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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 2022 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.

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)

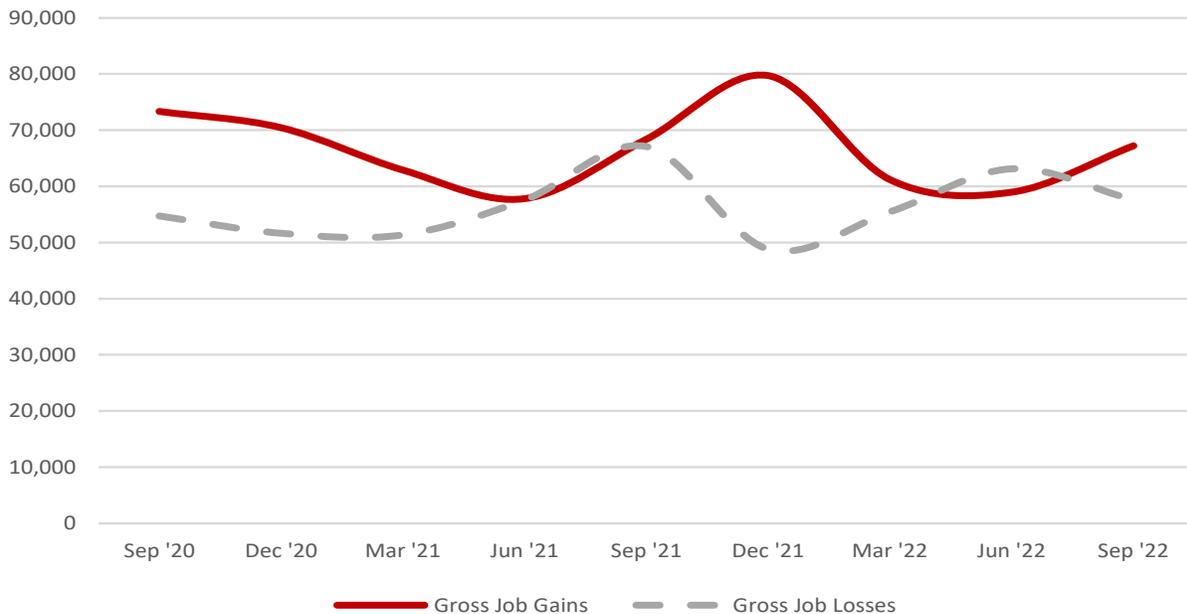
State of Arkansas
 (Seasonally Adjusted)

| Category | Quarter Ending | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Sep 21 | Dec 21 | Mar 22 | Jun 22 | Sep 22* |
| Employment Levels | | | | | |
| 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 |

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

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 2020 - 3rd Quarter 2022



State of Arkansas

Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced 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 civilian 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.

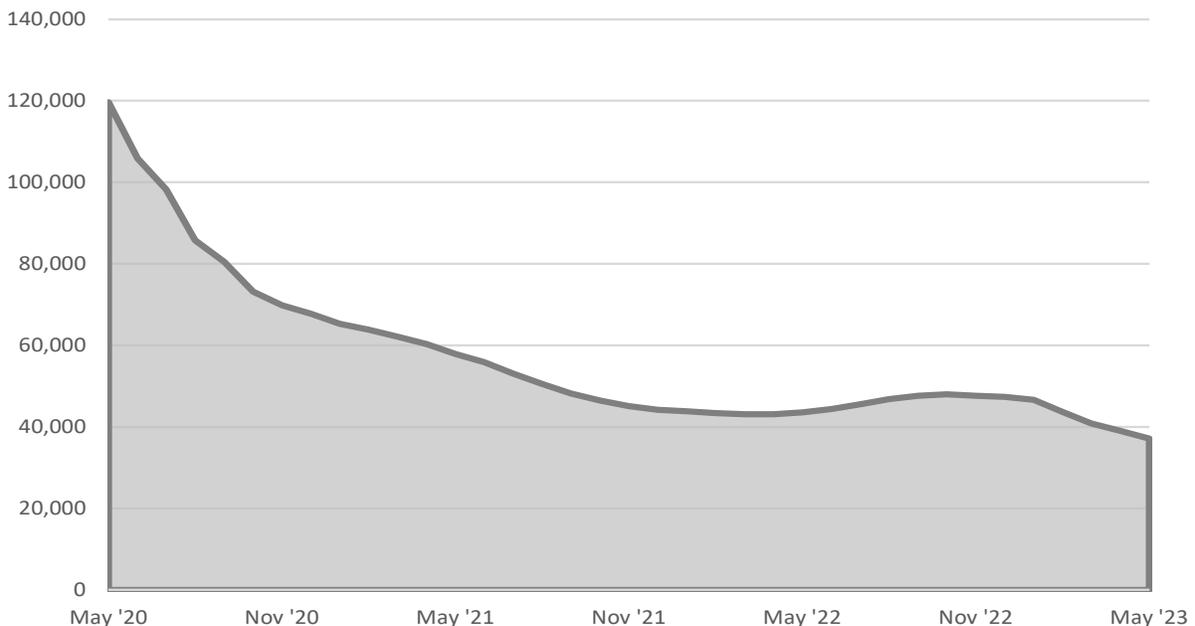
Compared to May 2022, there are 16,675 more employed in the State. The number of unemployed is down 6,428, while the unemployment rate is down five-tenths of a percentage point over the year. Arkansas' labor force participation rate remains slightly lower than the 57.7% reported in May 2022.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

| | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Not Seasonally Adjusted | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 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 |
| Employment | 1,343,657 | 1,339,400 | 1,326,982 | Employment | 1,349,899 | 1,353,853 |
| Unemployment | 37,095 | 39,021 | 43,523 | Unemployment | 34,372 | 34,174 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.7% | 2.8% | 3.2% | Unemployment Rate | 2.5% | 3.2% |
| LF Participation Rate | 57.5% | 57.5% | 57.7% | LF Participation Rate | 57.7% | 57.9% |

Unemployment (Seasonally Adjusted)

May 2020 - May 2023



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

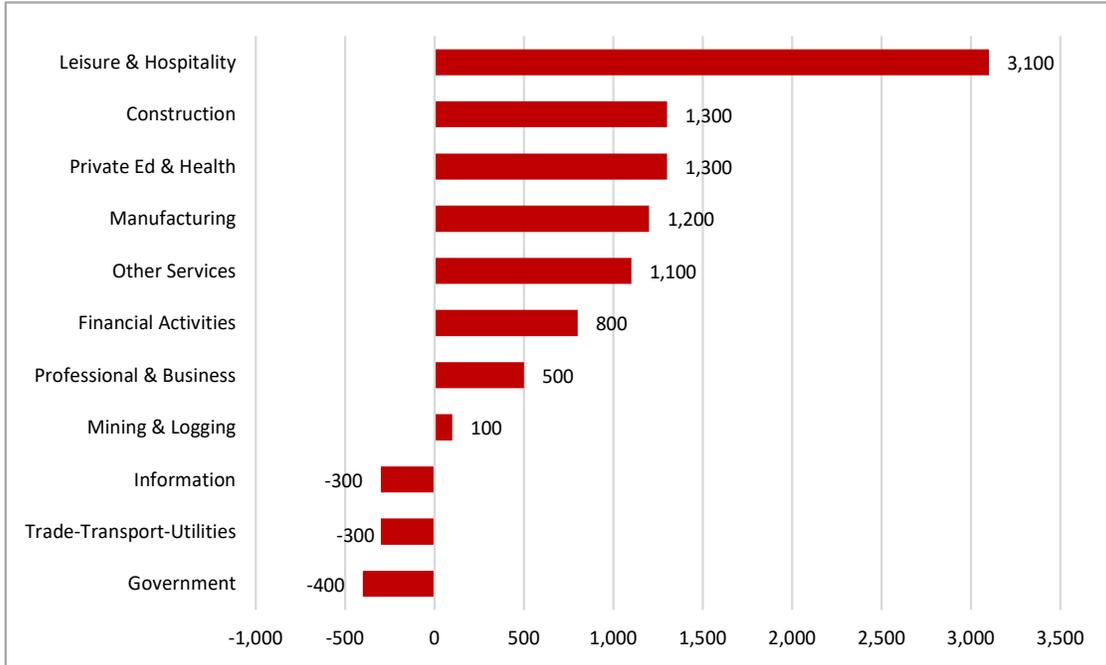
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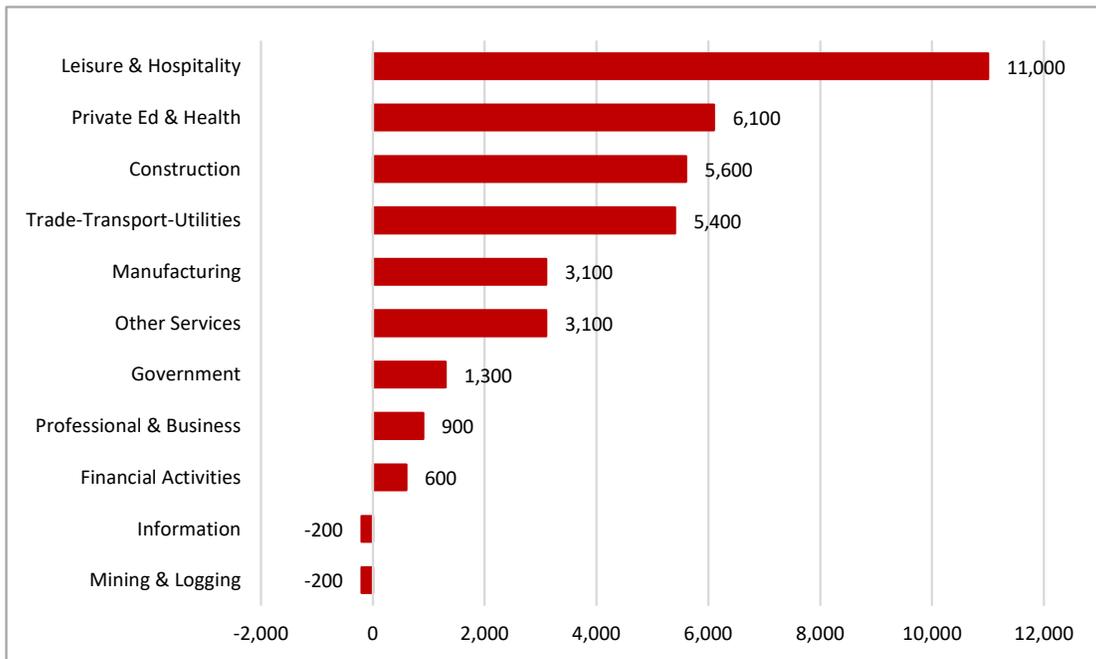
| (NAICS) | <u>May 23</u> | <u>Apr 23</u> | <u>May 22</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Nonfarm | 1368.9 | 1360.5 | 1332.2 | 8.4 | 36.7 |
| Goods Producing | 232.1 | 229.5 | 223.6 | 2.6 | 8.5 |
| Mining, Logging, & 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 |

