

# Arkansas

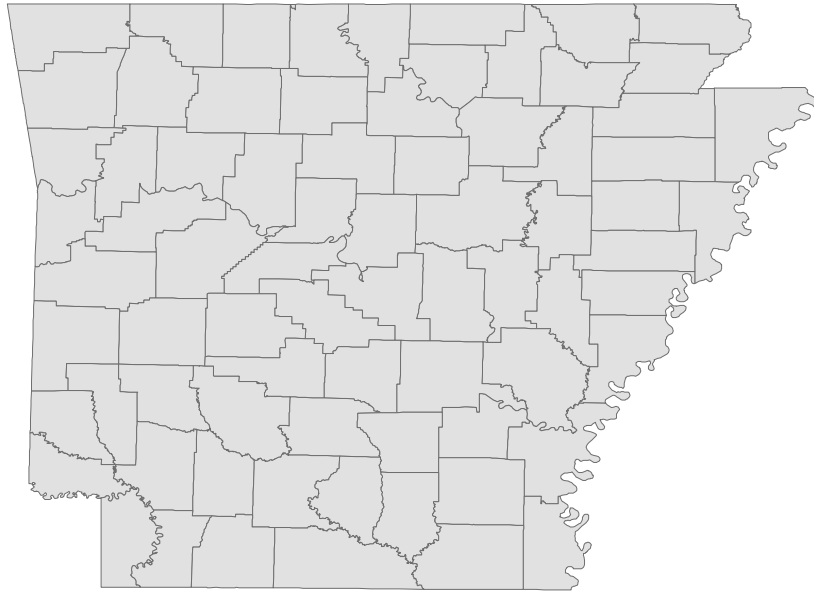
## Labor Market Report



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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.

### 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)

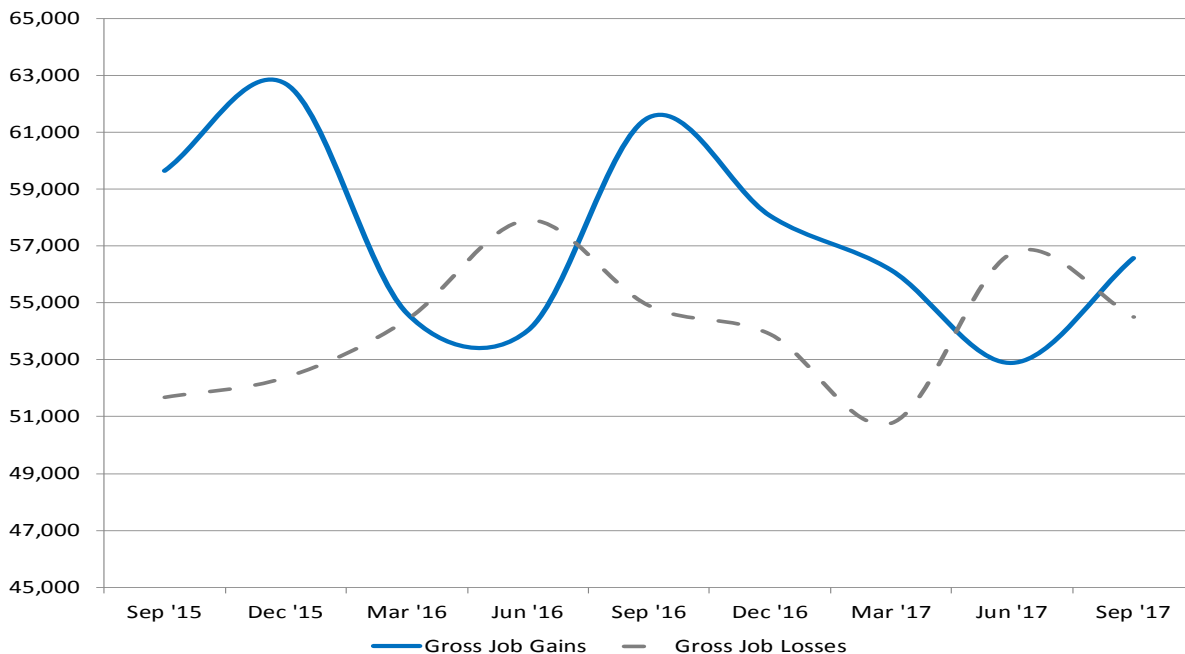
3 months ended

Category	Sep 16	Dec 16	Mar 17	Jun 17	Sep 17*
Employment Levels					
Gross job gains.....	61,522	58,062	56,151	52,890	56,574
Gross job losses....	54,893	53,892	50,773	56,758	54,500
<b>Net Change.....</b>	<b>6,629</b>	<b>4,170</b>	<b>5,378</b>	<b>-3,868</b>	<b>2,074</b>

\*Most recent BED data available is for 3rd Quarter 2017

#### Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)

3rd Quarter 2015 - 3rd Quarter 2017



### State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

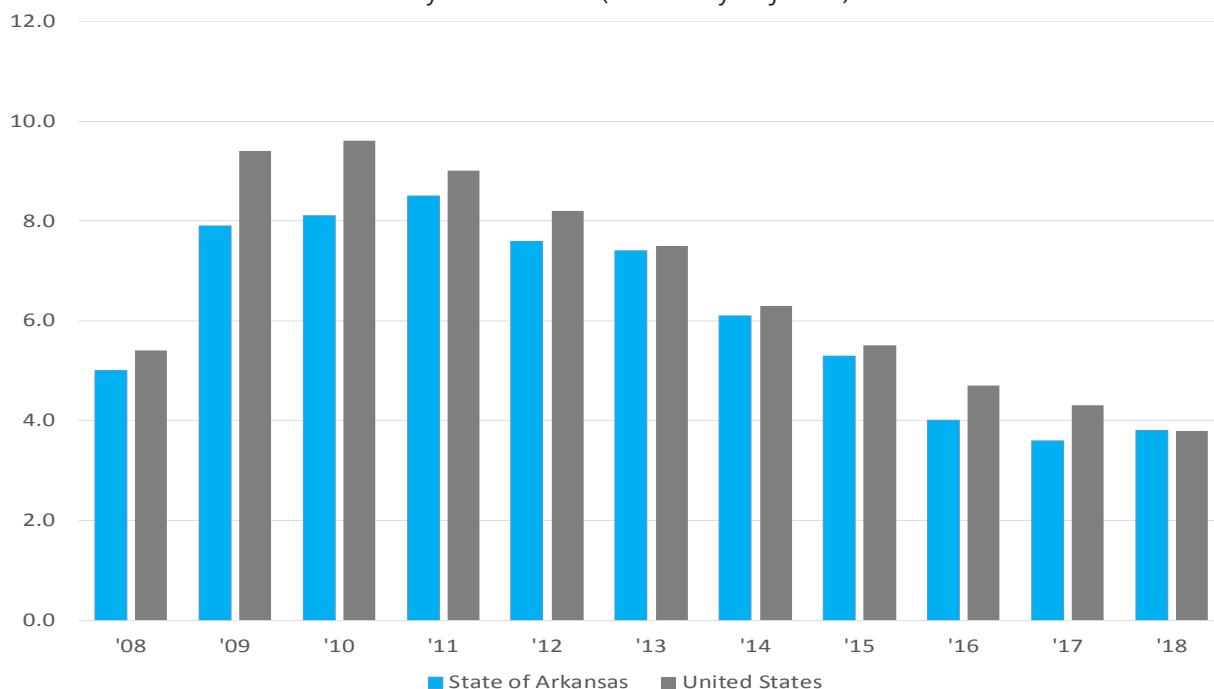
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.8 percent in May. Arkansas' civilian labor force decreased 1,616, a result of 1,197 fewer employed and 419 less unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.9 percent in April to 3.8 percent in May.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "For the fourth month in row, Arkansas' unemployment rate remained at 3.8 percent. Fluctuations in the number of employed and unemployed were not significant enough to effect the rate."

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>		<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,350,319	1,351,935	1,353,883	Civilian Labor Force	1,349,338	1,347,998	1,358,442
Employment	1,299,095	1,300,292	1,304,613	Employment	1,301,795	1,302,140	1,310,272
Unemployment	51,224	51,643	49,270	Unemployment	47,543	45,858	48,170
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.8	3.6	Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.4	3.5
U.S. Unemployment	3.8	3.9	4.3	U.S. Unemployment	3.6	3.7	4.1

**Unemployment Rates - State of Arkansas vs. United States**  
May: 2008 - 2018 (Seasonally Adjusted)



### State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

#### Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1253.6	1249.9	1247.1	3.7	6.5
Goods Producing	216.9	215.0	213.6	1.9	3.3
Mining, Logging, and Construction	56.6	55.9	57.4	0.7	-0.8
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	30.6	30.5	32.1	0.1	-1.5
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>160.3</b>	<b>159.1</b>	<b>156.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Durable Goods	76.0	75.8	74.5	0.2	1.5
Nondurable Goods	84.3	83.3	81.7	1.0	2.6
Service Providing	1036.7	1034.9	1033.5	1.8	3.2
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>251.2</b>	<b>250.3</b>	<b>250.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Wholesale Trade	46.8	46.5	46.9	0.3	-0.1
Retail Trade	141.2	140.4	140.6	0.8	0.6
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	63.2	63.4	62.6	-0.2	0.6
<b>Information</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Finance & Insurance	39.8	39.9	39.7	-0.1	0.1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.8	13.6	13.5	0.2	0.3
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>148.4</b>	<b>148.9</b>	<b>145.6</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	42.2	43.7	42.5	-1.5	-0.3
Management of Companies	34.5	34.7	35.3	-0.2	-0.8
Administrative & Support Services	71.7	70.5	67.8	1.2	3.9
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>189.0</b>	<b>188.0</b>	<b>188.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Educational Services	15.5	15.5	15.7	0.0	-0.2
Health Care & Social Assistance	173.5	172.5	172.9	1.0	0.6
Ambulatory Health Care	57.9	56.6	56.4	1.3	1.5
Social Assistance	39.9	39.7	40.3	0.2	-0.4
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>118.9</b>	<b>118.0</b>	<b>119.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12.2	11.9	11.8	0.3	0.4
Accommodation & Food Services	106.7	106.1	107.7	0.6	-1.0
Accommodation Services	11.5	11.5	11.7	0.0	-0.2
Food Services	95.2	94.6	96.0	0.6	-0.8
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>48.5</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>214.7</b>	<b>215.6</b>	<b>214.5</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Federal Government	19.6	19.5	20.0	0.1	-0.4
State Government	78.7	80.3	78.8	-1.6	-0.1
Local Government	116.4	115.8	115.7	0.6	0.7

### State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

#### April 2018 - May 2018

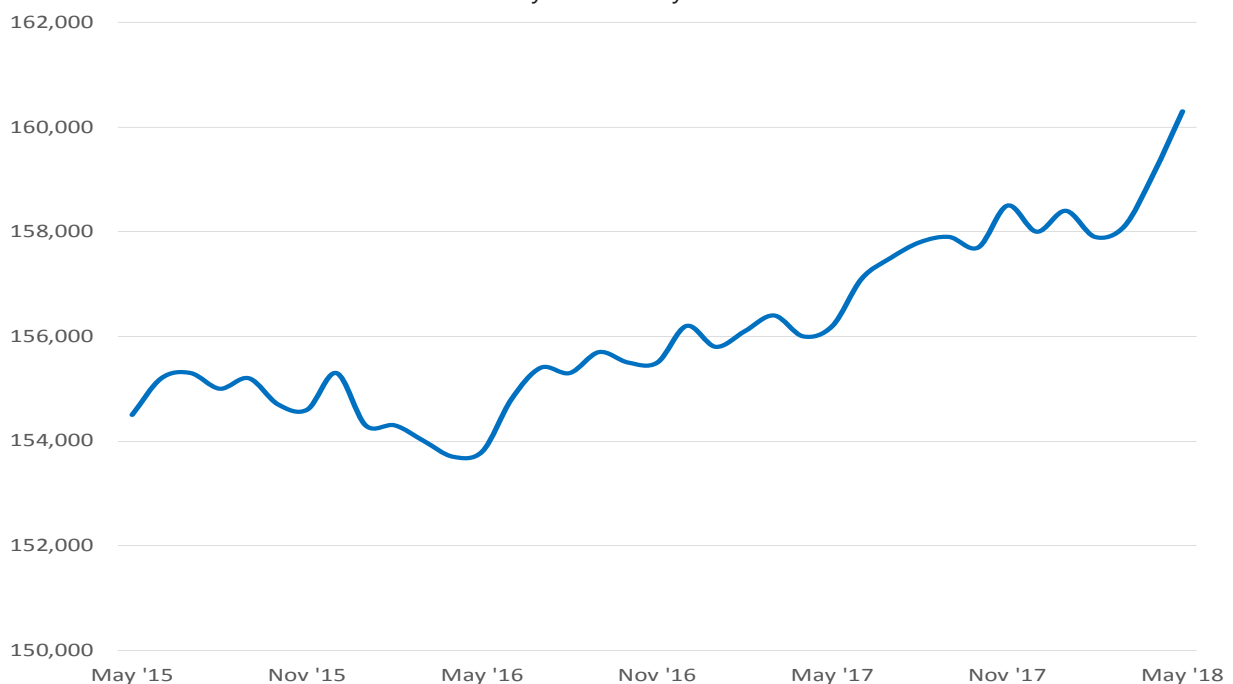
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 3,700 in May to total 1,253,600. Employment rose in eight major industry sectors, while two sectors declined and one was stable. **Manufacturing** added 1,200 jobs, mostly in nondurable goods manufacturing (+1,000). Jobs in **educational and health services** increased 1,000. All gains were posted in health care and social assistance (+1,000). Seasonal expansions occurred in **trade-transportation-utilities** (+900), **leisure and hospitality** (+900), and **construction** (+700).

#### May 2017 - May 2018

Compared to May 2017, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment is up 6,500. Growth was posted in six major industry sectors, while five sectors reported minor losses. The largest increase was in **manufacturing**, up 4,100. Hiring occurred in both nondurable goods (+2,600) and durable goods (+1,500) manufacturing. **Professional and business services** added 2,800 jobs. Gains in administrative and support services (+3,900) more than offset small declines in management of companies (-800) and professional-scientific-technical services (-300). Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 1,100. Expansions were reported in both retail trade (+600) and transportation-warehousing-utilities (+600).

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

May 2015 - May 2018



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

#### Manufacturing

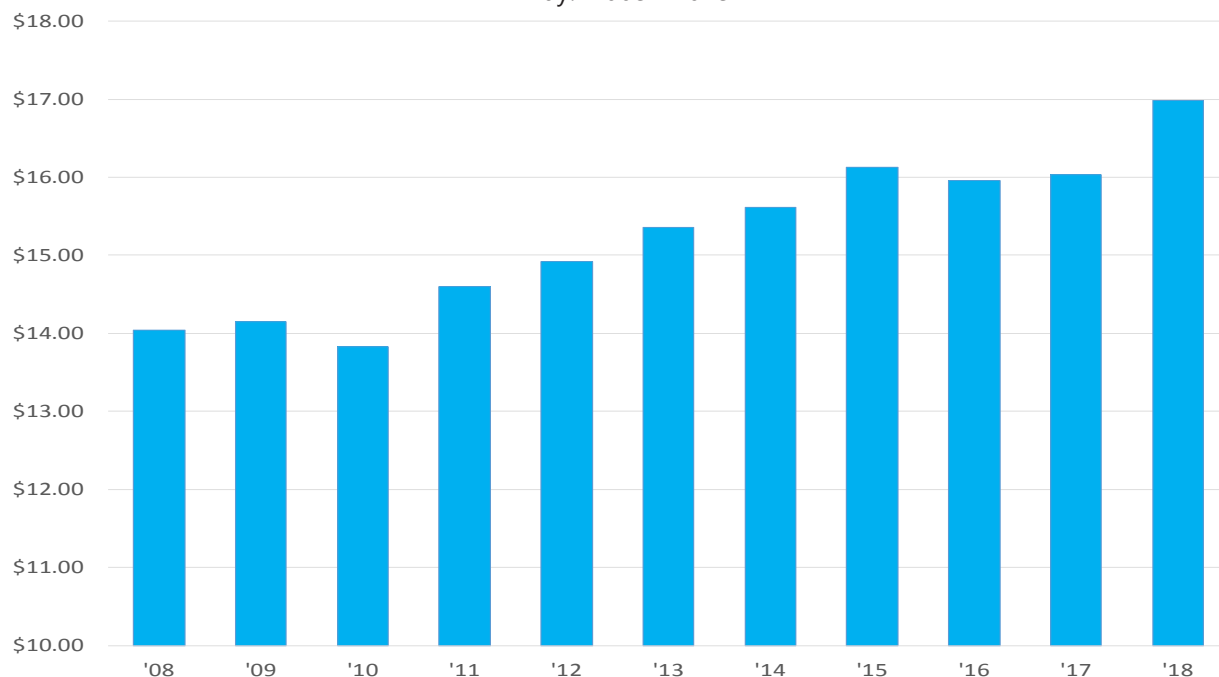
	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.7	41.8	39.6
Average Hourly Earnings	16.98	17.25	16.03
Average Weekly Earnings	708.07	721.05	634.79

#### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>		<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>
Average Weekly Hours	42.0	42.4	40.3	Average Weekly Hours	41.4	41.3	39.0
Average Hourly Earnings	19.14	19.30	17.62	Average Hourly Earnings	15.16	15.48	14.60
Average Weekly Earnings	803.88	818.32	710.09	Average Weekly Earnings	627.62	639.32	569.40

#### Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing

May: 2008 - 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>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	353,632	353,293	355,277	339	-1,645
Employment	342,218	342,049	343,826	169	-1,608
Unemployment	11,414	11,244	11,451	170	-37
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

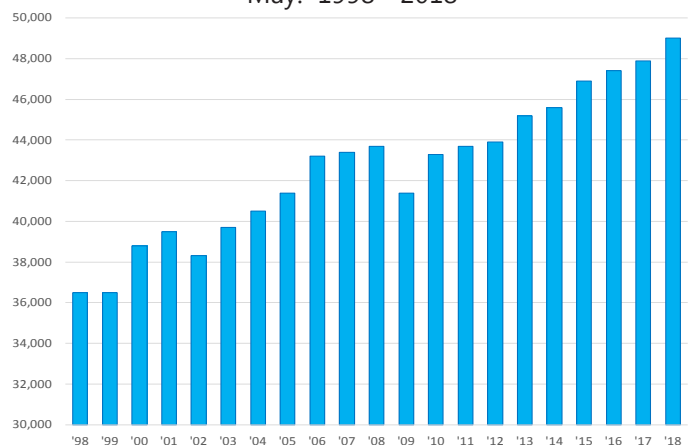
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	363.5	360.6	360.0	2.9	3.5
Goods Producing	37.4	37.1	37.9	0.3	-0.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.2	16.8	17.6	0.4	-0.4
Manufacturing	20.2	20.3	20.3	-0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	326.1	323.5	322.1	2.6	4.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	70.2	69.3	69.5	0.9	0.7
Wholesale Trade	15.2	15.1	15.1	0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	39.0	38.2	38.8	0.8	0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.0	16.0	15.6	0.0	0.4
Information	5.6	5.6	6.2	0.0	-0.6
Financial Activities	21.1	21.1	21.0	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	49.0	49.2	47.9	-0.2	1.1
Educational & Health Services	58.8	57.4	56.5	1.4	2.3
Leisure & Hospitality	34.7	34.1	34.9	0.6	-0.2
Other Services	15.6	15.5	15.5	0.1	0.1
Government	71.1	71.3	70.6	-0.2	0.5
Federal Government	9.4	9.4	9.5	0.0	-0.1
State Government	35.1	35.5	34.8	-0.4	0.3
Local Government	26.6	26.4	26.3	0.2	0.3

**Number of Employed**  
May 2016 - May 2018



**Jobs in Professional & Business Services**  
May: 1998 - 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)

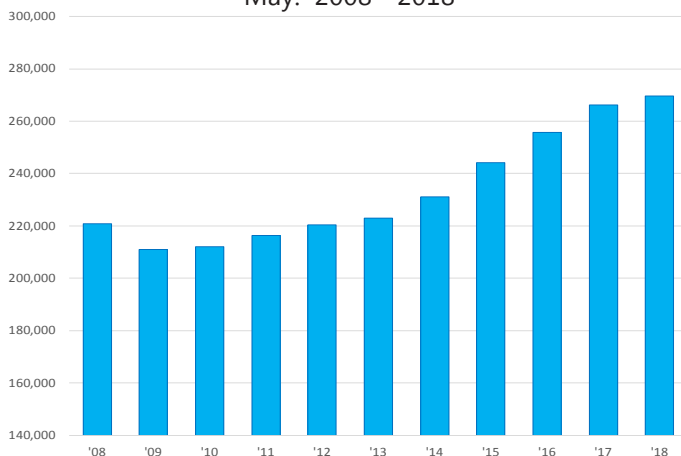
	<b>May 18</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	276,752	275,649	273,505	1,103	3,247
Employment	269,580	268,706	266,102	874	3,478
Unemployment	7,172	6,943	7,403	229	-231
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.5	2.7	0.1	-0.1

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

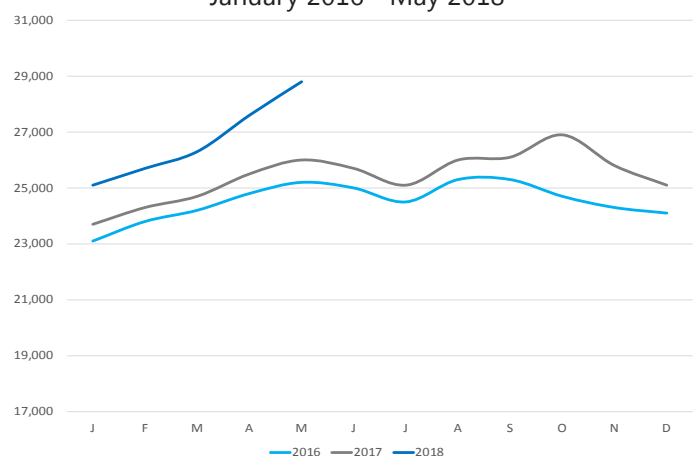
(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>May 18</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	263.0	260.3	254.8	2.7	8.2
Goods Producing	41.4	41.1	39.4	0.3	2.0
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Service Providing	221.6	219.2	215.4	2.4	6.2
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Wholesale Trade	13.5	13.4	12.9	0.1	0.6
Retail Trade	26.4	26.4	26.7	0.0	-0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.5	16.6	16.6	-0.1	-0.1
<b>Information</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Government	37.1	36.9	36.0	0.2	1.1
Federal Government	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
State Government	15.2	15.1	14.4	0.1	0.8
Local Government	19.4	19.3	19.1	0.1	0.3

**Employment**  
May: 2008 - 2018



**Jobs in Leisure & Hospitality**  
January 2016 - May 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)

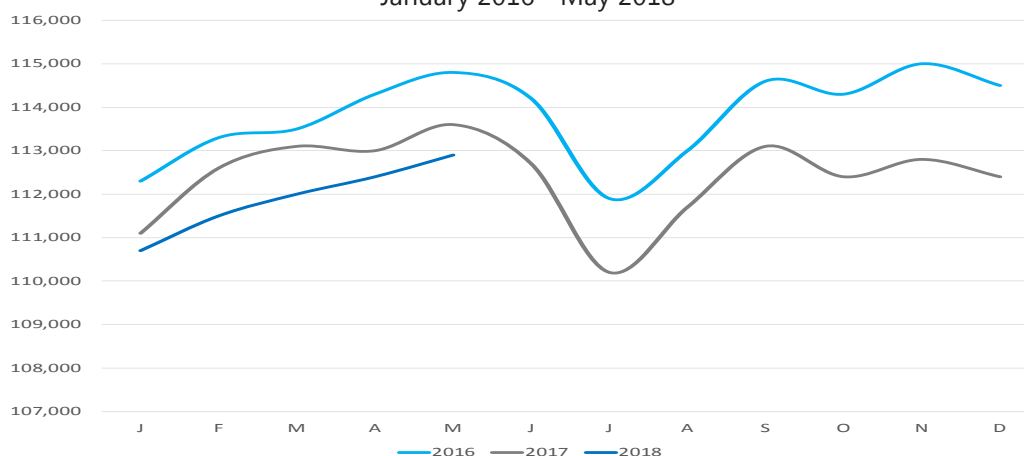
	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	118,288	118,207	120,224	81	-1,936
Employment	113,575	113,558	115,273	17	-1,698
Unemployment	4,713	4,649	4,951	64	-238
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.9	4.1	0.1	-0.1

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	112.9	112.4	113.6	0.5	-0.7
Goods Producing	22.8	22.7	23.1	0.1	-0.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.5	5.4	5.5	0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	17.3	17.3	17.6	0.0	-0.3
Service Providing	90.1	89.7	90.5	0.4	-0.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.7	22.6	22.9	0.1	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	4.0	3.9	3.9	0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	12.5	12.4	12.8	0.1	-0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.2	6.3	6.2	-0.1	0.0
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	12.5	12.5	0.0	0.0
Educational & Health Services	16.7	16.7	16.9	0.0	-0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.7	9.5	9.9	0.2	-0.2
Other Services	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
Government	19.1	19.0	18.9	0.1	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	14.6	14.5	14.4	0.1	0.2

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
January 2016 - May 2018



### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	40,182	40,690	40,380	-508	-198
Employment	38,633	39,220	38,823	-587	-190
Unemployment	1,549	1,470	1,557	79	-8
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.6	3.9	0.3	0.0

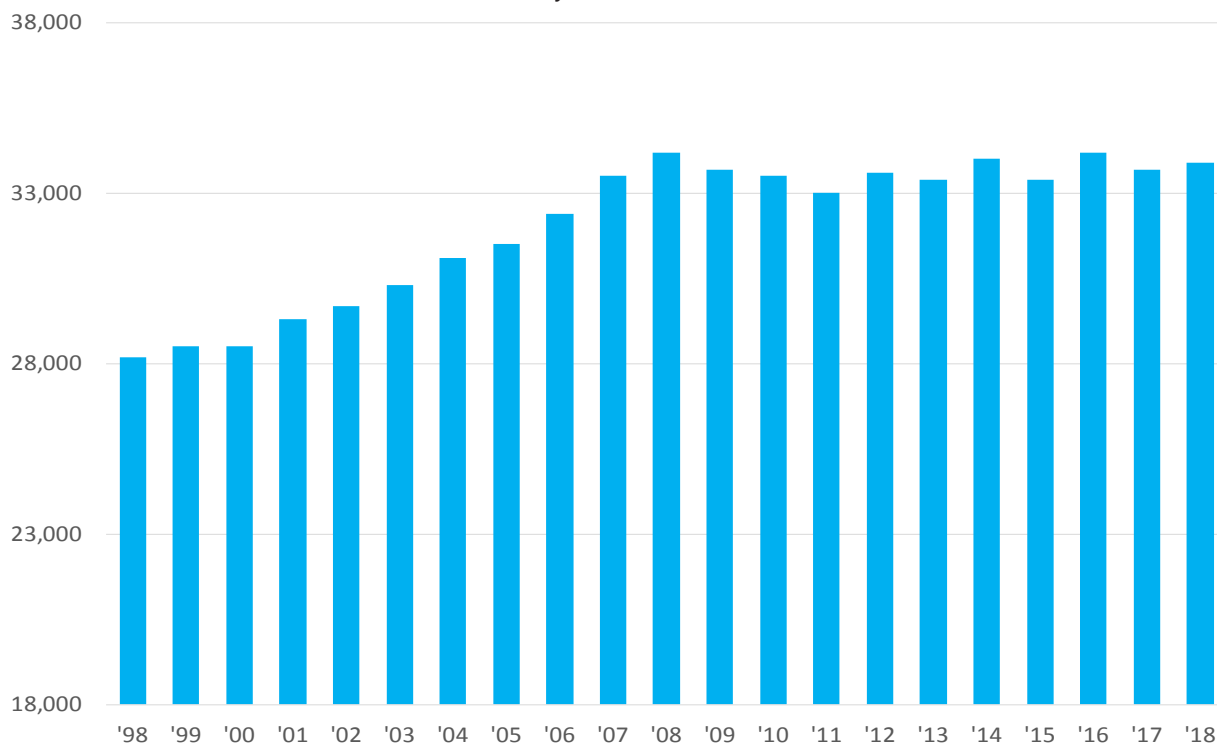
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(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	38.6	38.9	38.2	-0.3	0.4
Goods Producing	4.7	4.6	4.5	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	33.9	34.3	33.7	-0.4	0.2
Government	4.6	4.6	4.5	0.0	0.1

### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

May: 1998 - 2018



### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,023	64,155	64,036	-132	-13
Employment	62,087	62,310	62,082	-223	5
Unemployment	1,936	1,845	1,954	91	-18
Unemployment Rate	3.0	2.9	3.1	0.1	-0.1

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	58.7	58.5	57.6	0.2	1.1
Goods Producing	9.9	9.8	9.7	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	48.8	48.7	47.9	0.1	0.9
Government	9.3	9.3	9.1	0.0	0.2

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
May 2015 - May 2018



### Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	34,838	34,881	35,508	-43	-670
Employment	33,147	33,254	33,831	-107	-684
Unemployment	1,691	1,627	1,677	64	14
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.7	4.7	0.2	0.2

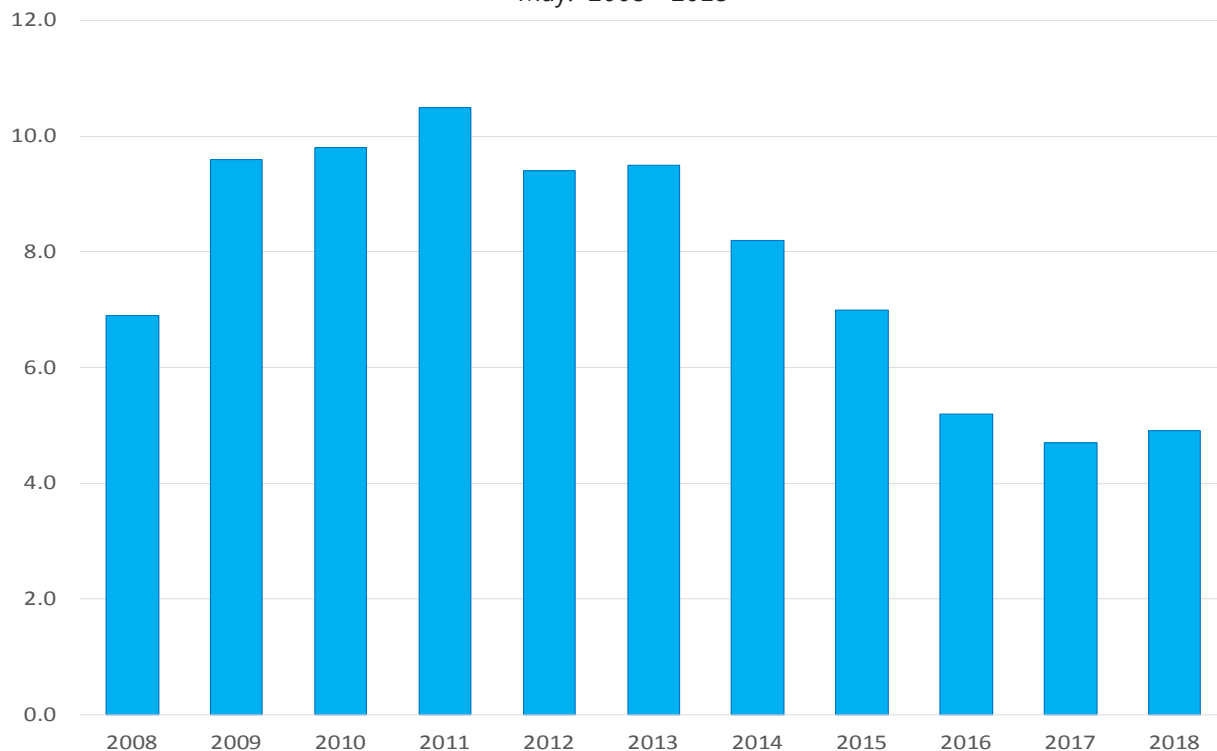
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	33.0	32.9	33.1	0.1	-0.1
Goods Producing	6.0	6.0	6.1	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	27.0	26.9	27.0	0.1	0.0
Government	9.6	9.6	9.4	0.0	0.2

#### Unemployment Rates

May: 2008 - 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.

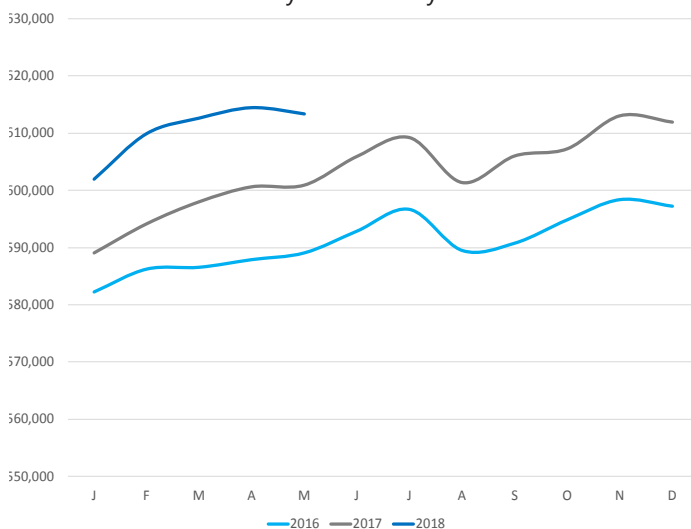
	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	637,741	636,788	625,994	953	11,747
Employment	613,365	614,463	600,918	-1,098	12,447
Unemployment	24,376	22,325	25,076	2,051	-700
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.5	4.0	0.3	-0.2

##### Texarkana MSA

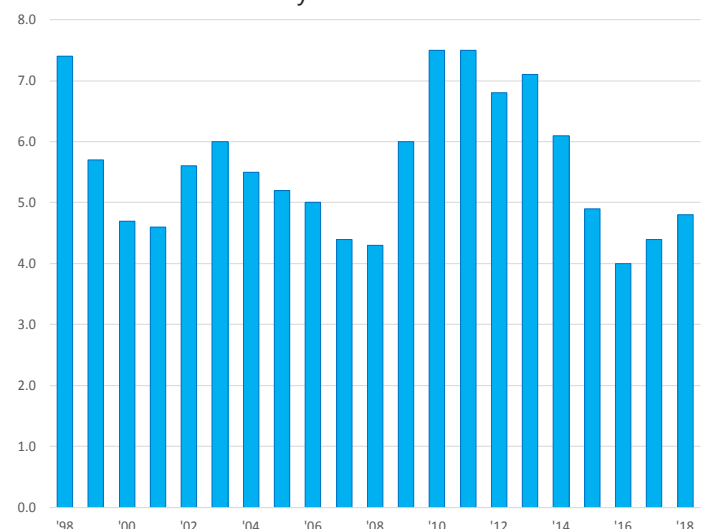
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,476	65,190	64,887	286	589
Employment	62,303	62,452	62,051	-149	252
Unemployment	3,173	2,738	2,836	435	337
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.2	4.4	0.6	0.4

**Memphis MSA - Employment**  
January 2016 - May 2018



**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**  
May: 1998 - 2018



### Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

#### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	May 2018				April 2018				May 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,427	9,089	338	3.6	9,488	9,178	310	3.3	9,508	9,139	369	3.9
Batesville Micro	16,213	15,587	626	3.9	16,152	15,589	563	3.5	16,320	15,705	615	3.8
Blytheville Micro	17,658	16,608	1,050	5.9	17,529	16,628	901	5.1	17,867	16,842	1,025	5.7
Camden Micro	12,172	11,632	540	4.4	12,176	11,659	517	4.2	12,161	11,628	533	4.4
El Dorado Micro	15,898	15,046	852	5.4	15,983	15,097	886	5.5	16,205	15,381	824	5.1
Forrest City Micro	8,160	7,744	416	5.1	8,146	7,761	385	4.7	8,447	8,058	389	4.6
Harrison Micro	19,114	18,488	626	3.3	19,165	18,521	644	3.4	19,378	18,739	639	3.3
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,409	6,019	390	6.1	6,420	6,025	395	6.2	6,676	6,325	351	5.3
Hope Micro	13,414	12,968	446	3.3	13,400	12,992	408	3.0	13,593	13,133	460	3.4
Magnolia Micro	9,016	8,576	440	4.9	9,035	8,643	392	4.3	9,171	8,723	448	4.9
Malvern Micro	14,031	13,538	493	3.5	14,156	13,660	496	3.5	14,148	13,646	502	3.5
Mountain Home Micro	16,491	15,868	623	3.8	16,438	15,836	602	3.7	16,524	15,874	650	3.9
Paragould Micro	19,610	18,987	623	3.2	19,553	18,956	597	3.1	19,926	19,241	685	3.4
Russellville Micro	37,439	35,886	1,553	4.1	37,386	36,033	1,353	3.6	38,416	36,939	1,477	3.8
Searcy Micro	33,503	32,068	1,435	4.3	33,662	32,252	1,410	4.2	33,845	32,219	1,626	4.8

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties

Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

#### City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	May 2018				April 2018				May 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,526	12,089	437	3.5	12,494	12,054	440	3.5	12,382	11,935	447	3.6
Benton	17,172	16,686	486	2.8	17,187	16,682	505	2.9	17,229	16,747	482	2.8
Bentonville	25,733	25,063	670	2.6	25,652	24,992	660	2.6	25,505	24,743	762	3.0
Blytheville	6,026	5,655	371	6.2	5,958	5,662	296	5.0	6,066	5,735	331	5.5
Cabot	11,813	11,459	354	3.0	11,795	11,438	357	3.0	11,915	11,571	344	2.9
Conway	33,368	32,319	1,049	3.1	33,256	32,299	957	2.9	33,590	32,482	1,108	3.3
El Dorado	6,980	6,539	441	6.3	6,995	6,561	434	6.2	7,096	6,684	412	5.8
Fayetteville	47,959	46,727	1,232	2.6	47,716	46,594	1,122	2.4	47,397	46,129	1,268	2.7
Fort Smith	39,284	37,845	1,439	3.7	39,377	37,921	1,456	3.7	40,027	38,624	1,403	3.5
Hot Springs	14,519	13,856	663	4.6	14,664	14,067	597	4.1	14,540	13,925	615	4.2
Jacksonville	11,735	11,260	475	4.0	11,689	11,257	432	3.7	11,793	11,301	492	4.2
Jonesboro	37,793	36,665	1,128	3.0	37,870	36,815	1,055	2.8	37,717	36,593	1,124	3.0
Little Rock	97,542	94,301	3,241	3.3	97,596	94,281	3,315	3.4	97,802	94,644	3,158	3.2
North Little Rock	30,001	28,901	1,100	3.7	29,919	28,894	1,025	3.4	30,078	29,005	1,073	3.6
Paragould	12,302	11,906	396	3.2	12,287	11,886	401	3.3	12,548	12,065	483	3.8
Pine Bluff	16,589	15,640	949	5.7	16,574	15,704	870	5.2	16,808	15,922	886	5.3
Rogers	35,472	34,635	837	2.4	35,319	34,537	782	2.2	35,086	34,194	892	2.5
Russellville	13,560	13,045	515	3.8	13,561	13,110	451	3.3	13,896	13,393	503	3.6
Searcy	10,355	9,935	420	4.1	10,364	9,992	372	3.6	10,451	9,982	469	4.5
Sherwood	15,731	15,276	455	2.9	15,726	15,272	454	2.9	15,787	15,331	456	2.9
Springdale	39,608	38,619	989	2.5	39,428	38,508	920	2.3	39,069	38,125	944	2.4
Texarkana, AR	13,783	13,068	715	5.2	13,684	13,106	578	4.2	13,819	13,174	645	4.7
Van Buren	10,294	9,902	392	3.8	10,295	9,915	380	3.7	10,471	10,131	340	3.2
West Memphis	10,724	10,232	492	4.6	10,754	10,282	472	4.4	10,799	10,262	537	5.0

### County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	May 2018				April 2018				May 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	8,748	8,473	275	3.1	8,749	8,463	286	3.3	9,020	8,752	268	3.0
Ashley	7,699	7,294	405	5.3	7,722	7,325	397	5.1	7,683	7,257	426	5.5
Baxter	16,491	15,868	623	3.8	16,438	15,836	602	3.7	16,524	15,874	650	3.9
Benton	134,274	130,668	3,606	2.7	133,829	130,298	3,531	2.6	132,763	129,004	3,759	2.8
Boone	15,777	15,247	530	3.4	15,827	15,280	547	3.5	15,956	15,431	525	3.3
Bradley	4,455	4,275	180	4.0	4,447	4,258	189	4.3	4,425	4,207	218	4.9
Calhoun	2,348	2,260	88	3.7	2,350	2,259	91	3.9	2,372	2,285	87	3.7
Carroll	13,209	12,853	356	2.7	12,913	12,561	352	2.7	13,257	12,845	412	3.1
Chicot	3,392	3,170	222	6.5	3,397	3,168	229	6.7	3,530	3,317	213	6.0
Clark	9,427	9,089	338	3.6	9,488	9,178	310	3.3	9,508	9,139	369	3.9
Clay	5,724	5,512	212	3.7	5,721	5,495	226	4.0	6,027	5,785	242	4.0
Cleburne	9,207	8,796	411	4.5	9,142	8,747	395	4.3	9,400	8,966	434	4.6
Cleveland	3,245	3,114	131	4.0	3,246	3,115	131	4.0	3,349	3,205	144	4.3
Columbia	9,016	8,576	440	4.9	9,035	8,643	392	4.3	9,171	8,723	448	4.9
Conway	8,084	7,738	346	4.3	8,088	7,755	333	4.1	8,240	7,863	377	4.6
Craighead	53,772	52,201	1,571	2.9	53,913	52,415	1,498	2.8	53,654	52,099	1,555	2.9
Crawford	26,273	25,358	915	3.5	26,300	25,392	908	3.5	26,869	25,946	923	3.4
Crittenden	21,639	20,714	925	4.3	21,672	20,815	857	4.0	21,680	20,774	906	4.2
Cross	7,450	7,179	271	3.6	7,443	7,172	271	3.6	7,841	7,549	292	3.7
Dallas	2,884	2,759	125	4.3	2,869	2,744	125	4.4	2,883	2,762	121	4.2
Desha	5,371	5,134	237	4.4	5,328	5,092	236	4.4	5,546	5,288	258	4.7
Drew	7,907	7,549	358	4.5	7,914	7,560	354	4.5	7,944	7,544	400	5.0
Faulkner	60,904	58,957	1,947	3.2	60,765	58,921	1,844	3.0	61,284	59,256	2,028	3.3
Franklin	7,353	7,103	250	3.4	7,345	7,106	239	3.3	7,485	7,226	259	3.5
Fulton	4,820	4,642	178	3.7	4,761	4,594	167	3.5	4,828	4,638	190	3.9
Garland	40,182	38,633	1,549	3.9	40,690	39,220	1,470	3.6	40,380	38,823	1,557	3.9
Grant	8,285	8,048	237	2.9	8,275	8,035	240	2.9	8,387	8,126	261	3.1
Greene	19,610	18,987	623	3.2	19,553	18,956	597	3.1	19,926	19,241	685	3.4
Hempstead	9,821	9,495	326	3.3	9,804	9,508	296	3.0	9,960	9,631	329	3.3
Hot Spring	14,031	13,538	493	3.5	14,156	13,660	496	3.5	14,148	13,646	502	3.5
Howard	5,968	5,782	186	3.1	5,968	5,798	170	2.8	6,047	5,876	171	2.8
Independence	16,213	15,587	626	3.9	16,152	15,589	563	3.5	16,320	15,705	615	3.8
Izard	4,803	4,558	245	5.1	4,862	4,610	252	5.2	4,938	4,674	264	5.3
Jackson	5,788	5,479	309	5.3	5,766	5,458	308	5.3	6,010	5,691	319	5.3
Jefferson	27,632	26,236	1,396	5.1	27,682	26,344	1,338	4.8	28,074	26,709	1,365	4.9
Johnson	10,472	10,035	437	4.2	10,407	10,013	394	3.8	10,728	10,315	413	3.8
Lafayette	2,521	2,401	120	4.8	2,524	2,402	122	4.8	2,562	2,448	114	4.4
Lawrence	6,831	6,583	248	3.6	6,869	6,633	236	3.4	6,987	6,752	235	3.4
Lee	2,895	2,770	125	4.3	2,891	2,758	133	4.6	3,022	2,894	128	4.2
Lincoln	3,961	3,797	164	4.1	3,953	3,795	158	4.0	4,085	3,917	168	4.1
Little River	5,585	5,294	291	5.2	5,553	5,311	242	4.4	5,582	5,337	245	4.4
Logan	8,869	8,530	339	3.8	8,828	8,517	311	3.5	8,981	8,648	333	3.7
Lonoke	33,566	32,561	1,005	3.0	33,519	32,504	1,015	3.0	33,914	32,880	1,034	3.0
Madison	7,491	7,298	193	2.6	7,442	7,249	193	2.6	7,538	7,342	196	2.6
Marion	6,487	6,240	247	3.8	6,456	6,219	237	3.7	6,552	6,313	239	3.6
Miller	19,860	18,907	953	4.8	19,769	18,961	808	4.1	19,898	19,060	838	4.2

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### County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted												
County	May 2018				April 2018				May 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,658	16,608	1,050	5.9	17,529	16,628	901	5.1	17,867	16,842	1,025	5.7
Monroe	2,763	2,650	113	4.1	2,768	2,660	108	3.9	2,879	2,779	100	3.5
Montgomery	3,085	2,954	131	4.2	3,046	2,910	136	4.5	3,166	3,036	130	4.1
Nevada	3,593	3,473	120	3.3	3,596	3,484	112	3.1	3,633	3,502	131	3.6
Newton	3,337	3,241	96	2.9	3,338	3,241	97	2.9	3,422	3,308	114	3.3
Ouachita	9,824	9,372	452	4.6	9,826	9,400	426	4.3	9,789	9,343	446	4.6
Perry	4,166	4,000	166	4.0	4,152	3,990	162	3.9	4,212	4,042	170	4.0
Phillips	6,409	6,019	390	6.1	6,420	6,025	395	6.2	6,676	6,325	351	5.3
Pike	4,390	4,221	169	3.8	4,362	4,192	170	3.9	4,371	4,211	160	3.7
Poinsett	10,251	9,886	365	3.6	10,242	9,895	347	3.4	10,382	9,983	399	3.8
Polk	8,057	7,737	320	4.0	8,033	7,714	319	4.0	8,108	7,753	355	4.4
Pope	28,929	27,717	1,212	4.2	28,891	27,854	1,037	3.6	29,607	28,455	1,152	3.9
Prairie	3,591	3,472	119	3.3	3,589	3,461	128	3.6	3,825	3,682	143	3.7
Pulaski	189,194	182,847	6,347	3.4	189,107	182,808	6,299	3.3	189,781	183,511	6,270	3.3
Randolph	6,879	6,623	256	3.7	6,839	6,599	240	3.5	6,962	6,692	270	3.9
St. Francis	8,160	7,744	416	5.1	8,146	7,761	385	4.7	8,447	8,058	389	4.6
Saline	57,517	55,805	1,712	3.0	57,475	55,791	1,684	2.9	57,699	56,011	1,688	2.9
Scott	4,373	4,219	154	3.5	4,349	4,204	145	3.3	4,485	4,347	138	3.1
Searcy	2,991	2,878	113	3.8	2,953	2,839	114	3.9	3,007	2,886	121	4.0
Sebastian	56,393	54,376	2,017	3.6	56,484	54,486	1,998	3.5	57,535	55,496	2,039	3.5
Sevier	5,690	5,448	242	4.3	5,651	5,424	227	4.0	5,679	5,434	245	4.3
Sharp	6,060	5,812	248	4.1	6,056	5,810	246	4.1	6,099	5,803	296	4.9
Stone	4,759	4,567	192	4.0	4,722	4,529	193	4.1	4,917	4,693	224	4.6
Union	15,898	15,046	852	5.4	15,983	15,097	886	5.5	16,205	15,381	824	5.1
Van Buren	6,002	5,702	300	5.0	5,995	5,696	299	5.0	6,125	5,807	318	5.2
Washington	124,156	121,109	3,047	2.5	123,627	120,764	2,863	2.3	122,626	119,559	3,067	2.5
White	33,503	32,068	1,435	4.3	33,662	32,252	1,410	4.2	33,845	32,219	1,626	4.8
Woodruff	2,865	2,743	122	4.3	2,842	2,718	124	4.4	3,004	2,863	141	4.7
Yell	8,510	8,169	341	4.0	8,495	8,179	316	3.7	8,809	8,484	325	3.7

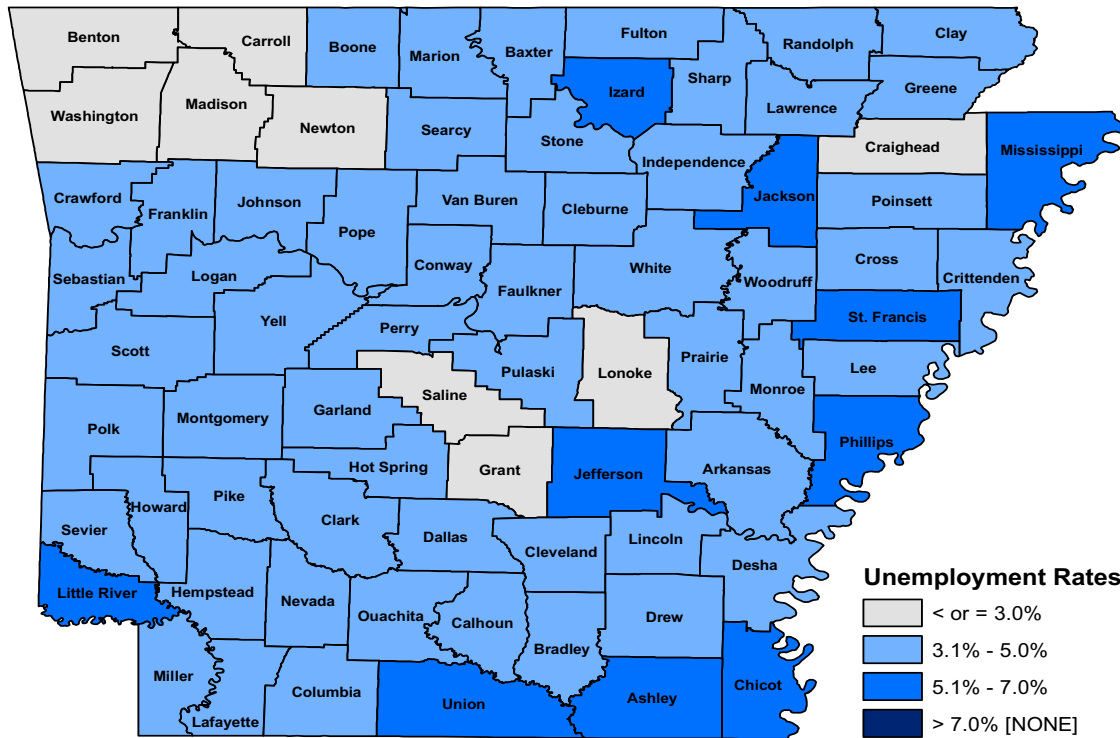
### County Labor Force Summary

Between April and May, unemployment rates have increased in 42 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates were down in 17 counties and remained stable in sixteen counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.5 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.5 percent in Chicot County.

In May, forty-four counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down slightly from 48 counties at or below four percent in April. For the second month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to May 2017, unemployment rates are up in 30 Arkansas counties. Rates in 31 counties were down, while fourteen counties were the same compared to last year.

### County Unemployment Rates



### Ranked by Unemployment Rates

May 2018 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.5	23	Poinsett	3.6	51	Conway	4.3
2	Madison	2.6	23	Sebastian	3.6	51	Crittenden	4.3
3	Benton	2.7	28	Calhoun	3.7	51	Dallas	4.3
3	Carroll	2.7	28	Clay	3.7	51	Lee	4.3
5	Craighead	2.9	28	Fulton	3.7	51	Sevier	4.3
5	Grant	2.9	28	Randolph	3.7	51	White	4.3
5	Newton	2.9	32	Baxter	3.8	51	Woodruff	4.3
8	Lonoke	3.0	32	Logan	3.8	58	Desha	4.4
8	Saline	3.0	32	Marion	3.8	59	Cleburne	4.5
10	Arkansas	3.1	32	Pike	3.8	59	Drew	4.5
10	Howard	3.1	32	Searcy	3.8	61	Ouachita	4.6
12	Faulkner	3.2	37	Garland	3.9	62	Lafayette	4.8
12	Greene	3.2	37	Independence	3.9	62	Miller	4.8
14	Hempstead	3.3	39	Bradley	4.0	64	Columbia	4.9
14	Nevada	3.3	39	Cleveland	4.0	65	Van Buren	5.0
14	Prairie	3.3	39	Perry	4.0	66	Izard	5.1
17	Boone	3.4	39	Polk	4.0	66	Jefferson	5.1
17	Franklin	3.4	39	Stone	4.0	66	St. Francis	5.1
17	Pulaski	3.4	39	Yell	4.0	69	Little River	5.2
20	Crawford	3.5	45	Lincoln	4.1	70	Ashley	5.3
20	Hot Spring	3.5	45	Monroe	4.1	70	Jackson	5.3
20	Scott	3.5	45	Sharp	4.1	72	Union	5.4
23	Clark	3.6	48	Johnson	4.2	73	Mississippi	5.9
23	Cross	3.6	48	Montgomery	4.2	74	Phillips	6.1
23	Lawrence	3.6	48	Pope	4.2	75	Chicot	6.5

### Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	May 2018				April 2018				May 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	249,993	241,991	8,002	3.2	249,627	241,864	7,763	3.1	251,580	243,475	8,105	3.2
City of Little Rock	97,542	94,301	3,241	3.3	97,596	94,281	3,315	3.4	97,802	94,644	3,158	3.2
Eastern	46,553	44,426	2,127	4.6	46,572	44,531	2,041	4.4	47,666	45,600	2,066	4.3
North Central	94,020	89,954	4,066	4.3	93,960	90,003	3,957	4.2	95,486	91,059	4,427	4.6
Northeast	120,725	116,400	4,325	3.6	120,666	116,621	4,045	3.4	121,805	117,394	4,411	3.6
Northwest	324,213	315,402	8,811	2.7	322,823	314,287	8,536	2.6	321,645	312,562	9,083	2.8
Southeast	80,695	77,090	3,605	4.5	80,713	77,155	3,558	4.4	82,043	78,322	3,721	4.5
Southwest	93,008	88,813	4,195	4.5	92,928	89,031	3,897	4.2	93,781	89,782	3,999	4.3
West Central	131,276	126,094	5,182	3.9	131,775	126,951	4,824	3.7	133,169	128,014	5,155	3.9
Western	111,318	107,323	3,995	3.6	111,339	107,419	3,920	3.5	113,463	109,416	4,047	3.6

