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Labor Market report

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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.

**April Spotlight**

# Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced and published on a quarterly basis. At this time, BED data is only available at the national and statewide levels.

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

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

State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)

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

**Quarter Ending**

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

**Category | Sep 20 | Dec 20 | Mar 21 | Jun 21 | Sep 21\***

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

**Employment Levels**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 3rd Quarter 2021

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gross job gains..... | 73,315 | 71,401 | 59,076 | 56,022 | 66,061 |
| Gross job losses.... | 54,843 | 51,611 | 50,250 | 56,824 | 59,874 |
| **Net Change**.......... | **18,472** | **19,790** | **8,826** | **-802** | **6,187** |

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

3rd Quarter 2019 - 3rd Quarter 2021

130,000

120,000

110,000

100,000

90,000

80,000

70,000

60,000

50,000

40,000

Sep '19 Dec '19 Mar '20 Jun '20 Sep '20 Dec '20 Mar '21 Jun '21 Sep '21 Gross Job Gains Gross Job Losses

**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 increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.1 percent in March to 3.2 percent in April. Arkansas’ civilian labor force added 5,655, a result of 4,522 more employed and 1,133 more unemployed Arkan- sans. At 3.6 percent, the United States’ jobless rate remained unchanged from March to April.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Employment in Arkansas increased for the fourth month in a row while nonfarm payroll jobs rose to 1,315,500, setting a record high number of jobs in the State. More Arkansans continue to join the labor force, resulting in an increase in the unemploy-

ment rate.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment Unemployment

1,306,972

42,589

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,302,450

41,456

3.2% 3.1%

56.8% 56.6%

3.6% 3.6%

1,272,833

60,284

4.5%

56.7%

6.0%

Employment Unemployment

1,313,816

43,156

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,309,642 1,278,436

43,987 55,656

3.2% 3.2% 4.2%

57.1% 57.0% 56.7%

3.3% 3.8% 5.7%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** |  | **Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,349,561 | 1,343,906 | 1,333,117 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,356,972 | 1,353,629 | 1,334,092 |

16.0%

**Unemployment Rates - Arkansas vs United States**

April: 2012 - 2022 (Seasonally Adjusted)

14.0%

12.0%

10.0%

8.0%

6.0%

4.0%

2.0%

0.0%

2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Arkansas United States

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1315.5 | 1305.6 | 1280.0 | 9.9 | 35.5 |
| Goods Producing | 221.4 | 220.9 | 216.5 | 0.5 | 4.9 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 58.5 | 59.1 | 60.7 | -0.6 | -2.2 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.0** | **5.0** | **5.3** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Construction** | **53.5** | **54.1** | **55.4** | **-0.6** | **-1.9** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 33.8 | 33.9 | 35.4 | -0.1 | -1.6 |
| **Manufacturing** | **162.9** | **161.8** | **155.8** | **1.1** | **7.1** |
| Durable Goods | 77.8 | 77.0 | 74.5 | 0.8 | 3.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 85.1 | 84.8 | 81.3 | 0.3 | 3.8 |
| Service Providing | 1094.1 | 1084.7 | 1063.5 | 9.4 | 30.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **266.4** | **266.0** | **251.2** | **0.4** | **15.2** |
| Wholesale Trade | 51.8 | 51.1 | 47.1 | 0.7 | 4.7 |
| Retail Trade | 139.8 | 140.2 | 137.5 | -0.4 | 2.3 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 74.8 | 74.7 | 66.6 | 0.1 | 8.2 |
| **Information** | **12.4** | **12.3** | **11.4** | **0.1** | **1.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **66.8** | **65.6** | **65.9** | **1.2** | **0.9** |
| Finance & Insurance | 52.5 | 51.5 | 51.8 | 1.0 | 0.7 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 14.3 | 14.1 | 14.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **148.5** | **149.2** | **146.1** | **-0.7** | **2.4** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 45.9 | 46.6 | 44.8 | -0.7 | 1.1 |
| Management of Companies | 38.1 | 37.6 | 33.6 | 0.5 | 4.5 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 64.5 | 65.0 | 67.7 | -0.5 | -3.2 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **197.4** | **195.4** | **196.2** | **2.0** | **1.2** |
| Educational Services | 17.9 | 17.8 | 16.8 | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 179.5 | 177.6 | 179.4 | 1.9 | 0.1 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 62.5 | 61.1 | 61.0 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| Social Assistance | 35.6 | 35.3 | 36.8 | 0.3 | -1.2 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **123.3** | **118.8** | **115.0** | **4.5** | **8.3** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 12.4 | 11.5 | 11.0 | 0.9 | 1.4 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 110.9 | 107.3 | 104.0 | 3.6 | 6.9 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.4 | 10.8 | 9.8 | 0.6 | 1.6 |
| Food Services | 99.5 | 96.5 | 94.2 | 3.0 | 5.3 |
| **Other Services** | **66.4** | **65.6** | **67.1** | **0.8** | **-0.7** |
| **Government** | **212.9** | **211.8** | **210.6** | **1.1** | **2.3** |
| Federal Government | 20.6 | 20.5 | 20.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 78.6 | 78.1 | 78.5 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 32.2 | 31.7 | 32.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.4 | 46.4 | 46.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Local Government | 113.7 | 113.2 | 111.6 | 0.5 | 2.1 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 71.1 | 71.0 | 68.9 | 0.1 | 2.2 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.6 | 42.2 | 42.7 | 0.4 | -0.1 |

