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**ARKANSAS
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REPORT**



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Technical Notes

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

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

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2020 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 Areas

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, commuting patterns and social and economic integration.

Current Population

Survey (CPS)

A monthly sample survey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

Civilian Labor Force

The sum of all employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

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

Unemployment

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

Unemployment

Rate

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

Seasonal

Adjustment

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



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April Spotlight

Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced and published on a quarterly basis. At this time, BED data is only available at the national and statewide levels.

Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)

State of Arkansas
(Seasonally Adjusted)

Quarter Ending

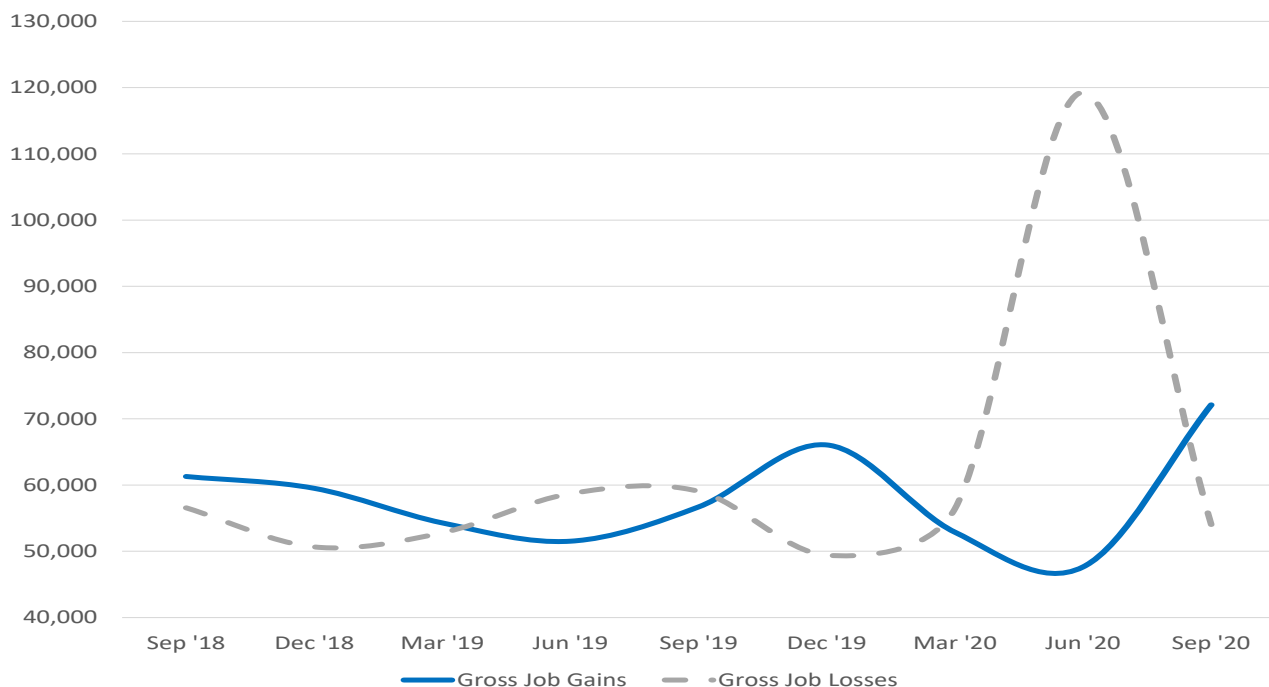
Category	Sep 19	Dec 19	Mar 20	Jun 20	Sep 20*
Employment Levels					
Gross job gains.....	56,712	66,058	52,888	47,653	72,104
Gross job losses....	59,055	49,413	56,439	119,256	54,052
Net Change.....	-2,343	16,645	-3,551	-71,603	18,052

*Most recent BED data available is for 3rd Quarter 2020

The information produced from BED statistics includes gross job gains and losses at establishments with changes in employment. These employment changes occur when establishments open/expand or close/contract. Gross job gains are a combination of jobs created from both openings of new businesses and expansions at existing businesses. Gross job losses are a combination of jobs lost from both existing businesses that close and those that reduce their number of employees. The net change is the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses.

Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)

3rd Quarter 2018 - 3rd Quarter 2020



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

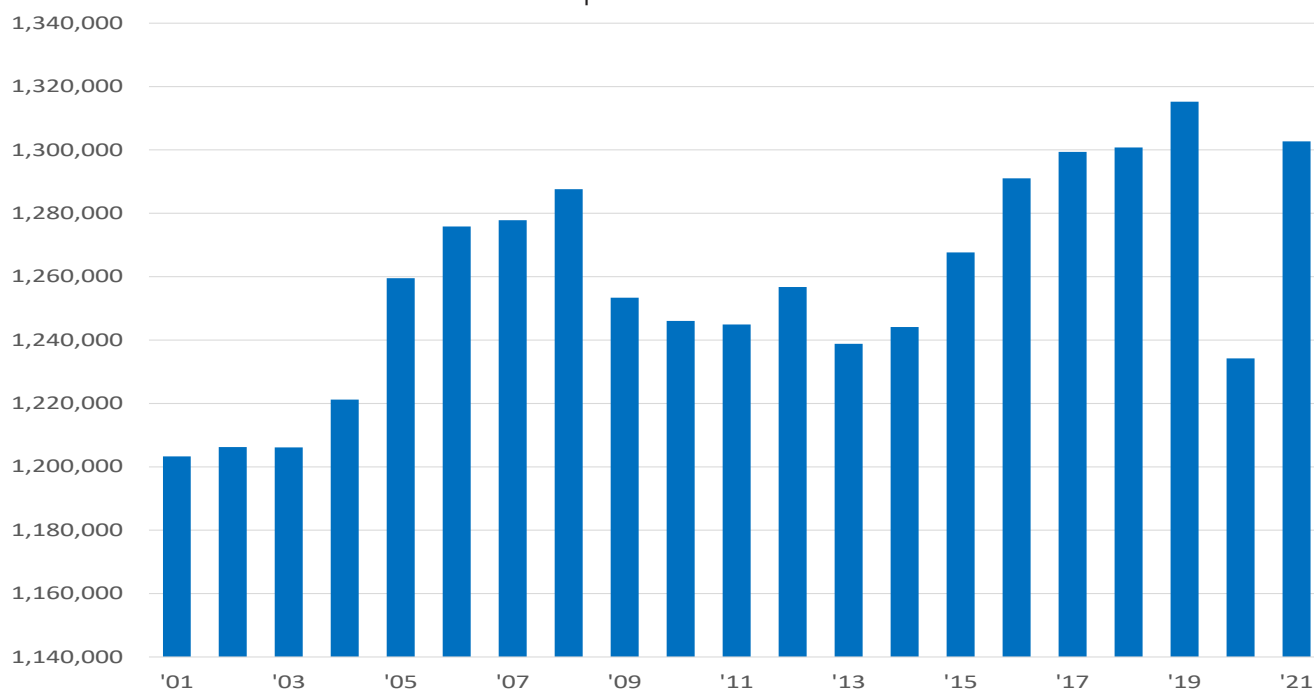
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 4.4 percent between March and April. Arkansas' civilian labor force increased 1,984, a result of 2,779 more employed and 795 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point, from 6.0 percent in March to 6.1 percent in April.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Compared to April 2020 when COVID-related job losses peaked, the number of unemployed in Arkansas has declined 77,978. Employment is up 68,488 and the unemployment rate is down significantly from the peak of 10.0 percent last April."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Apr 21	Mar 21	Apr 20		Apr 21	Mar 21	Apr 20
Civilian Labor Force	1,362,081	1,360,097	1,371,571	Civilian Labor Force	1,365,153	1,359,037	1,367,099
Employment	1,302,692	1,299,913	1,234,204	Employment	1,308,674	1,294,410	1,234,808
Unemployment	59,389	60,184	137,367	Unemployment	56,479	64,627	132,291
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.4	10.0	Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.8	9.7
U.S. Unemployment	6.1	6.0	14.8	U.S. Unemployment	5.7	6.2	14.4

Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)
April: 2001 - 2021



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1266.2	1260.1	1171.6	6.1	94.6
Goods Producing	219.4	219.4	206.2	0.0	13.2
Mining, Logging, & Construction	59.5	58.3	56.9	1.2	2.6
Mining & Logging	5.3	5.3	5.4	0.0	-0.1
Construction	54.2	53.0	51.5	1.2	2.7
Specialty Trade Contractors	34.2	33.4	32.5	0.8	1.7
Manufacturing	159.9	161.1	149.3	-1.2	10.6
Durable Goods	80.2	79.7	69.3	0.5	10.9
Nondurable Goods	79.7	81.4	80.0	-1.7	-0.3
Service Providing	1046.8	1040.7	965.4	6.1	81.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	248.5	249.1	232.4	-0.6	16.1
Wholesale Trade	46.4	46.5	45.5	-0.1	0.9
Retail Trade	137.6	137.5	123.4	0.1	14.2
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	64.5	65.1	63.5	-0.6	1.0
Information	11.8	11.8	11.5	0.0	0.3
Financial Activities	64.2	64.4	63.1	-0.2	1.1
Finance & Insurance	50.7	51.1	50.1	-0.4	0.6
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.5	13.3	13.0	0.2	0.5
Professional & Business Services	146.4	144.5	131.6	1.9	14.8
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.2	43.5	42.1	-0.3	1.1
Management of Companies	33.6	33.9	33.3	-0.3	0.3
Administrative & Support Services	69.6	67.1	56.2	2.5	13.4
Educational & Health Services	188.7	188.8	178.2	-0.1	10.5
Educational Services	16.7	16.8	15.4	-0.1	1.3
Health Care & Social Assistance	172.0	172.0	162.8	0.0	9.2
Ambulatory Health Care	59.1	59.2	52.8	-0.1	6.3
Social Assistance	36.5	36.2	34.2	0.3	2.3
Leisure & Hospitality	111.1	107.3	76.4	3.8	34.7
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11.9	11.0	6.5	0.9	5.4
Accommodation & Food Services	99.2	96.3	69.9	2.9	29.3
Accommodation Services	9.2	8.9	7.3	0.3	1.9
Food Services	90.0	87.4	62.6	2.6	27.4
Other Services	67.0	66.7	61.9	0.3	5.1
Government	209.1	208.1	210.3	1.0	-1.2
Federal Government	20.5	20.2	20.6	0.3	-0.1
State Government	78.5	78.1	76.9	0.4	1.6
State Gov, Educational Services	32.0	31.5	29.2	0.5	2.8
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.5	46.6	47.7	-0.1	-1.2
Local Government	110.1	109.8	112.8	0.3	-2.7
Local Gov, Educational Services	67.3	67.4	69.5	-0.1	-2.2
Local Gov, Excluding Education	42.8	42.4	43.3	0.4	-0.5

**State of Arkansas
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

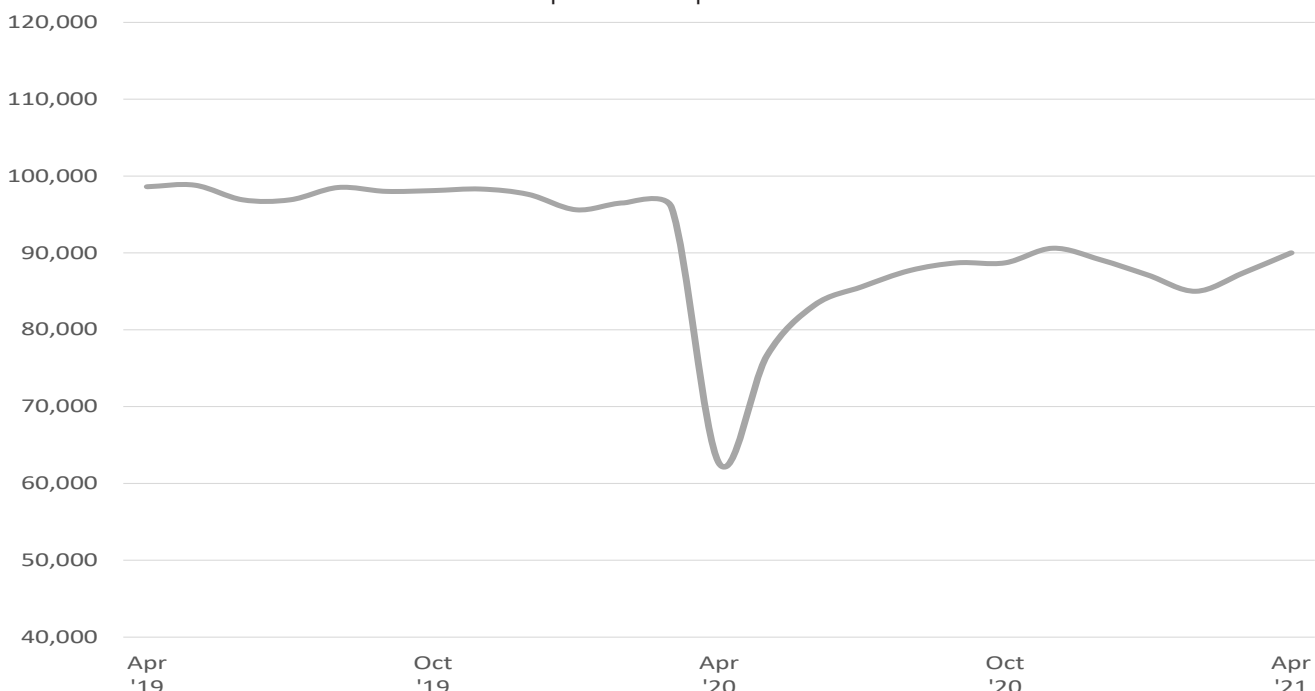
March 2021 - April 2021

Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs rose 6,100 in April to total 1,266,200. Five major industry sectors added jobs, more than offsetting small declines in four sectors. The largest increase was in **leisure and hospitality**, up 3,800 jobs. Hiring occurred in all subsectors, with food services adding 2,600 jobs. Employment in **professional and business services** rose 1,900. All gains were in administrative and support services (+2,500), a subsector which includes employment agencies. **Construction** added 1,200 jobs, mostly in specialty trade contractors (+800). Jobs in **government** increased 1,000. Small gains were posted in both state (+400) and local (+300) government. **Manufacturing** declined 1,200. Losses in nondurable goods (-1,700) were offset by expansions in durable goods (+500) manufacturing.

