

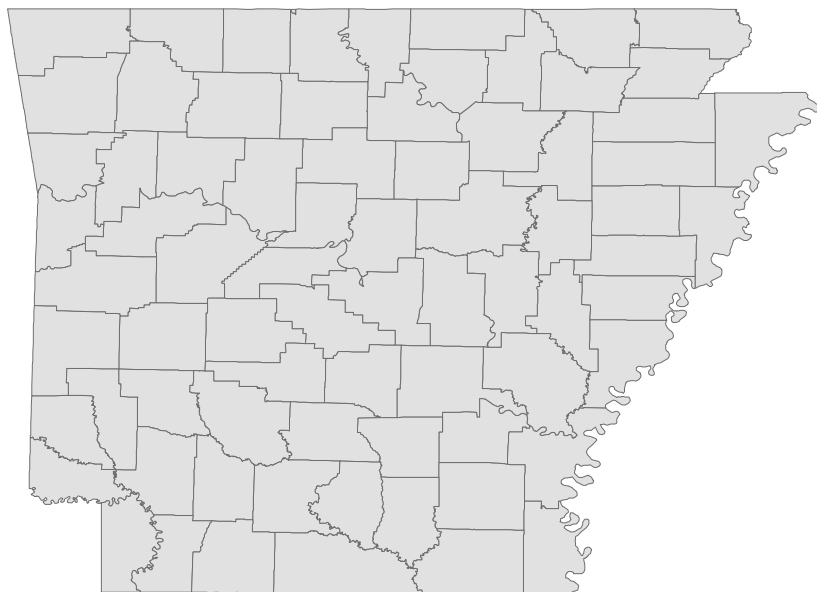
Arkansas Labor Market Report

May 2017



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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 2016 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 Area (MSA)

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 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 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.

May 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 establishments with changes in employment. These employment changes occur when establishments 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 existing 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)					

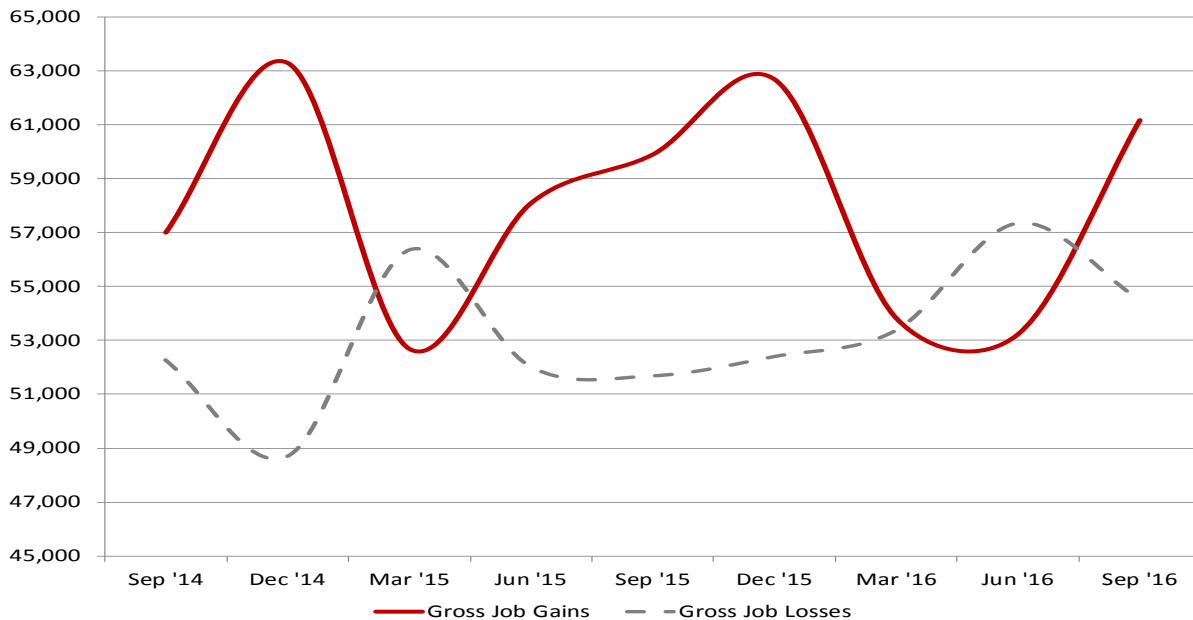
3 months ended					

Category	Sep 15	Dec 15	Mar 16	Jun 16	Sep 16*

Employment Levels					
Gross job gains.....	59,893	62,679	53,819	53,228	61,167
Gross job losses....	51,688	52,402	53,379	57,344	54,494
Net Change.....	8,205	10,277	440	-4,116	6,673

*Most recent BED data available is for 3rd Quarter 2016

Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)
3rd Quarter 2014 - 3rd Quarter 2016



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

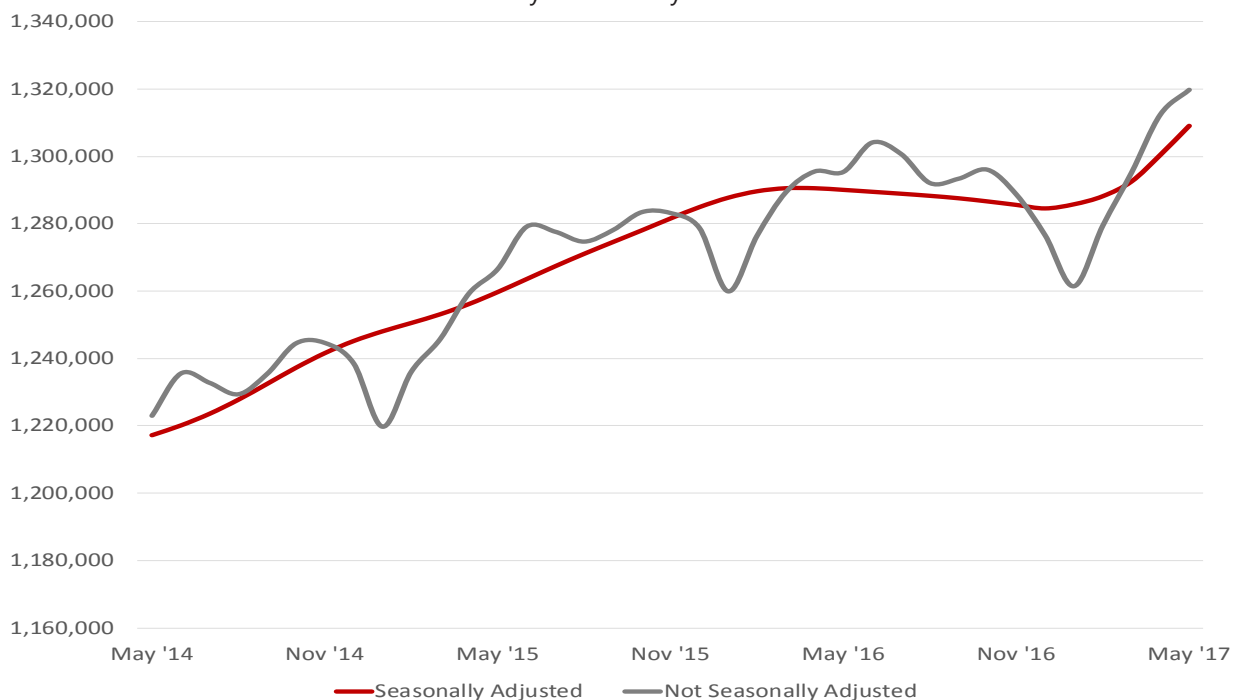
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.5 percent in April to 3.4 percent in May. Arkansas' civilian labor force increased 7,539, a result of 8,604 more employed and 1,065 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate declined from 4.4 percent in April to 4.3 percent in May.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate continued to decline in May, setting another record low at 3.4 percent. Employment rose to 1,309,035, the highest number of employed Arkansans since August 2008."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 17	Apr 17	May 16	May 17	Apr 17	May 16	
Civilian Labor Force	1,355,668	1,348,129	1,344,508	Civilian Labor Force	1,365,434	1,353,749	1,348,027
Employment	1,309,035	1,300,431	1,290,032	Employment	1,319,736	1,312,399	1,295,372
Unemployment	46,633	47,698	54,476	Unemployment	45,698	41,350	52,655
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.5	4.1	Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.1	3.9
U.S. Unemployment	4.3	4.4	4.7	U.S. Unemployment	4.1	4.1	4.5

