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

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

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2019 benchmark.

Explanation of Terms and Concepts

Monthly Business

Survey of Employers

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry 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

Technical Notes

5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

Metropolitan

Statistical Areas

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, commuting patterns and social and economic integration.

Current Population

Survey (CPS)

A monthly sample survey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 800 Arkansas 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.



MARCH SPOTLIGHT

The Impact of COVID-19 on March Estimation

The labor market data from the establishment and household surveys for March broadly reflect the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. BLS cannot precisely quantify the effects of the pandemic on the job market in March. However, it is clear that the changes in employment and unemployment can be ascribed to the effects of the illness and efforts to contain the virus.

It is important to keep in mind that the March survey reference periods for both surveys predated many coronavirus-related business and school closures in the second half of the month. *In the establishment survey, workers who are paid by their employer for all or any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month are counted as employed, even if they were not actually at their jobs. Workers who are temporarily or permanently absent from their jobs and who are not being paid are not counted as employed, even if they continue to receive benefits.* The establishment survey depends on the availability of survey respondents. Collection was adversely impacted due to the inability to reach some respondents. The collection rate for the establishment survey, at 66 percent, was about 9 percentage points lower than average. Although the collection rate was adversely affected by pandemic-related issues, BLS was still able to obtain estimates that met our standards for accuracy and reliability.

After careful evaluation, BLS staff determined that an unusually large number of household survey data series had outliers in March. Outlier detection is a usual part of the seasonal adjustment process. After manually designating these March estimates as outliers, BLS reran the seasonal adjustment models. For some data series, this had a substantive effect on March estimates. The full notes concerning the March estimates are available on the BLS website. Please click [here](#) for more information.



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STATE OF ARKANSAS Civilian Labor Force Summary

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released today by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose one and three-tenths of a percentage point, from 3.5 percent in February to 4.8 percent in March. Arkansas' civilian labor force increased 19,039, a result of 18,526 more unemployed and 513 more employed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate rose nine-tenths of a percentage point, going from 3.5 percent in February to 4.4 percent in March.

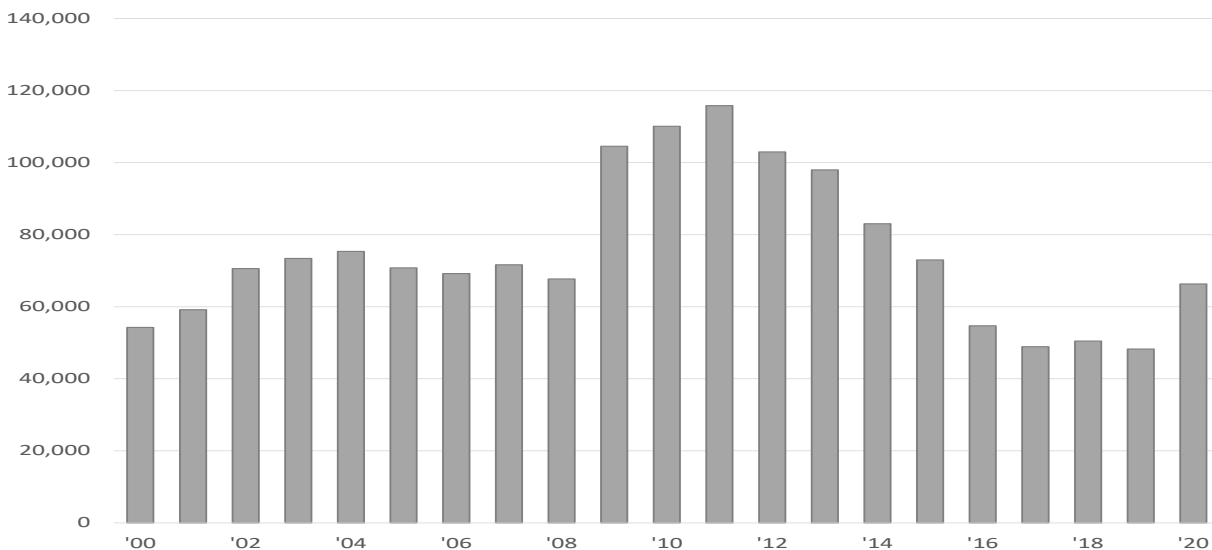
BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Due to the unprecedented nature of the COVID 19 outbreak, changes were made to the models that calculate employment and unemployment across the country. The increase in the number of unemployed Arkansans is, in large part, a reflection of the number of Unemployment Insurance claims filed during the week of March 12th. The small gain in employment is based largely on a monthly survey of Arkansas households, which was significantly impacted by the outbreak. Please see the note (in the Spotlight section of this publication) for more detailed information on the data collection and how the Bureau of Labor Statistics is making changes to fully capture the impact of the pandemic on the workforce."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Mar 20	Feb 20	Mar 19		Mar 20	Feb 20	Mar 19
Civilian Labor Force	1,386,748	1,367,709	1,361,942	Civilian Labor Force	1,381,124	1,363,390	1,358,425
Employment	1,320,420	1,319,907	1,313,673	Employment	1,316,103	1,309,672	1,311,196
Unemployment	66,328	47,802	48,269	Unemployment	65,021	53,718	47,229
Unemployment Rate	4.8	3.5	3.5	Unemployment Rate	4.7	3.9	3.5
U.S. Unemployment	4.4	3.5	3.8	U.S. Unemployment	4.5	3.8	3.9

Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)

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STATE OF ARKANSAS Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Mar 20</u>	<u>Feb 20</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1271.5	1273.5	1277.2	-2.0	-5.7
Goods Producing	216.5	217.0	219.7	-0.5	-3.2
Mining, Logging, & Construction	58.4	57.4	56.9	1.0	1.5
Mining & Logging	5.6	5.6	5.8	0.0	-0.2
Construction	52.8	51.8	51.1	1.0	1.7
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.6	32.9	32.6	0.7	1.0
Manufacturing	158.1	159.6	162.8	-1.5	-4.7
Durable Goods	74.0	74.9	78.3	-0.9	-4.3
Nondurable Goods	84.1	84.7	84.5	-0.6	-0.4
Service Providing	1055.0	1056.5	1057.5	-1.5	-2.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	251.3	250.2	250.2	1.1	1.1
Wholesale Trade	48.5	48.6	47.3	-0.1	1.2
Retail Trade	134.3	133.3	135.3	1.0	-1.0
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	68.5	68.3	67.6	0.2	0.9
Information	10.9	10.9	11.4	0.0	-0.5
Financial Activities	61.5	61.2	62.2	0.3	-0.7
Finance & Insurance	47.7	47.5	48.6	0.2	-0.9
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.8	13.7	13.6	0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	149.0	146.1	146.3	2.9	2.7
Professional, Scientific & Technical	46.5	46.2	45.4	0.3	1.1
Management of Companies	35.3	35.0	33.5	0.3	1.8
Administrative & Support Services	67.2	64.9	67.4	2.3	-0.2
Educational & Health Services	195.2	198.4	193.9	-3.2	1.3
Educational Services	16.6	16.6	16.5	0.0	0.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	178.6	181.8	177.4	-3.2	1.2
Ambulatory Health Care	60.4	62.1	59.1	-1.7	1.3
Social Assistance	39.8	40.5	40.2	-0.7	-0.4
Leisure & Hospitality	114.7	116.6	119.0	-1.9	-4.3
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11.1	10.6	10.8	0.5	0.3
Accommodation & Food Services	103.6	106.0	108.2	-2.4	-4.6
Accommodation Services	11.4	11.0	11.1	0.4	0.3
Food Services	92.2	95.0	97.1	-2.8	-4.9
Other Services	58.7	60.2	59.4	-1.5	-0.7
Government	213.7	212.9	215.1	0.8	-1.4
Federal Government	20.5	20.3	20.1	0.2	0.4
State Government	80.2	79.8	79.9	0.4	0.3
State Gov, Educational Services	32.2	31.9	31.8	0.3	0.4
State Gov, Excluding Education	48.0	47.9	48.1	0.1	-0.1
Local Government	113.0	112.8	115.1	0.2	-2.1
Local Gov, Educational Services	69.2	69.2	71.7	0.0	-2.5
Local Gov, Excluding Education	43.8	43.6	43.4	0.2	0.4

