

Labor Market Report

May



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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment 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 Work- force Services. The data are based on es- tablishment 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 Man- agement and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, com- muting patterns and social and economic integration.

**Current Population Survey (CPS)**

A monthly sample survey of the popula- tion 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 work- ing, 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 oc- cur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.



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## 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 estab- lishments with changes in em- ployment. These employment changes occur when establish- ments 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 exist- ing 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 17 | Dec 17 | Mar 18 | Jun 18 | Sep 18\***

**----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**

**Employment Levels**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 3rd Quarter 2018

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gross job gains..... | 57,887 | 61,837 | 54,713 | 50,184 | 60,077 |
| Gross job losses.... | 55,030 | 51,164 | 51,129 | 57,117 | 55,090 |
| **Net Change**.......... | **2,857** | **10,673** | **3,584** | **-6,933** | **4,987** |

**Arkansas’ Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)**

3rd Quarter 2016 - 3rd Quarter 2018

65,000

63,000

61,000

59,000

57,000

55,000

53,000

51,000

49,000

47,000

45,000

Sep '16 Dec '16 Mar '17 Jun '17 Sep '17 Dec '17 Mar '18 Jun '18 Sep '18

Gross Job Gains

Gross Job Losses

## 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 stable at 3.6 percent between April and May. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose 1,410, a result of 2,543 more employed and 1,133 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate was also unchanged at 3.6 percent in May.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Nonfarm payroll jobs rose 3,900 in May to hit a new record high. Two major industry sectors-- Leisure and Hospitality and Other Services-- reached record high levels. Compared to May 2018, nonfarm payroll jobs are up 14,300.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **May 19**  1,361,929 | **Apr 19**  1,360,519 | **May 18**  1,350,032 | Civilian Labor Force | **May 19**  1,367,965 | **Apr 19**  1,359,733 | **May 18**  1,353,659 |
| Employment | 1,313,429 | 1,310,886 | 1,300,064 | Employment | 1,324,564 | 1,320,551 | 1,306,161 |
| Unemployment | 48,500 | 49,633 | 49,968 | Unemployment | 43,401 | 39,182 | 47,498 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 | Unemployment Rate | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.5 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.8 | U.S. Unemployment | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.6 |

1,340,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

May: 1999 - 2019

1,320,000

1,300,000

1,280,000

1,260,000

1,240,000

1,220,000

1,200,000

1,180,000

1,160,000

1,140,000

1,120,000

'99 '01 '03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

**(NAICS)**

**May 19**

**Apr 19**

**May 18**

**OTM**

**OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Nonfarm** | 1283.4 | 1279.5 | 1269.1 | 3.9 | 14.3 |
| **Goods Producing** | 221.7 | 221.9 | 216.5 | -0.2 | 5.2 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | 58.9 | 58.4 | 56.8 | 0.5 | 2.1 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.7** | **5.7** | **6.0** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Construction** | **53.2** | **52.7** | **50.8** | **0.5** | **2.4** |
| **Specialty Trade Contractors** | 33.5 | 33.2 | 32.1 | 0.3 | 1.4 |
| **Manufacturing** | **162.8** | **163.5** | **159.7** | **-0.7** | **3.1** |
| **Durable Goods** | 77.8 | 78.6 | 76.0 | -0.8 | 1.8 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 85.0 | 84.9 | 83.7 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| **Service Providing** | 1061.7 | 1057.6 | 1052.6 | 4.1 | 9.1 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **254.5** | **251.6** | **251.2** | **2.9** | **3.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 49.0 | 48.7 | 47.2 | 0.3 | 1.8 |
| **Retail Trade** | 140.6 | 138.2 | 139.4 | 2.4 | 1.2 |
| **Transport, Warehousing & Utilities** | 64.9 | 64.7 | 64.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| **Information** | **10.9** | **10.9** | **11.2** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **60.6** | **60.6** | **60.4** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Finance & Insurance** | 46.8 | 46.9 | 46.7 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Real Estate & Rental & Leasing** | 13.8 | 13.7 | 13.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **148.2** | **148.4** | **148.1** | **-0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Professional, Scientific & Technical** | 44.2 | 45.3 | 43.6 | -1.1 | 0.6 |
| **Management of Companies** | 35.0 | 34.8 | 34.6 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| **Administrative & Support Services** | 69.0 | 68.3 | 69.9 | 0.7 | -0.9 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **193.4** | **193.1** | **192.0** | **0.3** | **1.4** |
| **Educational Services** | 15.5 | 15.9 | 16.1 | -0.4 | -0.6 |
| **Health Care & Social Assistance** | 177.9 | 177.2 | 175.9 | 0.7 | 2.0 |
| **Ambulatory Health Care** | 58.9 | 59.1 | 58.1 | -0.2 | 0.8 |
| **Social Assistance** | 40.8 | 40.4 | 40.1 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **123.2** | **122.0** | **121.1** | **1.2** | **2.1** |
| **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** | 12.1 | 11.5 | 12.5 | 0.6 | -0.4 |
| **Accommodation & Food Services** | 111.1 | 110.5 | 108.6 | 0.6 | 2.5 |
| **Accommodation Services** | 11.5 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Food Services** | 99.6 | 99.1 | 97.1 | 0.5 | 2.5 |
| **Other Services** | **54.4** | **53.8** | **53.5** | **0.6** | **0.9** |
| **Government** | **216.5** | **217.2** | **215.1** | **-0.7** | **1.4** |
| **Federal Government** | 20.1 | 20.2 | 19.9 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** | 79.2 | 80.4 | 78.7 | -1.2 | 0.5 |
| **Local Government** | 117.2 | 116.6 | 116.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 |

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

**April 2019 - May 2019**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs increased 3,900 in May to total 1,283,400. Five major industry sectors added jobs, with **leisure and hospitality** and **other services** setting new record high job totals. Em- ployment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 2,900. Most of the gains were in retail trade (+2,400), a result of seasonal hiring. **Leisure and hospitality** added 1,200 jobs. Growth was posted in all three subsectors, a typical seasonal expansion. **Other services** set record high employment, with 600 new jobs over the month.

