

Labor Market Report

July



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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment 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 2018 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 Work- force Services. The data are based on es- tablishment 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 Area (MSA)**

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

**Current Population Survey (CPS)**

A monthly sample survey of the popula- tion 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 800 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 work- ing, 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 oc- cur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.



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## July Spotlight

**Seasonal Employment Trends (Part 1 of 2)**

Employment in several major industry sectors is directly affected by seasonal patterns. These patterns can be seen by comparing monthly employment across multiple years. Seasonal trends can be attributed to set schedules of operation, holidays, or weather patterns. Examples of all three types are provided.

Education is one of the most obvious examples of seasonal employment. Most of Arkansas’ public schools and universities are scheduled to operate from August to May. Chart 1 shows how state and local government em- ployment is affected by the operation schedule of public schools. Note that the number of jobs begin to decline between May and June, reaches a low in July, and then increases between August and September. Jobs remain fairly stable during the rest of the year, with the exception of the holiday-related drop in December/January.

While employment at public universities and secondary schools falls under state and local government, employ- ment at *private* universities and *private* secondary schools falls under educational services. This is a subsector under **educational and health services**. With the exception of the few schools that utilize a three-quarter system, the majority of private schools operate on the same August to May schedule as public schools. Chart 2 below shows the seasonal employment trends of private edu-

cational services, which closely mirrors the trend seen in state and local government.

**Leisure and hospitality** is another sector affected by seasonal patterns. People tend to travel more during the summer months. Hotels, restaurants, and recreational facilities have increased business during this time and require more employees. Similarly, many recreational faciliti s in Arkansas are only open during the sum- mer months—amusement parks and camps are prime examples. Chart 3 shows the seasonal employment pattern that occurs in the **leisure and hospitality** sector. Note that employment begins to steadily rise throughout the spring, peaks in July or August, and then typically declines slowly throughout the second half of the year.

205,000

200,000

195,000

190,000

185,000

180,000

175,000

170,000

**Chart 1. Jobs in State and Local Government**

January 2017 - July 2019

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2017 2018 2019

18,000

**Chart 2. Jobs in Educational Services**

January 2017 - July 2019

129,000

**Chart 3. Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality**

January 2017 - July 2019

17,000

16,000

124,000

15,000

14,000

119,000

13,000

114,000

12,000

11,000

109,000

10,000

9,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2017 2018 2019

104,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2017 2018 2019

## 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 declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.5 percent in June to 3.4 percent in July. Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose 410, a result of 802 more employed and 392 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate remained stable at 3.7 percent between June and July.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Dropping another one-tenth of percentage point in July, Arkansas’ jobless rate decreased for the third consecutive month. The unemployment rate of

3.4 percent is a new record low, breaking the record low of 3.5 percent set last month.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Jul 19**  1,363,167 | **Jun 19**  1,362,757 | **Jul 18**  1,349,795 | Civilian Labor Force | **Jul 19**  1,380,474 | **Jun 19**  1,382,212 | **Jul 18**  1,368,932 |
| Employment | 1,316,265 | 1,315,463 | 1,300,640 | Employment | 1,325,919 | 1,332,568 | 1,313,583 |
| Unemployment | 46,902 | 47,294 | 49,155 | Unemployment | 54,555 | 49,644 | 55,349 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.6 | Unemployment Rate | 4.0 | 3.6 | 4.0 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.9 | U.S. Unemployment | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.1 |

10.0

**Unemployment Rates - Arkansas vs United States (Seasonally Adjusted)**

July: 2009 - 2019

9.0

8.0

7.0

6.0

5.0

4.0

3.0

2.0

1.0

0.0

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

Arkansas United States

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

**(NAICS)**

**Jul 19**

**Jun 19**

**Jul 18**

**OTM**

**OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Nonfarm** | 1265.1 | 1279.0 | 1245.9 | -13.9 | 19.2 |
| **Goods Producing** | 223.1 | 224.5 | 218.3 | -1.4 | 4.8 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | 60.4 | 60.3 | 57.6 | 0.1 | 2.8 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.9** | **5.8** | **5.9** | **0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Construction** | **54.5** | **54.5** | **51.7** | **0.0** | **2.8** |
| **Specialty Trade Contractors** | 33.7 | 33.9 | 32.8 | -0.2 | 0.9 |
| **Manufacturing** | **162.7** | **164.2** | **160.7** | **-1.5** | **2.0** |
| **Durable Goods** | 77.3 | 78.8 | 76.5 | -1.5 | 0.8 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 85.4 | 85.4 | 84.2 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| **Service Providing** | 1042.0 | 1054.5 | 1027.6 | -12.5 | 14.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **253.3** | **253.8** | **250.9** | **-0.5** | **2.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 48.9 | 48.3 | 47.5 | 0.6 | 1.4 |
| **Retail Trade** | 139.6 | 140.8 | 138.4 | -1.2 | 1.2 |
| **Transport, Warehousing & Utilities** | 64.8 | 64.7 | 65.0 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Information** | **11.0** | **11.1** | **11.1** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **63.1** | **62.1** | **61.0** | **1.0** | **2.1** |
| **Finance & Insurance** | 48.7 | 48.0 | 47.1 | 0.7 | 1.6 |
| **Real Estate & Rental & Leasing** | 14.4 | 14.1 | 13.9 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **145.7** | **146.4** | **145.0** | **-0.7** | **0.7** |
| **Professional, Scientific & Technical** | 44.6 | 43.8 | 43.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| **Management of Companies** | 35.7 | 35.5 | 34.9 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| **Administrative & Support Services** | 65.4 | 67.1 | 66.3 | -1.7 | -0.9 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **188.8** | **190.2** | **187.5** | **-1.4** | **1.3** |
| **Educational Services** | 12.7 | 13.2 | 11.7 | -0.5 | 1.0 |
| **Health Care & Social Assistance** | 176.1 | 177.0 | 175.8 | -0.9 | 0.3 |
| **Ambulatory Health Care** | 58.8 | 58.8 | 58.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| **Social Assistance** | 39.2 | 40.1 | 39.3 | -0.9 | -0.1 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **127.2** | **126.7** | **120.2** | **0.5** | **7.0** |
| **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** | 13.1 | 13.2 | 13.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Accommodation & Food Services** | 114.1 | 113.5 | 107.0 | 0.6 | 7.1 |
| **Accommodation Services** | 12.2 | 12.3 | 12.0 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| **Food Services** | 101.9 | 101.2 | 95.0 | 0.7 | 6.9 |
| **Other Services** | **54.0** | **54.1** | **53.9** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Government** | **198.9** | **210.1** | **198.0** | **-11.2** | **0.9** |
| **Federal Government** | 20.3 | 20.3 | 20.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** | 72.9 | 74.6 | 72.8 | -1.7 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** | 105.7 | 115.2 | 105.1 | -9.5 | 0.6 |

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

**June 2019 - July 2019**

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs dropped 13,900 to total 1,265,100. Employment declined in seven major industry sectors. The greatest loss was in **government** (-11,200), attributed to summer break at public schools and universities. Jobs in **manufacturing** decreased 1,500. All reductions were in durable goods manufacturing (-1,500), related to several recent layoffs and closures. **Educational and health services** declined 1,400, due to seasonal hiring trends in both subsectors. **Financial activities** posted the largest increase, adding 1,000 jobs. Gains were reported in both finance and insurance (+700) and in real estate-rental-leasing (+300).

**July 2018 - July 2019**

Compared to July 2018, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 19,200. Nine major industry sectors posted gains, with five adding 2,000 or more jobs, each. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** rose 7,000. Most of the expansion was in food services (+6,900). **Construction** increased 2,800, related to ongoing large projects. **Trade-transportation-utilities** added 2,400 jobs, with hiring in both wholesale (+1,400) and retail (+1,200) trade. Jobs in **financial activities** rose 2,100. The sector includes business- es such as banks, insurance carriers, and real estate agencies. Employment in **manufacturing** increased 2,000. Most of the gains occurred in nondurable goods manufacturing (+1,200).

56,000

**Jobs in Construction (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

July 2016 - July 2019

54,000

52,000

50,000

48,000

46,000

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 44,000 |  | | | | | | |
|  | Jul | Jan | Jul | Jan | Jul | Jan | Jul |
|  | '16 | '17 | '17 | '18 | '18 | '19 | '19 |

## State of Arkansas

**Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

**Manufacturing**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 19** | **Jun 19** | **Jul 18** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 40.6 | 41.6 | 41.4 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 18.71 | 18.68 | 17.58 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 759.63 | 777.09 | 727.81 |

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Jul 19 Jun 19**

**Jul 18**

Average Weekly Hours 40.7 41.0

Average Hourly Earnings 16.63 17.02

Average Weekly Earnings 676.84 697.82

40.7

15.36

625.15

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 19** | **Jun 19** | **Jul 18** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 40.5 | 42.2 | 42.1 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 21.10 | 20.50 | 20.14 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 854.55 | 865.10 | 847.89 |

$700.00

**Average Weekly Earnings - Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

July: 2009 - 2019

$650.00

$600.00

$550.00

$500.00

$450.00

$400.00

$350.00

$300.00

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

## 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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 19** | **Jun 19** | **Jul 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 366,439 | 363,068 | 363,778 | 3,371 | 2,661 |
| **Employment** | 353,256 | 351,543 | 350,872 | 1,713 | 2,384 |
| **Unemployment** | 13,183 | 11,525 | 12,906 | 1,658 | 277 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 0.4 | 0.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

328.4

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Jul 19**  363.2 | **Jun 19**  366.7 | **Jul 18**  359.0 | **OTM**  -3.5 | **OT Y**  4.2 |
| **Goods Producing** | 38.3 | 38.3 | 38.5 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **17.2** | **17.2** | **17.5** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **21.1**  324.9 | **21.1** | **21.0** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **71.1** | **71.0** | **70.3** | -3.5  **0.1** | 4.4  **0.8** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 16.5 | 16.2 | 16.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| **Retail Trade** | 38.6 | 38.8 | 38.7 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 16.0 | 16.0 | 15.6 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| **Information** | **4.2** | **4.3** | **4.2** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **21.7** | **21.6** | **21.3** | **0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **48.7** | **49.2** | **49.2** | **-0.5** | **-0.5** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **58.2** | **58.8** | **56.4** | **-0.6** | **1.8** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **36.1** | **36.5** | **35.0** | **-0.4** | **1.1** |
| **Other Services** | **16.3** | **16.3** | **16.0** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Government** | **68.6** | **70.7** | **68.1** | **-2.1** | **0.5** |
| **Federal Government** | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** | 34.3 | 34.6 | 34.0 | -0.3 | 0.3 |
| **Local Government** | 24.6 | 26.4 | 24.5 | -1.8 | 0.1 |

320.5

370,000

**Civilian Labor Force**

January 2017 - July 2019

40,000

**Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality**

July: 1999 - 2019

365,000

35,000

360,000

355,000

30,000

350,000

25,000

345,000

340,000

20,000

335,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2017 2018 2019

15,000

'99 '01 '03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19

## 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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 19** | **Jun 19** | **Jul 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 286,583 | 283,378 | 279,072 | 3,205 | 7,511 |
| **Employment** | 278,491 | 276,154 | 270,534 | 2,337 | 7,957 |
| **Unemployment** | 8,092 | 7,224 | 8,538 | 868 | -446 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.8 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 0.3 | -0.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

222.0

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Jul 19**  262.6 | **Jun 19**  264.7 | **Jul 18**  253.2 | **OTM**  -2.1 | **OT Y**  9.4 |
| **Goods Producing** | 42.7 | 42.7 | 41.5 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **12.4** | **12.3** | **11.9** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **30.3**  219.9 | **30.4** | **29.6** | **-0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **57.1** | **57.0** | **55.7** | -2.1  **0.1** | 8.2  **1.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 12.6 | 12.5 | 12.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** | 26.7 | 26.7 | 26.1 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 17.8 | 17.8 | 17.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| **Information** | **2.2** | **2.2** | **2.1** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **8.6** | **8.4** | **8.2** | **0.2** | **0.4** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **53.0** | **52.6** | **49.5** | **0.4** | **3.5** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **29.2** | **29.4** | **28.4** | **-0.2** | **0.8** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **26.6** | **26.9** | **26.3** | **-0.3** | **0.3** |
| **Other Services** | **9.5** | **9.5** | **9.2** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Government** | **33.7** | **36.0** | **32.3** | **-2.3** | **1.4** |
| **Federal Government** | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** | 13.5 | 13.9 | 12.5 | -0.4 | 1.0 |
| **Local Government** | 17.5 | 19.4 | 17.2 | -1.9 | 0.3 |

211.7

**Over-the-Year Employment Change by Industry Sector**

July 2018 vs July 2019

Professional & Business

Government

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Educational & Health

Manufacturing

Mining-Logging-Construction

Financial Activities

Other Services

Leisure & Hospitality

Information

0 500 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500 3,000 3,500 4,000

## 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)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 19** | **Jun 19** | **Jul 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 120,301 | 120,528 | 120,665 | -227 | -364 |
| **Employment** | 115,621 | 116,022 | 115,917 | -401 | -296 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,680 | 4,506 | 4,748 | 174 | -68 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

90.9

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Jul 19**  111.5 | **Jun 19**  113.8 | **Jul 18**  111.4 | **OTM**  -2.3 | **OT Y**  0.1 |
| **Goods Producing** | 22.9 | 22.9 | 23.2 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.2** | **5.2** | **5.5** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **17.7**  88.6 | **17.7** | **17.7** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23.0** | **23.0** | **23.1** | -2.3  **0.0** | 0.4  **-0.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** | 12.3 | 12.3 | 12.5 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Information** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **4.0** | **4.0** | **3.9** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **13.1** | **13.0** | **13.0** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **17.2** | **17.4** | **16.9** | **-0.2** | **0.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.8** | **9.9** | **9.6** | **-0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Other Services** | **4.5** | **4.5** | **4.5** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **15.8** | **17.9** | **16.0** | **-2.1** | **-0.2** |
| **Federal Government** | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Local Government** | 11.6 | 13.7 | 11.8 | -2.1 | -0.2 |

88.2

6,000

**Number of Unemployed**

July 2017 - July 2019

18,000

**Jobs in Educational and Health Services**

July: 2009 - 2019

5,500

17,000

5,000

16,000

4,500

15,000

4,000

14,000

3,500

13,000

3,000

Jul '17

Jan '18

Jul '18

Jan '19

Jul '19

12,000

'09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 19** | **Jun 19** | **Jul 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 42,906 | 42,364 | 42,159 | 542 | 747 |
| **Employment** | 41,149 | 40,765 | 40,370 | 384 | 779 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,757 | 1,599 | 1,789 | 158 | -32 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 0.3 | -0.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 19** | **Jun 19** | **Jul 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 39.7 | 39.9 | 38.8 | -0.2 | 0.9 |
| 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 35.2 | 35.4 | 34.3 | -0.2 | 0.9 |
| 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.1 | -0.3 | -0.1 |

36,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2017 - July 2019

35,500

35,000

34,500

34,000

33,500

33,000

32,500

32,000

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2017 2018 2019

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 19** | **Jun 19** | **Jul 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 66,593 | 65,744 | 65,603 | 849 | 990 |
| **Employment** | 64,373 | 63,723 | 63,258 | 650 | 1,115 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,220 | 2,021 | 2,345 | 199 | -125 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 0.2 | -0.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 19** | **Jun 19** | **Jul 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 58.8 | 59.2 | 57.4 | -0.4 | 1.4 |
| 10.2 | 10.2 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 48.6 | 49.0 | 47.4 | -0.4 | 1.2 |
| 8.5 | 8.9 | 8.5 | -0.4 | 0.0 |

70,000

**Jobs by Industry Type**

July: 2009 - 2019

Service Providing + Goods Producing = Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

10,000

0

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

Service Providing Goods Producing

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Pine Bluff MSA**

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 19** | **Jun 19** | **Jul 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 35,822 | 35,706 | 36,275 | 116 | -453 |
| **Employment** | 33,751 | 33,781 | 34,237 | -30 | -486 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,071 | 1,925 | 2,038 | 146 | 33 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.8 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 19** | **Jun 19** | **Jul 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 32.5 | 33.1 | 32.9 | -0.6 | -0.4 |
| 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 26.5 | 27.1 | 26.8 | -0.6 | -0.3 |
| 8.6 | 9.1 | 8.7 | -0.5 | -0.1 |

38,000

**Civilian Labor Force**

July 2016 - July 2019

37,000

36,000

35,000

34,000

33,000

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 32,000 |  | | | | | | |
|  | Jul | Jan | Jul | Jan | Jul | Jan | Jul |
|  | '16 | '17 | '17 | '18 | '18 | '19 | '19 |

## 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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 19** | **Jun 19** | **Jul 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 664,291 | 661,709 | 644,745 | 2,582 | 19,546 |
| **Employment** | 630,915 | 629,882 | 614,846 | 1,033 | 16,069 |
| **Unemployment** | 33,376 | 31,827 | 29,899 | 1,549 | 3,477 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 0.2 | 0.4 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 19** | **Jun 19** | **Jul 18** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,720 | 65,364 | 64,701 | -644 | 19 |
| **Employment** | 61,674 | 62,467 | 61,100 | -793 | 574 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,046 | 2,897 | 3,601 | 149 | -555 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.7 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 0.3 | -0.9 |

640,000

**Memphis MSA - Number of Employed**

July: 2009 - 2019

7.0

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**

January 2017 - July 2019

620,000

6.0

600,000

5.0

580,000

4.0

560,000

3.0

540,000

520,000

'09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

2.0

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|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A | S | O | N | D |
| 2019 |  |  |  |  |

2017 2018

## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Micro Area** | **CLF** | **July**  **Emp** | **2019**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June**  **Emp** | **2019**  **Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July**  **Emp** | **2018**  **Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,600 | 9,113 | 487 | 5.1 | 9,603 | 9,216 | 387 | 4.0 | 9,297 | 8,853 | 444 | 4.8 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,288 | 15,550 | 738 | 4.5 | 16,818 | 16,126 | 692 | 4.1 | 16,114 | 15,344 | 770 | 4.8 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,772 | 16,548 | 1,224 | 6.9 | 17,684 | 16,418 | 1,266 | 7.2 | 17,842 | 16,630 | 1,212 | 6.8 |
| Camden Micro | 12,208 | 11,581 | 627 | 5.1 | 12,453 | 11,852 | 601 | 4.8 | 12,118 | 11,534 | 584 | 4.8 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,766 | 14,833 | 933 | 5.9 | 16,201 | 15,337 | 864 | 5.3 | 15,917 | 14,914 | 1,003 | 6.3 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,248 | 7,777 | 471 | 5.7 | 8,401 | 7,952 | 449 | 5.3 | 8,364 | 7,914 | 450 | 5.4 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,140 | 18,468 | 672 | 3.5 | 19,866 | 19,253 | 613 | 3.1 | 19,004 | 18,315 | 689 | 3.6 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,436 | 6,008 | 428 | 6.7 | 6,618 | 6,242 | 376 | 5.7 | 6,513 | 6,060 | 453 | 7.0 |
| Hope Micro | 13,478 | 12,868 | 610 | 4.5 | 13,973 | 13,414 | 559 | 4.0 | 13,409 | 12,846 | 563 | 4.2 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,829 | 8,334 | 495 | 5.6 | 9,206 | 8,761 | 445 | 4.8 | 8,708 | 8,205 | 503 | 5.8 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,078 | 13,477 | 601 | 4.3 | 14,180 | 13,641 | 539 | 3.8 | 14,137 | 13,521 | 616 | 4.4 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,211 | 15,573 | 638 | 3.9 | 16,468 | 15,813 | 655 | 4.0 | 16,556 | 15,837 | 719 | 4.3 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,381 | 19,572 | 809 | 4.0 | 20,348 | 19,601 | 747 | 3.7 | 20,174 | 19,383 | 791 | 3.9 |
| Russellville Micro | 36,869 | 34,950 | 1,919 | 5.2 | 37,852 | 36,117 | 1,735 | 4.6 | 37,259 | 35,164 | 2,095 | 5.6 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,267 | 31,640 | 1,627 | 4.9 | 34,003 | 32,534 | 1,469 | 4.3 | 33,276 | 31,776 | 1,500 | 4.5 |

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

**City Labor Force Statistics**

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County Paragould Micro = Greene County Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties Searcy Micro = White County



**City**

**CLF**

**July 2019**

**Emp Unemp**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

**June 2019**

**Rate**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp**

**Rate**

**July 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 12,659 | 12,249 | 410 | 3.2 | 12,564 | 12,157 | 407 | 3.2 | 12,387 | 11,899 | 488 | 3.9 |
| Benton | 17,695 | 17,143 | 552 | 3.1 | 17,552 | 17,070 | 482 | 2.7 | 17,605 | 17,025 | 580 | 3.3 |
| Bentonville | 27,180 | 26,487 | 693 | 2.5 | 26,923 | 26,287 | 636 | 2.4 | 26,462 | 25,729 | 733 | 2.8 |
| Blytheville | 6,162 | 5,597 | 565 | 9.2 | 6,096 | 5,553 | 543 | 8.9 | 6,097 | 5,624 | 473 | 7.8 |
| Cabot | 12,379 | 11,935 | 444 | 3.6 | 12,205 | 11,837 | 368 | 3.0 | 12,270 | 11,859 | 411 | 3.3 |
| Conway | 34,564 | 33,451 | 1,113 | 3.2 | 34,283 | 33,271 | 1,012 | 3.0 | 34,418 | 33,224 | 1,194 | 3.5 |
| El Dorado | 6,917 | 6,408 | 509 | 7.4 | 7,063 | 6,625 | 438 | 6.2 | 7,014 | 6,443 | 571 | 8.1 |
| Fayetteville | 49,430 | 47,998 | 1,432 | 2.9 | 48,877 | 47,626 | 1,251 | 2.6 | 48,161 | 46,624 | 1,537 | 3.2 |
| Fort Smith | 39,962 | 38,501 | 1,461 | 3.7 | 40,062 | 38,703 | 1,359 | 3.4 | 40,126 | 38,618 | 1,508 | 3.8 |
| Hot Springs | 15,339 | 14,601 | 738 | 4.8 | 15,124 | 14,464 | 660 | 4.4 | 15,099 | 14,324 | 775 | 5.1 |
| Jacksonville | 12,201 | 11,559 | 642 | 5.3 | 12,000 | 11,512 | 488 | 4.1 | 12,032 | 11,480 | 552 | 4.6 |
| Jonesboro | 39,370 | 38,077 | 1,293 | 3.3 | 38,913 | 37,738 | 1,175 | 3.0 | 38,777 | 37,407 | 1,370 | 3.5 |
| Little Rock | 100,531 | 96,855 | 3,676 | 3.7 | 99,882 | 96,465 | 3,417 | 3.4 | 99,880 | 96,196 | 3,684 | 3.7 |
| North Little Rock | 30,724 | 29,509 | 1,215 | 4.0 | 30,459 | 29,390 | 1,069 | 3.5 | 30,504 | 29,308 | 1,196 | 3.9 |
| Paragould | 12,819 | 12,258 | 561 | 4.4 | 12,802 | 12,276 | 526 | 4.1 | 12,661 | 12,140 | 521 | 4.1 |
| Pine Bluff | 17,025 | 15,775 | 1,250 | 7.3 | 16,970 | 15,829 | 1,141 | 6.7 | 17,226 | 16,006 | 1,220 | 7.1 |
| Rogers | 36,707 | 35,724 | 983 | 2.7 | 36,288 | 35,455 | 833 | 2.3 | 35,701 | 34,702 | 999 | 2.8 |
| Russellville | 13,223 | 12,567 | 656 | 5.0 | 13,602 | 13,024 | 578 | 4.2 | 13,348 | 12,644 | 704 | 5.3 |
| Searcy | 10,166 | 9,671 | 495 | 4.9 | 10,400 | 9,944 | 456 | 4.4 | 10,175 | 9,713 | 462 | 4.5 |
| Sherwood | 16,469 | 15,901 | 568 | 3.4 | 16,322 | 15,837 | 485 | 3.0 | 16,299 | 15,793 | 506 | 3.1 |
| Springdale | 40,619 | 39,520 | 1,099 | 2.7 | 40,168 | 39,214 | 954 | 2.4 | 39,504 | 38,388 | 1,116 | 2.8 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,883 | 13,201 | 682 | 4.9 | 13,910 | 13,269 | 641 | 4.6 | 13,936 | 13,053 | 883 | 6.3 |
| Van Buren | 10,525 | 10,150 | 375 | 3.6 | 10,531 | 10,185 | 346 | 3.3 | 10,583 | 10,182 | 401 | 3.8 |
| West Memphis | 11,056 | 10,436 | 620 | 5.6 | 10,860 | 10,314 | 546 | 5.0 | 10,889 | 10,300 | 589 | 5.4 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County CLF** | | **July 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July 2018 Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,682 | 9,390 | 292 | 3.0 | 9,589 | 9,309 | 280 | 2.9 | 9,283 | 8,977 | 306 | 3.3 |
| Ashley | 7,708 | 7,227 | 481 | 6.2 | 7,910 | 7,475 | 435 | 5.5 | 7,697 | 7,252 | 445 | 5.8 |
| Baxter | 16,211 | 15,573 | 638 | 3.9 | 16,468 | 15,813 | 655 | 4.0 | 16,556 | 15,837 | 719 | 4.3 |
| Benton | 139,923 | 136,008 | 3,915 | 2.8 | 138,519 | 134,983 | 3,536 | 2.6 | 136,360 | 132,117 | 4,243 | 3.1 |
| Boone | 15,807 | 15,257 | 550 | 3.5 | 16,435 | 15,936 | 499 | 3.0 | 15,705 | 15,130 | 575 | 3.7 |
| Bradley | 4,476 | 4,285 | 191 | 4.3 | 4,626 | 4,436 | 190 | 4.1 | 4,302 | 4,099 | 203 | 4.7 |
| Calhoun | 2,419 | 2,312 | 107 | 4.4 | 2,456 | 2,346 | 110 | 4.5 | 2,410 | 2,305 | 105 | 4.4 |
| Carroll | 12,954 | 12,575 | 379 | 2.9 | 13,129 | 12,771 | 358 | 2.7 | 12,914 | 12,536 | 378 | 2.9 |
| Chicot | 3,370 | 3,111 | 259 | 7.7 | 3,304 | 3,077 | 227 | 6.9 | 3,373 | 3,155 | 218 | 6.5 |
| Clark | 9,600 | 9,113 | 487 | 5.1 | 9,603 | 9,216 | 387 | 4.0 | 9,297 | 8,853 | 444 | 4.8 |
| Clay | 5,768 | 5,480 | 288 | 5.0 | 5,811 | 5,531 | 280 | 4.8 | 5,865 | 5,595 | 270 | 4.6 |
| Cleburne | 9,319 | 8,901 | 418 | 4.5 | 9,520 | 9,126 | 394 | 4.1 | 9,177 | 8,758 | 419 | 4.6 |
| Cleveland | 3,337 | 3,200 | 137 | 4.1 | 3,300 | 3,177 | 123 | 3.7 | 3,378 | 3,244 | 134 | 4.0 |
| Columbia | 8,829 | 8,334 | 495 | 5.6 | 9,206 | 8,761 | 445 | 4.8 | 8,708 | 8,205 | 503 | 5.8 |
| Conway | 8,293 | 7,886 | 407 | 4.9 | 8,388 | 8,005 | 383 | 4.6 | 8,276 | 7,875 | 401 | 4.8 |
| Craighead | 55,980 | 54,161 | 1,819 | 3.2 | 55,327 | 53,679 | 1,648 | 3.0 | 55,107 | 53,209 | 1,898 | 3.4 |
| Crawford | 27,146 | 26,140 | 1,006 | 3.7 | 27,148 | 26,229 | 919 | 3.4 | 27,272 | 26,222 | 1,050 | 3.9 |
| Crittenden | 22,377 | 21,274 | 1,103 | 4.9 | 22,043 | 21,026 | 1,017 | 4.6 | 22,111 | 20,997 | 1,114 | 5.0 |
| Cross | 7,195 | 6,855 | 340 | 4.7 | 7,493 | 7,185 | 308 | 4.1 | 7,307 | 6,987 | 320 | 4.4 |
| Dallas | 2,865 | 2,720 | 145 | 5.1 | 2,925 | 2,779 | 146 | 5.0 | 2,760 | 2,632 | 128 | 4.6 |
| Desha | 5,477 | 5,205 | 272 | 5.0 | 5,588 | 5,329 | 259 | 4.6 | 5,441 | 5,174 | 267 | 4.9 |
| Drew | 7,737 | 7,281 | 456 | 5.9 | 7,907 | 7,494 | 413 | 5.2 | 7,576 | 7,158 | 418 | 5.5 |
| Faulkner | 63,345 | 61,283 | 2,062 | 3.3 | 62,808 | 60,954 | 1,854 | 3.0 | 63,060 | 60,867 | 2,193 | 3.5 |
| Franklin | 7,349 | 7,061 | 288 | 3.9 | 7,517 | 7,242 | 275 | 3.7 | 7,348 | 7,043 | 305 | 4.2 |
| Fulton | 4,924 | 4,703 | 221 | 4.5 | 5,151 | 4,953 | 198 | 3.8 | 4,780 | 4,574 | 206 | 4.3 |
| Garland | 42,906 | 41,149 | 1,757 | 4.1 | 42,364 | 40,765 | 1,599 | 3.8 | 42,159 | 40,370 | 1,789 | 4.2 |
| Grant | 8,603 | 8,302 | 301 | 3.5 | 8,519 | 8,240 | 279 | 3.3 | 8,541 | 8,250 | 291 | 3.4 |
| Greene | 20,381 | 19,572 | 809 | 4.0 | 20,348 | 19,601 | 747 | 3.7 | 20,174 | 19,383 | 791 | 3.9 |
| Hempstead | 9,860 | 9,434 | 426 | 4.3 | 10,210 | 9,819 | 391 | 3.8 | 9,831 | 9,419 | 412 | 4.2 |
| Hot Spring | 14,078 | 13,477 | 601 | 4.3 | 14,180 | 13,641 | 539 | 3.8 | 14,137 | 13,521 | 616 | 4.4 |
| Howard | 5,681 | 5,466 | 215 | 3.8 | 5,809 | 5,611 | 198 | 3.4 | 5,892 | 5,645 | 247 | 4.2 |
| Independence | 16,288 | 15,550 | 738 | 4.5 | 16,818 | 16,126 | 692 | 4.1 | 16,114 | 15,344 | 770 | 4.8 |
| Izard | 4,806 | 4,527 | 279 | 5.8 | 4,954 | 4,672 | 282 | 5.7 | 4,798 | 4,511 | 287 | 6.0 |
| Jackson | 5,910 | 5,490 | 420 | 7.1 | 5,994 | 5,596 | 398 | 6.6 | 5,731 | 5,351 | 380 | 6.6 |
| Jefferson | 28,386 | 26,644 | 1,742 | 6.1 | 28,353 | 26,735 | 1,618 | 5.7 | 28,743 | 27,034 | 1,709 | 5.9 |
| Johnson | 10,174 | 9,626 | 548 | 5.4 | 10,640 | 10,070 | 570 | 5.4 | 10,225 | 9,656 | 569 | 5.6 |
| Lafayette | 2,434 | 2,311 | 123 | 5.1 | 2,524 | 2,406 | 118 | 4.7 | 2,442 | 2,294 | 148 | 6.1 |
| Lawrence | 6,558 | 6,236 | 322 | 4.9 | 6,726 | 6,431 | 295 | 4.4 | 6,626 | 6,317 | 309 | 4.7 |
| Lee | 2,875 | 2,746 | 129 | 4.5 | 2,872 | 2,747 | 125 | 4.4 | 2,985 | 2,823 | 162 | 5.4 |
| Lincoln | 4,099 | 3,907 | 192 | 4.7 | 4,053 | 3,869 | 184 | 4.5 | 4,154 | 3,959 | 195 | 4.7 |
| Little River | 5,559 | 5,302 | 257 | 4.6 | 5,571 | 5,339 | 232 | 4.2 | 5,585 | 5,244 | 341 | 6.1 |
| Logan | 8,667 | 8,228 | 439 | 5.1 | 8,752 | 8,380 | 372 | 4.3 | 8,833 | 8,417 | 416 | 4.7 |
| Lonoke | 35,219 | 33,779 | 1,440 | 4.1 | 34,535 | 33,502 | 1,033 | 3.0 | 34,740 | 33,566 | 1,174 | 3.4 |
| Madison | 7,743 | 7,537 | 206 | 2.7 | 7,571 | 7,389 | 182 | 2.4 | 7,571 | 7,348 | 223 | 2.9 |
| Marion | 6,653 | 6,382 | 271 | 4.1 | 6,791 | 6,529 | 262 | 3.9 | 6,559 | 6,283 | 276 | 4.2 |
| Miller | 20,091 | 19,200 | 891 | 4.4 | 20,148 | 19,298 | 850 | 4.2 | 20,095 | 18,984 | 1,111 | 5.5 |

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## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County CLF** | | **July 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July 2018**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 17,772 | 16,548 | 1,224 | 6.9 | 17,684 | 16,418 | 1,266 | 7.2 | 17,842 | 16,630 | 1,212 | 6.8 |
| Monroe | 2,809 | 2,664 | 145 | 5.2 | 2,845 | 2,713 | 132 | 4.6 | 2,800 | 2,660 | 140 | 5.0 |
| Montgomery | 3,057 | 2,912 | 145 | 4.7 | 3,122 | 2,996 | 126 | 4.0 | 3,092 | 2,933 | 159 | 5.1 |
| Nevada | 3,618 | 3,434 | 184 | 5.1 | 3,763 | 3,595 | 168 | 4.5 | 3,578 | 3,427 | 151 | 4.2 |
| Newton | 3,333 | 3,211 | 122 | 3.7 | 3,431 | 3,317 | 114 | 3.3 | 3,299 | 3,185 | 114 | 3.5 |
| Ouachita | 9,789 | 9,269 | 520 | 5.3 | 9,997 | 9,506 | 491 | 4.9 | 9,708 | 9,229 | 479 | 4.9 |
| Perry | 4,401 | 4,207 | 194 | 4.4 | 4,344 | 4,164 | 180 | 4.1 | 4,355 | 4,178 | 177 | 4.1 |
| Phillips | 6,436 | 6,008 | 428 | 6.7 | 6,618 | 6,242 | 376 | 5.7 | 6,513 | 6,060 | 453 | 7.0 |
| Pike | 4,278 | 4,091 | 187 | 4.4 | 4,397 | 4,233 | 164 | 3.7 | 4,258 | 4,063 | 195 | 4.6 |
| Poinsett | 10,613 | 10,212 | 401 | 3.8 | 10,417 | 10,044 | 373 | 3.6 | 10,496 | 10,049 | 447 | 4.3 |
| Polk | 8,012 | 7,659 | 353 | 4.4 | 8,277 | 7,944 | 333 | 4.0 | 7,936 | 7,563 | 373 | 4.7 |
| Pope | 28,497 | 26,966 | 1,531 | 5.4 | 29,334 | 27,946 | 1,388 | 4.7 | 28,798 | 27,131 | 1,667 | 5.8 |
| Prairie | 3,606 | 3,410 | 196 | 5.4 | 3,635 | 3,484 | 151 | 4.2 | 3,542 | 3,405 | 137 | 3.9 |
| Pulaski | 195,436 | 188,076 | 7,360 | 3.8 | 193,872 | 187,318 | 6,554 | 3.4 | 193,906 | 186,797 | 7,109 | 3.7 |
| Randolph | 7,315 | 6,994 | 321 | 4.4 | 7,421 | 7,112 | 309 | 4.2 | 7,172 | 6,847 | 325 | 4.5 |
| St. Francis | 8,248 | 7,777 | 471 | 5.7 | 8,401 | 7,952 | 449 | 5.3 | 8,364 | 7,914 | 450 | 5.4 |
| Saline | 59,435 | 57,609 | 1,826 | 3.1 | 58,990 | 57,365 | 1,625 | 2.8 | 59,176 | 57,214 | 1,962 | 3.3 |
| Scott | 4,365 | 4,199 | 166 | 3.8 | 4,407 | 4,266 | 141 | 3.2 | 4,314 | 4,136 | 178 | 4.1 |
| Searcy | 2,805 | 2,666 | 139 | 5.0 | 3,002 | 2,876 | 126 | 4.2 | 2,961 | 2,831 | 130 | 4.4 |
| Sebastian | 57,585 | 55,515 | 2,070 | 3.6 | 57,728 | 55,807 | 1,921 | 3.3 | 57,854 | 55,684 | 2,170 | 3.8 |
| Sevier | 5,515 | 5,221 | 294 | 5.3 | 5,535 | 5,277 | 258 | 4.7 | 5,570 | 5,299 | 271 | 4.9 |
| Sharp | 5,809 | 5,502 | 307 | 5.3 | 6,061 | 5,759 | 302 | 5.0 | 5,726 | 5,417 | 309 | 5.4 |
| Stone | 4,940 | 4,721 | 219 | 4.4 | 5,057 | 4,834 | 223 | 4.4 | 4,862 | 4,653 | 209 | 4.3 |
| Union | 15,766 | 14,833 | 933 | 5.9 | 16,201 | 15,337 | 864 | 5.3 | 15,917 | 14,914 | 1,003 | 6.3 |
| Van Buren | 5,665 | 5,364 | 301 | 5.3 | 5,884 | 5,616 | 268 | 4.6 | 5,851 | 5,523 | 328 | 5.6 |
| Washington | 127,928 | 124,434 | 3,494 | 2.7 | 126,542 | 123,469 | 3,073 | 2.4 | 124,539 | 120,872 | 3,667 | 2.9 |
| White | 33,267 | 31,640 | 1,627 | 4.9 | 34,003 | 32,534 | 1,469 | 4.3 | 33,276 | 31,776 | 1,500 | 4.5 |
| Woodruff | 2,740 | 2,591 | 149 | 5.4 | 2,820 | 2,674 | 146 | 5.2 | 2,778 | 2,644 | 134 | 4.8 |
| Yell | 8,372 | 7,984 | 388 | 4.6 | 8,518 | 8,171 | 347 | 4.1 | 8,461 | 8,033 | 428 | 5.1 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between June and July, unemployment rates increased in 70 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Three counties posted rate declines, while two were unchanged over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.7 percent in Madison and Washington counties to a high of 7.7 percent in Chicot County.

In July, twenty counties reported unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down from 31 counties at or below four percent in June. Two counties posted jobless rates at or above seven percent, up from one county above seven percent last month.

Compared to July 2018, unemployment rates have declined in 39 Arkansas counties. Rates in 33

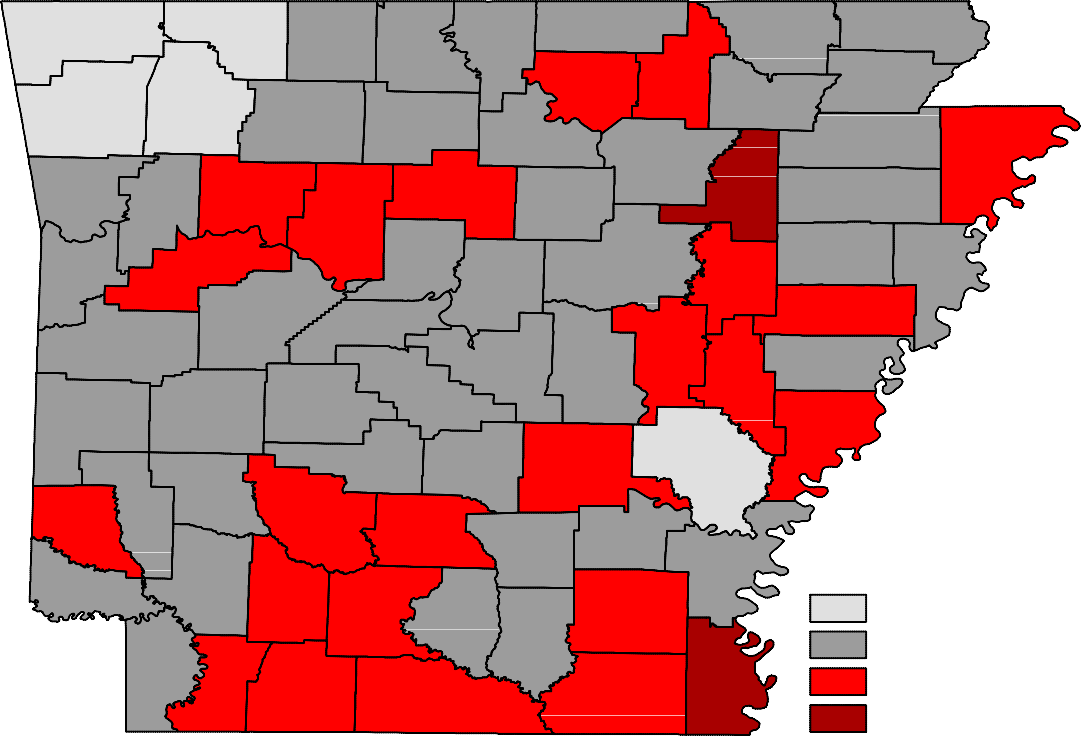
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## County Unemployment Rates



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**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Pike**

**Sevier**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Lincoln**

**Cleveland**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada**

**Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller**

**Lafayette Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0%

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

**July 2019 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Madison | **Rate**  2.7 | **Rank**  25 | **County**  Hempstead | **Rate**  4.3 | **Rank**  51 | **County**  Clark | **Rate**  5.1 |
| 1 | Washington | 2.7 | 25 | Hot Spring | 4.3 | 51 | Dallas | 5.1 |
| 3 | Benton | 2.8 | 28 | Calhoun | 4.4 | 51 | Lafayette | 5.1 |
| 4 | Carroll | 2.9 | 28 | Miller | 4.4 | 51 | Logan | 5.1 |
| 5 | Arkansas | 3.0 | 28 | Perry | 4.4 | 51 | Nevada | 5.1 |
| 6 | Saline | 3.1 | 28 | Pike | 4.4 | 56 | Monroe | 5.2 |
| 7 | Craighead | 3.2 | 28 | Polk | 4.4 | 57 | Ouachita | 5.3 |
| 8 | Faulkner | 3.3 | 28 | Randolph | 4.4 | 57 | Sevier | 5.3 |
| 9 | Boone | 3.5 | 28 | Stone | 4.4 | 57 | Sharp | 5.3 |
| 9 | Grant | 3.5 | 35 | Cleburne | 4.5 | 57 | Van Buren | 5.3 |
| 11 | Sebastian | 3.6 | 35 | Fulton | 4.5 | 61 | Johnson | 5.4 |
| 12 | Crawford | 3.7 | 35 | Independence | 4.5 | 61 | Pope | 5.4 |
| 12 | Newton | 3.7 | 35 | Lee | 4.5 | 61 | Prairie | 5.4 |
| 14 | Howard | 3.8 | 39 | Little River | 4.6 | 61 | Woodruff | 5.4 |
| 14 | Poinsett | 3.8 | 39 | Yell | 4.6 | 65 | Columbia | 5.6 |
| 14 | Pulaski | 3.8 | 41 | Cross | 4.7 | 66 | St. Francis | 5.7 |
| 14 | Scott | 3.8 | 41 | Lincoln | 4.7 | 67 | Izard | 5.8 |
| 18 | Baxter | 3.9 | 41 | Montgomery | 4.7 | 68 | Drew | 5.9 |
| 18 | Franklin | 3.9 | 44 | Conway | 4.9 | 68 | Union | 5.9 |
| 20 | Greene | 4.0 | 44 | Crittenden | 4.9 | 70 | Jefferson | 6.1 |
| 21 | Cleveland | 4.1 | 44 | Lawrence | 4.9 | 71 | Ashley | 6.2 |
| 21 | Garland | 4.1 | 44 | White | 4.9 | 72 | Phillips | 6.7 |
| 21 | Lonoke | 4.1 | 48 | Clay | 5.0 | 73 | Mississippi | 6.9 |
| 21 | Marion | 4.1 | 48 | Desha | 5.0 | 74 | Jackson | 7.1 |
| 25 | Bradley | 4.3 | 48 | Searcy | 5.0 | 75 | Chicot | 7.7 |

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **LWDA CLF** | | **July 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June 2019**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July 2018**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) | 259,319 | 249,966 | 9,353 | 3.6 | 256,803 | 248,871 | 7,932 | 3.1 | 257,344 | 248,313 | 9,031 | 3.5 |
| City of Little Rock | 100,531 | 96,855 | 3,676 | 3.7 | 99,882 | 96,465 | 3,417 | 3.4 | 99,880 | 96,196 | 3,684 | 3.7 |
| Eastern | 47,131 | 44,660 | 2,471 | 5.2 | 47,427 | 45,152 | 2,275 | 4.8 | 47,280 | 44,781 | 2,499 | 5.3 |
| North Central | 93,668 | 88,989 | 4,679 | 5.0 | 96,262 | 91,890 | 4,372 | 4.5 | 93,093 | 88,551 | 4,542 | 4.9 |
| Northeast | 124,387 | 119,203 | 5,184 | 4.2 | 123,734 | 118,816 | 4,918 | 4.0 | 123,282 | 118,030 | 5,252 | 4.3 |
| Northwest | 333,357 | 323,643 | 9,714 | 2.9 | 331,888 | 323,083 | 8,805 | 2.7 | 326,464 | 316,139 | 10,325 | 3.2 |
| Southeast | 82,875 | 78,552 | 4,323 | 5.2 | 83,149 | 79,141 | 4,008 | 4.8 | 82,488 | 78,302 | 4,186 | 5.1 |
| Southwest | 92,426 | 87,836 | 4,590 | 5.0 | 94,345 | 90,074 | 4,271 | 4.5 | 92,496 | 87,597 | 4,899 | 5.3 |
| West Central | 133,656 | 127,411 | 6,245 | 4.7 | 134,890 | 129,207 | 5,683 | 4.2 | 133,058 | 126,613 | 6,445 | 4.8 |
| Western | 113,124 | 108,802 | 4,322 | 3.8 | 113,829 | 109,868 | 3,961 | 3.5 | 113,557 | 109,065 | 4,492 | 4.0 |



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