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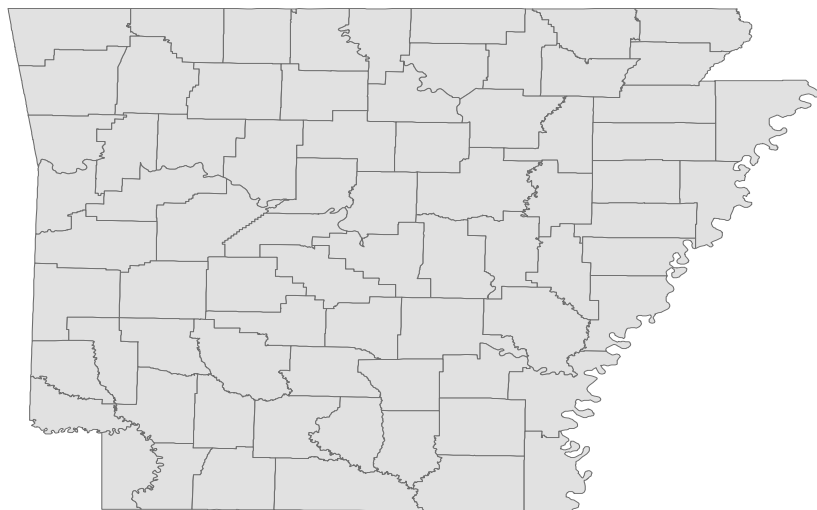
## Labor Market Report

July 2016



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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 data are 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 2015 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 Area (MSA)**

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 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 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.

### 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.

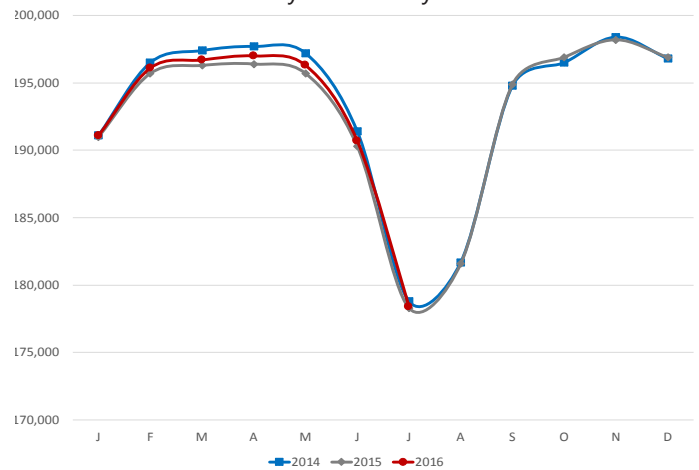
Education is one of the most obvious examples of seasonal employment. Most of Arkansas’ public schools and universities are scheduled to operate from August to May. Chart 1 shows how state and local government employment is affected by the operation schedule of public schools. Note that the number of 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, employment 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 educational 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 facilities in Arkansas are only open during the summer months—water and amusement parks 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 June, and then typically declines slowly throughout the second half of the year.

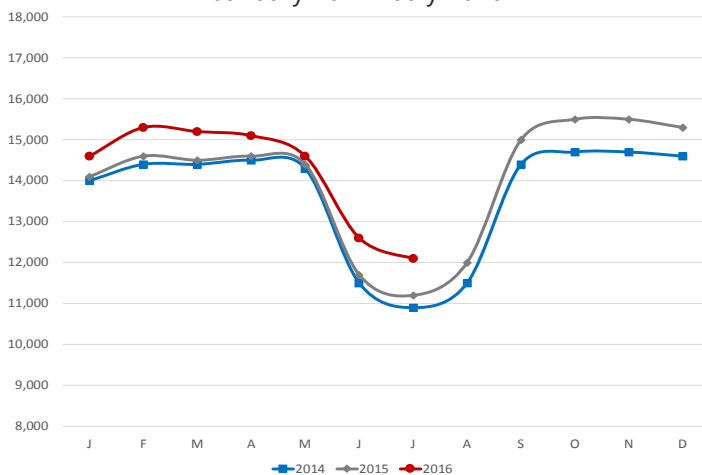
**Chart 1. Jobs in State and Local Government**

January 2014 - July 2016



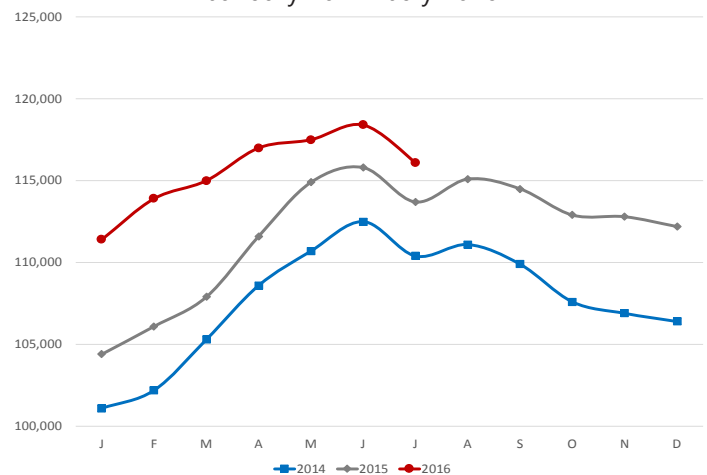
**Chart 2. Jobs in Educational Services**

January 2014 - July 2016



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

January 2014 - July 2016



### 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 Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was stable at 3.9 percent in July (due to the upward revision of the June rate from 3.8 percent to 3.9 percent). Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 2,430, a result of 2,700 fewer employed and 270 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate was unchanged in July, remaining at 4.9 percent.

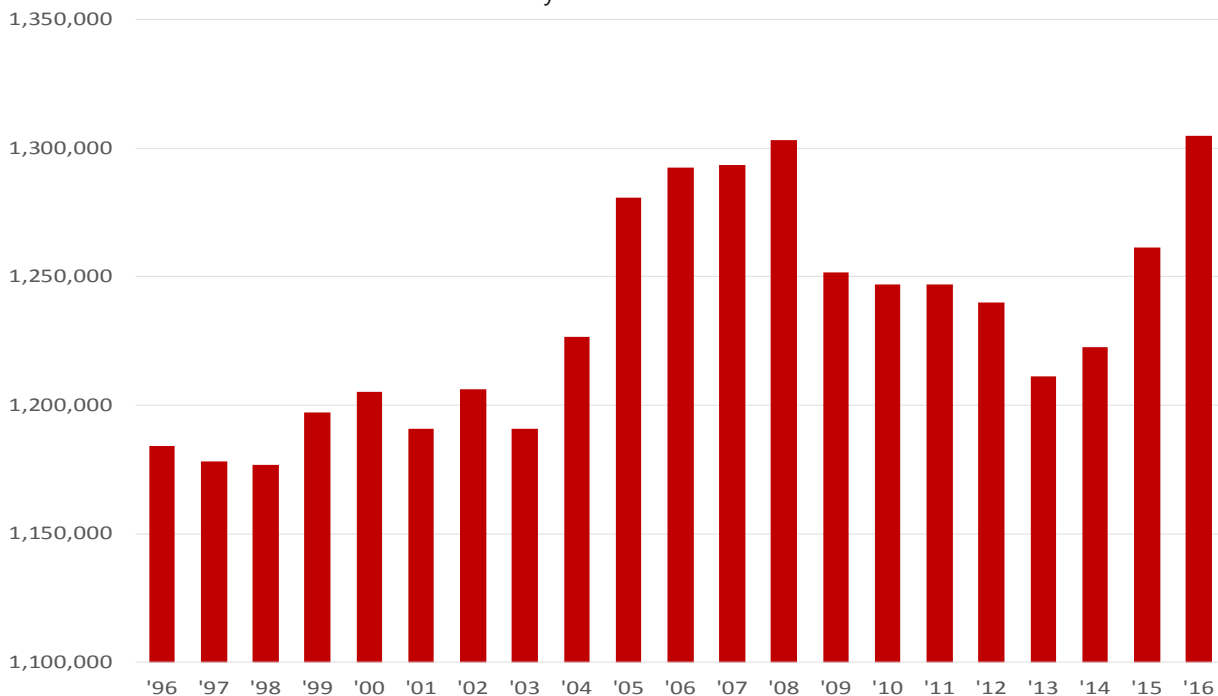
BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' jobless rate remained stable between June and July, mirroring the trend seen at the national level. Compared to July 2015, the unemployment rate is down one and three-tenths of a percentage point."

#### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	July 16	June 16	July 15		July 16	June 16	July 15
Civilian Labor Force	1,357,310	1,359,740	1,330,447	Civilian Labor Force	1,368,849	1,372,829	1,348,400
Employment	1,304,601	1,307,301	1,261,457	Employment	1,310,029	1,314,532	1,272,567
Unemployment	52,709	52,439	68,990	Unemployment	58,820	58,297	75,833
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.9	5.2	Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.2	5.6
U.S. Unemployment	4.9	4.9	5.3	U.S. Unemployment	5.1	5.1	5.6

#### Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)

July: 1996 - 2016



# State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>July 16</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>July 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1215.0	1231.7	1193.7	-16.7	21.3
Goods Producing	211.2	210.8	213.7	0.4	-2.5
Mining, Logging, and Construction	57.5	56.2	58.7	1.3	-1.2
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.4	32.8	31.8	0.6	1.6
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>153.7</b>	<b>154.6</b>	<b>155.0</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
Durable Goods	73.6	73.7	76.0	-0.1	-2.4
Nondurable Goods	80.1	80.9	79.0	-0.8	1.1
Service Providing	1003.8	1020.9	980.0	-17.1	23.8
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>255.9</b>	<b>258.2</b>	<b>251.9</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Wholesale Trade	48.8	49.3	47.6	-0.5	1.2
Retail Trade	143.4	144.8	140.4	-1.4	3.0
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	63.7	64.1	63.9	-0.4	-0.2
<b>Information</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Finance & Insurance	36.8	36.4	36.2	0.4	0.6
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.2	13.1	13.4	0.1	-0.2
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>145.3</b>	<b>145.3</b>	<b>136.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9.1</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.8	43.3	41.0	0.5	2.8
Management of Companies	35.1	35.2	33.6	-0.1	1.5
Administrative & Support Services	66.4	66.8	61.6	-0.4	4.8
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>178.5</b>	<b>179.1</b>	<b>171.9</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>
Educational Services	12.1	12.6	11.2	-0.5	0.9
Health Care & Social Assistance	166.4	166.5	160.7	-0.1	5.7
Ambulatory Health Care	53.0	52.9	51.2	0.1	1.8
Social Assistance	39.0	39.6	37.7	-0.6	1.3
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>116.1</b>	<b>118.4</b>	<b>113.7</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12.4	12.8	12.3	-0.4	0.1
Accommodation & Food Services	103.7	105.6	101.4	-1.9	2.3
Accommodation Services	12.4	12.5	11.9	-0.1	0.5
Food Services	91.3	93.1	89.5	-1.8	1.8
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>199.0</b>	<b>211.3</b>	<b>198.7</b>	<b>-12.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Federal Government	20.6	20.6	20.4	0.0	0.2
State Government	73.4	75.1	72.9	-1.7	0.5
Local Government	105.0	115.6	105.4	-10.6	-0.4

## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

### June 2016 - July 2016

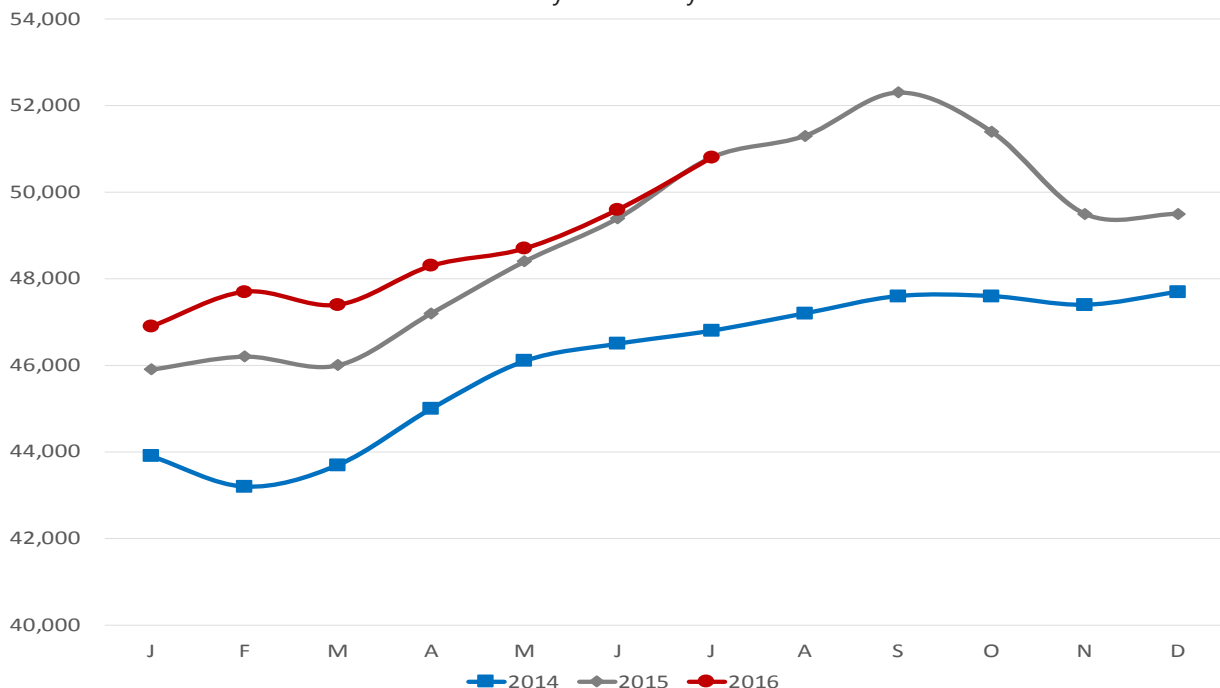
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas declined 16,700 in July to total 1,215,000. Six major industry sectors decreased, more than offsetting gains in three sectors. **Government** posted the largest drop (-12,300). Seasonal losses occurred in local (-10,600) and state (-1,700) government, related to summer break at public schools. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** declined 2,300. A majority of the decrease was in retail trade (-1,400), attributed to reported losses at various retail establishments. Employment in **leisure and hospitality** is down 2,300. Most of the contraction occurred in food services (-1,800), related in part to temporary shutdowns in school cafeterias and contract services. **Construction** added 1,200 jobs, related to seasonal hiring and on-going large-scale projects.

