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Workforce Services



The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious 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 col- lected for production workers in manufactur- ing industries.

Industries are classi- fied according to the North American In- dustry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2020 benchmark.

**Explanation of Terms and Concepts**

**Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample sur- vey designed to pro- vide industry infor- mation on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bu- reau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Work- force Services. The data are based on establish- ment records and in- clude all workers, full- or part-time, who re- ceived pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas busi- ness establishments are surveyed.

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

A term applied by the

U.S. Office of Manage- ment 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 sur- vey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to pro- vide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conduct- ed each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The informa- tion is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the cal- endar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

**Civilian Labor Force**

The sum of all em- ployed and unem- ployed 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 work- ers 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 seek- ing work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

**Unemployment Rate**

The number of unem- ployed 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, ma- jor holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

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**July Spotlight**

# A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Between June and July, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates declined in 17 states and the District of Columbia. Jobless rates were unchanged in 33 states. In July, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in Nebraska to a high of 7.7 percent in Nevada. Arkansas ranked 19th, with a jobless rate of 4.3 percent. Thirty-one states, including Arkansas, posted jobless rates below the national rate of 5.4 percent.

Compared to July 2020, unemployment rates have declined in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The largest rate decrease over-the-year occurred in Nevada, down eight and nine-tenths of a percent- age point. The smallest rate declines were in Kentucky and Colorado, down one and two-tenths and one and three-tenths of a percentage point, respectively. Arkansas’ unemployment rate is down from

7.1 percent in July 2020.

**Rank State Rate**

1. Nebraska 2.3
2. Utah 2.6
3. New Hampshire 2.9

3 South Dakota 2.9

5 Idaho 3.0

5 Vermont 3.0

1. Alabama 3.2
2. Oklahoma 3.5
3. Montana 3.6
4. Georgia 3.7
5. Kansas 3.8
6. Minnesota 3.9

12 North Dakota 3.9

12 Wisconsin 3.9

15 Indiana 4.1

15 Iowa 4.1

17 Missouri 4.2

**Rank State Rate**

17 Virginia 4.2

**19 Arkansas 4.3**

19 South Carolina 4.3

21 Kentucky 4.4

21 North Carolina 4.4

1. Tennessee 4.7
2. Michigan 4.8
3. Maine 4.9

25 Massachusetts 4.9

1. West Virginia 5.0
2. Florida 5.1

28 Washington 5.1

30 Oregon 5.2

30 Wyoming 5.2

1. Ohio 5.4
2. Delaware 5.6
3. Rhode Island 5.8

**Rank State Rate**

1. Maryland 6.0
2. Colorado 6.1

36 Mississippi 6.1

1. Texas 6.2
2. Alaska 6.6

39 Arizona 6.6

39 Louisiana 6.6

39 Pennsylvania 6.6

1. District of Columbia 6.7
2. Illinois 7.1
3. Connecticut 7.3

45 Hawaii 7.3

45 New Jersey 7.3

48 California 7.6

48 New Mexico 7.6

48 New York 7.6

51 Nevada 7.7

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 5.4 Percent

**Washington**

**Idaho**

**Montana**

**North Dakota**

**South Dakota**

**Minnesota**

**Wisconsin**

**Michigan**

**Vermont**

**Maine**

**Oregon**

**Nevada**

**Utah**

**Wyoming**

**Nebraska**

**Iowa**

**Illinois Indiana**

**Ohio**

**New YorkNew Hampshire**

**Massachusetts PennsylvaniaNew Jersey**

**California**

**Colorado**

**Kansas**

**Oklahoma**

**Missouri**

**Arkansas**

**Kentucky Tennessee**

**West VirginiaMaryland Virginia**

**North Carolina**

**Arizona**

Continental U.S. Only

**New Mexico**

**Texas**

**South Carolina MississippiAlabama Georgia**

**Louisiana**

**Florida**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0%

> 9.0% [NONE]

**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 4.4 percent in June to 4.3 percent in July. Arkan- sas’ civilian labor force decreased 2,542, a result of 1,591 fewer employed and 951 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate dropped five-tenths of a percentage point, from 5.9 percent in June to 5.4 percent in July.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “The unemployment rate in Arkansas declined slightly in July, down to 4.3 percent. Arkansas’ jobless rate is down from 7.1 percent in July 2020 and there are 47,475 more employed Arkansans compared to this time last year.”

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,296,670 1,298,261 1,249,195 Employment 1,306,833 1,309,206 1,254,668

Unemployment 58,960 59,911 95,211 Unemployment 62,948 69,301 102,232

Unemployment Rate 4.3 4.4 7.1 Unemployment Rate 4.6 5.0 7.5

U.S. Unemployment 5.4 5.9 10.2 U.S. Unemployment 5.7 6.1 10.5

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** | **Jul 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,355,630 | 1,358,172 | 1,344,406 Civilian Labor Force | 1,369,781 | 1,378,507 | 1,356,900 |

160,000

**Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

July 2019 - July 2021

140,000

120,000

100,000

80,000

60,000

40,000

20,000

0

July '19

Jan '20

July '20

Jan '21

July '21

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Jul 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1256.9 | 1271.8 | 1208.1 | -14.9 | 48.8 |
| Goods Producing | 219.8 | 221.1 | 209.9 | -1.3 | 9.9 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 58.2 | 59.8 | 58.7 | -1.6 | -0.5 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.5** | **5.5** | **5.4** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Construction** | **52.7** | **54.3** | **53.3** | **-1.6** | **-0.6** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 33.1 | 34.6 | 33.9 | -1.5 | -0.8 |
| **Manufacturing** | **161.6** | **161.3** | **151.2** | **0.3** | **10.4** |
| Durable Goods | 82.7 | 82.3 | 70.8 | 0.4 | 11.9 |
| Nondurable Goods | 78.9 | 79.0 | 80.4 | -0.1 | -1.5 |
| Service Providing | 1037.1 | 1050.7 | 998.2 | -13.6 | 38.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **249.9** | **252.1** | **245.6** | **-2.2** | **4.3** |
| Wholesale Trade | 46.7 | 47.1 | 45.9 | -0.4 | 0.8 |
| Retail Trade | 137.9 | 138.9 | 135.5 | -1.0 | 2.4 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 65.3 | 66.1 | 64.2 | -0.8 | 1.1 |
| **Information** | **12.5** | **12.4** | **11.3** | **0.1** | **1.2** |
| **Financial Activities** | **67.3** | **66.2** | **63.9** | **1.1** | **3.4** |
| Finance & Insurance | 53.3 | 52.6 | 50.2 | 0.7 | 3.1 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 14.0 | 13.6 | 13.7 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **146.7** | **146.9** | **133.7** | **-0.2** | **13.0** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43.6 | 43.3 | 42.2 | 0.3 | 1.4 |
| Management of Companies | 34.5 | 34.0 | 33.5 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 68.6 | 69.6 | 58.0 | -1.0 | 10.6 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **186.7** | **187.7** | **180.7** | **-1.0** | **6.0** |
| Educational Services | 14.2 | 14.6 | 11.7 | -0.4 | 2.5 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 172.5 | 173.1 | 169.0 | -0.6 | 3.5 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 60.7 | 59.8 | 58.5 | 0.9 | 2.2 |
| Social Assistance | 35.9 | 36.5 | 35.5 | -0.6 | 0.4 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **115.6** | **116.5** | **105.8** | **-0.9** | **9.8** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 14.0 | 13.9 | 10.8 | 0.1 | 3.2 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 101.6 | 102.6 | 95.0 | -1.0 | 6.6 |
| Accommodation Services | 10.5 | 10.7 | 9.4 | -0.2 | 1.1 |
| Food Services | 91.1 | 91.9 | 85.6 | -0.8 | 5.5 |
| **Other Services** | **68.0** | **67.9** | **64.8** | **0.1** | **3.2** |
| **Government** | **190.4** | **201.0** | **192.4** | **-10.6** | **-2.0** |
| Federal Government | 20.6 | 20.6 | 20.8 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| State Government | 71.6 | 72.8 | 70.8 | -1.2 | 0.8 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 25.0 | 26.3 | 23.8 | -1.3 | 1.2 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.6 | 46.5 | 47.0 | 0.1 | -0.4 |
| Local Government | 98.2 | 107.6 | 100.8 | -9.4 | -2.6 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 53.5 | 63.1 | 57.1 | -9.6 | -3.6 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 44.7 | 44.5 | 43.7 | 0.2 | 1.0 |

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

**June 2021 - July 2021**

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas decreased 14,900 in July to total 1,256,900. Losses were posted in six major industry sectors, while four sectors added jobs. Employment in **government** fell 10,600. Most of the contraction occurred in local government-educational services (-9,600), as teachers and staff at public schools began summer break. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** declined 2,200. Loss- es were reported in all subsectors. **Construction** dropped 1,600, mostly in specialty trade contractors (-1,500). Jobs in **educational and health services** decreased 1,000, related in part to summer break at private schools and the seasonal closures of after school programs. Jobs in **financial services** increased 1,100, with gains in finance-insurance (+700) and real estate-rental-leasing (+400).

**July 2020 - July 2021**

Compared to July 2020, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll jobs rose 48,800. Nine major industry sectors re- ported job growth, with seven sectors adding 3,200 or more jobs, each. **Professional and business services** posted the largest increase, up 13,000. Most of the hiring was in administrative and support services (+10,600), which includes employment agencies. Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 10,400, all in durable goods manufacturing (+11,900). **Leisure and hospitality** added 9,800 jobs, with expansions across all subsectors. Jobs in **educational and health services** increased 6,000. Hiring occurred in both health care and social assistance (+3,500) and in educational services (+2,500). Notable gains were also posted in **trade-transportation-utilities** (+4,300), **financial activities** (+3,400), and **other services** (+3,200).

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

July: 2011 - 2021

150,000

145,000

140,000

135,000

130,000

125,000

120,000

115,000

110,000

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

**Manufacturing**

**Jul 21**

Average Weekly Hours 40.8

Average Hourly Earnings 20.10

Average Weekly Earnings 820.08

**Jun 21**

40.0

19.80

792.00

**Jul 20**

37.7

18.51

697.83

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Jul 21**

Average Weekly Hours 40.0

Average Hourly Earnings 21.63

Average Weekly Earnings 865.20

**Jun 21**

39.5

21.02

830.29

**Jul 20**

36.1

19.98

721.28

**Jul 21**

Average Weekly Hours 41.6

Average Hourly Earnings 18.55

Average Weekly Earnings 771.68

**Jun 21**

40.4

18.55

749.42

**Jul 20**

39.0

17.32

675.48

$900.00

**Average Weekly Earnings: Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods (Production Workers)**

July: 2011 - 2021

$800.00

$700.00

$600.00

$500.00

$400.00

$300.00

'11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

## 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 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 359,528 | 360,552 | 359,855 | -1,024 | -327 |
| **Employment** | 342,685 | 342,119 | 330,152 | 566 | 12,533 |
| **Unemployment** | 16,843 | 18,433 | 29,703 | -1,590 | -12,860 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.7 | 5.1 | 8.3 | -0.4 | -3.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jul 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 351.7 | 355.5 | 339.3 | -3.8 | 12.4 |
| **Goods Producing** 37.0 | 37.1 | 36.5 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 17.9** | **17.9** | **17.7** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Manufacturing 19.1** | **19.2** | **18.8** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Service Providing** 314.7 | 318.4 | 302.8 | -3.7 | 11.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 68.2** | **69.1** | **67.1** | **-0.9** | **1.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 15.3 | 15.3 | 15.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Retail Trade** 37.1 | 37.7 | 36.6 | -0.6 | 0.5 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 15.8 | 16.1 | 15.5 | -0.3 | 0.3 |
| **Information 5.2** | **5.3** | **5.1** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 23.5** | **23.5** | **22.2** | **0.0** | **1.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services 44.4** | **45.1** | **42.2** | **-0.7** | **2.2** |
| **Educational & Health Services 58.2** | **58.6** | **55.3** | **-0.4** | **2.9** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 32.4** | **31.7** | **28.7** | **0.7** | **3.7** |
| **Other Services 18.6** | **18.6** | **17.8** | **0.0** | **0.8** |
| **Government 64.2** | **66.5** | **64.4** | **-2.3** | **-0.2** |
| **Federal Government** 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.8 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **State Government** 32.7 | 33.0 | 32.6 | -0.3 | 0.1 |
| **Local Government** 21.8 | 23.8 | 22.0 | -2.0 | -0.2 |

355,000

**Number of Employed**

January 2019 - July 2021

350,000

345,000

340,000

335,000

330,000

325,000

320,000

315,000

310,000

305,000

300,000

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

2019 2020 2021

16,000

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Number of Unemployed** |  | **Jobs in Service Providing Industries** |
| July: 2011 - 202120,000  | 235,000 | July 2019 - July 2021  |
|  | 230,000 |   |

12,000

8,000

4,000

**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 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 298,005 | 295,768 | 284,860 | 2,237 | 13,145 |
| **Employment** | 288,438 | 284,895 | 268,769 | 3,543 | 19,669 |
| **Unemployment** | 9,567 | 10,873 | 16,091 | -1,306 | -6,524 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.2 | 3.7 | 5.6 | -0.5 | -2.4 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jul 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 271.9 | 272.1 | 253.5 | -0.2 | 18.4 |
| **Goods Producing** 45.5 | 45.2 | 43.2 | 0.3 | 2.3 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 14.0** | **13.8** | **13.2** | **0.2** | **0.8** |
| **Manufacturing 31.5** | **31.4** | **30.0** | **0.1** | **1.5** |
| **Service Providing** 226.4 | 226.9 | 210.3 | -0.5 | 16.1 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 58.6** | **58.9** | **55.9** | **-0.3** | **2.7** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 12.5 | 12.6 | 12.0 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Retail Trade** 27.7 | 27.9 | 26.0 | -0.2 | 1.7 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 18.4 | 18.4 | 17.9 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **Information 2.2** | **2.1** | **2.0** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Financial Activities 8.8** | **8.7** | **8.7** | **0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 53.8** | **52.6** | **49.5** | **1.2** | **4.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services 30.6** | **30.4** | **28.2** | **0.2** | **2.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 27.5** | **27.4** | **22.7** | **0.1** | **4.8** |
| **Other Services 10.0** | **10.0** | **9.6** | **0.0** | **0.4** |
| **Government 34.9** | **36.8** | **33.7** | **-1.9** | **1.2** |
| **Federal Government** 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 14.2 | 14.3 | 13.4 | -0.1 | 0.8 |
| **Local Government** 17.8 | 19.6 | 17.5 | -1.8 | 0.3 |

0

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 225,000 |   |
| 220,000 |   |
| 215,000 |   |
| 210,000 |   |
| 205,000 |   |
| 200,000 |   |
| 195,000 |   |

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190,000

July '19

Jan '20

July '20

Jan '21

July '21

**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 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 119,923 | 120,603 | 118,489 | -680 | 1,434 |
| **Employment** | 115,269 | 115,218 | 109,913 | 51 | 5,356 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,654 | 5,385 | 8,576 | -731 | -3,922 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9 | 4.5 | 7.2 | -0.6 | -3.3 |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jul 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 109.4 | 111.0 | 105.7 | -1.6 | 3.7 |
| **Goods Producing** 22.7 | 22.5 | 21.8 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.8** | **5.9** | **5.5** | **-0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Manufacturing 16.9** | **16.6** | **16.3** | **0.3** | **0.6** |
| **Service Providing** 86.7 | 88.5 | 83.9 | -1.8 | 2.8 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 23.3** | **23.6** | **22.8** | **-0.3** | **0.5** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| **Retail Trade** 11.8 | 12.0 | 12.3 | -0.2 | -0.5 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.9 | 7.0 | 6.4 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Information 1.1** | **1.1** | **1.1** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 3.8** | **3.8** | **3.7** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services 12.5** | **11.9** | **10.9** | **0.6** | **1.6** |
| **Educational & Health Services 16.7** | **16.6** | **16.4** | **0.1** | **0.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 9.4** | **9.5** | **8.9** | **-0.1** | **0.5** |
| **Other Services 4.7** | **4.7** | **4.5** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government 15.2** | **17.3** | **15.6** | **-2.1** | **-0.4** |
| **Federal Government** 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.7 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| **Local Government** 11.5 | 13.5 | 11.6 | -2.0 | -0.1 |

**Employment**

January 2019 - July 2021

118,000

**Jobs in Manufacturing**

July: 2011 - 2021

20,000

116,000 19,000

114,000

18,000

112,000

110,000

17,000

16,000

108,000

106,000

15,000

104,000

14,000

102,000

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2019 2020 2021

12,000

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**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 42,896 | 42,519 | 42,803 | 377 | 93 |
| **Employment** | 40,583 | 39,954 | 38,734 | 629 | 1,849 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,313 | 2,565 | 4,069 | -252 | -1,756 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.4 | 6.0 | 9.5 | -0.6 | -4.1 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 38.8 | 39.0 | 37.3 | -0.2 | 1.5 |
| 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| 34.2 | 34.3 | 32.7 | -0.1 | 1.5 |
| 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | -0.2 | -0.2 |

45,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs by Industry Type**

July: 2001 - 2021

40,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

0

'01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21

Goods Producing Service Providing

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 67,210 | 66,670 | 66,401 | 540 | 809 |
| **Employment** | 64,616 | 63,827 | 61,849 | 789 | 2,767 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,594 | 2,843 | 4,552 | -249 | -1,958 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.9 | 4.3 | 6.9 | -0.4 | -3.0 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 58.9 | 59.2 | 56.6 | -0.3 | 2.3 |
| 10.7 | 10.7 | 10.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| 48.2 | 48.5 | 46.4 | -0.3 | 1.8 |
| 7.7 | 8.0 | 8.1 | -0.3 | -0.4 |

66,000

**Number of Employed**

January 2019 - July 2021

65,000

64,000

63,000

62,000

61,000

60,000

59,000

58,000

57,000

56,000

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2019 2020 2021

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 34,812 | 34,966 | 34,760 | -154 | 52 |
| **Employment** | 32,483 | 32,473 | 31,536 | 10 | 947 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,329 | 2,493 | 3,224 | -164 | -895 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.7 | 7.1 | 9.3 | -0.4 | -2.6 |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.3 | 31.7 | 30.5 | -0.4 | 0.8 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 25.7 | 26.1 | 24.9 | -0.4 | 0.8 |
| 8.3 | 8.8 | 8.3 | -0.5 | 0.0 |

28,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

July 2018 - July 2021

27,500

27,000

26,500

26,000

25,500

25,000

24,500

24,000

23,500

23,000

July '18 Jan '19 July '19 Jan '20 July '20 Jan '21 July '21

**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 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 659,385 | 659,573 | 629,946 | -188 | 29,439 |
| **Employment** | 613,779 | 609,763 | 552,342 | 4,016 | 61,437 |
| **Unemployment** | 45,606 | 49,810 | 77,604 | -4,204 | -31,998 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 6.9 | 7.6 | 12.3 | -0.7 | -5.4 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 21** | **Jun 21** | **Jul 20** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,869 | 64,427 | 64,084 | -558 | -215 |
| **Employment** | 60,117 | 60,273 | 58,678 | -156 | 1,439 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,752 | 4,154 | 5,406 | -402 | -1,654 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.9 | 6.4 | 8.4 | -0.5 | -2.5 |

640,000

**Memphis MSA - Employment**

July 2019 - July 2021

9.0

**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**

July: 2011 - 2021

620,000 8.0

600,000 7.0

580,000

6.0

560,000

5.0

540,000

4.0

520,000

3.0

500,000

2.0

480,000

1.0

460,000

July '19

Jan '20

July '20

Jan '21

July '21

0.0

'11

'12

'13

'14

'15

'16

'17

'18

'19

'20

'21

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

**Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates**

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**July 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**June 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**July 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,748 | 8,216 | 532 | 6.1 | 8,854 | 8,258 | 596 | 6.7 | 9,034 | 8,324 | 710 | 7.9 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,445 | 15,647 | 798 | 4.9 | 16,996 | 16,137 | 859 | 5.1 | 16,353 | 15,268 | 1,085 | 6.6 |
| Blytheville Micro | 16,812 | 15,269 | 1,543 | 9.2 | 16,765 | 15,181 | 1,584 | 9.4 | 17,274 | 15,261 | 2,013 | 11.7 |
| Camden Micro | 12,139 | 11,614 | 525 | 4.3 | 12,536 | 11,955 | 581 | 4.6 | 12,137 | 11,271 | 866 | 7.1 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,299 | 14,207 | 1,092 | 7.1 | 15,849 | 14,679 | 1,170 | 7.4 | 15,573 | 13,969 | 1,604 | 10.3 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,797 | 7,245 | 552 | 7.1 | 7,950 | 7,362 | 588 | 7.4 | 8,031 | 7,255 | 776 | 9.7 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,611 | 17,944 | 667 | 3.6 | 19,260 | 18,511 | 749 | 3.9 | 18,388 | 17,273 | 1,115 | 6.1 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,931 | 5,418 | 513 | 8.6 | 6,171 | 5,606 | 565 | 9.2 | 6,293 | 5,579 | 714 | 11.3 |
| Hope Micro | 12,693 | 12,127 | 566 | 4.5 | 13,090 | 12,479 | 611 | 4.7 | 12,936 | 12,071 | 865 | 6.7 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,542 | 7,980 | 562 | 6.6 | 9,014 | 8,399 | 615 | 6.8 | 8,553 | 7,783 | 770 | 9.0 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,149 | 13,504 | 645 | 4.6 | 14,275 | 13,560 | 715 | 5.0 | 14,147 | 13,137 | 1,010 | 7.1 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,440 | 15,742 | 698 | 4.2 | 16,766 | 15,964 | 802 | 4.8 | 16,503 | 15,371 | 1,132 | 6.9 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,432 | 18,640 | 792 | 4.1 | 19,399 | 18,533 | 866 | 4.5 | 19,481 | 18,061 | 1,420 | 7.3 |
| Russellville Micro | 34,973 | 33,202 | 1,771 | 5.1 | 36,021 | 34,116 | 1,905 | 5.3 | 34,864 | 32,344 | 2,520 | 7.2 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,305 | 31,742 | 1,563 | 4.7 | 34,364 | 32,637 | 1,727 | 5.0 | 33,287 | 30,774 | 2,513 | 7.5 |

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**

**City**

**CLF**

**July 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**June 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**July 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 12,848 | 12,367 | 481 | 3.7 | 12,805 | 12,225 | 580 | 4.5 | 12,364 | 11,525 | 839 | 6.8 |
| Benton | 17,649 | 17,015 | 634 | 3.6 | 17,719 | 17,004 | 715 | 4.0 | 17,608 | 16,403 | 1,205 | 6.8 |
| Bentonville | 30,285 | 29,413 | 872 | 2.9 | 30,093 | 29,075 | 1,018 | 3.4 | 28,934 | 27,409 | 1,525 | 5.3 |
| Blytheville | 5,786 | 5,128 | 658 | 11.4 | 5,654 | 5,099 | 555 | 9.8 | 6,027 | 5,126 | 901 | 14.9 |
| Cabot | 12,045 | 11,611 | 434 | 3.6 | 11,997 | 11,526 | 471 | 3.9 | 12,012 | 11,144 | 868 | 7.2 |
| Conway | 34,639 | 33,206 | 1,433 | 4.1 | 34,620 | 33,110 | 1,510 | 4.4 | 34,334 | 31,961 | 2,373 | 6.9 |
| El Dorado | 6,700 | 6,128 | 572 | 8.5 | 6,922 | 6,331 | 591 | 8.5 | 6,904 | 6,025 | 879 | 12.7 |
| Fayetteville | 51,098 | 49,197 | 1,901 | 3.7 | 50,733 | 48,596 | 2,137 | 4.2 | 49,258 | 45,820 | 3,438 | 7.0 |
| Fort Smith | 39,271 | 37,731 | 1,540 | 3.9 | 39,572 | 37,758 | 1,814 | 4.6 | 39,179 | 36,324 | 2,855 | 7.3 |
| Hot Springs | 16,065 | 15,024 | 1,041 | 6.5 | 15,933 | 14,791 | 1,142 | 7.2 | 16,212 | 14,339 | 1,873 | 11.6 |
| Jacksonville | 11,877 | 11,039 | 838 | 7.1 | 11,884 | 11,037 | 847 | 7.1 | 11,927 | 10,646 | 1,281 | 10.7 |
| Jonesboro | 40,304 | 38,677 | 1,627 | 4.0 | 39,982 | 38,278 | 1,704 | 4.3 | 39,964 | 37,067 | 2,897 | 7.2 |
| Little Rock | 98,338 | 92,796 | 5,542 | 5.6 | 98,934 | 92,783 | 6,151 | 6.2 | 99,539 | 89,496 | 10,043 | 10.1 |
| North Little Rock | 30,331 | 28,454 | 1,877 | 6.2 | 30,350 | 28,450 | 1,900 | 6.3 | 30,840 | 27,442 | 3,398 | 11.0 |
| Paragould | 12,360 | 11,808 | 552 | 4.5 | 12,340 | 11,740 | 600 | 4.9 | 12,478 | 11,441 | 1,037 | 8.3 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,581 | 15,162 | 1,419 | 8.6 | 16,684 | 15,225 | 1,459 | 8.7 | 16,713 | 14,768 | 1,945 | 11.6 |
| Rogers | 37,875 | 36,817 | 1,058 | 2.8 | 37,624 | 36,395 | 1,229 | 3.3 | 36,309 | 34,309 | 2,000 | 5.5 |
| Russellville | 12,432 | 11,861 | 571 | 4.6 | 12,880 | 12,240 | 640 | 5.0 | 12,473 | 11,587 | 886 | 7.1 |
| Searcy | 10,089 | 9,630 | 459 | 4.5 | 10,418 | 9,902 | 516 | 5.0 | 10,052 | 9,336 | 716 | 7.1 |
| Sherwood | 16,212 | 15,510 | 702 | 4.3 | 16,256 | 15,508 | 748 | 4.6 | 16,191 | 14,959 | 1,232 | 7.6 |
| Springdale | 41,506 | 40,185 | 1,321 | 3.2 | 41,090 | 39,696 | 1,394 | 3.4 | 39,502 | 37,429 | 2,073 | 5.2 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,590 | 12,779 | 811 | 6.0 | 13,681 | 12,762 | 919 | 6.7 | 13,705 | 12,452 | 1,253 | 9.1 |
| Van Buren | 10,416 | 10,033 | 383 | 3.7 | 10,479 | 10,014 | 465 | 4.4 | 10,375 | 9,643 | 732 | 7.1 |
| West Memphis | 10,809 | 10,020 | 789 | 7.3 | 10,785 | 9,937 | 848 | 7.9 | 10,771 | 9,384 | 1,387 | 12.9 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **CLF** | **July 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July 2020****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,752 | 9,384 | 368 | 3.8 | 9,712 | 9,307 | 405 | 4.2 | 9,405 | 8,948 | 457 | 4.9 |
| Ashley | 6,855 | 6,249 | 606 | 8.8 | 7,086 | 6,434 | 652 | 9.2 | 7,092 | 6,271 | 821 | 11.6 |
| Baxter | 16,440 | 15,742 | 698 | 4.2 | 16,766 | 15,964 | 802 | 4.8 | 16,503 | 15,371 | 1,132 | 6.9 |
| Benton | 146,650 | 142,135 | 4,515 | 3.1 | 145,698 | 140,506 | 5,192 | 3.6 | 140,257 | 132,453 | 7,804 | 5.6 |
| Boone | 15,391 | 14,840 | 551 | 3.6 | 15,978 | 15,357 | 621 | 3.9 | 15,255 | 14,312 | 943 | 6.2 |
| Bradley | 4,066 | 3,833 | 233 | 5.7 | 4,278 | 4,014 | 264 | 6.2 | 4,216 | 3,913 | 303 | 7.2 |
| Calhoun | 2,419 | 2,331 | 88 | 3.6 | 2,473 | 2,365 | 108 | 4.4 | 2,381 | 2,242 | 139 | 5.8 |
| Carroll | 13,084 | 12,613 | 471 | 3.6 | 13,176 | 12,631 | 545 | 4.1 | 12,705 | 11,864 | 841 | 6.6 |
| Chicot | 3,210 | 2,908 | 302 | 9.4 | 3,192 | 2,870 | 322 | 10.1 | 3,285 | 2,873 | 412 | 12.5 |
| Clark | 8,748 | 8,216 | 532 | 6.1 | 8,854 | 8,258 | 596 | 6.7 | 9,034 | 8,324 | 710 | 7.9 |
| Clay | 5,431 | 5,183 | 248 | 4.6 | 5,423 | 5,155 | 268 | 4.9 | 5,444 | 5,048 | 396 | 7.3 |
| Cleburne | 9,146 | 8,696 | 450 | 4.9 | 9,381 | 8,863 | 518 | 5.5 | 9,278 | 8,512 | 766 | 8.3 |
| Cleveland | 3,236 | 3,097 | 139 | 4.3 | 3,217 | 3,053 | 164 | 5.1 | 3,194 | 2,976 | 218 | 6.8 |
| Columbia | 8,542 | 7,980 | 562 | 6.6 | 9,014 | 8,399 | 615 | 6.8 | 8,553 | 7,783 | 770 | 9.0 |
| Conway | 8,358 | 7,960 | 398 | 4.8 | 8,545 | 8,106 | 439 | 5.1 | 8,299 | 7,716 | 583 | 7.0 |
| Craighead | 56,998 | 54,839 | 2,159 | 3.8 | 56,609 | 54,273 | 2,336 | 4.1 | 56,439 | 52,556 | 3,883 | 6.9 |
| Crawford | 26,816 | 25,755 | 1,061 | 4.0 | 26,897 | 25,705 | 1,192 | 4.4 | 26,514 | 24,752 | 1,762 | 6.6 |
| Crittenden | 21,847 | 20,472 | 1,375 | 6.3 | 21,736 | 20,303 | 1,433 | 6.6 | 21,551 | 19,174 | 2,377 | 11.0 |
| Cross | 6,947 | 6,587 | 360 | 5.2 | 7,223 | 6,830 | 393 | 5.4 | 7,140 | 6,600 | 540 | 7.6 |
| Dallas | 2,856 | 2,717 | 139 | 4.9 | 2,906 | 2,754 | 152 | 5.2 | 2,850 | 2,672 | 178 | 6.2 |
| Desha | 5,012 | 4,648 | 364 | 7.3 | 5,130 | 4,757 | 373 | 7.3 | 5,169 | 4,673 | 496 | 9.6 |
| Drew | 7,448 | 7,008 | 440 | 5.9 | 7,592 | 7,102 | 490 | 6.5 | 7,483 | 6,872 | 611 | 8.2 |
| Faulkner | 62,786 | 60,290 | 2,496 | 4.0 | 62,855 | 60,115 | 2,740 | 4.4 | 62,141 | 58,029 | 4,112 | 6.6 |
| Franklin | 7,345 | 7,024 | 321 | 4.4 | 7,457 | 7,114 | 343 | 4.6 | 7,384 | 6,869 | 515 | 7.0 |
| Fulton | 4,907 | 4,698 | 209 | 4.3 | 5,090 | 4,849 | 241 | 4.7 | 4,821 | 4,522 | 299 | 6.2 |
| Garland | 42,896 | 40,583 | 2,313 | 5.4 | 42,519 | 39,954 | 2,565 | 6.0 | 42,803 | 38,734 | 4,069 | 9.5 |
| Grant | 8,337 | 8,035 | 302 | 3.6 | 8,352 | 7,998 | 354 | 4.2 | 8,264 | 7,730 | 534 | 6.5 |
| Greene | 19,432 | 18,640 | 792 | 4.1 | 19,399 | 18,533 | 866 | 4.5 | 19,481 | 18,061 | 1,420 | 7.3 |
| Hempstead | 9,268 | 8,876 | 392 | 4.2 | 9,542 | 9,115 | 427 | 4.5 | 9,411 | 8,823 | 588 | 6.2 |
| Hot Spring | 14,149 | 13,504 | 645 | 4.6 | 14,275 | 13,560 | 715 | 5.0 | 14,147 | 13,137 | 1,010 | 7.1 |
| Howard | 5,571 | 5,356 | 215 | 3.9 | 5,686 | 5,460 | 226 | 4.0 | 5,478 | 5,134 | 344 | 6.3 |
| Independence | 16,445 | 15,647 | 798 | 4.9 | 16,996 | 16,137 | 859 | 5.1 | 16,353 | 15,268 | 1,085 | 6.6 |
| Izard | 4,355 | 4,089 | 266 | 6.1 | 4,474 | 4,170 | 304 | 6.8 | 4,448 | 4,002 | 446 | 10.0 |
| Jackson | 5,656 | 5,322 | 334 | 5.9 | 5,768 | 5,395 | 373 | 6.5 | 5,823 | 5,344 | 479 | 8.2 |
| Jefferson | 27,648 | 25,660 | 1,988 | 7.2 | 27,873 | 25,766 | 2,107 | 7.6 | 27,742 | 24,993 | 2,749 | 9.9 |
| Johnson | 9,589 | 8,991 | 598 | 6.2 | 9,987 | 9,359 | 628 | 6.3 | 9,789 | 8,972 | 817 | 8.3 |
| Lafayette | 2,338 | 2,182 | 156 | 6.7 | 2,388 | 2,213 | 175 | 7.3 | 2,370 | 2,153 | 217 | 9.2 |
| Lawrence | 6,522 | 6,163 | 359 | 5.5 | 6,688 | 6,301 | 387 | 5.8 | 6,431 | 5,921 | 510 | 7.9 |
| Lee | 2,692 | 2,532 | 160 | 5.9 | 2,662 | 2,484 | 178 | 6.7 | 2,851 | 2,595 | 256 | 9.0 |
| Lincoln | 3,928 | 3,726 | 202 | 5.1 | 3,876 | 3,654 | 222 | 5.7 | 3,824 | 3,567 | 257 | 6.7 |
| Little River | 5,444 | 5,175 | 269 | 4.9 | 5,498 | 5,193 | 305 | 5.5 | 5,488 | 5,064 | 424 | 7.7 |
| Logan | 8,554 | 8,145 | 409 | 4.8 | 8,738 | 8,277 | 461 | 5.3 | 8,514 | 7,814 | 700 | 8.2 |
| Lonoke | 34,068 | 32,782 | 1,286 | 3.8 | 33,958 | 32,542 | 1,416 | 4.2 | 33,820 | 31,464 | 2,356 | 7.0 |
| Madison | 7,909 | 7,628 | 281 | 3.6 | 7,701 | 7,381 | 320 | 4.2 | 7,368 | 7,024 | 344 | 4.7 |
| Marion | 6,238 | 5,940 | 298 | 4.8 | 6,355 | 6,021 | 334 | 5.3 | 6,240 | 5,753 | 487 | 7.8 |
| Miller | 19,743 | 18,650 | 1,093 | 5.5 | 19,829 | 18,625 | 1,204 | 6.1 | 19,809 | 18,172 | 1,637 | 8.3 |

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**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **County** | **CLF** | **July 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June 2021****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July 2020****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 16,812 | 15,269 | 1,543 | 9.2 | 16,765 | 15,181 | 1,584 | 9.4 | 17,274 | 15,261 | 2,013 | 11.7 |
| Monroe | 2,653 | 2,488 | 165 | 6.2 | 2,689 | 2,510 | 179 | 6.7 | 2,688 | 2,462 | 226 | 8.4 |
| Montgomery | 3,086 | 2,926 | 160 | 5.2 | 3,084 | 2,907 | 177 | 5.7 | 3,009 | 2,765 | 244 | 8.1 |
| Nevada | 3,425 | 3,251 | 174 | 5.1 | 3,548 | 3,364 | 184 | 5.2 | 3,525 | 3,248 | 277 | 7.9 |
| Newton | 3,220 | 3,104 | 116 | 3.6 | 3,282 | 3,154 | 128 | 3.9 | 3,133 | 2,961 | 172 | 5.5 |
| Ouachita | 9,720 | 9,283 | 437 | 4.5 | 10,063 | 9,590 | 473 | 4.7 | 9,756 | 9,029 | 727 | 7.5 |
| Perry | 4,313 | 4,118 | 195 | 4.5 | 4,287 | 4,064 | 223 | 5.2 | 4,205 | 3,935 | 270 | 6.4 |
| Phillips | 5,931 | 5,418 | 513 | 8.6 | 6,171 | 5,606 | 565 | 9.2 | 6,293 | 5,579 | 714 | 11.3 |
| Pike | 4,318 | 4,113 | 205 | 4.7 | 4,459 | 4,218 | 241 | 5.4 | 4,200 | 3,897 | 303 | 7.2 |
| Poinsett | 10,212 | 9,777 | 435 | 4.3 | 10,061 | 9,554 | 507 | 5.0 | 9,962 | 9,293 | 669 | 6.7 |
| Polk | 7,828 | 7,406 | 422 | 5.4 | 7,995 | 7,540 | 455 | 5.7 | 7,844 | 7,223 | 621 | 7.9 |
| Pope | 27,068 | 25,672 | 1,396 | 5.2 | 27,969 | 26,492 | 1,477 | 5.3 | 27,112 | 25,078 | 2,034 | 7.5 |
| Prairie | 3,560 | 3,419 | 141 | 4.0 | 3,617 | 3,449 | 168 | 4.6 | 3,490 | 3,262 | 228 | 6.5 |
| Pulaski | 190,929 | 180,433 | 10,496 | 5.5 | 191,757 | 180,409 | 11,348 | 5.9 | 192,608 | 174,017 | 18,591 | 9.7 |
| Randolph | 7,469 | 7,125 | 344 | 4.6 | 7,504 | 7,122 | 382 | 5.1 | 7,433 | 6,905 | 528 | 7.1 |
| St. Francis | 7,797 | 7,245 | 552 | 7.1 | 7,950 | 7,362 | 588 | 7.4 | 8,031 | 7,255 | 776 | 9.7 |
| Saline | 59,095 | 57,027 | 2,068 | 3.5 | 59,343 | 56,991 | 2,352 | 4.0 | 58,817 | 54,977 | 3,840 | 6.5 |
| Scott | 4,249 | 4,081 | 168 | 4.0 | 4,361 | 4,173 | 188 | 4.3 | 4,221 | 3,985 | 236 | 5.6 |
| Searcy | 2,934 | 2,782 | 152 | 5.2 | 3,098 | 2,937 | 161 | 5.2 | 2,881 | 2,677 | 204 | 7.1 |
| Sebastian | 56,650 | 54,376 | 2,274 | 4.0 | 57,020 | 54,415 | 2,605 | 4.6 | 56,351 | 52,348 | 4,003 | 7.1 |
| Sevier | 5,552 | 5,266 | 286 | 5.2 | 5,555 | 5,236 | 319 | 5.7 | 5,508 | 5,147 | 361 | 6.6 |
| Sharp | 5,648 | 5,324 | 324 | 5.7 | 5,831 | 5,477 | 354 | 6.1 | 5,633 | 5,157 | 476 | 8.5 |
| Stone | 4,749 | 4,492 | 257 | 5.4 | 4,791 | 4,499 | 292 | 6.1 | 4,585 | 4,217 | 368 | 8.0 |
| Union | 15,299 | 14,207 | 1,092 | 7.1 | 15,849 | 14,679 | 1,170 | 7.4 | 15,573 | 13,969 | 1,604 | 10.3 |
| Van Buren | 5,877 | 5,565 | 312 | 5.3 | 6,082 | 5,719 | 363 | 6.0 | 5,712 | 5,263 | 449 | 7.9 |
| Washington | 132,372 | 127,991 | 4,381 | 3.3 | 131,278 | 126,427 | 4,851 | 3.7 | 126,510 | 119,206 | 7,304 | 5.8 |
| White | 33,305 | 31,742 | 1,563 | 4.7 | 34,364 | 32,637 | 1,727 | 5.0 | 33,287 | 30,774 | 2,513 | 7.5 |
| Woodruff | 2,736 | 2,572 | 164 | 6.0 | 2,828 | 2,647 | 181 | 6.4 | 2,653 | 2,462 | 191 | 7.2 |
| Yell | 7,905 | 7,530 | 375 | 4.7 | 8,052 | 7,624 | 428 | 5.3 | 7,752 | 7,266 | 486 | 6.3 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Between June and July, unemployment rates declined in 73 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates in two counties were unchanged. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 3.1 percent in Benton County to a high of 9.4 percent in Chicot County.

In July, eight counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is down slightly from nine counties at or above seven percent last month. Eighteen counties reported jobless rates at or below four percent, up from 6 counties at or below four percent in June.

Compared to July 2020, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rate declines ranged from a one and one-tenth of a percentage point decrease in Arkansas and Madison coun- ties to as much as a four and seven-tenths of a percentage point drop in Crittenden County.

**County Unemployment Rates**

**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone Marion**

**Baxter**

**Fulton**

**Randolph**

**Clay**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Newton**

**Lawrence**

**Greene**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Craighead**

**Crawford**

**Independence**

**Mississippi**

**Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson**

**Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**White**

**Cross**

**Faulkner**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Sevier**

**Howard Pike**

**Clark**

**Dallas Cleveland Lincoln**

**Desha**

**Little River HempsteadNevada**

**Ouachita Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Miller**

**Lafayette**

**Bradley**

**Columbia**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Chicot**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% [NONE] 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

7.1% - 9.0%

> 9.0%

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

July 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County**

1. Benton
2. Washington
3. Saline
4. Boone

4 Calhoun

4 Carroll

4 Grant

4 Madison

4 Newton

10 Arkansas

10 Craighead

10 Lonoke

1. Howard
2. Crawford

14 Faulkner

14 Prairie

14 Scott

14 Sebastian

1. Greene
2. Baxter

20 Hempstead

22 Cleveland

22 Fulton

22 Poinsett

25 Franklin

**Rate**

3.1

3.3

3.5

3.6

3.6

3.6

3.6

3.6

3.6

3.8

3.8

3.8

3.9

4.0

4.0

4.0

4.0

4.0

4.1

4.2

4.2

4.3

4.3

4.3

4.4

**Rank County Rate**

26 Ouachita 4.5

26 Perry 4.5

28 Clay 4.6

28 Hot Spring 4.6

28 Randolph 4.6

31 Pike 4.7

31 White 4.7

31 Yell 4.7

34 Conway 4.8

34 Logan 4.8

34 Marion 4.8

37 Cleburne 4.9

37 Dallas 4.9

37 Independence 4.9

37 Little River 4.9

41 Lincoln 5.1

41 Nevada 5.1

43 Cross 5.2

43 Montgomery 5.2

43 Pope 5.2

43 Searcy 5.2

43 Sevier 5.2

1. Van Buren 5.3
2. Garland 5.4

49 Polk 5.4

**Rank County**

49 Stone

52 Lawrence

52 Miller

52 Pulaski

55 Bradley

55 Sharp

57 Drew

57 Jackson

57 Lee

1. Woodruff
2. Clark

61 Izard

63 Johnson

63 Monroe

1. Crittenden
2. Columbia
3. Lafayette
4. St. Francis

68 Union

1. Jefferson
2. Desha
3. Phillips
4. Ashley
5. Mississippi
6. Chicot

**Rate**

5.4

5.5

5.5

5.5

5.7

5.7

5.9

5.9

5.9

6.0

6.1

6.1

6.2

6.2

6.3

6.6

6.7

7.1

7.1

7.2

7.3

8.6

8.8

9.2

9.4

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



**LWDA**

**CLF**

**July 2021**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**June 2021**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**July 2020**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 254,753 243,643

City of Little Rock 98,338 92,796

Eastern 45,214 42,254

North Central 92,824 88,147

Northeast 122,876 116,996

Northwest 344,238 332,775

Southeast 79,492 74,548

Southwest 90,177 85,274

West Central 130,430 123,613

Western 111,442 106,787

11,110 4.4

5,542 5.6

2,960 6.5

4,677 5.0

5,880 4.8

11,463 3.3

4,944 6.2

4,903 5.4

6,817 5.2

4,655 4.2

255,285 243,233 12,052 4.7

98,934 92,783 6,151 6.2

45,742 42,585 3,157 6.9

95,605 90,393 5,212 5.5

122,449 116,119 6,330 5.2

343,332 330,378 12,954 3.8

80,308 74,955 5,353 6.7

92,351 86,993 5,358 5.8

132,031 124,542 7,489 5.7

112,468 107,224 5,244 4.7

254,025 234,715 19,310 7.6

99,539 89,496 10,043 10.1

45,866 41,203 4,663 10.2

92,593 85,521 7,072 7.6

122,464 113,045 9,419 7.7

330,852 311,621 19,231 5.8

79,674 72,816 6,858 8.6

90,702 83,436 7,266 8.0

130,350 119,824 10,526 8.1

110,828 102,991 7,837 7.1