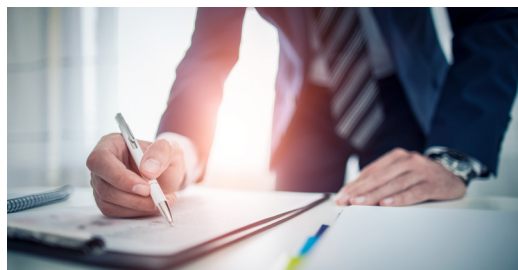




# Arkansas

## Labor Market Report

April

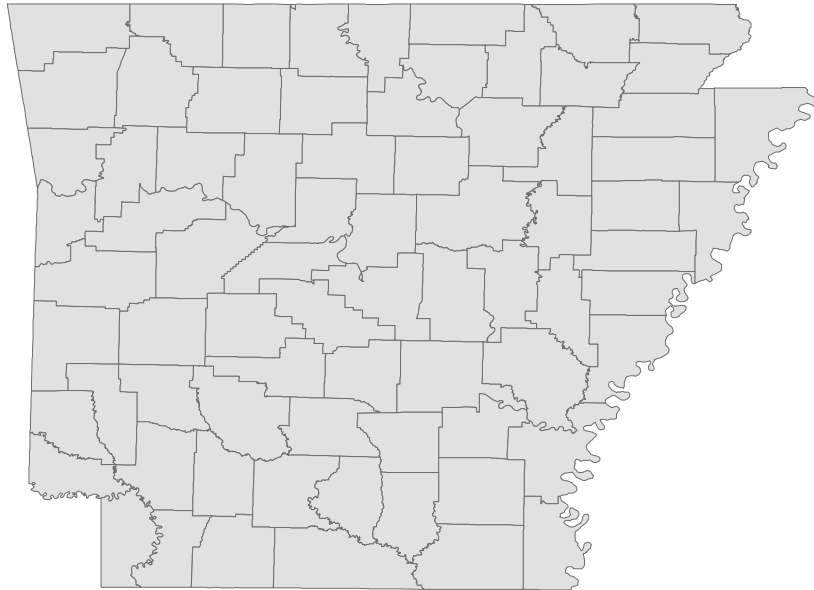


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### Technical Notes

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 2018 benchmark.

#### **Explanation of Terms and Concepts**

##### **Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of 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.

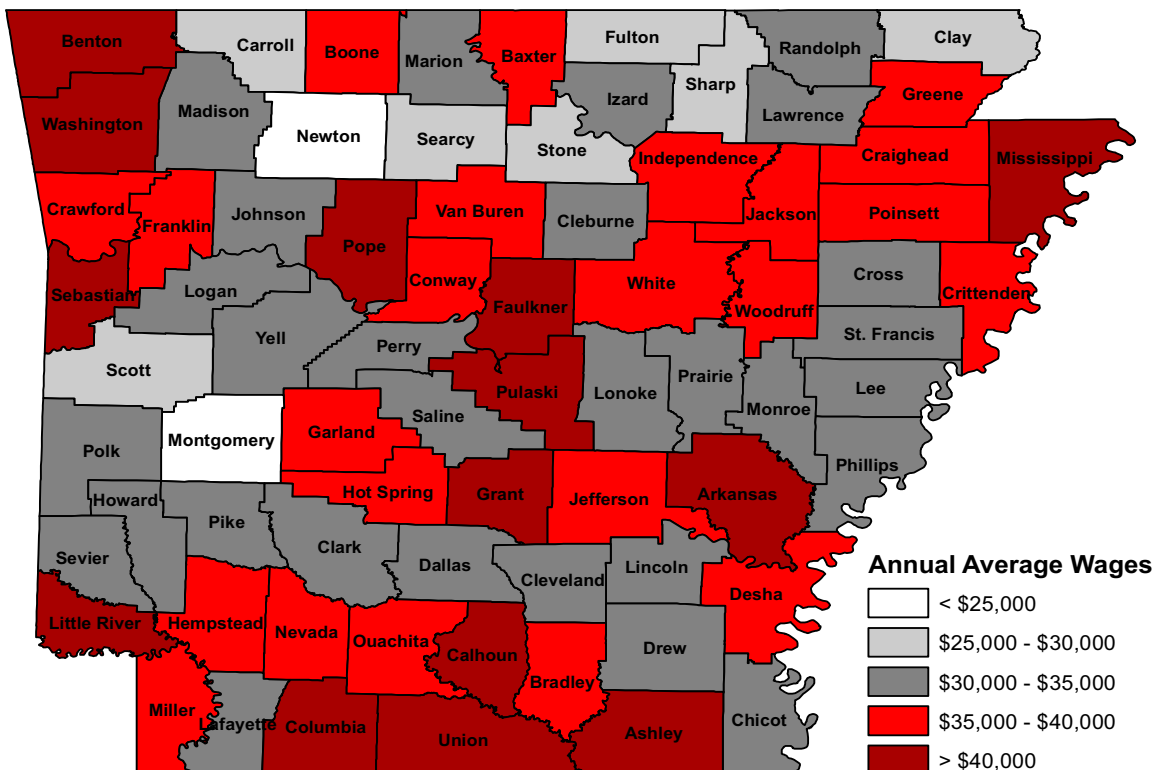
### April Spotlight Wages in Arkansas

The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) is the most comprehensive data collection program utilized by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The program is based on each state's Unemployment Insurance (UI) program, which enables BLS to produce data using every business that is covered under UI tax law. In addition to calculating UI covered employment, the program also tracks the wages paid to employees. Due to the extensive nature of the information, data can be produced at any level--national, statewide, counties, and cities.

The information below comes from the QCEW program and shows annual average wage data for each county in Arkansas. Annual average wages are calculated using the total wages earned during the calendar year, divided by annual average employment. The wages below are compiled using all industries in the private sector, for all workers included under UI tax law. It is important to note that QCEW data is based on county of employment, not county of residency. So if an individual works in a different county than where they live, their wages are counted in the county where they work.

In 2018, average annual wages in the private sector ranged from a low of \$23,100, for those employed in Newton County, to a high of \$60,604 in Benton County. Compared to 2017 annual averages, wages are up in 70 Arkansas counties.

**Wages in Arkansas by County**  
2018 Annual Average (Private Sector)



### State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

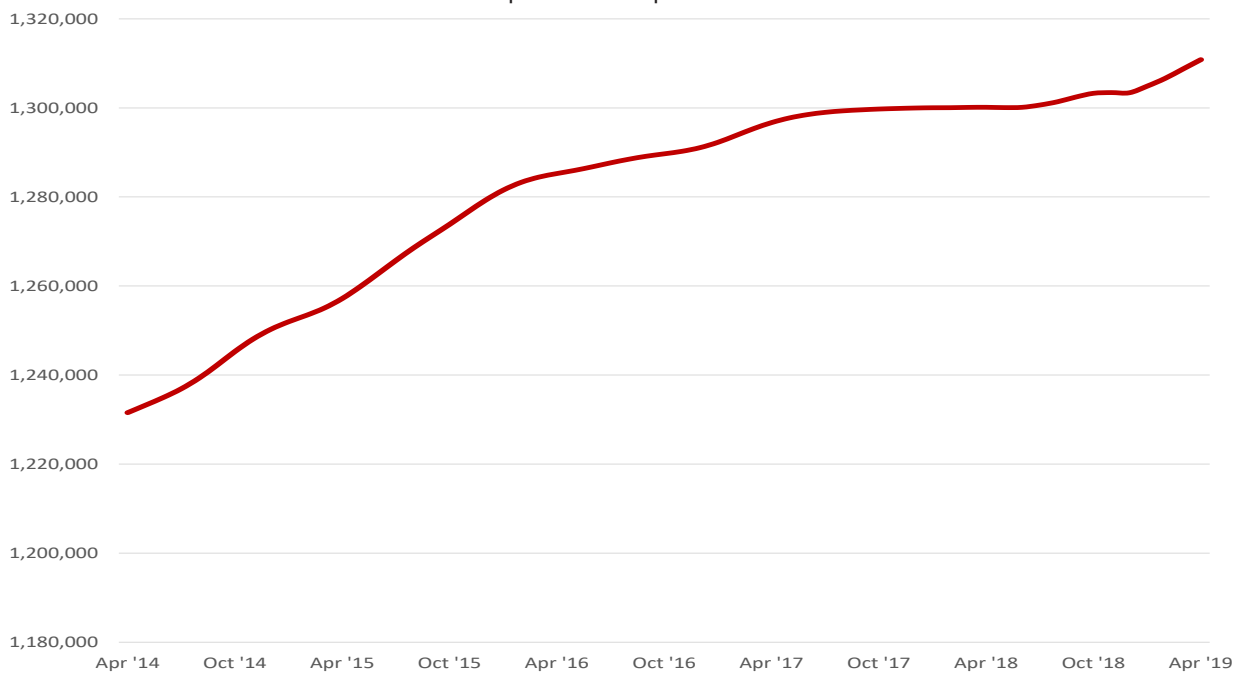
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.7 percent in March to 3.6 percent in April. Arkansas' civilian labor force rose 1,001, a result of 2,107 more employed and 1,106 fewer unemployed Arkansans. Down two-tenths of a percentage point, the United States' jobless rate decreased from 3.8 percent in March to 3.6 percent in April.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Employment in Arkansas rose for the fourth straight month, with 10,700 more employed over-the-year. Nonfarm payroll jobs also increased, setting a new record high number of jobs in the State."

#### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	
Civilian Labor Force	1,360,466	1,359,465	1,350,620	Civilian Labor Force	1,359,450	1,357,713	1,349,698
Employment	1,310,833	1,308,726	1,300,133	Employment	1,320,271	1,311,032	1,304,441
Unemployment	49,633	50,739	50,487	Unemployment	39,179	46,681	45,257
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.7	3.7	Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.4	3.4
U.S. Unemployment	3.6	3.8	3.9	U.S. Unemployment	3.3	3.9	3.7

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**  
April 2014 - April 2019



### State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

#### Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1279.0	1270.3	1264.7	8.7	14.3
Goods Producing	221.5	220.0	215.2	1.5	6.3
Mining, Logging, and Construction	58.4	56.1	55.8	2.3	2.6
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.3	31.7	31.4	1.6	1.9
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>163.1</b>	<b>163.9</b>	<b>159.4</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Durable Goods	78.5	78.9	75.8	-0.4	2.7
Nondurable Goods	84.6	85.0	83.6	-0.4	1.0
Service Providing	1057.5	1050.3	1049.5	7.2	8.0
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>251.6</b>	<b>250.8</b>	<b>249.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Wholesale Trade	48.7	48.1	47.1	0.6	1.6
Retail Trade	138.2	137.7	138.6	0.5	-0.4
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	64.7	65.0	64.1	-0.3	0.6
<b>Information</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Finance & Insurance	46.9	46.8	46.5	0.1	0.4
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.7	13.4	13.5	0.3	0.2
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>148.5</b>	<b>146.4</b>	<b>148.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	45.4	44.8	44.4	0.6	1.0
Management of Companies	35.2	35.1	34.8	0.1	0.4
Administrative & Support Services	67.9	66.5	69.2	1.4	-1.3
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>193.2</b>	<b>192.9</b>	<b>191.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Educational Services	15.9	16.1	16.3	-0.2	-0.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	177.3	176.8	175.3	0.5	2.0
Ambulatory Health Care	59.0	59.3	57.9	-0.3	1.1
Social Assistance	40.4	40.1	39.9	0.3	0.5
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>121.5</b>	<b>119.5</b>	<b>119.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11.6	10.6	11.7	1.0	-0.1
Accommodation & Food Services	109.9	108.9	107.7	1.0	2.2
Accommodation Services	11.4	11.1	11.3	0.3	0.1
Food Services	98.5	97.8	96.4	0.7	2.1
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>217.2</b>	<b>216.3</b>	<b>215.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Federal Government	20.2	20.0	19.9	0.2	0.3
State Government	80.4	79.9	80.4	0.5	0.0
Local Government	116.6	116.4	115.6	0.2	1.0

### State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

#### March 2019 - April 2019

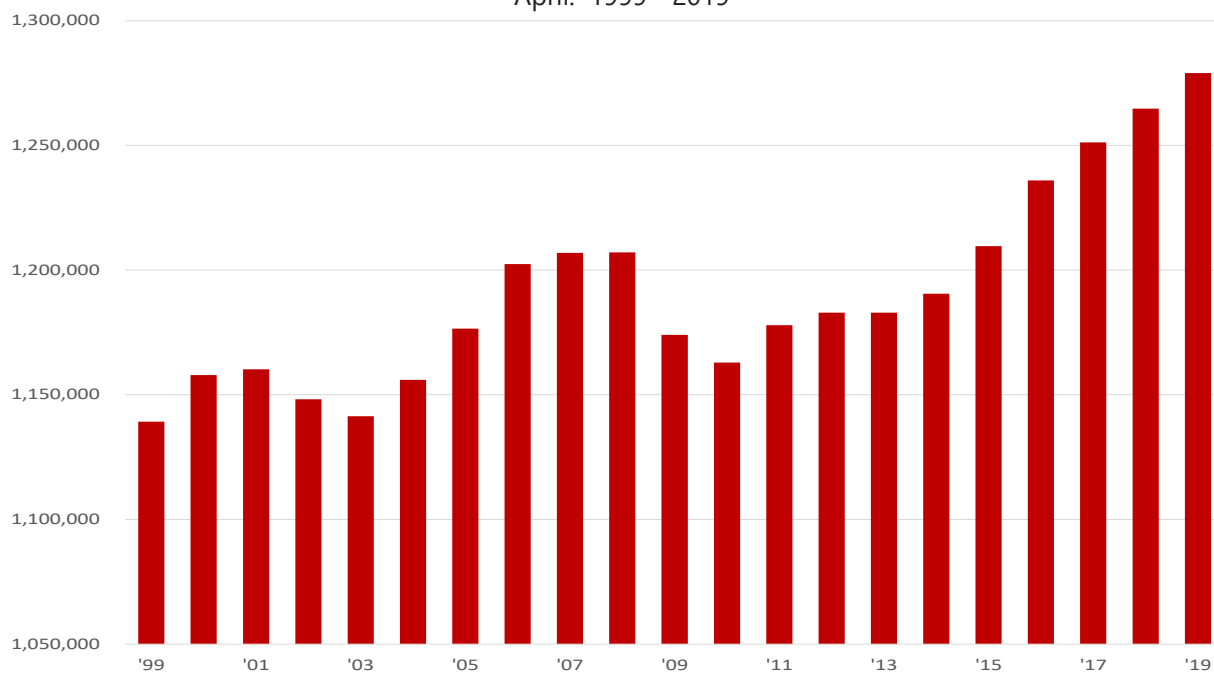
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment increased 8,700 in April to total 1,279,000. Nine major industry sectors posted gains, with three adding 2,000 or more jobs, each. Employment in **construction** rose 2,300, due largely to seasonal hiring. Jobs in **professional and business services** increased 2,100. Most of the expansion occurred in administrative and support services (+1,400). **Leisure and hospitality** added 2,000 jobs. Gains were posted in both arts, entertainment, and recreation (+1,000) and in accommodation and food services (+1,000), a typical seasonal growth.

