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Workforce Services





The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious 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 col- lected for production workers in manufactur- ing industries.

Industries are classi- fied according to the North American In- dustry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2022 benchmark.

#### Explanation of Terms and Concepts

**Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample sur- vey designed to pro- vide 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 Work- force Services. The data are based on establish- ment records and in- clude all workers, full- or part-time, who re- ceived pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas busi- ness establishments are surveyed.

#### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

A term applied by the

U.S. Office of Manage- ment 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 sur- vey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to pro- vide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conduct- ed each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The informa- tion is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the cal- endar 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 em- ployed and unem- ployed 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 work- ers 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 seek- ing work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

#### Unemployment Rate

The number of unem- ployed 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, ma- jor holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

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**May Spotlight**

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# 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)

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

**Quarter Ending**

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

**Category | Sep 21 | Dec 21 | Mar 22 | Jun 22 | Sep 22\***

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

**Employment Levels**

\*Most recent BED data available is for 3rd Quarter 2022

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gross job gains..... | 68,367 | 79,698 | 61,175 | 58,938 | 67,192 |
| Gross job losses.... | 67,097 | 48,806 | 55,459 | 63,128 | 57,587 |
| **Net Change**.......... | **1,270** | **30,892** | **5,716** | **-4,190** | **9,605** |

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

3rd Quarter 2020 - 3rd Quarter 2022

90,000

80,000

70,000

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

10,000

0

Sep '20 Dec '20 Mar '21 Jun '21 Sep '21 Dec '21 Mar '22 Jun '22 Sep '22

Gross Job Gains Gross Job Losses

**State of Arkansas**

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# Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, an- nounced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 2.8% in April to 2.7% in May. The United States’ jobless rate increased over the month, from 3.4% in April to 3.7% in May.

May marks the eighth consecutive month of employment gains in Arkansas. Over the month, the ci- vilian labor force increased along with the number of employed Arkansans, setting new record highs in the State. Arkansas’ unemployment rate dropped to the lowest it has ever been as unemployment declined to a new record low of 37,095.

Compared to May 2022, there are 16,675 more employed in the State. The number of unemployed is down 6,428, while the unemployment rate is down five-tenths of a percentage point over the year. Ar- kansas’ labor force participation rate remains slightly lower than the 57.7% reported in May 2022.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,343,657 1,339,400 1,326,982 Employment 1,349,899 1,353,853 1,328,288

Unemployment 37,095 39,021 43,523 Unemployment 34,372 34,174 43,450

Unemployment Rate 2.7% 2.8% 3.2% Unemployment Rate 2.5% 2.5% 3.2%

LF Participation Rate 57.5% 57.5% 57.7% LF Participation Rate 57.7% 57.9% 57.7%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** |  | **May 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,380,752 | 1,378,421 | 1,370,505 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,384,271 | 1,388,027 | 1,371,738 |

#### Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

May 2020 - May 2023

140,000

120,000

100,000

80,000

60,000

40,000

20,000

0

May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23

**State of Arkansas**

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **May 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1368.9 | 1360.5 | 1332.2 | 8.4 | 36.7 |
| Goods Producing | 232.1 | 229.5 | 223.6 | 2.6 | 8.5 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 67.4 | 66.0 | 62.0 | 1.4 | 5.4 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **4.9** | **4.8** | **5.1** | **0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Construction** | **62.5** | **61.2** | **56.9** | **1.3** | **5.6** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 38.6 | 38.0 | 35.9 | 0.6 | 2.7 |
| **Manufacturing** | **164.7** | **163.5** | **161.6** | **1.2** | **3.1** |
| Durable Goods | 80.1 | 79.8 | 78.3 | 0.3 | 1.8 |
| Nondurable Goods | 84.6 | 83.7 | 83.3 | 0.9 | 1.3 |
| Service Providing | 1136.8 | 1131.0 | 1108.6 | 5.8 | 28.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **272.8** | **273.1** | **267.4** | **-0.3** | **5.4** |
| Wholesale Trade | 53.6 | 54.0 | 50.3 | -0.4 | 3.3 |
| Retail Trade | 143.1 | 142.7 | 143.8 | 0.4 | -0.7 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 76.1 | 76.4 | 73.3 | -0.3 | 2.8 |
| **Information** | **12.4** | **12.7** | **12.6** | **-0.3** | **-0.2** |
| **Financial Activities** | **71.0** | **70.2** | **70.4** | **0.8** | **0.6** |
| Finance & Insurance | 56.3 | 55.8 | 55.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 14.7 | 14.4 | 14.7 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **153.4** | **152.9** | **152.5** | **0.5** | **0.9** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 49.2 | 49.5 | 46.8 | -0.3 | 2.4 |
| Management of Companies | 40.1 | 40.0 | 37.0 | 0.1 | 3.1 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 64.1 | 63.4 | 68.7 | 0.7 | -4.6 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **204.8** | **203.5** | **198.7** | **1.3** | **6.1** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 18.5 | 19.1 | 17.8 | -0.6 | 0.7 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 186.3 | 184.4 | 180.9 | 1.9 | 5.4 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 65.7 | 64.7 | 62.4 | 1.0 | 3.3 |
| Social Assistance | 37.9 | 37.2 | 37.6 | 0.7 | 0.3 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **135.0** | **131.9** | **124.0** | **3.1** | **11.0** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 16.1 | 14.6 | 13.6 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 118.9 | 117.3 | 110.4 | 1.6 | 8.5 |
| Accommodation Services | 12.0 | 11.9 | 11.4 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Food Services | 106.9 | 105.4 | 99.0 | 1.5 | 7.9 |
| **Other Services** | **74.5** | **73.4** | **71.4** | **1.1** | **3.1** |
| **Government** | **212.9** | **213.3** | **211.6** | **-0.4** | **1.3** |
| Federal Government | 21.0 | 21.0 | 20.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| State Government | 77.7 | 78.6 | 77.7 | -0.9 | 0.0 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.5 | 32.4 | 31.3 | -0.9 | 0.2 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.2 | 46.2 | 46.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Local Government | 114.2 | 113.7 | 113.4 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 70.1 | 70.2 | 69.7 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 44.1 | 43.5 | 43.7 | 0.6 | 0.4 |