**May 2018 - May 2019**

Compared to May 2018, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 14,300. Nine major industry sectors posted gains, with six adding 1,400 or more jobs, each. Employment in **trade-transportation-utilities** is up 3,300, with hiring across all three subsectors. Jobs in **manufacturing** increased 3,100. Expan- sions occurred in both durable (+1,800) and nondurable (+1,300) goods manufacturing. **Construction** added 2,400 jobs, due to multiple large-scale projects. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** rose 2,100, with all hiring in food services (+2,500). **Educational and health services** increased 1,400. Gains in health care and social assistance (+2,000) were offset by a small decline in educational services (-600). **Government** added 1,400 jobs, with small additions posted across all levels of government.

128,000

**Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2017 - May 2019

124,000

120,000

116,000

112,000

108,000

104,000

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2017 2018 2019

## State of Arkansas

**Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

**Manufacturing**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 19** | **Apr 19** | **May 18** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 40.9 | 39.7 | 41.6 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 18.44 | 18.69 | 17.00 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 754.20 | 741.99 | 707.20 |

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**May 19 Apr 19 May 18**

Average Weekly Hours 40.1 38.3

Average Hourly Earnings 17.06 17.23

Average Weekly Earnings 684.11 659.91

41.4

15.11

625.55

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 19** | **Apr 19** | **May 18** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 41.9 | 41.3 | 41.9 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 19.94 | 20.24 | 19.22 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 835.49 | 835.91 | 805.32 |

**Average Hourly Earnings for Production Workers: Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods**

May: 2009 - 2019

$25.00

$20.00

$15.00

$10.00

$5.00

$-

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

Durable Goods Mfg Nondurable Goods Mfg

## 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)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 19** | **Apr 19** | **May 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 358,897 | 355,877 | 353,889 | 3,020 | 5,008 |
| **Employment** | 348,647 | 346,525 | 342,476 | 2,122 | 6,171 |
| **Unemployment** | 10,250 | 9,352 | 11,413 | 898 | -1,163 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.9 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 0.3 | -0.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

325.8

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **May 19**  367.0 | **Apr 19**  363.7 | **May 18**  361.8 | **OTM**  3.3 | **OT Y**  5.2 |
| **Goods Producing** | 38.6 | 37.9 | 37.6 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **17.6** | **16.9** | **17.0** | **0.7** | **0.6** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **21.0**  328.4 | **21.0** | **20.6** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **71.6** | **71.2** | **70.1** | 2.6  **0.4** | 4.2  **1.5** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 16.2 | 16.1 | 15.8 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** | 39.4 | 39.1 | 38.6 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 16.0 | 16.0 | 15.7 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Information** | **4.3** | **4.2** | **4.3** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **21.5** | **21.4** | **21.0** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **48.6** | **48.5** | **49.8** | **0.1** | **-1.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **58.1** | **57.6** | **57.3** | **0.5** | **0.8** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **36.8** | **35.2** | **35.3** | **1.6** | **1.5** |
| **Other Services** | **16.0** | **15.9** | **15.6** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Government** | **71.5** | **71.8** | **70.8** | **-0.3** | **0.7** |
| **Federal Government** | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** | 35.4 | 35.9 | 35.1 | -0.5 | 0.3 |
| **Local Government** | 26.4 | 26.2 | 26.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 |

324.2

**Number of Unemployed**

May: 2009 - 2019

30,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

May 2017 - May 2019

332,000

25,000

328,000

20,000

324,000

15,000

320,000

10,000

316,000

5,000

312,000

308,000

0 May

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | '09 | '10 | '11 | '12 | '13 | '14 | '15 | '16 | '17 | '18 | '19 | '17 | '17 | '18 | '18 | '19 |

Nov

May

Nov

May

## 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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 19** | **Apr 19** | **May 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 279,990 | 279,332 | 275,831 | 658 | 4,159 |
| **Employment** | 273,661 | 273,636 | 268,621 | 25 | 5,040 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,329 | 5,696 | 7,210 | 633 | -881 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 0.3 | -0.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

221.9

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **May 19**  264.4 | **Apr 19**  263.7 | **May 18**  260.1 | **OTM**  0.7 | **OT Y**  4.3 |
| **Goods Producing** | 42.1 | 41.8 | 41.1 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **12.1** | **11.9** | **11.7** | **0.2** | **0.4** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **30.0**  222.3 | **29.9** | **29.4** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **56.7** | **56.3** | **55.7** | 0.4  **0.4** | 3.3  **1.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** | 26.6 | 26.2 | 26.5 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 17.7 | 17.7 | 17.1 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| **Information** | **2.2** | **2.1** | **2.0** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Financial Activities** | **8.3** | **8.3** | **8.1** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **51.6** | **52.2** | **50.5** | **-0.6** | **1.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **29.9** | **30.0** | **29.5** | **-0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **25.7** | **25.5** | **27.0** | **0.2** | **-1.3** |
| **Other Services** | **9.5** | **9.4** | **9.2** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Government** | **38.4** | **38.1** | **37.0** | **0.3** | **1.4** |
| **Federal Government** | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** | 16.3 | 16.1 | 15.2 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| **Local Government** | 19.4 | 19.4 | 19.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 |

219.0

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

May 2018 vs May 2019

Government

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
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|  |  |  | |
|  |  |  |  |

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

Professional & Business

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Manufacturing

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  |  |
|  |  |

Educational & Health

Mining-Logging-Construction

Other Services

Financial Activities

Information

Leisure & Hospitality

-1,500 -1,000 -500 0 500 1,000 1,500 2,000

## 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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 19** | **Apr 19** | **May 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 118,976 | 118,281 | 119,965 | 695 | -989 |
| **Employment** | 115,135 | 114,832 | 115,453 | 303 | -318 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,841 | 3,449 | 4,512 | 392 | -671 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 0.3 | -0.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

91.1

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **May 19**  113.9 | **Apr 19**  113.8 | **May 18**  114.5 | **OTM**  0.1 | **OT Y**  -0.6 |
| **Goods Producing** | 22.7 | 22.7 | 23.1 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.2** | **5.1** | **5.4** | **0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **17.5**  91.2 | **17.6** | **17.7** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **22.8** | **22.8** | **23.1** | 0.1  **0.0** | -0.2  **-0.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Retail Trade** | 12.2 | 12.3 | 12.5 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| **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** | **3.9** | **4.0** | **3.9** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **13.2** | **13.3** | **13.1** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **17.2** | **17.2** | **17.0** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.9** | **9.6** | **9.7** | **0.3** | **0.2** |
| **Other Services** | **4.5** | **4.5** | **4.5** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **18.6** | **18.6** | **18.9** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Federal Government** | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** | 14.2 | 14.1 | 14.4 | 0.1 | -0.2 |

91.4

**Unemployment Rates**

May: 1999 - 2019

10.0%

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2017 - May 2019

115,000

8.0%

114,000

113,000

6.0%

112,000

4.0%

111,000

2.0%

110,000

0.0%

'99 '01 '03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19

109,000 J F M A M J J A S O N D

2017 2018 2019

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 19** | **Apr 19** | **May 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,701 | 41,655 | 40,641 | 46 | 1,060 |
| **Employment** | 40,359 | 40,450 | 39,085 | -91 | 1,274 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,342 | 1,205 | 1,556 | 137 | -214 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 0.3 | -0.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 19** | **Apr 19** | **May 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 39.8 | 39.9 | 38.7 | -0.1 | 1.1 |
| 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 35.3 | 35.5 | 34.2 | -0.2 | 1.1 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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**Employment and Unemployment**

May: 2009 - 2019

Employment + Unemployment = Civilian Labor Force

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Employment Unemployment

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 19** | **Apr 19** | **May 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 65,133 | 64,876 | 64,406 | 257 | 727 |
| **Employment** | 63,374 | 63,375 | 62,465 | -1 | 909 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,759 | 1,501 | 1,941 | 258 | -182 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.7 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 0.4 | -0.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

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| **May 19** | **Apr 19** | **May 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 59.4 | 59.3 | 58.7 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| 10.0 | 9.9 | 10.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 49.4 | 49.4 | 48.7 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

64,000

**Number of Employed**

May 2014 - May 2019

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May '14 Nov '14 May '15 Nov '15 May '16 Nov '16 May '17 Nov '17 May '18 Nov '18 May '19

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Pine Bluff MSA**

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

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

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|  | **May 19** | **Apr 19** | **May 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 35,523 | 35,383 | 35,343 | 140 | 180 |
| **Employment** | 33,789 | 33,866 | 33,662 | -77 | 127 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,734 | 1,517 | 1,681 | 217 | 53 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 0.6 | 0.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

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| **May 19** | **Apr 19** | **May 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.3 | 33.4 | 33.4 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 27.4 | 27.5 | 27.3 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

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**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2017 - May 2019

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## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Out-of-State MSA**

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

### Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

The Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA = Fayette, Shelby, & Tipton counties in Tennessee; Benton, Desoto, Marshall, Tate, & Tunica counties in Mississippi; & Crittenden County in Arkansas.

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|  | **May 19** | **Apr 19** | **May 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 650,774 | 644,068 | 633,919 | 6,706 | 16,855 |
| **Employment** | 626,285 | 621,491 | 609,067 | 4,794 | 17,218 |
| **Unemployment** | 24,489 | 22,577 | 24,852 | 1,912 | -363 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 0.3 | -0.1 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

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|  | **May 19** | **Apr 19** | **May 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,704 | 64,652 | 64,591 | 52 | 113 |
| **Employment** | 62,329 | 62,262 | 61,492 | 67 | 837 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,375 | 2,390 | 3,099 | -15 | -724 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.8 | 0.0 | -1.1 |

**Memphis MSA - Employment**

May: 2009 - 2019

640,000

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**

May 2017 - May 2019

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## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

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| **Micro Area CLF** | | **May 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **April 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **May 2018**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,950 | 9,608 | 342 | 3.4 | 9,976 | 9,649 | 327 | 3.3 | 9,503 | 9,169 | 334 | 3.5 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,838 | 16,236 | 602 | 3.6 | 16,618 | 16,112 | 506 | 3.0 | 16,365 | 15,741 | 624 | 3.8 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,103 | 16,339 | 764 | 4.5 | 17,065 | 16,392 | 673 | 3.9 | 17,509 | 16,467 | 1,042 | 6.0 |
| Camden Micro | 12,430 | 11,855 | 575 | 4.6 | 12,409 | 11,848 | 561 | 4.5 | 12,236 | 11,696 | 540 | 4.4 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,953 | 15,201 | 752 | 4.7 | 15,858 | 15,174 | 684 | 4.3 | 16,000 | 15,154 | 846 | 5.3 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,312 | 7,911 | 401 | 4.8 | 8,281 | 7,906 | 375 | 4.5 | 8,331 | 7,921 | 410 | 4.9 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,688 | 19,130 | 558 | 2.8 | 19,512 | 19,002 | 510 | 2.6 | 19,339 | 18,713 | 626 | 3.2 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,593 | 6,261 | 332 | 5.0 | 6,566 | 6,256 | 310 | 4.7 | 6,705 | 6,321 | 384 | 5.7 |
| Hope Micro | 13,856 | 13,374 | 482 | 3.5 | 13,845 | 13,368 | 477 | 3.4 | 13,573 | 13,129 | 444 | 3.3 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,191 | 8,785 | 406 | 4.4 | 9,136 | 8,814 | 322 | 3.5 | 9,109 | 8,673 | 436 | 4.8 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,976 | 13,532 | 444 | 3.2 | 13,949 | 13,539 | 410 | 2.9 | 14,019 | 13,528 | 491 | 3.5 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,613 | 16,027 | 586 | 3.5 | 16,454 | 15,927 | 527 | 3.2 | 16,424 | 15,800 | 624 | 3.8 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,292 | 19,678 | 614 | 3.0 | 20,146 | 19,619 | 527 | 2.6 | 19,833 | 19,212 | 621 | 3.1 |
| Russellville Micro | 38,119 | 36,573 | 1,546 | 4.1 | 37,823 | 36,594 | 1,229 | 3.2 | 37,936 | 36,389 | 1,547 | 4.1 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,055 | 32,627 | 1,428 | 4.2 | 33,952 | 32,613 | 1,339 | 3.9 | 33,926 | 32,490 | 1,436 | 4.2 |

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

**City Labor Force Statistics**

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County Paragould Micro = Greene County Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties Searcy Micro = White County



**City**

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**May 2019**

**Emp Unemp**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**April 2019**

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**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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| Bella Vista | 12,397 | 12,044 | 353 | 2.8 | 12,419 | 12,047 | 372 | 3.0 | 12,249 | 11,813 | 436 | 3.6 |
| Benton | 17,340 | 16,929 | 411 | 2.4 | 17,228 | 16,823 | 405 | 2.4 | 17,111 | 16,621 | 490 | 2.9 |
| Bentonville | 26,579 | 26,042 | 537 | 2.0 | 26,505 | 26,049 | 456 | 1.7 | 26,226 | 25,542 | 684 | 2.6 |
| Blytheville | 5,821 | 5,526 | 295 | 5.1 | 5,773 | 5,544 | 229 | 4.0 | 5,937 | 5,569 | 368 | 6.2 |
| Cabot | 12,081 | 11,744 | 337 | 2.8 | 11,986 | 11,677 | 309 | 2.6 | 11,916 | 11,562 | 354 | 3.0 |
| Conway | 33,951 | 33,004 | 947 | 2.8 | 33,618 | 32,791 | 827 | 2.5 | 33,468 | 32,418 | 1,050 | 3.1 |
| El Dorado | 6,971 | 6,567 | 404 | 5.8 | 6,934 | 6,555 | 379 | 5.5 | 6,985 | 6,546 | 439 | 6.3 |
| Fayetteville | 48,281 | 47,192 | 1,089 | 2.3 | 48,151 | 47,180 | 971 | 2.0 | 47,514 | 46,273 | 1,241 | 2.6 |
| Fort Smith | 39,586 | 38,462 | 1,124 | 2.8 | 39,458 | 38,420 | 1,038 | 2.6 | 39,836 | 38,405 | 1,431 | 3.6 |
| Hot Springs | 14,844 | 14,320 | 524 | 3.5 | 14,811 | 14,353 | 458 | 3.1 | 14,531 | 13,868 | 663 | 4.6 |
| Jacksonville | 11,863 | 11,416 | 447 | 3.8 | 11,758 | 11,347 | 411 | 3.5 | 11,684 | 11,209 | 475 | 4.1 |
| Jonesboro | 38,585 | 37,526 | 1,059 | 2.7 | 38,436 | 37,525 | 911 | 2.4 | 38,093 | 36,960 | 1,133 | 3.0 |
| Little Rock | 98,606 | 95,657 | 2,949 | 3.0 | 97,788 | 95,080 | 2,708 | 2.8 | 97,151 | 93,925 | 3,226 | 3.3 |
| North Little Rock | 30,171 | 29,144 | 1,027 | 3.4 | 29,895 | 28,968 | 927 | 3.1 | 29,713 | 28,616 | 1,097 | 3.7 |
| Paragould | 12,759 | 12,325 | 434 | 3.4 | 12,659 | 12,288 | 371 | 2.9 | 12,431 | 12,033 | 398 | 3.2 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,871 | 15,829 | 1,042 | 6.2 | 16,676 | 15,873 | 803 | 4.8 | 16,701 | 15,757 | 944 | 5.7 |
| Rogers | 35,873 | 35,125 | 748 | 2.1 | 35,850 | 35,133 | 717 | 2.0 | 35,295 | 34,451 | 844 | 2.4 |
| Russellville | 13,678 | 13,189 | 489 | 3.6 | 13,599 | 13,196 | 403 | 3.0 | 13,617 | 13,108 | 509 | 3.7 |
| Searcy | 10,392 | 9,973 | 419 | 4.0 | 10,290 | 9,968 | 322 | 3.1 | 10,348 | 9,931 | 417 | 4.0 |
| Sherwood | 16,135 | 15,705 | 430 | 2.7 | 16,019 | 15,610 | 409 | 2.6 | 15,878 | 15,420 | 458 | 2.9 |
| Springdale | 39,724 | 38,856 | 868 | 2.2 | 39,591 | 38,848 | 743 | 1.9 | 39,091 | 38,099 | 992 | 2.5 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,664 | 13,140 | 524 | 3.8 | 13,565 | 13,070 | 495 | 3.6 | 13,604 | 12,886 | 718 | 5.3 |
| Van Buren | 10,428 | 10,122 | 306 | 2.9 | 10,373 | 10,115 | 258 | 2.5 | 10,508 | 10,119 | 389 | 3.7 |
| West Memphis | 10,699 | 10,208 | 491 | 4.6 | 10,621 | 10,186 | 435 | 4.1 | 10,515 | 10,029 | 486 | 4.6 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