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector
 April 2023 - May 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector
 May 2022 - May 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

| | <u>May 23</u> | <u>Apr 23</u> | <u>May 22</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Average Weekly Hours | 39.1 | 38.0 | 40.0 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | \$21.87 | \$21.99 | \$20.13 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | \$855.12 | \$835.62 | \$805.20 |

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

| Durable Goods Manufacturing | | | | Nondurable Goods Manufacturing | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | <u>May 23</u> | <u>Apr 23</u> | <u>May 22</u> | | <u>May 23</u> | <u>Apr 23</u> | <u>May 22</u> |
| Average Weekly Hours | 43.3 | 42.3 | 41.2 | Average Weekly Hours | 35.2 | 33.9 | 39.0 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | \$24.16 | \$24.37 | \$21.59 | Average Hourly Earnings | \$19.29 | \$19.20 | \$18.75 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | \$1,046.13 | \$1,030.85 | \$889.51 | Average Weekly Earnings | \$679.01 | \$650.88 | \$731.25 |

Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing- Production Workers
 May 2020 - May 2023



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)

| | May 23 | Apr 23 | May 22 | OTM | QTY |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| 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% |

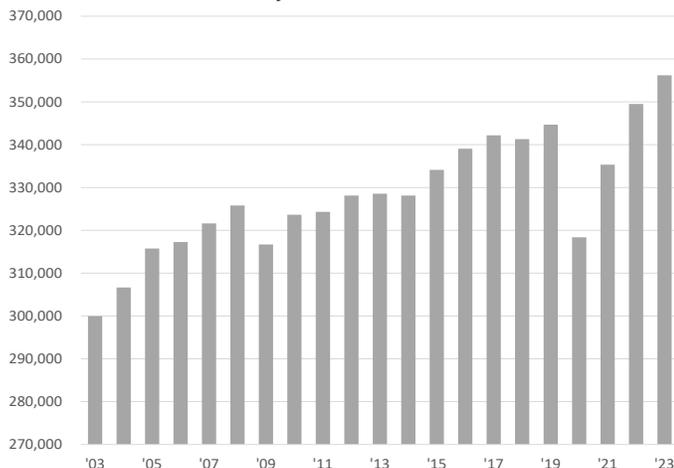
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

| NAICS | May 23 | Apr 23 | May 22 | OTM | QTY |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| 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 |

