**Arkansas**

**Labor Market**

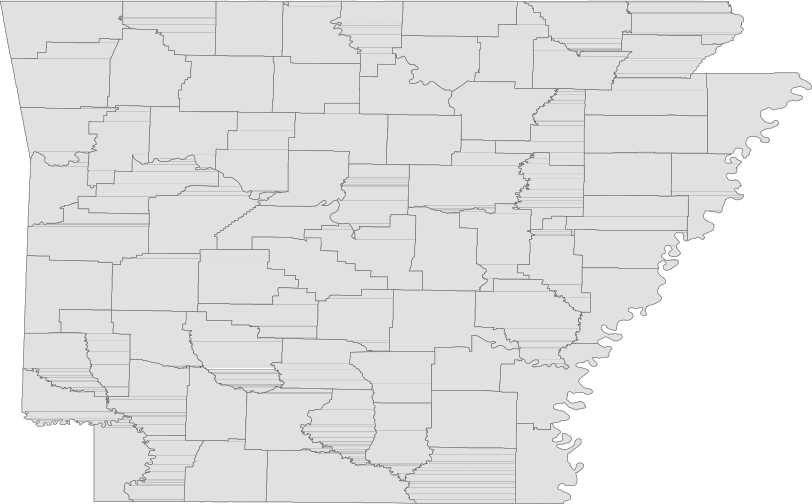
**Report**

**April 2016**



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Technical Notes

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

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the num- ber 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 manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2015 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 Area (MSA)**

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 unem- ployed. 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. Approxi- mately 800 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

**Civilian Labor Force**

The sum of all employed and unemployed persons

16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed

Forces are excluded.

**Employment**

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business dur- ing 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 in Arkansas

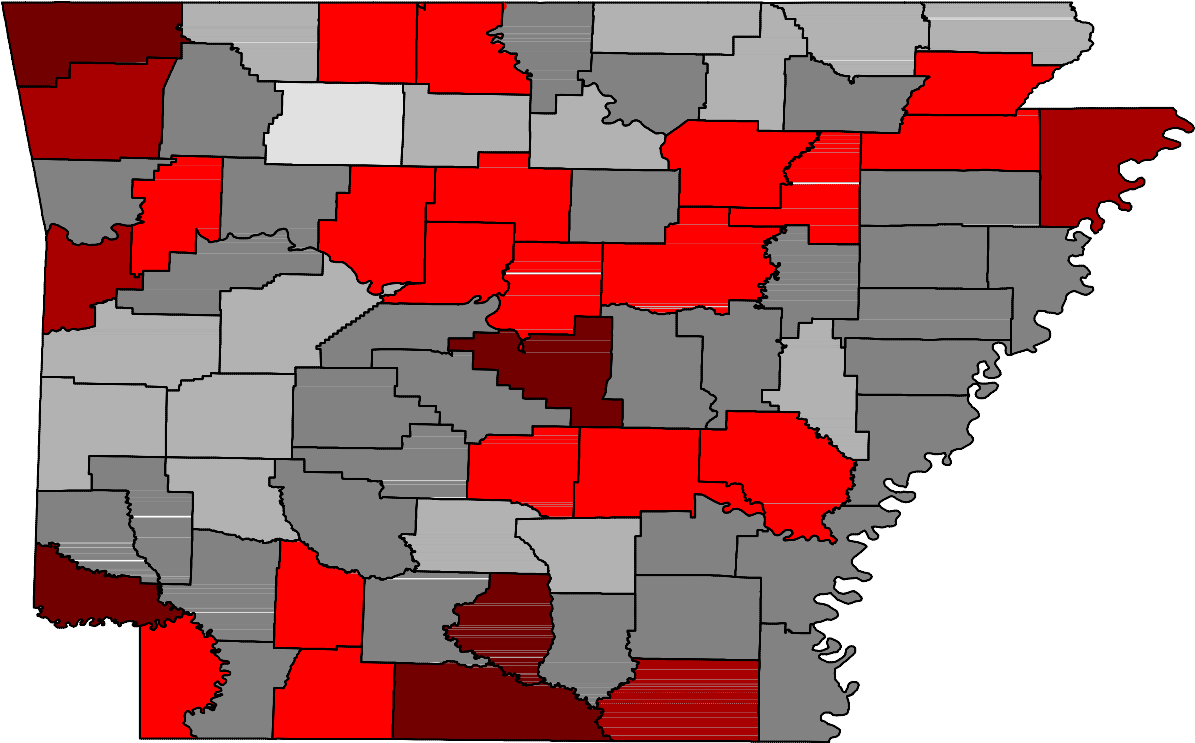
The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) is the most comprehensive data collection program utilized by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The program is based on each state’s Unemploy- ment Insurance (UI) program, which enables BLS to produce data using every business that is covered under UI tax law. In addition to calculating covered employment, the program also tracks the wages paid to employees. Due to the comprehensive 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 provides 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 are compiled using all industries and includes both private and government jobs, 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 2015, average annual wages ranged from a high of $54,843, for those employed in Benton County, to a low of $24,137 in Newton County. The map below represents the wages of Arkansas workers by county, with wages divided into six different monetary ranges.

**Wages in Arkansas by County**

2015 Annual Average



Benton

Washington

Carroll

Madison

Boone

Newton

Marion

Searcy

Baxter

Stone

Fulton

Izard

Sharp

Randolph

Lawrence

Clay

Greene

Craighead

Mississippi

Crawford

Sebastian

Scott

Franklin

Logan

Johnson

Yell

Pope

Van Buren

Conway

Faulkner

Perry

Cleburne

Independence

White

Prairie

Jackson

Woodruff

Poinsett

Cross

St. Francis

Crittenden

Polk

Montgomery

Garland

Saline

Pulaski

Lonoke

Monroe

Lee

Phillips

Sevier

Howard

Pike

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

Desha

Wages

< $25,000

Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Lafayette

Nevada

Columbia

Ouachita

Calhoun

Union

Bradley

Drew

Ashley

Chicot

$25,000 - $30,000

$30,000 - $35,000

$35,000 - $40,000

$40,000 - $45,000

> $45,000

Civilian Labor Force Summar y

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.1 percent in March (revised up from 4.0 percent) to 3.9 percent in April. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose 2,860, a result of 5,309 more employed and

2,449 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate remained stable at 5.0 percent in

April.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ employment in April reached a new re- cord high of 1,309,268, breaking the previous record set in May 2008. The employment increase helped push the unemployment rate down to 3.9 percent, breaking last month’s record low of 4.1 percent.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Apr 16**  1,361,951 | **Mar 16**  1,359,091 | **Apr 15**  1,325,923 | Civilian Labor Force | **Apr 16**  1,355,321 | **Mar 16**  1,359,762 | **Apr 15**  1,326,263 |
| Employment | 1,309,268 | 1,303,959 | 1,253,095 | Employment | 1,309,448 | 1,304,808 | 1,257,277 |
| Unemployment | 52,683 | 55,132 | 72,828 | Unemployment | 45,873 | 54,954 | 68,986 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.9 | 4.1 | 5.5 | Unemployment Rate | 3.4 | 4.0 | 5.2 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.4 | U.S. Unemployment | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.1 |

1,350,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

April: 1996 - 2016

1,300,000

1,250,000

1,200,000

1,150,000

1,100,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted



(In Thousands)

(NAICS)

**Apr 16 Mar 16 Apr 15**

**OTM OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Nonfarm | 1232.8 | 1224.4 | 1206.7 | 8.4 | 26.1 |
| Goods Producing | 209.3 | 207.3 | 210.2 | 2.0 | -0.9 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 55.9 | 54.4 | 55.5 | 1.5 | 0.4 |
| **Mining & Logging 6.9 7.0 8.3 -0.1 -1.4** | | | | | |
| **Construction** | **49.0** | **47.4** | **47.2** | **1.6** | **1.8** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 32.0 | 30.7 | 30.0 | 1.3 | 2.0 |
| **Manufacturing** | **153.4** | **152.9** | **154.7** | **0.5** | **-1.3** |
| Durable Goods | 73.9 | 73.9 | 76.4 | 0.0 | -2.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 79.5 | 79.0 | 78.3 | 0.5 | 1.2 |
| Service Providing | 1023.5 | 1017.1 | 996.5 | 6.4 | 27.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **258.3** | **255.4** | **249.5** | **2.9** | **8.8** |
| Wholesale Trade | 49.2 | 47.9 | 47.1 | 1.3 | 2.1 |
| Retail Trade | 145.4 | 142.9 | 139.1 | 2.5 | 6.3 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 63.7 | 64.6 | 63.3 | -0.9 | 0.4 |
| I**nformation** | **13.8** | **14.0** | **13.2** | **-0.2** | **0.6** |
| **Financial Activities** | **49.2** | **48.9** | **49.0** | **0.3** | **0.2** |
| Finance & Insurance | 36.2 | 36.0 | 36.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.0 | 12.9 | 13.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **143.9** | **142.2** | **138.6** | **1.7** | **5.3** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 44.4 | 44.4 | 41.9 | 0.0 | 2.5 |
| Management of Companies | 34.6 | 34.1 | 33.0 | 0.5 | 1.6 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 64.9 | 63.7 | 63.7 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **179.9** | **180.1** | **174.6** | **-0.2** | **5.3** |
| Educational Services | 15.3 | 15.2 | 14.6 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 164.6 | 164.9 | 160.0 | -0.3 | 4.6 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 51.9 | 52.2 | 50.5 | -0.3 | 1.4 |
| Social Assistance | 40.4 | 41.5 | 38.7 | -1.1 | 1.7 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 116.9 115.0 111.6 1.9 5.3** | | | | | |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 11.1 | 10.1 | 10.9 | 1.0 | 0.2 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 105.8 | 104.9 | 100.7 | 0.9 | 5.1 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.2 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Food Services | 94.6 | 93.9 | 89.7 | 0.7 | 4.9 |
| **Other Services** | **44.2** | **44.5** | **43.3** | **-0.3** | **0.9** |
| **Government** | **217.3** | **217.0** | **216.7** | **0.3** | **0.6** |
| Federal Government | 20.3 | 20.3 | 20.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 81.0 | 80.7 | 80.4 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Local Government | 116.0 | 116.0 | 116.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summar y

March 2016 - April 2016

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs rose 8,400 in April to total 1,232,800. Seven major industry sectors post- ed gains, while four sectors declined slightly. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 2,900 jobs. Seasonal hiring occurred in both retail (+2,500) and wholesale (+1,300) trade. **Leisure and hospitality** (+1,900) posted expected gains across all subsectors. Jobs in **professional and business services** rose

1,700. Most of the increase occurred in administrative and support services, up 1,200. **Construction**

added 1,600 jobs, a typical spring expansion.

April 2015 - April 2016

Since April 2015, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment increased 26,100. Growth was reported in nine major industry sectors, while two sectors declined. Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 8,800. Most of the gains were in retail trade (+6,300). **Professional and business services** added

5,300 jobs, spread throughout all three subsectors. Jobs in **educational and health services** increased

5,300. A majority of the expansion occurred in health care and social assistance (+4,600). Employment

in **leisure and hospitality** rose 5,300, mostly in food services (+4,900). **Construction** added 1,800 jobs.

Declines were reported in both **mining and logging** (-1,400) and in **manufacturing** (-1,300).

56,000

**Jobs in Construction (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 2014 - April 2016

54,000

52,000

50,000

48,000

46,000

44,000

42,000

40,000

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2014 2015 2016

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

**Apr 16 Mar 16**

**Apr 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

39.5

16.19

639.51

39.7

15.89

630.83

40.4

16.21

654.88

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Apr 16 Mar 16**

**Apr 15**

**Apr 16 Mar 16**

**Apr 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

42.0

17.81

748.02

41.0

17.52

718.32

39.4

17.79

700.93

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

37.2

14.48

538.66

38.5

14.26

549.01

41.3

14.77

610.00

$800.00

**Average Weekly Earnings: Durable Goods vs. Nondurable Goods**

April: 2006 - 2016

$750.00

$700.00

$650.00

$600.00

$550.00

$500.00

$450.00

$400.00

$350.00

$300.00

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

Little Rock-Nor th 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 16** | **Mar 16** | **Apr 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 353,334 | 354,046 | 345,654 | -712 | 7,680 |
| Employment | 342,636 | 341,337 | 329,564 | 1,299 | 13,072 |
| Unemployment | 10,698 | 12,709 | 16,090 | -2,011 | -5,392 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.0 | 3.6 | 4.7 | -0.6 | -1.7 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Apr 16**  355.1 | **Mar 16**  353.5 | **Apr 15**  349.8 | **OTM**  1.6 | **OT Y**  5.3 |
| Goods Producing | 36.6 | 36.5 | 37.0 | 0.1 | -0.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **16.3** | **16.2** | **16.7** | **0.1** | **-0.4** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.3** | **20.3** | **20.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| Service Providing 318.5 317.0 312.8 1.5 5.7 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **70.3** | **69.3** | **67.7** | **1.0** | **2.6** |
| Wholesale Trade | 15.3 | 15.2 | 15.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 40.2 | 39.4 | 38.0 | 0.8 | 2.2 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 14.8 | 14.7 | 14.5 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Information** | **6.2** | **6.3** | **6.1** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.6** | **20.6** | **20.5** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **47.1** | **46.8** | **46.8** | **0.3** | **0.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **53.0** | **52.5** | **52.7** | **0.5** | **0.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **34.7** | **34.8** | **32.9** | **-0.1** | **1.8** |
| **Other Services** | **15.2** | **15.1** | **14.9** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Government** | **71.4** | **71.6** | **71.2** | **-0.2** | **0.2** |
| Federal Government | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 35.0 | 35.1 | 34.7 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| Local Government | 26.7 | 26.8 | 26.8 | -0.1 | -0.1 |

360,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2014 - April 2016

355,000

350,000

345,000

340,000

335,000

330,000

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2014 2015 2016

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA



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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 16** | **Mar 16** | **Apr 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 263,820 | 263,746 | 250,939 | 74 | 12,881 |
| Employment | 257,388 | 256,121 | 241,367 | 1,267 | 16,021 |
| Unemployment | 6,432 | 7,625 | 9,572 | -1,193 | -3,140 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.4 | 2.9 | 3.8 | -0.5 | -1.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Apr 16**  243.9 | **Mar 16**  242.2 | **Apr 15**  233.7 | **OTM**  1.7 | **OT Y**  10.2 |
| Goods Producing | 35.9 | 35.9 | 36.2 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **10.0** | **9.8** | **9.2** | **0.2** | **0.8** |
| **Manufacturing** | **25.9** | **26.1** | **27.0** | **-0.2** | **-1.1** |
| Service Providing 208.0 206.3 197.5 1.7 10.5 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **55.6** | **55.4** | **53.0** | **0.2** | **2.6** |
| Wholesale Trade | 12.1 | 12.0 | 11.5 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Retail Trade | 27.2 | 27.0 | 25.7 | 0.2 | 1.5 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 16.3 | 16.4 | 15.8 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Information** | **2.0** | **2.1** | **2.0** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **6.9** | **6.8** | **6.7** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **50.4** | **48.9** | **46.7** | **1.5** | **3.7** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **26.7** | **26.5** | **25.4** | **0.2** | **1.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **24.6** | **24.7** | **23.1** | **-0.1** | **1.5** |
| **Other Services** | **7.2** | **7.2** | **7.1** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Government** | **34.6** | **34.7** | **33.5** | **-0.1** | **1.1** |
| Federal Government | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 13.4 | 13.5 | 12.7 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| Local Government | 18.6 | 18.6 | 18.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 |

280,000

**Number of Employed**

April: 1996 - 2016

55,000

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services**

April: 2006 - 2016

260,000

50,000

240,000

220,000

45,000

200,000

40,000

180,000

35,000

160,000

140,000

30,000

120,000

25,000

100,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

20,000

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

For t Smith MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 16** | **Mar 16** | **Apr 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 121,657 | 122,143 | 121,434 | -486 | 223 |
| Employment | 116,639 | 116,494 | 114,696 | 145 | 1,943 |
| Unemployment | 5,018 | 5,649 | 6,738 | -631 | -1,720 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.1 | 4.6 | 5.5 | -0.5 | -1.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Apr 16**  113.7 | **Mar 16**  112.9 | **Apr 15**  113.6 | **OTM**  0.8 | **OT Y**  0.1 |
| Goods Producing | 23.3 | 23.5 | 23.9 | -0.2 | -0.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.7** | **5.7** | **6.1** | **0.0** | **-0.4** |
| **Manufacturing** | **17.6** | **17.8** | **17.8** | **-0.2** | **-0.2** |
| Service Providing 90.4 89.4 89.7 1.0 0.7 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23.9** | **23.7** | **23.7** | **0.2** | **0.2** |
| Wholesale Trade | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 13.0 | 13.0 | 12.7 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Information** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.7** | **3.7** | **3.8** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **12.1** | **11.8** | **12.5** | **0.3** | **-0.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.7** | **16.6** | **16.5** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.5** | **9.3** | **9.3** | **0.2** | **0.2** |
| **Other Services** | **4.4** | **4.2** | **4.3** | **0.2** | **0.1** |
| **Government** | **18.9** | **18.9** | **18.4** | **0.0** | **0.5** |
| Federal Government | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Local Government | 14.4 | 14.4 | 13.9 | 0.0 | 0.5 |

118,000

**Number of Employed**

April 2011 - April 2016

116,000

114,000

112,000

110,000

108,000

106,000



Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 16** | **Mar 16** | **Apr 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 41,310 | 41,118 | 40,197 | 192 | 1,113 |
| Employment | 39,851 | 39,378 | 37,973 | 473 | 1,878 |
| Unemployment | 1,459 | 1,740 | 2,224 | -281 | -765 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.5 | 4.2 | 5.5 | -0.7 | -2.0 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 16** | **Mar 16** | **Apr 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 38.9 | 38.2 | 37.9 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 34.4 | 33.8 | 33.5 | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

37,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

April: 1996 - 2016

35,000

33,000

31,000

29,000

27,000

25,000

'96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Apr 16** | **Mar 16** | **Apr 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 62,591 | 62,885 | 60,303 | -294 | 2,288 |
| Employment | 60,812 | 60,704 | 57,467 | 108 | 3,345 |
| Unemployment | 1,779 | 2,181 | 2,836 | -402 | -1,057 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.8 | 3.5 | 4.7 | -0.7 | -1.9 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Apr 16** | **Mar 16** | **Apr 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 55.7 | 55.5 | 53.9 | 0.2 | 1.8 |
| 8.9 | 8.9 | 8.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 46.8 | 46.6 | 45.2 | 0.2 | 1.6 |
| 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

57,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2014 - April 2016

56,000

55,000

54,000

53,000

52,000

51,000

50,000

49,000

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2014 2015 2016

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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|  | **Apr 16** | **Mar 16** | **Apr 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 36,697 | 36,915 | 36,817 | -218 | -120 |
| Employment | 35,008 | 34,909 | 34,289 | 99 | 719 |
| Unemployment | 1,689 | 2,006 | 2,528 | -317 | -839 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.6 | 5.4 | 6.9 | -0.8 | -2.3 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Apr 16** | **Mar 16** | **Apr 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.9 | 33.8 | 34.1 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 27.8 | 27.7 | 27.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

12.0

**Unemployment Rates**

April: 2006 - 2016

10.0

8.0

6.0

4.0

2.0

0.0

'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16

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.

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|  | **Apr 16** | **Mar 16** | **Apr 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 618,807 | 616,825 | 608,392 | 1,982 | 10,415 |
| Employment | 591,444 | 587,823 | 571,853 | 3,621 | 19,591 |
| Unemployment | 27,363 | 29,002 | 36,539 | -1,639 | -9,176 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.4 | 4.7 | 6.0 | -0.3 | -1.6 |

Texarkana MSA

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

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|  | **Apr 16** | **Mar 16** | **Apr 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 65,242 | 65,570 | 64,574 | -328 | 668 |
| Employment | 62,775 | 62,723 | 61,507 | 52 | 1,268 |
| Unemployment | 2,467 | 2,847 | 3,067 | -380 | -600 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.8 | 4.3 | 4.7 | -0.5 | -0.9 |

595,000

**Number of Employed- Memphis MSA**

April 2014 - April 2016

8.0

**Unemployment Rates- Texarkana MSA**

April: 2006 - 2016

590,000

7.0

585,000

6.0

580,000

5.0

575,000

4.0

570,000

3.0

565,000

2.0

560,000

1.0

555,000

Apr

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Dec

'14

Apr

'15

Aug

'15

Dec

'15

Apr

'16

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'06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16



**April 2016 March 2016 April 2015**

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| **Micro Area**  Arkadelphia Micro | **CLF**  9,744 | **Emp**  9,391 | **Unemp**  353 | **Rate**  3.6 | **CLF**  9,802 | **Emp**  9,393 | **Unemp**  409 | **Rate**  4.2 | **CLF**  9,468 | **Emp**  8,943 | **Unemp**  525 | **Rate**  5.5 |
| Batesville Micro | 15,862 | 15,185 | 677 | 4.3 | 15,961 | 15,148 | 813 | 5.1 | 15,552 | 14,610 | 942 | 6.1 |
| Blytheville Micro | 18,069 | 17,028 | 1,041 | 5.8 | 18,352 | 17,110 | 1,242 | 6.8 | 18,377 | 16,634 | 1,743 | 9.5 |
| Camden Micro | 12,405 | 11,887 | 518 | 4.2 | 12,458 | 11,852 | 606 | 4.9 | 12,336 | 11,517 | 819 | 6.6 |
| El Dorado Micro | 17,350 | 16,577 | 773 | 4.5 | 17,505 | 16,598 | 907 | 5.2 | 16,646 | 15,577 | 1,069 | 6.4 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,867 | 8,464 | 403 | 4.5 | 8,914 | 8,416 | 498 | 5.6 | 8,984 | 8,350 | 634 | 7.1 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,519 | 18,908 | 611 | 3.1 | 19,624 | 18,844 | 780 | 4.0 | 19,212 | 18,236 | 976 | 5.1 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,955 | 6,600 | 355 | 5.1 | 7,060 | 6,626 | 434 | 6.1 | 6,980 | 6,443 | 537 | 7.7 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,615 | 9,152 | 463 | 4.8 | 9,679 | 9,153 | 526 | 5.4 | 9,639 | 9,029 | 610 | 6.3 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,615 | 14,123 | 492 | 3.4 | 14,673 | 14,064 | 609 | 4.2 | 14,174 | 13,458 | 716 | 5.1 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,395 | 15,823 | 572 | 3.5 | 16,460 | 15,745 | 715 | 4.3 | 16,175 | 15,227 | 948 | 5.9 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,256 | 19,549 | 707 | 3.5 | 20,292 | 19,421 | 871 | 4.3 | 19,944 | 18,903 | 1,041 | 5.2 |
| Russellville Micro | 38,786 | 37,322 | 1,464 | 3.8 | 39,035 | 37,289 | 1,746 | 4.5 | 38,425 | 36,404 | 2,021 | 5.3 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,682 | 33,060 | 1,622 | 4.7 | 34,839 | 32,917 | 1,922 | 5.5 | 34,623 | 32,397 | 2,226 | 6.4 |

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 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



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| **City**  Bella Vista | **CLF**  12,128 | **Emp**  11,763 | **Unemp**  365 | **Rate**  3.0 | **CLF**  12,147 | **Emp**  11,703 | **Unemp**  444 | **Rate**  3.7 | **CLF**  11,538 | **Emp**  11,023 | **Unemp**  515 | **Rate**  4.5 |
| Benton | 16,257 | 15,810 | 447 | 2.7 | 16,280 | 15,744 | 536 | 3.3 | 15,963 | 15,204 | 759 | 4.8 |
| Bentonville | 22,657 | 22,109 | 548 | 2.4 | 22,654 | 21,995 | 659 | 2.9 | 21,465 | 20,718 | 747 | 3.5 |
| Blytheville | 6,209 | 5,814 | 395 | 6.4 | 6,342 | 5,842 | 500 | 7.9 | 6,442 | 5,679 | 763 | 11.8 |
| Cabot | 11,835 | 11,532 | 303 | 2.6 | 11,882 | 11,510 | 372 | 3.1 | 11,539 | 11,101 | 438 | 3.8 |
| Conway | 33,221 | 32,218 | 1,003 | 3.0 | 33,236 | 32,103 | 1,133 | 3.4 | 32,453 | 30,986 | 1,467 | 4.5 |
| El Dorado | 7,518 | 7,149 | 369 | 4.9 | 7,580 | 7,158 | 422 | 5.6 | 7,215 | 6,717 | 498 | 6.9 |
| Fayetteville | 45,912 | 44,871 | 1,041 | 2.3 | 45,876 | 44,643 | 1,233 | 2.7 | 43,630 | 42,043 | 1,587 | 3.6 |
| Fort Smith | 40,173 | 38,881 | 1,292 | 3.2 | 40,254 | 38,713 | 1,541 | 3.8 | 39,975 | 37,938 | 2,037 | 5.1 |
| Hot Springs | 14,380 | 13,852 | 528 | 3.7 | 14,337 | 13,688 | 649 | 4.5 | 14,060 | 13,200 | 860 | 6.1 |
| Jacksonville | 11,906 | 11,464 | 442 | 3.7 | 11,978 | 11,415 | 563 | 4.7 | 11,669 | 11,025 | 644 | 5.5 |
| Jonesboro | 36,448 | 35,451 | 997 | 2.7 | 36,579 | 35,363 | 1,216 | 3.3 | 35,068 | 33,484 | 1,584 | 4.5 |
| Little Rock | 97,543 | 94,645 | 2,898 | 3.0 | 97,626 | 94,246 | 3,380 | 3.5 | 95,463 | 91,023 | 4,440 | 4.7 |
| North Little Rock | 30,339 | 29,362 | 977 | 3.2 | 30,415 | 29,238 | 1,177 | 3.9 | 29,763 | 28,238 | 1,525 | 5.1 |
| Paragould | 12,639 | 12,172 | 467 | 3.7 | 12,652 | 12,092 | 560 | 4.4 | 12,438 | 11,770 | 668 | 5.4 |
| Pine Bluff | 17,473 | 16,536 | 937 | 5.4 | 17,534 | 16,470 | 1,064 | 6.1 | 17,597 | 16,199 | 1,398 | 7.9 |
| Rogers | 33,498 | 32,685 | 813 | 2.4 | 33,475 | 32,517 | 958 | 2.9 | 31,986 | 30,628 | 1,358 | 4.2 |
| Russellville | 13,798 | 13,306 | 492 | 3.6 | 13,865 | 13,280 | 585 | 4.2 | 13,681 | 12,976 | 705 | 5.2 |
| Searcy | 10,556 | 10,188 | 368 | 3.5 | 10,614 | 10,144 | 470 | 4.4 | 10,588 | 9,984 | 604 | 5.7 |
| Sherwood | 15,662 | 15,271 | 391 | 2.5 | 15,677 | 15,206 | 471 | 3.0 | 15,319 | 14,686 | 633 | 4.1 |
| Springdale | 38,460 | 37,583 | 877 | 2.3 | 38,403 | 37,391 | 1,012 | 2.6 | 36,540 | 35,215 | 1,325 | 3.6 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,826 | 13,377 | 449 | 3.2 | 13,936 | 13,345 | 591 | 4.2 | 13,583 | 12,856 | 727 | 5.4 |
| Van Buren | 10,488 | 10,152 | 336 | 3.2 | 10,509 | 10,118 | 391 | 3.7 | 10,494 | 9,909 | 585 | 5.6 |
| West Memphis | 10,807 | 10,328 | 479 | 4.4 | 10,801 | 10,256 | 545 | 5.0 | 10,653 | 9,900 | 753 | 7.1 |

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| **County**  Arkansas | **CLF**  9,583 | **Emp**  9,304 | **Unemp**  279 | **Rate**  2.9 | **CLF**  9,651 | **Emp**  9,323 | **Unemp**  328 | **Rate**  3.4 | **CLF**  9,345 | **Emp**  8,953 | **Unemp**  392 | **Rate**  4.2 |
| Ashley | 8,266 | 7,867 | 399 | 4.8 | 8,405 | 7,914 | 491 | 5.8 | 8,218 | 7,563 | 655 | 8.0 |
| Baxter | 16,395 | 15,823 | 572 | 3.5 | 16,460 | 15,745 | 715 | 4.3 | 16,175 | 15,227 | 948 | 5.9 |
| Benton | 125,470 | 122,379 | 3,091 | 2.5 | 125,459 | 121,752 | 3,707 | 3.0 | 119,374 | 114,680 | 4,694 | 3.9 |
| Boone | 16,077 | 15,575 | 502 | 3.1 | 16,146 | 15,513 | 633 | 3.9 | 15,839 | 15,022 | 817 | 5.2 |
| Bradley | 4,532 | 4,368 | 164 | 3.6 | 4,591 | 4,391 | 200 | 4.4 | 4,421 | 4,139 | 282 | 6.4 |
| Calhoun | 2,401 | 2,299 | 102 | 4.2 | 2,414 | 2,302 | 112 | 4.6 | 2,362 | 2,230 | 132 | 5.6 |
| Carroll | 12,655 | 12,275 | 380 | 3.0 | 12,627 | 12,134 | 493 | 3.9 | 12,439 | 11,860 | 579 | 4.7 |
| Chicot | 3,609 | 3,411 | 198 | 5.5 | 3,653 | 3,397 | 256 | 7.0 | 3,777 | 3,415 | 362 | 9.6 |
| Clark | 9,744 | 9,391 | 353 | 3.6 | 9,802 | 9,393 | 409 | 4.2 | 9,468 | 8,943 | 525 | 5.5 |
| Clay | 6,272 | 5,974 | 298 | 4.8 | 6,350 | 5,954 | 396 | 6.2 | 6,291 | 5,875 | 416 | 6.6 |
| Cleburne | 9,575 | 9,046 | 529 | 5.5 | 9,637 | 9,006 | 631 | 6.5 | 9,595 | 8,899 | 696 | 7.3 |
| Cleveland | 3,430 | 3,299 | 131 | 3.8 | 3,464 | 3,302 | 162 | 4.7 | 3,436 | 3,230 | 206 | 6.0 |
| Columbia | 9,615 | 9,152 | 463 | 4.8 | 9,679 | 9,153 | 526 | 5.4 | 9,639 | 9,029 | 610 | 6.3 |
| Conway | 8,817 | 8,343 | 474 | 5.4 | 8,780 | 8,308 | 472 | 5.4 | 8,584 | 8,043 | 541 | 6.3 |
| Craighead | 52,126 | 50,705 | 1,421 | 2.7 | 52,305 | 50,579 | 1,726 | 3.3 | 50,166 | 47,892 | 2,274 | 4.5 |
| Crawford | 27,032 | 26,092 | 940 | 3.5 | 27,102 | 26,005 | 1,097 | 4.0 | 26,936 | 25,467 | 1,469 | 5.5 |
| Crittenden | 21,780 | 20,928 | 852 | 3.9 | 21,779 | 20,782 | 997 | 4.6 | 21,437 | 20,060 | 1,377 | 6.4 |
| Cross | 8,131 | 7,821 | 310 | 3.8 | 8,225 | 7,845 | 380 | 4.6 | 8,156 | 7,703 | 453 | 5.6 |
| Dallas | 2,983 | 2,858 | 125 | 4.2 | 3,008 | 2,849 | 159 | 5.3 | 2,850 | 2,635 | 215 | 7.5 |
| Desha | 5,482 | 5,211 | 271 | 4.9 | 5,586 | 5,251 | 335 | 6.0 | 5,472 | 5,051 | 421 | 7.7 |
| Drew | 8,163 | 7,783 | 380 | 4.7 | 8,192 | 7,732 | 460 | 5.6 | 8,023 | 7,463 | 560 | 7.0 |
| Faulkner | 60,882 | 58,801 | 2,081 | 3.4 | 60,982 | 58,591 | 2,391 | 3.9 | 59,395 | 56,552 | 2,843 | 4.8 |
| Franklin | 7,548 | 7,273 | 275 | 3.6 | 7,615 | 7,278 | 337 | 4.4 | 7,420 | 7,039 | 381 | 5.1 |
| Fulton | 4,844 | 4,667 | 177 | 3.7 | 4,818 | 4,596 | 222 | 4.6 | 4,832 | 4,584 | 248 | 5.1 |
| Garland | 41,310 | 39,851 | 1,459 | 3.5 | 41,118 | 39,378 | 1,740 | 4.2 | 40,197 | 37,973 | 2,224 | 5.5 |
| Grant | 8,439 | 8,175 | 264 | 3.1 | 8,492 | 8,159 | 333 | 3.9 | 8,257 | 7,874 | 383 | 4.6 |
| Greene | 20,256 | 19,549 | 707 | 3.5 | 20,292 | 19,421 | 871 | 4.3 | 19,944 | 18,903 | 1,041 | 5.2 |
| Hempstead | 9,924 | 9,608 | 316 | 3.2 | 9,985 | 9,592 | 393 | 3.9 | 9,858 | 9,346 | 512 | 5.2 |
| Hot Spring | 14,615 | 14,123 | 492 | 3.4 | 14,673 | 14,064 | 609 | 4.2 | 14,174 | 13,458 | 716 | 5.1 |
| Howard | 6,064 | 5,900 | 164 | 2.7 | 6,146 | 5,938 | 208 | 3.4 | 6,188 | 5,930 | 258 | 4.2 |
| Independence | 15,862 | 15,185 | 677 | 4.3 | 15,961 | 15,148 | 813 | 5.1 | 15,552 | 14,610 | 942 | 6.1 |
| Izard | 5,152 | 4,926 | 226 | 4.4 | 5,165 | 4,879 | 286 | 5.5 | 5,027 | 4,694 | 333 | 6.6 |
| Jackson | 6,208 | 5,862 | 346 | 5.6 | 6,307 | 5,890 | 417 | 6.6 | 6,168 | 5,676 | 492 | 8.0 |
| Jefferson | 29,093 | 27,701 | 1,392 | 4.8 | 29,218 | 27,591 | 1,627 | 5.6 | 29,195 | 27,136 | 2,059 | 7.1 |
| Johnson | 10,466 | 10,042 | 424 | 4.1 | 10,581 | 10,076 | 505 | 4.8 | 10,218 | 9,609 | 609 | 6.0 |
| Lafayette | 2,653 | 2,519 | 134 | 5.1 | 2,698 | 2,536 | 162 | 6.0 | 2,628 | 2,419 | 209 | 8.0 |
| Lawrence | 7,115 | 6,862 | 253 | 3.6 | 7,171 | 6,868 | 303 | 4.2 | 7,103 | 6,667 | 436 | 6.1 |
| Lee | 3,123 | 3,002 | 121 | 3.9 | 3,181 | 3,026 | 155 | 4.9 | 3,243 | 3,022 | 221 | 6.8 |
| Lincoln | 4,174 | 4,008 | 166 | 4.0 | 4,233 | 4,016 | 217 | 5.1 | 4,186 | 3,923 | 263 | 6.3 |
| Little River | 5,713 | 5,500 | 213 | 3.7 | 5,731 | 5,485 | 246 | 4.3 | 5,594 | 5,291 | 303 | 5.4 |
| Logan | 9,373 | 8,985 | 388 | 4.1 | 9,425 | 8,983 | 442 | 4.7 | 9,146 | 8,581 | 565 | 6.2 |
| Lonoke | 33,621 | 32,682 | 939 | 2.8 | 33,775 | 32,620 | 1,155 | 3.4 | 32,879 | 31,462 | 1,417 | 4.3 |
| Madison | 7,463 | 7,254 | 209 | 2.8 | 7,503 | 7,264 | 239 | 3.2 | 7,117 | 6,832 | 285 | 4.0 |
| Marion | 6,621 | 6,398 | 223 | 3.4 | 6,616 | 6,345 | 271 | 4.1 | 6,521 | 6,153 | 368 | 5.6 |
| Miller | 20,008 | 19,367 | 641 | 3.2 | 20,164 | 19,321 | 843 | 4.2 | 19,638 | 18,614 | 1,024 | 5.2 |

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| **County**  Mississippi | **CLF**  18,069 | **Emp**  17,028 | **Unemp**  1,041 | **Rate**  5.8 | **CLF**  18,352 | **Emp**  17,110 | **Unemp**  1,242 | **Rate**  6.8 | **CLF**  18,377 | **Emp**  16,634 | **Unemp**  1,743 | **Rate**  9.5 |
| Monroe | 3,015 | 2,898 | 117 | 3.9 | 3,027 | 2,886 | 141 | 4.7 | 3,063 | 2,887 | 176 | 5.7 |
| Montgomery | 3,194 | 3,054 | 140 | 4.4 | 3,194 | 3,020 | 174 | 5.4 | 3,232 | 3,014 | 218 | 6.7 |
| Nevada | 3,686 | 3,572 | 114 | 3.1 | 3,701 | 3,557 | 144 | 3.9 | 3,672 | 3,472 | 200 | 5.4 |
| Newton | 3,442 | 3,333 | 109 | 3.2 | 3,478 | 3,331 | 147 | 4.2 | 3,373 | 3,214 | 159 | 4.7 |
| Ouachita | 10,004 | 9,588 | 416 | 4.2 | 10,044 | 9,550 | 494 | 4.9 | 9,974 | 9,287 | 687 | 6.9 |
| Perry | 4,288 | 4,105 | 183 | 4.3 | 4,321 | 4,099 | 222 | 5.1 | 4,210 | 3,948 | 262 | 6.2 |
| Phillips | 6,955 | 6,600 | 355 | 5.1 | 7,060 | 6,626 | 434 | 6.1 | 6,980 | 6,443 | 537 | 7.7 |
| Pike | 4,278 | 4,111 | 167 | 3.9 | 4,267 | 4,075 | 192 | 4.5 | 4,208 | 3,959 | 249 | 5.9 |
| Poinsett | 10,465 | 10,107 | 358 | 3.4 | 10,580 | 10,125 | 455 | 4.3 | 10,137 | 9,575 | 562 | 5.5 |
| Polk | 8,278 | 7,933 | 345 | 4.2 | 8,379 | 7,962 | 417 | 5.0 | 8,337 | 7,849 | 488 | 5.9 |
| Pope | 29,722 | 28,586 | 1,136 | 3.8 | 29,875 | 28,530 | 1,345 | 4.5 | 29,426 | 27,878 | 1,548 | 5.3 |
| Prairie | 3,702 | 3,579 | 123 | 3.3 | 3,739 | 3,589 | 150 | 4.0 | 3,769 | 3,594 | 175 | 4.6 |
| Pulaski | 189,734 | 184,033 | 5,701 | 3.0 | 190,051 | 183,256 | 6,795 | 3.6 | 185,765 | 176,990 | 8,775 | 4.7 |
| Randolph | 6,047 | 5,797 | 250 | 4.1 | 6,097 | 5,788 | 309 | 5.1 | 6,201 | 5,744 | 457 | 7.4 |
| St. Francis | 8,867 | 8,464 | 403 | 4.5 | 8,914 | 8,416 | 498 | 5.6 | 8,984 | 8,350 | 634 | 7.1 |
| Saline | 56,370 | 54,840 | 1,530 | 2.7 | 56,425 | 54,612 | 1,813 | 3.2 | 55,148 | 52,738 | 2,410 | 4.4 |
| Scott | 4,569 | 4,419 | 150 | 3.3 | 4,622 | 4,451 | 171 | 3.7 | 4,517 | 4,283 | 234 | 5.2 |
| Searcy | 3,065 | 2,954 | 111 | 3.6 | 3,064 | 2,923 | 141 | 4.6 | 3,014 | 2,832 | 182 | 6.0 |
| Sebastian | 57,802 | 55,917 | 1,885 | 3.3 | 57,907 | 55,675 | 2,232 | 3.9 | 57,529 | 54,561 | 2,968 | 5.2 |
| Sevier | 5,753 | 5,523 | 230 | 4.0 | 5,826 | 5,539 | 287 | 4.9 | 5,534 | 5,198 | 336 | 6.1 |
| Sharp | 6,119 | 5,838 | 281 | 4.6 | 6,119 | 5,764 | 355 | 5.8 | 6,048 | 5,625 | 423 | 7.0 |
| Stone | 4,764 | 4,552 | 212 | 4.5 | 4,730 | 4,474 | 256 | 5.4 | 4,699 | 4,398 | 301 | 6.4 |
| Union | 17,350 | 16,577 | 773 | 4.5 | 17,505 | 16,598 | 907 | 5.2 | 16,646 | 15,577 | 1,069 | 6.4 |
| Van Buren | 6,587 | 6,173 | 414 | 6.3 | 6,581 | 6,126 | 455 | 6.9 | 6,479 | 6,026 | 453 | 7.0 |
| Washington | 119,788 | 117,075 | 2,713 | 2.3 | 119,688 | 116,480 | 3,208 | 2.7 | 113,779 | 109,696 | 4,083 | 3.6 |
| White | 34,682 | 33,060 | 1,622 | 4.7 | 34,839 | 32,917 | 1,922 | 5.5 | 34,623 | 32,397 | 2,226 | 6.4 |
| Woodruff | 3,000 | 2,850 | 150 | 5.0 | 3,052 | 2,877 | 175 | 5.7 | 3,056 | 2,856 | 200 | 6.5 |
| Yell | 9,064 | 8,736 | 328 | 3.6 | 9,160 | 8,759 | 401 | 4.4 | 8,999 | 8,526 | 473 | 5.3 |

County Labor Force Summar y

Between March and April, unemployment rates declined in 74 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. One area, Conway County, was unchanged over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.3 percent in Van Buren County.

In April, forty-four counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. For the third consecutive month, no county had a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to April 2015, unemployment rates are down in all 75 counties.

Benton

Washington

Carroll

Madison

Boone

Newton

Marion

Searcy

Baxter

Stone

Fulton

Izard

Sharp

Randolph

Lawrence

Clay

Greene

Craighead

Mississippi

Crawford

Franklin

Johnson

Pope

Van Buren

Cleburne

Independence

Jackson

Poinsett

Cross

Scott

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| Sebastian | Logan |  |
|  |  | Yell |

Polk

Montgomery

Garland

Conway

Perry

Saline

Faulkner

Pulaski

White

Lonoke

Prairie

Woodruff

Monroe

St. Francis

Lee

Phillips

Crittenden

Howard

Sevier

Little River

Pike

Hempstead

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Nevada

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

Desha

Unemployment Rate

< or = 4.0%

Miller

Lafayette

Ouachita

Columbia

Calhoun

Union

Bradley

Drew

Ashley

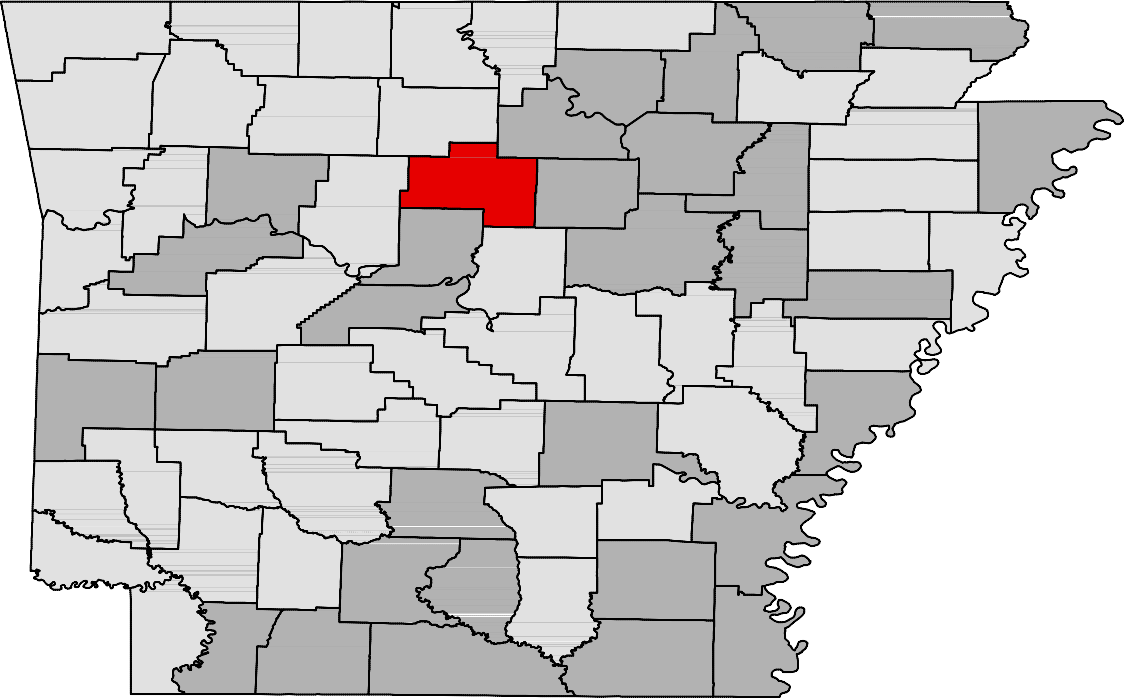
Chicot

4.1% - 6.0%

6.1% - 8.0%

> 8.0% [NONE]

Ranked by Unemployment Rates



April 2016- Not Seasonally Adjusted



|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  2.3 | **Rank**  24 | **County**  Garland | **Rate**  3.5 | **Rank**  48 | **County**  Polk | **Rate**  4.2 |
| 2 | Benton | 2.5 | 24 | Greene | 3.5 | 52 | Independence | 4.3 |
| 3 | Craighead | 2.7 | 28 | Bradley | 3.6 | 52 | Perry | 4.3 |
| 3 | Howard | 2.7 | 28 | Clark | 3.6 | 54 | Izard | 4.4 |
| 3 | Saline | 2.7 | 28 | Franklin | 3.6 | 54 | Montgomery | 4.4 |
| 6 | Lonoke | 2.8 | 28 | Lawrence | 3.6 | 56 | St. Francis | 4.5 |
| 6 | Madison | 2.8 | 28 | Searcy | 3.6 | 56 | Stone | 4.5 |
| 8 | Arkansas | 2.9 | 28 | Yell | 3.6 | 56 | Union | 4.5 |
| 9 | Carroll | 3.0 | 34 | Fulton | 3.7 | 59 | Sharp | 4.6 |
| 9 | Pulaski | 3.0 | 34 | Little River | 3.7 | 60 | Drew | 4.7 |
| 11 | Boone | 3.1 | 36 | Cleveland | 3.8 | 60 | White | 4.7 |
| 11 | Grant | 3.1 | 36 | Cross | 3.8 | 62 | Ashley | 4.8 |
| 11 | Nevada | 3.1 | 36 | Pope | 3.8 | 62 | Clay | 4.8 |
| 14 | Hempstead | 3.2 | 39 | Crittenden | 3.9 | 62 | Columbia | 4.8 |
| 14 | Miller | 3.2 | 39 | Lee | 3.9 | 62 | Jefferson | 4.8 |
| 14 | Newton | 3.2 | 39 | Monroe | 3.9 | 66 | Desha | 4.9 |
| 17 | Prairie | 3.3 | 39 | Pike | 3.9 | 67 | Woodruff | 5.0 |
| 17 | Scott | 3.3 | 43 | Lincoln | 4.0 | 68 | Lafayette | 5.1 |
| 17 | Sebastian | 3.3 | 43 | Sevier | 4.0 | 68 | Phillips | 5.1 |
| 20 | Faulkner | 3.4 | 45 | Johnson | 4.1 | 70 | Conway | 5.4 |
| 20 | Hot Spring | 3.4 | 45 | Logan | 4.1 | 71 | Chicot | 5.5 |
| 20 | Marion | 3.4 | 45 | Randolph | 4.1 | 71 | Cleburne | 5.5 |
| 20 | Poinsett | 3.4 | 48 | Calhoun | 4.2 | 73 | Jackson | 5.6 |
| 24 | Baxter | 3.5 | 48 | Dallas | 4.2 | 74 | Mississippi | 5.8 |
| 24 | Crawford | 3.5 | 48 | Ouachita | 4.2 | 75 | Van Buren | 6.3 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**April 2016 March 2016 April 2015**

**LWDA CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**CLF Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

Central (minus LR) 249,781

242,188

7,593

3.0

250,373

241,308

9,065

3.6

244,556

233,200

11,356

4.6

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| City of Little Rock | 97,543 | 94,645 | 2,898 | 3.0 | 97,626 | 94,246 | 3,380 | 3.5 | 95,463 | 91,023 | 4,440 | 4.7 |
| Eastern | 48,856 | 46,815 | 2,041 | 4.2 | 49,159 | 46,695 | 2,464 | 5.0 | 48,800 | 45,578 | 3,222 | 6.6 |
| North Central | 96,793 | 92,159 | 4,634 | 4.8 | 97,209 | 91,677 | 5,532 | 5.7 | 96,079 | 89,765 | 6,314 | 6.6 |
| Northeast | 120,350 | 116,022 | 4,328 | 3.6 | 121,147 | 115,845 | 5,302 | 4.4 | 118,219 | 111,290 | 6,929 | 5.9 |
| Northwest | 310,976 | 303,066 | 7,910 | 2.5 | 311,041 | 301,487 | 9,554 | 3.1 | 297,631 | 285,516 | 12,115 | 4.1 |
| Southeast | 84,771 | 81,127 | 3,644 | 4.3 | 85,485 | 81,076 | 4,409 | 5.2 | 84,330 | 78,747 | 5,583 | 6.6 |
| Southwest | 96,154 | 92,463 | 3,691 | 3.8 | 96,901 | 92,420 | 4,481 | 4.6 | 94,583 | 89,028 | 5,555 | 5.9 |
| West Central | 135,498 | 130,342 | 5,156 | 3.8 | 135,771 | 129,702 | 6,069 | 4.5 | 132,716 | 125,351 | 7,365 | 5.5 |
| Western | 114,602 | 110,619 | 3,983 | 3.5 | 115,050 | 110,354 | 4,696 | 4.1 | 113,885 | 107,780 | 6,105 | 5.4 |

Benton

Washington

Carroll

Madison

Boone

Newton

Marion

Searcy

Baxter

Stone

Fulton

Izard

Sharp

Randolph

Lawrence

Clay

Greene

Craighead

Mississippi

Crawford

Franklin

Johnson

Pope

Van Buren

Cleburne

Independence

Jackson

Poinsett

Cross

Sebastian

Scott

Logan

Yell

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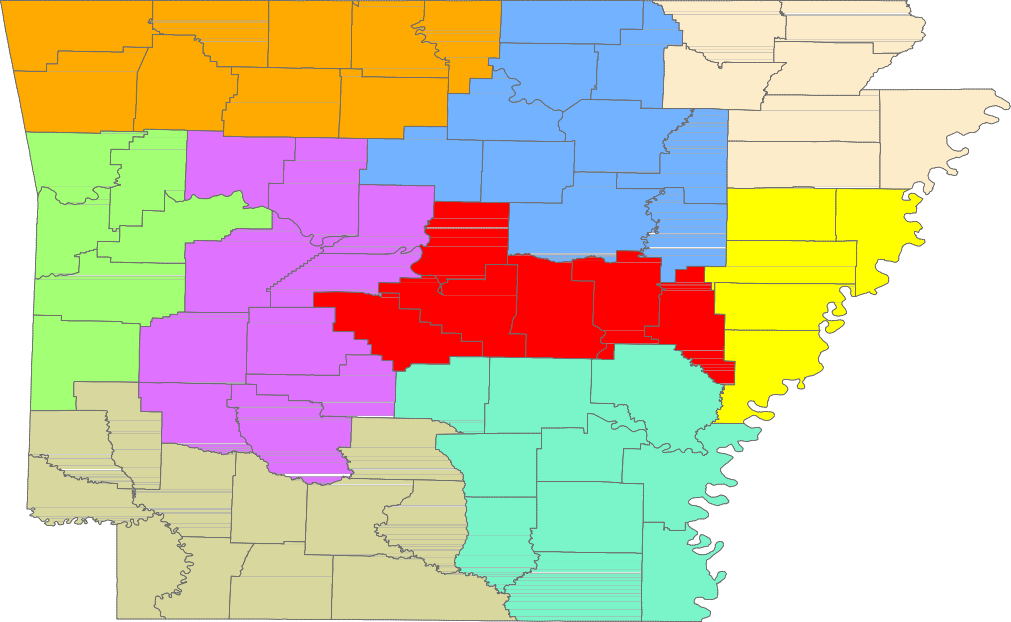
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Southeast

Southwest

West Central

Western



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