### July 2015 - July 2016

Compared to July 2015, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs increased 21,300. Growth was reported in eight major industry sectors, while two decreased. **Professional and business services** added 9,100 jobs. Gains occurred in all three subsectors. Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 6,600. Most of the growth was reported in health care and social assistance (+5,700), an on-going employment trend. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 4,000, mostly in retail trade (+3,000). **Leisure and hospitality** added 2,400 jobs. A majority of the growth occurred in food services (+1,800). Jobs in **manufacturing** declined 1,300. Losses in durable goods (-2,400) more than offset gains in nondurable goods (+1,100). **Mining and logging** lost 1,200 jobs, attributed to recent layoffs and closures.

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

January 2014 - July 2016



## Labor Market Report

# State of Arkansas

## Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

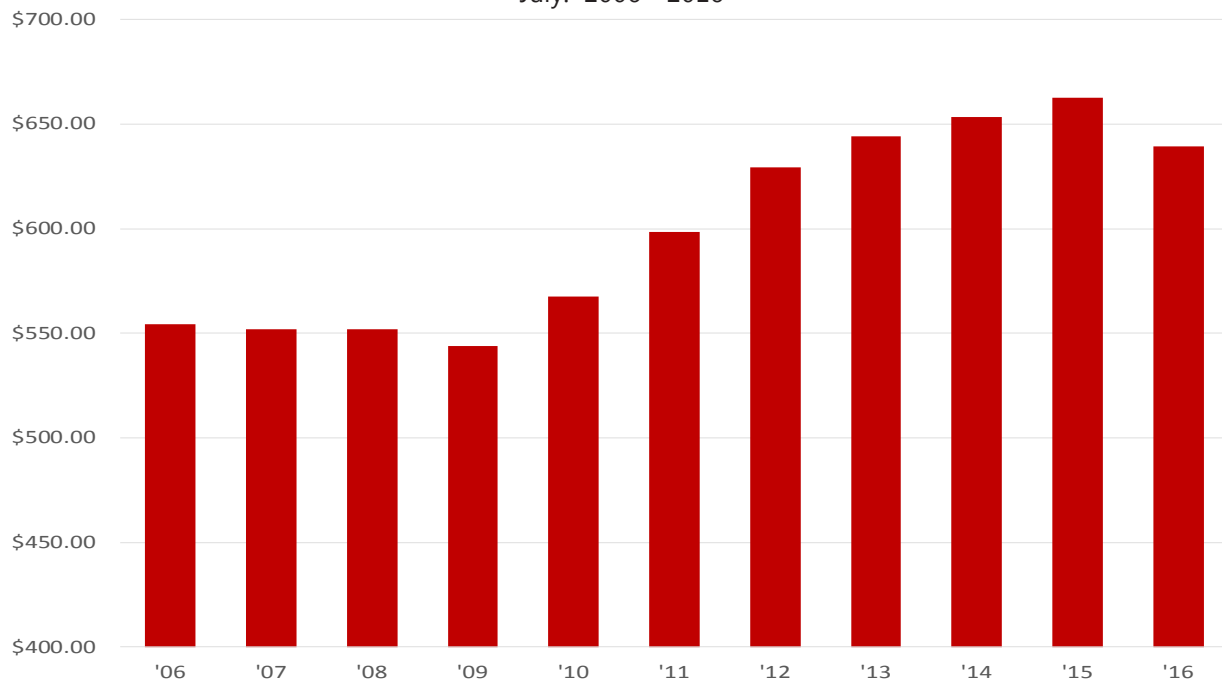
	<u>July 16</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>July 15</u>
Average Weekly Hours	40.6	41.5	41.1
Average Hourly Earnings	15.75	15.85	16.12
Average Weekly Earnings	639.45	657.78	662.53

### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>July 16</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>July 15</u>		<u>July 16</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>July 15</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.0	41.9	40.2	Average Weekly Hours	40.2	41.2	42.0
Average Hourly Earnings	17.66	17.59	17.59	Average Hourly Earnings	13.93	14.22	14.78
Average Weekly Earnings	724.06	737.02	707.12	Average Weekly Earnings	559.99	585.86	620.76

### Average Weekly Earnings: Manufacturing Jobs

July: 2006 - 2016



## Labor Market Report

# 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)

	<b>July 16</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	363,643	359,131	357,313	4,512	6,330
Employment	349,933	345,687	339,520	4,246	10,413
Unemployment	13,710	13,444	17,793	266	-4,083
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.7	5.0	0.1	-1.2

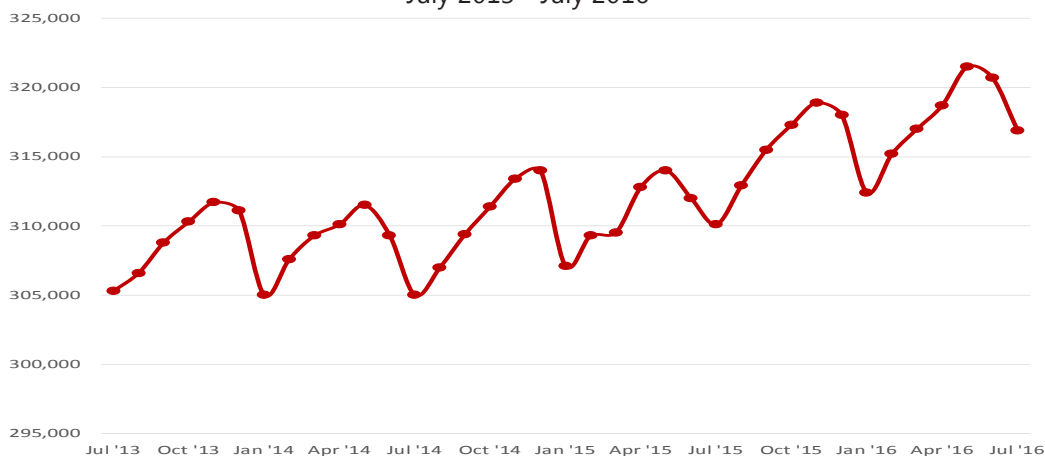
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	353.8	357.6	347.9	-3.8	5.9
Goods Producing	36.9	36.9	37.8	0.0	-0.9
Mining, Logging & Construction	16.5	16.5	17.4	0.0	-0.9
Manufacturing	20.4	20.4	20.4	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	316.9	320.7	310.1	-3.8	6.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	69.9	70.8	68.5	-0.9	1.4
Wholesale Trade	15.3	15.3	15.3	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	39.8	40.6	38.7	-0.8	1.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	14.8	14.9	14.5	-0.1	0.3
Information	6.2	6.3	6.6	-0.1	-0.4
Financial Activities	20.8	20.8	20.7	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	48.8	48.9	45.9	-0.1	2.9
Educational & Health Services	53.1	53.2	51.3	-0.1	1.8
Leisure & Hospitality	34.3	34.8	33.6	-0.5	0.7
Other Services	15.6	15.6	15.6	0.0	0.0
Government	68.2	70.3	67.9	-2.1	0.3
Federal Government	9.8	9.8	9.6	0.0	0.2
State Government	33.5	33.7	33.2	-0.2	0.3
Local Government	24.9	26.8	25.1	-1.9	-0.2

### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

July 2013 - July 2016





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# Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA= Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas & McDonald county in Missouri.

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

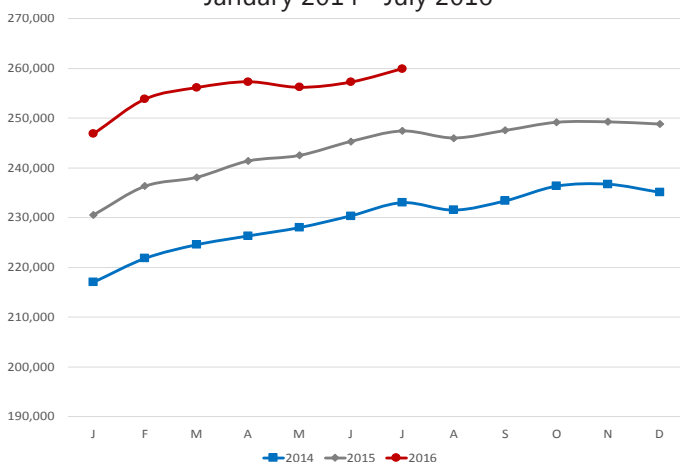
	<b>July 16</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	268,365	265,603	257,991	2,762	10,374
Employment	259,942	257,241	247,407	2,701	12,535
Unemployment	8,423	8,362	10,584	61	-2,161
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.1	4.1	0.0	-1.0

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

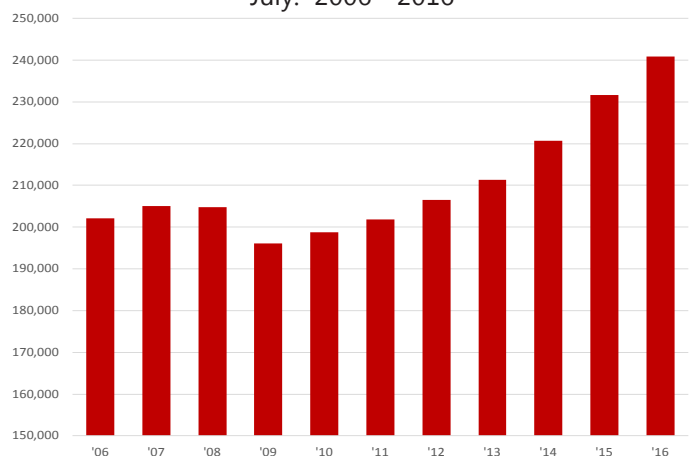
(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	240.9	243.4	231.6	-2.5	9.3
Goods Producing	37.0	36.7	37.2	0.3	-0.2
Mining, Logging & Construction	10.6	10.4	10.0	0.2	0.6
Manufacturing	26.4	26.3	27.2	0.1	-0.8
Service Providing	203.9	206.7	194.4	-2.8	9.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	55.3	55.4	53.6	-0.1	1.7
Wholesale Trade	12.3	12.3	11.8	0.0	0.5
Retail Trade	26.6	26.6	25.8	0.0	0.8
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.4	16.5	16.0	-0.1	0.4
Information	2.1	2.0	2.0	0.1	0.1
Financial Activities	7.0	7.0	6.9	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	50.9	51.0	46.7	-0.1	4.2
Educational & Health Services	26.1	26.2	25.1	-0.1	1.0
Leisure & Hospitality	24.5	24.9	23.3	-0.4	1.2
Other Services	7.4	7.4	7.2	0.0	0.2
Government	30.6	32.8	29.6	-2.2	1.0
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
State Government	11.2	11.5	10.5	-0.3	0.7
Local Government	16.8	18.7	16.5	-1.9	0.3

**Number of Employed**  
January 2014 - July 2016



**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
July: 2006 - 2016



## Labor Market Report

# 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)

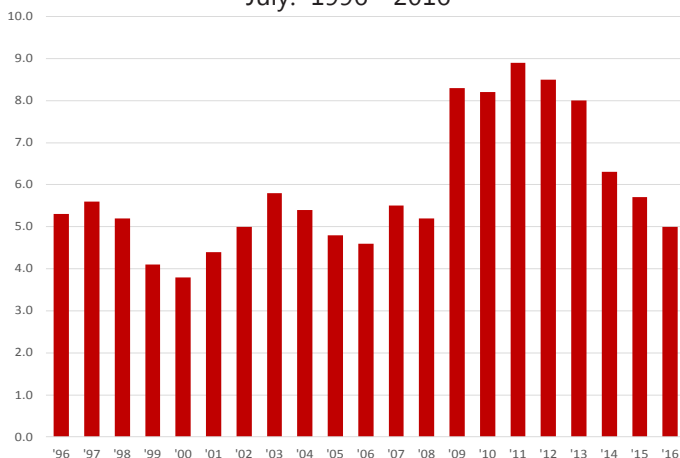
	<u>July 16</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>July 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	123,059	122,835	122,642	224	417
Employment	116,962	116,729	115,621	233	1,341
Unemployment	6,097	6,106	7,021	-9	-924
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.0	5.7	0.0	-0.7

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

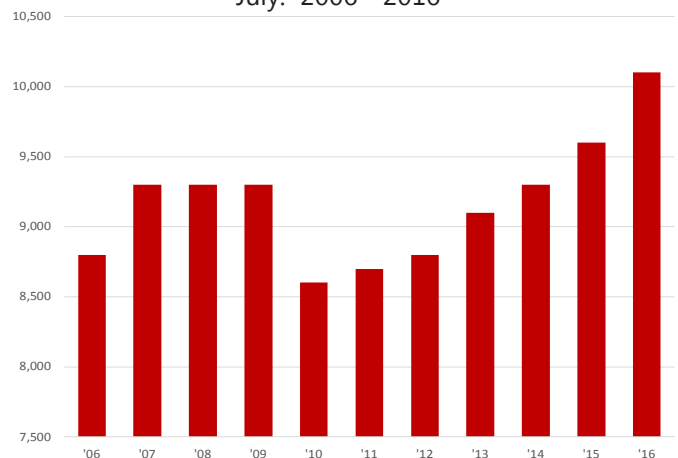
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>July 16</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>July 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	112.1	114.0	111.0	-1.9	1.1
Goods Producing	23.8	23.5	23.8	0.3	0.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.8	5.8	6.1	0.0	-0.3
Manufacturing	18.0	17.7	17.7	0.3	0.3
Service Providing	88.3	90.5	87.2	-2.2	1.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.7	24.1	23.7	-0.4	0.0
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.4	4.2	-0.2	0.0
Retail Trade	12.9	13.1	12.7	-0.2	0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.6	6.6	6.8	0.0	-0.2
Information	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.7	3.7	3.8	0.0	-0.1
Professional & Business Services	12.1	12.1	12.1	0.0	0.0
Educational & Health Services	16.7	16.7	16.5	0.0	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	10.1	9.8	9.6	0.3	0.5
Other Services	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
Government	16.4	18.5	15.9	-2.1	0.5
Federal Government	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
State Government	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
Local Government	12.1	14.2	11.7	-2.1	0.4

**Unemployment Rates**  
July: 1996 - 2016



**Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality**  
July: 2006 - 2016



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# Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

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

	<u>July 16</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>July 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	42,413	41,840	41,535	573	878
Employment	40,489	39,975	39,045	514	1,444
Unemployment	1,924	1,865	2,490	59	-566
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.5	6.0	0.0	-1.5

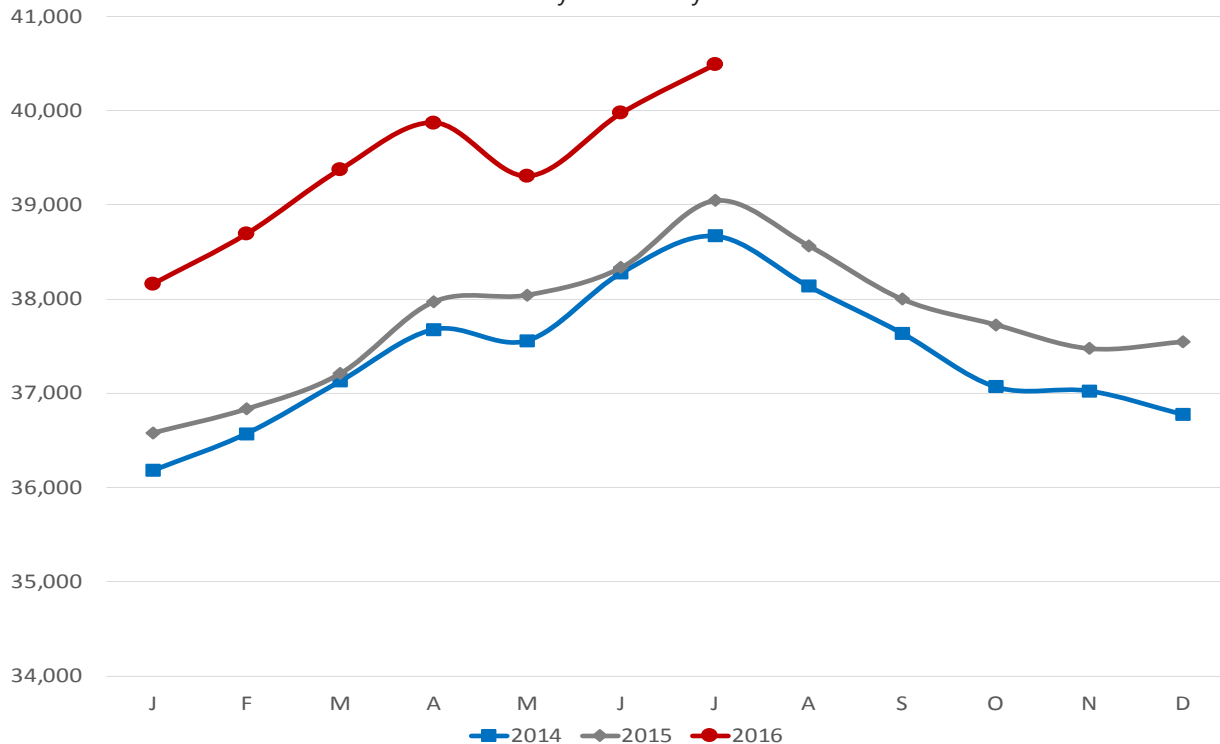
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>July 16</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>July 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	38.4	38.9	37.5	-0.5	0.9
Goods Producing	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	33.9	34.4	33.0	-0.5	0.9
Government	4.2	4.5	4.2	-0.3	0.0

### Number of Employed

January 2014 - July 2016



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# Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<u>July 16</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>July 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,244	63,250	62,020	994	2,224
Employment	61,861	60,921	58,839	940	3,022
Unemployment	2,383	2,329	3,181	54	-798
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.7	5.1	0.0	-1.4

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>July 16</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>July 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	55.6	55.8	53.4	-0.2	2.2
Goods Producing	9.3	9.1	8.9	0.2	0.4
Service Providing	46.3	46.7	44.5	-0.4	1.8
Government	8.4	8.8	8.3	-0.4	0.1

### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

July 2014 - July 2016



## Labor Market Report

# Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

	<u>July 16</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>July 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	36,825	36,831	37,278	-6	-453
Employment	34,627	34,697	34,442	-70	185
Unemployment	2,198	2,134	2,836	64	-638
Unemployment Rate	6.0	5.8	7.6	0.2	-1.6

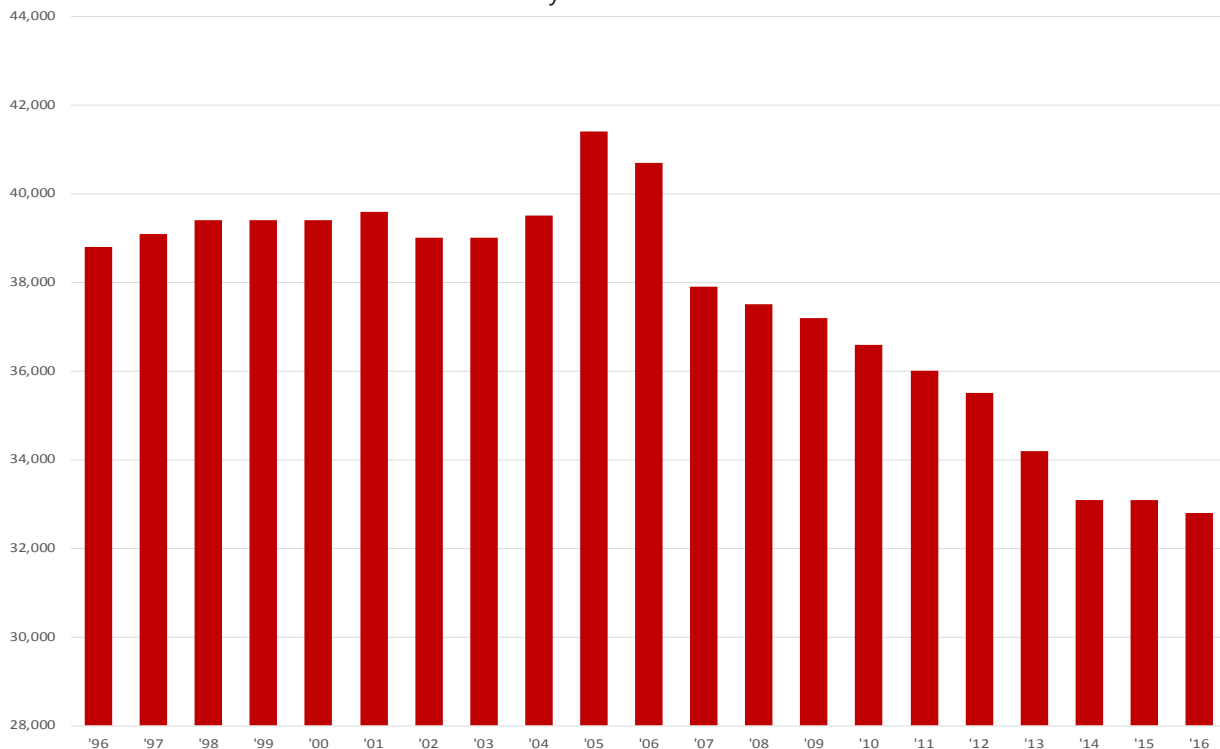
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>July 16</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>July 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	32.8	33.6	33.1	-0.8	-0.3
Goods Producing	5.9	6.0	6.2	-0.1	-0.3
Service Providing	26.9	27.6	26.9	-0.7	0.0
Government	8.9	9.5	9.0	-0.6	-0.1

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

July: 1996 - 2016



## Labor Market Report

# 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.

	<b>July 16</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	631,842	631,423	626,649	419	5,193
Employment	597,274	595,315	584,077	1,959	13,197
Unemployment	34,568	36,108	42,572	-1,540	-8,004
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.7	6.8	-0.2	-1.3

#### Texarkana MSA

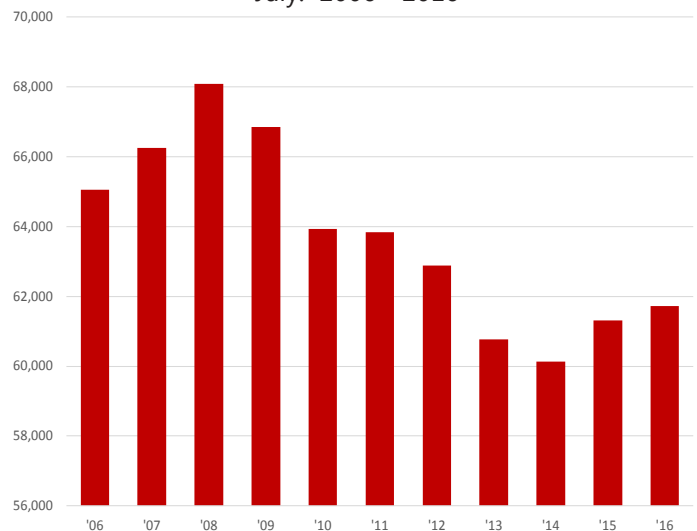
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<b>July 16</b>	<b>June 16</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	65,040	65,631	64,829	-591	211
Employment	61,718	62,614	61,307	-896	411
Unemployment	3,322	3,017	3,522	305	-200
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.6	5.4	0.5	-0.3

**Number of Unemployed- Memphis MSA**  
July 2014 - July 2016



**Number of Employed- Texarkana MSA**  
July: 2006 - 2016



## Labor Market Report

# Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

## Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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

Micro Area	July 2016				June 2016				July 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,539	9,038	501	5.3	9,573	9,057	516	5.4	9,311	8,728	583	6.3
Batesville Micro	15,914	15,048	866	5.4	16,417	15,563	854	5.2	15,561	14,483	1,078	6.9
Blytheville Micro	17,804	16,476	1,328	7.5	18,048	16,420	1,628	9.0	18,615	16,617	1,998	10.7
Camden Micro	12,531	11,812	719	5.7	12,661	11,952	709	5.6	12,481	11,634	847	6.8
El Dorado Micro	17,519	16,480	1,039	5.9	17,599	16,571	1,028	5.8	17,362	16,162	1,200	6.9
Forrest City Micro	8,776	8,291	485	5.5	9,090	8,602	488	5.4	8,965	8,213	752	8.4
Harrison Micro	19,008	18,251	757	4.0	19,902	19,154	748	3.8	19,314	18,260	1,054	5.5
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,707	6,286	421	6.3	7,066	6,646	420	5.9	6,827	6,256	571	8.4
Magnolia Micro	9,256	8,662	594	6.4	9,669	9,044	625	6.5	9,216	8,508	708	7.7
Malvern Micro	14,558	13,922	636	4.4	14,630	14,017	613	4.2	14,447	13,612	835	5.8
Mountain Home Micro	16,231	15,498	733	4.5	16,414	15,717	697	4.2	16,219	15,223	996	6.1
Paragould Micro	20,002	19,069	933	4.7	20,244	19,308	936	4.6	20,220	19,037	1,183	5.9
Russellville Micro	38,112	36,051	2,061	5.4	39,333	37,305	2,028	5.2	37,979	35,568	2,411	6.3
Searcy Micro	34,535	32,672	1,863	5.4	35,096	33,192	1,904	5.4	33,882	31,548	2,334	6.9

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

Magnolia Micro= Columbia County

Malvern Micro= Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro= Baxter County

Paragould Micro= Greene County

Russellville Micro= Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro= White County

### City Labor Force Statistics (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

City	July 2016				June 2016				July 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,342	11,889	453	3.7	12,187	11,763	424	3.5	11,891	11,304	587	4.9
Benton	16,736	16,160	576	3.4	16,503	15,952	551	3.3	16,424	15,677	747	4.5
Bentonville	23,054	22,346	708	3.1	22,792	22,108	684	3.0	22,104	21,246	858	3.9
Blytheville	6,120	5,625	495	8.1	6,190	5,606	584	9.4	6,551	5,673	878	13.4
Cabot	12,140	11,729	411	3.4	12,028	11,628	400	3.3	11,877	11,388	489	4.1
Conway	34,167	32,890	1,277	3.7	33,778	32,492	1,286	3.8	33,561	31,919	1,642	4.9
El Dorado	7,620	7,107	513	6.7	7,653	7,146	507	6.6	7,549	6,970	579	7.7
Fayetteville	46,867	45,352	1,515	3.2	46,405	44,853	1,552	3.3	45,010	43,130	1,880	4.2
Fort Smith	40,858	39,306	1,552	3.8	40,645	39,078	1,567	3.9	40,512	38,432	2,080	5.1
Hot Springs	14,826	14,074	752	5.1	14,650	13,896	754	5.1	14,556	13,572	984	6.8
Jacksonville	12,318	11,719	599	4.9	12,170	11,569	601	4.9	12,070	11,368	702	5.8
Jonesboro	37,497	36,117	1,380	3.7	36,866	35,521	1,345	3.6	36,137	34,336	1,801	5.0
Little Rock	100,568	96,750	3,818	3.8	99,240	95,512	3,728	3.8	98,941	93,851	5,090	5.1
North Little Rock	31,289	30,015	1,274	4.1	30,867	29,631	1,236	4.0	30,806	29,116	1,690	5.5
Paragould	12,511	11,873	638	5.1	12,639	12,022	617	4.9	12,621	11,853	768	6.1
Pine Bluff	17,688	16,388	1,300	7.3	17,646	16,398	1,248	7.1	17,956	16,298	1,658	9.2
Rogers	33,984	33,036	948	2.8	33,666	32,684	982	2.9	32,724	31,409	1,315	4.0
Russellville	13,615	12,873	742	5.4	14,051	13,303	748	5.3	13,516	12,699	817	6.0
Searcy	10,569	10,069	500	4.7	10,720	10,229	491	4.6	10,336	9,722	614	5.9
Sherwood	16,109	15,610	499	3.1	15,894	15,411	483	3.0	15,815	15,143	672	4.2
Springdale	39,136	37,986	1,150	2.9	38,708	37,569	1,139	2.9	37,484	36,123	1,361	3.6
Texarkana, AR	13,993	13,318	675	4.8	14,026	13,370	656	4.7	13,986	13,131	855	6.1
Van Buren	10,666	10,242	424	4.0	10,622	10,203	419	3.9	10,606	10,017	589	5.6
West Memphis	11,102	10,462	640	5.8	10,909	10,298	611	5.6	11,138	10,290	848	7.6

## Labor Market Report

# County Labor Force Statistics

## Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	July 2016				June 2016				July 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,799	9,452	347	3.5	9,789	9,455	334	3.4	9,606	9,144	462	4.8
Ashley	8,102	7,580	522	6.4	8,445	7,932	513	6.1	8,029	7,306	723	9.0
Baxter	16,231	15,498	733	4.5	16,414	15,717	697	4.2	16,219	15,223	996	6.1
Benton	127,637	123,693	3,944	3.1	126,271	122,377	3,894	3.1	122,691	117,602	5,089	4.1
Boone	15,661	15,045	616	3.9	16,402	15,789	613	3.7	15,907	15,051	856	5.4
Bradley	4,523	4,231	292	6.5	4,770	4,486	284	6.0	4,252	3,961	291	6.8
Calhoun	2,398	2,267	131	5.5	2,443	2,308	135	5.5	2,387	2,235	152	6.4
Carroll	13,166	12,737	429	3.3	13,382	12,957	425	3.2	12,717	12,148	569	4.5
Chicot	3,613	3,367	246	6.8	3,724	3,481	243	6.5	3,710	3,349	361	9.7
Clark	9,539	9,038	501	5.3	9,573	9,057	516	5.4	9,311	8,728	583	6.3
Clay	6,063	5,699	364	6.0	6,265	5,910	355	5.7	6,281	5,827	454	7.2
Cleburne	9,762	9,163	599	6.1	9,965	9,384	581	5.8	9,672	8,938	734	7.6
Cleveland	3,411	3,242	169	5.0	3,431	3,264	167	4.9	3,427	3,225	202	5.9
Columbia	9,256	8,662	594	6.4	9,669	9,044	625	6.5	9,216	8,508	708	7.7
Conway	8,852	8,299	553	6.2	8,897	8,369	528	5.9	8,775	8,176	599	6.8
Craighead	53,575	51,658	1,917	3.6	52,681	50,805	1,876	3.6	51,678	49,111	2,567	5.0
Crawford	27,483	26,325	1,158	4.2	27,384	26,223	1,161	4.2	27,308	25,745	1,563	5.7
Crittenden	22,299	21,198	1,101	4.9	21,943	20,867	1,076	4.9	22,389	20,850	1,539	6.9
Cross	7,832	7,479	353	4.5	8,195	7,846	349	4.3	7,902	7,435	467	5.9
Dallas	3,025	2,853	172	5.7	3,087	2,926	161	5.2	2,905	2,682	223	7.7
Desha	5,392	5,071	321	6.0	5,654	5,350	304	5.4	5,491	5,050	441	8.0
Drew	7,732	7,244	488	6.3	8,148	7,675	473	5.8	7,562	6,968	594	7.9
Faulkner	62,570	60,026	2,544	4.1	61,843	59,300	2,543	4.1	61,424	58,255	3,169	5.2
Franklin	7,414	7,079	335	4.5	7,593	7,257	336	4.4	7,357	6,942	415	5.6
Fulton	4,646	4,441	205	4.4	4,893	4,685	208	4.3	4,747	4,469	278	5.9
Garland	42,413	40,489	1,924	4.5	41,840	39,975	1,865	4.5	41,535	39,045	2,490	6.0
Grant	8,645	8,319	326	3.8	8,578	8,254	324	3.8	8,494	8,071	423	5.0
Greene	20,002	19,069	933	4.7	20,244	19,308	936	4.6	20,220	19,037	1,183	5.9
Hempstead	9,800	9,389	411	4.2	10,227	9,829	398	3.9	9,680	9,116	564	5.8
Hot Spring	14,558	13,922	636	4.4	14,630	14,017	613	4.2	14,447	13,612	835	5.8
Howard	6,078	5,858	220	3.6	6,282	6,069	213	3.4	5,977	5,682	295	4.9
Independence	15,914	15,048	866	5.4	16,417	15,563	854	5.2	15,561	14,483	1,078	6.9
Izard	4,873	4,555	318	6.5	5,042	4,720	322	6.4	4,832	4,466	366	7.6
Jackson	6,193	5,799	394	6.4	6,356	5,965	391	6.2	6,268	5,770	498	7.9
Jefferson	29,266	27,453	1,813	6.2	29,220	27,470	1,750	6.0	29,657	27,303	2,354	7.9
Johnson	10,191	9,618	573	5.6	10,659	10,084	575	5.4	10,303	9,581	722	7.0
Lafayette	2,489	2,327	162	6.5	2,630	2,467	163	6.2	2,552	2,318	234	9.2
Lawrence	6,696	6,356	340	5.1	7,000	6,667	333	4.8	6,697	6,226	471	7.0
Lee	3,017	2,851	166	5.5	3,202	3,046	156	4.9	3,097	2,858	239	7.7
Lincoln	4,148	3,932	216	5.2	4,180	3,963	217	5.2	4,194	3,914	280	6.7
Little River	5,772	5,477	295	5.1	5,781	5,508	273	4.7	5,745	5,398	347	6.0
Logan	9,222	8,731	491	5.3	9,419	8,936	483	5.1	9,317	8,691	626	6.7
Lonoke	34,478	33,241	1,237	3.6	34,178	32,954	1,224	3.6	33,814	32,274	1,540	4.6
Madison	7,486	7,234	252	3.4	7,487	7,235	252	3.4	7,217	6,915	302	4.2
Marion	6,597	6,315	282	4.3	6,716	6,444	272	4.1	6,576	6,191	385	5.9
Miller	20,177	19,283	894	4.4	20,225	19,358	867	4.3	20,153	19,012	1,141	5.7

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# County Labor Force Statistics

## Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

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County	July 2016				June 2016				July 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,804	16,476	1,328	7.5	18,048	16,420	1,628	9.0	18,615	16,617	1,998	10.7
Monroe	2,871	2,706	165	5.7	3,030	2,866	164	5.4	2,911	2,712	199	6.8
Montgomery	3,254	3,082	172	5.3	3,668	3,497	171	4.7	3,247	3,002	245	7.5
Nevada	3,660	3,504	156	4.3	3,812	3,658	154	4.0	3,614	3,401	213	5.9
Newton	3,347	3,206	141	4.2	3,500	3,365	135	3.9	3,407	3,209	198	5.8
Ouachita	10,133	9,545	588	5.8	10,218	9,644	574	5.6	10,094	9,399	695	6.9
Perry	4,374	4,168	206	4.7	4,340	4,129	211	4.9	4,332	4,051	281	6.5
Phillips	6,707	6,286	421	6.3	7,066	6,646	420	5.9	6,827	6,256	571	8.4
Pike	4,129	3,926	203	4.9	4,364	4,166	198	4.5	4,095	3,802	293	7.2
Poinsett	10,669	10,203	466	4.4	10,569	10,116	453	4.3	10,342	9,728	614	5.9
Polk	8,056	7,625	431	5.4	8,429	7,994	435	5.2	8,083	7,543	540	6.7
Pope	29,250	27,656	1,594	5.4	30,159	28,580	1,579	5.2	29,148	27,282	1,866	6.4
Prairie	3,589	3,444	145	4.0	3,751	3,605	146	3.9	3,614	3,419	195	5.4
Pulaski	195,584	188,126	7,458	3.8	192,991	185,719	7,272	3.8	192,322	182,489	9,833	5.1
Randolph	5,856	5,547	309	5.3	6,044	5,725	319	5.3	6,099	5,640	459	7.5
St. Francis	8,776	8,291	485	5.5	9,090	8,602	488	5.4	8,965	8,213	752	8.4
Saline	57,992	56,053	1,939	3.3	57,201	55,331	1,870	3.3	56,927	54,380	2,547	4.5
Scott	4,527	4,337	190	4.2	4,639	4,455	184	4.0	4,467	4,211	256	5.7
Searcy	2,893	2,752	141	4.9	3,116	2,975	141	4.5	2,980	2,803	177	5.9
Sebastian	58,838	56,528	2,310	3.9	58,484	56,200	2,284	3.9	58,288	55,271	3,017	5.2
Sevier	5,680	5,359	321	5.7	5,798	5,484	314	5.4	5,639	5,267	372	6.6
Sharp	6,002	5,652	350	5.8	6,193	5,856	337	5.4	6,001	5,555	446	7.4
Stone	4,662	4,405	257	5.5	4,847	4,596	251	5.2	4,623	4,314	309	6.7
Union	17,519	16,480	1,039	5.9	17,599	16,571	1,028	5.8	17,362	16,162	1,200	6.9
Van Buren	6,436	5,975	461	7.2	6,666	6,200	466	7.0	6,390	5,913	477	7.5
Washington	121,978	118,330	3,648	3.0	120,695	117,028	3,667	3.0	117,123	112,532	4,591	3.9
White	34,535	32,672	1,863	5.4	35,096	33,192	1,904	5.4	33,882	31,548	2,334	6.9
Woodruff	2,874	2,688	186	6.5	3,067	2,889	178	5.8	2,874	2,671	203	7.1
Yell	8,862	8,395	467	5.3	9,174	8,725	449	4.9	8,831	8,286	545	6.2

## County Labor Force Summary

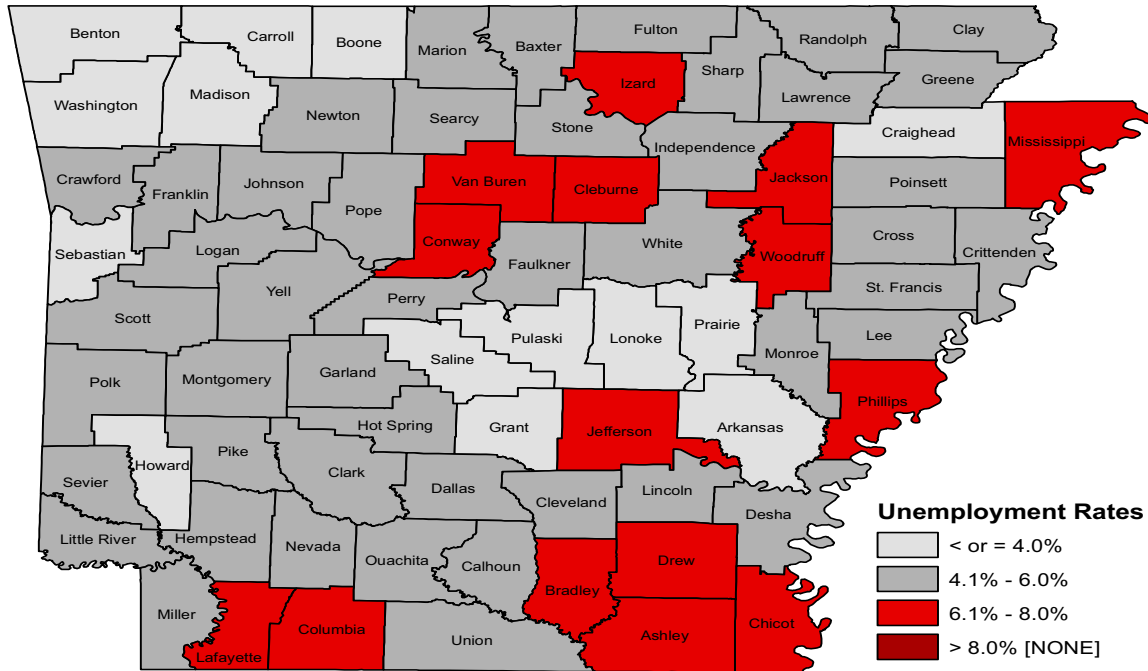
Between June and July, unemployment rates increased in 54 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates in four counties declined, while 17 remained stable over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 3.0 percent in Washington County to a high of 7.5 percent in Mississippi County.

In July, fourteen counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. No county reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to July 2015, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties.

## Labor Market Report

### County Labor Force Statistics



### Ranked by Unemployment Rates

July 2016- Not Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	3.0	26	Baxter	4.5	48	Stone	5.5
2	Benton	3.1	26	Cross	4.5	52	Johnson	5.6
3	Carroll	3.3	26	Franklin	4.5	53	Dallas	5.7
3	Saline	3.3	26	Garland	4.5	53	Monroe	5.7
5	Madison	3.4	30	Greene	4.7	53	Sevier	5.7
6	Arkansas	3.5	30	Perry	4.7	56	Ouachita	5.8
7	Craighead	3.6	32	Crittenden	4.9	56	Sharp	5.8
7	Howard	3.6	32	Pike	4.9	58	Union	5.9
7	Lonoke	3.6	32	Searcy	4.9	59	Clay	6.0
10	Grant	3.8	35	Cleveland	5.0	59	Desha	6.0
10	Pulaski	3.8	36	Lawrence	5.1	61	Cleburne	6.1
12	Boone	3.9	36	Little River	5.1	62	Conway	6.2
12	Sebastian	3.9	38	Lincoln	5.2	62	Jefferson	6.2
14	Prairie	4.0	39	Clark	5.3	64	Drew	6.3
15	Faulkner	4.1	39	Logan	5.3	64	Phillips	6.3
16	Crawford	4.2	39	Montgomery	5.3	66	Ashley	6.4
16	Hempstead	4.2	39	Randolph	5.3	66	Columbia	6.4
16	Newton	4.2	39	Yell	5.3	66	Jackson	6.4
16	Scott	4.2	44	Independence	5.4	69	Bradley	6.5
20	Marion	4.3	44	Polk	5.4	69	Izard	6.5
20	Nevada	4.3	44	Pope	5.4	69	Lafayette	6.5
22	Fulton	4.4	44	White	5.4	69	Woodruff	6.5
22	Hot Spring	4.4	48	Calhoun	5.5	73	Chicot	6.8
22	Miller	4.4	48	Lee	5.5	74	Van Buren	7.2
22	Poinsett	4.4	48	St. Francis	5.5	75	Mississippi	7.5

## Labor Market Report

# Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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

LWDA	July 2016				June 2016				July 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	256,516	246,846	9,670	3.8	253,754	244,263	9,491	3.7	252,071	239,678	12,393	4.9
City of Little Rock	100,568	96,750	3,818	3.8	99,240	95,512	3,728	3.8	98,941	93,851	5,090	5.1
Eastern	48,631	46,105	2,526	5.2	49,496	47,007	2,489	5.0	49,180	45,612	3,568	7.3
North Central	95,897	90,398	5,499	5.7	98,542	93,050	5,492	5.6	94,850	88,127	6,723	7.1
Northeast	120,665	115,008	5,657	4.7	120,851	114,951	5,900	4.9	119,932	112,186	7,746	6.5
Northwest	314,996	304,810	10,186	3.2	313,983	303,887	10,096	3.2	304,837	291,674	13,163	4.3
Southeast	84,631	79,891	4,740	5.6	85,939	81,330	4,609	5.4	84,422	78,291	6,131	7.3
Southwest	95,987	91,004	4,983	5.2	97,771	92,866	4,905	5.0	95,324	89,180	6,144	6.4
West Central	135,422	128,593	6,829	5.0	137,304	130,599	6,705	4.9	134,024	125,565	8,459	6.3
Western	115,540	110,625	4,915	4.3	115,948	111,065	4,883	4.2	114,820	108,403	6,417	5.6

