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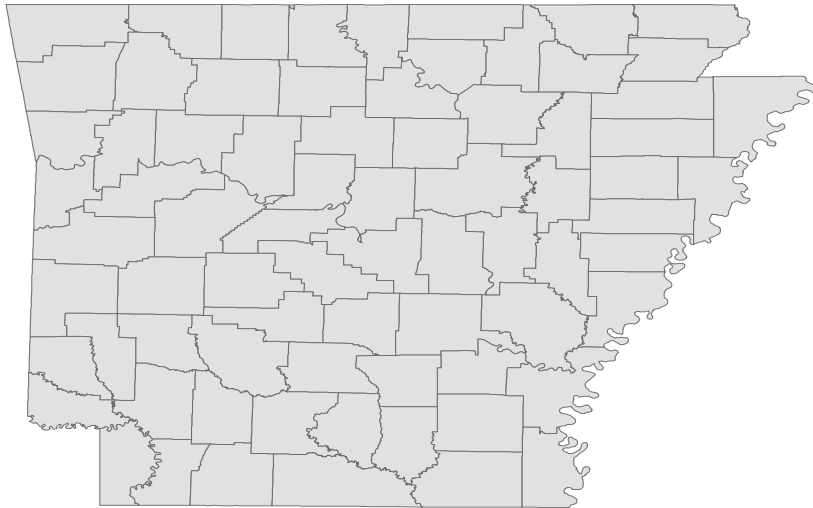
Labor Market Report

June 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.

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June Spotlight Local Employment Dynamics

Local Employment Dynamics (LED) is a cooperative program between state labor market information agencies and the United States Census Bureau. The program combines statistical information from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program with existing census data to produce quarterly information on employment trends. The program's most popular output, the Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI), provides information on employment activities such as hiring, job creation, job separation and turnover.

Because of the connection to QCEW statistics, data produced by the LED program is particularly detailed but is only available on a quarterly basis. QWI are not only produced at the statewide level, but are also available for each county, Metropolitan Statistical Area, Workforce Investment Area, and many cities (based on population). Additionally, these employment indicators are produced and published by gender, age range, race/ethnicity, education level, and industry sector. All LED program information and statistics are available at www.discover.arkansas.gov.

Total Employment- Total number of workers who were employed by the same employer in both the current and previous quarter.

Net Job Flows- Difference between current and previous quarter employment at each business.

Job Creation- The number of new jobs created, either by new area businesses or by the expansion of existing businesses.

New Hires- Total number of accessions* that were also not employed by the particular business during the previous four quarters.

Separations- Total number of workers employed by a particular business during the current quarter, but not during the subsequent quarter.

Turnover Rate- Turnover rate = $(1/2) \times (\text{accessions}^* + \text{separations})$, divided by total employment for all full quarter measures.

Average Monthly Earnings- Total quarterly earnings of all full-quarter employees, divided by the number of full-quarter employees, divided by three.

Average New Hire Earnings- Total quarterly earnings of all full-quarter new hires, divided by the number of full-quarter new hires, divided by three.

*Accessions are the total number of workers who were employed by a business during the current quarter, but not the previous quarter.

Local Employment Dynamics
State of Arkansas
3rd Quarter 2014 - 3rd Quarter 2015

Indicator	3rd Qtr 14	4th Qtr 14	1st Qtr 15	2nd Qtr 15	3rd Qtr 15
Total Employment	1,114,850	1,149,548	1,131,147	1,154,761	1,136,672
Net Job Flows	3,602	-505	10,548	16,097	N/A
Job Creation	48,675	44,841	47,045	62,895	N/A
New Hires	216,721	203,013	178,331	234,089	232,529
Separations	213,409	203,734	167,579	218,205	N/A
Turnover Rate	9.1%	9.1%	9.4%	N/A	N/A
Avg Monthly Earnings	\$3,277.00	\$3,636.00	\$3,504.00	\$3,466.00	N/A
Avg New Hire Earnings	\$2,029.00	\$2,205.00	\$1,939.00	\$2,233.00	N/A

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 remained stable at 3.8 percent between May and June. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 2,803, a result of 3,147 fewer employed and 344 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate rose two-tenths of a percentage point, from 4.7 percent in May to 4.9 percent in June.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "While the number of employed in Arkansas declined slightly in June, employment is still up 48,742 over the year. Changes in employment and unemployment were not enough to raise the unemployment rate this month."

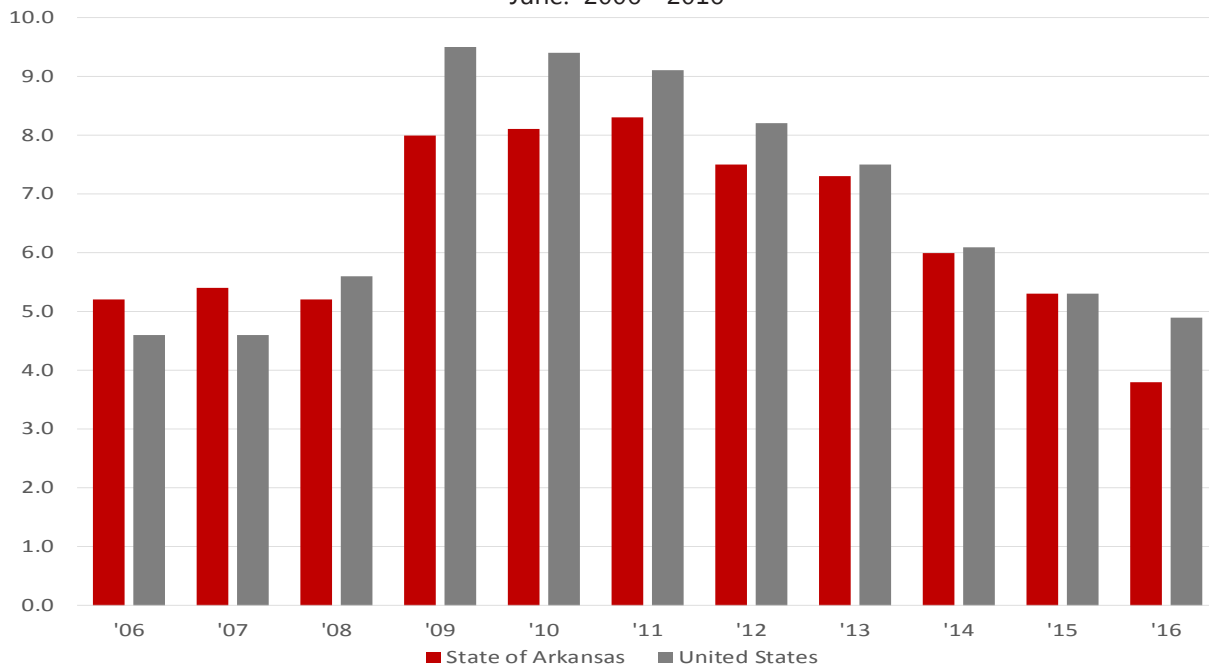
Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	June 16	May 16	June 15		June 16	May 16	June 15
Civilian Labor Force	1,359,425	1,362,228	1,328,930	Civilian Labor Force	1,372,077	1,361,449	1,349,251
Employment	1,307,136	1,310,283	1,258,394	Employment	1,314,127	1,309,389	1,275,622
Unemployment	52,289	51,945	70,536	Unemployment	57,950	52,060	73,629
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.8	5.3	Unemployment Rate	4.2	3.8	5.5
U.S. Unemployment	4.9	4.7	5.3	U.S. Unemployment	5.1	4.5	5.5

