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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 2019 benchmark.

Explanation of Terms and Concepts

Monthly Business

Survey of Employers

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry infor-mation on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bu-reau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Workforce Services. The data are based on establishment records and include all workers, fullor part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

Technical Notes

5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

Metropolitan

Statistical Areas

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 houséholds 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.

<u>Unemployment</u>

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

<u>Rate</u>

The number of unemployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

<u>Seasonal</u>

Adjustment

A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally occur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/closing of schools.

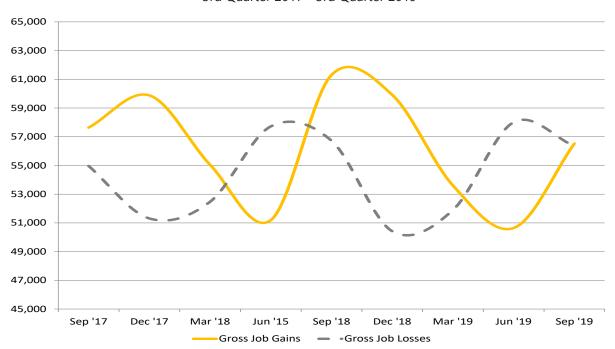
MAY SPOTLIGHT Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced and published on a quarterly basis. At this time, BED data is only available at the national and statewide levels.

Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector) State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)									
3 months ended									
Category	Sep 18	Dec 18	Mar 19	Jun 19	Sep 19*				
		Empl	oyment Lev	vels					
Gross job gains	61,294	59,915	53,605	50,642	56,518				
Gross job losses	56,723	50,421	51,893	58,009	56,355				
Net Change	4,571	9,494	1,712	-7,367	163				
*Most i	*Most recent BED data available is for 3rd Quarter 2019								

The information produced from BED statistics includes gross job gains and losses at establishments with changes in employment. These employment changes occur when establishments open/expand or close/ contract. Gross job gains are a combination of jobs created from both openings of new businesses and expansions at existing businesses. Gross job losses are a combination of jobs lost from both existing businesses that close and those that reduce their number of employees. The net change is the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses.

Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted) 3rd Quarter 2017 - 3rd Quarter 2019



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Civilian Labor Force Summary

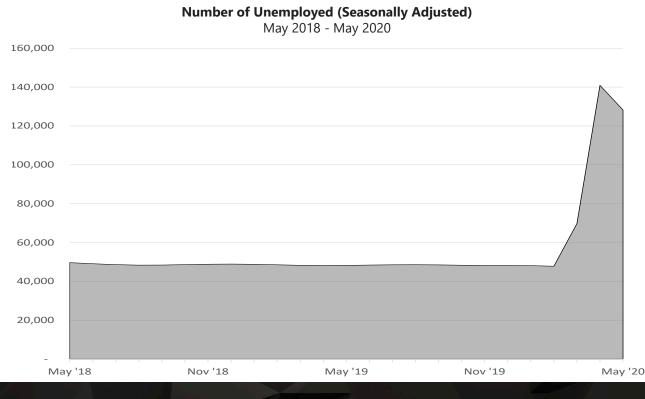
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released today by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined one and three-tenths of a percentage point, from 10.8 percent in April (revised up from the preliminary April estimate of 10.2 percent) to 9.5 percent in May. Arkansas' civilian labor force increased 33,715, a result of 46,378 more employed and 12,663 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate decreased from 14.7 percent in April to 13.3 percent in May.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Due to the partial re-opening of the economy, the number of employed Arkansans rose 46,378 in May. The increase in employment and the decline in unemployment resulted in an unemployment rate drop of over one full percentage point."

Details of the BLS methodology and the impact of COVID-19 on the April and May estimation process can be found <u>here</u>.

Seasonally Adjusted					Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>		<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>
Civilian Labor Force Employment Unemployment Unemployment Rate	1,343,396 1,215,161 128,235 9.5	1,309,681 1,168,783 140,898 10.8	1,360,506 1,312,287 48,219 3.5	Civilian Labor Force Employment Unemployment Unemployment Rate	1,347,400 1,221,410 125,990 9.4	1,309,020 1,174,337 134,683 10.3	1,363,674 1,317,972 45,702 3.4
U.S. Unemployment	13.3	14.7	3.6	U.S. Unemployment	13.0	14.4	3.4

