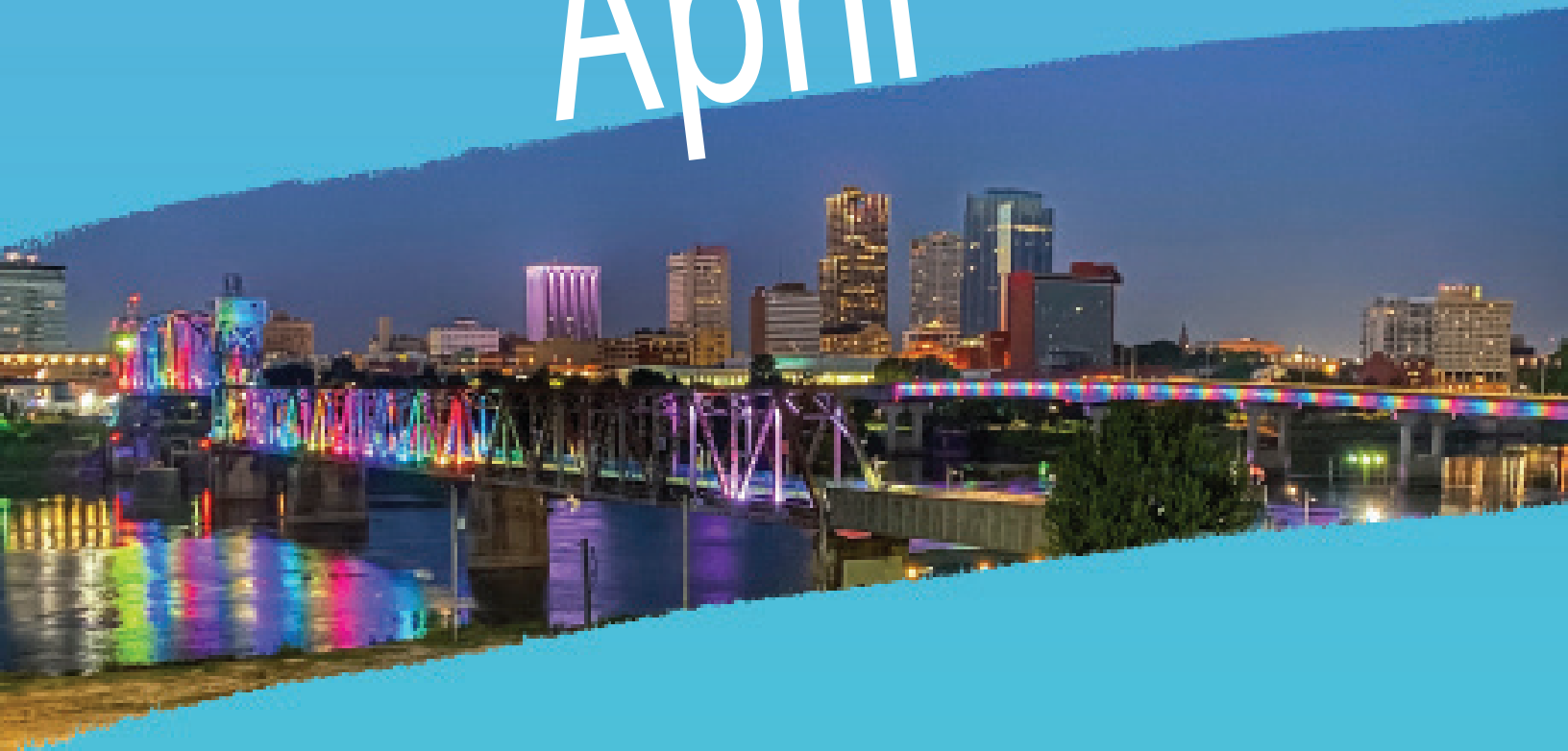


# 2022 ARKANSAS LABOR MARKET REPORT

## April



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**Technical Notes**

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month's estimates are preliminary, while previous month's data is subject to revision.

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data collected for production workers in manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2020 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 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 1,000 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.



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## April 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.

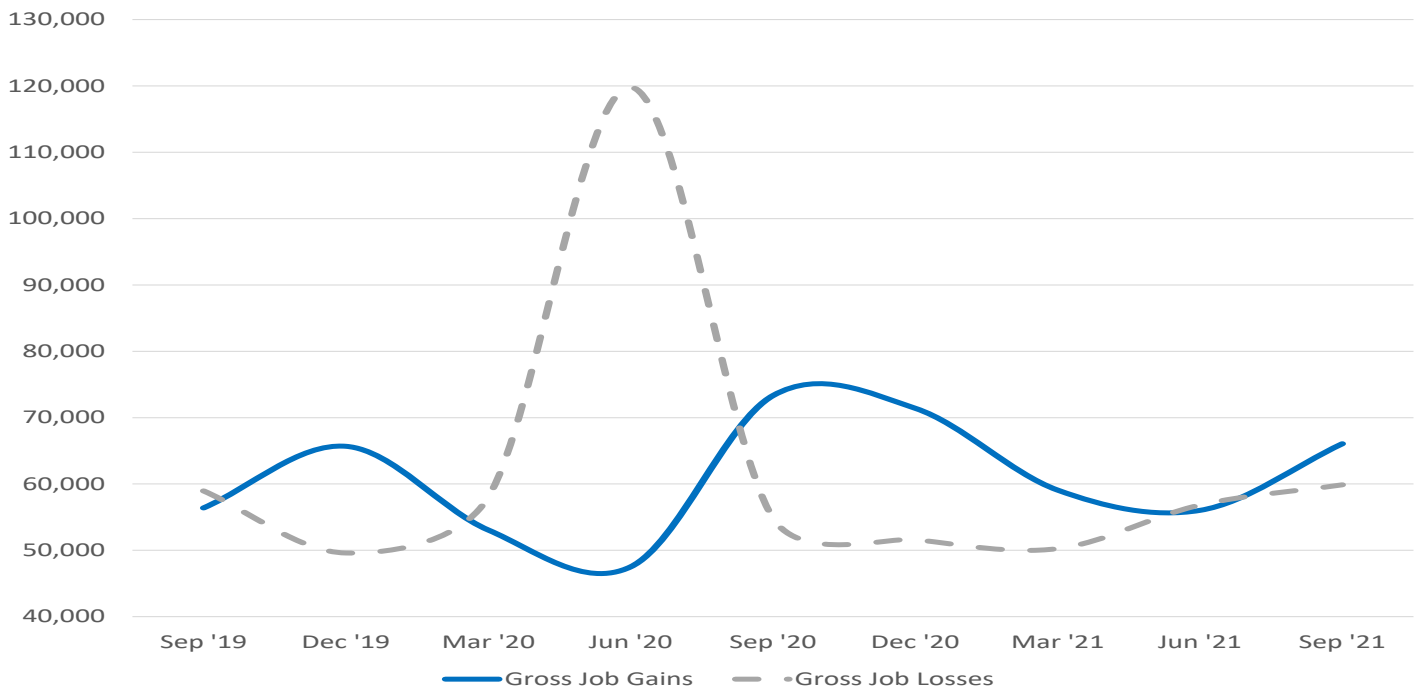
**Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)**  
 State of Arkansas  
 (Seasonally Adjusted)

Quarter Ending					
Category	Sep 20	Dec 20	Mar 21	Jun 21	Sep 21*
Employment Levels					
Gross job gains.....	73,315	71,401	59,076	56,022	66,061
Gross job losses....	54,843	51,611	50,250	56,824	59,874
<b>Net Change.....</b>	<b>18,472</b>	<b>19,790</b>	<b>8,826</b>	<b>-802</b>	<b>6,187</b>