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

State of Arkansas vs. United States

June: 2006 - 2016



State of Arkansas

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>June 16</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>June 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1230.5	1235.7	1207.3	-5.2	23.2
Goods Producing	210.4	209.3	212.3	1.1	-1.9
Mining, Logging, and Construction	55.9	55.2	57.4	0.7	-1.5
Mining & Logging	6.6	6.5	8.0	0.1	-1.4
Construction	49.3	48.7	49.4	0.6	-0.1
Specialty Trade Contractors	32.7	32.3	31.4	0.4	1.3
Manufacturing	154.5	154.1	154.9	0.4	-0.4
Durable Goods	73.6	74.4	76.2	-0.8	-2.6
Nondurable Goods	80.9	79.7	78.7	1.2	2.2
Service Providing	1020.1	1026.4	995.0	-6.3	25.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	257.9	258.5	252.9	-0.6	5.0
Wholesale Trade	49.3	49.4	47.6	-0.1	1.7
Retail Trade	144.6	145.5	141.1	-0.9	3.5
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	64.0	63.6	64.2	0.4	-0.2
Information	14.1	13.9	13.3	0.2	0.8
Financial Activities	49.6	49.6	49.4	0.0	0.2
Finance & Insurance	36.5	36.5	36.3	0.0	0.2
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.1	13.1	13.1	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	144.8	143.9	136.6	0.9	8.2
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.0	42.9	40.7	0.1	2.3
Management of Companies	35.2	34.8	33.6	0.4	1.6
Administrative & Support Services	66.6	66.2	62.3	0.4	4.3
Educational & Health Services	179.1	181.9	172.2	-2.8	6.9
Educational Services	12.3	14.6	11.7	-2.3	0.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	166.8	167.3	160.5	-0.5	6.3
Ambulatory Health Care	52.9	52.6	51.1	0.3	1.8
Social Assistance	39.9	41.1	38.3	-1.2	1.6
Leisure & Hospitality	118.2	117.5	115.8	0.7	2.4
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12.8	12.2	12.6	0.6	0.2
Accommodation & Food Services	105.4	105.3	103.2	0.1	2.2
Accommodation Services	12.5	11.6	12.3	0.9	0.2
Food Services	92.9	93.7	90.9	-0.8	2.0
Other Services	45.1	44.5	44.2	0.6	0.9
Government	211.3	216.6	210.6	-5.3	0.7
Federal Government	20.6	20.3	20.3	0.3	0.3
State Government	75.1	79.3	74.5	-4.2	0.6
Local Government	115.6	117.0	115.8	-1.4	-0.2

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

May 2016 - June 2016

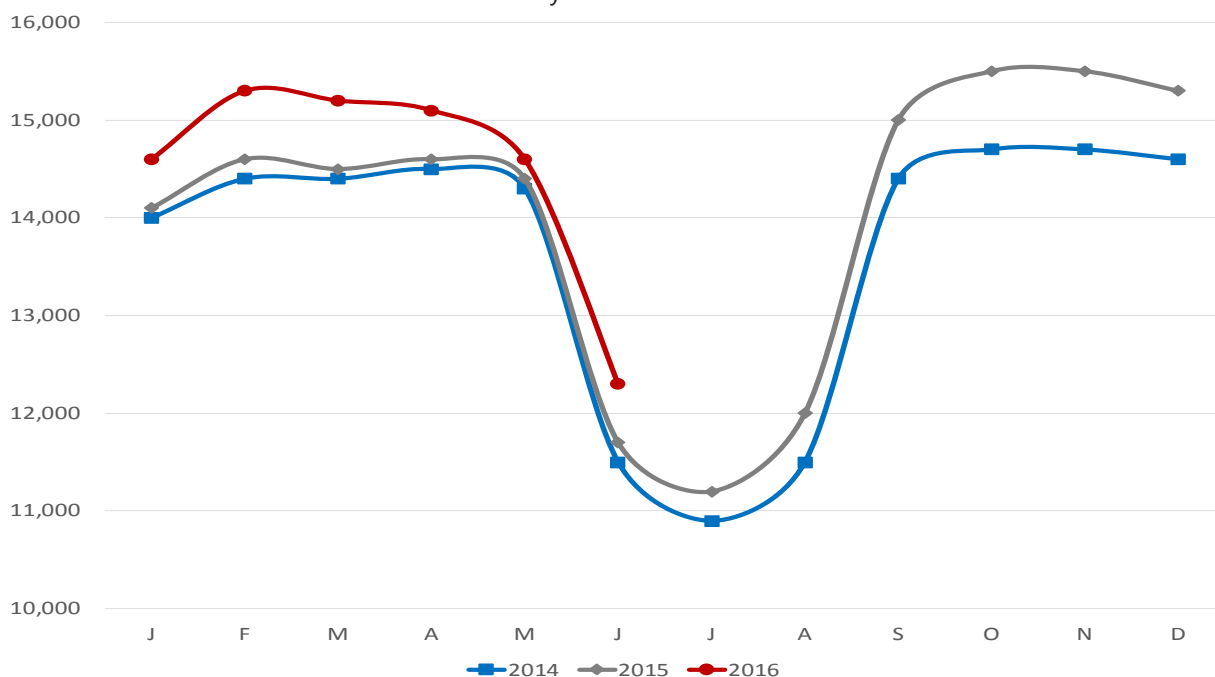
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs declined 5,200 in June to total 1,230,500. Small gains occurred in seven major industry sectors, while three sectors posted losses. Jobs in **government** dropped 5,300. Declines in both state (-4,200) and local (-1,400) government were attributed to summer closures at public schools and universities. Employment in **educational and health services** decreased 2,800. Most of the loss was seasonal, posted in educational services (-2,300). The largest increase occurred in **professional and business services** (+900), with gains in all three subsectors.

June 2015 - June 2016

Compared to June 2015, nonfarm payroll employment is up 23,200. Eight major industry sectors posted growth, while jobs in three sectors declined. **Professional and business services** added 8,200 jobs. A majority of the gains were in administrative and support services (+4,300), which includes employment agencies. Jobs in **educational and health services** increased 6,900, mostly in health care and social assistance (+6,300). Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 5,000. Growth occurred in both retail (+3,500) and wholesale (+1,700) trade. **Leisure and hospitality** added 2,400 jobs, mostly in food services (+2,000). **Mining and logging** posted the largest decline, down 1,400. Losses were attributed to layoffs and closures throughout the industry.

Jobs in Educational Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2014 - June 2016



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State of Arkansas

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

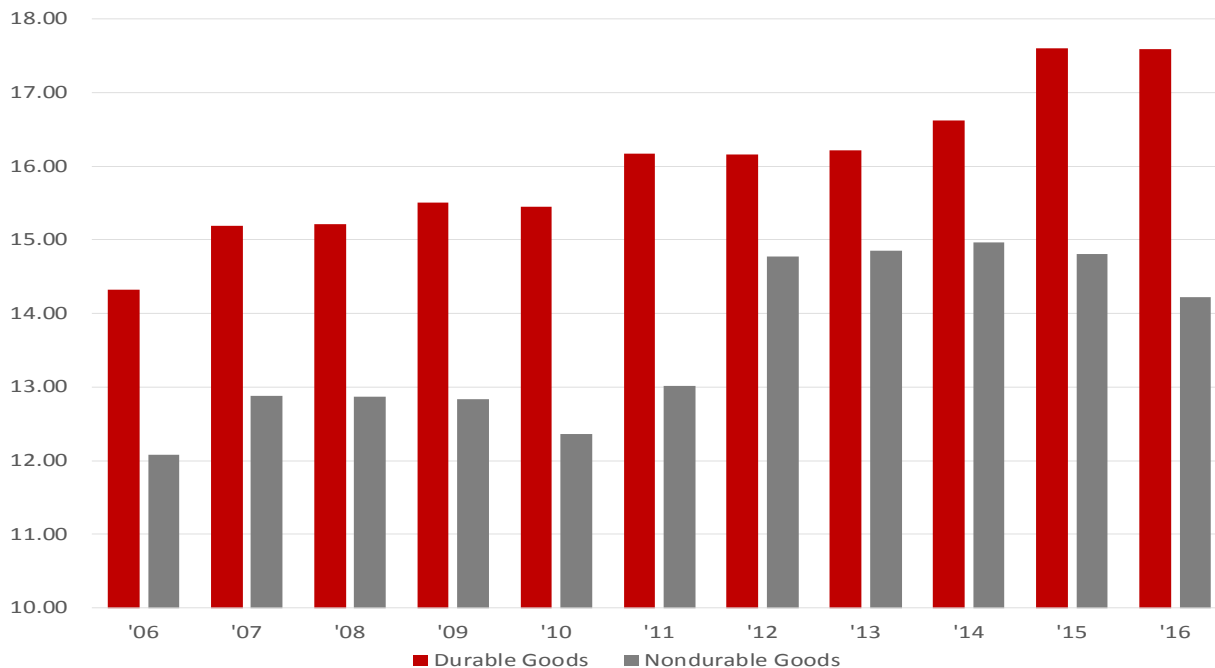
	<u>June 16</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>June 15</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.5	40.6	40.5
Average Hourly Earnings	15.84	15.96	16.15
Average Weekly Earnings	657.36	647.98	654.08

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>June 16</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>June 15</u>		<u>June 16</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>June 15</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.9	40.8	39.8	Average Weekly Hours	41.1	40.4	41.1
Average Hourly Earnings	17.59	17.71	17.60	Average Hourly Earnings	14.22	14.31	14.81
Average Weekly Earnings	737.02	722.57	700.48	Average Weekly Earnings	584.44	578.12	608.69

Average Hourly Earnings: Durable Goods vs. Nondurable Goods

June: 2006 - 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

The Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA= Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, & Saline counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>June 16</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>June 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	359,122	354,812	349,563	4,310	9,559
Employment	345,719	342,739	332,650	2,980	13,069
Unemployment	13,403	12,073	16,913	1,330	-3,510
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.4	4.8	0.3	-1.1

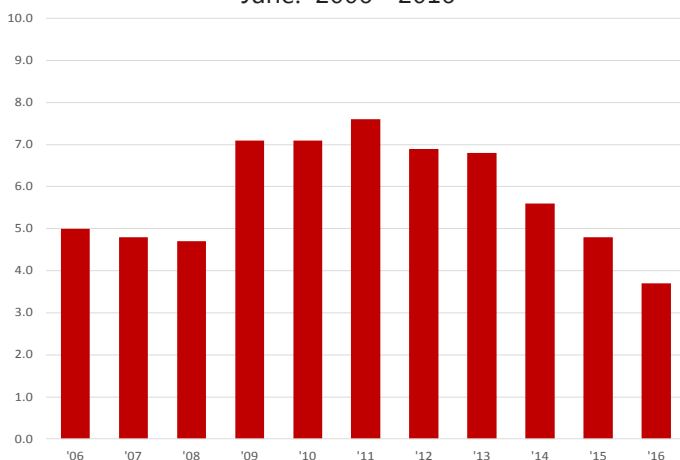
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>June 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	357.3	358.1	349.5	-0.8	7.8
Goods Producing	36.9	36.6	37.5	0.3	-0.6
Mining, Logging & Construction	16.5	16.3	17.1	0.2	-0.6
Manufacturing	20.4	20.3	20.4	0.1	0.0
Service Providing	320.4	321.5	312.0	-1.1	8.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	70.8	70.7	68.7	0.1	2.1
Wholesale Trade	15.3	15.3	15.3	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	40.6	40.6	38.8	0.0	1.8
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	14.9	14.8	14.6	0.1	0.3
Information	6.3	6.2	6.3	0.1	0.0
Financial Activities	20.8	20.7	20.7	0.1	0.1
Professional & Business Services	48.8	48.7	45.5	0.1	3.3
Educational & Health Services	53.1	53.4	51.6	-0.3	1.5
Leisure & Hospitality	34.7	35.4	33.9	-0.7	0.8
Other Services	15.6	15.3	15.3	0.3	0.3
Government	70.3	71.1	70.0	-0.8	0.3
Federal Government	9.8	9.7	9.6	0.1	0.2
State Government	33.7	34.6	33.4	-0.9	0.3
Local Government	26.8	26.8	27.0	0.0	-0.2

Unemployment Rates

June: 2006 - 2016



Jobs in Professional and Business Services

June 2014 - June 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)

	June 16	May 16	June 15	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	266,328	263,569	255,723	2,759	10,605
Employment	257,978	256,186	245,306	1,792	12,672
Unemployment	8,350	7,383	10,417	967	-2,067
Unemployment Rate	3.1	2.8	4.1	0.3	-1.0