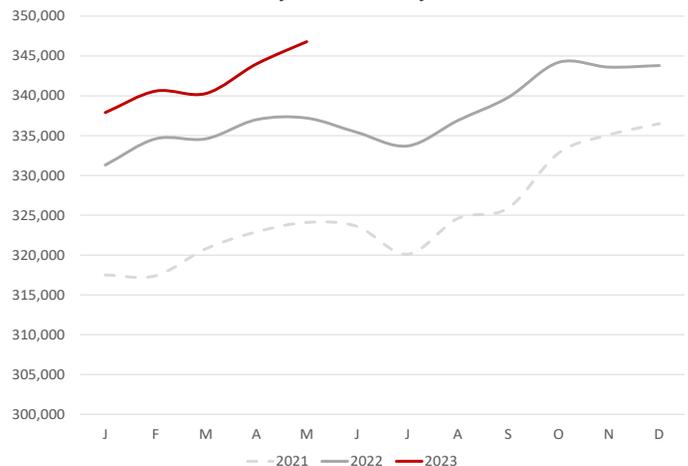
Employment

May: 2003 - 2023



Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January 2021 - May 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas **Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA**

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

| | May 23 | Apr 23 | May 22 | OTM | QTY |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| 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% |

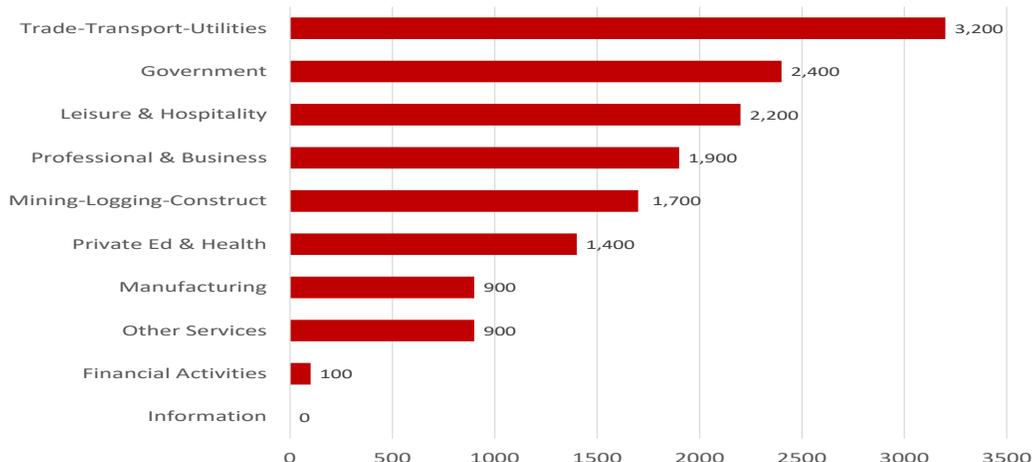
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

| NAICS | May 23 | Apr 23 | May 22 | OTM | QTY |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| 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



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 23</u> | <u>Apr 23</u> | <u>May 22</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| 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)

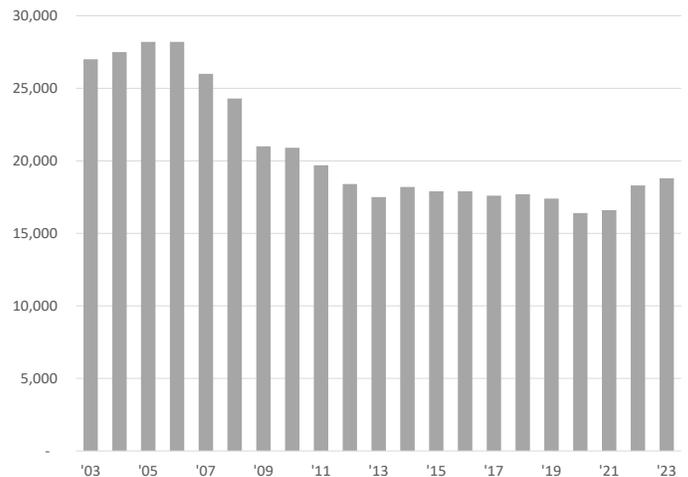
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| <u>NAICS</u> | <u>May 23</u> | <u>Apr 23</u> | <u>May 22</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Total Nonfarm | 116.0 | 115.7 | 114.0 | 0.3 | 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 |

Unemployment
 May 2020 - May 2023



Jobs in Manufacturing
 May: 2003 - 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

