

# 2022 ARKANSAS LABOR MARKET REPORT

## May



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## Technical Notes

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

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

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

### **Explanation of Terms and Concepts**

#### **Monthly Business**

#### **Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Workforce Services. The data are based on establishment records and include all workers, full- or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

#### **Metropolitan**

#### **Statistical Areas**

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

#### **Current Population**

#### **Survey (CPS)**

A monthly sample survey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

#### **Civilian Labor Force**

The sum of all employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

#### **Employment**

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

#### **Unemployment**

An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

#### **Unemployment**

#### **Rate**

The number of unemployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

#### **Seasonal**

#### **Adjustment**

A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally occur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/closing of schools.



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## May Spotlight

# Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional estimates based on various definitions of ‘unemployment’. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

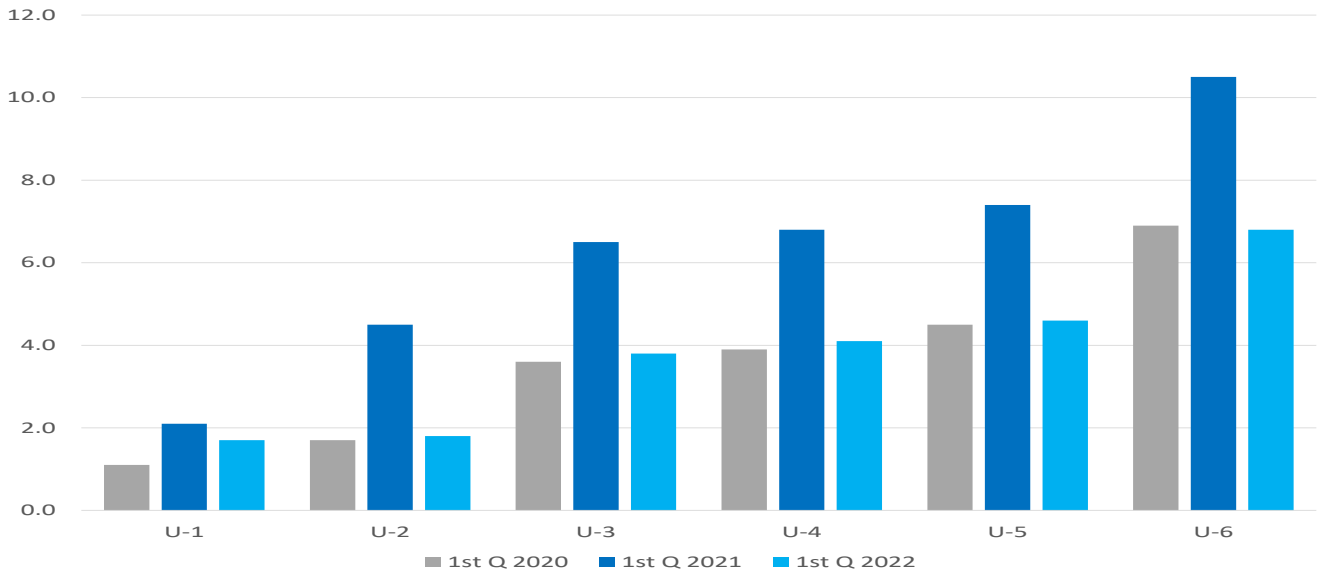
Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization					
State of Arkansas					
2nd Q 2021 - 1st Q 2022 (Average)					
U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6
1.7%	1.8%	3.8%	4.1%	4.6%	6.8%

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quarter moving average. The most recent data available is for 1st Quarter 2022.

The following definitions are used to calculate each measure of Labor Underutilization:

- U-1 Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.
- U-2 Measure:** Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force.
- U-3 Measure:** Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).
- U-4 Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.
- U-5 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.
- U-6 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those employed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**  
 State of Arkansas  
 Three-Quarter Comparison (Quarter Ending)



## State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

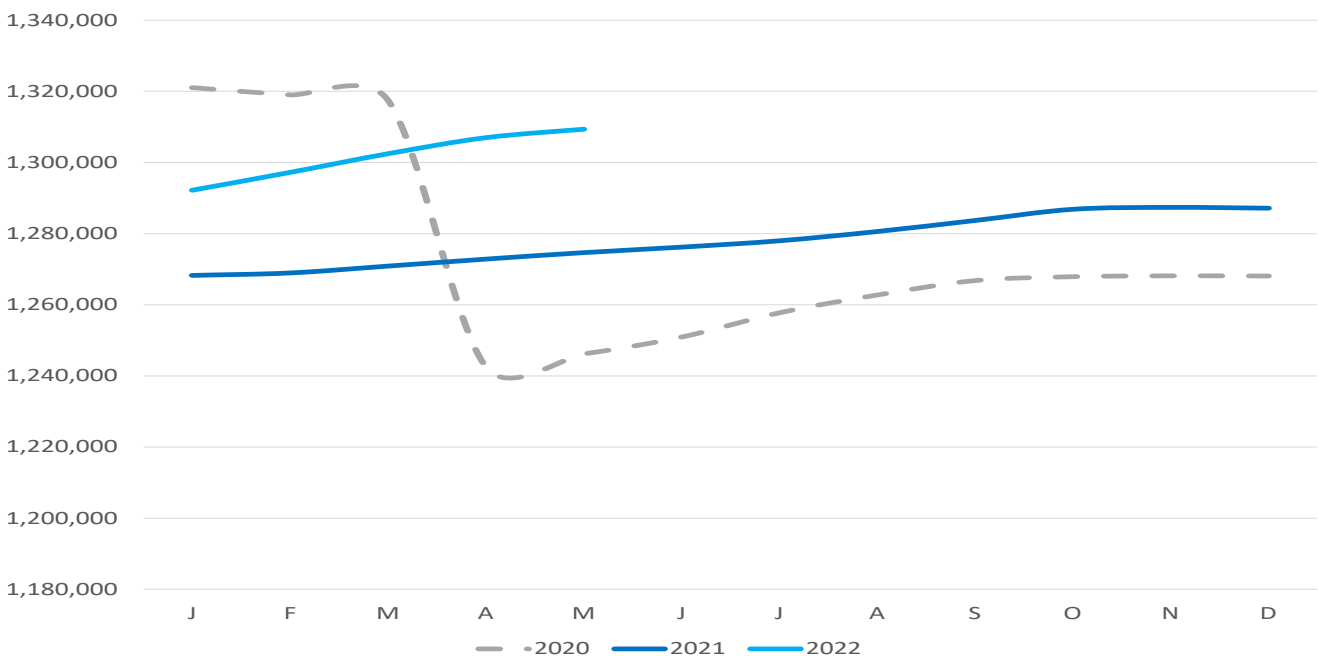
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.2 percent between April and May. Arkansas' civilian labor force rose by 2,545, a result of 2,367 more employed and 178 additional unemployed Arkansans. At 3.6 percent, the United States' jobless rate was also stable between April and May.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate remained at 3.2 percent in May, as gains in employment and unemployment were not large enough to impact the rate. The number of employed Arkansans continues to grow each month, with 34,671 more employed in the State compared to May 2021."