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# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**March 2022 - April 2022**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs rose by 9,900 in April, hitting a new record high of 1,315,500. Eight major industry sectors posted gains. The **leisure and hospitality** sector increased by 4,500, mostly in accommodation and food services (+3,600). **Educational and health services** added 2,000 jobs. Most of the growth occurred in health care and social assistance (+1,900), due in large part to hiring in ambulatory health care (+1,400). Employment in **financial activities** rose by 1,200, mostly in finance and insurance (+1,000). **Manufacturing** added 1,100 jobs. Most of the gains were in durable goods manufacturing (+800). **Government** added 1,100 jobs, with increases in both state (+500) and local (+500) government.

**April 2021 - April 2022**

Compared to April 2021, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs are up 35,500. Growth occurred in eight ma- jor industry sectors, with five sectors adding 2,300 or more jobs each. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose by 15,200. Hiring was reported across all subsectors, with jobs in transportation- warehousing-utilities up 8,200. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** increased by 8,300. Most of the gains were in accommodation and food services (+6,900). **Manufacturing** added 7,100 jobs, with growth reported in both nondurable goods (+3,800) and durable goods (+3,300). Jobs in **professional and business services** rose by 2,400. Expansions in management of companies (+4,500) and profes- sional-scientific-technical services (+1,100) more than offset declines in administrative and support ser- vices (-3,200). **Government** employment increased by 2,300, mainly due to gains in local government- educational services (+2,200). Jobs in **construction** decreased by 1,900, with fewer jobs reported in the specialty trade contractors subsector (-1,600).

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

April 2019 - April 2022

1,350,000

1,300,000

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

1,100,000

Apr '19 Oct '19 Apr '20 Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22

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# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Apr 22**

Average Weekly Hours 40.5

Average Hourly Earnings $20.23

Average Weekly Earnings $819.32

**Mar 22**

40.5

$20.26

$820.53

**Apr 21**

40.0

$19.48

$779.20

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Apr 22**

Average Weekly Hours 41.6

Average Hourly Earnings $21.41

Average Weekly Earnings $890.66

**Mar 22**

41.2

$21.40

$881.68

**Apr 21**

39.1

$20.94

$818.75

**Apr 22**

Average Weekly Hours 39.5

Average Hourly Earnings $19.13

Average Weekly Earnings $755.64

**Mar 22**

39.8

$19.22

$764.96

**Apr 21**

40.9

$18.20

$744.38

$1,000.00

**Weekly Earnings - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods**

April: 2012 - 2022

$900.00

$800.00

$700.00

$600.00

$500.00

$400.00

$300.00

$200.00

$100.00

$0.00

2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 355,124 | 351,722 | 348,958 | 3,402 | 6,166 |
| **Employment** | 343,751 | 340,216 | 333,414 | 3,535 | 10,337 |
| **Unemployment** | 11,373 | 11,506 | 15,544 | -133 | -4,171 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.2 | 3.3 | 4.5 | -0.1 | -1.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 366.5 | 363.6 | 356.6 | 2.9 | 9.9 |
| **Goods Producing** 37.9 | 37.5 | 37.2 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 18.0** | **17.9** | **18.5** | **0.1** | **-0.5** |
| **Manufacturing 19.9** | **19.6** | **18.7** | **0.3** | **1.2** |
| **Service Providing** 328.6 | 326.1 | 319.4 | 2.5 | 9.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 75.0** | **74.9** | **68.4** | **0.1** | **6.6** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 16.8 | 16.6 | 15.4 | 0.2 | 1.4 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.0 | 38.0 | 37.4 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.2 | 20.3 | 15.6 | -0.1 | 4.6 |
| **Information 5.5** | **5.5** | **5.2** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Financial Activities 22.8** | **22.5** | **22.3** | **0.3** | **0.5** |
| **Professional & Business Services 45.6** | **45.7** | **46.8** | **-0.1** | **-1.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services 58.9** | **58.3** | **58.3** | **0.6** | **0.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 34.7** | **33.1** | **31.4** | **1.6** | **3.3** |
| **Other Services 18.0** | **17.9** | **18.0** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Government 68.1** | **68.2** | **69.0** | **-0.1** | **-0.9** |
| **Federal Government** 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 34.4 | 34.6 | 34.3 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** 23.8 | 23.7 | 24.9 | 0.1 | -1.1 |