Civilian Labor Force Estimates





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Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>	ОТМ	ΟΤΥ
(10,100)	-	-	-		
Total Nonfarm	1191.2	1165.3	1284.0	25.9	-92.8
Goods Producing	202.0	201.1	220.6	0.9	-18.6
Mining, Logging, & Construction	58.2	56.9	58.3	1.3	-0.1
Mining & Logging	5.1	5.1	5.9	0.0	-0.8
Construction	53.1	51.8	52.4	1.3	0.7
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.5	32.5	33.3	1.0	0.2
Manufacturing	143.8	144.2	162.3	-0.4	-18.5
Durable Goods	63.4	62.9	78.0	0.5	-14.6
Nondurable Goods	80.4	81.3	84.3	-0.9	-3.9
Service Providing	989.2	964.2	1063.4	25.0	-74.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	245.3	241.0	251.4	4.3	-6.1
Wholesale Trade	48.1	49.1	47.8	-1.0	0.3
Retail Trade	128.6	124.0	136.4	4.6	-7.8
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	68.6	67.9	67.2	0.7	1.4
Information	10.4	10.2	11.4	0.2	-1.0
Financial Activities	61.1	60.9	62.7	0.2	-1.6
Finance & Insurance	48.0	47.9	48.7	0.1	-0.7
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.1	13.0	14.0	0.1	-0.9
Professional & Business Services	139.9	138.2	146.5	1.7	-6.6
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.3	44.1	44.5	-0.8	-1.2
Management of Companies	35.2	34.8	33.3	0.4	1.9
Administrative & Support Services	61.4	59.3	68.7	2.1	-7.3
Educational & Health Services	184.3	175.2	193.5	9.1	-9.2
Educational Services	14.4	14.5	16.2	-0.1	-1.8
Health Care & Social Assistance	169.9	160.7	177.3	9.2	-7.4
Ambulatory Health Care	58.7	49.6	59.5	9.1	-0.8
Social Assistance	36.2	35.5	39.8	0.7	-3.6
Leisure & Hospitality	91.8	78.4	122.9	13.4	-31.1
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11.2	10.6	12.5	0.6	-1.3
Accommodation & Food Services	80.6	67.8	110.4	12.8	-29.8
Accommodation Services	7.6	7.4	11.8	0.2	-4.2
Food Services	73.0	60.4	98.6	12.6	-25.6
Other Services	53.6	53.1	59.8	0.5	-6.2
Government	202.8	207.2	215.2	-4.4	-12.4
Federal Government	20.7	20.5	20.2	0.2	0.5
State Government	74.0	76.9	79.2	-2.9	-5.2
State Gov, Educational Services	26.4	29.2	31.4	-2.8	-5.0
State Gov, Excluding Education	47.6	47.7	47.8	-0.1	-0.2
Local Government	108.1	109.8	115.8	-1.7	-7.7
Local Gov, Educational Services	66.4	68.0	71.3	-1.6	-4.9
Local Gov, Excluding Education	41.7	41.8	44.5	-0.1	-2.8



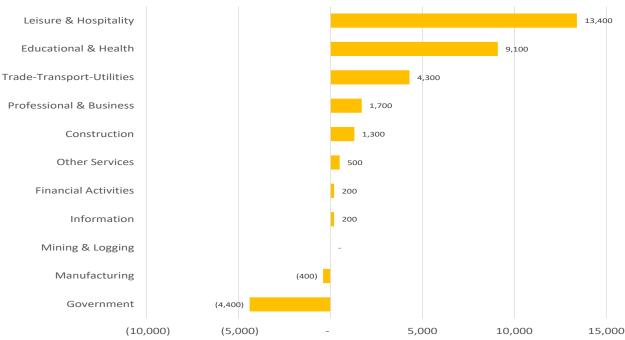
STATE OF ARKANSAS Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

April 2020 - May 2020

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 25,900 in May to total 1,191,200. Eight major industry sectors posted job gains, while two sectors declined. **Leisure and hospitality** added 13,400 jobs, related to the partial re-opening of restaurants and recreation centers. Jobs in **educational and health services** increased 9,100. All expansions were in health care and social assistance (+9,200), as non-essential medical offices began to open. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** gained 4,300 jobs, largely in retail trade (+4,600). The greatest loss was in **government**, down 4,400 jobs. Most of the decline was related to educational services in state and local government, due to the official end of the 2019-2020 school year.

May 2019 - May 2020

Compared to May 2019, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs are down 92,800. Ten major industry sectors posted losses, mostly attributed to the COVID-19 response and the related impact on businesses. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** fell 31,100. Losses were posted in all subsectors, with food services reporting a majority of the contractions (-25,600). Employment in **manufacturing** dropped 18,500. Durable goods reported most of the decrease (-14,600), particularly in transportation equipment manufacturing and fabricated metal product manufacturing. **Government** jobs declined 12,400. All losses were in local (-7,700) and state (-5,200) government, mixed between educational and non-educational jobs. Employment in **educational and health services** is down 9,200. Health care and social assistance posted most of the decrease (-7,400). **Professional and business services** declined 6,600. Most of the contractions were in administrative and support services (-7,300), the subsector which includes employment agencies. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** dropped 6,100, with losses in retail trade (-7,800) more than offsetting gains in other subsectors.



Over-the-Month Job Change by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

April 2020 vs May 2020



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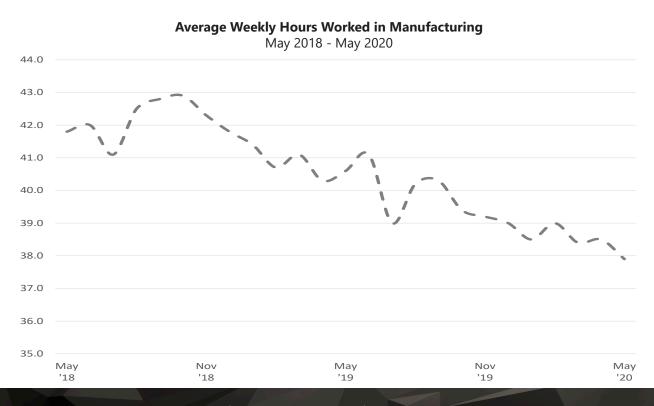
Production Workers - Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>
Average Weekly Hours	38.6	39.3	43.0
Average Hourly Earnings	18.26	18.36	18.30
Average Weekly Earnings	704.84	721.55	784.75