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	May 22	Apr 22	May 21		May 22	Apr 22	May 21
Civilian Labor Force	1,352,098	1,349,553	1,332,758	Civilian Labor Force	1,349,838	1,356,952	1,332,958
Employment	1,309,327	1,306,960	1,274,656	Employment	1,306,752	1,313,767	1,275,250
Unemployment	42,771	42,593	58,102	Unemployment	43,086	43,185	57,708
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.2%	4.4%	Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.2%	4.3%
Labor Participation Rate	56.9%	56.8%	56.6%	Labor Participation Rate	56.8%	57.1%	56.6%
U.S. Unemp Rate	3.6%	3.6%	5.8%	U.S. Unemp Rate	3.4%	3.3%	5.5%

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**  
 January 2020 - May 2022





### State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1315.8	1314.5	1282.6	1.3	33.2
Goods Producing	221.5	221.2	216.3	0.3	5.2
Mining, Logging, & Construction	58.4	58.4	60.7	0.0	-2.3
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>53.4</b>	<b>53.4</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-2.0</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.6	33.8	35.6	-0.2	-2.0
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>163.1</b>	<b>162.8</b>	<b>155.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Durable Goods	77.6	77.8	74.7	-0.2	2.9
Nondurable Goods	85.5	85.0	80.9	0.5	4.6
Service Providing	1094.3	1093.3	1066.3	1.0	28.0
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>265.4</b>	<b>266.6</b>	<b>252.9</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>12.5</b>
Wholesale Trade	52.2	51.6	47.2	0.6	5.0
Retail Trade	138.6	140.2	138.9	-1.6	-0.3
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	74.6	74.8	66.8	-0.2	7.8
<b>Information</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Finance & Insurance	52.9	52.2	51.8	0.7	1.1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14.7	14.3	14.2	0.4	0.5
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>149.7</b>	<b>148.6</b>	<b>146.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	45.0	45.8	44.6	-0.8	0.4
Management of Companies	38.7	38.1	33.7	0.6	5.0
Administrative & Support Services	66.0	64.7	67.8	1.3	-1.8
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>195.2</b>	<b>197.2</b>	<b>195.6</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Educational Services	17.4	17.8	16.6	-0.4	0.8
Health Care & Social Assistance	177.8	179.4	179.0	-1.6	-1.2
Ambulatory Health Care	61.3	62.4	61.0	-1.1	0.3
Social Assistance	35.2	35.6	36.7	-0.4	-1.5
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>124.1</b>	<b>122.6</b>	<b>116.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>7.2</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12.5	12.3	11.3	0.2	1.2
Accommodation & Food Services	111.6	110.3	105.6	1.3	6.0
Accommodation Services	11.6	11.3	10.4	0.3	1.2
Food Services	100.0	99.0	95.2	1.0	4.8
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>212.6</b>	<b>212.9</b>	<b>210.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>
Federal Government	20.6	20.6	20.5	0.0	0.1
State Government	77.7	78.6	77.6	-0.9	0.1
State Gov, Educational Services	31.3	32.2	31.1	-0.9	0.2
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.4	46.4	46.5	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	114.3	113.7	111.9	0.6	2.4
Local Gov, Educational Services	71.0	71.1	68.8	-0.1	2.2
Local Gov, Excluding Education	43.3	42.6	43.1	0.7	0.2



## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

### April 2022 - May 2022

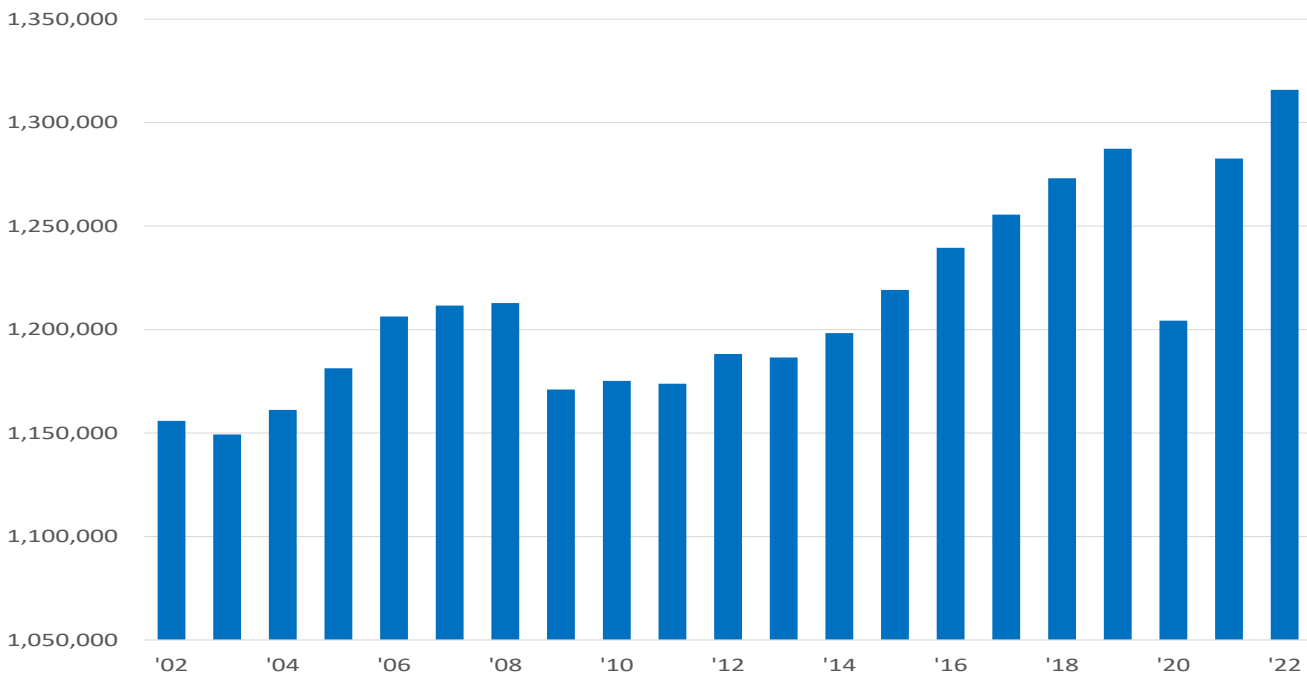
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 1,300 in May to total 1,315,800, setting a record high number of jobs for a second consecutive month. Gains were posted in six major industry sectors. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose by 1,500, mostly in accommodation and food services (+1,300). **Financial activities** added 1,100 jobs. Hiring occurred in both finance and insurance (+700) and real estate, rental, and leasing (+400). Jobs in **professional and business services** increased by 1,100. Expansions were posted in administrative and support services (+1,300) and management of companies (+600). **Educational and health services** declined by 2,000. Losses were reported across all subsectors. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** decreased by 1,200. Most of the contraction was in retail trade (-1,600).

### May 2021 - May 2022

Compared to May 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 33,200. Seven major industry sectors posted growth, as five sectors increased by 2,600 or more jobs each. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 12,500 jobs, all in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+7,800) and wholesale trade (+5,000). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose by 7,500, with expansions in both nondurable goods (+4,600) and durable goods (+2,900) manufacturing. **Leisure and hospitality** added 7,200 jobs, due to hiring in all subsectors. Employment in **professional and business services** increased by 3,600. Growth in management of companies (+5,000) was offset by declines in administrative and support services (-1,800). **Government** added 2,600 jobs, mostly in local government-educational services (+2,200). Jobs in **construction** declined by 2,000. All losses were in specialty trade contractors, down 2,000.

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

May: 2002 - 2022





## State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

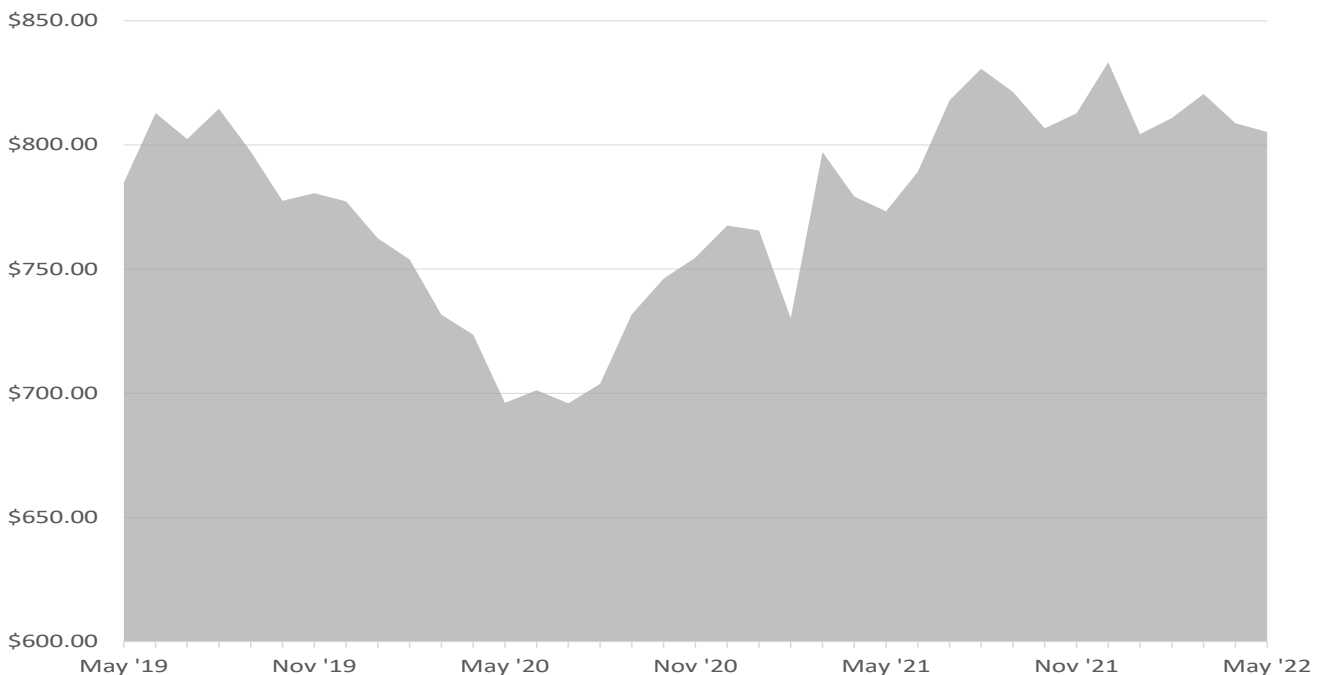
### Manufacturing

	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>May 21</u>
Average Weekly Hours	40.1	39.8	39.8
Average Hourly Earnings	\$20.08	\$20.32	\$19.43
Average Weekly Earnings	\$805.21	\$808.74	\$773.31

### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>May 21</u>		<u>May 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>May 21</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.3	41.6	39.4	Average Weekly Hours	39.0	38.2	40.1
Average Hourly Earnings	\$21.54	\$21.41	\$21.05	Average Hourly Earnings	\$18.75	\$19.27	\$17.96
Average Weekly Earnings	\$889.60	\$890.66	\$829.37	Average Weekly Earnings	\$731.25	\$736.11	\$720.20

**Average Weekly Earnings - Manufacturing (Production Workers)**  
 May 2019 - May 2022





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

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

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

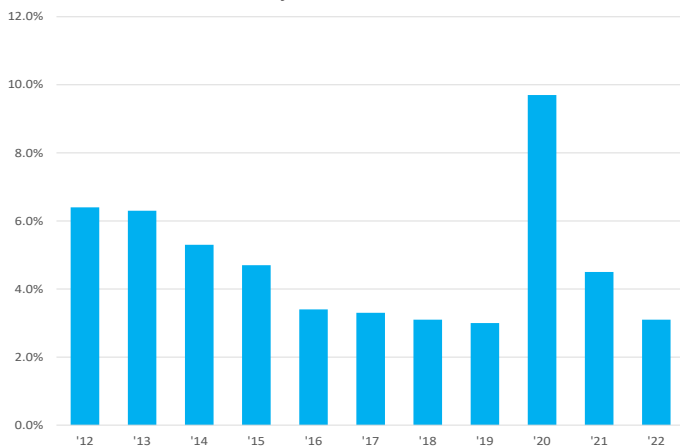
	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	354,807	355,089	348,848	-282	5,959
Employment	343,638	343,718	333,049	-80	10,589
Unemployment	11,169	11,371	15,799	-202	-4,630
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.2	4.5	-0.1	-1.4

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

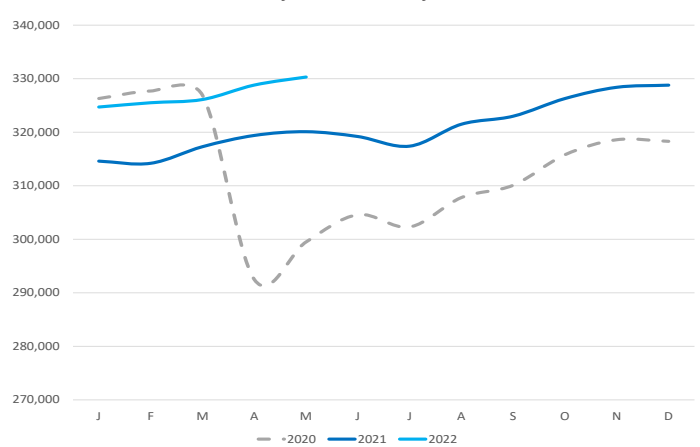
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	367.9	366.6	357.1	1.3	10.8
Goods Producing	37.6	37.8	37.0	-0.2	0.6
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.9	17.9	18.4	0.0	-0.5
Manufacturing	19.7	19.9	18.6	-0.2	1.1
Service Providing	330.3	328.8	320.1	1.5	10.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	75.7	75.1	68.8	0.6	6.9
Wholesale Trade	17.0	16.8	15.4	0.2	1.6
Retail Trade	38.5	38.0	37.6	0.5	0.9
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.2	20.3	15.8	-0.1	4.4
Information	5.5	5.5	5.3	0.0	0.2
Financial Activities	23.1	22.9	22.3	0.2	0.8
Professional & Business Services	45.4	45.5	46.8	-0.1	-1.4
Educational & Health Services	59.3	59.0	58.1	0.3	1.2
Leisure & Hospitality	35.4	34.6	32.2	0.8	3.2
Other Services	18.3	18.1	18.1	0.2	0.2
Government	67.6	68.1	68.5	-0.5	-0.9
Federal Government	9.9	9.9	9.7	0.0	0.2
State Government	34.0	34.4	33.9	-0.4	0.1
Local Government	23.7	23.8	24.9	-0.1	-1.2

**Unemployment Rates**  
 May: 2012 - 2022



**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**  
 January 2020 - May 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

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

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

	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	296,828	297,828	284,596	-1,000	12,232
Employment	290,186	291,284	275,575	-1,098	14,611
Unemployment	6,642	6,544	9,021	98	-2,379
Unemployment Rate	2.2	2.2	3.2	0.0	-1.0

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

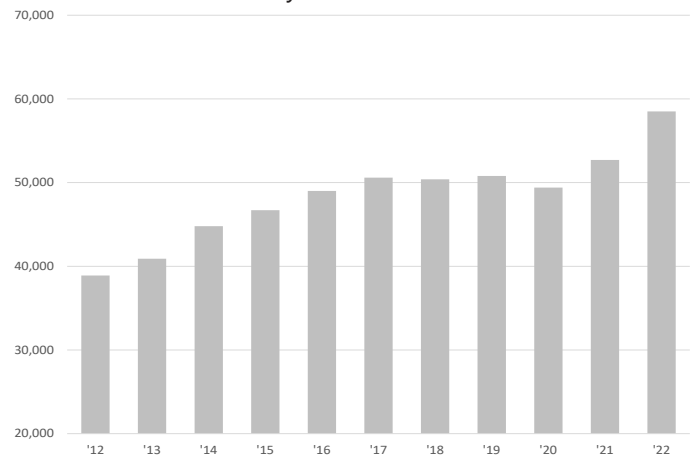
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	285.6	284.8	271.1	0.8	14.5
Goods Producing	45.5	45.1	44.2	0.4	1.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	13.7	13.5	13.7	0.2	0.0
Manufacturing	31.8	31.6	30.5	0.2	1.3
Service Providing	240.1	239.7	226.9	0.4	13.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.2	62.8	58.2	-0.6	4.0
Wholesale Trade	13.6	13.4	12.6	0.2	1.0
Retail Trade	28.4	29.2	27.2	-0.8	1.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.2	20.2	18.4	0.0	1.8
Information	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	9.1	9.0	8.9	0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	58.5	57.2	52.7	1.3	5.8
Educational & Health Services	29.4	30.7	30.0	-1.3	-0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	27.8	27.2	26.0	0.6	1.8
Other Services	10.1	9.9	9.9	0.2	0.2
Government	40.9	40.8	39.2	0.1	1.7
Federal Government	2.8	2.9	2.8	-0.1	0.0
State Government	18.2	18.0	17.0	0.2	1.2
Local Government	19.9	19.9	19.4	0.0	0.5

**Number of Employed**  
 May 2019 - May 2022



**Jobs in Professional and Business Services**  
 May: 2012 - 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fort Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA = Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

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

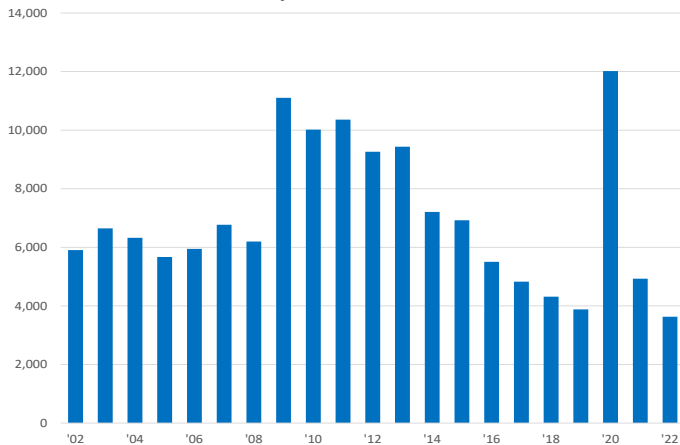
	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	117,360	117,477	116,446	-117	914
Employment	113,729	113,875	111,516	-146	2,213
Unemployment	3,631	3,602	4,930	29	-1,299
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.1	4.2	0.0	-1.1

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

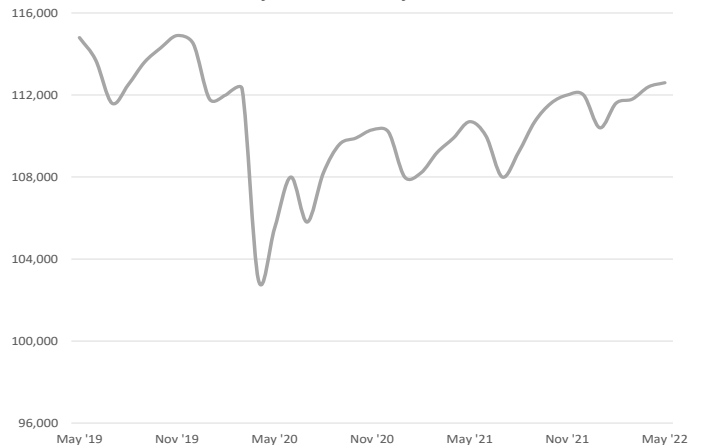
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	112.6	112.4	110.7	0.2	1.9
Goods Producing	23.3	23.0	21.6	0.3	1.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.2	5.1	5.0	0.1	0.2
Manufacturing	18.1	17.9	16.6	0.2	1.5
Service Providing	89.3	89.4	89.1	-0.1	0.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.9	24.2	23.5	-0.3	0.4
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.7	4.3	0.1	0.5
Retail Trade	12.5	12.8	12.8	-0.3	-0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.6	6.7	6.4	-0.1	0.2
Information	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	3.9	3.8	3.8	0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	11.7	11.7	12.0	0.0	-0.3
Educational & Health Services	16.4	16.7	16.8	-0.3	-0.4
Leisure & Hospitality	9.8	9.5	9.8	0.3	0.0
Other Services	4.4	4.3	4.4	0.1	0.0
Government	18.0	18.0	17.7	0.0	0.3
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	14.1	14.1	13.7	0.0	0.4

**Unemployment**  
 May: 2002 - 2022



**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
 May 2019 - May 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	40,846	41,001	40,593	-155	253
Employment	39,322	39,427	38,410	-105	912
Unemployment	1,524	1,574	2,183	-50	-659
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.8	5.4	-0.1	-1.7

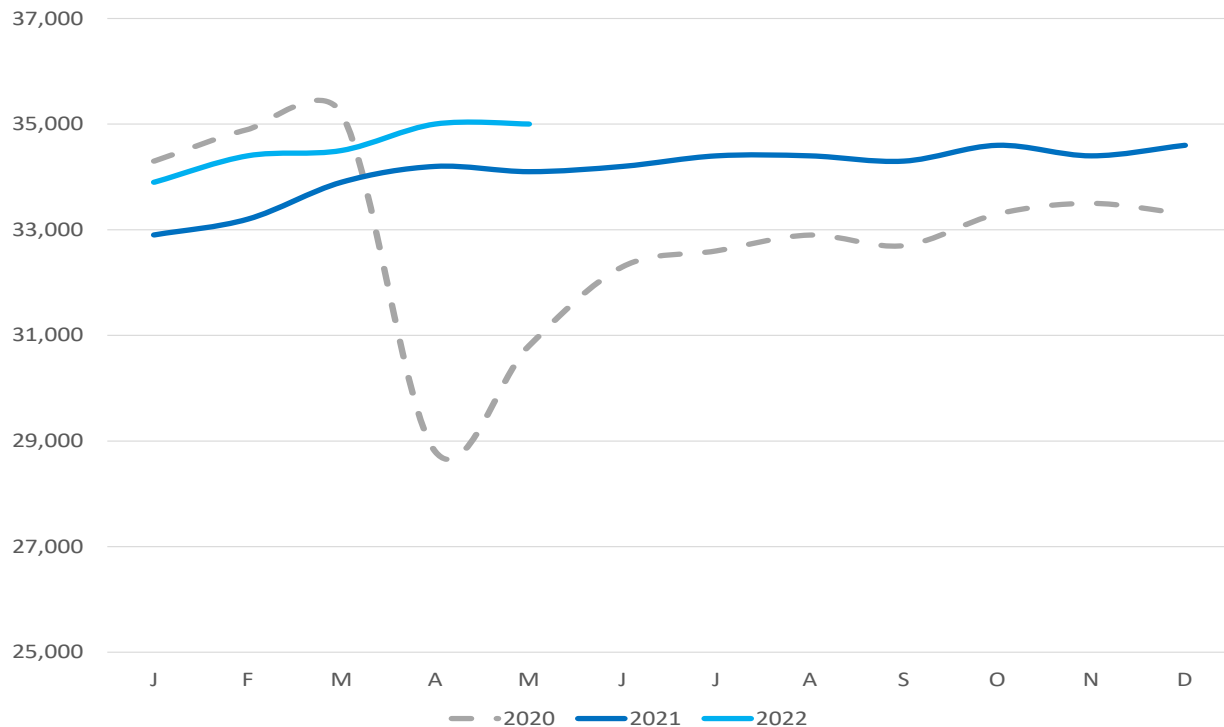
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.5	39.4	38.6	0.1	0.9
Goods Producing	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.1	0.0
Service Providing	35.0	35.0	34.1	0.0	0.9
Government	4.1	4.1	4.3	0.0	-0.2

### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January 2020 - May 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	66,118	66,436	65,024	-318	1,094
Employment	64,358	64,716	62,626	-358	1,732
Unemployment	1,760	1,720	2,398	40	-638
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.6	3.7	0.1	-1.0

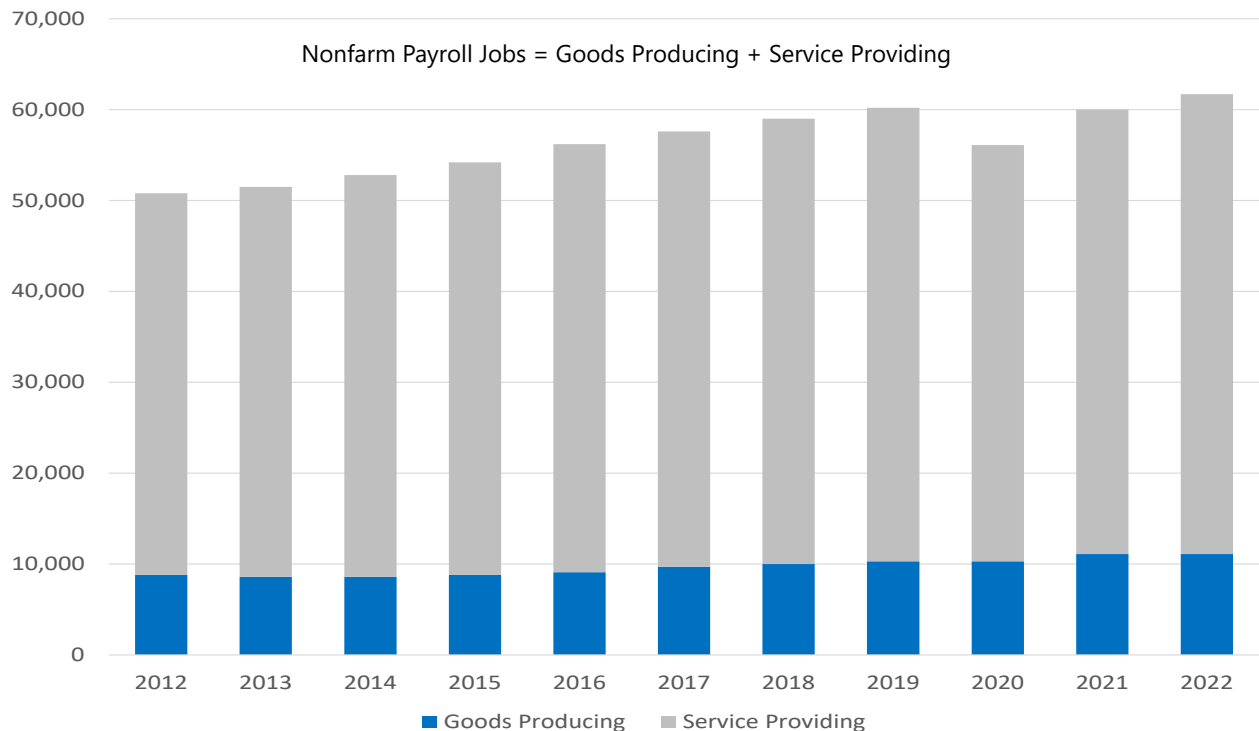
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	61.7	61.3	60.0	0.4	1.7
Goods Producing	11.1	11.0	11.1	0.1	0.0
Service Providing	50.6	50.3	48.9	0.3	1.7
Government	8.5	8.5	8.8	0.0	-0.3

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs by Industry Sector

May: 2012 - 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	33,236	33,565	33,152	-329	84
Employment	31,529	31,763	31,030	-234	499
Unemployment	1,707	1,802	2,122	-95	-415
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.4	6.4	-0.3	-1.3

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.9	31.7	31.4	0.2	0.5
Goods Producing	5.8	5.7	5.6	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	26.1	26.0	25.8	0.1	0.3
Government	8.4	8.4	8.7	0.0	-0.3

### Number of Employed

May 2019 - May 2022







## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Out-of-State MSA

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

#### Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

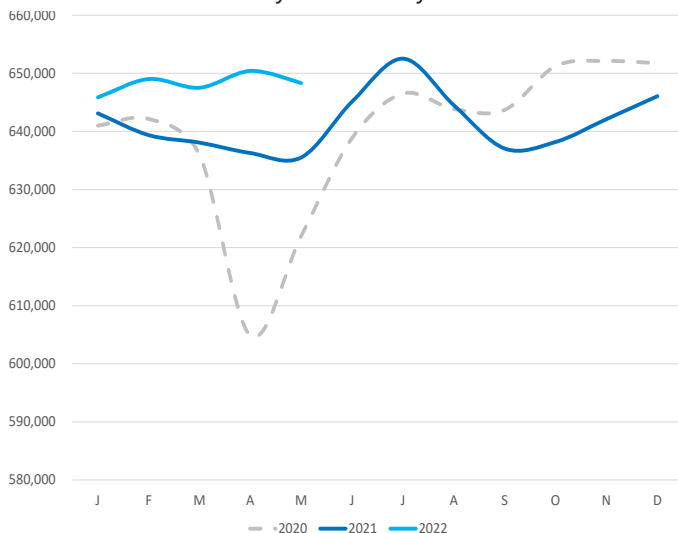
	<b>May 22</b>	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>OTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	648,313	650,405	635,530	-2,092	12,783
Employment	619,491	622,932	595,308	-3,441	24,183
Unemployment	28,822	27,473	40,222	1,349	-11,400
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.2	6.3	0.2	-1.9

#### Texarkana MSA

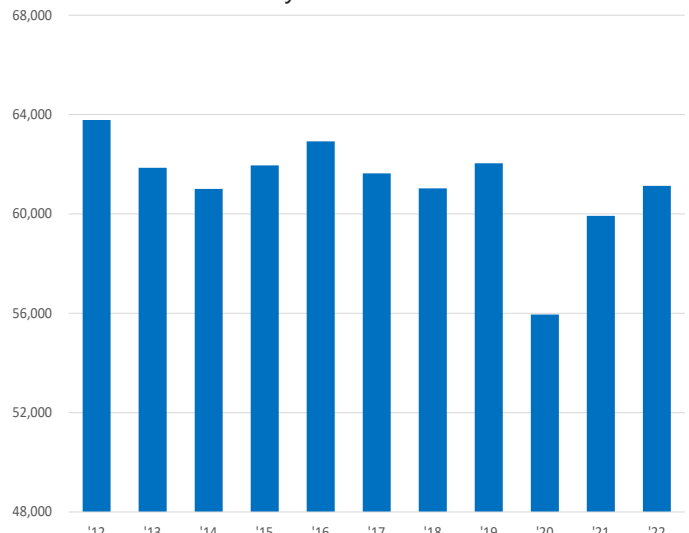
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<b>May 22</b>	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>OTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	63,726	63,867	63,383	-141	343
Employment	61,128	61,303	59,921	-175	1,207
Unemployment	2,598	2,564	3,462	34	-864
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.0	5.5	0.1	-1.4

**Memphis MSA - Civilian Labor Force**  
 January 2020 - May 2022



**Texarkana MSA - Employment**  
 May: 2012 - 2022



## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	May 2022				April 2022				May 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,629	8,274	355	4.1	8,747	8,413	334	3.8	8,846	8,352	494	5.6
Batesville Micro	16,673	16,161	512	3.1	16,737	16,232	505	3.0	16,568	15,892	676	4.1
Blytheville Micro	16,091	15,042	1,049	6.5	16,324	15,360	964	5.9	16,287	14,983	1,304	8.0
Camden Micro	12,108	11,684	424	3.5	12,151	11,725	426	3.5	12,263	11,792	471	3.8
El Dorado Micro	14,834	14,099	735	5.0	14,925	14,171	754	5.1	15,117	14,151	966	6.4
Forrest City Micro	7,521	7,153	368	4.9	7,601	7,221	380	5.0	7,759	7,253	506	6.5
Harrison Micro	19,001	18,531	470	2.5	19,026	18,568	458	2.4	19,086	18,497	589	3.1
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,642	5,257	385	6.8	5,772	5,390	382	6.6	5,942	5,463	479	8.1
Hope Micro	12,204	11,814	390	3.2	12,402	12,011	391	3.2	12,621	12,158	463	3.7
Magnolia Micro	8,780	8,397	383	4.4	8,832	8,455	377	4.3	8,919	8,389	530	5.9
Malvern Micro	13,717	13,293	424	3.1	13,830	13,400	430	3.1	13,748	13,187	561	4.1
Mountain Home Micro	16,511	16,010	501	3.0	16,467	15,956	511	3.1	16,379	15,748	631	3.9
Paragould Micro	19,333	18,796	537	2.8	19,425	18,881	544	2.8	19,279	18,582	697	3.6
Russellville Micro	35,020	33,771	1,249	3.6	35,384	34,226	1,158	3.3	35,094	33,592	1,502	4.3
Searcy Micro	33,957	32,805	1,152	3.4	34,021	32,882	1,139	3.3	33,686	32,221	1,465	4.3

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 2022				April 2022				May 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,763	12,382	381	3.0	12,825	12,420	405	3.2	12,215	11,753	462	3.8
Benton	17,656	17,167	489	2.8	17,623	17,145	478	2.7	17,231	16,631	600	3.5
Bentonville	30,907	30,280	627	2.0	30,964	30,373	591	1.9	29,555	28,742	813	2.8
Blytheville	5,418	5,035	383	7.1	5,569	5,142	427	7.7	5,482	5,015	467	8.5
Cabot	11,885	11,549	336	2.8	11,934	11,640	294	2.5	11,683	11,218	465	4.0
Conway	34,239	33,284	955	2.8	34,220	33,315	905	2.6	33,524	32,266	1,258	3.8
El Dorado	6,409	6,067	342	5.3	6,462	6,098	364	5.6	6,607	6,090	517	7.8
Fayetteville	50,594	49,380	1,214	2.4	50,709	49,531	1,178	2.3	48,707	46,877	1,830	3.8
Fort Smith	38,253	37,111	1,142	3.0	38,369	37,224	1,145	3.0	37,961	36,411	1,550	4.1
Hot Springs	15,239	14,551	688	4.5	15,324	14,590	734	4.8	15,269	14,214	1,055	6.9
Jacksonville	11,596	11,076	520	4.5	11,557	11,060	497	4.3	11,426	10,729	697	6.1
Jonesboro	39,877	38,818	1,059	2.7	39,926	38,936	990	2.5	39,266	37,746	1,520	3.9
Little Rock	96,456	92,958	3,498	3.6	96,481	92,825	3,656	3.8	95,524	90,049	5,475	5.7
North Little Rock	29,759	28,585	1,174	3.9	29,724	28,544	1,180	4.0	29,418	27,691	1,727	5.9
Paragould	12,323	11,946	377	3.1	12,357	12,000	357	2.9	12,294	11,810	484	3.9
Pine Bluff	15,658	14,686	972	6.2	15,715	14,728	987	6.3	15,737	14,437	1,300	8.3
Rogers	37,939	37,148	791	2.1	38,028	37,262	766	2.0	36,269	35,262	1,007	2.8
Russellville	12,587	12,184	403	3.2	12,670	12,292	378	3.0	12,639	12,107	532	4.2
Searcy	10,271	9,906	365	3.6	10,241	9,930	311	3.0	10,166	9,730	436	4.3
Sherwood	16,041	15,600	441	2.7	16,016	15,578	438	2.7	15,759	15,112	647	4.1
Springdale	40,263	39,435	828	2.1	40,410	39,555	855	2.1	38,570	37,437	1,133	2.9
Texarkana, AR	13,175	12,654	521	4.0	13,242	12,699	543	4.1	13,076	12,342	734	5.6
Van Buren	10,235	9,907	328	3.2	10,295	9,977	318	3.1	10,132	9,730	402	4.0
West Memphis	10,094	9,702	392	3.9	10,178	9,779	399	3.9	10,038	9,343	695	6.9

## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	May 2022				April 2022				May 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,324	9,024	300	3.2	9,497	9,183	314	3.3	9,314	8,990	324	3.5
Ashley	6,722	6,320	402	6.0	6,769	6,368	401	5.9	6,952	6,414	538	7.7
Baxter	16,511	16,010	501	3.0	16,467	15,956	511	3.1	16,379	15,748	631	3.9
Benton	147,719	144,463	3,256	2.2	148,127	144,907	3,220	2.2	141,458	137,128	4,330	3.1
Boone	15,831	15,446	385	2.4	15,816	15,441	375	2.4	15,902	15,412	490	3.1
Bradley	3,987	3,827	160	4.0	4,112	3,944	168	4.1	4,091	3,881	210	5.1
Calhoun	2,370	2,297	73	3.1	2,407	2,342	65	2.7	2,408	2,325	83	3.4
Carroll	12,687	12,377	310	2.4	12,646	12,325	321	2.5	12,707	12,249	458	3.6
Chicot	2,916	2,700	216	7.4	3,015	2,790	225	7.5	3,073	2,794	279	9.1
Clark	8,629	8,274	355	4.1	8,747	8,413	334	3.8	8,846	8,352	494	5.6
Clay	5,303	5,120	183	3.5	5,475	5,284	191	3.5	5,397	5,180	217	4.0
Cleburne	8,982	8,635	347	3.9	8,881	8,531	350	3.9	9,035	8,614	421	4.7
Cleveland	3,116	3,010	106	3.4	3,190	3,078	112	3.5	3,102	2,974	128	4.1
Columbia	8,780	8,397	383	4.4	8,832	8,455	377	4.3	8,919	8,389	530	5.9
Conway	8,387	8,100	287	3.4	8,408	8,122	286	3.4	8,219	7,849	370	4.5
Craighead	56,415	54,967	1,448	2.6	56,545	55,134	1,411	2.5	55,433	53,450	1,983	3.6
Crawford	26,137	25,356	781	3.0	26,321	25,534	787	3.0	25,882	24,901	981	3.8
Crittenden	20,681	19,881	800	3.9	20,819	20,038	781	3.8	20,349	19,146	1,203	5.9
Cross	6,904	6,678	226	3.3	7,021	6,786	235	3.3	7,052	6,732	320	4.5
Dallas	2,765	2,663	102	3.7	2,766	2,667	99	3.6	2,790	2,674	116	4.2
Desha	4,773	4,503	270	5.7	4,929	4,652	277	5.6	4,961	4,655	306	6.2
Drew	7,396	7,078	318	4.3	7,537	7,218	319	4.2	7,597	7,184	413	5.4
Faulkner	62,185	60,456	1,729	2.8	62,217	60,513	1,704	2.7	60,896	58,607	2,289	3.8
Franklin	7,253	7,018	235	3.2	7,388	7,154	234	3.2	7,253	6,966	287	4.0
Fulton	5,053	4,897	156	3.1	5,047	4,905	142	2.8	4,935	4,742	193	3.9
Garland	40,846	39,322	1,524	3.7	41,001	39,427	1,574	3.8	40,593	38,410	2,183	5.4
Grant	8,302	8,067	235	2.8	8,363	8,127	236	2.8	8,112	7,834	278	3.4
Greene	19,333	18,796	537	2.8	19,425	18,881	544	2.8	19,279	18,582	697	3.6
Hempstead	8,905	8,641	264	3.0	9,075	8,809	266	2.9	9,229	8,897	332	3.6
Hot Spring	13,717	13,293	424	3.1	13,830	13,400	430	3.1	13,748	13,187	561	4.1
Howard	5,352	5,197	155	2.9	5,474	5,325	149	2.7	5,511	5,335	176	3.2
Independence	16,673	16,161	512	3.1	16,737	16,232	505	3.0	16,568	15,892	676	4.1
Izard	4,385	4,174	211	4.8	4,435	4,224	211	4.8	4,487	4,235	252	5.6
Jackson	5,454	5,208	246	4.5	5,593	5,343	250	4.5	5,634	5,326	308	5.5
Jefferson	26,380	24,941	1,439	5.5	26,540	25,012	1,528	5.8	26,336	24,518	1,818	6.9
Johnson	9,923	9,495	428	4.3	9,944	9,569	375	3.8	9,896	9,402	494	5.0
Lafayette	2,284	2,178	106	4.6	2,341	2,238	103	4.4	2,346	2,198	148	6.3
Lawrence	6,621	6,391	230	3.5	6,800	6,569	231	3.4	6,719	6,409	310	4.6
Lee	2,448	2,337	111	4.5	2,564	2,451	113	4.4	2,550	2,397	153	6.0
Lincoln	3,740	3,578	162	4.3	3,835	3,673	162	4.2	3,714	3,538	176	4.7
Little River	5,335	5,141	194	3.6	5,351	5,154	197	3.7	5,257	5,012	245	4.7
Logan	8,231	7,930	301	3.7	8,301	8,008	293	3.5	8,399	8,028	371	4.4
Lonoke	33,636	32,740	896	2.7	33,881	32,996	885	2.6	32,977	31,800	1,177	3.6
Madison	7,512	7,335	177	2.4	7,727	7,548	179	2.3	7,275	7,030	245	3.4
Marion	6,247	6,043	204	3.3	6,274	6,068	206	3.3	6,104	5,831	273	4.5
Miller	19,180	18,497	683	3.6	19,284	18,563	721	3.7	19,010	18,041	969	5.1

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## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted												
County	May 2022				April 2022				May 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,091	15,042	1,049	6.5	16,324	15,360	964	5.9	16,287	14,983	1,304	8.0
Monroe	2,559	2,449	110	4.3	2,658	2,545	113	4.3	2,606	2,470	136	5.2
Montgomery	2,768	2,645	123	4.4	2,955	2,828	127	4.3	2,836	2,696	140	4.9
Nevada	3,299	3,173	126	3.8	3,327	3,202	125	3.8	3,392	3,261	131	3.9
Newton	3,170	3,085	85	2.7	3,210	3,127	83	2.6	3,184	3,085	99	3.1
Ouachita	9,738	9,387	351	3.6	9,744	9,383	361	3.7	9,855	9,467	388	3.9
Perry	4,150	4,000	150	3.6	4,189	4,040	149	3.6	4,072	3,889	183	4.5
Phillips	5,642	5,257	385	6.8	5,772	5,390	382	6.6	5,942	5,463	479	8.1
Pike	4,137	3,991	146	3.5	4,241	4,085	156	3.7	4,227	4,041	186	4.4
Poinsett	9,703	9,391	312	3.2	9,891	9,582	309	3.1	9,591	9,176	415	4.3
Polk	7,640	7,386	254	3.3	7,790	7,520	270	3.5	7,755	7,388	367	4.7
Pope	27,280	26,306	974	3.6	27,429	26,539	890	3.2	27,306	26,140	1,166	4.3
Prairie	3,521	3,432	89	2.5	3,628	3,537	91	2.5	3,508	3,367	141	4.0
Pulaski	187,390	180,734	6,656	3.6	187,377	180,475	6,902	3.7	185,023	175,078	9,945	5.4
Randolph	7,215	6,994	221	3.1	7,264	7,045	219	3.0	7,308	7,003	305	4.2
St. Francis	7,521	7,153	368	4.9	7,601	7,221	380	5.0	7,759	7,253	506	6.5
Saline	59,144	57,641	1,503	2.5	59,062	57,567	1,495	2.5	57,768	55,841	1,927	3.3
Scott	4,067	3,956	111	2.7	4,179	4,072	107	2.6	4,194	4,040	154	3.7
Searcy	3,048	2,931	117	3.8	2,947	2,839	108	3.7	2,955	2,828	127	4.3
Sebastian	55,069	53,461	1,608	2.9	55,230	53,624	1,606	2.9	54,595	52,452	2,143	3.9
Sevier	5,232	5,047	185	3.5	5,320	5,126	194	3.6	5,346	5,095	251	4.7
Sharp	5,794	5,567	227	3.9	5,780	5,560	220	3.8	5,704	5,419	285	5.0
Stone	4,505	4,332	173	3.8	4,597	4,425	172	3.7	4,561	4,316	245	5.4
Union	14,834	14,099	735	5.0	14,925	14,171	754	5.1	15,117	14,151	966	6.4
Van Buren	5,939	5,713	226	3.8	5,937	5,717	220	3.7	5,842	5,541	301	5.2
Washington	130,649	127,737	2,912	2.2	131,011	128,128	2,883	2.2	125,294	121,263	4,031	3.2
White	33,957	32,805	1,152	3.4	34,021	32,882	1,139	3.3	33,686	32,221	1,465	4.3
Woodruff	2,719	2,619	100	3.7	2,825	2,724	101	3.6	2,768	2,614	154	5.6
Yell	7,740	7,465	275	3.6	7,955	7,687	268	3.4	7,788	7,452	336	4.3

## County Labor Force Summary

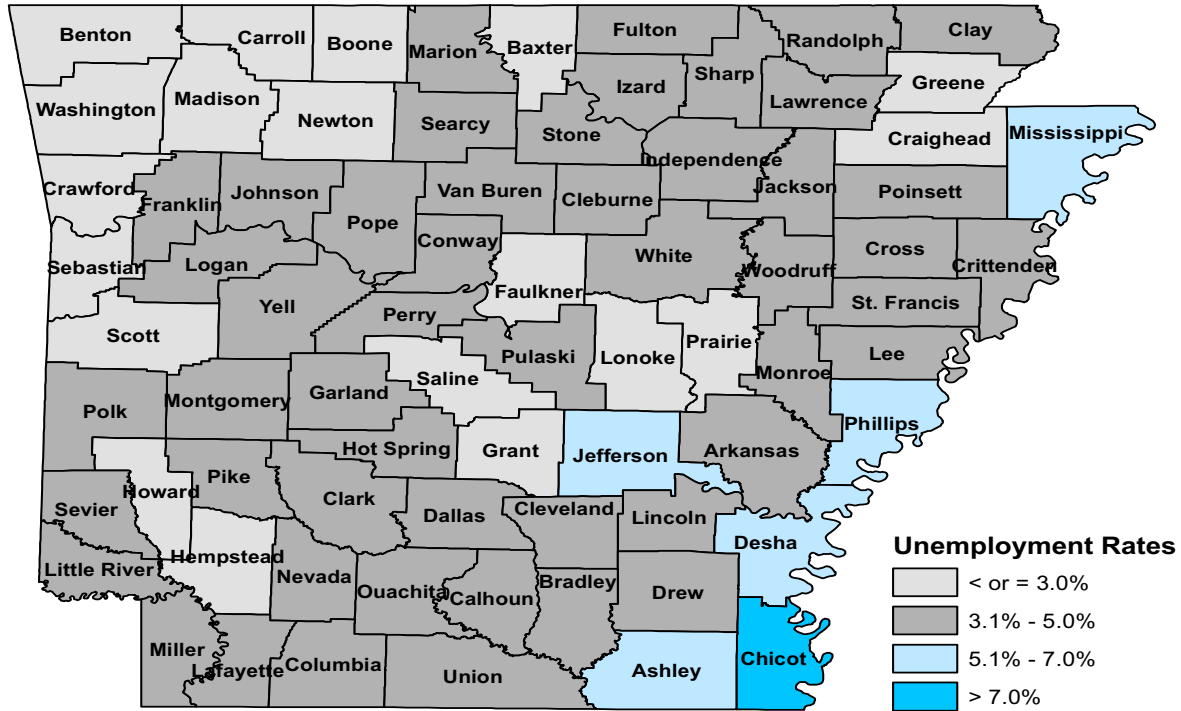
Between April and May, unemployment rates increased in 37 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates were unchanged in 21 counties, while seventeen county posted rate declines. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Benton and Washington counties to a high of 7.4 percent in Chicot County.

In May, fifty-six counties reported unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down slightly from 57 counties at or below four percent in April. For the second consecutive month, only one county-- Chicot County-- had an unemployment rate at or above seven percent.

Compared to May 2021, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rate declines ranged from as little as one-tenth of a percentage point decrease in Nevada County to as much as a two percentage point drop in Crittenden County.



### County Unemployment Rates



### Ranked by Unemployment Rates

May 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	2.2	25	Franklin	3.2	49	Stone	3.8
1	Washington	2.2	25	Poinsett	3.2	49	Van Buren	3.8
3	Boone	2.4	28	Cross	3.3	53	Cleburne	3.9
3	Carroll	2.4	28	Marion	3.3	53	Crittenden	3.9
3	Madison	2.4	28	Polk	3.3	53	Sharp	3.9
6	Prairie	2.5	31	Cleveland	3.4	56	Bradley	4.0
6	Saline	2.5	31	Conway	3.4	57	Clark	4.1
8	Craighead	2.6	31	White	3.4	58	Drew	4.3
9	Lonoke	2.7	34	Clay	3.5	58	Johnson	4.3
9	Newton	2.7	34	Lawrence	3.5	58	Lincoln	4.3
9	Scott	2.7	34	Pike	3.5	58	Monroe	4.3
12	Faulkner	2.8	34	Sevier	3.5	62	Columbia	4.4
12	Grant	2.8	38	Little River	3.6	62	Montgomery	4.4
12	Greene	2.8	38	Miller	3.6	64	Jackson	4.5
15	Howard	2.9	38	Ouachita	3.6	64	Lee	4.5
15	Sebastian	2.9	38	Perry	3.6	66	Lafayette	4.6
17	Baxter	3.0	38	Pope	3.6	67	Izard	4.8
17	Crawford	3.0	38	Pulaski	3.6	68	St. Francis	4.9
17	Hempstead	3.0	38	Yell	3.6	69	Union	5.0
20	Calhoun	3.1	45	Dallas	3.7	70	Jefferson	5.5
20	Fulton	3.1	45	Garland	3.7	71	Desha	5.7
20	Hot Spring	3.1	45	Logan	3.7	72	Ashley	6.0
20	Independence	3.1	45	Woodruff	3.7	73	Mississippi	6.5
20	Randolph	3.1	49	Nevada	3.8	74	Phillips	6.8
25	Arkansas	3.2	49	Searcy	3.8	75	Chicot	7.4



## Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	May 2022				April 2022				May 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	251,979	244,494	7,485	3.0	252,342	244,808	7,534	3.0	247,254	237,114	10,140	4.1
City of Little Rock	96,456	92,958	3,498	3.6	96,481	92,825	3,656	3.8	95,524	90,049	5,475	5.7
Eastern	43,196	41,306	1,890	4.4	43,777	41,886	1,891	4.3	43,652	40,991	2,661	6.1
North Central	93,461	90,111	3,350	3.6	93,853	90,543	3,310	3.5	93,220	88,920	4,300	4.6
Northeast	120,681	116,701	3,980	3.3	121,724	117,855	3,869	3.2	120,014	114,783	5,231	4.4
Northwest	343,374	335,427	7,947	2.3	344,225	336,339	7,886	2.3	331,258	320,574	10,684	3.2
Southeast	76,656	73,048	3,608	4.7	77,787	74,045	3,742	4.8	77,252	72,782	4,470	5.8
Southwest	88,074	84,717	3,357	3.8	88,846	85,435	3,411	3.8	89,180	84,845	4,335	4.9
West Central	127,577	122,891	4,686	3.7	128,699	124,110	4,589	3.6	127,531	121,418	6,113	4.8
Western	108,397	105,107	3,290	3.0	109,209	105,912	3,297	3.0	108,078	103,775	4,303	4.0

