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MARCH ARKANSAS LABOR MARKET REPORT

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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 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

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 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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March Spotlight

A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

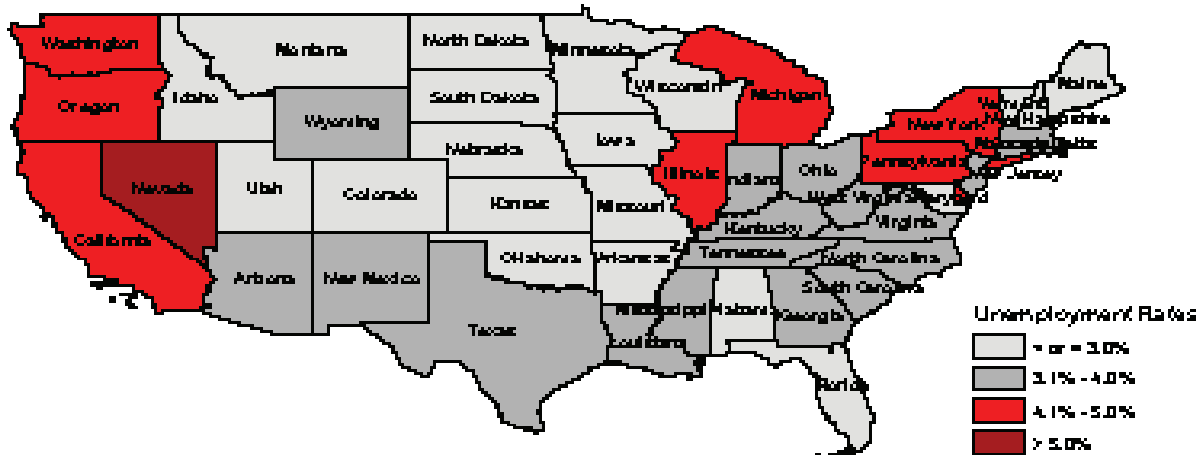
Between February and March, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates declined in 18 states. Jobless rates were stable in 32 states and increased in the District of Columbia. In March, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 1.9% in South Dakota to a high of 5.5% in Nevada. Arkansas ranked 19th among states, with a jobless rate of 3.0% in March. Twenty-seven states, including Arkansas, posted jobless rates below the national rate of 3.5%.

Compared to March 2022, unemployment rates have declined in 11 states and the District of Columbia. The largest rate decrease occurred in New Mexico, down one and one-tenth of a percentage point. Ten states reported rate increases, with Oregon up nine-tenths of a percentage point over-the-year. Arkansas' unemployment rate is down one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.1% in March 2022 to 3.0% in March 2023.

Unemployment Rates by State (Seasonally Adjusted)
 March 2023

Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate
1	South Dakota	1.9	18	Kansas	2.9	35	Louisiana	3.6
2	Nebraska	2.1	19	Arkansas	3.0	36	Alaska	3.7
2	North Dakota	2.1	19	Oklahoma	3.0	36	Wyoming	3.7
4	Alabama	2.3	21	Georgia	3.1	38	Kentucky	3.8
4	Montana	2.3	21	Indiana	3.1	38	Ohio	3.8
6	New Hampshire	2.4	21	Rhode Island	3.1	40	Connecticut	4.0
6	Utah	2.4	24	South Carolina	3.2	40	Texas	4.0
8	Missouri	2.5	24	Virginia	3.2	42	Michigan	4.1
8	Wisconsin	2.5	26	Tennessee	3.4	42	New York	4.1
10	Florida	2.6	26	West Virginia	3.4	44	Pennsylvania	4.2
10	Idaho	2.6	28	Arizona	3.5	45	California	4.4
10	Maine	2.6	28	Hawaii	3.5	45	Delaware	4.4
13	Maryland	2.7	28	Massachusetts	3.5	45	Illinois	4.4
13	Vermont	2.7	28	Mississippi	3.5	45	Oregon	4.4
15	Colorado	2.8	28	New Jersey	3.5	49	Washington	4.5
15	Iowa	2.8	28	New Mexico	3.5	50	District of Columbia	4.8
15	Minnesota	2.8	28	North Carolina	3.5	51	Nevada	5.5

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 3.5 Percent



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 3.2% in February to 3.0% in March. The United States' jobless rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.6% in February to 3.5% in March.

In March, Arkansas' civilian labor force increased by 1,828. There were 4,661 more employed and 2,833 fewer unemployed Arkansans, leading to a drop in the unemployment rate. Employment in the State has increased for six consecutive months. Arkansas' labor force participation rate remained stable at 57.4% between February and March.

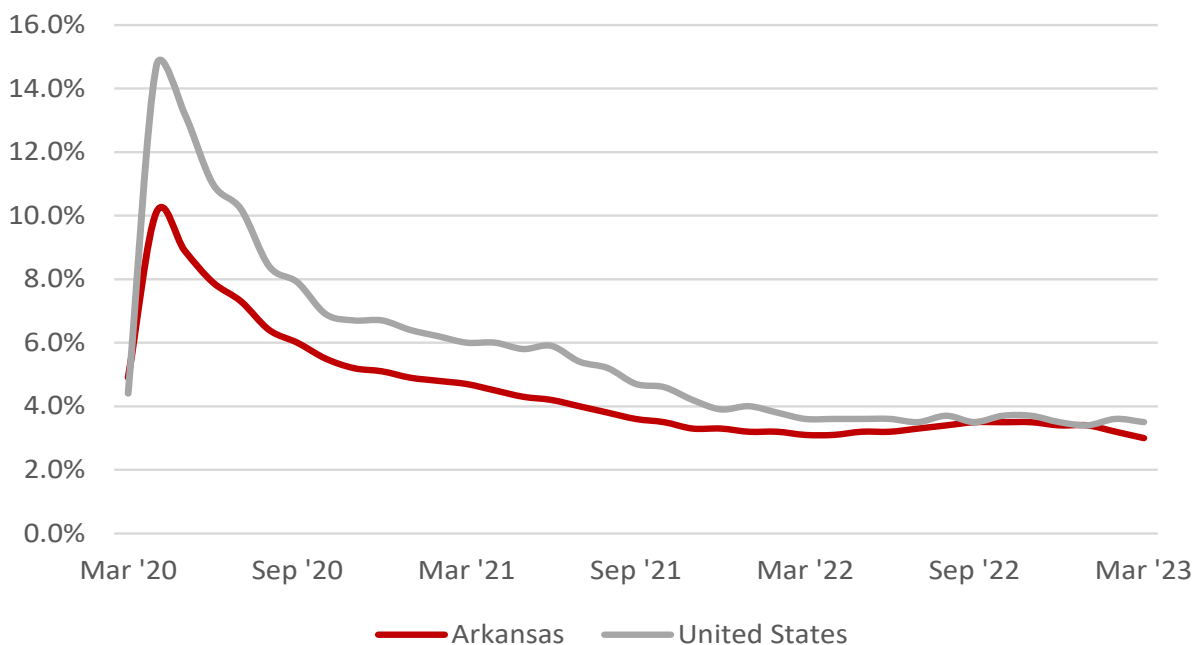
Compared to March 2022, there are 10,118 additional employed in Arkansas. The unemployment rate is one-tenth of a percentage point lower with 2,225 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The labor force participation rate is down two-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Feb 23</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Feb 23</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,375,426	1,373,598	1,367,533	Civilian Labor Force	1,381,469	1,370,298
Employment	1,334,589	1,329,928	1,324,471	Employment	1,345,247	1,326,855
Unemployment	40,837	43,670	43,062	Unemployment	36,222	43,443
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	3.2%	3.1%	Unemployment Rate	2.6%	3.2%
LF Participation Rate	57.4%	57.4%	57.6%	LF Participation Rate	57.6%	57.8%

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

Arkansas vs United States (March 2020 - March 2023)



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

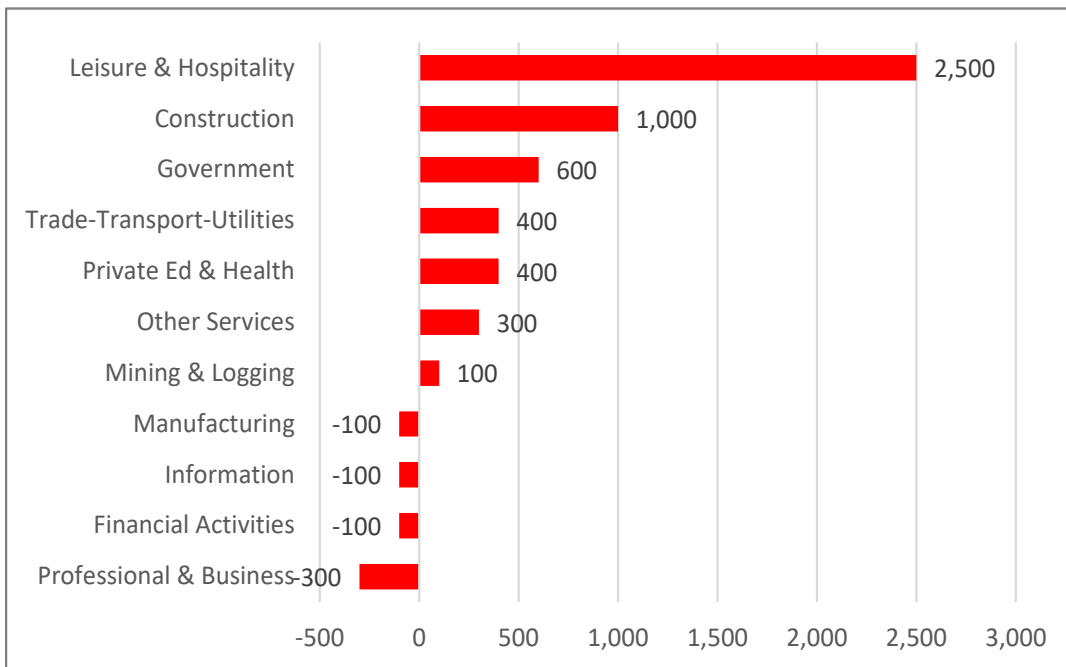
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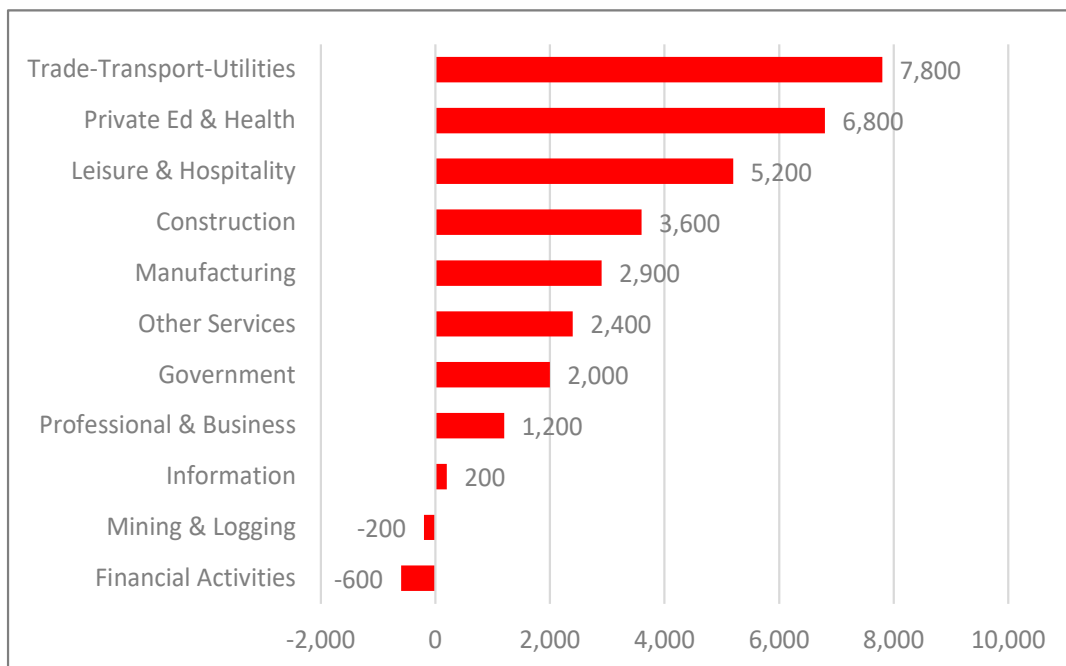
(NAICS)	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1350.9	1346.2	1319.6	4.7	31.3
Goods Producing	228.3	227.3	222.0	1.0	6.3
Mining, Logging, & Construction	64.4	63.3	61.0	1.1	3.4
Mining & Logging	5.0	4.9	5.2	0.1	-0.2
Construction	59.4	58.4	55.8	1.0	3.6
Specialty Trade Contractors	36.5	35.8	35.1	0.7	1.4
Manufacturing	163.9	164.0	161.0	-0.1	2.9
Durable Goods	79.8	79.8	77.9	0.0	1.9
Nondurable Goods	84.1	84.2	83.1	-0.1	1.0
Service Providing	1122.6	1118.9	1097.6	3.7	25.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	274.8	274.4	267.0	0.4	7.8
Wholesale Trade	53.6	54.3	50.0	-0.7	3.6
Retail Trade	144.0	142.4	143.2	1.6	0.8
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	77.2	77.7	73.8	-0.5	3.4
Information	12.7	12.8	12.5	-0.1	0.2
Financial Activities	69.1	69.2	69.7	-0.1	-0.6
Finance & Insurance	55.0	55.0	55.5	0.0	-0.5
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14.1	14.2	14.2	-0.1	-0.1
Professional & Business Services	152.2	152.5	151.0	-0.3	1.2
Professional, Scientific & Technical	49.1	49.0	47.3	0.1	1.8
Management of Companies	40.4	40.1	36.7	0.3	3.7
Administrative & Support Services	62.7	63.4	67.0	-0.7	-4.3
Private Education & Health Services	203.9	203.5	197.1	0.4	6.8
Private Educational Services	19.2	19.3	18.1	-0.1	1.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	184.7	184.2	179.0	0.5	5.7
Ambulatory Health Care	64.2	63.7	61.7	0.5	2.5
Social Assistance	37.7	37.6	36.7	0.1	1.0
Leisure & Hospitality	124.6	122.1	119.4	2.5	5.2
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12.8	12.3	11.9	0.5	0.9
Accommodation & Food Services	111.8	109.8	107.5	2.0	4.3
Accommodation Services	11.3	11.1	10.7	0.2	0.6
Food Services	100.5	98.7	96.8	1.8	3.7
Other Services	73.1	72.8	70.7	0.3	2.4
Government	212.2	211.6	210.2	0.6	2.0
Federal Government	20.9	20.8	20.5	0.1	0.4
State Government	78.2	77.9	78.1	0.3	0.1
State Gov, Educational Services	32.0	31.7	31.7	0.3	0.3
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.2	46.2	46.4	0.0	-0.2
Local Government	113.1	112.9	111.6	0.2	1.5
Local Gov, Educational Services	70.1	70.1	69.6	0.0	0.5
Local Gov, Excluding Education	43.0	42.8	42.0	0.2	1.0

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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



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



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

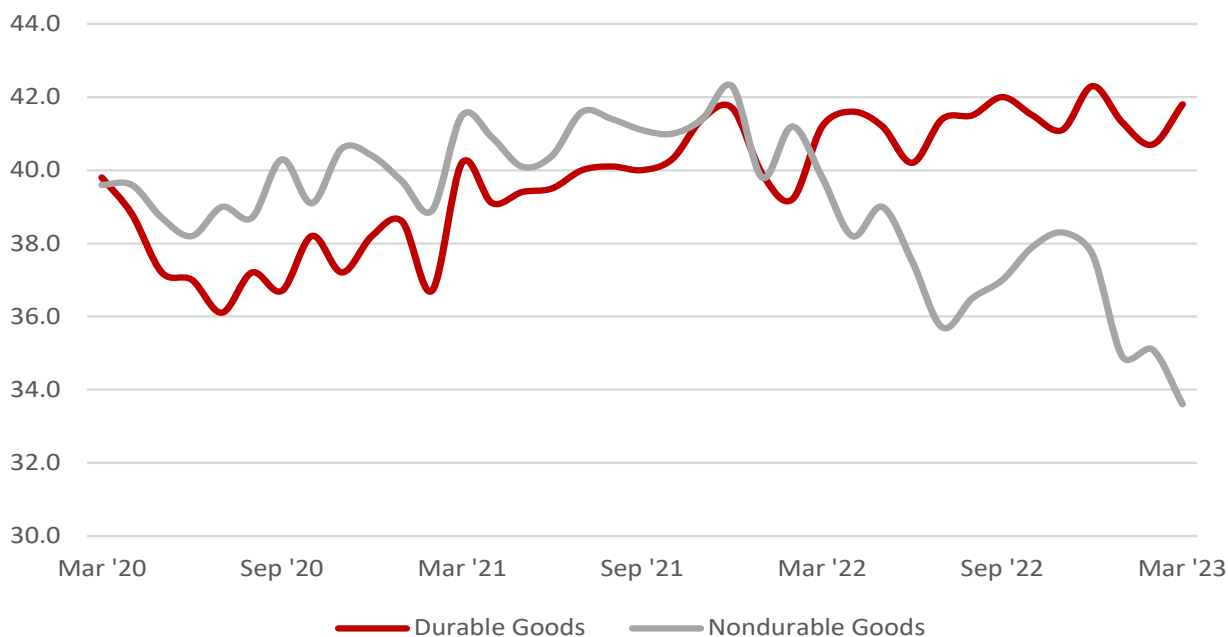
Manufacturing

	Mar 23	Feb 23	Mar 22
Average Weekly Hours	37.5	37.8	40.5
Average Hourly Earnings	\$21.56	\$21.48	\$20.27
Average Weekly Earnings	\$808.50	\$811.94	\$820.94

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	Mar 23	Feb 23	Mar 22		Mar 23	Feb 23	Mar 22
Average Weekly Hours	41.8	40.7	41.2	Average Weekly Hours	33.6	35.1	39.8
Average Hourly Earnings	\$23.80	\$23.84	\$21.40	Average Hourly Earnings	\$18.99	\$19.01	\$19.22
Average Weekly Earnings	\$994.84	\$970.29	\$881.68	Average Weekly Earnings	\$638.06	\$667.25	\$764.96

Average Weekly Hours Worked - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods
 March 2020 - March 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)

	Mar 23	Feb 23	Mar 22	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	360,321	359,027	358,870	1,294	1,451
Employment	351,333	349,198	347,744	2,135	3,589
Unemployment	8,988	9,829	11,126	-841	-2,138
Unemployment Rate	2.5%	2.7%	3.1%	-0.2%	-0.6%

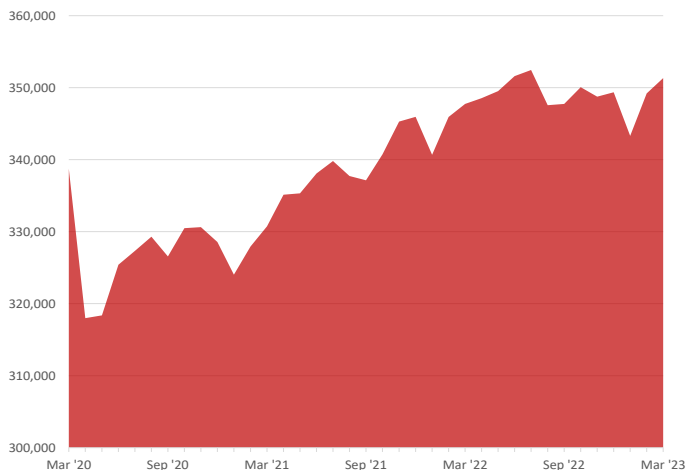
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Mar 23	Feb 23	Mar 22	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	379.8	379.6	372.9	0.2	6.9
Goods Producing	39.1	39.0	38.3	0.1	0.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	19.3	19.1	18.7	0.2	0.6
Manufacturing	19.8	19.9	19.6	-0.1	0.2
Service Providing	340.7	340.6	334.6	0.1	6.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	78.3	78.3	76.9	0.0	1.4
Wholesale Trade	18.3	18.4	16.5	-0.1	1.8
Retail Trade	38.6	38.3	38.4	0.3	0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	21.4	21.6	22.0	-0.2	-0.6
Information	5.7	5.8	5.6	-0.1	0.1
Financial Activities	24.2	24.2	24.4	0.0	-0.2
Professional & Business Services	47.1	47.8	47.1	-0.7	0.0
Private Education & Health Services	62.8	63.0	60.1	-0.2	2.7
Leisure & Hospitality	33.9	33.1	32.8	0.8	1.1
Other Services	19.2	19.1	18.4	0.1	0.8
Government	69.5	69.3	69.3	0.2	0.2
Federal Government	9.9	9.9	9.9	0.0	0.0
State Government	34.2	34.1	34.6	0.1	-0.4
Local Government	25.4	25.3	24.8	0.1	0.6

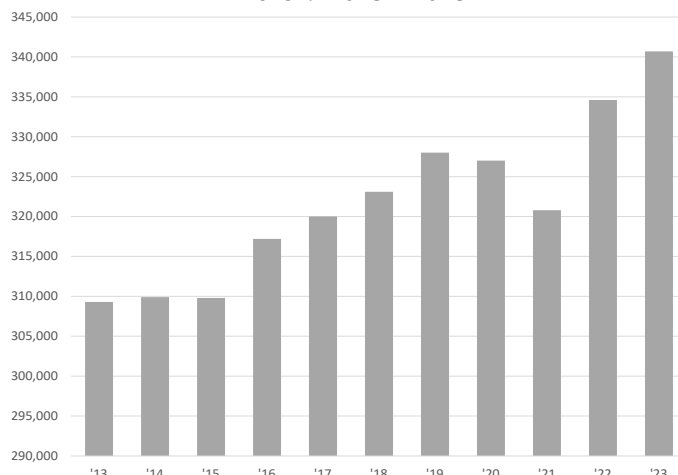
Employment

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Jobs in Service Providing Industries

March: 2013 - 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)

	Mar 23	Feb 23	Mar 22	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	314,067	310,566	303,127	3,501	10,940
Employment	307,936	304,097	296,158	3,839	11,778
Unemployment	6,131	6,469	6,969	-338	-838
Unemployment Rate	2.0%	2.1%	2.3%	-0.1%	-0.3%

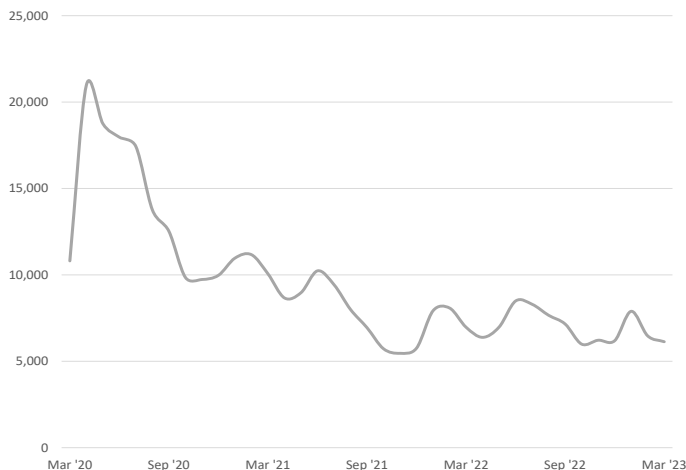
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Mar 23	Feb 23	Mar 22	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	306.3	304.4	291.5	1.9	14.8
Goods Producing	47.3	47.0	45.4	0.3	1.9
Mining, Logging & Construction	15.4	15.1	14.1	0.3	1.3
Manufacturing	31.9	31.9	31.3	0.0	0.6
Service Providing	259.0	257.4	246.1	1.6	12.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	64.2	64.1	60.8	0.1	3.4
Wholesale Trade	14.3	14.4	13.4	-0.1	0.9
Retail Trade	28.9	28.6	28.7	0.3	0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	21.0	21.1	18.7	-0.1	2.3
Information	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	10.0	10.1	9.8	-0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	59.4	58.9	57.5	0.5	1.9
Private Education & Health Services	34.5	34.4	32.9	0.1	1.6
Leisure & Hospitality	30.0	29.3	27.6	0.7	2.4
Other Services	15.7	15.7	15.0	0.0	0.7
Government	42.8	42.5	40.2	0.3	2.6
Federal Government	3.1	3.0	2.8	0.1	0.3
State Government	19.6	19.5	18.1	0.1	1.5
Local Government	20.1	20.0	19.3	0.1	0.8

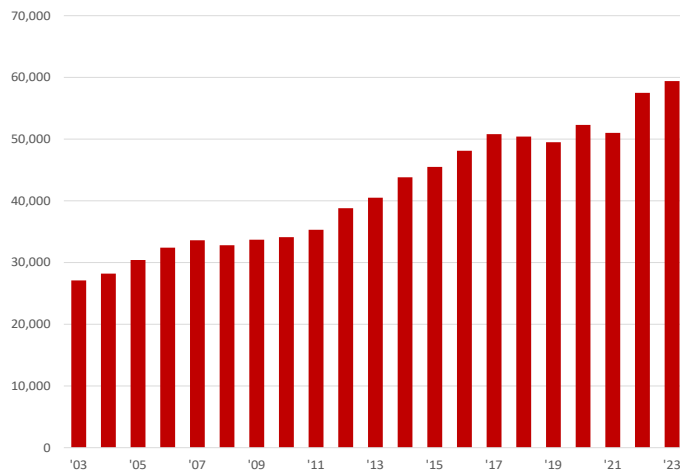
Unemployment

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Jobs in Professional & Business Services

March: 2003 - 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)

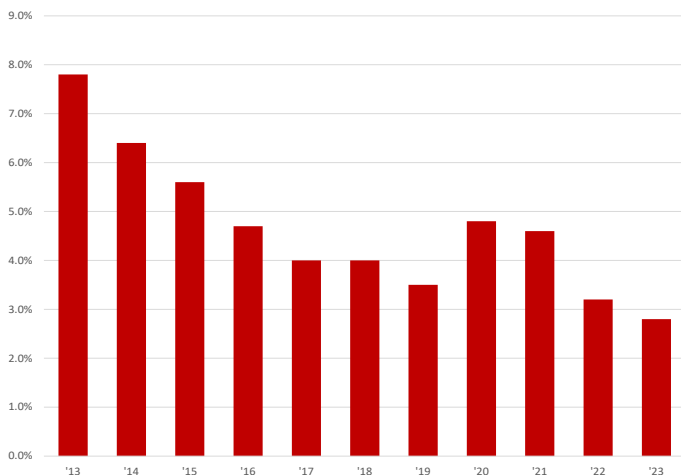
	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Feb 23</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	118,904	118,381	117,726	523	1,178
Employment	115,595	114,858	113,977	737	1,618
Unemployment	3,309	3,523	3,749	-214	-440
Unemployment Rate	2.8%	3.0%	3.2%	-0.2%	-0.4%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

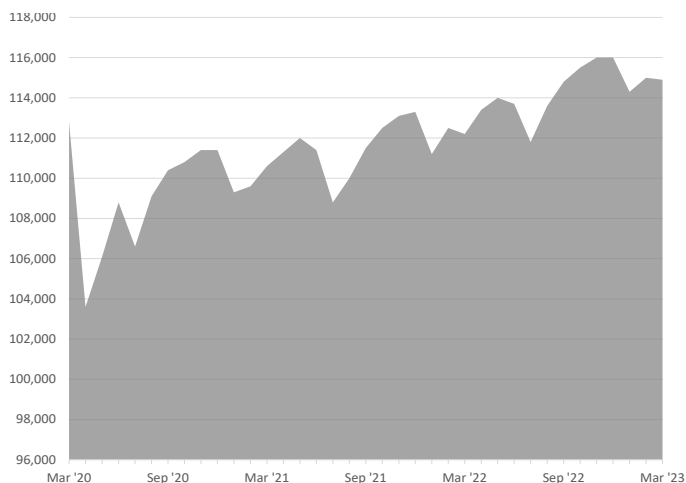
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Feb 23</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	114.9	115.0	112.2	-0.1	2.7
Goods Producing	23.9	24.0	23.1	-0.1	0.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.3	5.3	5.0	0.0	0.3
Manufacturing	18.6	18.7	18.1	-0.1	0.5
Service Providing	91.0	91.0	89.1	0.0	1.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.6	24.7	23.8	-0.1	0.8
Wholesale Trade	5.0	5.0	4.6	0.0	0.4
Retail Trade	12.9	13.0	13.0	-0.1	-0.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.7	6.7	6.2	0.0	0.5
Information	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	4.1	4.1	4.2	0.0	-0.1
Professional & Business Services	11.2	11.4	11.9	-0.2	-0.7
Private Education & Health Services	18.0	18.0	17.2	0.0	0.8
Leisure & Hospitality	9.9	9.7	9.4	0.2	0.5
Other Services	3.6	3.5	3.4	0.1	0.2
Government	18.2	18.2	17.9	0.0	0.3
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.4	2.4	2.6	0.0	-0.2
Local Government	14.5	14.5	14.0	0.0	0.5

Unemployment Rates
 March: 2013 - 2023



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
 March 2020 - March 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Feb 23</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	42,200	42,081	42,141	119	59
Employment	40,935	40,670	40,599	265	336
Unemployment	1,265	1,411	1,542	-146	-277
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	3.4%	3.7%	-0.4%	-0.7%

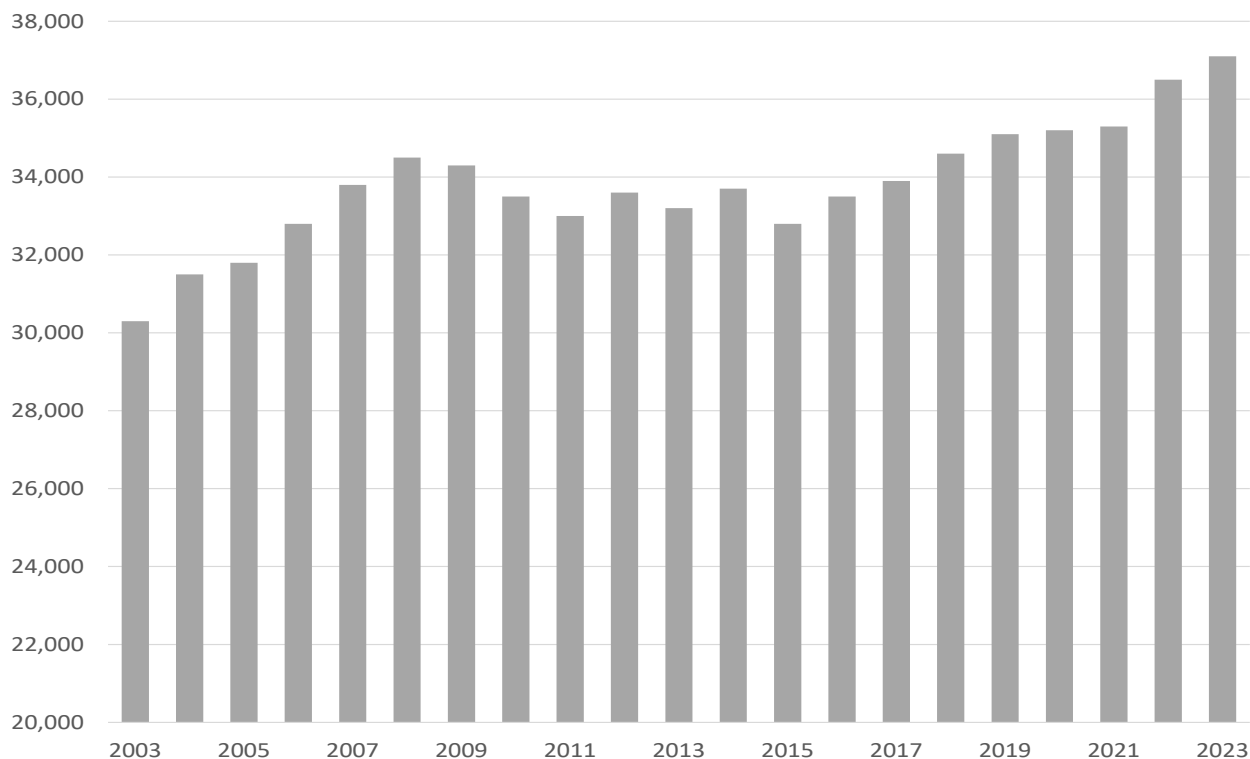
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Feb 23</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	41.8	41.5	41.1	0.3	0.7
Goods Producing	4.7	4.7	4.6	0.0	0.1
Service Providing	37.1	36.8	36.5	0.3	0.6
Government	4.2	4.2	4.4	0.0	-0.2

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

March: 2003 - 2023



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Feb 23</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	68,427	68,002	67,420	425	1,007
Employment	66,907	66,361	65,596	546	1,311
Unemployment	1,520	1,641	1,824	-121	-304
Unemployment Rate	2.2%	2.4%	2.7%	-0.2%	-0.5%

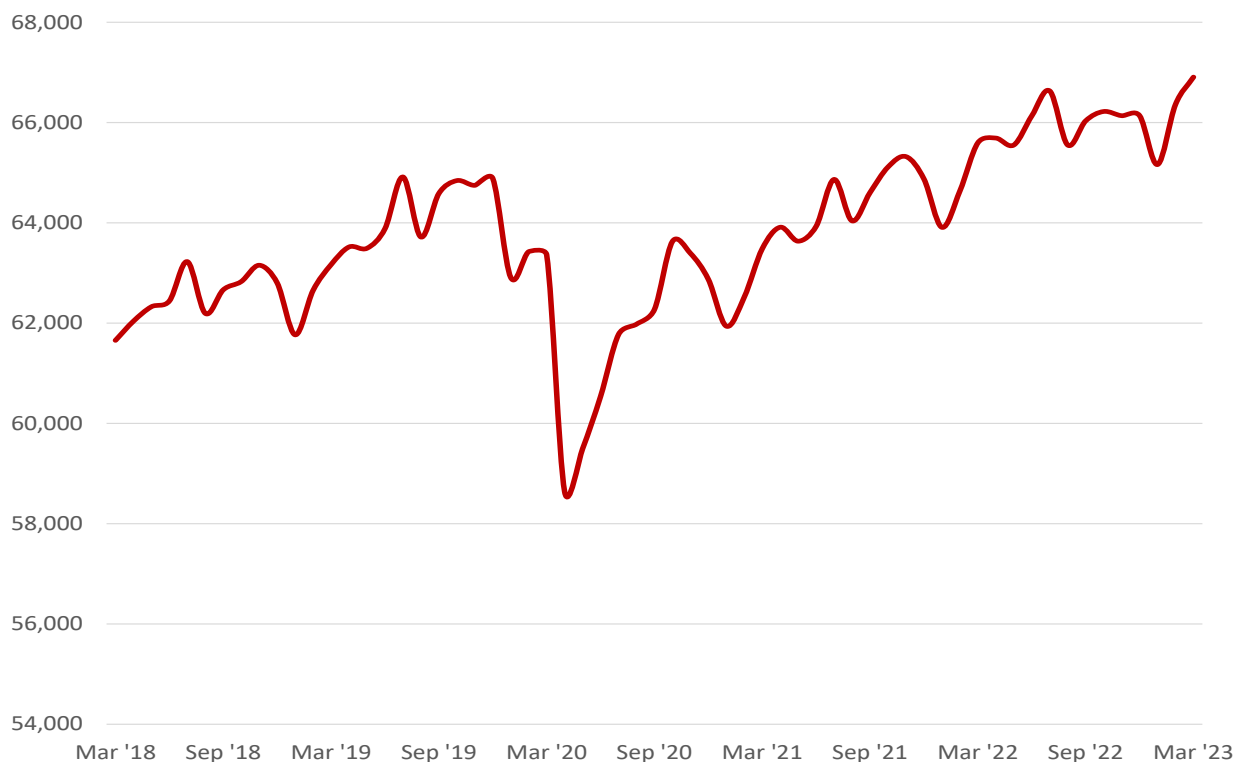
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Feb 23</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	64.5	64.5	62.5	0.0	2.0
Goods Producing	12.5	12.5	11.8	0.0	0.7
Service Providing	52.0	52.0	50.7	0.0	1.3
Government	9.2	9.2	8.7	0.0	0.5

Employment

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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)

	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Feb 23</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	32,519	32,205	32,658	314	-139
Employment	31,342	30,894	31,086	448	256
Unemployment	1,177	1,311	1,572	-134	-395
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.1%	4.8%	-0.5%	-1.2%

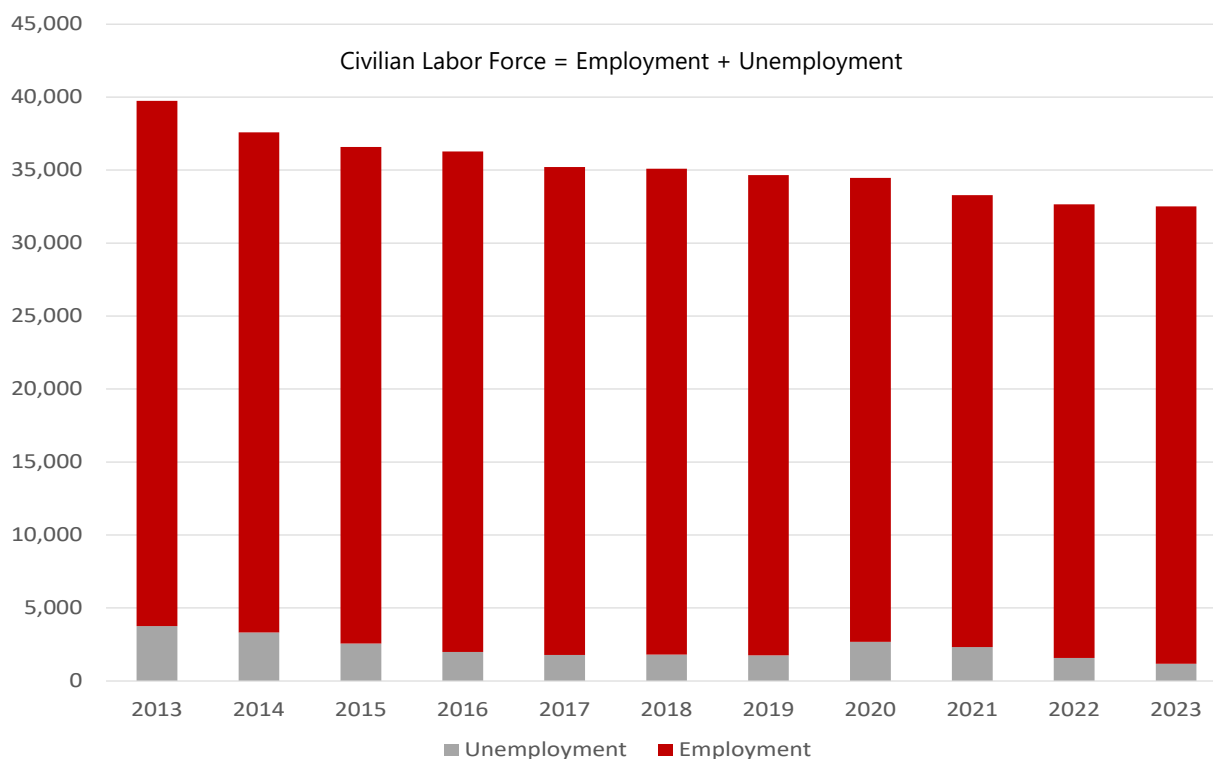
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Feb 23</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.7	31.4	31.1	0.3	0.6
Goods Producing	5.6	5.5	5.2	0.1	0.4
Service Providing	26.1	25.9	25.9	0.2	0.2
Government	8.7	8.6	8.6	0.1	0.1

Composition of the Civilian Labor Force

March: 2013 - 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.

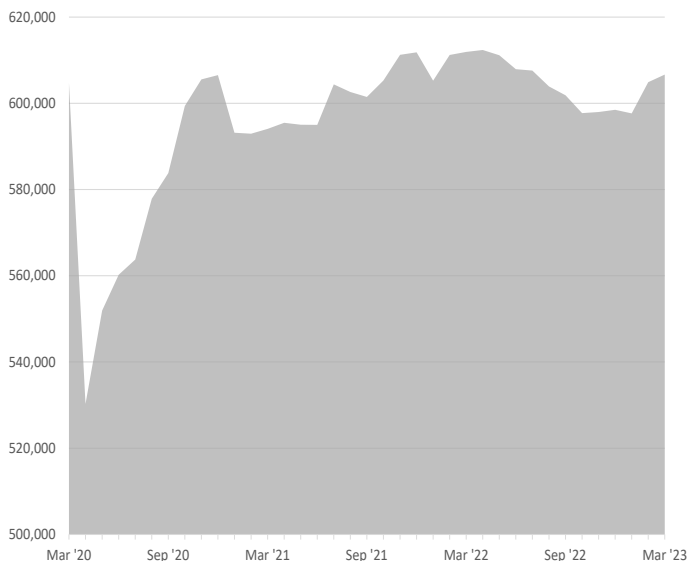
	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Feb 23</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	630,709	631,175	637,519	-466	-6,810
Employment	606,662	604,890	611,925	1,772	-5,263
Unemployment	24,047	26,285	25,594	-2,238	-1,547
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.2%	4.0%	-0.4%	-0.2%

Texarkana MSA

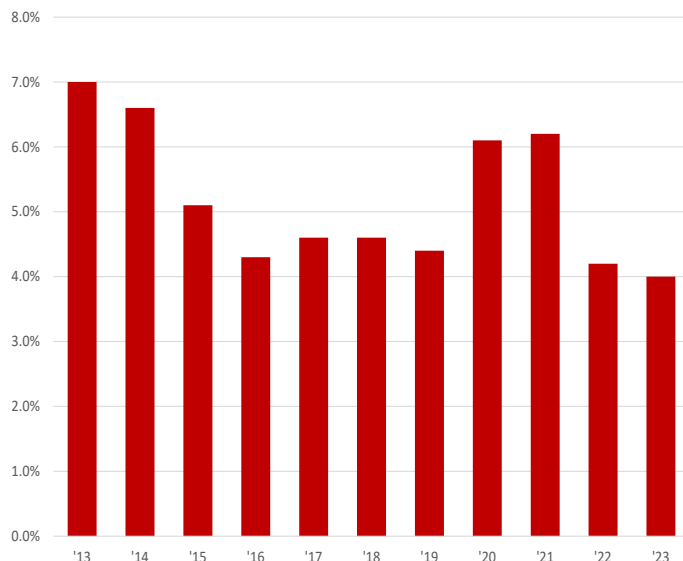
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Feb 23</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	62,933	62,778	62,592	155	341
Employment	60,425	60,035	59,952	390	473
Unemployment	2,508	2,743	2,640	-235	-132
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.4%	4.2%	-0.4%	-0.2%

Memphis MSA - Employment
 March 2020 - March 2023



Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates
 March: 2013 - 2023



Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	March 2023				February 2023				March 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,362	8,055	307	3.7	8,289	7,956	333	4.0	8,681	8,343	338	3.9
Batesville Micro	16,805	16,367	438	2.6	16,632	16,153	479	2.9	16,512	15,984	528	3.2
Blytheville Micro	16,453	15,832	621	3.8	16,118	15,451	667	4.1	16,392	15,624	768	4.7
Camden Micro	12,124	11,739	385	3.2	11,939	11,523	416	3.5	12,215	11,778	437	3.6
El Dorado Micro	14,752	14,206	546	3.7	14,625	14,030	595	4.1	14,930	14,253	677	4.5
Forrest City Micro	7,479	7,184	295	3.9	7,409	7,070	339	4.6	7,744	7,380	364	4.7
Harrison Micro	19,226	18,732	494	2.6	19,123	18,567	556	2.9	19,146	18,626	520	2.7
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,588	5,275	313	5.6	5,514	5,158	356	6.5	5,743	5,421	322	5.6
Hope Micro	12,933	12,602	331	2.6	12,767	12,402	365	2.9	12,846	12,419	427	3.3
Magnolia Micro	8,909	8,599	310	3.5	8,819	8,480	339	3.8	8,884	8,517	367	4.1
Malvern Micro	13,948	13,564	384	2.8	13,844	13,432	412	3.0	13,861	13,414	447	3.2
Mountain Home Micro	16,500	16,026	474	2.9	16,342	15,803	539	3.3	16,715	16,160	555	3.3
Paragould Micro	20,097	19,558	539	2.7	19,812	19,246	566	2.9	19,956	19,387	569	2.9
Russellville Micro	35,876	34,795	1,081	3.0	35,357	34,165	1,192	3.4	35,834	34,622	1,212	3.4
Searcy Micro	34,492	33,513	979	2.8	34,198	33,126	1,072	3.1	34,586	33,399	1,187	3.4

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 2023				February 2023				March 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	13,489	13,142	347	2.6	13,364	12,976	388	2.9	13,068	12,636	432	3.3
Benton	17,911	17,524	387	2.2	17,829	17,436	393	2.2	17,836	17,339	497	2.8
Bentonville	32,745	32,138	607	1.9	32,407	31,732	675	2.1	31,523	30,902	621	2.0
Blytheville	5,504	5,300	204	3.7	5,411	5,172	239	4.4	5,471	5,230	241	4.4
Cabot	12,172	11,896	276	2.3	12,047	11,764	283	2.3	12,115	11,794	321	2.6
Conway	34,900	34,039	861	2.5	34,773	33,833	940	2.7	34,634	33,699	935	2.7
El Dorado	6,371	6,113	258	4.0	6,312	6,038	274	4.3	6,460	6,134	326	5.0
Fayetteville	53,447	52,381	1,066	2.0	52,867	51,749	1,118	2.1	51,624	50,375	1,249	2.4
Fort Smith	38,530	37,576	954	2.5	38,489	37,426	1,063	2.8	38,208	37,023	1,185	3.1
Hot Springs	15,661	15,148	513	3.3	15,609	15,050	559	3.6	15,705	15,024	681	4.3
Jacksonville	11,651	11,307	344	3.0	11,651	11,249	402	3.5	11,648	11,187	461	4.0
Jonesboro	41,187	40,263	924	2.2	40,996	39,997	999	2.4	40,530	39,447	1,083	2.7
Little Rock	97,463	94,897	2,566	2.6	97,173	94,410	2,763	2.8	97,165	93,890	3,275	3.4
North Little Rock	30,045	29,181	864	2.9	30,013	29,031	982	3.3	30,020	28,872	1,148	3.8
Paragould	12,768	12,430	338	2.6	12,608	12,232	376	3.0	12,704	12,321	383	3.0
Pine Bluff	15,183	14,531	652	4.3	15,073	14,357	716	4.8	15,264	14,396	868	5.7
Rogers	40,164	39,428	736	1.8	39,718	38,930	788	2.0	38,744	37,911	833	2.2
Russellville	12,858	12,497	361	2.8	12,707	12,306	401	3.2	12,824	12,422	402	3.1
Searcy	10,391	10,120	271	2.6	10,283	10,003	280	2.7	10,470	10,086	384	3.7
Sherwood	16,323	15,925	398	2.4	16,298	15,844	454	2.8	16,220	15,757	463	2.9
Springdale	42,625	41,833	792	1.9	42,129	41,327	802	1.9	41,133	40,231	902	2.2
Texarkana, AR	12,781	12,399	382	3.0	12,774	12,340	434	3.4	12,806	12,276	530	4.1
Van Buren	10,314	10,075	239	2.3	10,267	10,004	263	2.6	10,238	9,935	303	3.0
West Memphis	10,138	9,761	377	3.7	10,142	9,698	444	4.4	10,028	9,667	361	3.6

County Labor Force Statistics

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	March 2023				February 2023				March 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,403	9,198	205	2.2	9,193	8,963	230	2.5	9,326	8,997	329	3.5
Ashley	6,690	6,396	294	4.4	6,646	6,301	345	5.2	6,843	6,489	354	5.2
Baxter	16,500	16,026	474	2.9	16,342	15,803	539	3.3	16,715	16,160	555	3.3
Benton	156,439	153,328	3,111	2.0	154,717	151,393	3,324	2.1	150,873	147,429	3,444	2.3
Boone	15,995	15,582	413	2.6	15,922	15,461	461	2.9	15,907	15,485	422	2.7
Bradley	4,071	3,901	170	4.2	4,006	3,814	192	4.8	4,216	4,042	174	4.1
Calhoun	2,409	2,347	62	2.6	2,348	2,281	67	2.9	2,429	2,362	67	2.8
Carroll	12,373	12,077	296	2.4	12,057	11,694	363	3.0	12,573	12,200	373	3.0
Chicot	2,961	2,821	140	4.7	2,880	2,736	144	5.0	3,053	2,872	181	5.9
Clark	8,362	8,055	307	3.7	8,289	7,956	333	4.0	8,681	8,343	338	3.9
Clay	5,449	5,261	188	3.5	5,295	5,081	214	4.0	5,580	5,372	208	3.7
Cleburne	8,855	8,557	298	3.4	8,806	8,459	347	3.9	8,993	8,605	388	4.3
Cleveland	3,126	3,039	87	2.8	3,072	2,971	101	3.3	3,140	3,025	115	3.7
Columbia	8,909	8,599	310	3.5	8,819	8,480	339	3.8	8,884	8,517	367	4.1
Conway	8,344	8,085	259	3.1	8,294	8,008	286	3.4	8,386	8,078	308	3.7
Craighead	58,275	57,013	1,262	2.2	57,993	56,637	1,356	2.3	57,354	55,858	1,496	2.6
Crawford	26,449	25,784	665	2.5	26,322	25,603	719	2.7	26,255	25,427	828	3.2
Crittenden	20,705	20,003	702	3.4	20,649	19,874	775	3.8	20,535	19,810	725	3.5
Cross	6,905	6,719	186	2.7	6,762	6,542	220	3.3	7,107	6,859	248	3.5
Dallas	2,724	2,631	93	3.4	2,689	2,586	103	3.8	2,790	2,686	104	3.7
Desha	4,980	4,795	185	3.7	4,842	4,636	206	4.3	5,041	4,781	260	5.2
Drew	7,563	7,304	259	3.4	7,438	7,148	290	3.9	7,680	7,370	310	4.0
Faulkner	63,400	61,828	1,572	2.5	63,164	61,453	1,711	2.7	62,962	61,211	1,751	2.8
Franklin	7,537	7,341	196	2.6	7,453	7,236	217	2.9	7,532	7,290	242	3.2
Fulton	4,986	4,846	140	2.8	4,950	4,799	151	3.1	5,110	4,944	166	3.2
Garland	42,200	40,935	1,265	3.0	42,081	40,670	1,411	3.4	42,141	40,599	1,542	3.7
Grant	8,522	8,317	205	2.4	8,435	8,215	220	2.6	8,491	8,243	248	2.9
Greene	20,097	19,558	539	2.7	19,812	19,246	566	2.9	19,956	19,387	569	2.9
Hempstead	9,477	9,240	237	2.5	9,343	9,077	266	2.8	9,409	9,112	297	3.2
Hot Spring	13,948	13,564	384	2.8	13,844	13,432	412	3.0	13,861	13,414	447	3.2
Howard	5,411	5,260	151	2.8	5,278	5,121	157	3.0	5,546	5,380	166	3.0
Independence	16,805	16,367	438	2.6	16,632	16,153	479	2.9	16,512	15,984	528	3.2
Izard	4,504	4,335	169	3.8	4,447	4,258	189	4.3	4,481	4,271	210	4.7
Jackson	5,556	5,336	220	4.0	5,407	5,158	249	4.6	5,657	5,399	258	4.6
Jefferson	25,641	24,677	964	3.8	25,454	24,383	1,071	4.2	25,745	24,448	1,297	5.0
Johnson	10,139	9,817	322	3.2	10,050	9,683	367	3.7	10,257	9,885	372	3.6
Lafayette	2,334	2,239	95	4.1	2,299	2,193	106	4.6	2,377	2,277	100	4.2
Lawrence	7,014	6,840	174	2.5	6,865	6,672	193	2.8	7,010	6,771	239	3.4
Lee	2,620	2,510	110	4.2	2,542	2,419	123	4.8	2,659	2,542	117	4.4
Lincoln	3,752	3,626	126	3.4	3,679	3,540	139	3.8	3,773	3,613	160	4.2
Little River	5,190	5,040	150	2.9	5,177	5,005	172	3.3	5,178	4,986	192	3.7
Logan	8,248	7,993	255	3.1	8,167	7,879	288	3.5	8,407	8,114	293	3.5
Lonoke	34,500	33,723	777	2.3	34,185	33,349	836	2.4	34,382	33,435	947	2.8
Madison	8,111	7,941	170	2.1	7,912	7,731	181	2.3	7,902	7,706	196	2.5
Marion	6,240	6,046	194	3.1	6,221	5,993	228	3.7	6,242	6,019	223	3.6
Miller	18,683	18,125	558	3.0	18,661	18,039	622	3.3	18,659	17,945	714	3.8

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County Labor Force Statistics

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	March 2023				February 2023				March 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,453	15,832	621	3.8	16,118	15,451	667	4.1	16,392	15,624	768	4.7
Monroe	2,599	2,513	86	3.3	2,523	2,422	101	4.0	2,635	2,522	113	4.3
Montgomery	2,878	2,764	114	4.0	2,763	2,635	128	4.6	2,965	2,831	134	4.5
Nevada	3,456	3,362	94	2.7	3,424	3,325	99	2.9	3,437	3,307	130	3.8
Newton	3,231	3,150	81	2.5	3,201	3,106	95	3.0	3,239	3,141	98	3.0
Ouachita	9,715	9,392	323	3.3	9,591	9,242	349	3.6	9,786	9,416	370	3.8
Perry	4,243	4,120	123	2.9	4,210	4,079	131	3.1	4,241	4,088	153	3.6
Phillips	5,588	5,275	313	5.6	5,514	5,158	356	6.5	5,743	5,421	322	5.6
Pike	4,031	3,921	110	2.7	3,929	3,806	123	3.1	4,191	4,036	155	3.7
Poinsett	10,152	9,894	258	2.5	10,009	9,724	285	2.8	10,066	9,738	328	3.3
Polk	7,961	7,731	230	2.9	7,828	7,571	257	3.3	7,986	7,702	284	3.6
Pope	27,821	26,983	838	3.0	27,492	26,570	922	3.4	27,750	26,821	929	3.3
Prairie	3,603	3,517	86	2.4	3,508	3,413	95	2.7	3,584	3,480	104	2.9
Pulaski	189,434	184,503	4,931	2.6	189,004	183,556	5,448	2.9	188,970	182,546	6,424	3.4
Randolph	7,241	7,043	198	2.7	7,201	6,948	253	3.5	7,440	7,198	242	3.3
St. Francis	7,479	7,184	295	3.9	7,409	7,070	339	4.6	7,744	7,380	364	4.7
Saline	60,222	58,842	1,380	2.3	60,029	58,546	1,483	2.5	59,824	58,221	1,603	2.7
Scott	4,377	4,275	102	2.3	4,269	4,166	103	2.4	4,234	4,116	118	2.8
Searcy	2,821	2,714	107	3.8	2,787	2,656	131	4.7	2,848	2,724	124	4.4
Sebastian	55,529	54,131	1,398	2.5	55,418	53,915	1,503	2.7	55,006	53,334	1,672	3.0
Sevier	5,508	5,341	167	3.0	5,435	5,254	181	3.3	5,480	5,276	204	3.7
Sharp	5,885	5,693	192	3.3	5,839	5,633	206	3.5	5,739	5,509	230	4.0
Stone	4,565	4,412	153	3.4	4,476	4,293	183	4.1	4,599	4,424	175	3.8
Union	14,752	14,206	546	3.7	14,625	14,030	595	4.1	14,930	14,253	677	4.5
Van Buren	5,958	5,758	200	3.4	5,917	5,688	229	3.9	5,974	5,718	256	4.3
Washington	138,080	135,500	2,580	1.9	136,576	133,866	2,710	2.0	133,340	130,310	3,030	2.3
White	34,492	33,513	979	2.8	34,198	33,126	1,072	3.1	34,586	33,399	1,187	3.4
Woodruff	2,934	2,841	93	3.2	2,822	2,720	102	3.6	2,879	2,780	99	3.4
Yell	8,055	7,812	243	3.0	7,865	7,595	270	3.4	8,084	7,801	283	3.5

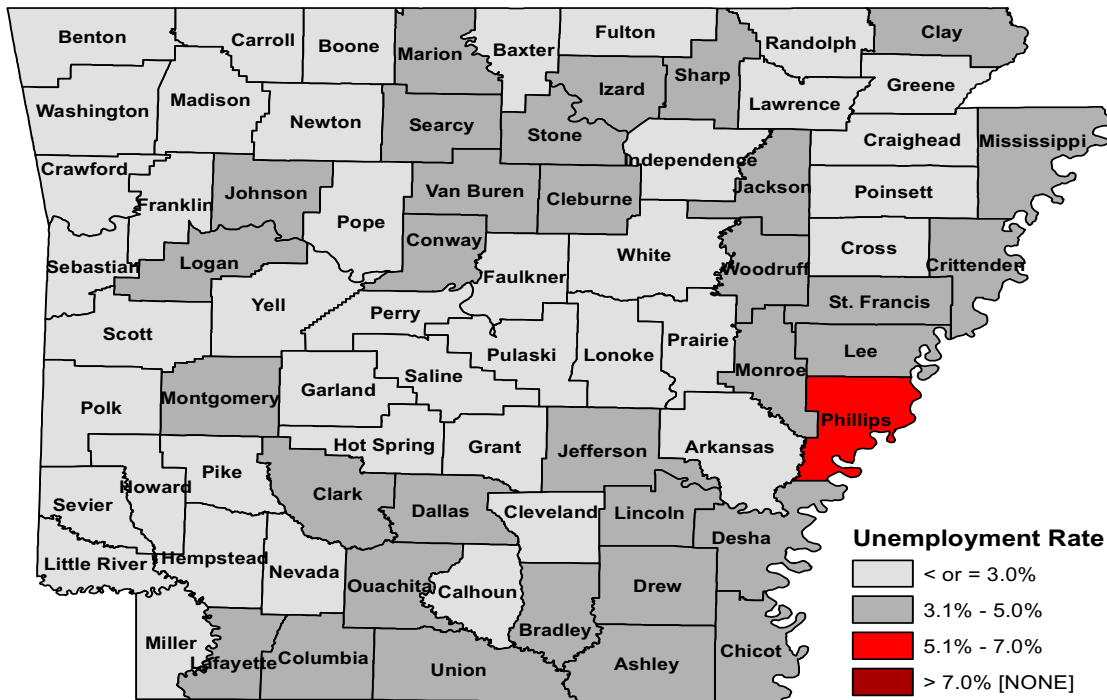
County Labor Force Summary

Between February and March, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 1.9% in Washington County to a high of 5.6% in Phillips County.

In March, forty-two counties reported unemployment rates at or below 3%. That is up from twenty-seven counties at or below 3% last month. For the second month in a row, no county had a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to March 2022, jobless rates are down in 73 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Bradley County's unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point over the year, while the rate in Phillips County remained the same. The largest annual jobless rate declines were in Desha and Arkansas counties, down one and five-tenths of a percentage point and one and three-tenths of a percentage point, respectively.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

March 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	1.9	24	Nevada	2.7	51	Cleburne	3.4
2	Benton	2.0	24	Pike	2.7	51	Crittenden	3.4
3	Madison	2.1	24	Randolph	2.7	51	Dallas	3.4
4	Arkansas	2.2	29	Cleveland	2.8	51	Drew	3.4
4	Craighead	2.2	29	Fulton	2.8	51	Lincoln	3.4
6	Lonoke	2.3	29	Hot Spring	2.8	51	Stone	3.4
6	Saline	2.3	29	Howard	2.8	51	Van Buren	3.4
6	Scott	2.3	29	White	2.8	58	Clay	3.5
9	Carroll	2.4	34	Baxter	2.9	58	Columbia	3.5
9	Grant	2.4	34	Little River	2.9	60	Clark	3.7
9	Prairie	2.4	34	Perry	2.9	60	Desha	3.7
12	Crawford	2.5	34	Polk	2.9	60	Union	3.7
12	Faulkner	2.5	38	Garland	3.0	63	Izard	3.8
12	Hempstead	2.5	38	Miller	3.0	63	Jefferson	3.8
12	Lawrence	2.5	38	Pope	3.0	63	Mississippi	3.8
12	Newton	2.5	38	Sevier	3.0	63	Searcy	3.8
12	Poinsett	2.5	38	Yell	3.0	67	St. Francis	3.9
12	Sebastian	2.5	43	Conway	3.1	68	Jackson	4.0
19	Boone	2.6	43	Logan	3.1	68	Montgomery	4.0
19	Calhoun	2.6	43	Marion	3.1	70	Lafayette	4.1
19	Franklin	2.6	46	Johnson	3.2	71	Bradley	4.2
19	Independence	2.6	46	Woodruff	3.2	71	Lee	4.2
19	Pulaski	2.6	48	Monroe	3.3	73	Ashley	4.4
24	Cross	2.7	48	Ouachita	3.3	74	Chicot	4.7
24	Greene	2.7	48	Sharp	3.3	75	Phillips	5.6

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	March 2023				February 2023				March 2022			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	256,295	250,029	6,266	2.4	255,240	248,329	6,911	2.7	255,192	247,525	7,667	3.0
City of Little Rock	97,463	94,897	2,566	2.6	97,173	94,410	2,763	2.8	97,165	93,890	3,275	3.4
Eastern	43,297	41,691	1,606	3.7	42,876	41,063	1,813	4.2	43,788	42,012	1,776	4.1
North Central	94,540	91,658	2,882	3.0	93,494	90,287	3,207	3.4	94,530	91,033	3,497	3.7
Northeast	124,681	121,441	3,240	2.6	123,293	119,759	3,534	2.9	123,798	119,948	3,850	3.1
Northwest	359,790	352,364	7,426	2.1	355,735	347,703	8,032	2.3	349,639	341,174	8,465	2.4
Southeast	76,709	74,074	2,635	3.4	75,645	72,707	2,938	3.9	77,308	73,880	3,428	4.4
Southwest	88,568	85,782	2,786	3.1	87,689	84,633	3,056	3.5	88,905	85,517	3,388	3.8
West Central	130,021	126,056	3,965	3.0	128,817	124,434	4,383	3.4	130,557	125,896	4,661	3.6
Western	110,101	107,255	2,846	2.6	109,457	106,370	3,087	2.8	109,420	105,983	3,437	3.1

