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Technical Notes

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

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

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2022 benchmark.

Explanation of Terms and Concepts

Monthly Business

Survey of Employers

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

5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

Metropolitan

Statistical Areas

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

Current Population

Survey (CPS)

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

Civilian Labor Force

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

Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

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

Unemployment

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

Unemployment

Rate

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

Seasonal

Adjustment

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

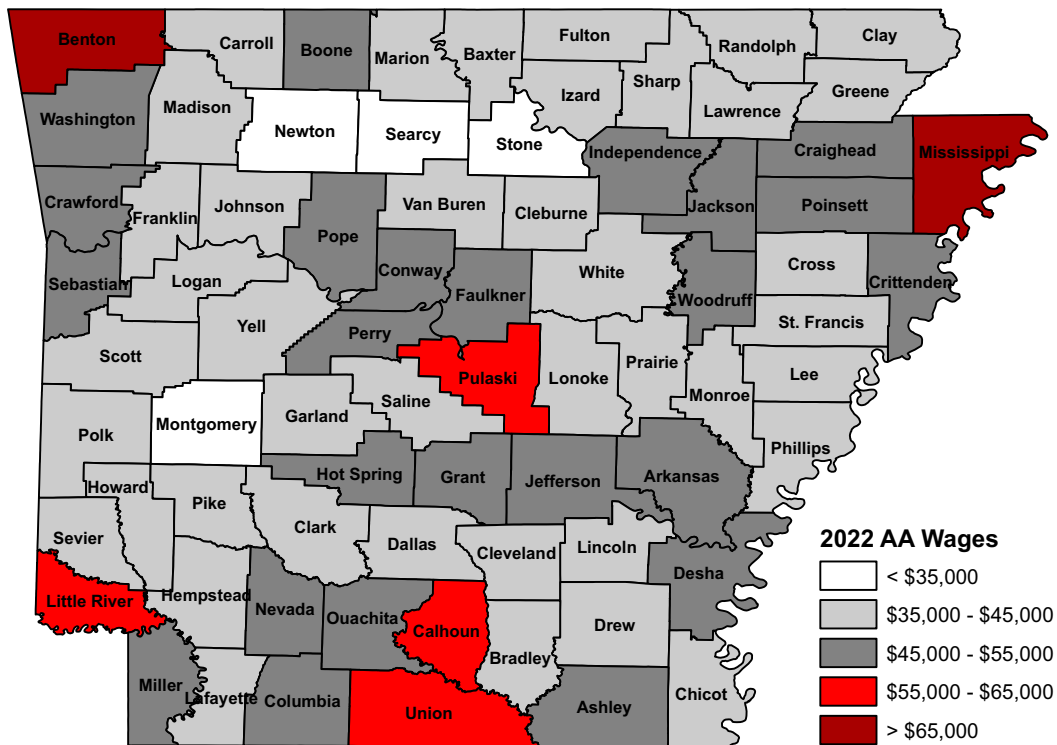
April Spotlight Wages by County

The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) is the most comprehensive data collection program utilized by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The program is based on each state's Unemployment Insurance (UI) program, which enables BLS to produce data using every business that is covered under UI tax law. In addition to calculating UI covered employment, the program also tracks the wages paid to employees. Due to the extensive nature of the information, data can be produced at any level--national, statewide, counties, and cities.

The information below comes from the QCEW program and shows annual average wage data for each county in Arkansas. Annual average wages are calculated using the total wages earned during the calendar year, divided by annual average employment. The wages below are compiled using all industries in the private sector, for all workers included under UI tax law. It is important to note that QCEW data is based on county of employment, not county of residency. So if an individual works in a different county than where they live, their wages are counted in the county where they work.

In 2022, average annual wages in the private sector ranged from a low of \$29,733, for those employed in Montgomery County, to a high of \$74,365 in Benton County. Compared to 2021 annual averages, wages are up in 72 of Arkansas' 75 counties.

Wages in Arkansas by County (Private)
 2022 Annual Average





State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point, from 3.0% in March to 2.8% in April. Down to 3.4% in April, the United States' jobless rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point over the month.

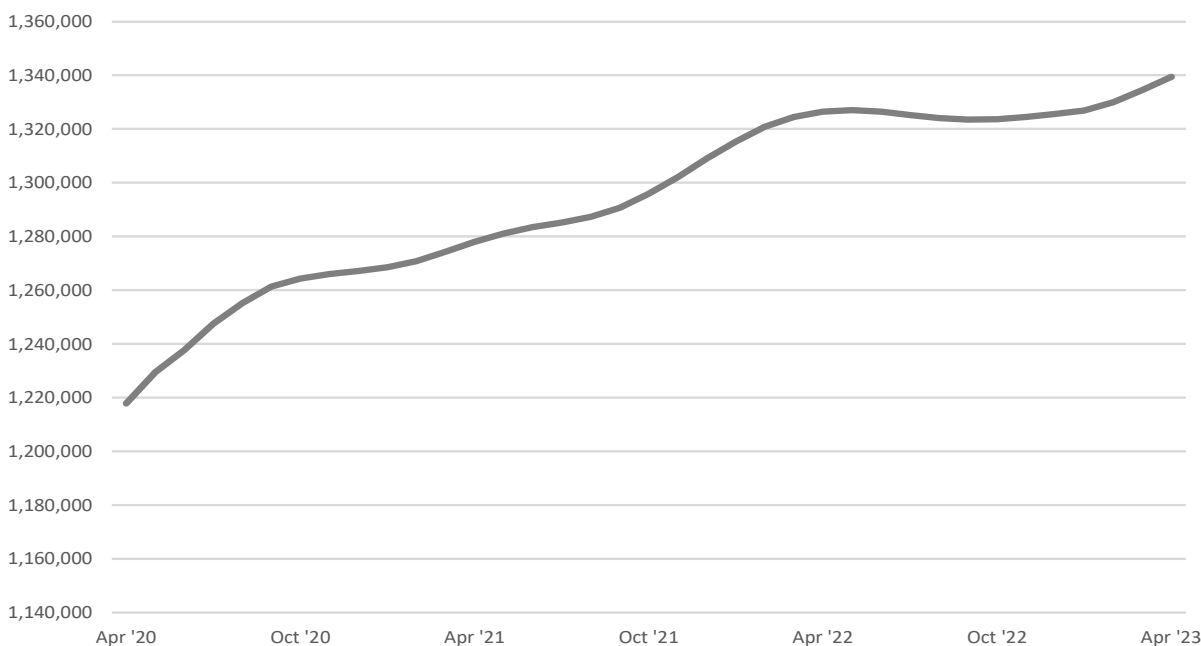
In April, Arkansas' civilian labor force increased by 2,945. There were 4,831 more employed and 1,886 fewer unemployed in the State, pushing the unemployment rate down to a new record low of 2.8%. Employment has increased for seven consecutive months, with the labor force participation rate increasing to 57.5% in April.