Employment (Seasonally Adjusted vs. Not Seasonally Adjusted)
May 2014 - May 2017



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1,255,900	1,252,200	1,233,100	3,700	22,800
Goods Producing	214,200	213,700	210,600	500	3,600
Mining, Logging, and Construction	56,900	56,100	56,700	800	200
Mining & Logging	6,000	6,000	6,200	0	-200
Construction	50,900	50,100	50,500	800	400
Specialty Trade Contractors	32,400	31,500	32,200	900	200
Manufacturing	157,300	157,600	153,900	-300	3,400
Durable Goods	73,800	74,000	74,500	-200	-700
Nondurable Goods	83,500	83,600	79,400	-100	4,100
Service Providing	1,041,700	1,038,500	1,022,500	3,200	19,200
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	252,900	253,400	252,200	-500	700
Wholesale Trade	46,700	47,400	46,600	-700	100
Retail Trade	141,900	141,400	142,600	500	-700
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	64,300	64,600	63,000	-300	1,300
Information	13,100	13,200	13,600	-100	-500
Financial Activities	52,100	51,500	51,200	600	900
Finance & Insurance	38,800	38,400	37,900	400	900
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13,300	13,100	13,300	200	0
Professional & Business Services	152,000	149,800	143,000	2,200	9,000
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43,500	44,700	42,000	-1,200	1,500
Management of Companies	33,800	34,300	34,500	-500	-700
Administrative & Support Services	74,700	70,800	66,500	3,900	8,200
Educational & Health Services	186,700	187,300	180,500	-600	6,200
Educational Services	16,500	16,900	15,000	-400	1,500
Health Care & Social Assistance	170,200	170,400	165,500	-200	4,700
Ambulatory Health Care	56,200	56,500	53,200	-300	3,000
Social Assistance	40,000	40,500	39,900	-500	100
Leisure & Hospitality	121,000	119,300	118,900	1,700	2,100
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12,600	11,400	12,800	1,200	-200
Accommodation & Food Services	108,400	107,900	106,100	500	2,300
Accommodation Services	11,700	11,200	11,600	500	100
Food Services	96,700	96,700	94,500	0	2,200
Other Services	49,300	48,400	47,100	900	2,200
Government	214,600	215,600	216,000	-1,000	-1,400
Federal Government	20,300	20,100	20,200	200	100
State Government	78,800	80,500	79,300	-1,700	-500
Local Government	115,500	115,000	116,500	500	-1,000

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

April 2017 - May 2017

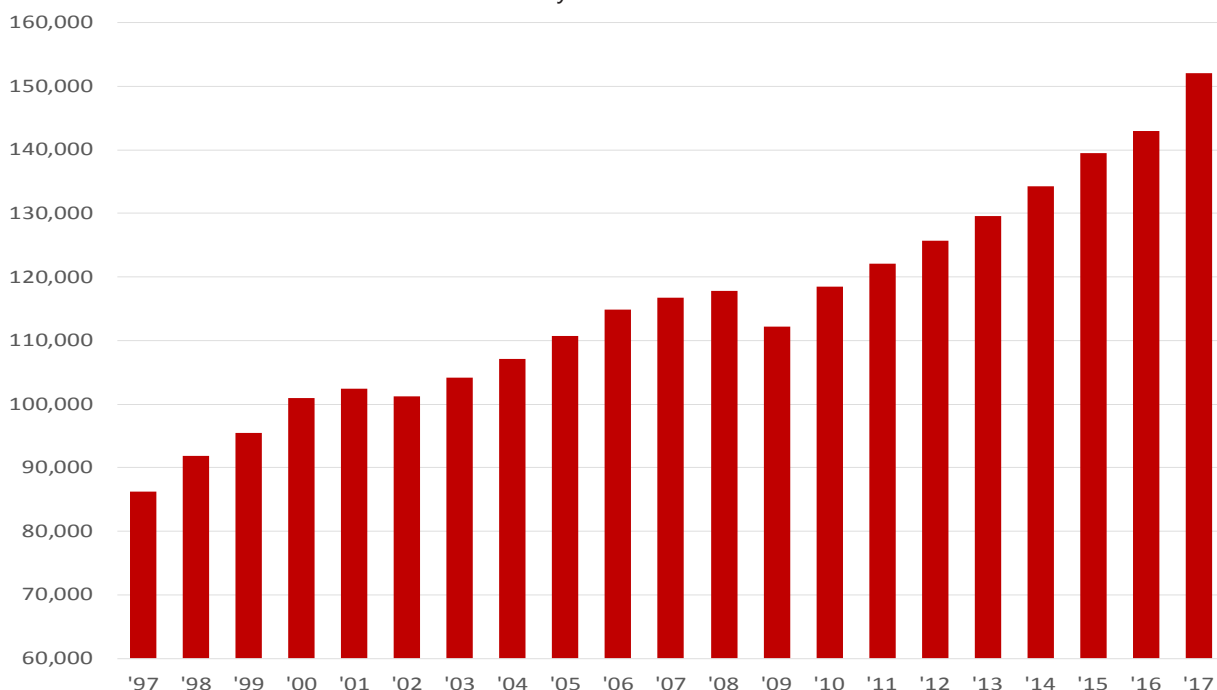
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 3,700 in May to total 1,255,900. Five major industry sectors added jobs, more than offsetting minor declines in five sectors. Employment in **professional and business services** rose 2,200. All gains were in administrative and support services (+3,900), attributed in large part to expansions in employment agencies and seasonal activities such as landscaping services. **Leisure and hospitality** added 1,700 jobs, with seasonal hiring in both arts-entertainment-recreation (+1,200) and accommodation-food services (+500). Jobs in **government** declined 1,000. Losses in state government (-1,700) were related to the start of summer break at some public colleges and universities.

May 2016 - May 2017

Compared to May 2016, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment rose 22,800. Eight major industry sectors reported growth, with four adding 2,200 or more jobs, each. **Professional and business services** increased 9,000. A majority of the expansion occurred in administrative and support services (+8,200). **Educational and health services** added 6,200 jobs, mostly in health care and social assistance (+4,700). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 3,400. All gains were posted in nondurable goods (+4,100), attributed in part to reported growth in food manufacturing. **Other services** increased 2,200. The sector includes activities such as repair-maintenance and membership organizations. **Government** declined 1,400. Losses were posted in both local (-1,000) and state (-500) government.

Jobs in Professional and Business Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

May: 1997 - 2017



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State of Arkansas

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

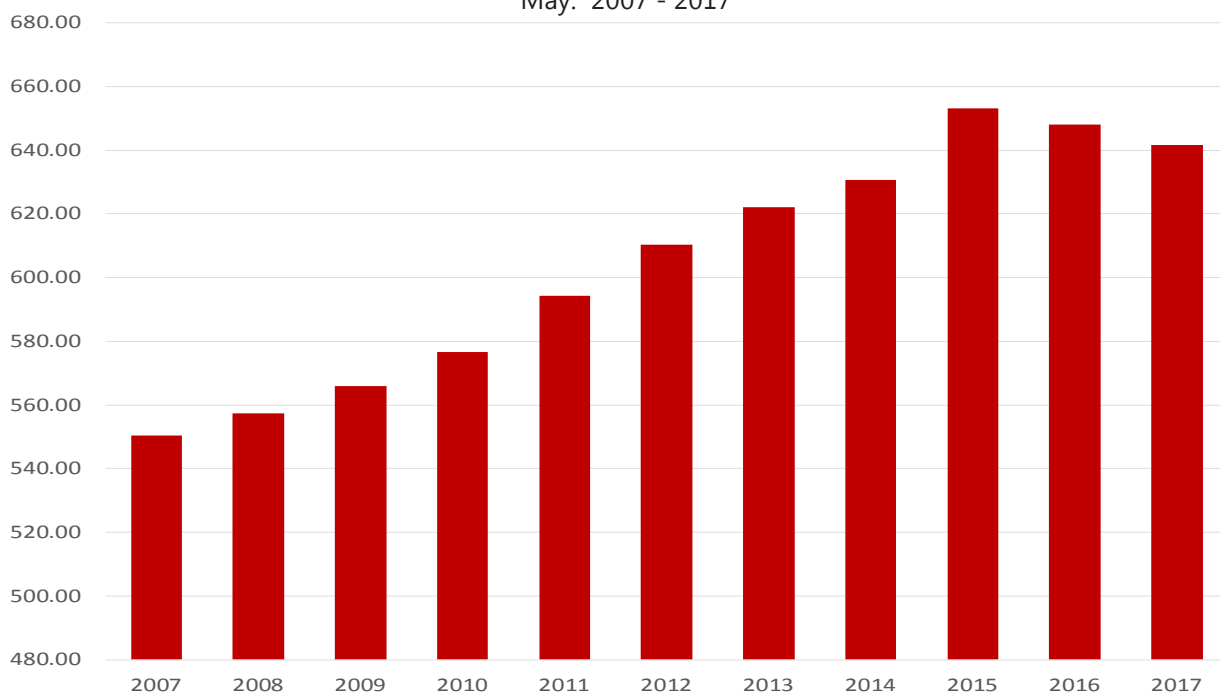
	May 17	Apr 17	May 16
Average Weekly Hours	40.0	38.5	40.6
Average Hourly Earnings	16.04	16.00	15.96
Average Weekly Earnings	641.60	616.00	647.98

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	May 17	Apr 17	May 16		May 17	Apr 17	May 16
Average Weekly Hours	40.4	40.8	40.8	Average Weekly Hours	39.6	36.6	40.4
Average Hourly Earnings	17.74	17.48	17.71	Average Hourly Earnings	14.57	14.59	14.31
Average Weekly Earnings	716.70	713.18	722.57	Average Weekly Earnings	576.97	533.99	578.12

Average Weekly Earnings- Manufacturing

May: 2007 - 2017



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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)

	May 17	Apr 17	May 16	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	352,514	350,170	350,499	2,344	2,015
Employment	341,662	340,343	338,305	1,319	3,357
Unemployment	10,852	9,827	12,194	1,025	-1,342
Unemployment Rate	3.1	2.8	3.5	0.3	-0.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	May 17	Apr 17	May 16	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	355,500	354,700	355,600	800	-100
Goods Producing	36,800	36,500	37,600	300	-800
Mining, Logging & Construction	16,800	16,500	17,400	300	-600
Manufacturing	20,000	20,000	20,200	0	-200
Service Providing	318,700	318,200	318,000	500	700
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	69,800	70,400	69,900	-600	-100
Wholesale Trade	15,000	15,000	15,100	0	-100
Retail Trade	38,800	39,500	39,300	-700	-500
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16,000	15,900	15,500	100	500
Information	6,100	6,100	6,300	0	-200
Financial Activities	20,500	20,400	20,400	100	100
Professional & Business Services	47,500	47,500	47,400	0	100
Educational & Health Services	55,800	55,900	53,600	-100	2,200
Leisure & Hospitality	33,800	32,700	34,600	1,100	-800
Other Services	14,900	14,700	14,500	200	400
Government	70,300	70,500	71,300	-200	-1,000
Federal Government	9,700	9,600	9,600	100	100
State Government	34,800	35,200	34,600	-400	200
Local Government	25,800	25,700	27,100	100	-1,300

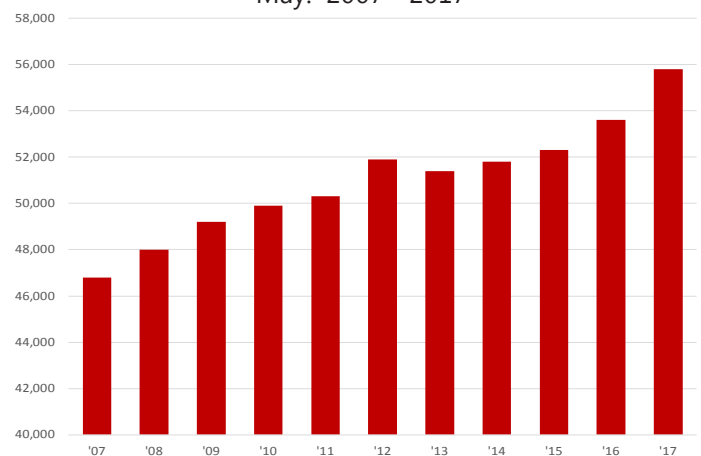
Employment

May 2014 - May 2017



Jobs in Educational and Health Services

May: 2007 - 2017



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

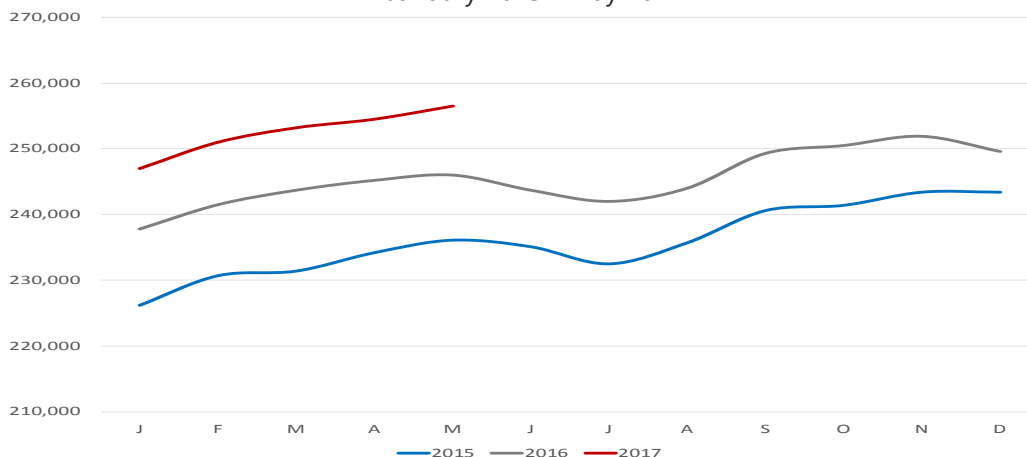
	May 17	Apr 17	May 16	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	275,375	272,424	263,773	2,951	11,602
Employment	268,391	266,371	256,180	2,020	12,211
Unemployment	6,984	6,053	7,593	931	-609
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.2	2.9	0.3	-0.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	May 17	Apr 17	May 16	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	256,500	254,500	246,000	2,000	10,500
Goods Producing	38,500	38,100	37,500	400	1,000
Mining, Logging & Construction	10,900	10,700	10,400	200	500
Manufacturing	27,600	27,400	27,100	200	500
Service Providing	218,000	216,400	208,500	1,600	9,500
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	56,700	56,100	55,700	600	1,000
Wholesale Trade	12,700	12,600	12,200	100	500
Retail Trade	26,600	26,100	26,700	500	-100
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17,400	17,400	16,800	0	600
Information	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
Financial Activities	8,000	7,800	7,600	200	400
Professional & Business Services	53,200	53,400	48,700	-200	4,500
Educational & Health Services	28,100	28,200	27,100	-100	1,000
Leisure & Hospitality	26,300	25,700	25,200	600	1,100
Other Services	7,800	7,700	7,500	100	300
Government	36,000	35,600	34,800	400	1,200
Federal Government	2,600	2,500	2,500	100	100
State Government	14,400	14,200	13,600	200	800
Local Government	19,000	18,900	18,700	100	300

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
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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)

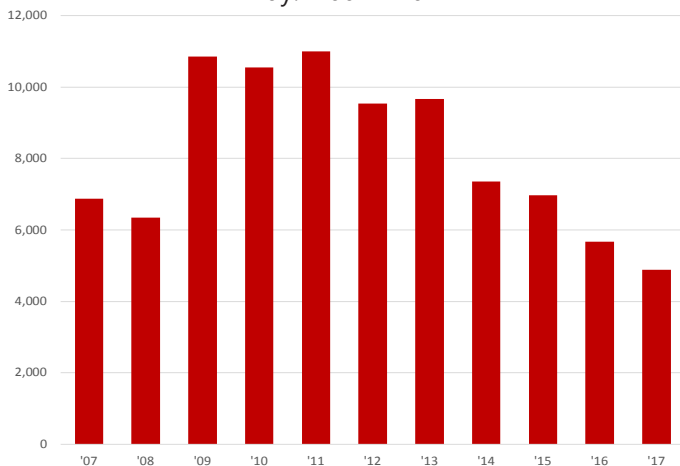
	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	120,986	120,207	122,076	779	-1,090
Employment	116,103	115,817	116,400	286	-297
Unemployment	4,883	4,390	5,676	493	-793
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.7	4.6	0.3	-0.6

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	114,100	113,400	115,000	700	-900
Goods Producing	22,800	22,700	23,600	100	-800
Mining, Logging & Construction	5,300	5,300	5,600	0	-300
Manufacturing	17,500	17,400	18,000	100	-500
Service Providing	91,300	90,700	91,400	600	-100
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23,200	22,900	23,800	300	-600
Wholesale Trade	4,000	3,900	3,900	100	100
Retail Trade	12,700	12,500	13,100	200	-400
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6,500	6,500	6,800	0	-300
Information	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	100
Financial Activities	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Professional & Business Services	13,200	13,100	13,000	100	200
Educational & Health Services	16,800	16,900	16,700	-100	100
Leisure & Hospitality	9,900	9,700	10,000	200	-100
Other Services	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Government	18,800	18,700	18,600	100	200
Federal Government	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0
State Government	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Local Government	14,300	14,200	14,100	100	200

Number of Unemployed
May: 2007 - 2017



Jobs in Professional & Business Services
May 2015 - May 2017



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	40,857	41,283	40,770	-426	87
Employment	39,380	39,950	39,078	-570	302
Unemployment	1,477	1,333	1,692	144	-215
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.2	4.2	0.4	-0.6

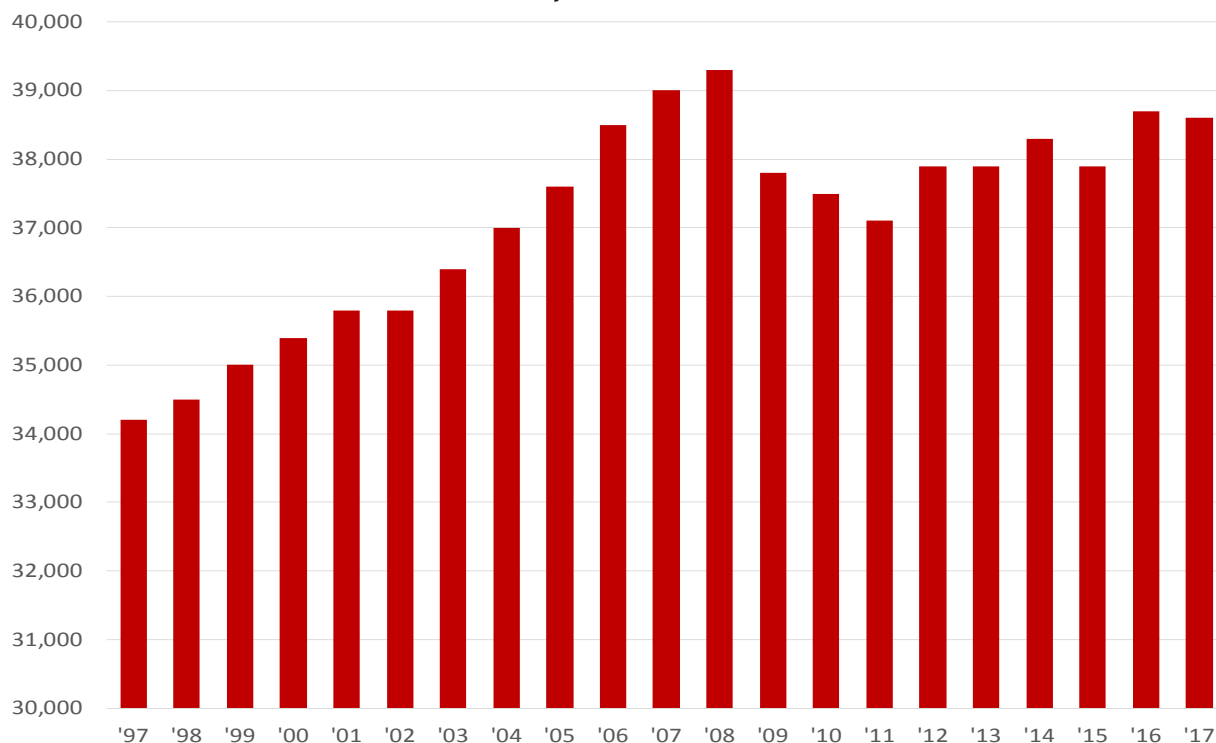
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	38,600	39,200	38,700	-600	-100
Goods Producing	4,600	4,500	4,400	100	200
Service Providing	34,000	34,700	34,300	-700	-300
Government	4,500	4,600	4,600	-100	-100