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| **County CLF** | | **May 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **April 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **May 2018**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,077 | 8,817 | 260 | 2.9 | 9,061 | 8,818 | 243 | 2.7 | 8,941 | 8,669 | 272 | 3.0 |
| Ashley | 7,791 | 7,428 | 363 | 4.7 | 7,775 | 7,403 | 372 | 4.8 | 7,653 | 7,249 | 404 | 5.3 |
| Baxter | 16,613 | 16,027 | 586 | 3.5 | 16,454 | 15,927 | 527 | 3.2 | 16,424 | 15,800 | 624 | 3.8 |
| Benton | 136,841 | 133,725 | 3,116 | 2.3 | 136,618 | 133,758 | 2,860 | 2.1 | 134,816 | 131,159 | 3,657 | 2.7 |
| Boone | 16,285 | 15,830 | 455 | 2.8 | 16,140 | 15,729 | 411 | 2.5 | 16,009 | 15,477 | 532 | 3.3 |
| Bradley | 4,506 | 4,340 | 166 | 3.7 | 4,514 | 4,346 | 168 | 3.7 | 4,374 | 4,195 | 179 | 4.1 |
| Calhoun | 2,445 | 2,346 | 99 | 4.0 | 2,446 | 2,346 | 100 | 4.1 | 2,413 | 2,326 | 87 | 3.6 |
| Carroll | 12,716 | 12,388 | 328 | 2.6 | 12,329 | 12,004 | 325 | 2.6 | 12,781 | 12,424 | 357 | 2.8 |
| Chicot | 3,323 | 3,111 | 212 | 6.4 | 3,310 | 3,098 | 212 | 6.4 | 3,347 | 3,130 | 217 | 6.5 |
| Clark | 9,950 | 9,608 | 342 | 3.4 | 9,976 | 9,649 | 327 | 3.3 | 9,503 | 9,169 | 334 | 3.5 |
| Clay | 5,775 | 5,525 | 250 | 4.3 | 5,736 | 5,506 | 230 | 4.0 | 5,889 | 5,679 | 210 | 3.6 |
| Cleburne | 9,189 | 8,813 | 376 | 4.1 | 9,009 | 8,676 | 333 | 3.7 | 9,249 | 8,842 | 407 | 4.4 |
| Cleveland | 3,303 | 3,180 | 123 | 3.7 | 3,290 | 3,182 | 108 | 3.3 | 3,305 | 3,176 | 129 | 3.9 |
| Columbia | 9,191 | 8,785 | 406 | 4.4 | 9,136 | 8,814 | 322 | 3.5 | 9,109 | 8,673 | 436 | 4.8 |
| Conway | 8,194 | 7,842 | 352 | 4.3 | 8,130 | 7,811 | 319 | 3.9 | 8,269 | 7,924 | 345 | 4.2 |
| Craighead | 54,824 | 53,378 | 1,446 | 2.6 | 54,616 | 53,377 | 1,239 | 2.3 | 54,147 | 52,572 | 1,575 | 2.9 |
| Crawford | 26,861 | 26,068 | 793 | 3.0 | 26,759 | 26,048 | 711 | 2.7 | 26,971 | 26,058 | 913 | 3.4 |
| Crittenden | 21,665 | 20,811 | 854 | 3.9 | 21,514 | 20,765 | 749 | 3.5 | 21,361 | 20,445 | 916 | 4.3 |
| Cross | 7,443 | 7,155 | 288 | 3.9 | 7,425 | 7,161 | 264 | 3.6 | 7,437 | 7,167 | 270 | 3.6 |
| Dallas | 2,895 | 2,772 | 123 | 4.2 | 2,869 | 2,759 | 110 | 3.8 | 2,768 | 2,645 | 123 | 4.4 |
| Desha | 5,537 | 5,314 | 223 | 4.0 | 5,488 | 5,284 | 204 | 3.7 | 5,434 | 5,199 | 235 | 4.3 |
| Drew | 7,822 | 7,446 | 376 | 4.8 | 7,801 | 7,439 | 362 | 4.6 | 7,725 | 7,368 | 357 | 4.6 |
| Faulkner | 62,198 | 60,464 | 1,734 | 2.8 | 61,579 | 60,073 | 1,506 | 2.4 | 61,343 | 59,391 | 1,952 | 3.2 |
| Franklin | 7,414 | 7,195 | 219 | 3.0 | 7,369 | 7,174 | 195 | 2.6 | 7,432 | 7,181 | 251 | 3.4 |
| Fulton | 5,115 | 4,925 | 190 | 3.7 | 4,971 | 4,809 | 162 | 3.3 | 4,901 | 4,725 | 176 | 3.6 |
| Garland | 41,701 | 40,359 | 1,342 | 3.2 | 41,655 | 40,450 | 1,205 | 2.9 | 40,641 | 39,085 | 1,556 | 3.8 |
| Grant | 8,410 | 8,171 | 239 | 2.8 | 8,344 | 8,136 | 208 | 2.5 | 8,290 | 8,051 | 239 | 2.9 |
| Greene | 20,292 | 19,678 | 614 | 3.0 | 20,146 | 19,619 | 527 | 2.6 | 19,833 | 19,212 | 621 | 3.1 |
| Hempstead | 10,136 | 9,791 | 345 | 3.4 | 10,130 | 9,788 | 342 | 3.4 | 9,944 | 9,620 | 324 | 3.3 |
| Hot Spring | 13,976 | 13,532 | 444 | 3.2 | 13,949 | 13,539 | 410 | 2.9 | 14,019 | 13,528 | 491 | 3.5 |
| Howard | 5,857 | 5,689 | 168 | 2.9 | 5,857 | 5,710 | 147 | 2.5 | 5,980 | 5,796 | 184 | 3.1 |
| Independence | 16,838 | 16,236 | 602 | 3.6 | 16,618 | 16,112 | 506 | 3.0 | 16,365 | 15,741 | 624 | 3.8 |
| Izard | 5,042 | 4,787 | 255 | 5.1 | 5,016 | 4,781 | 235 | 4.7 | 4,871 | 4,626 | 245 | 5.0 |
| Jackson | 5,882 | 5,526 | 356 | 6.1 | 5,817 | 5,511 | 306 | 5.3 | 5,770 | 5,463 | 307 | 5.3 |
| Jefferson | 28,187 | 26,734 | 1,453 | 5.2 | 28,071 | 26,809 | 1,262 | 4.5 | 28,002 | 26,613 | 1,389 | 5.0 |
| Johnson | 10,394 | 9,957 | 437 | 4.2 | 10,312 | 9,924 | 388 | 3.8 | 10,494 | 10,060 | 434 | 4.1 |
| Lafayette | 2,510 | 2,404 | 106 | 4.2 | 2,488 | 2,395 | 93 | 3.7 | 2,513 | 2,393 | 120 | 4.8 |
| Lawrence | 6,831 | 6,577 | 254 | 3.7 | 6,850 | 6,626 | 224 | 3.3 | 6,858 | 6,615 | 243 | 3.5 |
| Lee | 2,878 | 2,776 | 102 | 3.5 | 2,878 | 2,783 | 95 | 3.3 | 2,921 | 2,796 | 125 | 4.3 |
| Lincoln | 4,033 | 3,875 | 158 | 3.9 | 4,022 | 3,875 | 147 | 3.7 | 4,036 | 3,873 | 163 | 4.0 |
| Little River | 5,485 | 5,281 | 204 | 3.7 | 5,454 | 5,266 | 188 | 3.4 | 5,472 | 5,186 | 286 | 5.2 |
| Logan | 8,729 | 8,407 | 322 | 3.7 | 8,639 | 8,358 | 281 | 3.3 | 8,755 | 8,416 | 339 | 3.9 |
| Lonoke | 34,184 | 33,239 | 945 | 2.8 | 33,881 | 33,049 | 832 | 2.5 | 33,732 | 32,725 | 1,007 | 3.0 |
| Madison | 7,493 | 7,335 | 158 | 2.1 | 7,476 | 7,327 | 149 | 2.0 | 7,438 | 7,244 | 194 | 2.6 |
| Marion | 6,585 | 6,353 | 232 | 3.5 | 6,486 | 6,263 | 223 | 3.4 | 6,520 | 6,277 | 243 | 3.7 |
| Miller | 19,791 | 19,111 | 680 | 3.4 | 19,686 | 19,009 | 677 | 3.4 | 19,700 | 18,741 | 959 | 4.9 |

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## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

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| **County CLF** | | **May 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **April 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **May 2018**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 17,103 | 16,339 | 764 | 4.5 | 17,065 | 16,392 | 673 | 3.9 | 17,509 | 16,467 | 1,042 | 6.0 |
| Monroe | 2,775 | 2,670 | 105 | 3.8 | 2,785 | 2,690 | 95 | 3.4 | 2,731 | 2,620 | 111 | 4.1 |
| Montgomery | 3,063 | 2,947 | 116 | 3.8 | 3,013 | 2,897 | 116 | 3.8 | 3,068 | 2,936 | 132 | 4.3 |
| Nevada | 3,720 | 3,583 | 137 | 3.7 | 3,715 | 3,580 | 135 | 3.6 | 3,629 | 3,509 | 120 | 3.3 |
| Newton | 3,403 | 3,300 | 103 | 3.0 | 3,372 | 3,273 | 99 | 2.9 | 3,330 | 3,236 | 94 | 2.8 |
| Ouachita | 9,985 | 9,509 | 476 | 4.8 | 9,963 | 9,502 | 461 | 4.6 | 9,823 | 9,370 | 453 | 4.6 |
| Perry | 4,306 | 4,134 | 172 | 4.0 | 4,255 | 4,101 | 154 | 3.6 | 4,233 | 4,067 | 166 | 3.9 |
| Phillips | 6,593 | 6,261 | 332 | 5.0 | 6,566 | 6,256 | 310 | 4.7 | 6,705 | 6,321 | 384 | 5.7 |
| Pike | 4,402 | 4,258 | 144 | 3.3 | 4,351 | 4,224 | 127 | 2.9 | 4,269 | 4,105 | 164 | 3.8 |
| Poinsett | 10,309 | 9,996 | 313 | 3.0 | 10,260 | 9,998 | 262 | 2.6 | 10,259 | 9,893 | 366 | 3.6 |
| Polk | 8,187 | 7,898 | 289 | 3.5 | 8,079 | 7,823 | 256 | 3.2 | 8,100 | 7,786 | 314 | 3.9 |
| Pope | 29,515 | 28,300 | 1,215 | 4.1 | 29,283 | 28,315 | 968 | 3.3 | 29,334 | 28,126 | 1,208 | 4.1 |
| Prairie | 3,619 | 3,481 | 138 | 3.8 | 3,588 | 3,464 | 124 | 3.5 | 3,574 | 3,456 | 118 | 3.3 |
| Pulaski | 191,502 | 185,749 | 5,753 | 3.0 | 189,983 | 184,630 | 5,353 | 2.8 | 188,718 | 182,386 | 6,332 | 3.4 |
| Randolph | 7,366 | 7,108 | 258 | 3.5 | 7,240 | 7,016 | 224 | 3.1 | 7,225 | 6,968 | 257 | 3.6 |
| St. Francis | 8,312 | 7,911 | 401 | 4.8 | 8,281 | 7,906 | 375 | 4.5 | 8,331 | 7,921 | 410 | 4.9 |
| Saline | 58,297 | 56,890 | 1,407 | 2.4 | 57,835 | 56,536 | 1,299 | 2.2 | 57,573 | 55,856 | 1,717 | 3.0 |