Compared to April 2022, there are 12,869 more employed Arkansans. The unemployment rate is down three-tenths of a percentage point over the year, while the labor force participation rate remains two-tenths of a percentage point lower than last April.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	
Civilian Labor Force	1,378,367	1,375,422	1,369,620	Civilian Labor Force	1,387,728	1,381,424	1,367,518
Employment	1,339,385	1,334,554	1,326,516	Employment	1,353,759	1,345,032	1,327,478
Unemployment	38,982	40,868	43,104	Unemployment	33,969	36,392	40,040
Unemployment Rate	2.8%	3.0%	3.1%	Unemployment Rate	2.4%	2.6%	2.9%
LF Participation Rate	57.5%	57.4%	57.7%	LF Participation Rate	57.9%	57.6%	57.6%

Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)
 April 2020 - April 2023



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

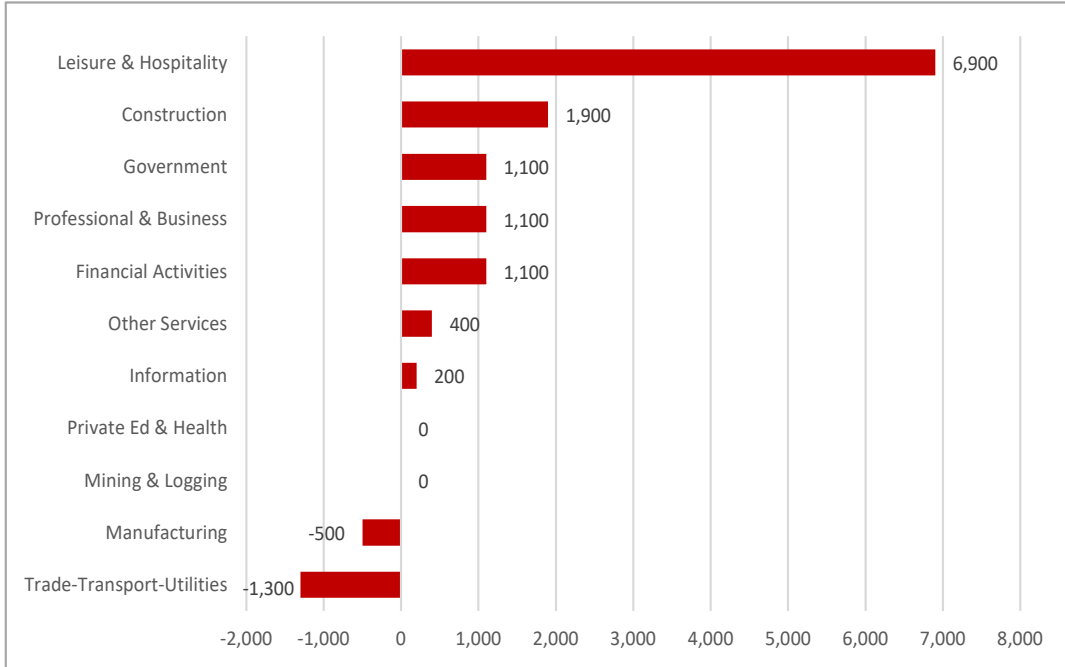
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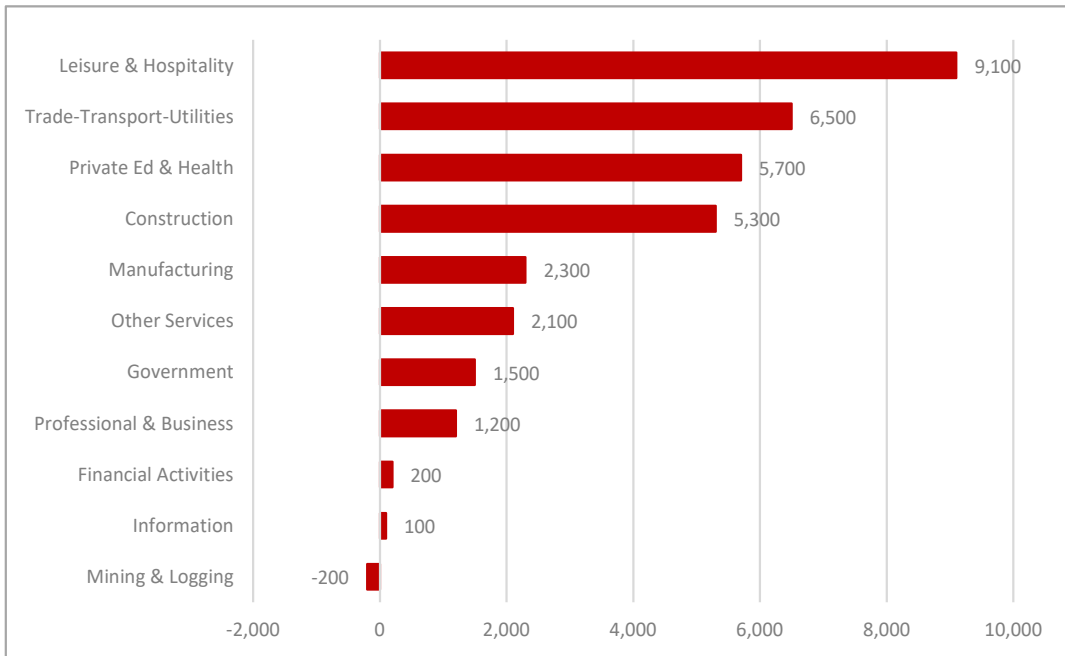
(NAICS)	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1360.7	1349.8	1326.9	10.9	33.8
Goods Producing	229.5	228.1	222.1	1.4	7.4
Mining, Logging, & Construction	66.4	64.5	61.3	1.9	5.1
Mining & Logging	4.9	4.9	5.1	0.0	-0.2
Construction	61.5	59.6	56.2	1.9	5.3
Specialty Trade Contractors	37.8	36.6	35.6	1.2	2.2
Manufacturing	163.1	163.6	160.8	-0.5	2.3
Durable Goods	79.6	79.8	77.9	-0.2	1.7
Nondurable Goods	83.5	83.8	82.9	-0.3	0.6
Service Providing	1131.2	1121.7	1104.8	9.5	26.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	273.4	274.7	266.9	-1.3	6.5
Wholesale Trade	54.1	53.6	50.0	0.5	4.1
Retail Trade	142.8	144.0	143.5	-1.2	-0.7
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	76.5	77.1	73.4	-0.6	3.1
Information	12.7	12.5	12.6	0.2	0.1
Financial Activities	70.3	69.2	70.1	1.1	0.2
Finance & Insurance	55.8	55.1	55.6	0.7	0.2
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14.5	14.1	14.5	0.4	0.0
Professional & Business Services	152.9	151.8	151.7	1.1	1.2
Professional, Scientific & Technical	49.5	48.7	47.6	0.8	1.9
Management of Companies	40.0	40.4	36.3	-0.4	3.7
Administrative & Support Services	63.4	62.7	67.8	0.7	-4.4
Private Education & Health Services	203.6	203.6	197.9	0.0	5.7
Private Educational Services	19.2	19.2	18.2	0.0	1.0
Health Care & Social Assistance	184.4	184.4	179.7	0.0	4.7
Ambulatory Health Care	64.7	64.1	62.1	0.6	2.6
Social Assistance	37.3	37.4	37.1	-0.1	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	131.6	124.7	122.5	6.9	9.1
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13.7	12.8	13.2	0.9	0.5
Accommodation & Food Services	117.9	111.9	109.3	6.0	8.6
Accommodation Services	11.8	11.3	11.1	0.5	0.7
Food Services	106.1	100.6	98.2	5.5	7.9
Other Services	73.4	73.0	71.3	0.4	2.1
Government	213.3	212.2	211.8	1.1	1.5
Federal Government	21.0	20.9	20.5	0.1	0.5
State Government	78.6	78.2	78.6	0.4	0.0
State Gov, Educational Services	32.4	32.0	32.2	0.4	0.2
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.2	46.2	46.4	0.0	-0.2
Local Government	113.7	113.1	112.7	0.6	1.0
Local Gov, Educational Services	70.2	70.1	69.7	0.1	0.5
Local Gov, Excluding Education	43.5	43.0	43.0	0.5	0.5

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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



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



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

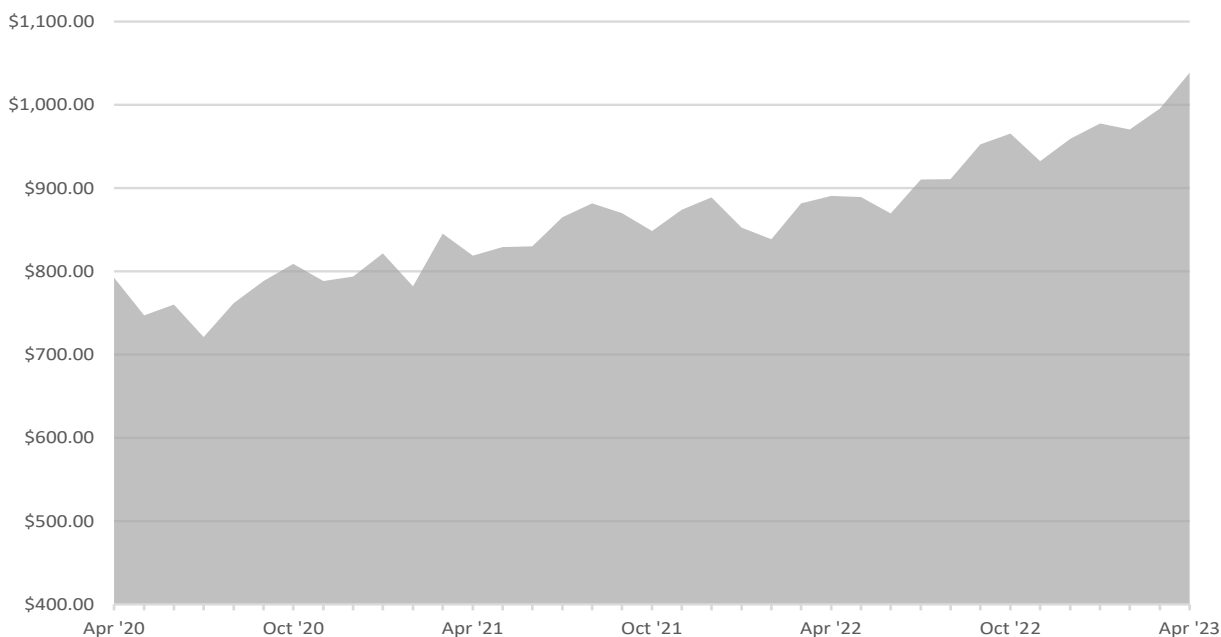
Manufacturing

	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>
Average Weekly Hours	37.8	37.5	39.8
Average Hourly Earnings	\$22.17	\$21.58	\$20.33
Average Weekly Earnings	\$838.03	\$809.25	\$809.13

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>		<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>
Average Weekly Hours	42.0	41.8	41.6	Average Weekly Hours	33.9	33.6	38.2
Average Hourly Earnings	\$24.73	\$23.82	\$21.41	Average Hourly Earnings	\$19.20	\$18.99	\$19.27
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,038.66	\$995.68	\$890.66	Average Weekly Earnings	\$650.88	\$638.06	\$736.11

Average Weekly Earnings in Durable Goods (Production Workers)
 April 2020 - April 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Apr 23	Mar 23	Apr 22	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	363,051	359,950	358,862	3,101	4,189
Employment	354,559	350,907	348,538	3,652	6,021
Unemployment	8,492	9,043	10,324	-551	-1,832
Unemployment Rate	2.3%	2.5%	2.9%	-0.2%	-0.6%

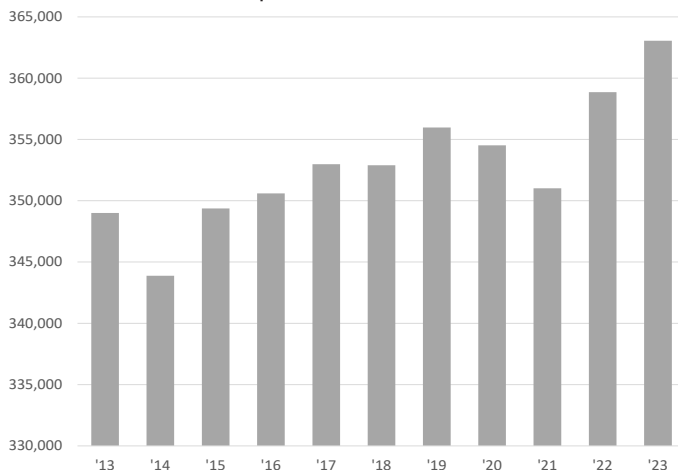
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Apr 23	Mar 23	Apr 22	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	383.3	379.4	375.4	3.9	7.9
Goods Producing	39.5	39.1	38.4	0.4	1.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	19.7	19.3	18.6	0.4	1.1
Manufacturing	19.8	19.8	19.8	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	343.8	340.3	337.0	3.5	6.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	77.7	78.3	77.0	-0.6	0.7
Wholesale Trade	18.3	18.3	16.7	0.0	1.6
Retail Trade	38.2	38.6	38.7	-0.4	-0.5
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	21.2	21.4	21.6	-0.2	-0.4
Information	5.7	5.6	5.6	0.1	0.1
Financial Activities	24.6	24.2	24.5	0.4	0.1
Professional & Business Services	47.8	46.9	47.7	0.9	0.1
Private Education & Health Services	63.2	62.6	60.7	0.6	2.5
Leisure & Hospitality	36.0	34.0	33.3	2.0	2.7
Other Services	19.3	19.2	18.8	0.1	0.5
Government	69.5	69.5	69.4	0.0	0.1
Federal Government	10.0	9.9	9.9	0.1	0.1
State Government	34.1	34.2	34.4	-0.1	-0.3
Local Government	25.4	25.4	25.1	0.0	0.3

Civilian Labor Force

April: 2013 - 2023



Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality

April 2020 - April 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

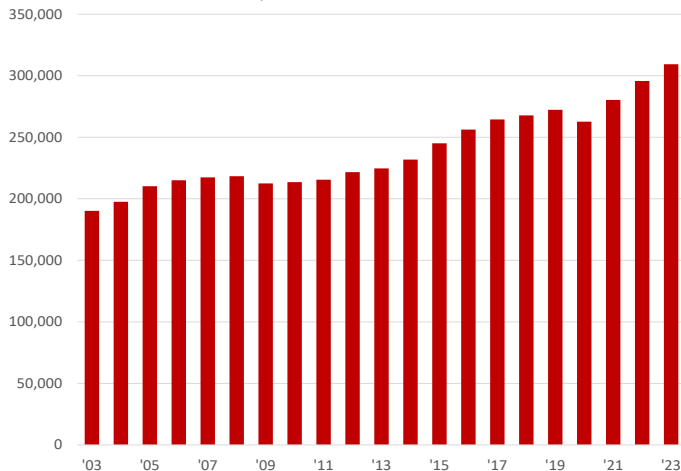
	Apr 23	Mar 23	Apr 22	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	315,096	313,868	302,118	1,228	12,978
Employment	309,345	307,689	295,733	1,656	13,612
Unemployment	5,751	6,179	6,385	-428	-634
Unemployment Rate	1.8%	2.0%	2.1%	-0.2%	-0.3%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

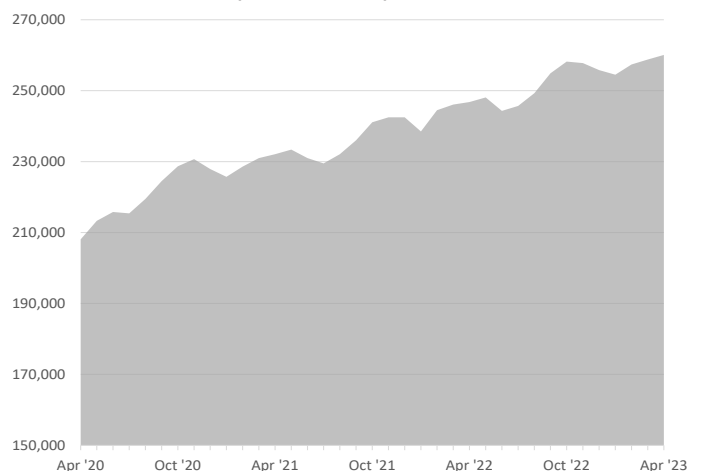
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NAICS	Apr 23	Mar 23	Apr 22	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	307.8	306.1	292.4	1.7	15.4
Goods Producing	47.7	47.3	45.6	0.4	2.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	15.7	15.4	14.3	0.3	1.4
Manufacturing	32.0	31.9	31.3	0.1	0.7
Service Providing	260.1	258.8	246.8	1.3	13.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	63.7	64.1	60.5	-0.4	3.2
Wholesale Trade	14.4	14.3	13.1	0.1	1.3
Retail Trade	28.7	28.9	28.9	-0.2	-0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.6	20.9	18.5	-0.3	2.1
Information	2.4	2.3	2.3	0.1	0.1
Financial Activities	10.2	10.0	10.0	0.2	0.2
Professional & Business Services	59.2	59.4	57.0	-0.2	2.2
Private Education & Health Services	34.6	34.5	32.8	0.1	1.8
Leisure & Hospitality	31.5	30.0	28.8	1.5	2.7
Other Services	15.7	15.7	15.0	0.0	0.7
Government	42.8	42.8	40.4	0.0	2.4
Federal Government	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.0	0.2
State Government	19.5	19.6	18.0	-0.1	1.5
Local Government	20.2	20.1	19.5	0.1	0.7

Employment
April: 2003 - 2023



Jobs in Service Providing Industries
April 2020 - April 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fort Smith MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	119,354	118,736	117,585	618	1,769
Employment	116,477	115,398	114,178	1,079	2,299
Unemployment	2,877	3,338	3,407	-461	-530
Unemployment Rate	2.4%	2.8%	2.9%	-0.4%	-0.5%

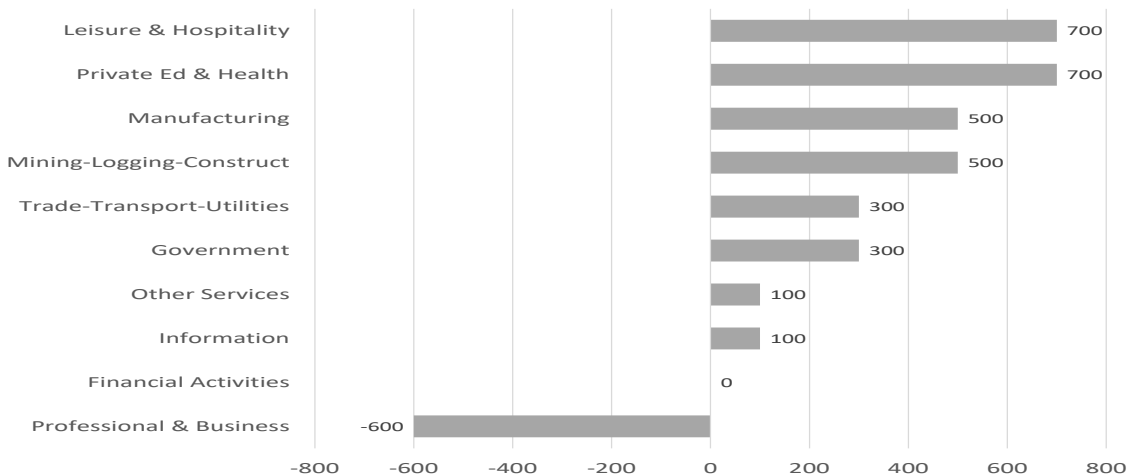
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	116.0	114.9	113.4	1.1	2.6
Goods Producing	24.2	23.9	23.2	0.3	1.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.5	5.3	5.0	0.2	0.5
Manufacturing	18.7	18.6	18.2	0.1	0.5
Service Providing	91.8	91.0	90.2	0.8	1.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.5	24.6	24.2	-0.1	0.3
Wholesale Trade	5.0	5.0	4.7	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	12.9	12.9	13.2	0.0	-0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.6	6.7	6.3	-0.1	0.3
Information	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	4.2	4.1	4.2	0.1	0.0
Professional & Business Services	11.4	11.2	12.0	0.2	-0.6
Private Education & Health Services	18.1	18.0	17.4	0.1	0.7
Leisure & Hospitality	10.3	9.9	9.6	0.4	0.7
Other Services	3.6	3.6	3.5	0.0	0.1
Government	18.3	18.2	18.0	0.1	0.3
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.4	2.4	2.6	0.0	-0.2
Local Government	14.6	14.5	14.1	0.1	0.5

Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

April 2022 vs April 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	42,717	42,175	42,400	542	317
Employment	41,506	40,905	40,987	601	519
Unemployment	1,211	1,270	1,413	-59	-202
Unemployment Rate	2.8%	3.0%	3.3%	-0.2%	-0.5%

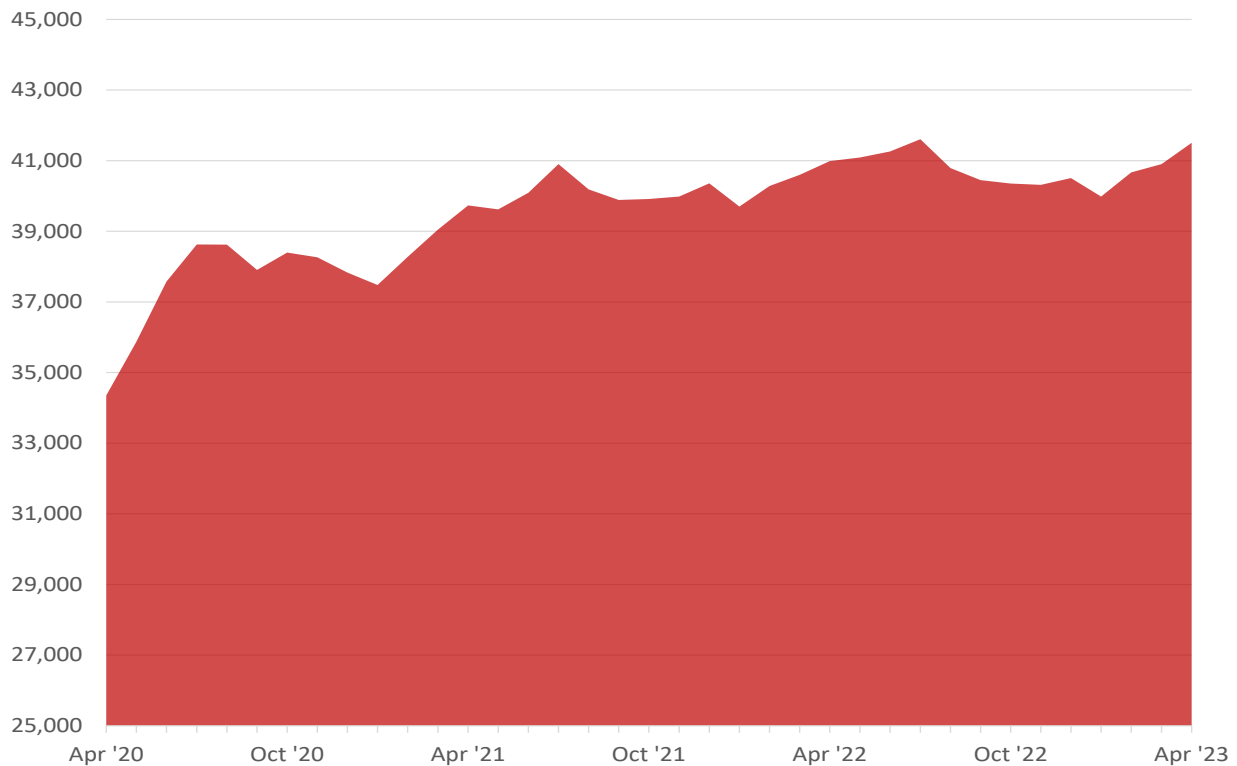
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	42.2	41.8	41.6	0.4	0.6
Goods Producing	4.7	4.7	4.6	0.0	0.1
Service Providing	37.5	37.1	37.0	0.4	0.5
Government	4.2	4.2	4.4	0.0	-0.2

Employment

April 2020 - April 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas **Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	68,560	68,420	67,365	140	1,195
Employment	67,152	66,892	65,691	260	1,461
Unemployment	1,408	1,528	1,674	-120	-266
Unemployment Rate	2.1%	2.2%	2.5%	-0.1%	-0.4%

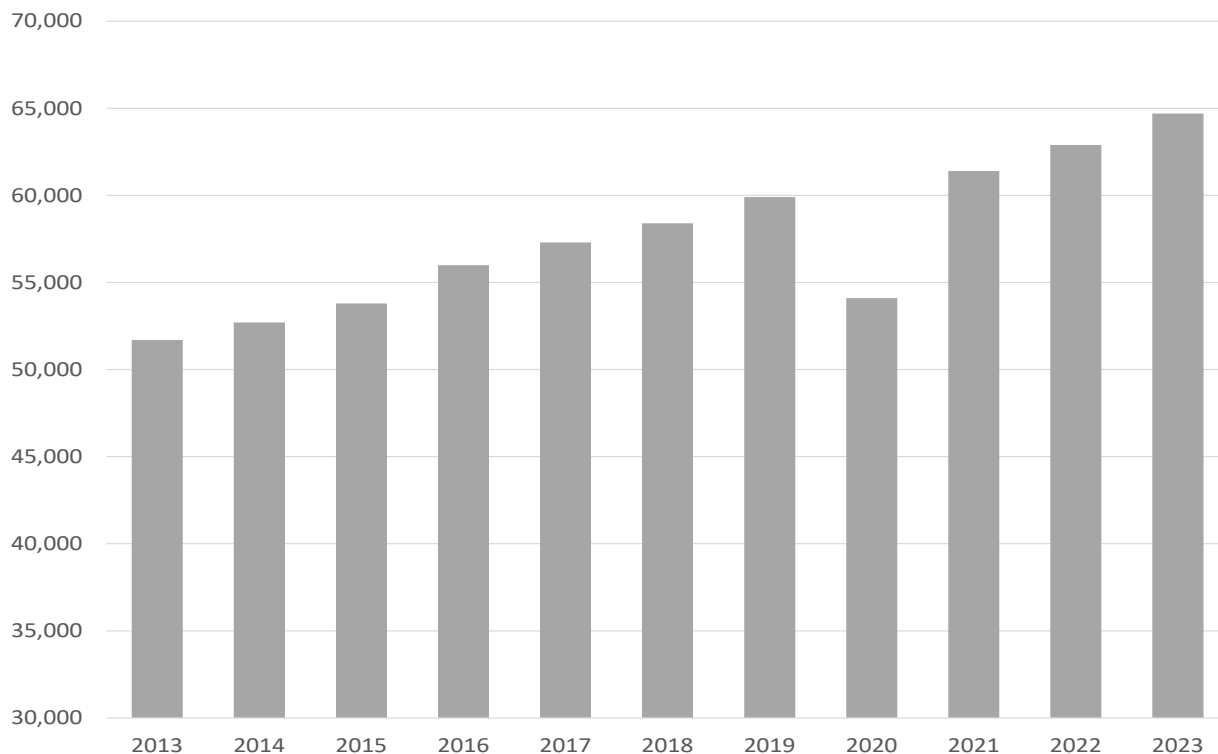
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	64.7	64.5	62.9	0.2	1.8
Goods Producing	12.3	12.5	11.9	-0.2	0.4
Service Providing	52.4	52.0	51.0	0.4	1.4
Government	9.2	9.2	8.8	0.0	0.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

April: 2013 - 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas **Pine Bluff MSA**

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	32,447	32,480	32,427	-33	20
Employment	31,354	31,300	30,921	54	433
Unemployment	1,093	1,180	1,506	-87	-413
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.6%	4.6%	-0.2%	-1.2%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.7	31.7	31.1	0.0	0.6
Goods Producing	5.5	5.6	5.2	-0.1	0.3
Service Providing	26.2	26.1	25.9	0.1	0.3
Government	8.6	8.7	8.6	-0.1	0.0

Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

April 2020 - April 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Out-of-State MSA

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

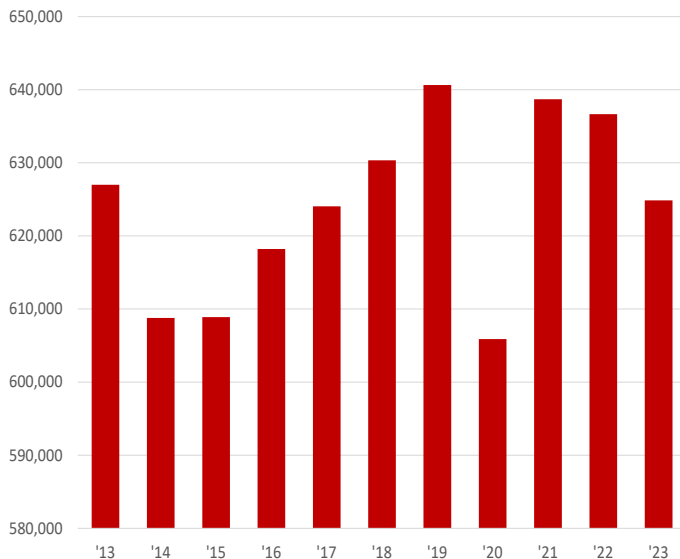
	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	624,862	630,623	636,649	-5,761	-11,787
Employment	604,658	606,538	612,374	-1,880	-7,716
Unemployment	20,204	24,085	24,275	-3,881	-4,071
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.8%	3.8%	-0.6%	-0.6%

Texarkana MSA

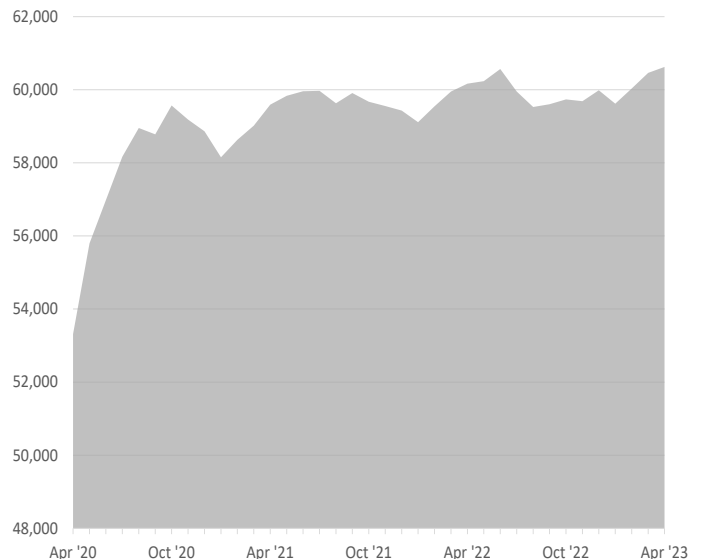
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Apr 23</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	62,863	62,964	62,663	-101	200
Employment	60,625	60,460	60,166	165	459
Unemployment	2,238	2,504	2,497	-266	-259
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.0%	4.0%	-0.4%	-0.4%

Memphis MSA - Civilian Labor Force
 April: 2013 - 2023



Texarkana MSA - Employment
 April 2020 - April 2023



Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	April 2023				March 2023				April 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,657	8,382	275	3.2	8,661	8,354	307	3.5	8,620	8,310	310	3.6
Batesville Micro	16,993	16,573	420	2.5	16,910	16,471	439	2.6	16,574	16,092	482	2.9
Blytheville Micro	16,537	15,942	595	3.6	16,625	16,000	625	3.8	16,269	15,546	723	4.4
Camden Micro	12,094	11,738	356	2.9	12,144	11,755	389	3.2	12,079	11,664	415	3.4
El Dorado Micro	14,747	14,233	514	3.5	14,792	14,241	551	3.7	14,838	14,210	628	4.2
Forrest City Micro	7,647	7,371	276	3.6	7,641	7,346	295	3.9	7,722	7,405	317	4.1
Harrison Micro	19,438	18,978	460	2.4	19,259	18,761	498	2.6	19,216	18,752	464	2.4
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,544	5,273	271	4.9	5,593	5,278	315	5.6	5,745	5,451	294	5.1
Hope Micro	12,931	12,618	313	2.4	12,900	12,569	331	2.6	12,812	12,434	378	3.0
Magnolia Micro	8,846	8,557	289	3.3	8,856	8,547	309	3.5	8,948	8,610	338	3.8
Malvern Micro	14,049	13,684	365	2.6	13,991	13,602	389	2.8	13,840	13,427	413	3.0
Mountain Home Micro	16,611	16,162	449	2.7	16,496	16,022	474	2.9	16,614	16,108	506	3.0
Paragould Micro	20,032	19,546	486	2.4	20,090	19,547	543	2.7	19,752	19,214	538	2.7
Russellville Micro	35,987	34,982	1,005	2.8	35,896	34,816	1,080	3.0	35,613	34,490	1,123	3.2
Searcy Micro	34,571	33,671	900	2.6	34,491	33,514	977	2.8	34,461	33,362	1,099	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

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	April 2023				March 2023				April 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	13,535	13,197	338	2.5	13,477	13,131	346	2.6	13,003	12,617	386	3.0
Benton	18,073	17,693	380	2.1	17,897	17,503	394	2.2	17,848	17,387	461	2.6
Bentonville	32,838	32,273	565	1.7	32,723	32,112	611	1.9	31,444	30,854	590	1.9
Blytheville	5,570	5,336	234	4.2	5,559	5,356	203	3.7	5,510	5,204	306	5.6
Cabot	12,244	11,984	260	2.1	12,157	11,882	275	2.3	12,082	11,796	286	2.4
Conway	35,169	34,363	806	2.3	34,861	33,998	863	2.5	34,658	33,778	880	2.5
El Dorado	6,343	6,125	218	3.4	6,388	6,128	260	4.1	6,416	6,115	301	4.7
Fayetteville	53,603	52,632	971	1.8	53,416	52,339	1,077	2.0	51,451	50,312	1,139	2.2
Fort Smith	38,812	37,900	912	2.3	38,485	37,526	959	2.5	38,311	37,215	1,096	2.9
Hot Springs	15,836	15,360	476	3.0	15,647	15,137	510	3.3	15,809	15,167	642	4.1
Jacksonville	11,731	11,413	318	2.7	11,642	11,293	349	3.0	11,646	11,217	429	3.7
Jonesboro	41,277	40,431	846	2.0	41,184	40,253	931	2.3	40,503	39,532	971	2.4
Little Rock	98,191	95,789	2,402	2.4	97,380	94,781	2,599	2.7	97,300	94,142	3,158	3.2
North Little Rock	30,304	29,456	848	2.8	30,017	29,146	871	2.9	29,972	28,949	1,023	3.4
Paragould	12,733	12,422	311	2.4	12,763	12,423	340	2.7	12,563	12,211	352	2.8
Pine Bluff	15,132	14,541	591	3.9	15,168	14,511	657	4.3	15,130	14,331	799	5.3
Rogers	40,292	39,593	699	1.7	40,139	39,395	744	1.9	38,614	37,852	762	2.0
Russellville	12,918	12,576	342	2.6	12,870	12,505	365	2.8	12,763	12,390	373	2.9
Searcy	10,438	10,168	270	2.6	10,390	10,121	269	2.6	10,383	10,075	308	3.0
Sherwood	16,442	16,075	367	2.2	16,304	15,906	398	2.4	16,195	15,799	396	2.4
Springdale	42,769	42,032	737	1.7	42,598	41,799	799	1.9	41,010	40,180	830	2.0
Texarkana, AR	12,898	12,509	389	3.0	12,782	12,403	379	3.0	12,866	12,372	494	3.8
Van Buren	10,375	10,149	226	2.2	10,304	10,061	243	2.4	10,281	9,973	308	3.0
West Memphis	10,102	9,736	366	3.6	10,137	9,758	379	3.7	10,034	9,689	345	3.4

County Labor Force Statistics

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	April 2023				March 2023				April 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,145	8,949	196	2.1	9,189	8,984	205	2.2	9,150	8,855	295	3.2
Ashley	6,534	6,251	283	4.3	6,538	6,244	294	4.5	6,750	6,441	309	4.6
Baxter	16,611	16,162	449	2.7	16,496	16,022	474	2.9	16,614	16,108	506	3.0
Benton	156,896	153,973	2,923	1.9	156,336	153,203	3,133	2.0	150,383	147,202	3,181	2.1
Boone	16,167	15,787	380	2.4	16,024	15,607	417	2.6	15,977	15,597	380	2.4
Bradley	4,019	3,868	151	3.8	4,072	3,903	169	4.2	4,179	4,005	174	4.2
Calhoun	2,393	2,340	53	2.2	2,413	2,350	63	2.6	2,394	2,330	64	2.7
Carroll	12,475	12,198	277	2.2	12,314	12,016	298	2.4	12,577	12,257	320	2.5
Chicot	2,975	2,848	127	4.3	3,008	2,869	139	4.6	3,058	2,874	184	6.0
Clark	8,657	8,382	275	3.2	8,661	8,354	307	3.5	8,620	8,310	310	3.6
Clay	5,554	5,390	164	3.0	5,535	5,347	188	3.4	5,574	5,385	189	3.4
Cleburne	8,989	8,712	277	3.1	8,883	8,585	298	3.4	8,960	8,620	340	3.8
Cleveland	3,114	3,036	78	2.5	3,122	3,035	87	2.8	3,111	3,000	111	3.6
Columbia	8,846	8,557	289	3.3	8,856	8,547	309	3.5	8,948	8,610	338	3.8
Conway	8,373	8,128	245	2.9	8,313	8,055	258	3.1	8,443	8,168	275	3.3
Craighead	58,420	57,251	1,169	2.0	58,271	57,000	1,271	2.2	57,353	55,978	1,375	2.4
Crawford	26,599	25,973	626	2.4	26,422	25,750	672	2.5	26,296	25,524	772	2.9
Crittenden	20,590	19,950	640	3.1	20,701	19,996	705	3.4	20,532	19,855	677	3.3
Cross	6,951	6,764	187	2.7	6,923	6,737	186	2.7	7,105	6,888	217	3.1
Dallas	2,660	2,571	89	3.3	2,693	2,600	93	3.5	2,727	2,633	94	3.4
Desha	4,938	4,759	179	3.6	4,952	4,764	188	3.8	5,048	4,809	239	4.7
Drew	7,416	7,168	248	3.3	7,552	7,290	262	3.5	7,400	7,110	290	3.9
Faulkner	63,878	62,416	1,462	2.3	63,331	61,754	1,577	2.5	62,992	61,354	1,638	2.6
Franklin	7,565	7,383	182	2.4	7,544	7,349	195	2.6	7,478	7,252	226	3.0
Fulton	5,066	4,931	135	2.7	4,974	4,833	141	2.8	5,014	4,872	142	2.8
Garland	42,717	41,506	1,211	2.8	42,175	40,905	1,270	3.0	42,400	40,987	1,413	3.3
Grant	8,557	8,366	191	2.2	8,513	8,307	206	2.4	8,469	8,237	232	2.7
Greene	20,032	19,546	486	2.4	20,090	19,547	543	2.7	19,752	19,214	538	2.7
Hempstead	9,472	9,247	225	2.4	9,453	9,216	237	2.5	9,375	9,116	259	2.8
Hot Spring	14,049	13,684	365	2.6	13,991	13,602	389	2.8	13,840	13,427	413	3.0
Howard	5,359	5,215	144	2.7	5,390	5,238	152	2.8	5,504	5,357	147	2.7
Independence	16,993	16,573	420	2.5	16,910	16,471	439	2.6	16,574	16,092	482	2.9
Izard	4,525	4,361	164	3.6	4,468	4,299	169	3.8	4,536	4,339	197	4.3
Jackson	5,482	5,271	211	3.8	5,534	5,314	220	4.0	5,568	5,337	231	4.1
Jefferson	25,589	24,694	895	3.5	25,611	24,644	967	3.8	25,582	24,339	1,243	4.9
Johnson	10,140	9,840	300	3.0	10,164	9,842	322	3.2	10,193	9,846	347	3.4
Lafayette	2,353	2,270	83	3.5	2,347	2,252	95	4.0	2,388	2,297	91	3.8
Lawrence	7,046	6,879	167	2.4	7,047	6,872	175	2.5	6,981	6,765	216	3.1
Lee	2,674	2,564	110	4.1	2,689	2,579	110	4.1	2,630	2,531	99	3.8
Lincoln	3,744	3,624	120	3.2	3,747	3,621	126	3.4	3,734	3,582	152	4.1
Little River	5,202	5,070	132	2.5	5,193	5,042	151	2.9	5,208	5,019	189	3.6
Logan	8,311	8,072	239	2.9	8,320	8,063	257	3.1	8,371	8,086	285	3.4
Lonoke	34,711	33,972	739	2.1	34,461	33,683	778	2.3	34,291	33,439	852	2.5
Madison	8,109	7,950	159	2.0	8,105	7,936	169	2.1	7,822	7,650	172	2.2
Marion	6,267	6,096	171	2.7	6,171	5,976	195	3.2	6,326	6,124	202	3.2
Miller	18,832	18,285	547	2.9	18,687	18,130	557	3.0	18,748	18,085	663	3.5

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	April 2023				March 2023				April 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,537	15,942	595	3.6	16,625	16,000	625	3.8	16,269	15,546	723	4.4
Monroe	2,529	2,454	75	3.0	2,574	2,487	87	3.4	2,567	2,466	101	3.9
Montgomery	2,977	2,871	106	3.6	2,953	2,840	113	3.8	2,950	2,829	121	4.1
Nevada	3,459	3,371	88	2.5	3,447	3,353	94	2.7	3,437	3,318	119	3.5
Newton	3,271	3,191	80	2.4	3,235	3,154	81	2.5	3,239	3,155	84	2.6
Ouachita	9,701	9,398	303	3.1	9,731	9,405	326	3.4	9,685	9,334	351	3.6
Perry	4,273	4,160	113	2.6	4,239	4,116	123	2.9	4,232	4,092	140	3.3
Phillips	5,544	5,273	271	4.9	5,593	5,278	315	5.6	5,745	5,451	294	5.1
Pike	4,100	3,988	112	2.7	4,057	3,947	110	2.7	4,197	4,052	145	3.5
Poinsett	10,140	9,901	239	2.4	10,149	9,892	257	2.5	10,012	9,713	299	3.0
Polk	7,956	7,746	210	2.6	7,964	7,730	234	2.9	7,925	7,668	257	3.2
Pope	27,930	27,153	777	2.8	27,836	26,999	837	3.0	27,612	26,751	861	3.1
Prairie	3,628	3,547	81	2.2	3,609	3,524	85	2.4	3,554	3,465	89	2.5
Pulaski	190,915	186,238	4,677	2.4	189,248	184,277	4,971	2.6	189,034	183,035	5,999	3.2
Randolph	7,311	7,127	184	2.5	7,323	7,125	198	2.7	7,314	7,104	210	2.9
St. Francis	7,647	7,371	276	3.6	7,641	7,346	295	3.9	7,722	7,405	317	4.1
Saline	60,717	59,407	1,310	2.2	60,158	58,770	1,388	2.3	59,844	58,381	1,463	2.4
Scott	4,345	4,251	94	2.2	4,372	4,270	102	2.3	4,229	4,125	104	2.5
Searcy	2,888	2,793	95	3.3	2,832	2,724	108	3.8	2,885	2,781	104	3.6
Sebastian	55,919	54,597	1,322	2.4	55,466	54,058	1,408	2.5	55,157	53,611	1,546	2.8
Sevier	5,449	5,292	157	2.9	5,487	5,320	167	3.0	5,413	5,219	194	3.6
Sharp	5,979	5,802	177	3.0	5,887	5,694	193	3.3	5,841	5,634	207	3.5
Stone	4,583	4,441	142	3.1	4,497	4,344	153	3.4	4,658	4,498	160	3.4
Union	14,747	14,233	514	3.5	14,792	14,241	551	3.7	14,838	14,210	628	4.2
Van Buren	6,091	5,903	188	3.1	6,016	5,816	200	3.3	5,933	5,723	210	3.5
Washington	138,563	136,149	2,414	1.7	137,996	135,390	2,606	1.9	132,946	130,147	2,799	2.1
White	34,571	33,671	900	2.6	34,491	33,514	977	2.8	34,461	33,362	1,099	3.2
Woodruff	2,909	2,829	80	2.8	2,959	2,865	94	3.2	2,843	2,756	87	3.1
Yell	8,057	7,829	228	2.8	8,060	7,817	243	3.0	8,001	7,739	262	3.3

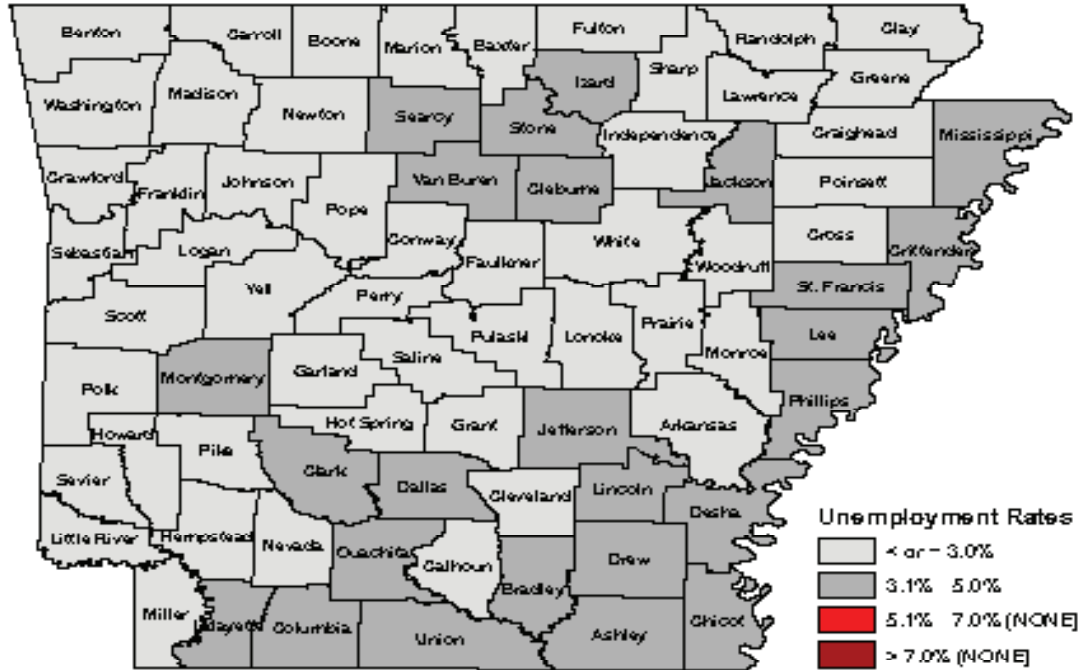
County Labor Force Summary

Between March and April, unemployment rates decreased in 72 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates in three counties were unchanged over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 1.7% in Washington County to a high of 4.9% in Phillips County.

In April, fifty counties in Arkansas posted unemployment rates at or below 3%. That is up slightly from 42 counties at or below 3% last month. For the third month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to April 2022, unemployment rates are down in 72 Arkansas counties. The rate in Lee County increased over the year, while the rates in Boone and Howard counties were stable. Chicot and Jefferson counties posted the largest annual unemployment rate declines, down one and seven-tenths of a percentage point and one and four-tenths of a percent point, respectively.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

April 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	1.7	24	Little River	2.5	51	Cleburne	3.1
2	Benton	1.9	24	Nevada	2.5	51	Crittenden	3.1
3	Craighead	2.0	24	Randolph	2.5	51	Ouachita	3.1
3	Madison	2.0	29	Hot Spring	2.6	51	Stone	3.1
5	Arkansas	2.1	29	Perry	2.6	51	Van Buren	3.1
5	Lonoke	2.1	29	Polk	2.6	56	Clark	3.2
7	Calhoun	2.2	29	White	2.6	56	Lincoln	3.2
7	Carroll	2.2	33	Baxter	2.7	58	Columbia	3.3
7	Grant	2.2	33	Cross	2.7	58	Dallas	3.3
7	Prairie	2.2	33	Fulton	2.7	58	Drew	3.3
7	Saline	2.2	33	Howard	2.7	58	Searcy	3.3
7	Scott	2.2	33	Marion	2.7	62	Jefferson	3.5
13	Faulkner	2.3	33	Pike	2.7	62	Lafayette	3.5
14	Boone	2.4	39	Garland	2.8	62	Union	3.5
14	Crawford	2.4	39	Pope	2.8	65	Desha	3.6
14	Franklin	2.4	39	Woodruff	2.8	65	Izard	3.6
14	Greene	2.4	39	Yell	2.8	65	Mississippi	3.6
14	Hempstead	2.4	43	Conway	2.9	65	Montgomery	3.6
14	Lawrence	2.4	43	Logan	2.9	65	St. Francis	3.6
14	Newton	2.4	43	Miller	2.9	70	Bradley	3.8
14	Poinsett	2.4	43	Sevier	2.9	70	Jackson	3.8
14	Pulaski	2.4	47	Clay	3.0	72	Lee	4.1
14	Sebastian	2.4	47	Johnson	3.0	73	Ashley	4.3
24	Cleveland	2.5	47	Monroe	3.0	73	Chicot	4.3
24	Independence	2.5	47	Sharp	3.0	75	Phillips	4.9

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	April 2023				March 2023				April 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	258,187	252,245	5,942	2.3	256,001	249,714	6,287	2.5	254,982	247,998	6,984	2.7
City of Little Rock	98,191	95,789	2,402	2.4	97,380	94,781	2,599	2.7	97,300	94,142	3,158	3.2
Eastern	43,406	41,922	1,484	3.4	43,547	41,936	1,611	3.7	43,734	42,130	1,604	3.7
North Central	95,188	92,494	2,694	2.8	94,619	91,735	2,884	3.0	94,388	91,233	3,155	3.3
Northeast	125,040	122,036	3,004	2.4	125,040	121,783	3,257	2.6	123,255	119,705	3,550	2.9
Northwest	361,247	354,299	6,948	1.9	359,509	352,028	7,481	2.1	348,769	341,021	7,748	2.2
Southeast	76,031	73,563	2,468	3.2	76,304	73,661	2,643	3.5	76,481	73,252	3,229	4.2
Southwest	88,473	85,849	2,624	3.0	88,489	85,694	2,795	3.2	88,665	85,528	3,137	3.5
West Central	131,273	127,541	3,732	2.8	130,449	126,477	3,972	3.0	130,488	126,201	4,287	3.3
Western	110,695	108,022	2,673	2.4	110,088	107,220	2,868	2.6	109,456	106,266	3,190	2.9

