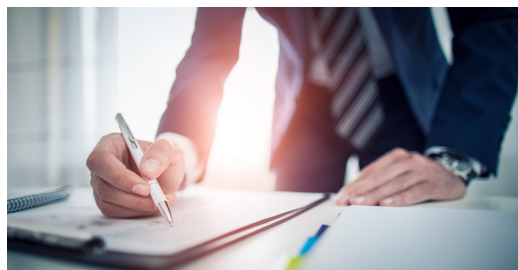




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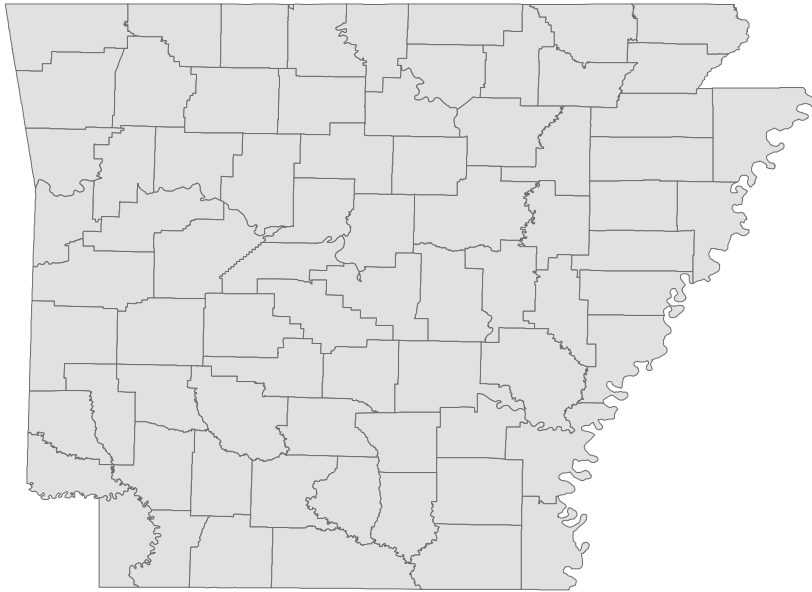


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Technical Notes

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.

March Spotlight

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional estimates based on various definitions of 'unemployment'. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quarter moving average. The most recent data available is for the 2nd Quarter 2018 - 1st Quarter 2019.

The following definitions are used to calculate each measure of Labor Underutilization:

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization					
State of Arkansas					
2nd Q 2018 - 1st Q 2019					
U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6
1.1%	1.5%	3.7%	4.0%	4.6%	7.5%

U-1 Measure: Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.

U-2 Measure: Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force.

U-3 Measure: Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).

U-4 Measure: Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.

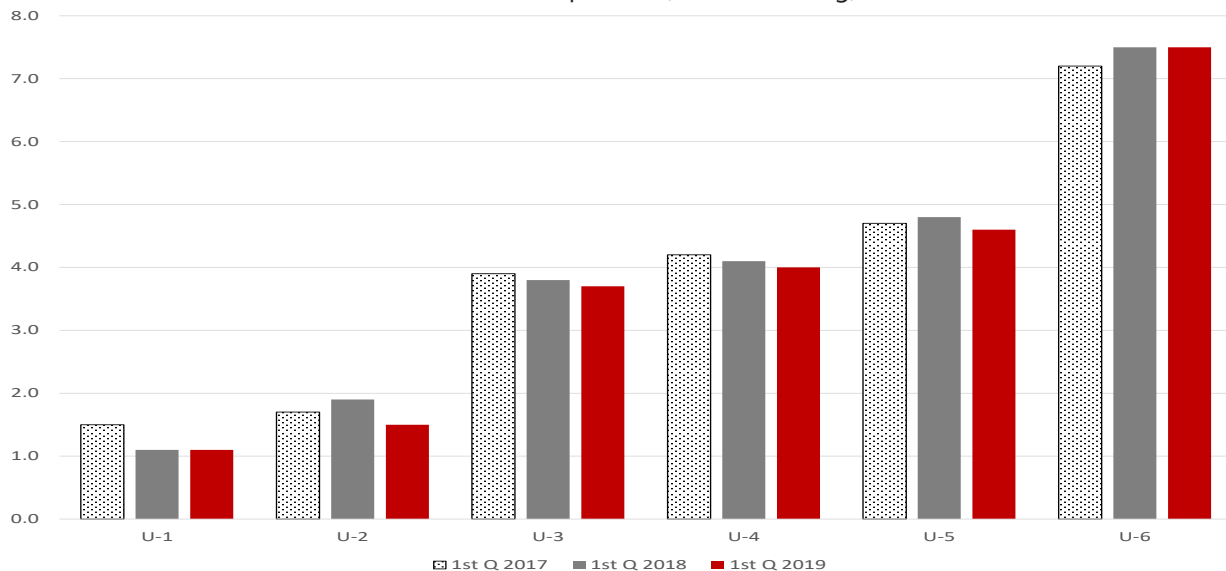
U-5 Measure: Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

U-6 Measure: Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those employed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

State of Arkansas

Three-Year Comparison (Quarter Ending)



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

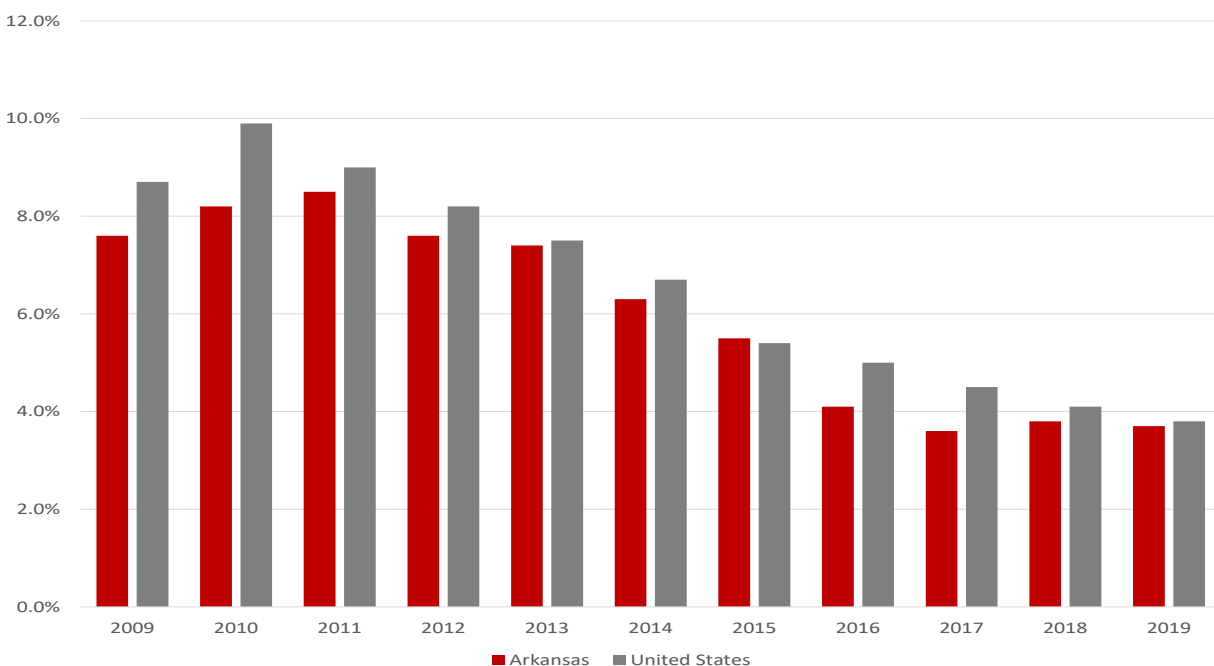
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.8 percent in February to 3.7 percent in March. Arkansas' civilian labor force increased 1,610, a result of 2,079 additional employed and 469 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate was stable at 3.8 percent between February and March.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "With the addition of 2,079 more employed Arkansans in March, employment in the State has increased for three consecutive months. The number of employed is up 8,585 compared to March 2018."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,359,436	1,357,826	1,350,994	Civilian Labor Force	1,357,559	1,348,676
Employment	1,308,697	1,306,618	1,300,112	Employment	1,310,876	1,297,651
Unemployment	50,739	51,208	50,882	Unemployment	46,683	51,025
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.8	3.8	Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.8
U.S. Unemployment	3.8	3.8	4.0	U.S. Unemployment	3.9	4.1