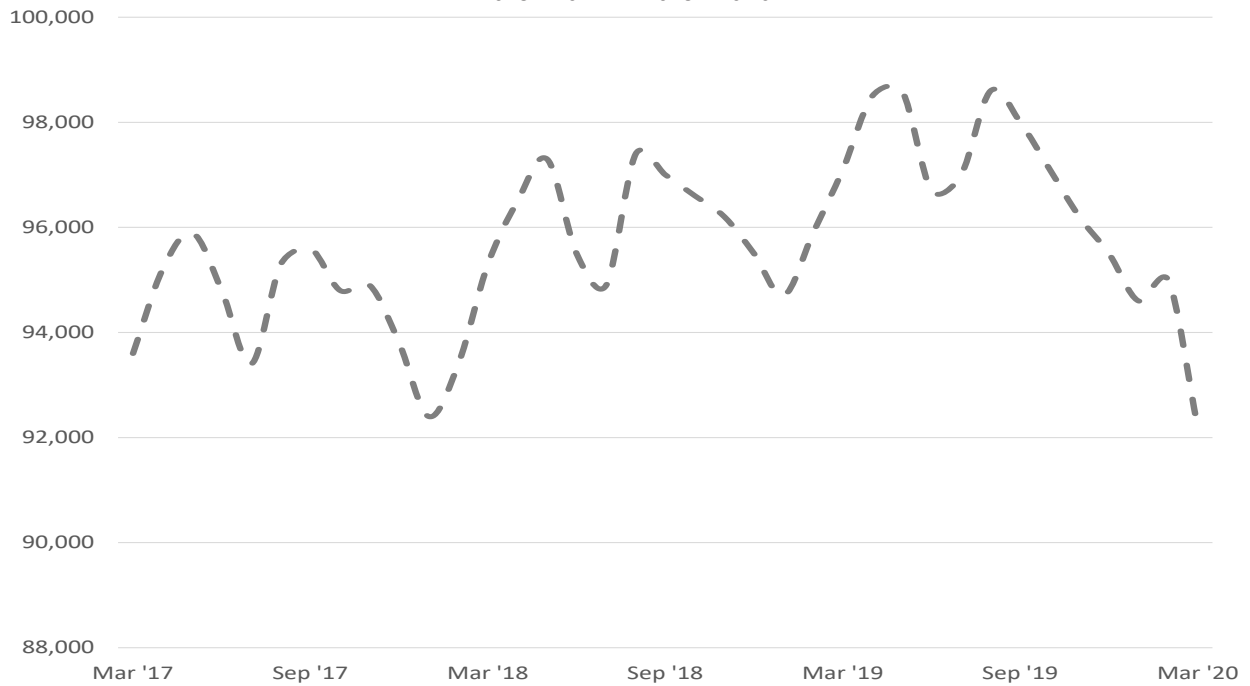


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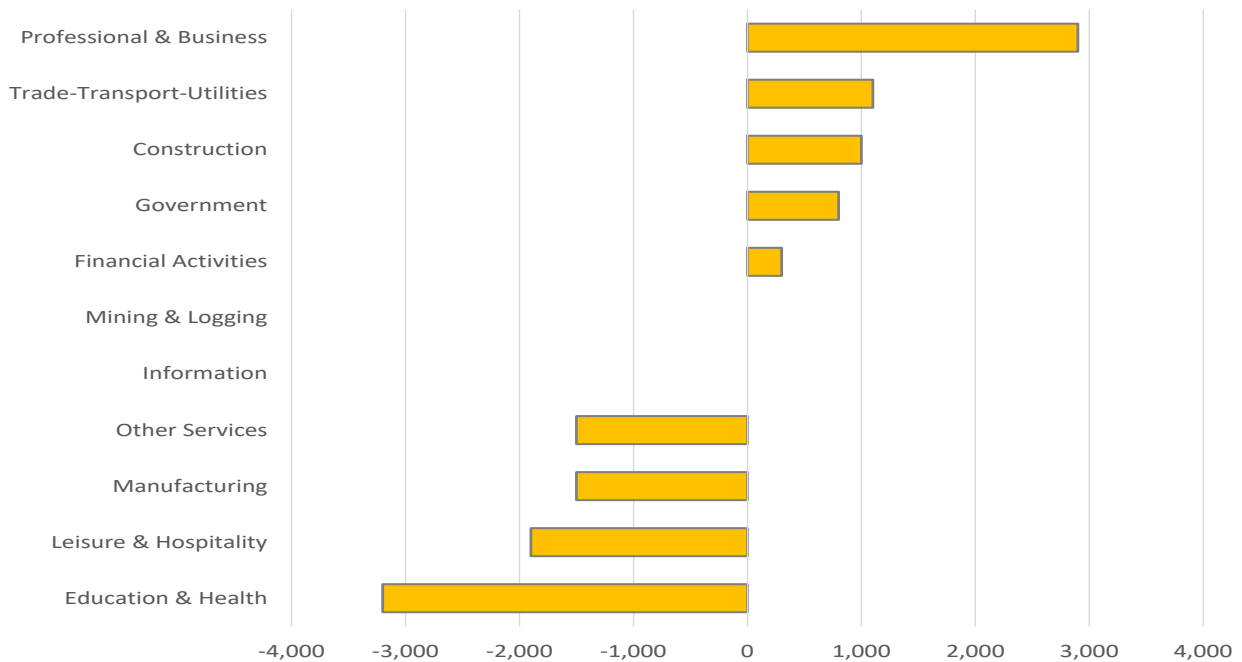
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STATE OF ARKANSAS Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

Jobs in Food Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
March 2017 - March 2020



Over-the-Month Job Changes by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
February 2020 vs. March 2020





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Production Workers - Hours and Earnings