\*Most recent BED data available is for 3rd Quarter 2021

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 2019 - 3rd Quarter 2021



## State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

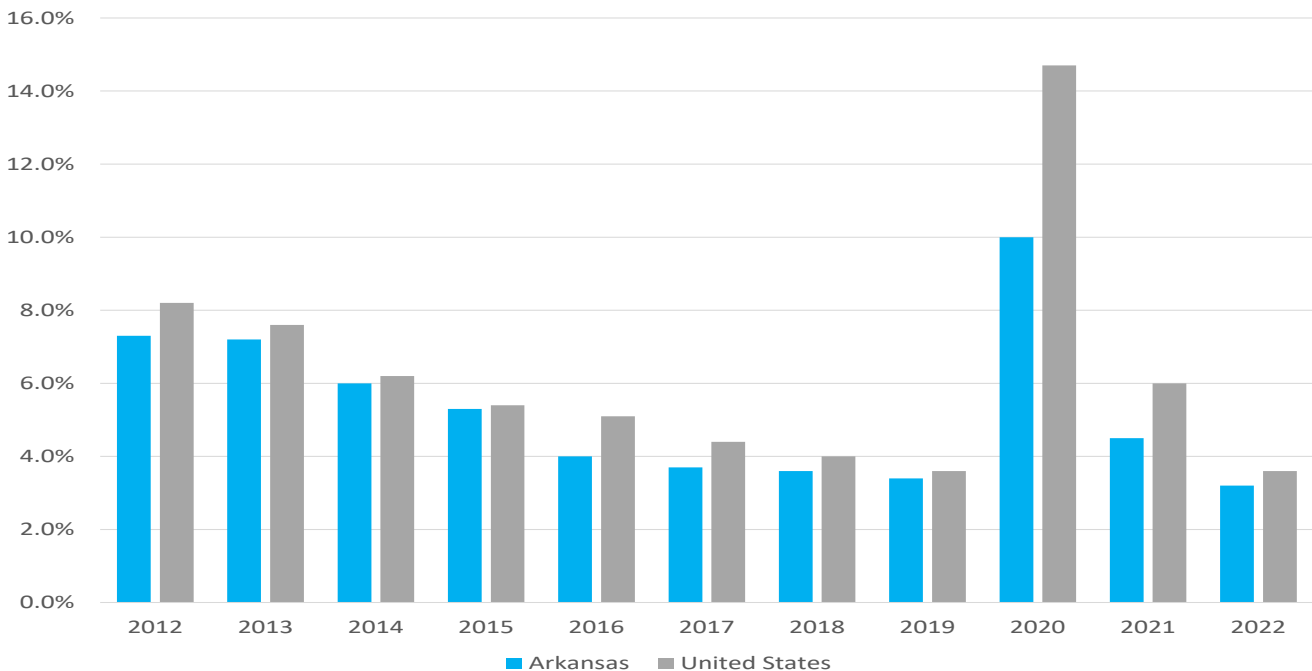
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.1 percent in March to 3.2 percent in April. Arkansas' civilian labor force added 5,655, a result of 4,522 more employed and 1,133 more unemployed Arkansans. At 3.6 percent, the United States' jobless rate remained unchanged from March to April.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Employment in Arkansas increased for the fourth month in a row while nonfarm payroll jobs rose to 1,315,500, setting a record high number of jobs in the State. More Arkansans continue to join the labor force, resulting in an increase in the unemployment rate."

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,349,561	1,343,906	1,333,117	Civilian Labor Force	1,356,972	1,353,629
Employment	1,306,972	1,302,450	1,272,833	Employment	1,313,816	1,309,642
Unemployment	42,589	41,456	60,284	Unemployment	43,156	43,987
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.1%	4.5%	Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.2%
Labor Participation Rate	56.8%	56.6%	56.7%	Labor Participation Rate	57.1%	57.0%
U.S. Unemp Rate	3.6%	3.6%	6.0%	U.S. Unemp Rate	3.3%	3.8%

**Unemployment Rates - Arkansas vs United States**  
 April: 2012 - 2022 (Seasonally Adjusted)





## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1315.5	1305.6	1280.0	9.9	35.5
Goods Producing	221.4	220.9	216.5	0.5	4.9
Mining, Logging, & Construction	58.5	59.1	60.7	-0.6	-2.2
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.8	33.9	35.4	-0.1	-1.6
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>162.9</b>	<b>161.8</b>	<b>155.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Durable Goods	77.8	77.0	74.5	0.8	3.3
Nondurable Goods	85.1	84.8	81.3	0.3	3.8
Service Providing	1094.1	1084.7	1063.5	9.4	30.6
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>266.4</b>	<b>266.0</b>	<b>251.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>15.2</b>
Wholesale Trade	51.8	51.1	47.1	0.7	4.7
Retail Trade	139.8	140.2	137.5	-0.4	2.3
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	74.8	74.7	66.6	0.1	8.2
<b>Information</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>66.8</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Finance & Insurance	52.5	51.5	51.8	1.0	0.7
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14.3	14.1	14.1	0.2	0.2
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>148.5</b>	<b>149.2</b>	<b>146.1</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	45.9	46.6	44.8	-0.7	1.1
Management of Companies	38.1	37.6	33.6	0.5	4.5
Administrative & Support Services	64.5	65.0	67.7	-0.5	-3.2
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>197.4</b>	<b>195.4</b>	<b>196.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Educational Services	17.9	17.8	16.8	0.1	1.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	179.5	177.6	179.4	1.9	0.1
Ambulatory Health Care	62.5	61.1	61.0	1.4	1.5
Social Assistance	35.6	35.3	36.8	0.3	-1.2
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>123.3</b>	<b>118.8</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12.4	11.5	11.0	0.9	1.4
Accommodation & Food Services	110.9	107.3	104.0	3.6	6.9
Accommodation Services	11.4	10.8	9.8	0.6	1.6
Food Services	99.5	96.5	94.2	3.0	5.3
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>212.9</b>	<b>211.8</b>	<b>210.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>
Federal Government	20.6	20.5	20.5	0.1	0.1
State Government	78.6	78.1	78.5	0.5	0.1
State Gov, Educational Services	32.2	31.7	32.0	0.5	0.2
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.4	46.4	46.5	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	113.7	113.2	111.6	0.5	2.1
Local Gov, Educational Services	71.1	71.0	68.9	0.1	2.2
Local Gov, Excluding Education	42.6	42.2	42.7	0.4	-0.1



## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

### March 2022 - April 2022

Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs rose by 9,900 in April, hitting a new record high of 1,315,500. Eight major industry sectors posted gains. The **leisure and hospitality** sector increased by 4,500, mostly in accommodation and food services (+3,600). **Educational and health services** added 2,000 jobs. Most of the growth occurred in health care and social assistance (+1,900), due in large part to hiring in ambulatory health care (+1,400). Employment in **financial activities** rose by 1,200, mostly in finance and insurance (+1,000). **Manufacturing** added 1,100 jobs. Most of the gains were in durable goods manufacturing (+800). **Government** added 1,100 jobs, with increases in both state (+500) and local (+500) government.

### April 2021 - April 2022

Compared to April 2021, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs are up 35,500. Growth occurred in eight major industry sectors, with five sectors adding 2,300 or more jobs each. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose by 15,200. Hiring was reported across all subsectors, with jobs in transportation-warehousing-utilities up 8,200. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** increased by 8,300. Most of the gains were in accommodation and food services (+6,900). **Manufacturing** added 7,100 jobs, with growth reported in both nondurable goods (+3,800) and durable goods (+3,300). Jobs in **professional and business services** rose by 2,400. Expansions in management of companies (+4,500) and professional-scientific-technical services (+1,100) more than offset declines in administrative and support services (-3,200). **Government** employment increased by 2,300, mainly due to gains in local government-educational services (+2,200). Jobs in **construction** decreased by 1,900, with fewer jobs reported in the specialty trade contractors subsector (-1,600).

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

April 2019 - April 2022





## State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

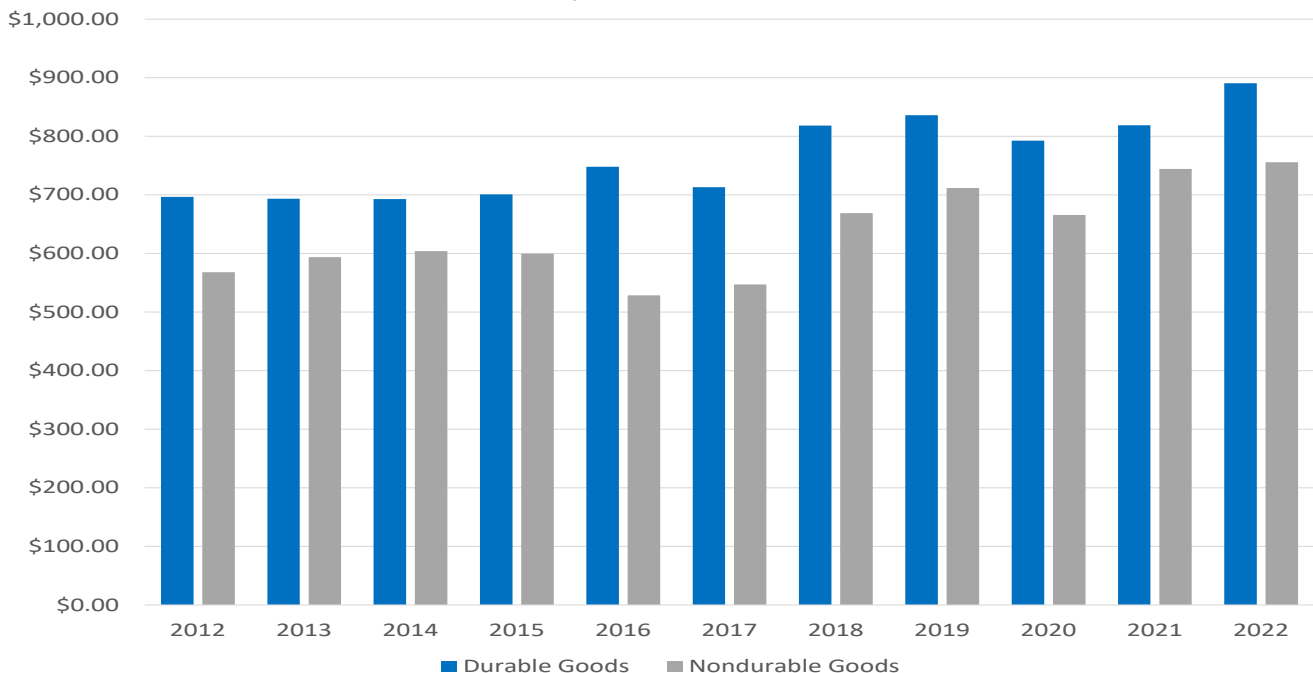
### Manufacturing

	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>
Average Weekly Hours	40.5	40.5	40.0
Average Hourly Earnings	\$20.23	\$20.26	\$19.48
Average Weekly Earnings	\$819.32	\$820.53	\$779.20

### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>		<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.6	41.2	39.1	Average Weekly Hours	39.5	39.8	40.9
Average Hourly Earnings	\$21.41	\$21.40	\$20.94	Average Hourly Earnings	\$19.13	\$19.22	\$18.20
Average Weekly Earnings	\$890.66	\$881.68	\$818.75	Average Weekly Earnings	\$755.64	\$764.96	\$744.38

**Weekly Earnings - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods**  
 April: 2012 - 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

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

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

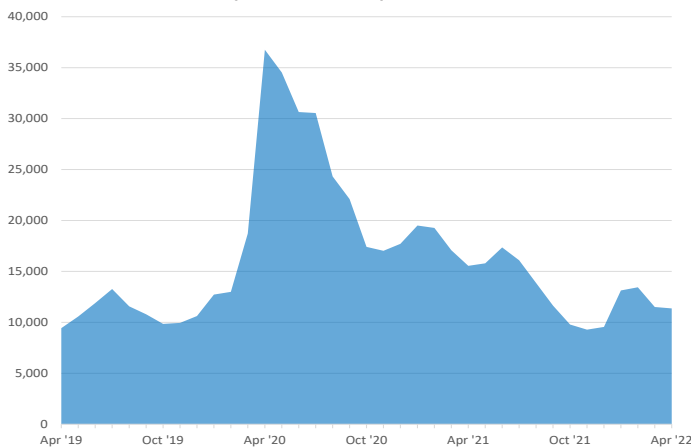
	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	355,124	351,722	348,958	3,402	6,166
Employment	343,751	340,216	333,414	3,535	10,337
Unemployment	11,373	11,506	15,544	-133	-4,171
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.3	4.5	-0.1	-1.3

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

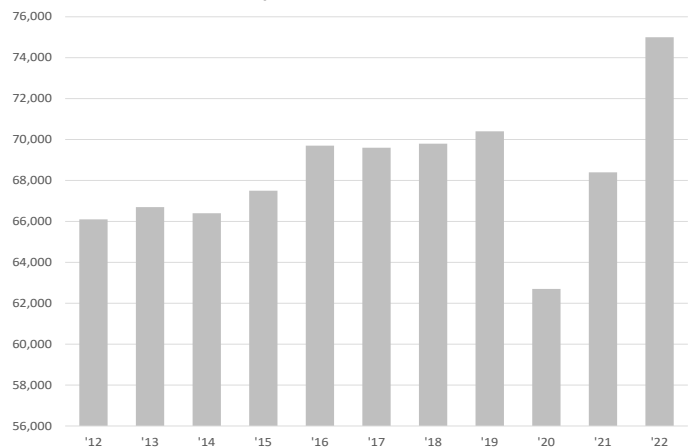
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	366.5	363.6	356.6	2.9	9.9
Goods Producing	37.9	37.5	37.2	0.4	0.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.0	17.9	18.5	0.1	-0.5
Manufacturing	19.9	19.6	18.7	0.3	1.2
Service Providing	328.6	326.1	319.4	2.5	9.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	75.0	74.9	68.4	0.1	6.6
Wholesale Trade	16.8	16.6	15.4	0.2	1.4
Retail Trade	38.0	38.0	37.4	0.0	0.6
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.2	20.3	15.6	-0.1	4.6
Information	5.5	5.5	5.2	0.0	0.3
Financial Activities	22.8	22.5	22.3	0.3	0.5
Professional & Business Services	45.6	45.7	46.8	-0.1	-1.2
Educational & Health Services	58.9	58.3	58.3	0.6	0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	34.7	33.1	31.4	1.6	3.3
Other Services	18.0	17.9	18.0	0.1	0.0
Government	68.1	68.2	69.0	-0.1	-0.9
Federal Government	9.9	9.9	9.8	0.0	0.1
State Government	34.4	34.6	34.3	-0.2	0.1
Local Government	23.8	23.7	24.9	0.1	-1.1

**Number of Unemployed**  
 April 2019 - April 2022



**Jobs in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities**  
 April: 2012 - 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA = Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas and McDonald county in Missouri.