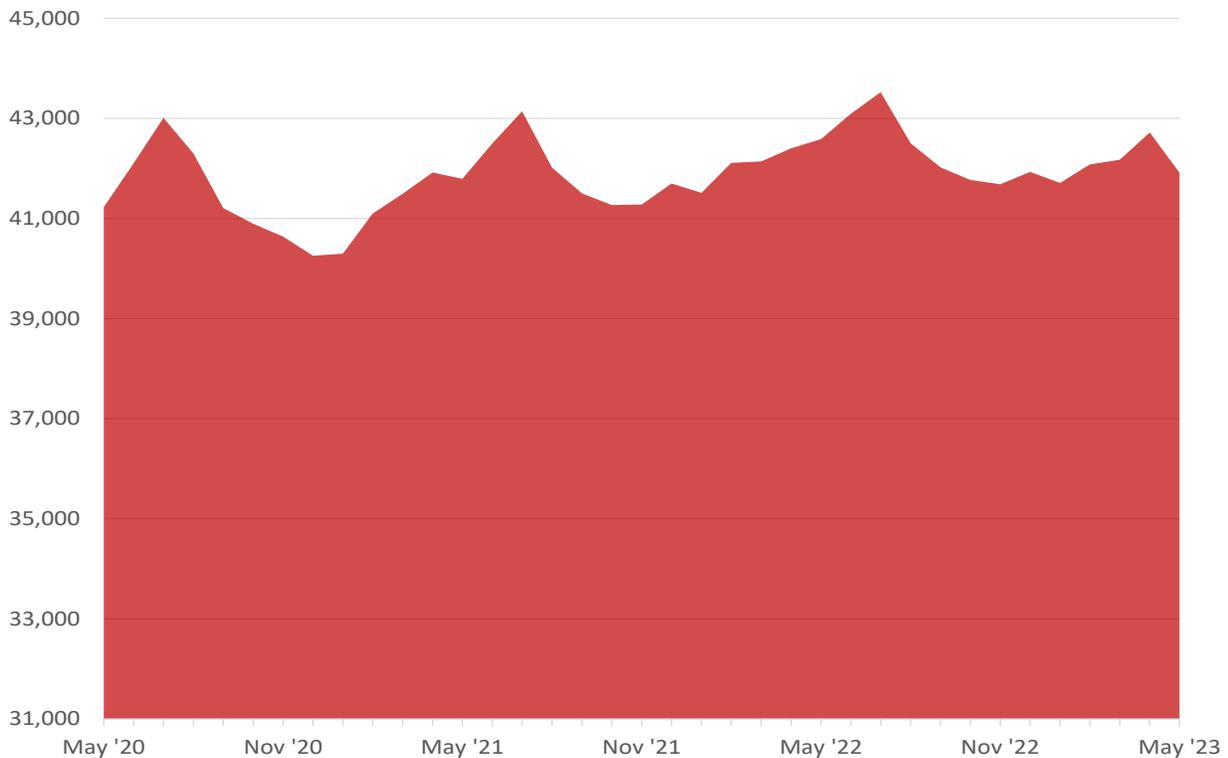
| | <u>May 23</u> | <u>Apr 23</u> | <u>May 22</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>OTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 41,916 | 42,720 | 42,583 | -804 | -667 |
| Employment | 40,721 | 41,505 | 41,091 | -784 | -370 |
| 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)

| <u>NAICS</u> | <u>May 23</u> | <u>Apr 23</u> | <u>May 22</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>OTY</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Total Nonfarm | 41.7 | 42.2 | 41.6 | -0.5 | 0.1 |
| Goods Producing | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Service Providing | 37.0 | 37.5 | 37.0 | -0.5 | 0.0 |
| Government | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 0.0 | -0.3 |

Civilian Labor Force
 May 2020 - May 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

| | <u>May 23</u> | <u>Apr 23</u> | <u>May 22</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>OTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| 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% |

