

# 2025 Arkansas Labor Market 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 2024 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 1,200 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

### Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)

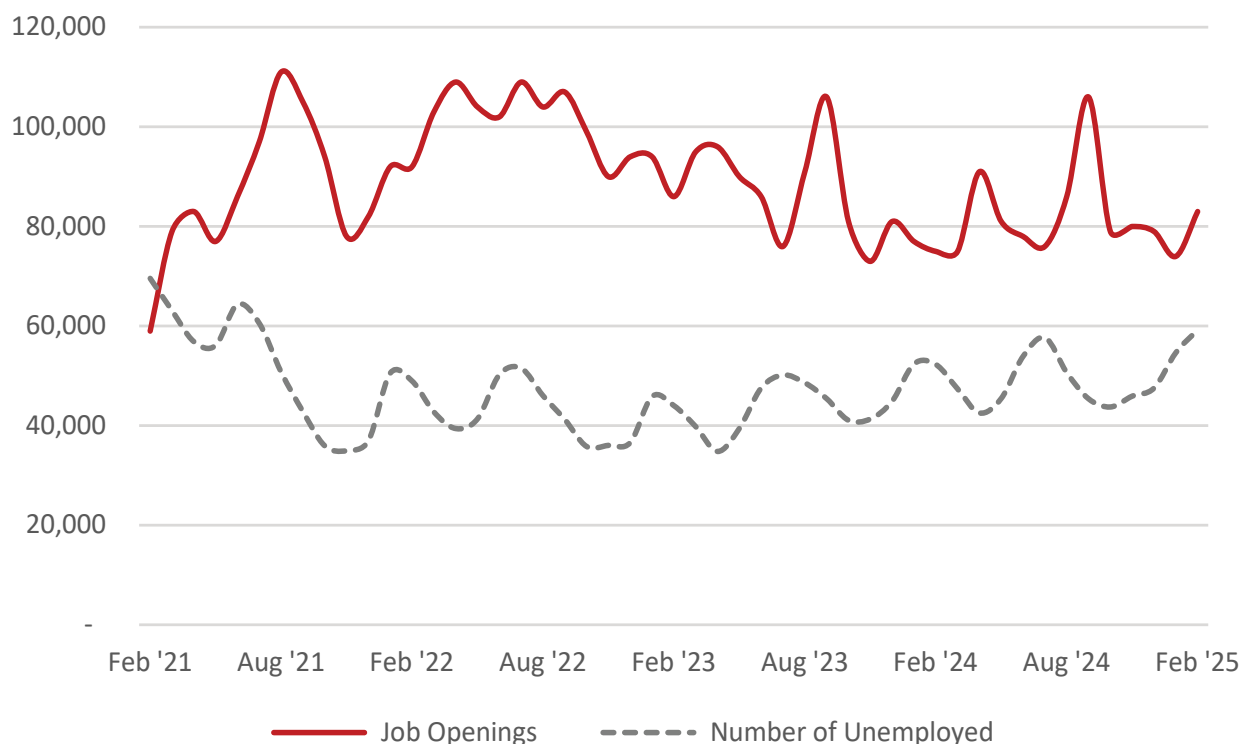
The Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) is a monthly survey developed and conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to address the need for data on job openings, hires, and separations. These data serve as demand-side indicators of labor shortages at the national and state levels. The availability of unfilled jobs- the job opening rate- is an important measure of the tightness of job markets, parallel to existing measures of unemployment.

Data from a sample of approximately 21,000 US business establishments are collected by BLS monthly. JOLTS collects data on Total Employment, Job Openings, Hires, Quits, Layoffs and Discharges, and Other Separations. While data are available by industry sector at the national level, statewide level data are currently only available as a total figure representing all industry sectors. The most recent data available is for February 2025.

#### Job Openings vs Number of Unemployed (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

State of Arkansas

February 2021 - February 2025



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## State of Arkansas

### Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Department of Commerce, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.6% in February to 3.7% in March. The United States’ jobless rate also increased one-tenth of a percentage point over the month, up to 4.2% in March.

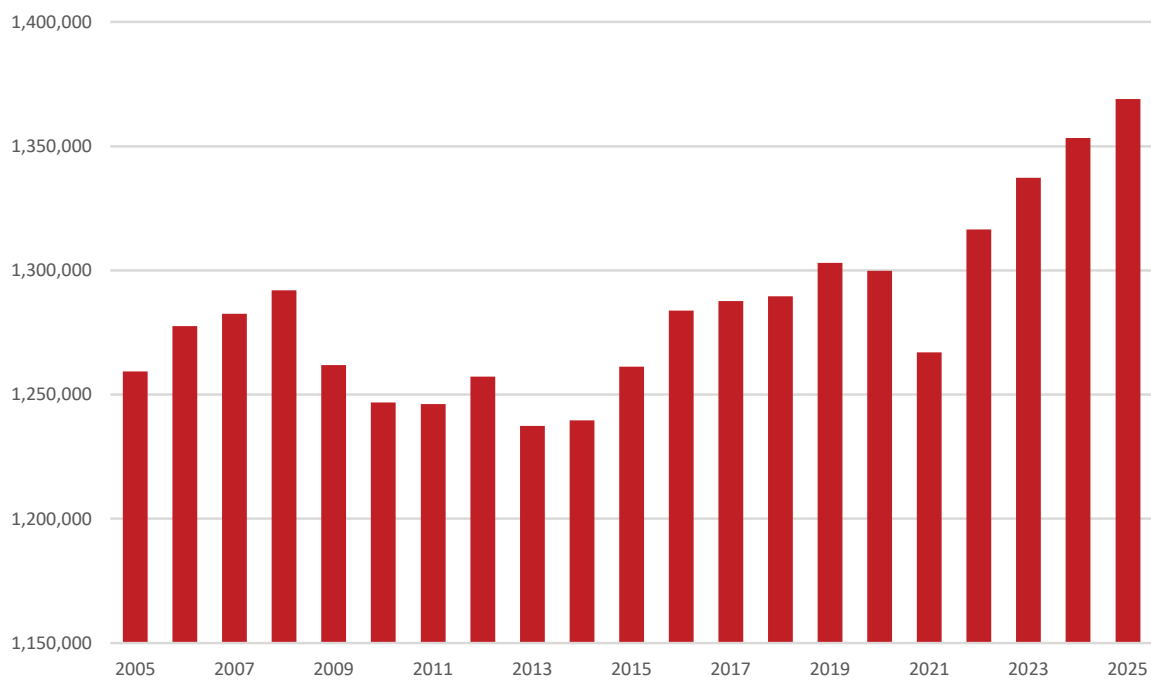
Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased by 260 in March, a result of 502 more unemployed job seekers and 242 fewer employed Arkansans. The unemployment rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point, while the labor force participation rate remained stable over the month.

Compared to March 2024, there are 15,686 more employed in the State. There are 4,739 more unemployed Arkansans actively seeking work, as the unemployment rate is up from 3.4%. Arkansas’ labor force participation rate is up four-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Mar 25	Feb 25	Mar 24		Mar 25	Feb 25	Mar 24
Civilian Labor Force	1,421,038	1,420,778	1,400,613	Civilian Labor Force	1,421,500	1,417,194	1,406,076
Employment	1,368,961	1,369,203	1,353,275	Employment	1,369,428	1,357,951	1,358,701
Unemployment	52,077	51,575	47,338	Unemployment	52,072	59,243	47,375
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.6%	3.4%	Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.2%	3.4%
LF Participation Rate	58.4%	58.4%	58.0%	LF Participation Rate	58.4%	58.2%	58.2%

Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)  
March: 2005 - 2025





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### State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

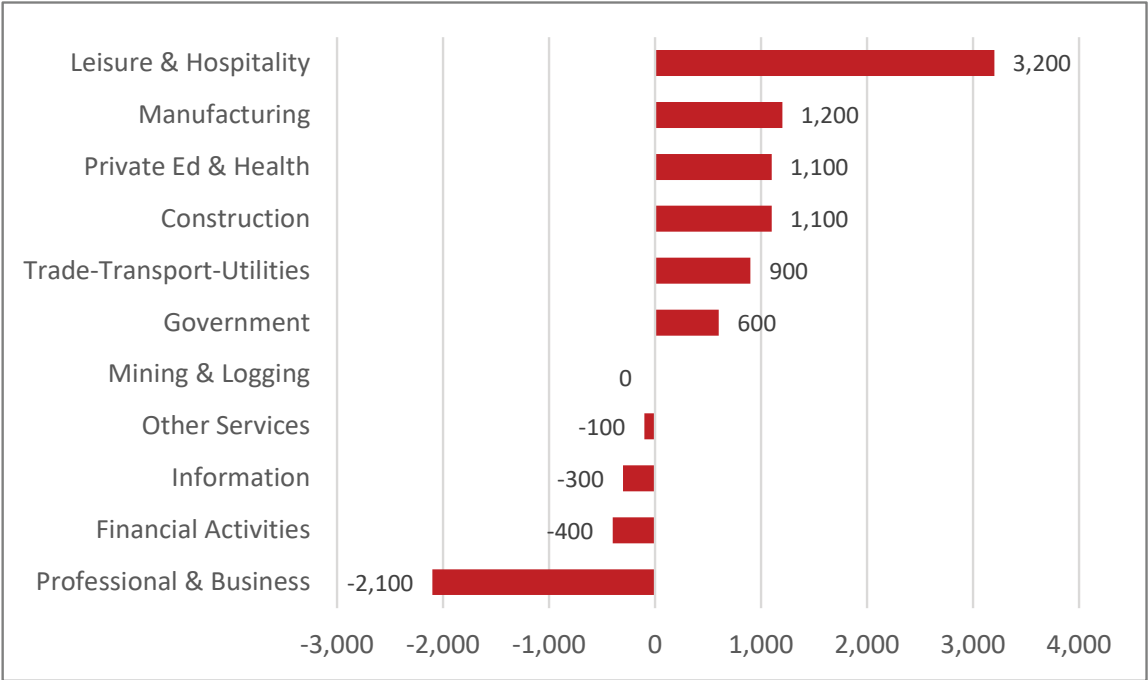
(NAICS)	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Feb 25</u>	<u>Mar 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1378.1	1372.9	1365.1	5.2	13.0
Goods Producing	234.8	232.5	234.0	2.3	0.8
Mining, Logging, & Construction	70.2	69.1	71.5	1.1	-1.3
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	41.0	40.3	41.3	0.7	-0.3
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>164.6</b>	<b>163.4</b>	<b>162.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Durable Goods	78.9	78.0	77.6	0.9	1.3
Nondurable Goods	85.7	85.4	84.9	0.3	0.8
Service Providing	1143.3	1140.4	1131.1	2.9	12.2
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>271.6</b>	<b>270.7</b>	<b>266.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Wholesale Trade	53.7	53.9	53.0	-0.2	0.7
Retail Trade	145.2	144.6	143.0	0.6	2.2
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	72.7	72.2	70.9	0.5	1.8
<b>Information</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>69.8</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Finance & Insurance	54.9	55.2	54.0	-0.3	0.9
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14.9	15.0	15.3	-0.1	-0.4
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>160.6</b>	<b>162.7</b>	<b>160.2</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	54.4	54.7	51.6	-0.3	2.8
Management of Companies	40.8	40.7	39.0	0.1	1.8
Administrative & Support Services	65.4	67.3	69.6	-1.9	-4.2
<b>Private Education &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>220.2</b>	<b>219.1</b>	<b>212.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Private Educational Services	20.2	19.8	19.8	0.4	0.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	200.0	199.3	192.9	0.7	7.1
Ambulatory Health Care	69.3	69.4	66.8	-0.1	2.5
Social Assistance	42.5	42.1	40.2	0.4	2.3
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>128.1</b>	<b>124.9</b>	<b>128.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13.4	13.0	13.4	0.4	0.0
Accommodation & Food Services	114.7	111.9	114.7	2.8	0.0
Accommodation Services	10.9	10.5	11.0	0.4	-0.1
Food Services	103.8	101.4	103.7	2.4	0.1
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Government	215.9	215.3	215.7	0.6	0.2
Federal Government	21.8	21.8	21.9	0.0	-0.1
State Government	78.2	77.9	78.2	0.3	0.0
State Gov, Educational Services	32.2	31.9	32.1	0.3	0.1
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.0	46.0	46.1	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	115.9	115.6	115.6	0.3	0.3
Local Gov, Educational Services	70.9	70.9	70.3	0.0	0.6
Local Gov, Excluding Education	45.0	44.7	45.3	0.3	-0.3

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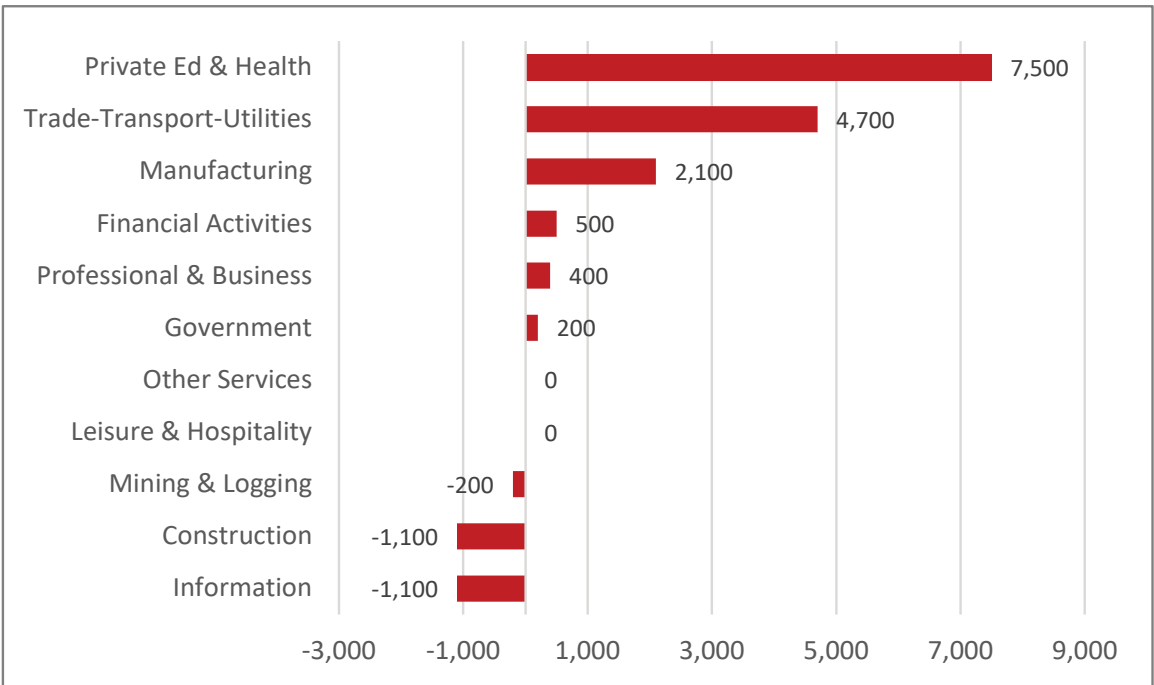
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## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector**  
February 2025 - March 2025 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector**  
March 2024 - March 2025 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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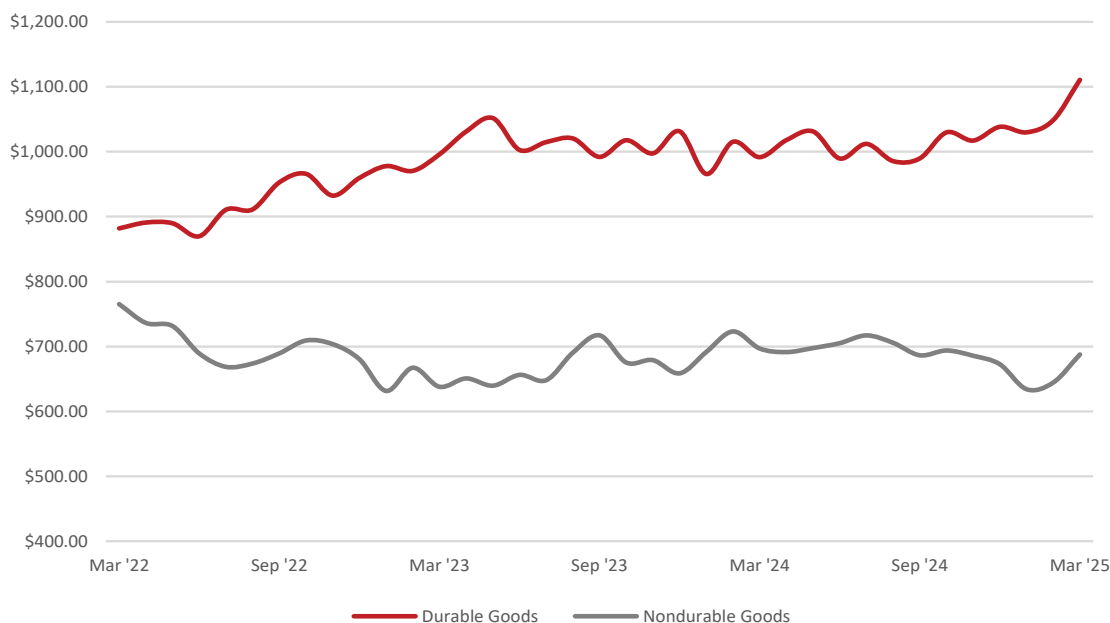
### State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings Not Seasonally Adjusted Manufacturing

	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Feb 25</u>	<u>Mar 24</u>
Average Weekly Hours	37.3	35.4	37.8
Average Hourly Earnings	\$23.78	\$23.54	\$22.10
Average Weekly Earnings	\$886.99	\$833.32	\$835.38

### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Feb 25</u>	<u>Mar 24</u>		<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Feb 25</u>	<u>Mar 24</u>
Average Weekly Hours	43.7	41.9	40.4	Average Weekly Hours	31.6	29.7	5.5
Average Hourly Earnings	\$25.41	\$25.02	\$24.54	Average Hourly Earnings	\$21.76	\$21.70	\$19.63
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,110.42	\$1,048.34	\$991.42	Average Weekly Earnings	\$687.62	\$644.49	\$696.87

Average Weekly Earnings - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods  
March 2022 - March 2025



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### 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 25</u>	<u>Feb 25</u>	<u>Mar 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	383,744	383,615	377,351	129	6,393
Employment	370,531	368,679	365,196	1,852	5,335
Unemployment	13,213	14,936	12,155	-1,723	1,058
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.9%	3.2%	-0.5%	0.2%

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

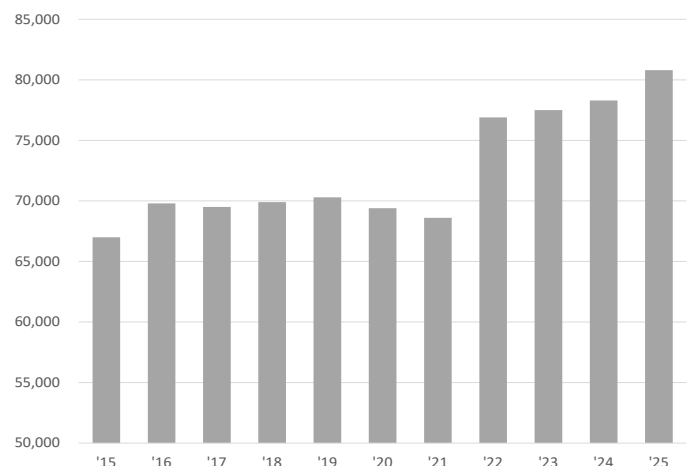
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Feb 25</u>	<u>Mar 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	399.6	397.7	394.1	1.9	5.5
Goods Producing	43.0	42.7	42.0	0.3	1.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	21.3	21.2	21.2	0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	21.7	21.5	20.8	0.2	0.9
Service Providing	356.6	355.0	352.1	1.6	4.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	80.8	80.2	78.3	0.6	2.5
Wholesale Trade	18.0	18.0	17.9	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	40.0	39.5	38.9	0.5	1.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	22.8	22.7	21.5	0.1	1.3
Information	4.8	4.9	5.2	-0.1	-0.4
Financial Activities	28.1	28.2	27.9	-0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	49.4	50.0	49.9	-0.6	-0.5
Private Education & Health Services	68.5	68.0	65.4	0.5	3.1
Leisure & Hospitality	34.4	33.2	35.5	1.2	-1.1
Other Services	19.0	19.0	18.9	0.0	0.1
Government	71.6	71.5	71.0	0.1	0.6
Federal Government	10.8	10.8	10.7	0.0	0.1
State Government	34.4	34.3	34.3	0.1	0.1
Local Government	26.4	26.4	26.0	0.0	0.4

**Civilian Labor Force**  
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**Jobs in Trade-Transportation-Utilities**  
March: 2015 - 2025





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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA = Benton, Madison, & Washington counties

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

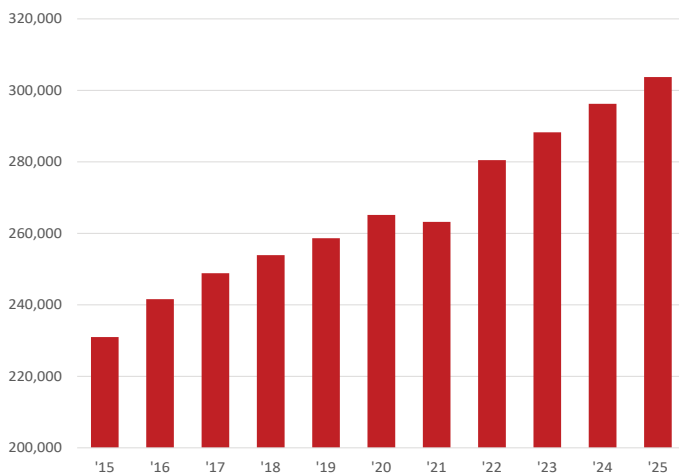
	Mar 25	Feb 25	Mar 24	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	312,877	312,597	304,199	280	8,678
Employment	303,728	302,211	296,224	1,517	7,504
Unemployment	9,149	10,386	7,975	-1,237	1,174
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	3.3%	2.6%	-0.4%	0.3%

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

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Mar 25	Feb 25	Mar 24	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	313.9	312.8	305.7	1.1	8.2
Goods Producing	46.8	46.5	45.2	0.3	1.6
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.2	18.1	17.4	0.1	0.8
Manufacturing	28.6	28.4	27.8	0.2	0.8
Service Providing	267.1	266.3	260.5	0.8	6.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.5	62.0	61.4	0.5	1.1
Wholesale Trade	14.4	14.4	14.1	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	29.4	29.1	28.8	0.3	0.6
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.7	18.5	18.5	0.2	0.2
Information	2.2	2.3	2.5	-0.1	-0.3
Financial Activities	12.2	12.2	12.1	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	61.5	61.9	59.7	-0.4	1.8
Private Education & Health Services	38.5	38.3	36.6	0.2	1.9
Leisure & Hospitality	30.9	30.6	30.7	0.3	0.2
Other Services	13.6	13.6	13.5	0.0	0.1
Government	45.7	45.4	44.0	0.3	1.7
Federal Government	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.0	-0.1
State Government	22.6	22.4	21.1	0.2	1.5
Local Government	20.0	19.9	19.7	0.1	0.3

**Employment**  
March: 2015 - 2025



**Jobs in Private Education & Health Services**  
March 2022 - March 2025



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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

#### Fort Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA = Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas and Sequoyah County in Oklahoma

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

	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Feb 25</u>	<u>Mar 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	102,141	102,038	101,018	103	1,123
Employment	98,470	97,858	97,500	612	970
Unemployment	3,671	4,180	3,518	-509	153
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.1%	3.5%	-0.5%	0.1%

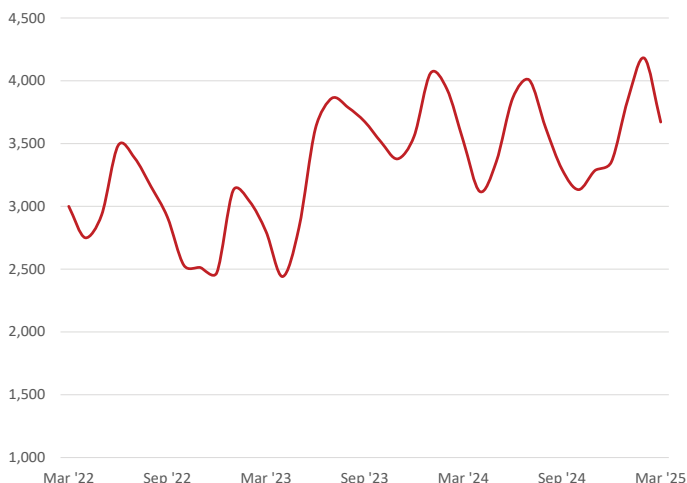
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Feb 25</u>	<u>Mar 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	104.0	103.6	102.9	0.4	1.1
Goods Producing	23.0	22.9	22.8	0.1	0.2
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.0	5.0	4.9	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	18.0	17.9	17.9	0.1	0.1
Service Providing	81.0	80.7	80.1	0.3	0.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.0	21.9	21.9	0.1	0.1
Wholesale Trade	4.5	4.5	4.4	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	11.6	11.5	11.4	0.1	0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	5.9	5.9	6.1	0.0	-0.2
Information	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	11.1	11.1	10.7	0.0	0.4
Private Education & Health Services	17.7	17.6	16.9	0.1	0.8
Leisure & Hospitality	9.1	8.9	9.1	0.2	0.0
Other Services	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
Government	12.6	12.7	12.8	-0.1	-0.2
Federal Government	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
State Government	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	9.7	9.8	9.8	-0.1	-0.1

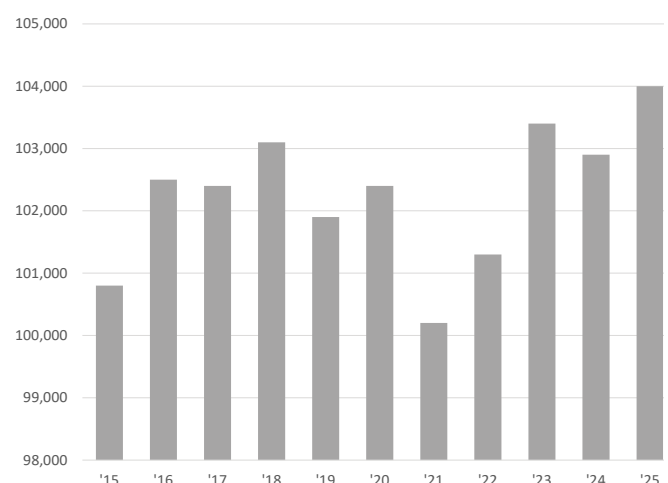
#### Unemployment

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#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

March: 2015 - 2025





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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

### Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Feb 25</u>	<u>Mar 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	43,431	43,459	44,086	-28	-655
Employment	41,771	41,562	42,517	209	-746
Unemployment	1,660	1,897	1,569	-237	91
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.4%	3.6%	-0.6%	0.2%

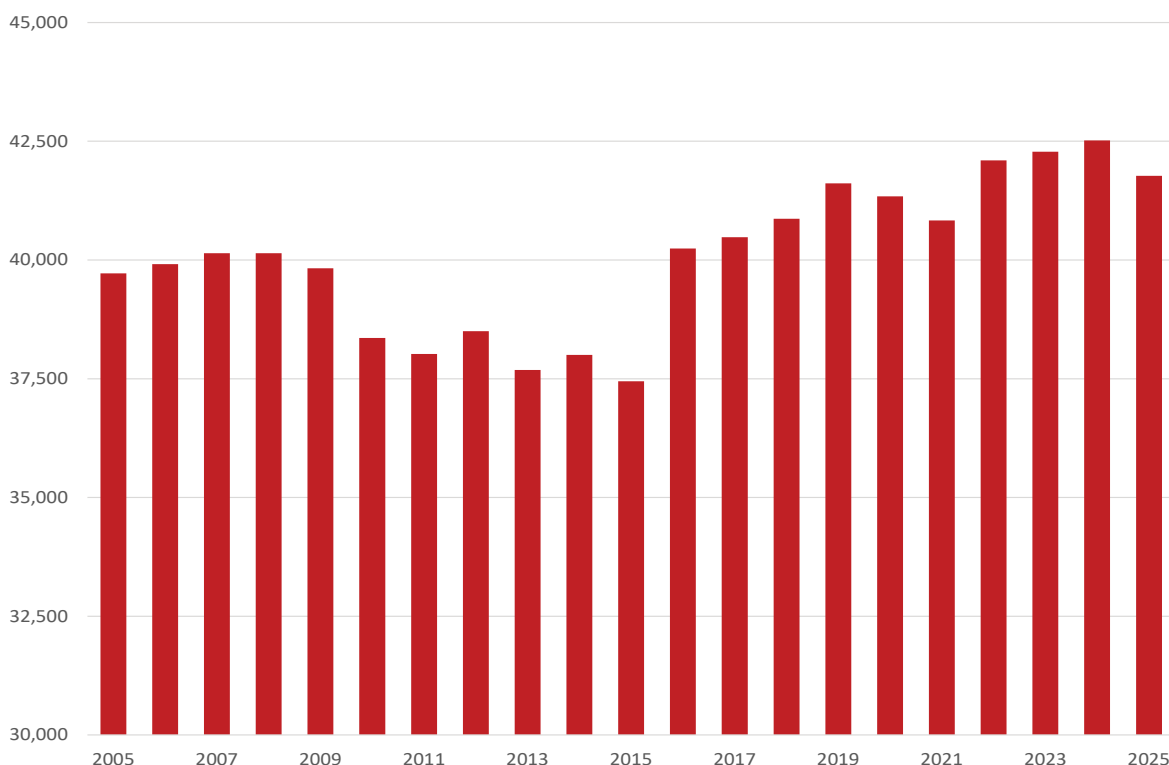
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Feb 25</u>	<u>Mar 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	40.6	40.5	41.4	0.1	-0.8
Goods Producing	4.6	4.6	4.4	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	36.0	35.9	37.0	0.1	-1.0
Government	4.3	4.3	4.5	0.0	-0.2

#### Employment

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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

#### Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Feb 25</u>	<u>Mar 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	66,805	66,752	65,986	53	819
Employment	64,406	64,064	63,967	342	439
Unemployment	2,399	2,688	2,019	-289	380
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.0%	3.1%	-0.4%	0.5%

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

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Feb 25</u>	<u>Mar 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	65.2	65.1	64.7	0.1	0.5
Goods Producing	11.3	11.2	11.1	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	53.9	53.9	53.6	0.0	0.3
Government	9.0	9.0	9.1	0.0	-0.1

#### Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

March 2022 - March 2025





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### 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>Mar 25</u>	<u>Feb 25</u>	<u>Mar 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	629,437	625,310	626,619	4,127	2,818
Employment	602,785	598,127	603,504	4,658	-719
Unemployment	26,652	27,183	23,115	-531	3,537
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.3%	3.7%	-0.1%	0.5%

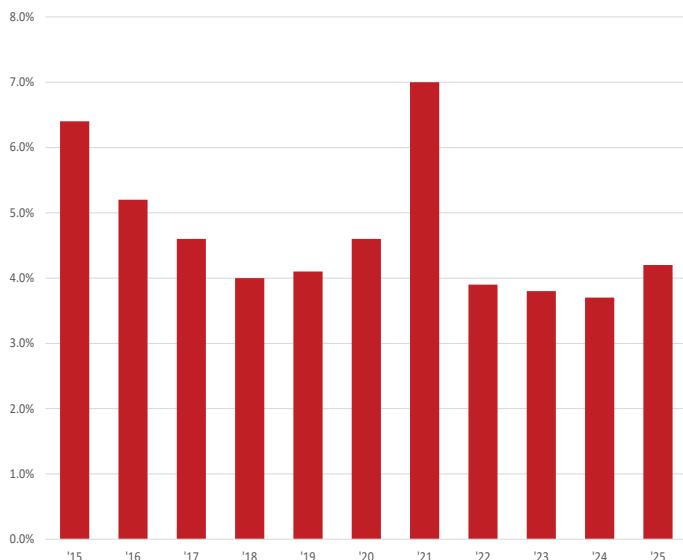
##### Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Feb 25</u>	<u>Mar 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	62,759	62,909	61,623	-150	1,136
Employment	60,223	60,123	59,114	100	1,109
Unemployment	2,536	2,786	2,509	-250	27
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.4%	4.1%	-0.4%	-0.1%

##### Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates

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##### Texarkana MSA - Employment

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### Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	March 2025				February 2025				March 2024			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,508	9,104	404	4.2	9,442	8,967	475	5.0	9,633	9,285	348	3.6
Batesville Micro	18,104	17,508	596	3.3	18,087	17,355	732	4.0	17,717	17,201	516	2.9
Blytheville Micro	20,991	20,167	824	3.9	20,757	19,844	913	4.4	20,633	19,877	756	3.7
Camden Micro	11,235	10,738	497	4.4	11,170	10,618	552	4.9	11,239	10,781	458	4.1
El Dorado Micro	15,748	14,954	794	5.0	15,710	14,822	888	5.7	16,144	15,415	729	4.5
Forrest City Micro	7,653	7,257	396	5.2	7,593	7,133	460	6.1	7,692	7,322	370	4.8
Harrison Micro	19,217	18,504	713	3.7	19,194	18,354	840	4.4	19,305	18,633	672	3.5
Magnolia Micro	8,944	8,588	356	4.0	8,925	8,503	422	4.7	9,000	8,660	340	3.8
Malvern Micro	13,361	12,852	509	3.8	13,350	12,758	592	4.4	13,610	13,116	494	3.6
Mountain Home Micro	16,825	16,164	661	3.9	16,708	15,941	767	4.6	16,635	15,944	691	4.2
Paragould Micro	20,437	19,642	795	3.9	20,343	19,435	908	4.5	20,216	19,476	740	3.7
Pine Bluff Micro	27,498	26,103	1,395	5.1	27,472	25,910	1,562	5.7	27,593	26,363	1,230	4.5
Russellville Micro	37,712	36,236	1,476	3.9	37,411	35,694	1,717	4.6	37,714	36,417	1,297	3.4
Searcy Micro	34,947	33,631	1,316	3.8	34,863	33,353	1,510	4.3	34,901	33,640	1,261	3.6

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  
Magnolia Micro = Columbia County  
Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County  
Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County  
Pine Bluff Micro = Cleveland & Jefferson counties  
Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties  
Searcy Micro = White County

### City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	March 2025				February 2025				March 2024			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	14,860	14,337	523	3.5	14,840	14,271	569	3.8	14,438	13,979	459	3.2
Benton	20,316	19,713	603	3.0	20,274	19,604	670	3.3	19,974	19,428	546	2.7
Bentonville	34,360	33,421	939	2.7	34,297	33,268	1,029	3.0	33,383	32,587	796	2.4
Blytheville	7,116	6,794	322	4.5	7,014	6,685	329	4.7	6,959	6,696	263	3.8
Cabot	13,614	13,209	405	3.0	13,532	13,093	439	3.2	13,391	13,014	377	2.8
Conway	37,138	35,968	1,170	3.2	37,180	35,814	1,366	3.7	36,574	35,451	1,123	3.1
El Dorado	6,946	6,582	364	5.2	6,921	6,524	397	5.7	7,133	6,785	348	4.9
Fayetteville	57,005	55,227	1,778	3.1	57,047	54,958	2,089	3.7	55,318	53,864	1,454	2.6
Fort Smith	41,702	40,247	1,455	3.5	41,711	40,055	1,656	4.0	41,246	39,873	1,373	3.3
Hot Springs	17,004	16,303	701	4.1	16,977	16,222	755	4.4	17,224	16,595	629	3.7
Jacksonville	12,913	12,303	610	4.7	12,928	12,256	672	5.2	12,595	12,127	468	3.7
Jonesboro	39,589	38,126	1,463	3.7	39,599	37,965	1,634	4.1	39,064	37,869	1,195	3.1
Little Rock	105,074	101,257	3,817	3.6	105,132	100,866	4,266	4.1	103,485	99,808	3,677	3.6
North Little Rock	33,420	32,168	1,252	3.7	33,477	32,044	1,433	4.3	32,872	31,708	1,164	3.5
Paragould	13,280	12,784	496	3.7	13,210	12,650	560	4.2	13,182	12,676	506	3.8
Pine Bluff	14,990	14,172	818	5.5	15,034	14,097	937	6.2	15,051	14,298	753	5.0
Rogers	40,896	39,776	1,120	2.7	40,850	39,594	1,256	3.1	39,795	38,784	1,011	2.5
Russellville	13,588	13,069	519	3.8	13,485	12,880	605	4.5	13,526	13,142	384	2.8
Searcy	10,113	9,726	387	3.8	10,115	9,646	469	4.6	10,083	9,729	354	3.5
Sherwood	16,992	16,434	558	3.3	17,002	16,371	631	3.7	16,713	16,199	514	3.1
Springdale	44,733	43,538	1,195	2.7	44,670	43,328	1,342	3.0	43,553	42,461	1,092	2.5
Texarkana, AR	12,289	11,777	512	4.2	12,293	11,746	547	4.4	12,126	11,605	521	4.3
Van Buren	10,546	10,158	388	3.7	10,570	10,116	454	4.3	10,417	10,064	353	3.4
West Memphis	9,402	8,849	553	5.9	9,392	8,791	601	6.4	9,380	8,937	443	4.7



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County	March 2025				February 2025				March 2024			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	7,525	7,185	340	4.5	7,368	6,993	375	5.1	7,549	7,290	259	3.4
Ashley	6,488	6,080	408	6.3	6,446	6,000	446	6.9	6,728	6,381	347	5.2
Baxter	16,825	16,164	661	3.9	16,708	15,941	767	4.6	16,635	15,944	691	4.2
Benton	166,194	161,394	4,800	2.9	166,071	160,654	5,417	3.3	161,619	157,368	4,251	2.6
Boone	16,560	15,967	593	3.6	16,558	15,875	683	4.1	16,642	16,087	555	3.3
Bradley	3,912	3,668	244	6.2	3,882	3,627	255	6.6	3,891	3,717	174	4.5
Calhoun	2,084	2,000	84	4.0	2,065	1,970	95	4.6	2,039	1,965	74	3.6
Carroll	11,875	11,423	452	3.8	11,492	10,942	550	4.8	11,971	11,565	406	3.4
Chicot	3,141	2,952	189	6.0	3,078	2,879	199	6.5	3,231	3,061	170	5.3
Clark	9,508	9,104	404	4.2	9,442	8,967	475	5.0	9,633	9,285	348	3.6
Clay	6,073	5,838	235	3.9	5,966	5,685	281	4.7	6,076	5,833	243	4.0
Cleburne	9,892	9,470	422	4.3	9,863	9,378	485	4.9	9,846	9,455	391	4.0
Cleveland	3,017	2,895	122	4.0	2,958	2,825	133	4.5	3,055	2,949	106	3.5
Columbia	8,944	8,588	356	4.0	8,925	8,503	422	4.7	9,000	8,660	340	3.8
Conway	9,205	8,855	350	3.8	9,115	8,708	407	4.5	9,387	9,070	317	3.4
Craighead	56,709	54,694	2,015	3.6	56,705	54,462	2,243	4.0	55,981	54,325	1,656	3.0
Crawford	25,969	24,988	981	3.8	26,009	24,884	1,125	4.3	25,680	24,756	924	3.6
Crittenden	20,596	19,577	1,019	4.9	20,591	19,449	1,142	5.5	20,589	19,772	817	4.0
Cross	7,483	7,177	306	4.1	7,424	7,066	358	4.8	7,438	7,179	259	3.5
Dallas	2,689	2,582	107	4.0	2,685	2,563	122	4.5	2,716	2,613	103	3.8
Desha	4,051	3,778	273	6.7	3,971	3,668	303	7.6	4,170	3,903	267	6.4
Drew	7,987	7,635	352	4.4	7,952	7,545	407	5.1	7,749	7,446	303	3.9
Faulkner	66,387	64,233	2,154	3.2	66,427	63,958	2,469	3.7	65,289	63,310	1,979	3.0
Franklin	7,385	7,103	282	3.8	7,331	7,011	320	4.4	7,253	7,010	243	3.4
Fulton	4,005	3,824	181	4.5	3,961	3,755	206	5.2	3,978	3,804	174	4.4
Garland	43,431	41,771	1,660	3.8	43,459	41,562	1,897	4.4	44,086	42,517	1,569	3.6
Grant	8,847	8,564	283	3.2	8,785	8,464	321	3.7	8,688	8,441	247	2.8
Greene	20,437	19,642	795	3.9	20,343	19,435	908	4.5	20,216	19,476	740	3.7
Hempstead	8,353	8,035	318	3.8	8,212	7,860	352	4.3	8,458	8,171	287	3.4
Hot Spring	13,361	12,852	509	3.8	13,350	12,758	592	4.4	13,610	13,116	494	3.6
Howard	5,018	4,822	196	3.9	4,909	4,698	211	4.3	5,029	4,869	160	3.2
Independence	18,104	17,508	596	3.3	18,087	17,355	732	4.0	17,717	17,201	516	2.9
Izard	4,175	3,951	224	5.4	4,138	3,878	260	6.3	4,416	4,188	228	5.2
Jackson	5,691	5,441	250	4.4	5,582	5,296	286	5.1	5,703	5,467	236	4.1
Jefferson	24,481	23,208	1,273	5.2	24,514	23,085	1,429	5.8	24,538	23,414	1,124	4.6
Johnson	10,103	9,628	475	4.7	10,071	9,515	556	5.5	10,345	9,839	506	4.9
Lafayette	2,370	2,237	133	5.6	2,331	2,184	147	6.3	2,240	2,141	99	4.4
Lawrence	6,777	6,521	256	3.8	6,673	6,378	295	4.4	6,806	6,555	251	3.7
Lee	2,383	2,249	134	5.6	2,312	2,167	145	6.3	2,391	2,274	117	4.9
Lincoln	3,365	3,185	180	5.3	3,313	3,114	199	6.0	3,381	3,205	176	5.2
Little River	5,189	4,994	195	3.8	5,184	4,961	223	4.3	5,116	4,917	199	3.9
Logan	8,855	8,479	376	4.2	8,774	8,347	427	4.9	9,031	8,679	352	3.9
Lonoke	37,012	35,854	1,158	3.1	36,841	35,540	1,301	3.5	36,373	35,324	1,049	2.9
Madison	8,437	8,167	270	3.2	8,343	8,043	300	3.6	8,235	7,999	236	2.9
Marion	5,328	5,032	296	5.6	5,322	4,966	356	6.7	5,463	5,187	276	5.1
Miller	17,174	16,435	739	4.3	17,201	16,391	810	4.7	16,916	16,195	721	4.3

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County	March 2025				February 2025				March 2024			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	20,991	20,167	824	3.9	20,757	19,844	913	4.4	20,633	19,877	756	3.7
Monroe	2,629	2,496	133	5.1	2,587	2,443	144	5.6	2,653	2,558	95	3.6
Montgomery	3,008	2,877	131	4.4	2,932	2,775	157	5.4	3,087	2,949	138	4.5
Nevada	2,463	2,337	126	5.1	2,473	2,332	141	5.7	2,504	2,381	123	4.9
Newton	2,657	2,537	120	4.5	2,636	2,479	157	6.0	2,663	2,546	117	4.4
Ouachita	9,151	8,738	413	4.5	9,105	8,648	457	5.0	9,200	8,816	384	4.2
Perry	4,339	4,155	184	4.2	4,300	4,097	203	4.7	4,250	4,095	155	3.6
Phillips	4,971	4,662	309	6.2	4,913	4,567	346	7.0	4,961	4,688	273	5.5
Pike	4,295	4,134	161	3.7	4,236	4,054	182	4.3	4,393	4,260	133	3.0
Poinsett	10,096	9,712	384	3.8	10,047	9,602	445	4.4	10,005	9,642	363	3.6
Polk	7,438	7,147	291	3.9	7,334	6,996	338	4.6	7,447	7,108	339	4.6
Pope	28,239	27,077	1,162	4.1	28,033	26,686	1,347	4.8	28,238	27,230	1,008	3.6
Prairie	3,713	3,582	131	3.5	3,651	3,503	148	4.1	3,706	3,587	119	3.2
Pulaski	200,666	193,256	7,410	3.7	200,846	192,509	8,337	4.2	197,394	190,490	6,904	3.5
Randolph	7,823	7,538	285	3.6	7,772	7,443	329	4.2	7,641	7,364	277	3.6
St. Francis	7,653	7,257	396	5.2	7,593	7,133	460	6.1	7,692	7,322	370	4.8
Saline	66,493	64,469	2,024	3.0	66,416	64,111	2,305	3.5	65,357	63,536	1,821	2.8
Scott	4,181	4,038	143	3.4	4,146	3,987	159	3.8	4,246	4,105	141	3.3
Searcy	3,037	2,911	126	4.1	2,963	2,813	150	5.1	3,006	2,888	118	3.9
Sebastian	59,214	57,117	2,097	3.5	59,221	56,845	2,376	4.0	58,578	56,586	1,992	3.4
Sevier	7,115	6,897	218	3.1	7,026	6,775	251	3.6	7,184	6,984	200	2.8
Sharp	6,595	6,333	262	4.0	6,571	6,245	326	5.0	6,483	6,225	258	4.0
Stone	4,044	3,843	201	5.0	3,964	3,726	238	6.0	4,071	3,879	192	4.7
Union	15,748	14,954	794	5.0	15,710	14,822	888	5.7	16,144	15,415	729	4.5
Van Buren	5,943	5,657	286	4.8	5,910	5,574	336	5.7	5,911	5,666	245	4.1
Washington	138,246	134,167	4,079	3.0	138,183	133,514	4,669	3.4	134,345	130,857	3,488	2.6
White	34,947	33,631	1,316	3.8	34,863	33,353	1,510	4.3	34,901	33,640	1,261	3.6
Woodruff	2,940	2,833	107	3.6	2,887	2,759	128	4.4	3,007	2,899	108	3.6
Yell	9,473	9,159	314	3.3	9,378	9,008	370	3.9	9,476	9,187	289	3.0

### County Labor Force Summary

Between February and March, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rates ranged from a low of 2.9% in Benton County to a high of 6.7% in Desha County.

In March, three counties posted jobless rates at or below 3%. No county had a rate above seven percent, down from two counties at or above seven percent in February.

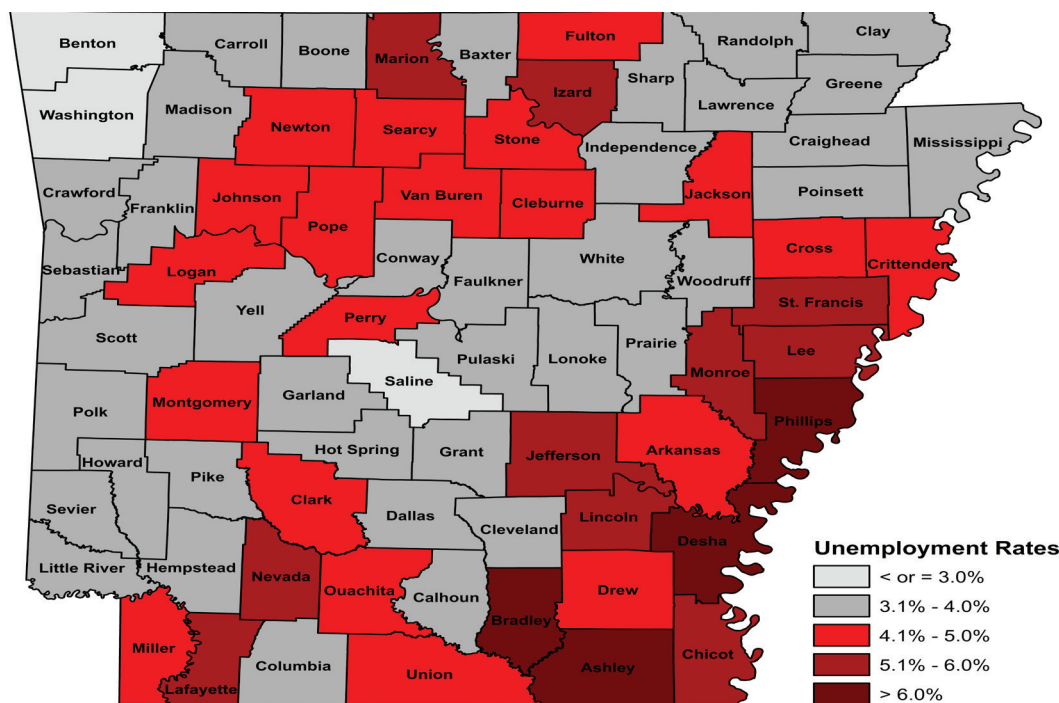
Compared to March 2024, unemployment rates are up in 65 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates in six counties were down over the year, while 4 counties were unchanged. Jobless rate changes ranged from an increase of one and seven-tenths of a percentage point in Bradley County to a decline of seven-tenths of a percentage point in Polk County. The average annual unemployment rate increase was four-tenths of a percentage point.



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## County Unemployment Rates



## Ranked by Unemployment Rates

March 2025 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	2.9	20	Hot Spring	3.8	50	Jackson	4.4
2	Saline	3.0	20	Lawrence	3.8	50	Montgomery	4.4
2	Washington	3.0	20	Little River	3.8	53	Arkansas	4.5
4	Lonoke	3.1	20	Poinsett	3.8	53	Fulton	4.5
4	Sevier	3.1	20	White	3.8	53	Newton	4.5
6	Faulkner	3.2	31	Baxter	3.9	53	Ouachita	4.5
6	Grant	3.2	31	Clay	3.9	57	Johnson	4.7
6	Madison	3.2	31	Greene	3.9	58	Van Buren	4.8
9	Independence	3.3	31	Howard	3.9	59	Crittenden	4.9
9	Yell	3.3	31	Mississippi	3.9	60	Stone	5.0
11	Scott	3.4	31	Polk	3.9	60	Union	5.0
12	Prairie	3.5	37	Calhoun	4.0	62	Monroe	5.1
12	Sebastian	3.5	37	Cleveland	4.0	62	Nevada	5.1
14	Boone	3.6	37	Columbia	4.0	64	Jefferson	5.2
14	Craighead	3.6	37	Dallas	4.0	64	St. Francis	5.2
14	Randolph	3.6	37	Sharp	4.0	66	Lincoln	5.3
14	Woodruff	3.6	42	Cross	4.1	67	Izard	5.4
18	Pike	3.7	42	Pope	4.1	68	Lafayette	5.6
18	Pulaski	3.7	42	Searcy	4.1	68	Lee	5.6
20	Carroll	3.8	45	Clark	4.2	68	Marion	5.6
20	Conway	3.8	45	Logan	4.2	71	Chicot	6.0
20	Crawford	3.8	45	Perry	4.2	72	Bradley	6.2
20	Franklin	3.8	48	Cleburne	4.3	72	Phillips	6.2
20	Garland	3.8	48	Miller	4.3	74	Ashley	6.3
20	Hempstead	3.8	50	Drew	4.4	75	Desha	6.7

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### Local Workforce Development Areas

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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	March 2025				February 2025				March 2024			
<u>LWDA</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>CLF</u>	<u>Emp</u>	<u>Unemp</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Central (minus LR)	271,826	262,633	9,193	3.4	271,636	261,198	10,438	3.8	267,287	258,997	8,290	3.1
City of Little Rock	105,074	101,257	3,817	3.6	105,132	100,866	4,266	4.1	103,485	99,808	3,677	3.6
Eastern	43,086	40,922	2,164	5.0	42,833	40,382	2,451	5.7	43,071	41,235	1,836	4.3
North Central	96,336	92,491	3,845	4.0	95,826	91,319	4,507	4.7	96,033	92,424	3,609	3.8
Northeast	128,906	124,112	4,794	3.7	128,263	122,849	5,414	4.2	127,358	123,072	4,286	3.4
Northwest	369,159	357,762	11,397	3.1	368,276	355,227	13,049	3.5	360,579	350,441	10,138	2.8
Southeast	72,814	69,150	3,664	5.0	72,267	68,200	4,067	5.6	72,980	69,807	3,173	4.3
Southwest	86,298	82,619	3,679	4.3	85,826	81,707	4,119	4.8	86,546	83,127	3,419	4.0
West Central	134,962	129,612	5,350	4.0	134,316	128,130	6,186	4.6	136,505	131,548	4,957	3.6
Western	113,042	108,872	4,170	3.7	112,815	108,070	4,745	4.2	112,235	108,244	3,991	3.6