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goc	ods Manufa	octuring		
l		<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>		<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>
	Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings	38.6 19.76 762.74	38.8 20.43 792.68	41.9 19.64 822.92	Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings	38.7 17.11 662.16	39.6 16.81 665.68	43.9 17.06 748.93





METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Little Rock - North Little Rock - Conway MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	ΟΤΥ
Civilian Labor Force	354,556	343,638	358,949	10,918	-4,393
Employment	318,760	306,142	348,160	12,618	-29,400
Unemployment	35,796	37,496	10,789	-1,700	25,007
Unemployment Rate	10.1	10.9	3.0	-0.8	7.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

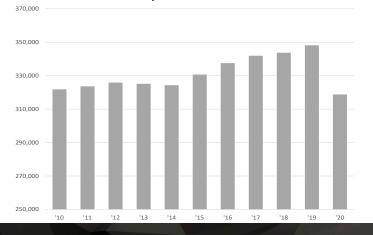
(In Thousands)

NAICS	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	ΟΤΥ
Total Nonfarm	338.8	330.4	368.4	8.4	-29.6
Goods Producing	36.6	36.6	39.2	0.0	-2.6
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.6	17.6	17.7	0.0	-0.1
Manufacturing	19.0	19.0	21.5	0.0	-2.5
Service Providing	302.2	293.8	329.2	8.4	-27.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	66.1	65.2	70.5	0.9	-4.4
Wholesale Trade	15.5	15.9	15.9	-0.4	-0.4
Retail Trade	33.5	32.5	37.6	1.0	-4.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.1	16.8	17.0	0.3	0.1
Information	3.7	3.7	4.4	0.0	-0.7
Financial Activities	20.9	21.0	22.0	-0.1	-1.1
Professional & Business Services	46.1	45.0	49.2	1.1	-3.1
Educational & Health Services	54.4	50.9	58.0	3.5	-3.6
Leisure & Hospitality	26.7	23.0	35.4	3.7	-8.7
Other Services	16.9	16.6	18.5	0.3	-1.6
Government	67.4	68.4	71.2	-1.0	-3.8
Federal Government	10.0	9.8	9.6	0.2	0.4
State Government	33.7	34.9	35.4	-1.2	-1.7
Local Government	23.7	23.7	26.2	0.0	-2.5

40,000

Number of Employed

May: 2010 - 2020



Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality May 2018 - May 2020





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)

	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>отм</u>	<u> 0TY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	277,239	267,236	279,152	10,003	-1,913
Employment	257,532	245,582	272,435	11,950	-14,903
Unemployment	19,707	21.654	6,717	-1,947	12,990
Unemployment Rate	7.1	8.1	2.4	-1.0	4.7

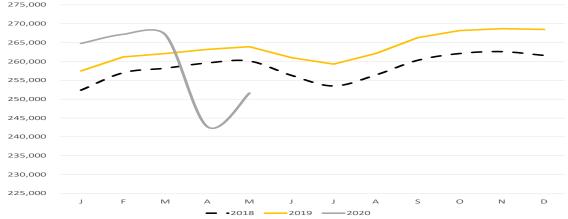
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>отм</u>	<u> 0TY</u>
Total Nonfarm	251.6	242.7	263.9	8.9	-12.3
Goods Producing	40.8	40.4	42.2	0.4	-1.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	12.2	12.2	12.3	0.0	-0.1
Manufacturing	28.6	28.2	29.9	0.4	-1.3
Service Providing	210.8	202.3	221.7	8.5	-10.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	55.0	54.4	56.0	0.6	-1.0
Wholesale Trade	12.2	12.4	12.2	-0.2	0.0
Retail Trade	24.2	23.5	25.8	0.7	-1.6
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.6	18.5	18.0	0.1	0.6
Information	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.0	-0.2
Financial Activities	8.2	8.2	8.2	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	50.5	50.0	49.8	0.5	0.7
Educational & Health Services	27.5	25.3	29.8	2.2	-2.3
Leisure & Hospitality	22.4	16.0	27.7	6.4	-5.3
Other Services	8.9	8.7	9.7	0.2	-0.8
Government	36.4	37.8	38.4	-1.4	-2.0
Federal Government	2.9	2.8	2.7	0.1	0.2
State Government	14.8	15.7	16.3	-0.9	-1.5
Local Government	18.7	19.3	19.4	-0.6	-0.7

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January 2018 - May 2020





METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Fort Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA = Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

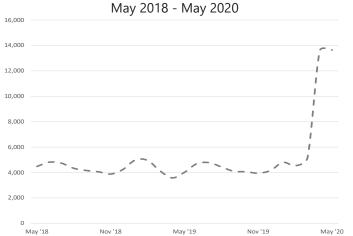
	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>отм</u>	<u> 0TY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	119,115	114,997	119,110	4,118	5
Employment	105,471	101,415	115,094	4,056	-9,623
Unemployment	13,644	13,582	4,016	62	9,628
Unemployment Rate	11.5	11.8	3.4	-0.3	8.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

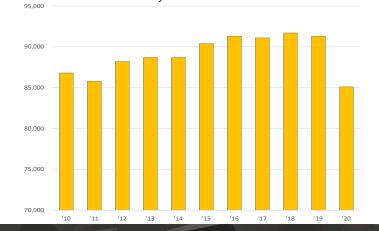
(In Thousands)

