **Accommodation Services** | 11.1 | 10.6 | 11.0 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| **Food Services** | 97.9 | 95.9 | 95.3 | 2.0 | 2.6 |
| **Other Services** | **53.3** | **53.4** | **53.0** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Government** | **216.3** | **215.8** | **215.5** | **0.5** | **0.8** |
| **Federal Government** | 20.0 | 20.1 | 19.9 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** | 79.9 | 79.5 | 80.1 | 0.4 | -0.2 |
| **Local Government** | 116.4 | 116.2 | 115.5 | 0.2 | 0.9 |

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

**Februar y 2019 - March 2019**

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 5,400 in March to total 1,270,100. Seven major industries added jobs, while three sectors reported employment declines. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 3,100. Typical seasonal gains were reported in both accommodation and food services (+2,500) and arts-entertainment-recreation (+600). Employment in **construction** increased 1,100, due to seasonal hiring. Jobs in **manufacturing** declined 1,000. All losses occurred in durable goods manufacturing, with reported contractions across multiple industries.

**March 2018 - March 2019**

Compared to March 2018, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment is up 9,900. Eight major industry sectors posted growth, with four adding 1,300 or more jobs, each. Employment in **manufacturing** in- creased 3,300, mostly in durable goods manufacturing (+2,800). **Leisure and hospitality** added 2,500 jobs. All gains were in accommodation and food services (+2,700). Employment in **educational and health services** rose 1,800, all in health care and social assistance (+1,900). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 1,300. Expansions occurred in whole trade (+900) and transportation-warehousing- utilities (+700). Jobs in **professional and business services** declined 1,100. All losses were in adminis- trative and support services (-1,700), a subsector comprised largely of employment agencies.

54,000

**Jobs in Construction (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2017 - March 2019

53,000

52,000

51,000

50,000

49,000

48,000

47,000

46,000

45,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2017 2018 2019

## State of Arkansas

**Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

**Manufacturing**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 19** | **Feb 19** | **Mar 18** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 41.0 | 40.4 | 41.8 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 18.22 | 18.08 | 16.84 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 747.02 | 730.43 | 703.91 |

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Mar 19 Feb 19 Mar 18**

Average Weekly Hours 39.2 38.9

Average Hourly Earnings 16.84 16.65

Average Weekly Earnings 660.13 647.69

41.9

15.23

638.14

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 19** | **Feb 19** | **Mar 18** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 43.1 | 42.0 | 41.7 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 19.64 | 19.57 | 18.78 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 846.48 | 821.94 | 783.13 |

$22.00

**Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers - Durable Goods Manufacturing**

March: 2004 - 2019

$20.00

$18.00

$16.00

$14.00

$12.00

$10.00

'04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA**

The Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA = Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, & Saline counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 19** | **Feb 19** | **Mar 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 356,518 | 355,721 | 353,085 | 797 | 3,433 |
| **Employment** | 345,459 | 341,941 | 340,750 | 3,518 | 4,709 |
| **Unemployment** | 11,059 | 13,780 | 12,335 | -2,721 | -1,276 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.1 | 3.9 | 3.5 | -0.8 | -0.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

324.0

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Mar 19**  362.9 | **Feb 19**  361.1 | **Mar 18**  359.2 | **OTM**  1.8 | **OT Y**  3.7 |
| **Goods Producing** | 37.3 | 37.1 | 37.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **16.3** | **16.2** | **16.7** | **0.1** | **-0.4** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **21.0**  325.6 | **20.9** | **20.4** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **71.2** | **70.6** | **69.9** | 1.6  **0.6** | 3.5  **1.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 16.0 | 16.0 | 15.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** | 39.2 | 38.7 | 38.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 16.0 | 15.9 | 15.5 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Information** | **4.2** | **4.2** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **21.4** | **21.4** | **20.8** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **48.6** | **48.9** | **49.5** | **-0.3** | **-0.9** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **58.0** | **57.4** | **57.0** | **0.6** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **34.5** | **34.2** | **34.0** | **0.3** | **0.5** |
| **Other Services** | **15.8** | **15.7** | **15.4** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Government** | **71.9** | **71.6** | **71.2** | **0.3** | **0.7** |
| **Federal Government** | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 36.0 | 35.9 | 35.6 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Local Government** | 26.3 | 26.1 | 26.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 |

322.1

**Number of Employed**

March 2017 - March 2019

355,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

March: 1999 - 2019

370,000

350,000

360,000

350,000

345,000

340,000

340,000

330,000

335,000

320,000

310,000

330,000

300,000

325,000

Mar '17

Sep '17

Mar '18

Sep '18

Mar '19

290,000

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

## 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 19** | **Feb 19** | **Mar 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 279,047 | 278,198 | 274,666 | 849 | 4,381 |
| **Employment** | 272,201 | 269,463 | 267,036 | 2,738 | 5,165 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,846 | 8,735 | 7,630 | -1,889 | -784 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.5 | 3.1 | 2.8 | -0.6 | -0.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing**

