

Arkansas Labor Market Report

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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 month's data is subject to revision.

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data collected for production workers in manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2016 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.

June Spotlight

Local Employment Dynamics (LED)

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.

*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 (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.

Local Employment Dynamics
State of Arkansas
3rd Quarter 2015 - 3rd Quarter 2016

Indicator	3rd Qtr 15	4th Qtr 15	1st Qtr 16	2nd Qtr 16	3rd Qtr 16
Total Employment	1,137,033	1,170,080	1,147,752	1,173,762	1,146,869
Net Job Flows	5,831	-2,824	12,695	10,813	N/A
Job Creation	52,212	44,861	49,087	58,668	N/A
New Hires	233,501	212,861	190,434	237,560	238,233
Separations	227,722	215,481	177,658	266,788	N/A
Turnover Rate	9.4%	9.3%	9.4%	N/A	N/A
Avg Monthly Earnings	\$3,381.00	\$3,784.00	\$3,532.00	\$3,561.00	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 3.4 percent between May and June. Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased 9,243, a result of 9,481 more employed and 238 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point, from 4.3 percent in May to 4.4 percent in June.

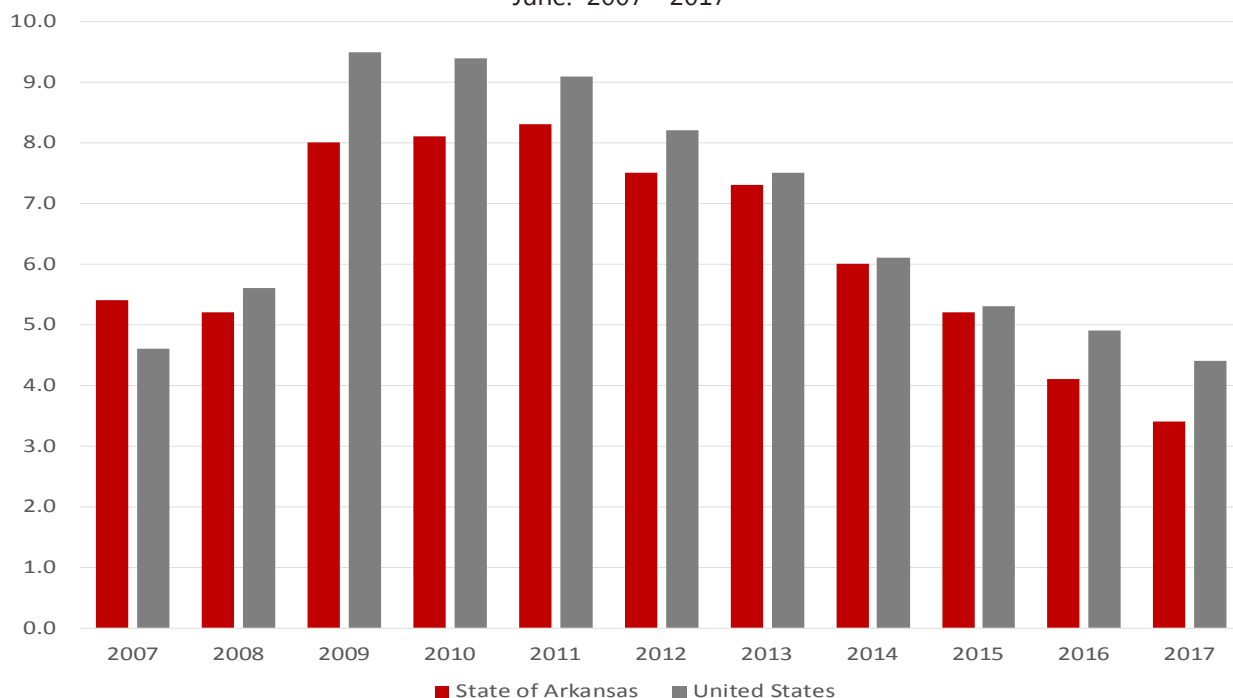
BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Employment in Arkansas increased 9,481 in June, breaking last month’s record high for the State. There are now 28,681 more employed Arkansans than in June 2016.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,364,533	1,355,290	1,343,919	Civilian Labor Force	1,390,525	1,364,495
Employment	1,318,145	1,308,664	1,289,464	Employment	1,338,845	1,318,819
Unemployment	46,388	46,626	54,455	Unemployment	51,680	45,676
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.4	4.1	Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.3
U.S. Unemployment	4.4	4.3	4.9	U.S. Unemployment	4.5	4.1

Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

State of Arkansas vs. United States
June: 2007 - 2017



State of Arkansas

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1251.7	1254.4	1226.0	-2.7	25.7
Goods Producing	215.5	213.8	212.6	1.7	2.9
Mining, Logging, and Construction	57.7	56.8	57.7	0.9	0.0
Mining & Logging	6.1	6.0	6.2	0.1	-0.1
Construction	51.6	50.8	51.5	0.8	0.1
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.2	32.4	33.0	0.8	0.2
Manufacturing	157.8	157.0	154.9	0.8	2.9
Durable Goods	73.4	73.4	74.8	0.0	-1.4
Nondurable Goods	84.4	83.6	80.1	0.8	4.3
Service Providing	1036.2	1040.6	1013.4	-4.4	22.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	256.1	253.4	252.1	2.7	4.0
Wholesale Trade	47.7	47.1	46.4	0.6	1.3
Retail Trade	142.6	141.9	142.2	0.7	0.4
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	65.8	64.4	63.5	1.4	2.3
Information	13.2	13.1	13.6	0.1	-0.4
Financial Activities	52.3	52.1	51.4	0.2	0.9
Finance & Insurance	39.0	38.8	38.0	0.2	1.0
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.3	13.3	13.4	0.0	-0.1
Professional & Business Services	147.1	152.0	140.7	-4.9	6.4
Professional, Scientific & Technical	44.0	43.6	42.0	0.4	2.0
Management of Companies	34.1	33.9	34.9	0.2	-0.8
Administrative & Support Services	69.0	74.5	63.8	-5.5	5.2
Educational & Health Services	185.2	186.2	177.8	-1.0	7.4
Educational Services	13.8	16.3	12.1	-2.5	1.7
Health Care & Social Assistance	171.4	169.9	165.7	1.5	5.7
Ambulatory Health Care	57.0	56.2	53.4	0.8	3.6
Social Assistance	40.6	39.9	39.5	0.7	1.1
Leisure & Hospitality	123.0	120.2	119.2	2.8	3.8
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13.2	12.6	12.9	0.6	0.3
Accommodation & Food Services	109.8	107.6	106.3	2.2	3.5
Accommodation Services	13.3	11.5	12.2	1.8	1.1
Food Services	96.5	96.1	94.1	0.4	2.4
Other Services	50.1	49.1	47.9	1.0	2.2
Government	209.2	214.5	210.7	-5.3	-1.5
Federal Government	20.4	20.2	20.4	0.2	0.0
State Government	74.6	78.8	75.1	-4.2	-0.5
Local Government	114.2	115.5	115.2	-1.3	-1.0

