

Arkansas

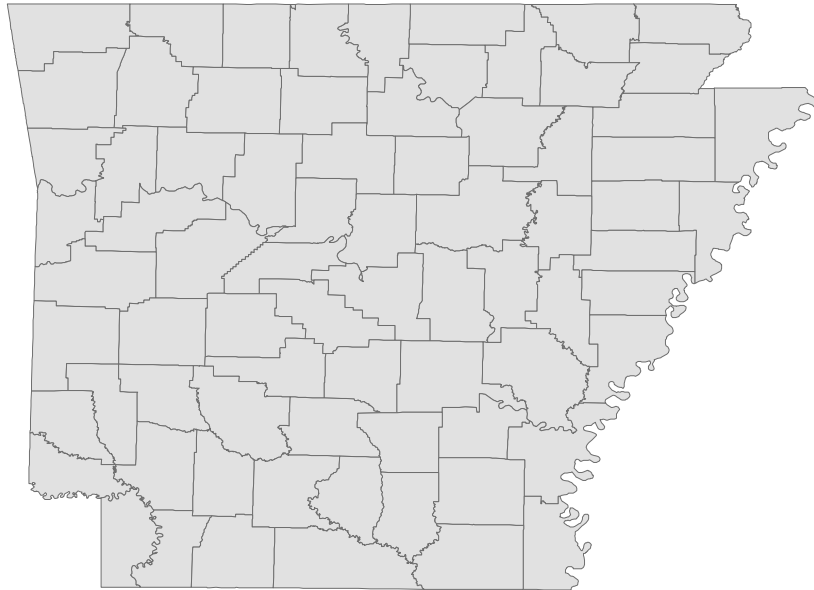
Labor Market Report



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July

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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 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 Workforce Services. The data are based on establishment records and include all workers, full- or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of

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

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, commuting patterns and social and economic integration.

Current Population Survey (CPS)

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

Civilian Labor Force

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

Employment

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

Unemployment

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

Unemployment Rate

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

Seasonal Adjustment

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

July Spotlight

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

In addition to the unemployment rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also calculates five additional estimates based on various definitions of 'unemployment'. These are known as Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization and are referred to as U1-U6, with U-3 as the official unemployment rate. These measures are calculated using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a monthly survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

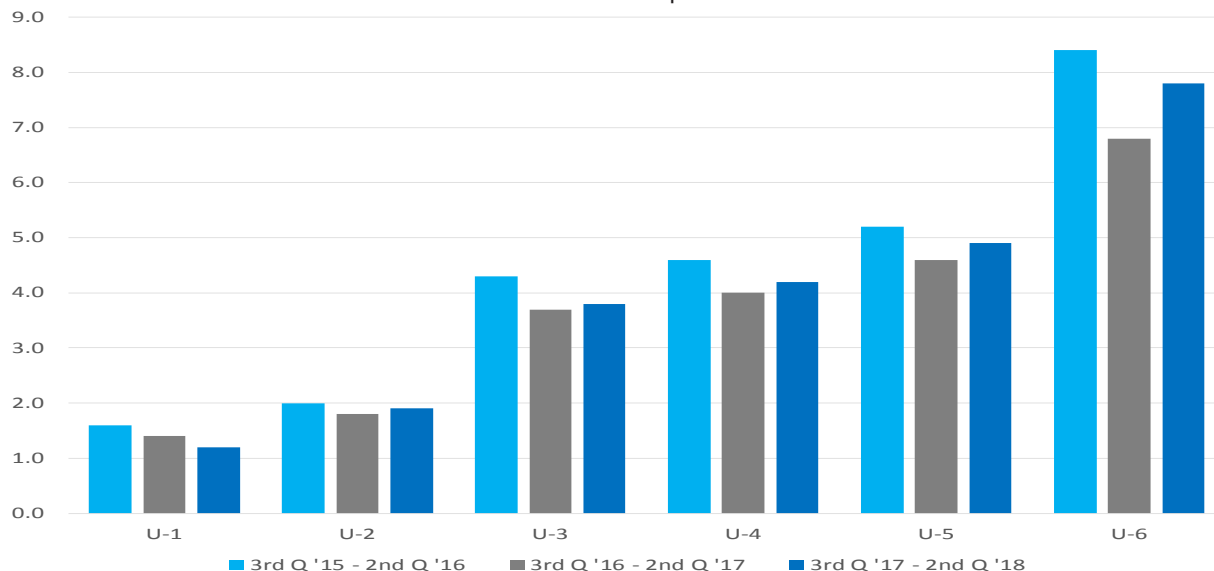
Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization					
State of Arkansas					
Average of 3rd Q 2017 - 2nd Q 2018					
U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6
1.2%	1.9%	3.8%	4.2%	4.9%	7.8%

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quarter moving average. The most recent data available is an average of 3rd Quarter 2017-2nd Quarter 2018.

The following definitions are used to calculate each measure of Labor Underutilization:

- U-1 Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.
- U-2 Measure:** Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force.
- U-3 Measure:** Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).
- U-4 Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.
- U-5 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.
- U-6 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those employed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization
State of Arkansas
Three-Year Comparison



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

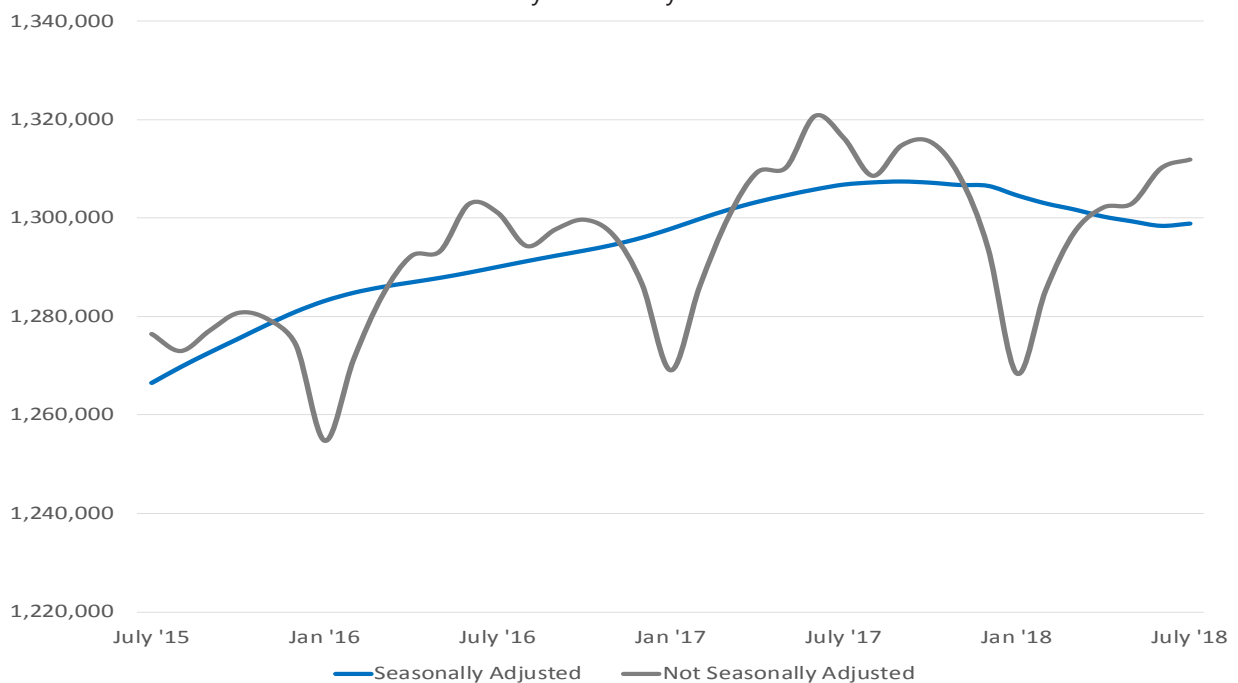
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.8 percent in June to 3.7 percent in July. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 857, a result of 1,309 fewer unemployed and 452 more employed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate declined from 4.0 percent in June to 3.9 percent in July.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate declined to 3.7 percent in July, pushed down by the decrease in the number of unemployed. The drop in the unemployment rate this month mirrors the trend seen at the national level."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>		<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,348,409	1,349,266	1,356,874	Civilian Labor Force	1,363,795	1,364,026	1,373,322
Employment	1,298,862	1,298,410	1,306,789	Employment	1,311,871	1,310,090	1,316,242
Unemployment	49,547	50,856	50,085	Unemployment	51,924	53,936	57,080
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.8	3.7	Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.0	4.2
U.S. Unemployment	3.9	4.0	4.3	U.S. Unemployment	4.1	4.2	4.6