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NAICS	<u>May 20</u>	<u> Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u> </u>
Total Nonfarm	106.5	104.3	114.7	2.2	-8.2
Goods Producing	21.4	21.4	23.4	0.0	-2.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.6	5.5	6.0	0.1	-0.4
Manufacturing	15.8	15.9	17.4	-0.1	-1.6
Service Providing	85.1	82.9	91.3	2.2	-6.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.3	22.0	23.1	0.3	-0.8
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	12.3	12.0	12.3	0.3	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	5.8	5.8	6.5	0.0	-0.7
Information	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	0.2
Professional & Business Services	10.6	10.7	12.7	-0.1	-2.1
Educational & Health Services	16.7	16.1	17.3	0.6	-0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	8.0	6.7	9.7	1.3	-1.7
Other Services	4.1	3.9	4.6	0.2	-0.5
Government	18.1	18.2	18.7	-0.1	-0.6
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0
Local Government	13.7	13.8	14.3	-0.1	-0.6

Unemployed



Jobs in Service Providing Sectors May: 2010 - 2020





METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>отм</u>	<u> 0TY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,695	39,997	41,357	1,698	338
Employment	36,040	33,741	39,946	2,299	-3,906
Unemployment	5,655	6,256	1,411	-601	4,244
Unemployment Rate	13.6	15.6	3.4	-2.0	10.2

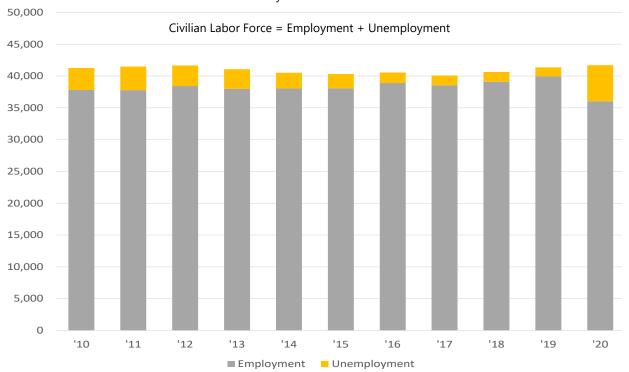
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>	OTM	ΟΤΥ
Total Nonfarm	36.1	34.3	39.7	1.8	-3.6
Goods Producing	4.4	4.2	4.7	0.2	-0.3
Service Providing	31.7	30.1	35.0	1.6	-3.3
Government	4.4	4.5	4.6	-0.1	-0.2

Composition of the Civilian Labor Force

May: 2010 - 2020





METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

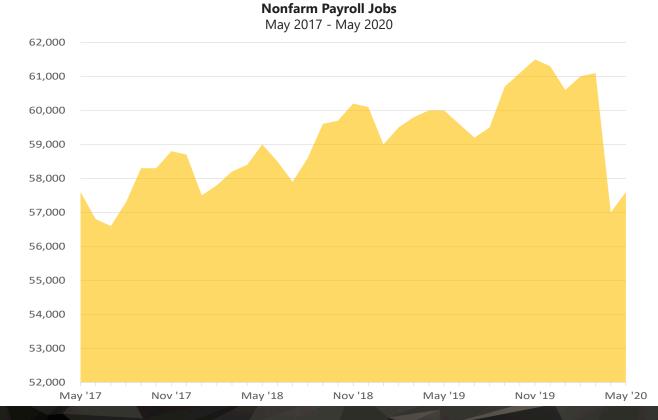
Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	ΟΤΥ
Civilian Labor Force	66,056	64,781	65,628	1,275	428
Employment	60,485	58,984	63,775	1,501	-3,290
Unemployment	5,571	5,797	1,853	-226	3,718
Unemployment Rate	8.4	8.9	2.8	-0.5	5.6

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	<u>May 20</u>	Apr 20	May 19	ΟΤΜ	ΟΤΥ
Total Nonfarm	57.6	57.0	60.0	0.6	-2.4
Goods Producing	10.3	10.1	10.2	0.0	0.1
Service Providing	47.3	46.9	49.8	0.4	-2.5
Government	7.9	8.4	9.3	-0.5	-1.4





METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS **Pine Bluff MSA**

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>отм</u>	<u> 07 </u>
Civilian Labor Force	34,878	33,570	34,899	1,308	-21
Employment	31,427	30,177	33,092	1,250	-1,665
Unemployment	3,451	3,393	1,807	58	1,644
Unemployment Rate	9.9	10.1	5.2	-0.2	4.7

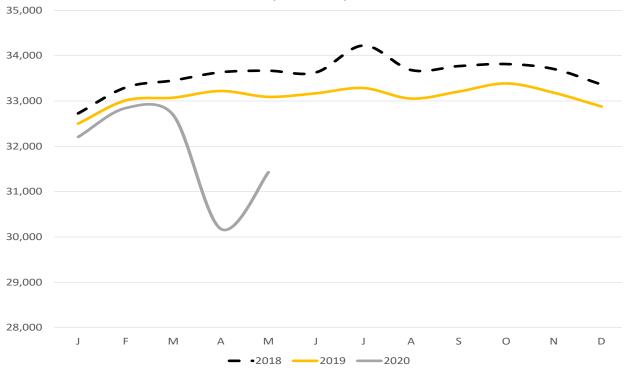
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	<u>May 20</u>	Apr 20	<u>May 19</u>	отм	ΟΤΥ
Total Nonfarm	31.6	30.7	33.0	0.9	-1.4
Goods Producing	5.4	5.2	6.0	0.2	-0.6
Service Providing	26.2	25.5	27.0	0.2	-0.8
Government	8.9	8.9	9.2	0.0	-0.3