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

#### Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

April 2023 - May 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Leisure & Hospitality

3,100

Construction

1,300

Private Ed & Health

1,300

Manufacturing

1,200

Other Services

1,100

Financial Activities

800

Professional & Business

500

Mining & Logging

100

Information

-300

Trade-Transport-Utilities

-300

Government -400

-1,000 -500

0

500 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500 3,000 3,500

#### Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

May 2022 - May 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Leisure & Hospitality

11,000

Private Ed & Health

6,100

Construction

5,600

Trade-Transport-Utilities

5,400

Manufacturing

3,100

Other Services

3,100

Government

1,300

Professional & Business

900

Financial Activities

600

Information

-200

Mining & Logging

-200

-2,000

0

2,000

4,000

6,000

8,000

10,000 12,000

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# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**May 23**

Average Weekly Hours 39.1

Average Hourly Earnings $21.87

Average Weekly Earnings $855.12

**Apr 23**

38.0

$21.99

$835.62

**May 22**

40.0

$20.13

$805.20

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**May 23**

Average Weekly Hours

Average Hourly Earnings $24.16

43.3

**Apr 23**

42.3

Average Weekly Earnings $1,046.13 $1,030.85

$24.37

**May 22**

41.2

$21.59

$889.51

**May 23**

Average Weekly Hours 35.2

Average Hourly Earnings $19.29

Average Weekly Earnings $679.01

**Apr 23**

33.9

$19.20

$650.88

**May 22**

39.0

$18.75

$731.25

#### Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing- Production Workers

May 2020 - May 2023

$23.00

$22.00

$21.00

$20.00

$19.00

$18.00

$17.00

May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**May**

# 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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 364,687 | 363,251 | 360,577 | 1,436 | 4,110 |
| **Employment** | 356,209 | 354,719 | 349,521 | 1,490 | 6,688 |
| **Unemployment** | 8,478 | 8,532 | 11,056 | -54 | -2,578 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.3% | 2.3% | 3.1% | 0.0% | -0.8% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS May 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 386.9 | 383.4 | 375.6 | 3.5 | 11.3 |
| **Goods Producing** 40.1 | 39.4 | 38.4 | 0.7 | 1.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 20.1** | **19.6** | **18.7** | **0.5** | **1.4** |
| **Manufacturing 20.0** | **19.8** | **19.7** | **0.2** | **0.3** |
| **Service Providing** 346.8 | 344.0 | 337.2 | 2.8 | 9.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 77.5** | **77.5** | **76.9** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 18.1 | 18.3 | 16.9 | -0.2 | 1.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.2 | 38.0 | 38.8 | 0.2 | -0.6 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.2 | 21.2 | 21.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Information 5.7** | **5.7** | **5.6** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 24.7** | **24.6** | **24.5** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services 48.6** | **47.9** | **47.7** | **0.7** | **0.9** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 63.8** | **63.3** | **60.9** | **0.5** | **2.9** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 37.8** | **36.2** | **33.9** | **1.6** | **3.9** |
| **Other Services 19.6** | **19.3** | **18.8** | **0.3** | **0.8** |
| **Government 69.1** | **69.5** | **68.9** | **-0.4** | **0.2** |
| **Federal Government** 10.0 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** 33.7 | 34.1 | 34.0 | -0.4 | -0.3 |
| **Local Government** 25.4 | 25.4 | 25.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 |