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

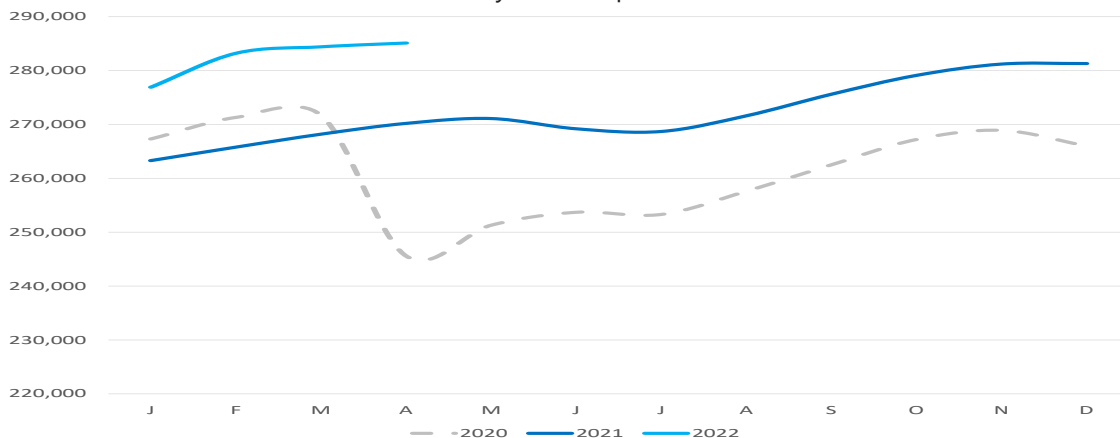
	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	297,918	296,900	284,143	1,018	13,775
Employment	291,375	290,094	275,643	1,281	15,732
Unemployment	6,543	6,806	8,500	-263	-1,957
Unemployment Rate	2.2	2.3	3.0	-0.1	-0.8

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	285.1	284.4	270.2	0.7	14.9
Goods Producing	45.3	45.5	44.2	-0.2	1.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	13.6	13.8	13.7	-0.2	-0.1
Manufacturing	31.7	31.7	30.5	0.0	1.2
Service Providing	239.8	238.9	226.0	0.9	13.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.9	62.4	58.2	0.5	4.7
Wholesale Trade	13.5	13.3	12.6	0.2	0.9
Retail Trade	29.2	29.2	27.0	0.0	2.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.2	19.9	18.6	0.3	1.6
Information	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	0.2
Financial Activities	9.0	8.9	8.9	0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	57.3	57.3	52.6	0.0	4.7
Educational & Health Services	30.7	30.6	30.1	0.1	0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	27.1	26.9	25.5	0.2	1.6
Other Services	9.9	9.9	9.9	0.0	0.0
Government	40.8	40.8	38.9	0.0	1.9
Federal Government	2.9	2.8	2.8	0.1	0.1
State Government	18.0	18.1	16.8	-0.1	1.2
Local Government	19.9	19.9	19.3	0.0	0.6

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
 January 2020 - April 2022





## 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)

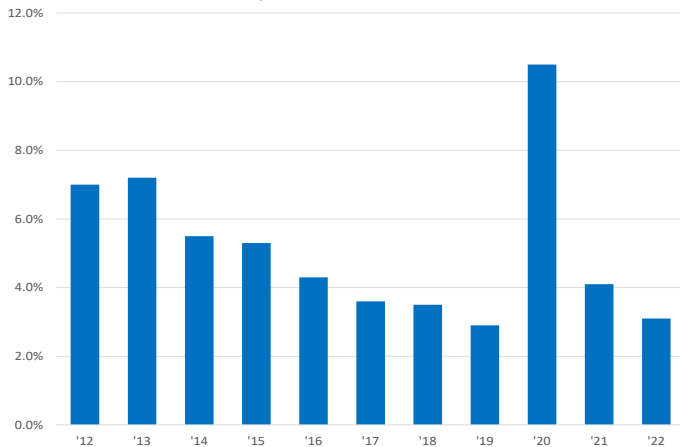
	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	117,314	117,234	115,794	80	1,520
Employment	113,722	113,488	111,052	234	2,670
Unemployment	3,592	3,746	4,742	-154	-1,150
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.2	4.1	-0.1	-1.0

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	112.3	111.8	109.9	0.5	2.4
Goods Producing	23.0	22.8	21.6	0.2	1.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.1	5.0	5.0	0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	17.9	17.8	16.6	0.1	1.3
Service Providing	89.3	89.0	88.3	0.3	1.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.2	24.2	23.2	0.0	1.0
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.7	4.3	0.1	0.5
Retail Trade	12.8	12.8	12.6	0.0	0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.6	6.7	6.3	-0.1	0.3
Information	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.7	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	11.5	11.5	11.8	0.0	-0.3
Educational & Health Services	16.7	16.7	16.9	0.0	-0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.6	9.4	9.5	0.2	0.1
Other Services	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	-0.1
Government	18.0	17.9	17.7	0.1	0.3
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	14.1	14.0	13.7	0.1	0.4

**Unemployment Rates**  
 April: 2012 - 2022



**Jobs in Goods Producing Industries**  
 April 2019 - April 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,009	40,349	40,732	660	277
Employment	39,435	38,746	38,591	689	844
Unemployment	1,574	1,603	2,141	-29	-567
Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.0	5.3	-0.2	-1.5

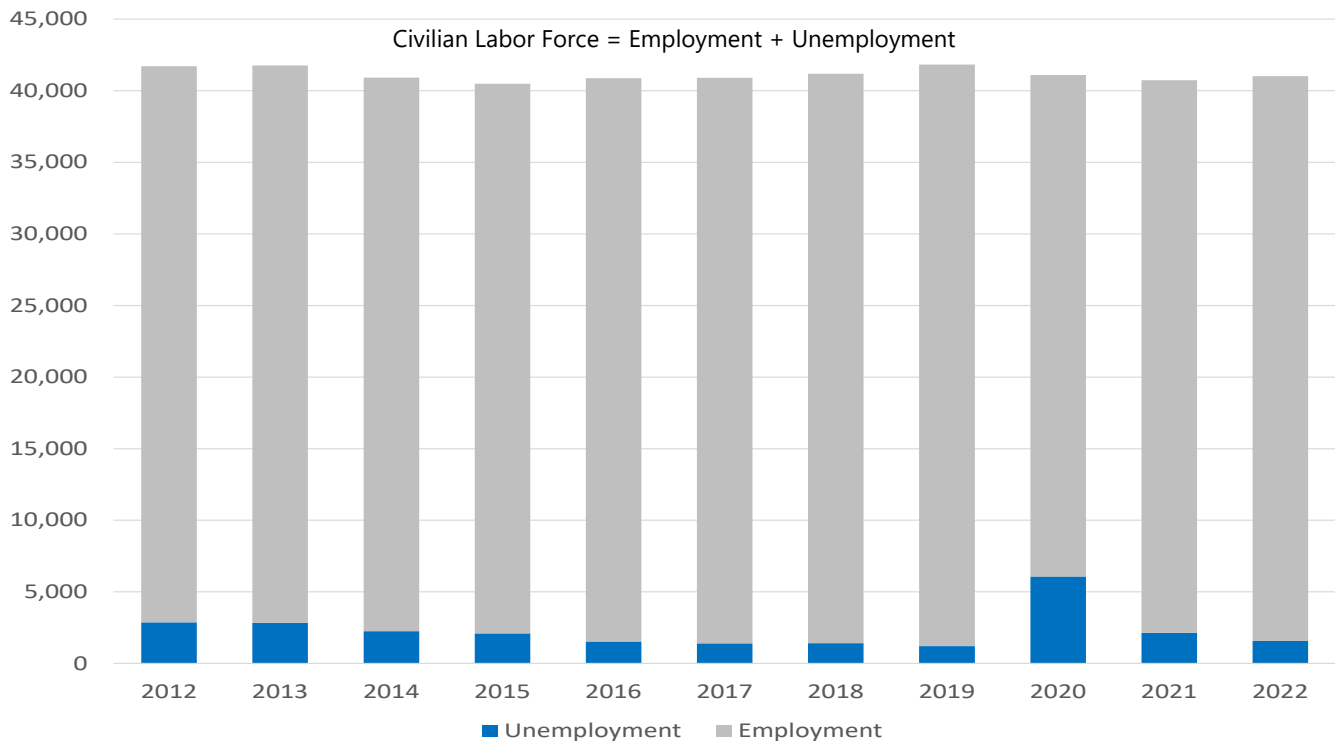
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.4	38.9	38.7	0.5	0.7
Goods Producing	4.4	4.4	4.5	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	35.0	34.5	34.2	0.5	0.8
Government	4.1	4.1	4.3	0.0	-0.2

### Composition of the Civilian Labor Force

April: 2012 - 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

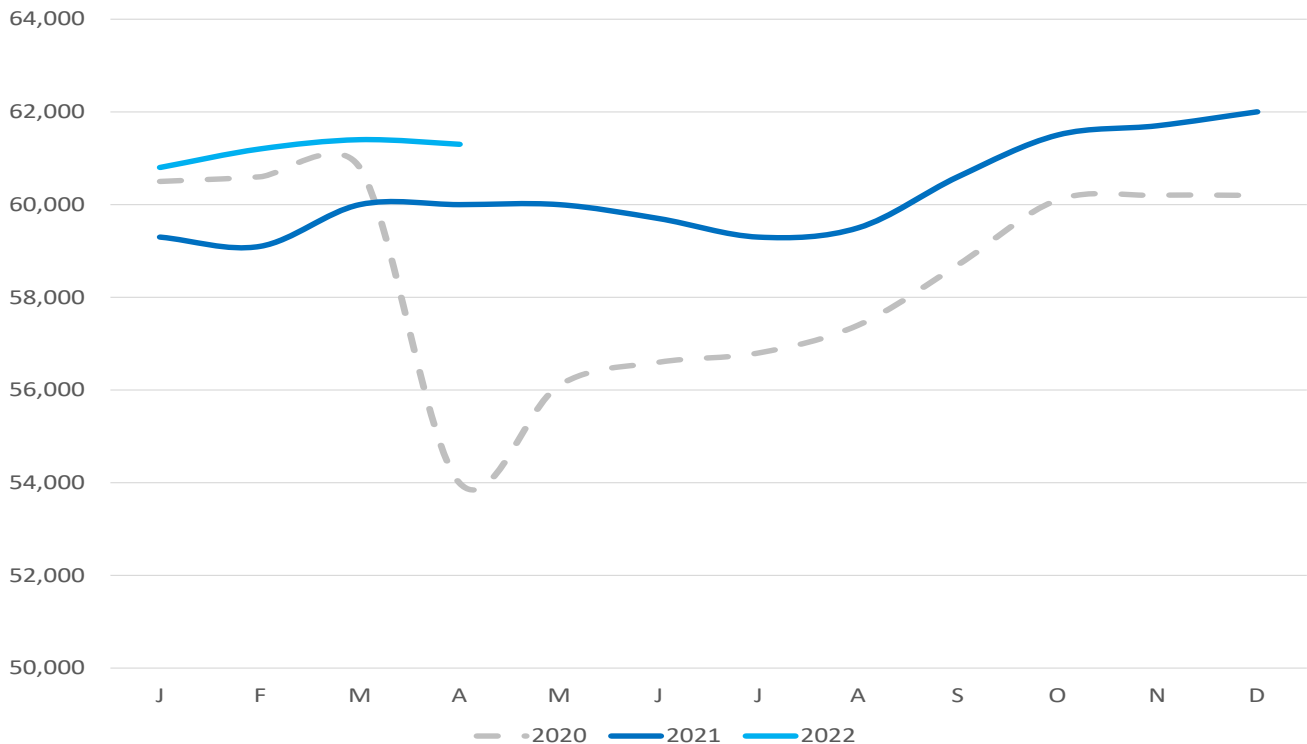
	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	66,372	66,436	65,225	-64	1,147
Employment	64,653	64,664	62,952	-11	1,701
Unemployment	1,719	1,772	2,273	-53	-554
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.7	3.5	-0.1	-0.9

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	61.3	61.4	60.0	-0.1	1.3
Goods Producing	11.0	11.1	11.0	-0.1	0.0
Service Providing	50.3	50.3	49.0	0.0	1.3
Government	8.5	8.5	8.9	0.0	-0.4

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
 January 2020 - April 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	33,610	33,181	33,258	429	352
Employment	31,817	31,430	31,131	387	686
Unemployment	1,793	1,751	2,127	42	-334
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.3	6.4	0.0	-1.1

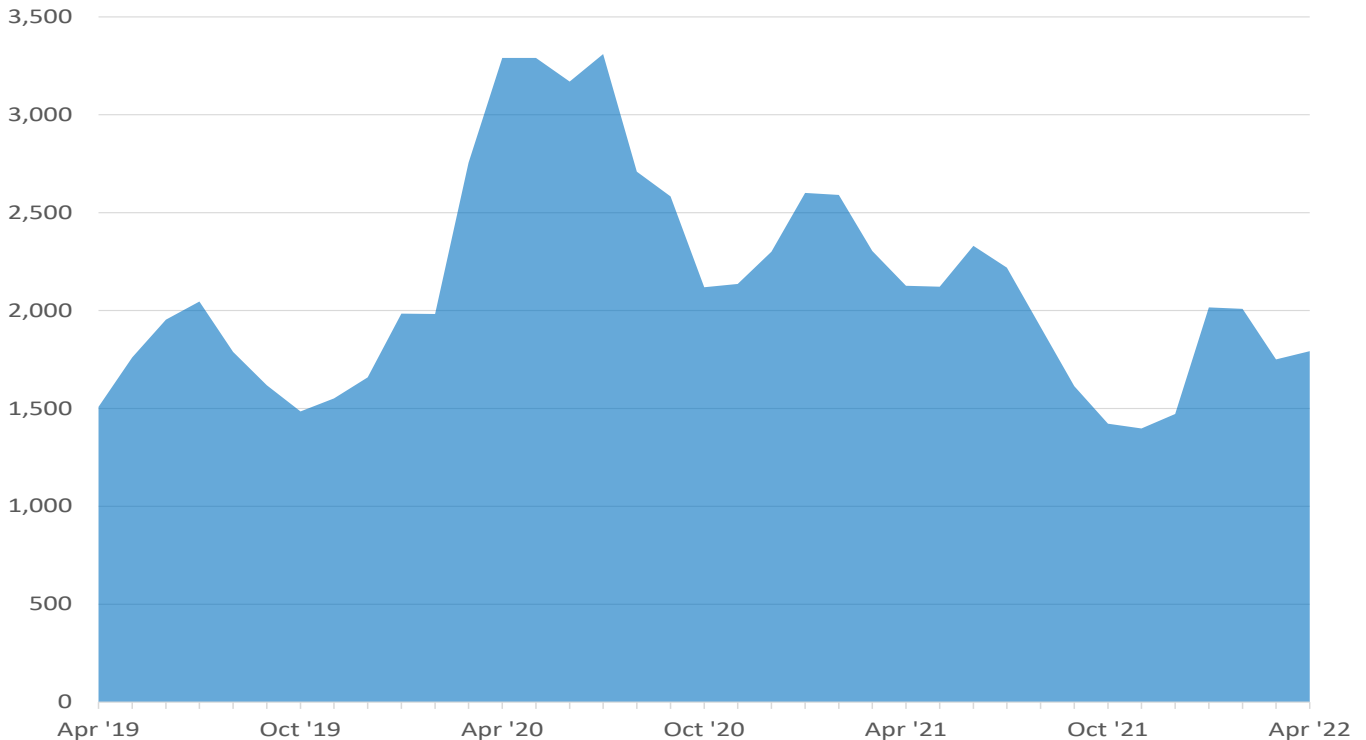
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	31.8	31.5	31.2	0.3	0.6
Goods Producing	5.8	5.6	5.5	0.2	0.3
Service Providing	26.0	25.9	25.7	0.1	0.3
Government	8.4	8.5	8.7	-0.1	-0.3