Employment (Seasonally Adjusted vs Not Seasonally Adjusted)
July 2015 - July 2018



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1237.9	1250.9	1223.2	-13.0	14.7
Goods Producing	220.7	218.3	215.4	2.4	5.3
Mining, Logging, and Construction	59.4	58.2	57.9	1.2	1.5
Mining & Logging	5.5	5.5	6.0	0.0	-0.5
Construction	53.9	52.7	51.9	1.2	2.0
Specialty Trade Contractors	32.9	32.2	32.2	0.7	0.7
Manufacturing	161.3	160.1	157.5	1.2	3.8
Durable Goods	75.8	76.1	74.9	-0.3	0.9
Nondurable Goods	85.5	84.0	82.6	1.5	2.9
Service Providing	1017.2	1032.6	1007.8	-15.4	9.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	250.1	250.3	250.4	-0.2	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	46.8	46.7	47.1	0.1	-0.3
Retail Trade	139.6	139.7	139.9	-0.1	-0.3
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	63.7	63.9	63.4	-0.2	0.3
Information	12.3	12.5	13.2	-0.2	-0.9
Financial Activities	53.8	54.1	53.5	-0.3	0.3
Finance & Insurance	39.9	40.3	39.8	-0.4	0.1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.9	13.8	13.7	0.1	0.2
Professional & Business Services	149.6	149.0	141.3	0.6	8.3
Professional, Scientific & Technical	42.3	43.0	42.3	-0.7	0.0
Management of Companies	34.9	35.1	34.9	-0.2	0.0
Administrative & Support Services	72.4	70.9	64.1	1.5	8.3
Educational & Health Services	185.4	187.2	184.2	-1.8	1.2
Educational Services	13.0	13.6	11.4	-0.6	1.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	172.4	173.6	172.8	-1.2	-0.4
Ambulatory Health Care	57.7	58.1	56.8	-0.4	0.9
Social Assistance	38.1	38.7	38.9	-0.6	-0.8
Leisure & Hospitality	119.4	120.2	118.5	-0.8	0.9
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12.5	12.8	12.8	-0.3	-0.3
Accommodation & Food Services	106.9	107.4	105.7	-0.5	1.2
Accommodation Services	11.9	12.1	12.2	-0.2	-0.3
Food Services	95.0	95.3	93.5	-0.3	1.5
Other Services	49.1	49.7	49.1	-0.6	0.0
Government	197.5	209.6	197.6	-12.1	-0.1
Federal Government	19.9	19.9	20.0	0.0	-0.1
State Government	72.8	74.4	73.0	-1.6	-0.2
Local Government	104.8	115.3	104.6	-10.5	0.2

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

June 2018 - July 2018

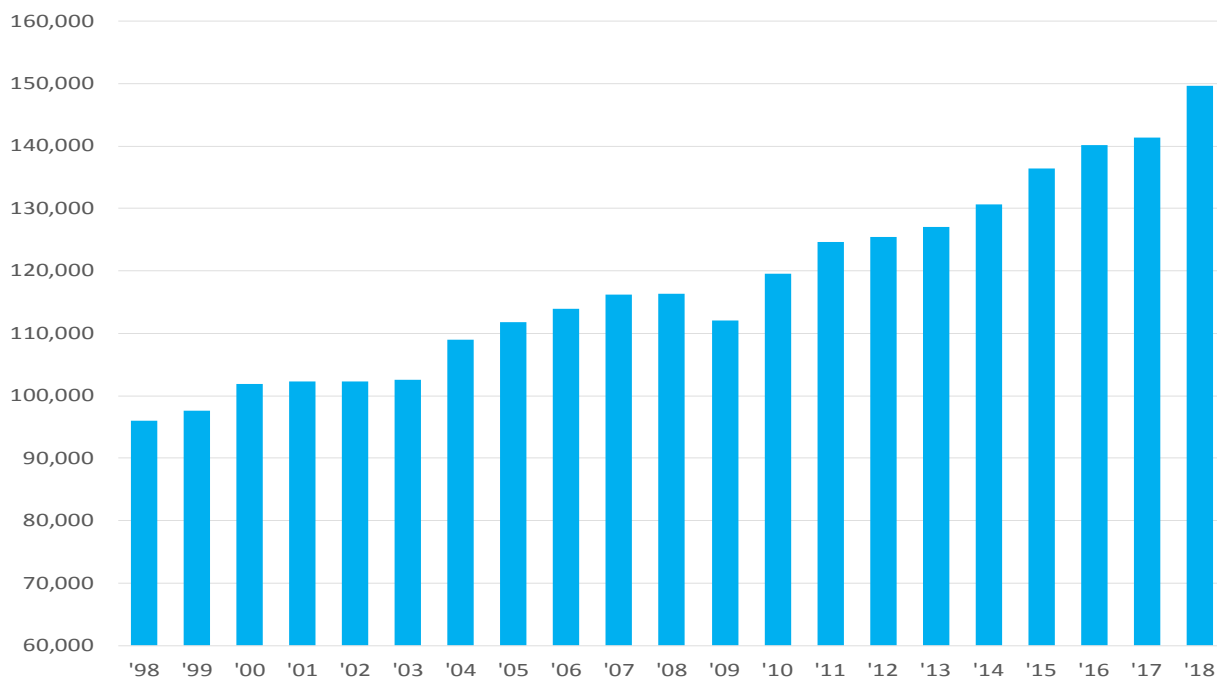
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas dropped 13,000 in July to total 1,237,900. Employment in seven major industry sectors decreased, while three sectors added jobs. The largest loss occurred in **government** (-12,100). All declines were in local (-10,500) and state (-1,600) government, as public schools began summer break. Jobs in **educational and health services** were down 1,800. Losses were posted in both health care-social assistance (-1,200) and educational services (-600). **Construction** added 1,200 jobs, an expected seasonal expansion. Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 1,200. Gains in nondurable goods (+1,500) more than offset the small declines in durable goods (-300).

July 2017 - July 2018

Compared to July 2017, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment is up 14,700. Six major industry sectors posted growth, as four sectors reported minor losses. Jobs in **professional and business services** rose 8,300. All gains were in administrative and support services, a subsector which includes employment agencies, office administration services, and telephone call centers. **Manufacturing** added 3,800 jobs, mostly in nondurable goods (+2,900). Employment in **construction** increased 2,000. Expansions are attributed in part to highway and road construction projects across the State. **Educational and health services** added 1,200 jobs. The growth in educational services (+1,600) was offset by minor losses in health care and social assistance (-400).

Jobs in Professional and Business Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

July: 1998 - 2018



State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

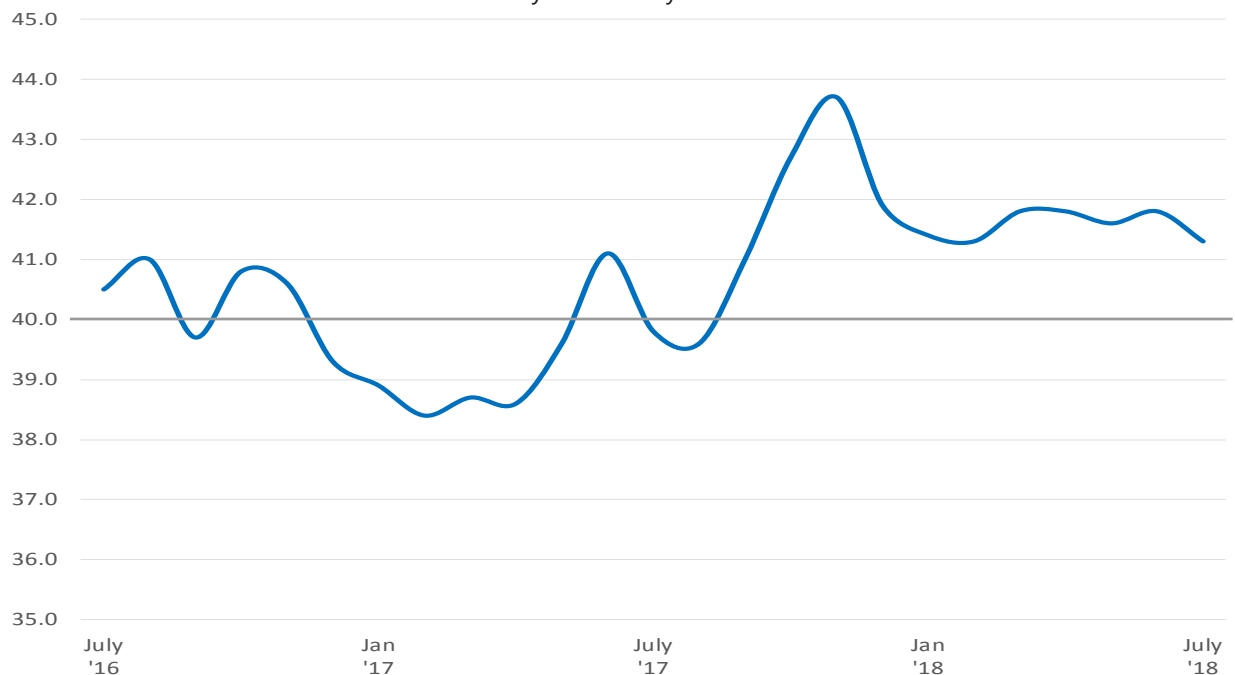
Manufacturing

	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.3	41.8	39.8
Average Hourly Earnings	17.46	17.35	16.11
Average Weekly Earnings	721.10	725.23	641.18

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

	Durable Goods Manufacturing			Nondurable Goods Manufacturing		
	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>
Average Weekly Hours	42.0	43.3	39.6	40.7	40.6	39.9
Average Hourly Earnings	19.99	19.61	18.10	15.36	15.33	14.41
Average Weekly Earnings	839.58	849.11	716.76	625.15	622.40	574.96

Average Weekly Hours Worked: Manufacturing
July 2016 - July 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.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	364,314	359,495	365,269	4,819	-955
Employment	352,244	346,911	351,997	5,333	247
Unemployment	12,070	12,584	13,272	-514	-1,202
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.5	3.6	-0.2	-0.3

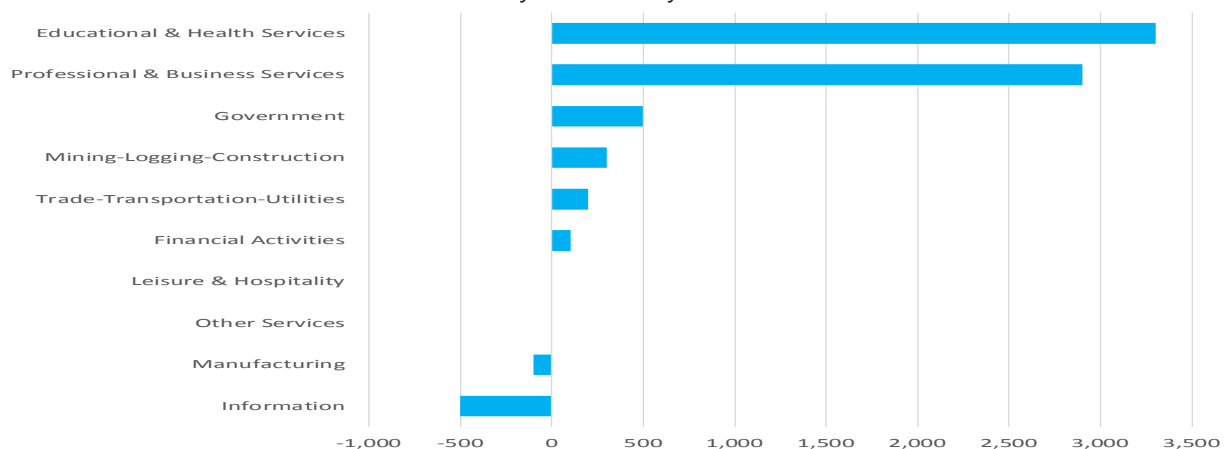
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	362.4	364.9	355.7	-2.5	6.7
Goods Producing	38.2	37.9	38.0	0.3	0.2
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.9	17.6	17.6	0.3	0.3
Manufacturing	20.3	20.3	20.4	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	324.2	327.0	317.7	-2.8	6.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	70.1	70.1	69.9	0.0	0.2
Wholesale Trade	15.1	15.1	15.3	0.0	-0.2
Retail Trade	38.9	38.8	38.7	0.1	0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.1	16.2	15.9	-0.1	0.2
Information	5.6	5.7	6.1	-0.1	-0.5
Financial Activities	21.2	21.2	21.1	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	49.5	49.4	46.6	0.1	2.9
Educational & Health Services	58.9	59.0	55.6	-0.1	3.3
Leisure & Hospitality	34.8	35.5	34.8	-0.7	0.0
Other Services	15.9	15.9	15.9	0.0	0.0
Government	68.2	70.2	67.7	-2.0	0.5
Federal Government	9.5	9.4	9.4	0.1	0.1
State Government	34.0	34.2	33.7	-0.2	0.3
Local Government	24.7	26.6	24.6	-1.9	0.1

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

July 2017 vs July 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

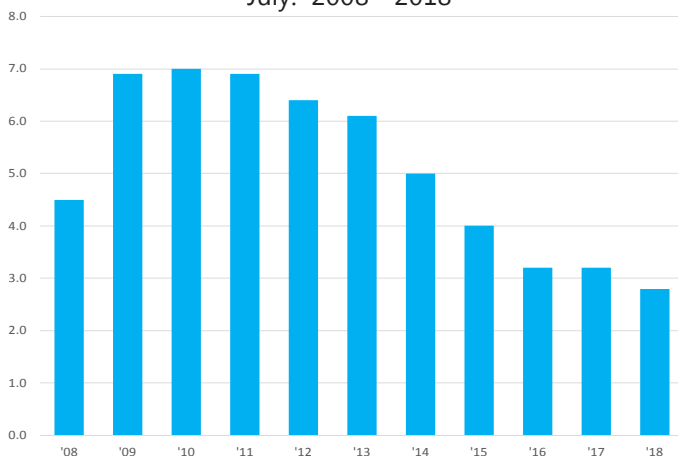
	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	279,153	276,238	277,684	2,915	1,469
Employment	271,198	268,208	268,785	2,990	2,413
Unemployment	7,955	8,030	8,899	-75	-944
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.9	3.2	-0.1	-0.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

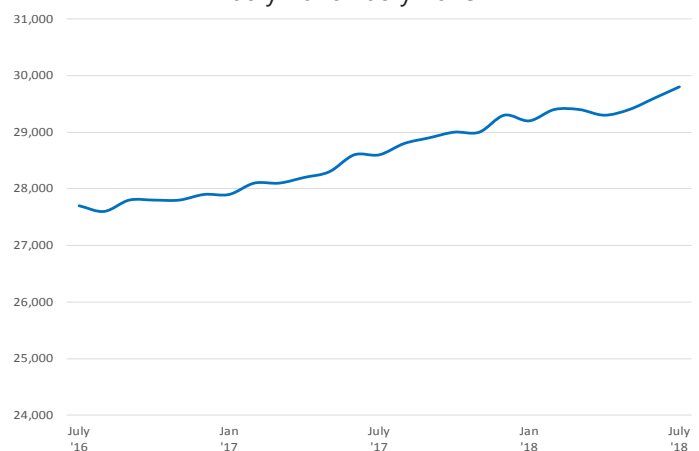
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	255.5	258.5	248.7	-3.0	6.8
Goods Producing	42.2	41.9	40.1	0.3	2.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	12.4	12.3	11.5	0.1	0.9
Manufacturing	29.8	29.6	28.6	0.2	1.2
Service Providing	213.3	216.6	208.6	-3.3	4.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	56.4	56.2	56.5	0.2	-0.1
Wholesale Trade	13.5	13.5	13.1	0.0	0.4
Retail Trade	26.2	26.0	26.8	0.2	-0.6
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.7	16.7	16.6	0.0	0.1
Information	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	8.0	8.0	7.9	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	50.7	50.8	49.1	-0.1	1.6
Educational & Health Services	28.5	28.6	27.6	-0.1	0.9
Leisure & Hospitality	26.4	27.4	25.1	-1.0	1.3
Other Services	9.0	9.0	9.0	0.0	0.0
Government	32.4	34.7	31.5	-2.3	0.9
Federal Government	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	-0.1
State Government	12.5	12.9	11.8	-0.4	0.7
Local Government	17.4	19.3	17.1	-1.9	0.3

Unemployment Rates
July: 2008 - 2018



Jobs in Manufacturing
July 2016 - July 2018



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>Jul 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	119,486	119,450	121,153	36	-1,667
Employment	114,765	114,485	115,769	280	-1,004
Unemployment	4,721	4,965	5,384	-244	-663
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.2	4.4	-0.2	-0.4

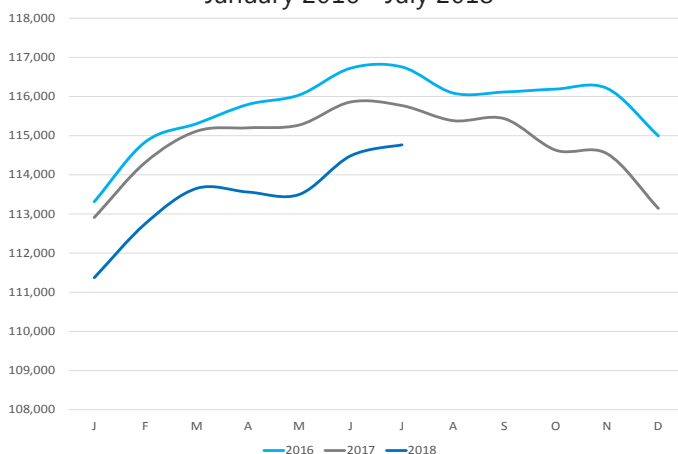
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	110.4	112.8	110.2	-2.4	0.2
Goods Producing	23.0	22.9	23.4	0.1	-0.4
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.5	5.5	5.6	0.0	-0.1
Manufacturing	17.5	17.4	17.8	0.1	-0.3
Service Providing	87.4	89.9	86.8	-2.5	0.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	22.6	22.6	22.8	0.0	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	12.4	12.4	12.6	0.0	-0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.3	6.3	6.3	0.0	0.0
Information	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.8	3.9	3.8	-0.1	0.0
Professional & Business Services	12.7	12.7	12.1	0.0	0.6
Educational & Health Services	16.6	16.7	16.8	-0.1	-0.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.8	9.8	9.6	0.0	0.2
Other Services	4.4	4.5	4.4	-0.1	0.0
Government	16.3	18.5	16.1	-2.2	0.2
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.9	3.0	2.9	-0.1	0.0
Local Government	12.1	14.2	11.9	-2.1	0.2

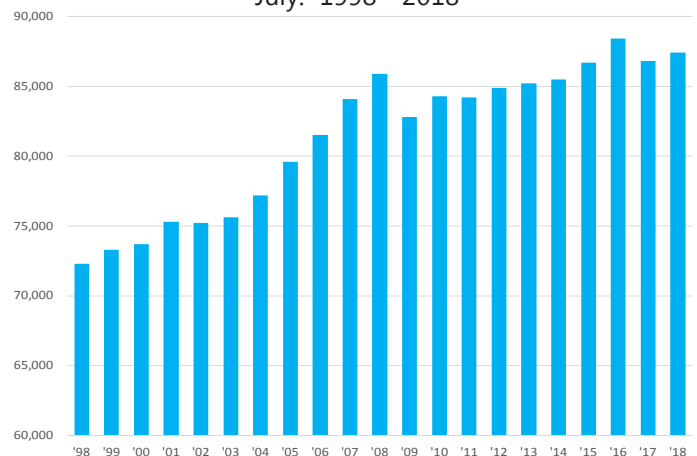
Employment

January 2016 - July 2018



Jobs in Service Providing Industries

July: 1998 - 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jul 18	Jun 18	Jul 17	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	41,158	40,823	42,000	335	-842
Employment	39,486	39,049	40,102	437	-616
Unemployment	1,672	1,774	1,898	-102	-226
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.3	4.5	-0.2	-0.4

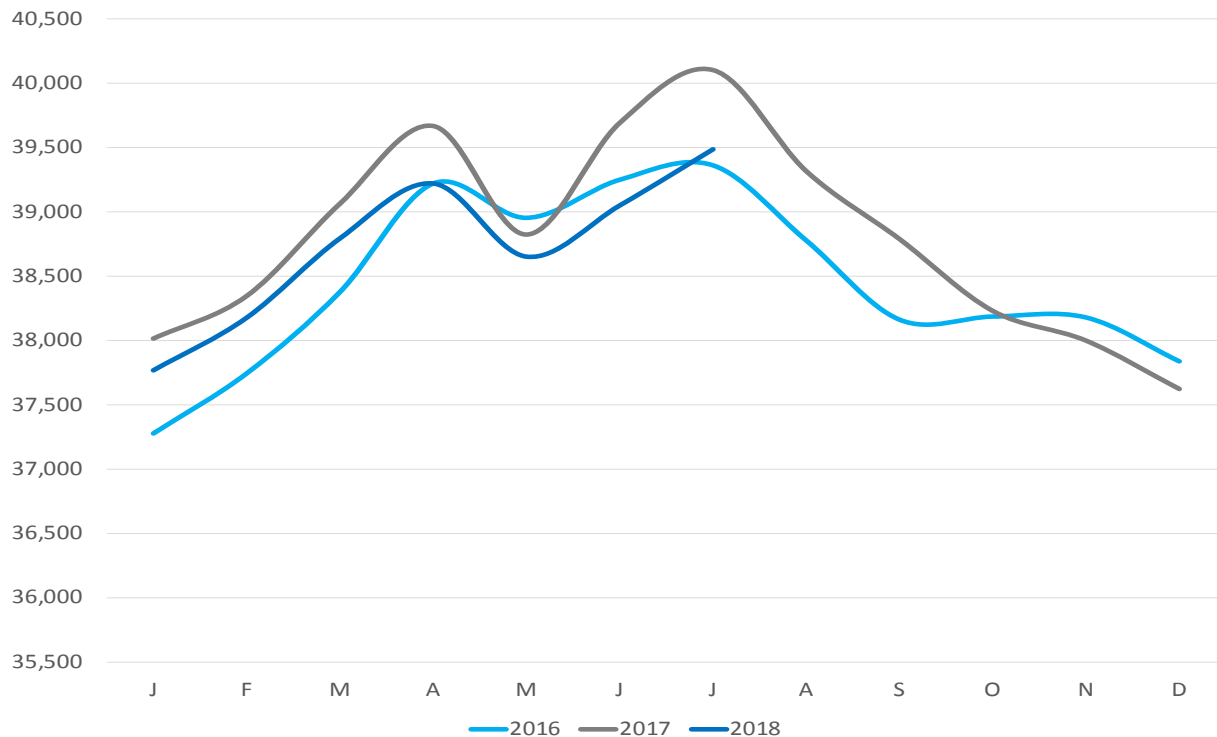
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jul 18	Jun 18	Jul 17	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	38.0	38.6	38.1	-0.6	-0.1
Goods Producing	4.7	4.7	4.5	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	33.3	33.9	33.6	-0.6	-0.3
Government	4.1	4.4	4.1	-0.3	0.0