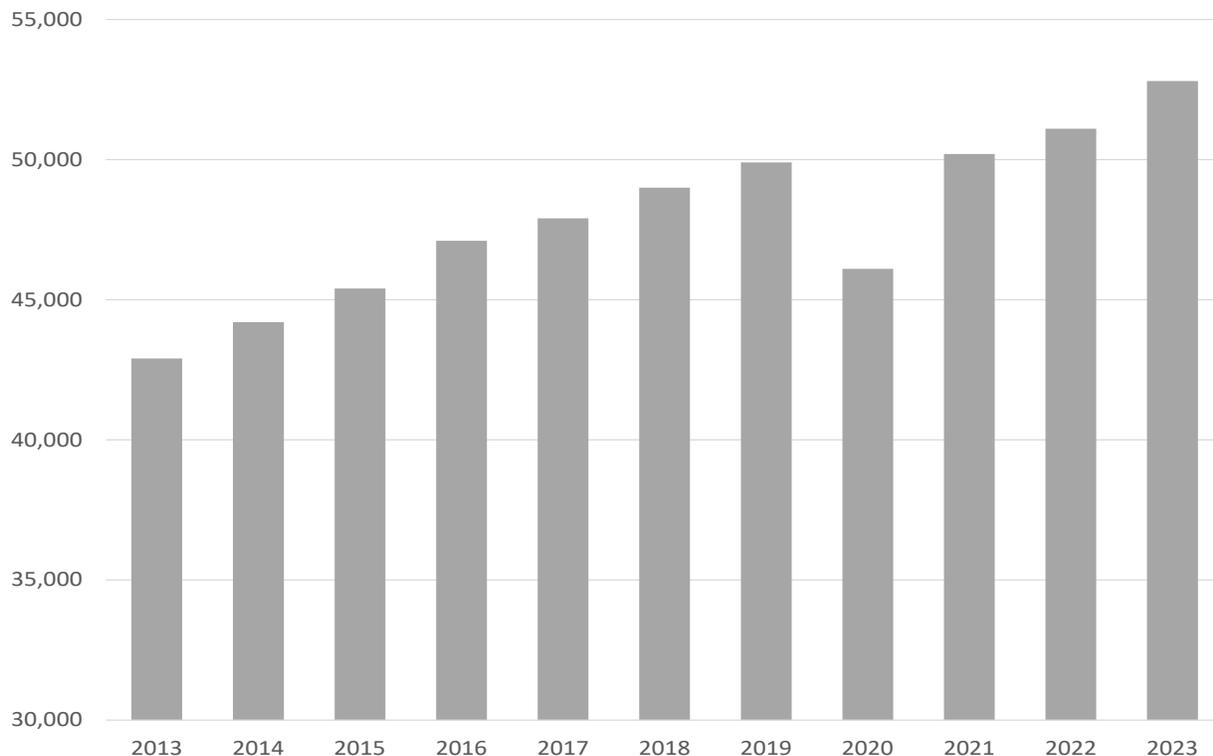
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

| <u>NAICS</u> | <u>May 23</u> | <u>Apr 23</u> | <u>May 22</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>OTY</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Total Nonfarm | 65.1 | 64.6 | 63.1 | 0.5 | 2.0 |
| Goods Producing | 12.3 | 12.3 | 12.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Service Providing | 52.8 | 52.3 | 51.1 | 0.5 | 1.7 |
| Government | 9.3 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 0.1 | 0.5 |

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

May: 2013 - 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

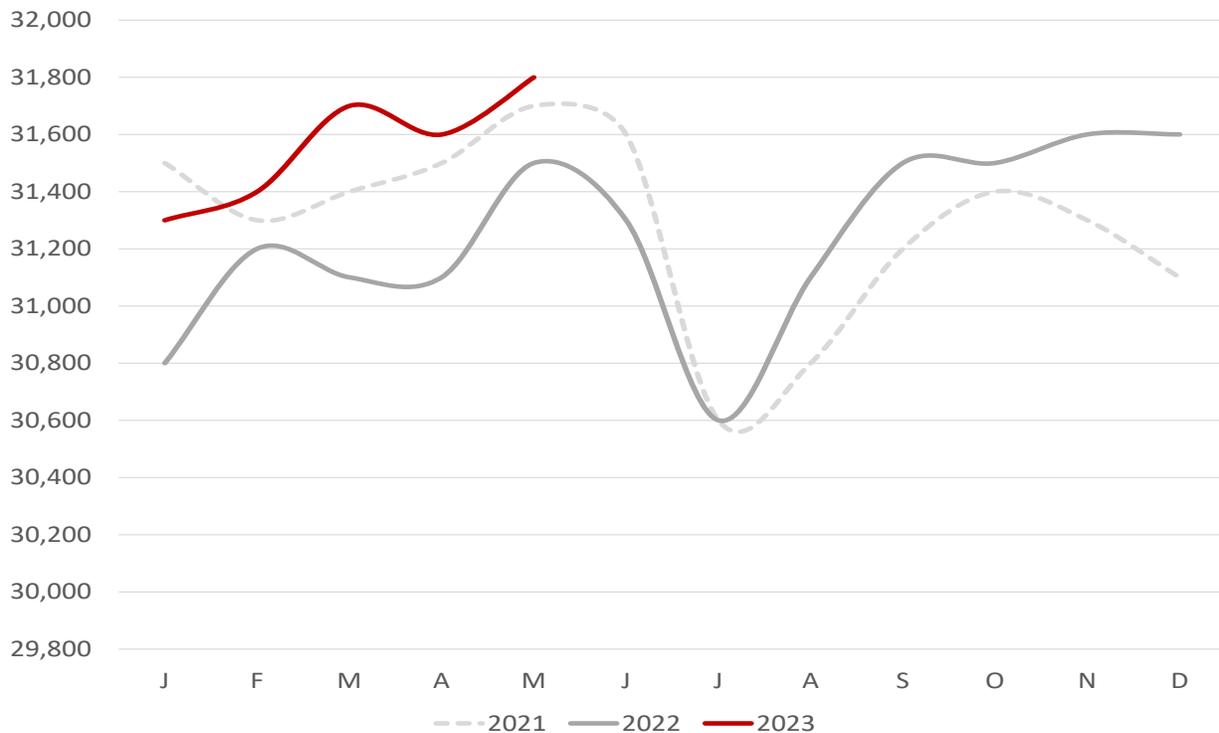
| | <u>May 23</u> | <u>Apr 23</u> | <u>May 22</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 32,300 | 32,455 | 32,576 | -155 | -276 |
| Employment | 31,187 | 31,349 | 31,053 | -162 | 134 |
| Unemployment | 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)

| <u>NAICS</u> | <u>May 23</u> | <u>Apr 23</u> | <u>May 22</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Total Nonfarm | 31.8 | 31.6 | 31.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Goods Producing | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Service Providing | 26.3 | 26.1 | 26.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Government | 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
 January 2021 - May 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Out-of-State MSA

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

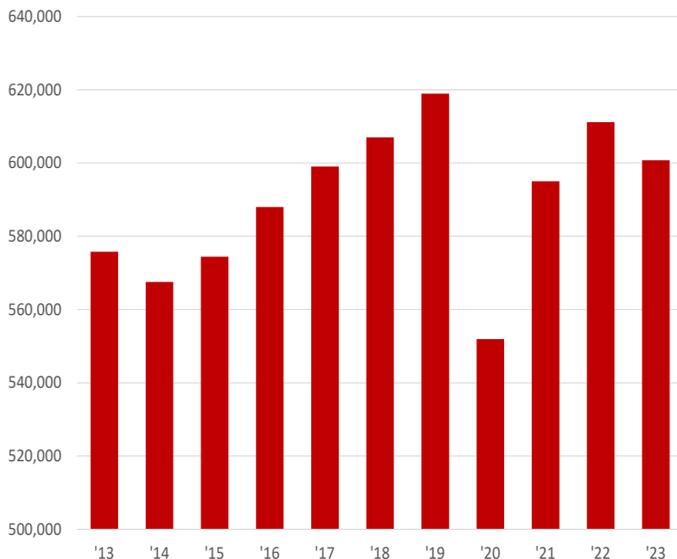
| | <u>May 23</u> | <u>Apr 23</u> | <u>May 22</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 624,485 | 623,323 | 635,439 | 1,162 | -10,954 |
| Employment | 600,753 | 603,145 | 611,147 | -2,392 | -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.

| | <u>May 23</u> | <u>Apr 23</u> | <u>May 22</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| 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% |

Memphis MSA - Employment
 May: 2013 - 2023



Texarkana MSA - Unemployment
 May 2020 - May 2023



Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

| Micro Area | May 2023 | | | | April 2023 | | | | May 2022 | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|--------|-------|------|------------|--------|-------|------|----------|--------|-------|------|
| | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate |
| 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

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 | May 2023 | | | | April 2023 | | | | May 2022 | | | |
|-------------------|----------|--------|-------|------|------------|--------|-------|------|----------|--------|-------|------|
| | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate | CLF | Emp | Unemp | Rate |
| 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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

| County | May 2023 | | | | April 2023 | | | | May 2022 | | | |
|--------------|----------|---------|-------|------|------------|---------|-------|------|----------|---------|-------|------|
| | 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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

| County | May 2023 | | | | April 2023 | | | | May 2022 | | | |
|-------------|----------|---------|-------|------|------------|---------|-------|------|----------|---------|-------|------|
| | 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 |