#### April 2018 - April 2019

Compared to April 2018, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 14,300. Expansions were reported in nine major industry sectors. **Manufacturing** added 3,700 jobs, with hiring in both durable (+2,700) and nondurable (+1,000) goods manufacturing. Jobs in **construction** rose 2,800, related to on-going large-scale projects across the State. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** increased 2,100. All growth occurred in accommodation and food services (+2,200). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 1,800 jobs, mostly in wholesale trade (+1,600). **Educational and health services** gained 1,600 jobs, all in health care and social assistance (+2,000). Jobs in **government** rose 1,300. Hiring was reported in both local (+1,000) and federal (+300) government.

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

April: 1999 - 2019



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

#### Manufacturing

	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>
Average Weekly Hours	41.0	41.2	41.8
Average Hourly Earnings	18.50	18.37	17.25
Average Weekly Earnings	758.50	756.84	721.05

#### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

	Durable Goods Manufacturing			Nondurable Goods Manufacturing		
	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>
Average Weekly Hours	41.4	43.2	42.4	40.6	39.4	41.3
Average Hourly Earnings	20.22	19.68	19.30	16.96	17.10	15.48
Average Weekly Earnings	837.11	850.18	818.32	688.58	673.74	639.32

**Average Weekly Earnings for Production Workers - Manufacturing**  
April 2016 - April 2019



### 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 19</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	356,049	356,584	353,718	-535	2,331
Employment	346,699	345,515	342,614	1,184	4,085
Unemployment	9,350	11,069	11,104	-1,719	-1,754
Unemployment Rate	2.6	3.1	3.1	-0.5	-0.5

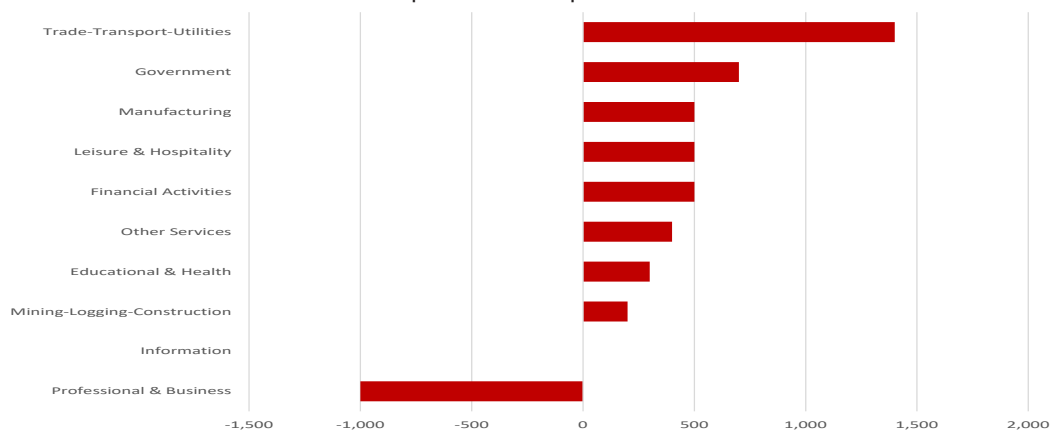
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	363.9	363.3	360.4	0.6	3.5
Goods Producing	37.9	37.4	37.2	0.5	0.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	16.9	16.4	16.7	0.5	0.2
Manufacturing	21.0	21.0	20.5	0.0	0.5
Service Providing	326.0	325.9	323.2	0.1	2.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	71.1	71.2	69.7	-0.1	1.4
Wholesale Trade	16.1	16.0	15.7	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	39.0	39.2	38.5	-0.2	0.5
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.0	16.0	15.5	0.0	0.5
Information	4.2	4.3	4.2	-0.1	0.0
Financial Activities	21.4	21.4	20.9	0.0	0.5
Professional & Business Services	48.8	48.7	49.8	0.1	-1.0
Educational & Health Services	57.5	57.8	57.2	-0.3	0.3
Leisure & Hospitality	35.3	34.8	34.8	0.5	0.5
Other Services	15.9	15.8	15.5	0.1	0.4
Government	71.8	71.9	71.1	-0.1	0.7
Federal Government	9.7	9.6	9.6	0.1	0.1
State Government	35.9	36.0	35.5	-0.1	0.4
Local Government	26.2	26.3	26.0	-0.1	0.2

#### Over-the-Year Employment Change by Industry

April 2018 vs April 2019





### 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)

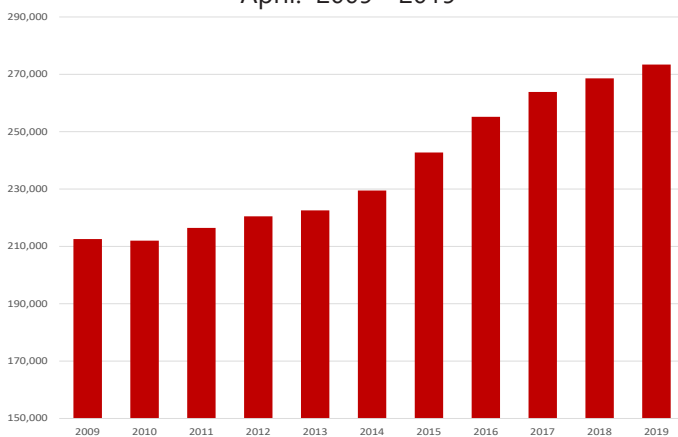
	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	279,104	279,019	275,462	85	3,642
Employment	273,409	272,176	268,565	1,233	4,844
Unemployment	5,695	6,843	6,897	-1,148	-1,202
Unemployment Rate	2.0	2.5	2.5	-0.5	-0.5

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

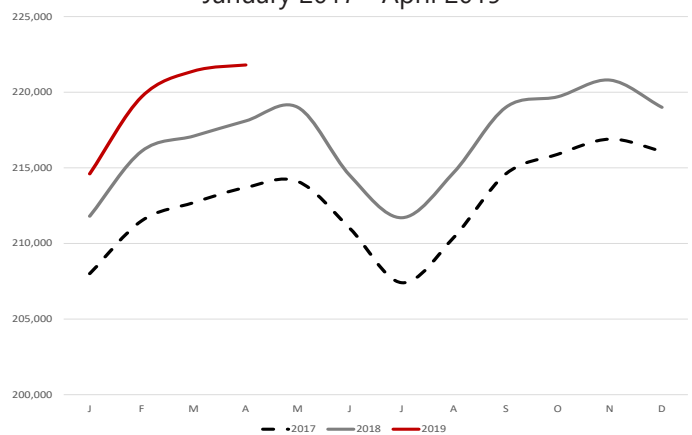
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<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	263.6	263.1	259.0	0.5	4.6
Goods Producing	41.8	41.7	40.9	0.1	0.9
Mining, Logging & Construction	11.9	11.7	11.5	0.2	0.4
Manufacturing	29.9	30.0	29.4	-0.1	0.5
Service Providing	221.8	221.4	218.1	0.4	3.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	56.5	56.2	55.4	0.3	1.1
Wholesale Trade	12.4	12.4	12.1	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	26.4	26.0	26.3	0.4	0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.7	17.8	17.0	-0.1	0.7
Information	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	8.2	8.2	8.1	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	52.0	51.6	50.6	0.4	1.4
Educational & Health Services	30.0	29.9	29.5	0.1	0.5
Leisure & Hospitality	25.5	25.8	26.5	-0.3	-1.0
Other Services	9.4	9.4	9.1	0.0	0.3
Government	38.1	38.2	36.9	-0.1	1.2
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
State Government	16.1	16.2	15.1	-0.1	1.0
Local Government	19.4	19.4	19.2	0.0	0.2

**Number of Employed**  
April: 2009 - 2019



**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**  
January 2017 - April 2019



### 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)

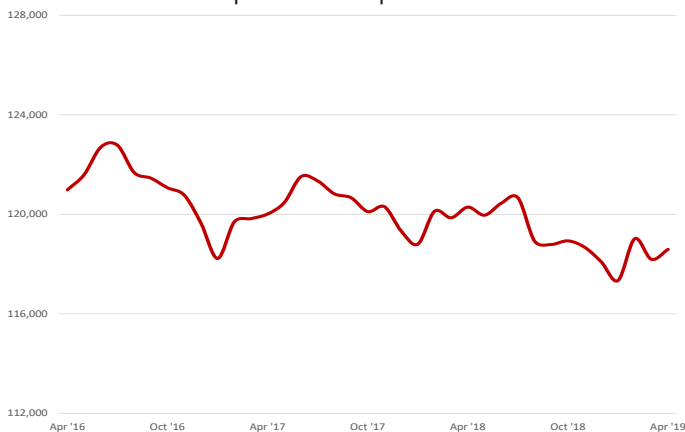
	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	118,592	118,191	120,290	401	-1,698
Employment	115,159	114,090	115,895	1,069	-736
Unemployment	3,433	4,101	4,395	-668	-962
Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.5	3.7	-0.6	-0.8

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

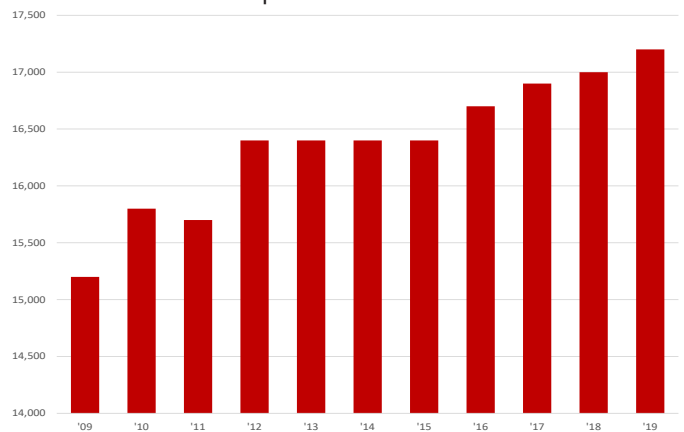
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<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	114.3	112.9	114.6	1.4	-0.3
Goods Producing	22.7	22.6	23.0	0.1	-0.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.1	5.0	5.3	0.1	-0.2
Manufacturing	17.6	17.6	17.7	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	91.6	90.3	91.6	1.3	0.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.2	22.8	23.1	0.4	0.1
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	12.5	12.2	12.5	0.3	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.5	6.4	6.5	0.1	0.0
Information	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	4.0	4.0	3.9	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	13.4	13.0	13.5	0.4	-0.1
Educational & Health Services	17.2	17.1	17.0	0.1	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.6	9.4	9.5	0.2	0.1
Other Services	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.1	0.0
Government	18.6	18.5	18.9	0.1	-0.3
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.2	3.1	3.2	0.1	0.0
Local Government	14.1	14.1	14.4	0.0	-0.3

**Civilian Labor Force**  
April 2016 - April 2019



**Jobs in Educational and Health Services**  
April: 2009 - 2019



### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,627	41,314	41,230	313	397
Employment	40,421	39,833	39,771	588	650
Unemployment	1,206	1,481	1,459	-275	-253
Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.6	3.5	-0.7	-0.6

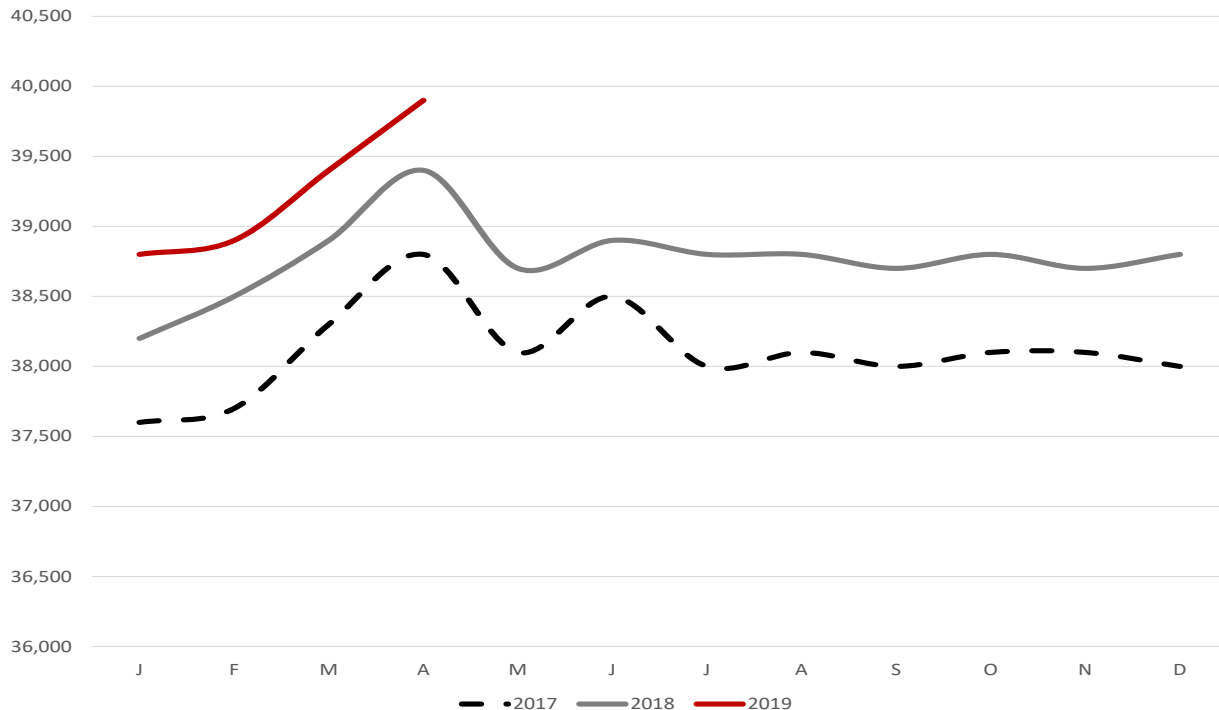
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.9	39.4	39.4	0.5	0.5
Goods Producing	4.4	4.4	4.5	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	35.5	35.0	34.9	0.5	0.6
Government	4.5	4.6	4.5	-0.1	0.0

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January 2017 - April 2019



### Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	64,834	64,538	63,951	296	883
Employment	63,332	62,731	62,126	601	1,206
Unemployment	1,502	1,807	1,825	-305	-323
Unemployment Rate	2.3	2.8	2.9	-0.5	-0.6

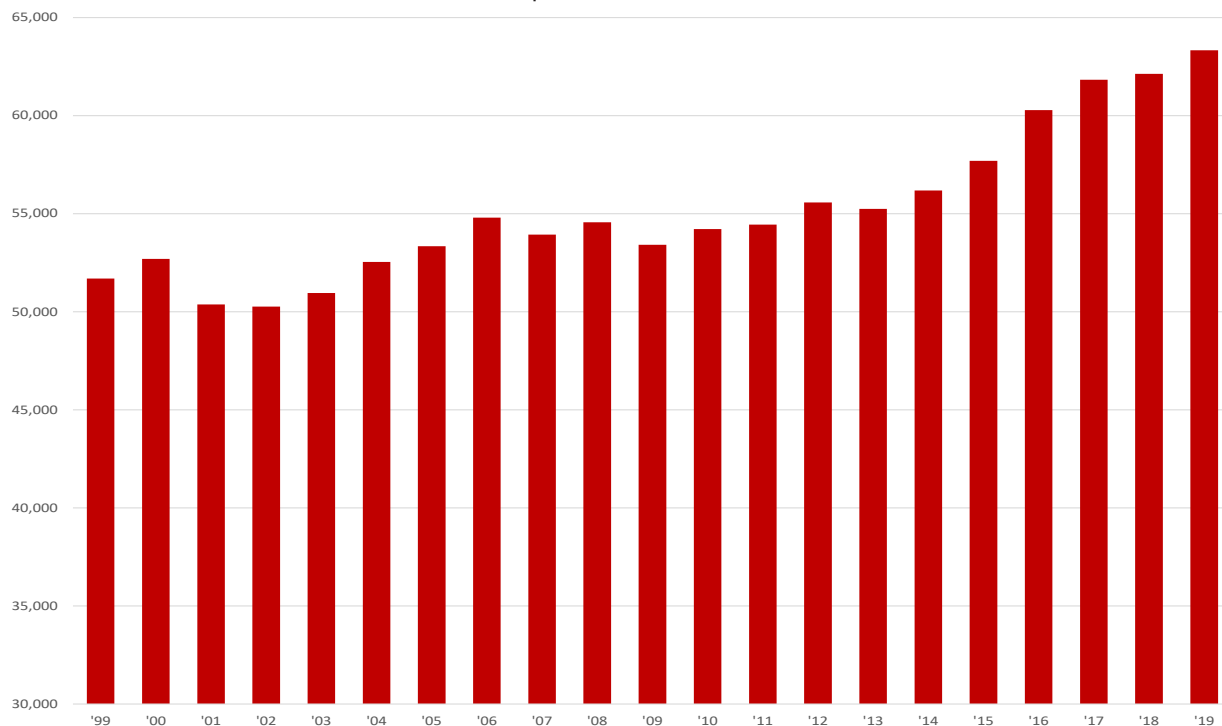
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	59.3	58.9	58.1	0.4	1.2
Goods Producing	9.9	9.9	9.9	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	49.4	49.0	48.2	0.4	1.2
Government	9.1	9.1	9.1	0.0	0.0

#### Number of Employed

April: 1999 - 2019



### Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	35,173	35,277	35,249	-104	-76
Employment	33,658	33,516	33,655	142	3
Unemployment	1,515	1,761	1,594	-246	-79
Unemployment Rate	4.3	5.0	4.5	-0.7	-0.2

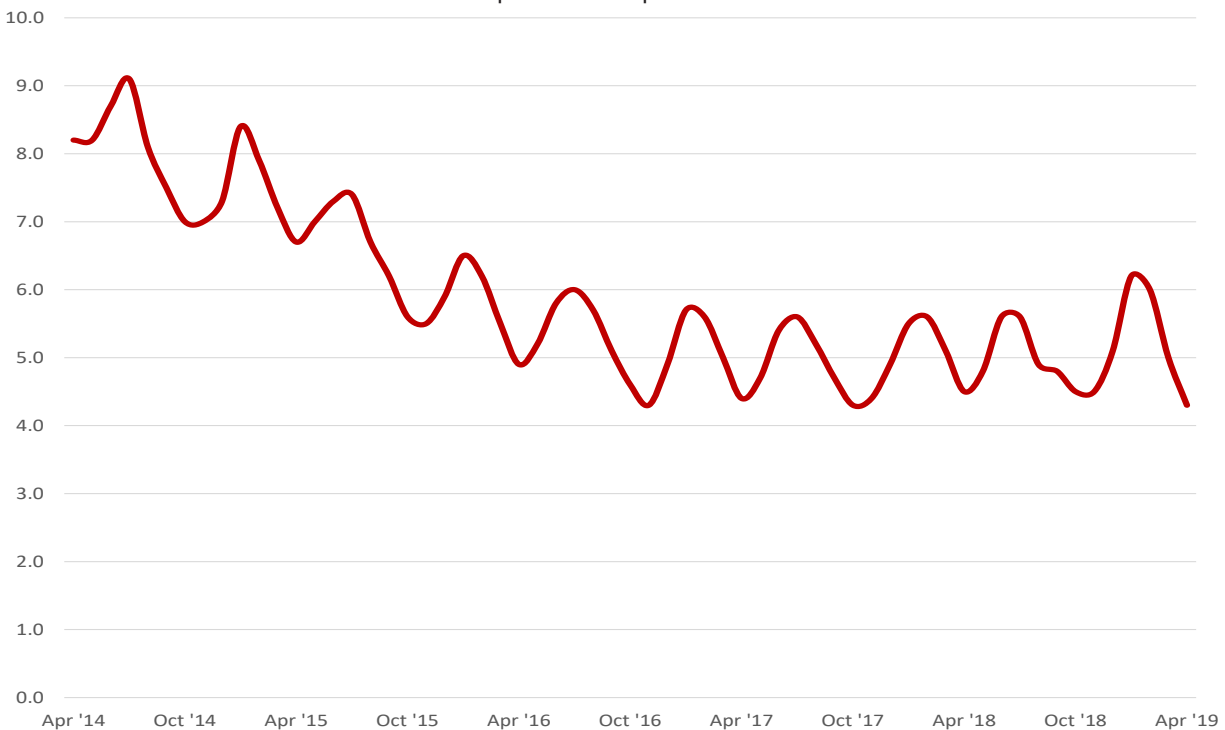
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	33.2	33.3	33.3	-0.1	-0.1
Goods Producing	5.9	5.9	6.1	0.0	-0.2
Service Providing	27.3	27.4	27.2	-0.1	0.1
Government	9.2	9.3	9.3	-0.1	-0.1

#### Unemployment Rates

April 2014 - April 2019



### 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.

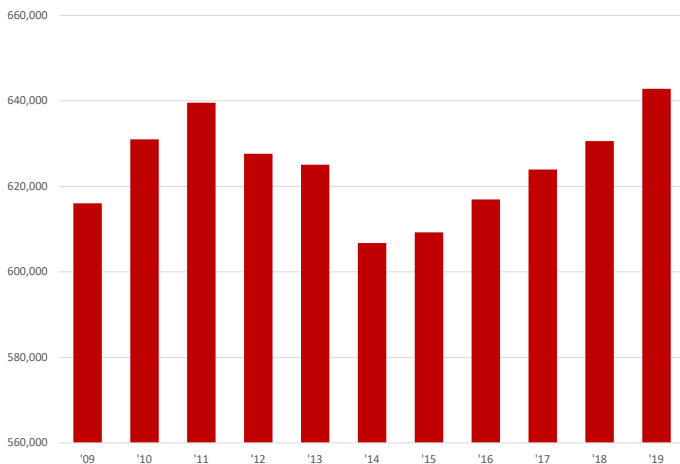
	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	642,837	642,312	630,603	525	12,234
Employment	620,166	617,057	606,740	3,109	13,426
Unemployment	22,671	25,255	23,863	-2,584	-1,192
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.9	3.8	-0.4	-0.3

##### Texarkana MSA

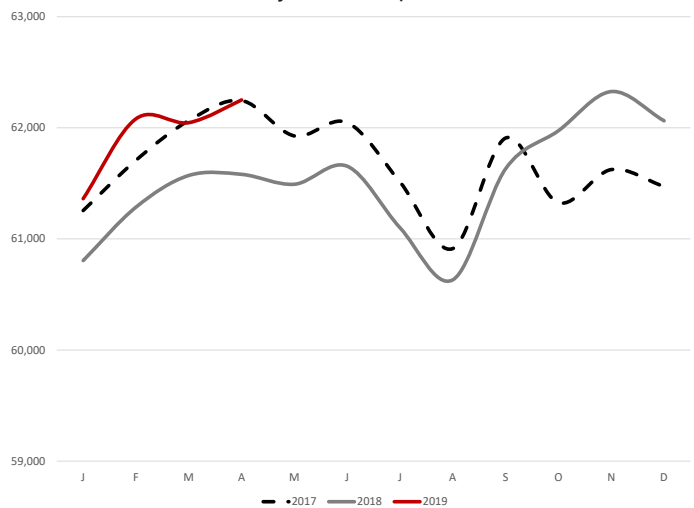
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Apr 19</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>Apr 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,645	64,944	64,247	-299	398
Employment	62,251	62,046	61,581	205	670
Unemployment	2,394	2,898	2,666	-504	-272
Unemployment Rate	3.7	4.5	4.1	-0.8	-0.4

**Memphis MSA - Civilian Labor Force**  
April: 2009 - 2019



**Texarkana MSA - Number of Employed**  
January 2017 - April 2019



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

#### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	April 2019				March 2019				April 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,974	9,646	328	3.3	9,910	9,617	293	3.0	9,518	9,217	301	3.2
Batesville Micro	16,614	16,106	508	3.1	16,644	16,045	599	3.6	16,062	15,506	556	3.5
Blytheville Micro	17,060	16,386	674	4.0	17,078	16,268	810	4.7	17,324	16,443	881	5.1
Camden Micro	12,406	11,844	562	4.5	12,402	11,746	656	5.3	12,136	11,628	508	4.2
El Dorado Micro	15,854	15,169	685	4.3	15,937	15,137	800	5.0	15,919	15,048	871	5.5
Forrest City Micro	8,275	7,901	374	4.5	8,274	7,825	449	5.4	8,295	7,924	371	4.5
Harrison Micro	19,506	18,995	511	2.6	19,528	18,896	632	3.2	19,294	18,659	635	3.3
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,564	6,254	310	4.7	6,526	6,144	382	5.9	6,661	6,275	386	5.8
Hope Micro	13,840	13,362	478	3.5	13,708	13,207	501	3.7	13,518	13,116	402	3.0
Magnolia Micro	9,132	8,810	322	3.5	9,163	8,782	381	4.2	9,028	8,641	387	4.3
Malvern Micro	13,944	13,535	409	2.9	13,946	13,447	499	3.6	14,015	13,527	488	3.5
Mountain Home Micro	16,449	15,921	528	3.2	16,473	15,789	684	4.2	16,414	15,818	596	3.6
Paragould Micro	20,139	19,611	528	2.6	20,113	19,449	664	3.3	19,773	19,183	590	3.0
Russellville Micro	37,806	36,580	1,226	3.2	37,702	36,215	1,487	3.9	37,602	36,270	1,332	3.5
Searcy Micro	33,945	32,606	1,339	3.9	34,051	32,459	1,592	4.7	33,954	32,567	1,387	4.1

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties

Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

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 2019				March 2019				April 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,407	12,037	370	3.0	12,417	11,983	434	3.5	12,245	11,811	434	3.5
Benton	17,239	16,832	407	2.4	17,281	16,785	496	2.9	17,126	16,632	494	2.9
Bentonville	26,484	26,027	457	1.7	26,467	25,911	556	2.1	26,204	25,539	665	2.5
Blytheville	5,771	5,542	229	4.0	5,782	5,502	280	4.8	5,850	5,561	289	4.9
Cabot	11,992	11,682	310	2.6	11,970	11,606	364	3.0	11,906	11,552	354	3.0
Conway	33,635	32,807	828	2.5	33,622	32,691	931	2.8	33,372	32,426	946	2.8
El Dorado	6,933	6,553	380	5.5	6,967	6,539	428	6.1	6,928	6,501	427	6.2
Fayetteville	48,115	47,142	973	2.0	48,105	46,940	1,165	2.4	47,377	46,263	1,114	2.4
Fort Smith	39,573	38,535	1,038	2.6	39,357	38,095	1,262	3.2	39,995	38,559	1,436	3.6
Hot Springs	14,800	14,342	458	3.1	14,697	14,134	563	3.8	14,703	14,112	591	4.0
Jacksonville	11,763	11,353	410	3.5	11,772	11,321	451	3.8	11,642	11,217	425	3.7
Jonesboro	38,412	37,499	913	2.4	38,220	37,184	1,036	2.7	37,821	36,774	1,047	2.8
Little Rock	97,833	95,129	2,704	2.8	97,989	94,862	3,127	3.2	97,261	93,991	3,270	3.4
North Little Rock	29,911	28,983	928	3.1	30,008	28,902	1,106	3.7	29,646	28,637	1,009	3.4
Paragould	12,655	12,283	372	2.9	12,632	12,181	451	3.6	12,413	12,015	398	3.2
Pine Bluff	16,577	15,774	803	4.8	16,675	15,733	942	5.6	16,617	15,766	851	5.1
Rogers	35,822	35,105	717	2.0	35,828	34,948	880	2.5	35,228	34,446	782	2.2
Russellville	13,593	13,191	402	3.0	13,551	13,083	468	3.5	13,517	13,075	442	3.3
Searcy	10,288	9,966	322	3.1	10,320	9,921	399	3.9	10,317	9,954	363	3.5
Sherwood	16,023	15,618	405	2.5	16,039	15,574	465	2.9	15,881	15,431	450	2.8
Springdale	39,557	38,816	741	1.9	39,544	38,649	895	2.3	39,004	38,093	911	2.3
Texarkana, AR	13,555	13,062	493	3.6	13,588	12,995	593	4.4	13,464	12,895	569	4.2
Van Buren	10,402	10,144	258	2.5	10,314	10,013	301	2.9	10,527	10,152	375	3.6
West Memphis	10,601	10,167	434	4.1	10,570	10,097	473	4.5	10,487	10,025	462	4.4

### County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	April 2019				March 2019				April 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,059	8,815	244	2.7	9,005	8,704	301	3.3	8,939	8,661	278	3.1
Ashley	7,773	7,401	372	4.8	7,792	7,354	438	5.6	7,574	7,187	387	5.1
Baxter	16,449	15,921	528	3.2	16,473	15,789	684	4.2	16,414	15,818	596	3.6
Benton	136,507	133,650	2,857	2.1	136,503	133,051	3,452	2.5	134,679	131,140	3,539	2.6
Boone	16,135	15,723	412	2.6	16,167	15,654	513	3.2	15,979	15,439	540	3.4
Bradley	4,512	4,344	168	3.7	4,448	4,250	198	4.5	4,347	4,161	186	4.3
Calhoun	2,445	2,345	100	4.1	2,430	2,311	119	4.9	2,396	2,306	90	3.8
Carroll	12,325	12,000	325	2.6	12,233	11,819	414	3.4	12,431	12,081	350	2.8
Chicot	3,309	3,096	213	6.4	3,286	3,046	240	7.3	3,290	3,069	221	6.7
Clark	9,974	9,646	328	3.3	9,910	9,617	293	3.0	9,518	9,217	301	3.2
Clay	5,736	5,504	232	4.0	5,655	5,365	290	5.1	5,844	5,623	221	3.8
Cleburne	9,007	8,674	333	3.7	9,018	8,597	421	4.7	9,141	8,752	389	4.3
Cleveland	3,272	3,164	108	3.3	3,264	3,133	131	4.0	3,295	3,167	128	3.9
Columbia	9,132	8,810	322	3.5	9,163	8,782	381	4.2	9,028	8,641	387	4.3
Conway	8,130	7,810	320	3.9	8,094	7,764	330	4.1	8,197	7,869	328	4.0
Craighead	54,579	53,340	1,239	2.3	54,367	52,891	1,476	2.7	53,792	52,308	1,484	2.8
Crawford	26,836	26,124	712	2.7	26,638	25,785	853	3.2	27,043	26,144	899	3.3
Crittenden	21,476	20,727	749	3.5	21,446	20,584	862	4.0	21,278	20,436	842	4.0
Cross	7,423	7,159	264	3.6	7,367	7,057	310	4.2	7,490	7,222	268	3.6
Dallas	2,867	2,757	110	3.8	2,884	2,745	139	4.8	2,755	2,634	121	4.4
Desha	5,486	5,282	204	3.7	5,426	5,191	235	4.3	5,371	5,139	232	4.3
Drew	7,799	7,436	363	4.7	7,800	7,365	435	5.6	7,692	7,345	347	4.5
Faulkner	61,611	60,103	1,508	2.4	61,678	59,891	1,787	2.9	61,231	59,406	1,825	3.0
Franklin	7,372	7,177	195	2.6	7,345	7,115	230	3.1	7,415	7,179	236	3.2
Fulton	4,971	4,807	164	3.3	4,923	4,730	193	3.9	4,803	4,640	163	3.4
Garland	41,627	40,421	1,206	2.9	41,314	39,833	1,481	3.6	41,230	39,771	1,459	3.5
Grant	8,348	8,139	209	2.5	8,332	8,082	250	3.0	8,283	8,044	239	2.9
Greene	20,139	19,611	528	2.6	20,113	19,449	664	3.3	19,773	19,183	590	3.0
Hempstead	10,127	9,784	343	3.4	10,033	9,660	373	3.7	9,896	9,605	291	2.9
Hot Spring	13,944	13,535	409	2.9	13,946	13,447	499	3.6	14,015	13,527	488	3.5
Howard	5,856	5,708	148	2.5	5,823	5,644	179	3.1	5,983	5,816	167	2.8
Independence	16,614	16,106	508	3.1	16,644	16,045	599	3.6	16,062	15,506	556	3.5
Izard	5,015	4,779	236	4.7	4,987	4,740	247	5.0	4,847	4,596	251	5.2
Jackson	5,814	5,509	305	5.2	5,802	5,441	361	6.2	5,696	5,393	303	5.3
Jefferson	27,902	26,641	1,261	4.5	28,025	26,573	1,452	5.2	27,941	26,629	1,312	4.7
Johnson	10,309	9,920	389	3.8	10,327	9,873	454	4.4	10,445	10,056	389	3.7
Lafayette	2,486	2,394	92	3.7	2,459	2,348	111	4.5	2,502	2,383	119	4.8
Lawrence	6,849	6,624	225	3.3	6,800	6,540	260	3.8	6,891	6,662	229	3.3
Lee	2,877	2,782	95	3.3	2,846	2,715	131	4.6	2,903	2,773	130	4.5
Lincoln	3,999	3,853	146	3.7	3,988	3,810	178	4.5	4,013	3,859	154	3.8
Little River	5,453	5,263	190	3.5	5,464	5,232	232	4.2	5,428	5,191	237	4.4
Logan	8,640	8,361	279	3.2	8,632	8,296	336	3.9	8,599	8,295	304	3.5
Lonoke	33,895	33,065	830	2.4	33,864	32,849	1,015	3.0	33,700	32,696	1,004	3.0
Madison	7,470	7,321	149	2.0	7,387	7,215	172	2.3	7,401	7,209	192	2.6
Marion	6,483	6,260	223	3.4	6,477	6,207	270	4.2	6,502	6,269	233	3.6
Miller	19,674	18,998	676	3.4	19,719	18,900	819	4.2	19,552	18,755	797	4.1

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### County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted												
County	April 2019				March 2019				April 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,060	16,386	674	4.0	17,078	16,268	810	4.7	17,324	16,443	881	5.1
Monroe	2,784	2,689	95	3.4	2,751	2,632	119	4.3	2,713	2,610	103	3.8
Montgomery	3,012	2,896	116	3.9	2,965	2,830	135	4.6	3,020	2,886	134	4.4
Nevada	3,713	3,578	135	3.6	3,675	3,547	128	3.5	3,622	3,511	111	3.1
Newton	3,371	3,272	99	2.9	3,361	3,242	119	3.5	3,315	3,220	95	2.9
Ouachita	9,961	9,499	462	4.6	9,972	9,435	537	5.4	9,740	9,322	418	4.3
Perry	4,257	4,103	154	3.6	4,261	4,078	183	4.3	4,221	4,061	160	3.8
Phillips	6,564	6,254	310	4.7	6,526	6,144	382	5.9	6,661	6,275	386	5.8
Pike	4,349	4,222	127	2.9	4,280	4,126	154	3.6	4,250	4,085	165	3.9
Poinsett	10,255	9,992	263	2.6	10,171	9,840	331	3.3	10,159	9,818	341	3.4
Polk	8,076	7,820	256	3.2	8,042	7,749	293	3.6	7,943	7,633	310	3.9
Pope	29,269	28,304	965	3.3	29,221	28,072	1,149	3.9	29,077	28,055	1,022	3.5
Prairie	3,588	3,463	125	3.5	3,536	3,388	148	4.2	3,549	3,419	130	3.7
Pulaski	190,070	184,724	5,346	2.8	190,456	184,207	6,249	3.3	188,731	182,515	6,216	3.3
Randolph	7,235	7,014	221	3.1	7,232	6,956	276	3.8	7,099	6,862	237	3.3
St. Francis	8,275	7,901	374	4.5	8,274	7,825	449	5.4	8,295	7,924	371	4.5
Saline	57,868	56,565	1,303	2.3	57,993	56,408	1,585	2.7	57,552	55,892	1,660	2.9
Scott	4,342	4,228	114	2.6	4,318	4,173	145	3.4	4,365	4,222	143	3.3
Searcy	2,874	2,768	106	3.7	2,873	2,738	135	4.7	2,904	2,790	114	3.9
Sebastian	57,033	55,564	1,469	2.6	56,702	54,930	1,772	3.1	57,571	55,599	1,972	3.4
Sevier	5,645	5,424	221	3.9	5,636	5,386	250	4.4	5,470	5,246	224	4.1
Sharp	5,831	5,622	209	3.6	5,822	5,558	264	4.5	5,825	5,583	242	4.2
Stone	4,842	4,654	188	3.9	4,746	4,510	236	5.0	4,749	4,560	189	4.0
Union	15,854	15,169	685	4.3	15,937	15,137	800	5.0	15,919	15,048	871	5.5
Van Buren	5,765	5,536	229	4.0	5,773	5,489	284	4.9	5,946	5,653	293	4.9
Washington	124,602	122,213	2,389	1.9	124,552	121,691	2,861	2.3	122,782	119,936	2,846	2.3
White	33,945	32,606	1,339	3.9	34,051	32,459	1,592	4.7	33,954	32,567	1,387	4.1
Woodruff	2,774	2,641	133	4.8	2,729	2,583	146	5.3	2,806	2,687	119	4.2
Yell	8,537	8,276	261	3.1	8,481	8,143	338	4.0	8,525	8,215	310	3.6

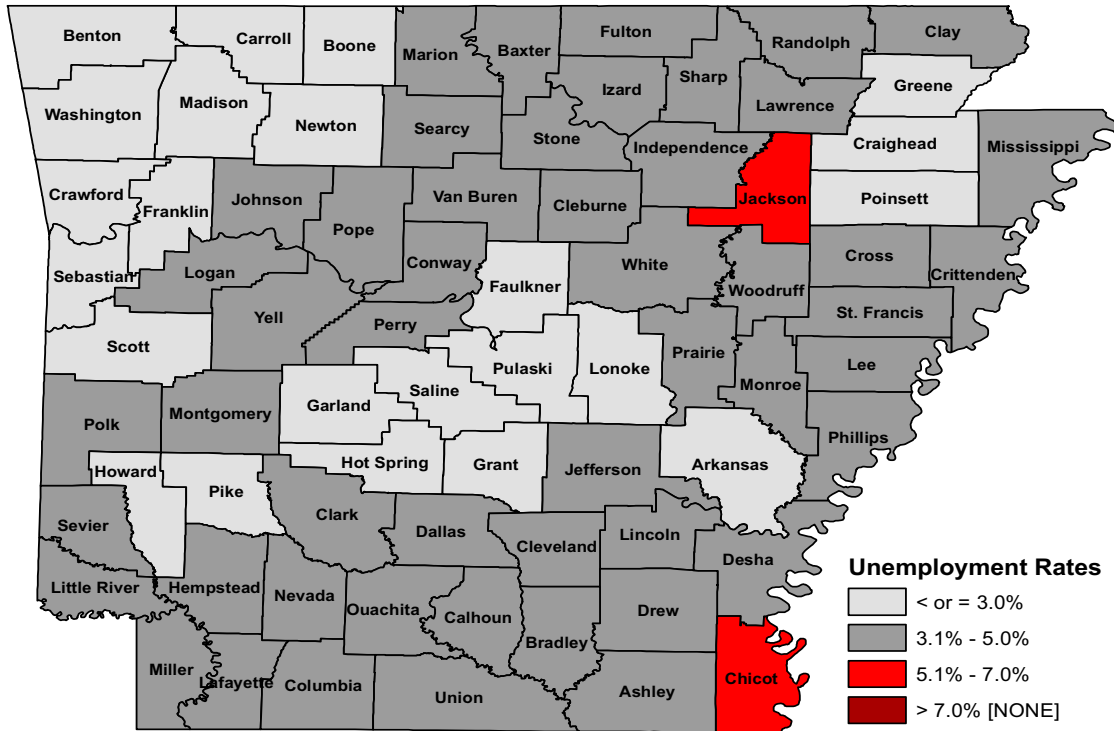
### County Labor Force Summary

Between March and April, unemployment rates decreased in 73 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Two counties posted over-the-month increases. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 1.9 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.4 percent in Chicot County.

In April, sixty-three counties reported unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is up significantly from the 36 counties at or below four percent in March. For the first time in 2019, no county posted a jobless rate at or above seven percent.

Compared to April 2018, unemployment rates are down in 62 Arkansas counties. Rates were up over the year in nine counties, while four counties were unchanged.

### County Unemployment Rates



### Ranked by Unemployment Rates

April 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	1.9	24	Yell	3.1	48	Lafayette	3.7
2	Madison	2.0	27	Baxter	3.2	48	Lincoln	3.7
3	Benton	2.1	27	Logan	3.2	48	Searcy	3.7
4	Craighead	2.3	27	Polk	3.2	54	Dallas	3.8
4	Saline	2.3	30	Clark	3.3	54	Johnson	3.8
6	Faulkner	2.4	30	Cleveland	3.3	56	Conway	3.9
6	Lonoke	2.4	30	Fulton	3.3	56	Montgomery	3.9
8	Grant	2.5	30	Lawrence	3.3	56	Sevier	3.9
8	Howard	2.5	30	Lee	3.3	56	Stone	3.9
10	Boone	2.6	30	Pope	3.3	56	White	3.9
10	Carroll	2.6	36	Hempstead	3.4	61	Clay	4.0
10	Franklin	2.6	36	Marion	3.4	61	Mississippi	4.0
10	Greene	2.6	36	Miller	3.4	61	Van Buren	4.0
10	Poinsett	2.6	36	Monroe	3.4	64	Calhoun	4.1
10	Scott	2.6	40	Columbia	3.5	65	Union	4.3
10	Sebastian	2.6	40	Crittenden	3.5	66	Jefferson	4.5
17	Arkansas	2.7	40	Little River	3.5	66	St. Francis	4.5
17	Crawford	2.7	40	Prairie	3.5	68	Ouachita	4.6
19	Pulaski	2.8	44	Cross	3.6	69	Drew	4.7
20	Garland	2.9	44	Nevada	3.6	69	Izard	4.7
20	Hot Spring	2.9	44	Perry	3.6	69	Phillips	4.7
20	Newton	2.9	44	Sharp	3.6	72	Ashley	4.8
20	Pike	2.9	48	Bradley	3.7	72	Woodruff	4.8
24	Independence	3.1	48	Cleburne	3.7	74	Jackson	5.2
24	Randolph	3.1	48	Desha	3.7	75	Chicot	6.4

### Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	April 2019				March 2019				April 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	251,983	245,480	6,503	2.6	252,289	244,513	7,776	3.1	250,215	242,547	7,668	3.1
City of Little Rock	97,833	95,129	2,704	2.8	97,989	94,862	3,127	3.2	97,261	93,991	3,270	3.4
Eastern	46,615	44,823	1,792	3.8	46,459	44,325	2,134	4.6	46,627	44,630	1,997	4.3
North Central	94,578	90,934	3,644	3.9	94,495	90,152	4,343	4.6	93,829	89,937	3,892	4.1
Northeast	121,853	118,471	3,382	2.8	121,416	117,309	4,107	3.4	120,882	116,899	3,983	3.3
Northwest	326,216	319,128	7,088	2.2	326,026	317,406	8,620	2.6	322,407	313,902	8,505	2.6
Southeast	81,459	78,171	3,288	4.0	81,366	77,508	3,858	4.7	80,745	77,261	3,484	4.3
Southwest	93,213	89,729	3,484	3.7	93,195	89,127	4,068	4.4	92,291	88,458	3,833	4.2
West Central	133,408	129,133	4,275	3.2	132,799	127,783	5,016	3.8	132,498	127,742	4,756	3.6
Western	112,299	109,274	3,025	2.7	111,677	108,048	3,629	3.2	112,936	109,072	3,864	3.4