Number of Employed

January 2016 - July 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,729	64,797	65,460	932	269
Employment	63,535	62,526	63,082	1,009	453
Unemployment	2,194	2,271	2,378	-77	-184
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.5	3.6	-0.2	-0.3

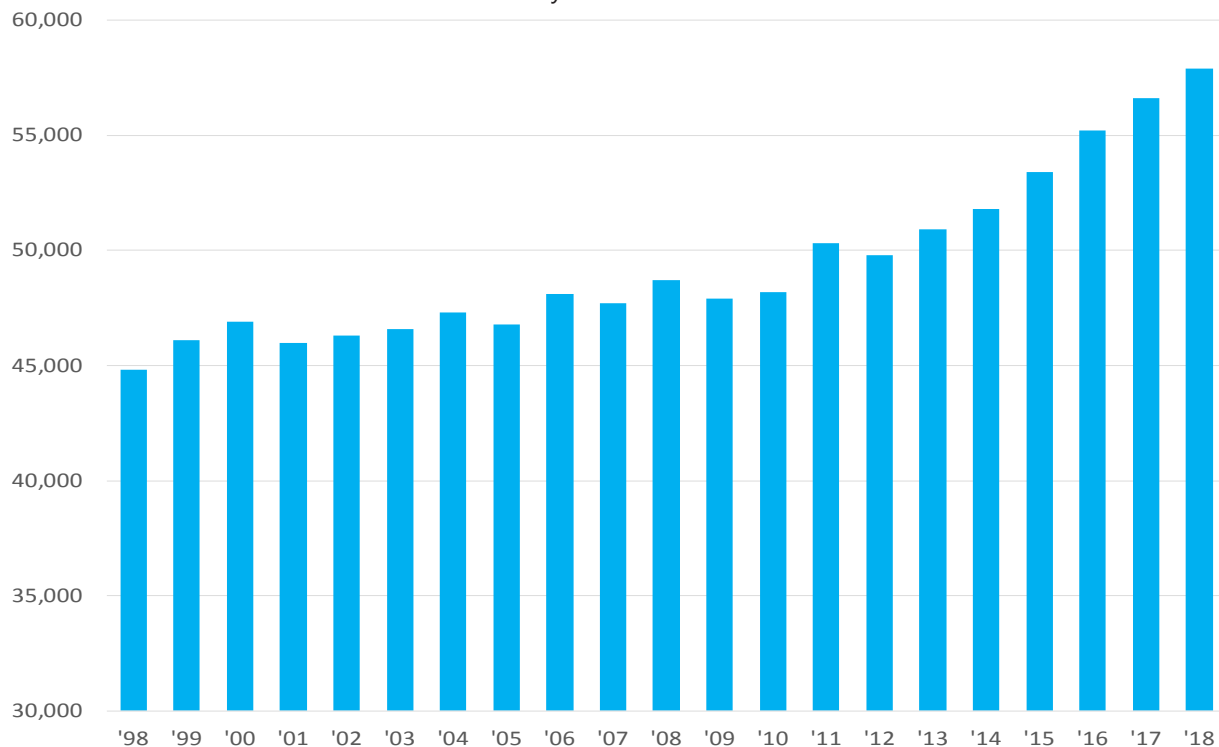
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	57.9	58.5	56.6	-0.6	1.3
Goods Producing	10.0	10.0	9.8	0.0	0.2
Service Providing	47.9	48.5	46.8	-0.6	1.1
Government	8.7	9.2	8.6	-0.5	0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

July: 1998 - 2018



Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jul 18	Jun 18	Jul 17	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	35,290	35,149	36,012	141	-722
Employment	33,375	33,190	33,973	185	-598
Unemployment	1,915	1,959	2,039	-44	-124
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.6	5.7	-0.2	-0.3

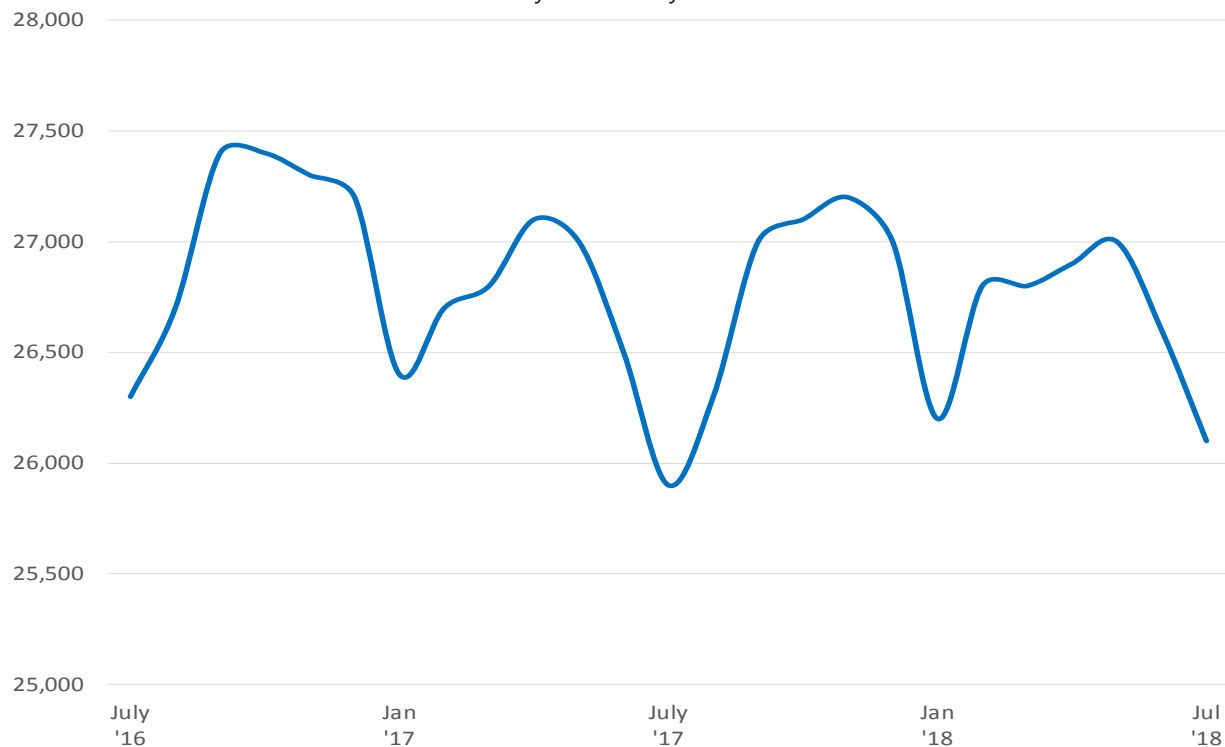
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jul 18	Jun 18	Jul 17	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	32.1	32.6	32.0	-0.5	0.1
Goods Producing	6.0	6.0	6.1	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	26.1	26.6	25.9	-0.5	0.2
Government	8.9	9.4	8.8	-0.5	0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Sectors

July 2016 - July 2018



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.

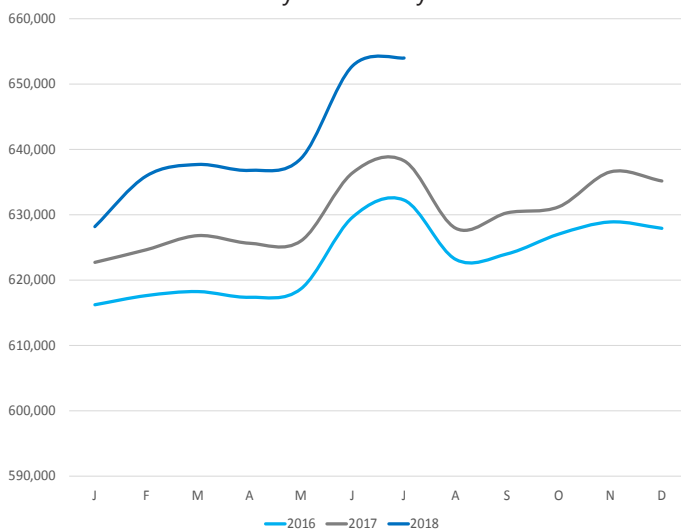
	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	653,994	652,798	638,246	1,196	15,748
Employment	623,350	621,061	609,223	2,289	14,127
Unemployment	30,644	31,737	29,023	-1,093	1,621
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.9	4.5	-0.2	0.2

Texarkana MSA

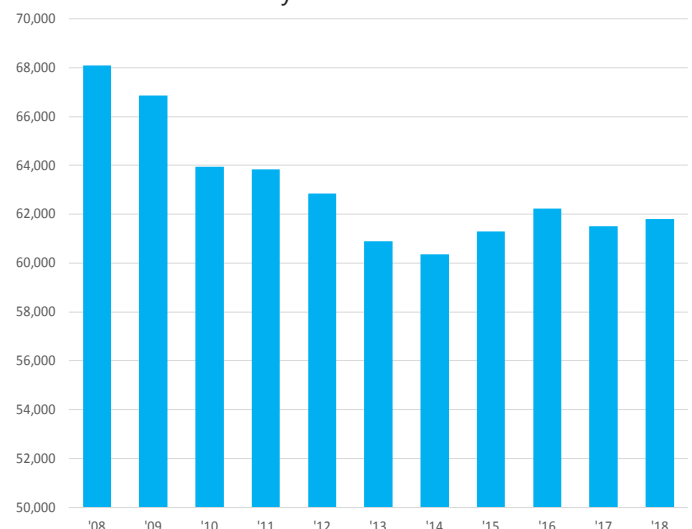
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	65,290	66,120	64,683	-830	607
Employment	61,800	62,415	61,511	-615	289
Unemployment	3,490	3,705	3,172	-215	318
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.6	4.9	-0.3	0.4

Memphis MSA- Civilian Labor Force
January 2016 - July 2018



Texarkana MSA- Employment
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Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	July 2018				June 2018				July 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,415	8,996	419	4.5	9,372	8,942	430	4.6	9,335	8,880	455	4.9
Batesville Micro	16,016	15,292	724	4.5	16,418	15,690	728	4.4	16,133	15,303	830	5.1
Blytheville Micro	17,779	16,628	1,151	6.5	17,900	16,408	1,492	8.3	18,166	16,876	1,290	7.1
Camden Micro	12,069	11,518	551	4.6	12,289	11,691	598	4.9	12,281	11,678	603	4.9
El Dorado Micro	15,983	15,035	948	5.9	16,328	15,304	1,024	6.3	16,051	15,056	995	6.2
Forrest City Micro	8,150	7,718	432	5.3	8,336	7,875	461	5.5	8,463	7,982	481	5.7
Harrison Micro	18,717	18,065	652	3.5	19,508	18,842	666	3.4	18,983	18,265	718	3.8
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,417	5,988	429	6.7	6,648	6,223	425	6.4	6,524	6,103	421	6.5
Hope Micro	13,157	12,627	530	4.0	13,594	13,092	502	3.7	13,324	12,782	542	4.1
Magnolia Micro	8,611	8,140	471	5.5	8,893	8,412	481	5.4	8,842	8,305	537	6.1
Malvern Micro	14,192	13,609	583	4.1	14,297	13,669	628	4.4	14,404	13,779	625	4.3
Mountain Home Micro	16,483	15,815	668	4.1	16,562	15,853	709	4.3	16,554	15,784	770	4.7
Paragould Micro	19,805	19,064	741	3.7	19,884	19,111	773	3.9	20,134	19,277	857	4.3
Russellville Micro	36,738	34,767	1,971	5.4	37,606	35,666	1,940	5.2	37,538	35,486	2,052	5.5
Searcy Micro	32,902	31,486	1,416	4.3	33,566	32,068	1,498	4.5	33,405	31,789	1,616	4.8

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

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	July 2018				June 2018				July 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,620	12,162	458	3.6	12,525	12,029	496	4.0	12,603	12,062	541	4.3
Benton	17,715	17,172	543	3.1	17,483	16,914	569	3.3	17,730	17,156	574	3.2
Bentonville	25,884	25,214	670	2.6	25,671	24,939	732	2.9	25,938	25,007	931	3.6
Blytheville	6,112	5,662	450	7.4	6,143	5,587	556	9.1	6,265	5,746	519	8.3
Cabot	12,191	11,806	385	3.2	12,020	11,615	405	3.4	12,223	11,810	413	3.4
Conway	34,395	33,276	1,119	3.3	33,866	32,761	1,105	3.3	34,517	33,247	1,270	3.7
El Dorado	7,074	6,534	540	7.6	7,218	6,651	567	7.9	6,991	6,543	448	6.4
Fayetteville	48,459	47,025	1,434	3.0	47,888	46,497	1,391	2.9	48,154	46,624	1,530	3.2
Fort Smith	39,699	38,276	1,423	3.6	39,594	38,128	1,466	3.7	40,517	38,899	1,618	4.0
Hot Springs	14,888	14,162	726	4.9	14,773	14,006	767	5.2	15,160	14,383	777	5.1
Jacksonville	12,104	11,586	518	4.3	11,962	11,414	548	4.6	12,134	11,577	557	4.6
Jonesboro	38,786	37,504	1,282	3.3	38,233	36,922	1,311	3.4	38,574	37,219	1,355	3.5
Little Rock	100,484	97,035	3,449	3.4	99,175	95,596	3,579	3.6	100,627	96,954	3,673	3.7
North Little Rock	30,857	29,738	1,119	3.6	30,437	29,297	1,140	3.7	31,021	29,714	1,307	4.2
Paragould	12,442	11,954	488	3.9	12,494	11,984	510	4.1	12,684	12,088	596	4.7
Pine Bluff	16,874	15,726	1,148	6.8	16,834	15,658	1,176	7.0	17,168	16,010	1,158	6.7
Rogers	35,772	34,845	927	2.6	35,380	34,465	915	2.6	35,635	34,558	1,077	3.0
Russellville	13,283	12,616	667	5.0	13,598	12,961	637	4.7	13,548	12,874	674	5.0
Searcy	10,196	9,755	441	4.3	10,396	9,935	461	4.4	10,326	9,849	477	4.6
Sherwood	16,192	15,718	474	2.9	16,013	15,485	528	3.3	16,249	15,705	544	3.3
Springdale	39,900	38,864	1,036	2.6	39,522	38,428	1,094	2.8	39,621	38,533	1,088	2.7
Texarkana, AR	14,053	13,228	825	5.9	14,113	13,227	886	6.3	14,017	13,277	740	5.3
Van Buren	10,401	10,022	379	3.6	10,362	9,977	385	3.7	10,586	10,189	397	3.8
West Memphis	11,143	10,585	558	5.0	10,935	10,375	560	5.1	11,171	10,544	627	5.6

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	July 2018				June 2018				July 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	8,974	8,683	291	3.2	8,914	8,600	314	3.5	9,173	8,859	314	3.4
Ashley	7,629	7,211	418	5.5	7,873	7,445	428	5.4	7,585	7,098	487	6.4
Baxter	16,483	15,815	668	4.1	16,562	15,853	709	4.3	16,554	15,784	770	4.7
Benton	135,368	131,460	3,908	2.9	133,995	130,025	3,970	3.0	134,889	130,377	4,512	3.3
Boone	15,419	14,879	540	3.5	16,100	15,541	559	3.5	15,628	15,045	583	3.7
Bradley	4,348	4,158	190	4.4	4,545	4,338	207	4.6	4,283	4,068	215	5.0
Calhoun	2,347	2,248	99	4.2	2,376	2,272	104	4.4	2,391	2,283	108	4.5
Carroll	13,130	12,775	355	2.7	13,249	12,869	380	2.9	13,396	12,974	422	3.2
Chicot	3,431	3,219	212	6.2	3,465	3,239	226	6.5	3,539	3,309	230	6.5
Clark	9,415	8,996	419	4.5	9,372	8,942	430	4.6	9,335	8,880	455	4.9
Clay	5,775	5,520	255	4.4	5,861	5,594	267	4.6	5,958	5,653	305	5.1
Cleburne	9,186	8,790	396	4.3	9,359	8,947	412	4.4	9,402	8,907	495	5.3
Cleveland	3,276	3,149	127	3.9	3,255	3,119	136	4.2	3,372	3,205	167	5.0
Columbia	8,611	8,140	471	5.5	8,893	8,412	481	5.4	8,842	8,305	537	6.1
Conway	8,148	7,772	376	4.6	8,215	7,828	387	4.7	8,324	7,885	439	5.3
Craighead	55,171	53,395	1,776	3.2	54,382	52,567	1,815	3.3	54,893	52,990	1,903	3.5
Crawford	26,653	25,665	988	3.7	26,550	25,550	1,000	3.8	27,169	26,094	1,075	4.0
Crittenden	22,477	21,429	1,048	4.7	22,075	21,004	1,071	4.9	22,447	21,345	1,102	4.9
Cross	7,278	6,976	302	4.1	7,603	7,292	311	4.1	7,557	7,239	318	4.2
Dallas	2,823	2,698	125	4.4	2,886	2,745	141	4.9	2,873	2,712	161	5.6
Desha	5,379	5,127	252	4.7	5,528	5,271	257	4.6	5,458	5,160	298	5.5
Drew	7,763	7,368	395	5.1	7,973	7,562	411	5.2	7,680	7,224	456	5.9
Faulkner	62,750	60,703	2,047	3.3	61,882	59,764	2,118	3.4	62,960	60,650	2,310	3.7
Franklin	7,287	7,005	282	3.9	7,428	7,145	283	3.8	7,408	7,094	314	4.2
Fulton	4,727	4,532	195	4.1	4,949	4,749	200	4.0	4,691	4,466	225	4.8
Garland	41,158	39,486	1,672	4.1	40,823	39,049	1,774	4.3	42,000	40,102	1,898	4.5
Grant	8,555	8,286	269	3.1	8,437	8,160	277	3.3	8,600	8,295	305	3.5
Greene	19,805	19,064	741	3.7	19,884	19,111	773	3.9	20,134	19,277	857	4.3
Hempstead	9,641	9,253	388	4.0	9,943	9,585	358	3.6	9,761	9,368	393	4.0
Hot Spring	14,192	13,609	583	4.1	14,297	13,669	628	4.4	14,404	13,779	625	4.3
Howard	6,197	5,967	230	3.7	6,326	6,094	232	3.7	5,968	5,755	213	3.6
Independence	16,016	15,292	724	4.5	16,418	15,690	728	4.4	16,133	15,303	830	5.1
Izard	4,624	4,359	265	5.7	4,786	4,487	299	6.2	4,744	4,438	306	6.5
Jackson	5,763	5,404	359	6.2	5,849	5,485	364	6.2	5,863	5,489	374	6.4
Jefferson	27,986	26,380	1,606	5.7	27,903	26,266	1,637	5.9	28,549	26,857	1,692	5.9
Johnson	10,229	9,697	532	5.2	10,599	10,061	538	5.1	10,452	9,898	554	5.3
Lafayette	2,428	2,286	142	5.8	2,523	2,379	144	5.7	2,452	2,304	148	6.0
Lawrence	6,547	6,251	296	4.5	6,764	6,465	299	4.4	6,639	6,341	298	4.5
Lee	2,952	2,797	155	5.3	2,932	2,782	150	5.1	3,083	2,918	165	5.4
Lincoln	4,028	3,846	182	4.5	3,991	3,805	186	4.7	4,091	3,911	180	4.4
Little River	5,676	5,350	326	5.7	5,703	5,360	343	6.0	5,676	5,377	299	5.3
Logan	8,780	8,384	396	4.5	8,902	8,521	381	4.3	9,142	8,714	428	4.7
Lonoke	34,644	33,549	1,095	3.2	34,147	33,007	1,140	3.3	34,755	33,561	1,194	3.4
Madison	7,602	7,393	209	2.7	7,496	7,276	220	2.9	7,596	7,358	238	3.1
Marion	6,500	6,238	262	4.0	6,591	6,324	267	4.1	6,566	6,288	278	4.2
Miller	20,176	19,138	1,038	5.1	20,252	19,137	1,115	5.5	20,188	19,209	979	4.8

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	July 2018				June 2018				July 2018			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,779	16,628	1,151	6.5	17,900	16,408	1,492	8.3	18,166	16,876	1,290	7.1
Monroe	2,727	2,592	135	5.0	2,817	2,673	144	5.1	2,807	2,676	131	4.7
Montgomery	3,078	2,928	150	4.9	3,218	3,063	155	4.8	3,111	2,943	168	5.4
Nevada	3,516	3,374	142	4.0	3,651	3,507	144	3.9	3,563	3,414	149	4.2
Newton	3,298	3,186	112	3.4	3,408	3,301	107	3.1	3,355	3,220	135	4.0
Ouachita	9,722	9,270	452	4.6	9,913	9,419	494	5.0	9,890	9,395	495	5.0
Perry	4,292	4,127	165	3.8	4,233	4,053	180	4.3	4,302	4,123	179	4.2
Phillips	6,417	5,988	429	6.7	6,648	6,223	425	6.4	6,524	6,103	421	6.5
Pike	4,327	4,138	189	4.4	4,490	4,293	197	4.4	4,265	4,070	195	4.6
Poinsett	10,558	10,140	418	4.0	10,415	9,959	456	4.4	10,567	10,092	475	4.5
Polk	7,826	7,468	358	4.6	8,122	7,748	374	4.6	7,991	7,579	412	5.2
Pope	28,373	26,806	1,567	5.5	29,075	27,538	1,537	5.3	28,991	27,353	1,638	5.7
Prairie	3,555	3,426	129	3.6	3,643	3,511	132	3.6	3,686	3,525	161	4.4
Pulaski	194,804	188,148	6,656	3.4	192,304	185,357	6,947	3.6	195,303	187,991	7,312	3.7
Randolph	6,922	6,621	301	4.3	7,024	6,707	317	4.5	6,924	6,614	310	4.5
St. Francis	8,150	7,718	432	5.3	8,336	7,875	461	5.5	8,463	7,982	481	5.7
Saline	59,269	57,431	1,838	3.1	58,492	56,570	1,922	3.3	59,349	57,377	1,972	3.3
Scott	4,393	4,226	167	3.8	4,451	4,279	172	3.9	4,357	4,177	180	4.1
Searcy	2,829	2,707	122	4.3	3,037	2,909	128	4.2	2,943	2,787	156	5.3
Sebastian	57,039	54,996	2,043	3.6	56,883	54,782	2,101	3.7	58,220	55,890	2,330	4.0
Sevier	5,615	5,360	255	4.5	5,683	5,417	266	4.7	5,612	5,339	273	4.9
Sharp	5,960	5,668	292	4.9	6,155	5,857	298	4.8	6,054	5,730	324	5.4
Stone	4,768	4,570	198	4.2	4,888	4,683	205	4.2	4,837	4,593	244	5.0
Union	15,983	15,035	948	5.9	16,328	15,304	1,024	6.3	16,051	15,056	995	6.2
Van Buren	5,904	5,595	309	5.2	6,115	5,795	320	5.2	6,043	5,686	357	5.9
Washington	125,296	121,881	3,415	2.7	123,950	120,514	3,436	2.8	124,508	120,843	3,665	2.9
White	32,902	31,486	1,416	4.3	33,566	32,068	1,498	4.5	33,405	31,789	1,616	4.8
Woodruff	2,779	2,652	127	4.6	2,896	2,763	133	4.6	2,889	2,741	148	5.1
Yell	8,365	7,961	404	4.8	8,531	8,128	403	4.7	8,547	8,133	414	4.8

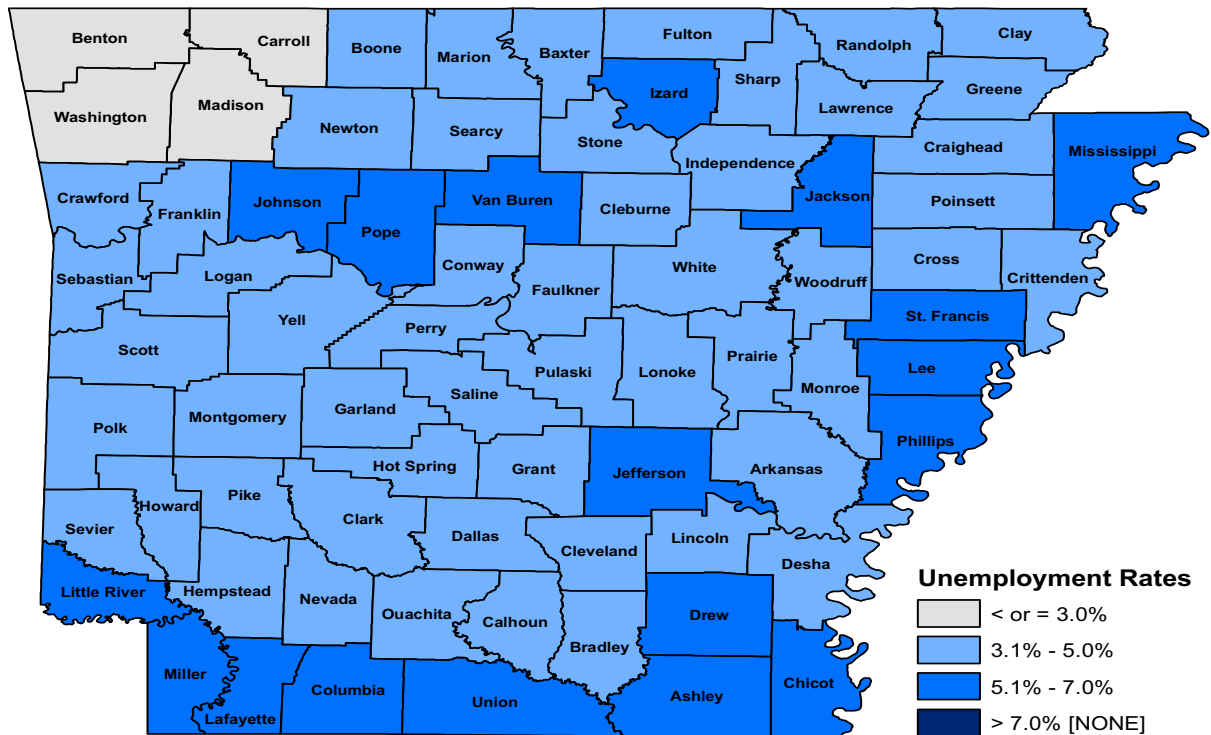
County Labor Force Summary

Between June and July, unemployment rates declined in 45 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Twenty counties reported rate increases, while 10 counties were unchanged over-the-month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.7 percent in three counties (Carroll, Madison, and Washington) to a high of 6.7 percent in Phillips County.

In July, twenty-six counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is up slightly from 23 counties at or below four percent in June. For the second month in a row, no county reported a jobless rate at or above eight percent.

Compared to July 2017, unemployment rates are down in 66 Arkansas counties. Six counties posted rate increases and three were the same.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

July 2018 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Carroll	2.7	23	Poinsett	4.0	48	Woodruff	4.6
1	Madison	2.7	27	Baxter	4.1	52	Crittenden	4.7
1	Washington	2.7	27	Cross	4.1	52	Desha	4.7
4	Benton	2.9	27	Fulton	4.1	54	Yell	4.8
5	Grant	3.1	27	Garland	4.1	55	Montgomery	4.9
5	Saline	3.1	27	Hot Spring	4.1	55	Sharp	4.9
7	Arkansas	3.2	32	Calhoun	4.2	57	Monroe	5.0
7	Craighead	3.2	32	Stone	4.2	58	Drew	5.1
7	Lonoke	3.2	34	Cleburne	4.3	58	Miller	5.1
10	Faulkner	3.3	34	Randolph	4.3	60	Johnson	5.2
11	Newton	3.4	34	Searcy	4.3	60	Van Buren	5.2
11	Pulaski	3.4	34	White	4.3	62	Lee	5.3
13	Boone	3.5	38	Bradley	4.4	62	St. Francis	5.3
14	Prairie	3.6	38	Clay	4.4	64	Ashley	5.5
14	Sebastian	3.6	38	Dallas	4.4	64	Columbia	5.5
16	Crawford	3.7	38	Pike	4.4	64	Pope	5.5
16	Greene	3.7	42	Clark	4.5	67	Izard	5.7
16	Howard	3.7	42	Independence	4.5	67	Jefferson	5.7
19	Perry	3.8	42	Lawrence	4.5	67	Little River	5.7
19	Scott	3.8	42	Lincoln	4.5	70	Lafayette	5.8
21	Cleveland	3.9	42	Logan	4.5	71	Union	5.9
21	Franklin	3.9	42	Sevier	4.5	72	Chicot	6.2
23	Hempstead	4.0	48	Conway	4.6	72	Jackson	6.2
23	Marion	4.0	48	Ouachita	4.6	74	Mississippi	6.5
23	Nevada	4.0	48	Polk	4.6	75	Phillips	6.7

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	July 2018				June 2018				July 2017			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	257,265	248,814	8,451	3.3	254,110	245,286	8,824	3.5	258,233	248,826	9,407	3.6
City of Little Rock	100,484	97,035	3,449	3.4	99,175	95,596	3,579	3.6	100,627	96,954	3,673	3.7
Eastern	47,274	44,908	2,366	5.0	47,594	45,176	2,418	5.1	48,074	45,587	2,487	5.2
North Central	92,629	88,348	4,281	4.6	94,981	90,524	4,457	4.7	94,061	89,142	4,919	5.2
Northeast	122,557	117,619	4,938	4.0	122,230	116,811	5,419	4.4	123,281	117,843	5,438	4.4
Northwest	325,925	316,334	9,591	2.9	324,388	314,612	9,776	3.0	325,435	314,676	10,759	3.3
Southeast	81,369	77,427	3,942	4.8	81,884	77,805	4,079	5.0	82,330	77,986	4,344	5.3
Southwest	92,735	88,119	4,616	5.0	94,477	89,631	4,846	5.1	93,267	88,517	4,750	5.1
West Central	131,577	125,520	6,057	4.6	132,853	126,624	6,229	4.7	133,731	127,166	6,565	4.9
Western	111,978	107,744	4,234	3.8	112,336	108,025	4,311	3.8	114,287	109,548	4,739	4.1