**Mining, Logging & Construction Manufacturing**

**Service Providing**

**Trade, Transportation & Utilities**

**Wholesale Trade Retail Trade**

**Trans., Warehousing & Utilities**

**Information Financial Activities**

**Professional & Business Services Educational & Health Services Leisure & Hospitality**

**Other Services Government**

**Federal Government State Government Local Government**

**Mar 19**

262.9

41.7

**11.7**

**30.0**

221.2

**56.2**

12.4

26.0

17.8

**2.1**

**8.2**

**51.4**

**29.9**

**25.8**

**9.4**

**38.2**

2.6

16.2

19.4

**Feb 19**

261.4

41.7

**11.6**

**30.1**

219.7

**56.1**

12.4

25.9

17.8

**2.1**

**8.2**

**50.9**

**29.8**

**25.2**

**9.3**

**38.1**

2.7

16.1

19.3

**Mar 18**

258.2

41.1

**11.5**

**29.6**

217.1

**55.4**

12.2

26.1

17.1

**2.0**

**8.1**

**50.4**

**29.3**

**25.9**

**9.1**

**36.9**

2.6

15.2

19.1

**OTM**

1.5

0.0

**0.1**

**-0.1**

1.5

**0.1**

0.0

0.1

0.0

**0.0**

**0.0**

**0.5**

**0.1**

**0.6**

**0.1**

**0.1**

-0.1

0.1

0.1

**OT Y**

4.7

0.6

**0.2**

**0.4**

4.1

**0.8**

0.2

-0.1

0.7

**0.1**

**0.1**

**1.0**

**0.6**

**-0.1**

**0.3**

**1.3**

0.0

1.0

0.3

**Unemployment Rates**

March: 2009 - 2019

8.0%

**Jobs in Professional & Business Services**

March 2017 - March 2019

52,000

7.0%

51,500

6.0%

51,000

5.0%

50,500

4.0%

50,000

3.0%

49,500

2.0%

49,000

1.0%

48,500

48,000

0.0%

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

Mar

Sep

Mar

Sep

Mar

## 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 19** | **Feb 19** | **Mar 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 118,211 | 119,018 | 119,860 | -807 | -1,649 |
| **Employment** | 114,117 | 113,827 | 115,047 | 290 | -930 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,094 | 5,191 | 4,813 | -1,097 | -719 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5 | 4.4 | 4.0 | -0.9 | -0.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

90.3

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Mar 19**  112.9 | **Feb 19**  113.0 | **Mar 18**  113.8 | **OTM**  -0.1 | **OT Y**  -0.9 |
| **Goods Producing** | 22.6 | 22.7 | 23.1 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.0** | **5.0** | **5.2** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **17.6**  90.3 | **17.7** | **17.9** | **-0.1** | **-0.3** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **22.8** | **23.0** | **23.0** | 0.0  **-0.2** | -0.4  **-0.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** | 12.2 | 12.3 | 12.4 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.5 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Information** | **1.1** | **1.1** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **4.0** | **4.0** | **3.9** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **13.0** | **13.0** | **13.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **17.1** | **17.1** | **17.0** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.4** | **9.2** | **9.3** | **0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Other Services** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **18.5** | **18.5** | **18.9** | **0.0** | **-0.4** |
| **Federal Government** | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** | 14.1 | 14.1 | 14.4 | 0.0 | -0.3 |

90.7

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2017 - March 2019

115,000

114,000

113,000

112,000

111,000

110,000

109,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2017 2018 2019

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 19** | **Feb 19** | **Mar 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,342 | 41,033 | 41,123 | 309 | 219 |
| **Employment** | 39,861 | 39,164 | 39,431 | 697 | 430 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,481 | 1,869 | 1,692 | -388 | -211 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6 | 4.6 | 4.1 | -1.0 | -0.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 19** | **Feb 19** | **Mar 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 39.4 | 38.9 | 38.9 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 35.0 | 34.5 | 34.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 |

10.0%

**Unemployment Rates**

March: 2009 - 2019

9.0%

8.0%

7.0%

6.0%

5.0%

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2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 19** | **Feb 19** | **Mar 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,643 | 64,584 | 64,100 | 59 | 543 |
| **Employment** | 62,835 | 62,267 | 62,027 | 568 | 808 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,808 | 2,317 | 2,073 | -509 | -265 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.8 | 3.6 | 3.2 | -0.8 | -0.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 19** | **Feb 19** | **Mar 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 59.0 | 58.7 | 58.2 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| 9.9 | 9.8 | 9.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 49.1 | 48.9 | 48.3 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

50,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

March 2014 - March 2019

48,000

46,000

44,000

42,000

40,000

Mar '14 Sep '14 Mar '15 Sep '15 Mar '16 Sep '16 Mar '17 Sep '17 Mar '18 Sep '18 Mar '19

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Pine Bluff MSA**

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 19** | **Feb 19** | **Mar 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 35,387 | 35,383 | 35,362 | 4 | 25 |
| **Employment** | 33,627 | 33,252 | 33,547 | 375 | 80 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,760 | 2,131 | 1,815 | -371 | -55 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.1 | -1.0 | -0.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 19** | **Feb 19** | **Mar 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.3 | 33.1 | 33.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 27.4 | 27.2 | 27.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

5,000

**Unemployment**

March: 1999 - 2019

4,500

4,000

3,500

3,000

2,500

2,000

1,500

1,000

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

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Out-of-State MSA**

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

### Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 19** | **Feb 19** | **Mar 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 642,004 | 638,861 | 631,969 | 3,143 | 10,035 |
| **Employment** | 616,658 | 614,652 | 605,725 | 2,006 | 10,933 |
| **Unemployment** | 25,346 | 24,209 | 26,244 | 1,137 | -898 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 0.1 | -0.3 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 19** | **Feb 19** | **Mar 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,067 | 65,532 | 64,557 | -465 | 510 |
| **Employment** | 62,164 | 62,081 | 61,571 | 83 | 593 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,903 | 3,451 | 2,986 | -548 | -83 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.5 | 5.3 | 4.6 | -0.8 | -0.1 |

**Memphis MSA - Employment**

January 2017 - March 2019

620,000

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**

March: 2009 - 2019

8.0

7.5

610,000

7.0

6.5

600,000

6.0

5.5

590,000

5.0

4.5

580,000

4.0

570,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2017 2018 2019

3.5

3.0

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

## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**Micro Area**

**March 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**February 2019**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,803 | 9,510 | 293 | 3.0 | 9,778 | 9,397 | 381 | 3.9 | 9,554 | 9,194 | 360 | 3.8 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,547 | 15,948 | 599 | 3.6 | 16,550 | 15,768 | 782 | 4.7 | 16,203 | 15,577 | 626 | 3.9 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,983 | 16,172 | 811 | 4.8 | 16,948 | 15,967 | 981 | 5.8 | 17,305 | 16,321 | 984 | 5.7 |
| Camden Micro | 12,547 | 11,889 | 658 | 5.2 | 12,572 | 11,780 | 792 | 6.3 | 12,123 | 11,546 | 577 | 4.8 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,943 | 15,141 | 802 | 5.0 | 15,985 | 15,020 | 965 | 6.0 | 16,007 | 15,031 | 976 | 6.1 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,299 | 7,849 | 450 | 5.4 | 8,318 | 7,770 | 548 | 6.6 | 8,319 | 7,880 | 439 | 5.3 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,467 | 18,834 | 633 | 3.3 | 19,350 | 18,539 | 811 | 4.2 | 19,353 | 18,624 | 729 | 3.8 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,524 | 6,141 | 383 | 5.9 | 6,554 | 6,073 | 481 | 7.3 | 6,647 | 6,203 | 444 | 6.7 |
| Hope Micro | 13,540 | 13,039 | 501 | 3.7 | 13,550 | 12,936 | 614 | 4.5 | 13,477 | 13,032 | 445 | 3.3 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,137 | 8,755 | 382 | 4.2 | 9,142 | 8,681 | 461 | 5.0 | 9,036 | 8,601 | 435 | 4.8 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,111 | 13,611 | 500 | 3.5 | 14,041 | 13,442 | 599 | 4.3 | 14,009 | 13,493 | 516 | 3.7 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,535 | 15,852 | 683 | 4.1 | 16,408 | 15,576 | 832 | 5.1 | 16,415 | 15,726 | 689 | 4.2 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,939 | 19,276 | 663 | 3.3 | 19,907 | 19,044 | 863 | 4.3 | 19,763 | 19,039 | 724 | 3.7 |
| Russellville Micro | 37,500 | 36,013 | 1,487 | 4.0 | 37,431 | 35,531 | 1,900 | 5.1 | 37,522 | 35,984 | 1,538 | 4.1 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,001 | 32,407 | 1,594 | 4.7 | 33,971 | 32,052 | 1,919 | 5.6 | 34,079 | 32,441 | 1,638 | 4.8 |

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

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

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

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

**City Labor Force Statistics**

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

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



**City**

**CLF**

**March 2019**

**Emp Unemp**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**February 2019**

**Rate**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**March 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 12,416 | 11,984 | 432 | 3.5 | 12,453 | 11,857 | 596 | 4.8 | 12,211 | 11,743 | 468 | 3.8 |
| Benton | 17,281 | 16,783 | 498 | 2.9 | 17,202 | 16,609 | 593 | 3.4 | 17,109 | 16,547 | 562 | 3.3 |
| Bentonville | 26,471 | 25,914 | 557 | 2.1 | 26,365 | 25,638 | 727 | 2.8 | 26,095 | 25,391 | 704 | 2.7 |
| Blytheville | 5,749 | 5,469 | 280 | 4.9 | 5,733 | 5,400 | 333 | 5.8 | 5,864 | 5,520 | 344 | 5.9 |
| Cabot | 11,968 | 11,604 | 364 | 3.0 | 11,924 | 11,495 | 429 | 3.6 | 11,872 | 11,473 | 399 | 3.4 |
| Conway | 33,617 | 32,686 | 931 | 2.8 | 33,578 | 32,351 | 1,227 | 3.7 | 33,320 | 32,254 | 1,066 | 3.2 |
| El Dorado | 6,970 | 6,541 | 429 | 6.2 | 6,964 | 6,489 | 475 | 6.8 | 6,960 | 6,493 | 467 | 6.7 |
| Fayetteville | 48,114 | 46,947 | 1,167 | 2.4 | 47,924 | 46,439 | 1,485 | 3.1 | 47,229 | 46,011 | 1,218 | 2.6 |
| Fort Smith | 39,368 | 38,109 | 1,259 | 3.2 | 39,620 | 37,916 | 1,704 | 4.3 | 39,700 | 38,212 | 1,488 | 3.7 |
| Hot Springs | 14,707 | 14,144 | 563 | 3.8 | 14,587 | 13,896 | 691 | 4.7 | 14,677 | 13,991 | 686 | 4.7 |
| Jacksonville | 11,772 | 11,319 | 453 | 3.8 | 11,767 | 11,203 | 564 | 4.8 | 11,650 | 11,158 | 492 | 4.2 |
| Jonesboro | 38,281 | 37,246 | 1,035 | 2.7 | 38,237 | 36,899 | 1,338 | 3.5 | 37,899 | 36,735 | 1,164 | 3.1 |
| Little Rock | 97,970 | 94,847 | 3,123 | 3.2 | 97,742 | 93,869 | 3,873 | 4.0 | 97,057 | 93,499 | 3,558 | 3.7 |
| North Little Rock | 29,998 | 28,897 | 1,101 | 3.7 | 29,939 | 28,599 | 1,340 | 4.5 | 29,678 | 28,487 | 1,191 | 4.0 |
| Paragould | 12,522 | 12,073 | 449 | 3.6 | 12,519 | 11,927 | 592 | 4.7 | 12,401 | 11,924 | 477 | 3.8 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,727 | 15,786 | 941 | 5.6 | 16,747 | 15,604 | 1,143 | 6.8 | 16,678 | 15,725 | 953 | 5.7 |
| Rogers | 35,832 | 34,952 | 880 | 2.5 | 35,691 | 34,580 | 1,111 | 3.1 | 35,158 | 34,247 | 911 | 2.6 |
| Russellville | 13,476 | 13,008 | 468 | 3.5 | 13,407 | 12,827 | 580 | 4.3 | 13,493 | 12,981 | 512 | 3.8 |
| Searcy | 10,305 | 9,905 | 400 | 3.9 | 10,284 | 9,797 | 487 | 4.7 | 10,326 | 9,916 | 410 | 4.0 |
| Sherwood | 16,036 | 15,572 | 464 | 2.9 | 16,011 | 15,411 | 600 | 3.7 | 15,838 | 15,350 | 488 | 3.1 |
| Springdale | 39,551 | 38,655 | 896 | 2.3 | 39,385 | 38,237 | 1,148 | 2.9 | 38,906 | 37,884 | 1,022 | 2.6 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,619 | 13,025 | 594 | 4.4 | 13,675 | 12,937 | 738 | 5.4 | 13,562 | 12,900 | 662 | 4.9 |
| Van Buren | 10,317 | 10,016 | 301 | 2.9 | 10,394 | 9,969 | 425 | 4.1 | 10,430 | 10,053 | 377 | 3.6 |
| West Memphis | 10,570 | 10,097 | 473 | 4.5 | 10,650 | 10,058 | 592 | 5.6 | 10,469 | 9,967 | 502 | 4.8 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County CLF** | | **March 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **February 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **March 2018 Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 8,938 | 8,636 | 302 | 3.4 | 8,944 | 8,560 | 384 | 4.3 | 8,942 | 8,614 | 328 | 3.7 |
| Ashley | 7,900 | 7,462 | 438 | 5.5 | 7,873 | 7,362 | 511 | 6.5 | 7,614 | 7,170 | 444 | 5.8 |
| Baxter | 16,535 | 15,852 | 683 | 4.1 | 16,408 | 15,576 | 832 | 5.1 | 16,415 | 15,726 | 689 | 4.2 |
| Benton | 136,518 | 133,067 | 3,451 | 2.5 | 136,093 | 131,650 | 4,443 | 3.3 | 134,313 | 130,384 | 3,929 | 2.9 |
| Boone | 16,115 | 15,602 | 513 | 3.2 | 16,007 | 15,354 | 653 | 4.1 | 16,034 | 15,412 | 622 | 3.9 |
| Bradley | 4,449 | 4,251 | 198 | 4.5 | 4,480 | 4,228 | 252 | 5.6 | 4,262 | 4,038 | 224 | 5.3 |
| Calhoun | 2,458 | 2,338 | 120 | 4.9 | 2,470 | 2,320 | 150 | 6.1 | 2,390 | 2,283 | 107 | 4.5 |
| Carroll | 12,319 | 11,906 | 413 | 3.4 | 12,179 | 11,574 | 605 | 5.0 | 12,399 | 11,980 | 419 | 3.4 |
| Chicot | 3,222 | 2,981 | 241 | 7.5 | 3,246 | 2,962 | 284 | 8.7 | 3,371 | 3,091 | 280 | 8.3 |
| Clark | 9,803 | 9,510 | 293 | 3.0 | 9,778 | 9,397 | 381 | 3.9 | 9,554 | 9,194 | 360 | 3.8 |
| Clay | 5,597 | 5,307 | 290 | 5.2 | 5,627 | 5,257 | 370 | 6.6 | 5,805 | 5,533 | 272 | 4.7 |
| Cleburne | 9,040 | 8,619 | 421 | 4.7 | 9,024 | 8,488 | 536 | 5.9 | 9,186 | 8,759 | 427 | 4.6 |
| Cleveland | 3,274 | 3,143 | 131 | 4.0 | 3,273 | 3,112 | 161 | 4.9 | 3,293 | 3,151 | 142 | 4.3 |
| Columbia | 9,137 | 8,755 | 382 | 4.2 | 9,142 | 8,681 | 461 | 5.0 | 9,036 | 8,601 | 435 | 4.8 |
| Conway | 8,121 | 7,792 | 329 | 4.1 | 8,122 | 7,715 | 407 | 5.0 | 8,127 | 7,766 | 361 | 4.4 |
| Craighead | 54,455 | 52,979 | 1,476 | 2.7 | 54,377 | 52,486 | 1,891 | 3.5 | 53,923 | 52,253 | 1,670 | 3.1 |
| Crawford | 26,647 | 25,793 | 854 | 3.2 | 26,807 | 25,674 | 1,133 | 4.2 | 26,854 | 25,888 | 966 | 3.6 |
| Crittenden | 21,443 | 20,583 | 860 | 4.0 | 21,578 | 20,505 | 1,073 | 5.0 | 21,215 | 20,319 | 896 | 4.2 |
| Cross | 7,267 | 6,958 | 309 | 4.3 | 7,252 | 6,856 | 396 | 5.5 | 7,511 | 7,188 | 323 | 4.3 |
| Dallas | 2,859 | 2,719 | 140 | 4.9 | 2,865 | 2,696 | 169 | 5.9 | 2,849 | 2,715 | 134 | 4.7 |
| Desha | 5,294 | 5,059 | 235 | 4.4 | 5,301 | 5,016 | 285 | 5.4 | 5,359 | 5,093 | 266 | 5.0 |
| Drew | 7,899 | 7,465 | 434 | 5.5 | 7,918 | 7,410 | 508 | 6.4 | 7,758 | 7,339 | 419 | 5.4 |
| Faulkner | 61,669 | 59,881 | 1,788 | 2.9 | 61,537 | 59,268 | 2,269 | 3.7 | 61,145 | 59,090 | 2,055 | 3.4 |
| Franklin | 7,331 | 7,100 | 231 | 3.2 | 7,340 | 7,042 | 298 | 4.1 | 7,428 | 7,154 | 274 | 3.7 |
| Fulton | 4,912 | 4,718 | 194 | 3.9 | 4,898 | 4,641 | 257 | 5.2 | 4,764 | 4,571 | 193 | 4.1 |
| Garland | 41,342 | 39,861 | 1,481 | 3.6 | 41,033 | 39,164 | 1,869 | 4.6 | 41,123 | 39,431 | 1,692 | 4.1 |
| Grant | 8,327 | 8,081 | 246 | 3.0 | 8,313 | 8,009 | 304 | 3.7 | 8,246 | 7,983 | 263 | 3.2 |
| Greene | 19,939 | 19,276 | 663 | 3.3 | 19,907 | 19,044 | 863 | 4.3 | 19,763 | 19,039 | 724 | 3.7 |
| Hempstead | 9,911 | 9,538 | 373 | 3.8 | 9,922 | 9,465 | 457 | 4.6 | 9,857 | 9,539 | 318 | 3.2 |
| Hot Spring | 14,111 | 13,611 | 500 | 3.5 | 14,041 | 13,442 | 599 | 4.3 | 14,009 | 13,493 | 516 | 3.7 |
| Howard | 5,857 | 5,678 | 179 | 3.1 | 5,844 | 5,622 | 222 | 3.8 | 5,953 | 5,752 | 201 | 3.4 |
| Independence | 16,547 | 15,948 | 599 | 3.6 | 16,550 | 15,768 | 782 | 4.7 | 16,203 | 15,577 | 626 | 3.9 |
| Izard | 5,013 | 4,765 | 248 | 4.9 | 4,971 | 4,664 | 307 | 6.2 | 4,854 | 4,598 | 256 | 5.3 |
| Jackson | 5,702 | 5,340 | 362 | 6.3 | 5,724 | 5,281 | 443 | 7.7 | 5,742 | 5,389 | 353 | 6.1 |
| Jefferson | 28,113 | 26,662 | 1,451 | 5.2 | 28,113 | 26,355 | 1,758 | 6.3 | 28,049 | 26,559 | 1,490 | 5.3 |
| Johnson | 10,394 | 9,940 | 454 | 4.4 | 10,440 | 9,874 | 566 | 5.4 | 10,469 | 10,015 | 454 | 4.3 |
| Lafayette | 2,466 | 2,356 | 110 | 4.5 | 2,480 | 2,344 | 136 | 5.5 | 2,497 | 2,355 | 142 | 5.7 |
| Lawrence | 6,906 | 6,645 | 261 | 3.8 | 6,939 | 6,574 | 365 | 5.3 | 6,867 | 6,607 | 260 | 3.8 |
| Lee | 2,816 | 2,685 | 131 | 4.7 | 2,832 | 2,661 | 171 | 6.0 | 2,880 | 2,732 | 148 | 5.1 |
| Lincoln | 4,000 | 3,822 | 178 | 4.5 | 3,997 | 3,785 | 212 | 5.3 | 4,020 | 3,837 | 183 | 4.6 |
| Little River | 5,475 | 5,243 | 232 | 4.2 | 5,519 | 5,212 | 307 | 5.6 | 5,454 | 5,187 | 267 | 4.9 |
| Logan | 8,674 | 8,338 | 336 | 3.9 | 8,666 | 8,257 | 409 | 4.7 | 8,739 | 8,381 | 358 | 4.1 |
| Lonoke | 33,859 | 32,844 | 1,015 | 3.0 | 33,796 | 32,536 | 1,260 | 3.7 | 33,608 | 32,473 | 1,135 | 3.4 |
| Madison | 7,388 | 7,217 | 171 | 2.3 | 7,405 | 7,157 | 248 | 3.3 | 7,363 | 7,142 | 221 | 3.0 |
| Marion | 6,454 | 6,184 | 270 | 4.2 | 6,409 | 6,071 | 338 | 5.3 | 6,567 | 6,311 | 256 | 3.9 |
| Miller | 19,764 | 18,944 | 820 | 4.1 | 19,852 | 18,816 | 1,036 | 5.2 | 19,687 | 18,762 | 925 | 4.7 |

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## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County CLF** | | **March 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **February 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **March 2018**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 16,983 | 16,172 | 811 | 4.8 | 16,948 | 15,967 | 981 | 5.8 | 17,305 | 16,321 | 984 | 5.7 |
| Monroe | 2,723 | 2,603 | 120 | 4.4 | 2,738 | 2,595 | 143 | 5.2 | 2,725 | 2,612 | 113 | 4.1 |
| Montgomery | 2,968 | 2,833 | 135 | 4.5 | 2,935 | 2,756 | 179 | 6.1 | 3,014 | 2,864 | 150 | 5.0 |
| Nevada | 3,629 | 3,501 | 128 | 3.5 | 3,628 | 3,471 | 157 | 4.3 | 3,620 | 3,493 | 127 | 3.5 |
| Newton | 3,352 | 3,232 | 120 | 3.6 | 3,343 | 3,185 | 158 | 4.7 | 3,319 | 3,212 | 107 | 3.2 |
| Ouachita | 10,089 | 9,551 | 538 | 5.3 | 10,102 | 9,460 | 642 | 6.4 | 9,733 | 9,263 | 470 | 4.8 |
| Perry | 4,261 | 4,077 | 184 | 4.3 | 4,265 | 4,036 | 229 | 5.4 | 4,221 | 4,038 | 183 | 4.3 |
| Phillips | 6,524 | 6,141 | 383 | 5.9 | 6,554 | 6,073 | 481 | 7.3 | 6,647 | 6,203 | 444 | 6.7 |
| Pike | 4,272 | 4,118 | 154 | 3.6 | 4,261 | 4,060 | 201 | 4.7 | 4,214 | 4,028 | 186 | 4.4 |
| Poinsett | 10,188 | 9,856 | 332 | 3.3 | 10,207 | 9,781 | 426 | 4.2 | 10,177 | 9,774 | 403 | 4.0 |
| Polk | 7,994 | 7,701 | 293 | 3.7 | 7,995 | 7,600 | 395 | 4.9 | 8,000 | 7,669 | 331 | 4.1 |
| Pope | 29,062 | 27,912 | 1,150 | 4.0 | 28,981 | 27,524 | 1,457 | 5.0 | 29,045 | 27,854 | 1,191 | 4.1 |
| Prairie | 3,495 | 3,347 | 148 | 4.2 | 3,510 | 3,322 | 188 | 5.4 | 3,545 | 3,392 | 153 | 4.3 |
| Pulaski | 190,421 | 184,177 | 6,244 | 3.3 | 189,972 | 182,278 | 7,694 | 4.1 | 188,438 | 181,559 | 6,879 | 3.7 |
| Randolph | 7,303 | 7,027 | 276 | 3.8 | 7,299 | 6,946 | 353 | 4.8 | 7,086 | 6,804 | 282 | 4.0 |
| St. Francis | 8,299 | 7,849 | 450 | 5.4 | 8,318 | 7,770 | 548 | 6.6 | 8,319 | 7,880 | 439 | 5.3 |
| Saline | 57,981 | 56,399 | 1,582 | 2.7 | 57,838 | 55,814 | 2,024 | 3.5 | 57,427 | 55,607 | 1,820 | 3.2 |
| Scott | 4,388 | 4,243 | 145 | 3.3 | 4,395 | 4,215 | 180 | 4.1 | 4,384 | 4,215 | 169 | 3.9 |
| Searcy | 2,937 | 2,802 | 135 | 4.6 | 2,875 | 2,725 | 150 | 5.2 | 2,914 | 2,785 | 129 | 4.4 |
| Sebastian | 56,721 | 54,951 | 1,770 | 3.1 | 57,058 | 54,672 | 2,386 | 4.2 | 57,234 | 55,099 | 2,135 | 3.7 |
| Sevier | 5,606 | 5,355 | 251 | 4.5 | 5,591 | 5,284 | 307 | 5.5 | 5,540 | 5,282 | 258 | 4.7 |
| Sharp | 5,802 | 5,537 | 265 | 4.6 | 5,808 | 5,449 | 359 | 6.2 | 5,849 | 5,572 | 277 | 4.7 |
| Stone | 4,710 | 4,474 | 236 | 5.0 | 4,719 | 4,395 | 324 | 6.9 | 4,689 | 4,461 | 228 | 4.9 |
| Union | 15,943 | 15,141 | 802 | 5.0 | 15,985 | 15,020 | 965 | 6.0 | 16,007 | 15,031 | 976 | 6.1 |
| Van Buren | 5,886 | 5,601 | 285 | 4.8 | 5,866 | 5,501 | 365 | 6.2 | 5,958 | 5,640 | 318 | 5.3 |
| Washington | 124,571 | 121,707 | 2,864 | 2.3 | 124,091 | 120,392 | 3,699 | 3.0 | 122,406 | 119,282 | 3,124 | 2.6 |
| White | 34,001 | 32,407 | 1,594 | 4.7 | 33,971 | 32,052 | 1,919 | 5.6 | 34,079 | 32,441 | 1,638 | 4.8 |
| Woodruff | 2,755 | 2,608 | 147 | 5.3 | 2,765 | 2,591 | 174 | 6.3 | 2,805 | 2,665 | 140 | 5.0 |
| Yell | 8,438 | 8,101 | 337 | 4.0 | 8,450 | 8,007 | 443 | 5.2 | 8,477 | 8,130 | 347 | 4.1 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between February and March, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in Madison and Washington counties to a high of 7.5 per- cent in Chicot County.

In March, thirty-six counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is up from 10 counties at or below four percent last month. Only one county reported a jobless rate at or above seven percent.

Compared to March 2018, unemployment rates are down in 54 Arkansas counties. Rates in six- teen counties were higher over-the-year, while 5 counties remained the same.

## County Unemployment Rates



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**Benton**

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**Boone**

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**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Sharp**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Madison**

**Washington**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Crawford**

**Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Jackson**

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**Garland**

**Polk**

**Phillips**

**Howard**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Pike**

**Sevier**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Lincoln**

**Cleveland**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada**

**Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller**

**Lafayette Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0%

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

**March 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Madison | **Rate**  2.3 | **Rank**  23 | **County**  Pike | **Rate**  3.6 | **Rank**  49 | **County**  Lincoln | **Rate**  4.5 |
| 1 | Washington | 2.3 | 27 | Polk | 3.7 | 49 | Montgomery | 4.5 |
| 3 | Benton | 2.5 | 28 | Hempstead | 3.8 | 49 | Sevier | 4.5 |
| 4 | Craighead | 2.7 | 28 | Lawrence | 3.8 | 54 | Searcy | 4.6 |
| 4 | Saline | 2.7 | 28 | Randolph | 3.8 | 54 | Sharp | 4.6 |
| 6 | Faulkner | 2.9 | 31 | Fulton | 3.9 | 56 | Cleburne | 4.7 |
| 7 | Clark | 3.0 | 31 | Logan | 3.9 | 56 | Lee | 4.7 |
| 7 | Grant | 3.0 | 33 | Cleveland | 4.0 | 56 | White | 4.7 |
| 7 | Lonoke | 3.0 | 33 | Crittenden | 4.0 | 59 | Mississippi | 4.8 |
| 10 | Howard | 3.1 | 33 | Pope | 4.0 | 59 | Van Buren | 4.8 |
| 10 | Sebastian | 3.1 | 33 | Yell | 4.0 | 61 | Calhoun | 4.9 |
| 12 | Boone | 3.2 | 37 | Baxter | 4.1 | 61 | Dallas | 4.9 |
| 12 | Crawford | 3.2 | 37 | Conway | 4.1 | 61 | Izard | 4.9 |
| 12 | Franklin | 3.2 | 37 | Miller | 4.1 | 64 | Stone | 5.0 |
| 15 | Greene | 3.3 | 40 | Columbia | 4.2 | 64 | Union | 5.0 |
| 15 | Poinsett | 3.3 | 40 | Little River | 4.2 | 66 | Clay | 5.2 |
| 15 | Pulaski | 3.3 | 40 | Marion | 4.2 | 66 | Jefferson | 5.2 |
| 15 | Scott | 3.3 | 40 | Prairie | 4.2 | 68 | Ouachita | 5.3 |
| 19 | Arkansas | 3.4 | 44 | Cross | 4.3 | 68 | Woodruff | 5.3 |
| 19 | Carroll | 3.4 | 44 | Perry | 4.3 | 70 | St. Francis | 5.4 |
| 21 | Hot Spring | 3.5 | 46 | Desha | 4.4 | 71 | Ashley | 5.5 |
| 21 | Nevada | 3.5 | 46 | Johnson | 4.4 | 71 | Drew | 5.5 |
| 23 | Garland | 3.6 | 46 | Monroe | 4.4 | 73 | Phillips | 5.9 |
| 23 | Independence | 3.6 | 49 | Bradley | 4.5 | 74 | Jackson | 6.3 |
| 23 | Newton | 3.6 | 49 | Lafayette | 4.5 | 75 | Chicot | 7.5 |

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **LWDA CLF** | | **March 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **February 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **March 2018**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) | 252,178 | 244,404 | 7,774 | 3.1 | 251,649 | 241,944 | 9,705 | 3.9 | 249,831 | 241,234 | 8,597 | 3.4 |
| City of Little Rock | 97,970 | 94,847 | 3,123 | 3.2 | 97,742 | 93,869 | 3,873 | 4.0 | 97,057 | 93,499 | 3,558 | 3.7 |
| Eastern | 46,349 | 44,216 | 2,133 | 4.6 | 46,534 | 43,865 | 2,669 | 5.7 | 46,572 | 44,322 | 2,250 | 4.8 |
| North Central | 94,368 | 90,017 | 4,351 | 4.6 | 94,296 | 88,830 | 5,466 | 5.8 | 94,129 | 89,673 | 4,456 | 4.7 |
| Northeast | 121,371 | 117,262 | 4,109 | 3.4 | 121,304 | 116,055 | 5,249 | 4.3 | 120,926 | 116,331 | 4,595 | 3.8 |
| Northwest | 326,189 | 317,569 | 8,620 | 2.6 | 324,810 | 313,684 | 11,126 | 3.4 | 321,730 | 312,234 | 9,496 | 3.0 |
| Southeast | 81,416 | 77,562 | 3,854 | 4.7 | 81,458 | 76,799 | 4,659 | 5.7 | 80,914 | 76,875 | 4,039 | 5.0 |
| Southwest | 93,194 | 89,119 | 4,075 | 4.4 | 93,400 | 88,391 | 5,009 | 5.4 | 92,623 | 88,263 | 4,360 | 4.7 |
| West Central | 132,772 | 127,755 | 5,017 | 3.8 | 132,306 | 125,975 | 6,331 | 4.8 | 132,253 | 126,813 | 5,440 | 4.1 |
| Western | 111,755 | 108,126 | 3,629 | 3.2 | 112,261 | 107,460 | 4,801 | 4.3 | 112,639 | 108,406 | 4,233 | 3.8 |



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Northeast Northwest Southeast

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