**Number of Unemployed**

April 2019 - April 2022

40,000

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

April: 2012 - 2022

76,000

35,000

74,000

30,000

72,000

70,000

25,000

68,000

20,000 66,000

15,000

64,000

10,000

62,000

60,000

5,000

58,000

0

Apr '19 Oct '19 Apr '20 Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22

56,000

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

'22

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA = Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas and McDonald county in Missouri.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 297,918 | 296,900 | 284,143 | 1,018 | 13,775 |
| **Employment** | 291,375 | 290,094 | 275,643 | 1,281 | 15,732 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,543 | 6,806 | 8,500 | -263 | -1,957 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.2 | 2.3 | 3.0 | -0.1 | -0.8 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 285.1 | 284.4 | 270.2 | 0.7 | 14.9 |
| **Goods Producing** 45.3 | 45.5 | 44.2 | -0.2 | 1.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 13.6** | **13.8** | **13.7** | **-0.2** | **-0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 31.7** | **31.7** | **30.5** | **0.0** | **1.2** |
| **Service Providing** 239.8 | 238.9 | 226.0 | 0.9 | 13.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 62.9** | **62.4** | **58.2** | **0.5** | **4.7** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 13.5 | 13.3 | 12.6 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| **Retail Trade** 29.2 | 29.2 | 27.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.2 | 19.9 | 18.6 | 0.3 | 1.6 |
| **Information 2.1** | **2.1** | **1.9** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 9.0** | **8.9** | **8.9** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 57.3** | **57.3** | **52.6** | **0.0** | **4.7** |
| **Educational & Health Services 30.7** | **30.6** | **30.1** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 27.1** | **26.9** | **25.5** | **0.2** | **1.6** |
| **Other Services 9.9** | **9.9** | **9.9** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government 40.8** | **40.8** | **38.9** | **0.0** | **1.9** |
| **Federal Government** 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 18.0 | 18.1 | 16.8 | -0.1 | 1.2 |
| **Local Government** 19.9 | 19.9 | 19.3 | 0.0 | 0.6 |

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2020 - April 2022

290,000

280,000

270,000

260,000

250,000

240,000

230,000

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220,000

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2020 2021 2022

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Fort Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA = Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 117,314 | 117,234 | 115,794 | 80 | 1,520 |
| **Employment** | 113,722 | 113,488 | 111,052 | 234 | 2,670 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,592 | 3,746 | 4,742 | -154 | -1,150 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.1 | 3.2 | 4.1 | -0.1 | -1.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 112.3 | 111.8 | 109.9 | 0.5 | 2.4 |
| **Goods Producing** 23.0 | 22.8 | 21.6 | 0.2 | 1.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.1** | **5.0** | **5.0** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Manufacturing 17.9** | **17.8** | **16.6** | **0.1** | **1.3** |
| **Service Providing** 89.3 | 89.0 | 88.3 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.2** | **24.2** | **23.2** | **0.0** | **1.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.8 | 12.8 | 12.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.3 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Information 1.2** | **1.2** | **1.1** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 3.8** | **3.8** | **3.7** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.5** | **11.5** | **11.8** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.7** | **16.7** | **16.9** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.6** | **9.4** | **9.5** | **0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Other Services 4.3** | **4.3** | **4.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Government 18.0** | **17.9** | **17.7** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 14.1 | 14.0 | 13.7 | 0.1 | 0.4 |

**Unemployment Rates**

April: 2012 - 2022

12.0%

**Jobs in Goods Producing Industries**

April 2019 - April 2022

24,000

23,500

10.0%

23,000

8.0%

22,500

6.0% 22,000

21,500

4.0%

21,000

2.0%

20,500

0.0%

'12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22

20,000

Apr '19 Oct '19 Apr '20 Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,009 | 40,349 | 40,732 | 660 | 277 |
| **Employment** | 39,435 | 38,746 | 38,591 | 689 | 844 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,574 | 1,603 | 2,141 | -29 | -567 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.8 | 4.0 | 5.3 | -0.2 | -1.5 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 39.4 | 38.9 | 38.7 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 35.0 | 34.5 | 34.2 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 |

45,000

**Composition of the Civilian Labor Force**

April: 2012 - 2022

Civilian Labor Force = Employment + Unemployment

Arkansas

Labor Market report

40,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

0

2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Unemployment Employment

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,372 | 66,436 | 65,225 | -64 | 1,147 |
| **Employment** | 64,653 | 64,664 | 62,952 | -11 | 1,701 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,719 | 1,772 | 2,273 | -53 | -554 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.6 | 2.7 | 3.5 | -0.1 | -0.9 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 61.3 | 61.4 | 60.0 | -0.1 | 1.3 |
| 11.0 | 11.1 | 11.0 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| 50.3 | 50.3 | 49.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 0.0 | -0.4 |

64,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2020 - April 2022

62,000

60,000

58,000

56,000

54,000

52,000

50,000

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2020 2021 2022

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 33,610 | 33,181 | 33,258 | 429 | 352 |
| **Employment** | 31,817 | 31,430 | 31,131 | 387 | 686 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,793 | 1,751 | 2,127 | 42 | -334 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.3 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 0.0 | -1.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.8 | 31.5 | 31.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| 26.0 | 25.9 | 25.7 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.7 | -0.1 | -0.3 |

3,500

**Number of Unemployed**

April 2019 - April 2022

Arkansas

Labor Market report

3,000

2,500

2,000

1,500

1,000

500

0

Apr '19 Oct '19 Apr '20 Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Out-of-State MSA