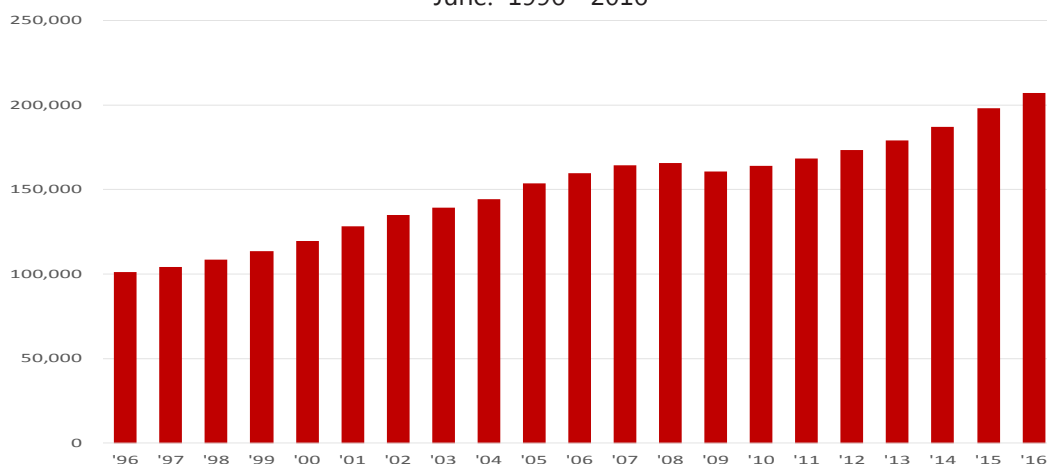
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	June 16	May 16	June 15	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	243.8	244.8	234.7	-1.0	9.1
Goods Producing	36.8	36.2	36.7	0.6	0.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	10.4	10.1	9.6	0.3	0.8
Manufacturing	26.4	26.1	27.1	0.3	-0.7
Service Providing	207.0	208.6	198.0	-1.6	9.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	55.3	55.4	54.1	-0.1	1.2
Wholesale Trade	12.3	12.2	11.6	0.1	0.7
Retail Trade	26.5	26.8	26.0	-0.3	0.5
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.5	16.4	16.5	0.1	0.0
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	51.2	50.9	47.0	0.3	4.2
Educational & Health Services	26.2	26.7	25.0	-0.5	1.2
Leisure & Hospitality	25.0	24.4	24.0	0.6	1.0
Other Services	7.4	7.3	7.2	0.1	0.2
Government	32.8	34.9	31.8	-2.1	1.0
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
State Government	11.5	13.6	10.8	-2.1	0.7
Local Government	18.7	18.7	18.4	0.0	0.3

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

June: 1996 - 2016



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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)

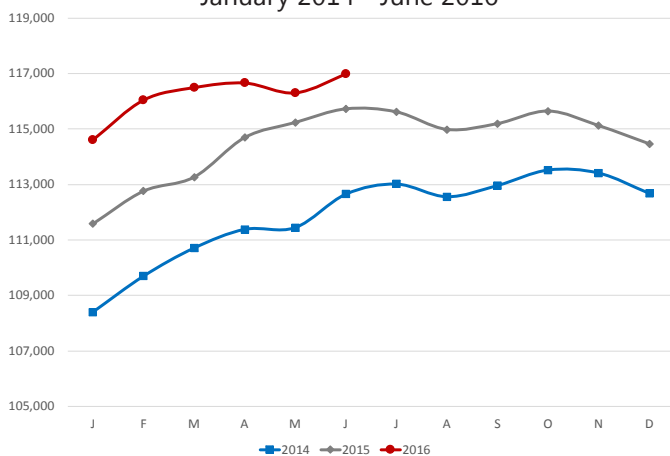
	<u>June 16</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>June 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	123,083	121,906	122,779	1,177	304
Employment	116,990	116,302	115,730	688	1,260
Unemployment	6,093	5,604	7,049	489	-956
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.6	5.7	0.4	-0.7

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

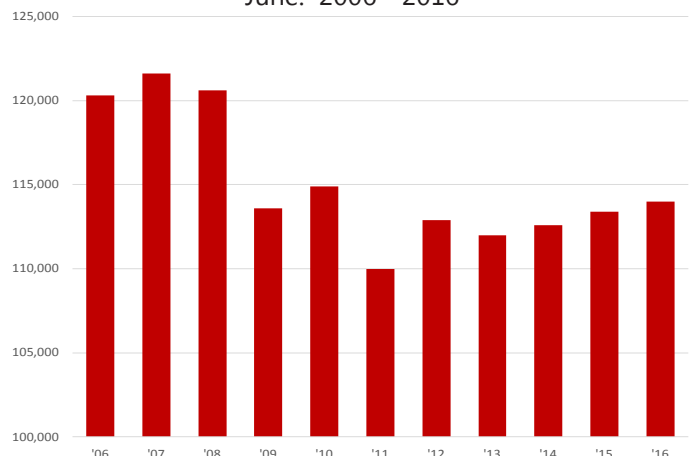
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>June 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	114.0	114.6	113.4	-0.6	0.6
Goods Producing	23.5	23.7	23.8	-0.2	-0.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.8	5.8	6.1	0.0	-0.3
Manufacturing	17.7	17.9	17.7	-0.2	0.0
Service Providing	90.5	90.9	89.6	-0.4	0.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.1	23.8	23.8	0.3	0.3
Wholesale Trade	4.4	4.3	4.2	0.1	0.2
Retail Trade	13.1	12.9	12.8	0.2	0.3
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	12.0	12.1	12.2	-0.1	-0.2
Educational & Health Services	16.8	16.9	16.5	-0.1	0.3
Leisure & Hospitality	9.8	9.6	9.7	0.2	0.1
Other Services	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
Government	18.5	19.2	18.0	-0.7	0.5
Federal Government	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
State Government	2.9	3.2	2.9	-0.3	0.0
Local Government	14.2	14.6	13.8	-0.4	0.4

Number of Employed
January 2014 - June 2016



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
June: 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>June 16</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>June 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,419	40,985	40,683	434	736
Employment	39,569	39,307	38,334	262	1,235
Unemployment	1,850	1,678	2,349	172	-499
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.1	5.8	0.4	-1.3

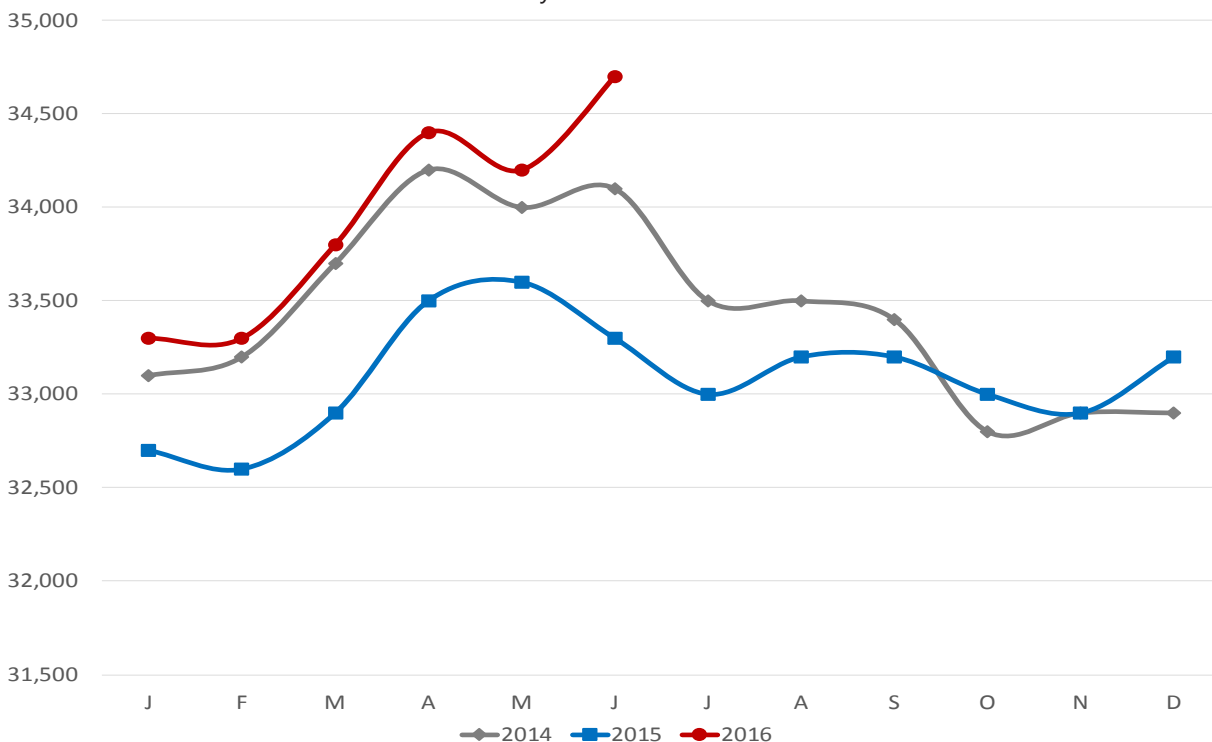
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>June 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.2	38.7	37.8	0.5	1.4
Goods Producing	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	34.7	34.2	33.3	0.5	1.4
Government	4.5	4.8	4.4	-0.3	0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January 2014 - June 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>June 16</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>June 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,096	62,475	61,587	621	1,509
Employment	60,767	60,456	58,449	311	2,318
Unemployment	2,329	2,019	3,138	310	-809
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.2	5.1	0.5	-1.4

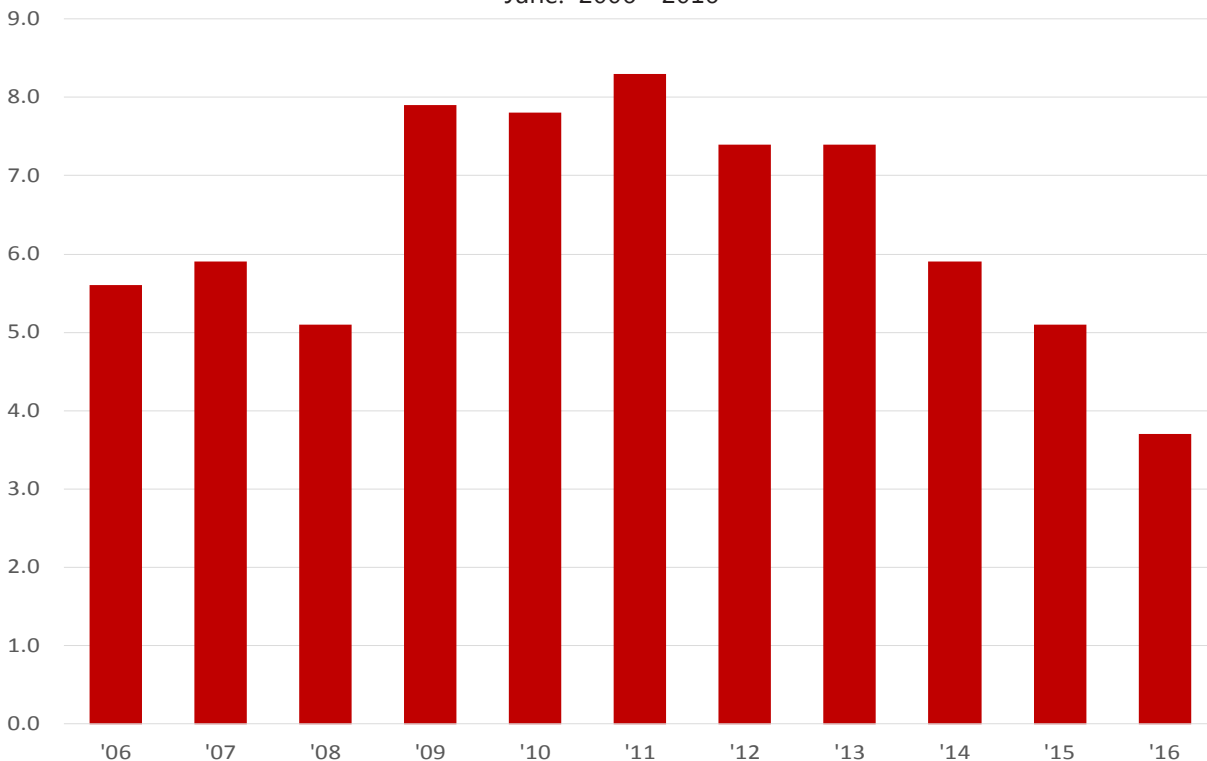
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>June 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	55.8	55.8	54.0	0.0	1.8
Goods Producing	9.1	9.0	8.9	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	46.7	46.8	45.1	-0.1	1.6
Government	8.8	9.0	8.7	-0.2	0.1

Unemployment Rates

June: 2006 - 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>June 16</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>June 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	37,044	36,617	37,225	427	-181
Employment	34,916	34,706	34,495	210	421
Unemployment	2,128	1,911	2,730	217	-602
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.2	7.3	0.5	-1.6

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>June 16</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>June 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	33.6	33.8	33.8	-0.2	-0.2
Goods Producing	6.0	6.0	6.3	0.0	-0.3
Service Providing	27.6	27.8	27.5	-0.2	0.1
Government	9.5	9.6	9.6	-0.1	-0.1

Number of Employed

June 2012 - June 2016



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Out-of-State MSA

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

The Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA= Fayette, Shelby, & Tipton counties in Tennessee; Benton, Desoto, Marshall, Tate, & Tunica counties in Mississippi; & Crittenden County in Arkansas.

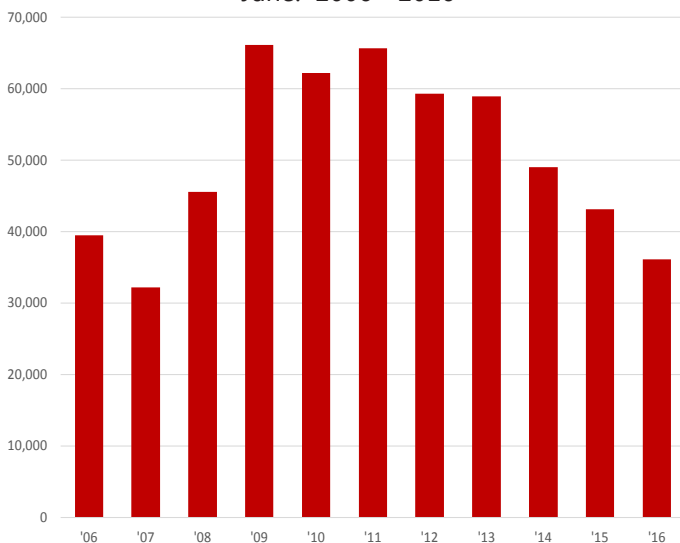
	<u>June 16</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>June 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	630,469	620,522	621,896	9,947	8,573
Employment	594,325	592,302	578,783	2,023	15,542
Unemployment	36,144	28,220	43,113	7,924	-6,969
Unemployment Rate	5.7	4.5	6.9	1.2	-1.2

Texarkana MSA

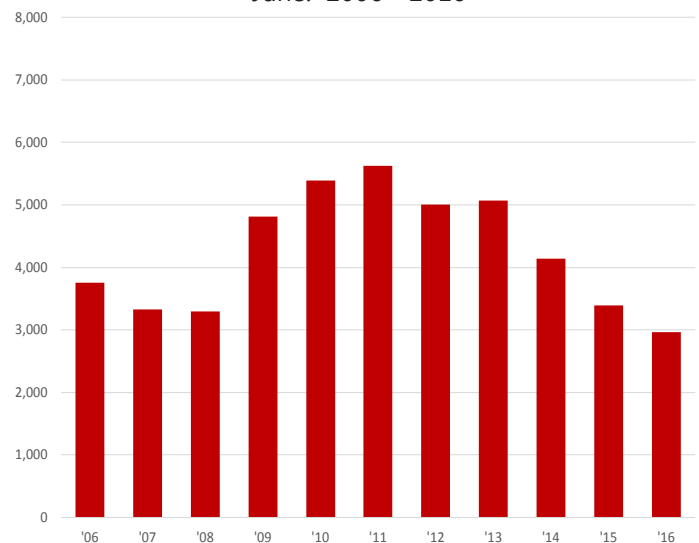
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>June 16</u>	<u>May 16</u>	<u>June 15</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,692	65,117	65,300	575	392
Employment	62,723	62,521	61,909	202	814
Unemployment	2,969	2,596	3,391	373	-422
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.0	5.2	0.5	-0.7

Unemployment- Memphis MSA
June: 2006 - 2016



Unemployment- Texarkana MSA
June: 2006 - 2016



Labor Market Report

Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Micro Area	June 2016				May 2016				June 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,554	9,040	514	5.4	9,772	9,367	405	4.1	9,339	8,702	637	6.8
Batesville Micro	16,369	15,532	837	5.1	16,412	15,646	766	4.7	15,913	14,836	1,077	6.8
Blytheville Micro	18,014	16,388	1,626	9.0	18,085	16,790	1,295	7.2	18,634	16,449	2,185	11.7
Camden Micro	12,633	11,929	704	5.6	12,473	11,900	573	4.6	12,517	11,689	828	6.6
El Dorado Micro	17,565	16,539	1,026	5.8	17,257	16,388	869	5.0	17,095	15,943	1,152	6.7
Forrest City Micro	9,071	8,584	487	5.4	8,953	8,523	430	4.8	9,197	8,511	686	7.5
Harrison Micro	19,859	19,117	742	3.7	19,709	19,019	690	3.5	19,569	18,585	984	5.0
Helena-West Helena Micro	7,051	6,633	418	5.9	7,055	6,680	375	5.3	7,198	6,654	544	7.6
Magnolia Micro	9,651	9,026	625	6.5	9,667	9,124	543	5.6	9,669	8,955	714	7.4
Malvern Micro	14,585	13,972	613	4.2	14,443	13,908	535	3.7	14,420	13,621	799	5.5
Mountain Home Micro	16,368	15,686	682	4.2	16,416	15,764	652	4.0	16,539	15,610	929	5.6
Paragould Micro	20,202	19,269	933	4.6	20,109	19,341	768	3.8	20,431	19,292	1,139	5.6
Russellville Micro	39,249	37,233	2,016	5.1	39,429	37,640	1,789	4.5	39,090	36,744	2,346	6.0
Searcy Micro	35,027	33,141	1,886	5.4	35,212	33,384	1,828	5.2	34,684	32,314	2,370	6.8

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	June 2016				May 2016				June 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,213	11,796	417	3.4	12,116	11,706	410	3.4	11,724	11,198	526	4.5
Benton	16,505	15,954	551	3.3	16,313	15,807	506	3.1	16,101	15,333	768	4.8
Bentonville	22,853	22,172	681	3.0	22,630	22,002	628	2.8	21,881	21,047	834	3.8
Blytheville	6,175	5,595	580	9.4	6,201	5,732	469	7.6	6,564	5,616	948	14.4
Cabot	12,028	11,628	400	3.3	11,910	11,563	347	2.9	11,737	11,252	485	4.1
Conway	33,776	32,494	1,282	3.8	33,385	32,229	1,156	3.5	32,877	31,288	1,589	4.8
El Dorado	7,641	7,132	509	6.7	7,478	7,067	411	5.5	7,435	6,875	560	7.5
Fayetteville	46,530	44,980	1,550	3.3	45,903	44,645	1,258	2.7	44,643	42,709	1,934	4.3
Fort Smith	40,710	39,146	1,564	3.8	40,268	38,821	1,447	3.6	40,371	38,308	2,063	5.1
Hot Springs	14,504	13,754	750	5.2	14,306	13,663	643	4.5	14,246	13,325	921	6.5
Jacksonville	12,166	11,570	596	4.9	11,987	11,462	525	4.4	11,799	11,118	681	5.8
Jonesboro	36,772	35,431	1,341	3.6	36,361	35,210	1,151	3.2	35,813	34,004	1,809	5.1
Little Rock	99,240	95,523	3,717	3.7	97,831	94,632	3,199	3.3	96,484	91,792	4,692	4.9
North Little Rock	30,865	29,634	1,231	4.0	30,460	29,358	1,102	3.6	30,063	28,477	1,586	5.3
Paragould	12,616	11,997	619	4.9	12,543	12,042	501	4.0	12,777	12,012	765	6.0
Pine Bluff	17,752	16,504	1,248	7.0	17,458	16,372	1,086	6.2	17,848	16,255	1,593	8.9
Rogers	33,759	32,778	981	2.9	33,420	32,528	892	2.7	32,517	31,116	1,401	4.3
Russellville	14,021	13,277	744	5.3	14,039	13,403	636	4.5	13,926	13,064	862	6.2
Searcy	10,702	10,213	489	4.6	10,731	10,288	443	4.1	10,631	9,958	673	6.3
Sherwood	15,894	15,412	482	3.0	15,714	15,269	445	2.8	15,475	14,810	665	4.3
Springdale	38,815	37,676	1,139	2.9	38,453	37,394	1,059	2.8	37,138	35,773	1,365	3.7
Texarkana, AR	14,005	13,374	631	4.5	13,792	13,251	541	3.9	13,893	13,089	804	5.8
Van Buren	10,638	10,220	418	3.9	10,522	10,150	372	3.5	10,612	10,027	585	5.5
West Memphis	10,871	10,263	608	5.6	10,794	10,256	538	5.0	10,847	10,020	827	7.6

Labor Market Report

County Labor Force Statistics

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	June 2016				May 2016				June 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,769	9,436	333	3.4	9,742	9,428	314	3.2	9,602	9,192	410	4.3
Ashley	8,418	7,916	502	6.0	8,374	7,923	451	5.4	8,428	7,742	686	8.1
Baxter	16,368	15,686	682	4.2	16,416	15,764	652	4.0	16,539	15,610	929	5.6
Benton	126,609	122,728	3,881	3.1	125,345	121,792	3,553	2.8	121,498	116,505	4,993	4.1
Boone	16,366	15,758	608	3.7	16,228	15,660	568	3.5	16,114	15,290	824	5.1
Bradley	4,762	4,477	285	6.0	4,655	4,466	189	4.1	4,577	4,310	267	5.8
Calhoun	2,437	2,304	133	5.5	2,422	2,313	109	4.5	2,425	2,284	141	5.8
Carroll	13,350	12,931	419	3.1	13,327	12,904	423	3.2	12,963	12,404	559	4.3
Chicot	3,715	3,474	241	6.5	3,711	3,482	229	6.2	3,883	3,522	361	9.3
Clark	9,554	9,040	514	5.4	9,772	9,367	405	4.1	9,339	8,702	637	6.8
Clay	6,254	5,899	355	5.7	6,266	5,949	317	5.1	6,494	6,083	411	6.3
Cleburne	9,948	9,369	579	5.8	9,832	9,253	579	5.9	9,869	9,161	708	7.2
Cleveland	3,447	3,283	164	4.8	3,438	3,285	153	4.5	3,477	3,276	201	5.8
Columbia	9,651	9,026	625	6.5	9,667	9,124	543	5.6	9,669	8,955	714	7.4
Conway	8,886	8,359	527	5.9	8,831	8,303	528	6.0	8,767	8,206	561	6.4
Craighead	52,550	50,676	1,874	3.6	51,976	50,360	1,616	3.1	51,150	48,635	2,515	4.9
Crawford	27,422	26,267	1,155	4.2	27,138	26,087	1,051	3.9	27,294	25,772	1,522	5.6
Crittenden	21,871	20,796	1,075	4.9	21,718	20,781	937	4.3	21,798	20,304	1,494	6.9
Cross	8,178	7,831	347	4.2	8,173	7,838	335	4.1	8,378	7,934	444	5.3
Dallas	3,081	2,920	161	5.2	3,037	2,898	139	4.6	2,950	2,731	219	7.4
Desha	5,641	5,339	302	5.4	5,606	5,331	275	4.9	5,803	5,376	427	7.4
Drew	8,129	7,660	469	5.8	8,281	7,855	426	5.1	8,054	7,435	619	7.7
Faulkner	61,838	59,305	2,533	4.1	61,193	58,820	2,373	3.9	60,177	57,103	3,074	5.1
Franklin	7,583	7,249	334	4.4	7,579	7,270	309	4.1	7,585	7,160	425	5.6
Fulton	4,878	4,676	202	4.1	4,877	4,671	206	4.2	4,968	4,702	266	5.4
Garland	41,419	39,569	1,850	4.5	40,985	39,307	1,678	4.1	40,683	38,334	2,349	5.8
Grant	8,576	8,254	322	3.8	8,487	8,201	286	3.4	8,383	7,980	403	4.8
Greene	20,202	19,269	933	4.6	20,109	19,341	768	3.8	20,431	19,292	1,139	5.6
Hempstead	10,203	9,810	393	3.9	10,161	9,791	370	3.6	10,077	9,555	522	5.2
Hot Spring	14,585	13,972	613	4.2	14,443	13,908	535	3.7	14,420	13,621	799	5.5
Howard	6,271	6,057	214	3.4	6,301	6,103	198	3.1	6,227	5,941	286	4.6
Independence	16,369	15,532	837	5.1	16,412	15,646	766	4.7	15,913	14,836	1,077	6.8
Izard	5,022	4,710	312	6.2	5,116	4,854	262	5.1	4,989	4,646	343	6.9
Jackson	6,342	5,954	388	6.1	6,354	5,986	368	5.8	6,404	5,920	484	7.6
Jefferson	29,398	27,648	1,750	6.0	28,991	27,426	1,565	5.4	29,493	27,230	2,263	7.7
Johnson	10,631	10,064	567	5.3	10,627	10,116	511	4.8	10,712	9,998	714	6.7
Lafayette	2,619	2,463	156	6.0	2,622	2,484	138	5.3	2,695	2,467	228	8.5
Lawrence	6,982	6,653	329	4.7	7,169	6,890	279	3.9	6,998	6,541	457	6.5
Lee	3,197	3,040	157	4.9	3,208	3,071	137	4.3	3,335	3,117	218	6.5
Lincoln	4,199	3,985	214	5.1	4,188	3,995	193	4.6	4,255	3,989	266	6.3
Little River	5,770	5,510	260	4.5	5,685	5,452	233	4.1	5,713	5,386	327	5.7
Logan	9,400	8,926	474	5.0	9,344	8,901	443	4.7	9,473	8,866	607	6.4
Lonoke	34,172	32,955	1,217	3.6	33,837	32,769	1,068	3.2	33,393	31,890	1,503	4.5
Madison	7,502	7,251	251	3.3	7,506	7,274	232	3.1	7,331	7,036	295	4.0
Marion	6,701	6,432	269	4.0	6,652	6,407	245	3.7	6,679	6,320	359	5.4
Miller	20,198	19,364	834	4.1	19,928	19,185	743	3.7	20,040	18,951	1,089	5.4

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County Labor Force Statistics

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	June 2016				May 2016				June 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	18,014	16,388	1,626	9.0	18,085	16,790	1,295	7.2	18,634	16,449	2,185	11.7
Monroe	3,024	2,860	164	5.4	3,020	2,891	129	4.3	3,113	2,933	180	5.8
Montgomery	3,655	3,487	168	4.6	3,289	3,137	152	4.6	3,834	3,597	237	6.2
Nevada	3,806	3,651	155	4.1	3,767	3,630	137	3.6	3,731	3,531	200	5.4
Newton	3,493	3,359	134	3.8	3,481	3,359	122	3.5	3,455	3,295	160	4.6
Ouachita	10,196	9,625	571	5.6	10,051	9,587	464	4.6	10,092	9,405	687	6.8
Perry	4,336	4,128	208	4.8	4,318	4,112	206	4.8	4,252	4,006	246	5.8
Phillips	7,051	6,633	418	5.9	7,055	6,680	375	5.3	7,198	6,654	544	7.6
Pike	4,356	4,158	198	4.5	4,350	4,171	179	4.1	4,322	4,043	279	6.5
Poinsett	10,546	10,091	455	4.3	10,499	10,096	403	3.8	10,437	9,814	623	6.0
Polk	8,399	7,978	421	5.0	8,395	7,998	397	4.7	8,647	8,093	554	6.4
Pope	30,093	28,525	1,568	5.2	30,172	28,794	1,378	4.6	29,887	28,066	1,821	6.1
Prairie	3,745	3,599	146	3.9	3,769	3,632	137	3.6	3,878	3,688	190	4.9
Pulaski	192,992	185,739	7,253	3.8	190,405	184,007	6,398	3.4	187,658	178,484	9,174	4.9
Randolph	6,026	5,714	312	5.2	6,072	5,793	279	4.6	6,301	5,835	466	7.4
St. Francis	9,071	8,584	487	5.4	8,953	8,523	430	4.8	9,197	8,511	686	7.5
Saline	57,208	55,338	1,870	3.3	56,572	54,830	1,742	3.1	55,700	53,187	2,513	4.5
Scott	4,632	4,448	184	4.0	4,612	4,443	169	3.7	4,689	4,426	263	5.6
Searcy	3,110	2,970	140	4.5	3,080	2,946	134	4.4	3,220	3,042	178	5.5
Sebastian	58,577	56,298	2,279	3.9	57,936	55,831	2,105	3.6	58,048	55,093	2,955	5.1
Sevier	5,781	5,473	308	5.3	5,819	5,547	272	4.7	5,741	5,377	364	6.3
Sharp	6,175	5,844	331	5.4	6,101	5,778	323	5.3	6,183	5,746	437	7.1
Stone	4,836	4,588	248	5.1	4,817	4,586	231	4.8	4,887	4,576	311	6.4
Union	17,565	16,539	1,026	5.8	17,257	16,388	869	5.0	17,095	15,943	1,152	6.7
Van Buren	6,652	6,190	462	6.9	6,596	6,152	444	6.7	6,612	6,160	452	6.8
Washington	121,026	117,361	3,665	3.0	119,682	116,487	3,195	2.7	115,983	111,435	4,548	3.9
White	35,027	33,141	1,886	5.4	35,212	33,384	1,828	5.2	34,684	32,314	2,370	6.8
Woodruff	3,061	2,884	177	5.8	3,103	2,944	159	5.1	3,127	2,931	196	6.3
Yell	9,156	8,708	448	4.9	9,257	8,846	411	4.4	9,203	8,678	525	5.7

County Labor Force Summary

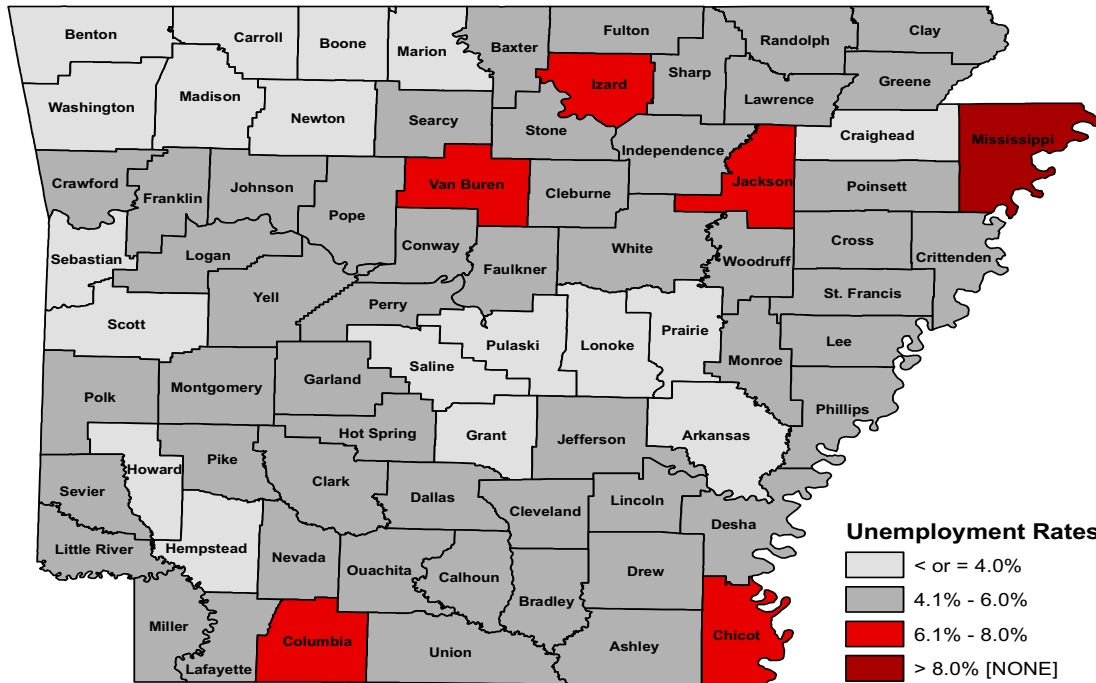
Between May and June, unemployment rates increased in 69 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates declined in four counties, while remaining stable in two. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 3.0 percent in Washington County to a high of 9.0 percent in Mississippi County.

In June, eighteen counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. Only one county-- Mississippi County-- reported a rate above eight percent, marking the first time a county jobless rate has been above eight percent in six months.

Compared to June 2015, unemployment rates are down in 73 counties. Both Bradley and Van Buren counties posted a slight increase over the year.

Labor Market Report

County Labor Force Statistics



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

June 2016- Not Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	3.0	23	Hot Spring	4.2	51	Clark	5.4
2	Benton	3.1	27	Poinsett	4.3	51	Desha	5.4
2	Carroll	3.1	28	Franklin	4.4	51	Monroe	5.4
4	Madison	3.3	29	Garland	4.5	51	St. Francis	5.4
4	Saline	3.3	29	Little River	4.5	51	Sharp	5.4
6	Arkansas	3.4	29	Pike	4.5	51	White	5.4
6	Howard	3.4	29	Searcy	4.5	57	Calhoun	5.5
8	Craighead	3.6	33	Greene	4.6	58	Ouachita	5.6
8	Lonoke	3.6	33	Montgomery	4.6	59	Clay	5.7
10	Boone	3.7	35	Lawrence	4.7	60	Cleburne	5.8
11	Grant	3.8	36	Cleveland	4.8	60	Drew	5.8
11	Newton	3.8	36	Perry	4.8	60	Union	5.8
11	Pulaski	3.8	38	Crittenden	4.9	60	Woodruff	5.8
14	Hempstead	3.9	38	Lee	4.9	64	Conway	5.9
14	Prairie	3.9	38	Yell	4.9	64	Phillips	5.9
14	Sebastian	3.9	41	Logan	5.0	66	Ashley	6.0
17	Marion	4.0	41	Polk	5.0	66	Bradley	6.0
17	Scott	4.0	43	Independence	5.1	66	Jefferson	6.0
19	Faulkner	4.1	43	Lincoln	5.1	66	Lafayette	6.0
19	Fulton	4.1	43	Stone	5.1	70	Jackson	6.1
19	Miller	4.1	46	Dallas	5.2	71	Izard	6.2
19	Nevada	4.1	46	Pope	5.2	72	Chicot	6.5
23	Baxter	4.2	46	Randolph	5.2	72	Columbia	6.5
23	Crawford	4.2	49	Johnson	5.3	74	Van Buren	6.9
23	Cross	4.2	49	Sevier	5.3	75	Mississippi	9.0

Labor Market Report

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LWDA	June 2016				May 2016				June 2015			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	253,739	244,273	9,466	3.7	250,965	242,317	8,648	3.4	247,435	235,493	11,942	4.8
City of Little Rock	99,240	95,523	3,717	3.7	97,831	94,632	3,199	3.3	96,484	91,792	4,692	4.9
Eastern	49,368	46,884	2,484	5.0	49,107	46,893	2,214	4.5	49,906	46,520	3,386	6.8
North Central	98,310	92,888	5,422	5.5	98,420	93,254	5,166	5.2	97,636	90,992	6,644	6.8
Northeast	120,574	114,690	5,884	4.9	120,176	115,219	4,957	4.1	120,445	112,649	7,796	6.5
Northwest	314,525	304,476	10,049	3.2	311,717	302,593	9,124	2.9	303,782	290,937	12,845	4.2
Southeast	86,054	81,472	4,582	5.3	85,473	81,392	4,081	4.8	85,955	80,052	5,903	6.9
Southwest	97,578	92,742	4,836	5.0	96,717	92,502	4,215	4.4	96,455	90,526	5,929	6.1
West Central	136,671	130,010	6,661	4.9	136,044	130,061	5,983	4.4	135,419	127,251	8,168	6.0
Western	116,013	111,166	4,847	4.2	115,004	110,530	4,474	3.9	115,736	109,410	6,326	5.5