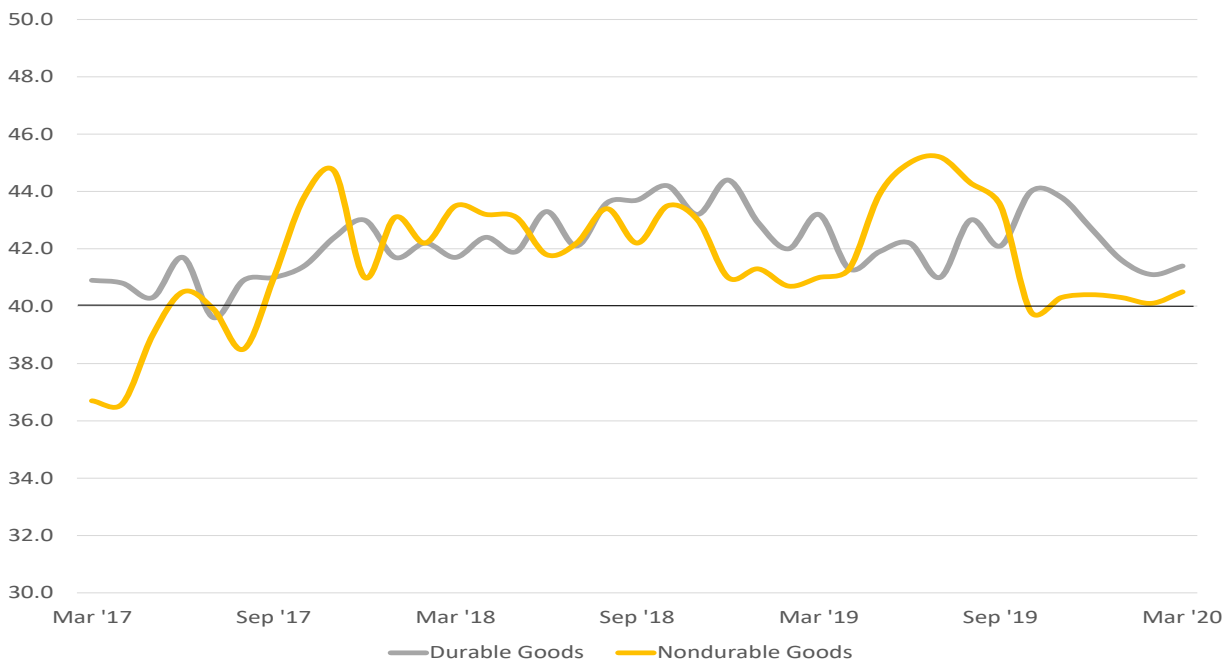
Manufacturing

	Mar 20	Feb 20	Mar 19
Average Weekly Hours	40.9	40.6	42.0
Average Hourly Earnings	18.62	18.55	18.37
Average Weekly Earnings	761.56	753.13	770.28

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	Mar 20	Feb 20	Mar 19		Mar 20	Feb 20	Mar 19
Average Weekly Hours	41.4	41.1	43.2	Average Weekly Hours	40.5	40.1	41.0
Average Hourly Earnings	20.49	20.34	19.68	Average Hourly Earnings	16.97	16.97	17.10
Average Weekly Earnings	848.29	835.97	850.18	Average Weekly Earnings	687.29	680.50	701.10

Average Weekly Hours Worked - Durable Goods vs. Nondurable Goods
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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Little Rock - North Little Rock - Conway MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

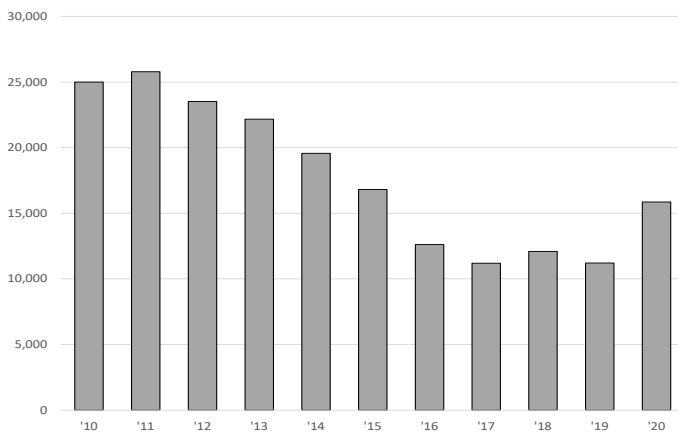
	<u>Mar 20</u>	<u>Feb 20</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	358,847	355,568	359,094	3,279	-247
Employment	342,990	342,706	347,889	284	-4,899
Unemployment	15,857	12,862	11,205	2,995	4,652
Unemployment Rate	4.4	3.6	3.1	0.8	1.3

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

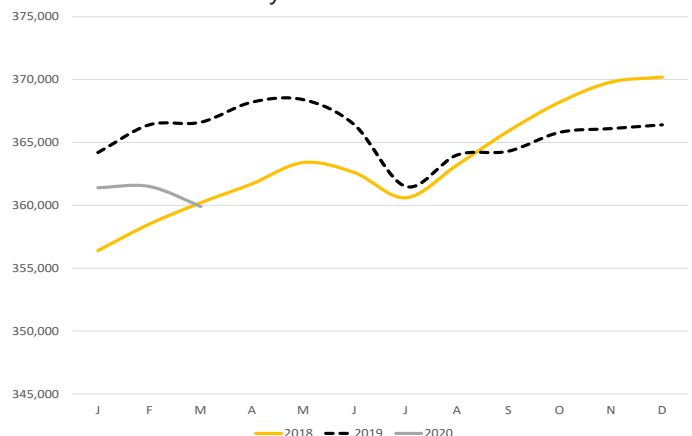
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 20</u>	<u>Feb 20</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	359.9	361.5	366.6	-1.6	-6.7
Goods Producing	38.5	38.5	38.6	0.0	-0.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.1	18.1	17.2	0.0	0.9
Manufacturing	20.4	20.4	21.4	0.0	-1.0
Service Providing	321.4	323.0	328.0	-1.6	-6.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	69.3	69.1	70.3	0.2	-1.0
Wholesale Trade	15.8	15.8	15.8	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	36.5	36.4	37.6	0.1	-1.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.0	16.9	16.9	0.1	0.1
Information	4.1	4.1	4.3	0.0	-0.2
Financial Activities	21.3	21.4	21.9	-0.1	-0.6
Professional & Business Services	48.5	48.0	49.4	0.5	-0.9
Educational & Health Services	57.4	58.6	57.9	-1.2	-0.5
Leisure & Hospitality	32.1	32.9	34.2	-0.8	-2.1
Other Services	18.0	18.4	18.3	-0.4	-0.3
Government	70.7	70.5	71.7	0.2	-1.0
Federal Government	9.7	9.7	9.6	0.0	0.1
State Government	36.3	36.2	36.0	0.1	0.3
Local Government	24.7	24.6	26.1	0.1	-1.4

Number of Unemployed
March: 2010 - 2020



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Fayetteville - Springdale - Rogers MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Mar 20</u>	<u>Feb 20</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	286,927	283,912	278,115	3,015	8,812
Employment	277,322	276,275	271,131	1,047	6,191
Unemployment	9,605	7,637	6,984	1,968	2,621
Unemployment Rate	3.3	2.7	2.5	0.6	0.8

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 20</u>	<u>Feb 20</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	267.1	267.2	262.1	-0.1	5.0
Goods Producing	43.0	43.1	42.0	-0.1	1.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	12.7	12.6	12.0	0.1	0.7
Manufacturing	30.3	30.5	30.0	-0.2	0.3
Service Providing	224.1	224.1	220.1	0.0	4.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	57.0	56.3	56.3	0.7	0.7
Wholesale Trade	12.4	12.3	12.1	0.1	0.3
Retail Trade	26.0	25.4	25.7	0.6	0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.6	18.6	18.5	0.0	0.1
Information	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	8.3	8.3	8.1	0.0	0.2
Professional & Business Services	52.3	51.5	49.5	0.8	2.8
Educational & Health Services	29.8	30.2	29.8	-0.4	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	25.6	26.6	26.6	-1.0	-1.0
Other Services	9.4	9.7	9.6	-0.3	-0.2
Government	39.7	39.5	38.1	0.2	1.6
Federal Government	2.8	2.8	2.7	0.0	0.1
State Government	17.3	17.2	16.2	0.1	1.1
Local Government	19.6	19.5	19.2	0.1	0.4

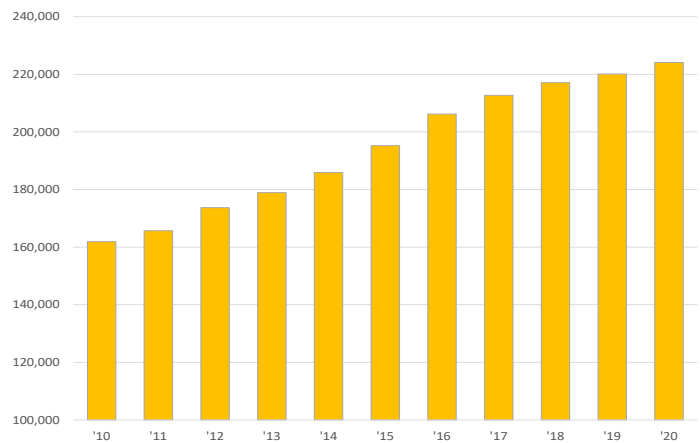
Employment

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Jobs in Service Providing Industries

March: 2010 - 2020





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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>Mar 20</u>	<u>Feb 20</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	119,035	118,469	118,290	566	745
Employment	114,076	113,940	114,159	136	-83
Unemployment	4,959	4,529	4,131	430	828
Unemployment Rate	4.2	3.8	3.5	0.4	0.7

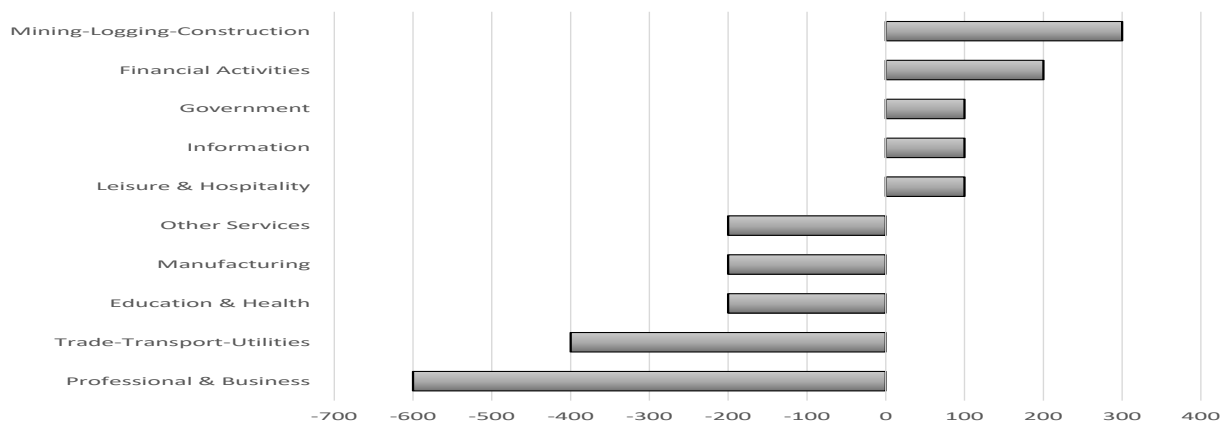
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 20</u>	<u>Feb 20</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	112.3	112.8	113.1	-0.5	-0.8
Goods Producing	23.0	23.2	22.9	-0.2	0.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.7	5.7	5.4	0.0	0.3
Manufacturing	17.3	17.5	17.5	-0.2	-0.2
Service Providing	89.3	89.6	90.2	-0.3	-0.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.5	22.7	22.9	-0.2	-0.4
Wholesale Trade	4.1	4.2	4.2	-0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	12.5	12.4	12.2	0.1	0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	5.9	6.1	6.5	-0.2	-0.6
Information	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	0.2
Professional & Business Services	12.0	11.9	12.6	0.1	-0.6
Educational & Health Services	17.1	17.3	17.3	-0.2	-0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.2	9.2	9.1	0.0	0.1
Other Services	4.4	4.5	4.6	-0.1	-0.2
Government	18.7	18.6	18.6	0.1	0.1
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	3.1	3.0	3.1	0.1	0.0
Local Government	14.3	14.3	14.2	0.0	0.1

Over-the-Year Job Changes by Industry

March 2019 vs. March 2020





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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Mar 20	Feb 20	Mar 19	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	41,870	41,317	41,557	553	313
Employment	39,867	39,648	40,059	219	-192
Unemployment	2,003	1,669	1,498	334	505
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.0	3.6	0.8	1.2

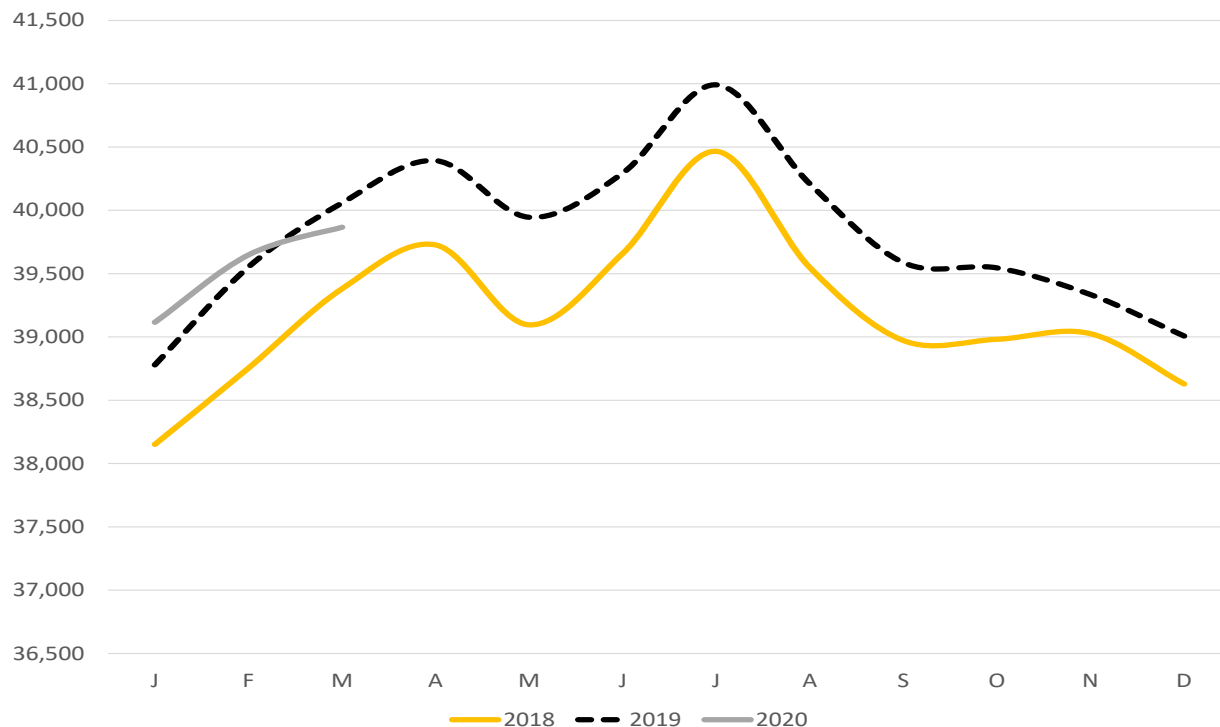
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Mar 20	Feb 20	Mar 19	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	39.3	39.4	39.7	-0.1	-0.4
Goods Producing	4.6	4.6	4.6	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	34.7	34.8	35.1	-0.1	-0.4
Government	4.6	4.5	4.5	0.1	0.1