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

May: 1997 - 2017



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,748	63,397	62,592	351	1,156
Employment	61,898	61,736	60,540	162	1,358
Unemployment	1,850	1,661	2,052	189	-202
Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.6	3.3	0.3	-0.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	57,000	57,000	56,100	0	900
Goods Producing	9,300	9,400	9,000	-100	300
Service Providing	47,700	47,600	47,100	100	600
Government	9,200	9,200	9,100	0	100

Employment

May 2014 - May 2017



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	36,055	35,808	36,141	247	-86
Employment	34,455	34,300	34,223	155	232
Unemployment	1,600	1,508	1,918	92	-318
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.2	5.3	0.2	-0.9

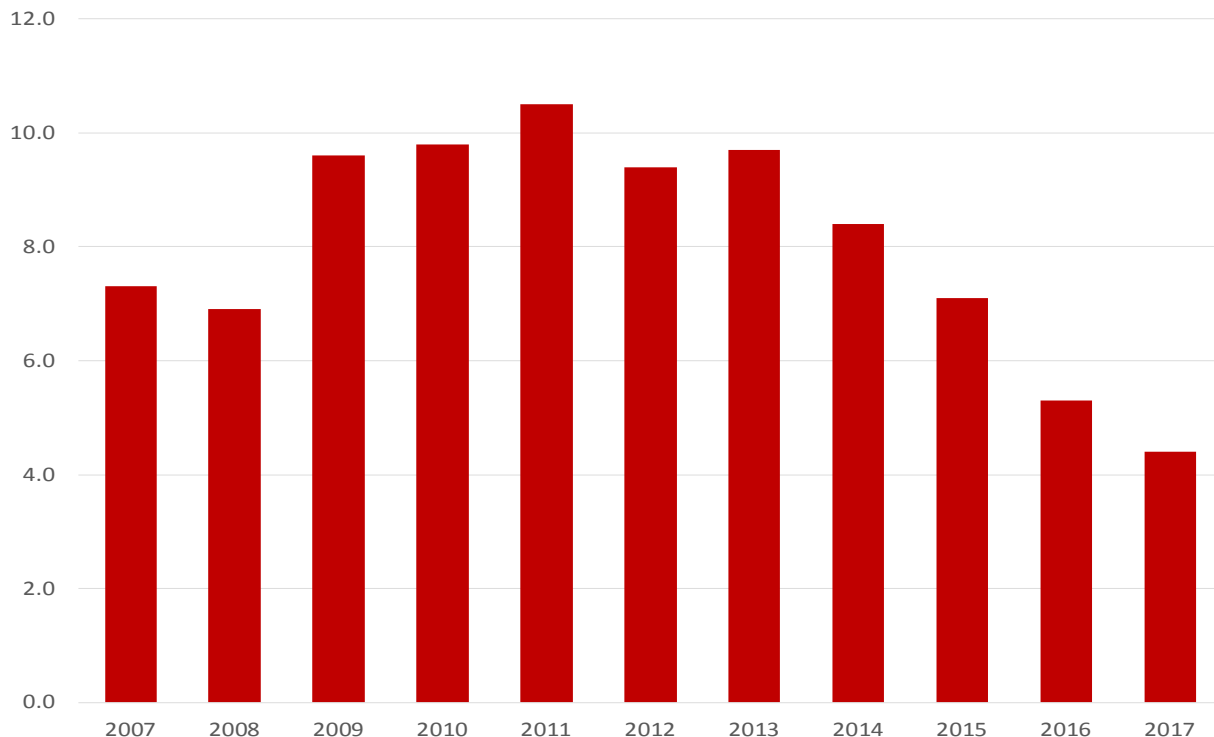
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	33,500	33,300	33,600	200	-100
Goods Producing	5,900	5,900	6,100	0	-200
Service Providing	27,600	27,400	27,500	200	100
Government	9,700	9,600	9,800	100	-100

Unemployment Rates

May: 2007 - 2017



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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.

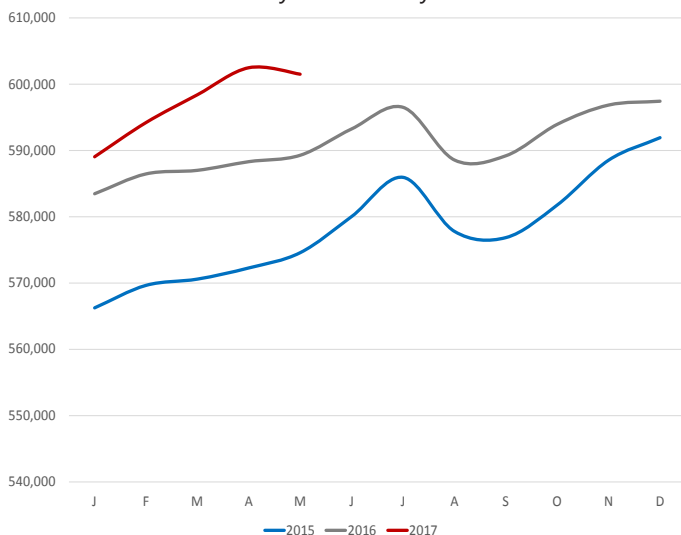
	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	624,508	628,706	619,214	-4,198	5,294
Employment	601,509	602,489	589,275	-980	12,234
Unemployment	22,999	26,217	29,939	-3,218	-6,940
Unemployment Rate	3.7	4.2	4.8	-0.5	-1.1

