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The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while previous month’s data is subject to revision.

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

Industries are classifi according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2017 benchmark.

**Explanation of Terms and Concepts Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Work- force Services. The data are based on es- tablishment records and include all workers, full-or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of

the month. Approximately 5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

**Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)**

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

**Current Population Survey (CPS)**

A monthly sample survey of the popula- tion 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

**Civilian Labor Force**

The sum of all employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

**Employment**

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not work- ing, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

**Unemployment**

An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

**Unemployment Rate**

The number of unemployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

**Seasonal Adjustment**

A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally oc- cur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

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## August Spotlight

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

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

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

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

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

**Leisure and hospitality** is another sector affected by seasonal patterns. People tend to travel more during the summer months. Hotels, restaurants, and recreational facilities have increased business during this time and require more employees. Similarly, many recreational facilities in Arkansas are only open during the summer months—amusement parks and camps are prime exam- ples. 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.

205,000

200,000

195,000

190,000

185,000

180,000

175,000

170,000

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

January 2016 - August 2018

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2016 2017 2018

18,000

**Chart 2. Jobs in Educational Services**

January 2016 - August 2018

124,000

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

January 2016 - August 2018

17,000

16,000

15,000

122,000

120,000

118,000

116,000

14,000

114,000

13,000

112,000

12,000

110,000

11,000

108,000

10,000

106,000

9,000

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

104,000

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

2016 2017 2018

2016

2017

2018

## 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 declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.7 percent in July to 3.6 percent in August. Arkan- sas’ civilian labor force decreased 1,693, a result of 1,419 fewer unemployed and 274 less employed Arkansans. The United States’ jobless rate remained unchanged at 3.9 percent in August.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Down to 3.6 percent in August, Arkansas’ unem- ployment rate decreased for the second month in a row. This is due in part to declines in the number of unemployed over the last several months.”

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Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Aug 18**  1,346,758 | **Jul 18**  1,348,451 | **Aug 17**  1,357,615 | Civilian Labor Force | **Aug 18**  1,344,473 | **Jul 18**  1,364,018 | **Aug 17**  1,360,376 |
| Employment | 1,298,627 | 1,298,901 | 1,307,228 | Employment | 1,299,305 | 1,312,078 | 1,308,571 |
| Unemployment | 48,131 | 49,550 | 50,387 | Unemployment | 45,168 | 51,940 | 51,805 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 | Unemployment Rate | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.4 | U.S. Unemployment | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.5 |

12.0

**Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates (State of Arkansas vs. United States)**

August: 1998 - 2018

10.0

8.0

6.0

4.0

2.0

0.0

'98 '00 '02 '04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18

State of Arkansas United States

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

### Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

**(NAICS)**

**Aug 18**

**Jul 18**

**Aug 17**

**OTM**

**OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Nonfarm** | 1238.9 | 1237.9 | 1230.9 | 1.0 | 8.0 |
| **Goods Producing** | 219.0 | 220.3 | 215.5 | -1.3 | 3.5 |
| **Mining, Logging, and Construction** | 59.3 | 59.4 | 57.7 | -0.1 | 1.6 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **5.6** | **5.6** | **5.9** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Construction** | **53.7** | **53.8** | **51.8** | **-0.1** | **1.9** |
| **Specialty Trade Contractors** | 33.3 | 33.1 | 32.0 | 0.2 | 1.3 |
| **Manufacturing** | **159.7** | **160.9** | **157.8** | **-1.2** | **1.9** |
| **Durable Goods** | 75.0 | 76.0 | 74.9 | -1.0 | 0.1 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | 84.7 | 84.9 | 82.9 | -0.2 | 1.8 |
| **Service Providing** | 1019.9 | 1017.6 | 1015.4 | 2.3 | 4.5 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **250.5** | **250.6** | **251.5** | **-0.1** | **-1.0** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 45.9 | 47.1 | 47.1 | -1.2 | -1.2 |
| **Retail Trade** | 140.8 | 139.7 | 140.5 | 1.1 | 0.3 |
| **Transport, Warehousing & Utilities** | 63.8 | 63.8 | 63.9 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Information** | **12.1** | **12.3** | **13.1** | **-0.2** | **-1.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **54.3** | **54.4** | **53.5** | **-0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Finance & Insurance** | 40.3 | 40.4 | 39.8 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| **Real Estate & Rental & Leasing** | 14.0 | 14.0 | 13.7 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **148.2** | **149.1** | **142.2** | **-0.9** | **6.0** |
| **Professional, Scientific & Technical** | 42.1 | 42.3 | 42.2 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| **Management of Companies** | 35.0 | 34.8 | 34.7 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| **Administrative & Support Services** | 71.1 | 72.0 | 65.3 | -0.9 | 5.8 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **186.2** | **185.3** | **185.9** | **0.9** | **0.3** |
| **Educational Services** | 13.8 | 12.9 | 12.0 | 0.9 | 1.8 |
| **Health Care & Social Assistance** | 172.4 | 172.4 | 173.9 | 0.0 | -1.5 |
| **Ambulatory Health Care** | 56.7 | 57.5 | 57.2 | -0.8 | -0.5 |
| **Social Assistance** | 38.7 | 38.1 | 39.6 | 0.6 | -0.9 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **118.9** | **119.4** | **119.4** | **-0.5** | **-0.5** |
| **Arts, Entertainment & Recreation** | 12.0 | 12.5 | 12.4 | -0.5 | -0.4 |
| **Accommodation & Food Services** | 106.9 | 106.9 | 107.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Accommodation Services** | 11.4 | 11.9 | 11.7 | -0.5 | -0.3 |
| **Food Services** | 95.5 | 95.0 | 95.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| **Other Services** | **49.0** | **49.0** | **48.8** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **200.7** | **197.5** | **201.0** | **3.2** | **-0.3** |
| **Federal Government** | 19.8 | 19.9 | 20.0 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| **State Government** | 74.3 | 72.8 | 74.5 | 1.5 | -0.2 |
| **Local Government** | 106.6 | 104.8 | 106.5 | 1.8 | 0.1 |

## State of Arkansas

**Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

### July 2018 - August 2018

Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment rose 1,000 in August to total 1,238,900. Two major industry sectors added jobs, more than offsetting the declines in seven industry sectors. Jobs in **government** in- creased 3,200. Hiring in local (+1,800) and state (+1,500) government reflect the start of the 2018-2019 public school year. Employment in **educational and health services** rose 900. Gains in educational services (+900) were attributed to seasonal hiring at private educational facilities. Jobs in **manufactur- ing** decreased 1,200. Most of the decline was in durable goods (-1,000), due to reported losses in wood product manufacturing and machinery manufacturing.

### August 2017 - August 2018

Compared to August 2017, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 8,000. Growth was posted in six major industry sectors, while five sectors declined. **Professional and business services** added 6,000 jobs. A majority of the gains were in administrative and support services (+5,800), a subsector which includes employment agencies. Jobs in **construction** increased 1,900, mostly in specialty trade contrac- tors (+1,300). Employment in **manufacturing** rose 1,900. The bulk of the expansion was in nondurable goods manufacturing (+1,800). **Trade, transportation, and utilities** declined 1,000. Small gains in retail trade (+300) were more than offset by losses in wholesale trade (-1,200) and transportation- warehousing-utilities (-100). Jobs in **information** declined 1,000. This sector includes activities such as publishing, telecommunications, and related services.

1,270,000

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

January 2016 - August 2018

1,260,000

1,250,000

1,240,000

1,230,000

1,220,000

1,210,000

1,200,000

1,190,000

1,180,000

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2016 2017 2018

## State of Arkansas

**Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

**Manufacturing**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 18** | **Jul 18** | **Aug 17** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 42.8 | 41.3 | 39.6 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 17.54 | 17.55 | 16.31 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 750.71 | 724.82 | 645.88 |

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Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Aug 18 Jul 18 Aug 17**

Average Weekly Hours 42.0 40.7

Average Hourly Earnings 15.60 15.36

Average Weekly Earnings 655.20 625.15

38.5

14.86

572.11

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 18** | **Jul 18** | **Aug 17** |
| Average Weekly Hours | 43.7 | 42.1 | 40.9 |
| Average Hourly Earnings | 19.78 | 20.14 | 17.94 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | 864.39 | 847.89 | 733.75 |

$900.00

**Average Weekly Earnings in Durable Goods Manufacturing**

August: 2008 - 2018

$800.00

$700.00

$600.00

$500.00

$400.00

$300.00

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

## 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.

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|  | **Aug 18** | **Jul 18** | **Aug 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 355,989 | 364,607 | 359,772 | -8,618 | -3,783 |
| **Employment** | 345,150 | 352,522 | 347,641 | -7,372 | -2,491 |
| **Unemployment** | 10,839 | 12,085 | 12,131 | -1,246 | -1,292 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.4 | -0.3 | -0.4 |

(In Thousands)

324.5

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Aug 18**  361.9 | **Jul 18**  362.5 | **Aug 17**  357.9 | **OTM**  -0.6 | **OT Y**  4.0 |
| **Goods Producing** | 37.6 | 38.0 | 37.8 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **17.3** | **17.7** | **17.5** | **-0.4** | **-0.2** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **20.3**  324.3 | **20.3** | **20.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **70.2** | **70.3** | **70.3** | -0.2  **-0.1** | 4.2  **-0.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 15.1 | 15.2 | 15.3 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** | 39.0 | 39.0 | 39.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 16.1 | 16.1 | 15.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Information** | **5.6** | **5.6** | **6.0** | **0.0** | **-0.4** |
| **Financial Activities** | **21.2** | **21.2** | **21.1** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **49.6** | **49.7** | **47.1** | **-0.1** | **2.5** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **58.0** | **58.6** | **56.0** | **-0.6** | **2.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **34.9** | **35.0** | **35.0** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Other Services** | **15.8** | **15.9** | **15.8** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **69.0** | **68.2** | **68.8** | **0.8** | **0.2** |
| **Federal Government** | 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.5 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| **State Government** | 34.6 | 34.0 | 34.3 | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| **Local Government** | 25.0 | 24.7 | 25.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 |

320.1

8.0

**Unemployment Rates**

August: 1998 - 2018

51,000

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services**

August 2015 - August 2018

7.0

6.0

49,000

5.0

4.0

47,000

3.0

2.0

45,000

1.0

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 0.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 43,000 |  | | | | | |
|  | '98 | '00 | '02 | '04 | '06 | '08 | '10 | '12 | '14 | '16 | '18 | Aug '15 | Feb '16 | Aug '16 | Feb '17 | Aug '17 | Feb '18 | Aug '18 |

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA**

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

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|  | **Aug 18** | **Jul 18** | **Aug 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 274,642 | 278,682 | 274,404 | -4,040 | 238 |
| **Employment** | 267,652 | 270,720 | 266,317 | -3,068 | 1,335 |
| **Unemployment** | 6,990 | 7,962 | 8,087 | -972 | -1,097 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.9 | -0.4 | -0.4 |

(In Thousands)

212.6

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Aug 18**  257.3 | **Jul 18**  254.8 | **Aug 17**  251.2 | **OTM**  2.5 | **OT Y**  6.1 |
| **Goods Producing** | 42.2 | 42.2 | 40.2 | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **12.5** | **12.4** | **11.4** | **0.1** | **1.1** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **29.7**  215.1 | **29.8** | **28.8** | **-0.1** | **0.9** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **56.5** | **56.5** | **56.8** | 2.5  **0.0** | 4.1  **-0.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 13.5 | 13.5 | 13.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| **Retail Trade** | 26.3 | 26.3 | 26.9 | 0.0 | -0.6 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 16.7 | 16.7 | 16.8 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Information** | **1.8** | **1.9** | **1.9** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **7.9** | **8.0** | **7.9** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **49.5** | **49.8** | **49.2** | **-0.3** | **0.3** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **28.9** | **28.5** | **27.9** | **0.4** | **1.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **27.8** | **26.5** | **26.0** | **1.3** | **1.8** |
| **Other Services** | **9.1** | **9.0** | **8.9** | **0.1** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **33.6** | **32.4** | **32.4** | **1.2** | **1.2** |
| **Federal Government** | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** | 13.4 | 12.5 | 12.6 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| **Local Government** | 17.6 | 17.4 | 17.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |

211.0

**Over-the-Year Job Growth by Industry (Ranked)**

August 2017 vs. August 2018

Leisure & Hospitality

Government

Mining-Logging-Construction

Educational & Health Services

Manufacturing

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  |  |
|  |  |

Professional & Business Services

Other Services

Fina ncial Activities

Informa tion

Tr ade-Transportation-Utilities

-500 0 500 1,000 1,500 2,000

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Fort Smith MSA**

The Fort Smith MSA = Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

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|  | **Aug 18** | **Jul 18** | **Aug 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 118,266 | 119,451 | 120,596 | -1,185 | -2,330 |
| **Employment** | 113,989 | 114,728 | 115,383 | -739 | -1,394 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,277 | 4,723 | 5,213 | -446 | -936 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.3 | -0.4 | -0.7 |

(In Thousands)

87.4

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**  **Total Nonfarm** | **Aug 18**  111.8 | **Jul 18**  110.4 | **Aug 17**  111.7 | **OTM**  1.4 | **OT Y**  0.1 |
| **Goods Producing** | 22.9 | 23.0 | 23.4 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.5** | **5.5** | **5.5** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Manufacturing**  **Service Providing** | **17.4**  88.9 | **17.5** | **17.9** | **-0.1** | **-0.5** |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **22.6** | **22.6** | **23.0** | 1.5  **0.0** | 0.6  **-0.4** |
| **Wholesale Trade** | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Retail Trade** | 12.5 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Information** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **1.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.9** | **3.9** | **3.8** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **12.8** | **12.7** | **12.1** | **0.1** | **0.7** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.7** | **16.5** | **16.8** | **0.2** | **-0.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.8** | **9.8** | **9.7** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Other Services** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Government** | **17.5** | **16.3** | **17.3** | **1.2** | **0.2** |
| **Federal Government** | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **State Government** | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Local Government** | 13.3 | 12.1 | 13.1 | 1.2 | 0.2 |

88.3

7,000

**Number of Unemployed**

January 2016 - August 2018

14,000

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services**

August: 2008 - 2018

6,000

13,000

12,000

5,000

11,000

4,000

10,000

9,000

3,000

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2016 2017 2018

8,000

'08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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|  | **Aug 18** | **Jul 18** | **Aug 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 40,055 | 41,197 | 40,994 | -1,142 | -939 |
| **Employment** | 38,578 | 39,522 | 39,316 | -944 | -738 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,477 | 1,675 | 1,678 | -198 | -201 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.1 | -0.4 | -0.4 |

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Aug 18** | **Jul 18** | **Aug 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 37.9 | 38.1 | 38.0 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.5 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| 33.3 | 33.4 | 33.5 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 |

9.0

**Unemployment Rates**

August: 1998 - 2018

8.0

7.0

6.0

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'98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 18** | **Jul 18** | **Aug 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,682 | 65,777 | 64,719 | -1,095 | -37 |
| **Employment** | 62,828 | 63,584 | 62,528 | -756 | 300 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,854 | 2,193 | 2,191 | -339 | -337 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.4 | -0.4 | -0.5 |

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Aug 18** | **Jul 18** | **Aug 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 58.5 | 57.9 | 57.3 | 0.6 | 1.2 |
| 10.0 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 48.5 | 47.9 | 47.5 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| 8.9 | 8.7 | 8.8 | 0.2 | 0.1 |

50,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

August 2016 - August 2018

49,000

48,000

47,000

46,000

45,000

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 44,000 |  | | | | |
|  | Aug '16 | Feb '17 | Aug '17 | Feb '18 | Aug '18 |

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Pine Bluff MSA**

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 18** | **Jul 18** | **Aug 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 34,513 | 35,304 | 35,457 | -791 | -944 |
| **Employment** | 32,888 | 33,387 | 33,611 | -499 | -723 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,625 | 1,917 | 1,846 | -292 | -221 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.7 | 5.4 | 5.2 | -0.7 | -0.5 |

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Aug 18** | **Jul 18** | **Aug 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 32.3 | 32.1 | 32.4 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| 26.3 | 26.1 | 26.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| 9.1 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 |

50,000

45,000

**Employment and Unemployment**

August: 2008 - 2018

Employment + Unemployment = Civilian Labor Force

40,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

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2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

Employment Unemployment

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

**Out-of-State MSA**

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**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 18** | **Jul 18** | **Aug 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 641,249 | 654,975 | 627,921 | -13,726 | 13,328 |
| **Employment** | 613,111 | 624,457 | 601,363 | -11,346 | 11,748 |
| **Unemployment** | 28,138 | 30,518 | 26,558 | -2,380 | 1,580 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.2 | -0.3 | 0.2 |

### Texarkana MSA

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Aug 18** | **Jul 18** | **Aug 17** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 64,296 | 65,270 | 64,097 | -974 | 199 |
| **Employment** | 61,090 | 61,783 | 61,020 | -693 | 70 |
| **Unemployment** | 3,206 | 3,487 | 3,077 | -281 | 129 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 5.0 | 5.3 | 4.8 | -0.3 | 0.2 |