370,000

#### Employment

May: 2003 - 2023

350,000

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January 2021 - May 2023

360,000

350,000

340,000

330,000

320,000

310,000

300,000

290,000

280,000

270,000

'03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19 '21 '23

345,000

340,000

335,000

330,000

325,000

320,000

315,000

310,000

305,000

300,000

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2021 2022 2023

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**May**

# 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)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 314,859 | 314,943 | 304,247 | -84 | 10,612 |
| **Employment** | 308,955 | 309,142 | 297,266 | -187 | 11,689 |
| **Unemployment** | 5,904 | 5,801 | 6,981 | 103 | -1,077 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 1.9% | 1.8% | 2.3% | 0.1% | -0.4% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS May 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 308.8 | 307.5 | 294.1 | 1.3 | 14.7 |
| **Goods Producing** 48.6 | 47.6 | 46.0 | 1.0 | 2.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 16.2** | **15.6** | **14.5** | **0.6** | **1.7** |
| **Manufacturing 32.4** | **32.0** | **31.5** | **0.4** | **0.9** |
| **Service Providing** 260.2 | 259.9 | 248.1 | 0.3 | 12.1 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 63.8** | **63.8** | **60.6** | **0.0** | **3.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 14.2 | 14.3 | 13.2 | -0.1 | 1.0 |
| **Retail Trade** 29.0 | 28.9 | 28.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.6 | 20.6 | 18.6 | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| **Information 2.3** | **2.4** | **2.3** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 10.2** | **10.2** | **10.1** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 59.4** | **59.2** | **57.5** | **0.2** | **1.9** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 34.4** | **34.6** | **33.0** | **-0.2** | **1.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 31.1** | **31.2** | **28.9** | **-0.1** | **2.2** |
| **Other Services 15.9** | **15.7** | **15.0** | **0.2** | **0.9** |
| **Government 43.1** | **42.8** | **40.7** | **0.3** | **2.4** |
| **Federal Government** 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** 19.7 | 19.5 | 18.2 | 0.2 | 1.5 |
| **Local Government** 20.3 | 20.2 | 19.6 | 0.1 | 0.7 |

#### Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

May 2022 - May 2023

Trade-Transport-Utilities

3,200

2,400

2,200

1,900

1,700

1,400

900

900

100

0

Government

Leisure & Hospitality

Professional & Business

Mining-Logging-Construct

Private Ed & Health

Manufacturing

Other Services

Financial Activities

Information

0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**May**

# 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 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 119,549 | 119,300 | 118,580 | 249 | 969 |
| **Employment** | 116,348 | 116,403 | 114,820 | -55 | 1,528 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,201 | 2,897 | 3,760 | 304 | -559 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.7% | 2.4% | 3.2% | 0.3% | -0.5% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS May 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 116.0 | 115.7 | 114.0 | 0.3 | 2.0 |
| **Goods Producing** 24.3 | 24.1 | 23.4 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.5** | **5.4** | **5.1** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Manufacturing 18.8** | **18.7** | **18.3** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Service Providing** 91.7 | 91.6 | 90.6 | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.3** | **24.5** | **24.3** | **-0.2** | **0.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.8 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.9 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.5 | 6.6 | 6.3 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Information 1.4** | **1.4** | **1.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 4.2** | **4.2** | **4.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.5** | **11.4** | **12.1** | **0.1** | **-0.6** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 18.0** | **18.0** | **17.4** | **0.0** | **0.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.4** | **10.2** | **9.7** | **0.2** | **0.7** |
| **Other Services 3.6** | **3.6** | **3.5** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Government 18.3** | **18.3** | **18.0** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Local Government** 14.6 | 14.6 | 14.1 | 0.0 | 0.5 |

14,000

#### Unemployment

May 2020 - May 2023

30,000

#### Jobs in Manufacturing

May: 2003 - 2023

12,000

25,000

10,000

20,000

8,000

6,000

15,000

10,000

4,000

2,000

5,000

0

May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23

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'03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19 '21 '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

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# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,916 | 42,720 | 42,583 | -804 | -667 |
| **Employment** | 40,721 | 41,505 | 41,091 | -784 | -370 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,195 | 1,215 | 1,492 | -20 | -297 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.9% | 2.8% | 3.5% | 0.1% | -0.6% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 41.7 | 42.2 | 41.6 | -0.5 | 0.1 |
| 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 37.0 | 37.5 | 37.0 | -0.5 | 0.0 |
| 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 0.0 | -0.3 |

45,000

#### Civilian Labor Force

May 2020 - May 2023

43,000

41,000

39,000

37,000

35,000

33,000

31,000

May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

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# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 68,458 | 68,601 | 67,409 | -143 | 1,049 |
| **Employment** | 66,980 | 67,176 | 65,552 | -196 | 1,428 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,478 | 1,425 | 1,857 | 53 | -379 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.2% | 2.1% | 2.8% | 0.1% | -0.6% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 65.1 | 64.6 | 63.1 | 0.5 | 2.0 |
| 12.3 | 12.3 | 12.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| 52.8 | 52.3 | 51.1 | 0.5 | 1.7 |
| 9.3 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 0.1 | 0.5 |

55,000

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

May: 2013 - 2023

50,000

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45,000

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35,000

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2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**May**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 32,300 | 32,455 | 32,576 | -155 | -276 |
| **Employment** | 31,187 | 31,349 | 31,053 | -162 | 134 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,113 | 1,106 | 1,523 | 7 | -410 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.4% | 3.4% | 4.7% | 0.0% | -1.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **May 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.8 | 31.6 | 31.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 26.3 | 26.1 | 26.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 |

32,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January 2021 - May 2023

31,800

31,600

31,400

31,200

31,000

30,800

30,600

30,400

30,200

30,000

29,800

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2021 2022 2023

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**May**

# 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 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 624,485 | 623,323 | 635,439 | 1,162 | -10,954 |
| **Employment** | 600,753 | 603,145 | 611,147 | -2,392 | -10,394 |
| **Unemployment** | 23,732 | 20,178 | 24,292 | 3,554 | -560 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.8% | 3.2% | 3.8% | 0.6% | 0.0% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **May 23** | **Apr 23** | **May 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 62,753 | 62,829 | 62,802 | -76 | -49 |
| **Employment** | 60,348 | 60,596 | 60,234 | -248 | 114 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,405 | 2,233 | 2,568 | 172 | -163 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.8% | 3.6% | 4.1% | 0.2% | -0.3% |

640,000

#### Memphis MSA - Employment

May: 2013 - 2023

7,000

#### Texarkana MSA - Unemployment

May 2020 - May 2023

620,000 6,000

600,000 5,000

580,000 4,000

560,000 3,000

540,000 2,000

520,000 1,000

500,000

'13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23

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May '20 Nov '20 May '21 Nov '21 May '22 Nov '22 May '23

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

**May**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,521 | 8,217 | 304 | 3.6 | 8,664 | 8,386 | 278 | 3.2 | 8,576 | 8,214 | 362 | 4.2 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,947 | 16,516 | 431 | 2.5 | 17,003 | 16,580 | 423 | 2.5 | 16,734 | 16,202 | 532 | 3.2 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,452 | 15,765 | 687 | 4.2 | 16,556 | 15,949 | 607 | 3.7 | 16,196 | 15,300 | 896 | 5.5 |
| Camden Micro | 12,105 | 11,753 | 352 | 2.9 | 12,102 | 11,745 | 357 | 2.9 | 12,147 | 11,703 | 444 | 3.7 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,698 | 14,169 | 529 | 3.6 | 14,753 | 14,240 | 513 | 3.5 | 14,912 | 14,246 | 666 | 4.5 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,602 | 7,316 | 286 | 3.8 | 7,651 | 7,373 | 278 | 3.6 | 7,697 | 7,362 | 335 | 4.4 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,245 | 18,794 | 451 | 2.3 | 19,449 | 18,986 | 463 | 2.4 | 19,240 | 18,727 | 513 | 2.7 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,441 | 5,177 | 264 | 4.9 | 5,547 | 5,276 | 271 | 4.9 | 5,616 | 5,293 | 323 | 5.8 |
| Hope Micro | 12,798 | 12,488 | 310 | 2.4 | 12,936 | 12,624 | 312 | 2.4 | 12,836 | 12,428 | 408 | 3.2 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,829 | 8,521 | 308 | 3.5 | 8,849 | 8,561 | 288 | 3.3 | 8,991 | 8,614 | 377 | 4.2 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,930 | 13,561 | 369 | 2.6 | 14,056 | 13,689 | 367 | 2.6 | 13,875 | 13,434 | 441 | 3.2 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,597 | 16,152 | 445 | 2.7 | 16,622 | 16,169 | 453 | 2.7 | 16,782 | 16,242 | 540 | 3.2 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,946 | 19,427 | 519 | 2.6 | 20,042 | 19,555 | 487 | 2.4 | 19,653 | 19,080 | 573 | 2.9 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,656 | 34,619 | 1,037 | 2.9 | 36,005 | 34,997 | 1,008 | 2.8 | 35,683 | 34,353 | 1,330 | 3.7 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,484 | 33,547 | 937 | 2.7 | 34,593 | 33,687 | 906 | 2.6 | 34,639 | 33,435 | 1,204 | 3.5 |

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County Batesville Micro = Independence County Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**May 2023**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**April 2023**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**May 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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

**City**

**CLF**

**May 2023**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**April 2023**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**May 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 13,497 | 13,192 | 305 | 2.3 | 13,523 | 13,188 | 335 | 2.5 | 13,088 | 12,691 | 397 | 3.0 |
| Benton | 18,181 | 17,787 | 394 | 2.2 | 18,085 | 17,701 | 384 | 2.1 | 17,973 | 17,462 | 511 | 2.8 |
| Bentonville | 32,832 | 32,261 | 571 | 1.7 | 32,822 | 32,252 | 570 | 1.7 | 31,705 | 31,035 | 670 | 2.1 |
| Blytheville | 5,535 | 5,277 | 258 | 4.7 | 5,573 | 5,339 | 234 | 4.2 | 5,445 | 5,122 | 323 | 5.9 |
| Cabot | 12,272 | 11,995 | 277 | 2.3 | 12,254 | 11,989 | 265 | 2.2 | 12,090 | 11,742 | 348 | 2.9 |
| Conway | 35,312 | 34,494 | 818 | 2.3 | 35,188 | 34,379 | 809 | 2.3 | 34,854 | 33,850 | 1,004 | 2.9 |
| El Dorado | 6,330 | 6,097 | 233 | 3.7 | 6,345 | 6,128 | 217 | 3.4 | 6,443 | 6,131 | 312 | 4.8 |
| Fayetteville | 53,629 | 52,585 | 1,044 | 1.9 | 53,589 | 52,598 | 991 | 1.8 | 51,883 | 50,607 | 1,276 | 2.5 |
| Fort Smith | 38,752 | 37,835 | 917 | 2.4 | 38,801 | 37,878 | 923 | 2.4 | 38,622 | 37,431 | 1,191 | 3.1 |
| Hot Springs | 15,523 | 15,069 | 454 | 2.9 | 15,829 | 15,359 | 470 | 3.0 | 15,863 | 15,206 | 657 | 4.1 |
| Jacksonville | 11,792 | 11,478 | 314 | 2.7 | 11,735 | 11,418 | 317 | 2.7 | 11,749 | 11,267 | 482 | 4.1 |
| Jonesboro | 41,268 | 40,376 | 892 | 2.2 | 41,310 | 40,445 | 865 | 2.1 | 40,664 | 39,543 | 1,121 | 2.8 |
| Little Rock | 98,770 | 96,332 | 2,438 | 2.5 | 98,254 | 95,832 | 2,422 | 2.5 | 97,855 | 94,560 | 3,295 | 3.4 |
| North Little Rock | 30,448 | 29,623 | 825 | 2.7 | 30,311 | 29,469 | 842 | 2.8 | 30,176 | 29,078 | 1,098 | 3.6 |
| Paragould | 12,684 | 12,347 | 337 | 2.7 | 12,740 | 12,428 | 312 | 2.4 | 12,523 | 12,126 | 397 | 3.2 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,122 | 14,505 | 617 | 4.1 | 15,132 | 14,538 | 594 | 3.9 | 15,295 | 14,462 | 833 | 5.4 |
| Rogers | 40,311 | 39,578 | 733 | 1.8 | 40,258 | 39,567 | 691 | 1.7 | 38,919 | 38,074 | 845 | 2.2 |
| Russellville | 12,862 | 12,473 | 389 | 3.0 | 12,929 | 12,581 | 348 | 2.7 | 12,837 | 12,397 | 440 | 3.4 |
| Searcy | 10,416 | 10,131 | 285 | 2.7 | 10,442 | 10,173 | 269 | 2.6 | 10,479 | 10,097 | 382 | 3.6 |
| Sherwood | 16,540 | 16,166 | 374 | 2.3 | 16,450 | 16,082 | 368 | 2.2 | 16,310 | 15,869 | 441 | 2.7 |
| Springdale | 42,753 | 41,996 | 757 | 1.8 | 42,749 | 42,005 | 744 | 1.7 | 41,303 | 40,415 | 888 | 2.1 |
| Texarkana, AR | 12,858 | 12,464 | 394 | 3.1 | 12,893 | 12,505 | 388 | 3.0 | 12,924 | 12,408 | 516 | 4.0 |
| Van Buren | 10,338 | 10,114 | 224 | 2.2 | 10,369 | 10,143 | 226 | 2.2 | 10,329 | 9,991 | 338 | 3.3 |
| West Memphis | 10,032 | 9,654 | 378 | 3.8 | 10,084 | 9,720 | 364 | 3.6 | 10,059 | 9,682 | 377 | 3.7 |

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

**May**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | **May 2023** | |  |  | **April 2023** | |  |  | **May 2022** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,089 | 8,904 | 185 | 2.0 | 9,150 | 8,953 | 197 | 2.2 | 9,163 | 8,858 | 305 | 3.3 |
| Ashley | 6,557 | 6,266 | 291 | 4.4 | 6,540 | 6,254 | 286 | 4.4 | 6,878 | 6,541 | 337 | 4.9 |
| Baxter | 16,597 | 16,152 | 445 | 2.7 | 16,622 | 16,169 | 453 | 2.7 | 16,782 | 16,242 | 540 | 3.2 |
| Benton | 156,876 | 153,915 | 2,961 | 1.9 | 156,821 | 153,872 | 2,949 | 1.9 | 151,542 | 148,065 | 3,477 | 2.3 |
| Boone | 16,032 | 15,659 | 373 | 2.3 | 16,177 | 15,794 | 383 | 2.4 | 16,032 | 15,611 | 421 | 2.6 |
| Bradley | 3,980 | 3,823 | 157 | 3.9 | 4,023 | 3,870 | 153 | 3.8 | 4,097 | 3,917 | 180 | 4.4 |
| Calhoun | 2,376 | 2,324 | 52 | 2.2 | 2,395 | 2,342 | 53 | 2.2 | 2,379 | 2,302 | 77 | 3.2 |
| Carroll | 12,400 | 12,130 | 270 | 2.2 | 12,483 | 12,204 | 279 | 2.2 | 12,560 | 12,229 | 331 | 2.6 |
| Chicot | 2,925 | 2,801 | 124 | 4.2 | 2,977 | 2,849 | 128 | 4.3 | 2,960 | 2,772 | 188 | 6.4 |
| Clark | 8,521 | 8,217 | 304 | 3.6 | 8,664 | 8,386 | 278 | 3.2 | 8,576 | 8,214 | 362 | 4.2 |
| Clay | 5,450 | 5,292 | 158 | 2.9 | 5,557 | 5,393 | 164 | 3.0 | 5,454 | 5,260 | 194 | 3.6 |
| Cleburne | 8,965 | 8,696 | 269 | 3.0 | 8,994 | 8,716 | 278 | 3.1 | 9,093 | 8,729 | 364 | 4.0 |
| Cleveland | 3,071 | 2,992 | 79 | 2.6 | 3,117 | 3,037 | 80 | 2.6 | 3,079 | 2,967 | 112 | 3.6 |
| Columbia | 8,829 | 8,521 | 308 | 3.5 | 8,849 | 8,561 | 288 | 3.3 | 8,991 | 8,614 | 377 | 4.2 |
| Conway | 8,371 | 8,133 | 238 | 2.8 | 8,378 | 8,132 | 246 | 2.9 | 8,531 | 8,232 | 299 | 3.5 |
| Craighead | 58,406 | 57,173 | 1,233 | 2.1 | 58,457 | 57,271 | 1,186 | 2.0 | 57,525 | 55,994 | 1,531 | 2.7 |
| Crawford | 26,515 | 25,885 | 630 | 2.4 | 26,590 | 25,958 | 632 | 2.4 | 26,398 | 25,570 | 828 | 3.1 |
| Crittenden | 20,429 | 19,782 | 647 | 3.2 | 20,563 | 19,919 | 644 | 3.1 | 20,600 | 19,840 | 760 | 3.7 |
| Cross | 6,878 | 6,702 | 176 | 2.6 | 6,954 | 6,767 | 187 | 2.7 | 7,034 | 6,808 | 226 | 3.2 |
| Dallas | 2,662 | 2,578 | 84 | 3.2 | 2,661 | 2,572 | 89 | 3.3 | 2,738 | 2,633 | 105 | 3.8 |
| Desha | 4,860 | 4,685 | 175 | 3.6 | 4,944 | 4,761 | 183 | 3.7 | 4,910 | 4,663 | 247 | 5.0 |
| Drew | 7,281 | 7,041 | 240 | 3.3 | 7,423 | 7,172 | 251 | 3.4 | 7,235 | 6,920 | 315 | 4.4 |
