

# 2022 ARKANSAS LABOR MARKET REPORT

## March



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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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## 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 Columbia. 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	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate
1	Nebraska	2.0	18	Florida	3.2	34	Mississippi	4.2
1	Utah	2.0	18	Tennessee	3.2	34	New Jersey	4.2
3	Indiana	2.2	20	Arizona	3.3	34	Washington	4.2
4	Montana	2.3	20	Iowa	3.3	38	Massachusetts	4.3
5	Kansas	2.5	22	Rhode Island	3.4	39	Michigan	4.4
5	Minnesota	2.5	22	South Carolina	3.4	39	Texas	4.4
5	New Hampshire	2.5	22	Wyoming	3.4	41	Delaware	4.5
5	South Dakota	2.5	25	North Carolina	3.5	42	Connecticut	4.6
9	Idaho	2.7	26	Maine	3.6	42	Maryland	4.6
9	Oklahoma	2.7	26	Missouri	3.6	42	New York	4.6
9	Vermont	2.7	28	Colorado	3.7	45	Illinois	4.7
12	Wisconsin	2.8	28	West Virginia	3.7	46	California	4.9
13	Alabama	2.9	30	Oregon	3.8	46	Pennsylvania	4.9
13	North Dakota	2.9	31	Kentucky	4.0	48	Alaska	5.0
15	Virginia	3.0	32	Hawaii	4.1	48	Nevada	5.0
<b>16</b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>3.1</b>	32	Ohio	4.1	50	New Mexico	5.3
16	Georgia	3.1	34	Louisiana	4.2	51	District of Columbia	6.0

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 3.6 Percent



## State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

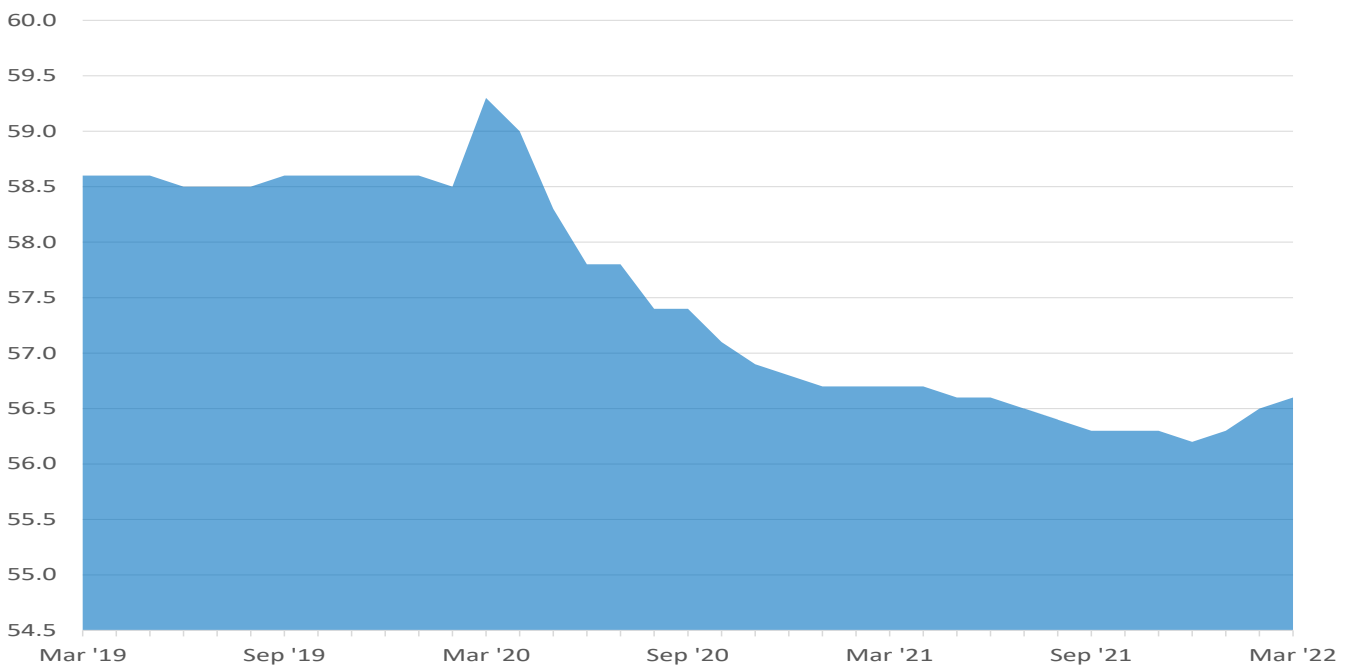
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.1 percent between February and March. Arkansas' civilian labor force rose 4,508, 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. Currently, there are 31,600 more employed Arkansans compared to March 2021."

