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Arkansas Employment Update



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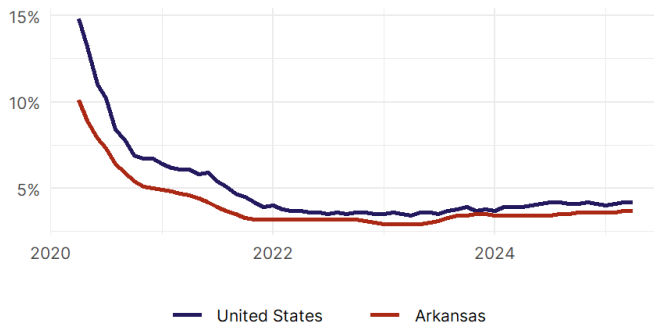
United States Employment Snapshot

- In April, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 5, rose in 20, and remained unchanged in 26.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 5.8 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 1.8 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate remained unchanged in April.
- In April, **payroll jobs rose in 40 states and fell in 11.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.4 percent in **Mississippi**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.2 percent in **Vermont**.

Arkansas Employment Snapshot

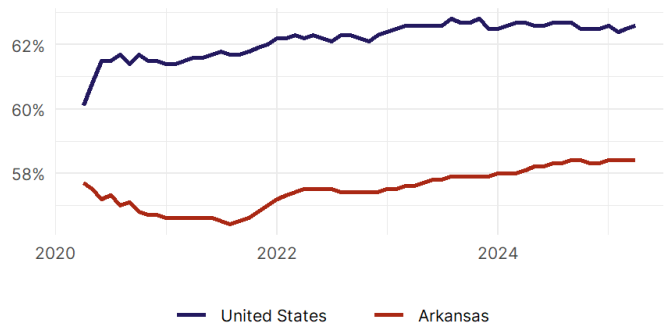
- In April, **Arkansas lost 1,200 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.7 percent.** In the prior month, Arkansas added 100 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Arkansas added 17,800 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage points from 3.4 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 177,000 in April, or 0.1 percent.** Arkansas **is tied for 13th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In April, **Arkansas's private sector lost 1,400 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 16,900 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Arkansas added 100 net private payroll jobs.
- In April, employment in Arkansas **rose by 1,406**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 14,459.
- **Arkansas's labor force participation rate remained steady at 58.4 percent** in April and **is tied for 43rd** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.3 percentage points.

Arkansas
Unemployment Rate



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Arkansas
Labor Force Participation Rate



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