Number of Employed

January 2018 - May 2020



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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Out-of-State MSAs

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

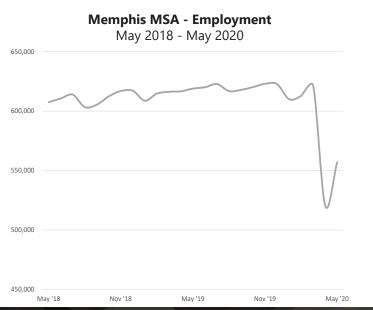
	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	ΟΤΥ
Civilian Labor Force	624,801	597,060	644,084	27,741	-19,283
Employment	556,966	520,488	618,950	36,478	-61,984
Unemployment	67,835	76,572	25,134	-8,737	42,701
Unemployment Rate	10.9	12.8	3.9	-1.9	7.0

Texarkana MSA

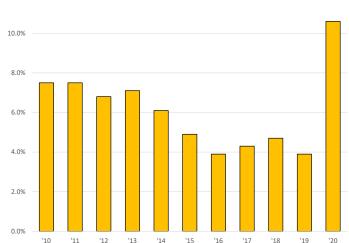
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>May 20</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OT</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,351	62,091	65,169	1,260	-1,813
Employment	56,638	53,843	62,659	2,795	-6,02
Unemployment	6.713	8.248	2,510	-1.535	4,20,
Unemployment Rate	10.6	13.3	3.9	-2.7	6.

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Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates May: 2010 - 2020



MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND CITIES

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

					Not	Season	ally Adju	isted				
		Мау	2020			April	2020			Мау	2019	
Micro Area	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp l</u>	<u>Jnemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Arkadelphia Micro	9,540	8,698	842	8.8	9,253	8,396	857	9.3	9,659	9,301	358	3.7
Batesville Micro	16,570	15,135	1,435	8.7	16,561	14,612	1,949	11.8	16,656	16,017	639	3.8
Blytheville Micro	17,805	15,164	2,641	14.8	16,937	14,721	2,216	13.1	17,335	16,538	797	4.6
Camden Micro	11,875	10,954	921	7.8	11,666	10,588	1,078	9.2	12,360	11,757	603	4.9
El Dorado Micro	15,685	13,812	1,873	11.9	15,107	13,330	1,777	11.8	15,868	15,079	789	5.0
Forrest City Micro	8,166	7,195	971	11.9	7,898	6,965	933	11.8	8,219	7,802	417	5.1
Harrison Micro	19,224	17,624	1,600	8.3	18,992	16,998	1,994	10.5	19,541	18,956	585	3.0
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,268	5,414	854	13.6	6,126	5,277	849	13.9	6,415	6,068	347	5.4
Hope Micro	13,044	12,068	976	7.5	12,796	11,676	1,120	8.8	13,639	13,137	502	3.7
Magnolia Micro	9,185	8,361	824	9.0	8,929	8,076	853	9.6	9,164	8,735	429	4.7
Malvern Micro	13,754	12,528	1,226	8.9	13,440	12,007	1,433	10.7	13,956	13,488	468	3.4
Mountain Home Micro	16,221	14,643	1,578	9.7	15,796	14,108	1,688	10.7	16,433	15,815	618	3.8
Paragould Micro	19,987	18,055	1,932	9.7	19,578	17,507	2,071	10.6	20,152	19,501	651	3.2
Russellville Micro	36,689	33,695	2,994	8.2	35,823	32,584	3,239	9.0	37,415	35,792	1,623	4.3
Searcy Micro	33,247	30,248	2,999	9.0	32,405	29,135	3,270	10.1	34,029	32,527	1,502	4.4