April 2020 - April 2021

Compared to April 2020, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 94,600. Nine major industry sectors posted gains. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 34,700, mostly in food services (+27,400). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 16,100 jobs. Most of the expansion occurred in retail trade (+14,200). Employment in **professional and business services** increased 14,800, largely in administrative and support services (+13,400). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 10,600. Hiring in durable goods (+10,900) more than offset minor losses in nondurable goods (-300). **Educational and health services** added 10,500 jobs. Expansions occurred in both health care and social assistance (+9,200) and educational services (+1,300). Other notable increases were seen in **other services** (+5,100) and **construction** (+2,700). **Government** posted the largest annual decline, down 1,200 jobs. The greatest loss occurred in local government, educational services (-2,200).

Jobs in Food Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
April 2019 - April 2021



**State of Arkansas
Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

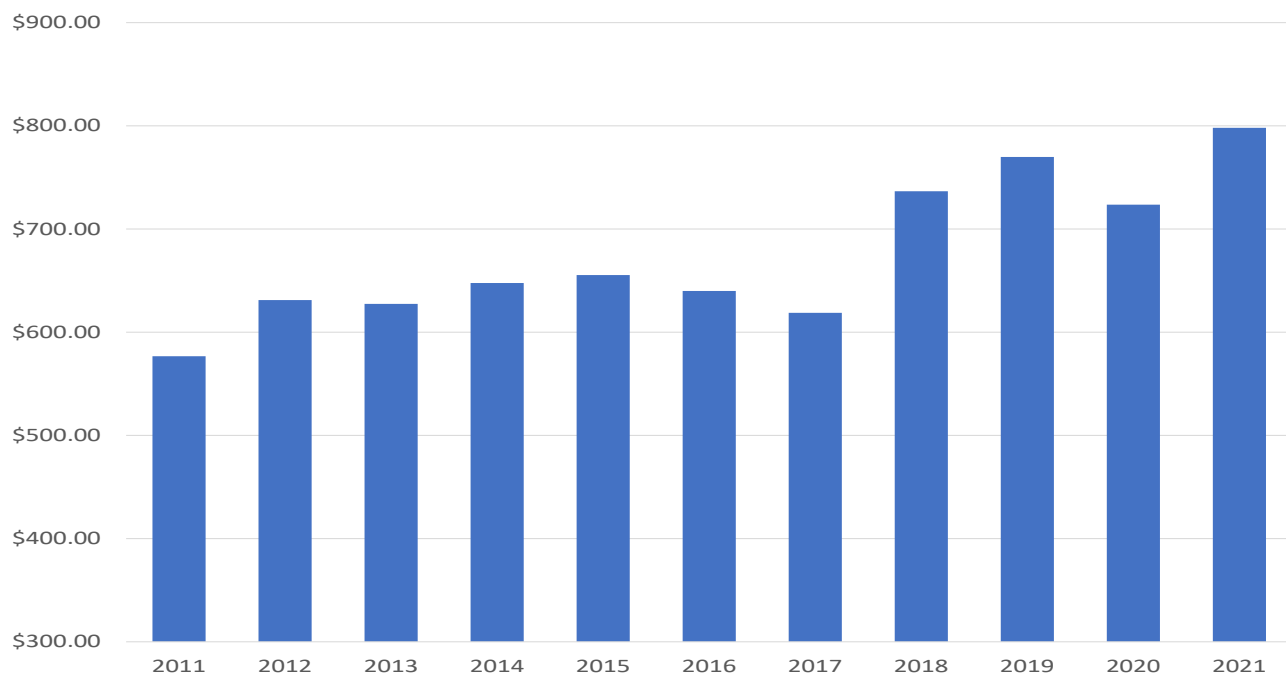
Manufacturing

	Apr 21	Mar 21	Apr 20
Average Weekly Hours	39.9	40.9	39.2
Average Hourly Earnings	20.00	19.54	18.46
Average Weekly Earnings	798.00	799.19	723.63

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	Apr 21	Mar 21	Apr 20		Apr 21	Mar 21	Apr 20
Average Weekly Hours	39.0	40.2	38.8	Average Weekly Hours	40.9	41.5	39.6
Average Hourly Earnings	21.88	21.03	20.43	Average Hourly Earnings	18.20	18.12	16.81
Average Weekly Earnings	853.32	845.41	792.68	Average Weekly Earnings	744.38	751.98	665.68

Average Weekly Earnings for Production Workers - Manufacturing
April: 2011 - 2021



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)

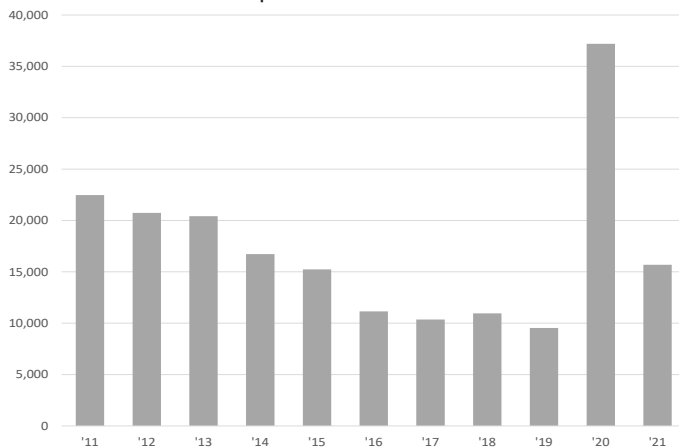
	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	357,242	352,669	358,966	4,573	-1,724
Employment	341,559	335,270	321,775	6,289	19,784
Unemployment	15,683	17,399	37,191	-1,716	-21,508
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.9	10.4	-0.5	-6.0

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	352.1	350.3	329.4	1.8	22.7
Goods Producing	37.3	37.3	36.9	0.0	0.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.0	17.9	17.5	0.1	0.5
Manufacturing	19.3	19.4	19.4	-0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	314.8	313.0	292.5	1.8	22.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	68.2	67.9	62.8	0.3	5.4
Wholesale Trade	15.2	15.1	14.9	0.1	0.3
Retail Trade	37.1	36.8	33.1	0.3	4.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	15.9	16.0	14.8	-0.1	1.1
Information	5.1	5.1	5.2	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	22.9	22.8	22.0	0.1	0.9
Professional & Business Services	44.8	45.2	41.4	-0.4	3.4
Educational & Health Services	58.7	58.1	53.3	0.6	5.4
Leisure & Hospitality	29.2	28.2	21.0	1.0	8.2
Other Services	18.0	17.9	16.7	0.1	1.3
Government	67.9	67.8	70.1	0.1	-2.2
Federal Government	9.8	9.6	9.7	0.2	0.1
State Government	34.3	34.4	34.9	-0.1	-0.6
Local Government	23.8	23.8	25.5	0.0	-1.7

Number of Unemployed
April: 2011 - 2021



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
April 2019 - April 2021



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)