### Number of Unemployed

April 2019 - April 2022







## 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.

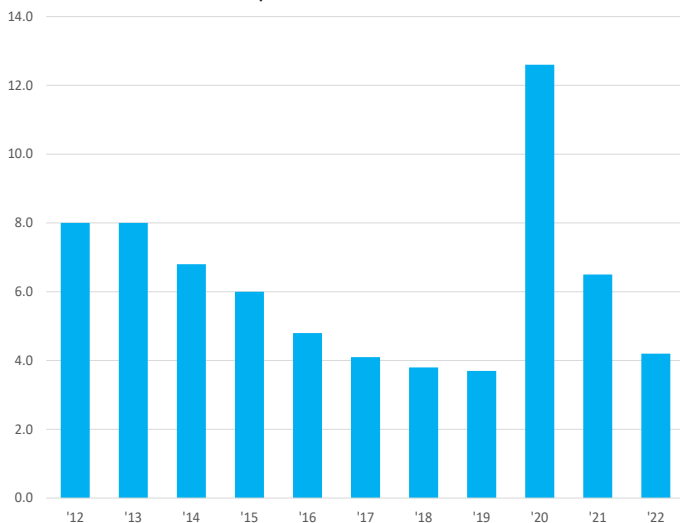
	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	651,037	647,510	636,282	3,527	14,755
Employment	623,504	620,507	594,941	2,997	28,563
Unemployment	27,533	27,003	41,341	530	-13,808
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.2	6.5	0.0	-2.3

#### Texarkana MSA

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

	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	63,894	64,100	63,207	-206	687
Employment	61,332	61,466	59,696	-134	1,636
Unemployment	2,562	2,634	3,511	-72	-949
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.1	5.6	-0.1	-1.6

**Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates**  
 April: 2012 - 2022



**Texarkana MSA - Employment**  
 April 2019 - April 2022



## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	April 2022				March 2022				April 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,748	8,414	334	3.8	8,846	8,505	341	3.9	8,951	8,537	414	4.6
Batesville Micro	16,739	16,233	506	3.0	16,777	16,254	523	3.1	16,598	15,983	615	3.7
Blytheville Micro	16,326	15,361	965	5.9	16,487	15,537	950	5.8	16,386	15,166	1,220	7.4
Camden Micro	12,150	11,725	425	3.5	12,210	11,784	426	3.5	12,205	11,744	461	3.8
El Dorado Micro	14,925	14,172	753	5.0	15,027	14,276	751	5.0	15,191	14,225	966	6.4
Forrest City Micro	7,601	7,222	379	5.0	7,672	7,276	396	5.2	7,745	7,238	507	6.5
Harrison Micro	19,026	18,569	457	2.4	19,231	18,746	485	2.5	19,178	18,619	559	2.9
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,773	5,391	382	6.6	5,879	5,491	388	6.6	5,976	5,483	493	8.2
Hope Micro	12,402	12,011	391	3.2	12,422	12,006	416	3.3	12,658	12,223	435	3.4
Magnolia Micro	8,833	8,455	378	4.3	8,920	8,540	380	4.3	8,918	8,441	477	5.3
Malvern Micro	13,830	13,401	429	3.1	13,830	13,388	442	3.2	13,851	13,330	521	3.8
Mountain Home Micro	16,467	15,957	510	3.1	16,490	15,965	525	3.2	16,438	15,839	599	3.6
Paragould Micro	19,422	18,879	543	2.8	19,711	19,167	544	2.8	19,302	18,648	654	3.4
Russellville Micro	35,387	34,229	1,158	3.3	35,415	34,238	1,177	3.3	35,335	34,016	1,319	3.7
Searcy Micro	34,022	32,885	1,137	3.3	34,140	32,979	1,161	3.4	33,654	32,258	1,396	4.1

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties

Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

### City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	April 2022				March 2022				April 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,832	12,424	408	3.2	12,800	12,370	430	3.4	12,234	11,755	479	3.9
Benton	17,624	17,147	477	2.7	17,445	16,962	483	2.8	17,169	16,642	527	3.1
Bentonville	30,977	30,382	595	1.9	30,838	30,250	588	1.9	29,465	28,746	719	2.4
Blytheville	5,563	5,142	421	7.6	5,495	5,201	294	5.4	5,554	5,077	477	8.6
Cabot	11,936	11,641	295	2.5	11,859	11,547	312	2.6	11,677	11,256	421	3.6
Conway	34,224	33,318	906	2.6	33,885	32,974	911	2.7	33,544	32,310	1,234	3.7
El Dorado	6,460	6,099	361	5.6	6,507	6,143	364	5.6	6,620	6,121	499	7.5
Fayetteville	50,722	49,547	1,175	2.3	50,536	49,316	1,220	2.4	48,495	46,887	1,608	3.3
Fort Smith	38,308	37,170	1,138	3.0	38,093	36,920	1,173	3.1	37,776	36,306	1,470	3.9
Hot Springs	15,324	14,593	731	4.8	15,058	14,338	720	4.8	15,326	14,281	1,045	6.8
Jacksonville	11,561	11,061	500	4.3	11,442	10,943	499	4.4	11,530	10,735	795	6.9
Jonesboro	39,886	38,898	988	2.5	39,934	38,881	1,053	2.6	39,353	37,915	1,438	3.7
Little Rock	96,479	92,834	3,645	3.8	95,374	91,842	3,532	3.7	95,423	90,100	5,323	5.6
North Little Rock	29,729	28,547	1,182	4.0	29,491	28,242	1,249	4.2	29,476	27,706	1,770	6.0
Paragould	12,353	11,998	355	2.9	12,551	12,181	370	2.9	12,320	11,852	468	3.8
Pine Bluff	15,732	14,753	979	6.2	15,559	14,558	1,001	6.4	15,729	14,463	1,266	8.0
Rogers	38,026	37,273	753	2.0	37,906	37,111	795	2.1	36,335	35,266	1,069	2.9
Russellville	12,670	12,292	378	3.0	12,668	12,281	387	3.1	12,712	12,244	468	3.7
Searcy	10,244	9,931	313	3.1	10,336	9,959	377	3.6	10,105	9,741	364	3.6
Sherwood	16,019	15,579	440	2.7	15,905	15,413	492	3.1	15,753	15,120	633	4.0
Springdale	40,426	39,568	858	2.1	40,265	39,385	880	2.2	38,590	37,444	1,146	3.0
Texarkana, AR	13,240	12,706	534	4.0	13,176	12,629	547	4.2	13,061	12,293	768	5.9
Van Buren	10,283	9,963	320	3.1	10,201	9,909	292	2.9	10,079	9,714	365	3.6
West Memphis	10,178	9,780	398	3.9	10,088	9,702	386	3.8	10,094	9,349	745	7.4

## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	April 2022				March 2022				April 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,498	9,183	315	3.3	9,597	9,267	330	3.4	9,343	9,037	306	3.3
Ashley	6,770	6,369	401	5.9	6,825	6,405	420	6.2	6,902	6,367	535	7.8
Baxter	16,467	15,957	510	3.1	16,490	15,965	525	3.2	16,438	15,839	599	3.6
Benton	148,169	144,951	3,218	2.2	147,622	144,321	3,301	2.2	141,260	137,144	4,116	2.9
Boone	15,816	15,442	374	2.4	15,980	15,586	394	2.5	15,970	15,503	467	2.9
Bradley	4,114	3,945	169	4.1	4,139	3,976	163	3.9	4,106	3,903	203	4.9
Calhoun	2,407	2,342	65	2.7	2,429	2,364	65	2.7	2,414	2,327	87	3.6
Carroll	12,646	12,326	320	2.5	12,769	12,418	351	2.7	12,669	12,225	444	3.5
Chicot	3,010	2,790	220	7.3	3,042	2,832	210	6.9	3,101	2,819	282	9.1
Clark	8,748	8,414	334	3.8	8,846	8,505	341	3.9	8,951	8,537	414	4.6
Clay	5,476	5,285	191	3.5	5,506	5,307	199	3.6	5,463	5,251	212	3.9
Cleburne	8,881	8,531	350	3.9	8,960	8,586	374	4.2	8,954	8,551	403	4.5
Cleveland	3,195	3,083	112	3.5	3,166	3,056	110	3.5	3,125	2,998	127	4.1
Columbia	8,833	8,455	378	4.3	8,920	8,540	380	4.3	8,918	8,441	477	5.3
Conway	8,410	8,123	287	3.4	8,401	8,099	302	3.6	8,239	7,880	359	4.4
Craighead	56,492	55,081	1,411	2.5	56,508	55,056	1,452	2.6	55,570	53,689	1,881	3.4
Crawford	26,284	25,497	787	3.0	26,157	25,359	798	3.1	25,799	24,860	939	3.6
Crittenden	20,820	20,041	779	3.7	20,658	19,882	776	3.8	20,371	19,158	1,213	6.0
Cross	7,022	6,787	235	3.3	7,122	6,872	250	3.5	7,094	6,765	329	4.6
Dallas	2,766	2,667	99	3.6	2,796	2,692	104	3.7	2,768	2,658	110	4.0
Desha	4,930	4,653	277	5.6	5,003	4,726	277	5.5	4,992	4,690	302	6.0
Drew	7,538	7,219	319	4.2	7,597	7,278	319	4.2	7,611	7,207	404	5.3
Faulkner	62,224	60,518	1,706	2.7	61,617	59,893	1,724	2.8	60,883	58,687	2,196	3.6
Franklin	7,387	7,153	234	3.2	7,369	7,133	236	3.2	7,296	7,019	277	3.8
Fulton	5,048	4,906	142	2.8	5,025	4,870	155	3.1	4,921	4,749	172	3.5
Garland	41,009	39,435	1,574	3.8	40,349	38,746	1,603	4.0	40,732	38,591	2,141	5.3
Grant	8,364	8,128	236	2.8	8,306	8,068	238	2.9	8,103	7,858	245	3.0
Greene	19,422	18,879	543	2.8	19,711	19,167	544	2.8	19,302	18,648	654	3.4
Hempstead	9,075	8,809	266	2.9	9,099	8,812	287	3.2	9,263	8,951	312	3.4
Hot Spring	13,830	13,401	429	3.1	13,830	13,388	442	3.2	13,851	13,330	521	3.8
Howard	5,476	5,326	150	2.7	5,553	5,395	158	2.8	5,546	5,384	162	2.9
Independence	16,739	16,233	506	3.0	16,777	16,254	523	3.1	16,598	15,983	615	3.7
Izard	4,435	4,225	210	4.7	4,465	4,255	210	4.7	4,493	4,255	238	5.3
Jackson	5,595	5,344	251	4.5	5,647	5,387	260	4.6	5,621	5,336	285	5.1
Jefferson	26,574	25,055	1,519	5.7	26,204	24,724	1,480	5.6	26,383	24,563	1,820	6.9
Johnson	9,943	9,569	374	3.8	10,080	9,705	375	3.7	9,903	9,460	443	4.5
Lafayette	2,341	2,238	103	4.4	2,344	2,240	104	4.4	2,364	2,214	150	6.3
Lawrence	6,800	6,568	232	3.4	6,865	6,628	237	3.5	6,797	6,501	296	4.4
Lee	2,565	2,451	114	4.4	2,617	2,494	123	4.7	2,580	2,428	152	5.9
Lincoln	3,841	3,679	162	4.2	3,811	3,650	161	4.2	3,750	3,570	180	4.8
Little River	5,355	5,158	197	3.7	5,323	5,132	191	3.6	5,228	4,988	240	4.6
Logan	8,300	8,007	293	3.5	8,395	8,106	289	3.4	8,425	8,068	357	4.2
Lonoke	33,885	32,999	886	2.6	33,660	32,733	927	2.8	33,028	31,909	1,119	3.4
Madison	7,730	7,551	179	2.3	7,753	7,563	190	2.5	7,320	7,091	229	3.1
Marion	6,275	6,069	206	3.3	6,231	6,017	214	3.4	6,113	5,842	271	4.4
Miller	19,290	18,574	716	3.7	19,190	18,461	729	3.8	18,941	17,969	972	5.1

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## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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### Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	April 2022				March 2022				April 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,326	15,361	965	5.9	16,487	15,537	950	5.8	16,386	15,166	1,220	7.4
Monroe	2,659	2,545	114	4.3	2,694	2,576	118	4.4	2,649	2,504	145	5.5
Montgomery	2,955	2,828	127	4.3	2,957	2,825	132	4.5	2,920	2,790	130	4.5
Nevada	3,327	3,202	125	3.8	3,323	3,194	129	3.9	3,395	3,272	123	3.6
Newton	3,210	3,127	83	2.6	3,251	3,160	91	2.8	3,208	3,116	92	2.9
Ouachita	9,743	9,383	360	3.7	9,781	9,420	361	3.7	9,791	9,417	374	3.8
Perry	4,191	4,041	150	3.6	4,157	4,005	152	3.7	4,075	3,906	169	4.1
Phillips	5,773	5,391	382	6.6	5,879	5,491	388	6.6	5,976	5,483	493	8.2
Pike	4,243	4,086	157	3.7	4,256	4,098	158	3.7	4,241	4,065	176	4.1
Poinsett	9,880	9,572	308	3.1	9,928	9,608	320	3.2	9,655	9,263	392	4.1
Polk	7,791	7,521	270	3.5	7,859	7,578	281	3.6	7,770	7,431	339	4.4
Pope	27,431	26,541	890	3.2	27,422	26,517	905	3.3	27,459	26,437	1,022	3.7
Prairie	3,629	3,538	91	2.5	3,645	3,546	99	2.7	3,542	3,398	144	4.1
Pulaski	187,392	180,492	6,900	3.7	185,481	178,563	6,918	3.7	185,137	175,176	9,961	5.4
Randolph	7,264	7,046	218	3.0	7,335	7,098	237	3.2	7,369	7,076	293	4.0
St. Francis	7,601	7,222	379	5.0	7,672	7,276	396	5.2	7,745	7,238	507	6.5
Saline	59,068	57,573	1,495	2.5	58,501	56,954	1,547	2.6	57,732	55,878	1,854	3.2
Scott	4,179	4,072	107	2.6	4,225	4,111	114	2.7	4,227	4,078	149	3.5
Searcy	2,947	2,839	108	3.7	2,961	2,841	120	4.1	2,909	2,791	118	4.1
Sebastian	55,146	53,545	1,601	2.9	54,829	53,186	1,643	3.0	54,371	52,301	2,070	3.8
Sevier	5,322	5,127	195	3.7	5,357	5,162	195	3.6	5,344	5,105	239	4.5
Sharp	5,781	5,561	220	3.8	5,785	5,556	229	4.0	5,676	5,419	257	4.5
Stone	4,596	4,426	170	3.7	4,598	4,422	176	3.8	4,563	4,329	234	5.1
Union	14,925	14,172	753	5.0	15,027	14,276	751	5.0	15,191	14,225	966	6.4
Van Buren	5,938	5,718	220	3.7	5,938	5,691	247	4.2	5,861	5,561	300	5.1
Washington	131,052	128,168	2,884	2.2	130,520	127,571	2,949	2.3	125,067	121,289	3,778	3.0
White	34,022	32,885	1,137	3.3	34,140	32,979	1,161	3.4	33,654	32,258	1,396	4.1
Woodruff	2,825	2,724	101	3.6	2,875	2,770	105	3.7	2,800	2,639	161	5.8
Yell	7,956	7,688	268	3.4	7,993	7,721	272	3.4	7,876	7,579	297	3.8

## County Labor Force Summary

Between March and April, unemployment rates declined in 50 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates remained stable in sixteen counties while nine counties posted rate increases. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Benton and Washington counties to a high of 7.3 percent in Chicot County.

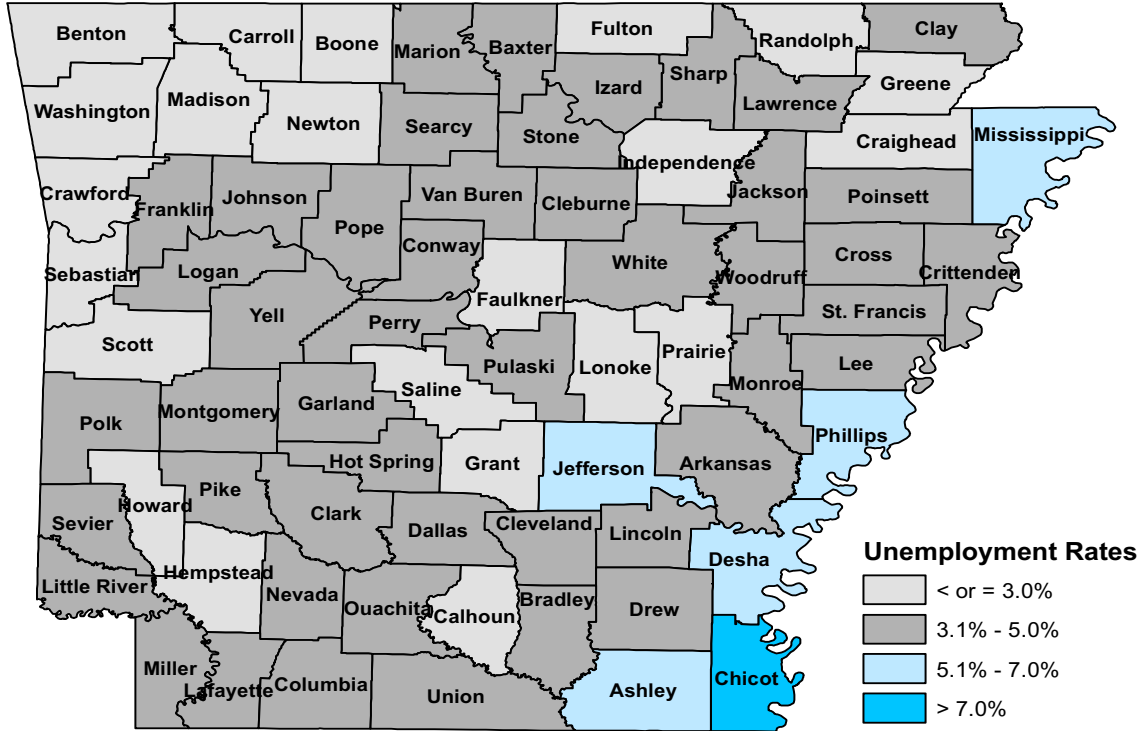
In April, fifty-seven counties reported unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is up slightly from 55 counties at or below four percent last month. Only one county-- Chicot County-- had a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to April 2021, unemployment rates are down in 73 Arkansas counties. The jobless rate in Nevada County increased two-tenths of a percentage point, while Arkansas County remained stable over-the-year. Unemployment rate declines ranged from as much as a two and three-tenths of a percentage point drop in Crittenden County to a one-tenth of a percentage point decrease in Ouachita County.





## County Unemployment Rates



## Ranked by Unemployment Rates

April 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	2.2	26	Franklin	3.2	42	Van Buren	3.7
1	Washington	2.2	26	Pope	3.2	52	Clark	3.8
3	Madison	2.3	28	Arkansas	3.3	52	Garland	3.8
4	Boone	2.4	28	Cross	3.3	52	Johnson	3.8
5	Carroll	2.5	28	Marion	3.3	52	Nevada	3.8
5	Craighead	2.5	28	White	3.3	52	Sharp	3.8
5	Prairie	2.5	32	Conway	3.4	57	Cleburne	3.9
5	Saline	2.5	32	Lawrence	3.4	58	Bradley	4.1
9	Lonoke	2.6	32	Yell	3.4	59	Drew	4.2
9	Newton	2.6	35	Clay	3.5	59	Lincoln	4.2
9	Scott	2.6	35	Cleveland	3.5	61	Columbia	4.3
12	Calhoun	2.7	35	Logan	3.5	61	Monroe	4.3
12	Faulkner	2.7	35	Polk	3.5	61	Montgomery	4.3
12	Howard	2.7	39	Dallas	3.6	64	Lafayette	4.4
15	Fulton	2.8	39	Perry	3.6	64	Lee	4.4
15	Grant	2.8	39	Woodruff	3.6	66	Jackson	4.5
15	Greene	2.8	42	Crittenden	3.7	67	Izard	4.7
18	Hempstead	2.9	42	Little River	3.7	68	St. Francis	5.0
18	Sebastian	2.9	42	Miller	3.7	68	Union	5.0
20	Crawford	3.0	42	Ouachita	3.7	70	Desha	5.6
20	Independence	3.0	42	Pike	3.7	71	Jefferson	5.7
20	Randolph	3.0	42	Pulaski	3.7	72	Ashley	5.9
23	Baxter	3.1	42	Searcy	3.7	72	Mississippi	5.9
23	Hot Spring	3.1	42	Sevier	3.7	74	Phillips	6.6
23	Poinsett	3.1	42	Stone	3.7	75	Chicot	7.3



## Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	April 2022				March 2022				April 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	252,378	244,831	7,547	3.0	250,224	242,423	7,801	3.1	247,548	237,452	10,096	4.1
City of Little Rock	96,479	92,834	3,645	3.8	95,374	91,842	3,532	3.7	95,423	90,100	5,323	5.6
Eastern	43,781	41,892	1,889	4.3	43,948	42,015	1,933	4.4	43,766	41,072	2,694	6.2
North Central	93,860	90,553	3,307	3.5	94,210	90,770	3,440	3.7	93,141	89,080	4,061	4.4
Northeast	121,660	117,792	3,868	3.2	122,340	118,401	3,939	3.2	120,542	115,594	4,948	4.1
Northwest	344,312	336,430	7,882	2.3	343,577	335,442	8,135	2.4	330,954	320,840	10,114	3.1
Southeast	77,834	74,104	3,730	4.8	77,690	73,982	3,708	4.8	77,416	73,012	4,404	5.7
Southwest	88,860	85,453	3,407	3.8	89,142	85,688	3,454	3.9	89,163	84,951	4,212	4.7
West Central	128,716	124,126	4,590	3.6	128,291	123,609	4,682	3.6	128,247	122,575	5,672	4.4
Western	109,087	105,795	3,292	3.0	108,834	105,473	3,361	3.1	107,888	103,757	4,131	3.8

