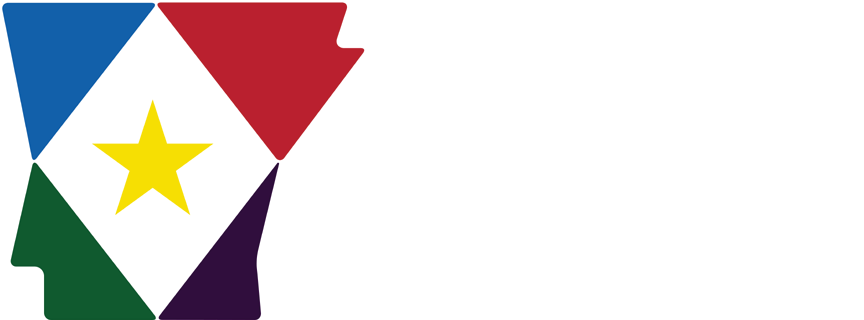
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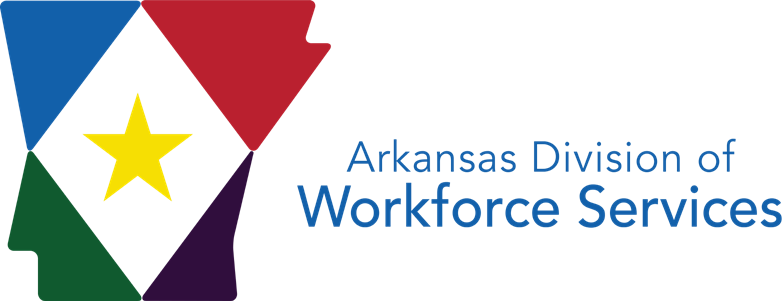
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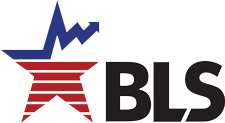
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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious month’s data is subject to revision.

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 2023 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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**March Spotlight**

# A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

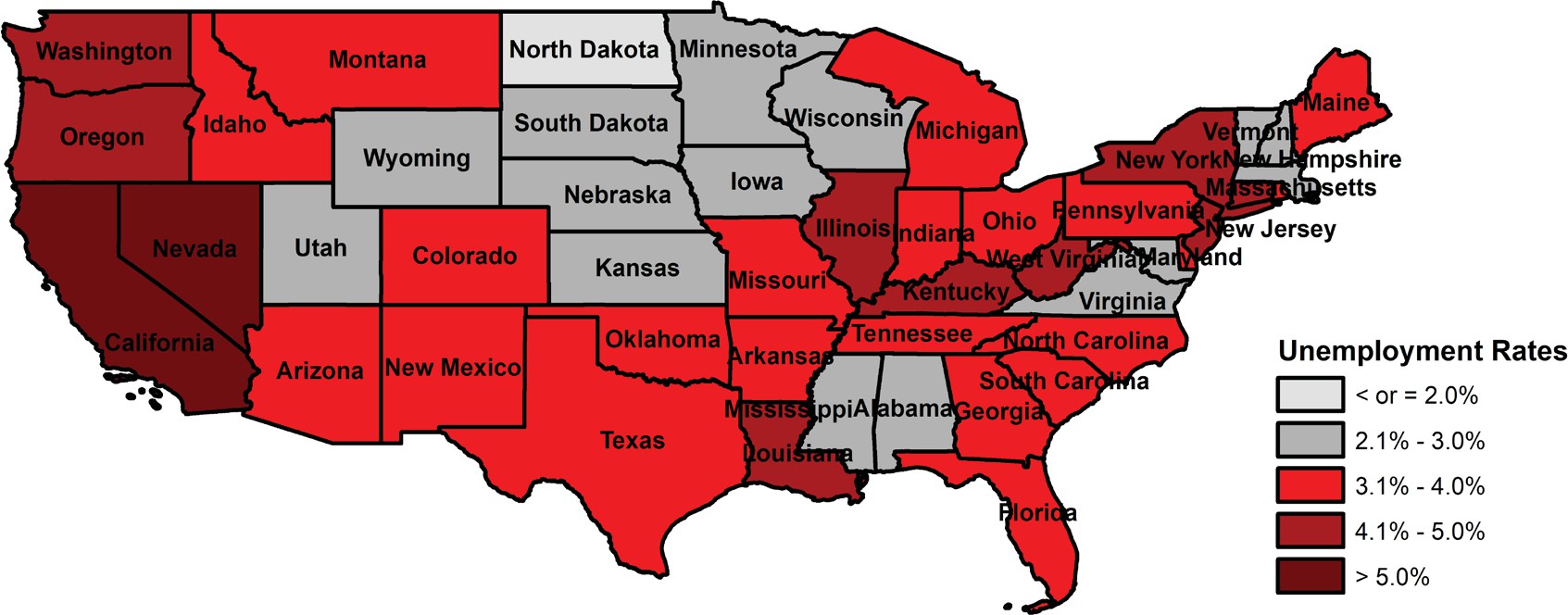
Between February and March, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates remained stable in 43 states and the District of Columbia. Rates declined in 6 states, while one state increased. In March, unemploy- ment rates ranged from a low of 2.0% in North Dakota to a high of 5.3% in California. Arkansas ranked 27th among states, with a jobless rate of 3.5% in March. Thirty-four states, including Arkansas, posted jobless rates at or below the national rate of 3.8%.

Compared to March 2023, unemployment rates have increased in 29 states. The largest rate increase occurred in Rhode Island, up one and three-tenths of a percentage point. Twenty states and the District of Columbia reported no significant change in jobless rates, while Massachusetts posted a rate decline of three-tenths of a percentage point over-the-year. Arkansas’ unemployment rate is up seven-tenths of a percentage point, from 2.8% in March 2023 to 3.5% in March 2024.

#### Unemployment Rates by State (Seasonally Adjusted)

March 2024

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank** | **State** | **Rate** | **Rank** | **State** | **Rate** | **Rank** | **State** | **Rate** |
| 1 | North Dakota | 2.0 | 17 | Hawaii | 3.1 | 35 | Delaware | 3.9 |
| 2 | South Dakota | 2.1 | 17 | South Carolina | 3.1 | 35 | Michigan | 3.9 |
| 3  4 | Vermont  Maryland | 2.2  2.5 | 20  20 | Florida  Tennessee | 3.2  3.2 | 35  38 | Texas  Rhode Island | 3.9  4.0 |
| 4  6  7  7  9  9 | Nebraska  New Hampshire Kansas Minnesota  Utah  Wyoming | 2.5  2.6  2.7  2.7  2.8  2.8 | 22  22  22  22  26  **27** | Idaho Maine Missouri Montana  Pennsylvania  **Arkansas** | 3.3  3.3  3.3  3.3  3.4  **3.5** | 39  40  40  42  43  43 | Oregon New York  West Virginia Louisiana Connecticut  Kentucky | 4.2  4.3  4.3  4.4  4.5  4.5 |
| 11  11 | Iowa  Massachusetts | 2.9  2.9 | 27  27 | Indiana  North Carolina | 3.5  3.5 | 45  46 | Alaska  Illinois | 4.6  4.8 |
| 11  14 | Virginia  Alabama | 2.9  3.0 | 27  31 | Oklahoma  Colorado | 3.5  3.7 | 46  46 | New Jersey  Washington | 4.8  4.8 |
| 14  14 | Mississippi  Wisconsin | 3.0  3.0 | 32  32 | Arizona  New Mexico | 3.8  3.8 | 49  50 | Nevada  District of Columbia | 5.1  5.2 |
| 17 | Georgia | 3.1 | 32 | Ohio | 3.8 | 51 | California | 5.3 |
| U.S. Unemployment Rate = 3.8% | | | | | | | | |



**State of Arkansas**

# 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 3.6% in February to 3.5% in March. The United States’ jobless rate also declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.9% in February to 3.8% in March.

Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose by 519 in March. There were 1,747 more employed Arkansans, while the number of unemployed in the State declined by 1,228. The labor force participation rate remained unchanged at 57.4% between February and March.

Compared to March 2023, there are 5,316 more employed in Arkansas. An additional 9,276 unem- ployed Arkansans are actively looking for work, pushing the unemployment rate up seven-tenths of a percentage point. The labor force participation rate remained stable over the year.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,337,337 1,335,590 1,332,021 Employment 1,345,527 1,330,436 1,335,464

Unemployment 48,261 49,489 38,985 Unemployment 45,642 48,447 40,029

Unemployment Rate 3.5% 3.6% 2.8% Unemployment Rate 3.3% 3.5% 2.9%

LF Participation Rate 57.4% 57.4% 57.4% LF Participation Rate 57.6% 57.2% 57.6%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** |  | **Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,385,598 | 1,385,079 | 1,371,006 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,391,169 | 1,378,883 | 1,375,493 |

#### Labor Force Participation Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

March 2021 - March 2024

57.8%

57.6%

57.4%

57.2%

57.0%

56.8%

56.6%

56.4%

56.2%

56.0%

55.8%

Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23 Sep '23 Mar '24

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1363.7 | 1352.8 | 1348.3 | 10.9 | 15.4 |
| Goods Producing | 232.7 | 230.8 | 229.3 | 1.9 | 3.4 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 71.9 | 71.8 | 66.4 | 0.1 | 5.5 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.2** | **5.2** | **5.3** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Construction** | **66.7** | **66.6** | **61.1** | **0.1** | **5.6** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 42.2 | 42.2 | 38.3 | 0.0 | 3.9 |
| **Manufacturing** | **160.8** | **159.0** | **162.9** | **1.8** | **-2.1** |
| Durable Goods | 77.9 | 76.5 | 79.5 | 1.4 | -1.6 |
| Nondurable Goods | 82.9 | 82.5 | 83.4 | 0.4 | -0.5 |
| Service Providing | 1131.0 | 1122.0 | 1119.0 | 9.0 | 12.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **267.9** | **265.9** | **266.2** | **2.0** | **1.7** |
| Wholesale Trade | 51.6 | 50.8 | 52.1 | 0.8 | -0.5 |
| Retail Trade | 144.9 | 143.2 | 141.7 | 1.7 | 3.2 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 71.4 | 71.9 | 72.4 | -0.5 | -1.0 |
| **Information** | **12.2** | **12.2** | **13.0** | **0.0** | **-0.8** |
| **Financial Activities** | **70.0** | **70.2** | **69.8** | **-0.2** | **0.2** |
| Finance & Insurance | 55.1 | 55.1 | 54.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 14.9 | 15.1 | 14.9 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **158.0** | **156.2** | **157.3** | **1.8** | **0.7** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 50.6 | 50.1 | 50.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| Management of Companies | 37.8 | 38.1 | 37.6 | -0.3 | 0.2 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 69.6 | 68.0 | 69.4 | 1.6 | 0.2 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **212.7** | **213.0** | **206.5** | **-0.3** | **6.2** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 19.4 | 19.7 | 19.3 | -0.3 | 0.1 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 193.3 | 193.3 | 187.2 | 0.0 | 6.1 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 67.5 | 67.3 | 64.5 | 0.2 | 3.0 |
| Social Assistance | 40.6 | 40.2 | 39.1 | 0.4 | 1.5 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **127.2** | **122.4** | **126.3** | **4.8** | **0.9** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 13.4 | 12.6 | 12.8 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 113.8 | 109.8 | 113.5 | 4.0 | 0.3 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.4 | 10.8 | 11.6 | 0.6 | -0.2 |
| Food Services | 102.4 | 99.0 | 101.9 | 3.4 | 0.5 |
| **Other Services** | **67.3** | **67.3** | **66.9** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Government** | **215.7** | **214.8** | **213.0** | **0.9** | **2.7** |
| Federal Government | 21.9 | 21.8 | 21.0 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| State Government | 78.2 | 77.8 | 78.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 32.1 | 31.7 | 32.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.1 | 46.1 | 46.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Local Government | 115.6 | 115.2 | 113.8 | 0.4 | 1.8 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 71.4 | 71.2 | 70.4 | 0.2 | 1.0 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 44.2 | 44.0 | 43.4 | 0.2 | 0.8 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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

February 2024 - March 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Leisure & Hospitality

4,800

Trade-Transport-Utilities

2,000

Professional & Business

1,800

Manufacturing

1,800

Government

900

Construction

100

Other Services

0

Mining & Logging

0

Information

0

Financial Activities

-200

Private Ed & Health

-300

-1,000

0

1,000

2,000

3,000

4,000

5,000

6,000

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

March 2023 - March 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Private Ed & Health

6,200

Construction

5,600

Government

2,700

Trade-Transport-Utilities

1,700

Leisure & Hospitality

900

Professional & Business

700

Other Services

400

Financial Activities

200

Mining & Logging

-100

Information

-800

Manufacturing -2,100

-3,000 -2,000 -1,000 0 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 5,000 6,000 7,000

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**Mar 24**

Average Weekly Hours 37.8

Average Hourly Earnings $22.90

Average Weekly Earnings $865.62

**Feb 24**

39.0

$22.11

$862.29

**Mar 23**

37.5

$21.58

$809.25

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Mar 24**

Average Weekly Hours

Average Hourly Earnings $26.05

40.4

**Feb 24**

42.4

Average Weekly Earnings $1,052.42 $1,015.06

$23.94

**Mar 23**

41.8

$23.82

$995.68

**Mar 24**

Average Weekly Hours 35.5

Average Hourly Earnings $19.63

Average Weekly Earnings $696.87

**Feb 24**

35.9

$20.14

$723.03

**Mar 23**

33.6

$18.99

$638.06

$27.00

#### Average Hourly Earnings - Durable vs Nondurable Goods (Production Workers)

March 2021 - March 2024

$25.00

$23.00

$21.00

$19.00

$17.00

$15.00

Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23 Sep '23 Mar '24 Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

**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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 372,277 | 369,747 | 364,055 | 2,530 | 8,222 |
| **Employment** | 360,724 | 357,615 | 354,109 | 3,109 | 6,615 |
| **Unemployment** | 11,553 | 12,132 | 9,946 | -579 | 1,607 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.1% | 3.3% | 2.7% | -0.2% | 0.4% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 395.3 | 392.2 | 387.6 | 3.1 | 7.7 |
| **Goods Producing** 42.3 | 41.7 | 40.2 | 0.6 | 2.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 21.9** | **21.7** | **20.3** | **0.2** | **1.6** |
| **Manufacturing 20.4** | **20.0** | **19.9** | **0.4** | **0.5** |
| **Service Providing** 353.0 | 350.5 | 347.4 | 2.5 | 5.6 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 78.1** | **77.5** | **77.5** | **0.6** | **0.6** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 17.7 | 17.6 | 17.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.9 | 38.4 | 38.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 21.5 | 21.5 | 21.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Information 5.3** | **5.3** | **5.8** | **0.0** | **-0.5** |
| **Financial Activities 27.7** | **27.8** | **28.1** | **-0.1** | **-0.4** |
| **Professional & Business Services 50.3** | **49.6** | **49.0** | **0.7** | **1.3** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 65.8** | **65.7** | **63.2** | **0.1** | **2.6** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 34.3** | **33.1** | **34.7** | **1.2** | **-0.4** |
| **Other Services 19.7** | **19.7** | **19.2** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| **Government 71.8** | **71.8** | **69.9** | **0.0** | **1.9** |
| **Federal Government** 10.7 | 10.8 | 10.2 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| **State Government** 34.3 | 34.2 | 34.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** 26.8 | 26.8 | 25.5 | 0.0 | 1.3 |

6.0%

#### Unemployment Rates

March: 2014 - 2024

400,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

March 2021 - March 2024

5.0% 390,000

4.0% 380,000

3.0% 370,000

2.0% 360,000

1.0%

350,000

0.0%

'14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

340,000

Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23 Sep '23 Mar '24

**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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 316,955 | 314,165 | 309,543 | 2,790 | 7,412 |
| **Employment** | 309,117 | 305,958 | 302,720 | 3,159 | 6,397 |
| **Unemployment** | 7,838 | 8,207 | 6,823 | -369 | 1,015 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.5% | 2.6% | 2.2% | -0.1% | 0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 311.8 | 309.3 | 304.6 | 2.5 | 7.2 |
| **Goods Producing** 48.0 | 47.6 | 46.2 | 0.4 | 1.8 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.3** | **17.2** | **16.1** | **0.1** | **1.2** |
| **Manufacturing 30.7** | **30.4** | **30.1** | **0.3** | **0.6** |
| **Service Providing** 263.8 | 261.7 | 258.4 | 2.1 | 5.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 63.2** | **62.6** | **62.4** | **0.6** | **0.8** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 14.1 | 13.9 | 14.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** 29.7 | 29.3 | 28.6 | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 19.4 | 19.4 | 19.8 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| **Information 2.3** | **2.3** | **2.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 12.3** | **12.4** | **12.2** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 59.0** | **59.0** | **59.4** | **0.0** | **-0.4** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 37.0** | **37.1** | **35.5** | **-0.1** | **1.5** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 31.2** | **29.9** | **30.3** | **1.3** | **0.9** |
| **Other Services 13.8** | **13.8** | **13.4** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Government 45.0** | **44.6** | **42.8** | **0.4** | **2.2** |
| **Federal Government** 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** 21.1 | 20.9 | 19.6 | 0.2 | 1.5 |
| **Local Government** 20.6 | 20.4 | 20.1 | 0.2 | 0.5 |

#### Job Change by Major Industry Sector

March 2023 vs March 2024

Government

2,200

1,500

1,200

900

800

600

400

100

-100

Private Ed & Health

Mining-Logging-Construct

Leisure & Hospitality

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Manufacturing

Other Services

Financial Activities

Information

Professional & Business

-400

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

**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)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 120,900 | 120,870 | 118,635 | 30 | 2,265 |
| **Employment** | 116,642 | 116,083 | 115,042 | 559 | 1,600 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,258 | 4,787 | 3,593 | -529 | 665 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.5% | 4.0% | 3.0% | -0.5% | 0.5% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 117.4 | 117.0 | 115.3 | 0.4 | 2.1 |
| **Goods Producing** 25.2 | 25.0 | 24.3 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 6.1** | **6.0** | **5.6** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Manufacturing 19.1** | **19.0** | **18.7** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Service Providing** 92.2 | 92.0 | 91.0 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.0** | **24.0** | **24.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Retail Trade** 13.0 | 13.0 | 12.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Information 1.4** | **1.4** | **1.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 4.8** | **4.8** | **4.8** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.8** | **11.9** | **11.7** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 19.1** | **19.1** | **18.3** | **0.0** | **0.8** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.1** | **9.8** | **9.9** | **0.3** | **0.2** |
| **Other Services 4.0** | **4.0** | **3.9** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Government 17.0** | **17.0** | **17.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Federal Government** 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 13.3 | 13.3 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

118,000

#### Employment

March 2021 - March 2024

95,000

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

March: 2004 - 2024

116,000 90,000

114,000 85,000

112,000 80,000

110,000 75,000

108,000 70,000

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 106,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 65,000 |  | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar '21 | Sep '21 | Mar '22 | Sep '22 | Mar '23 | Sep '23 | Mar '24 |  | '04 | '06 | '08 | '10 | '12 | '14 | '16 | '18 | '20 | '22 | '24 |

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 41,342 | 41,176 | 41,367 | 166 | -25 |
| **Employment** | 39,827 | 39,590 | 39,966 | 237 | -139 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,515 | 1,586 | 1,401 | -71 | 114 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7% | 3.9% | 3.4% | -0.2% | 0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 41.0 | 40.7 | 41.2 | 0.3 | -0.2 |
| 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 36.7 | 36.5 | 36.9 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

3,000

#### Unemployment

March: 2014 - 2024

2,500

2,000

1,500

1,000

500

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'14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 67,451 | 66,864 | 67,151 | 587 | 300 |
| **Employment** | 65,496 | 64,776 | 65,472 | 720 | 24 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,955 | 2,088 | 1,679 | -133 | 276 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.9% | 3.1% | 2.5% | -0.2% | 0.4% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 64.0 | 63.6 | 63.7 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| 11.2 | 11.1 | 11.7 | 0.1 | -0.5 |
| 52.8 | 52.5 | 52.0 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| 9.1 | 9.1 | 8.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 |

66,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

March 2021 - March 2024

65,000

64,000

63,000

62,000

61,000

60,000

59,000

58,000

Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23 Sep '23 Mar '24

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 31,796 | 31,599 | 32,305 | 197 | -509 |
| **Employment** | 30,416 | 30,126 | 31,005 | 290 | -589 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,380 | 1,473 | 1,300 | -93 | 80 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3% | 4.7% | 4.0% | -0.4% | 0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.2 | 31.0 | 31.7 | 0.2 | -0.5 |
| 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| 25.9 | 25.8 | 26.2 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.8 | 0.0 | -0.3 |

40,000

#### Composition of the Civilian Labor Force

March: 2014 - 2024

35,000

Civilian Labor Force = Employment + Unemployment

30,000

25,000

20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

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'14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

 Unemployment  Employment

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 622,784 | 617,640 | 626,633 | 5,144 | -3,849 |
| **Employment** | 599,785 | 596,261 | 601,799 | 3,524 | -2,014 |
| **Unemployment** | 22,999 | 21,379 | 24,834 | 1,620 | -1,835 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7% | 3.5% | 4.0% | 0.2% | -0.3% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 23** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 62,302 | 62,422 | 62,346 | -120 | -44 |
| **Employment** | 59,712 | 59,660 | 59,852 | 52 | -140 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,590 | 2,762 | 2,494 | -172 | 96 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.2% | 4.4% | 4.0% | -0.2% | 0.2% |

60,000

#### Memphis MSA - Unemployment

March 2021 - March 2024

63,000

#### Texarkana MSA - Employment

March: 2014 - 2024

50,000

62,000

61,000

40,000

60,000

30,000

59,000

20,000

58,000

10,000

57,000

0

Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23 Sep '23 Mar '24

56,000

'14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Not Seasonally Adjusted  **March 2024 February 2024 March 2023**  **Micro Area CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,449 | 8,099 | 350 | 4.1 | 8,422 | 8,021 | 401 | 4.8 | 8,537 | 8,197 | 340 | 4.0 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,853 | 16,357 | 496 | 2.9 | 16,734 | 16,198 | 536 | 3.2 | 16,897 | 16,414 | 483 | 2.9 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,092 | 16,345 | 747 | 4.4 | 16,834 | 16,012 | 822 | 4.9 | 16,668 | 15,980 | 688 | 4.1 |
| Camden Micro | 12,161 | 11,695 | 466 | 3.8 | 12,036 | 11,546 | 490 | 4.1 | 12,070 | 11,642 | 428 | 3.5 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,791 | 14,087 | 704 | 4.8 | 14,714 | 13,961 | 753 | 5.1 | 14,850 | 14,244 | 606 | 4.1 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,454 | 7,072 | 382 | 5.1 | 7,362 | 6,952 | 410 | 5.6 | 7,480 | 7,153 | 327 | 4.4 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,225 | 18,571 | 654 | 3.4 | 19,125 | 18,421 | 704 | 3.7 | 19,025 | 18,477 | 548 | 2.9 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,175 | 4,883 | 292 | 5.6 | 5,069 | 4,742 | 327 | 6.5 | 5,446 | 5,098 | 348 | 6.4 |
| Hope Micro | 12,347 | 11,931 | 416 | 3.4 | 12,266 | 11,811 | 455 | 3.7 | 12,604 | 12,241 | 363 | 2.9 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,891 | 8,545 | 346 | 3.9 | 8,843 | 8,474 | 369 | 4.2 | 8,834 | 8,496 | 338 | 3.8 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,670 | 13,181 | 489 | 3.6 | 13,571 | 13,050 | 521 | 3.8 | 13,718 | 13,290 | 428 | 3.1 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,915 | 16,253 | 662 | 3.9 | 16,731 | 16,050 | 681 | 4.1 | 16,906 | 16,386 | 520 | 3.1 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,902 | 19,199 | 703 | 3.5 | 19,653 | 18,900 | 753 | 3.8 | 19,883 | 19,284 | 599 | 3.0 |
| Russellville Micro | 36,633 | 35,349 | 1,284 | 3.5 | 36,262 | 34,811 | 1,451 | 4.0 | 37,032 | 35,848 | 1,184 | 3.2 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,104 | 32,864 | 1,240 | 3.6 | 33,884 | 32,582 | 1,302 | 3.8 | 33,882 | 32,807 | 1,075 | 3.2 |

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

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

### City Labor Force Statistics

**City**

**CLF**

**March 2024**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**February 2024**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2023**

**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 | 13,610 | 13,198 | 412 | 3.0 | 13,469 | 13,066 | 403 | 3.0 | 13,302 | 12,921 | 381 | 2.9 |
| Benton | 18,512 | 18,006 | 506 | 2.7 | 18,383 | 17,873 | 510 | 2.8 | 18,094 | 17,665 | 429 | 2.4 |
| Bentonville | 33,016 | 32,275 | 741 | 2.2 | 32,709 | 31,953 | 756 | 2.3 | 32,269 | 31,598 | 671 | 2.1 |
| Blytheville | 5,720 | 5,471 | 249 | 4.4 | 5,635 | 5,360 | 275 | 4.9 | 5,572 | 5,349 | 223 | 4.0 |
| Cabot | 12,524 | 12,167 | 357 | 2.9 | 12,333 | 11,990 | 343 | 2.8 | 12,285 | 11,982 | 303 | 2.5 |
| Conway | 36,006 | 34,934 | 1,072 | 3.0 | 35,770 | 34,622 | 1,148 | 3.2 | 35,255 | 34,305 | 950 | 2.7 |
| El Dorado | 6,387 | 6,062 | 325 | 5.1 | 6,389 | 6,008 | 381 | 6.0 | 6,418 | 6,130 | 288 | 4.5 |
| Fayetteville | 53,881 | 52,605 | 1,276 | 2.4 | 53,460 | 52,094 | 1,366 | 2.6 | 52,685 | 51,502 | 1,183 | 2.2 |
| Fort Smith | 39,127 | 37,812 | 1,315 | 3.4 | 39,058 | 37,674 | 1,384 | 3.5 | 38,333 | 37,278 | 1,055 | 2.8 |
| Hot Springs | 15,342 | 14,738 | 604 | 3.9 | 15,274 | 14,650 | 624 | 4.1 | 15,350 | 14,790 | 560 | 3.6 |
| Jacksonville | 12,057 | 11,619 | 438 | 3.6 | 12,017 | 11,533 | 484 | 4.0 | 11,783 | 11,398 | 385 | 3.3 |
| Jonesboro | 40,590 | 39,448 | 1,142 | 2.8 | 40,322 | 39,093 | 1,229 | 3.0 | 40,419 | 39,395 | 1,024 | 2.5 |
| Little Rock | 101,000 | 97,520 | 3,480 | 3.4 | 100,373 | 96,797 | 3,576 | 3.6 | 98,523 | 95,662 | 2,861 | 2.9 |
| North Little Rock | 31,114 | 29,988 | 1,126 | 3.6 | 30,965 | 29,766 | 1,199 | 3.9 | 30,372 | 29,417 | 955 | 3.1 |
| Paragould | 12,670 | 12,202 | 468 | 3.7 | 12,496 | 12,012 | 484 | 3.9 | 12,633 | 12,256 | 377 | 3.0 |
| Pine Bluff | 14,867 | 14,123 | 744 | 5.0 | 14,855 | 14,038 | 817 | 5.5 | 15,103 | 14,376 | 727 | 4.8 |
| Rogers | 40,563 | 39,596 | 967 | 2.4 | 40,233 | 39,200 | 1,033 | 2.6 | 39,586 | 38,765 | 821 | 2.1 |
| Russellville | 13,110 | 12,725 | 385 | 2.9 | 13,058 | 12,576 | 482 | 3.7 | 13,285 | 12,885 | 400 | 3.0 |
| Searcy | 10,268 | 9,924 | 344 | 3.4 | 10,193 | 9,839 | 354 | 3.5 | 10,202 | 9,907 | 295 | 2.9 |
| Sherwood | 16,846 | 16,366 | 480 | 2.8 | 16,778 | 16,244 | 534 | 3.2 | 16,491 | 16,054 | 437 | 2.6 |
| Springdale | 42,996 | 42,013 | 983 | 2.3 | 42,615 | 41,604 | 1,011 | 2.4 | 42,015 | 41,131 | 884 | 2.1 |
| Texarkana, AR | 12,714 | 12,202 | 512 | 4.0 | 12,739 | 12,199 | 540 | 4.2 | 12,636 | 12,219 | 417 | 3.3 |
| Van Buren | 10,459 | 10,119 | 340 | 3.3 | 10,430 | 10,048 | 382 | 3.7 | 10,261 | 9,994 | 267 | 2.6 |
| West Memphis | 9,859 | 9,422 | 437 | 4.4 | 9,824 | 9,363 | 461 | 4.7 | 10,007 | 9,588 | 419 | 4.2 |

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **March 2024** | |  |  | **February 2024** | |  |  | **March 2023** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,157 | 8,899 | 258 | 2.8 | 8,948 | 8,685 | 263 | 2.9 | 9,129 | 8,904 | 225 | 2.5 |
| Ashley | 6,389 | 6,035 | 354 | 5.5 | 6,352 | 5,969 | 383 | 6.0 | 6,400 | 6,076 | 324 | 5.1 |
| Baxter | 16,915 | 16,253 | 662 | 3.9 | 16,731 | 16,050 | 681 | 4.1 | 16,906 | 16,386 | 520 | 3.1 |
| Benton | 157,908 | 153,983 | 3,925 | 2.5 | 156,545 | 152,443 | 4,102 | 2.6 | 154,205 | 150,753 | 3,452 | 2.2 |
| Boone | 15,994 | 15,463 | 531 | 3.3 | 15,924 | 15,363 | 561 | 3.5 | 15,829 | 15,370 | 459 | 2.9 |
| Bradley | 4,107 | 3,939 | 168 | 4.1 | 4,016 | 3,845 | 171 | 4.3 | 4,122 | 3,936 | 186 | 4.5 |
| Calhoun | 2,400 | 2,322 | 78 | 3.3 | 2,345 | 2,264 | 81 | 3.5 | 2,396 | 2,327 | 69 | 2.9 |
| Carroll | 12,150 | 11,762 | 388 | 3.2 | 11,874 | 11,399 | 475 | 4.0 | 12,190 | 11,864 | 326 | 2.7 |
| Chicot | 2,842 | 2,678 | 164 | 5.8 | 2,763 | 2,594 | 169 | 6.1 | 2,896 | 2,743 | 153 | 5.3 |
| Clark | 8,449 | 8,099 | 350 | 4.1 | 8,422 | 8,021 | 401 | 4.8 | 8,537 | 8,197 | 340 | 4.0 |
| Clay | 5,391 | 5,149 | 242 | 4.5 | 5,252 | 4,968 | 284 | 5.4 | 5,438 | 5,232 | 206 | 3.8 |
| Cleburne | 8,983 | 8,602 | 381 | 4.2 | 8,882 | 8,492 | 390 | 4.4 | 8,901 | 8,575 | 326 | 3.7 |
| Cleveland | 3,042 | 2,934 | 108 | 3.6 | 2,982 | 2,873 | 109 | 3.7 | 3,103 | 3,006 | 97 | 3.1 |
| Columbia | 8,891 | 8,545 | 346 | 3.9 | 8,843 | 8,474 | 369 | 4.2 | 8,834 | 8,496 | 338 | 3.8 |
| Conway | 8,284 | 7,975 | 309 | 3.7 | 8,259 | 7,916 | 343 | 4.2 | 8,265 | 7,980 | 285 | 3.4 |
| Craighead | 57,450 | 55,860 | 1,590 | 2.8 | 57,055 | 55,357 | 1,698 | 3.0 | 57,182 | 55,785 | 1,397 | 2.4 |
| Crawford | 26,812 | 25,897 | 915 | 3.4 | 26,677 | 25,716 | 961 | 3.6 | 26,316 | 25,577 | 739 | 2.8 |
| Crittenden | 20,097 | 19,307 | 790 | 3.9 | 20,052 | 19,187 | 865 | 4.3 | 20,423 | 19,647 | 776 | 3.8 |
| Cross | 6,862 | 6,609 | 253 | 3.7 | 6,714 | 6,439 | 275 | 4.1 | 6,855 | 6,650 | 205 | 3.0 |
| Dallas | 2,650 | 2,545 | 105 | 4.0 | 2,617 | 2,509 | 108 | 4.1 | 2,641 | 2,539 | 102 | 3.9 |
| Desha | 4,992 | 4,731 | 261 | 5.2 | 4,850 | 4,584 | 266 | 5.5 | 4,922 | 4,716 | 206 | 4.2 |
| Drew | 7,415 | 7,106 | 309 | 4.2 | 7,290 | 6,955 | 335 | 4.6 | 7,636 | 7,348 | 288 | 3.8 |
| Faulkner | 65,332 | 63,454 | 1,878 | 2.9 | 64,899 | 62,887 | 2,012 | 3.1 | 64,045 | 62,310 | 1,735 | 2.7 |
| Franklin | 7,526 | 7,280 | 246 | 3.3 | 7,435 | 7,180 | 255 | 3.4 | 7,423 | 7,209 | 214 | 2.9 |
| Fulton | 4,538 | 4,364 | 174 | 3.8 | 4,482 | 4,299 | 183 | 4.1 | 4,520 | 4,365 | 155 | 3.4 |
| Garland | 41,342 | 39,827 | 1,515 | 3.7 | 41,176 | 39,590 | 1,586 | 3.9 | 41,367 | 39,966 | 1,401 | 3.4 |
| Grant | 8,753 | 8,510 | 243 | 2.8 | 8,642 | 8,384 | 258 | 3.0 | 8,604 | 8,379 | 225 | 2.6 |
| Greene | 19,902 | 19,199 | 703 | 3.5 | 19,653 | 18,900 | 753 | 3.8 | 19,883 | 19,284 | 599 | 3.0 |
| Hempstead | 9,039 | 8,742 | 297 | 3.3 | 8,956 | 8,635 | 321 | 3.6 | 9,237 | 8,977 | 260 | 2.8 |
| Hot Spring | 13,670 | 13,181 | 489 | 3.6 | 13,571 | 13,050 | 521 | 3.8 | 13,718 | 13,290 | 428 | 3.1 |
| Howard | 5,291 | 5,126 | 165 | 3.1 | 5,177 | 5,000 | 177 | 3.4 | 5,301 | 5,135 | 166 | 3.1 |
| Independence | 16,853 | 16,357 | 496 | 2.9 | 16,734 | 16,198 | 536 | 3.2 | 16,897 | 16,414 | 483 | 2.9 |
| Izard | 4,450 | 4,228 | 222 | 5.0 | 4,382 | 4,156 | 226 | 5.2 | 4,463 | 4,278 | 185 | 4.1 |
| Jackson | 5,402 | 5,171 | 231 | 4.3 | 5,263 | 5,005 | 258 | 4.9 | 5,416 | 5,175 | 241 | 4.4 |
| Jefferson | 25,084 | 23,985 | 1,099 | 4.4 | 25,037 | 23,841 | 1,196 | 4.8 | 25,478 | 24,414 | 1,064 | 4.2 |
| Johnson | 9,864 | 9,365 | 499 | 5.1 | 9,796 | 9,247 | 549 | 5.6 | 9,986 | 9,633 | 353 | 3.5 |
| Lafayette | 2,180 | 2,079 | 101 | 4.6 | 2,144 | 2,029 | 115 | 5.4 | 2,289 | 2,185 | 104 | 4.5 |
| Lawrence | 6,911 | 6,662 | 249 | 3.6 | 6,756 | 6,495 | 261 | 3.9 | 6,944 | 6,752 | 192 | 2.8 |
| Lee | 2,562 | 2,444 | 118 | 4.6 | 2,475 | 2,347 | 128 | 5.2 | 2,630 | 2,510 | 120 | 4.6 |
| Lincoln | 3,670 | 3,497 | 173 | 4.7 | 3,580 | 3,412 | 168 | 4.7 | 3,724 | 3,585 | 139 | 3.7 |
| Little River | 5,161 | 4,961 | 200 | 3.9 | 5,184 | 4,957 | 227 | 4.4 | 5,132 | 4,968 | 164 | 3.2 |
| Logan | 8,297 | 7,948 | 349 | 4.2 | 8,165 | 7,827 | 338 | 4.1 | 8,303 | 8,020 | 283 | 3.4 |
| Lonoke | 35,494 | 34,490 | 1,004 | 2.8 | 35,014 | 33,989 | 1,025 | 2.9 | 34,824 | 33,968 | 856 | 2.5 |
| Madison | 8,110 | 7,887 | 223 | 2.7 | 7,882 | 7,661 | 221 | 2.8 | 7,995 | 7,810 | 185 | 2.3 |
| Marion | 5,900 | 5,641 | 259 | 4.4 | 5,874 | 5,583 | 291 | 5.0 | 6,134 | 5,921 | 213 | 3.5 |
| Miller | 18,552 | 17,837 | 715 | 3.9 | 18,568 | 17,832 | 736 | 4.0 | 18,473 | 17,862 | 611 | 3.3 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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|  |  | **March 2024** | |  |  | **February 2024** | |  |  | **March 2023** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 17,092 | 16,345 | 747 | 4.4 | 16,834 | 16,012 | 822 | 4.9 | 16,668 | 15,980 | 688 | 4.1 |
| Monroe | 2,459 | 2,366 | 93 | 3.8 | 2,375 | 2,278 | 97 | 4.1 | 2,505 | 2,409 | 96 | 3.8 |
| Montgomery | 2,998 | 2,857 | 141 | 4.7 | 2,830 | 2,679 | 151 | 5.3 | 2,883 | 2,758 | 125 | 4.3 |
| Nevada | 3,308 | 3,189 | 119 | 3.6 | 3,310 | 3,176 | 134 | 4.0 | 3,367 | 3,264 | 103 | 3.1 |
| Newton | 3,231 | 3,108 | 123 | 3.8 | 3,201 | 3,058 | 143 | 4.5 | 3,196 | 3,107 | 89 | 2.8 |
| Ouachita | 9,761 | 9,373 | 388 | 4.0 | 9,691 | 9,282 | 409 | 4.2 | 9,674 | 9,315 | 359 | 3.7 |
| Perry | 4,361 | 4,207 | 154 | 3.5 | 4,310 | 4,146 | 164 | 3.8 | 4,284 | 4,148 | 136 | 3.2 |
| Phillips | 5,175 | 4,883 | 292 | 5.6 | 5,069 | 4,742 | 327 | 6.5 | 5,446 | 5,098 | 348 | 6.4 |
| Pike | 4,065 | 3,927 | 138 | 3.4 | 3,946 | 3,802 | 144 | 3.6 | 4,083 | 3,962 | 121 | 3.0 |
| Poinsett | 10,001 | 9,636 | 365 | 3.6 | 9,809 | 9,419 | 390 | 4.0 | 9,969 | 9,687 | 282 | 2.8 |
| Polk | 7,787 | 7,449 | 338 | 4.3 | 7,646 | 7,285 | 361 | 4.7 | 7,937 | 7,678 | 259 | 3.3 |
| Pope | 28,462 | 27,474 | 988 | 3.5 | 28,307 | 27,154 | 1,153 | 4.1 | 28,738 | 27,820 | 918 | 3.2 |
| Prairie | 3,546 | 3,430 | 116 | 3.3 | 3,437 | 3,314 | 123 | 3.6 | 3,538 | 3,446 | 92 | 2.6 |
| Pulaski | 196,173 | 189,603 | 6,570 | 3.3 | 195,110 | 188,198 | 6,912 | 3.5 | 191,461 | 185,991 | 5,470 | 2.9 |
| Randolph | 7,123 | 6,862 | 261 | 3.7 | 7,051 | 6,782 | 269 | 3.8 | 7,178 | 6,961 | 217 | 3.0 |
| St. Francis | 7,454 | 7,072 | 382 | 5.1 | 7,362 | 6,952 | 410 | 5.6 | 7,480 | 7,153 | 327 | 4.4 |
| Saline | 62,164 | 60,460 | 1,704 | 2.7 | 61,772 | 60,011 | 1,761 | 2.9 | 60,837 | 59,313 | 1,524 | 2.5 |
| Scott | 4,468 | 4,327 | 141 | 3.2 | 4,362 | 4,214 | 148 | 3.4 | 4,402 | 4,290 | 112 | 2.5 |
| Searcy | 2,852 | 2,734 | 118 | 4.1 | 2,811 | 2,677 | 134 | 4.8 | 2,737 | 2,619 | 118 | 4.3 |
| Sebastian | 56,386 | 54,470 | 1,916 | 3.4 | 56,299 | 54,272 | 2,027 | 3.6 | 55,250 | 53,701 | 1,549 | 2.8 |
| Sevier | 5,493 | 5,289 | 204 | 3.7 | 5,420 | 5,194 | 226 | 4.2 | 5,472 | 5,290 | 182 | 3.3 |
| Sharp | 5,997 | 5,752 | 245 | 4.1 | 5,946 | 5,695 | 251 | 4.2 | 5,908 | 5,695 | 213 | 3.6 |
| Stone | 4,552 | 4,364 | 188 | 4.1 | 4,420 | 4,209 | 211 | 4.8 | 4,536 | 4,368 | 168 | 3.7 |
| Union | 14,791 | 14,087 | 704 | 4.8 | 14,714 | 13,961 | 753 | 5.1 | 14,850 | 14,244 | 606 | 4.1 |
| Van Buren | 5,949 | 5,703 | 246 | 4.1 | 5,877 | 5,620 | 257 | 4.4 | 5,962 | 5,742 | 220 | 3.7 |
| Washington | 139,259 | 136,078 | 3,181 | 2.3 | 138,072 | 134,757 | 3,315 | 2.4 | 136,095 | 133,226 | 2,869 | 2.1 |
| White | 34,104 | 32,864 | 1,240 | 3.6 | 33,884 | 32,582 | 1,302 | 3.8 | 33,882 | 32,807 | 1,075 | 3.2 |
| Woodruff | 2,926 | 2,815 | 111 | 3.8 | 2,819 | 2,699 | 120 | 4.3 | 2,946 | 2,843 | 103 | 3.5 |
| Yell | 8,171 | 7,875 | 296 | 3.6 | 7,955 | 7,657 | 298 | 3.7 | 8,294 | 8,028 | 266 | 3.2 |

# County Labor Force Summary

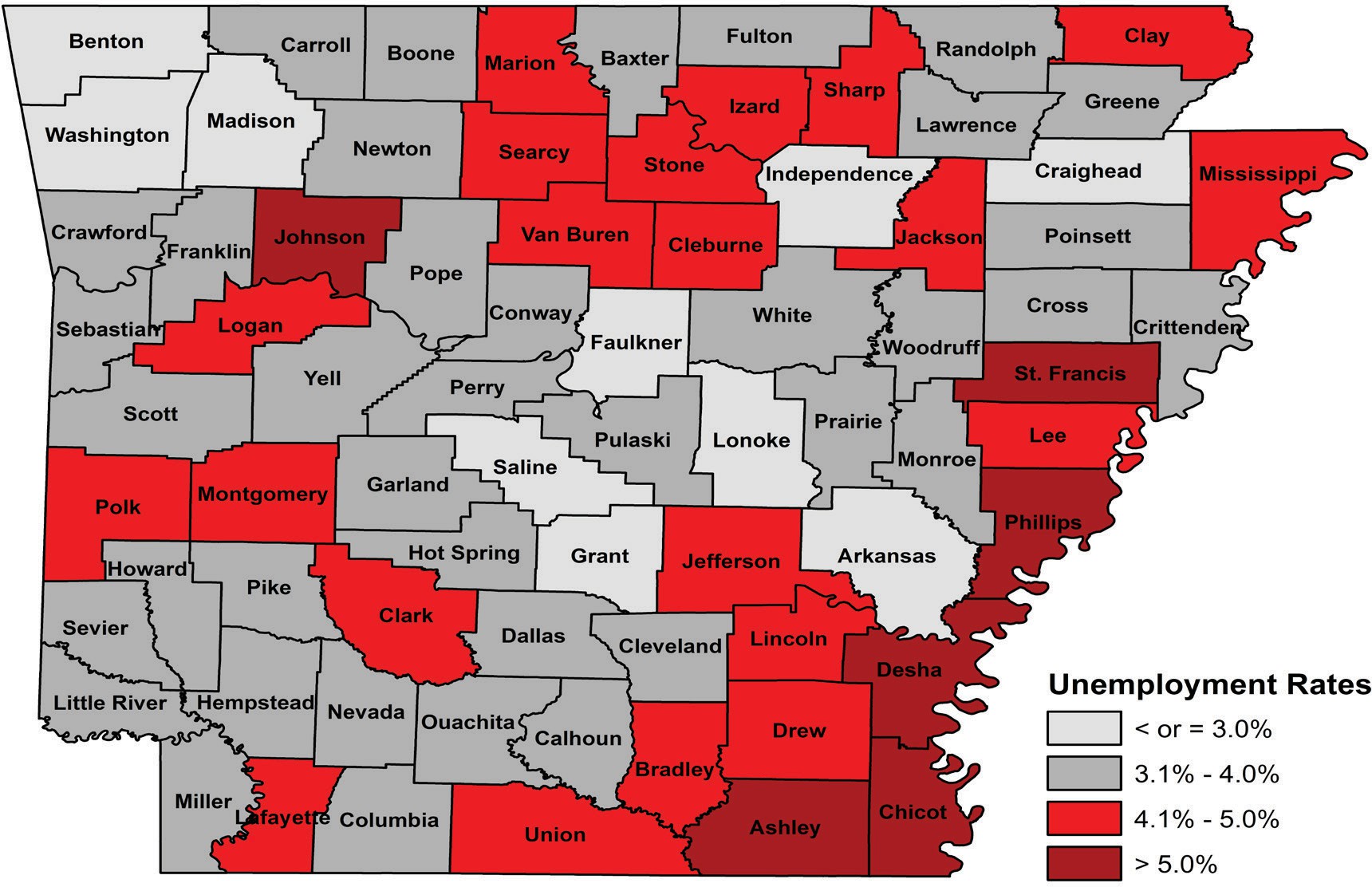
Not Seasonally Adjusted

Between February and March, unemployment rates declined in 73 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Lin- coln County remained stable over-the-month, while the rate in Logan County increased slightly. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.3% in Washington County to a high of 5.8% in Chicot County.

In March, ten counties in Arkansas posted an unemployment rate at or below 3%. That is up from eight counties at or below 3% last month. For the second month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above 7%.

Compared to March 2023, jobless rates are up in 67 Arkansas counties. The average rate increase was five-tenths of a percentage point. Four counties posted rate declines over-the-year, with Phillips County down eight-tenths of a percentage point. Rates in four counties were unchanged.

**County Unemployment Rates**



# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

March 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 2.3

2 Benton 2.5

3 Madison 2.7

3 Saline 2.7

5 Arkansas 2.8

5 Craighead 2.8

5 Grant 2.8

5 Lonoke 2.8

9 Faulkner 2.9

9 Independence 2.9

11 Howard 3.1

12 Carroll 3.2

12 Scott 3.2

14 Boone 3.3

14 Calhoun 3.3

14 Franklin 3.3

14 Hempstead 3.3

14 Prairie 3.3

14 Pulaski 3.3

20 Crawford 3.4

20 Pike 3.4

20 Sebastian 3.4

23 Greene 3.5

23 Perry 3.5

23 Pope 3.5

**Rank County**

26 Cleveland

26 Hot Spring

26 Lawrence

26 Nevada

26 Poinsett

26 White

26 Yell

33 Conway

33 Cross

33 Garland

33 Randolph

33 Sevier

38 Fulton

38 Monroe

38 Newton

38 Woodruff

42 Baxter

42 Columbia

42 Crittenden

42 Little River

42 Miller

47 Dallas

47 Ouachita

49 Bradley

49 Clark

**Rate**

3.6

3.6

3.6

3.6

3.6

3.6

3.6

3.7

3.7

3.7

3.7

3.7

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3.8

3.8

3.8

3.9

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4.1

**Rank County**

49 Searcy

49 Sharp

49 Stone

49 Van Buren

55 Cleburne

55 Drew

55 Logan

58 Jackson

58 Polk

60 Jefferson

60 Marion

60 Mississippi

63 Clay

64 Lafayette

64 Lee

66 Lincoln

66 Montgomery

1. Union
2. Izard
3. Johnson

70 St. Francis

1. Desha
2. Ashley
3. Phillips
4. Chicot

**Rate**

4.1

4.1

4.1

4.1

4.2

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5.0

5.1

5.1

5.2

5.5

5.6

5.8

## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **March 2024** | |  |  | **February 2024** | |  |  | **March 2023** | | |
| **LWDA** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp Rate** | | |
| Central (minus LR) 264,168 | | 256,283 | 7,885 | 3.0 | 262,234 | 253,880 | 8,354 | 3.2 | 258,687 | 251,775 | 6,912 | 2.7 |
| City of Little Rock 101,000 | | 97,520 | 3,480 | 3.4 | 100,373 | 96,797 | 3,576 | 3.6 | 98,523 | 95,662 | 2,861 | 2.9 |
| Eastern 42,150 | | 40,315 | 1,835 | 4.4 | 41,672 | 39,667 | 2,005 | 4.8 | 42,834 | 41,058 | 1,776 | 4.1 |
| North Central 93,754 | | 90,220 | 3,534 | 3.8 | 92,689 | 88,955 | 3,734 | 4.0 | 93,431 | 90,262 | 3,169 | 3.4 |
| Northeast 123,870 | | 119,713 | 4,157 | 3.4 | 122,410 | 117,933 | 4,477 | 3.7 | 123,262 | 119,681 | 3,581 | 2.9 |
| Northwest 362,319 | | 352,909 | 9,410 | 2.6 | 358,914 | 348,991 | 9,923 | 2.8 | 355,287 | 347,056 | 8,231 | 2.3 |
| Southeast 75,451 | | 72,314 | 3,137 | 4.2 | 74,460 | 71,142 | 3,318 | 4.5 | 76,014 | 73,107 | 2,907 | 3.8 |
| Southwest 87,517 | | 84,095 | 3,422 | 3.9 | 86,969 | 83,313 | 3,656 | 4.2 | 87,666 | 84,602 | 3,064 | 3.5 |
| West Central 129,666 | | 124,787 | 4,879 | 3.8 | 128,572 | 123,262 | 5,310 | 4.1 | 130,155 | 125,782 | 4,373 | 3.4 |
| Western 111,276 | | 107,371 | 3,905 | 3.5 | 110,584 | 106,494 | 4,090 | 3.7 | 109,631 | 106,475 | 3,156 | 2.9 |