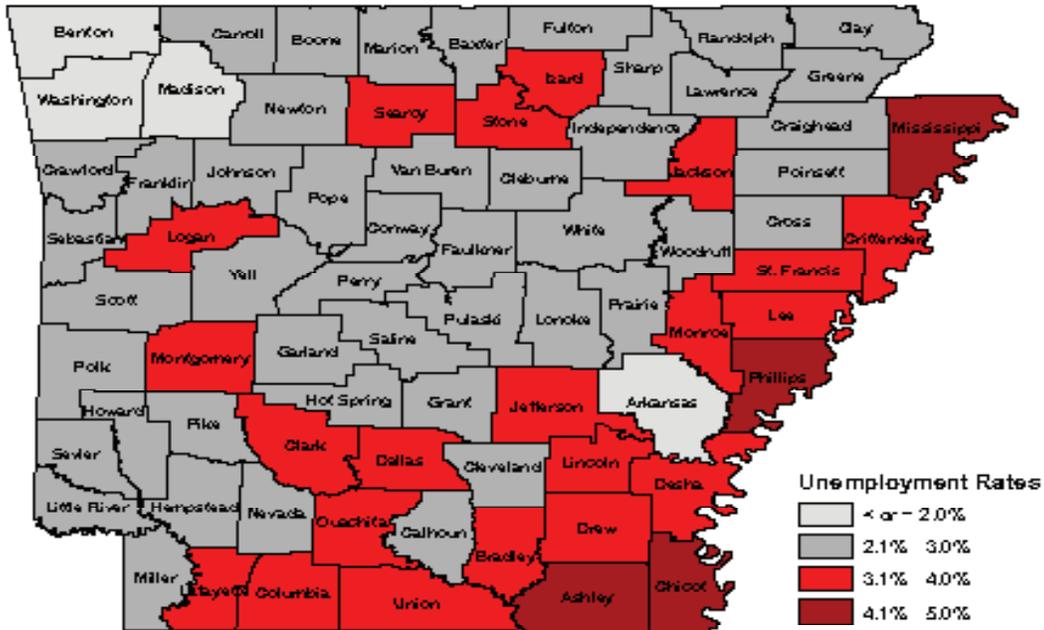
County Labor Force Summary

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



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

May 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

| Rank | County | Rate | Rank | County | Rate | Rank | County | Rate |
|------|--------------|------|------|--------------|------|------|-------------|------|
| 1 | Washington | 1.8 | 25 | Cross | 2.6 | 51 | Lincoln | 3.1 |
| 2 | Benton | 1.9 | 25 | Greene | 2.6 | 51 | Logan | 3.1 |
| 2 | Madison | 1.9 | 25 | Hot Spring | 2.6 | 51 | Monroe | 3.1 |
| 4 | Arkansas | 2.0 | 25 | Howard | 2.6 | 51 | Ouachita | 3.1 |
| 5 | Craighead | 2.1 | 25 | Little River | 2.6 | 55 | Crittenden | 3.2 |
| 5 | Grant | 2.1 | 25 | Perry | 2.6 | 55 | Dallas | 3.2 |
| 5 | Lonoke | 2.1 | 25 | Pike | 2.6 | 55 | Stone | 3.2 |
| 5 | Saline | 2.1 | 25 | Polk | 2.6 | 58 | Drew | 3.3 |
| 9 | Calhoun | 2.2 | 25 | Randolph | 2.6 | 58 | Searcy | 3.3 |
| 9 | Carroll | 2.2 | 35 | Baxter | 2.7 | 60 | Columbia | 3.5 |
| 9 | Prairie | 2.2 | 35 | Fulton | 2.7 | 61 | Clark | 3.6 |
| 12 | Boone | 2.3 | 35 | White | 2.7 | 61 | Desha | 3.6 |
| 12 | Faulkner | 2.3 | 38 | Conway | 2.8 | 61 | Jefferson | 3.6 |
| 12 | Scott | 2.3 | 39 | Clay | 2.9 | 61 | Union | 3.6 |
| 15 | Crawford | 2.4 | 39 | Garland | 2.9 | 65 | Lafayette | 3.7 |
| 15 | Franklin | 2.4 | 39 | Marion | 2.9 | 66 | Montgomery | 3.8 |
| 15 | Hempstead | 2.4 | 39 | Pope | 2.9 | 66 | St. Francis | 3.8 |
| 15 | Lawrence | 2.4 | 39 | Sevier | 2.9 | 68 | Bradley | 3.9 |
| 15 | Newton | 2.4 | 39 | Woodruff | 2.9 | 68 | Izard | 3.9 |
| 15 | Poinsett | 2.4 | 39 | Yell | 2.9 | 70 | Jackson | 4.0 |
| 15 | Pulaski | 2.4 | 46 | Cleburne | 3.0 | 70 | Lee | 4.0 |
| 15 | Sebastian | 2.4 | 46 | Johnson | 3.0 | 72 | Chicot | 4.2 |
| 23 | Independence | 2.5 | 46 | Miller | 3.0 | 72 | Mississippi | 4.2 |
| 23 | Nevada | 2.5 | 46 | Sharp | 3.0 | 74 | Ashley | 4.4 |
| 25 | Cleveland | 2.6 | 46 | Van Buren | 3.0 | 75 | Phillips | 4.9 |

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

| LWDA | May 2023 | | | | April 2023 | | | | May 2022 | | | |
|---------------------|----------|---------|-------|------|------------|---------|-------|------|----------|---------|-------|------|
| | 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 |