Unemployment Rates- Arkansas vs United States (Seasonally Adjusted)
March: 2009 - 2019



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1270.1	1264.7	1260.2	5.4	9.9
Goods Producing	219.4	219.3	215.5	0.1	3.9
Mining, Logging, and Construction	56.0	54.9	55.4	1.1	0.6
Mining & Logging	5.7	5.7	5.9	0.0	-0.2
Construction	50.3	49.2	49.5	1.1	0.8
Specialty Trade Contractors	31.7	30.9	31.1	0.8	0.6
Manufacturing	163.4	164.4	160.1	-1.0	3.3
Durable Goods	78.9	79.9	76.1	-1.0	2.8
Nondurable Goods	84.5	84.5	84.0	0.0	0.5
Service Providing	1050.7	1045.4	1044.7	5.3	6.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	250.9	250.0	249.6	0.9	1.3
Wholesale Trade	48.0	48.2	47.1	-0.2	0.9
Retail Trade	137.9	136.7	138.2	1.2	-0.3
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	65.0	65.1	64.3	-0.1	0.7
Information	11.1	11.0	11.2	0.1	-0.1
Financial Activities	60.2	60.5	59.7	-0.3	0.5
Finance & Insurance	46.8	47.1	46.4	-0.3	0.4
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.4	13.4	13.3	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	146.2	145.4	147.3	0.8	-1.1
Professional, Scientific & Technical	44.8	45.3	44.2	-0.5	0.6
Management of Companies	35.1	35.1	35.1	0.0	0.0
Administrative & Support Services	66.3	65.0	68.0	1.3	-1.7
Educational & Health Services	193.1	192.8	191.3	0.3	1.8
Educational Services	16.1	15.9	16.2	0.2	-0.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	177.0	176.9	175.1	0.1	1.9
Ambulatory Health Care	59.4	59.0	57.5	0.4	1.9
Social Assistance	40.1	40.3	40.2	-0.2	-0.1
Leisure & Hospitality	119.6	116.5	117.1	3.1	2.5
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	10.6	10.0	10.8	0.6	-0.2
Accommodation & Food Services	109.0	106.5	106.3	2.5	2.7
Accommodation Services	11.1	10.6	11.0	0.5	0.1
Food Services	97.9	95.9	95.3	2.0	2.6
Other Services	53.3	53.4	53.0	-0.1	0.3
Government	216.3	215.8	215.5	0.5	0.8
Federal Government	20.0	20.1	19.9	-0.1	0.1
State Government	79.9	79.5	80.1	0.4	-0.2
Local Government	116.4	116.2	115.5	0.2	0.9

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

February 2019 - March 2019

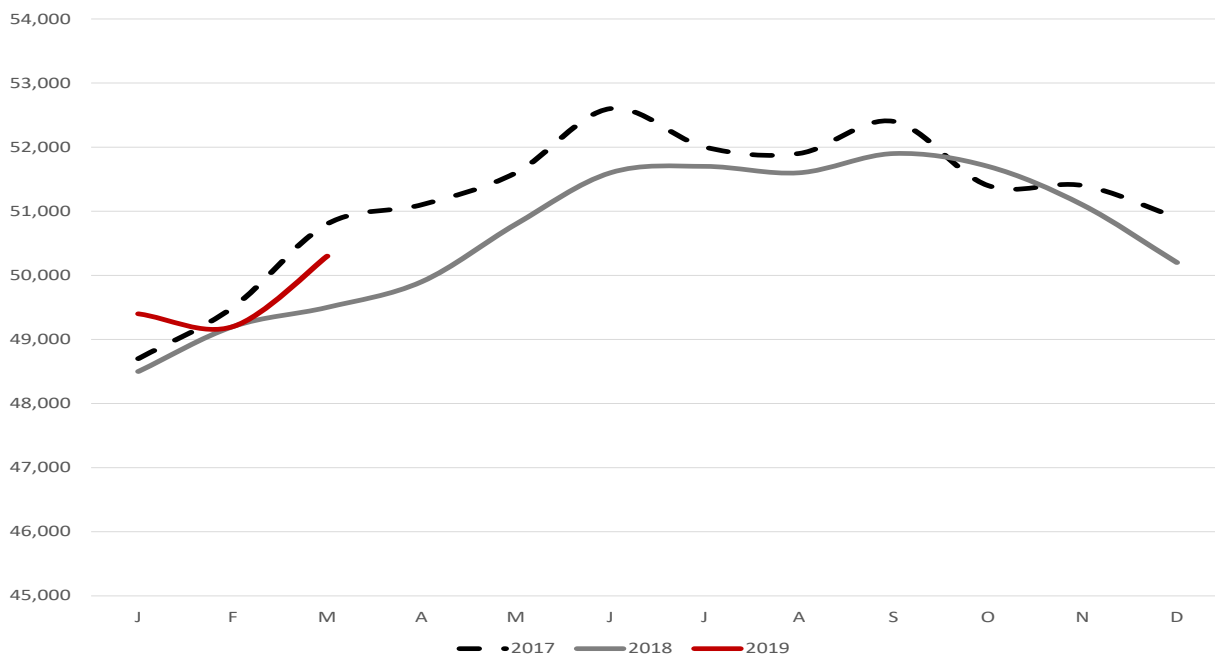
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 5,400 in March to total 1,270,100. Seven major industries added jobs, while three sectors reported employment declines. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 3,100. Typical seasonal gains were reported in both accommodation and food services (+2,500) and arts-entertainment-recreation (+600). Employment in **construction** increased 1,100, due to seasonal hiring. Jobs in **manufacturing** declined 1,000. All losses occurred in durable goods manufacturing, with reported contractions across multiple industries.

March 2018 - March 2019

Compared to March 2018, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment is up 9,900. Eight major industry sectors posted growth, with four adding 1,300 or more jobs, each. Employment in **manufacturing** increased 3,300, mostly in durable goods manufacturing (+2,800). **Leisure and hospitality** added 2,500 jobs. All gains were in accommodation and food services (+2,700). Employment in **educational and health services** rose 1,800, all in health care and social assistance (+1,900). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 1,300. Expansions occurred in whole trade (+900) and transportation-warehousing-utilities (+700). Jobs in **professional and business services** declined 1,100. All losses were in administrative and support services (-1,700), a subsector comprised largely of employment agencies.

Jobs in Construction (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2017 - March 2019



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

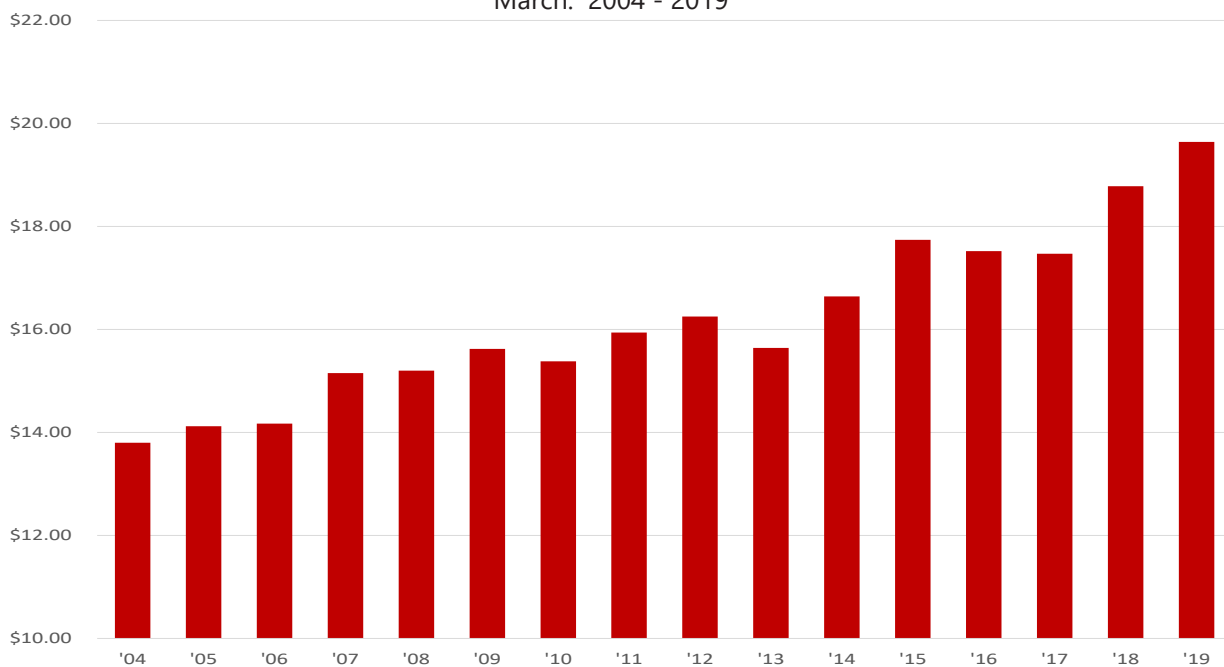
	Mar 19	Feb 19	Mar 18
Average Weekly Hours	41.0	40.4	41.8
Average Hourly Earnings	18.22	18.08	16.84
Average Weekly Earnings	747.02	730.43	703.91

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	Mar 19	Feb 19	Mar 18		Mar 19	Feb 19	Mar 18
Average Weekly Hours	43.1	42.0	41.7	Average Weekly Hours	39.2	38.9	41.9
Average Hourly Earnings	19.64	19.57	18.78	Average Hourly Earnings	16.84	16.65	15.23
Average Weekly Earnings	846.48	821.94	783.13	Average Weekly Earnings	660.13	647.69	638.14

Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers - Durable Goods Manufacturing

March: 2004 - 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)

	Mar 19	Feb 19	Mar 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	356,518	355,721	353,085	797	3,433
Employment	345,459	341,941	340,750	3,518	4,709
Unemployment	11,059	13,780	12,335	-2,721	-1,276
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.9	3.5	-0.8	-0.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

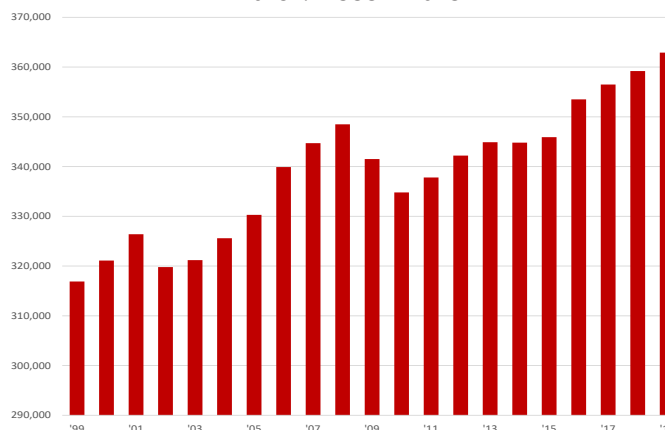
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NAICS	Mar 19	Feb 19	Mar 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	362.9	361.1	359.2	1.8	3.7
Goods Producing	37.3	37.1	37.1	0.2	0.2
Mining, Logging & Construction	16.3	16.2	16.7	0.1	-0.4
Manufacturing	21.0	20.9	20.4	0.1	0.6
Service Providing	325.6	324.0	322.1	1.6	3.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	71.2	70.6	69.9	0.6	1.3
Wholesale Trade	16.0	16.0	15.8	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	39.2	38.7	38.6	0.5	0.6
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.0	15.9	15.5	0.1	0.5
Information	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	21.4	21.4	20.8	0.0	0.6
Professional & Business Services	48.6	48.9	49.5	-0.3	-0.9
Educational & Health Services	58.0	57.4	57.0	0.6	1.0
Leisure & Hospitality	34.5	34.2	34.0	0.3	0.5
Other Services	15.8	15.7	15.4	0.1	0.4
Government	71.9	71.6	71.2	0.3	0.7
Federal Government	9.6	9.6	9.6	0.0	0.0
State Government	36.0	35.9	35.6	0.1	0.4
Local Government	26.3	26.1	26.0	0.2	0.3

Number of Employed
March 2017 - March 2019



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
March: 1999 - 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)

	Mar 19	Feb 19	Mar 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	279,047	278,198	274,666	849	4,381
Employment	272,201	269,463	267,036	2,738	5,165
Unemployment	6,846	8,735	7,630	-1,889	-784
Unemployment Rate	2.5	3.1	2.8	-0.6	-0.3

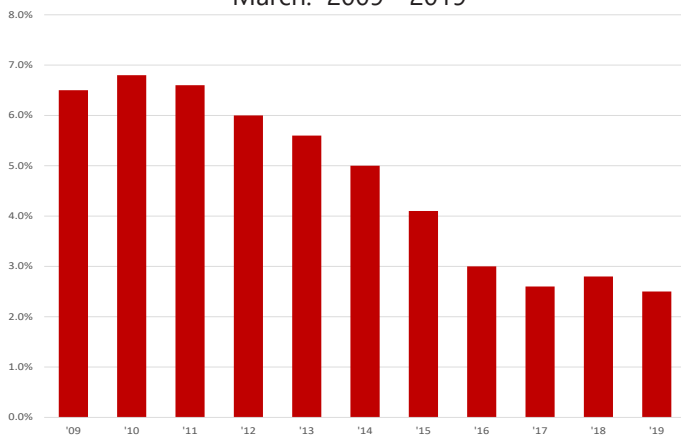
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Mar 19	Feb 19	Mar 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	262.9	261.4	258.2	1.5	4.7
Goods Producing	41.7	41.7	41.1	0.0	0.6
Mining, Logging & Construction	11.7	11.6	11.5	0.1	0.2
Manufacturing	30.0	30.1	29.6	-0.1	0.4
Service Providing	221.2	219.7	217.1	1.5	4.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	56.2	56.1	55.4	0.1	0.8
Wholesale Trade	12.4	12.4	12.2	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	26.0	25.9	26.1	0.1	-0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.8	17.8	17.1	0.0	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	51.4	50.9	50.4	0.5	1.0
Educational & Health Services	29.9	29.8	29.3	0.1	0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	25.8	25.2	25.9	0.6	-0.1
Other Services	9.4	9.3	9.1	0.1	0.3
Government	38.2	38.1	36.9	0.1	1.3
Federal Government	2.6	2.7	2.6	-0.1	0.0
State Government	16.2	16.1	15.2	0.1	1.0
Local Government	19.4	19.3	19.1	0.1	0.3

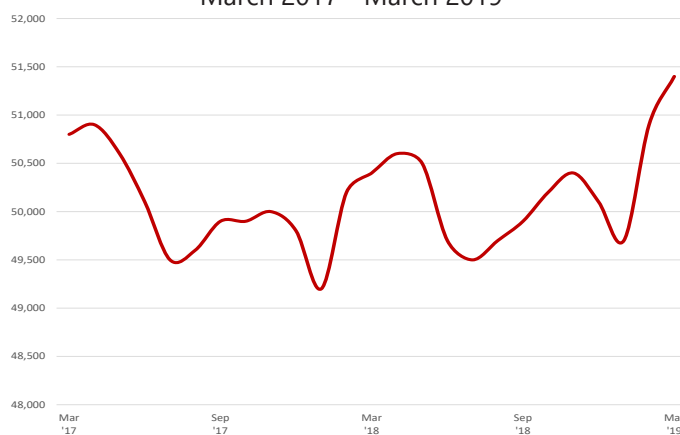
Unemployment Rates

March: 2009 - 2019



Jobs in Professional & Business Services

March 2017 - March 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)

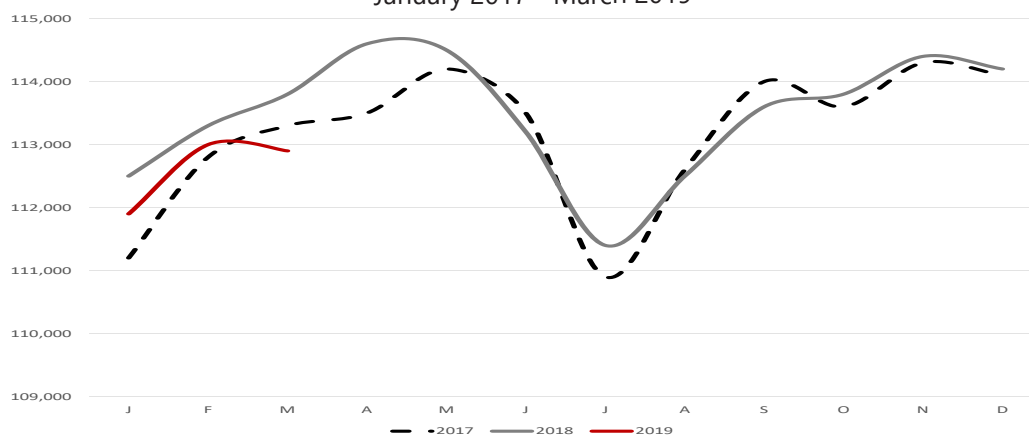
	Mar 19	Feb 19	Mar 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	118,211	119,018	119,860	-807	-1,649
Employment	114,117	113,827	115,047	290	-930
Unemployment	4,094	5,191	4,813	-1,097	-719
Unemployment Rate	3.5	4.4	4.0	-0.9	-0.5

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Mar 19	Feb 19	Mar 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	112.9	113.0	113.8	-0.1	-0.9
Goods Producing	22.6	22.7	23.1	-0.1	-0.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.0	5.0	5.2	0.0	-0.2
Manufacturing	17.6	17.7	17.9	-0.1	-0.3
Service Providing	90.3	90.3	90.7	0.0	-0.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.8	23.0	23.0	-0.2	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	12.2	12.3	12.4	-0.1	-0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.4	6.5	6.5	-0.1	-0.1
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	13.0	13.0	13.0	0.0	0.0
Educational & Health Services	17.1	17.1	17.0	0.0	0.1
Leisure & Hospitality	9.4	9.2	9.3	0.2	0.1
Other Services	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
Government	18.5	18.5	18.9	0.0	-0.4
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	14.1	14.1	14.4	0.0	-0.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
January 2017 - March 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,342	41,033	41,123	309	219
Employment	39,861	39,164	39,431	697	430
Unemployment	1,481	1,869	1,692	-388	-211
Unemployment Rate	3.6	4.6	4.1	-1.0	-0.5

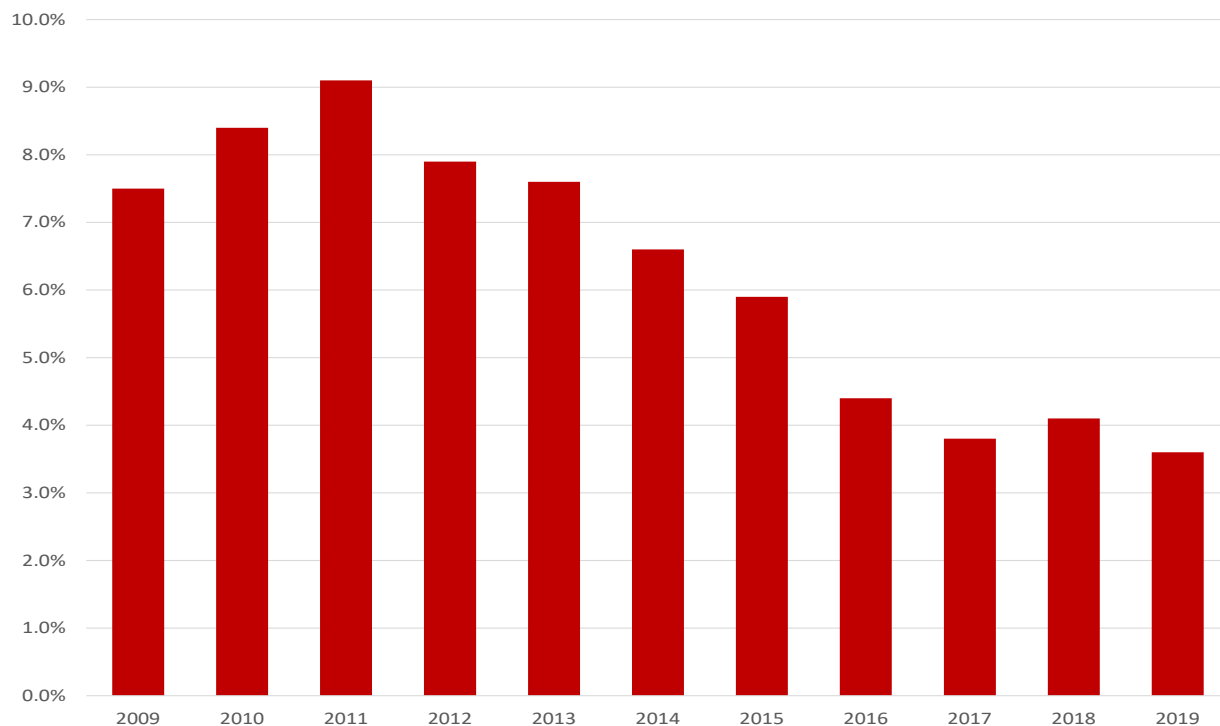
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.4	38.9	38.9	0.5	0.5
Goods Producing	4.4	4.4	4.3	0.0	0.1
Service Providing	35.0	34.5	34.6	0.5	0.4
Government	4.6	4.5	4.6	0.1	0.0

Unemployment Rates

March: 2009 - 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,643	64,584	64,100	59	543
Employment	62,835	62,267	62,027	568	808
Unemployment	1,808	2,317	2,073	-509	-265
Unemployment Rate	2.8	3.6	3.2	-0.8	-0.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	59.0	58.7	58.2	0.3	0.8
Goods Producing	9.9	9.8	9.9	0.1	0.0
Service Providing	49.1	48.9	48.3	0.2	0.8
Government	9.1	9.1	9.2	0.0	-0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

March 2014 - March 2019



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Mar 19	Feb 19	Mar 18	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	35,387	35,383	35,362	4	25
Employment	33,627	33,252	33,547	375	80
Unemployment	1,760	2,131	1,815	-371	-55
Unemployment Rate	5.0	6.0	5.1	-1.0	-0.1

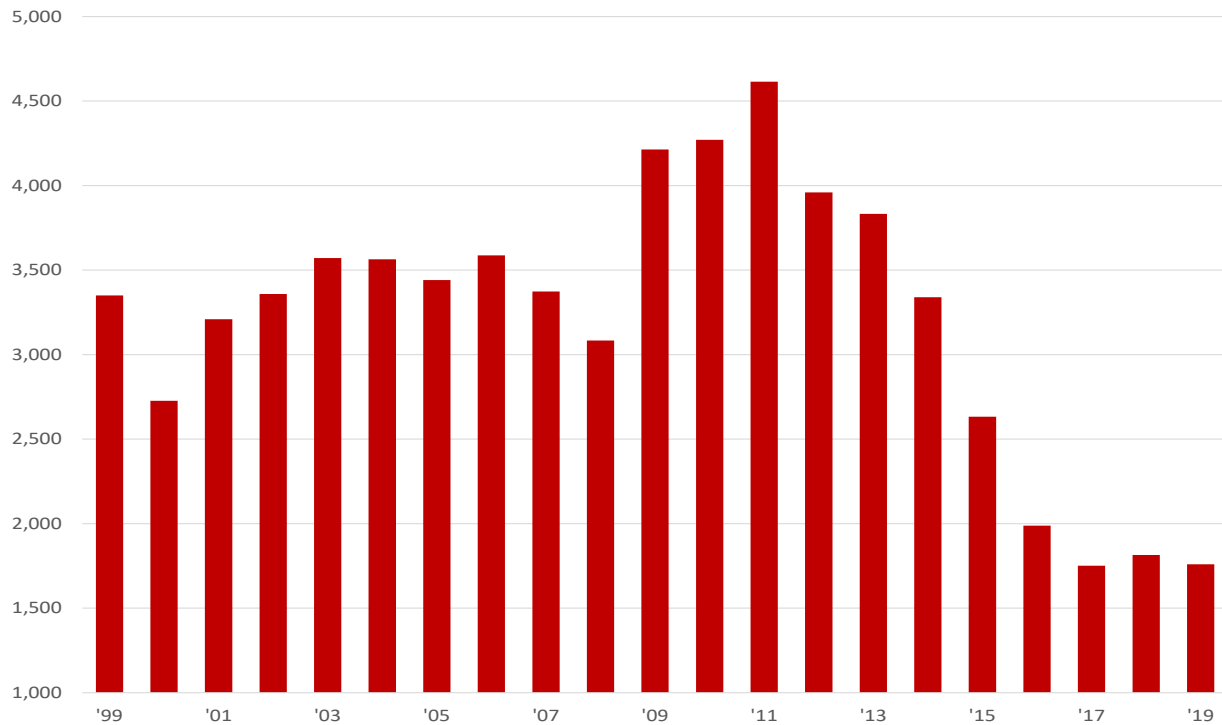
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Mar 19	Feb 19	Mar 18	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	33.3	33.1	33.2	0.2	0.1
Goods Producing	5.9	5.9	6.0	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	27.4	27.2	27.2	0.2	0.2
Government	9.3	9.3	9.3	0.0	0.0

Unemployment

March: 1999 - 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.

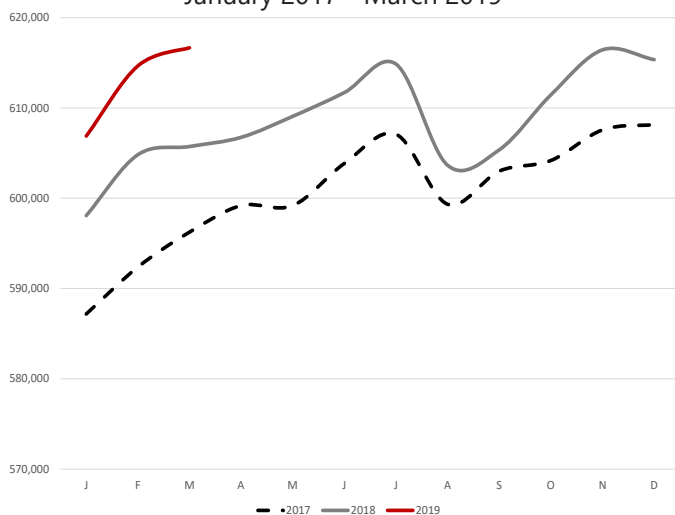
	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	642,004	638,861	631,969	3,143	10,035
Employment	616,658	614,652	605,725	2,006	10,933
Unemployment	25,346	24,209	26,244	1,137	-898
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.8	4.2	0.1	-0.3

Texarkana MSA

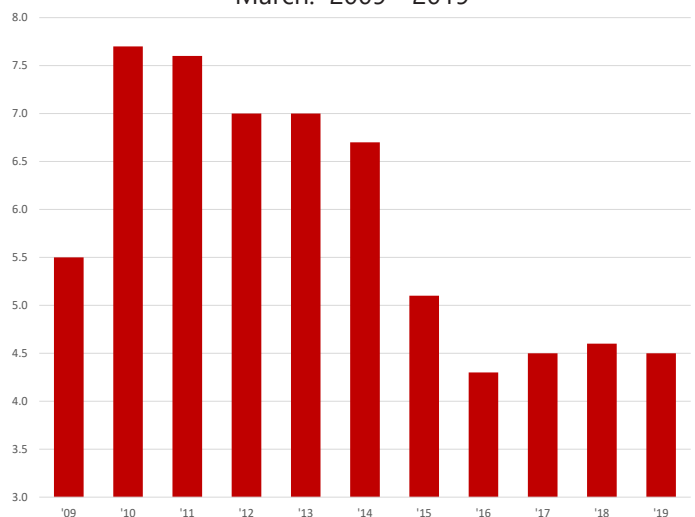
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>Mar 18</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,067	65,532	64,557	-465	510
Employment	62,164	62,081	61,571	83	593
Unemployment	2,903	3,451	2,986	-548	-83
Unemployment Rate	4.5	5.3	4.6	-0.8	-0.1

Memphis MSA - Employment
January 2017 - March 2019



Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates
March: 2009 - 2019



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	March 2019				February 2019				March 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,803	9,510	293	3.0	9,778	9,397	381	3.9	9,554	9,194	360	3.8
Batesville Micro	16,547	15,948	599	3.6	16,550	15,768	782	4.7	16,203	15,577	626	3.9
Blytheville Micro	16,983	16,172	811	4.8	16,948	15,967	981	5.8	17,305	16,321	984	5.7
Camden Micro	12,547	11,889	658	5.2	12,572	11,780	792	6.3	12,123	11,546	577	4.8
El Dorado Micro	15,943	15,141	802	5.0	15,985	15,020	965	6.0	16,007	15,031	976	6.1
Forrest City Micro	8,299	7,849	450	5.4	8,318	7,770	548	6.6	8,319	7,880	439	5.3
Harrison Micro	19,467	18,834	633	3.3	19,350	18,539	811	4.2	19,353	18,624	729	3.8
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,524	6,141	383	5.9	6,554	6,073	481	7.3	6,647	6,203	444	6.7
Hope Micro	13,540	13,039	501	3.7	13,550	12,936	614	4.5	13,477	13,032	445	3.3
Magnolia Micro	9,137	8,755	382	4.2	9,142	8,681	461	5.0	9,036	8,601	435	4.8
Malvern Micro	14,111	13,611	500	3.5	14,041	13,442	599	4.3	14,009	13,493	516	3.7
Mountain Home Micro	16,535	15,852	683	4.1	16,408	15,576	832	5.1	16,415	15,726	689	4.2
Paragould Micro	19,939	19,276	663	3.3	19,907	19,044	863	4.3	19,763	19,039	724	3.7
Russellville Micro	37,500	36,013	1,487	4.0	37,431	35,531	1,900	5.1	37,522	35,984	1,538	4.1
Searcy Micro	34,001	32,407	1,594	4.7	33,971	32,052	1,919	5.6	34,079	32,441	1,638	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	March 2019				February 2019				March 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,416	11,984	432	3.5	12,453	11,857	596	4.8	12,211	11,743	468	3.8
Benton	17,281	16,783	498	2.9	17,202	16,609	593	3.4	17,109	16,547	562	3.3
Bentonville	26,471	25,914	557	2.1	26,365	25,638	727	2.8	26,095	25,391	704	2.7
Blytheville	5,749	5,469	280	4.9	5,733	5,400	333	5.8	5,864	5,520	344	5.9
Cabot	11,968	11,604	364	3.0	11,924	11,495	429	3.6	11,872	11,473	399	3.4
Conway	33,617	32,686	931	2.8	33,578	32,351	1,227	3.7	33,320	32,254	1,066	3.2
El Dorado	6,970	6,541	429	6.2	6,964	6,489	475	6.8	6,960	6,493	467	6.7
Fayetteville	48,114	46,947	1,167	2.4	47,924	46,439	1,485	3.1	47,229	46,011	1,218	2.6
Fort Smith	39,368	38,109	1,259	3.2	39,620	37,916	1,704	4.3	39,700	38,212	1,488	3.7
Hot Springs	14,707	14,144	563	3.8	14,587	13,896	691	4.7	14,677	13,991	686	4.7
Jacksonville	11,772	11,319	453	3.8	11,767	11,203	564	4.8	11,650	11,158	492	4.2
Jonesboro	38,281	37,246	1,035	2.7	38,237	36,899	1,338	3.5	37,899	36,735	1,164	3.1
Little Rock	97,970	94,847	3,123	3.2	97,742	93,869	3,873	4.0	97,057	93,499	3,558	3.7
North Little Rock	29,998	28,897	1,101	3.7	29,939	28,599	1,340	4.5	29,678	28,487	1,191	4.0
Paragould	12,522	12,073	449	3.6	12,519	11,927	592	4.7	12,401	11,924	477	3.8
Pine Bluff	16,727	15,786	941	5.6	16,747	15,604	1,143	6.8	16,678	15,725	953	5.7
Rogers	35,832	34,952	880	2.5	35,691	34,580	1,111	3.1	35,158	34,247	911	2.6
Russellville	13,476	13,008	468	3.5	13,407	12,827	580	4.3	13,493	12,981	512	3.8
Searcy	10,305	9,905	400	3.9	10,284	9,797	487	4.7	10,326	9,916	410	4.0
Sherwood	16,036	15,572	464	2.9	16,011	15,411	600	3.7	15,838	15,350	488	3.1
Springdale	39,551	38,655	896	2.3	39,385	38,237	1,148	2.9	38,906	37,884	1,022	2.6
Texarkana, AR	13,619	13,025	594	4.4	13,675	12,937	738	5.4	13,562	12,900	662	4.9
Van Buren	10,317	10,016	301	2.9	10,394	9,969	425	4.1	10,430	10,053	377	3.6
West Memphis	10,570	10,097	473	4.5	10,650	10,058	592	5.6	10,469	9,967	502	4.8

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	March 2019				February 2019				March 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	8,938	8,636	302	3.4	8,944	8,560	384	4.3	8,942	8,614	328	3.7
Ashley	7,900	7,462	438	5.5	7,873	7,362	511	6.5	7,614	7,170	444	5.8
Baxter	16,535	15,852	683	4.1	16,408	15,576	832	5.1	16,415	15,726	689	4.2
Benton	136,518	133,067	3,451	2.5	136,093	131,650	4,443	3.3	134,313	130,384	3,929	2.9
Boone	16,115	15,602	513	3.2	16,007	15,354	653	4.1	16,034	15,412	622	3.9
Bradley	4,449	4,251	198	4.5	4,480	4,228	252	5.6	4,262	4,038	224	5.3
Calhoun	2,458	2,338	120	4.9	2,470	2,320	150	6.1	2,390	2,283	107	4.5
Carroll	12,319	11,906	413	3.4	12,179	11,574	605	5.0	12,399	11,980	419	3.4
Chicot	3,222	2,981	241	7.5	3,246	2,962	284	8.7	3,371	3,091	280	8.3
Clark	9,803	9,510	293	3.0	9,778	9,397	381	3.9	9,554	9,194	360	3.8
Clay	5,597	5,307	290	5.2	5,627	5,257	370	6.6	5,805	5,533	272	4.7
Cleburne	9,040	8,619	421	4.7	9,024	8,488	536	5.9	9,186	8,759	427	4.6
Cleveland	3,274	3,143	131	4.0	3,273	3,112	161	4.9	3,293	3,151	142	4.3
Columbia	9,137	8,755	382	4.2	9,142	8,681	461	5.0	9,036	8,601	435	4.8
Conway	8,121	7,792	329	4.1	8,122	7,715	407	5.0	8,127	7,766	361	4.4
Craighead	54,455	52,979	1,476	2.7	54,377	52,486	1,891	3.5	53,923	52,253	1,670	3.1
Crawford	26,647	25,793	854	3.2	26,807	25,674	1,133	4.2	26,854	25,888	966	3.6
Crittenden	21,443	20,583	860	4.0	21,578	20,505	1,073	5.0	21,215	20,319	896	4.2
Cross	7,267	6,958	309	4.3	7,252	6,856	396	5.5	7,511	7,188	323	4.3
Dallas	2,859	2,719	140	4.9	2,865	2,696	169	5.9	2,849	2,715	134	4.7
Desha	5,294	5,059	235	4.4	5,301	5,016	285	5.4	5,359	5,093	266	5.0
Drew	7,899	7,465	434	5.5	7,918	7,410	508	6.4	7,758	7,339	419	5.4
Faulkner	61,669	59,881	1,788	2.9	61,537	59,268	2,269	3.7	61,145	59,090	2,055	3.4
Franklin	7,331	7,100	231	3.2	7,340	7,042	298	4.1	7,428	7,154	274	3.7
Fulton	4,912	4,718	194	3.9	4,898	4,641	257	5.2	4,764	4,571	193	4.1
Garland	41,342	39,861	1,481	3.6	41,033	39,164	1,869	4.6	41,123	39,431	1,692	4.1
Grant	8,327	8,081	246	3.0	8,313	8,009	304	3.7	8,246	7,983	263	3.2
Greene	19,939	19,276	663	3.3	19,907	19,044	863	4.3	19,763	19,039	724	3.7
Hempstead	9,911	9,538	373	3.8	9,922	9,465	457	4.6	9,857	9,539	318	3.2
Hot Spring	14,111	13,611	500	3.5	14,041	13,442	599	4.3	14,009	13,493	516	3.7
Howard	5,857	5,678	179	3.1	5,844	5,622	222	3.8	5,953	5,752	201	3.4
Independence	16,547	15,948	599	3.6	16,550	15,768	782	4.7	16,203	15,577	626	3.9
Izard	5,013	4,765	248	4.9	4,971	4,664	307	6.2	4,854	4,598	256	5.3
Jackson	5,702	5,340	362	6.3	5,724	5,281	443	7.7	5,742	5,389	353	6.1
Jefferson	28,113	26,662	1,451	5.2	28,113	26,355	1,758	6.3	28,049	26,559	1,490	5.3
Johnson	10,394	9,940	454	4.4	10,440	9,874	566	5.4	10,469	10,015	454	4.3
Lafayette	2,466	2,356	110	4.5	2,480	2,344	136	5.5	2,497	2,355	142	5.7
Lawrence	6,906	6,645	261	3.8	6,939	6,574	365	5.3	6,867	6,607	260	3.8
Lee	2,816	2,685	131	4.7	2,832	2,661	171	6.0	2,880	2,732	148	5.1
Lincoln	4,000	3,822	178	4.5	3,997	3,785	212	5.3	4,020	3,837	183	4.6
Little River	5,475	5,243	232	4.2	5,519	5,212	307	5.6	5,454	5,187	267	4.9
Logan	8,674	8,338	336	3.9	8,666	8,257	409	4.7	8,739	8,381	358	4.1
Lonoke	33,859	32,844	1,015	3.0	33,796	32,536	1,260	3.7	33,608	32,473	1,135	3.4
Madison	7,388	7,217	171	2.3	7,405	7,157	248	3.3	7,363	7,142	221	3.0
Marion	6,454	6,184	270	4.2	6,409	6,071	338	5.3	6,567	6,311	256	3.9
Miller	19,764	18,944	820	4.1	19,852	18,816	1,036	5.2	19,687	18,762	925	4.7

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	March 2019				February 2019				March 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,983	16,172	811	4.8	16,948	15,967	981	5.8	17,305	16,321	984	5.7
Monroe	2,723	2,603	120	4.4	2,738	2,595	143	5.2	2,725	2,612	113	4.1
Montgomery	2,968	2,833	135	4.5	2,935	2,756	179	6.1	3,014	2,864	150	5.0
Nevada	3,629	3,501	128	3.5	3,628	3,471	157	4.3	3,620	3,493	127	3.5
Newton	3,352	3,232	120	3.6	3,343	3,185	158	4.7	3,319	3,212	107	3.2
Ouachita	10,089	9,551	538	5.3	10,102	9,460	642	6.4	9,733	9,263	470	4.8
Perry	4,261	4,077	184	4.3	4,265	4,036	229	5.4	4,221	4,038	183	4.3
Phillips	6,524	6,141	383	5.9	6,554	6,073	481	7.3	6,647	6,203	444	6.7
Pike	4,272	4,118	154	3.6	4,261	4,060	201	4.7	4,214	4,028	186	4.4
Poinsett	10,188	9,856	332	3.3	10,207	9,781	426	4.2	10,177	9,774	403	4.0
Polk	7,994	7,701	293	3.7	7,995	7,600	395	4.9	8,000	7,669	331	4.1
Pope	29,062	27,912	1,150	4.0	28,981	27,524	1,457	5.0	29,045	27,854	1,191	4.1
Prairie	3,495	3,347	148	4.2	3,510	3,322	188	5.4	3,545	3,392	153	4.3
Pulaski	190,421	184,177	6,244	3.3	189,972	182,278	7,694	4.1	188,438	181,559	6,879	3.7
Randolph	7,303	7,027	276	3.8	7,299	6,946	353	4.8	7,086	6,804	282	4.0
St. Francis	8,299	7,849	450	5.4	8,318	7,770	548	6.6	8,319	7,880	439	5.3
Saline	57,981	56,399	1,582	2.7	57,838	55,814	2,024	3.5	57,427	55,607	1,820	3.2
Scott	4,388	4,243	145	3.3	4,395	4,215	180	4.1	4,384	4,215	169	3.9
Searcy	2,937	2,802	135	4.6	2,875	2,725	150	5.2	2,914	2,785	129	4.4
Sebastian	56,721	54,951	1,770	3.1	57,058	54,672	2,386	4.2	57,234	55,099	2,135	3.7
Sevier	5,606	5,355	251	4.5	5,591	5,284	307	5.5	5,540	5,282	258	4.7
Sharp	5,802	5,537	265	4.6	5,808	5,449	359	6.2	5,849	5,572	277	4.7
Stone	4,710	4,474	236	5.0	4,719	4,395	324	6.9	4,689	4,461	228	4.9
Union	15,943	15,141	802	5.0	15,985	15,020	965	6.0	16,007	15,031	976	6.1
Van Buren	5,886	5,601	285	4.8	5,866	5,501	365	6.2	5,958	5,640	318	5.3
Washington	124,571	121,707	2,864	2.3	124,091	120,392	3,699	3.0	122,406	119,282	3,124	2.6
White	34,001	32,407	1,594	4.7	33,971	32,052	1,919	5.6	34,079	32,441	1,638	4.8
Woodruff	2,755	2,608	147	5.3	2,765	2,591	174	6.3	2,805	2,665	140	5.0
Yell	8,438	8,101	337	4.0	8,450	8,007	443	5.2	8,477	8,130	347	4.1

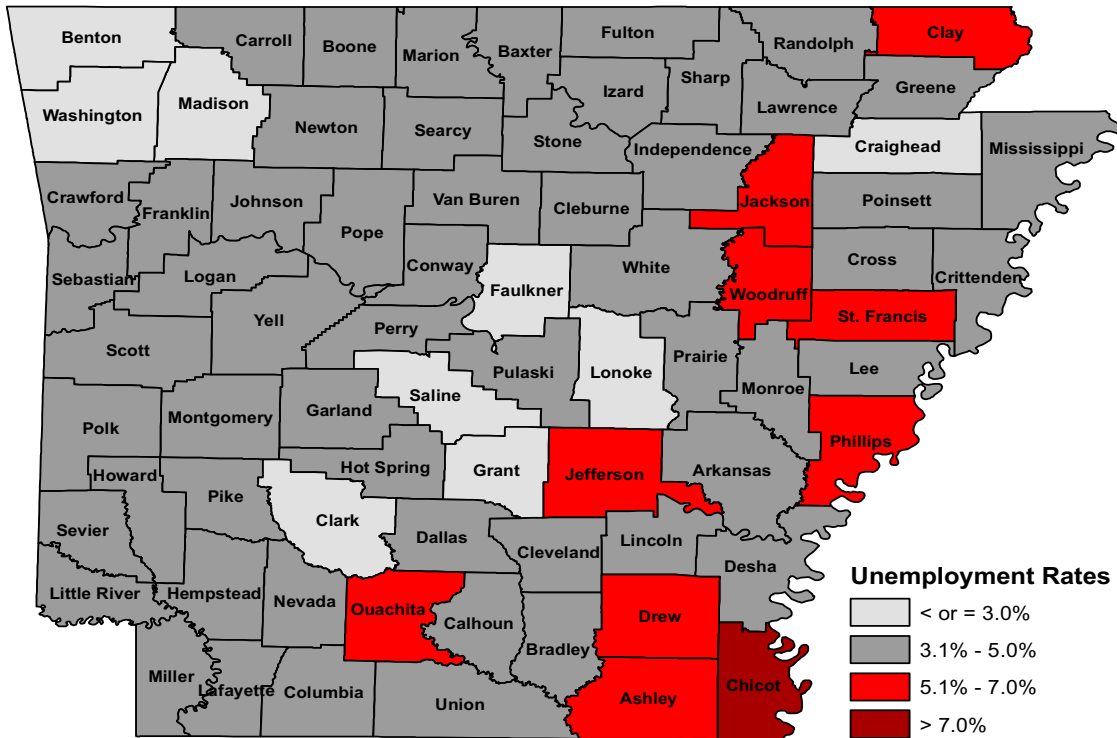
County Labor Force Summary

Between February and March, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in Madison and Washington counties to a high of 7.5 percent in Chicot County.

In March, thirty-six counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is up from 10 counties at or below four percent last month. Only one county reported a jobless rate at or above seven percent.

Compared to March 2018, unemployment rates are down in 54 Arkansas counties. Rates in sixteen counties were higher over-the-year, while 5 counties remained the same.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

March 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Madison	2.3	23	Pike	3.6	49	Lincoln	4.5
1	Washington	2.3	27	Polk	3.7	49	Montgomery	4.5
3	Benton	2.5	28	Hempstead	3.8	49	Sevier	4.5
4	Craighead	2.7	28	Lawrence	3.8	54	Searcy	4.6
4	Saline	2.7	28	Randolph	3.8	54	Sharp	4.6
6	Faulkner	2.9	31	Fulton	3.9	56	Cleburne	4.7
7	Clark	3.0	31	Logan	3.9	56	Lee	4.7
7	Grant	3.0	33	Cleveland	4.0	56	White	4.7
7	Lonoke	3.0	33	Crittenden	4.0	59	Mississippi	4.8
10	Howard	3.1	33	Pope	4.0	59	Van Buren	4.8
10	Sebastian	3.1	33	Yell	4.0	61	Calhoun	4.9
12	Boone	3.2	37	Baxter	4.1	61	Dallas	4.9
12	Crawford	3.2	37	Conway	4.1	61	Izard	4.9
12	Franklin	3.2	37	Miller	4.1	64	Stone	5.0
15	Greene	3.3	40	Columbia	4.2	64	Union	5.0
15	Poinsett	3.3	40	Little River	4.2	66	Clay	5.2
15	Pulaski	3.3	40	Marion	4.2	66	Jefferson	5.2
15	Scott	3.3	40	Prairie	4.2	68	Ouachita	5.3
19	Arkansas	3.4	44	Cross	4.3	68	Woodruff	5.3
19	Carroll	3.4	44	Perry	4.3	70	St. Francis	5.4
21	Hot Spring	3.5	46	Desha	4.4	71	Ashley	5.5
21	Nevada	3.5	46	Johnson	4.4	71	Drew	5.5
23	Garland	3.6	46	Monroe	4.4	73	Phillips	5.9
23	Independence	3.6	49	Bradley	4.5	74	Jackson	6.3
23	Newton	3.6	49	Lafayette	4.5	75	Chicot	7.5

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	March 2019				February 2019				March 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	252,178	244,404	7,774	3.1	251,649	241,944	9,705	3.9	249,831	241,234	8,597	3.4
City of Little Rock	97,970	94,847	3,123	3.2	97,742	93,869	3,873	4.0	97,057	93,499	3,558	3.7
Eastern	46,349	44,216	2,133	4.6	46,534	43,865	2,669	5.7	46,572	44,322	2,250	4.8
North Central	94,368	90,017	4,351	4.6	94,296	88,830	5,466	5.8	94,129	89,673	4,456	4.7
Northeast	121,371	117,262	4,109	3.4	121,304	116,055	5,249	4.3	120,926	116,331	4,595	3.8
Northwest	326,189	317,569	8,620	2.6	324,810	313,684	11,126	3.4	321,730	312,234	9,496	3.0
Southeast	81,416	77,562	3,854	4.7	81,458	76,799	4,659	5.7	80,914	76,875	4,039	5.0
Southwest	93,194	89,119	4,075	4.4	93,400	88,391	5,009	5.4	92,623	88,263	4,360	4.7
West Central	132,772	127,755	5,017	3.8	132,306	125,975	6,331	4.8	132,253	126,813	5,440	4.1
Western	111,755	108,126	3,629	3.2	112,261	107,460	4,801	4.3	112,639	108,406	4,233	3.8