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 S	easonal	ly Adjus	ted				
		May	2020			April	2020			Мау	2019	
<u>City</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	Emp	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Bella Vista	12,157	11,144	1,013	8.3	11,736	10,606	1,130	9.6	12,163	11,788	375	3.1
Benton	17,192	15,690	1,502	8.7	16,694	15,058	1,636	9.8	17,569	17,131	438	2.5
Bentonville	26,539	24,851	1,688	6.4	25,455	23,652	1,803	7.1	26,863	26,287	576	2.1
Blytheville	6,075	5,107	968	15.9	5,728	4,958	770	13.4	5,879	5,570	309	5.3
Cabot	11,972	10,848	1,124	9.4	11,698	10,455	1,243	10.6	12,234	11,876	358	2.9
Conway	33,706	30,339	3,367	10.0	32,989	29,143	3,846	11.7	34,149	33,155	994	2.9
El Dorado	6,996	5,983	1,013	14.5	6,726	5,774	952	14.2	6,955	6,532	423	6.1
Fayetteville	48,685	44,176	4,509	9.3	46,989	42,038	4,951	10.5	47,912	46,753	1,159	2.4
Fort Smith	39,613	35,399	4,214	10.6	38,576	34,131	4,445	11.5	39,480	38,298	1,182	3.0
Hot Springs	15,578	12,812	2,766	17.8	14,992	11,994	2,998	20.0	14,754	14,200	554	3.8
Jacksonville	11,807	10,322	1,485	12.6	11,422	9,906	1,516	13.3	11,737	11,267	470	4.0
Jonesboro	39,535	36,022	3,513	8.9	38,763	35,091	3,672	9.5	39,057	37,939	1,118	2.9
Little Rock	98,199	86,865	11,334	11.5	94,719	83,367	11,352	12.0	97,914	94,817	3,097	3.2
North Little Rock	30,723	26,649	4,074	13.3	29,587	25,576	4,011	13.6	30,171	29,089	1,082	3.6
Paragould	12,847	11,408	1,439	11.2	12,638	11,062	1,576	12.5	12,784	12,322	462	3.6
Pine Bluff	16,678	14,749	1,929	11.6	15,916	14,136	1,780	11.2	16,577	15,491	1,086	6.6
Rogers	35,378	32,898	2,480	7.0	34,095	31,310	2,785	8.2	35,593	34,799	794	2.2
Russellville	13,198	12,147	1,051	8.0	12,898	11,724	1,174	9.1	13,395	12,879	516	3.9
Searcy	10,105	9,222	883	8.7	9,857	8,882	975	9.9	10,356	9,917	439	4.2
Sherwood	16,067	14,386	1,681	10.5	15,516	13,806	1,710	11.0	16,158	15,703	455	2.8
Springdale	38,943	36,392	2,551	6.6	37,428	34,631	2,797	7.5	39,436	38,512	924	2.3
Texarkana, AR	13,763	12,233	1,530	11.1	13,631	11,657	1,974	14.5	13,653	13,101	552	4.0
Van Buren	10,329	9,397	932	9.0	10,053	9,077	976	9.7	10,503	10,178	325	3.1
West Memphis	10,681	9,098	1,583	14.8	10,470	8,761	1,709	16.3	10,538	10,022	516	4.9

COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS **Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

					Not	Seasona	lly Adjus	sted				
		Мау	2020			April	2020			Мау	/ 2019	
<u>County</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	CLF	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Arkansas	9,012	8,552	460	5.1	8,773	8,313	460	5.2	9,449	9,179	270	2.9
Ashley	7,388	6,477	911	12.3	7,188		910	12.7	7,887	7,508	379	4.8
Baxter	16,221	14,643	1,578	9.7	15,796	/	1,688	10.7	16,433	15,815	618	3.8
Benton	135,418	125,996	9,422	7.0	130,437		10,522	8.1	,	133,276	3,323	2.4
Boone	15,956	14,615	1,341	8.4	15,782		1,698	10.8	16,176	15,700	476	2.9
Bradley	4,342	3,987	355	8.2	4,368	/	476	10.9	4,473	4,298	175	3.9
Calhoun	2,336	2,183	153	6.5	2,297	2,125	172	7.5	2,462	2,358	104	4.2
Carroll	12,731	11,537	1,194	9.4	12,502		1,345	10.8	12,861	12,513	348	2.7
Chicot	3,098	2,682	416	13.4	3,059	/	431	14.1	3,277	3,052	225	6.9
Clark	9,540	8,698	842	8.8	9,253	8,396	857	9.3	9,659	9,301	358	3.7
Clay	5,416	4,937	479	8.8	5,295	4,830	465	8.8	5,714	5,453	261	4.6
Cleburne	9,178	8,084	1,094	11.9	9,273	7,796	1,477	15.9	9,348	8,954	394	4.2
Cleveland	3,181	2,914	267	8.4	3,088	2,816	272	8.8	3,219	3,093	126	3.9
Columbia	9,185	8,361	824	9.0	8,929		853	9.6	9,164	8,735	429	4.7
Conway	8,176	7,423	753	9.2	8,052		898	11.2	8,275	7,906	369	4.5
Craighead	55,952	51,170	4,782	8.5	54,877	49,848	5,029	9.2	55,421	53,894	1,527	2.8
Crawford	26,547	24,171	2,376	9.0	25,775	23,348	2,427	9.4	27,017	26,180	837	3.1
Crittenden	21,207	18,561	2,646	12.5	20,768	/	2,895	13.9	21,344	20,445	899	4.2
Cross	7,242	6,622	620	8.6	7,195	6,436	759	10.5	7,365	7,064	301	4.1
Dallas	2,678	2,472	206	7.7	2,649	2,394	255	9.6	2,826	2,698	128	4.5
Desha	5,188	4,695	493	9.5	5,074	/	486	9.6	5,362	5,129	233	4.3
Drew	7,594	6,859	735	9.7	7,487	6,669	818	10.9	7,875	7,483	392	5.0
Faulkner	61,220	55,554	5,666	9.3	59,805	53,364	6,441	10.8	62,530	60,711	1,819	2.9
Franklin	7,533	6,740	793	10.5	7,156	/	626	8.7	7,542	7,313	229	3.0
Fulton	4,900	4,552	348	7.1	4,749		359	7.6	5,060	4,856	204	4.0
Garland	41,695	36,040	5,655	13.6	39,997	33,741	6,256	15.6	41,357	39,946	1,411	3.4
Grant	8,053	7,444	609	7.6	7,831	7,177	654	8.4	8,392	8,139	253	3.0
Greene	19,987	18,055	1,932	9.7	19,578	/	2,071	10.6	20,152	19,501	651	3.2
Hempstead	9,500	8,815	685	7.2	9,346	8,539	807	8.6	9,963	9,603	360	3.6
Hot Spring	13,754	12,528	1,226	8.9	13,440	/	1,433	10.7	13,956	13,488	468	3.4
Howard	5,354	4,998	356	6.6	5,299	4,866	433	8.2	5,643	5,468	175	3.1
Independence	16,570	15,135	1,435	8.7	16,561	14,612	1,949	11.8	16,656	16,017	639	3.8
Izard	4,847	4,271	576	11.9	4,778	4,125	653	13.7	5,010	4,741	269	5.4
Jackson	5,430	4,915	515	9.5	5,362		558	10.4	5,832	5,459	373	6.4
Jefferson	27,851	24,963	2,888	10.4	26,702	/	2,777	10.4	27,732	26,218	1,514	5.5
Johnson	10,167	9,095	1,072	10.5	9,917	8,799	1,118	11.3	10,384	9,920	464	4.5
Lafayette	2,408	2,159	249	10.3	2,354	2,102	252	10.7	2,521	2,409	112	4.4
Lawrence	6,812	6,206	606	8.9	6,681	6,049	632	9.5	6,921	6,654	267	3.9
Lee	2,689	2,404	285	10.6	2,627	2,368	259	9.9	2,794	2,687	107	3.8
Lincoln	3,846	3,550	296	7.7	3,780		344	9.1	3,948	3,781	167	4.2
Little River	5,437	4,965	472	8.7	5,283	4,734	549	10.4	5,517	5,304	213	3.9
Logan	8,443	7,412	1,031	12.2	8,188	7,181	1,007	12.3	8,549	8,208	341	4.0
Lonoke	33,299	30,518	2,781	8.4	32,470		3,057	9.4	34,408	33,411	997	2.9
Madison	7,148	6,737	411	5.7	6,894	6,491	403	5.8	7,383	7,216	167	2.3
Marion	6,567	5,949	618	9.4	6,295	5,724	571	9.1	6,763	6,519	244	3.6
Miller	19,758	17,802	1,956	9.9	19,605	16,965	2,640	13.5	19,783	19,065	718	3.6

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ARKANSAS

LABOR MARKET REPORT

COUNTY LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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					Not	Seasona	lly Adjus	sted				
		Мау	2020			April	2020			Мау	/ 2019	
<u>County</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Mississippi	17,805	15,164	2,641	14.8	16,937	14,721	2,216	13.1	17,335	16,538	797	4.6
Monroe	2,650	2,423	227	8.6	2,600	2,376	224	8.6	2,743	2,636	107	3.9
Montgomery	2,796	2,516	280	10.0	2,761	2,468	293	10.6	3,035	2,913	122	4.0
Nevada	3,544	3,253	291	8.2	3,450	3,137	313	9.1	3,676	3,534	142	3.9
Newton	3,268	3,009	259	7.9	3,210	2,914	296	9.2	3,365	3,256	109	3.2
Ouachita	9,539	8,771	768	8.1	9,369	8,463	906	9.7	9,898	9,399	499	5.0
Perry	4,096	3,749	347	8.5	4,006	3,613	393	9.8	4,293	4,114	179	4.2
Phillips	6,268	5,414	854	13.6	6,126	5,277	849	13.9	6,415	6,068	347	5.4
Pike	4,160	3,792	368	8.8	4,055	3,694	361	8.9	4,297	4,147	150	3.5
Poinsett	10,104	9,315	789	7.8	9,904	9,136	768	7.8	10,207	9,881	326	3.2
Polk	7,879	7,146	733	9.3	7,751	6,943	808	10.4	8,100	7,797	303	3.7
Роре	28,572	26,127	2,445	8.6	27,880	25,217	2,663	9.6	28,977	27,701	1,276	4.4
Prairie	3,434	3,187	247	7.2	3,365	3,113	252	7.5	3,605	3,460	145	4.0
Pulaski	190,468	168,746	21,722	11.4	183,876	161,950	21,926	11.9	190,237	184,194	6,043	3.2
Randolph	7,288	6,666	622	8.5	7,148	6,450	698	9.8	7,296	7,023	273	3.7
St. Francis	8,166	7,195	971	11.9	7,898	6,965	933	11.8	8,219	7,802	417	5.1
Saline	57,420	52,749	4,671	8.1	55,650	50,625	5,025	9.0	59,089	57,591	1,498	2.5
Scott	4,181	3,925	256	6.1	4,084	3,828	256	6.3	4,305	4,179	126	2.9
Searcy	2,839	2,568	271	9.5	2,776	2,472	304	11.0	3,058	2,939	119	3.9
Sebastian	56,978	51,012	5,966	10.5	55,235	49,185	6,050	11.0	56,895	55,190	1,705	3.0
Sevier	5,272	4,899	373	7.1	5,193	4,760	433	8.3	5,491	5,216	275	5.0
Sharp	5,710	5,138	572	10.0	5,579	4,948	631	11.3	5,866	5,612	254	4.3
Stone	4,571	4,123	448	9.8	4,560	4,017	543	11.9	4,771	4,549	222	4.7
Union	15,685	13,812	1,873	11.9	15,107	13,330	1,777	11.8	15,868	15,079	789	5.0
Van Buren	5,709	5,101	608	10.6	5,560	4,915	645	11.6	5,842	5,572	270	4.6
Washington	124,183	114,961	9,222	7.4	119,418	109,397	10,021	8.4	124,555	121,665	2,890	2.3
White	33,247	30,248	2,999	9.0	32,405	29,135	3,270	10.1	34,029	32,527	1,502	4.4
Woodruff	2,594	2,388	206	7.9	2,557	2,349	208	8.1	2,767	2,630	137	5.0
Yell	8,117	7,568	549	6.8	7,943	7,367	576	7.3	8,438	8,091	347	4.1

County Labor Force Summary

As a result of the partial reopening of Arkansas businesses, unemployment rates declined in 65 Arkansas counties between April and May. Rates in six counties increased, while four counties remained stable over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 5.1 percent in Arkansas County to a high of 14.8 percent in Mississippi County.