620,000

**Memphis MSA - Employment**

August: 1998 - 2018

66,500

**Texarkana MSA- Civilian Labor Force**

January 2016 - August 2018

600,000

66,000

65,500

580,000

65,000

64,500

560,000

64,000

540,000

63,500

520,000

'98 '00 '02 '04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18

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2016 2017 2018

## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

**Micro Area**

**August 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**July 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,439 | 9,104 | 335 | 3.5 | 9,420 | 9,001 | 419 | 4.4 | 9,327 | 8,933 | 394 | 4.2 |
| Batesville Micro | 15,717 | 15,116 | 601 | 3.8 | 16,026 | 15,301 | 725 | 4.5 | 15,824 | 15,097 | 727 | 4.6 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,547 | 16,670 | 877 | 5.0 | 17,783 | 16,638 | 1,145 | 6.4 | 18,110 | 16,984 | 1,126 | 6.2 |
| Camden Micro | 11,922 | 11,429 | 493 | 4.1 | 12,076 | 11,525 | 551 | 4.6 | 12,174 | 11,599 | 575 | 4.7 |
| El Dorado Micro | 15,894 | 15,107 | 787 | 5.0 | 15,989 | 15,043 | 946 | 5.9 | 16,196 | 15,327 | 869 | 5.4 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,216 | 7,841 | 375 | 4.6 | 8,157 | 7,725 | 432 | 5.3 | 8,494 | 8,055 | 439 | 5.2 |
| Harrison Micro | 18,649 | 18,059 | 590 | 3.2 | 18,726 | 18,076 | 650 | 3.5 | 18,894 | 18,251 | 643 | 3.4 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,405 | 6,068 | 337 | 5.3 | 6,421 | 5,991 | 430 | 6.7 | 6,514 | 6,125 | 389 | 6.0 |
| Hope Micro | 13,042 | 12,575 | 467 | 3.6 | 13,164 | 12,634 | 530 | 4.0 | 13,289 | 12,794 | 495 | 3.7 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,647 | 8,255 | 392 | 4.5 | 8,616 | 8,144 | 472 | 5.5 | 9,020 | 8,526 | 494 | 5.5 |
| Malvern Micro | 13,911 | 13,439 | 472 | 3.4 | 14,201 | 13,619 | 582 | 4.1 | 14,110 | 13,546 | 564 | 4.0 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,382 | 15,781 | 601 | 3.7 | 16,497 | 15,824 | 673 | 4.1 | 16,499 | 15,794 | 705 | 4.3 |
| Paragould Micro | 19,426 | 18,838 | 588 | 3.0 | 19,817 | 19,075 | 742 | 3.7 | 19,721 | 18,997 | 724 | 3.7 |
| Russellville Micro | 36,400 | 34,838 | 1,562 | 4.3 | 36,759 | 34,788 | 1,971 | 5.4 | 37,283 | 35,433 | 1,850 | 5.0 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,175 | 31,918 | 1,257 | 3.8 | 32,918 | 31,505 | 1,413 | 4.3 | 33,928 | 32,453 | 1,475 | 4.3 |

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

### City



**City**

**CLF**

**August 2018**

**Emp Unemp**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**July 2018**

**Rate**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**



Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 12,418 | 12,008 | 410 | 3.3 | 12,596 | 12,140 | 456 | 3.6 | 12,427 | 11,954 | 473 | 3.8 |
| Benton | 17,310 | 16,828 | 482 | 2.8 | 17,729 | 17,185 | 544 | 3.1 | 17,453 | 16,951 | 502 | 2.9 |
| Bentonville | 25,488 | 24,896 | 592 | 2.3 | 25,840 | 25,170 | 670 | 2.6 | 25,646 | 24,784 | 862 | 3.4 |
| Blytheville | 6,026 | 5,676 | 350 | 5.8 | 6,112 | 5,665 | 447 | 7.3 | 6,222 | 5,783 | 439 | 7.1 |
| Cabot | 11,910 | 11,558 | 352 | 3.0 | 12,199 | 11,815 | 384 | 3.1 | 12,048 | 11,635 | 413 | 3.4 |
| Conway | 33,590 | 32,595 | 995 | 3.0 | 34,419 | 33,303 | 1,116 | 3.2 | 33,957 | 32,822 | 1,135 | 3.3 |
| El Dorado | 6,995 | 6,565 | 430 | 6.1 | 7,076 | 6,537 | 539 | 7.6 | 7,079 | 6,661 | 418 | 5.9 |
| Fayetteville | 47,608 | 46,416 | 1,192 | 2.5 | 48,374 | 46,943 | 1,431 | 3.0 | 47,559 | 46,199 | 1,360 | 2.9 |
| Fort Smith | 39,245 | 37,987 | 1,258 | 3.2 | 39,692 | 38,272 | 1,420 | 3.6 | 40,169 | 38,687 | 1,482 | 3.7 |
| Hot Springs | 14,443 | 13,837 | 606 | 4.2 | 14,903 | 14,175 | 728 | 4.9 | 14,771 | 14,101 | 670 | 4.5 |
| Jacksonville | 11,814 | 11,356 | 458 | 3.9 | 12,113 | 11,595 | 518 | 4.3 | 11,954 | 11,440 | 514 | 4.3 |
| Jonesboro | 38,170 | 37,102 | 1,068 | 2.8 | 38,814 | 37,532 | 1,282 | 3.3 | 38,174 | 36,929 | 1,245 | 3.3 |
| Little Rock | 98,250 | 95,109 | 3,141 | 3.2 | 100,573 | 97,112 | 3,461 | 3.4 | 99,216 | 95,813 | 3,403 | 3.4 |
| North Little Rock | 30,137 | 29,148 | 989 | 3.3 | 30,882 | 29,762 | 1,120 | 3.6 | 30,535 | 29,364 | 1,171 | 3.8 |
| Paragould | 12,195 | 11,812 | 383 | 3.1 | 12,450 | 11,961 | 489 | 3.9 | 12,397 | 11,912 | 485 | 3.9 |
| Pine Bluff | 16,461 | 15,512 | 949 | 5.8 | 16,882 | 15,731 | 1,151 | 6.8 | 16,912 | 15,869 | 1,043 | 6.2 |
| Rogers | 35,271 | 34,405 | 866 | 2.5 | 35,711 | 34,784 | 927 | 2.6 | 35,285 | 34,250 | 1,035 | 2.9 |
| Russellville | 13,183 | 12,655 | 528 | 4.0 | 13,291 | 12,624 | 667 | 5.0 | 13,472 | 12,878 | 594 | 4.4 |
| Searcy | 10,275 | 9,889 | 386 | 3.8 | 10,200 | 9,761 | 439 | 4.3 | 10,486 | 10,054 | 432 | 4.1 |
| Sherwood | 15,831 | 15,406 | 425 | 2.7 | 16,203 | 15,731 | 472 | 2.9 | 16,007 | 15,520 | 487 | 3.0 |
| Springdale | 39,302 | 38,362 | 940 | 2.4 | 39,841 | 38,796 | 1,045 | 2.6 | 39,208 | 38,183 | 1,025 | 2.6 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,638 | 12,961 | 677 | 5.0 | 14,058 | 13,230 | 828 | 5.9 | 13,741 | 13,051 | 690 | 5.0 |
| Van Buren | 10,273 | 9,940 | 333 | 3.2 | 10,399 | 10,021 | 378 | 3.6 | 10,481 | 10,120 | 361 | 3.4 |
| West Memphis | 10,891 | 10,452 | 439 | 4.0 | 11,162 | 10,604 | 558 | 5.0 | 10,988 | 10,417 | 571 | 5.2 |

## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**August 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**July 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2017**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkansas | 8,905 | 8,635 | 270 | 3.0 | 8,978 | 8,688 | 290 | 3.2 | 9,064 | 8,780 | 284 | 3.1 |
| Ashley | 7,595 | 7,231 | 364 | 4.8 | 7,637 | 7,215 | 422 | 5.5 | 7,598 | 7,158 | 440 | 5.8 |
| Baxter | 16,382 | 15,781 | 601 | 3.7 | 16,497 | 15,824 | 673 | 4.1 | 16,499 | 15,794 | 705 | 4.3 |
| Benton | 133,286 | 129,800 | 3,486 | 2.6 | 135,140 | 131,228 | 3,912 | 2.9 | 133,371 | 129,215 | 4,156 | 3.1 |
| Boone | 15,378 | 14,887 | 491 | 3.2 | 15,427 | 14,888 | 539 | 3.5 | 15,573 | 15,052 | 521 | 3.3 |
| Bradley | 4,322 | 4,153 | 169 | 3.9 | 4,351 | 4,161 | 190 | 4.4 | 4,224 | 4,024 | 200 | 4.7 |
| Calhoun | 2,302 | 2,225 | 77 | 3.3 | 2,348 | 2,249 | 99 | 4.2 | 2,344 | 2,253 | 91 | 3.9 |
| Carroll | 13,245 | 12,899 | 346 | 2.6 | 13,137 | 12,783 | 354 | 2.7 | 13,420 | 13,047 | 373 | 2.8 |
| Chicot | 3,429 | 3,244 | 185 | 5.4 | 3,431 | 3,221 | 210 | 6.1 | 3,527 | 3,313 | 214 | 6.1 |
| Clark | 9,439 | 9,104 | 335 | 3.5 | 9,420 | 9,001 | 419 | 4.4 | 9,327 | 8,933 | 394 | 4.2 |
| Clay | 5,791 | 5,569 | 222 | 3.8 | 5,777 | 5,523 | 254 | 4.4 | 5,980 | 5,714 | 266 | 4.4 |
| Cleburne | 9,099 | 8,721 | 378 | 4.2 | 9,192 | 8,796 | 396 | 4.3 | 9,394 | 8,947 | 447 | 4.8 |
| Cleveland | 3,208 | 3,093 | 115 | 3.6 | 3,278 | 3,151 | 127 | 3.9 | 3,305 | 3,151 | 154 | 4.7 |
| Columbia | 8,647 | 8,255 | 392 | 4.5 | 8,616 | 8,144 | 472 | 5.5 | 9,020 | 8,526 | 494 | 5.5 |
| Conway | 8,038 | 7,733 | 305 | 3.8 | 8,154 | 7,778 | 376 | 4.6 | 8,325 | 7,938 | 387 | 4.6 |
| Craighead | 54,316 | 52,823 | 1,493 | 2.7 | 55,212 | 53,436 | 1,776 | 3.2 | 54,302 | 52,577 | 1,725 | 3.2 |
| Crawford | 26,322 | 25,457 | 865 | 3.3 | 26,649 | 25,663 | 986 | 3.7 | 26,911 | 25,918 | 993 | 3.7 |
| Crittenden | 22,009 | 21,159 | 850 | 3.9 | 22,516 | 21,466 | 1,050 | 4.7 | 22,107 | 21,088 | 1,019 | 4.6 |
| Cross | 7,464 | 7,192 | 272 | 3.6 | 7,282 | 6,980 | 302 | 4.1 | 7,722 | 7,422 | 300 | 3.9 |
| Dallas | 2,785 | 2,672 | 113 | 4.1 | 2,824 | 2,700 | 124 | 4.4 | 2,822 | 2,681 | 141 | 5.0 |
| Desha | 5,480 | 5,264 | 216 | 3.9 | 5,382 | 5,130 | 252 | 4.7 | 5,515 | 5,267 | 248 | 4.5 |
| Drew | 7,655 | 7,320 | 335 | 4.4 | 7,766 | 7,372 | 394 | 5.1 | 7,576 | 7,162 | 414 | 5.5 |
