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Workforce Services





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

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

Industries are classi- fied according to the North American In- dustry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2022 benchmark.

#### Explanation of Terms and Concepts

**Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample sur- vey designed to pro- vide industry infor- mation on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bu- reau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Work- force Services. The data are based on establish- ment records and in- clude all workers, full- or part-time, who re- ceived pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas busi- ness establishments are surveyed.

#### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

A term applied by the

U.S. Office of Manage- ment and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, commuting patterns and social and economic integration.

#### Current Population

**Survey (CPS)**

A monthly sample sur- vey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to pro- vide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conduct- ed each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The informa- tion is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the cal- endar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

#### Civilian Labor Force

The sum of all em- ployed and unem- ployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

#### Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

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

#### Unemployment

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

#### Unemployment Rate

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

#### Seasonal Adjustment

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

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**March Spotlight**

**March**

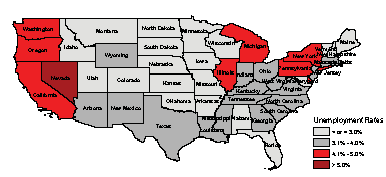
# A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

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. Arkan- sas’ 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**

1 South Dakota 1.9

2 Nebraska 2.1

2 North Dakota 2.1

4 Alabama 2.3

4 Montana 2.3

6 New Hampshire 2.4

6 Utah 2.4

8 Missouri 2.5

8 Wisconsin 2.5

10 Florida 2.6

10 Idaho 2.6

10 Maine 2.6

13 Maryland 2.7

13 Vermont 2.7

15 Colorado 2.8

15 Iowa 2.8

15 Minnesota 2.8

**Rank State Rate**

18 Kansas 2.9

**19 Arkansas 3.0**

19 Oklahoma 3.0

21 Georgia 3.1

21 Indiana 3.1

21 Rhode Island 3.1

24 South Carolina 3.2

24 Virginia 3.2

26 Tennessee 3.4

26 West Virginia 3.4

28 Arizona 3.5

28 Hawaii 3.5

28 Massachusetts 3.5

28 Mississippi 3.5

28 New Jersey 3.5

28 New Mexico 3.5

28 North Carolina 3.5

**Rank State Rate**

35 Louisiana 3.6

36 Alaska 3.7

36 Wyoming 3.7

38 Kentucky 3.8

38 Ohio 3.8

40 Connecticut 4.0

40 Texas 4.0

42 Michigan 4.1

42 New York 4.1

44 Pennsylvania 4.2

45 California 4.4

45 Delaware 4.4

45 Illinois 4.4

45 Oregon 4.4

1. Washington 4.5
2. District of Columbia 4.8
3. Nevada 5.5

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 3.5 Percent

**State of Arkansas**

**March**

# Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, an- nounced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate 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 per- centage 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 par- ticipation rate is down two-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,334,589 1,329,928 1,324,471 Employment 1,345,247 1,329,693 1,326,855

Unemployment 40,837 43,670 43,062 Unemployment 36,222 39,726 43,443

Unemployment Rate 3.0% 3.2% 3.1% Unemployment Rate 2.6% 2.9% 3.2%

LF Participation Rate 57.4% 57.4% 57.6% LF Participation Rate 57.6% 57.2% 57.8%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 23** | **Feb 23** | **Mar 22** |  | **Mar 23** | **Feb 23** | **Mar 22** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,375,426 | 1,373,598 | 1,367,533 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,381,469 | 1,369,419 | 1,370,298 |

#### Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

Arkansas vs United States (March 2020 - March 2023)

16.0%

14.0%

12.0%

10.0%

8.0%

6.0%

4.0%

2.0%

0.0%

Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23

Arkansas United States

**State of Arkansas**

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Mar 23** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 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**

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# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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

February 2023 - March 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Leisure & Hospitality

2,500

Construction

1,000

Government

Trade-Transport-Utilities Private Ed & Health Other Services Mining & Logging Manufacturing Information Financial Activities

600

400

400

300

100

-100

-100

-100

Professional & Business-300

-500

0

500 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500 3,000

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

March 2022 - March 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Private Ed & Health

7,800

6,800

Leisure & Hospitality

5,200

Construction

Manufacturing Other Services Government Professional & Business

3,600

2,900

2,400

2,000

1,200

Information

200

Mining & Logging -200

Financial Activities -600

-2,000 0

2,000

4,000

6,000

8,000 10,000

**State of Arkansas**

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# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**Mar 23**

Average Weekly Hours 37.5

Average Hourly Earnings $21.56

Average Weekly Earnings $808.50

**Feb 23**

37.8

$21.48

$811.94

**Mar 22**

40.5

$20.27

$820.94

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Mar 23**

Average Weekly Hours 41.8

Average Hourly Earnings $23.80

Average Weekly Earnings $994.84

**Feb 23**

40.7

$23.84

$970.29

**Mar 22**

41.2

$21.40

$881.68

**Mar 23**

Average Weekly Hours 33.6

Average Hourly Earnings $18.99

Average Weekly Earnings $638.06

**Feb 23**

35.1

$19.01

$667.25

**Mar 22**

39.8

$19.22

$764.96

#### Average Weekly Hours Worked - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods

March 2020 - March 2023

44.0

42.0

40.0

38.0

36.0

34.0

32.0

30.0

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mar '20 | Sep '20 | Mar '21 | Sep '21 | Mar '22 | Sep '22 | Mar '23 |
|  |  | Durable Goods |  | Nondurable Goods |  |  |

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**March**

# 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)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 23** | **Feb 23** | **Mar 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **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** | **OTY** |
| **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

March 2020 - March 2023

360,000

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

March: 2013 - 2023

345,000

340,000

350,000

335,000

330,000

340,000

325,000

330,000

320,000

315,000

320,000

310,000

305,000

310,000

300,000

295,000

300,000

Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23

290,000

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

'22

'23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**March**

# 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)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 23** | **Feb 23** | **Mar 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **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** | **OTY** |
| **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

March 2020 - March 2023

25,000

#### Jobs in Professional & Business Services

March: 2003 - 2023

70,000

60,000

20,000

50,000

15,000

40,000

10,000

30,000

20,000

5,000

10,000

0

Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23

0

'03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19 '21 '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

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# Fort Smith MSA

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

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 23** | **Feb 23** | **Mar 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **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)**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Mar 23** | **Feb 23** | **Mar 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **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

9.0%

118,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

March 2020 - March 2023

8.0%

116,000

7.0%

114,000

112,000

6.0%

110,000

5.0%

108,000

4.0%

106,000

3.0%

2.0%

104,000

102,000

100,000

1.0%

98,000

0.0%

'13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23

96,000

Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

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# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 23** | **Feb 23** | **Mar 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **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)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 23** | **Feb 23** | **Mar 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 41.8 | 41.5 | 41.1 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 37.1 | 36.8 | 36.5 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 |

38,000

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

March: 2003 - 2023

36,000

34,000

32,000

30,000

28,000

26,000

24,000

22,000

20,000

2003 2005 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017 2019 2021 2023

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**March**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 23** | **Feb 23** | **Mar 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **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)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 23** | **Feb 23** | **Mar 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 64.5 | 64.5 | 62.5 | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| 12.5 | 12.5 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| 52.0 | 52.0 | 50.7 | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| 9.2 | 9.2 | 8.7 | 0.0 | 0.5 |

68,000

#### Employment

March 2018 - March 2023

66,000

64,000

62,000

60,000

58,000

56,000

54,000

Mar '18 Sep '18 Mar '19 Sep '19 Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**March**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 23** | **Feb 23** | **Mar 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **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)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 23** | **Feb 23** | **Mar 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.7 | 31.4 | 31.1 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| 26.1 | 25.9 | 25.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 8.7 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

45,000

40,000

#### Composition of the Civilian Labor Force

March: 2013 - 2023

Civilian Labor Force = Employment + Unemployment

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

0

2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

Unemployment Employment

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

**March**

# Out-of-State MSA

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted) Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 23** | **Feb 23** | **Mar 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 23** | **Feb 23** | **Mar 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **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% |

620,000

#### Memphis MSA - Employment

March 2020 - March 2023

8.0%

#### Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates

March: 2013 - 2023

7.0%

600,000

6.0%

580,000

5.0%

560,000 4.0%

3.0%

540,000

2.0%

520,000

1.0%

500,000

Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22 Sep '22 Mar '23

0.0%

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

'22

'23

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

**March**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**March 2023**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**February 2023**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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

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

### City Labor Force Statistics

**City**

**CLF**

**March 2023**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**February 2023**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County Paragould Micro = Greene County Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties Searcy Micro = White County

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 13,489 | 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**

**March**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **March 2023** | |  |  | **February 2023** | |  |  | **March 2022** | |  |
| **County** | **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**

**March**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **March 2023** | |  |  | **February 2023** | |  |  | **March 2022** | |  |
| **County** | **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

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Between February and March, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless

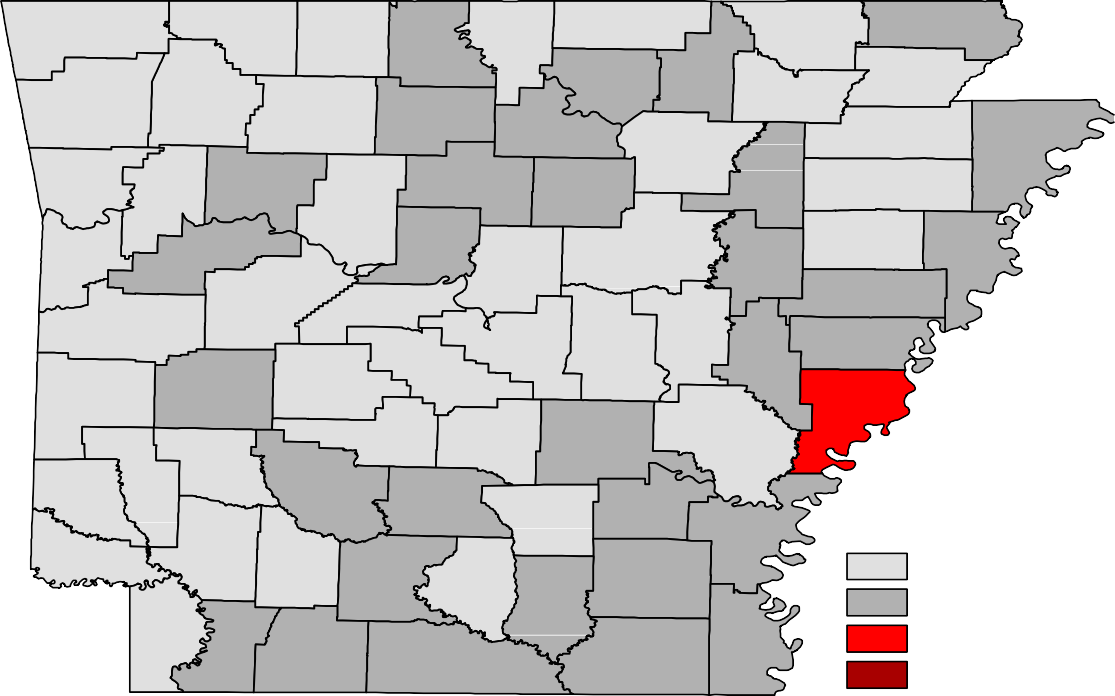
rates ranged from a low of 1.9% in Washington County to a high of 5.6% in Phillips County.

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**

**March**



**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Greene**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Crawford**

**Independence**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Faulkner**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant Jefferson Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Clark**

**Dallas Cleveland Lincoln**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada Ouachita Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Bradley**

**LafayetteColumbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rate**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

March 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1 Washington 1.9

2 Benton 2.0

3 Madison 2.1

4 Arkansas 2.2

4 Craighead 2.2

6 Lonoke 2.3

6 Saline 2.3

6 Scott 2.3

9 Carroll 2.4

9 Grant 2.4

9 Prairie 2.4

12 Crawford 2.5

12 Faulkner 2.5

12 Hempstead 2.5

12 Lawrence 2.5

12 Newton 2.5

12 Poinsett 2.5

12 Sebastian 2.5

19 Boone 2.6

19 Calhoun 2.6

19 Franklin 2.6

19 Independence 2.6

19 Pulaski 2.6

24 Cross 2.7

24 Greene 2.7

**Rank County**

24 Nevada

24 Pike

24 Randolph

29 Cleveland

29 Fulton

29 Hot Spring

29 Howard

29 White

34 Baxter

34 Little River

34 Perry

34 Polk

38 Garland

38 Miller

38 Pope

38 Sevier

38 Yell

43 Conway

43 Logan

43 Marion

46 Johnson

46 Woodruff

48 Monroe

48 Ouachita

48 Sharp

**Rate**

2.7

2.7

2.7

2.8

2.8

2.8

2.8

2.8

2.9

2.9

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**Rank County**

51 Cleburne

51 Crittenden

51 Dallas

51 Drew

51 Lincoln

51 Stone

51 Van Buren

58 Clay

58 Columbia

60 Clark

60 Desha

60 Union

63 Izard

63 Jefferson

63 Mississippi

63 Searcy

67 St. Francis

68 Jackson

68 Montgomery

70 Lafayette

71 Bradley

71 Lee

1. Ashley
2. Chicot
3. Phillips

**Rate**

3.4

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|  | | **March 2023** | |  |  | **February 2023** | |  |  | **March 2022** | | |
| **LWDA** | **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  North Central 94,540  Northeast 124,681  Northwest 359,790  Southeast 76,709  Southwest 88,568  West Central 130,021  Western 110,101 | | 41,691  91,658  121,441  352,364  74,074  85,782  126,056  107,255 | 1,606  2,882  3,240  7,426  2,635  2,786  3,965  2,846 | 3.7  3.0  2.6  2.1  3.4  3.1  3.0  2.6 | 42,876  93,494  123,293  355,735  75,645  87,689  128,817  109,457 | 41,063  90,287  119,759  347,703  72,707  84,633  124,434  106,370 | 1,813  3,207  3,534  8,032  2,938  3,056  4,383  3,087 | 4.2  3.4  2.9  2.3  3.9  3.5  3.4  2.8 | 43,788  94,530  123,798  349,639  77,308  88,905  130,557  109,420 | 42,012  91,033  119,948  341,174  73,880  85,517  125,896  105,983 | 1,776  3,497  3,850  8,465  3,428  3,388  4,661  3,437 | 4.1  3.7  3.1  2.4  4.4  3.8  3.6  3.1 |
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## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**March**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted