

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.

April Spotlight

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional estimates based on various definitions of 'unemployment'. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quarter moving average. The most recent data available is the average of 2nd Quarter 2024-1st Quarter 2025.

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

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

State of Arkansas

2nd Quarter 2024 - 1st Quarter 2025 Average

U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6
1.1%	1.8%	3.9%	4.1%	4.7%	6.9%

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

U-2 Measure: Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force.

U-3 Measure: Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).

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

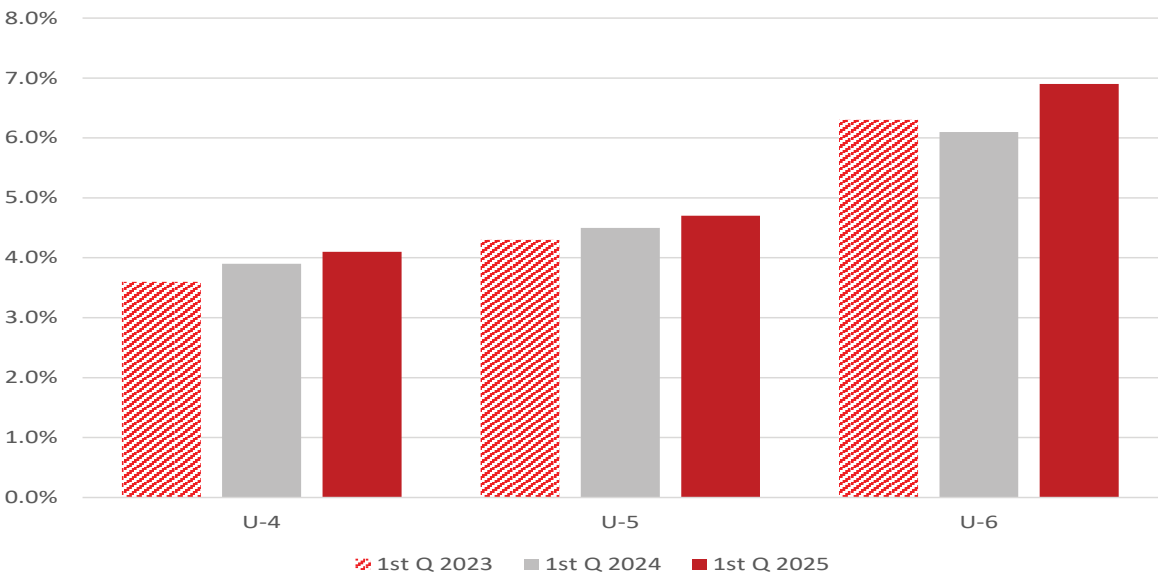
U-5 Measure: Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

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

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

State of Arkansas

Comparison of 1st Quarter Ending Averages



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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 remained stable at 3.7% between March and April. At 4.2%, the United States’ jobless rate was also unchanged over the month.

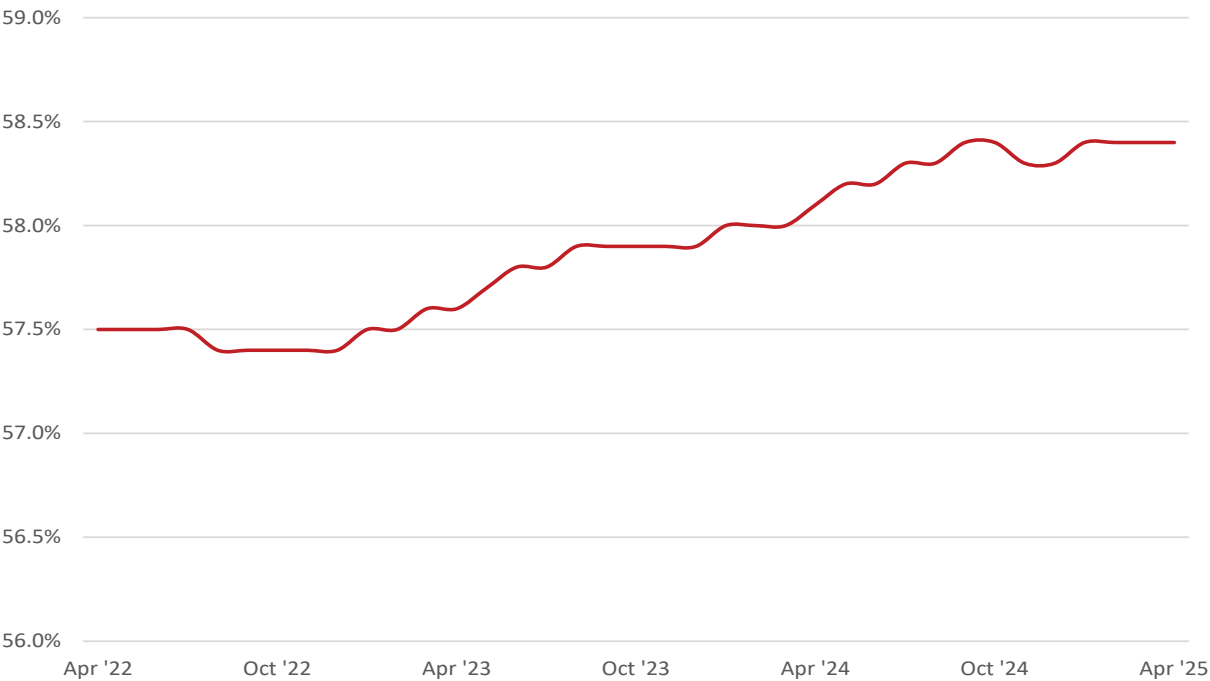
The civilian labor force in Arkansas rose 1,519 in April, with 1,406 more employed and 113 additional unemployed Arkansans actively looking for work. Arkansas is again at record high levels of employment in April, while the labor force participation remained at 58.4%.

Compared to April 2024, there are 14,459 more employed in the State. The number of unemployed Arkansans actively seeking work is up 4,855, pushing the unemployment rate up three-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Apr 25	Mar 25	Apr 24		Apr 25	Mar 25	Apr 24
Civilian Labor Force	1,422,616	1,421,097	1,403,302	Civilian Labor Force	1,431,483	1,421,818	1,409,891
Employment	1,370,386	1,368,980	1,355,927	Employment	1,385,295	1,369,531	1,367,349
Unemployment	52,230	52,117	47,375	Unemployment	46,188	52,287	42,542
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.7%	3.4%	Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.7%	3.0%
LF Participation Rate	58.4%	58.4%	58.1%	LF Participation Rate	58.8%	58.4%	58.4%

Labor Force Participation Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)
April 2022 - April 2025



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State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Apr 25</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1386.4	1378.6	1367.3	7.8	19.1
Goods Producing	234.6	234.4	233.2	0.2	1.4
Mining, Logging, & Construction	71.4	70.3	71.7	1.1	-0.3
Mining & Logging	5.2	5.1	5.2	0.1	0.0
Construction	66.2	65.2	66.5	1.0	-0.3
Specialty Trade Contractors	41.6	41.1	41.3	0.5	0.3
Manufacturing	163.2	164.1	161.5	-0.9	1.7
Durable Goods	78.6	78.5	77.3	0.1	1.3
Nondurable Goods	84.6	85.6	84.2	-1.0	0.4
Service Providing	1151.8	1144.2	1134.1	7.6	17.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	272.3	271.7	266.3	0.6	6.0
Wholesale Trade	53.5	53.8	53.1	-0.3	0.4
Retail Trade	145.6	145.3	142.6	0.3	3.0
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	73.2	72.6	70.6	0.6	2.6
Information	11.7	11.6	12.3	0.1	-0.6
Financial Activities	70.5	70.2	69.2	0.3	1.3
Finance & Insurance	55.3	55.2	53.8	0.1	1.5
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	15.2	15.0	15.4	0.2	-0.2
Professional & Business Services	163.4	160.8	161.3	2.6	2.1
Professional, Scientific & Technical	54.1	54.0	51.6	0.1	2.5
Management of Companies	41.0	41.1	39.1	-0.1	1.9
Administrative & Support Services	68.3	65.7	70.6	2.6	-2.3
Private Education & Health Services	220.4	219.9	212.6	0.5	7.8
Private Educational Services	20.3	20.2	20.0	0.1	0.3
Health Care & Social Assistance	200.1	199.7	192.6	0.4	7.5
Ambulatory Health Care	69.4	69.0	67.0	0.4	2.4
Social Assistance	42.5	42.8	40.0	-0.3	2.5
Leisure & Hospitality	130.6	128.5	130.6	2.1	0.0
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14.5	13.4	14.6	1.1	-0.1
Accommodation & Food Services	116.1	115.1	116.0	1.0	0.1
Accommodation Services	11.1	11.0	11.1	0.1	0.0
Food Services	105.0	104.1	104.9	0.9	0.1
Other Services	65.9	65.6	65.7	0.3	0.2
Government	217.0	215.9	216.1	1.1	0.9
Federal Government	21.7	21.8	21.8	-0.1	-0.1
State Government	78.6	78.2	78.6	0.4	0.0
State Gov, Educational Services	32.6	32.2	32.5	0.4	0.1
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.0	46.0	46.1	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	116.7	115.9	115.7	0.8	1.0
Local Gov, Educational Services	71.3	70.9	70.7	0.4	0.6
Local Gov, Excluding Education	45.4	45.0	45.0	0.4	0.4

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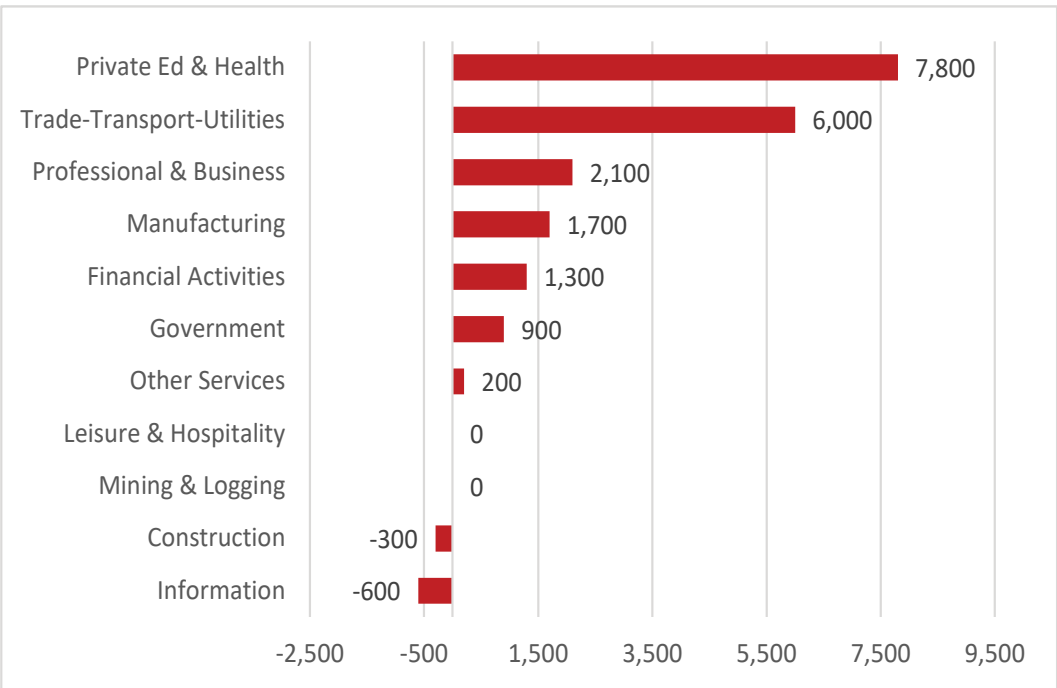
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State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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



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



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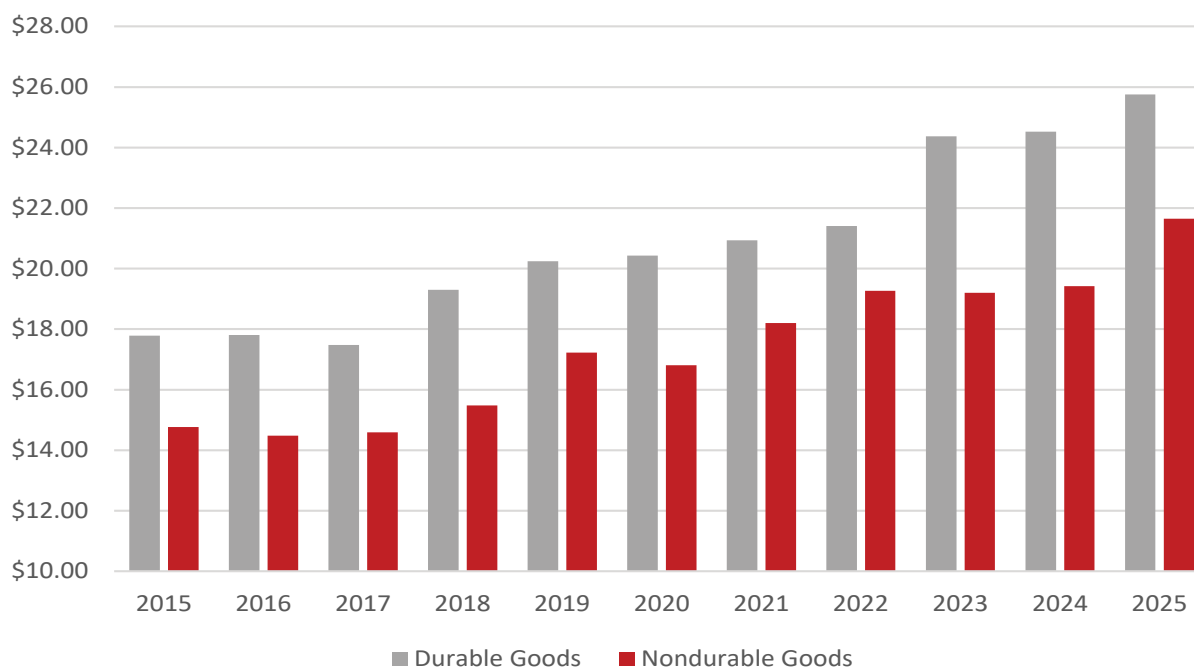
State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings Not Seasonally Adjusted Manufacturing

	<u>Apr 25</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>
Average Weekly Hours	37.9	37.4	38.4
Average Hourly Earnings	\$23.84	\$24.06	\$22.03
Average Weekly Earnings	\$903.54	\$899.84	\$845.95

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Apr 25</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>		<u>Apr 25</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>
Average Weekly Hours	42.6	43.7	41.5	Average Weekly Hours	33.6	31.7	35.6
Average Hourly Earnings	\$25.75	\$25.81	\$24.52	Average Hourly Earnings	\$21.65	\$21.90	\$19.42
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,096.95	\$1,127.90	\$1,017.58	Average Weekly Earnings	\$727.44	\$694.23	\$691.35

Average Hourly Earnings - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods
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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>Apr 25</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	386,800	384,149	378,966	2,651	7,834
Employment	375,042	370,823	367,941	4,219	7,101
Unemployment	11,758	13,326	11,025	-1,568	733
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	3.5%	2.9%	-0.5%	0.1%

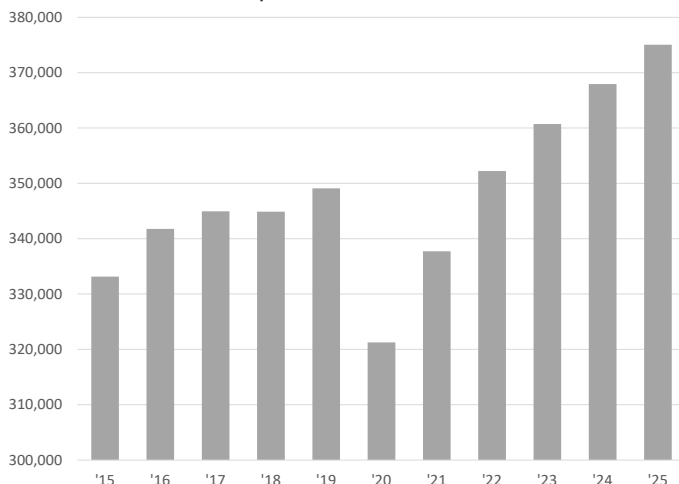
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 25</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	401.1	399.8	395.2	1.3	5.9
Goods Producing	42.8	43.0	42.0	-0.2	0.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	21.3	21.3	21.3	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	21.5	21.7	20.7	-0.2	0.8
Service Providing	358.3	356.8	353.2	1.5	5.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	80.4	80.5	78.2	-0.1	2.2
Wholesale Trade	17.8	17.9	17.8	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	39.8	39.9	38.7	-0.1	1.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	22.8	22.7	21.7	0.1	1.1
Information	4.9	4.9	5.2	0.0	-0.3
Financial Activities	28.2	28.2	27.7	0.0	0.5
Professional & Business Services	49.6	49.3	50.4	0.3	-0.8
Private Education & Health Services	69.0	68.8	65.8	0.2	3.2
Leisure & Hospitality	35.6	34.6	36.0	1.0	-0.4
Other Services	19.0	18.9	19.0	0.1	0.0
Government	71.6	71.6	70.9	0.0	0.7
Federal Government	10.8	10.8	10.7	0.0	0.1
State Government	34.3	34.4	34.2	-0.1	0.1
Local Government	26.5	26.4	26.0	0.1	0.5

Employment

April: 2015 - 2025



Jobs in Manufacturing

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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)

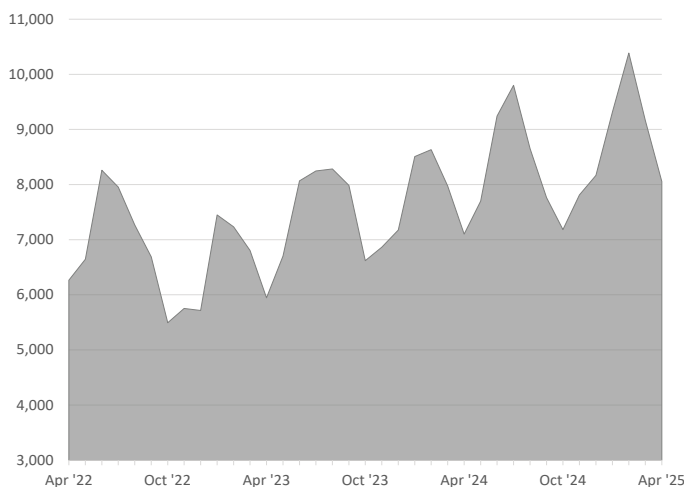
	<u>Apr 25</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	315,732	312,717	306,153	3,015	9,579
Employment	307,678	303,555	299,051	4,123	8,627
Unemployment	8,054	9,162	7,102	-1,108	952
Unemployment Rate	2.6%	2.9%	2.3%	-0.3%	0.3%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

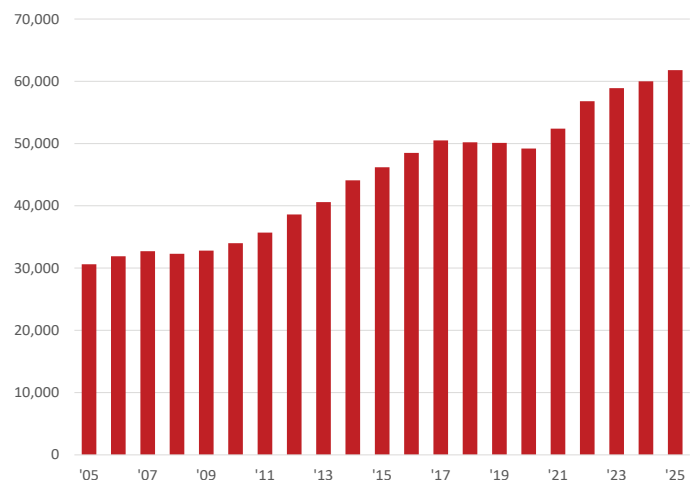
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 25</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	314.4	313.6	306.8	0.8	7.6
Goods Producing	46.8	46.8	45.3	0.0	1.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.4	18.3	17.5	0.1	0.9
Manufacturing	28.4	28.5	27.8	-0.1	0.6
Service Providing	267.6	266.8	261.5	0.8	6.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.4	62.3	61.2	0.1	1.2
Wholesale Trade	14.2	14.3	14.0	-0.1	0.2
Retail Trade	29.5	29.4	28.8	0.1	0.7
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.7	18.6	18.4	0.1	0.3
Information	2.2	2.2	2.4	0.0	-0.2
Financial Activities	12.2	12.2	12.2	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	61.8	61.4	60.0	0.4	1.8
Private Education & Health Services	38.4	38.4	36.8	0.0	1.6
Leisure & Hospitality	31.4	31.0	31.4	0.4	0.0
Other Services	13.6	13.6	13.6	0.0	0.0
Government	45.6	45.7	43.9	-0.1	1.7
Federal Government	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.0	-0.1
State Government	22.5	22.6	20.9	-0.1	1.6
Local Government	20.0	20.0	19.8	0.0	0.2

Unemployment
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Jobs in Professional and Business Services
April: 2005 - 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)

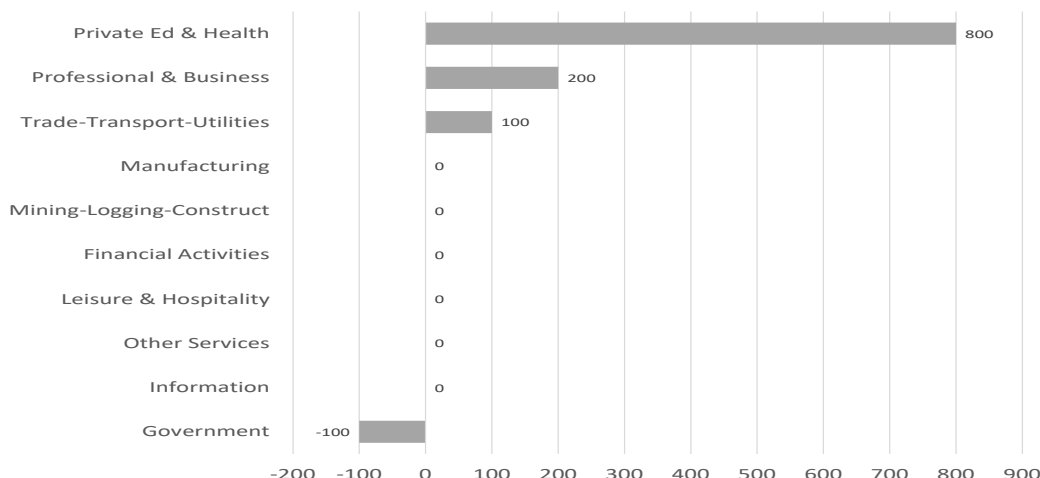
	<u>Apr 25</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	102,426	102,043	100,972	383	1,454
Employment	99,199	98,352	97,854	847	1,345
Unemployment	3,227	3,691	3,118	-464	109
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.6%	3.1%	-0.4%	0.1%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 25</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	103.9	103.8	102.9	0.1	1.0
Goods Producing	22.9	23.0	22.9	-0.1	0.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.1	5.0	5.1	0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	17.8	18.0	17.8	-0.2	0.0
Service Providing	81.0	80.8	80.0	0.2	1.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	21.9	22.0	21.8	-0.1	0.1
Wholesale Trade	4.4	4.5	4.4	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	11.6	11.6	11.4	0.0	0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	5.9	5.9	6.0	0.0	-0.1
Information	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	11.0	11.0	10.8	0.0	0.2
Private Education & Health Services	17.7	17.6	16.9	0.1	0.8
Leisure & Hospitality	9.2	9.1	9.2	0.1	0.0
Other Services	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
Government	12.7	12.6	12.8	0.1	-0.1
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	9.8	9.7	9.8	0.1	0.0

Over-the-Year Job Change by Major Industry Sector April 2024 vs April 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>Apr 25</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	44,108	43,473	43,972	635	136
Employment	42,597	41,804	42,573	793	24
Unemployment	1,511	1,669	1,399	-158	112
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.8%	3.2%	-0.4%	0.2%

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 25</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	40.9	40.6	41.2	0.3	-0.3
Goods Producing	4.6	4.6	4.4	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	36.3	36.0	36.8	0.3	-0.5
Government	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	-0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Apr 25</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	67,713	66,869	66,226	844	1,487
Employment	65,608	64,463	64,420	1,145	1,188
Unemployment	2,105	2,406	1,806	-301	299
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	3.6%	2.7%	-0.5%	0.4%

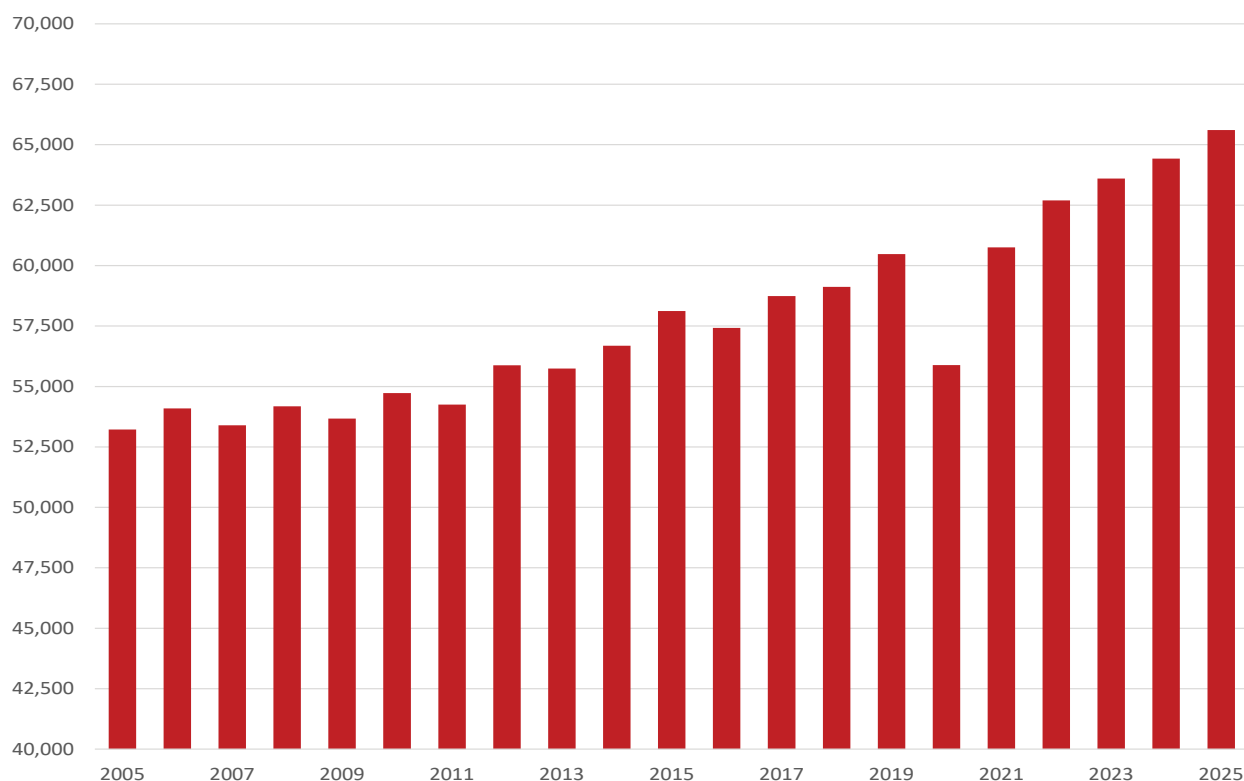
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Apr 25</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	65.8	65.3	64.9	0.5	0.9
Goods Producing	11.4	11.3	11.2	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	54.4	54.0	53.7	0.4	0.7
Government	9.1	9.0	9.2	0.1	-0.1

Employment

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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>Apr 25</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	634,840	630,369	624,867	4,471	9,973
Employment	611,257	603,783	604,602	7,474	6,655
Unemployment	23,583	26,586	20,265	-3,003	3,318
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.2%	3.2%	-0.5%	0.5%

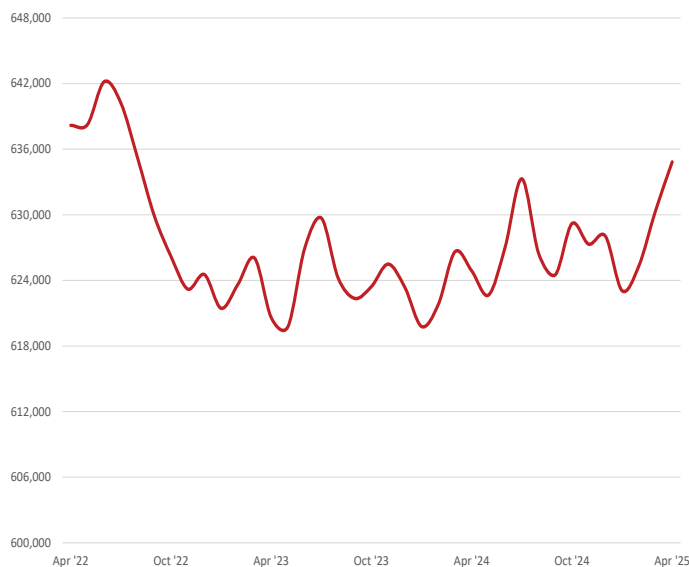
Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Apr 25</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 24</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,112	62,743	61,682	369	1,430
Employment	60,836	60,209	59,409	627	1,427
Unemployment	2,276	2,534	2,273	-258	3
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.0%	3.7%	-0.4%	-0.1%

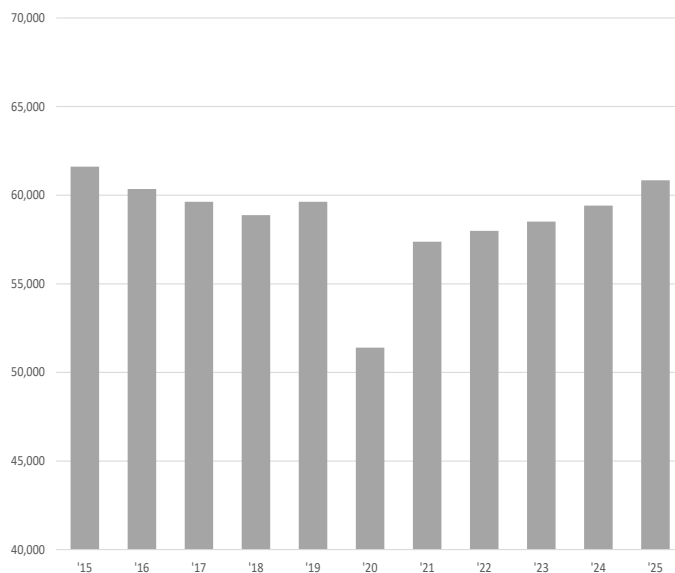
Memphis MSA - Civilian Labor Force

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Texarkana MSA - Employment

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Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	April 2025				March 2025				April 2024			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,738	9,395	343	3.5	9,787	9,379	408	4.2	9,546	9,243	303	3.2
Batesville Micro	18,265	17,745	520	2.8	18,130	17,532	598	3.3	17,748	17,286	462	2.6
Blytheville Micro	20,562	19,780	782	3.8	20,542	19,714	828	4.0	20,609	19,873	736	3.6
Camden Micro	11,387	10,945	442	3.9	11,341	10,844	497	4.4	11,245	10,823	422	3.8
El Dorado Micro	15,628	14,916	712	4.6	15,633	14,840	793	5.1	15,961	15,294	667	4.2
Forrest City Micro	7,730	7,370	360	4.7	7,723	7,320	403	5.2	7,677	7,329	348	4.5
Harrison Micro	19,503	18,852	651	3.3	19,301	18,586	715	3.7	19,988	19,384	604	3.0
Magnolia Micro	8,954	8,639	315	3.5	8,912	8,554	358	4.0	8,990	8,691	299	3.3
Malvern Micro	13,511	13,039	472	3.5	13,483	12,970	513	3.8	13,363	12,927	436	3.3
Mountain Home Micro	17,217	16,618	599	3.5	17,033	16,373	660	3.9	16,670	16,071	599	3.6
Paragould Micro	20,392	19,714	678	3.3	20,353	19,547	806	4.0	20,270	19,622	648	3.2
Pine Bluff Micro	27,278	26,065	1,213	4.4	27,354	25,946	1,408	5.1	27,413	26,298	1,115	4.1
Russellville Micro	37,781	36,473	1,308	3.5	37,581	36,109	1,472	3.9	37,642	36,470	1,172	3.1
Searcy Micro	35,505	34,355	1,150	3.2	35,308	33,991	1,317	3.7	34,848	33,742	1,106	3.2

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
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

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City	April 2025				March 2025				April 2024			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	15,012	14,520	492	3.3	14,851	14,329	522	3.5	14,551	14,111	440	3.0
Benton	20,483	19,943	540	2.6	20,350	19,729	621	3.1	20,076	19,569	507	2.5
Bentonville	34,660	33,847	813	2.3	34,331	33,402	929	2.7	33,626	32,895	731	2.2
Blytheville	6,952	6,663	289	4.2	6,964	6,641	323	4.6	6,952	6,695	257	3.7
Cabot	13,685	13,334	351	2.6	13,626	13,219	407	3.0	13,425	13,093	332	2.5
Conway	37,447	36,421	1,026	2.7	37,187	35,997	1,190	3.2	36,723	35,726	997	2.7
El Dorado	6,925	6,565	360	5.2	6,908	6,532	376	5.4	7,069	6,731	338	4.8
Fayetteville	57,546	55,953	1,593	2.8	56,990	55,196	1,794	3.1	55,647	54,383	1,264	2.3
Fort Smith	41,918	40,627	1,291	3.1	41,657	40,207	1,450	3.5	41,299	40,071	1,228	3.0
Hot Springs	17,237	16,626	611	3.5	17,008	16,316	692	4.1	17,178	16,616	562	3.3
Jacksonville	12,986	12,463	523	4.0	12,903	12,313	590	4.6	12,658	12,223	435	3.4
Jonesboro	40,145	38,861	1,284	3.2	39,635	38,160	1,475	3.7	39,236	38,149	1,087	2.8
Little Rock	105,971	102,566	3,405	3.2	105,190	101,337	3,853	3.7	103,984	100,599	3,385	3.3
North Little Rock	33,731	32,584	1,147	3.4	33,482	32,194	1,288	3.8	33,019	31,959	1,060	3.2
Paragould	13,267	12,831	436	3.3	13,231	12,722	509	3.8	13,202	12,771	431	3.3
Pine Bluff	14,883	14,176	707	4.8	14,925	14,097	828	5.5	14,982	14,269	713	4.8
Rogers	41,247	40,283	964	2.3	40,873	39,753	1,120	2.7	40,060	39,150	910	2.3
Russellville	13,623	13,167	456	3.3	13,549	13,026	523	3.9	13,540	13,153	387	2.9
Searcy	10,274	9,936	338	3.3	10,221	9,830	391	3.8	10,089	9,758	331	3.3
Sherwood	17,153	16,647	506	2.9	17,015	16,447	568	3.3	16,814	16,328	486	2.9
Springdale	45,152	44,108	1,044	2.3	44,702	43,513	1,189	2.7	43,850	42,869	981	2.2
Texarkana, AR	12,367	11,916	451	3.6	12,286	11,770	516	4.2	12,167	11,683	484	4.0
Van Buren	10,585	10,257	328	3.1	10,539	10,149	390	3.7	10,439	10,116	323	3.1
West Memphis	9,519	8,997	522	5.5	9,422	8,857	565	6.0	9,366	8,974	392	4.2

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	7,449	7,150	299	4.0	7,507	7,166	341	4.5	7,475	7,242	233	3.1
Ashley	6,626	6,263	363	5.5	6,618	6,209	409	6.2	6,736	6,405	331	4.9
Baxter	17,217	16,618	599	3.5	17,033	16,373	660	3.9	16,670	16,071	599	3.6
Benton	167,695	163,453	4,242	2.5	166,108	161,301	4,807	2.9	162,669	158,854	3,815	2.3
Boone	16,786	16,244	542	3.2	16,641	16,047	594	3.6	17,257	16,758	499	2.9
Bradley	3,909	3,697	212	5.4	3,939	3,697	242	6.1	3,864	3,711	153	4.0
Calhoun	2,088	2,016	72	3.4	2,098	2,015	83	4.0	2,035	1,964	71	3.5
Carroll	11,862	11,471	391	3.3	11,760	11,310	450	3.8	12,006	11,643	363	3.0
Chicot	3,148	2,990	158	5.0	3,197	3,008	189	5.9	3,148	2,996	152	4.8
Clark	9,738	9,395	343	3.5	9,787	9,379	408	4.2	9,546	9,243	303	3.2
Clay	6,071	5,869	202	3.3	6,031	5,795	236	3.9	6,117	5,902	215	3.5
Cleburne	10,115	9,727	388	3.8	9,926	9,499	427	4.3	10,130	9,778	352	3.5
Cleveland	2,963	2,850	113	3.8	2,982	2,861	121	4.1	3,020	2,931	89	2.9
Columbia	8,954	8,639	315	3.5	8,912	8,554	358	4.0	8,990	8,691	299	3.3
Conway	9,235	8,916	319	3.5	9,162	8,815	347	3.8	9,064	8,789	275	3.0
Craighead	57,494	55,748	1,746	3.0	56,764	54,743	2,021	3.6	56,212	54,726	1,486	2.6
Crawford	26,100	25,230	870	3.3	25,946	24,964	982	3.8	25,709	24,883	826	3.2
Crittenden	20,823	19,904	919	4.4	20,627	19,594	1,033	5.0	20,573	19,853	720	3.5
Cross	7,517	7,257	260	3.5	7,474	7,169	305	4.1	7,415	7,187	228	3.1
Dallas	2,677	2,585	92	3.4	2,693	2,587	106	3.9	2,698	2,601	97	3.6
Desha	3,930	3,681	249	6.3	3,951	3,679	272	6.9	4,099	3,851	248	6.1
Drew	7,788	7,477	311	4.0	7,839	7,487	352	4.5	7,745	7,462	283	3.7
Faulkner	66,932	65,042	1,890	2.8	66,459	64,284	2,175	3.3	65,547	63,800	1,747	2.7
Franklin	7,451	7,200	251	3.4	7,403	7,124	279	3.8	7,273	7,066	207	2.8
Fulton	4,037	3,877	160	4.0	3,997	3,817	180	4.5	4,026	3,874	152	3.8
Garland	44,108	42,597	1,511	3.4	43,473	41,804	1,669	3.8	43,972	42,573	1,399	3.2
Grant	8,891	8,641	250	2.8	8,852	8,570	282	3.2	8,705	8,490	215	2.5
Greene	20,392	19,714	678	3.3	20,353	19,547	806	4.0	20,270	19,622	648	3.2
Hempstead	8,563	8,286	277	3.2	8,562	8,240	322	3.8	8,455	8,190	265	3.1
Hot Spring	13,511	13,039	472	3.5	13,483	12,970	513	3.8	13,363	12,927	436	3.3
Howard	4,920	4,739	181	3.7	4,972	4,776	196	3.9	4,946	4,793	153	3.1
Independence	18,265	17,745	520	2.8	18,130	17,532	598	3.3	17,748	17,286	462	2.6
Izard	4,121	3,915	206	5.0	4,100	3,878	222	5.4	4,385	4,184	201	4.6
Jackson	5,712	5,489	223	3.9	5,723	5,471	252	4.4	5,691	5,479	212	3.7
Jefferson	24,315	23,215	1,100	4.5	24,372	23,085	1,287	5.3	24,393	23,367	1,026	4.2
Johnson	10,112	9,715	397	3.9	10,083	9,612	471	4.7	10,435	9,977	458	4.4
Lafayette	2,347	2,228	119	5.1	2,347	2,216	131	5.6	2,298	2,202	96	4.2
Lawrence	6,825	6,599	226	3.3	6,814	6,560	254	3.7	6,755	6,548	207	3.1
Lee	2,333	2,210	123	5.3	2,353	2,219	134	5.7	2,376	2,264	112	4.7
Lincoln	3,344	3,190	154	4.6	3,364	3,186	178	5.3	3,348	3,187	161	4.8
Little River	5,197	5,033	164	3.2	5,184	4,991	193	3.7	5,130	4,938	192	3.7
Logan	8,927	8,595	332	3.7	8,925	8,549	376	4.2	8,970	8,677	293	3.3
Lonoke	37,235	36,194	1,041	2.8	37,054	35,882	1,172	3.2	36,482	35,539	943	2.6
Madison	8,527	8,293	234	2.7	8,433	8,163	270	3.2	8,297	8,081	216	2.6
Marion	5,404	5,151	253	4.7	5,322	5,029	293	5.5	5,499	5,259	240	4.4
Miller	17,281	16,628	653	3.8	17,164	16,425	739	4.3	16,971	16,303	668	3.9

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	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	20,562	19,780	782	3.8	20,542	19,714	828	4.0	20,609	19,873	736	3.6
Monroe	2,602	2,486	116	4.5	2,607	2,471	136	5.2	2,666	2,577	89	3.3
Montgomery	3,063	2,942	121	4.0	3,029	2,899	130	4.3	3,103	2,976	127	4.1
Nevada	2,552	2,439	113	4.4	2,559	2,431	128	5.0	2,499	2,387	112	4.5
Newton	2,717	2,608	109	4.0	2,660	2,539	121	4.5	2,731	2,626	105	3.8
Ouachita	9,299	8,929	370	4.0	9,243	8,829	414	4.5	9,210	8,859	351	3.8
Perry	4,350	4,189	161	3.7	4,342	4,158	184	4.2	4,259	4,116	143	3.4
Phillips	4,851	4,578	273	5.6	4,888	4,581	307	6.3	4,898	4,657	241	4.9
Pike	4,245	4,098	147	3.5	4,196	4,033	163	3.9	4,417	4,302	115	2.6
Poinsett	10,219	9,860	359	3.5	10,105	9,720	385	3.8	10,014	9,694	320	3.2
Polk	7,433	7,180	253	3.4	7,398	7,110	288	3.9	7,473	7,174	299	4.0
Pope	28,305	27,282	1,023	3.6	28,147	26,989	1,158	4.1	28,171	27,252	919	3.3
Prairie	3,733	3,614	119	3.2	3,742	3,612	130	3.5	3,661	3,562	99	2.7
Pulaski	202,360	195,755	6,605	3.3	200,888	193,409	7,479	3.7	198,347	191,999	6,348	3.2
Randolph	7,839	7,596	243	3.1	7,829	7,547	282	3.6	7,764	7,508	256	3.3
St. Francis	7,730	7,370	360	4.7	7,723	7,320	403	5.2	7,677	7,329	348	4.5
Saline	67,032	65,221	1,811	2.7	66,554	64,520	2,034	3.1	65,626	63,997	1,629	2.5
Scott	4,049	3,926	123	3.0	4,082	3,937	145	3.6	4,173	4,045	128	3.1
Searcy	3,175	3,056	119	3.7	3,032	2,905	127	4.2	3,251	3,146	105	3.2
Sebastian	59,529	57,656	1,873	3.1	59,172	57,061	2,111	3.6	58,621	56,867	1,754	3.0
Sevier	7,042	6,846	196	2.8	7,070	6,851	219	3.1	7,122	6,946	176	2.5
Sharp	6,678	6,445	233	3.5	6,555	6,291	264	4.0	6,611	6,387	224	3.4
Stone	4,114	3,929	185	4.5	4,045	3,840	205	5.1	4,120	3,956	164	4.0
Union	15,628	14,916	712	4.6	15,633	14,840	793	5.1	15,961	15,294	667	4.2
Van Buren	5,996	5,736	260	4.3	5,952	5,661	291	4.9	5,941	5,725	216	3.6
Washington	139,510	135,932	3,578	2.6	138,176	134,091	4,085	3.0	135,187	132,116	3,071	2.3
White	35,505	34,355	1,150	3.2	35,308	33,991	1,317	3.7	34,848	33,742	1,106	3.2
Woodruff	2,954	2,862	92	3.1	2,986	2,879	107	3.6	2,940	2,847	93	3.2
Yell	9,476	9,191	285	3.0	9,434	9,120	314	3.3	9,471	9,218	253	2.7

County Labor Force Summary

Between March and April, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.5% in Benton County to a high of 6.3% in Desha County. Chicot County posted the largest over-the-month rate decline, down nine-tenths of a percentage point. The average monthly decrease was five-tenths of a percentage point.

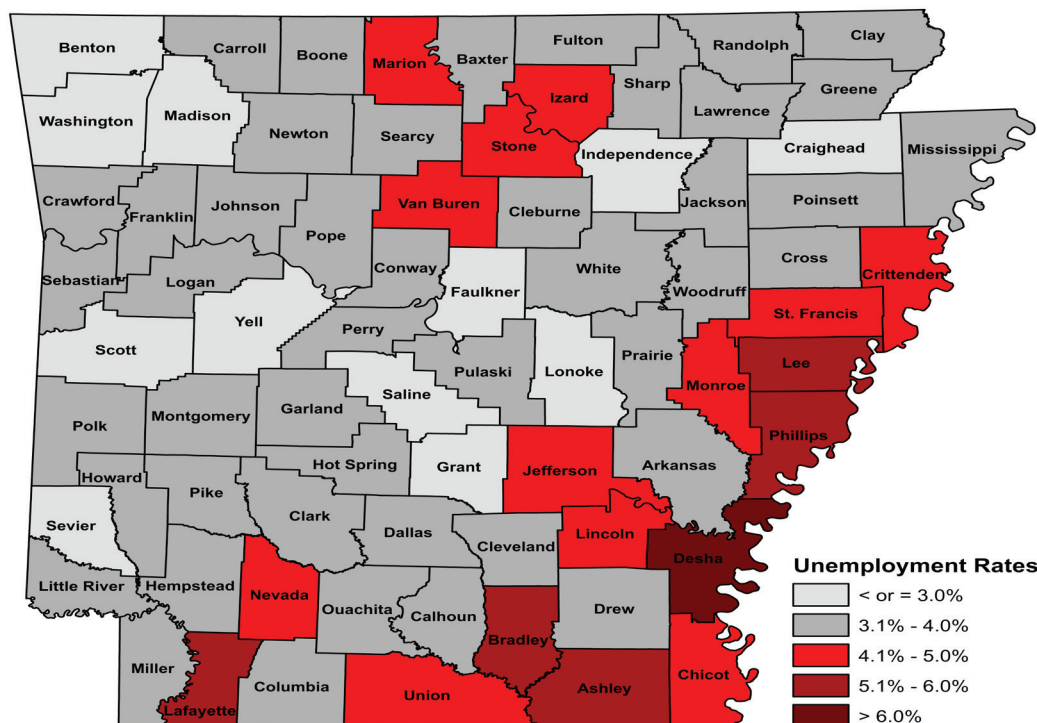
In April, twelve counties had unemployment rates at or below three percent. That is up sharply from three counties below 3% last month. For a second consecutive month, no county posted a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to April 2024, jobless rates are up in 60 Arkansas counties. Fourteen counties had rate declines over-the-year, while one county remained stable. Bradley and Monroe counties posted the largest annual increases, up 1.4% and 1.2%, respectively. The greatest rate decline was in Polk County, down six-tenths of a percentage point.

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County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

April 2025 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	2.5	21	Pulaski	3.3	50	Johnson	3.9
2	Washington	2.6	27	Calhoun	3.4	52	Arkansas	4.0
3	Madison	2.7	27	Dallas	3.4	52	Drew	4.0
3	Saline	2.7	27	Franklin	3.4	52	Fulton	4.0
5	Faulkner	2.8	27	Garland	3.4	52	Montgomery	4.0
5	Grant	2.8	27	Polk	3.4	52	Newton	4.0
5	Independence	2.8	32	Baxter	3.5	52	Ouachita	4.0
5	Lonoke	2.8	32	Clark	3.5	58	Van Buren	4.3
5	Sevier	2.8	32	Columbia	3.5	59	Crittenden	4.4
10	Craighead	3.0	32	Conway	3.5	59	Nevada	4.4
10	Scott	3.0	32	Cross	3.5	61	Jefferson	4.5
10	Yell	3.0	32	Hot Spring	3.5	61	Monroe	4.5
13	Randolph	3.1	32	Pike	3.5	61	Stone	4.5
13	Sebastian	3.1	32	Poinsett	3.5	64	Lincoln	4.6
13	Woodruff	3.1	32	Sharp	3.5	64	Union	4.6
16	Boone	3.2	41	Pope	3.6	66	Marion	4.7
16	Hempstead	3.2	42	Howard	3.7	66	St. Francis	4.7
16	Little River	3.2	42	Logan	3.7	68	Chicot	5.0
16	Prairie	3.2	42	Perry	3.7	68	Izard	5.0
16	White	3.2	42	Searcy	3.7	70	Lafayette	5.1
21	Carroll	3.3	46	Cleburne	3.8	71	Lee	5.3
21	Clay	3.3	46	Cleveland	3.8	72	Bradley	5.4
21	Crawford	3.3	46	Miller	3.8	73	Ashley	5.5
21	Greene	3.3	46	Mississippi	3.8	74	Phillips	5.6
21	Lawrence	3.3	50	Jackson	3.9	75	Desha	6.3

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Local Workforce Development Areas

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<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)	273,923	265,746	8,177	3.0	272,114	262,841	9,273	3.4	268,345	260,875	7,470	2.8
City of Little Rock	105,971	102,566	3,405	3.2	105,190	101,337	3,853	3.7	103,984	100,599	3,385	3.3
Eastern	43,254	41,319	1,935	4.5	43,065	40,883	2,182	5.1	42,939	41,290	1,649	3.8
North Central	97,497	94,080	3,417	3.5	96,722	92,859	3,863	4.0	96,440	93,258	3,182	3.3
Northeast	129,402	125,166	4,236	3.3	128,438	123,626	4,812	3.7	127,741	123,873	3,868	3.0
Northwest	372,893	362,826	10,067	2.7	369,165	357,758	11,407	3.1	363,567	354,554	9,013	2.5
Southeast	72,363	69,154	3,209	4.4	72,621	68,948	3,673	5.1	72,533	69,642	2,891	4.0
Southwest	86,548	83,284	3,264	3.8	86,437	82,755	3,682	4.3	86,315	83,168	3,147	3.6
West Central	136,143	131,364	4,779	3.5	135,136	129,779	5,357	4.0	135,801	131,373	4,428	3.3
Western	113,489	109,787	3,702	3.3	112,926	108,745	4,181	3.7	112,219	108,712	3,507	3.1