| Faulkner | 61,263 | 59,461 | 1,802 | 2.9 | 62,799 | 60,752 | 2,047 | 3.3 | 61,958 | 59,875 | 2,083 | 3.4 |
| Franklin | 7,361 | 7,111 | 250 | 3.4 | 7,291 | 7,008 | 283 | 3.9 | 7,467 | 7,202 | 265 | 3.5 |
| Fulton | 4,634 | 4,461 | 173 | 3.7 | 4,729 | 4,535 | 194 | 4.1 | 4,614 | 4,411 | 203 | 4.4 |
| Garland | 40,055 | 38,578 | 1,477 | 3.7 | 41,197 | 39,522 | 1,675 | 4.1 | 40,994 | 39,316 | 1,678 | 4.1 |
| Grant | 8,361 | 8,119 | 242 | 2.9 | 8,564 | 8,292 | 272 | 3.2 | 8,454 | 8,178 | 276 | 3.3 |
| Greene | 19,426 | 18,838 | 588 | 3.0 | 19,817 | 19,075 | 742 | 3.7 | 19,721 | 18,997 | 724 | 3.7 |
| Hempstead | 9,553 | 9,210 | 343 | 3.6 | 9,647 | 9,258 | 389 | 4.0 | 9,727 | 9,369 | 358 | 3.7 |
| Hot Spring | 13,911 | 13,439 | 472 | 3.4 | 14,201 | 13,619 | 582 | 4.1 | 14,110 | 13,546 | 564 | 4.0 |
| Howard | 6,109 | 5,915 | 194 | 3.2 | 6,203 | 5,971 | 232 | 3.7 | 5,955 | 5,774 | 181 | 3.0 |
| Independence | 15,717 | 15,116 | 601 | 3.8 | 16,026 | 15,301 | 725 | 4.5 | 15,824 | 15,097 | 727 | 4.6 |
| Izard | 4,765 | 4,512 | 253 | 5.3 | 4,629 | 4,362 | 267 | 5.8 | 4,883 | 4,591 | 292 | 6.0 |
| Jackson | 5,765 | 5,431 | 334 | 5.8 | 5,766 | 5,407 | 359 | 6.2 | 5,941 | 5,593 | 348 | 5.9 |
| Jefferson | 27,370 | 26,022 | 1,348 | 4.9 | 27,997 | 26,389 | 1,608 | 5.7 | 28,152 | 26,620 | 1,532 | 5.4 |
| Johnson | 10,150 | 9,620 | 530 | 5.2 | 10,234 | 9,702 | 532 | 5.2 | 10,338 | 9,843 | 495 | 4.8 |
| Lafayette | 2,414 | 2,304 | 110 | 4.6 | 2,429 | 2,288 | 141 | 5.8 | 2,490 | 2,349 | 141 | 5.7 |
| Lawrence | 6,649 | 6,412 | 237 | 3.6 | 6,552 | 6,256 | 296 | 4.5 | 6,749 | 6,480 | 269 | 4.0 |
| Lee | 2,918 | 2,790 | 128 | 4.4 | 2,952 | 2,798 | 154 | 5.2 | 3,005 | 2,858 | 147 | 4.9 |
| Lincoln | 3,935 | 3,773 | 162 | 4.1 | 4,029 | 3,847 | 182 | 4.5 | 4,000 | 3,840 | 160 | 4.0 |
| Little River | 5,520 | 5,251 | 269 | 4.9 | 5,677 | 5,351 | 326 | 5.7 | 5,589 | 5,293 | 296 | 5.3 |
| Logan | 8,741 | 8,417 | 324 | 3.7 | 8,784 | 8,388 | 396 | 4.5 | 9,021 | 8,664 | 357 | 4.0 |
| Lonoke | 33,814 | 32,843 | 971 | 2.9 | 34,671 | 33,575 | 1,096 | 3.2 | 34,196 | 33,062 | 1,134 | 3.3 |
| Madison | 7,455 | 7,264 | 191 | 2.6 | 7,592 | 7,383 | 209 | 2.8 | 7,436 | 7,219 | 217 | 2.9 |
| Marion | 6,445 | 6,210 | 235 | 3.6 | 6,504 | 6,242 | 262 | 4.0 | 6,516 | 6,260 | 256 | 3.9 |
| Miller | 19,622 | 18,752 | 870 | 4.4 | 20,181 | 19,141 | 1,040 | 5.2 | 19,808 | 18,882 | 926 | 4.7 |

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## County Labor Force Statistics

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

**County**

**August 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**July 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**August 2018**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 17,547 | 16,670 | 877 | 5.0 | 17,783 | 16,638 | 1,145 | 6.4 | 18,110 | 16,984 | 1,126 | 6.2 |
| Monroe | 2,737 | 2,632 | 105 | 3.8 | 2,727 | 2,593 | 134 | 4.9 | 2,802 | 2,683 | 119 | 4.2 |
| Montgomery | 3,054 | 2,928 | 126 | 4.1 | 3,080 | 2,930 | 150 | 4.9 | 3,111 | 2,964 | 147 | 4.7 |
| Nevada | 3,489 | 3,365 | 124 | 3.6 | 3,517 | 3,376 | 141 | 4.0 | 3,562 | 3,425 | 137 | 3.8 |
| Newton | 3,271 | 3,172 | 99 | 3.0 | 3,299 | 3,188 | 111 | 3.4 | 3,321 | 3,199 | 122 | 3.7 |
| Ouachita | 9,620 | 9,204 | 416 | 4.3 | 9,728 | 9,276 | 452 | 4.6 | 9,830 | 9,346 | 484 | 4.9 |
| Perry | 4,186 | 4,033 | 153 | 3.7 | 4,297 | 4,131 | 166 | 3.9 | 4,221 | 4,056 | 165 | 3.9 |
| Phillips | 6,405 | 6,068 | 337 | 5.3 | 6,421 | 5,991 | 430 | 6.7 | 6,514 | 6,125 | 389 | 6.0 |
| Pike | 4,383 | 4,222 | 161 | 3.7 | 4,329 | 4,140 | 189 | 4.4 | 4,346 | 4,173 | 173 | 4.0 |
| Poinsett | 10,366 | 10,005 | 361 | 3.5 | 10,565 | 10,148 | 417 | 3.9 | 10,417 | 9,951 | 466 | 4.5 |
| Polk | 7,886 | 7,577 | 309 | 3.9 | 7,828 | 7,472 | 356 | 4.5 | 8,117 | 7,770 | 347 | 4.3 |
| Pope | 28,127 | 26,888 | 1,239 | 4.4 | 28,390 | 26,822 | 1,568 | 5.5 | 28,839 | 27,362 | 1,477 | 5.1 |
| Prairie | 3,585 | 3,467 | 118 | 3.3 | 3,557 | 3,428 | 129 | 3.6 | 3,719 | 3,568 | 151 | 4.1 |
| Pulaski | 190,439 | 184,413 | 6,026 | 3.2 | 194,964 | 188,296 | 6,668 | 3.4 | 192,481 | 185,778 | 6,703 | 3.5 |
| Randolph | 6,931 | 6,682 | 249 | 3.6 | 6,927 | 6,624 | 303 | 4.4 | 6,961 | 6,666 | 295 | 4.2 |
| St. Francis | 8,216 | 7,841 | 375 | 4.6 | 8,157 | 7,725 | 432 | 5.3 | 8,494 | 8,055 | 439 | 5.2 |
| Saline | 57,926 | 56,281 | 1,645 | 2.8 | 59,312 | 57,476 | 1,836 | 3.1 | 58,462 | 56,692 | 1,770 | 3.0 |
| Scott | 4,325 | 4,175 | 150 | 3.5 | 4,394 | 4,227 | 167 | 3.8 | 4,299 | 4,140 | 159 | 3.7 |
| Searcy | 2,969 | 2,861 | 108 | 3.6 | 2,829 | 2,708 | 121 | 4.3 | 3,140 | 2,995 | 145 | 4.6 |
| Sebastian | 56,377 | 54,580 | 1,797 | 3.2 | 57,031 | 54,990 | 2,041 | 3.6 | 57,758 | 55,586 | 2,172 | 3.8 |
| Sevier | 5,563 | 5,318 | 245 | 4.4 | 5,618 | 5,364 | 254 | 4.5 | 5,594 | 5,332 | 262 | 4.7 |
| Sharp | 5,839 | 5,584 | 255 | 4.4 | 5,963 | 5,671 | 292 | 4.9 | 5,953 | 5,666 | 287 | 4.8 |
| Stone | 4,807 | 4,621 | 186 | 3.9 | 4,770 | 4,573 | 197 | 4.1 | 4,871 | 4,649 | 222 | 4.6 |
| Union | 15,894 | 15,107 | 787 | 5.0 | 15,989 | 15,043 | 946 | 5.9 | 16,196 | 15,327 | 869 | 5.4 |
| Van Buren | 5,890 | 5,614 | 276 | 4.7 | 5,908 | 5,599 | 309 | 5.2 | 6,031 | 5,720 | 311 | 5.2 |
| Washington | 123,267 | 120,304 | 2,963 | 2.4 | 125,087 | 121,668 | 3,419 | 2.7 | 123,036 | 119,742 | 3,294 | 2.7 |
| White | 33,175 | 31,918 | 1,257 | 3.8 | 32,918 | 31,505 | 1,413 | 4.3 | 33,928 | 32,453 | 1,475 | 4.3 |
| Woodruff | 2,878 | 2,760 | 118 | 4.1 | 2,780 | 2,653 | 127 | 4.6 | 2,950 | 2,816 | 134 | 4.5 |
| Yell | 8,273 | 7,950 | 323 | 3.9 | 8,369 | 7,966 | 403 | 4.8 | 8,444 | 8,071 | 373 | 4.4 |

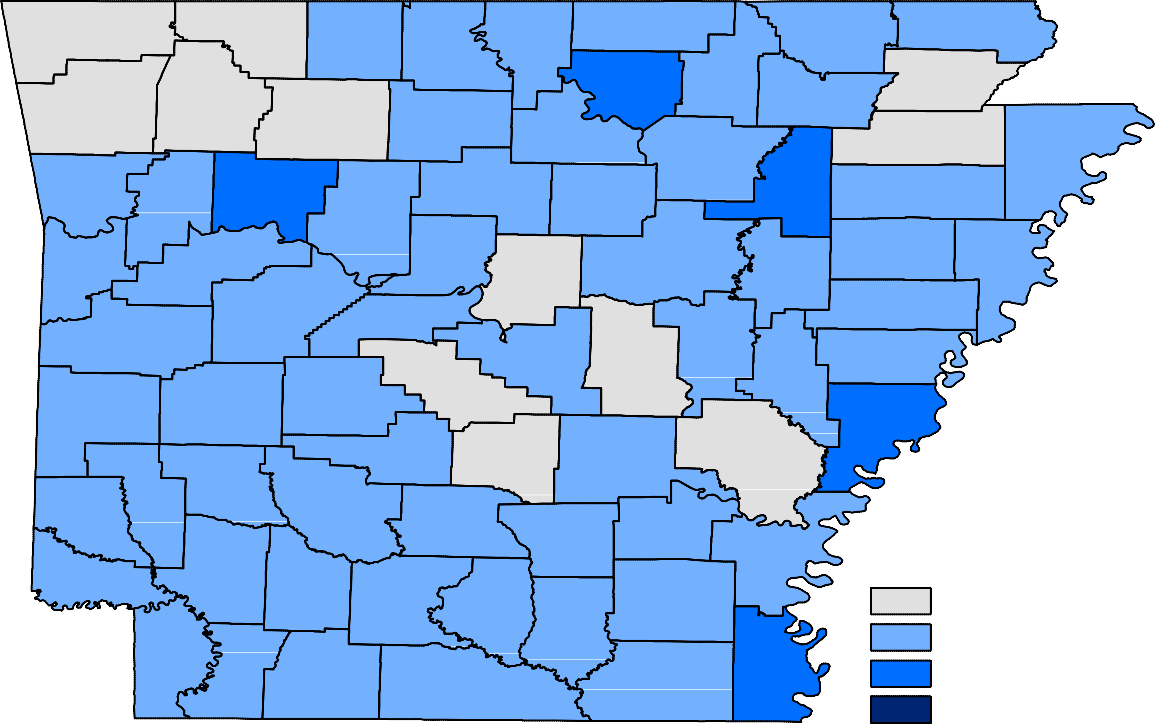
# County Labor Force Summary

Between July and August, unemployment rates declined in 74 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Johnson County was unchanged over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.4 percent in Wash- ington County to a high of 5.8 percent in Jackson County.

In August, forty-nine counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is up significantly from 26 counties at or below four percent last month. For the second month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate above eight percent.

Compared to August 2017, unemployment rates decreased in 72 Arkansas counties. Three coun- ties--Howard, Johnson, and Lincoln-- posted over-the-year rate increases.

## County Unemployment Rates



**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Boone**

**Randolph**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Sharp**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Madison**

**Washington**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Craighead**

**Mississippi**

**Independence**

**Crawford**

**Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Jackson**

**Poinsett**

**Franklin**

**Cleburne**

**Pope**

**Conway**

**Cross**

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**Prairie**

**Pulaski Lonoke**

**Lee**

**Saline**

**Monroe**

**Montgomery**

**Garland**

**Polk**

**Phillips**

**Hot Spring**

**Grant**

**Jefferson**

**Arkansas**

**Pike**

**Howard**

**Clark**

**Sevier**

**Dallas**

**Lincoln**

**Cleveland**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead**

**Nevada**

**Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller**

**Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Lafayette**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

**Ranked by Unemployment Rates**

August 2018 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**  1 | **County**  Washington | **Rate**  2.4 | **Rank**  25 | **County**  Cross | **Rate**  3.6 | **Rank**  50 | **County**  Lincoln | **Rate**  4.1 |
| 2 | Benton | 2.6 | 25 | Hempstead | 3.6 | 50 | Montgomery | 4.1 |
| 2 | Carroll | 2.6 | 25 | Lawrence | 3.6 | 50 | Woodruff | 4.1 |
| 2 | Madison | 2.6 | 25 | Marion | 3.6 | 54 | Cleburne | 4.2 |
| 5 | Craighead | 2.7 | 25 | Nevada | 3.6 | 55 | Ouachita | 4.3 |
| 6 | Saline | 2.8 | 25 | Randolph | 3.6 | 56 | Drew | 4.4 |
| 7 | Faulkner | 2.9 | 25 | Searcy | 3.6 | 56 | Lee | 4.4 |
| 7 | Grant | 2.9 | 33 | Baxter | 3.7 | 56 | Miller | 4.4 |
| 7 | Lonoke | 2.9 | 33 | Fulton | 3.7 | 56 | Pope | 4.4 |
| 10 | Arkansas | 3.0 | 33 | Garland | 3.7 | 56 | Sevier | 4.4 |
| 10 | Greene | 3.0 | 33 | Logan | 3.7 | 56 | Sharp | 4.4 |
| 10 | Newton | 3.0 | 33 | Perry | 3.7 | 62 | Columbia | 4.5 |
| 13 | Boone | 3.2 | 33 | Pike | 3.7 | 63 | Lafayette | 4.6 |
| 13 | Howard | 3.2 | 39 | Clay | 3.8 | 63 | St. Francis | 4.6 |
| 13 | Pulaski | 3.2 | 39 | Conway | 3.8 | 65 | Van Buren | 4.7 |
| 13 | Sebastian | 3.2 | 39 | Independence | 3.8 | 66 | Ashley | 4.8 |
| 17 | Calhoun | 3.3 | 39 | Monroe | 3.8 | 67 | Jefferson | 4.9 |
| 17 | Crawford | 3.3 | 39 | White | 3.8 | 67 | Little River | 4.9 |
| 17 | Prairie | 3.3 | 44 | Bradley | 3.9 | 69 | Mississippi | 5.0 |
| 20 | Franklin | 3.4 | 44 | Crittenden | 3.9 | 69 | Union | 5.0 |
| 20 | Hot Spring | 3.4 | 44 | Desha | 3.9 | 71 | Johnson | 5.2 |
| 22 | Clark | 3.5 | 44 | Polk | 3.9 | 72 | Izard | 5.3 |
| 22 | Poinsett | 3.5 | 44 | Stone | 3.9 | 72 | Phillips | 5.3 |
| 22 | Scott | 3.5 | 44 | Yell | 3.9 | 74 | Chicot | 5.4 |
| 25 | Cleveland | 3.6 | 50 | Dallas | 4.1 | 75 | Jackson | 5.8 |

## Local Workforce Development Areas

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **August 2018**  **LWDA CLF Emp Unemp Rate** | | | | | **CLF** | **July 2018**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **August 2017**  **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) | 251,514 | 243,988 | 7,526 | 3.0 | 257,457 | 249,008 | 8,449 | 3.3 | 254,402 | 245,845 | 8,557 | 3.4 |
| City of Little Rock | 98,250 | 95,109 | 3,141 | 3.2 | 100,573 | 97,112 | 3,461 | 3.4 | 99,216 | 95,813 | 3,403 | 3.4 |
| Eastern | 47,012 | 45,050 | 1,962 | 4.2 | 47,328 | 44,960 | 2,368 | 5.0 | 47,842 | 45,548 | 2,294 | 4.8 |
| North Central | 92,569 | 88,738 | 3,831 | 4.1 | 92,681 | 88,402 | 4,279 | 4.6 | 94,389 | 89,943 | 4,446 | 4.7 |
| Northeast | 121,026 | 116,999 | 4,027 | 3.3 | 122,633 | 117,700 | 4,933 | 4.0 | 122,240 | 117,369 | 4,871 | 4.0 |
| Northwest | 321,698 | 313,178 | 8,520 | 2.6 | 325,512 | 315,912 | 9,600 | 2.9 | 322,312 | 312,523 | 9,789 | 3.0 |
| Southeast | 80,260 | 76,854 | 3,406 | 4.2 | 81,413 | 77,466 | 3,947 | 4.8 | 81,415 | 77,493 | 3,922 | 4.8 |
| Southwest | 91,518 | 87,578 | 3,940 | 4.3 | 92,777 | 88,161 | 4,616 | 5.0 | 92,937 | 88,557 | 4,380 | 4.7 |
| West Central | 129,616 | 124,495 | 5,121 | 4.0 | 131,671 | 125,611 | 6,060 | 4.6 | 132,055 | 126,202 | 5,853 | 4.4 |
| Western | 111,012 | 107,317 | 3,695 | 3.3 | 111,977 | 107,748 | 4,229 | 3.8 | 113,573 | 109,280 | 4,293 | 3.8 |



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