**Arkansas**

**Labor Market**

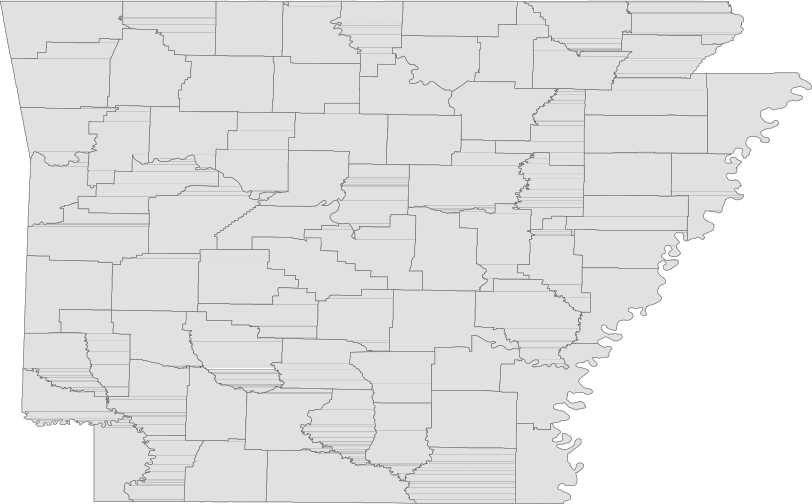
**Report**

**March 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.

March Spotlight

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional es- timates based on various definitions of ‘unemployment’. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census

Bureau. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are

available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quar- ter moving average. The most recent data available is an Annual Average for 2015.

The following definitions are used to calculate each measure of Labor Underutilization:

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

2015 Annual Average

**U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6**

1.9% 2.6% 5.2% 5.6% 6.4% 9.5%

**U-1 Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.

**U-2 Measure:** Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force. **U-3 Measure:** Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).

**U-4 Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.

**U-5 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

**U-6 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those em- ployed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

10.0

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

2015 Annual Average

9.0

8.0

7.0

6.0

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

0.0

U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6

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 decreased two-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.2 percent in February to 4.0 percent in March. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose 7,262, a result of 9,569 more employed and 2,307 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.0 percent in March.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate decreased in March, as employment gains increased the size of the civilian labor force. The number of employed rose 9,569, reaching employment levels not seen since 2008.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Mar 16**  1,358,908 | **Feb 16**  1,351,646 | **Mar 15**  1,324,512 | Civilian Labor Force | **Mar 16**  1,359,339 | **Feb 16**  1,353,789 | **Mar 15**  1,319,136 |
| Employment | 1,303,901 | 1,294,332 | 1,251,141 | Employment | 1,304,665 | 1,289,881 | 1,244,205 |
| Unemployment | 55,007 | 57,314 | 73,371 | Unemployment | 54,674 | 63,908 | 74,931 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.0 | 4.2 | 5.5 | Unemployment Rate | 4.0 | 4.7 | 5.7 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.5 | U.S. Unemployment | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.6 |

10.0

**Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)** State of Arkansas vs. United States March: 2006 - 2016

9.0

8.0

7.0

6.0

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

0.0

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

State of Arkansas United States

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted



(In Thousands)

(NAICS)

**Mar 16 Feb 16 Mar 15**

**OTM OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Nonfarm | 1223.9 | 1219.3 | 1195.0 | 4.6 | 28.9 |
| Goods Producing | 207.3 | 208.8 | 209.6 | -1.5 | -2.3 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 54.6 | 54.7 | 54.4 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Mining & Logging 7.1 7.0 8.4 0.1 -1.3** | | | | | |
| **Construction** | **47.5** | **47.7** | **46.0** | **-0.2** | **1.5** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 30.8 | 31.0 | 29.3 | -0.2 | 1.5 |
| **Manufacturing** | **152.7** | **154.1** | **155.2** | **-1.4** | **-2.5** |
| Durable Goods | 73.7 | 74.9 | 76.9 | -1.2 | -3.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 79.0 | 79.2 | 78.3 | -0.2 | 0.7 |
| Service Providing | 1016.6 | 1010.5 | 985.4 | 6.1 | 31.2 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **254.8** | **255.1** | **246.7** | **-0.3** | **8.1** |
| Wholesale Trade | 47.5 | 47.7 | 46.8 | -0.2 | 0.7 |
| Retail Trade | 142.6 | 142.2 | 137.0 | 0.4 | 5.6 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 64.7 | 65.2 | 62.9 | -0.5 | 1.8 |
| I**nformation** | **13.8** | **13.8** | **13.1** | **0.0** | **0.7** |
| **Financial Activities** | **48.9** | **49.0** | **48.7** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| Finance & Insurance | 36.0 | 36.1 | 35.9 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 12.9 | 12.9 | 12.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **142.6** | **139.3** | **136.1** | **3.3** | **6.5** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 44.4 | 44.1 | 41.9 | 0.3 | 2.5 |
| Management of Companies | 34.1 | 34.1 | 32.3 | 0.0 | 1.8 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 64.1 | 61.1 | 61.9 | 3.0 | 2.2 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **179.9** | **179.1** | **173.5** | **0.8** | **6.4** |
| Educational Services | 15.1 | 15.3 | 14.5 | -0.2 | 0.6 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 164.8 | 163.8 | 159.0 | 1.0 | 5.8 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 52.2 | 52.0 | 50.2 | 0.2 | 2.0 |
| Social Assistance | 41.5 | 40.6 | 38.2 | 0.9 | 3.3 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 115.1 113.9 107.9 1.2 7.2** | | | | | |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 10.1 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 105.0 | 104.3 | 98.2 | 0.7 | 6.8 |
| Accommodation Services | 11.0 | 10.8 | 10.6 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Food Services | 94.0 | 93.5 | 87.6 | 0.5 | 6.4 |
| **Other Services** | **44.5** | **44.0** | **43.0** | **0.5** | **1.5** |
| **Government** | **217.0** | **216.3** | **216.4** | **0.7** | **0.6** |
| Federal Government | 20.3 | 20.2 | 20.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| State Government | 80.7 | 80.1 | 80.2 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Local Government | 116.0 | 116.0 | 116.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summar y

Februar y 2016 - March 2016

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 4,600 in March to total 1,223,900. Employment gains were posted in six major industry sectors, while declines occurred in four sectors. **Professional and busi- ness services** added 3,300 jobs. Most of the expansion occurred in administrative and support services (+3,000), a subsector which includes employment agencies and landscaping services. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 1,200. Seasonal hiring was reported across all subsectors. Employment in **manu- facturing** declined 1,400, largely in durable goods manufacturing (-1,200). Losses were due in part to reported contractions in various industries, including transportation equipment manufacturing and fabricated metal product manufacturing.

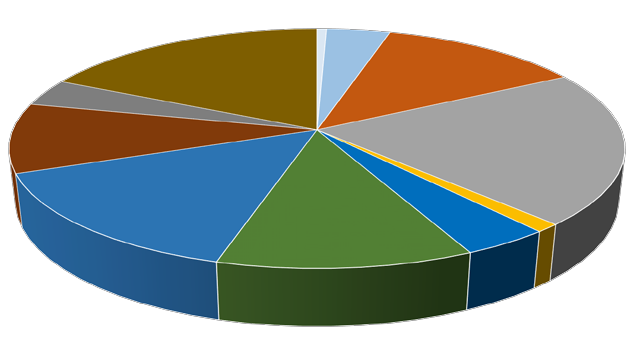
March 2015 - March 2016

Since March 2015, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment has increased 28,900. Nine major industry sectors posted job growth, with four adding 6,400 or more jobs, each. Employment in **trade, trans- portation, and utilities** rose 8,100. Most of the hiring was in retail trade (+5,600). **Leisure and hos- pitality** increased 7,200, attributed in large part to expansions in food services (+6,400). **Professional and business services** added 6,500 jobs. Gains were posted across all three subsectors. Jobs in **edu- cational and health services** rose 6,400, with most of the growth occurring in health care and social assistance (+5,800). **Manufacturing** jobs dropped 2,500. Declines in durable goods manufacturing (-3,200) were partially offset by gains in nondurable goods manufacturing (+700).

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs by Industry (Percent of Total)**

March 2016

**Mining & Logging Construction**



**Other Services**

**Leisure & Hospitality**

**Government**

**Manufacturing**

**Trade-Transportation- Utilities**

**Educational & Health**

**Services**

**Professional & Business Services**

**Information**

**Financial Activities**

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

**Mar 16 Feb 16**

**Mar 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

39.4

15.87

625.28

39.1

16.05

627.56

40.5

16.23

657.32

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Mar 16 Feb 16**

**Mar 15**

**Mar 16 Feb 16**

**Mar 15**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

40.6

17.58

713.75

40.6

17.67

717.40

40.0

17.74

709.60

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

38.2

14.17

541.29

37.7

14.40

542.88

40.9

14.81

605.73

$19.00

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

March: 2006 - 2016

$18.00

$17.00

$16.00

$15.00

$14.00

$13.00

$12.00

$11.00

$10.00

2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016

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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 16** | **Feb 16** | **Mar 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 353,453 | 353,053 | 341,891 | 400 | 11,562 |
| Employment | 340,751 | 338,362 | 324,550 | 2,389 | 16,201 |
| Unemployment | 12,702 | 14,691 | 17,341 | -1,989 | -4,639 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6 | 4.2 | 5.1 | -0.6 | -1.5 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Mar 16**  353.1 | **Feb 16**  352.1 | **Mar 15**  346.3 | **OTM**  1.0 | **OT Y**  6.8 |
| Goods Producing | 36.5 | 36.9 | 36.8 | -0.4 | -0.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **16.2** | **16.6** | **16.5** | **-0.4** | **-0.3** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.3** | **20.3** | **20.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| Service Providing 316.6 315.2 309.5 1.4 7.1 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **69.1** | **69.1** | **67.1** | **0.0** | **2.0** |
| Wholesale Trade | 15.2 | 15.2 | 15.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Retail Trade | 39.2 | 39.2 | 37.6 | 0.0 | 1.6 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 14.7 | 14.7 | 14.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| **Information** | **6.4** | **6.3** | **6.1** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.6** | **20.6** | **20.4** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **46.6** | **45.9** | **45.7** | **0.7** | **0.9** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **52.4** | **52.3** | **52.3** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **34.8** | **34.7** | **31.9** | **0.1** | **2.9** |
| **Other Services** | **15.1** | **15.0** | **14.7** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Government** | **71.6** | **71.3** | **71.3** | **0.3** | **0.3** |
| Federal Government | 9.7 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 35.1 | 35.0 | 34.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Local Government | 26.8 | 26.7 | 26.9 | 0.1 | -0.1 |

345,000

**Number of Employed**

March: 2006 - 2016

36,000

**Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality**

March: 2006 - 2016

340,000

34,000

335,000

32,000

330,000

30,000

325,000

28,000

320,000

26,000

315,000

24,000

310,000

22,000

305,000

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

20,000

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

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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 16** | **Feb 16** | **Mar 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 263,576 | 262,600 | 248,450 | 976 | 15,126 |
| Employment | 255,973 | 253,813 | 238,086 | 2,160 | 17,887 |
| Unemployment | 7,603 | 8,787 | 10,364 | -1,184 | -2,761 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.9 | 3.3 | 4.2 | -0.4 | -1.3 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Mar 16**  242.2 | **Feb 16**  241.6 | **Mar 15**  231.2 | **OTM**  0.6 | **OT Y**  11.0 |
| Goods Producing | 35.9 | 35.8 | 36.2 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **9.8** | **9.7** | **9.0** | **0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Manufacturing** | **26.1** | **26.1** | **27.2** | **0.0** | **-1.1** |
| Service Providing 206.3 205.8 195.0 0.5 11.3 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **55.3** | **55.3** | **52.4** | **0.0** | **2.9** |
| Wholesale Trade | 12.0 | 12.0 | 11.4 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Retail Trade | 26.9 | 26.9 | 25.1 | 0.0 | 1.8 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 16.4 | 16.4 | 15.9 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **Information** | **2.1** | **2.1** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **6.8** | **6.8** | **6.7** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **48.9** | **48.4** | **45.5** | **0.5** | **3.4** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **26.5** | **26.5** | **25.2** | **0.0** | **1.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **24.8** | **24.9** | **22.4** | **-0.1** | **2.4** |
| **Other Services** | **7.2** | **7.2** | **7.1** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Government** | **34.7** | **34.6** | **33.7** | **0.1** | **1.0** |
| Federal Government | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 13.5 | 13.4 | 12.8 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| Local Government | 18.6 | 18.6 | 18.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 |

**Unemployment Rates**

January 2014 - March 2016

6.0

5.5

5.0

4.5

4.0

3.5

3.0

2.5

2.0

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2014 2015 2016

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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 16** | **Feb 16** | **Mar 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 122,827 | 122,336 | 120,360 | 491 | 2,467 |
| Employment | 117,191 | 116,044 | 113,270 | 1,147 | 3,921 |
| Unemployment | 5,636 | 6,292 | 7,090 | -656 | -1,454 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.6 | 5.1 | 5.9 | -0.5 | -1.3 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  Total Nonfarm | **Mar 16**  113.7 | **Feb 16**  112.9 | **Mar 15**  112.6 | **OTM**  0.8 | **OT Y**  1.1 |
| Goods Producing | 23.6 | 23.5 | 24.0 | 0.1 | -0.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.8** | **5.7** | **6.2** | **0.1** | **-0.4** |
| **Manufacturing** | **17.8** | **17.8** | **17.8** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| Service Providing 90.1 89.4 88.6 0.7 1.5 | | | | | |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23.9** | **24.0** | **23.5** | **-0.1** | **0.4** |
| Wholesale Trade | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 13.2 | 13.1 | 12.6 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 6.5 | 6.7 | 6.8 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Information** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.7** | **3.8** | **3.8** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **12.3** | **11.7** | **12.2** | **0.6** | **0.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.6** | **16.6** | **16.2** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.3** | **9.1** | **9.1** | **0.2** | **0.2** |
| **Other Services** | **4.2** | **4.2** | **4.3** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Government** | **18.9** | **18.8** | **18.3** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| Federal Government | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Local Government | 14.4 | 14.4 | 13.9 | 0.0 | 0.5 |

8,500

**Number of Unemployed**

March 2014 - March 2016

**Jobs in Service Providing vs. Goods Producing**

March: 2006 - 2016

130,000

8,000

120,000

7,500

110,000

7,000

100,000

6,500

90,000

6,000

80,000

5,500

70,000

5,000

Mar

'14

Sep

'14

Mar

'15

Sep

'15

Mar

'16

60,000

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

Service Providing Goods Producing

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 16** | **Feb 16** | **Mar 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 41,081 | 40,705 | 39,606 | 376 | 1,475 |
| Employment | 39,347 | 38,694 | 37,210 | 653 | 2,137 |
| Unemployment | 1,734 | 2,011 | 2,396 | -277 | -662 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.2 | 4.9 | 6.0 | -0.7 | -1.8 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 16** | **Feb 16** | **Mar 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 38.2 | 37.7 | 37.3 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 33.8 | 33.3 | 32.9 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

10.0

**Unemployment Rates**

March: 1996 - 2016

9.0

8.0

7.0

6.0

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

0.0

'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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 16** | **Feb 16** | **Mar 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 62,901 | 62,552 | 59,936 | 349 | 2,965 |
| Employment | 60,718 | 59,975 | 56,808 | 743 | 3,910 |
| Unemployment | 2,183 | 2,577 | 3,128 | -394 | -945 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.5 | 4.1 | 5.2 | -0.6 | -1.7 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 16** | **Feb 16** | **Mar 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 55.6 | 55.2 | 53.2 | 0.4 | 2.4 |
| 8.9 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 46.7 | 46.4 | 44.6 | 0.3 | 2.1 |
| 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

48,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

March 2013 - March 2016

47,000

46,000

45,000

44,000

43,000

42,000

41,000

40,000

Mar '13 Sep '13 Mar '14 Sep '14 Mar '15 Sep '15 Mar '16

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 16** | **Feb 16** | **Mar 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 36,930 | 36,842 | 36,776 | 88 | 154 |
| Employment | 34,928 | 34,522 | 34,076 | 406 | 852 |
| Unemployment | 2,002 | 2,320 | 2,700 | -318 | -698 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.4 | 6.3 | 7.3 | -0.9 | -1.9 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Mar 16** | **Feb 16** | **Mar 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 33.7 | 33.6 | 33.9 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 27.6 | 27.5 | 27.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

48,000

**Number of Employment and Unemployment**

March: 2006 - 2016

46,000

44,000

Employment + Unemployment= Civilian Labor Force

42,000

40,000

38,000

36,000

34,000

32,000

30,000

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

Employment Unemployment

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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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 16** | **Feb 16** | **Mar 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 617,395 | 620,344 | 609,708 | -2,949 | 7,687 |
| Employment | 588,318 | 589,452 | 570,773 | -1,134 | 17,545 |
| Unemployment | 29,077 | 30,892 | 38,935 | -1,815 | -9,858 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.7 | 5.0 | 6.4 | -0.3 | -1.7 |

Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Mar 16** | **Feb 16** | **Mar 15** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 65,700 | 65,641 | 64,163 | 59 | 1,537 |
| Employment | 62,898 | 62,620 | 60,859 | 278 | 2,039 |
| Unemployment | 2,802 | 3,021 | 3,304 | -219 | -502 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.3 | 4.6 | 5.1 | -0.3 | -0.8 |

12.0

**Unemployment Rates- Memphis MSA**

March: 2006 - 2016

64,000

**Number of Employed- Texarkana MSA**

January 2014 - March 2016

10.0

63,000

62,000

8.0

61,000

6.0

60,000

4.0

59,000

2.0

58,000

0.0

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

57,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2014 2015 2016

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Micro Area** | **CLF** | **Marc**  **Emp** | **h 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Februa**  **Emp** | **ry 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Marc**  **Emp** | **h 2015**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,727 | 9,318 | 409 | 4.2 | 9,672 | 9,215 | 457 | 4.7 | 9,485 | 8,895 | 590 | 6.2 |
| Batesville Micro | 15,823 | 15,018 | 805 | 5.1 | 15,773 | 14,804 | 969 | 6.1 | 15,489 | 14,430 | 1,059 | 6.8 |
| Blytheville Micro | 18,050 | 16,808 | 1,242 | 6.9 | 17,933 | 16,556 | 1,377 | 7.7 | 18,701 | 16,941 | 1,760 | 9.4 |
| Camden Micro | 12,339 | 11,731 | 608 | 4.9 | 12,304 | 11,595 | 709 | 5.8 | 12,299 | 11,409 | 890 | 7.2 |
| El Dorado Micro | 17,094 | 16,189 | 905 | 5.3 | 17,042 | 16,023 | 1,019 | 6.0 | 16,527 | 15,410 | 1,117 | 6.8 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,951 | 8,452 | 499 | 5.6 | 8,961 | 8,349 | 612 | 6.8 | 8,959 | 8,234 | 725 | 8.1 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,437 | 18,661 | 776 | 4.0 | 19,267 | 18,357 | 910 | 4.7 | 19,265 | 18,162 | 1,103 | 5.7 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,950 | 6,517 | 433 | 6.2 | 6,894 | 6,382 | 512 | 7.4 | 7,131 | 6,516 | 615 | 8.6 |
| Magnolia Micro | 9,681 | 9,158 | 523 | 5.4 | 9,655 | 9,043 | 612 | 6.3 | 9,574 | 8,917 | 657 | 6.9 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,656 | 14,049 | 607 | 4.1 | 14,605 | 13,926 | 679 | 4.6 | 14,031 | 13,242 | 789 | 5.6 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,598 | 15,893 | 705 | 4.2 | 16,507 | 15,661 | 846 | 5.1 | 16,231 | 15,227 | 1,004 | 6.2 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,566 | 19,695 | 871 | 4.2 | 20,520 | 19,514 | 1,006 | 4.9 | 19,937 | 18,782 | 1,155 | 5.8 |
| Russellville Micro | 39,432 | 37,689 | 1,743 | 4.4 | 39,061 | 37,091 | 1,970 | 5.0 | 38,587 | 36,365 | 2,222 | 5.8 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,967 | 33,087 | 1,880 | 5.4 | 35,031 | 32,783 | 2,248 | 6.4 | 34,476 | 32,015 | 2,461 | 7.1 |

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 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **City** | **CLF** | **Marc**  **Emp** | **h 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Februa**  **Emp** | **ry 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Marc**  **Emp** | **h 2015**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Bella Vista | 12,128 | 11,695 | 433 | 3.6 | 12,114 | 11,595 | 519 | 4.3 | 11,399 | 10,866 | 533 | 4.7 |
| Benton | 16,256 | 15,717 | 539 | 3.3 | 16,222 | 15,614 | 608 | 3.7 | 15,712 | 14,959 | 753 | 4.8 |
| Bentonville | 22,632 | 21,981 | 651 | 2.9 | 22,576 | 21,793 | 783 | 3.5 | 21,215 | 20,422 | 793 | 3.7 |
| Blytheville | 6,238 | 5,739 | 499 | 8.0 | 6,159 | 5,653 | 506 | 8.2 | 6,530 | 5,784 | 746 | 11.4 |
| Cabot | 11,860 | 11,491 | 369 | 3.1 | 11,823 | 11,384 | 439 | 3.7 | 11,473 | 10,985 | 488 | 4.3 |
| Conway | 33,177 | 32,048 | 1,129 | 3.4 | 33,198 | 31,811 | 1,387 | 4.2 | 32,105 | 30,527 | 1,578 | 4.9 |
| El Dorado | 7,401 | 6,981 | 420 | 5.7 | 7,391 | 6,910 | 481 | 6.5 | 7,152 | 6,645 | 507 | 7.1 |
| Fayetteville | 45,849 | 44,613 | 1,236 | 2.7 | 45,623 | 44,225 | 1,398 | 3.1 | 43,222 | 41,441 | 1,781 | 4.1 |
| Fort Smith | 40,489 | 38,951 | 1,538 | 3.8 | 40,348 | 38,541 | 1,807 | 4.5 | 39,595 | 37,402 | 2,193 | 5.5 |
| Hot Springs | 14,321 | 13,677 | 644 | 4.5 | 14,189 | 13,450 | 739 | 5.2 | 13,861 | 12,934 | 927 | 6.7 |
| Jacksonville | 11,964 | 11,396 | 568 | 4.7 | 11,922 | 11,322 | 600 | 5.0 | 11,545 | 10,846 | 699 | 6.1 |
| Jonesboro | 36,594 | 35,371 | 1,223 | 3.3 | 36,386 | 34,968 | 1,418 | 3.9 | 34,807 | 33,040 | 1,767 | 5.1 |
| Little Rock | 97,465 | 94,083 | 3,382 | 3.5 | 97,390 | 93,477 | 3,913 | 4.0 | 94,315 | 89,545 | 4,770 | 5.1 |
| North Little Rock | 30,359 | 29,187 | 1,172 | 3.9 | 30,360 | 28,999 | 1,361 | 4.5 | 29,442 | 27,779 | 1,663 | 5.6 |
| Paragould | 12,824 | 12,263 | 561 | 4.4 | 12,792 | 12,150 | 642 | 5.0 | 12,401 | 11,694 | 707 | 5.7 |
| Pine Bluff | 17,542 | 16,480 | 1,062 | 6.1 | 17,535 | 16,313 | 1,222 | 7.0 | 17,514 | 16,057 | 1,457 | 8.3 |
| Rogers | 33,454 | 32,496 | 958 | 2.9 | 33,327 | 32,219 | 1,108 | 3.3 | 31,666 | 30,191 | 1,475 | 4.7 |
| Russellville | 14,012 | 13,425 | 587 | 4.2 | 13,904 | 13,228 | 676 | 4.9 | 13,708 | 12,928 | 780 | 5.7 |
| Searcy | 10,661 | 10,197 | 464 | 4.4 | 10,658 | 10,103 | 555 | 5.2 | 10,508 | 9,866 | 642 | 6.1 |
| Sherwood | 15,651 | 15,180 | 471 | 3.0 | 15,648 | 15,082 | 566 | 3.6 | 15,126 | 14,448 | 678 | 4.5 |
| Springdale | 38,373 | 37,366 | 1,007 | 2.6 | 38,240 | 37,042 | 1,198 | 3.1 | 36,160 | 34,711 | 1,449 | 4.0 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,945 | 13,380 | 565 | 4.1 | 13,952 | 13,257 | 695 | 5.0 | 13,467 | 12,693 | 774 | 5.7 |
| Van Buren | 10,569 | 10,179 | 390 | 3.7 | 10,551 | 10,061 | 490 | 4.6 | 10,408 | 9,793 | 615 | 5.9 |
| West Memphis | 10,813 | 10,266 | 547 | 5.1 | 10,809 | 10,193 | 616 | 5.7 | 10,658 | 9,819 | 839 | 7.9 |

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| **County** | **CLF** | **Marc**  **Emp** | **h 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Februa**  **Emp** | **ry 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Marc**  **Emp** | **h 2015**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,524 | 9,197 | 327 | 3.4 | 9,423 | 9,033 | 390 | 4.1 | 9,422 | 8,983 | 439 | 4.7 |
| Ashley | 8,391 | 7,903 | 488 | 5.8 | 8,316 | 7,745 | 571 | 6.9 | 8,341 | 7,620 | 721 | 8.6 |
| Baxter | 16,598 | 15,893 | 705 | 4.2 | 16,507 | 15,661 | 846 | 5.1 | 16,231 | 15,227 | 1,004 | 6.2 |
| Benton | 125,358 | 121,673 | 3,685 | 2.9 | 124,946 | 120,635 | 4,311 | 3.5 | 118,069 | 113,044 | 5,025 | 4.3 |
| Boone | 15,990 | 15,360 | 630 | 3.9 | 15,865 | 15,123 | 742 | 4.7 | 15,844 | 14,940 | 904 | 5.7 |
| Bradley | 4,706 | 4,507 | 199 | 4.2 | 4,659 | 4,427 | 232 | 5.0 | 4,485 | 4,149 | 336 | 7.5 |
| Calhoun | 2,392 | 2,280 | 112 | 4.7 | 2,376 | 2,243 | 133 | 5.6 | 2,379 | 2,231 | 148 | 6.2 |
| Carroll | 12,578 | 12,094 | 484 | 3.8 | 12,418 | 11,759 | 659 | 5.3 | 12,407 | 11,723 | 684 | 5.5 |
| Chicot | 3,686 | 3,434 | 252 | 6.8 | 3,660 | 3,363 | 297 | 8.1 | 3,780 | 3,384 | 396 | 10.5 |
| Clark | 9,727 | 9,318 | 409 | 4.2 | 9,672 | 9,215 | 457 | 4.7 | 9,485 | 8,895 | 590 | 6.2 |
| Clay | 6,377 | 5,982 | 395 | 6.2 | 6,305 | 5,857 | 448 | 7.1 | 6,386 | 5,894 | 492 | 7.7 |
| Cleburne | 9,694 | 9,064 | 630 | 6.5 | 9,655 | 8,916 | 739 | 7.7 | 9,599 | 8,849 | 750 | 7.8 |
| Cleveland | 3,463 | 3,303 | 160 | 4.6 | 3,431 | 3,249 | 182 | 5.3 | 3,475 | 3,237 | 238 | 6.8 |
| Columbia | 9,681 | 9,158 | 523 | 5.4 | 9,655 | 9,043 | 612 | 6.3 | 9,574 | 8,917 | 657 | 6.9 |
| Conway | 8,756 | 8,289 | 467 | 5.3 | 8,806 | 8,223 | 583 | 6.6 | 8,544 | 7,985 | 559 | 6.5 |
| Craighead | 52,320 | 50,591 | 1,729 | 3.3 | 52,058 | 50,015 | 2,043 | 3.9 | 49,756 | 47,257 | 2,499 | 5.0 |
| Crawford | 27,256 | 26,162 | 1,094 | 4.0 | 27,151 | 25,859 | 1,292 | 4.8 | 26,748 | 25,170 | 1,578 | 5.9 |
| Crittenden | 21,799 | 20,801 | 998 | 4.6 | 21,806 | 20,653 | 1,153 | 5.3 | 21,420 | 19,896 | 1,524 | 7.1 |
| Cross | 8,194 | 7,815 | 379 | 4.6 | 8,096 | 7,645 | 451 | 5.6 | 8,175 | 7,664 | 511 | 6.3 |
| Dallas | 2,942 | 2,782 | 160 | 5.4 | 2,943 | 2,769 | 174 | 5.9 | 2,891 | 2,625 | 266 | 9.2 |
| Desha | 5,584 | 5,248 | 336 | 6.0 | 5,524 | 5,129 | 395 | 7.2 | 5,610 | 5,139 | 471 | 8.4 |
| Drew | 8,191 | 7,742 | 449 | 5.5 | 8,152 | 7,611 | 541 | 6.6 | 8,052 | 7,434 | 618 | 7.7 |
| Faulkner | 60,878 | 58,491 | 2,387 | 3.9 | 60,900 | 58,058 | 2,842 | 4.7 | 58,793 | 55,715 | 3,078 | 5.2 |
| Franklin | 7,640 | 7,304 | 336 | 4.4 | 7,575 | 7,194 | 381 | 5.0 | 7,448 | 7,041 | 407 | 5.5 |
| Fulton | 4,876 | 4,660 | 216 | 4.4 | 4,827 | 4,571 | 256 | 5.3 | 4,777 | 4,494 | 283 | 5.9 |
| Garland | 41,081 | 39,347 | 1,734 | 4.2 | 40,705 | 38,694 | 2,011 | 4.9 | 39,606 | 37,210 | 2,396 | 6.0 |
| Grant | 8,478 | 8,145 | 333 | 3.9 | 8,450 | 8,073 | 377 | 4.5 | 8,224 | 7,790 | 434 | 5.3 |
| Greene | 20,566 | 19,695 | 871 | 4.2 | 20,520 | 19,514 | 1,006 | 4.9 | 19,937 | 18,782 | 1,155 | 5.8 |
| Hempstead | 9,996 | 9,605 | 391 | 3.9 | 9,932 | 9,468 | 464 | 4.7 | 9,899 | 9,322 | 577 | 5.8 |
| Hot Spring | 14,656 | 14,049 | 607 | 4.1 | 14,605 | 13,926 | 679 | 4.6 | 14,031 | 13,242 | 789 | 5.6 |
| Howard | 6,186 | 5,979 | 207 | 3.3 | 6,095 | 5,856 | 239 | 3.9 | 6,275 | 5,992 | 283 | 4.5 |
| Independence | 15,823 | 15,018 | 805 | 5.1 | 15,773 | 14,804 | 969 | 6.1 | 15,489 | 14,430 | 1,059 | 6.8 |
| Izard | 5,123 | 4,840 | 283 | 5.5 | 5,094 | 4,737 | 357 | 7.0 | 4,964 | 4,622 | 342 | 6.9 |
| Jackson | 6,325 | 5,908 | 417 | 6.6 | 6,230 | 5,760 | 470 | 7.5 | 6,268 | 5,721 | 547 | 8.7 |
| Jefferson | 29,232 | 27,607 | 1,625 | 5.6 | 29,208 | 27,327 | 1,881 | 6.4 | 29,081 | 26,898 | 2,183 | 7.5 |
| Johnson | 10,609 | 10,106 | 503 | 4.7 | 10,606 | 10,011 | 595 | 5.6 | 10,349 | 9,689 | 660 | 6.4 |
| Lafayette | 2,672 | 2,512 | 160 | 6.0 | 2,657 | 2,471 | 186 | 7.0 | 2,688 | 2,463 | 225 | 8.4 |
| Lawrence | 7,147 | 6,844 | 303 | 4.2 | 7,088 | 6,710 | 378 | 5.3 | 7,181 | 6,685 | 496 | 6.9 |
| Lee | 3,264 | 3,109 | 155 | 4.7 | 3,232 | 3,040 | 192 | 5.9 | 3,320 | 3,067 | 253 | 7.6 |
| Lincoln | 4,235 | 4,018 | 217 | 5.1 | 4,203 | 3,946 | 257 | 6.1 | 4,220 | 3,941 | 279 | 6.6 |
| Little River | 5,735 | 5,500 | 235 | 4.1 | 5,751 | 5,455 | 296 | 5.1 | 5,558 | 5,222 | 336 | 6.0 |
| Logan | 9,394 | 8,955 | 439 | 4.7 | 9,310 | 8,822 | 488 | 5.2 | 9,129 | 8,560 | 569 | 6.2 |
| Lonoke | 33,716 | 32,565 | 1,151 | 3.4 | 33,596 | 32,263 | 1,333 | 4.0 | 32,689 | 31,131 | 1,558 | 4.8 |
| Madison | 7,500 | 7,261 | 239 | 3.2 | 7,415 | 7,137 | 278 | 3.7 | 7,161 | 6,845 | 316 | 4.4 |
| Marion | 6,578 | 6,310 | 268 | 4.1 | 6,525 | 6,192 | 333 | 5.1 | 6,479 | 6,088 | 391 | 6.0 |
| Miller | 20,175 | 19,372 | 803 | 4.0 | 20,153 | 19,194 | 959 | 4.8 | 19,450 | 18,378 | 1,072 | 5.5 |

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| **County** | **CLF** | **Marc**  **Emp** | **h 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Februa**  **Emp** | **ry 2016**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Marc**  **Emp** | **h 2015**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 18,050 | 16,808 | 1,242 | 6.9 | 17,933 | 16,556 | 1,377 | 7.7 | 18,701 | 16,941 | 1,760 | 9.4 |
| Monroe | 3,014 | 2,873 | 141 | 4.7 | 2,977 | 2,805 | 172 | 5.8 | 3,063 | 2,865 | 198 | 6.5 |
| Montgomery | 3,276 | 3,104 | 172 | 5.3 | 3,206 | 3,001 | 205 | 6.4 | 3,247 | 2,995 | 252 | 7.8 |
| Nevada | 3,705 | 3,563 | 142 | 3.8 | 3,683 | 3,522 | 161 | 4.4 | 3,654 | 3,443 | 211 | 5.8 |
| Newton | 3,447 | 3,301 | 146 | 4.2 | 3,402 | 3,234 | 168 | 4.9 | 3,421 | 3,222 | 199 | 5.8 |
| Ouachita | 9,947 | 9,451 | 496 | 5.0 | 9,928 | 9,352 | 576 | 5.8 | 9,920 | 9,178 | 742 | 7.5 |
| Perry | 4,311 | 4,092 | 219 | 5.1 | 4,314 | 4,048 | 266 | 6.2 | 4,208 | 3,912 | 296 | 7.0 |
| Phillips | 6,950 | 6,517 | 433 | 6.2 | 6,894 | 6,382 | 512 | 7.4 | 7,131 | 6,516 | 615 | 8.6 |
| Pike | 4,245 | 4,056 | 189 | 4.5 | 4,182 | 3,961 | 221 | 5.3 | 4,212 | 3,919 | 293 | 7.0 |
| Poinsett | 10,581 | 10,127 | 454 | 4.3 | 10,494 | 9,960 | 534 | 5.1 | 10,180 | 9,551 | 629 | 6.2 |
| Polk | 8,495 | 8,087 | 408 | 4.8 | 8,414 | 7,935 | 479 | 5.7 | 8,381 | 7,866 | 515 | 6.1 |
| Pope | 30,188 | 28,843 | 1,345 | 4.5 | 29,942 | 28,419 | 1,523 | 5.1 | 29,481 | 27,775 | 1,706 | 5.8 |
| Prairie | 3,845 | 3,695 | 150 | 3.9 | 3,796 | 3,618 | 178 | 4.7 | 3,792 | 3,595 | 197 | 5.2 |
| Pulaski | 189,739 | 182,940 | 6,799 | 3.6 | 189,581 | 181,761 | 7,820 | 4.1 | 183,544 | 174,115 | 9,429 | 5.1 |
| Randolph | 6,037 | 5,734 | 303 | 5.0 | 6,037 | 5,650 | 387 | 6.4 | 6,257 | 5,716 | 541 | 8.6 |
| St. Francis | 8,951 | 8,452 | 499 | 5.6 | 8,961 | 8,349 | 612 | 6.8 | 8,959 | 8,234 | 725 | 8.1 |
| Saline | 56,331 | 54,518 | 1,813 | 3.2 | 56,212 | 54,159 | 2,053 | 3.7 | 54,433 | 51,887 | 2,546 | 4.7 |
| Scott | 4,645 | 4,477 | 168 | 3.6 | 4,594 | 4,397 | 197 | 4.3 | 4,540 | 4,298 | 242 | 5.3 |
| Searcy | 3,152 | 3,011 | 141 | 4.5 | 3,096 | 2,936 | 160 | 5.2 | 2,970 | 2,761 | 209 | 7.0 |
| Sebastian | 58,241 | 56,017 | 2,224 | 3.8 | 58,030 | 55,427 | 2,603 | 4.5 | 56,912 | 53,789 | 3,123 | 5.5 |
| Sevier | 5,735 | 5,454 | 281 | 4.9 | 5,674 | 5,337 | 337 | 5.9 | 5,619 | 5,259 | 360 | 6.4 |
| Sharp | 6,050 | 5,700 | 350 | 5.8 | 6,023 | 5,598 | 425 | 7.1 | 5,924 | 5,460 | 464 | 7.8 |
| Stone | 4,634 | 4,388 | 246 | 5.3 | 4,557 | 4,256 | 301 | 6.6 | 4,642 | 4,314 | 328 | 7.1 |
| Union | 17,094 | 16,189 | 905 | 5.3 | 17,042 | 16,023 | 1,019 | 6.0 | 16,527 | 15,410 | 1,117 | 6.8 |
| Van Buren | 6,702 | 6,246 | 456 | 6.8 | 6,643 | 6,144 | 499 | 7.5 | 6,420 | 5,949 | 471 | 7.3 |
| Washington | 119,609 | 116,403 | 3,206 | 2.7 | 119,120 | 115,390 | 3,730 | 3.1 | 112,599 | 108,127 | 4,472 | 4.0 |
| White | 34,967 | 33,087 | 1,880 | 5.4 | 35,031 | 32,783 | 2,248 | 6.4 | 34,476 | 32,015 | 2,461 | 7.1 |
| Woodruff | 3,065 | 2,889 | 176 | 5.7 | 3,033 | 2,813 | 220 | 7.3 | 3,136 | 2,915 | 221 | 7.0 |
| Yell | 9,244 | 8,846 | 398 | 4.3 | 9,119 | 8,672 | 447 | 4.9 | 9,106 | 8,590 | 516 | 5.7 |

County Labor Force Summar y

Between February and March, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.7 percent in Washington County to a high 6.9 percent in Mississippi County.

In March, twenty counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. For the second

month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to March 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

Sebastian

Franklin

Logan

Johnson

Pope

Van Buren

Conway

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Phillips

Sevier

Howard

Pike

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

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Unemployment Rates

Little River

Hempstead

Miller

Nevada

Ouachita

Calhoun

Bradley

Drew

Chicot

< or = 4.0%

4.1% - 6.0%

6.1% - 8.0%

Lafayette

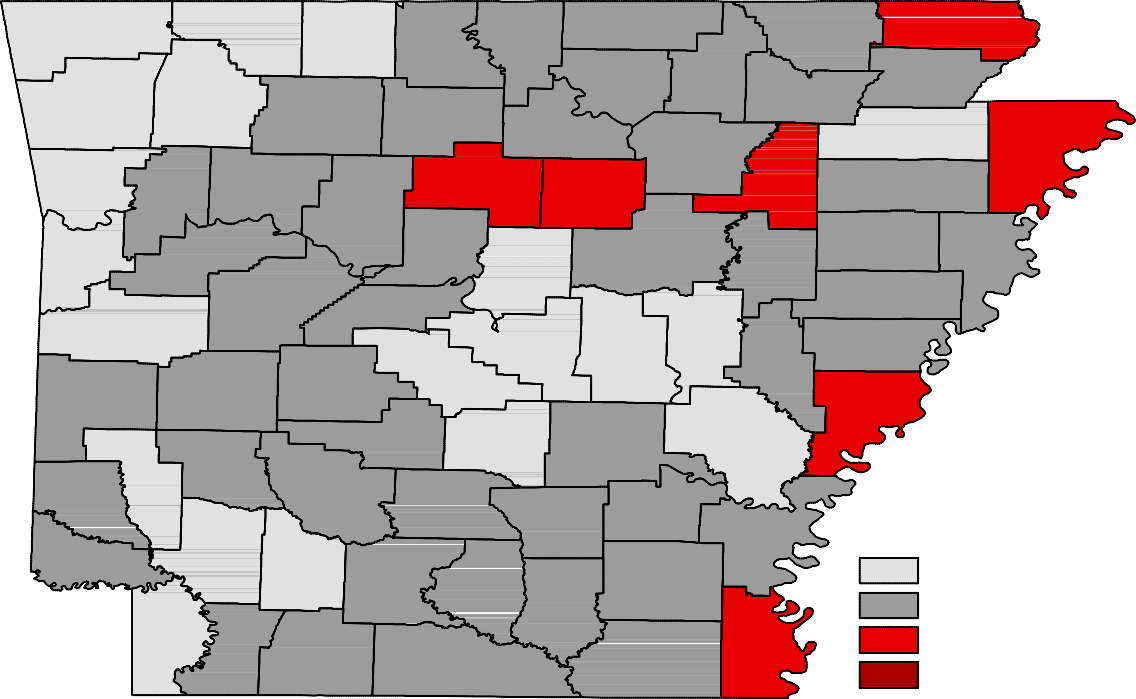
Columbia

Union

Ashley

> 8.0% [NONE]

Ranked by Unemployment Rates



March 2016- Not Seasonally Adjusted



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| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  2.7 | **Rank**  24 | **County**  Clark | **Rate**  4.2 | **Rank**  50 | **County**  Lincoln | **Rate**  5.1 |
| 2 | Benton | 2.9 | 24 | Garland | 4.2 | 50 | Perry | 5.1 |
| 3 | Madison | 3.2 | 24 | Greene | 4.2 | 53 | Conway | 5.3 |
| 3 | Saline | 3.2 | 24 | Lawrence | 4.2 | 53 | Montgomery | 5.3 |
| 5 | Craighead | 3.3 | 24 | Newton | 4.2 | 53 | Stone | 5.3 |
| 5 | Howard | 3.3 | 31 | Poinsett | 4.3 | 53 | Union | 5.3 |
| 7 | Arkansas | 3.4 | 31 | Yell | 4.3 | 57 | Columbia | 5.4 |
| 7 | Lonoke | 3.4 | 33 | Franklin | 4.4 | 57 | Dallas | 5.4 |
| 9 | Pulaski | 3.6 | 33 | Fulton | 4.4 | 57 | White | 5.4 |
| 9 | Scott | 3.6 | 35 | Pike | 4.5 | 60 | Drew | 5.5 |
| 11 | Carroll | 3.8 | 35 | Pope | 4.5 | 60 | Izard | 5.5 |
| 11 | Nevada | 3.8 | 35 | Searcy | 4.5 | 62 | Jefferson | 5.6 |
| 11 | Sebastian | 3.8 | 38 | Cleveland | 4.6 | 62 | St. Francis | 5.6 |
| 14 | Boone | 3.9 | 38 | Crittenden | 4.6 | 64 | Woodruff | 5.7 |
| 14 | Faulkner | 3.9 | 38 | Cross | 4.6 | 65 | Ashley | 5.8 |
| 14 | Grant | 3.9 | 41 | Calhoun | 4.7 | 65 | Sharp | 5.8 |
| 14 | Hempstead | 3.9 | 41 | Johnson | 4.7 | 67 | Desha | 6.0 |
| 14 | Prairie | 3.9 | 41 | Lee | 4.7 | 67 | Lafayette | 6.0 |
| 19 | Crawford | 4.0 | 41 | Logan | 4.7 | 69 | Clay | 6.2 |
| 19 | Miller | 4.0 | 41 | Monroe | 4.7 | 69 | Phillips | 6.2 |
| 21 | Hot Spring | 4.1 | 46 | Polk | 4.8 | 71 | Cleburne | 6.5 |
| 21 | Little River | 4.1 | 47 | Sevier | 4.9 | 72 | Jackson | 6.6 |
| 21 | Marion | 4.1 | 48 | Ouachita | 5.0 | 73 | Chicot | 6.8 |
| 24 | Baxter | 4.2 | 48 | Randolph | 5.0 | 73 | Van Buren | 6.8 |
| 24 | Bradley | 4.2 | 50 | Independence | 5.1 | 75 | Mississippi | 6.9 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **LWDA CLF** | | **March 2016**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **February 2016**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **March 2015**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) 250,058 240,999 9,059 3.6 249,672 239,187 10,485 4.2 241,999 229,763 12,236 5.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City of Little Rock | 97,465 | 94,083 | 3,382 | 3.5 | 97,390 | 93,477 | 3,913 | 4.0 | 94,315 | 89,545 | 4,770 | 5.1 |
| Eastern | 49,158 | 46,694 | 2,464 | 5.0 | 48,989 | 46,069 | 2,920 | 6.0 | 49,005 | 45,377 | 3,628 | 7.4 |
| North Central | 97,259 | 91,800 | 5,459 | 5.6 | 96,866 | 90,382 | 6,484 | 6.7 | 95,695 | 88,769 | 6,926 | 7.2 |
| Northeast | 121,078 | 115,781 | 5,297 | 4.4 | 120,435 | 114,262 | 6,173 | 5.1 | 118,398 | 110,826 | 7,572 | 6.4 |
| Northwest | 310,810 | 301,306 | 9,504 | 3.1 | 309,294 | 298,067 | 11,227 | 3.6 | 295,181 | 281,977 | 13,204 | 4.5 |
| Southeast | 85,490 | 81,104 | 4,386 | 5.1 | 85,026 | 79,903 | 5,123 | 6.0 | 84,690 | 78,575 | 6,115 | 7.2 |
| Southwest | 96,260 | 91,845 | 4,415 | 4.6 | 95,889 | 90,733 | 5,156 | 5.4 | 94,434 | 88,440 | 5,994 | 6.3 |
| West Central | 136,093 | 130,050 | 6,043 | 4.4 | 135,157 | 128,170 | 6,987 | 5.2 | 132,269 | 124,212 | 8,057 | 6.1 |
| Western | 115,671 | 111,002 | 4,669 | 4.0 | 115,074 | 109,634 | 5,440 | 4.7 | 113,158 | 106,724 | 6,434 | 5.7 |

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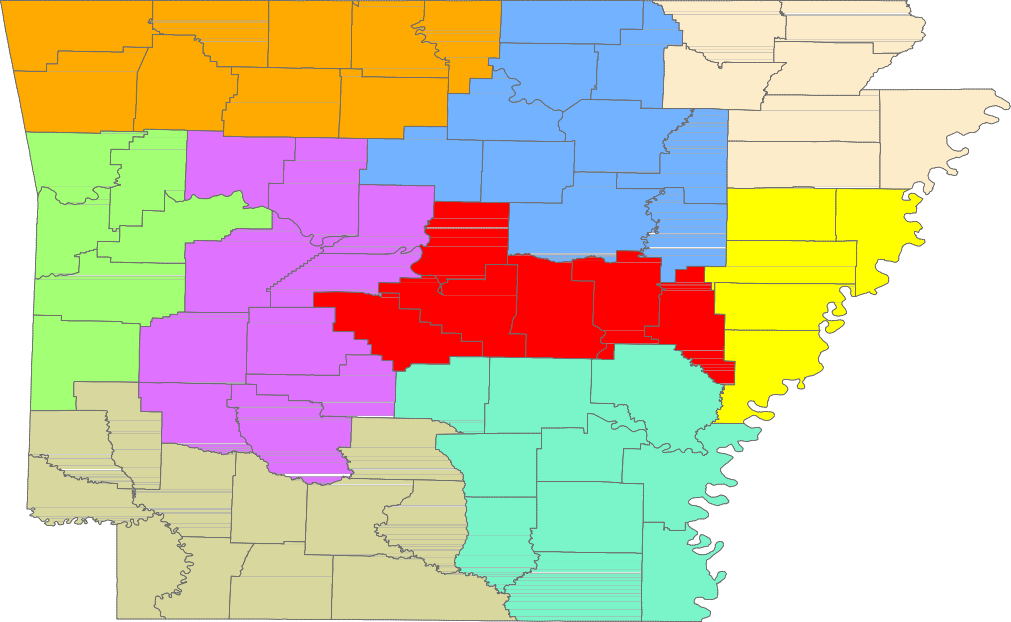
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