Number of Employed

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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Mar 20	Feb 20	Mar 19	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	67,744	66,962	65,204	782	2,540
Employment	65,115	64,847	63,378	268	1,737
Unemployment	2,629	2,115	1,826	514	803
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.2	2.8	0.7	1.1

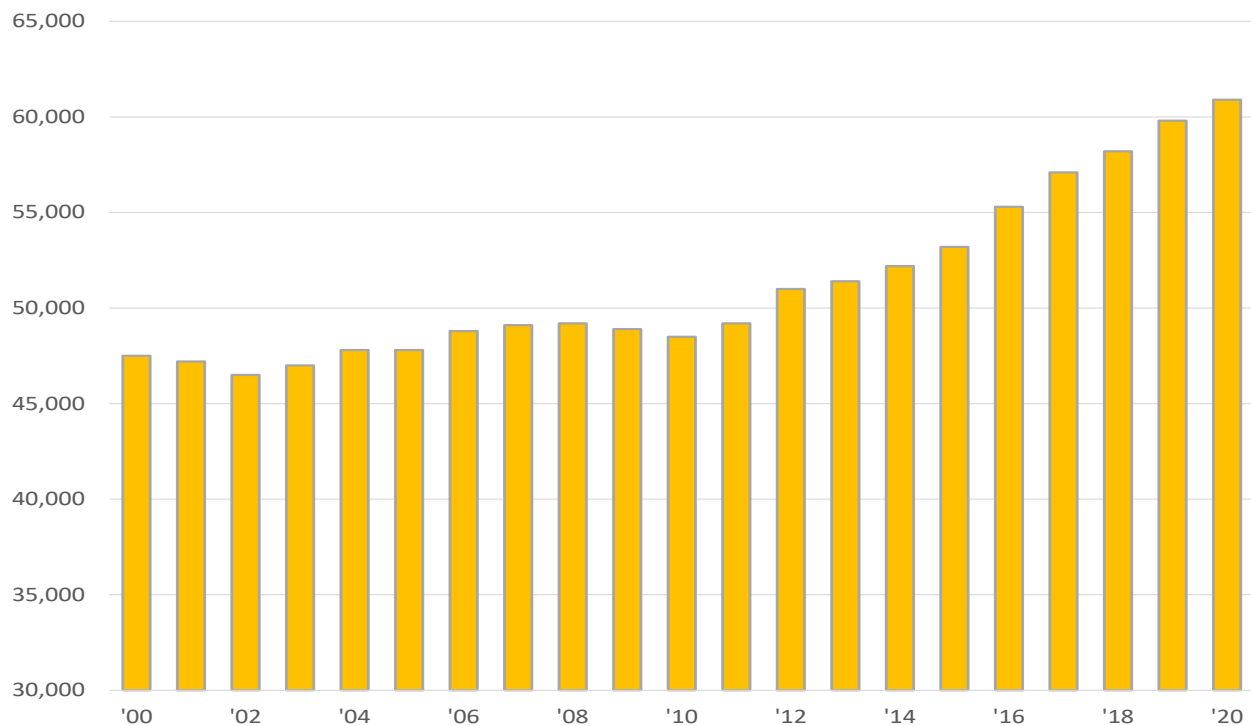
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Mar 20	Feb 20	Mar 19	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	60.9	61.0	59.8	-0.1	1.1
Goods Producing	10.2	10.2	10.1	0.0	0.1
Service Providing	50.7	50.8	49.7	-0.1	1.0
Government	9.1	9.1	9.2	0.0	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Mar 20	Feb 20	Mar 19	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	35,183	34,847	34,840	336	343
Employment	32,767	32,844	33,074	-77	-307
Unemployment	2,416	2,003	1,766	413	650
Unemployment Rate	6.9	5.7	5.1	1.2	1.8

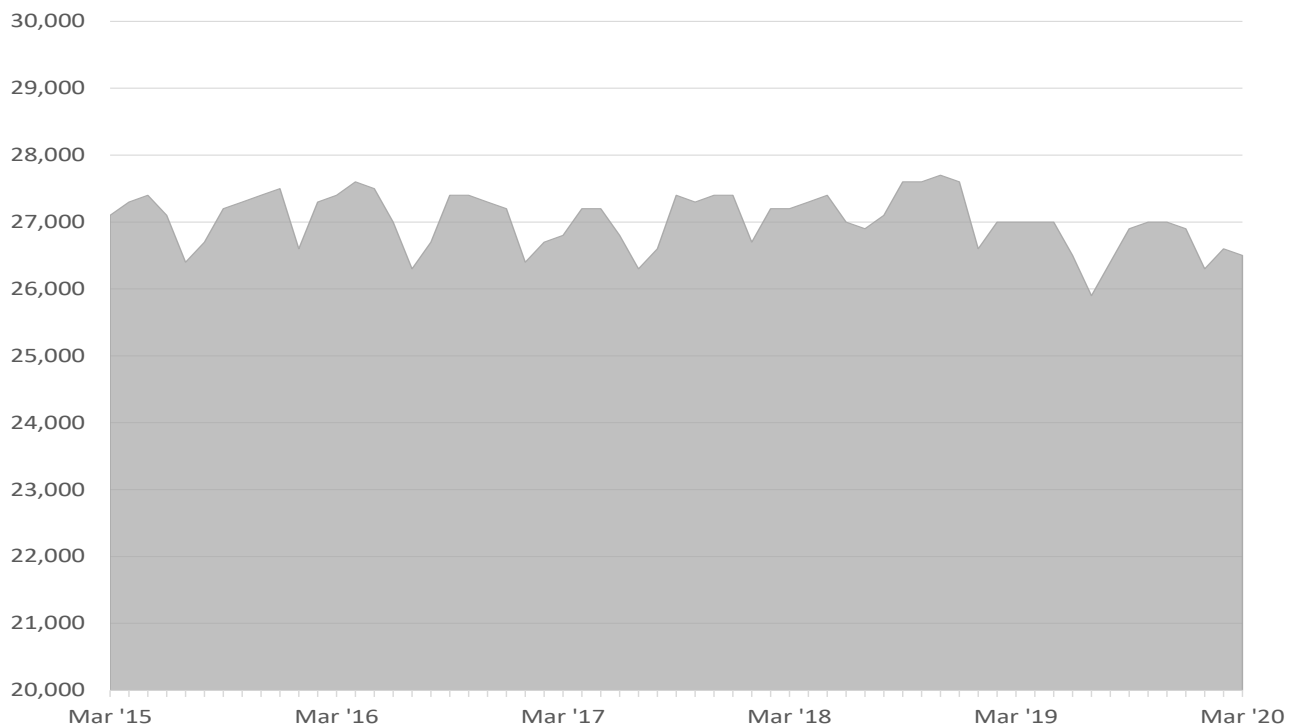
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Mar 20	Feb 20	Mar 19	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	32.3	32.4	32.9	-0.1	-0.6
Goods Producing	5.8	5.8	5.9	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	26.5	26.6	27.0	-0.1	-0.5
Government	9.1	9.1	9.3	0.0	-0.2

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Out-of-State MSAs

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

	Mar 20	Feb 20	Mar 19	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	642,198	640,744	642,790	1,454	-592
Employment	614,374	612,826	616,241	1,548	-1,867
Unemployment	27,824	27,918	26,549	-94	1,275
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.4	4.1	-0.1	0.2

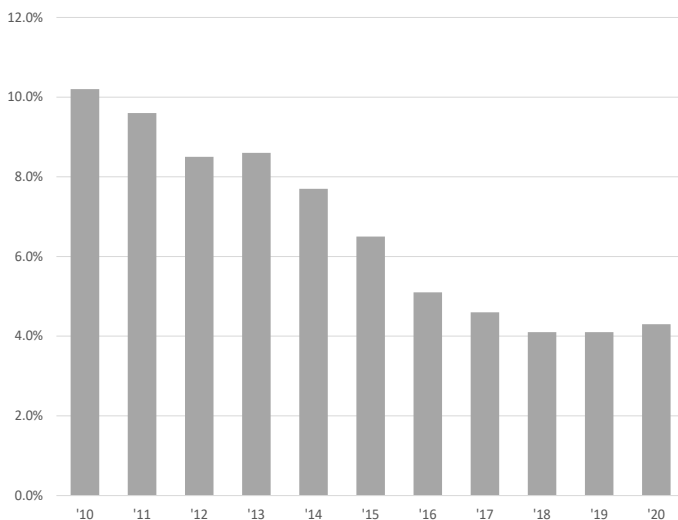
Texarkana MSA

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

	Mar 20	Feb 20	Mar 19	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	65,685	65,739	65,051	-54	634
Employment	62,154	62,881	62,177	-727	-23
Unemployment	3,531	2,858	2,874	673	657
Unemployment Rate	5.4	4.3	4.4	1.1	1.0

Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates

March: 2010 - 2020



Texarkana MSA - Employment

March 2017 - March 2020





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MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND CITIES

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	March 2020				February 2020				March 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,889	9,446	443	4.5	9,726	9,362	364	3.7	9,701	9,406	295	3.0
Batesville Micro	16,986	16,130	856	5.0	16,639	15,911	728	4.4	16,649	16,042	607	3.6
Blytheville Micro	17,592	16,338	1,254	7.1	17,244	16,213	1,031	6.0	17,223	16,411	812	4.7
Camden Micro	12,437	11,660	777	6.2	12,277	11,609	668	5.4	12,267	11,605	662	5.4
El Dorado Micro	16,146	14,991	1,155	7.2	15,839	14,889	950	6.0	15,915	15,108	807	5.1
Forrest City Micro	8,279	7,735	544	6.6	8,135	7,686	449	5.5	8,142	7,692	450	5.5
Harrison Micro	19,849	18,979	870	4.4	19,403	18,683	720	3.7	19,446	18,807	639	3.3
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,465	5,954	511	7.9	6,384	5,925	459	7.2	6,453	6,070	383	5.9
Hope Micro	13,741	13,033	708	5.2	13,557	12,975	582	4.3	13,661	13,155	506	3.7
Magnolia Micro	9,343	8,809	534	5.7	9,193	8,764	429	4.7	9,178	8,792	386	4.2
Malvern Micro	14,199	13,550	649	4.6	13,988	13,460	528	3.8	13,970	13,465	505	3.6
Mountain Home Micro	16,503	15,660	843	5.1	16,097	15,397	700	4.3	16,288	15,596	692	4.2
Paragould Micro	20,647	19,676	971	4.7	20,317	19,487	830	4.1	20,059	19,387	672	3.4
Russellville Micro	37,839	36,029	1,810	4.8	37,253	35,634	1,619	4.3	37,323	35,820	1,503	4.0
Searcy Micro	34,570	32,393	2,177	6.3	33,857	32,067	1,790	5.3	34,037	32,430	1,607	4.7

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	March 2020				February 2020				March 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,566	11,999	567	4.5	12,415	11,949	466	3.8	12,175	11,735	440	3.6
Benton	17,563	16,872	691	3.9	17,372	16,850	522	3.0	17,633	17,126	507	2.9
Bentonville	27,576	26,759	817	3.0	27,330	26,646	684	2.5	26,744	26,169	575	2.2
Blytheville	5,979	5,503	476	8.0	5,868	5,461	407	6.9	5,807	5,527	280	4.8
Cabot	12,191	11,713	478	3.9	12,130	11,728	402	3.3	12,203	11,833	370	3.0
Conway	34,025	32,666	1,359	4.0	33,728	32,631	1,097	3.3	34,056	33,112	944	2.8
El Dorado	7,050	6,494	556	7.9	6,908	6,449	459	6.6	6,976	6,544	432	6.2
Fayetteville	49,124	47,586	1,538	3.1	48,560	47,362	1,198	2.5	47,720	46,528	1,192	2.5
Fort Smith	39,545	37,849	1,696	4.3	39,211	37,775	1,436	3.7	39,248	37,974	1,274	3.2
Hot Springs	14,930	14,172	758	5.1	14,720	14,094	626	4.3	14,810	14,240	570	3.8
Jacksonville	11,853	11,097	756	6.4	11,674	11,084	590	5.1	11,721	11,267	454	3.9
Jonesboro	40,260	38,732	1,528	3.8	39,740	38,546	1,194	3.0	38,792	37,741	1,051	2.7
Little Rock	97,685	93,386	4,299	4.4	96,798	93,280	3,518	3.6	97,964	94,813	3,151	3.2
North Little Rock	30,211	28,650	1,561	5.2	29,947	28,617	1,330	4.4	30,209	29,087	1,122	3.7
Paragould	13,081	12,432	649	5.0	12,854	12,313	541	4.2	12,708	12,250	458	3.6
Pine Bluff	16,630	15,329	1,301	7.8	16,394	15,356	1,038	6.3	16,462	15,516	946	5.7
Rogers	36,634	35,423	1,211	3.3	36,204	35,274	930	2.6	35,540	34,642	898	2.5
Russellville	13,619	12,960	659	4.8	13,308	12,800	508	3.8	13,384	12,913	471	3.5
Searcy	10,424	9,876	548	5.3	10,196	9,776	420	4.1	10,289	9,887	402	3.9
Sherwood	16,201	15,466	735	4.5	16,013	15,448	565	3.5	16,176	15,702	474	2.9
Springdale	40,518	39,199	1,319	3.3	40,035	39,016	1,019	2.5	39,241	38,329	912	2.3
Texarkana, AR	13,942	13,166	776	5.6	13,695	13,070	625	4.6	13,544	12,947	597	4.4
Van Buren	10,517	10,064	453	4.3	10,442	10,058	384	3.7	10,384	10,079	305	2.9
West Memphis	10,718	10,086	632	5.9	10,570	10,037	533	5.0	10,446	9,966	480	4.6



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County	March 2020				February 2020				March 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,450	9,075	375	4.0	9,345	9,032	313	3.3	9,347	9,045	302	3.2
Ashley	7,929	7,255	674	8.5	7,758	7,209	549	7.1	7,761	7,321	440	5.7
Baxter	16,503	15,660	843	5.1	16,097	15,397	700	4.3	16,288	15,596	692	4.2
Benton	140,454	135,667	4,787	3.4	138,984	135,096	3,888	2.8	136,211	132,674	3,537	2.6
Boone	16,420	15,716	704	4.3	16,041	15,466	575	3.6	16,112	15,594	518	3.2
Bradley	4,558	4,321	237	5.2	4,534	4,338	196	4.3	4,460	4,260	200	4.5
Calhoun	2,495	2,344	151	6.1	2,469	2,343	126	5.1	2,434	2,313	121	5.0
Carroll	12,824	12,281	543	4.2	12,440	11,938	502	4.0	12,410	11,991	419	3.4
Chicot	3,310	2,980	330	10.0	3,283	2,997	286	8.7	3,231	2,989	242	7.5
Clark	9,889	9,446	443	4.5	9,726	9,362	364	3.7	9,701	9,406	295	3.0
Clay	5,749	5,346	403	7.0	5,657	5,324	333	5.9	5,641	5,349	292	5.2
Cleburne	9,356	8,739	617	6.6	9,120	8,611	509	5.6	9,184	8,759	425	4.6
Cleveland	3,264	3,070	194	5.9	3,240	3,083	157	4.8	3,200	3,070	130	4.1
Columbia	9,343	8,809	534	5.7	9,193	8,764	429	4.7	9,178	8,792	386	4.2
Conway	8,425	7,955	470	5.6	8,302	7,907	395	4.8	8,211	7,879	332	4.0
Craighead	57,146	55,020	2,126	3.7	56,444	54,756	1,688	3.0	55,107	53,612	1,495	2.7
Crawford	27,052	25,887	1,165	4.3	26,862	25,871	991	3.7	26,789	25,924	865	3.2
Crittenden	21,698	20,576	1,122	5.2	21,419	20,476	943	4.4	21,202	20,331	871	4.1
Cross	7,510	7,128	382	5.1	7,405	7,066	339	4.6	7,289	6,975	314	4.3
Dallas	2,871	2,710	161	5.6	2,833	2,690	143	5.0	2,841	2,703	138	4.9
Desh	5,398	5,076	322	6.0	5,361	5,083	278	5.2	5,369	5,133	236	4.4
Drew	8,058	7,510	548	6.8	7,955	7,478	477	6.0	7,864	7,425	439	5.6
Faulkner	62,350	59,816	2,534	4.1	61,827	59,751	2,076	3.4	62,445	60,632	1,813	2.9
Franklin	7,593	7,235	358	4.7	7,485	7,196	289	3.9	7,408	7,176	232	3.1
Fulton	5,113	4,861	252	4.9	4,980	4,763	217	4.4	4,916	4,720	196	4.0
Garland	41,870	39,867	2,003	4.8	41,317	39,648	1,669	4.0	41,557	40,059	1,498	3.6
Grant	8,421	8,026	395	4.7	8,378	8,049	329	3.9	8,369	8,117	252	3.0
Greene	20,647	19,676	971	4.7	20,317	19,487	830	4.1	20,059	19,387	672	3.4
Hempstead	10,052	9,531	521	5.2	9,925	9,496	429	4.3	9,983	9,607	376	3.8
Hot Spring	14,199	13,550	649	4.6	13,988	13,460	528	3.8	13,970	13,465	505	3.6
Howard	5,859	5,584	275	4.7	5,795	5,573	222	3.8	5,708	5,528	180	3.2
Independence	16,986	16,130	856	5.0	16,639	15,911	728	4.4	16,649	16,042	607	3.6
Izard	5,069	4,669	400	7.9	4,891	4,563	328	6.7	4,945	4,695	250	5.1
Jackson	5,951	5,471	480	8.1	5,886	5,462	424	7.2	5,795	5,434	361	6.2
Jefferson	27,924	25,944	1,980	7.1	27,625	25,990	1,635	5.9	27,719	26,261	1,458	5.3
Johnson	10,395	9,844	551	5.3	10,240	9,776	464	4.5	10,436	9,975	461	4.4
Lafayette	2,511	2,355	156	6.2	2,480	2,352	128	5.2	2,473	2,362	111	4.5
Lawrence	7,015	6,647	368	5.2	6,904	6,582	322	4.7	6,817	6,555	262	3.8
Lee	2,889	2,680	209	7.2	2,876	2,698	178	6.2	2,788	2,657	131	4.7
Lincoln	3,995	3,753	242	6.1	3,982	3,771	211	5.3	3,921	3,743	178	4.5
Little River	5,659	5,332	327	5.8	5,589	5,304	285	5.1	5,483	5,250	233	4.2
Logan	8,654	8,181	473	5.5	8,535	8,126	409	4.8	8,552	8,212	340	4.0
Lonoke	34,641	32,952	1,689	4.9	34,257	32,994	1,263	3.7	34,318	33,288	1,030	3.0
Madison	7,613	7,352	261	3.4	7,570	7,363	207	2.7	7,277	7,103	174	2.4
Marion	6,837	6,475	362	5.3	6,654	6,343	311	4.7	6,636	6,363	273	4.1
Miller	20,230	19,160	1,070	5.3	19,881	19,021	860	4.3	19,666	18,841	825	4.2

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County	March 2020				February 2020				March 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,592	16,338	1,254	7.1	17,244	16,213	1,031	6.0	17,223	16,411	812	4.7
Monroe	2,824	2,658	166	5.9	2,811	2,675	136	4.8	2,748	2,629	119	4.3
Montgomery	3,008	2,806	202	6.7	2,942	2,772	170	5.8	2,931	2,794	137	4.7
Nevada	3,689	3,502	187	5.1	3,632	3,479	153	4.2	3,678	3,548	130	3.5
Newton	3,429	3,263	166	4.8	3,362	3,217	145	4.3	3,334	3,213	121	3.6
Ouachita	9,942	9,316	626	6.3	9,808	9,266	542	5.5	9,833	9,292	541	5.5
Perry	4,276	4,060	216	5.1	4,239	4,056	183	4.3	4,276	4,090	186	4.3
Phillips	6,465	5,954	511	7.9	6,384	5,925	459	7.2	6,453	6,070	383	5.9
Pike	4,341	4,112	229	5.3	4,262	4,067	195	4.6	4,205	4,051	154	3.7
Poinsett	10,598	10,095	503	4.7	10,518	10,091	427	4.1	10,097	9,766	331	3.3
Polk	8,419	7,866	553	6.6	8,252	7,785	467	5.7	8,012	7,717	295	3.7
Pope	29,284	27,874	1,410	4.8	28,800	27,531	1,269	4.4	28,937	27,774	1,163	4.0
Prairie	3,653	3,434	219	6.0	3,589	3,428	161	4.5	3,519	3,371	148	4.2
Pulaski	190,186	181,413	8,773	4.6	188,399	181,207	7,192	3.8	190,490	184,185	6,305	3.3
Randolph	7,605	7,202	403	5.3	7,469	7,130	339	4.5	7,227	6,946	281	3.9
St. Francis	8,279	7,735	544	6.6	8,135	7,686	449	5.5	8,142	7,692	450	5.5
Saline	58,973	56,723	2,250	3.8	58,468	56,649	1,819	3.1	59,196	57,577	1,619	2.7
Scott	4,381	4,190	191	4.4	4,355	4,190	165	3.8	4,291	4,146	145	3.4
Searcy	2,939	2,745	194	6.6	2,828	2,657	171	6.0	2,857	2,719	138	4.8
Sebastian	57,063	54,543	2,520	4.4	56,513	54,436	2,077	3.7	56,510	54,723	1,787	3.2
Sevier	5,638	5,271	367	6.5	5,548	5,248	300	5.4	5,403	5,150	253	4.7
Sharp	5,881	5,493	388	6.6	5,725	5,387	338	5.9	5,808	5,539	269	4.6
Stone	4,726	4,432	294	6.2	4,608	4,347	261	5.7	4,736	4,497	239	5.0
Union	16,146	14,991	1,155	7.2	15,839	14,889	950	6.0	15,915	15,108	807	5.1
Van Buren	5,827	5,444	383	6.6	5,679	5,347	332	5.8	5,726	5,438	288	5.0
Washington	127,880	123,835	4,045	3.2	126,433	123,250	3,183	2.5	124,010	121,081	2,929	2.4
White	34,570	32,393	2,177	6.3	33,857	32,067	1,790	5.3	34,037	32,430	1,607	4.7
Woodruff	2,781	2,597	184	6.6	2,754	2,611	143	5.2	2,725	2,578	147	5.4
Yell	8,555	8,155	400	4.7	8,453	8,103	350	4.1	8,386	8,046	340	4.1

County Labor Force Summary

Between February and March, unemployment rates increased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 3.2 percent in Washington County to a high of 10.0 percent in Chicot County.

In March, six counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down from twenty counties at or below 4.0 percent in February. Ten counties reported jobless rates at or above 7.0 percent, up from four counties at or above 7.0 percent last month.

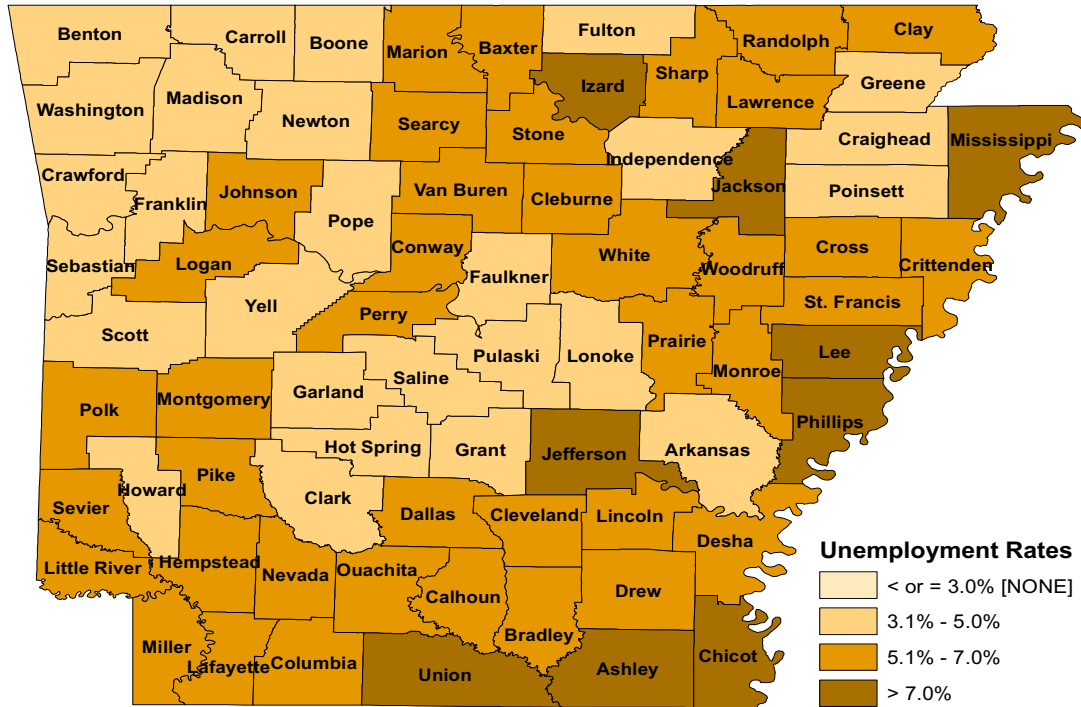
Compared to March 2019, unemployment rates in all 75 Arkansas counties have increased. Rate increases ranged from a low of six-tenths of a percentage point in Yell County to as high as two and nine-tenths of a percentage point in Polk County. The average over-the-year jobless rate gain for counties in Arkansas was one and four-tenths of a percentage point.



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County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

March 2020 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	3.2	25	Lonoke	4.9	50	Lincoln	6.1
2	Benton	3.4	27	Independence	5.0	52	Lafayette	6.2
2	Madison	3.4	28	Baxter	5.1	52	Stone	6.2
4	Craighead	3.7	28	Cross	5.1	54	Ouachita	6.3
5	Saline	3.8	28	Nevada	5.1	54	White	6.3
6	Arkansas	4.0	28	Perry	5.1	56	Sevier	6.5
7	Faulkner	4.1	32	Bradley	5.2	57	Cleburne	6.6
8	Carroll	4.2	32	Crittenden	5.2	57	Polk	6.6
9	Boone	4.3	32	Hempstead	5.2	57	St. Francis	6.6
9	Crawford	4.3	32	Lawrence	5.2	57	Searcy	6.6
11	Scott	4.4	36	Johnson	5.3	57	Sharp	6.6
11	Sebastian	4.4	36	Marion	5.3	57	Van Buren	6.6
13	Clark	4.5	36	Miller	5.3	57	Woodruff	6.6
14	Hot Spring	4.6	36	Pike	5.3	64	Montgomery	6.7
14	Pulaski	4.6	36	Randolph	5.3	65	Drew	6.8
16	Franklin	4.7	41	Logan	5.5	66	Clay	7.0
16	Grant	4.7	42	Conway	5.6	67	Jefferson	7.1
16	Greene	4.7	42	Dallas	5.6	67	Mississippi	7.1
16	Howard	4.7	44	Columbia	5.7	69	Lee	7.2
16	Poinsett	4.7	45	Little River	5.8	69	Union	7.2
16	Yell	4.7	46	Cleveland	5.9	71	Izard	7.9
22	Garland	4.8	46	Monroe	5.9	71	Phillips	7.9
22	Newton	4.8	48	Desha	6.0	73	Jackson	8.1
22	Pope	4.8	48	Prairie	6.0	74	Ashley	8.5
25	Fulton	4.9	50	Calhoun	6.1	75	Chicot	10.0



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LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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LWDA	March 2020				February 2020				March 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	254,942	243,610	11,332	4.4	252,553	243,424	9,129	3.6	254,752	246,869	7,883	3.1
City of Little Rock	97,685	93,386	4,299	4.4	96,798	93,280	3,518	3.6	97,964	94,813	3,151	3.2
Eastern	46,841	44,073	2,768	5.9	46,219	43,851	2,368	5.1	45,874	43,725	2,149	4.7
North Central	96,260	90,229	6,031	6.3	94,139	89,069	5,070	5.4	94,521	90,132	4,389	4.6
Northeast	126,352	120,324	6,028	4.8	124,553	119,583	4,970	4.0	122,171	118,026	4,145	3.4
Northwest	334,899	322,994	11,905	3.6	330,409	320,727	9,682	2.9	325,135	316,334	8,801	2.7
Southeast	82,307	77,010	5,297	6.4	81,461	77,030	4,431	5.4	81,241	77,364	3,877	4.8
Southwest	94,435	88,905	5,530	5.9	92,992	88,425	4,567	4.9	92,595	88,494	4,101	4.4
West Central	134,242	127,669	6,573	4.9	132,269	126,682	5,587	4.2	132,610	127,539	5,071	3.8
Western	113,162	107,902	5,260	4.6	112,002	107,604	4,398	3.9	111,562	107,898	3,664	3.3