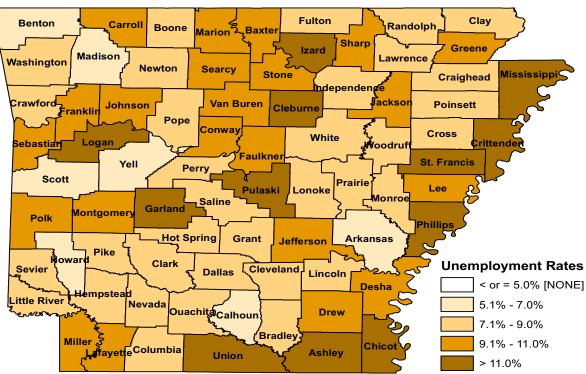
In May, sixty-nine of Arkansas' 75 counties posted jobless rates at or above seven percent. That is down from 72 counties above seven percent in April. Monthly unemployment rate changes ranged from a decline of 4 percentage points in Cleburne County to a one and eight-tenths of a percentage point increase in Franklin County.

Compared to May 2019, jobless rates are up in all 75 Arkansas counties. Over-the-year gains ranged from as low as a two and one-tenth of a percentage point increase in Sevier County to as high as a ten and two-tenths of a percentage point rise in Garland and Mississippi counties.

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ARKANSAS Labor Market Report



County Unemployment Rates

Ranked by Unemployment Rates

May 2020 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	Rate	<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>
1	Arkansas	5.1	26	Craighead	8.5	50	Drew	9.7
2	Madison	5.7	26	Perry	8.5	50	Greene	9.7
3	Scott	6.1	26	Randolph	8.5	53	Stone	9.8
4	Calhoun	6.5	29	Cross	8.6	54	Miller	9.9
5	Howard	6.6	29	Monroe	8.6	55	Montgomery	10.0
6	Yell	6.8	29	Pope	8.6	55	Sharp	10.0
7	Benton	7.0	32	Independence	8.7	57	Lafayette	10.3
8	Fulton	7.1	32	Little River	8.7	58	Jefferson	10.4
8	Sevier	7.1	34	Clark	8.8	59	Franklin	10.5
10	Hempstead	7.2	34	Clay	8.8	59	Johnson	10.5
10	Prairie	7.2	34	Pike	8.8	59	Sebastian	10.5
12	Washington	7.4	37	Hot Spring	8.9	62	Lee	10.6
13	Grant	7.6	37	Lawrence	8.9	62	Van Buren	10.6
14	Dallas	7.7	39	Columbia	9.0	64	Pulaski	11.4
14	Lincoln	7.7	39	Crawford	9.0	65	Cleburne	11.9
16	Poinsett	7.8	39	White	9.0	65	Izard	11.9
17	Newton	7.9	42	Conway	9.2	65	St. Francis	11.9
17	Woodruff	7.9	43	Faulkner	9.3	65	Union	11.9
19	Ouachita	8.1	43	Polk	9.3	69	Logan	12.2
19	Saline	8.1	45	Carroll	9.4	70	Ashley	12.3
21	Bradley	8.2	45	Marion	9.4	71	Crittenden	12.5
21	Nevada	8.2	47	Desha	9.5	72	Chicot	13.4
23	Boone	8.4	47	Jackson	9.5	73	Garland	13.6
23	Cleveland	8.4	47	Searcy	9.5	73	Phillips	13.6
23	Lonoke	8.4	50	Baxter	9.7	75	Mississippi	14.8



ARKANSAS Labor Market Report

LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Not Seasonally Adjusted											
	May 2020				April 2020				May 2019			
<u>LWDA</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	Unemp	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Central (minus LR)	250,292	226,312	23,980	9.6	243,047	217,474	25,573	10.5	254,698 247,186	7,512	2.9	
City of Little Rock	98,199	86,865	11,334	11.5	94,719	83,367	11,352	12.0	97,914 94,817	3,097	3.2	
Eastern	45,572	40,196	5,376	11.8	44,614	38,919	5,695	12.8	46,137 44,066	2,071	4.5	
North Central	92,756	83,955	8,801	9.5	91,384	81,091	10,293	11.3	95,181 90,917	4,264	4.5	
Northeast	123,364	111,513	11,851	9.6	120,420	108,541	11,879	9.9	123,046 118,944	4,102	3.3	
Northwest	324,331	300,015	24,316	7.5	313,110	286,262	26,848	8.6	327,193 318,899	8,294	2.5	
Southeast	79,553	72,123	7,430	9.3	77,350	69,722	7,628	9.9	81,614 77,880	3,734	4.6	
Southwest	90,696	82,490	8,206	9.0	88,881	79,491	9,390	10.6	92,812 88,868	3,944	4.2	
West Central	131,073	117,536	13,537	10.3	127,304	112,456	14,848	11.7	132,671 127,527	5,144	3.9	
Western	111,561	100,406	11,155	10.0	108,189	97,015	11,174	10.3	112,408 108,867	3,541	3.2	