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

### Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 651,037 | 647,510 | 636,282 | 3,527 | 14,755 |
| **Employment** | 623,504 | 620,507 | 594,941 | 2,997 | 28,563 |
| **Unemployment** | 27,533 | 27,003 | 41,341 | 530 | -13,808 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.2 | 4.2 | 6.5 | 0.0 | -2.3 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 22** | **Mar 22** | **Apr 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,894 | 64,100 | 63,207 | -206 | 687 |
| **Employment** | 61,332 | 61,466 | 59,696 | -134 | 1,636 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,562 | 2,634 | 3,511 | -72 | -949 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.0 | 4.1 | 5.6 | -0.1 | -1.6 |

14.0

**Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates**

April: 2012 - 2022

64,000

**Texarkana MSA - Employment**

April 2019 - April 2022

12.0 62,000

10.0 60,000

8.0 58,000

6.0 56,000

4.0 54,000

2.0 52,000

0.0

Arkansas

Labor Market report

'12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22

50,000

Apr '19 Oct '19 Apr '20 Oct '20 Apr '21 Oct '21 Apr '22

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**April 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**March 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,748 | 8,414 | 334 | 3.8 | 8,846 | 8,505 | 341 | 3.9 | 8,951 | 8,537 | 414 | 4.6 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,739 | 16,233 | 506 | 3.0 | 16,777 | 16,254 | 523 | 3.1 | 16,598 | 15,983 | 615 | 3.7 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,326 | 15,361 | 965 | 5.9 | 16,487 | 15,537 | 950 | 5.8 | 16,386 | 15,166 | 1,220 | 7.4 |
| Camden Micro | 12,150 | 11,725 | 425 | 3.5 | 12,210 | 11,784 | 426 | 3.5 | 12,205 | 11,744 | 461 | 3.8 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,925 | 14,172 | 753 | 5.0 | 15,027 | 14,276 | 751 | 5.0 | 15,191 | 14,225 | 966 | 6.4 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,601 | 7,222 | 379 | 5.0 | 7,672 | 7,276 | 396 | 5.2 | 7,745 | 7,238 | 507 | 6.5 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,026 | 18,569 | 457 | 2.4 | 19,231 | 18,746 | 485 | 2.5 | 19,178 | 18,619 | 559 | 2.9 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,773 | 5,391 | 382 | 6.6 | 5,879 | 5,491 | 388 | 6.6 | 5,976 | 5,483 | 493 | 8.2 |
| Hope Micro | 12,402 | 12,011 | 391 | 3.2 | 12,422 | 12,006 | 416 | 3.3 | 12,658 | 12,223 | 435 | 3.4 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,833 | 8,455 | 378 | 4.3 | 8,920 | 8,540 | 380 | 4.3 | 8,918 | 8,441 | 477 | 5.3 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,830 | 13,401 | 429 | 3.1 | 13,830 | 13,388 | 442 | 3.2 | 13,851 | 13,330 | 521 | 3.8 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,467 | 15,957 | 510 | 3.1 | 16,490 | 15,965 | 525 | 3.2 | 16,438 | 15,839 | 599 | 3.6 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,422 | 18,879 | 543 | 2.8 | 19,711 | 19,167 | 544 | 2.8 | 19,302 | 18,648 | 654 | 3.4 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,387 | 34,229 | 1,158 | 3.3 | 35,415 | 34,238 | 1,177 | 3.3 | 35,335 | 34,016 | 1,319 | 3.7 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,022 | 32,885 | 1,137 | 3.3 | 34,140 | 32,979 | 1,161 | 3.4 | 33,654 | 32,258 | 1,396 | 4.1 |

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

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

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

**City Labor Force Statistics**

**City**

**CLF**

**April 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**March 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2021**

