Arkansas

Labor Market report

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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 2020 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.

**March Spotlight**

# A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Between February and March, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates declined in 37 states. Jobless rates were stable in 13 states and the District of Columbia. In March, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.0 percent in Nebraska and Utah to a high of 6.0 percent in the District of Columbia. Arkansas ranked 16th among states, with a jobless rate of 3.1 percent in March. Twenty-five states, including Arkansas, posted jobless rates below the national rate of 3.6 percent.

Compared to March 2021, unemployment rates have declined in all 50 states and the District of Co- lumbia. The largest rate decrease occurred in Nevada, down four and two-tenths of a percentage point. The smallest annual declines were in Nebraska and the District of Columbia, both down six-tenths of a percentage point. Arkansas’ unemployment rate decreased one and five-tenths of a percentage point over-the-year, from 4.6 percent in March 2021 down to 3.1 percent in March 2022.

**Unemployment Rates by State (Seasonally Adjusted)**

March 2022

**Rank State Rate**

1 Nebraska 2.0

1 Utah 2.0

1. Indiana 2.2
2. Montana 2.3
3. Kansas 2.5

5 Minnesota 2.5

5 New Hampshire 2.5

5 South Dakota 2.5

9 Idaho 2.7

9 Oklahoma 2.7

9 Vermont 2.7

1. Wisconsin 2.8
2. Alabama 2.9

13 North Dakota 2.9

1. Virginia 3.0
2. **Arkansas 3.1**

16 Georgia 3.1

**Rank State Rate**

18 Florida 3.2

18 Tennessee 3.2

20 Arizona 3.3

20 Iowa 3.3

22 Rhode Island 3.4

22 South Carolina 3.4

22 Wyoming 3.4

1. North Carolina 3.5
2. Maine 3.6

26 Missouri 3.6

28 Colorado 3.7

28 West Virginia 3.7

1. Oregon 3.8
2. Kentucky 4.0
3. Hawaii 4.1

32 Ohio 4.1

34 Louisiana 4.2

**Rank State Rate**

34 Mississippi 4.2

34 New Jersey 4.2

34 Washington 4.2

1. Massachusetts 4.3
2. Michigan 4.4

39 Texas 4.4

1. Delaware 4.5
2. Connecticut 4.6

42 Maryland 4.6

42 New York 4.6

1. Illinois 4.7
2. California 4.9

46 Pennsylvania 4.9

48 Alaska 5.0

48 Nevada 5.0

1. New Mexico 5.3
2. District of Columbia 6.0

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 3.6 Percent

**Washington**

**Oregon**

**Idaho**

**Montana**

**Wyoming**

**North Dakota**

**South Dakota Nebraska**

**Minnesota**

**Iowa**

**Wisconsin**

**Michigan**

**Maine**

**Vermont**

**New YorkNew Hampshire**

**Massachusetts**

**Pennsylvania**

**Nevada**

**Utah**

**Illinois Indiana**

**Ohio**

**New Jersey**

**California**

**Arizona**

**Colorado**

**New Mexico**

**Kansas Oklahoma**

**Missouri Arkansas**

**Kentucky Tennessee**

**West VirginiaMaryland Virginia**

**North Carolina South Carolina**

Continental U.S. Only

**Texas**

**MississippiAlabama Georgia Louisiana**

**Florida**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 4.0%

4.1% - 5.0%

> 5.0%

**State of Arkansas**

# Civilian Labor Force Summary

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.1 percent between February and March. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose 4,508, a result of 5,255 more employed and 747 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point, from 3.8 percent in February to 3.6 percent in March.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “The number of employed Arkansans increased 5,255 between February and March, marking the third consecutive month of employment gains. Cur- rently, there are 31,600 more employed Arkansans compared to March 2021.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment Unemployment

1,302,465

41,442

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,297,210

42,189

3.1% 3.1%

56.6% 56.5%

3.6% 3.8%

1,270,865

61,923

4.6%

56.7%

6.0%

Employment Unemployment

1,309,744

43,909

Labor Participation Rate

U.S. Unemp Rate

Unemployment Rate

1,298,136 1,270,783

51,418 63,044

3.2% 3.8% 4.7%

57.0% 56.9% 56.7%

3.8% 4.1% 6.2%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** |  | **Mar 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,343,907 | 1,339,399 | 1,332,788 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,353,653 | 1,349,554 | 1,333,827 |

**Labor Force Participation Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**

March 2019 - March 2022

60.0

59.5

59.0

58.5

58.0

57.5

57.0

56.5

56.0

55.5

55.0

54.5

Mar '19 Sep '19 Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Mar 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1305.5 | 1300.2 | 1272.2 | 5.3 | 33.3 |
| Goods Producing | 220.6 | 219.2 | 216.6 | 1.4 | 4.0 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 59.2 | 58.1 | 59.7 | 1.1 | -0.5 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.0** | **5.1** | **5.2** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Construction** | **54.2** | **53.0** | **54.5** | **1.2** | **-0.3** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 33.9 | 33.7 | 34.8 | 0.2 | -0.9 |
| **Manufacturing** | 161.4 | 161.1 | 156.9 | 0.3 | 4.5 |
| Durable Goods | 77.0 | 76.8 | 74.4 | 0.2 | 2.6 |
| Nondurable Goods | 84.4 | 84.3 | 82.5 | 0.1 | 1.9 |
| Service Providing | 1084.9 | 1081.0 | 1055.6 | 3.9 | 29.3 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **265.9** | **264.3** | **251.7** | **1.6** | **14.2** |
| Wholesale Trade | 51.1 | 50.7 | 47.1 | 0.4 | 4.0 |
| Retail Trade | 139.9 | 139.8 | 137.8 | 0.1 | 2.1 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 74.9 | 73.8 | 66.8 | 1.1 | 8.1 |
| **Information** | **12.3** | **12.0** | **11.3** | **0.3** | **1.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **66.1** | **66.1** | **65.4** | **0.0** | **0.7** |
| Finance & Insurance | 51.9 | 51.7 | 51.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 14.2 | 14.4 | 13.8 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **149.1** | **148.9** | **143.1** | **0.2** | **6.0** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 46.5 | 46.1 | 44.1 | 0.4 | 2.4 |
| Management of Companies | 37.6 | 37.0 | 32.9 | 0.6 | 4.7 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 65.0 | 65.8 | 66.1 | -0.8 | -1.1 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **194.6** | **196.0** | **197.3** | **-1.4** | **-2.7** |
| Educational Services | 17.8 | 17.6 | 16.9 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 176.8 | 178.4 | 180.4 | -1.6 | -3.6 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 61.0 | 61.6 | 60.6 | -0.6 | 0.4 |
| Social Assistance | 35.4 | 35.7 | 37.7 | -0.3 | -2.3 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **119.5** | **116.4** | **110.4** | **3.1** | **9.1** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 11.9 | 11.2 | 10.3 | 0.7 | 1.6 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 107.6 | 105.2 | 100.1 | 2.4 | 7.5 |
| Accommodation Services | 10.8 | 10.5 | 9.1 | 0.3 | 1.7 |
| Food Services | 96.8 | 94.7 | 91.0 | 2.1 | 5.8 |
| **Other Services** | **65.6** | **65.9** | **67.0** | **-0.3** | **-1.4** |
| **Government** | **211.8** | **211.4** | **209.4** | **0.4** | **2.4** |
| Federal Government | 20.5 | 20.5 | 20.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| State Government | 78.1 | 77.8 | 78.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 31.7 | 31.4 | 31.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.4 | 46.4 | 46.6 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Local Government | 113.2 | 113.1 | 111.0 | 0.1 | 2.2 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 71.0 | 71.1 | 68.8 | -0.1 | 2.2 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 42.2 | 42.0 | 42.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |

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**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Februar y 2022 - March 2022**

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 5,300 in March to total 1,305,500. Seven major industry sectors added jobs. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 3,100. Most of the hiring occurred in food services (+2,100). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 1,600. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities posted most of the growth, up 1,100. **Construction** added 1,200 jobs, related in part to large scale projects throughout the State. Jobs in **educational and health services** declined 1,400. All losses were in health care and social assistance (-1,600).

**March 2021 - March 2022**

Compared to March 2021, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs are up 33,300. Over-the-year growth was posted in seven major industry sectors, with four sectors adding 4,500 or more jobs each. **Trade, trans- portation, and utilities** increased 14,200. Hiring occurred across all subsectors, with transportation- warehousing-utilities reporting the largest gains (+8,100). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 9,100, with expansions across all subsectors. **Professional and business services** added 6,000 jobs. Growth was reported in management of companies (+4,700) and professional-scientific-technical services (+2,400). Jobs in **manufacturing** increased 4,500, with gains in both durable (+2,600) and nondurable (+1,900) goods manufacturing. Employment in **government** rose 2,400, mostly in local government- educational services (+2,200). **Educational and health services** declined 2,700. Expansions in edu- cational services (+900) were more than offset by losses in health care and social assistance (-3,600). Jobs in **other services** decreased 1,400. The sector includes activities such as automotive repair, dry- cleaning services, and social organizations.

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

March: 2012 - 2022

166,000

161,000

156,000

151,000

146,000

141,000

136,000

2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Mar 22**

Average Weekly Hours 40.5

Average Hourly Earnings 20.26

Average Weekly Earnings 820.53

**Feb 22**

40.3

20.12

810.84

**Mar 21**

40.9

19.49

797.14

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Mar 22**

Average Weekly Hours 41.2

Average Hourly Earnings 21.40

Average Weekly Earnings 881.68

**Feb 22**

39.2

21.39

838.49

**Mar 21**

40.2

21.03

845.41

**Mar 22**

Average Weekly Hours 39.8

Average Hourly Earnings 19.22

Average Weekly Earnings 764.96

**Feb 22**

41.2

19.05

784.86

**Mar 21**

41.5

18.12

751.98

$21.00

**Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing (Production Workers)**

March 2017 - March 2022

$20.00

$19.00

$18.00

$17.00

$16.00

$15.00

$14.00

Mar '17 Sep '17 Mar '18 Sep '18 Mar '19 Sep '19 Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22

## 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 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 352,374 | 353,331 | 347,692 | -957 | 4,682 |
| **Employment** | 340,891 | 339,886 | 330,610 | 1,005 | 10,281 |
| **Unemployment** | 11,483 | 13,445 | 17,082 | -1,962 | -5,599 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.9 | -0.5 | -1.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Mar 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 363.7 | 362.9 | 354.2 | 0.8 | 9.5 |
| **Goods Producing** 37.5 | 37.4 | 36.9 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.9** | **17.9** | **18.2** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Manufacturing 19.6** | **19.5** | **18.7** | **0.1** | **0.9** |
| **Service Providing** 326.2 | 325.5 | 317.3 | 0.7 | 8.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 74.5** | **74.4** | **68.4** | **0.1** | **6.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 16.6 | 16.6 | 15.3 | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| **Retail Trade** 37.9 | 37.8 | 37.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.0 | 20.0 | 15.7 | 0.0 | 4.3 |
| **Information 5.5** | **5.4** | **5.1** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Financial Activities 22.5** | **22.7** | **22.2** | **-0.2** | **0.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services 45.7** | **45.6** | **46.2** | **0.1** | **-0.5** |
| **Educational & Health Services 58.2** | **59.0** | **58.1** | **-0.8** | **0.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 33.7** | **32.5** | **30.3** | **1.2** | **3.4** |
| **Other Services 17.9** | **17.9** | **18.0** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Government 68.2** | **68.0** | **69.0** | **0.2** | **-0.8** |
| **Federal Government** 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 34.6 | 34.5 | 34.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Local Government** 23.7 | 23.6 | 24.8 | 0.1 | -1.1 |

**Employment**

March: 2012 - 2022

355,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

March 2019 - March 2022

380,000

350,000

370,000

345,000

360,000

340,000

350,000

335,000

330,000

340,000

330,000

325,000

320,000

320,000

315,000

310,000

310,000

'12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22

300,000

Mar '19 Sep '19 Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22

**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 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 297,303 | 296,639 | 283,389 | 664 | 13,914 |
| **Employment** | 290,524 | 288,859 | 273,380 | 1,665 | 17,144 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,779 | 7,780 | 10,009 | -1,001 | -3,230 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.3 | 2.6 | 3.5 | -0.3 | -1.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Mar 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 284.2 | 283.2 | 268.2 | 1.0 | 16.0 |
| **Goods Producing** 45.5 | 45.2 | 44.5 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 13.8** | **13.6** | **13.6** | **0.2** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 31.7** | **31.6** | **30.9** | **0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Service Providing** 238.7 | 238.0 | 223.7 | 0.7 | 15.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 62.1** | **61.8** | **58.3** | **0.3** | **3.8** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 13.3 | 13.2 | 12.7 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| **Retail Trade** 29.1 | 28.8 | 27.1 | 0.3 | 2.0 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 19.7 | 19.8 | 18.5 | -0.1 | 1.2 |
| **Information 2.1** | **2.1** | **1.9** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 8.9** | **8.9** | **8.8** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 57.3** | **57.3** | **51.0** | **0.0** | **6.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services 30.7** | **30.8** | **30.3** | **-0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 27.0** | **26.6** | **24.5** | **0.4** | **2.5** |
| **Other Services 9.8** | **9.9** | **9.9** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Government 40.8** | **40.6** | **39.0** | **0.2** | **1.8** |
| **Federal Government** 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 18.1 | 18.0 | 16.9 | 0.1 | 1.2 |
| **Local Government** 19.9 | 19.8 | 19.3 | 0.1 | 0.6 |

**Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry**

March 2021 vs March 2022

Professional & Business

6,300

3,800

2,500

1,800

800

400

200

200

100

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Leisure & Hospitality

Government

Manufacturing

Education & Health

Information

Mining-Logging-Construct

Financial Activities

Other Services

-100

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-1,000 0 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 5,000 6,000 7,000

**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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 117,378 | 117,454 | 115,461 | -76 | 1,917 |
| **Employment** | 113,643 | 113,198 | 110,183 | 445 | 3,460 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,735 | 4,256 | 5,278 | -521 | -1,543 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.2 | 3.6 | 4.6 | -0.4 | -1.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Mar 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 111.8 | 111.6 | 109.2 | 0.2 | 2.6 |
| **Goods Producing** 22.9 | 23.0 | 21.8 | -0.1 | 1.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.0** | **5.0** | **4.8** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 17.9** | **18.0** | **17.0** | **-0.1** | **0.9** |
| **Service Providing** 88.9 | 88.6 | 87.4 | 0.3 | 1.5 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.1** | **24.1** | **23.2** | **0.0** | **0.9** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.8 | 12.8 | 12.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.3 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| **Information 1.2** | **1.2** | **1.1** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 3.8** | **3.8** | **3.7** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 11.5** | **11.6** | **11.7** | **-0.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.7** | **16.7** | **16.8** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.4** | **9.2** | **9.0** | **0.2** | **0.4** |
| **Other Services 4.3** | **4.2** | **4.3** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Government 17.9** | **17.8** | **17.6** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Local Government** 14.0 | 14.0 | 13.6 | 0.0 | 0.4 |

**Number of Employed**

March 2019 - March 2022

118,000

**Jobs in Manufacturing**

March: 2012 - 2022

19,000

116,000

114,000

18,000

112,000

110,000

108,000

17,000

106,000

104,000

16,000

102,000

100,000

Mar '19 Sep '19 Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22

15,000

'12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 40,321 | 40,444 | 40,552 | -123 | -231 |
| **Employment** | 38,720 | 38,580 | 38,124 | 140 | 596 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,601 | 1,864 | 2,428 | -263 | -827 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.0 | 4.6 | 6.0 | -0.6 | -2.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 38.9 | 38.7 | 38.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| 34.5 | 34.4 | 33.9 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 |

44,000

**Civilian Labor Force**

January 2020 - March 2022

43,000

42,000

41,000

40,000

39,000

38,000

Arkansas

Labor Market report

37,000

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2020 2021 2022

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,504 | 66,313 | 65,451 | 191 | 1,053 |
| **Employment** | 64,737 | 64,268 | 62,815 | 469 | 1,922 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,767 | 2,045 | 2,636 | -278 | -869 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.7 | 3.1 | 4.0 | -0.4 | -1.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 61.4 | 61.2 | 60.0 | 0.2 | 1.4 |
| 11.1 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 50.3 | 50.2 | 49.0 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| 8.5 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 0.0 | -0.4 |

65,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

March: 2002 - 2022

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

'02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 33,131 | 33,126 | 33,358 | 5 | -227 |
| **Employment** | 31,385 | 31,117 | 31,054 | 268 | 331 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,746 | 2,009 | 2,304 | -263 | -558 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.3 | 6.1 | 6.9 | -0.8 | -1.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.4 | 31.2 | 31.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 25.9 | 25.7 | 25.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.7 | 0.1 | -0.2 |

35,000

**Employment**

March 2017 - March 2022

Arkansas

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34,000

33,000

32,000

31,000

30,000

29,000

28,000

Mar '17 Sep '17 Mar '18 Sep '18 Mar '19 Sep '19 Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 649,229 | 649,008 | 638,077 | 221 | 11,152 |
| **Employment** | 622,169 | 618,375 | 594,157 | 3,794 | 28,012 |
| **Unemployment** | 27,060 | 30,633 | 43,920 | -3,573 | -16,860 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.2 | 4.7 | 6.9 | -0.5 | -2.7 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 22** | **Feb 22** | **Mar 21** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,178 | 64,548 | 63,097 | -370 | 1,081 |
| **Employment** | 61,545 | 61,365 | 59,215 | 180 | 2,330 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,633 | 3,183 | 3,882 | -550 | -1,249 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1 | 4.9 | 6.2 | -0.8 | -2.1 |

630,000

**Memphis MSA - Employment**

March: 2012 - 2022

9,000

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment**

March 2019 - March 2022

620,000

8,000

610,000

7,000

600,000

590,000

580,000

6,000

5,000

4,000

570,000

560,000

3,000

550,000

2,000

540,000

1,000

530,000

Arkansas

Labor Market report

'12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22

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Mar '19 Sep '19 Mar '20 Sep '20 Mar '21 Sep '21 Mar '22

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**March 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**February 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2021**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,838 | 8,499 | 339 | 3.8 | 8,795 | 8,404 | 391 | 4.4 | 8,914 | 8,452 | 462 | 5.2 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,519 | 15,996 | 523 | 3.2 | 16,422 | 15,803 | 619 | 3.8 | 16,609 | 15,893 | 716 | 4.3 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,289 | 15,335 | 954 | 5.9 | 16,179 | 15,034 | 1,145 | 7.1 | 16,483 | 15,195 | 1,288 | 7.8 |
| Camden Micro | 12,316 | 11,890 | 426 | 3.5 | 12,233 | 11,750 | 483 | 3.9 | 12,287 | 11,761 | 526 | 4.3 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,976 | 14,228 | 748 | 5.0 | 14,963 | 14,084 | 879 | 5.9 | 15,301 | 14,287 | 1,014 | 6.6 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,672 | 7,277 | 395 | 5.1 | 7,622 | 7,170 | 452 | 5.9 | 7,799 | 7,241 | 558 | 7.2 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,214 | 18,729 | 485 | 2.5 | 19,045 | 18,469 | 576 | 3.0 | 19,095 | 18,398 | 697 | 3.7 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,874 | 5,485 | 389 | 6.6 | 5,782 | 5,330 | 452 | 7.8 | 6,106 | 5,578 | 528 | 8.6 |
| Hope Micro | 12,525 | 12,109 | 416 | 3.3 | 12,420 | 11,943 | 477 | 3.8 | 12,730 | 12,219 | 511 | 4.0 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,898 | 8,517 | 381 | 4.3 | 8,870 | 8,449 | 421 | 4.7 | 8,994 | 8,464 | 530 | 5.9 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,919 | 13,477 | 442 | 3.2 | 13,933 | 13,408 | 525 | 3.8 | 13,892 | 13,264 | 628 | 4.5 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,328 | 15,806 | 522 | 3.2 | 16,253 | 15,627 | 626 | 3.9 | 16,317 | 15,602 | 715 | 4.4 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,671 | 19,126 | 545 | 2.8 | 19,488 | 18,829 | 659 | 3.4 | 19,451 | 18,659 | 792 | 4.1 |
| Russellville Micro | 35,520 | 34,344 | 1,176 | 3.3 | 35,231 | 33,786 | 1,445 | 4.1 | 35,364 | 33,807 | 1,557 | 4.4 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,240 | 33,081 | 1,159 | 3.4 | 34,091 | 32,749 | 1,342 | 3.9 | 33,846 | 32,250 | 1,596 | 4.7 |

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

**City Labor Force Statistics**

**City**

**CLF**

**March 2022**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**February 2022**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**March 2021**

**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 | 12,806 | 12,388 | 418 | 3.3 | 12,831 | 12,321 | 510 | 4.0 | 12,242 | 11,657 | 585 | 4.8 |
| Benton | 17,480 | 16,996 | 484 | 2.8 | 17,527 | 16,964 | 563 | 3.2 | 17,134 | 16,493 | 641 | 3.7 |
| Bentonville | 30,885 | 30,295 | 590 | 1.9 | 30,798 | 30,130 | 668 | 2.2 | 29,391 | 28,507 | 884 | 3.0 |
| Blytheville | 5,435 | 5,133 | 302 | 5.6 | 5,346 | 5,032 | 314 | 5.9 | 5,559 | 5,086 | 473 | 8.5 |
| Cabot | 11,885 | 11,570 | 315 | 2.7 | 11,847 | 11,471 | 376 | 3.2 | 11,658 | 11,190 | 468 | 4.0 |
| Conway | 33,945 | 33,039 | 906 | 2.7 | 33,954 | 32,923 | 1,031 | 3.0 | 33,452 | 32,041 | 1,411 | 4.2 |
| El Dorado | 6,486 | 6,123 | 363 | 5.6 | 6,471 | 6,061 | 410 | 6.3 | 6,617 | 6,148 | 469 | 7.1 |
| Fayetteville | 50,620 | 49,389 | 1,231 | 2.4 | 50,497 | 49,117 | 1,380 | 2.7 | 48,420 | 46,489 | 1,931 | 4.0 |
| Fort Smith | 38,133 | 36,967 | 1,166 | 3.1 | 38,270 | 36,906 | 1,364 | 3.6 | 37,693 | 35,972 | 1,721 | 4.6 |
| Hot Springs | 15,054 | 14,329 | 725 | 4.8 | 15,053 | 14,277 | 776 | 5.2 | 15,220 | 14,108 | 1,112 | 7.3 |
| Jacksonville | 11,467 | 10,964 | 503 | 4.4 | 11,557 | 10,946 | 611 | 5.3 | 11,398 | 10,640 | 758 | 6.7 |
| Jonesboro | 39,978 | 38,924 | 1,054 | 2.6 | 39,899 | 38,713 | 1,186 | 3.0 | 39,419 | 37,802 | 1,617 | 4.1 |
| Little Rock | 95,529 | 92,024 | 3,505 | 3.7 | 95,913 | 91,869 | 4,044 | 4.2 | 95,005 | 89,297 | 5,708 | 6.0 |
| North Little Rock | 29,548 | 28,298 | 1,250 | 4.2 | 29,774 | 28,250 | 1,524 | 5.1 | 29,322 | 27,459 | 1,863 | 6.4 |
| Paragould | 12,526 | 12,155 | 371 | 3.0 | 12,412 | 11,967 | 445 | 3.6 | 12,412 | 11,859 | 553 | 4.5 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,524 | 14,536 | 988 | 6.4 | 15,632 | 14,463 | 1,169 | 7.5 | 15,786 | 14,410 | 1,376 | 8.7 |
| Rogers | 37,947 | 37,167 | 780 | 2.1 | 37,809 | 36,964 | 845 | 2.2 | 36,145 | 34,973 | 1,172 | 3.2 |
| Russellville | 12,705 | 12,320 | 385 | 3.0 | 12,610 | 12,160 | 450 | 3.6 | 12,679 | 12,151 | 528 | 4.2 |
| Searcy | 10,362 | 9,990 | 372 | 3.6 | 10,247 | 9,890 | 357 | 3.5 | 10,154 | 9,739 | 415 | 4.1 |
| Sherwood | 15,938 | 15,443 | 495 | 3.1 | 16,046 | 15,417 | 629 | 3.9 | 15,699 | 14,986 | 713 | 4.5 |
| Springdale | 40,319 | 39,444 | 875 | 2.2 | 40,282 | 39,227 | 1,055 | 2.6 | 38,429 | 37,126 | 1,303 | 3.4 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,208 | 12,654 | 554 | 4.2 | 13,275 | 12,637 | 638 | 4.8 | 13,004 | 12,168 | 836 | 6.4 |
| Van Buren | 10,215 | 9,921 | 294 | 2.9 | 10,228 | 9,875 | 353 | 3.5 | 10,073 | 9,639 | 434 | 4.3 |
| West Memphis | 10,113 | 9,732 | 381 | 3.8 | 10,090 | 9,640 | 450 | 4.5 | 10,068 | 9,345 | 723 | 7.2 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **March 2022** |  |  | **February 2022** |  |  | **March 2021** |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,646 | 9,317 | 329 | 3.4 | 9,458 | 9,082 | 376 | 4.0 | 9,468 | 9,108 | 360 | 3.8 |
| Ashley | 6,693 | 6,273 | 420 | 6.3 | 6,660 | 6,174 | 486 | 7.3 | 6,894 | 6,323 | 571 | 8.3 |
| Baxter | 16,328 | 15,806 | 522 | 3.2 | 16,253 | 15,627 | 626 | 3.9 | 16,317 | 15,602 | 715 | 4.4 |
| Benton | 147,822 | 144,536 | 3,286 | 2.2 | 147,571 | 143,748 | 3,823 | 2.6 | 140,823 | 136,004 | 4,819 | 3.4 |
| Boone | 15,965 | 15,571 | 394 | 2.5 | 15,847 | 15,381 | 466 | 2.9 | 15,885 | 15,309 | 576 | 3.6 |
| Bradley | 4,050 | 3,887 | 163 | 4.0 | 4,003 | 3,816 | 187 | 4.7 | 4,155 | 3,937 | 218 | 5.2 |
| Calhoun | 2,449 | 2,384 | 65 | 2.7 | 2,405 | 2,329 | 76 | 3.2 | 2,436 | 2,342 | 94 | 3.9 |
| Carroll | 12,687 | 12,336 | 351 | 2.8 | 12,373 | 11,917 | 456 | 3.7 | 12,670 | 12,127 | 543 | 4.3 |
| Chicot | 3,059 | 2,850 | 209 | 6.8 | 3,008 | 2,759 | 249 | 8.3 | 3,168 | 2,860 | 308 | 9.7 |
| Clark | 8,838 | 8,499 | 339 | 3.8 | 8,795 | 8,404 | 391 | 4.4 | 8,914 | 8,452 | 462 | 5.2 |
| Clay | 5,458 | 5,259 | 199 | 3.6 | 5,318 | 5,078 | 240 | 4.5 | 5,457 | 5,184 | 273 | 5.0 |
| Cleburne | 8,960 | 8,586 | 374 | 4.2 | 8,884 | 8,452 | 432 | 4.9 | 8,976 | 8,481 | 495 | 5.5 |
| Cleveland | 3,161 | 3,052 | 109 | 3.4 | 3,115 | 2,992 | 123 | 3.9 | 3,146 | 3,002 | 144 | 4.6 |
| Columbia | 8,898 | 8,517 | 381 | 4.3 | 8,870 | 8,449 | 421 | 4.7 | 8,994 | 8,464 | 530 | 5.9 |
| Conway | 8,280 | 7,978 | 302 | 3.6 | 8,284 | 7,922 | 362 | 4.4 | 8,248 | 7,842 | 406 | 4.9 |
| Craighead | 56,565 | 55,118 | 1,447 | 2.6 | 56,489 | 54,819 | 1,670 | 3.0 | 55,720 | 53,529 | 2,191 | 3.9 |
| Crawford | 26,189 | 25,391 | 798 | 3.0 | 26,213 | 25,273 | 940 | 3.6 | 25,779 | 24,668 | 1,111 | 4.3 |
| Crittenden | 20,718 | 19,943 | 775 | 3.7 | 20,651 | 19,754 | 897 | 4.3 | 20,395 | 19,149 | 1,246 | 6.1 |
| Cross | 7,027 | 6,779 | 248 | 3.5 | 6,909 | 6,606 | 303 | 4.4 | 7,125 | 6,751 | 374 | 5.2 |
| Dallas | 2,786 | 2,681 | 105 | 3.8 | 2,763 | 2,640 | 123 | 4.5 | 2,820 | 2,698 | 122 | 4.3 |
| Desha | 5,043 | 4,766 | 277 | 5.5 | 4,950 | 4,631 | 319 | 6.4 | 5,043 | 4,725 | 318 | 6.3 |
| Drew | 7,664 | 7,344 | 320 | 4.2 | 7,581 | 7,203 | 378 | 5.0 | 7,619 | 7,193 | 426 | 5.6 |
| Faulkner | 61,734 | 60,012 | 1,722 | 2.8 | 61,785 | 59,800 | 1,985 | 3.2 | 60,714 | 58,198 | 2,516 | 4.1 |
| Franklin | 7,335 | 7,098 | 237 | 3.2 | 7,256 | 6,981 | 275 | 3.8 | 7,281 | 6,963 | 318 | 4.4 |
| Fulton | 4,941 | 4,786 | 155 | 3.1 | 4,856 | 4,688 | 168 | 3.5 | 4,854 | 4,640 | 214 | 4.4 |
| Garland | 40,321 | 38,720 | 1,601 | 4.0 | 40,444 | 38,580 | 1,864 | 4.6 | 40,552 | 38,124 | 2,428 | 6.0 |
| Grant | 8,322 | 8,084 | 238 | 2.9 | 8,292 | 8,019 | 273 | 3.3 | 8,108 | 7,815 | 293 | 3.6 |
| Greene | 19,671 | 19,126 | 545 | 2.8 | 19,488 | 18,829 | 659 | 3.4 | 19,451 | 18,659 | 792 | 4.1 |
| Hempstead | 9,175 | 8,888 | 287 | 3.1 | 9,083 | 8,749 | 334 | 3.7 | 9,324 | 8,955 | 369 | 4.0 |
| Hot Spring | 13,919 | 13,477 | 442 | 3.2 | 13,933 | 13,408 | 525 | 3.8 | 13,892 | 13,264 | 628 | 4.5 |
| Howard | 5,540 | 5,382 | 158 | 2.9 | 5,436 | 5,258 | 178 | 3.3 | 5,611 | 5,407 | 204 | 3.6 |
| Independence | 16,519 | 15,996 | 523 | 3.2 | 16,422 | 15,803 | 619 | 3.8 | 16,609 | 15,893 | 716 | 4.3 |
| Izard | 4,370 | 4,159 | 211 | 4.8 | 4,305 | 4,056 | 249 | 5.8 | 4,394 | 4,140 | 254 | 5.8 |
| Jackson | 5,781 | 5,523 | 258 | 4.5 | 5,659 | 5,356 | 303 | 5.4 | 5,677 | 5,334 | 343 | 6.0 |
| Jefferson | 26,163 | 24,687 | 1,476 | 5.6 | 26,257 | 24,562 | 1,695 | 6.5 | 26,429 | 24,473 | 1,956 | 7.4 |
| Johnson | 9,950 | 9,574 | 376 | 3.8 | 9,912 | 9,460 | 452 | 4.6 | 9,965 | 9,450 | 515 | 5.2 |
| Lafayette | 2,343 | 2,238 | 105 | 4.5 | 2,304 | 2,179 | 125 | 5.4 | 2,388 | 2,222 | 166 | 7.0 |
| Lawrence | 6,859 | 6,621 | 238 | 3.5 | 6,745 | 6,470 | 275 | 4.1 | 6,902 | 6,557 | 345 | 5.0 |
| Lee | 2,573 | 2,450 | 123 | 4.8 | 2,519 | 2,371 | 148 | 5.9 | 2,617 | 2,455 | 162 | 6.2 |
| Lincoln | 3,807 | 3,646 | 161 | 4.2 | 3,754 | 3,563 | 191 | 5.1 | 3,783 | 3,579 | 204 | 5.4 |
| Little River | 5,334 | 5,143 | 191 | 3.6 | 5,371 | 5,141 | 230 | 4.3 | 5,216 | 4,940 | 276 | 5.3 |
| Logan | 8,458 | 8,169 | 289 | 3.4 | 8,394 | 8,051 | 343 | 4.1 | 8,508 | 8,091 | 417 | 4.9 |
| Lonoke | 33,723 | 32,798 | 925 | 2.7 | 33,604 | 32,518 | 1,086 | 3.2 | 33,026 | 31,722 | 1,304 | 3.9 |
| Madison | 7,764 | 7,575 | 189 | 2.4 | 7,608 | 7,389 | 219 | 2.9 | 7,375 | 7,090 | 285 | 3.9 |
| Marion | 6,088 | 5,874 | 214 | 3.5 | 6,056 | 5,791 | 265 | 4.4 | 6,085 | 5,771 | 314 | 5.2 |
| Miller | 19,225 | 18,498 | 727 | 3.8 | 19,326 | 18,473 | 853 | 4.4 | 18,861 | 17,787 | 1,074 | 5.7 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | **March 2022** |  |  | **February 2022** |  |  | **March 2021** |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 16,289 | 15,335 | 954 | 5.9 | 16,179 | 15,034 | 1,145 | 7.1 | 16,483 | 15,195 | 1,288 | 7.8 |
| Monroe | 2,672 | 2,555 | 117 | 4.4 | 2,613 | 2,477 | 136 | 5.2 | 2,664 | 2,502 | 162 | 6.1 |
| Montgomery | 2,955 | 2,824 | 131 | 4.4 | 2,804 | 2,653 | 151 | 5.4 | 2,939 | 2,785 | 154 | 5.2 |
| Nevada | 3,350 | 3,221 | 129 | 3.9 | 3,337 | 3,194 | 143 | 4.3 | 3,406 | 3,264 | 142 | 4.2 |
| Newton | 3,249 | 3,158 | 91 | 2.8 | 3,198 | 3,088 | 110 | 3.4 | 3,210 | 3,089 | 121 | 3.8 |
| Ouachita | 9,867 | 9,506 | 361 | 3.7 | 9,828 | 9,421 | 407 | 4.1 | 9,851 | 9,419 | 432 | 4.4 |
| Perry | 4,165 | 4,013 | 152 | 3.6 | 4,159 | 3,971 | 188 | 4.5 | 4,075 | 3,882 | 193 | 4.7 |
| Phillips | 5,874 | 5,485 | 389 | 6.6 | 5,782 | 5,330 | 452 | 7.8 | 6,106 | 5,578 | 528 | 8.6 |
| Pike | 4,232 | 4,075 | 157 | 3.7 | 4,128 | 3,937 | 191 | 4.6 | 4,290 | 4,076 | 214 | 5.0 |
| Poinsett | 9,939 | 9,619 | 320 | 3.2 | 9,824 | 9,449 | 375 | 3.8 | 9,731 | 9,286 | 445 | 4.6 |
| Polk | 7,865 | 7,584 | 281 | 3.6 | 7,743 | 7,410 | 333 | 4.3 | 7,849 | 7,438 | 411 | 5.2 |
| Pope | 27,504 | 26,600 | 904 | 3.3 | 27,368 | 26,255 | 1,113 | 4.1 | 27,436 | 26,235 | 1,201 | 4.4 |
| Prairie | 3,580 | 3,481 | 99 | 2.8 | 3,486 | 3,366 | 120 | 3.4 | 3,584 | 3,414 | 170 | 4.7 |
| Pulaski | 185,818 | 178,917 | 6,901 | 3.7 | 186,760 | 178,617 | 8,143 | 4.4 | 184,220 | 173,615 | 10,605 | 5.8 |
| Randolph | 7,377 | 7,139 | 238 | 3.2 | 7,303 | 7,029 | 274 | 3.8 | 7,424 | 7,074 | 350 | 4.7 |
| St. Francis | 7,672 | 7,277 | 395 | 5.1 | 7,622 | 7,170 | 452 | 5.9 | 7,799 | 7,241 | 558 | 7.2 |
| Saline | 58,612 | 57,067 | 1,545 | 2.6 | 58,731 | 56,961 | 1,770 | 3.0 | 57,549 | 55,378 | 2,171 | 3.8 |
| Scott | 4,325 | 4,211 | 114 | 2.6 | 4,234 | 4,102 | 132 | 3.1 | 4,291 | 4,117 | 174 | 4.1 |
| Searcy | 2,952 | 2,832 | 120 | 4.1 | 2,881 | 2,734 | 147 | 5.1 | 2,896 | 2,757 | 139 | 4.8 |
| Sebastian | 54,888 | 53,253 | 1,635 | 3.0 | 55,069 | 53,165 | 1,904 | 3.5 | 54,219 | 51,820 | 2,399 | 4.4 |
| Sevier | 5,397 | 5,202 | 195 | 3.6 | 5,334 | 5,107 | 227 | 4.3 | 5,410 | 5,125 | 285 | 5.3 |
| Sharp | 5,677 | 5,448 | 229 | 4.0 | 5,622 | 5,346 | 276 | 4.9 | 5,684 | 5,359 | 325 | 5.7 |
| Stone | 4,522 | 4,345 | 177 | 3.9 | 4,380 | 4,165 | 215 | 4.9 | 4,602 | 4,325 | 277 | 6.0 |
| Union | 14,976 | 14,228 | 748 | 5.0 | 14,963 | 14,084 | 879 | 5.9 | 15,301 | 14,287 | 1,014 | 6.6 |
| Van Buren | 5,841 | 5,594 | 247 | 4.2 | 5,785 | 5,503 | 282 | 4.9 | 5,832 | 5,493 | 339 | 5.8 |
| Washington | 130,704 | 127,761 | 2,943 | 2.3 | 130,453 | 127,056 | 3,397 | 2.6 | 124,685 | 120,257 | 4,428 | 3.6 |
| White | 34,240 | 33,081 | 1,159 | 3.4 | 34,091 | 32,749 | 1,342 | 3.9 | 33,846 | 32,250 | 1,596 | 4.7 |
| Woodruff | 2,895 | 2,789 | 106 | 3.7 | 2,809 | 2,684 | 125 | 4.4 | 2,845 | 2,674 | 171 | 6.0 |
| Yell | 8,016 | 7,744 | 272 | 3.4 | 7,863 | 7,531 | 332 | 4.2 | 7,928 | 7,572 | 356 | 4.5 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between February and March, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Benton County to a high of 6.8 percent in Chicot County.

In March, fifty-five counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is up sharply from 29 counties at or below four percent last month. No county in Arkansas reported a jobless rate at or above seven percent in March, down from 4 counties above seven percent in February.

Compared to March 2021, unemployment rates are down in every county in Arkansas. Over-the- year jobless rate declines ranged from three-tenths of a percentage point in Nevada County to as much as a two and nine-tenths of a percentage point drop in Chicot County.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Greene**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Crawford Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Faulkner**

**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**

**Little River**

**Hempstead**

**Nevada Ouachita**

**Desha**

**Calhoun**

**Bradley**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0% [NONE]

> 9.0% [NONE]

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

March 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County Rate**

1. Benton 2.2
2. Washington 2.3
3. Madison 2.4
4. Boone 2.5
5. Craighead 2.6

5 Saline 2.6

5 Scott 2.6

8 Calhoun 2.7

8 Lonoke 2.7

10 Carroll 2.8

10 Faulkner 2.8

10 Greene 2.8

10 Newton 2.8

10 Prairie 2.8

15 Grant 2.9

15 Howard 2.9

17 Crawford 3.0

17 Sebastian 3.0

19 Fulton 3.1

19 Hempstead 3.1

21 Baxter 3.2

21 Franklin 3.2

21 Hot Spring 3.2

21 Independence 3.2

21 Poinsett 3.2

**Rank County**

21 Randolph

1. Pope
2. Arkansas

28 Cleveland

28 Logan

28 White

28 Yell

33 Cross

33 Lawrence

33 Marion

36 Clay

36 Conway

36 Little River

36 Perry

36 Polk

36 Sevier

42 Crittenden

42 Ouachita

42 Pike

42 Pulaski

42 Woodruff

47 Clark

47 Dallas

47 Johnson

47 Miller

**Rate**

3.2

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**Rank County**

51 Nevada

51 Stone

53 Bradley

53 Garland

53 Sharp

1. Searcy
2. Cleburne

57 Drew

57 Lincoln

57 Van Buren

1. Columbia
2. Monroe

62 Montgomery

64 Jackson

64 Lafayette

66 Izard

66 Lee

1. Union
2. St. Francis
3. Desha
4. Jefferson
5. Mississippi
6. Ashley
7. Phillips
8. Chicot

**Rate**

3.9

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## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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|  | **March 2022** |  |  | **February 2022** |  |  | **March 2021** |  |
| **LWDA** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) 250,610 City of Little Rock 95,529 Eastern 43,864North Central 93,746Northeast 122,158Northwest 343,559Southeast 77,608Southwest 89,340West Central 128,180Western 109,060 | 242,80692,02441,93490,307118,217335,44973,90685,888123,504105,706 | 7,8043,5051,9303,4393,9418,1103,7023,4524,6763,354 | 3.13.74.43.73.22.44.83.93.63.1 | 251,06695,91343,48392,813121,346342,24077,07889,020127,690108,909 | 241,87091,86941,23188,802116,708332,73172,80185,024122,121104,982 | 9,1964,0442,2524,0114,6389,5094,2773,9965,5693,927 | 3.74.25.24.33.82.85.54.54.43.6 | 246,75295,00544,04293,319121,168329,94677,81389,618128,239107,927 | 235,53289,29741,17488,589115,484318,00673,01584,910121,682103,097 | 11,2205,7082,8684,7305,68411,9404,7984,7086,5574,830 | 4.56.06.55.14.73.66.25.35.14.5 |
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Not Seasonally Adjusted