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	
Civilian Labor Force	1,343,907	1,339,399	1,332,788	Civilian Labor Force	1,353,653	1,349,554	1,333,827
Employment	1,302,465	1,297,210	1,270,865	Employment	1,309,744	1,298,136	1,270,783
Unemployment	41,442	42,189	61,923	Unemployment	43,909	51,418	63,044
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	3.1%	4.6%	Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.8%	4.7%
Labor Participation Rate	56.6%	56.5%	56.7%	Labor Participation Rate	57.0%	56.9%	56.7%
U.S. Unemp Rate	3.6%	3.8%	6.0%	U.S. Unemp Rate	3.8%	4.1%	6.2%

**Labor Force Participation Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**  
 March 2019 - March 2022





## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.9	33.7	34.8	0.2	-0.9
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>161.4</b>	<b>161.1</b>	<b>156.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>4.5</b>
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
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>265.9</b>	<b>264.3</b>	<b>251.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>14.2</b>
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
<b>Information</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>
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
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>149.1</b>	<b>148.9</b>	<b>143.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>6.0</b>
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
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>194.6</b>	<b>196.0</b>	<b>197.3</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
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
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>119.5</b>	<b>116.4</b>	<b>110.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>9.1</b>
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
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>211.8</b>	<b>211.4</b>	<b>209.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>
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





## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

### February 2022 - March 2022

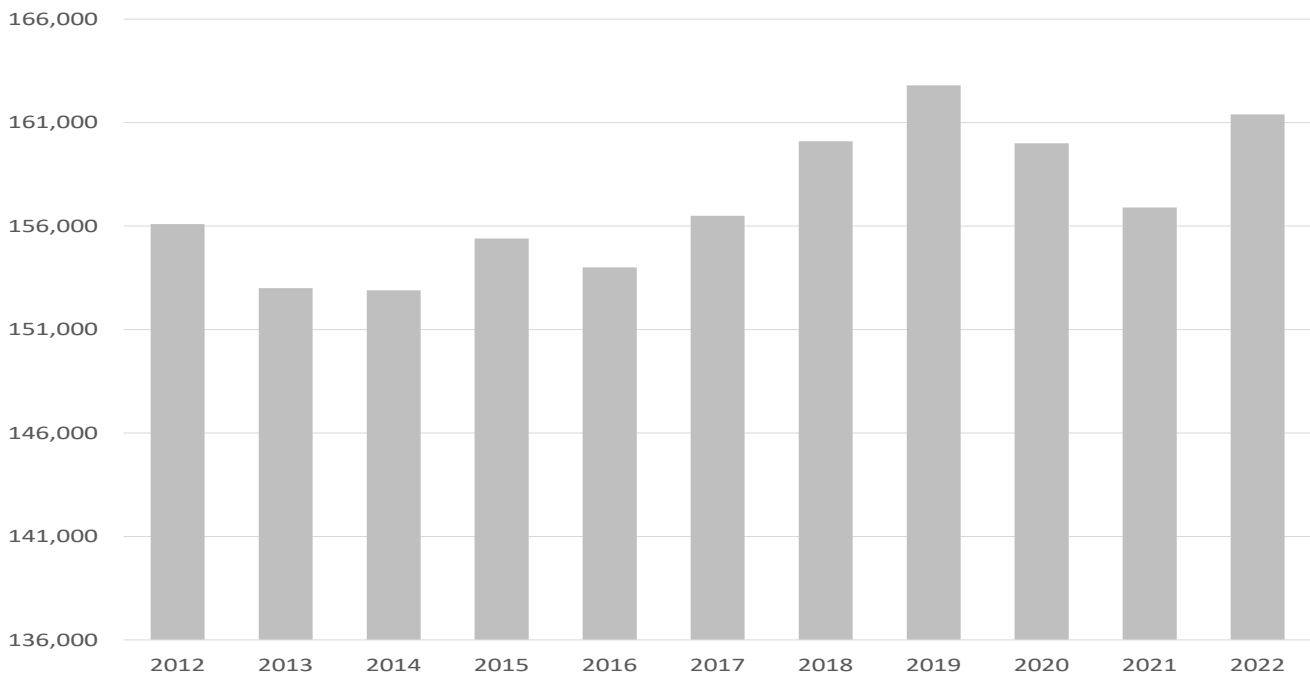
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas increased 5,300 in March to total 1,305,500. Seven major industry sectors added jobs. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 3,100. Most of the hiring occurred in food services (+2,100). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 1,600. Transportation, warehousing, 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, transportation, 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 educational 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





## State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

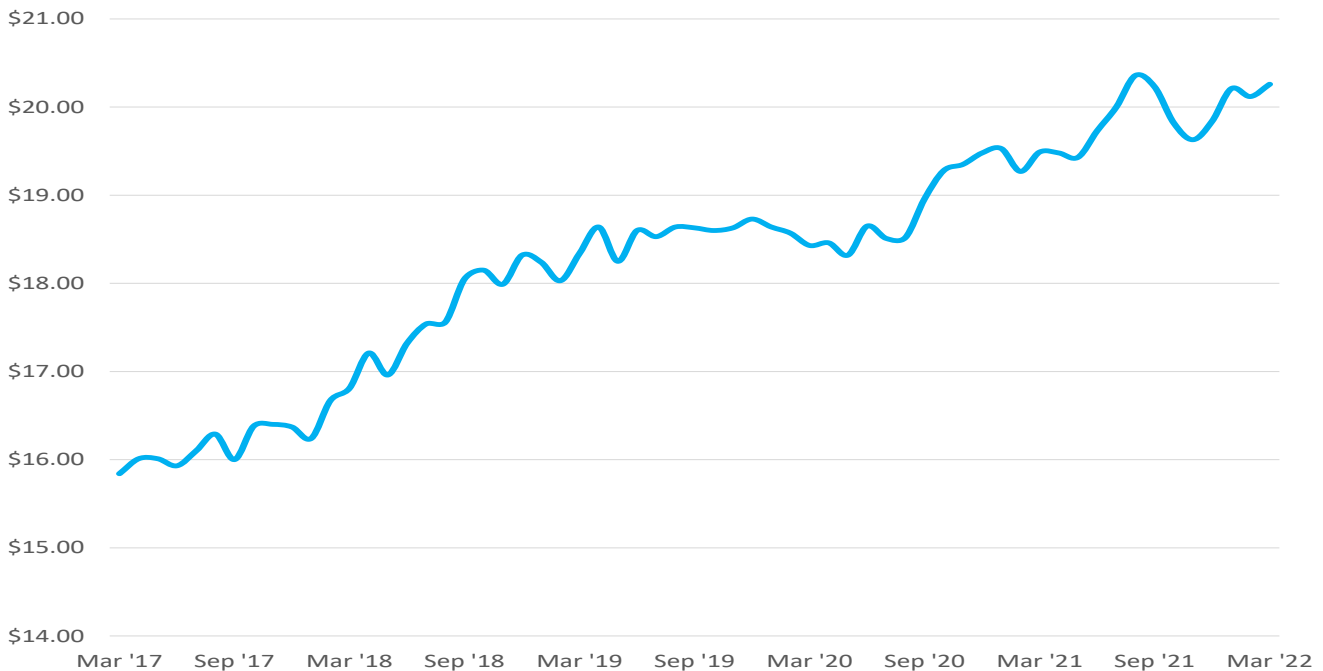
### Manufacturing

	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>Mar 21</b>
Average Weekly Hours	40.5	40.3	40.9
Average Hourly Earnings	20.26	20.12	19.49
Average Weekly Earnings	820.53	810.84	797.14

### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>Mar 21</b>		<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>Mar 21</b>
Average Weekly Hours	41.2	39.2	40.2	Average Weekly Hours	39.8	41.2	41.5
Average Hourly Earnings	21.40	21.39	21.03	Average Hourly Earnings	19.22	19.05	18.12
Average Weekly Earnings	881.68	838.49	845.41	Average Weekly Earnings	764.96	784.86	751.98

**Average Hourly Earnings in Manufacturing (Production Workers)**  
 March 2017 - March 2022





## 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>Mar 22</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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

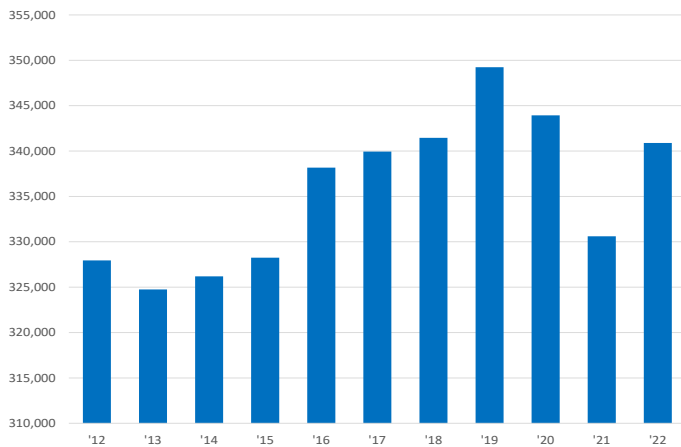
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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



### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

March 2019 - March 2022





## 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)

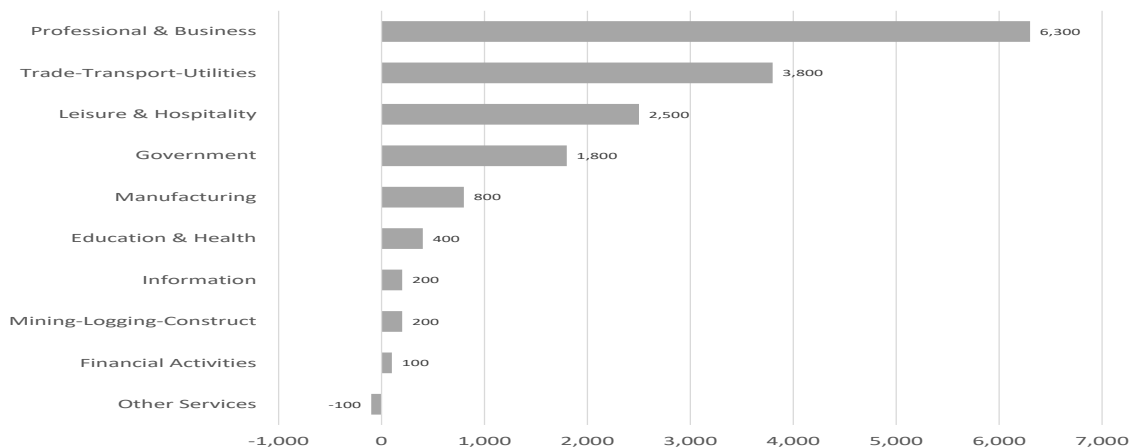
	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	297,303	296,639	283,389	664	13,914
Employment	290,524	288,859	273,380	1,665	17,144
Unemployment	6,779	7,780	10,009	-1,001	-3,230
Unemployment Rate	2.3	2.6	3.5	-0.3	-1.2

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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





## 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>Mar 22</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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)

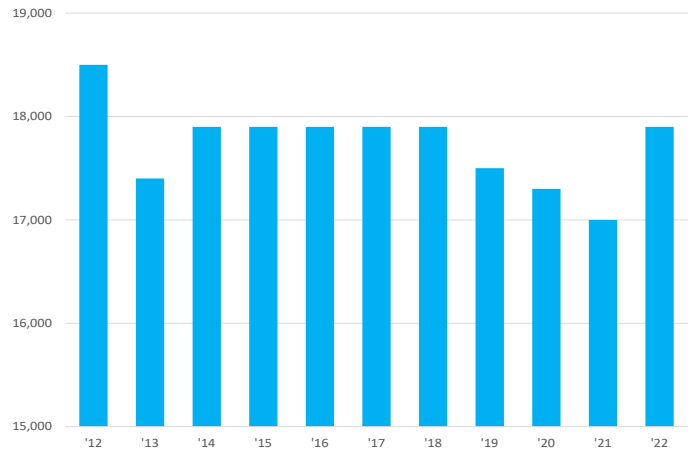
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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



**Jobs in Manufacturing**  
 March: 2012 - 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

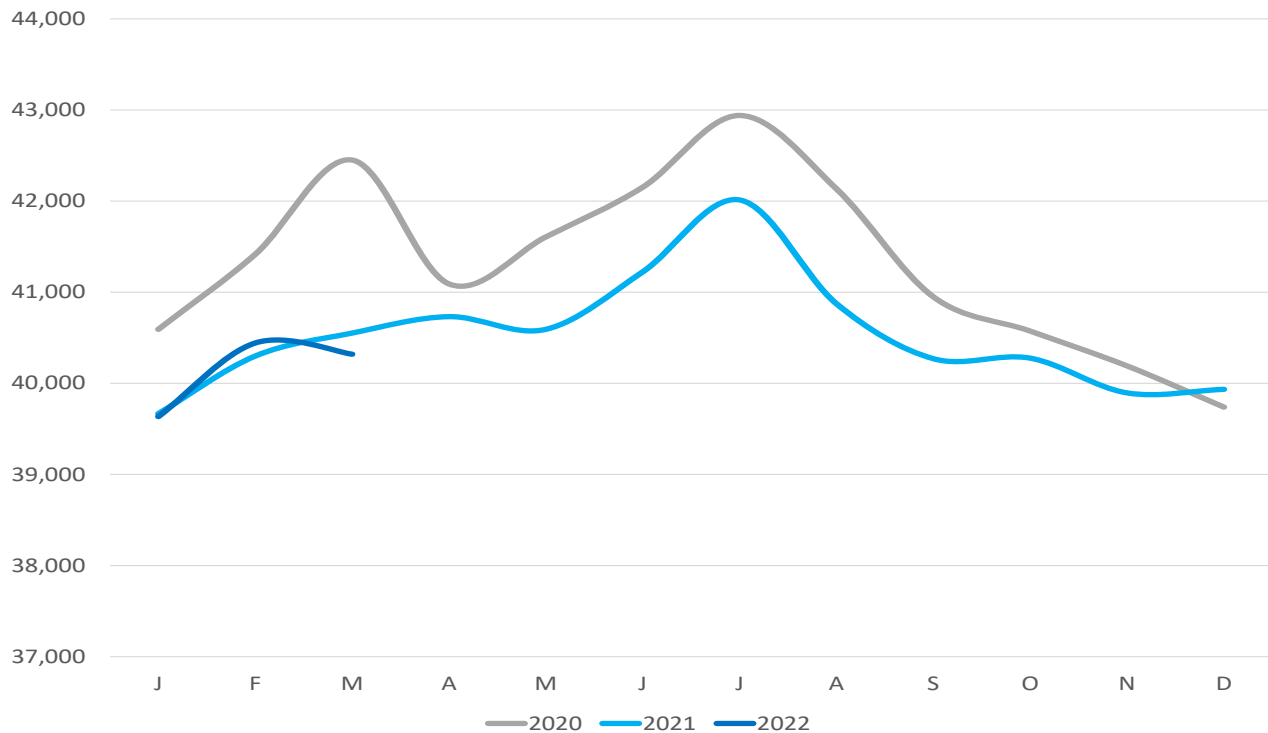
	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	40,321	40,444	40,552	-123	-231
Employment	38,720	38,580	38,124	140	596
Unemployment	1,601	1,864	2,428	-263	-827
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.6	6.0	-0.6	-2.0

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	38.9	38.7	38.4	0.2	0.5
Goods Producing	4.4	4.3	4.5	0.1	-0.1
Service Providing	34.5	34.4	33.9	0.1	0.6
Government	4.1	4.1	4.3	0.0	-0.2

**Civilian Labor Force**  
 January 2020 - March 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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

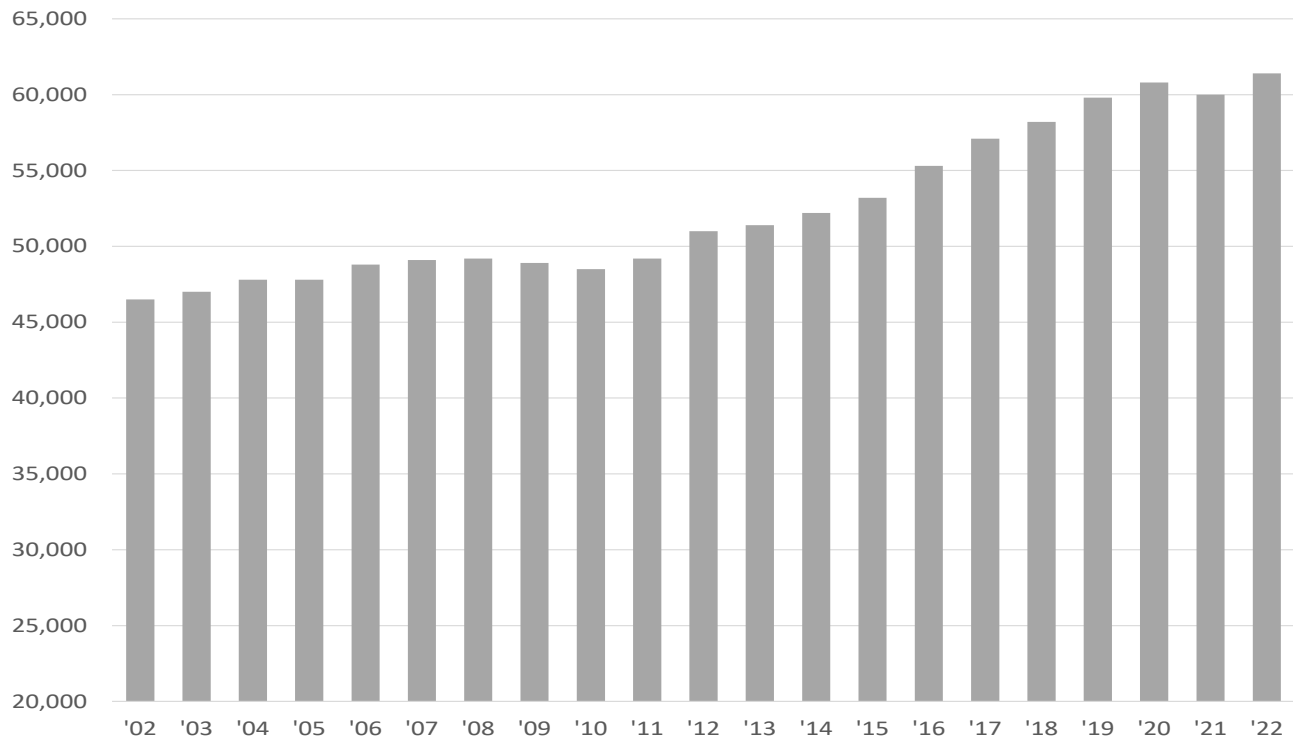
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	61.4	61.2	60.0	0.2	1.4
Goods Producing	11.1	11.0	11.0	0.1	0.1
Service Providing	50.3	50.2	49.0	0.1	1.3
Government	8.5	8.5	8.9	0.0	-0.4

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

March: 2002 - 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
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)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 22</u>	<u>Feb 22</u>	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.4	31.2	31.2	0.2	0.2
Goods Producing	5.5	5.5	5.6	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	25.9	25.7	25.6	0.2	0.3
Government	8.5	8.4	8.7	0.1	-0.2

### Employment

March 2017 - March 2022







## 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.

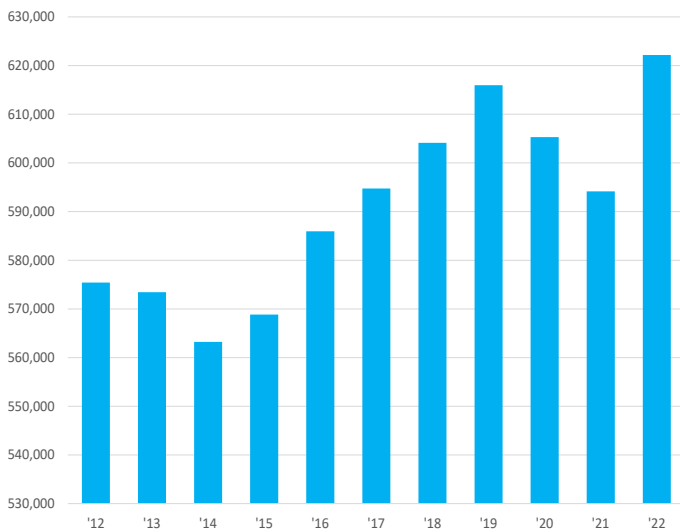
	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	649,229	649,008	638,077	221	11,152
Employment	622,169	618,375	594,157	3,794	28,012
Unemployment	27,060	30,633	43,920	-3,573	-16,860
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.7	6.9	-0.5	-2.7

#### Texarkana MSA

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

	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
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

**Memphis MSA - Employment**  
 March: 2012 - 2022



**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment**  
 March 2019 - March 2022



## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	March 2022				February 2022				March 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	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

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	March 2022				February 2022				March 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
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

County	March 2022				February 2022				March 2021			
	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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County	Not Seasonally Adjusted											
	March 2022				February 2022				March 2021			
	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

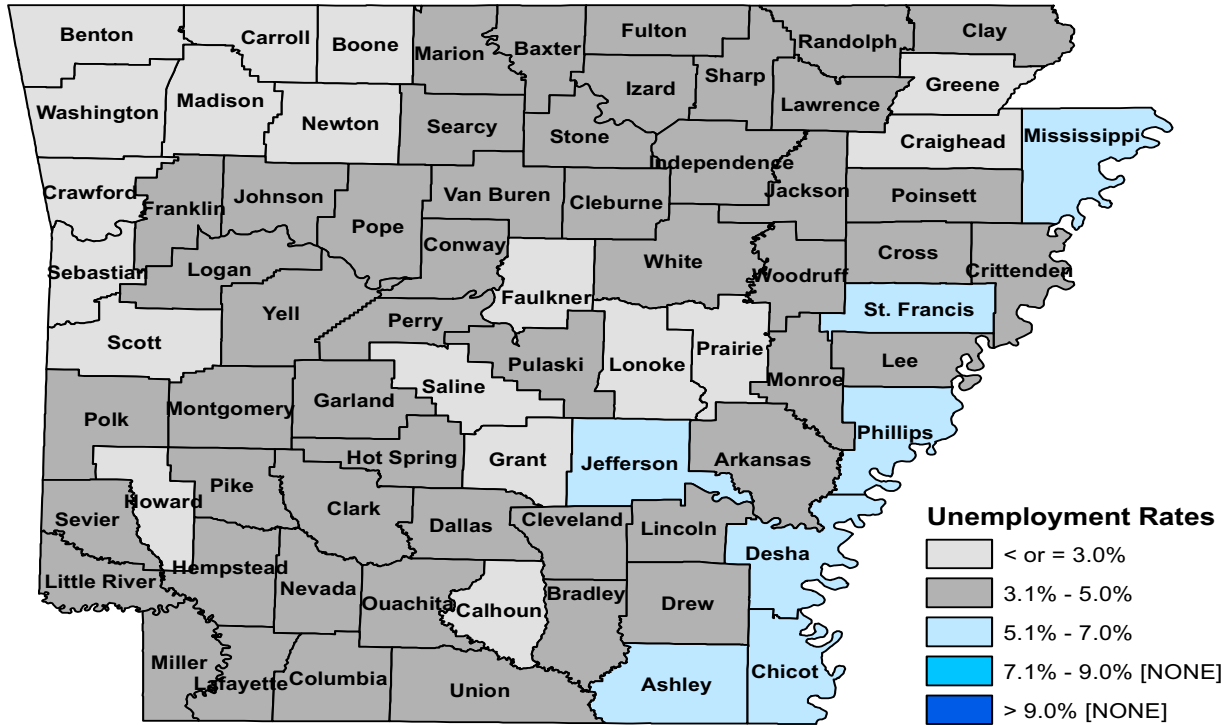
Between February and March, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2 percent in Benton County to a high of 6.8 percent in Chicot County.

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



### Ranked by Unemployment Rates

March 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	2.2	21	Randolph	3.2	51	Nevada	3.9
2	Washington	2.3	27	Pope	3.3	51	Stone	3.9
3	Madison	2.4	28	Arkansas	3.4	53	Bradley	4.0
4	Boone	2.5	28	Cleveland	3.4	53	Garland	4.0
5	Craighead	2.6	28	Logan	3.4	53	Sharp	4.0
5	Saline	2.6	28	White	3.4	56	Searcy	4.1
5	Scott	2.6	28	Yell	3.4	57	Cleburne	4.2
8	Calhoun	2.7	33	Cross	3.5	57	Drew	4.2
8	Lonoke	2.7	33	Lawrence	3.5	57	Lincoln	4.2
10	Carroll	2.8	33	Marion	3.5	57	Van Buren	4.2
10	Faulkner	2.8	36	Clay	3.6	61	Columbia	4.3
10	Greene	2.8	36	Conway	3.6	62	Monroe	4.4
10	Newton	2.8	36	Little River	3.6	62	Montgomery	4.4
10	Prairie	2.8	36	Perry	3.6	64	Jackson	4.5
15	Grant	2.9	36	Polk	3.6	64	Lafayette	4.5
15	Howard	2.9	36	Sevier	3.6	66	Izard	4.8
17	Crawford	3.0	42	Crittenden	3.7	66	Lee	4.8
17	Sebastian	3.0	42	Ouachita	3.7	68	Union	5.0
19	Fulton	3.1	42	Pike	3.7	69	St. Francis	5.1
19	Hempstead	3.1	42	Pulaski	3.7	70	Desha	5.5
21	Baxter	3.2	42	Woodruff	3.7	71	Jefferson	5.6
21	Franklin	3.2	47	Clark	3.8	72	Mississippi	5.9
21	Hot Spring	3.2	47	Dallas	3.8	73	Ashley	6.3
21	Independence	3.2	47	Johnson	3.8	74	Phillips	6.6
21	Poinsett	3.2	47	Miller	3.8	75	Chicot	6.8



## Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	March 2022				February 2022				March 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	250,610	242,806	7,804	3.1	251,066	241,870	9,196	3.7	246,752	235,532	11,220	4.5
City of 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
Eastern	43,864	41,934	1,930	4.4	43,483	41,231	2,252	5.2	44,042	41,174	2,868	6.5
North Central	93,746	90,307	3,439	3.7	92,813	88,802	4,011	4.3	93,319	88,589	4,730	5.1
Northeast	122,158	118,217	3,941	3.2	121,346	116,708	4,638	3.8	121,168	115,484	5,684	4.7
Northwest	343,559	335,449	8,110	2.4	342,240	332,731	9,509	2.8	329,946	318,006	11,940	3.6
Southeast	77,608	73,906	3,702	4.8	77,078	72,801	4,277	5.5	77,813	73,015	4,798	6.2
Southwest	89,340	85,888	3,452	3.9	89,020	85,024	3,996	4.5	89,618	84,910	4,708	5.3
West Central	128,180	123,504	4,676	3.6	127,690	122,121	5,569	4.4	128,239	121,682	6,557	5.1
Western	109,060	105,706	3,354	3.1	108,909	104,982	3,927	3.6	107,927	103,097	4,830	4.5