**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 | 12,832 | 12,424 | 408 | 3.2 | 12,800 | 12,370 | 430 | 3.4 | 12,234 | 11,755 | 479 | 3.9 |
| Benton | 17,624 | 17,147 | 477 | 2.7 | 17,445 | 16,962 | 483 | 2.8 | 17,169 | 16,642 | 527 | 3.1 |
| Bentonville | 30,977 | 30,382 | 595 | 1.9 | 30,838 | 30,250 | 588 | 1.9 | 29,465 | 28,746 | 719 | 2.4 |
| Blytheville | 5,563 | 5,142 | 421 | 7.6 | 5,495 | 5,201 | 294 | 5.4 | 5,554 | 5,077 | 477 | 8.6 |
| Cabot | 11,936 | 11,641 | 295 | 2.5 | 11,859 | 11,547 | 312 | 2.6 | 11,677 | 11,256 | 421 | 3.6 |
| Conway | 34,224 | 33,318 | 906 | 2.6 | 33,885 | 32,974 | 911 | 2.7 | 33,544 | 32,310 | 1,234 | 3.7 |
| El Dorado | 6,460 | 6,099 | 361 | 5.6 | 6,507 | 6,143 | 364 | 5.6 | 6,620 | 6,121 | 499 | 7.5 |
| Fayetteville | 50,722 | 49,547 | 1,175 | 2.3 | 50,536 | 49,316 | 1,220 | 2.4 | 48,495 | 46,887 | 1,608 | 3.3 |
| Fort Smith | 38,308 | 37,170 | 1,138 | 3.0 | 38,093 | 36,920 | 1,173 | 3.1 | 37,776 | 36,306 | 1,470 | 3.9 |
| Hot Springs | 15,324 | 14,593 | 731 | 4.8 | 15,058 | 14,338 | 720 | 4.8 | 15,326 | 14,281 | 1,045 | 6.8 |
| Jacksonville | 11,561 | 11,061 | 500 | 4.3 | 11,442 | 10,943 | 499 | 4.4 | 11,530 | 10,735 | 795 | 6.9 |
| Jonesboro | 39,886 | 38,898 | 988 | 2.5 | 39,934 | 38,881 | 1,053 | 2.6 | 39,353 | 37,915 | 1,438 | 3.7 |
| Little Rock | 96,479 | 92,834 | 3,645 | 3.8 | 95,374 | 91,842 | 3,532 | 3.7 | 95,423 | 90,100 | 5,323 | 5.6 |
| North Little Rock | 29,729 | 28,547 | 1,182 | 4.0 | 29,491 | 28,242 | 1,249 | 4.2 | 29,476 | 27,706 | 1,770 | 6.0 |
| Paragould | 12,353 | 11,998 | 355 | 2.9 | 12,551 | 12,181 | 370 | 2.9 | 12,320 | 11,852 | 468 | 3.8 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,732 | 14,753 | 979 | 6.2 | 15,559 | 14,558 | 1,001 | 6.4 | 15,729 | 14,463 | 1,266 | 8.0 |
| Rogers | 38,026 | 37,273 | 753 | 2.0 | 37,906 | 37,111 | 795 | 2.1 | 36,335 | 35,266 | 1,069 | 2.9 |
| Russellville | 12,670 | 12,292 | 378 | 3.0 | 12,668 | 12,281 | 387 | 3.1 | 12,712 | 12,244 | 468 | 3.7 |
| Searcy | 10,244 | 9,931 | 313 | 3.1 | 10,336 | 9,959 | 377 | 3.6 | 10,105 | 9,741 | 364 | 3.6 |
| Sherwood | 16,019 | 15,579 | 440 | 2.7 | 15,905 | 15,413 | 492 | 3.1 | 15,753 | 15,120 | 633 | 4.0 |
| Springdale | 40,426 | 39,568 | 858 | 2.1 | 40,265 | 39,385 | 880 | 2.2 | 38,590 | 37,444 | 1,146 | 3.0 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,240 | 12,706 | 534 | 4.0 | 13,176 | 12,629 | 547 | 4.2 | 13,061 | 12,293 | 768 | 5.9 |
| Van Buren | 10,283 | 9,963 | 320 | 3.1 | 10,201 | 9,909 | 292 | 2.9 | 10,079 | 9,714 | 365 | 3.6 |
| West Memphis | 10,178 | 9,780 | 398 | 3.9 | 10,088 | 9,702 | 386 | 3.8 | 10,094 | 9,349 | 745 | 7.4 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**April 2022 March 2022 April 2021**

**County CLF Emp Unemp**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 9,498 | 9,183 | 315 | 3.3 | 9,597 | 9,267 | 330 | 3.4 | 9,343 | 9,037 | 306 | 3.3 |
| Ashley | 6,770 | 6,369 | 401 | 5.9 | 6,825 | 6,405 | 420 | 6.2 | 6,902 | 6,367 | 535 | 7.8 |
| Baxter | 16,467 | 15,957 | 510 | 3.1 | 16,490 | 15,965 | 525 | 3.2 | 16,438 | 15,839 | 599 | 3.6 |
| Benton | 148,169 | 144,951 | 3,218 | 2.2 | 147,622 | 144,321 | 3,301 | 2.2 | 141,260 | 137,144 | 4,116 | 2.9 |
| Boone | 15,816 | 15,442 | 374 | 2.4 | 15,980 | 15,586 | 394 | 2.5 | 15,970 | 15,503 | 467 | 2.9 |
| Bradley | 4,114 | 3,945 | 169 | 4.1 | 4,139 | 3,976 | 163 | 3.9 | 4,106 | 3,903 | 203 | 4.9 |
| Calhoun | 2,407 | 2,342 | 65 | 2.7 | 2,429 | 2,364 | 65 | 2.7 | 2,414 | 2,327 | 87 | 3.6 |
| Carroll | 12,646 | 12,326 | 320 | 2.5 | 12,769 | 12,418 | 351 | 2.7 | 12,669 | 12,225 | 444 | 3.5 |
| Chicot | 3,010 | 2,790 | 220 | 7.3 | 3,042 | 2,832 | 210 | 6.9 | 3,101 | 2,819 | 282 | 9.1 |
| Clark | 8,748 | 8,414 | 334 | 3.8 | 8,846 | 8,505 | 341 | 3.9 | 8,951 | 8,537 | 414 | 4.6 |
| Clay | 5,476 | 5,285 | 191 | 3.5 | 5,506 | 5,307 | 199 | 3.6 | 5,463 | 5,251 | 212 | 3.9 |
| Cleburne | 8,881 | 8,531 | 350 | 3.9 | 8,960 | 8,586 | 374 | 4.2 | 8,954 | 8,551 | 403 | 4.5 |
| Cleveland | 3,195 | 3,083 | 112 | 3.5 | 3,166 | 3,056 | 110 | 3.5 | 3,125 | 2,998 | 127 | 4.1 |
| Columbia | 8,833 | 8,455 | 378 | 4.3 | 8,920 | 8,540 | 380 | 4.3 | 8,918 | 8,441 | 477 | 5.3 |
| Conway | 8,410 | 8,123 | 287 | 3.4 | 8,401 | 8,099 | 302 | 3.6 | 8,239 | 7,880 | 359 | 4.4 |
| Craighead | 56,492 | 55,081 | 1,411 | 2.5 | 56,508 | 55,056 | 1,452 | 2.6 | 55,570 | 53,689 | 1,881 | 3.4 |
| Crawford | 26,284 | 25,497 | 787 | 3.0 | 26,157 | 25,359 | 798 | 3.1 | 25,799 | 24,860 | 939 | 3.6 |
| Crittenden | 20,820 | 20,041 | 779 | 3.7 | 20,658 | 19,882 | 776 | 3.8 | 20,371 | 19,158 | 1,213 | 6.0 |
| Cross | 7,022 | 6,787 | 235 | 3.3 | 7,122 | 6,872 | 250 | 3.5 | 7,094 | 6,765 | 329 | 4.6 |
| Dallas | 2,766 | 2,667 | 99 | 3.6 | 2,796 | 2,692 | 104 | 3.7 | 2,768 | 2,658 | 110 | 4.0 |
| Desha | 4,930 | 4,653 | 277 | 5.6 | 5,003 | 4,726 | 277 | 5.5 | 4,992 | 4,690 | 302 | 6.0 |
| Drew | 7,538 | 7,219 | 319 | 4.2 | 7,597 | 7,278 | 319 | 4.2 | 7,611 | 7,207 | 404 | 5.3 |
| Faulkner | 62,224 | 60,518 | 1,706 | 2.7 | 61,617 | 59,893 | 1,724 | 2.8 | 60,883 | 58,687 | 2,196 | 3.6 |
| Franklin | 7,387 | 7,153 | 234 | 3.2 | 7,369 | 7,133 | 236 | 3.2 | 7,296 | 7,019 | 277 | 3.8 |
| Fulton | 5,048 | 4,906 | 142 | 2.8 | 5,025 | 4,870 | 155 | 3.1 | 4,921 | 4,749 | 172 | 3.5 |
| Garland | 41,009 | 39,435 | 1,574 | 3.8 | 40,349 | 38,746 | 1,603 | 4.0 | 40,732 | 38,591 | 2,141 | 5.3 |
| Grant | 8,364 | 8,128 | 236 | 2.8 | 8,306 | 8,068 | 238 | 2.9 | 8,103 | 7,858 | 245 | 3.0 |
| Greene | 19,422 | 18,879 | 543 | 2.8 | 19,711 | 19,167 | 544 | 2.8 | 19,302 | 18,648 | 654 | 3.4 |
| Hempstead | 9,075 | 8,809 | 266 | 2.9 | 9,099 | 8,812 | 287 | 3.2 | 9,263 | 8,951 | 312 | 3.4 |
| Hot Spring | 13,830 | 13,401 | 429 | 3.1 | 13,830 | 13,388 | 442 | 3.2 | 13,851 | 13,330 | 521 | 3.8 |
| Howard | 5,476 | 5,326 | 150 | 2.7 | 5,553 | 5,395 | 158 | 2.8 | 5,546 | 5,384 | 162 | 2.9 |
| Independence | 16,739 | 16,233 | 506 | 3.0 | 16,777 | 16,254 | 523 | 3.1 | 16,598 | 15,983 | 615 | 3.7 |
| Izard | 4,435 | 4,225 | 210 | 4.7 | 4,465 | 4,255 | 210 | 4.7 | 4,493 | 4,255 | 238 | 5.3 |
| Jackson | 5,595 | 5,344 | 251 | 4.5 | 5,647 | 5,387 | 260 | 4.6 | 5,621 | 5,336 | 285 | 5.1 |
| Jefferson | 26,574 | 25,055 | 1,519 | 5.7 | 26,204 | 24,724 | 1,480 | 5.6 | 26,383 | 24,563 | 1,820 | 6.9 |
| Johnson | 9,943 | 9,569 | 374 | 3.8 | 10,080 | 9,705 | 375 | 3.7 | 9,903 | 9,460 | 443 | 4.5 |
| Lafayette | 2,341 | 2,238 | 103 | 4.4 | 2,344 | 2,240 | 104 | 4.4 | 2,364 | 2,214 | 150 | 6.3 |
| Lawrence | 6,800 | 6,568 | 232 | 3.4 | 6,865 | 6,628 | 237 | 3.5 | 6,797 | 6,501 | 296 | 4.4 |
| Lee | 2,565 | 2,451 | 114 | 4.4 | 2,617 | 2,494 | 123 | 4.7 | 2,580 | 2,428 | 152 | 5.9 |
| Lincoln | 3,841 | 3,679 | 162 | 4.2 | 3,811 | 3,650 | 161 | 4.2 | 3,750 | 3,570 | 180 | 4.8 |
| Little River | 5,355 | 5,158 | 197 | 3.7 | 5,323 | 5,132 | 191 | 3.6 | 5,228 | 4,988 | 240 | 4.6 |
| Logan | 8,300 | 8,007 | 293 | 3.5 | 8,395 | 8,106 | 289 | 3.4 | 8,425 | 8,068 | 357 | 4.2 |
| Lonoke | 33,885 | 32,999 | 886 | 2.6 | 33,660 | 32,733 | 927 | 2.8 | 33,028 | 31,909 | 1,119 | 3.4 |
| Madison | 7,730 | 7,551 | 179 | 2.3 | 7,753 | 7,563 | 190 | 2.5 | 7,320 | 7,091 | 229 | 3.1 |
| Marion | 6,275 | 6,069 | 206 | 3.3 | 6,231 | 6,017 | 214 | 3.4 | 6,113 | 5,842 | 271 | 4.4 |
| Miller | 19,290 | 18,574 | 716 | 3.7 | 19,190 | 18,461 | 729 | 3.8 | 18,941 | 17,969 | 972 | 5.1 |

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**April 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**April 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 16,326 | 15,361 | 965 | 5.9 | 16,487 | 15,537 | 950 | 5.8 | 16,386 | 15,166 | 1,220 | 7.4 |
| Monroe | 2,659 | 2,545 | 114 | 4.3 | 2,694 | 2,576 | 118 | 4.4 | 2,649 | 2,504 | 145 | 5.5 |
| Montgomery | 2,955 | 2,828 | 127 | 4.3 | 2,957 | 2,825 | 132 | 4.5 | 2,920 | 2,790 | 130 | 4.5 |
| Nevada | 3,327 | 3,202 | 125 | 3.8 | 3,323 | 3,194 | 129 | 3.9 | 3,395 | 3,272 | 123 | 3.6 |
| Newton | 3,210 | 3,127 | 83 | 2.6 | 3,251 | 3,160 | 91 | 2.8 | 3,208 | 3,116 | 92 | 2.9 |
| Ouachita | 9,743 | 9,383 | 360 | 3.7 | 9,781 | 9,420 | 361 | 3.7 | 9,791 | 9,417 | 374 | 3.8 |
| Perry | 4,191 | 4,041 | 150 | 3.6 | 4,157 | 4,005 | 152 | 3.7 | 4,075 | 3,906 | 169 | 4.1 |
| Phillips | 5,773 | 5,391 | 382 | 6.6 | 5,879 | 5,491 | 388 | 6.6 | 5,976 | 5,483 | 493 | 8.2 |
| Pike | 4,243 | 4,086 | 157 | 3.7 | 4,256 | 4,098 | 158 | 3.7 | 4,241 | 4,065 | 176 | 4.1 |
| Poinsett | 9,880 | 9,572 | 308 | 3.1 | 9,928 | 9,608 | 320 | 3.2 | 9,655 | 9,263 | 392 | 4.1 |
| Polk | 7,791 | 7,521 | 270 | 3.5 | 7,859 | 7,578 | 281 | 3.6 | 7,770 | 7,431 | 339 | 4.4 |
| Pope | 27,431 | 26,541 | 890 | 3.2 | 27,422 | 26,517 | 905 | 3.3 | 27,459 | 26,437 | 1,022 | 3.7 |
| Prairie | 3,629 | 3,538 | 91 | 2.5 | 3,645 | 3,546 | 99 | 2.7 | 3,542 | 3,398 | 144 | 4.1 |
| Pulaski | 187,392 | 180,492 | 6,900 | 3.7 | 185,481 | 178,563 | 6,918 | 3.7 | 185,137 | 175,176 | 9,961 | 5.4 |
| Randolph | 7,264 | 7,046 | 218 | 3.0 | 7,335 | 7,098 | 237 | 3.2 | 7,369 | 7,076 | 293 | 4.0 |
| St. Francis | 7,601 | 7,222 | 379 | 5.0 | 7,672 | 7,276 | 396 | 5.2 | 7,745 | 7,238 | 507 | 6.5 |
| Saline | 59,068 | 57,573 | 1,495 | 2.5 | 58,501 | 56,954 | 1,547 | 2.6 | 57,732 | 55,878 | 1,854 | 3.2 |
| Scott | 4,179 | 4,072 | 107 | 2.6 | 4,225 | 4,111 | 114 | 2.7 | 4,227 | 4,078 | 149 | 3.5 |
| Searcy | 2,947 | 2,839 | 108 | 3.7 | 2,961 | 2,841 | 120 | 4.1 | 2,909 | 2,791 | 118 | 4.1 |
| Sebastian | 55,146 | 53,545 | 1,601 | 2.9 | 54,829 | 53,186 | 1,643 | 3.0 | 54,371 | 52,301 | 2,070 | 3.8 |
| Sevier | 5,322 | 5,127 | 195 | 3.7 | 5,357 | 5,162 | 195 | 3.6 | 5,344 | 5,105 | 239 | 4.5 |
| Sharp | 5,781 | 5,561 | 220 | 3.8 | 5,785 | 5,556 | 229 | 4.0 | 5,676 | 5,419 | 257 | 4.5 |
| Stone | 4,596 | 4,426 | 170 | 3.7 | 4,598 | 4,422 | 176 | 3.8 | 4,563 | 4,329 | 234 | 5.1 |
| Union | 14,925 | 14,172 | 753 | 5.0 | 15,027 | 14,276 | 751 | 5.0 | 15,191 | 14,225 | 966 | 6.4 |
| Van Buren | 5,938 | 5,718 | 220 | 3.7 | 5,938 | 5,691 | 247 | 4.2 | 5,861 | 5,561 | 300 | 5.1 |
| Washington | 131,052 | 128,168 | 2,884 | 2.2 | 130,520 | 127,571 | 2,949 | 2.3 | 125,067 | 121,289 | 3,778 | 3.0 |
| White | 34,022 | 32,885 | 1,137 | 3.3 | 34,140 | 32,979 | 1,161 | 3.4 | 33,654 | 32,258 | 1,396 | 4.1 |
| Woodruff | 2,825 | 2,724 | 101 | 3.6 | 2,875 | 2,770 | 105 | 3.7 | 2,800 | 2,639 | 161 | 5.8 |
| Yell | 7,956 | 7,688 | 268 | 3.4 | 7,993 | 7,721 | 272 | 3.4 | 7,876 | 7,579 | 297 | 3.8 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between March and April, unemployment rates declined in 50 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates re- mained stable in sixteen counties while nine counties posted rate increases. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Benton and Washington counties to a high of 7.3 percent in Chicot County.

In April, fifty-seven counties reported unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is up slightly from 55 counties at or below four percent last month. Only one county-- Chicot County-- had a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to April 2021, unemployment rates are down in 73 Arkansas counties. The jobless rate in Nevada County increased two-tenths of a percentage point, while Arkansas County remained stable over-the-year. Unemployment rate declines ranged from as much as a two and three- tenths of a percentage point drop in Crittenden County to a one-tenth of a percentage point decrease in Ouachita County.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Greene**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Crawford Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Faulkner**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland Lincoln**

**Little River**

**Hempstead**

**Nevada Ouachita**

**Desha**

**Calhoun**

**Bradley**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0%

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

April 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Benton 2.2

1 Washington 2.2

1. Madison 2.3
2. Boone 2.4
3. Carroll 2.5

5 Craighead 2.5

5 Prairie 2.5

5 Saline 2.5

9 Lonoke 2.6

9 Newton 2.6

9 Scott 2.6

12 Calhoun 2.7

12 Faulkner 2.7

12 Howard 2.7

15 Fulton 2.8

15 Grant 2.8

15 Greene 2.8

18 Hempstead 2.9

18 Sebastian 2.9

20 Crawford 3.0

20 Independence 3.0

20 Randolph 3.0

23 Baxter 3.1

23 Hot Spring 3.1

23 Poinsett 3.1

**Rank County**

26 Franklin

26 Pope

28 Arkansas

28 Cross

28 Marion

28 White

32 Conway

32 Lawrence

32 Yell

35 Clay

35 Cleveland

35 Logan

35 Polk

39 Dallas

39 Perry

39 Woodruff

42 Crittenden

42 Little River

42 Miller

42 Ouachita

42 Pike

42 Pulaski

42 Searcy

42 Sevier

42 Stone

**Rate**

3.2

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**Rank County**

42 Van Buren

52 Clark

52 Garland

52 Johnson

52 Nevada

52 Sharp

1. Cleburne
2. Bradley
3. Drew

59 Lincoln

61 Columbia

61 Monroe

61 Montgomery

64 Lafayette

64 Lee

1. Jackson
2. Izard
3. St. Francis

68 Union

1. Desha
2. Jefferson
3. Ashley

72 Mississippi

1. Phillips
2. Chicot

**Rate**

3.7

3.8

3.8

3.8

3.8

3.8

3.9

4.1

4.2

4.2

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.4

4.4

4.5

4.7

5.0

5.0

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5.7

5.9

5.9

6.6

7.3

Arkansas

Labor Market report

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|  | **April 2022** |  |  | **March 2022** |  |  | **April 2021** |  |
| **LWDA** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) 252,378 | 244,831 | 7,547 | 3.0 | 250,224 | 242,423 | 7,801 | 3.1 | 247,548 | 237,452 | 10,096 | 4.1 |
| City of Little Rock 96,479 | 92,834 | 3,645 | 3.8 | 95,374 | 91,842 | 3,532 | 3.7 | 95,423 | 90,100 | 5,323 | 5.6 |
| Eastern 43,781 | 41,892 | 1,889 | 4.3 | 43,948 | 42,015 | 1,933 | 4.4 | 43,766 | 41,072 | 2,694 | 6.2 |
| North Central 93,860Northeast 121,660Northwest 344,312Southeast 77,834Southwest 88,860West Central 128,716Western 109,087 | 90,553117,792336,43074,10485,453124,126105,795 | 3,3073,8687,8823,7303,4074,5903,292 | 3.53.22.34.83.83.63.0 | 94,210122,340343,57777,69089,142128,291108,834 | 90,770118,401335,44273,98285,688123,609105,473 | 3,4403,9398,1353,7083,4544,6823,361 | 3.73.22.44.83.93.63.1 | 93,141120,542330,95477,41689,163128,247107,888 | 89,080115,594320,84073,01284,951122,575103,757 | 4,0614,94810,1144,4044,2125,6724,131 | 4.44.13.15.74.74.43.8 |
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## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted