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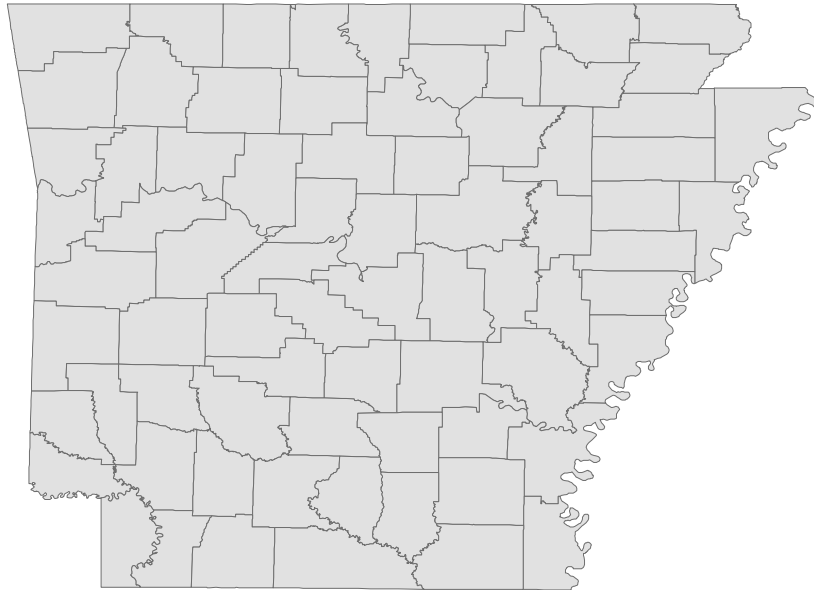
Labor Market Report



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Technical Notes

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

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

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2017 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.

April Spotlight

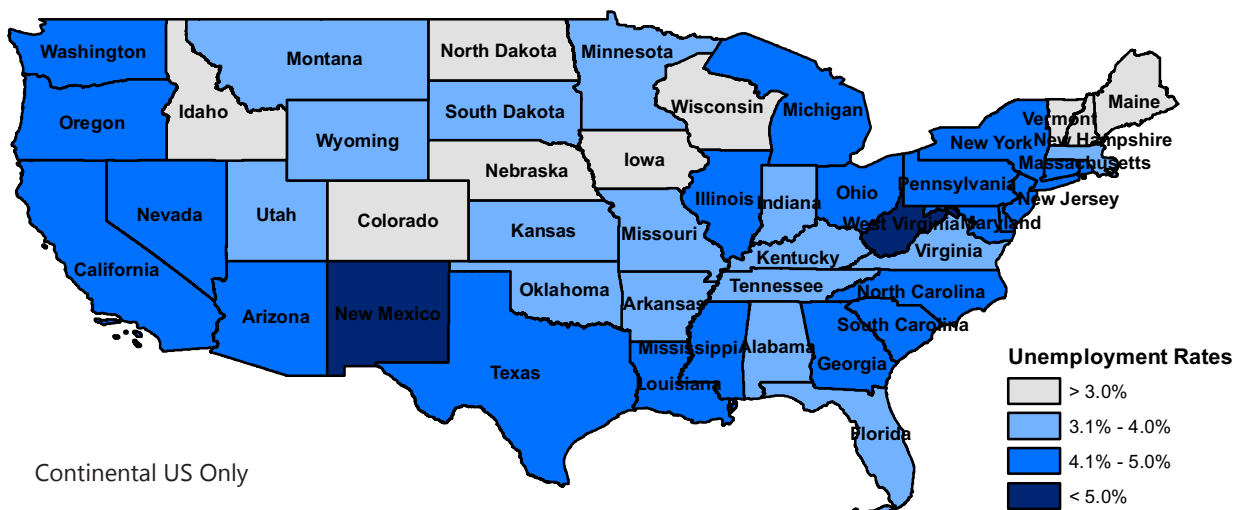
A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Due to differing economies and labor force conditions in various parts of the country, unemployment rates vary greatly from state to state. In April 2018, seasonally adjusted jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.0 percent in Hawaii to a high of 7.3 percent in Alaska. The unemployment rate in Arkansas remained at 3.8 percent in April, a ranking of 20 out of 51 states. By looking at the map below, it becomes apparent that trends exist among states that are located within the same region. While there are some exceptions, western states tend to have higher jobless rates than states located in the Midwest. Similarly, states located in the northeast generally experience lower unemployment rates than states located in the southeast. These regional trends occur because states often experience economic similarities based on shared industries, work forces, and climates.

Unemployment Rates, Ranked by State (Seasonally Adjusted)
April 2018

Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate
1	Hawaii	2.0	18	Massachusetts	3.5	35	Illinois	4.4
2	New Hampshire	2.6	19	Missouri	3.6	35	North Carolina	4.4
2	North Dakota	2.6	20	Alabama	3.8	37	Connecticut	4.5
4	Maine	2.7	20	Arkansas	3.8	37	Louisiana	4.5
5	Iowa	2.8	20	Wyoming	3.8	37	New Jersey	4.5
5	Nebraska	2.8	23	Florida	3.9	37	Rhode Island	4.5
5	Vermont	2.8	24	Kentucky	4.0	41	Mississippi	4.6
5	Wisconsin	2.8	24	Montana	4.0	41	New York	4.6
9	Colorado	2.9	24	Oklahoma	4.0	43	Michigan	4.7
9	Idaho	2.9	27	Oregon	4.1	43	Pennsylvania	4.7
11	Utah	3.1	27	Texas	4.1	45	Washington	4.8
12	Indiana	3.2	29	California	4.2	46	Arizona	4.9
12	Minnesota	3.2	29	Delaware	4.2	46	Nevada	4.9
14	Virginia	3.3	29	South Carolina	4.2	48	New Mexico	5.4
15	Kansas	3.4	32	Georgia	4.3	48	West Virginia	5.4
15	South Dakota	3.4	32	Maryland	4.3	50	District of Columbia	5.6
15	Tennessee	3.4	32	Ohio	4.3	51	Alaska	7.3

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 3.9 Percent



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

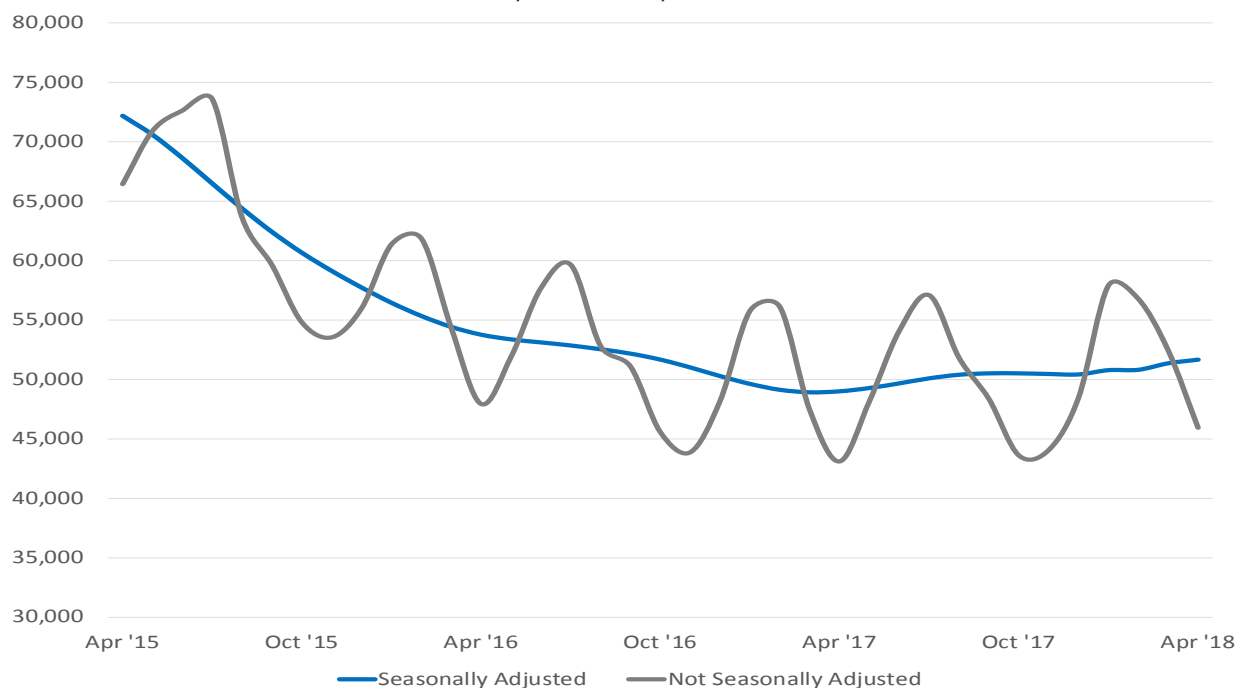
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 3.8 percent between March and April. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 1,093, a result of 1,398 fewer employed and 305 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.1 percent in March to 3.9 percent in April.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Despite the small decline in the size of the civilian labor force, Arkansas' unemployment rate remained unchanged in April. This marks the third consecutive month that the State's jobless rate has been at 3.8 percent."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	
Civilian Labor Force	1,351,983	1,353,076	1,352,265	Civilian Labor Force	1,348,257	1,349,562	1,352,393
Employment	1,300,327	1,301,725	1,303,273	Employment	1,302,328	1,297,126	1,309,299
Unemployment	51,656	51,351	48,992	Unemployment	45,929	52,436	43,094
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.8	3.6	Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.9	3.2
U.S. Unemployment	3.9	4.1	4.4	U.S. Unemployment	3.7	4.1	4.1

Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted vs. Not Seasonally Adjusted)
April 2015 - April 2018



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1250.4	1243.5	1244.3	6.9	6.1
Goods Producing	214.9	213.3	212.9	1.6	2.0
Mining, Logging, and Construction	55.8	55.2	56.9	0.6	-1.1
Mining & Logging	5.5	5.5	5.8	0.0	-0.3
Construction	50.3	49.7	51.1	0.6	-0.8
Specialty Trade Contractors	30.5	30.0	31.8	0.5	-1.3
Manufacturing	159.1	158.1	156.0	1.0	3.1
Durable Goods	75.8	75.4	74.6	0.4	1.2
Nondurable Goods	83.3	82.7	81.4	0.6	1.9
Service Providing	1035.5	1030.2	1031.4	5.3	4.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	250.4	249.4	249.1	1.0	1.3
Wholesale Trade	46.7	46.1	46.7	0.6	0.0
Retail Trade	140.4	139.7	140.1	0.7	0.3
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	63.3	63.6	62.3	-0.3	1.0
Information	12.3	12.3	13.3	0.0	-1.0
Financial Activities	53.4	53.4	53.0	0.0	0.4
Finance & Insurance	39.9	40.2	39.6	-0.3	0.3
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.5	13.2	13.4	0.3	0.1
Professional & Business Services	149.5	146.1	145.4	3.4	4.1
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.6	43.1	43.6	0.5	0.0
Management of Companies	34.8	34.8	35.6	0.0	-0.8
Administrative & Support Services	71.1	68.2	66.2	2.9	4.9
Educational & Health Services	188.4	189.0	188.5	-0.6	-0.1
Educational Services	15.6	15.5	16.0	0.1	-0.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	172.8	173.5	172.5	-0.7	0.3
Ambulatory Health Care	56.9	56.9	56.1	0.0	0.8
Social Assistance	39.8	40.1	40.1	-0.3	-0.3
Leisure & Hospitality	117.5	116.7	118.2	0.8	-0.7
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11.9	10.8	11.4	1.1	0.5
Accommodation & Food Services	105.6	105.9	106.8	-0.3	-1.2
Accommodation Services	11.5	11.2	11.5	0.3	0.0
Food Services	94.1	94.7	95.3	-0.6	-1.2
Other Services	48.4	47.9	48.6	0.5	-0.2
Government	215.6	215.4	215.3	0.2	0.3
Federal Government	19.5	19.5	19.9	0.0	-0.4
State Government	80.3	80.1	80.5	0.2	-0.2
Local Government	115.8	115.8	114.9	0.0	0.9

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

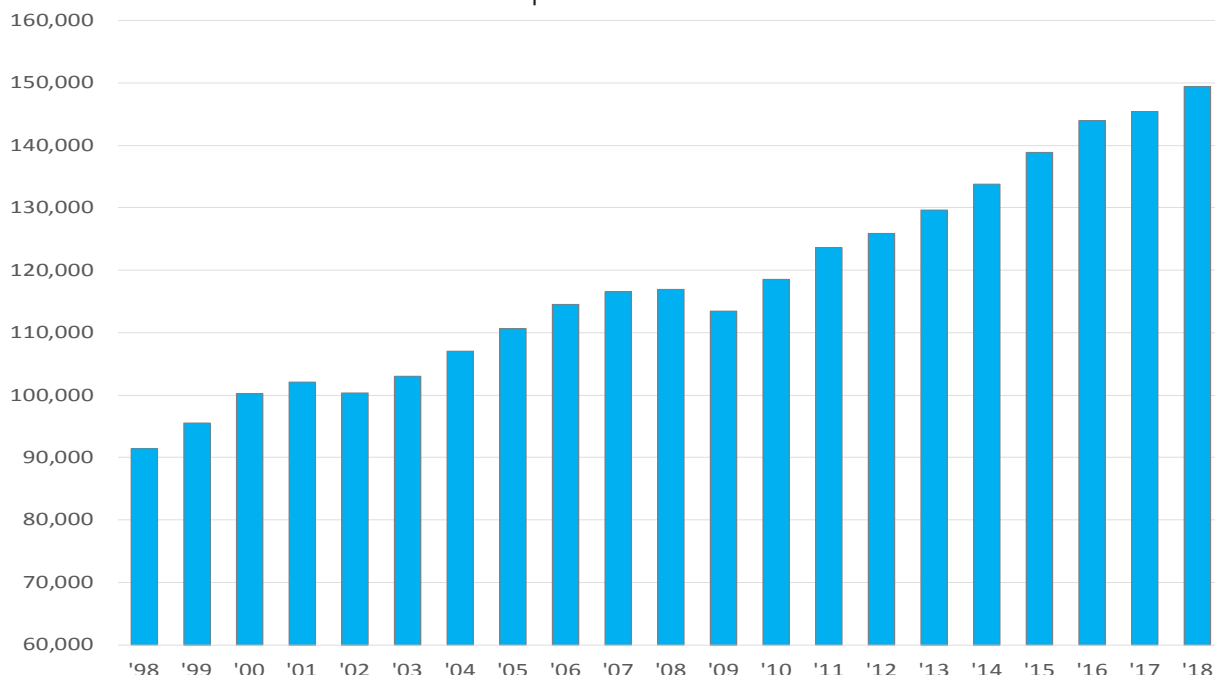
March 2018 - April 2018

Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs rose 6,900 in April to total 1,250,400. Employment increased in seven major industry sectors. Three sectors remained stable, while one declined slightly. **Professional and business services** added 3,400 jobs. Most of the growth occurred in administrative and support services (+2,900), a subsector which includes employment agencies, landscaping services, and travel agencies. Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 1,000. Growth was posted in both nondurable (+600) and durable (+400) goods manufacturing. Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 1,000. Gains in retail (+700) and wholesale (+600) trade were attributed mostly to seasonal hiring.

April 2017 - April 2018

Compared to April 2017, nonfarm payroll employment in Arkansas is up 6,100. Five major industry sectors posted growth, while six sectors reported minor losses. The largest increase occurred in **professional and business services** (+4,100). Gains in administrative and support services (+4,900) more than offset the decline in management of companies (-800). **Manufacturing** added 3,100 jobs. Expansions were reported in various activities, including food manufacturing and machinery manufacturing. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 1,300. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities posted the greatest increase, up 1,000. **Information** declined 1,000, due in part to reported losses in activities such as telecommunications and data processing.

Jobs in Professional and Business Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
April: 1998 - 2018



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.7	41.8	38.6
Average Hourly Earnings	16.98	16.85	16.03
Average Weekly Earnings	708.07	704.33	618.76

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>		<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>
Average Weekly Hours	42.6	41.7	40.8	Average Weekly Hours	41.0	41.9	36.6
Average Hourly Earnings	18.71	18.78	17.48	Average Hourly Earnings	15.46	15.23	14.59
Average Weekly Earnings	797.05	783.13	713.18	Average Weekly Earnings	633.86	638.14	533.99

Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing
April 2016 - April 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

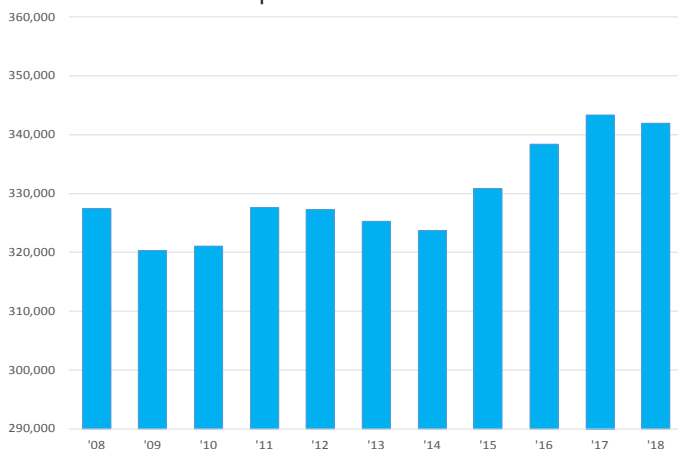
	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	353,240	355,280	353,587	-2,040	-347
Employment	341,978	342,612	343,349	-634	-1,371
Unemployment	11,262	12,668	10,238	-1,406	1,024
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.6	2.9	-0.4	0.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

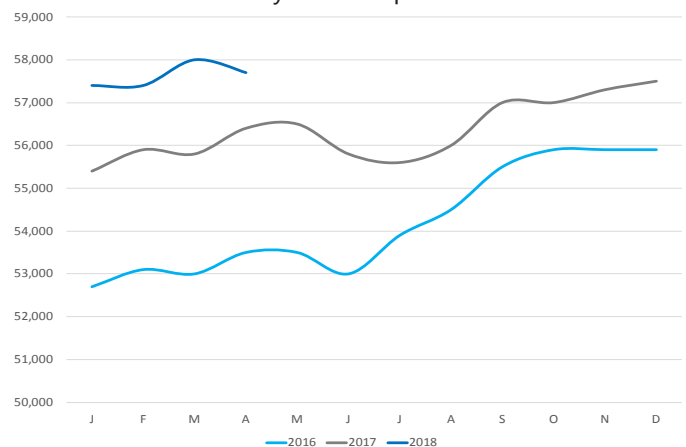
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	360.7	361.3	358.5	-0.6	2.2
Goods Producing	37.1	37.0	37.6	0.1	-0.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	16.8	16.8	17.2	0.0	-0.4
Manufacturing	20.3	20.2	20.4	0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	323.6	324.3	320.9	-0.7	2.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	69.3	69.6	69.4	-0.3	-0.1
Wholesale Trade	15.2	15.1	15.1	0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	38.1	38.5	38.8	-0.4	-0.7
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.0	16.0	15.5	0.0	0.5
Information	5.6	5.7	6.2	-0.1	-0.6
Financial Activities	21.1	21.0	21.0	0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	49.3	49.0	47.5	0.3	1.8
Educational & Health Services	57.7	58.0	56.4	-0.3	1.3
Leisure & Hospitality	33.8	34.1	34.3	-0.3	-0.5
Other Services	15.5	15.4	15.4	0.1	0.1
Government	71.3	71.5	70.7	-0.2	0.6
Federal Government	9.4	9.4	9.5	0.0	-0.1
State Government	35.5	35.6	35.2	-0.1	0.3
Local Government	26.4	26.5	26.0	-0.1	0.4

Number of Employed
April: 2008 - 2018



Jobs in Education and Health Services
January 2016 - April 2018



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 18	Mar 18	Apr 17	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	275,933	274,306	272,196	1,627	3,737
Employment	268,977	266,556	265,834	2,421	3,143
Unemployment	6,956	7,750	6,362	-794	594
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.8	2.3	-0.3	0.2

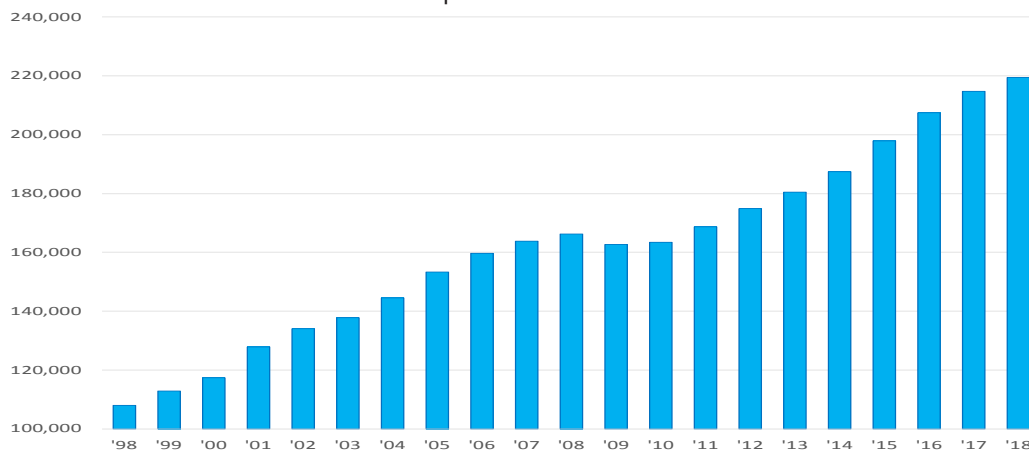
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Apr 18	Mar 18	Apr 17	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	260.5	258.3	253.9	2.2	6.6
Goods Producing	41.1	41.0	39.1	0.1	2.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	11.8	11.6	10.9	0.2	0.9
Manufacturing	29.3	29.4	28.2	-0.1	1.1
Service Providing	219.4	217.3	214.8	2.1	4.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	56.4	56.0	56.1	0.4	0.3
Wholesale Trade	13.4	13.4	12.8	0.0	0.6
Retail Trade	26.4	26.0	26.7	0.4	-0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.6	16.6	16.6	0.0	0.0
Information	1.8	1.8	2.0	0.0	-0.2
Financial Activities	7.9	7.9	7.8	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	50.6	50.4	50.5	0.2	0.1
Educational & Health Services	29.2	29.1	28.3	0.1	0.9
Leisure & Hospitality	27.7	26.3	25.5	1.4	2.2
Other Services	8.9	8.8	8.9	0.1	0.0
Government	36.9	37.0	35.7	-0.1	1.2
Federal Government	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
State Government	15.1	15.2	14.2	-0.1	0.9
Local Government	19.3	19.3	19.0	0.0	0.3

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

April: 2008 - 2018



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)

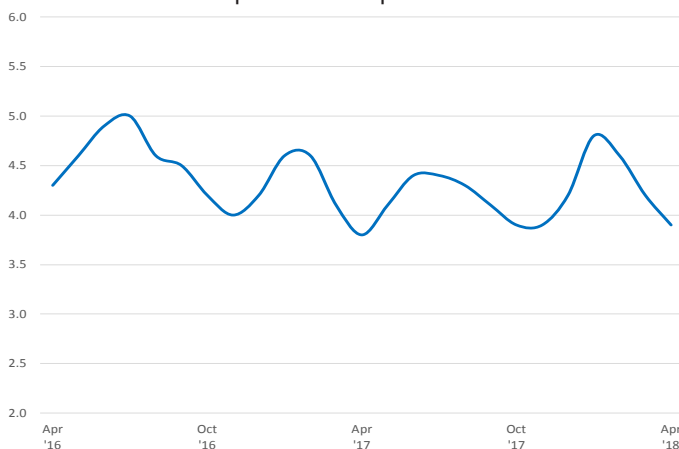
	Apr 18	Mar 18	Apr 17	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	118,025	118,634	119,704	-609	-1,679
Employment	113,369	113,653	115,200	-284	-1,831
Unemployment	4,656	4,981	4,504	-325	152
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.2	3.8	-0.3	0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

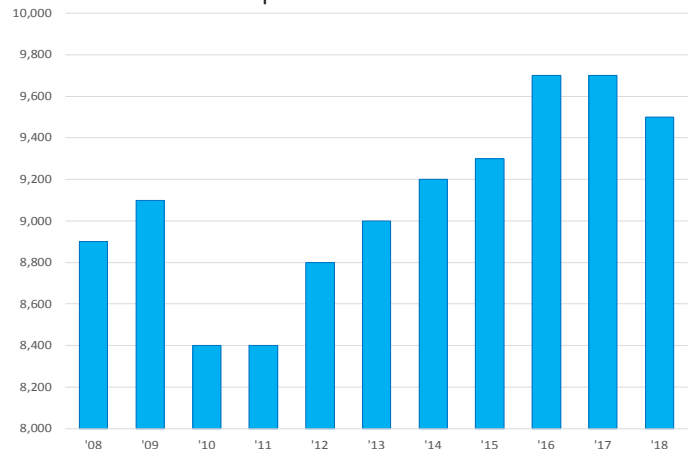
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Apr 18	Mar 18	Apr 17	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	112.2	112.0	113.0	0.2	-0.8
Goods Producing	22.5	22.7	23.0	-0.2	-0.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.3	5.3	5.4	0.0	-0.1
Manufacturing	17.2	17.4	17.6	-0.2	-0.4
Service Providing	89.7	89.3	90.0	0.4	-0.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.7	22.6	22.9	0.1	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	12.5	12.5	12.8	0.0	-0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.3	6.2	6.2	0.1	0.1
Information	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.8	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	12.5	12.4	12.3	0.1	0.2
Educational & Health Services	16.6	16.7	16.9	-0.1	-0.3
Leisure & Hospitality	9.5	9.2	9.7	0.3	-0.2
Other Services	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
Government	19.0	19.0	18.8	0.0	0.2
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0
Local Government	14.5	14.5	14.3	0.0	0.2

Unemployment Rates
April 2016 - April 2018



Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality
April: 2008 - 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

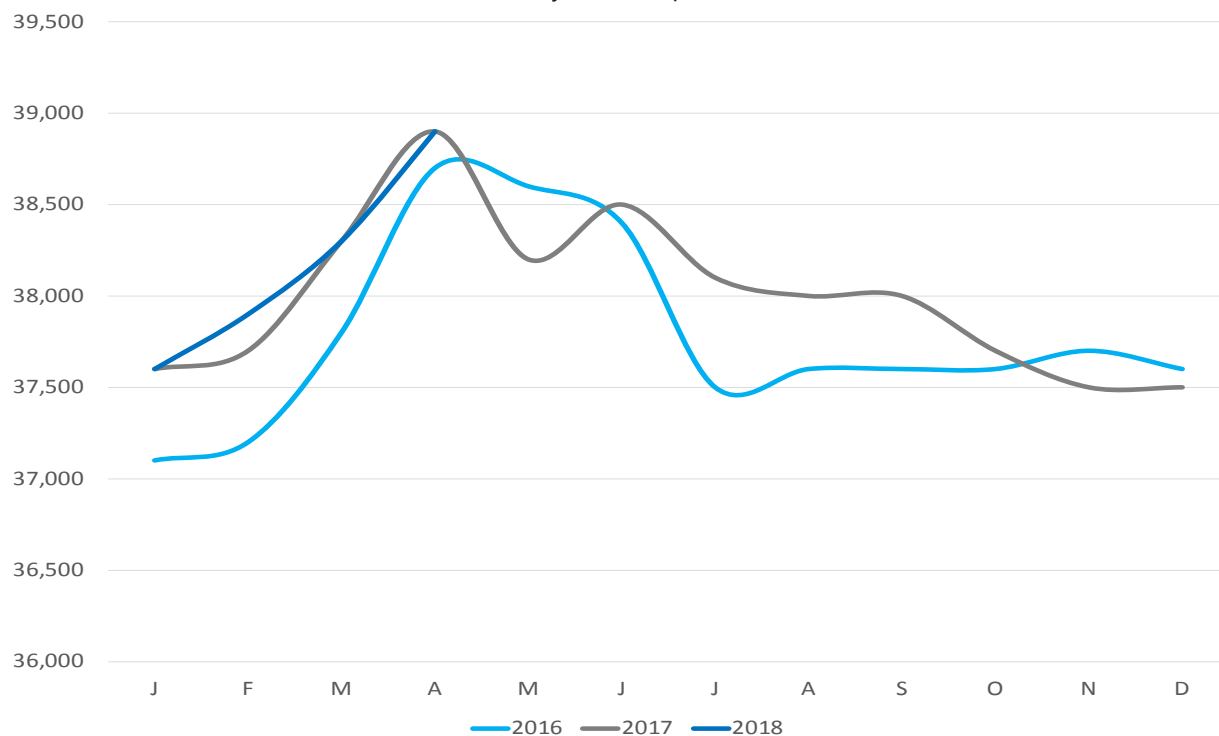
	Apr 18	Mar 18	Apr 17	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	40,726	40,528	41,056	198	-330
Employment	39,253	38,793	39,667	460	-414
Unemployment	1,473	1,735	1,389	-262	84
Unemployment Rate	3.6	4.3	3.4	-0.7	0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Apr 18	Mar 18	Apr 17	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	38.9	38.3	38.9	0.6	0.0
Goods Producing	4.6	4.5	4.5	0.1	0.1
Service Providing	34.3	33.8	34.4	0.5	-0.1
Government	4.6	4.6	4.5	0.0	0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
January 2016 - April 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Apr 18	Mar 18	Apr 17	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	64,174	64,103	63,736	71	438
Employment	62,325	61,979	61,998	346	327
Unemployment	1,849	2,124	1,738	-275	111
Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.3	2.7	-0.4	0.2

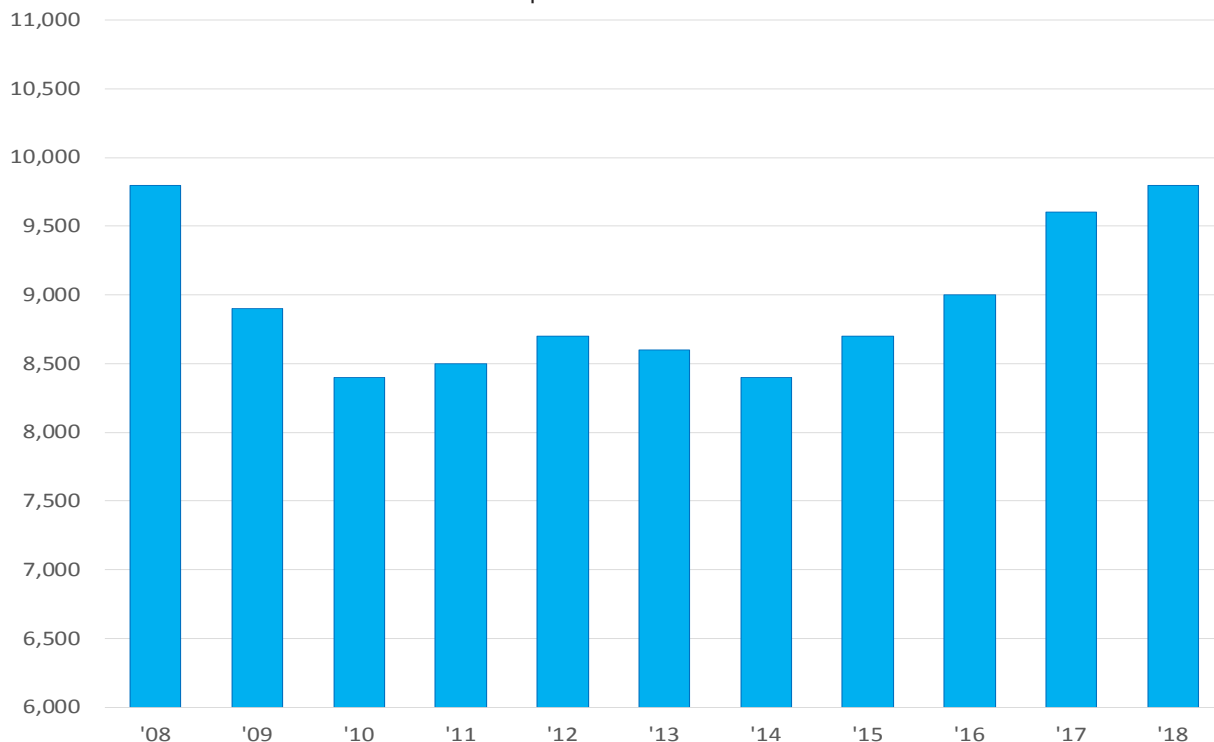
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Apr 18	Mar 18	Apr 17	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	58.5	58.3	57.3	0.2	1.2
Goods Producing	9.8	9.7	9.6	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	48.7	48.6	47.7	0.1	1.0
Government	9.3	9.3	9.1	0.0	0.2

Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

April: 2008 - 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	34,880	35,082	35,467	-202	-587
Employment	33,250	33,203	33,907	47	-657
Unemployment	1,630	1,879	1,560	-249	70
Unemployment Rate	4.7	5.4	4.4	-0.7	0.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	32.9	32.9	33.2	0.0	-0.3
Goods Producing	6.0	6.1	6.1	-0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	26.9	26.8	27.1	0.1	-0.2
Government	9.6	9.6	9.5	0.0	0.1

Number of Unemployed

April 2015 - April 2018



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.

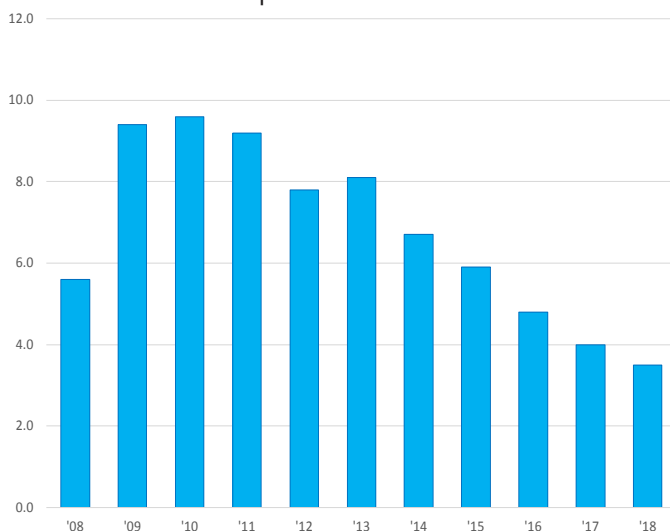
	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	637,301	637,690	625,627	-389	11,674
Employment	614,868	612,636	600,623	2,232	14,245
Unemployment	22,433	25,054	25,004	-2,621	-2,571
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.9	4.0	-0.4	-0.5

Texarkana MSA

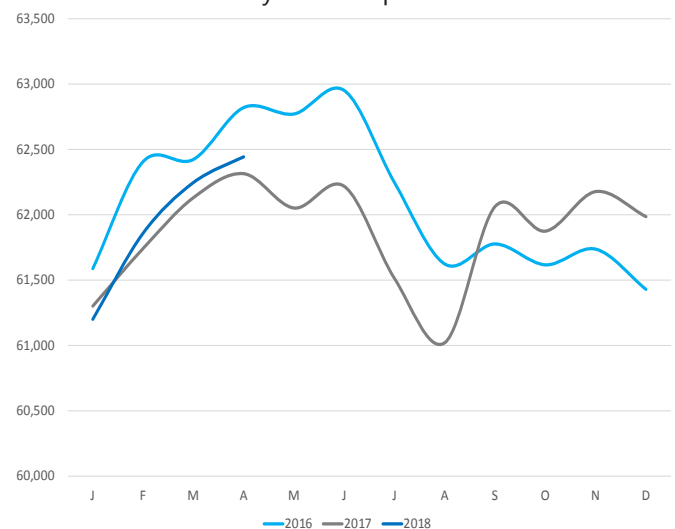
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,185	65,332	65,026	-147	159
Employment	62,443	62,246	62,314	197	129
Unemployment	2,742	3,086	2,712	-344	30
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.7	4.2	-0.5	0.0

Memphis MSA- Unemployment Rates
April: 2008 - 2018



Texarkana MSA- Employment
January 2016 - April 2018



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	April 2018				March 2018				April 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,489	9,180	309	3.3	9,549	9,175	374	3.9	9,497	9,173	324	3.4
Batesville Micro	16,156	15,592	564	3.5	16,186	15,540	646	4.0	16,217	15,649	568	3.5
Blytheville Micro	17,533	16,631	902	5.1	17,610	16,593	1,017	5.8	17,688	16,775	913	5.2
Camden Micro	12,181	11,661	520	4.3	12,191	11,595	596	4.9	12,100	11,602	498	4.1
El Dorado Micro	15,989	15,100	889	5.6	16,138	15,129	1,009	6.3	16,064	15,279	785	4.9
Forrest City Micro	8,149	7,764	385	4.7	8,172	7,714	458	5.6	8,387	8,024	363	4.3
Harrison Micro	19,169	18,524	645	3.4	19,173	18,419	754	3.9	19,252	18,682	570	3.0
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,421	6,026	395	6.2	6,413	5,954	459	7.2	6,652	6,326	326	4.9
Hope Micro	13,402	12,994	408	3.0	13,359	12,898	461	3.5	13,567	13,140	427	3.1
Magnolia Micro	9,037	8,644	393	4.3	9,077	8,627	450	5.0	9,142	8,750	392	4.3
Malvern Micro	14,160	13,664	496	3.5	14,131	13,603	528	3.7	14,248	13,817	431	3.0
Mountain Home Micro	16,440	15,838	602	3.7	16,463	15,755	708	4.3	16,414	15,825	589	3.6
Paragould Micro	19,554	18,959	595	3.0	19,591	18,847	744	3.8	19,766	19,165	601	3.0
Russellville Micro	37,396	36,039	1,357	3.6	37,399	35,814	1,585	4.2	38,161	36,885	1,276	3.3
Searcy Micro	33,669	32,255	1,414	4.2	33,885	32,198	1,687	5.0	33,855	32,413	1,442	4.3

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties

Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	April 2018				March 2018				April 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,508	12,066	442	3.5	12,440	11,958	482	3.9	12,306	11,918	388	3.2
Benton	17,180	16,678	502	2.9	17,295	16,715	580	3.4	17,174	16,728	446	2.6
Bentonville	25,679	25,017	662	2.6	25,499	24,791	708	2.8	25,359	24,708	651	2.6
Blytheville	5,960	5,663	297	5.0	6,007	5,650	357	5.9	6,027	5,712	315	5.2
Cabot	11,789	11,436	353	3.0	11,847	11,440	407	3.4	11,853	11,543	310	2.6
Conway	33,252	32,292	960	2.9	33,450	32,355	1,095	3.3	33,374	32,440	934	2.8
El Dorado	6,998	6,562	436	6.2	7,058	6,575	483	6.8	7,037	6,640	397	5.6
Fayetteville	47,766	46,640	1,126	2.4	47,478	46,235	1,243	2.6	47,104	46,071	1,033	2.2
Fort Smith	39,321	37,861	1,460	3.7	39,370	37,837	1,533	3.9	39,818	38,544	1,274	3.2
Hot Springs	14,678	14,079	599	4.1	14,621	13,914	707	4.8	14,774	14,227	547	3.7
Jacksonville	11,688	11,255	433	3.7	11,785	11,279	506	4.3	11,712	11,287	425	3.6
Jonesboro	37,882	36,824	1,058	2.8	37,825	36,636	1,189	3.1	37,534	36,556	978	2.6
Little Rock	97,584	94,261	3,323	3.4	98,118	94,459	3,659	3.7	97,371	94,528	2,843	2.9
North Little Rock	29,907	28,888	1,019	3.4	30,173	28,949	1,224	4.1	29,939	28,970	969	3.2
Paragould	12,289	11,888	401	3.3	12,306	11,818	488	4.0	12,440	12,017	423	3.4
Pine Bluff	16,573	15,703	870	5.2	16,676	15,688	988	5.9	16,761	15,964	797	4.8
Rogers	35,351	34,572	779	2.2	35,184	34,260	924	2.6	34,912	34,146	766	2.2
Russellville	13,564	13,112	452	3.3	13,569	13,040	529	3.9	13,787	13,381	406	2.9
Searcy	10,366	9,993	373	3.6	10,400	9,975	425	4.1	10,436	10,042	394	3.8
Sherwood	15,724	15,269	455	2.9	15,800	15,301	499	3.2	15,725	15,312	413	2.6
Springdale	39,467	38,547	920	2.3	39,252	38,210	1,042	2.7	38,908	38,076	832	2.1
Texarkana, AR	13,685	13,109	576	4.2	13,761	13,078	683	5.0	13,784	13,204	580	4.2
Van Buren	10,282	9,900	382	3.7	10,273	9,885	388	3.8	10,411	10,104	307	2.9
West Memphis	10,761	10,288	473	4.4	10,811	10,292	519	4.8	10,785	10,287	498	4.6

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	April 2018				March 2018				April 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	8,751	8,465	286	3.3	8,738	8,398	340	3.9	8,972	8,723	249	2.8
Ashley	7,724	7,326	398	5.2	7,752	7,294	458	5.9	7,854	7,452	402	5.1
Baxter	16,440	15,838	602	3.7	16,463	15,755	708	4.3	16,414	15,825	589	3.6
Benton	133,964	130,428	3,536	2.6	133,230	129,252	3,978	3.0	132,056	128,821	3,235	2.4
Boone	15,830	15,283	547	3.5	15,841	15,198	643	4.1	15,855	15,386	469	3.0
Bradley	4,448	4,259	189	4.2	4,446	4,215	231	5.2	4,378	4,186	192	4.4
Calhoun	2,351	2,259	92	3.9	2,350	2,240	110	4.7	2,358	2,275	83	3.5
Carroll	12,917	12,563	354	2.7	12,833	12,403	430	3.4	12,937	12,558	379	2.9
Chicot	3,397	3,168	229	6.7	3,392	3,099	293	8.6	3,499	3,295	204	5.8
Clark	9,489	9,180	309	3.3	9,549	9,175	374	3.9	9,497	9,173	324	3.4
Clay	5,724	5,496	228	4.0	5,697	5,416	281	4.9	5,949	5,727	222	3.7
Cleburne	9,144	8,748	396	4.3	9,156	8,715	441	4.8	9,321	8,916	405	4.3
Cleveland	3,246	3,114	132	4.1	3,252	3,105	147	4.5	3,344	3,208	136	4.1
Columbia	9,037	8,644	393	4.3	9,077	8,627	450	5.0	9,142	8,750	392	4.3
Conway	8,089	7,755	334	4.1	8,128	7,757	371	4.6	8,262	7,930	332	4.0
Craighead	53,930	52,427	1,503	2.8	53,869	52,160	1,709	3.2	53,409	52,046	1,363	2.6
Crawford	26,264	25,353	911	3.5	26,305	25,314	991	3.8	26,670	25,877	793	3.0
Crittenden	21,687	20,828	859	4.0	21,761	20,836	925	4.3	21,658	20,824	834	3.9
Cross	7,444	7,173	271	3.6	7,446	7,114	332	4.5	7,804	7,541	263	3.4
Dallas	2,870	2,744	126	4.4	2,870	2,733	137	4.8	2,862	2,750	112	3.9
Desha	5,330	5,093	237	4.4	5,321	5,045	276	5.2	5,430	5,194	236	4.3
Drew	7,917	7,562	355	4.5	7,912	7,480	432	5.5	7,889	7,518	371	4.7
Faulkner	60,758	58,909	1,849	3.0	61,130	59,024	2,106	3.4	60,952	59,178	1,774	2.9
Franklin	7,344	7,104	240	3.3	7,347	7,066	281	3.8	7,439	7,218	221	3.0
Fulton	4,761	4,594	167	3.5	4,747	4,548	199	4.2	4,761	4,584	177	3.7
Garland	40,726	39,253	1,473	3.6	40,528	38,793	1,735	4.3	41,056	39,667	1,389	3.4
Grant	8,274	8,033	241	2.9	8,298	8,030	268	3.2	8,329	8,104	225	2.7
Greene	19,554	18,959	595	3.0	19,591	18,847	744	3.8	19,766	19,165	601	3.0
Hempstead	9,805	9,509	296	3.0	9,763	9,434	329	3.4	9,936	9,632	304	3.1
Hot Spring	14,160	13,664	496	3.5	14,131	13,603	528	3.7	14,248	13,817	431	3.0
Howard	5,969	5,799	170	2.8	5,981	5,775	206	3.4	6,021	5,865	156	2.6
Independence	16,156	15,592	564	3.5	16,186	15,540	646	4.0	16,217	15,649	568	3.5
Izard	4,862	4,611	251	5.2	4,830	4,567	263	5.4	4,974	4,743	231	4.6
Jackson	5,767	5,459	308	5.3	5,774	5,409	365	6.3	5,956	5,656	300	5.0
Jefferson	27,681	26,341	1,340	4.8	27,859	26,317	1,542	5.5	28,042	26,780	1,262	4.5
Johnson	10,410	10,015	395	3.8	10,475	10,007	468	4.5	10,614	10,264	350	3.3
Lafayette	2,523	2,402	121	4.8	2,504	2,360	144	5.8	2,541	2,436	105	4.1
Lawrence	6,871	6,634	237	3.4	6,874	6,604	270	3.9	7,003	6,782	221	3.2
Lee	2,891	2,758	133	4.6	2,877	2,723	154	5.4	3,000	2,880	120	4.0
Lincoln	3,953	3,795	158	4.0	3,971	3,781	190	4.8	4,081	3,919	162	4.0
Little River	5,553	5,312	241	4.3	5,571	5,293	278	5.0	5,573	5,346	227	4.1
Logan	8,827	8,515	312	3.5	8,846	8,476	370	4.2	8,954	8,668	286	3.2
Lonoke	33,513	32,498	1,015	3.0	33,674	32,508	1,166	3.5	33,727	32,801	926	2.7
Madison	7,447	7,255	192	2.6	7,395	7,168	227	3.1	7,485	7,313	172	2.3
Marion	6,457	6,220	237	3.7	6,442	6,177	265	4.1	6,519	6,298	221	3.4
Miller	19,774	18,966	808	4.1	19,874	18,921	953	4.8	19,853	19,103	750	3.8

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	Not Seasonally Adjusted											
	April 2018				March 2018				April 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,533	16,631	902	5.1	17,610	16,593	1,017	5.8	17,688	16,775	913	5.2
Monroe	2,769	2,661	108	3.9	2,727	2,608	119	4.4	2,888	2,788	100	3.5
Montgomery	3,046	2,911	135	4.4	3,005	2,851	154	5.1	3,127	3,000	127	4.1
Nevada	3,597	3,485	112	3.1	3,596	3,464	132	3.7	3,631	3,508	123	3.4
Newton	3,339	3,241	98	2.9	3,332	3,221	111	3.3	3,397	3,296	101	3.0
Ouachita	9,830	9,402	428	4.4	9,841	9,355	486	4.9	9,742	9,327	415	4.3
Perry	4,153	3,990	163	3.9	4,181	3,995	186	4.4	4,194	4,034	160	3.8
Phillips	6,421	6,026	395	6.2	6,413	5,954	459	7.2	6,652	6,326	326	4.9
Pike	4,363	4,193	170	3.9	4,314	4,123	191	4.4	4,301	4,159	142	3.3
Poinsett	10,244	9,898	346	3.4	10,234	9,819	415	4.1	10,327	9,952	375	3.6
Polk	8,033	7,715	318	4.0	8,036	7,694	342	4.3	8,057	7,731	326	4.0
Pope	28,899	27,859	1,040	3.6	28,930	27,705	1,225	4.2	29,431	28,431	1,000	3.4
Prairie	3,590	3,461	129	3.6	3,585	3,426	159	4.4	3,797	3,669	128	3.4
Pulaski	189,077	182,769	6,308	3.3	190,223	183,153	7,070	3.7	188,929	183,287	5,642	3.0
Randolph	6,838	6,600	238	3.5	6,898	6,607	291	4.2	6,885	6,642	243	3.5
St. Francis	8,149	7,764	385	4.7	8,172	7,714	458	5.6	8,387	8,024	363	4.3
Saline	57,465	55,779	1,686	2.9	57,774	55,902	1,872	3.2	57,456	55,945	1,511	2.6
Scott	4,349	4,204	145	3.3	4,353	4,181	172	4.0	4,443	4,318	125	2.8
Searcy	2,954	2,839	115	3.9	2,947	2,816	131	4.4	2,939	2,833	106	3.6
Sebastian	56,403	54,399	2,004	3.6	56,561	54,365	2,196	3.9	57,231	55,380	1,851	3.2
Sevier	5,653	5,425	228	4.0	5,664	5,401	263	4.6	5,639	5,424	215	3.8
Sharp	6,058	5,811	247	4.1	6,036	5,750	286	4.7	6,055	5,775	280	4.6
Stone	4,721	4,529	192	4.1	4,677	4,442	235	5.0	4,839	4,640	199	4.1
Union	15,989	15,100	889	5.6	16,138	15,129	1,009	6.3	16,064	15,279	785	4.9
Van Buren	5,993	5,696	297	5.0	6,062	5,733	329	5.4	6,104	5,800	304	5.0
Washington	123,755	120,885	2,870	2.3	123,018	119,833	3,185	2.6	122,023	119,410	2,613	2.1
White	33,669	32,255	1,414	4.2	33,885	32,198	1,687	5.0	33,855	32,413	1,442	4.3
Woodruff	2,843	2,719	124	4.4	2,830	2,686	144	5.1	2,975	2,837	138	4.6
Yell	8,497	8,180	317	3.7	8,469	8,109	360	4.3	8,730	8,454	276	3.2

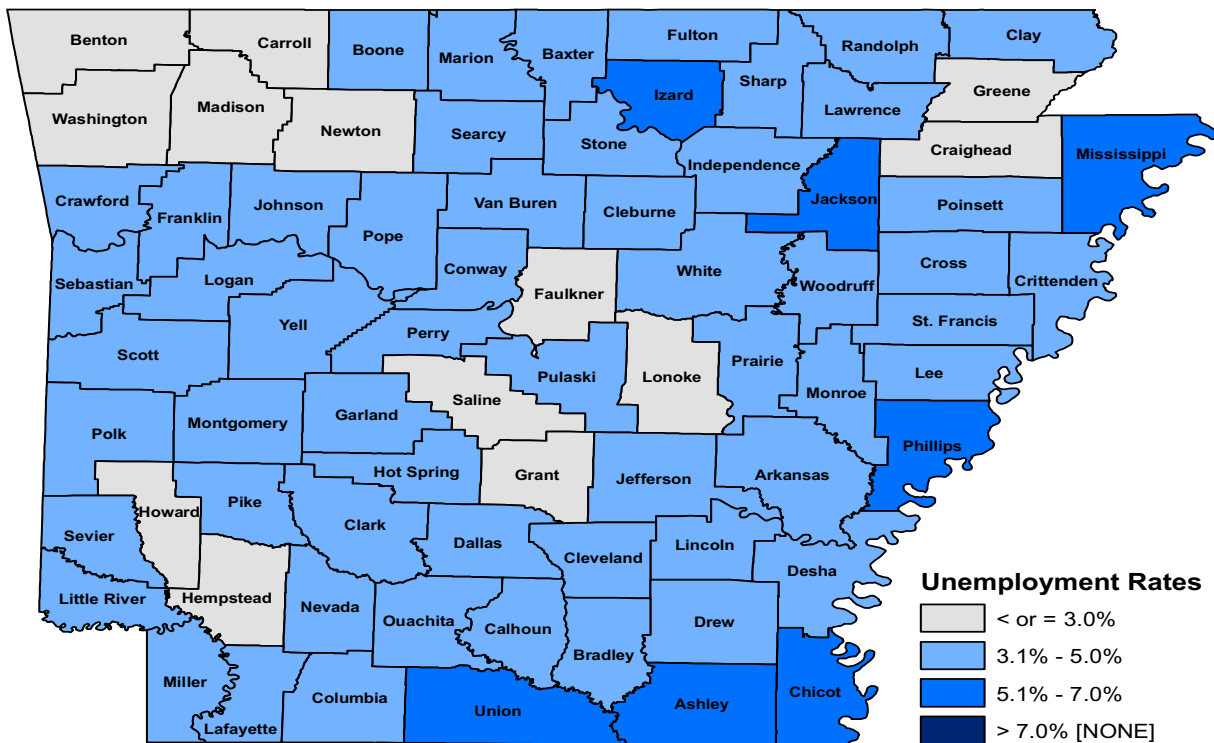
County Labor Force Summary

Between March and April, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rates ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.7 percent in Chicot County.

In April, forty-seven counties posted jobless rates at or below four percent. That is almost double the 24 counties at or above four percent in March. For the first time since December, no county in Arkansas reported an unemployment rate above 8 percent.

Compared to April 2017, jobless rates are up in 52 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates are down in thirteen counties, while 10 counties were the same as last year.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

April 2018 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.3	22	Independence	3.5	48	Sharp	4.1
2	Benton	2.6	22	Logan	3.5	48	Stone	4.1
2	Madison	2.6	22	Randolph	3.5	53	Bradley	4.2
4	Carroll	2.7	29	Cross	3.6	53	White	4.2
5	Craighead	2.8	29	Garland	3.6	55	Cleburne	4.3
5	Howard	2.8	29	Pope	3.6	55	Columbia	4.3
7	Grant	2.9	29	Prairie	3.6	55	Little River	4.3
7	Newton	2.9	29	Sebastian	3.6	58	Dallas	4.4
7	Saline	2.9	34	Baxter	3.7	58	Desha	4.4
10	Faulkner	3.0	34	Marion	3.7	58	Montgomery	4.4
10	Greene	3.0	34	Yell	3.7	58	Ouachita	4.4
10	Hempstead	3.0	37	Johnson	3.8	58	Woodruff	4.4
10	Lonoke	3.0	38	Calhoun	3.9	63	Drew	4.5
14	Nevada	3.1	38	Monroe	3.9	64	Lee	4.6
15	Arkansas	3.3	38	Perry	3.9	65	St. Francis	4.7
15	Clark	3.3	38	Pike	3.9	66	Jefferson	4.8
15	Franklin	3.3	38	Searcy	3.9	66	Lafayette	4.8
15	Pulaski	3.3	43	Clay	4.0	68	Van Buren	5.0
15	Scott	3.3	43	Crittenden	4.0	69	Mississippi	5.1
20	Lawrence	3.4	43	Lincoln	4.0	70	Ashley	5.2
20	Poinsett	3.4	43	Polk	4.0	70	Izard	5.2
22	Boone	3.5	43	Sevier	4.0	72	Jackson	5.3
22	Crawford	3.5	48	Cleveland	4.1	73	Union	5.6
22	Fulton	3.5	48	Conway	4.1	74	Phillips	6.2
22	Hot Spring	3.5	48	Miller	4.1	75	Chicot	6.7

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	April 2018				March 2018				April 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	249,588	241,816	7,772	3.1	250,995	242,162	8,833	3.5	250,378	243,140	7,238	2.9
City of Little Rock	97,584	94,261	3,323	3.4	98,118	94,459	3,659	3.7	97,371	94,528	2,843	2.9
Eastern	46,592	44,549	2,043	4.4	46,669	44,341	2,328	5.0	47,501	45,595	1,906	4.0
North Central	93,974	90,014	3,960	4.2	94,183	89,588	4,595	4.9	95,057	91,013	4,044	4.3
Northeast	120,694	116,645	4,049	3.4	120,773	116,046	4,727	3.9	121,027	117,089	3,938	3.3
Northwest	323,103	314,552	8,551	2.6	321,501	311,823	9,678	3.0	319,625	311,740	7,885	2.5
Southeast	80,721	77,156	3,565	4.4	80,941	76,764	4,177	5.2	81,818	78,379	3,439	4.2
Southwest	92,951	89,047	3,904	4.2	93,229	88,732	4,497	4.8	93,362	89,695	3,667	3.9
West Central	131,832	127,000	4,832	3.7	131,710	126,118	5,592	4.2	133,460	128,929	4,531	3.4
Western	111,220	107,290	3,930	3.5	111,448	107,096	4,352	3.9	112,794	109,192	3,602	3.2