| Faulkner | 64,119 | 62,655 | 1,464 | 2.3 | 63,913 | 62,445 | 1,468 | 2.3 | 63,288 | 61,485 | 1,803 | 2.8 |
| Franklin | 7,473 | 7,290 | 183 | 2.4 | 7,567 | 7,384 | 183 | 2.4 | 7,417 | 7,171 | 246 | 3.3 |
| Fulton | 5,039 | 4,904 | 135 | 2.7 | 5,070 | 4,934 | 136 | 2.7 | 5,120 | 4,950 | 170 | 3.3 |
| Garland | 41,916 | 40,721 | 1,195 | 2.9 | 42,720 | 41,505 | 1,215 | 2.8 | 42,583 | 41,091 | 1,492 | 3.5 |
| Grant | 8,572 | 8,388 | 184 | 2.1 | 8,561 | 8,369 | 192 | 2.2 | 8,454 | 8,204 | 250 | 3.0 |
| Greene | 19,946 | 19,427 | 519 | 2.6 | 20,042 | 19,555 | 487 | 2.4 | 19,653 | 19,080 | 573 | 2.9 |
| Hempstead | 9,364 | 9,141 | 223 | 2.4 | 9,475 | 9,251 | 224 | 2.4 | 9,364 | 9,087 | 277 | 3.0 |
| Hot Spring | 13,930 | 13,561 | 369 | 2.6 | 14,056 | 13,689 | 367 | 2.6 | 13,875 | 13,434 | 441 | 3.2 |
| Howard | 5,279 | 5,142 | 137 | 2.6 | 5,360 | 5,217 | 143 | 2.7 | 5,441 | 5,276 | 165 | 3.0 |
| Independence | 16,947 | 16,516 | 431 | 2.5 | 17,003 | 16,580 | 423 | 2.5 | 16,734 | 16,202 | 532 | 3.2 |
| Izard | 4,457 | 4,282 | 175 | 3.9 | 4,527 | 4,363 | 164 | 3.6 | 4,508 | 4,294 | 214 | 4.7 |
| Jackson | 5,442 | 5,223 | 219 | 4.0 | 5,485 | 5,274 | 211 | 3.8 | 5,474 | 5,227 | 247 | 4.5 |
| Jefferson | 25,554 | 24,634 | 920 | 3.6 | 25,596 | 24,689 | 907 | 3.5 | 25,808 | 24,560 | 1,248 | 4.8 |
| Johnson | 10,073 | 9,773 | 300 | 3.0 | 10,144 | 9,844 | 300 | 3.0 | 10,312 | 9,869 | 443 | 4.3 |
| Lafayette | 2,304 | 2,218 | 86 | 3.7 | 2,353 | 2,271 | 82 | 3.5 | 2,323 | 2,220 | 103 | 4.4 |
| Lawrence | 6,912 | 6,743 | 169 | 2.4 | 7,048 | 6,882 | 166 | 2.4 | 6,829 | 6,595 | 234 | 3.4 |
| Lee | 2,626 | 2,520 | 106 | 4.0 | 2,676 | 2,565 | 111 | 4.1 | 2,550 | 2,444 | 106 | 4.2 |
| Lincoln | 3,675 | 3,561 | 114 | 3.1 | 3,742 | 3,623 | 119 | 3.2 | 3,689 | 3,526 | 163 | 4.4 |
| Little River | 5,205 | 5,068 | 137 | 2.6 | 5,201 | 5,069 | 132 | 2.5 | 5,238 | 5,038 | 200 | 3.8 |
| Logan | 8,256 | 8,001 | 255 | 3.1 | 8,316 | 8,074 | 242 | 2.9 | 8,323 | 8,005 | 318 | 3.8 |
| Lonoke | 34,749 | 34,003 | 746 | 2.1 | 34,730 | 33,987 | 743 | 2.1 | 34,226 | 33,287 | 939 | 2.7 |
| Madison | 7,989 | 7,834 | 155 | 1.9 | 8,105 | 7,945 | 160 | 2.0 | 7,685 | 7,501 | 184 | 2.4 |
| Marion | 6,235 | 6,054 | 181 | 2.9 | 6,270 | 6,099 | 171 | 2.7 | 6,397 | 6,181 | 216 | 3.4 |
| Miller | 18,774 | 18,219 | 555 | 3.0 | 18,825 | 18,280 | 545 | 2.9 | 18,820 | 18,137 | 683 | 3.6 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