	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	293,920	290,297	282,448	3,623	11,472
Employment	285,425	280,188	261,039	5,237	24,386
Unemployment	8,495	10,109	21,409	-1,614	-12,914
Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.5	7.6	-0.6	-4.7

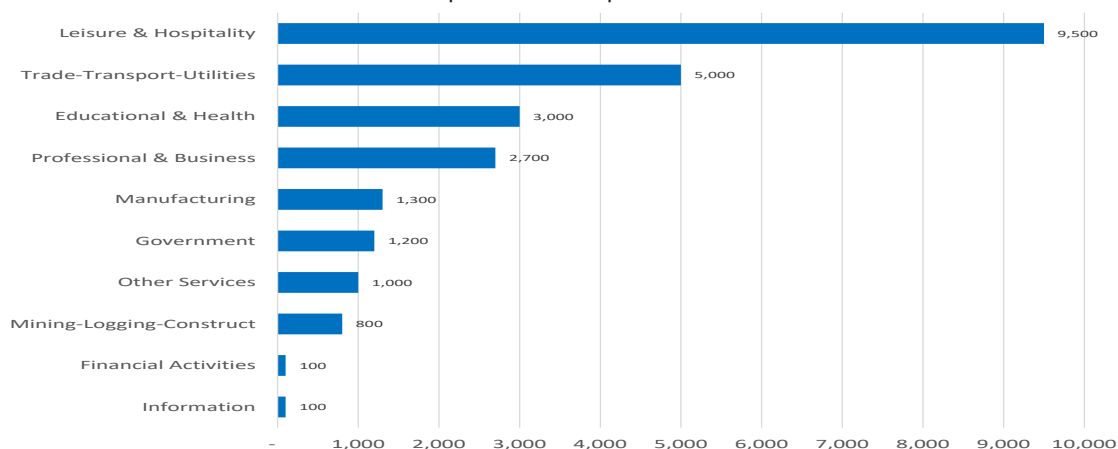
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	270.5	268.9	245.8	1.6	24.7
Goods Producing	44.3	44.8	42.2	-0.5	2.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	13.3	13.2	12.5	0.1	0.8
Manufacturing	31.0	31.6	29.7	-0.6	1.3
Service Providing	226.2	224.1	203.6	2.1	22.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	58.0	57.8	53.0	0.2	5.0
Wholesale Trade	12.4	12.3	11.8	0.1	0.6
Retail Trade	27.4	27.3	23.1	0.1	4.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.2	18.2	18.1	0.0	0.1
Information	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	8.5	8.6	8.4	-0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	52.2	51.2	49.5	1.0	2.7
Educational & Health Services	30.4	30.5	27.4	-0.1	3.0
Leisure & Hospitality	26.0	24.8	16.5	1.2	9.5
Other Services	9.9	9.8	8.9	0.1	1.0
Government	39.1	39.3	37.9	-0.2	1.2
Federal Government	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
State Government	16.8	16.9	15.7	-0.1	1.1
Local Government	19.5	19.6	19.4	-0.1	0.1

Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector

April 2020 vs April 2021



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fort Smith MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	120,306	119,229	118,580	1,077	1,726
Employment	115,133	113,439	105,725	1,694	9,408
Unemployment	5,173	5,790	12,855	-617	-7,682
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.9	10.8	-0.6	-6.5

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

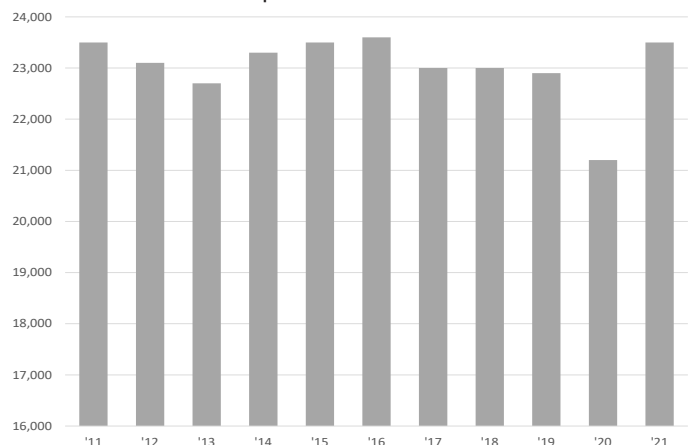
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	110.7	110.5	103.3	0.2	7.4
Goods Producing	22.2	22.2	21.9	0.0	0.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.6	5.5	5.2	0.1	0.4
Manufacturing	16.6	16.7	16.7	-0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	88.5	88.3	81.4	0.2	7.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.5	23.5	21.2	0.0	2.3
Wholesale Trade	4.6	4.5	4.0	0.1	0.6
Retail Trade	12.1	12.1	10.7	0.0	1.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.8	6.9	6.5	-0.1	0.3
Information	1.0	1.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.1
Financial Activities	3.8	3.7	3.7	0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	12.0	12.0	10.7	0.0	1.3
Educational & Health Services	17.0	16.8	16.1	0.2	0.9
Leisure & Hospitality	8.6	8.5	6.3	0.1	2.3
Other Services	4.7	4.7	4.1	0.0	0.6
Government	17.9	18.0	18.2	-0.1	-0.3
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.0	-0.1
State Government	2.7	2.7	3.1	0.0	-0.4
Local Government	13.9	14.0	13.7	-0.1	0.2

Number of Employed
April 2019 - April 2021



Jobs in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities
April: 2011 - 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

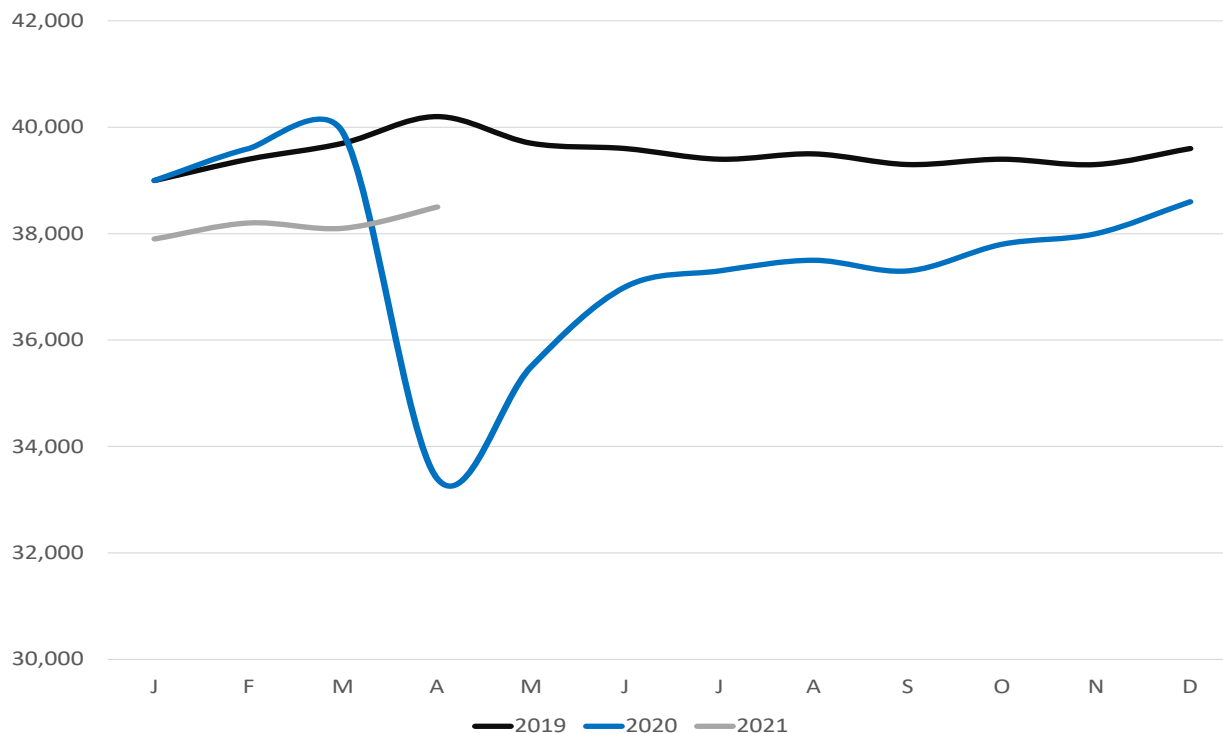
	Apr 21	Mar 21	Apr 20	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	41,971	41,385	40,882	586	1,089
Employment	39,769	38,869	34,738	900	5,031
Unemployment	2,202	2,516	6,144	-314	-3,942
Unemployment Rate	5.2	6.1	15.0	-0.9	-9.8

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Apr 21	Mar 21	Apr 20	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	38.5	38.1	33.4	0.4	5.1
Goods Producing	4.6	4.5	4.5	0.1	0.1
Service Providing	33.9	33.6	28.9	0.3	5.0
Government	4.1	4.1	4.2	0.0	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
January 2019 - April 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Apr 21	Mar 21	Apr 20	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	66,671	65,893	65,287	778	1,384
Employment	64,398	63,223	59,629	1,175	4,769
Unemployment	2,273	2,670	5,658	-397	-3,385
Unemployment Rate	3.4	4.1	8.7	-0.7	-5.3

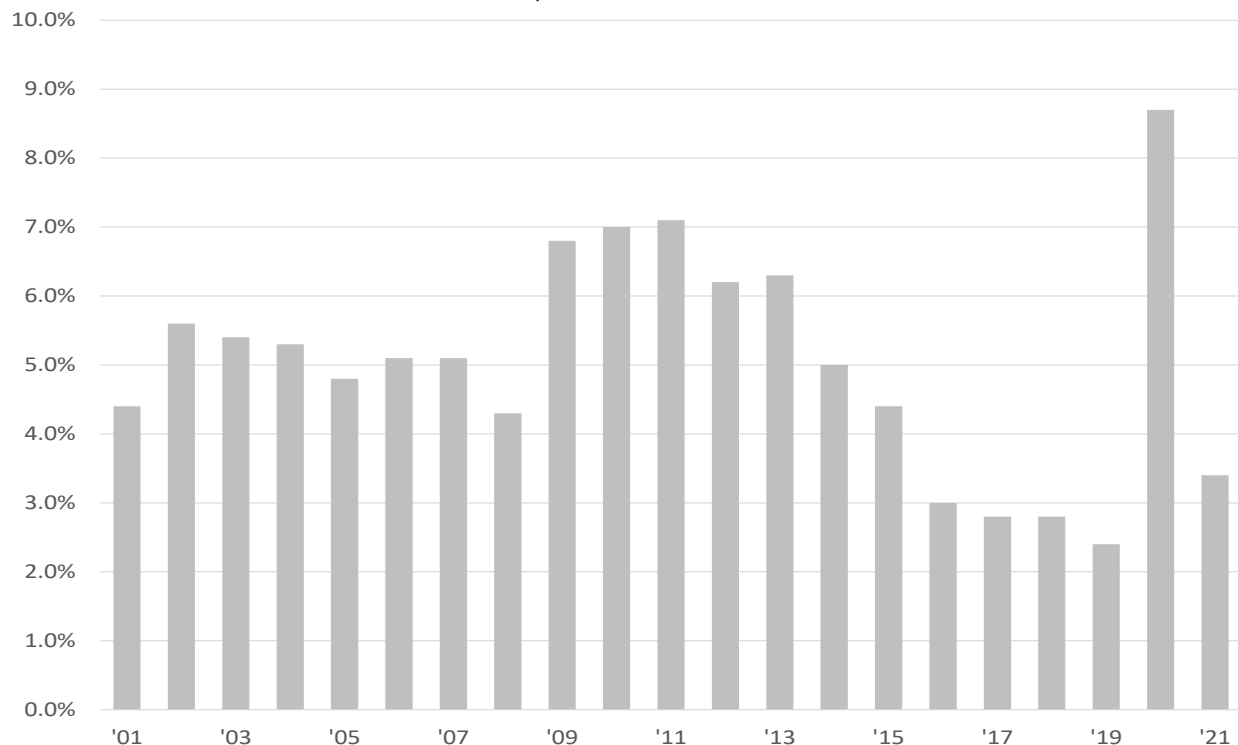
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Apr 21	Mar 21	Apr 20	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	59.1	58.8	54.4	0.3	4.7
Goods Producing	10.5	10.4	10.2	0.1	0.3
Service Providing	48.6	48.4	44.2	0.2	4.4
Government	8.2	8.2	9.0	0.0	-0.8

Unemployment Rates

April: 2001 - 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Pine Bluff MSA**

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Apr 21	Mar 21	Apr 20	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	35,143	34,932	34,659	211	484
Employment	32,985	32,549	31,324	436	1,661
Unemployment	2,158	2,383	3,335	-225	-1,177
Unemployment Rate	6.1	6.8	9.6	-0.7	-3.5

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Apr 21	Mar 21	Apr 20	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	32.0	32.0	30.2	0.0	1.8
Goods Producing	5.6	5.6	5.4	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	26.4	26.4	24.8	0.0	1.6
Government	9.0	9.0	9.0	0.0	0.0

Number of Employed

April 2019 - April 2021



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Out-of-State MSA

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

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

	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	652,169	642,235	602,619	9,934	49,550
Employment	609,091	600,754	524,098	8,337	84,993
Unemployment	43,078	41,481	78,521	1,597	-35,443
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.5	13.0	0.1	-6.4

Texarkana MSA

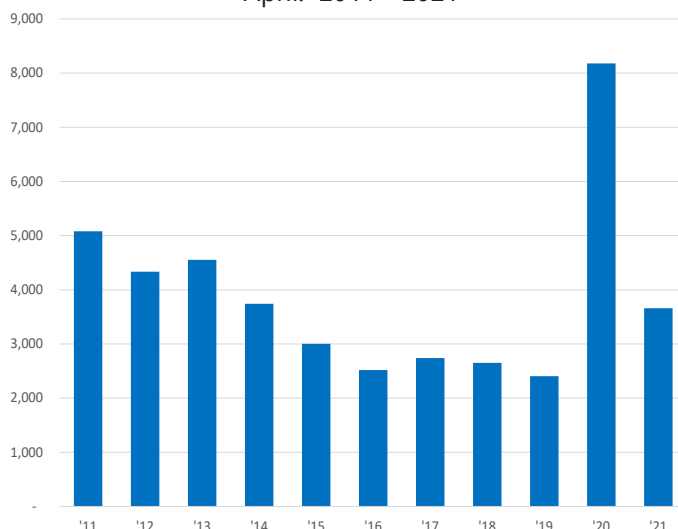
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Apr 21</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>Apr 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,879	63,835	61,695	44	2,184
Employment	60,220	59,651	53,516	569	6,704
Unemployment	3,659	4,184	8,179	-525	-4,520
Unemployment Rate	5.7	6.6	13.3	-0.9	-7.6

Memphis MSA - Number of Employed
April 2019 - April 2021



Texarkana MSA - Unemployed
April: 2011 - 2021



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	April 2021				March 2021				April 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,933	8,507	426	4.8	9,125	8,652	473	5.2	9,397	8,562	835	8.9
Batesville Micro	16,894	16,249	645	3.8	16,879	16,137	742	4.4	17,709	15,820	1,889	10.7
Blytheville Micro	16,776	15,560	1,216	7.2	16,875	15,575	1,300	7.7	17,827	15,664	2,163	12.1
Camden Micro	12,283	11,822	461	3.8	12,316	11,776	540	4.4	12,619	11,550	1,069	8.5
El Dorado Micro	15,266	14,292	974	6.4	15,282	14,242	1,040	6.8	16,086	14,283	1,803	11.2
Forrest City Micro	7,809	7,291	518	6.6	7,902	7,324	578	7.3	8,188	7,274	914	11.2
Harrison Micro	18,353	17,789	564	3.1	19,107	18,396	711	3.7	19,340	17,404	1,936	10.0
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,253	5,748	505	8.1	6,366	5,822	544	8.5	6,635	5,814	821	12.4
Hope Micro	13,115	12,671	444	3.4	13,093	12,557	536	4.1	13,730	12,645	1,085	7.9
Magnolia Micro	8,918	8,423	495	5.6	8,982	8,423	559	6.2	9,343	8,503	840	9.0
Malvern Micro	14,078	13,543	535	3.8	14,102	13,456	646	4.6	14,272	12,876	1,396	9.8
Mountain Home Micro	16,433	15,808	625	3.8	16,579	15,840	739	4.5	16,608	14,966	1,642	9.9
Paragould Micro	18,806	18,137	669	3.6	19,577	18,765	812	4.1	19,433	17,429	2,004	10.3
Russellville Micro	35,707	34,359	1,348	3.8	35,755	34,144	1,611	4.5	36,200	33,038	3,162	8.7
Searcy Micro	33,942	32,510	1,432	4.2	34,067	32,418	1,649	4.8	34,591	31,402	3,189	9.2

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties

Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	April 2021				March 2021				April 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,728	12,247	481	3.8	12,619	12,018	601	4.8	12,323	11,220	1,103	9.0
Benton	17,467	16,963	504	2.9	17,281	16,642	639	3.7	17,583	15,979	1,604	9.1
Bentonville	29,810	29,127	683	2.3	29,455	28,583	872	3.0	28,469	26,685	1,784	6.3
Blytheville	5,721	5,226	495	8.7	5,714	5,231	483	8.5	6,025	5,261	764	12.7
Cabot	11,994	11,551	443	3.7	11,867	11,366	501	4.2	12,094	10,880	1,214	10.0
Conway	34,280	33,065	1,215	3.5	33,871	32,459	1,412	4.2	34,909	31,135	3,774	10.8
El Dorado	6,655	6,165	490	7.4	6,606	6,143	463	7.0	7,148	6,161	987	13.8
Fayetteville	50,363	48,677	1,686	3.3	49,711	47,760	1,951	3.9	49,432	44,577	4,855	9.8
Fort Smith	39,439	37,973	1,466	3.7	39,054	37,271	1,783	4.6	39,919	35,580	4,339	10.9
Hot Springs	15,826	14,723	1,103	7.0	15,565	14,389	1,176	7.6	15,808	12,860	2,948	18.6
Jacksonville	11,868	11,010	858	7.2	11,619	10,802	817	7.0	11,881	10,375	1,506	12.7
Jonesboro	39,979	38,574	1,405	3.5	39,443	37,838	1,605	4.1	39,312	35,715	3,597	9.1
Little Rock	97,764	92,555	5,209	5.3	96,549	90,807	5,742	5.9	98,664	87,212	11,452	11.6
North Little Rock	30,192	28,380	1,812	6.0	29,665	27,844	1,821	6.1	30,764	26,742	4,022	13.1
Paragould	11,970	11,489	481	4.0	12,459	11,887	572	4.6	12,565	11,041	1,524	12.1
Pine Bluff	16,717	15,436	1,281	7.7	16,636	15,214	1,422	8.5	16,443	14,671	1,772	10.8
Rogers	37,619	36,460	1,159	3.1	37,028	35,779	1,249	3.4	36,126	33,403	2,723	7.5
Russellville	12,778	12,299	479	3.7	12,757	12,207	550	4.3	12,986	11,832	1,154	8.9
Searcy	10,237	9,863	374	3.7	10,268	9,835	433	4.2	10,476	9,527	949	9.1
Sherwood	16,155	15,470	685	4.2	15,960	15,178	782	4.9	16,251	14,577	1,674	10.3
Springdale	40,926	39,763	1,163	2.8	40,378	39,014	1,364	3.4	39,152	36,415	2,737	7.0
Texarkana, AR	13,548	12,747	801	5.9	13,416	12,538	878	6.5	13,632	11,674	1,958	14.4
Van Buren	10,461	10,090	371	3.5	10,343	9,917	426	4.1	10,413	9,456	957	9.2
West Memphis	10,645	9,905	740	7.0	10,453	9,730	723	6.9	10,929	9,236	1,693	15.5

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	April 2021				March 2021				April 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,552	9,235	317	3.3	9,622	9,246	376	3.9	9,460	9,006	454	4.8
Ashley	7,062	6,511	551	7.8	7,090	6,496	594	8.4	7,300	6,416	884	12.1
Baxter	16,433	15,808	625	3.8	16,579	15,840	739	4.5	16,608	14,966	1,642	9.9
Benton	144,866	140,754	4,112	2.8	143,008	138,128	4,880	3.4	139,284	128,956	10,328	7.4
Boone	15,205	14,734	471	3.1	15,827	15,237	590	3.7	16,081	14,430	1,651	10.3
Bradley	4,316	4,114	202	4.7	4,317	4,100	217	5.0	4,676	4,213	463	9.9
Calhoun	2,447	2,359	88	3.6	2,458	2,360	98	4.0	2,470	2,300	170	6.9
Carroll	12,368	11,906	462	3.7	12,644	12,077	567	4.5	12,690	11,387	1,303	10.3
Chicot	3,109	2,815	294	9.5	3,156	2,835	321	10.2	3,345	2,928	417	12.5
Clark	8,933	8,507	426	4.8	9,125	8,652	473	5.2	9,397	8,562	835	8.9
Clay	5,530	5,309	221	4.0	5,639	5,354	285	5.1	5,522	5,072	450	8.1
Cleburne	8,886	8,465	421	4.7	9,110	8,593	517	5.7	9,052	7,619	1,433	15.8
Cleveland	3,251	3,120	131	4.0	3,238	3,090	148	4.6	3,220	2,956	264	8.2
Columbia	8,918	8,423	495	5.6	8,982	8,423	559	6.2	9,343	8,503	840	9.0
Conway	8,568	8,205	363	4.2	8,520	8,103	417	4.9	8,566	7,689	877	10.2
Craighead	56,560	54,693	1,867	3.3	55,851	53,649	2,202	3.9	55,547	50,639	4,908	8.8
Crawford	26,862	25,901	961	3.6	26,604	25,457	1,147	4.3	26,637	24,274	2,363	8.9
Crittenden	21,435	20,237	1,198	5.6	21,105	19,880	1,225	5.8	21,734	18,871	2,863	13.2
Cross	7,048	6,707	341	4.8	7,234	6,846	388	5.4	7,372	6,624	748	10.1
Dallas	2,846	2,740	106	3.7	2,859	2,734	125	4.4	2,848	2,601	247	8.7
Desha	5,178	4,864	314	6.1	5,246	4,913	333	6.3	5,506	5,019	487	8.8
Drew	7,608	7,199	409	5.4	7,737	7,301	436	5.6	8,021	7,217	804	10.0
Faulkner	62,236	60,034	2,202	3.5	61,493	58,933	2,560	4.2	62,844	56,530	6,314	10.0
Franklin	7,428	7,154	274	3.7	7,446	7,125	321	4.3	7,624	7,012	612	8.0
Fulton	5,008	4,832	176	3.5	5,011	4,786	225	4.5	5,017	4,669	348	6.9
Garland	41,971	39,769	2,202	5.2	41,385	38,869	2,516	6.1	40,882	34,738	6,144	15.0
Grant	8,263	8,015	248	3.0	8,191	7,891	300	3.7	8,210	7,563	647	7.9
Greene	18,806	18,137	669	3.6	19,577	18,765	812	4.1	19,433	17,429	2,004	10.3
Hempstead	9,585	9,267	318	3.3	9,578	9,191	387	4.0	10,026	9,243	783	7.8
Hot Spring	14,078	13,543	535	3.8	14,102	13,456	646	4.6	14,272	12,876	1,396	9.8
Howard	5,542	5,380	162	2.9	5,640	5,434	206	3.7	5,545	5,121	424	7.6
Independence	16,894	16,249	645	3.8	16,879	16,137	742	4.4	17,709	15,820	1,889	10.7
Izard	4,430	4,186	244	5.5	4,493	4,227	266	5.9	4,864	4,229	635	13.1
Jackson	5,826	5,536	290	5.0	5,894	5,543	351	6.0	6,028	5,487	541	9.0
Jefferson	27,972	26,124	1,848	6.6	27,771	25,749	2,022	7.3	27,570	24,829	2,741	9.9
Johnson	9,778	9,317	461	4.7	10,210	9,673	537	5.3	10,208	9,110	1,098	10.8
Lafayette	2,411	2,256	155	6.4	2,409	2,237	172	7.1	2,517	2,270	247	9.8
Lawrence	6,889	6,594	295	4.3	6,937	6,592	345	5.0	6,944	6,335	609	8.8
Lee	2,661	2,505	156	5.9	2,703	2,536	167	6.2	2,828	2,570	258	9.1
Lincoln	3,920	3,741	179	4.6	3,923	3,710	213	5.4	3,869	3,539	330	8.5
Little River	5,429	5,186	243	4.5	5,387	5,105	282	5.2	5,298	4,760	538	10.2
Logan	8,558	8,200	358	4.2	8,725	8,299	426	4.9	8,707	7,727	980	11.3
Lonoke	33,764	32,613	1,151	3.4	33,438	32,092	1,346	4.0	33,705	30,720	2,985	8.9
Madison	7,721	7,487	234	3.0	7,697	7,404	293	3.8	7,255	6,860	395	5.4
Marion	6,139	5,856	283	4.6	6,111	5,782	329	5.4	6,481	5,918	563	8.7
Miller	19,609	18,603	1,006	5.1	19,420	18,298	1,122	5.8	19,646	17,037	2,609	13.3

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**County Labor Force Statistics
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Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	April 2021				March 2021				April 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,776	15,560	1,216	7.2	16,875	15,575	1,300	7.7	17,827	15,664	2,163	12.1
Monroe	2,760	2,613	147	5.3	2,809	2,643	166	5.9	2,769	2,551	218	7.9
Montgomery	2,834	2,704	130	4.6	2,919	2,761	158	5.4	2,936	2,650	286	9.7
Nevada	3,530	3,404	126	3.6	3,515	3,366	149	4.2	3,704	3,402	302	8.2
Newton	3,148	3,055	93	3.0	3,280	3,159	121	3.7	3,259	2,974	285	8.7
Ouachita	9,836	9,463	373	3.8	9,858	9,416	442	4.5	10,149	9,250	899	8.9
Perry	4,256	4,077	179	4.2	4,214	4,010	204	4.8	4,216	3,829	387	9.2
Phillips	6,253	5,748	505	8.1	6,366	5,822	544	8.5	6,635	5,814	821	12.4
Pike	4,303	4,125	178	4.1	4,325	4,105	220	5.1	4,314	3,958	356	8.3
Poinsett	10,111	9,705	406	4.0	10,042	9,574	468	4.7	9,740	8,990	750	7.7
Polk	7,931	7,576	355	4.5	8,011	7,579	432	5.4	8,158	7,372	786	9.6
Pope	27,665	26,620	1,045	3.8	27,660	26,419	1,241	4.5	28,206	25,609	2,597	9.2
Prairie	3,707	3,559	148	4.0	3,712	3,539	173	4.7	3,595	3,342	253	7.0
Pulaski	190,019	179,966	10,053	5.3	187,347	176,567	10,780	5.8	191,521	169,576	21,945	11.5
Randolph	7,421	7,128	293	3.9	7,530	7,173	357	4.7	7,515	6,838	677	9.0
St. Francis	7,809	7,291	518	6.6	7,902	7,324	578	7.3	8,188	7,274	914	11.2
Saline	58,704	56,854	1,850	3.2	57,986	55,777	2,209	3.8	58,470	53,557	4,913	8.4
Scott	4,376	4,218	158	3.6	4,415	4,227	188	4.3	4,428	4,175	253	5.7
Searcy	2,775	2,655	120	4.3	2,816	2,676	140	5.0	2,845	2,550	295	10.4
Sebastian	56,840	54,725	2,115	3.7	56,207	53,712	2,495	4.4	57,175	51,276	5,899	10.3
Sevier	5,546	5,287	259	4.7	5,594	5,286	308	5.5	5,663	5,237	426	7.5
Sharp	5,719	5,456	263	4.6	5,763	5,427	336	5.8	5,911	5,292	619	10.5
Stone	4,563	4,327	236	5.2	4,603	4,319	284	6.2	4,597	4,068	529	11.5
Union	15,266	14,292	974	6.4	15,282	14,242	1,040	6.8	16,086	14,283	1,803	11.2
Van Buren	5,784	5,473	311	5.4	5,777	5,424	353	6.1	5,820	5,191	629	10.8
Washington	130,455	126,638	3,817	2.9	128,773	124,251	4,522	3.5	125,784	115,971	9,813	7.8
White	33,942	32,510	1,432	4.2	34,067	32,418	1,649	4.8	34,591	31,402	3,189	9.2
Woodruff	2,882	2,717	165	5.7	2,923	2,744	179	6.1	2,844	2,643	201	7.1
Yell	8,042	7,739	303	3.8	8,095	7,725	370	4.6	7,994	7,429	565	7.1

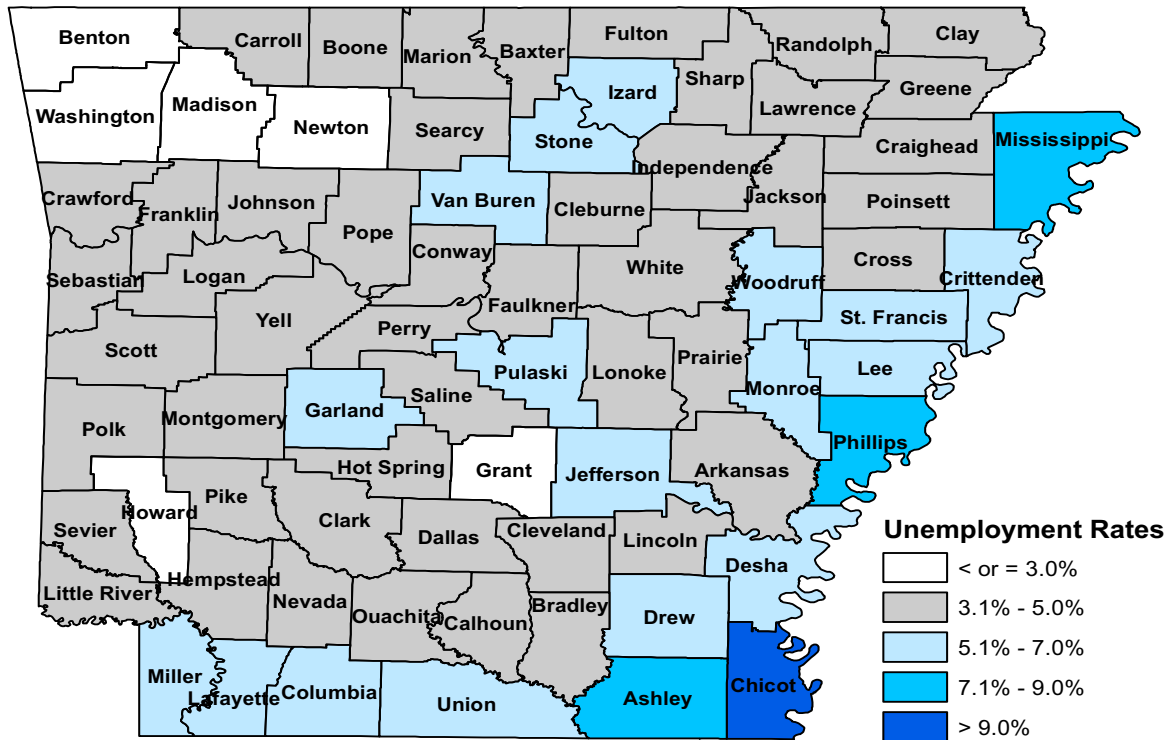
County Labor Force Summary

Between March and April, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.8 percent in Benton County to a high of 9.5 percent in Chicot County. The average monthly rate decline was seven-tenths of a percentage point.

In April, four counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is down from seven counties above seven percent last month. Rates in 34 counties were at or below four percent, up sharply from 13 counties at or below four percent in March.

Compared to April 2020, jobless rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rate declines ranged from a decrease of one and four-tenths of a percentage point in Woodruff County to as much as eleven and one-tenth of a percentage point drop in Cleburne County.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

April 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	2.8	24	Independence	3.8	48	Sevier	4.7
2	Howard	2.9	24	Ouachita	3.8	52	Clark	4.8
2	Washington	2.9	24	Pope	3.8	52	Cross	4.8
4	Grant	3.0	24	Yell	3.8	54	Jackson	5.0
4	Madison	3.0	30	Randolph	3.9	55	Miller	5.1
4	Newton	3.0	31	Clay	4.0	56	Garland	5.2
7	Boone	3.1	31	Cleveland	4.0	56	Stone	5.2
8	Saline	3.2	31	Poinsett	4.0	58	Monroe	5.3
9	Arkansas	3.3	31	Prairie	4.0	58	Pulaski	5.3
9	Craighead	3.3	35	Pike	4.1	60	Drew	5.4
9	Hempstead	3.3	36	Conway	4.2	60	Van Buren	5.4
12	Lonoke	3.4	36	Logan	4.2	62	Izard	5.5
13	Faulkner	3.5	36	Perry	4.2	63	Columbia	5.6
13	Fulton	3.5	36	White	4.2	63	Crittenden	5.6
15	Calhoun	3.6	40	Lawrence	4.3	65	Woodruff	5.7
15	Crawford	3.6	40	Searcy	4.3	66	Lee	5.9
15	Greene	3.6	42	Little River	4.5	67	Desha	6.1
15	Nevada	3.6	42	Polk	4.5	68	Lafayette	6.4
15	Scott	3.6	44	Lincoln	4.6	68	Union	6.4
20	Carroll	3.7	44	Marion	4.6	70	Jefferson	6.6
20	Dallas	3.7	44	Montgomery	4.6	70	St. Francis	6.6
20	Franklin	3.7	44	Sharp	4.6	72	Mississippi	7.2
20	Sebastian	3.7	48	Bradley	4.7	73	Ashley	7.8
24	Baxter	3.8	48	Cleburne	4.7	74	Phillips	8.1
24	Hot Spring	3.8	48	Johnson	4.7	75	Chicot	9.5

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	April 2021				March 2021				April 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	253,426	243,084	10,342	4.1	250,236	238,744	11,492	4.6	254,240	229,064	25,176	9.9
City of Little Rock	97,764	92,555	5,209	5.3	96,549	90,807	5,742	5.9	98,664	87,212	11,452	11.6
Eastern	45,206	42,488	2,718	6.0	45,310	42,408	2,902	6.4	46,757	41,153	5,604	12.0
North Central	93,934	89,751	4,183	4.5	94,520	89,618	4,902	5.2	96,433	86,420	10,013	10.4
Northeast	122,093	117,126	4,967	4.1	122,451	116,682	5,769	4.7	122,528	110,967	11,561	9.4
Northwest	339,110	328,893	10,217	3.0	336,735	324,554	12,181	3.6	330,287	304,012	26,275	8.0
Southeast	80,231	75,738	4,493	5.6	80,291	75,331	4,960	6.2	81,177	73,686	7,491	9.2
Southwest	90,965	86,660	4,305	4.7	90,982	86,092	4,890	5.4	93,295	84,007	9,288	10.0
West Central	130,428	124,606	5,822	4.5	130,555	123,773	6,782	5.2	130,991	116,450	14,541	11.1
Western	111,995	107,774	4,221	3.8	111,408	106,399	5,009	4.5	112,729	101,836	10,893	9.7