Texarkana MSA

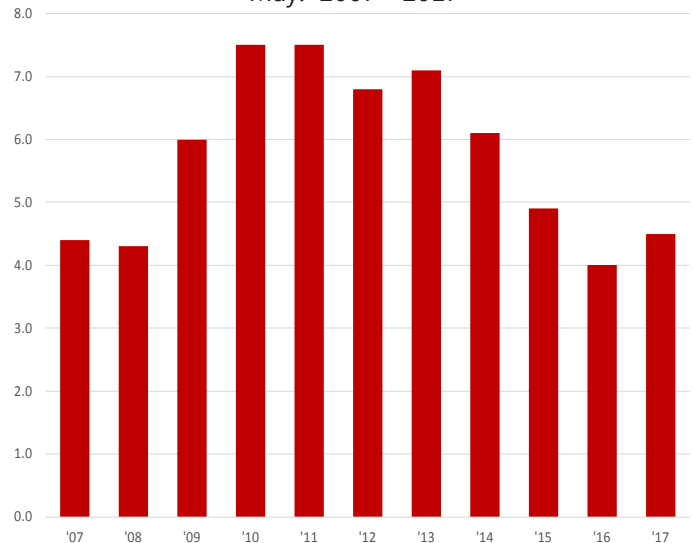
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,098	65,003	65,430	95	-332
Employment	62,200	62,145	62,813	55	-613
Unemployment	2,898	2,858	2,617	40	281
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.4	4.0	0.1	0.5

Number of Employed- Memphis MSA
January 2015 - May 2017



Unemployment Rates- Texarkana MSA
May: 2007 - 2017



Labor Market Report

Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Micro Area	May 2017				April 2017				May 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,628	9,274	354	3.7	9,613	9,301	312	3.2	9,455	9,048	407	4.3
Batesville Micro	16,416	15,832	584	3.6	16,246	15,700	546	3.4	16,166	15,392	774	4.8
Blytheville Micro	18,300	17,319	981	5.4	18,085	17,202	883	4.9	18,187	16,884	1,303	7.2
Camden Micro	12,426	11,915	511	4.1	12,314	11,833	481	3.9	12,289	11,718	571	4.6
El Dorado Micro	16,353	15,569	784	4.8	16,286	15,529	757	4.6	16,321	15,443	878	5.4
Forrest City Micro	9,036	8,664	372	4.1	8,979	8,629	350	3.9	8,853	8,422	431	4.9
Harrison Micro	19,833	19,228	605	3.1	19,704	19,158	546	2.8	19,721	19,021	700	3.5
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,671	6,333	338	5.1	6,600	6,284	316	4.8	6,841	6,464	377	5.5
Hope Micro	13,920	13,483	437	3.1	13,812	13,399	413	3.0	13,772	13,265	507	3.7
Magnolia Micro	9,191	8,763	428	4.7	9,115	8,740	375	4.1	9,421	8,869	552	5.9
Malvern Micro	14,235	13,755	480	3.4	14,180	13,765	415	2.9	14,217	13,677	540	3.8
Mountain Home Micro	16,630	16,010	620	3.7	16,402	15,835	567	3.5	16,247	15,590	657	4.0
Paragould Micro	20,138	19,487	651	3.2	19,885	19,307	578	2.9	20,051	19,274	777	3.9
Russellville Micro	38,818	37,411	1,407	3.6	38,520	37,290	1,230	3.2	38,454	36,648	1,806	4.7
Searcy Micro	33,735	32,193	1,542	4.6	33,498	32,116	1,382	4.1	34,372	32,527	1,845	5.4

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

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City	May 2017				April 2017				May 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,558	12,137	421	3.4	12,406	12,037	369	3.0	11,991	11,563	428	3.6
Benton	16,410	15,964	446	2.7	16,324	15,906	418	2.6	16,312	15,802	510	3.1
Bentonville	24,827	24,122	705	2.8	24,532	23,923	609	2.5	23,630	22,980	650	2.8
Blytheville	6,222	5,904	318	5.1	6,169	5,864	305	4.9	6,231	5,756	475	7.6
Cabot	11,779	11,454	325	2.8	11,695	11,398	297	2.5	11,724	11,360	364	3.1
Conway	33,306	32,256	1,050	3.2	33,028	32,133	895	2.7	33,130	31,943	1,187	3.6
El Dorado	7,129	6,739	390	5.5	7,104	6,722	382	5.4	7,116	6,685	431	6.1
Fayetteville	48,215	47,024	1,191	2.5	47,626	46,643	983	2.1	46,093	44,803	1,290	2.8
Fort Smith	40,538	39,203	1,335	3.3	40,126	38,902	1,224	3.1	40,548	39,086	1,462	3.6
Hot Springs	14,269	13,694	575	4.0	14,409	13,892	517	3.6	14,231	13,589	642	4.5
Jacksonville	11,793	11,325	468	4.0	11,691	11,283	408	3.5	11,735	11,209	526	4.5
Jonesboro	37,495	36,431	1,064	2.8	37,284	36,349	935	2.5	36,784	35,605	1,179	3.2
Little Rock	97,163	94,171	2,992	3.1	96,558	93,824	2,734	2.8	96,465	93,211	3,254	3.4
North Little Rock	30,059	29,039	1,020	3.4	29,866	28,932	934	3.1	29,847	28,743	1,104	3.7
Paragould	12,643	12,185	458	3.6	12,480	12,073	407	3.3	12,582	12,052	530	4.2
Pine Bluff	17,085	16,245	840	4.9	16,948	16,179	769	4.5	17,212	16,121	1,091	6.3
Rogers	35,097	34,269	828	2.4	34,710	33,986	724	2.1	33,555	32,647	908	2.7
Russellville	13,890	13,415	475	3.4	13,768	13,380	388	2.8	13,746	13,126	620	4.5
Searcy	10,382	9,937	445	4.3	10,292	9,913	379	3.7	10,505	10,040	465	4.4
Sherwood	15,659	15,228	431	2.8	15,568	15,172	396	2.5	15,545	15,072	473	3.0
Springdale	39,874	38,985	889	2.2	39,461	38,669	792	2.0	38,236	37,143	1,093	2.9
Texarkana, AR	13,990	13,378	612	4.4	13,863	13,302	561	4.0	13,937	13,387	550	3.9
Van Buren	10,470	10,149	321	3.1	10,358	10,065	293	2.8	10,502	10,126	376	3.6
West Memphis	10,808	10,296	512	4.7	10,776	10,297	479	4.4	10,605	10,073	532	5.0

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,399	9,142	257	2.7	9,303	9,062	241	2.6	9,312	8,996	316	3.4
Ashley	7,901	7,493	408	5.2	7,782	7,394	388	5.0	7,842	7,390	452	5.8
Baxter	16,630	16,010	620	3.7	16,402	15,835	567	3.5	16,247	15,590	657	4.0
Benton	132,144	128,655	3,489	2.6	130,636	127,593	3,043	2.3	126,220	122,566	3,654	2.9
Boone	16,338	15,841	497	3.0	16,236	15,786	450	2.8	16,238	15,662	576	3.5
Bradley	4,631	4,424	207	4.5	4,552	4,367	185	4.1	4,390	4,202	188	4.3
Calhoun	2,438	2,352	86	3.5	2,413	2,331	82	3.4	2,430	2,321	109	4.5
Carroll	13,751	13,361	390	2.8	13,320	12,959	361	2.7	13,171	12,743	428	3.2
Chicot	3,575	3,373	202	5.7	3,547	3,351	196	5.5	3,662	3,432	230	6.3
Clark	9,628	9,274	354	3.7	9,613	9,301	312	3.2	9,455	9,048	407	4.3
Clay	6,039	5,808	231	3.8	5,977	5,761	216	3.6	6,183	5,867	316	5.1
Cleburne	9,481	9,064	417	4.4	9,354	8,962	392	4.2	9,621	9,034	587	6.1
Cleveland	3,371	3,232	139	4.1	3,343	3,212	131	3.9	3,373	3,219	154	4.6
Columbia	9,191	8,763	428	4.7	9,115	8,740	375	4.1	9,421	8,869	552	5.9
Conway	8,362	8,002	360	4.3	8,271	7,950	321	3.9	8,463	7,929	534	6.3
Craighead	53,293	51,822	1,471	2.8	53,009	51,706	1,303	2.5	52,293	50,647	1,646	3.1
Crawford	26,952	26,074	878	3.3	26,620	25,859	761	2.9	27,082	26,016	1,066	3.9
Crittenden	21,786	20,920	866	4.0	21,726	20,922	804	3.7	21,395	20,468	927	4.3
Cross	8,072	7,795	277	3.4	7,970	7,716	254	3.2	8,065	7,726	339	4.2
Dallas	3,082	2,966	116	3.8	3,024	2,915	109	3.6	2,930	2,790	140	4.8
Desha	5,513	5,266	247	4.5	5,410	5,183	227	4.2	5,510	5,235	275	5.0
Drew	8,122	7,743	379	4.7	8,055	7,698	357	4.4	7,954	7,509	445	5.6
Faulkner	60,723	58,805	1,918	3.2	60,281	58,581	1,700	2.8	60,636	58,236	2,400	4.0
Franklin	7,487	7,239	248	3.3	7,420	7,206	214	2.9	7,395	7,087	308	4.2
Fulton	4,813	4,631	182	3.8	4,736	4,566	170	3.6	4,820	4,611	209	4.3
Garland	40,857	39,380	1,477	3.6	41,283	39,950	1,333	3.2	40,770	39,078	1,692	4.2
Grant	8,366	8,118	248	3.0	8,293	8,076	217	2.6	8,341	8,053	288	3.5
Greene	20,138	19,487	651	3.2	19,885	19,307	578	2.9	20,051	19,274	777	3.9
Hempstead	10,164	9,851	313	3.1	10,079	9,785	294	2.9	10,068	9,697	371	3.7
Hot Spring	14,235	13,755	480	3.4	14,180	13,765	415	2.9	14,217	13,677	540	3.8
Howard	6,126	5,962	164	2.7	6,082	5,932	150	2.5	5,999	5,799	200	3.3
Independence	16,416	15,832	584	3.6	16,246	15,700	546	3.4	16,166	15,392	774	4.8
Izard	5,089	4,837	252	5.0	5,074	4,853	221	4.4	5,009	4,746	263	5.3
Jackson	6,096	5,793	303	5.0	6,013	5,724	289	4.8	6,212	5,841	371	6.0
Jefferson	28,574	27,274	1,300	4.5	28,381	27,162	1,219	4.3	28,637	27,066	1,571	5.5
Johnson	10,754	10,363	391	3.6	10,598	10,261	337	3.2	10,596	10,079	517	4.9
Lafayette	2,586	2,477	109	4.2	2,573	2,472	101	3.9	2,609	2,472	137	5.3
Lawrence	7,036	6,810	226	3.2	7,030	6,814	216	3.1	7,002	6,723	279	4.0
Lee	3,252	3,127	125	3.8	3,198	3,081	117	3.7	3,209	3,072	137	4.3
Lincoln	4,110	3,949	161	3.9	4,084	3,926	158	3.9	4,131	3,938	193	4.7
Little River	5,651	5,418	233	4.1	5,601	5,383	218	3.9	5,657	5,421	236	4.2
Logan	9,261	8,943	318	3.4	9,135	8,860	275	3.0	9,284	8,839	445	4.8
Lonoke	33,530	32,549	981	2.9	33,277	32,390	887	2.7	33,358	32,282	1,076	3.2
Madison	7,592	7,409	183	2.4	7,494	7,331	163	2.2	7,368	7,131	237	3.2
Marion	6,642	6,414	228	3.4	6,564	6,352	212	3.2	6,612	6,368	244	3.7
Miller	20,159	19,363	796	3.9	19,979	19,254	725	3.6	20,134	19,376	758	3.8

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	18,300	17,319	981	5.4	18,085	17,202	883	4.9	18,187	16,884	1,303	7.2
Monroe	2,911	2,813	98	3.4	2,898	2,800	98	3.4	2,956	2,830	126	4.3
Montgomery	3,204	3,080	124	3.9	3,146	3,024	122	3.9	3,246	3,090	156	4.8
Nevada	3,756	3,632	124	3.3	3,733	3,614	119	3.2	3,704	3,568	136	3.7
Newton	3,495	3,387	108	3.1	3,468	3,372	96	2.8	3,483	3,359	124	3.6
Ouachita	9,988	9,563	425	4.3	9,901	9,502	399	4.0	9,859	9,397	462	4.7
Perry	4,221	4,058	163	3.9	4,194	4,038	156	3.7	4,233	4,026	207	4.9
Phillips	6,671	6,333	338	5.1	6,600	6,284	316	4.8	6,841	6,464	377	5.5
Pike	4,347	4,195	152	3.5	4,279	4,143	136	3.2	4,279	4,105	174	4.1
Poinsett	10,455	10,076	379	3.6	10,388	10,030	358	3.4	10,299	9,893	406	3.9
Polk	8,002	7,665	337	4.2	7,898	7,584	314	4.0	8,326	7,928	398	4.8
Pope	29,828	28,734	1,094	3.7	29,621	28,659	962	3.2	29,508	28,115	1,393	4.7
Prairie	3,723	3,585	138	3.7	3,680	3,555	125	3.4	3,703	3,564	139	3.8
Pulaski	188,777	182,830	5,947	3.2	187,579	182,156	5,423	2.9	187,415	180,966	6,449	3.4
Randolph	6,866	6,611	255	3.7	6,780	6,549	231	3.4	6,364	6,081	283	4.4
St. Francis	9,036	8,664	372	4.1	8,979	8,629	350	3.9	8,853	8,422	431	4.9
Saline	56,897	55,302	1,595	2.8	56,546	55,102	1,444	2.6	56,516	54,742	1,774	3.1
Scott	4,598	4,464	134	2.9	4,537	4,418	119	2.6	4,520	4,348	172	3.8
Searcy	3,054	2,939	115	3.8	2,990	2,888	102	3.4	2,997	2,861	136	4.5
Sebastian	58,220	56,281	1,939	3.3	57,627	55,849	1,778	3.1	58,243	56,114	2,129	3.7
Sevier	5,852	5,616	236	4.0	5,764	5,554	210	3.6	5,740	5,468	272	4.7
Sharp	6,218	5,939	279	4.5	6,175	5,909	266	4.3	6,138	5,813	325	5.3
Stone	4,821	4,610	211	4.4	4,755	4,564	191	4.0	4,782	4,549	233	4.9
Union	16,353	15,569	784	4.8	16,286	15,529	757	4.6	16,321	15,443	878	5.4
Van Buren	5,871	5,568	303	5.2	5,828	5,535	293	5.0	6,118	5,669	449	7.3
Washington	124,839	121,953	2,886	2.3	123,451	120,964	2,487	2.0	119,480	116,193	3,287	2.8
White	33,735	32,193	1,542	4.6	33,498	32,116	1,382	4.1	34,372	32,527	1,845	5.4
Woodruff	3,047	2,913	134	4.4	2,996	2,864	132	4.4	3,064	2,906	158	5.2
Yell	8,990	8,677	313	3.5	8,899	8,631	268	3.0	8,946	8,533	413	4.6

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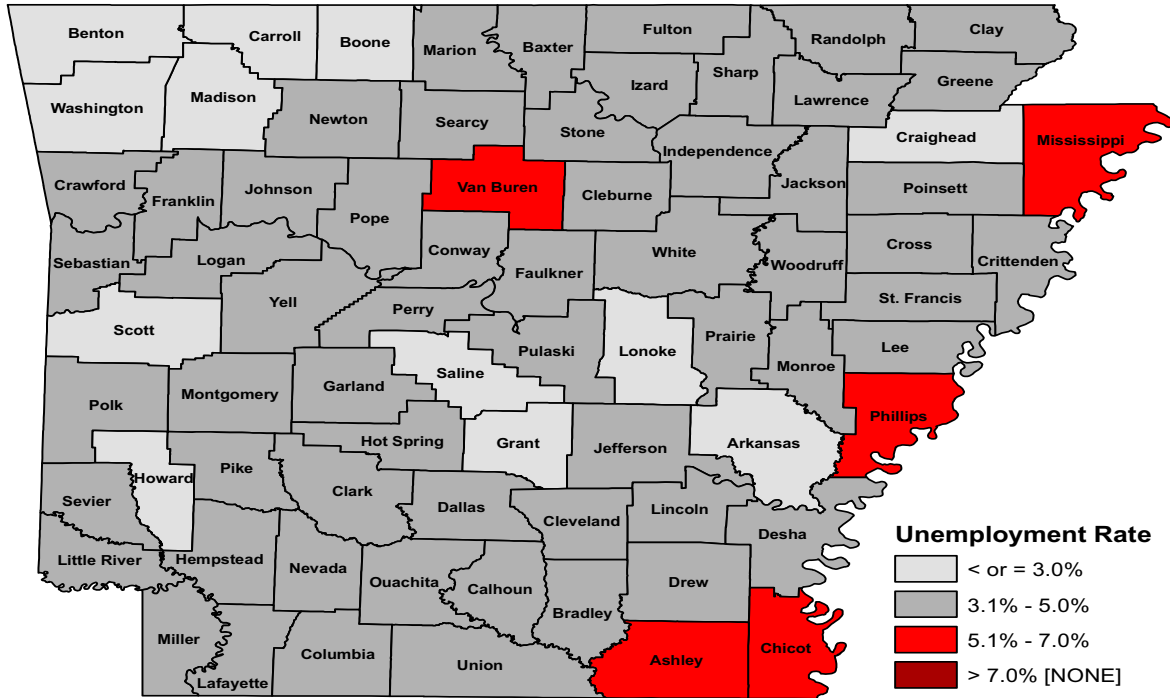
Between April and May, unemployment rates increased in 71 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Four counties were unchanged over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in Washington County to a high of 5.7 percent Chicot County.

In May, fifty counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. This is down slightly from fifty-eight counties at or below four percent in April. For the third month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to May 2016, unemployment rates are down in 73 Arkansas counties. Two counties-- Bradley and Miller-- posted rate increases over the year.

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Ranked by Unemployment Rates

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Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.3	23	Marion	3.4	51	Cleveland	4.1
2	Madison	2.4	23	Monroe	3.4	51	Little River	4.1
3	Benton	2.6	28	Calhoun	3.5	51	St. Francis	4.1
4	Arkansas	2.7	28	Pike	3.5	54	Lafayette	4.2
4	Howard	2.7	28	Yell	3.5	54	Polk	4.2
6	Carroll	2.8	31	Garland	3.6	56	Conway	4.3
6	Craighead	2.8	31	Independence	3.6	56	Ouachita	4.3
6	Saline	2.8	31	Johnson	3.6	58	Cleburne	4.4
9	Lonoke	2.9	31	Poinsett	3.6	58	Stone	4.4
9	Scott	2.9	35	Baxter	3.7	58	Woodruff	4.4
11	Boone	3.0	35	Clark	3.7	61	Bradley	4.5
11	Grant	3.0	35	Pope	3.7	61	Desha	4.5
13	Hempstead	3.1	35	Prairie	3.7	61	Jefferson	4.5
13	Newton	3.1	35	Randolph	3.7	61	Sharp	4.5
15	Faulkner	3.2	40	Clay	3.8	65	White	4.6
15	Greene	3.2	40	Dallas	3.8	66	Columbia	4.7
15	Lawrence	3.2	40	Fulton	3.8	66	Drew	4.7
15	Pulaski	3.2	40	Lee	3.8	68	Union	4.8
19	Crawford	3.3	40	Searcy	3.8	69	Izard	5.0
19	Franklin	3.3	45	Lincoln	3.9	69	Jackson	5.0
19	Nevada	3.3	45	Miller	3.9	71	Phillips	5.1
19	Sebastian	3.3	45	Montgomery	3.9	72	Ashley	5.2
23	Cross	3.4	45	Perry	3.9	72	Van Buren	5.2
23	Hot Spring	3.4	49	Crittenden	4.0	74	Mississippi	5.4
23	Logan	3.4	49	Sevier	4.0	75	Chicot	5.7

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Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LWDA	May 2017				April 2017				May 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	249,398	241,713	7,685	3.1	247,703	240,760	6,943	2.8	248,119	239,409	8,710	3.5
City of Little Rock	97,163	94,171	2,992	3.1	96,558	93,824	2,734	2.8	96,465	93,211	3,254	3.4
Eastern	48,817	46,839	1,978	4.1	48,473	46,632	1,841	3.8	48,363	46,152	2,211	4.6
North Central	95,587	91,380	4,207	4.4	94,675	90,793	3,882	4.1	96,302	91,088	5,214	5.4
Northeast	122,127	117,933	4,194	3.4	121,154	117,369	3,785	3.1	120,379	115,369	5,010	4.2
Northwest	324,485	315,969	8,516	2.6	320,561	313,080	7,481	2.3	311,816	302,473	9,343	3.0
Southeast	83,562	80,014	3,548	4.2	82,750	79,431	3,319	4.0	83,152	79,040	4,112	4.9
Southwest	95,346	91,532	3,814	4.0	94,550	91,011	3,539	3.7	94,872	90,621	4,251	4.5
West Central	134,426	129,518	4,908	3.7	134,084	129,722	4,362	3.3	133,713	127,680	6,033	4.5
Western	114,520	110,666	3,854	3.4	113,237	109,776	3,461	3.1	114,850	110,332	4,518	3.9