| Scott | 4,359 | 4,239 | 120 | 2.8 | 4,341 | 4,227 | 114 | 2.6 | 4,385 | 4,229 | 156 | 3.6 |
| Searcy | 2,941 | 2,828 | 113 | 3.8 | 2,874 | 2,769 | 105 | 3.7 | 3,093 | 2,981 | 112 | 3.6 |
| Sebastian | 57,084 | 55,460 | 1,624 | 2.8 | 56,867 | 55,399 | 1,468 | 2.6 | 57,388 | 55,377 | 2,011 | 3.5 |
| Sevier | 5,744 | 5,480 | 264 | 4.6 | 5,646 | 5,426 | 220 | 3.9 | 5,567 | 5,325 | 242 | 4.3 |
| Sharp | 5,936 | 5,694 | 242 | 4.1 | 5,832 | 5,624 | 208 | 3.6 | 5,887 | 5,641 | 246 | 4.2 |
| Stone | 4,939 | 4,727 | 212 | 4.3 | 4,844 | 4,656 | 188 | 3.9 | 4,830 | 4,639 | 191 | 4.0 |
| Union | 15,953 | 15,201 | 752 | 4.7 | 15,858 | 15,174 | 684 | 4.3 | 16,000 | 15,154 | 846 | 5.3 |
| Van Buren | 5,860 | 5,603 | 257 | 4.4 | 5,768 | 5,537 | 231 | 4.0 | 5,973 | 5,675 | 298 | 5.0 |
| Washington | 125,055 | 122,343 | 2,712 | 2.2 | 124,705 | 122,312 | 2,393 | 1.9 | 123,024 | 119,960 | 3,064 | 2.5 |
| White | 34,055 | 32,627 | 1,428 | 4.2 | 33,952 | 32,613 | 1,339 | 3.9 | 33,926 | 32,490 | 1,436 | 4.2 |
| Woodruff | 2,772 | 2,641 | 131 | 4.7 | 2,775 | 2,642 | 133 | 4.8 | 2,816 | 2,698 | 118 | 4.2 |
| Yell | 8,604 | 8,273 | 331 | 3.8 | 8,540 | 8,279 | 261 | 3.1 | 8,602 | 8,263 | 339 | 3.9 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between April and May, unemployment rates increased in 66 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Six coun- ties were stable over-the-month, while rates in 3 counties declined. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.1 percent in Madison County to a high of 6.4 percent in Chicot County.

In May, fifty counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down slightly from the 63 counties with rates at or above four percent in April. For the second month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to May 2018, unemployment rates are down in 52 Arkansas counties. Rates are up

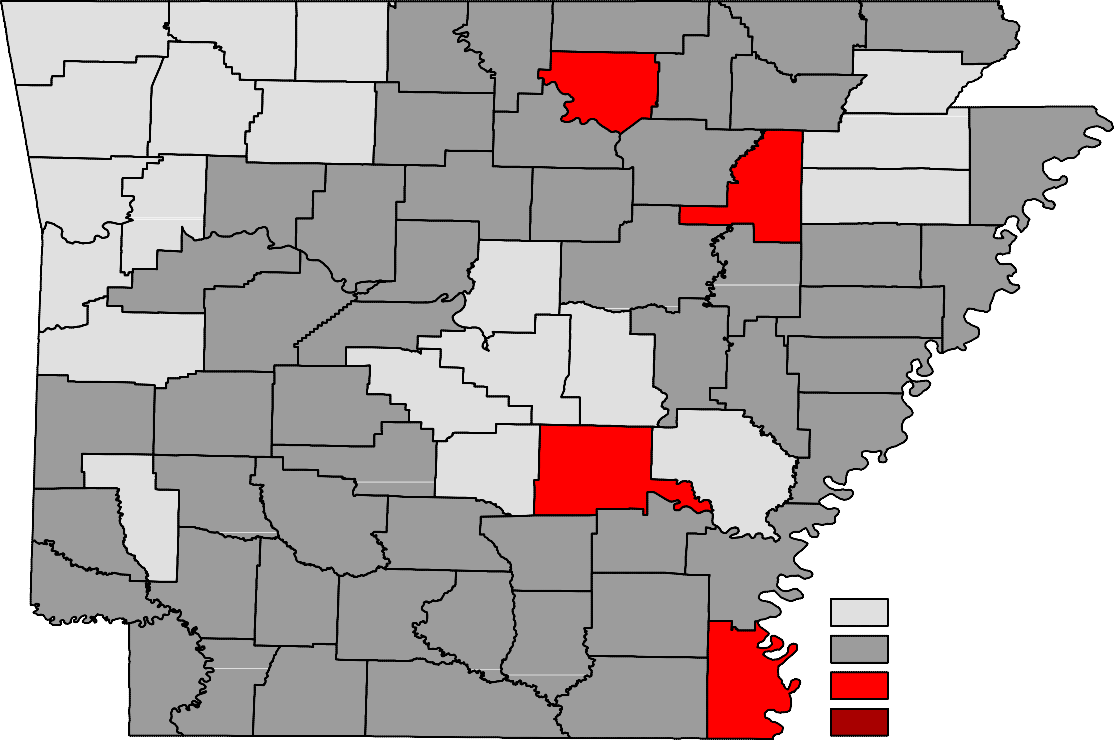
over-the year in twenty-one counties, while two were unchanged.

## County Unemployment Rates



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**Benton**

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**Clay**

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**Marion**

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**Pike**

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**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Lincoln**

**Cleveland**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada**

**Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller**

**Lafayette Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

**May 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Madison | **Rate**  2.1 | **Rank**  24 | **County**  Miller | **Rate**  3.4 | **Rank**  51 | **County**  Cleburne | **Rate**  4.1 |
| 2 | Washington | 2.2 | 27 | Baxter | 3.5 | 51 | Pope | 4.1 |
| 3 | Benton | 2.3 | 27 | Lee | 3.5 | 51 | Sharp | 4.1 |
| 4 | Saline | 2.4 | 27 | Marion | 3.5 | 54 | Dallas | 4.2 |
| 5 | Carroll | 2.6 | 27 | Polk | 3.5 | 54 | Johnson | 4.2 |
| 5 | Craighead | 2.6 | 27 | Randolph | 3.5 | 54 | Lafayette | 4.2 |
| 7 | Boone | 2.8 | 32 | Independence | 3.6 | 54 | White | 4.2 |
| 7 | Faulkner | 2.8 | 33 | Bradley | 3.7 | 58 | Clay | 4.3 |
| 7 | Grant | 2.8 | 33 | Cleveland | 3.7 | 58 | Conway | 4.3 |
| 7 | Lonoke | 2.8 | 33 | Fulton | 3.7 | 58 | Stone | 4.3 |
| 7 | Scott | 2.8 | 33 | Lawrence | 3.7 | 61 | Columbia | 4.4 |
| 7 | Sebastian | 2.8 | 33 | Little River | 3.7 | 61 | Van Buren | 4.4 |
| 13 | Arkansas | 2.9 | 33 | Logan | 3.7 | 63 | Mississippi | 4.5 |
| 13 | Howard | 2.9 | 33 | Nevada | 3.7 | 64 | Sevier | 4.6 |
| 15 | Crawford | 3.0 | 40 | Monroe | 3.8 | 65 | Ashley | 4.7 |
| 15 | Franklin | 3.0 | 40 | Montgomery | 3.8 | 65 | Union | 4.7 |
| 15 | Greene | 3.0 | 40 | Prairie | 3.8 | 65 | Woodruff | 4.7 |
| 15 | Newton | 3.0 | 40 | Searcy | 3.8 | 68 | Drew | 4.8 |
| 15 | Poinsett | 3.0 | 40 | Yell | 3.8 | 68 | Ouachita | 4.8 |
| 15 | Pulaski | 3.0 | 45 | Crittenden | 3.9 | 68 | St. Francis | 4.8 |
| 21 | Garland | 3.2 | 45 | Cross | 3.9 | 71 | Phillips | 5.0 |
| 21 | Hot Spring | 3.2 | 45 | Lincoln | 3.9 | 72 | Izard | 5.1 |
| 23 | Pike | 3.3 | 48 | Calhoun | 4.0 | 73 | Jefferson | 5.2 |
| 24 | Clark | 3.4 | 48 | Desha | 4.0 | 74 | Jackson | 6.1 |
| 24 | Hempstead | 3.4 | 48 | Perry | 4.0 | 75 | Chicot | 6.4 |

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **LWDA CLF** | | **May 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **April 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **May 2018**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) | 253,969 | 246,836 | 7,133 | 2.8 | 251,863 | 245,362 | 6,501 | 2.6 | 250,520 | 242,509 | 8,011 | 3.2 |
| City of Little Rock | 98,606 | 95,657 | 2,949 | 3.0 | 97,788 | 95,080 | 2,708 | 2.8 | 97,151 | 93,925 | 3,226 | 3.3 |
| Eastern | 46,891 | 44,914 | 1,977 | 4.2 | 46,664 | 44,871 | 1,793 | 3.8 | 46,755 | 44,650 | 2,105 | 4.5 |
| North Central | 95,628 | 91,579 | 4,049 | 4.2 | 94,602 | 90,961 | 3,641 | 3.8 | 94,588 | 90,540 | 4,048 | 4.3 |
| Northeast | 122,500 | 118,601 | 3,899 | 3.2 | 121,913 | 118,534 | 3,379 | 2.8 | 121,720 | 117,406 | 4,314 | 3.5 |
| Northwest | 327,932 | 320,129 | 7,803 | 2.4 | 326,454 | 319,362 | 7,092 | 2.2 | 323,435 | 314,558 | 8,877 | 2.7 |
| Southeast | 81,989 | 78,416 | 3,573 | 4.4 | 81,676 | 78,390 | 3,286 | 4.0 | 81,107 | 77,523 | 3,584 | 4.4 |
| Southwest | 93,712 | 89,952 | 3,760 | 4.0 | 93,248 | 89,769 | 3,479 | 3.7 | 92,918 | 88,738 | 4,180 | 4.5 |
| West Central | 134,105 | 129,210 | 4,895 | 3.7 | 133,464 | 129,189 | 4,275 | 3.2 | 132,432 | 127,263 | 5,169 | 3.9 |
| Western | 112,634 | 109,267 | 3,367 | 3.0 | 112,054 | 109,029 | 3,025 | 2.7 | 113,031 | 109,047 | 3,984 | 3.5 |



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