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

May 2017 - June 2017

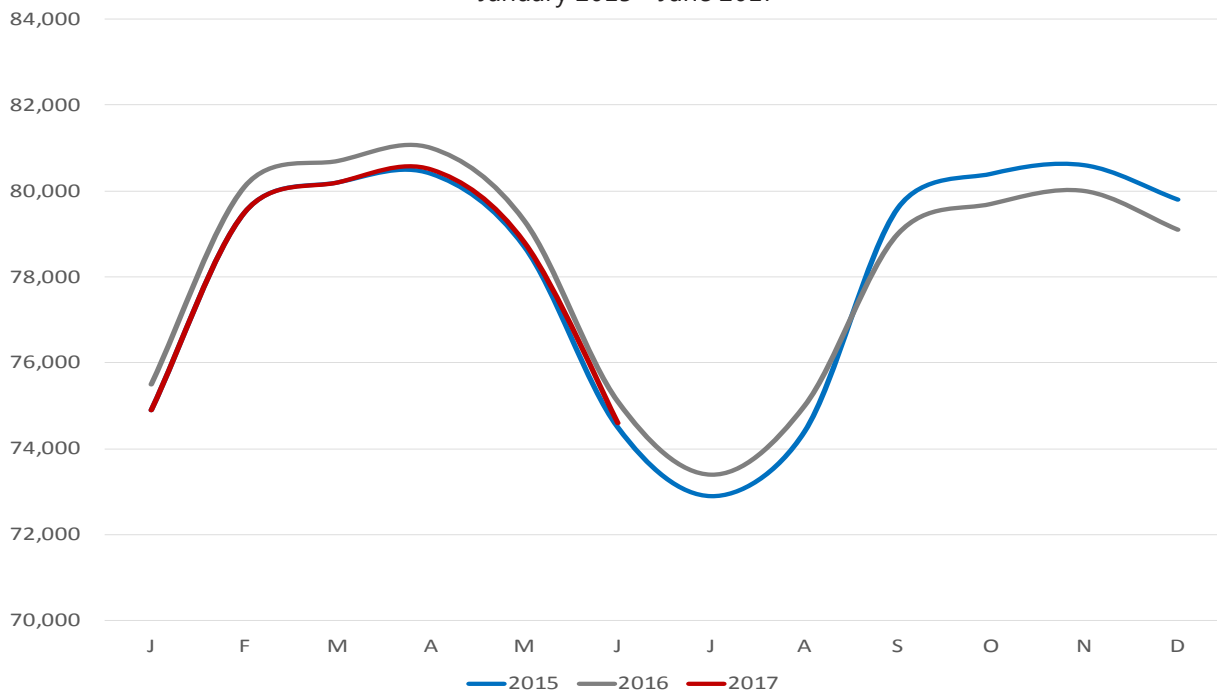
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs decreased 2,700 in June to total 1,251,700. Three major industry sectors posted declines, more than offsetting moderate gains in eight sectors. Employment in **government** fell 5,300. Typical seasonal losses were reported in state (-4,200) and local (-1,300) government, related to the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Jobs in **professional and business services** dropped 4,900. All decreases were posted in administrative and support services (-5,500), attributed in part to a decline in seasonal jobs provided by employment agencies. **Leisure and hospitality** added 2,800 jobs. Most of the gains were in accommodation and food services (+2,200). Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose 2,700, with hiring reported across all subsectors.

June 2016 - June 2017

Since June 2016, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 25,700. Employment increased in eight major industry sectors, while three sectors declined. **Educational and health services** added 7,400 jobs, mostly in health care and social assistance (+5,700). Jobs in **professional and business services** rose 6,400. Gains in administrative-support services (+5,200) and professional-scientific-technical services (+2,000) more than offset the loss in management of companies (-800). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 4,000, with most of the expansion in transportation-warehousing-utilities (+2,300). **Leisure and hospitality** added 3,800 jobs. Food services posted a majority of the growth (+2,400). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 2,900, all in nondurable goods (+4,300).

Jobs in State Government (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

January 2015 - June 2017



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State of Arkansas

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

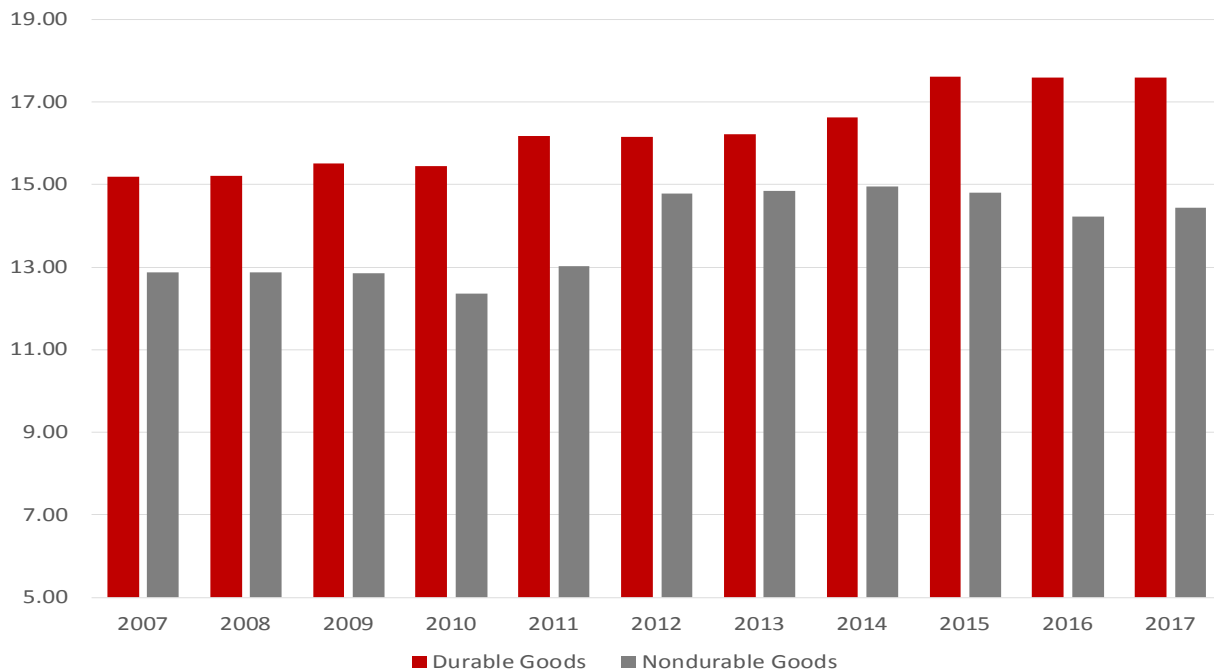
	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.0	39.6	41.5
Average Hourly Earnings	15.87	16.01	15.87
Average Weekly Earnings	650.67	634.00	658.61

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>		<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.6	40.3	41.9	Average Weekly Hours	40.6	39.0	41.2
Average Hourly Earnings	17.59	17.62	17.59	Average Hourly Earnings	14.43	14.60	14.22
Average Weekly Earnings	731.74	710.09	737.02	Average Weekly Earnings	585.86	569.40	585.86

Average Hourly Earnings- Durable Goods vs. Nondurable Goods

June: 2007 - 2017



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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>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	361,031	351,786	355,177	9,245	5,854
Employment	349,091	340,936	341,860	8,155	7,231
Unemployment	11,940	10,850	13,317	1,090	-1,377
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.1	3.7	0.2	-0.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	356.5	354.3	353.7	2.2	2.8
Goods Producing	37.1	36.8	37.9	0.3	-0.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.1	16.8	17.6	0.3	-0.5
Manufacturing	20.0	20.0	20.3	0.0	-0.3
Service Providing	319.4	317.5	315.8	1.9	3.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	70.6	70.1	69.8	0.5	0.8
Wholesale Trade	15.0	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	39.4	39.1	39.2	0.3	0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.2	16.0	15.6	0.2	0.6
Information	6.1	6.1	6.4	0.0	-0.3
Financial Activities	20.6	20.5	20.4	0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	45.9	46.7	46.4	-0.8	-0.5
Educational & Health Services	56.6	55.3	53.2	1.3	3.4
Leisure & Hospitality	35.2	33.6	34.6	1.6	0.6
Other Services	15.1	14.9	14.9	0.2	0.2
Government	69.3	70.3	70.1	-1.0	-0.8
Federal Government	9.7	9.7	9.6	0.0	0.1
State Government	33.9	34.8	33.7	-0.9	0.2
Local Government	25.7	25.8	26.8	-0.1	-1.1

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

June 2014 - June 2017



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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)

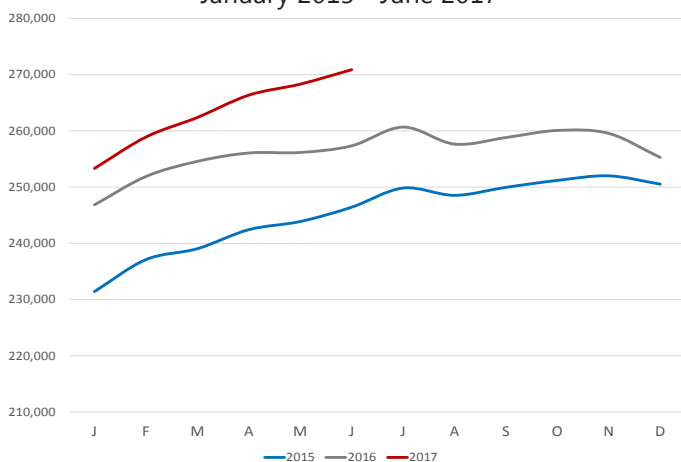
	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	278,776	275,309	265,797	3,467	12,979
Employment	270,892	268,327	257,363	2,565	13,529
Unemployment	7,884	6,982	8,434	902	-550
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.5	3.2	0.3	-0.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

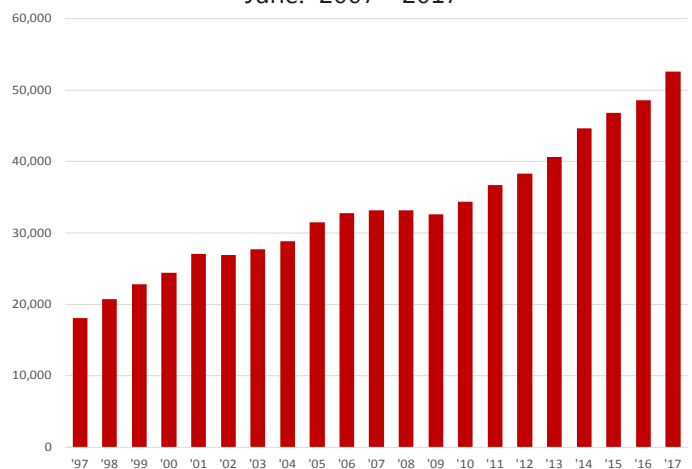
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	253.9	255.9	243.7	-2.0	10.2
Goods Producing	39.4	38.3	38.1	1.1	1.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	11.2	10.9	10.6	0.3	0.6
Manufacturing	28.2	27.4	27.5	0.8	0.7
Service Providing	214.5	217.6	205.6	-3.1	8.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	56.7	56.5	55.8	0.2	0.9
Wholesale Trade	12.8	12.7	12.2	0.1	0.6
Retail Trade	26.2	26.4	26.6	-0.2	-0.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	17.7	17.4	17.0	0.3	0.7
Information	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	8.0	7.9	7.6	0.1	0.4
Professional & Business Services	52.6	53.3	48.6	-0.7	4.0
Educational & Health Services	27.5	28.1	26.4	-0.6	1.1
Leisure & Hospitality	26.2	26.1	25.0	0.1	1.2
Other Services	7.8	7.8	7.5	0.0	0.3
Government	33.8	36.0	32.8	-2.2	1.0
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
State Government	12.2	14.4	11.5	-2.2	0.7
Local Government	19.0	19.0	18.7	0.0	0.3

Number of Employed
January 2015 - June 2017



Jobs in Professional and Business Services
June: 2007 - 2017



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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)

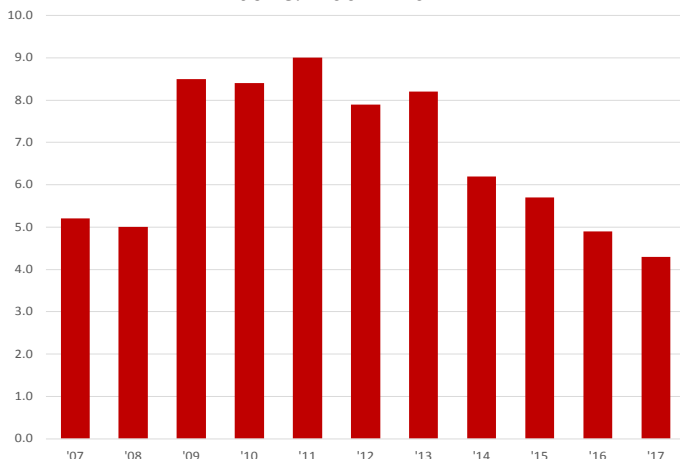
	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	122,765	120,936	123,262	1,829	-497
Employment	117,487	116,054	117,179	1,433	308
Unemployment	5,278	4,882	6,083	396	-805
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.0	4.9	0.3	-0.6

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

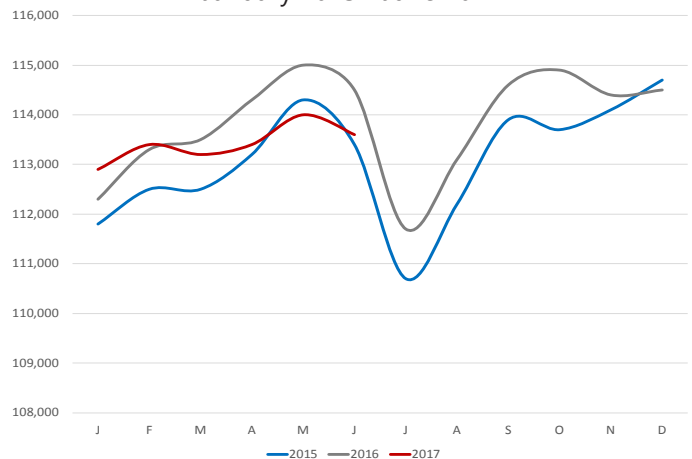
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	113.6	114.0	114.5	-0.4	-0.9
Goods Producing	22.9	22.8	23.8	0.1	-0.9
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.4	5.3	5.7	0.1	-0.3
Manufacturing	17.5	17.5	18.1	0.0	-0.6
Service Providing	90.7	91.2	90.7	-0.5	0.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.2	23.0	23.7	0.2	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	4.0	4.0	3.9	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	12.7	12.5	13.0	0.2	-0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.5	6.5	6.8	0.0	-0.3
Information	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.8	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	13.0	13.3	12.7	-0.3	0.3
Educational & Health Services	16.9	16.8	16.7	0.1	0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	10.0	9.9	10.1	0.1	-0.1
Other Services	4.4	4.3	4.4	0.1	0.0
Government	18.1	18.8	18.0	-0.7	0.1
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.9	3.2	2.9	-0.3	0.0
Local Government	13.9	14.3	13.8	-0.4	0.1

Unemployment Rates
June: 2007 - 2017



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
January 2015 - June 2017



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Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	42,208	41,257	41,230	951	978
Employment	40,512	39,781	39,387	731	1,125
Unemployment	1,696	1,476	1,843	220	-147
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.6	4.5	0.4	-0.5

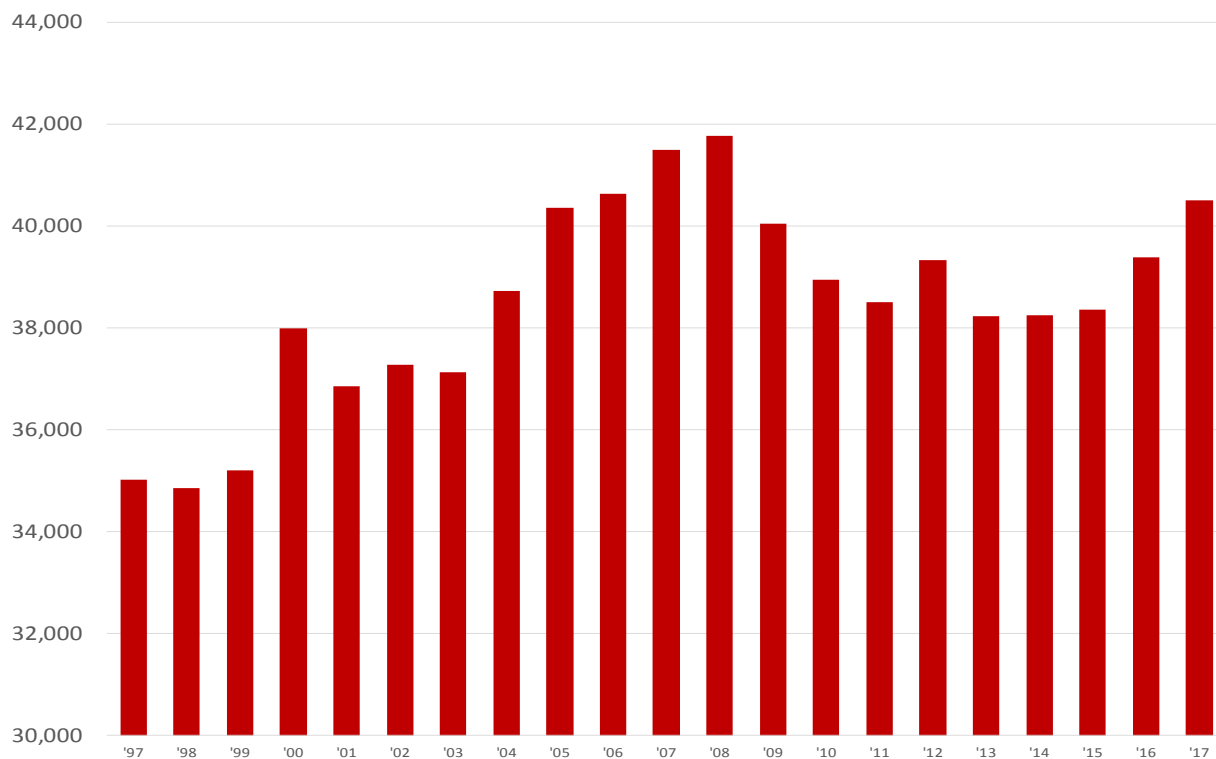
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	38.9	38.9	38.5	0.0	0.4
Goods Producing	4.7	4.6	4.4	0.1	0.3
Service Providing	34.2	34.3	34.1	-0.1	0.1
Government	4.3	4.5	4.4	-0.2	-0.1

Number of Employed

June: 1997 - 2017



Labor Market Report

Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,096	63,824	62,937	1,272	2,159
Employment	62,951	61,977	60,613	974	2,338
Unemployment	2,145	1,847	2,324	298	-179
Unemployment Rate	3.3	2.9	3.7	0.4	-0.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	56.9	57.0	55.5	-0.1	1.4
Goods Producing	9.6	9.4	9.2	0.2	0.4
Service Providing	47.3	47.6	46.3	-0.3	1.0
Government	9.0	9.2	8.9	-0.2	0.1

Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

June 2014 - June 2017



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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>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	36,593	36,087	36,361	506	232
Employment	34,744	34,486	34,261	258	483
Unemployment	1,849	1,601	2,100	248	-251
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.4	5.8	0.7	-0.7

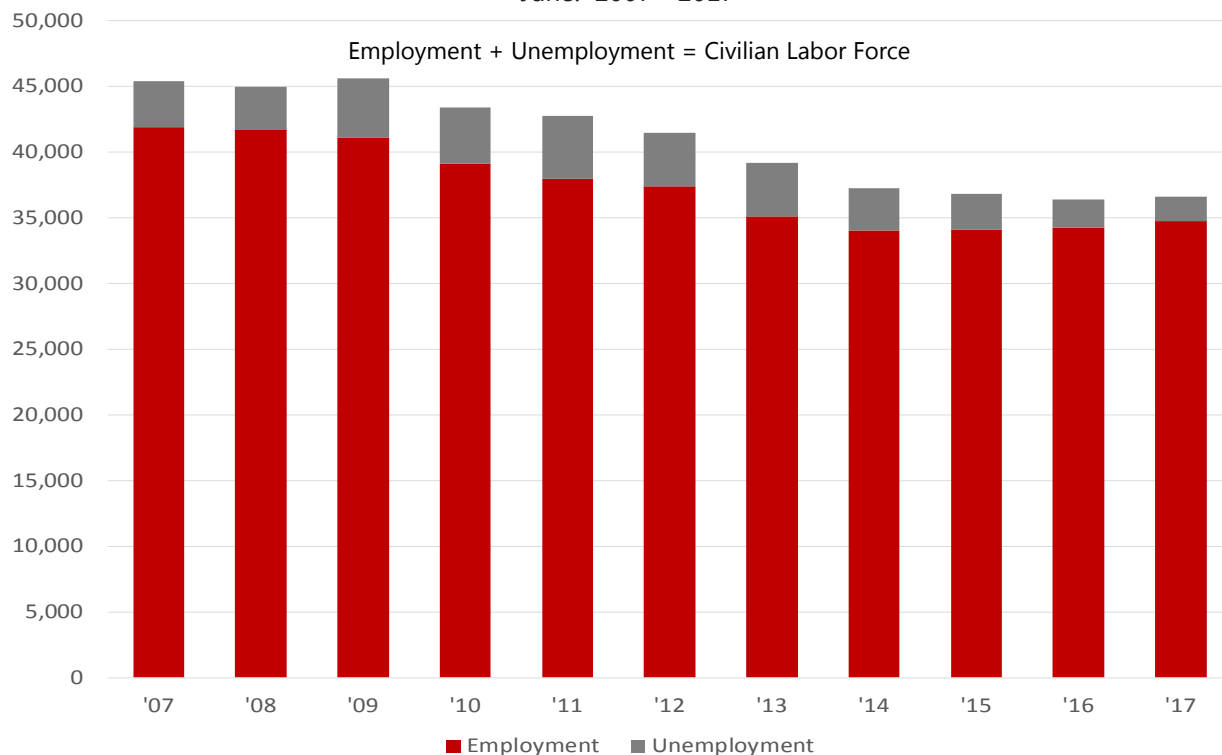
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	33.1	33.5	33.2	-0.4	-0.1
Goods Producing	5.9	5.9	6.1	0.0	-0.2
Service Providing	27.2	27.6	27.1	-0.4	0.1
Government	9.5	9.7	9.6	-0.2	-0.1

Employment and Unemployment

June: 2007 - 2017



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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.

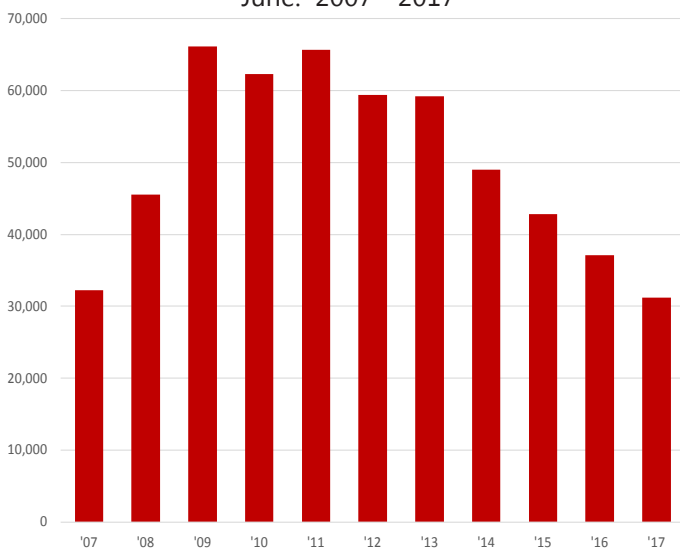
	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	637,880	625,358	630,361	12,522	7,519
Employment	606,684	602,463	593,250	4,221	13,434
Unemployment	31,196	22,895	37,111	8,301	-5,915
Unemployment Rate	4.9	3.7	5.9	1.2	-1.0

Texarkana MSA

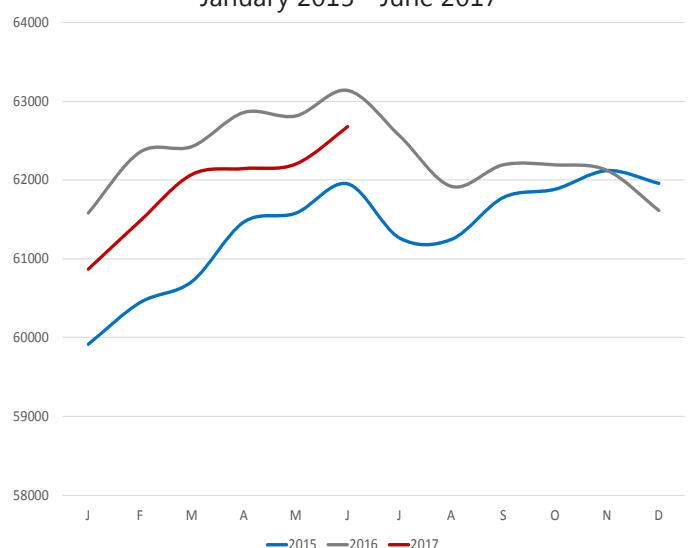
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,886	65,110	66,185	776	-299
Employment	62,678	62,202	63,137	476	-459
Unemployment	3,208	2,908	3,048	300	160
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.5	4.6	0.4	0.3

Unemployment- Memphis MSA
June: 2007 - 2017



Number of Employed- Texarkana MSA
January 2015 - June 2017



Labor Market Report

Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Micro Area	June 2017				May 2017				June 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,552	9,131	421	4.4	9,700	9,346	354	3.6	9,320	8,807	513	5.5
Batesville Micro	16,857	16,134	723	4.3	16,610	16,027	583	3.5	16,305	15,457	848	5.2
Blytheville Micro	18,357	16,900	1,457	7.9	17,904	16,923	981	5.5	18,621	17,016	1,605	8.6
Camden Micro	12,618	12,077	541	4.3	12,420	11,910	510	4.1	12,572	11,880	692	5.5
El Dorado Micro	16,568	15,626	942	5.7	16,148	15,361	787	4.9	16,576	15,555	1,021	6.2
Forrest City Micro	9,071	8,619	452	5.0	8,800	8,428	372	4.2	9,074	8,593	481	5.3
Harrison Micro	19,909	19,278	631	3.2	19,520	18,916	604	3.1	19,983	19,235	748	3.7
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,802	6,410	392	5.8	6,669	6,332	337	5.1	6,877	6,467	410	6.0
Hope Micro	14,249	13,752	497	3.5	13,974	13,535	439	3.1	13,938	13,397	541	3.9
Magnolia Micro	9,303	8,797	506	5.4	9,248	8,820	428	4.6	9,406	8,780	626	6.7
Malvern Micro	14,603	14,033	570	3.9	14,308	13,829	479	3.3	14,333	13,727	606	4.2
Mountain Home Micro	16,628	15,942	686	4.1	16,519	15,900	619	3.7	16,145	15,456	689	4.3
Paragould Micro	20,352	19,566	786	3.9	20,004	19,354	650	3.2	20,221	19,287	934	4.6
Russellville Micro	38,917	37,212	1,705	4.4	38,518	37,113	1,405	3.6	38,561	36,554	2,007	5.2
Searcy Micro	34,626	33,081	1,545	4.5	34,430	32,889	1,541	4.5	34,497	32,608	1,889	5.5

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

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 2017				May 2017				June 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,711	12,251	460	3.6	12,556	12,135	421	3.4	12,055	11,622	433	3.6
Benton	16,810	16,313	497	3.0	16,375	15,930	445	2.7	16,519	15,977	542	3.3
Bentonville	25,157	24,349	808	3.2	24,821	24,118	703	2.8	23,794	23,098	696	2.9
Blytheville	6,317	5,762	555	8.8	6,086	5,769	317	5.2	6,386	5,801	585	9.2
Cabot	12,081	11,699	382	3.2	11,757	11,431	326	2.8	11,848	11,446	402	3.4
Conway	34,108	32,960	1,148	3.4	33,235	32,188	1,047	3.2	33,552	32,266	1,286	3.8
El Dorado	7,210	6,764	446	6.2	7,042	6,649	393	5.6	7,252	6,733	519	7.2
Fayetteville	48,847	47,476	1,371	2.8	48,207	47,016	1,191	2.5	46,623	45,026	1,597	3.4
Fort Smith	41,236	39,800	1,436	3.5	40,527	39,194	1,333	3.3	40,984	39,428	1,556	3.8
Hot Springs	14,756	14,088	668	4.5	14,407	13,834	573	4.0	14,429	13,697	732	5.1
Jacksonville	12,071	11,571	500	4.1	11,767	11,300	467	4.0	11,927	11,335	592	5.0
Jonesboro	38,274	37,055	1,219	3.2	37,539	36,477	1,062	2.8	37,032	35,683	1,349	3.6
Little Rock	99,542	96,222	3,320	3.3	96,963	93,968	2,995	3.1	97,967	94,256	3,711	3.8
North Little Rock	30,824	29,672	1,152	3.7	29,997	28,977	1,020	3.4	30,293	29,065	1,228	4.1
Paragould	12,772	12,235	537	4.2	12,560	12,102	458	3.6	12,711	12,060	651	5.1
Pine Bluff	17,432	16,377	1,055	6.1	17,102	16,260	842	4.9	17,405	16,167	1,238	7.1
Rogers	35,552	34,592	960	2.7	35,094	34,263	831	2.4	33,793	32,815	978	2.9
Russellville	13,917	13,340	577	4.1	13,780	13,306	474	3.4	13,815	13,113	702	5.1
Searcy	10,662	10,211	451	4.2	10,595	10,151	444	4.2	10,563	10,065	498	4.7
Sherwood	16,042	15,559	483	3.0	15,627	15,195	432	2.8	15,738	15,241	497	3.2
Springdale	40,325	39,359	966	2.4	39,868	38,978	890	2.2	38,474	37,330	1,144	3.0
Texarkana, AR	14,381	13,669	712	5.0	13,999	13,384	615	4.4	14,236	13,579	657	4.6
Van Buren	10,659	10,301	358	3.4	10,467	10,146	321	3.1	10,617	10,200	417	3.9
West Memphis	11,050	10,487	563	5.1	10,832	10,320	512	4.7	10,744	10,137	607	5.6

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County Labor Force Statistics

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	June 2017				May 2017				June 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,520	9,229	291	3.1	9,315	9,059	256	2.7	9,453	9,126	327	3.5
Ashley	8,099	7,642	457	5.6	7,939	7,532	407	5.1	8,007	7,503	504	6.3
Baxter	16,628	15,942	686	4.1	16,519	15,900	619	3.7	16,145	15,456	689	4.3
Benton	133,826	129,867	3,959	3.0	132,122	128,633	3,489	2.6	127,123	123,195	3,928	3.1
Boone	16,394	15,878	516	3.1	16,076	15,580	496	3.1	16,469	15,856	613	3.7
Bradley	4,704	4,503	201	4.3	4,616	4,410	206	4.5	4,543	4,265	278	6.1
Calhoun	2,478	2,383	95	3.8	2,437	2,351	86	3.5	2,469	2,338	131	5.3
Carroll	13,569	13,180	389	2.9	13,369	12,980	389	2.9	13,190	12,768	422	3.2
Chicot	3,700	3,485	215	5.8	3,626	3,424	202	5.6	3,670	3,430	240	6.5
Clark	9,552	9,131	421	4.4	9,700	9,346	354	3.6	9,320	8,807	513	5.5
Clay	6,085	5,818	267	4.4	5,969	5,738	231	3.9	6,197	5,848	349	5.6
Cleburne	9,671	9,238	433	4.5	9,383	8,967	416	4.4	9,808	9,231	577	5.9
Cleveland	3,415	3,262	153	4.5	3,374	3,235	139	4.1	3,368	3,205	163	4.8
Columbia	9,303	8,797	506	5.4	9,248	8,820	428	4.6	9,406	8,780	626	6.7
Conway	8,598	8,197	401	4.7	8,392	8,033	359	4.3	8,578	8,057	521	6.1
Craighead	54,406	52,709	1,697	3.1	53,357	51,888	1,469	2.8	52,632	50,758	1,874	3.6
Crawford	27,447	26,466	981	3.6	26,944	26,068	876	3.3	27,361	26,207	1,154	4.2
Crittenden	22,305	21,309	996	4.5	21,834	20,969	865	4.0	21,660	20,597	1,063	4.9
Cross	8,139	7,826	313	3.8	7,955	7,677	278	3.5	8,198	7,854	344	4.2
Dallas	3,088	2,946	142	4.6	3,020	2,904	116	3.8	2,953	2,790	163	5.5
Desha	5,598	5,318	280	5.0	5,466	5,219	247	4.5	5,549	5,248	301	5.4
Drew	8,055	7,640	415	5.2	8,057	7,677	380	4.7	7,919	7,435	484	6.1
Faulkner	62,175	60,089	2,086	3.4	60,598	58,681	1,917	3.2	61,340	58,824	2,516	4.1
Franklin	7,589	7,322	267	3.5	7,494	7,246	248	3.3	7,438	7,110	328	4.4
Fulton	4,977	4,782	195	3.9	4,856	4,674	182	3.7	4,899	4,691	208	4.2
Garland	42,208	40,512	1,696	4.0	41,257	39,781	1,476	3.6	41,230	39,387	1,843	4.5
Grant	8,564	8,288	276	3.2	8,349	8,101	248	3.0	8,439	8,118	321	3.8
Greene	20,352	19,566	786	3.9	20,004	19,354	650	3.2	20,221	19,287	934	4.6
Hempstead	10,403	10,046	357	3.4	10,202	9,888	314	3.1	10,177	9,784	393	3.9
Hot Spring	14,603	14,033	570	3.9	14,308	13,829	479	3.3	14,333	13,727	606	4.2
Howard	6,315	6,112	203	3.2	6,212	6,049	163	2.6	6,108	5,900	208	3.4
Independence	16,857	16,134	723	4.3	16,610	16,027	583	3.5	16,305	15,457	848	5.2
Izard	5,073	4,805	268	5.3	5,106	4,854	252	4.9	4,993	4,673	320	6.4
Jackson	6,212	5,872	340	5.5	6,110	5,806	304	5.0	6,240	5,855	385	6.2
Jefferson	29,021	27,495	1,526	5.3	28,599	27,298	1,301	4.5	28,868	27,142	1,726	6.0
Johnson	10,996	10,539	457	4.2	10,814	10,423	391	3.6	10,862	10,292	570	5.2
Lafayette	2,673	2,534	139	5.2	2,605	2,496	109	4.2	2,619	2,462	157	6.0
Lawrence	6,953	6,686	267	3.8	7,022	6,796	226	3.2	6,862	6,536	326	4.8
Lee	3,254	3,107	147	4.5	3,193	3,068	125	3.9	3,221	3,066	155	4.8
Lincoln	4,157	3,987	170	4.1	4,114	3,953	161	3.9	4,125	3,914	211	5.1
Little River	5,808	5,530	278	4.8	5,654	5,421	233	4.1	5,775	5,506	269	4.7
Logan	9,397	9,034	363	3.9	9,201	8,883	318	3.5	9,401	8,924	477	5.1
Lonoke	34,342	33,245	1,097	3.2	33,465	32,484	981	2.9	33,736	32,527	1,209	3.6
Madison	7,694	7,485	209	2.7	7,592	7,409	183	2.4	7,346	7,097	249	3.4
Marion	6,767	6,515	252	3.7	6,619	6,392	227	3.4	6,701	6,437	264	3.9
Miller	20,709	19,785	924	4.5	20,172	19,373	799	4.0	20,524	19,655	869	4.2

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County Labor Force Statistics

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County	June 2017				May 2017				June 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	18,357	16,900	1,457	7.9	17,904	16,923	981	5.5	18,621	17,016	1,605	8.6
Monroe	3,007	2,889	118	3.9	2,956	2,859	97	3.3	2,985	2,826	159	5.3
Montgomery	3,560	3,407	153	4.3	3,280	3,156	124	3.8	3,310	3,139	171	5.2
Nevada	3,846	3,706	140	3.6	3,772	3,647	125	3.3	3,761	3,613	148	3.9
Newton	3,515	3,400	115	3.3	3,444	3,336	108	3.1	3,514	3,379	135	3.8
Ouachita	10,140	9,694	446	4.4	9,983	9,559	424	4.2	10,103	9,542	561	5.6
Perry	4,314	4,146	168	3.9	4,212	4,050	162	3.8	4,256	4,049	207	4.9
Phillips	6,802	6,410	392	5.8	6,669	6,332	337	5.1	6,877	6,467	410	6.0
Pike	4,534	4,350	184	4.1	4,417	4,265	152	3.4	4,337	4,147	190	4.4
Poinsett	10,690	10,242	448	4.2	10,467	10,089	378	3.6	10,305	9,855	450	4.4
Polk	8,477	8,121	356	4.2	8,288	7,952	336	4.1	8,480	8,052	428	5.0
Pope	29,917	28,574	1,343	4.5	29,593	28,501	1,092	3.7	29,653	28,087	1,566	5.3
Prairie	3,849	3,698	151	3.9	3,777	3,639	138	3.7	3,710	3,565	145	3.9
Pulaski	193,364	186,812	6,552	3.4	188,383	182,436	5,947	3.2	190,185	182,995	7,190	3.8
Randolph	7,013	6,728	285	4.1	6,904	6,648	256	3.7	6,524	6,209	315	4.8
St. Francis	9,071	8,619	452	5.0	8,800	8,428	372	4.2	9,074	8,593	481	5.3
Saline	58,272	56,511	1,761	3.0	56,779	55,184	1,595	2.8	57,221	55,347	1,874	3.3
Scott	4,700	4,546	154	3.3	4,590	4,456	134	2.9	4,548	4,364	184	4.0
Searcy	3,153	3,019	134	4.2	2,997	2,882	115	3.8	3,292	3,151	141	4.3
Sebastian	59,255	57,139	2,116	3.6	58,204	56,268	1,936	3.3	58,869	56,604	2,265	3.8
Sevier	5,932	5,675	257	4.3	5,875	5,639	236	4.0	5,750	5,443	307	5.3
Sharp	6,384	6,087	297	4.7	6,222	5,944	278	4.5	6,229	5,895	334	5.4
Stone	4,986	4,759	227	4.6	4,814	4,602	212	4.4	4,869	4,622	247	5.1
Union	16,568	15,626	942	5.7	16,148	15,361	787	4.9	16,576	15,555	1,021	6.2
Van Buren	6,066	5,750	316	5.2	5,930	5,627	303	5.1	6,170	5,707	463	7.5
Washington	126,387	123,125	3,262	2.6	124,817	121,932	2,885	2.3	120,483	116,772	3,711	3.1
White	34,626	33,081	1,545	4.5	34,430	32,889	1,541	4.5	34,497	32,608	1,889	5.5
Woodruff	3,058	2,920	138	4.5	3,037	2,904	133	4.4	3,074	2,900	174	5.7
Yell	9,000	8,638	362	4.0	8,925	8,612	313	3.5	8,908	8,467	441	5.0

County Labor Force Summary

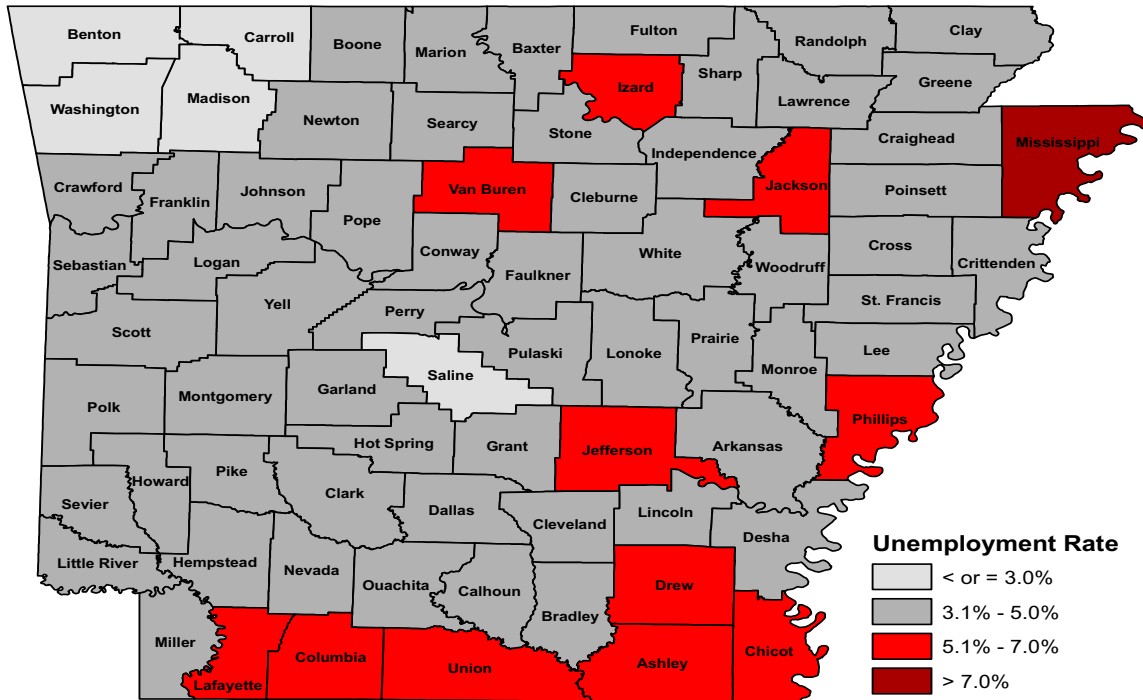
Between May and June, unemployment rates increased in 71 of Arkansas' 75 counties. The rate in Bradley County declined, while three counties were unchanged. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.6 percent in Washington County to a high of 7.9 percent in Mississippi County.

In June, thirty-three counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down from 50 counties at or below four percent last month. For the 4th consecutive month, no county in Arkansas reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to June 2016, unemployment rates are down in 72 counties. Little River County and Miller County both increased, while Prairie County remained the same over the year.

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Ranked by Unemployment Rates

June 2017- Not Seasonally Adjusted

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.6	25	Greene	3.9	49	Crittenden	4.5
2	Madison	2.7	25	Hot Spring	3.9	49	Lee	4.5
3	Carroll	2.9	25	Logan	3.9	49	Miller	4.5
4	Benton	3.0	25	Monroe	3.9	49	Pope	4.5
4	Saline	3.0	25	Perry	3.9	49	White	4.5
6	Arkansas	3.1	25	Prairie	3.9	49	Woodruff	4.5
6	Boone	3.1	32	Garland	4.0	57	Dallas	4.6
6	Craighead	3.1	32	Yell	4.0	57	Stone	4.6
9	Grant	3.2	34	Baxter	4.1	59	Conway	4.7
9	Howard	3.2	34	Lincoln	4.1	59	Sharp	4.7
9	Lonoke	3.2	34	Pike	4.1	61	Little River	4.8
12	Newton	3.3	34	Randolph	4.1	62	Desha	5.0
12	Scott	3.3	38	Johnson	4.2	62	St. Francis	5.0
14	Faulkner	3.4	38	Poinsett	4.2	64	Drew	5.2
14	Hempstead	3.4	38	Polk	4.2	64	Lafayette	5.2
14	Pulaski	3.4	38	Searcy	4.2	64	Van Buren	5.2
17	Franklin	3.5	42	Bradley	4.3	67	Izard	5.3
18	Crawford	3.6	42	Independence	4.3	67	Jefferson	5.3
18	Nevada	3.6	42	Montgomery	4.3	69	Columbia	5.4
18	Sebastian	3.6	42	Sevier	4.3	70	Jackson	5.5
21	Marion	3.7	46	Clark	4.4	71	Ashley	5.6
22	Calhoun	3.8	46	Clay	4.4	72	Union	5.7
22	Cross	3.8	46	Ouachita	4.4	73	Chicot	5.8
22	Lawrence	3.8	49	Cleburne	4.5	73	Phillips	5.8
25	Fulton	3.9	49	Cleveland	4.5	75	Mississippi	7.9

Labor Market Report

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LWDA	June 2017				May 2017				June 2016			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	255,467	247,022	8,445	3.3	248,995	241,315	7,680	3.1	251,210	241,828	9,382	3.7
City of Little Rock	99,542	96,222	3,320	3.3	96,963	93,968	2,995	3.1	97,967	94,256	3,711	3.8
Eastern	49,571	47,271	2,300	4.6	48,451	46,474	1,977	4.1	49,030	46,577	2,453	5.0
North Central	97,910	93,428	4,482	4.6	96,498	92,294	4,204	4.4	97,084	91,639	5,445	5.6
Northeast	123,856	118,649	5,207	4.2	121,627	117,436	4,191	3.4	121,362	115,509	5,853	4.8
Northwest	327,933	318,411	9,522	2.9	323,555	315,044	8,511	2.6	314,263	304,111	10,152	3.2
Southeast	84,833	80,849	3,984	4.7	83,455	79,908	3,547	4.3	83,941	79,386	4,555	5.4
Southwest	97,263	92,834	4,429	4.6	95,328	91,508	3,820	4.0	96,221	91,368	4,853	5.0
West Central	137,282	131,527	5,755	4.2	134,898	129,996	4,902	3.6	134,787	128,159	6,628	4.9
Western	116,865	112,628	4,237	3.6	114,721	110,873	3,848	3.4	116,097	111,261	4,836	4.2