**May**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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|  |  | **May 2023** | |  |  | **April 2023** | |  |  | **May 2022** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 16,452 | 15,765 | 687 | 4.2 | 16,556 | 15,949 | 607 | 3.7 | 16,196 | 15,300 | 896 | 5.5 |
| Monroe | 2,489 | 2,413 | 76 | 3.1 | 2,529 | 2,455 | 74 | 2.9 | 2,495 | 2,389 | 106 | 4.2 |
| Montgomery | 2,902 | 2,791 | 111 | 3.8 | 2,980 | 2,872 | 108 | 3.6 | 2,855 | 2,726 | 129 | 4.5 |
| Nevada | 3,434 | 3,347 | 87 | 2.5 | 3,461 | 3,373 | 88 | 2.5 | 3,472 | 3,341 | 131 | 3.8 |
| Newton | 3,213 | 3,135 | 78 | 2.4 | 3,272 | 3,192 | 80 | 2.4 | 3,208 | 3,116 | 92 | 2.9 |
| Ouachita | 9,729 | 9,429 | 300 | 3.1 | 9,707 | 9,403 | 304 | 3.1 | 9,768 | 9,401 | 367 | 3.8 |
| Perry | 4,259 | 4,147 | 112 | 2.6 | 4,274 | 4,162 | 112 | 2.6 | 4,218 | 4,065 | 153 | 3.6 |
| Phillips | 5,441 | 5,177 | 264 | 4.9 | 5,547 | 5,276 | 271 | 4.9 | 5,616 | 5,293 | 323 | 5.8 |
| Pike | 4,031 | 3,926 | 105 | 2.6 | 4,101 | 3,990 | 111 | 2.7 | 4,121 | 3,976 | 145 | 3.5 |
| Poinsett | 10,052 | 9,807 | 245 | 2.4 | 10,144 | 9,905 | 239 | 2.4 | 9,884 | 9,558 | 326 | 3.3 |
| Polk | 7,850 | 7,642 | 208 | 2.6 | 7,959 | 7,749 | 210 | 2.6 | 7,807 | 7,547 | 260 | 3.3 |
| Pope | 27,737 | 26,931 | 806 | 2.9 | 27,944 | 27,165 | 779 | 2.8 | 27,803 | 26,766 | 1,037 | 3.7 |
| Prairie | 3,573 | 3,493 | 80 | 2.2 | 3,629 | 3,548 | 81 | 2.2 | 3,503 | 3,410 | 93 | 2.7 |
| Pulaski | 191,983 | 187,294 | 4,689 | 2.4 | 191,025 | 186,322 | 4,703 | 2.5 | 190,165 | 183,848 | 6,317 | 3.3 |
| Randolph | 7,241 | 7,056 | 185 | 2.6 | 7,317 | 7,130 | 187 | 2.6 | 7,268 | 7,038 | 230 | 3.2 |
| St. Francis | 7,602 | 7,316 | 286 | 3.8 | 7,651 | 7,373 | 278 | 3.6 | 7,697 | 7,362 | 335 | 4.4 |
| Saline | 61,005 | 59,722 | 1,283 | 2.1 | 60,748 | 59,434 | 1,314 | 2.2 | 60,226 | 58,632 | 1,594 | 2.6 |
| Scott | 4,279 | 4,181 | 98 | 2.3 | 4,349 | 4,253 | 96 | 2.2 | 4,103 | 3,987 | 116 | 2.8 |
| Searcy | 2,886 | 2,790 | 96 | 3.3 | 2,890 | 2,794 | 96 | 3.3 | 2,939 | 2,815 | 124 | 4.2 |
| Sebastian | 55,826 | 54,504 | 1,322 | 2.4 | 55,894 | 54,565 | 1,329 | 2.4 | 55,599 | 53,921 | 1,678 | 3.0 |
| Sevier | 5,408 | 5,251 | 157 | 2.9 | 5,450 | 5,294 | 156 | 2.9 | 5,371 | 5,172 | 199 | 3.7 |
| Sharp | 5,972 | 5,790 | 182 | 3.0 | 5,982 | 5,805 | 177 | 3.0 | 5,982 | 5,748 | 234 | 3.9 |
| Stone | 4,496 | 4,352 | 144 | 3.2 | 4,589 | 4,444 | 145 | 3.2 | 4,583 | 4,408 | 175 | 3.8 |
| Union | 14,698 | 14,169 | 529 | 3.6 | 14,753 | 14,240 | 513 | 3.5 | 14,912 | 14,246 | 666 | 4.5 |
| Van Buren | 6,059 | 5,878 | 181 | 3.0 | 6,094 | 5,906 | 188 | 3.1 | 6,017 | 5,782 | 235 | 3.9 |
| Washington | 138,483 | 136,027 | 2,456 | 1.8 | 138,497 | 136,060 | 2,437 | 1.8 | 133,979 | 130,911 | 3,068 | 2.3 |
| White | 34,484 | 33,547 | 937 | 2.7 | 34,593 | 33,687 | 906 | 2.6 | 34,639 | 33,435 | 1,204 | 3.5 |
| Woodruff | 2,870 | 2,786 | 84 | 2.9 | 2,911 | 2,831 | 80 | 2.7 | 2,757 | 2,660 | 97 | 3.5 |
| Yell | 7,919 | 7,688 | 231 | 2.9 | 8,061 | 7,832 | 229 | 2.8 | 7,880 | 7,587 | 293 | 3.7 |

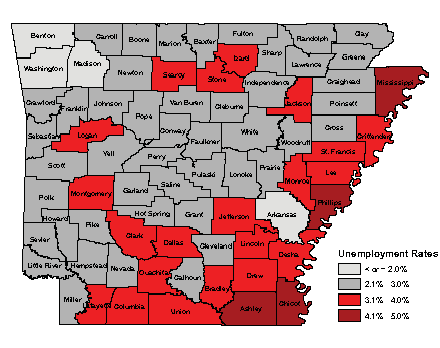
# County Labor Force Summary

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Between April and May, unemployment rates remained stable in 31 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Jobless rates increased in 25 counties while declining in 19 counties. Unemployment rates ranged from a low of 1.8% in Washington County to a high of 4.9% in Phillips County.

In May, fifty counties posted an unemployment rate at or below 3%. That is the same number of counties at or below 3% last month. For the fourth consecutive month, no county reported a rate higher than seven percent.

Compared to May 2022, jobless rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Declines ranged from as little as two-tenths of a percentage point in Lee County to as much as a two and two-tenths of a percentage point drop in Chicot County. Over the year, the average unemployment rate decrease for counties was eight-tenths of a percentage point.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**May**

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

May 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 1.8

2 Benton 1.9

2 Madison 1.9

4 Arkansas 2.0

5 Craighead 2.1

5 Grant 2.1

5 Lonoke 2.1

5 Saline 2.1

9 Calhoun 2.2

9 Carroll 2.2

9 Prairie 2.2

12 Boone 2.3

12 Faulkner 2.3

12 Scott 2.3

15 Crawford 2.4

15 Franklin 2.4

15 Hempstead 2.4

15 Lawrence 2.4

15 Newton 2.4

15 Poinsett 2.4

15 Pulaski 2.4

15 Sebastian 2.4

23 Independence 2.5

23 Nevada 2.5

25 Cleveland 2.6

**Rank County**

25 Cross

25 Greene

25 Hot Spring

25 Howard

25 Little River

25 Perry

25 Pike

25 Polk

25 Randolph

35 Baxter

35 Fulton

35 White

38 Conway

39 Clay

39 Garland

39 Marion

39 Pope

39 Sevier

39 Woodruff

39 Yell

46 Cleburne

46 Johnson

46 Miller

46 Sharp

46 Van Buren

**Rate**

2.6

2.6

2.6

2.6

2.6

2.6

2.6

2.6

2.6

2.7

2.7

2.7

2.8

2.9

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3.0

3.0

3.0

3.0

3.0

**Rank County**

51 Lincoln

51 Logan

51 Monroe

51 Ouachita

55 Crittenden

55 Dallas

55 Stone

58 Drew

58 Searcy

60 Columbia

61 Clark

61 Desha

61 Jefferson

61 Union

65 Lafayette

66 Montgomery

66 St. Francis

68 Bradley

68 Izard

70 Jackson

70 Lee

72 Chicot

72 Mississippi

1. Ashley
2. Phillips

**Rate**

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.2

3.2

3.2

3.3

3.3

3.5

3.6

3.6

3.6

3.6

3.7

3.8

3.8

3.9

3.9

4.0

4.0

4.2

4.2

4.4

4.9

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **May 2023** | |  |  | **April 2023** | |  |  | **May 2022** | | |
| **LWDA** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | |
| Central (minus LR) 259,148 | | 253,248 | 5,900 | 2.3 | 258,320 | 252,359 | 5,961 | 2.3 | 256,048 | 248,491 | 7,557 | 3.0 |
| City of Little Rock 98,770 | | 96,332 | 2,438 | 2.5 | 98,254 | 95,832 | 2,422 | 2.5 | 97,855 | 94,560 | 3,295 | 3.4 |
| Eastern 42,976 | | 41,497 | 1,479 | 3.4 | 43,391 | 41,900 | 1,491 | 3.4 | 43,497 | 41,747 | 1,750 | 4.0 |
| North Central 94,731 | | 91,974 | 2,757 | 2.9 | 95,248 | 92,540 | 2,708 | 2.8 | 94,907 | 91,435 | 3,472 | 3.7 |
| Northeast 124,459 | | 121,263 | 3,196 | 2.6 | 125,121 | 122,085 | 3,036 | 2.4 | 122,809 | 118,825 | 3,984 | 3.2 |
| Northwest 360,711 | | 353,696 | 7,015 | 1.9 | 361,137 | 354,129 | 7,008 | 1.9 | 351,124 | 342,671 | 8,453 | 2.4 |
| Southeast 75,564 | | 73,095 | 2,469 | 3.3 | 76,073 | 73,577 | 2,496 | 3.3 | 76,273 | 72,928 | 3,345 | 4.4 |
| Southwest 88,062 | | 85,407 | 2,655 | 3.0 | 88,490 | 85,873 | 2,617 | 3.0 | 88,817 | 85,467 | 3,350 | 3.8 |
| West Central 129,659 | | 125,888 | 3,771 | 2.9 | 131,322 | 127,577 | 3,745 | 2.9 | 130,754 | 125,960 | 4,794 | 3.7 |
| Western 110,199 | | 107,503 | 2,696 | 2.4 | 110,675 | 107,983 | 2,692 | 2.4 | 109,647 | 106,201 | 3,446 | 3.1 |

## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**May**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted