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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 2020 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 Areas

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 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

Civilian Labor Force

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

Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

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

Unemployment

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

Unemployment

Rate

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

Seasonal

Adjustment

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



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June Spotlight

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 1,000 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

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 for 2nd Quarter 2021.

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

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization					
State of Arkansas					
3rd Quarter 2020 - 2nd Quarter 2021 (Average)					
<u>U-1</u>	<u>U-2</u>	<u>U-3</u>	<u>U-4</u>	<u>U-5</u>	<u>U-6</u>
2.6%	3.3%	5.5%	5.9%	6.5%	9.0%

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.

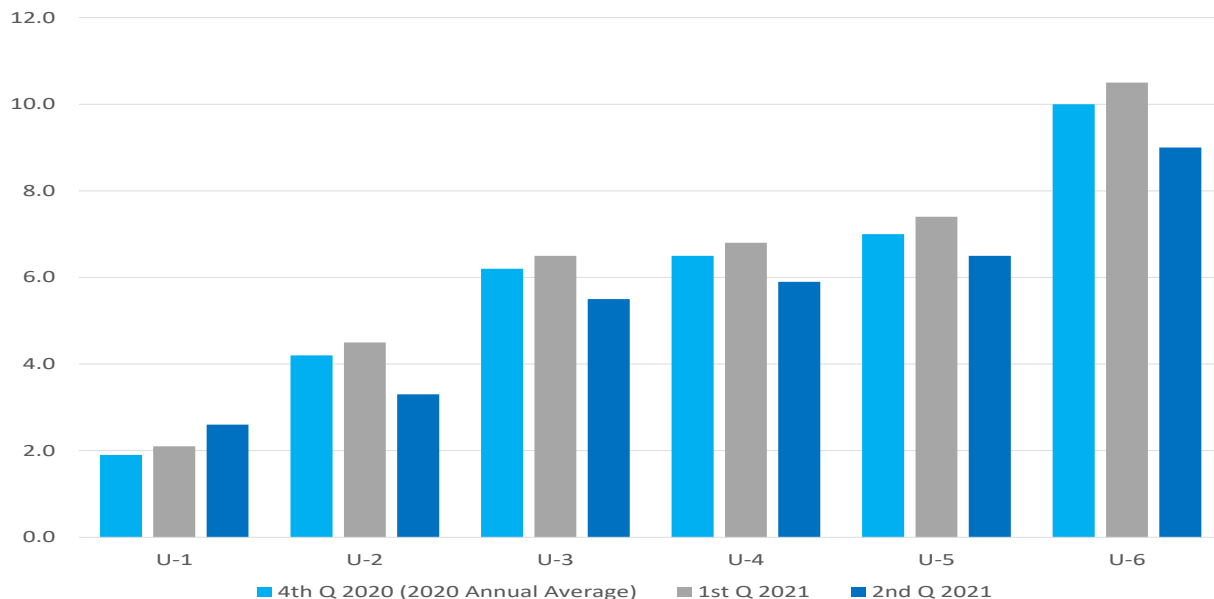
U-3 Measure: Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).

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-Quarter Comparison (Quarter Ending)



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

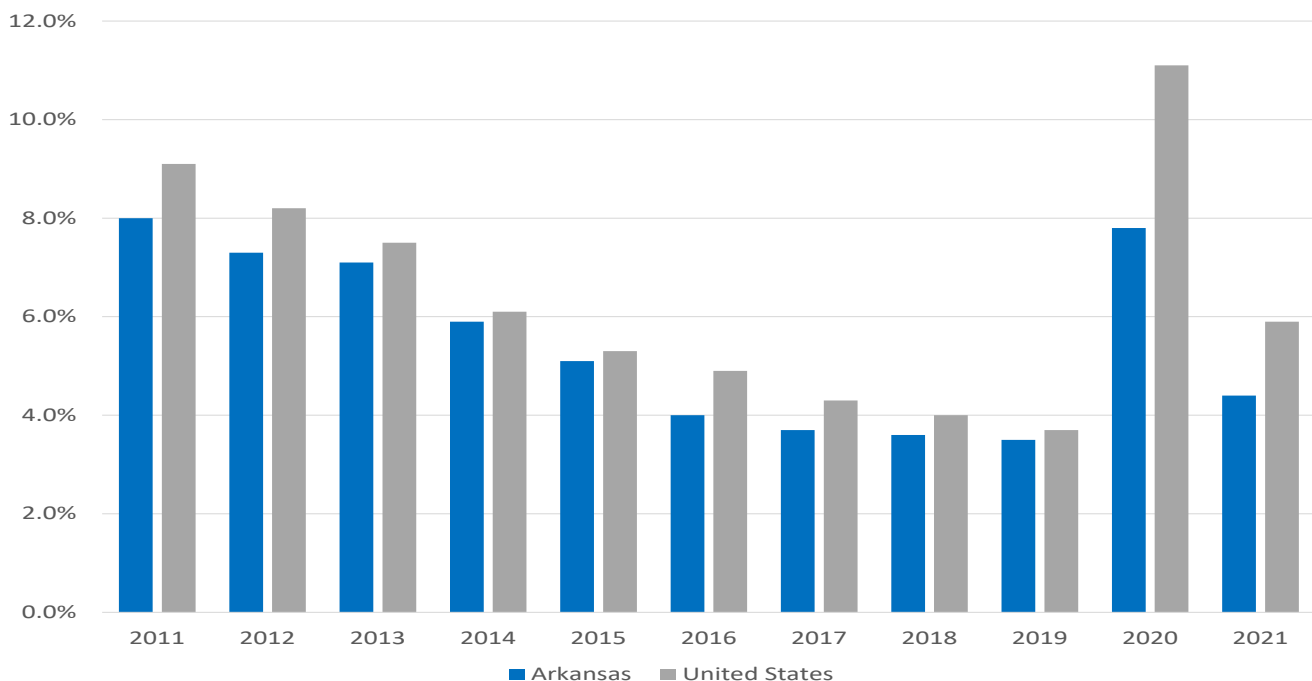
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 4.4 percent between May and June. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 250, a result of 750 fewer employed and 500 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point, from 5.8 percent in May to 5.9 percent in June.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate remained stable at 4.4 percent for the third consecutive month. Arkansas unemployment rate is currently three and four-tenths of a percentage point lower than in June 2020 and is well below the US rate."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,357,922	1,358,172	1,347,387	Civilian Labor Force	1,377,560	1,367,707
Employment	1,298,059	1,298,809	1,242,595	Employment	1,308,504	1,306,243
Unemployment	59,863	59,363	104,792	Unemployment	69,056	61,464
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.4	7.8	Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.5
U.S. Unemployment	5.9	5.8	11.1	U.S. Unemployment	6.1	5.5

Unemployment Rates - Arkansas vs United States (Seasonally Adjusted)
June: 2011 - 2021



State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1269.2	1272.9	1216.2	-3.7	53.0
Goods Producing	221.0	221.0	211.1	0.0	9.9
Mining, Logging, & Construction	59.5	58.9	58.9	0.6	0.6
Mining & Logging	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	54.0	53.4	53.4	0.6	0.6
Specialty Trade Contractors	34.4	34.0	33.8	0.4	0.6
Manufacturing	161.5	162.1	152.2	-0.6	9.3
Durable Goods	82.2	81.1	71.5	1.1	10.7
Nondurable Goods	79.3	81.0	80.7	-1.7	-1.4
Service Providing	1048.2	1051.9	1005.1	-3.7	43.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	251.2	251.3	244.6	-0.1	6.6
Wholesale Trade	47.3	47.1	46.2	0.2	1.1
Retail Trade	138.0	138.5	133.8	-0.5	4.2
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	65.9	65.7	64.6	0.2	1.3
Information	12.4	12.1	11.5	0.3	0.9
Financial Activities	64.9	64.7	63.6	0.2	1.3
Finance & Insurance	51.5	51.1	50.2	0.4	1.3
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.4	13.6	13.4	-0.2	0.0
Professional & Business Services	146.3	145.2	132.4	1.1	13.9
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.3	42.8	41.6	0.5	1.7
Management of Companies	34.0	33.4	33.3	0.6	0.7
Administrative & Support Services	69.0	69.0	57.5	0.0	11.5
Educational & Health Services	187.6	189.3	181.4	-1.7	6.2
Educational Services	14.7	16.7	12.5	-2.0	2.2
Health Care & Social Assistance	172.9	172.6	168.9	0.3	4.0
Ambulatory Health Care	59.8	58.8	57.8	1.0	2.0
Social Assistance	36.7	37.0	36.1	-0.3	0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	116.9	113.8	102.9	3.1	14.0
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14.0	12.8	10.8	1.2	3.2
Accommodation & Food Services	102.9	101.0	92.1	1.9	10.8
Accommodation Services	10.4	9.8	8.9	0.6	1.5
Food Services	92.5	91.2	83.2	1.3	9.3
Other Services	67.9	67.0	64.8	0.9	3.1
Government	201.0	208.5	203.9	-7.5	-2.9
Federal Government	20.6	20.5	20.5	0.1	0.1
State Government	72.8	77.6	71.2	-4.8	1.6
State Gov, Educational Services	26.3	31.1	23.6	-4.8	2.7
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.5	46.5	47.6	0.0	-1.1
Local Government	107.6	110.4	112.2	-2.8	-4.6
Local Gov, Educational Services	63.1	67.0	68.9	-3.9	-5.8
Local Gov, Excluding Education	44.5	43.4	43.3	1.1	1.2

**State of Arkansas
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

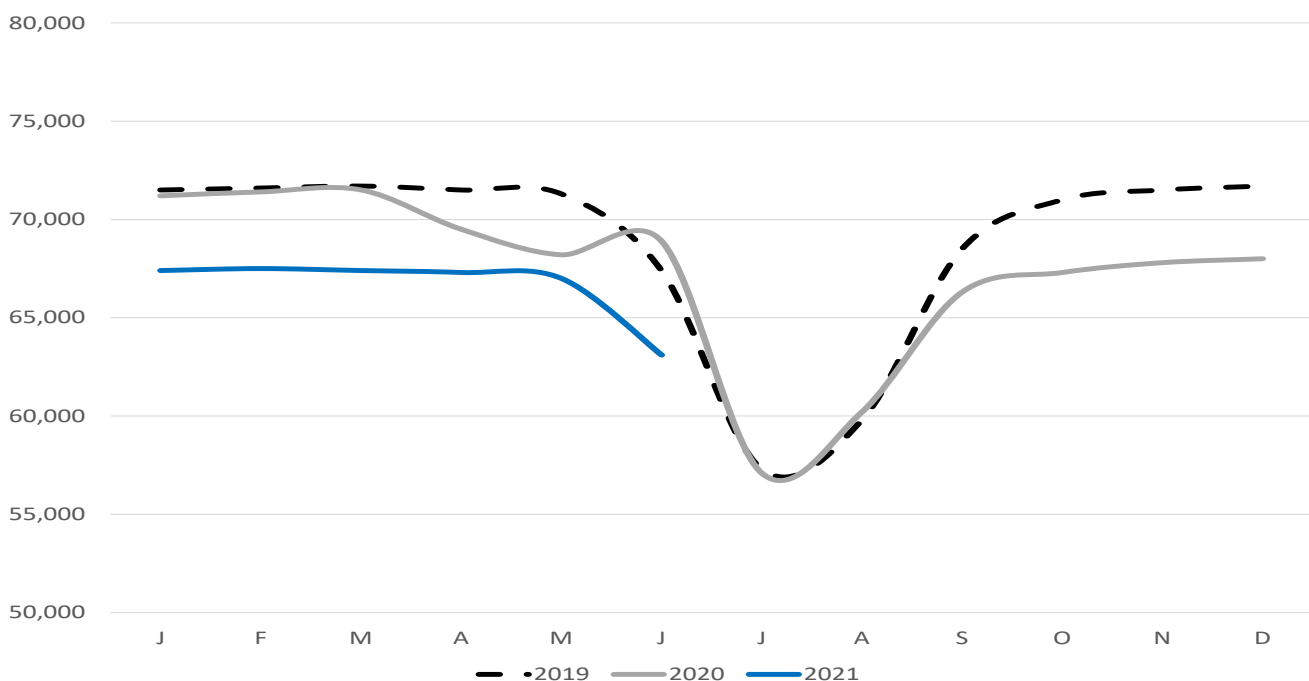
May 2021 - June 2021

Arkansas' nonfarm payroll employment declined 3,700 in June to total 1,269,200. Four major industry sectors posted job losses, more than offsetting gains in six sectors. Jobs in **government** fell 7,500. All losses occurred in state government-educational services (-4,800) and local government-educational services (-3,900), related to the end of the 2020-2021 public school year. **Educational and health services** declined 1,700. Employment in educational services dropped 2,000, marking the end of the academic year at private schools and colleges. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 3,100, with gains reported across all subsectors. **Professional and business services** added 1,100 jobs, with hiring in both management of companies (+600) and professional-scientific-technical services (+500).

June 2020 - June 2021

Compared to May 2020, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 53,000. Growth was posted in nine major industry sectors. The largest increase occurred in **leisure and hospitality**, up 14,000. Most of the gains were in food services (+9,300). **Professional and business services** added 13,900 jobs, mostly in administrative and support services (+11,500). Jobs in **manufacturing** rose 9,300, all in durable goods (+10,700). Employment in **trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 6,600. All subsectors reported expansions, with retail trade adding 4,200 jobs. **Other services** added 3,100 jobs. The sector includes activities such as repair/maintenance and membership organizations. **Government** reported the only over-the-year decrease, down 2,900 jobs. Declines occurred in state government-excluding education (-1,100) and local government-educational services (-5,800).

Jobs in Local Government- Educational Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
January 2019 - June 2021



**State of Arkansas
Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

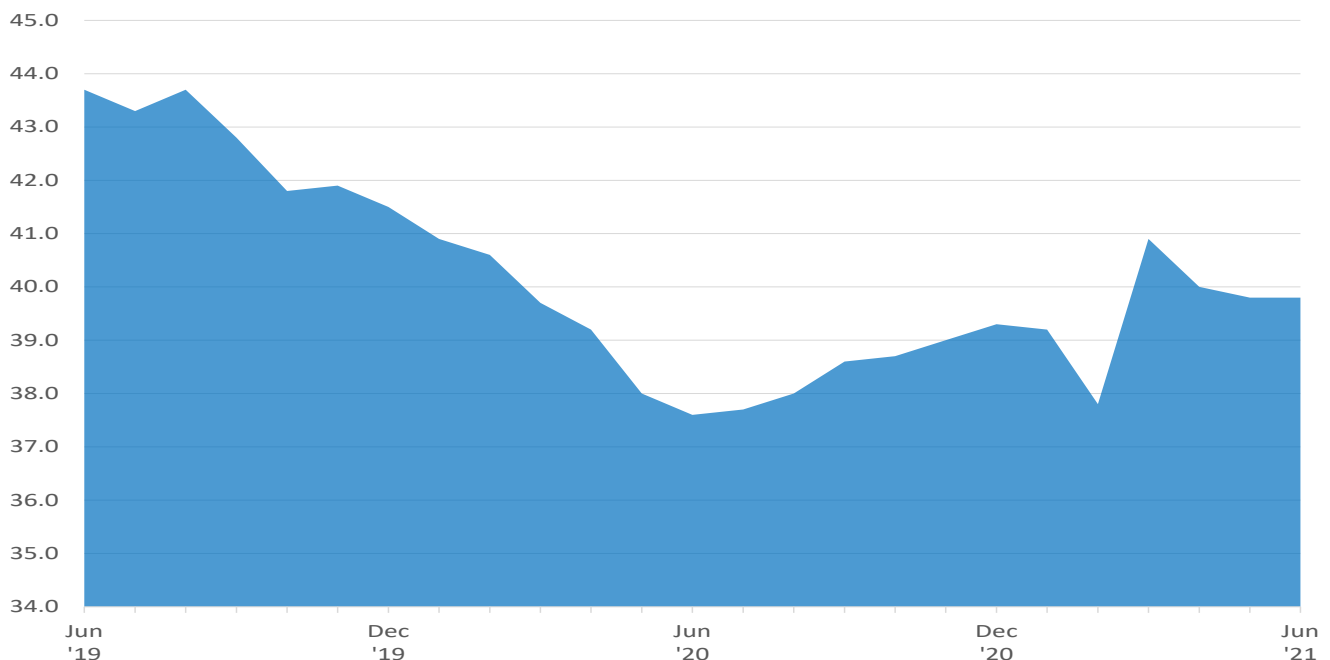
Manufacturing

	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.8	39.8	37.6
Average Hourly Earnings	20.01	19.49	18.65
Average Weekly Earnings	796.40	775.70	701.24

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>		<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>
Average Weekly Hours	39.6	39.4	37.0	Average Weekly Hours	40.1	40.1	38.2
Average Hourly Earnings	21.05	21.05	20.55	Average Hourly Earnings	18.92	17.96	17.06
Average Weekly Earnings	833.58	829.37	760.35	Average Weekly Earnings	758.69	720.20	651.69

Average Weekly Hours Worked in Manufacturing (Production Workers)
June 2019 - June 2021



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 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	360,355	356,956	357,845	3,399	2,510
Employment	342,020	340,264	327,326	1,756	14,694
Unemployment	18,335	16,692	30,519	1,643	-12,184
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.7	8.5	0.4	-3.4

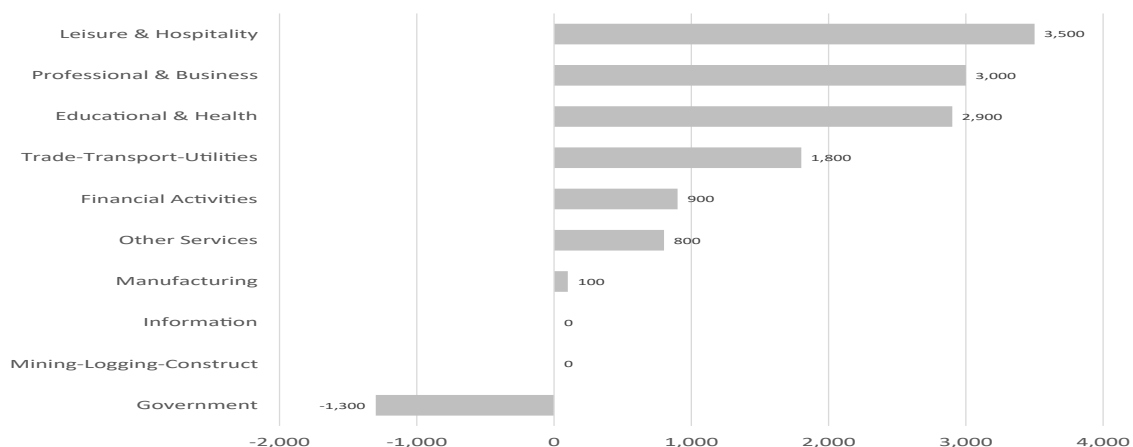
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	353.7	353.2	342.0	0.5	11.7
Goods Producing	37.1	37.3	37.0	-0.2	0.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.9	18.0	17.9	-0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	19.2	19.3	19.1	-0.1	0.1
Service Providing	316.6	315.9	305.0	0.7	11.6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	68.7	68.6	66.9	0.1	1.8
Wholesale Trade	15.3	15.3	15.0	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	37.3	37.2	36.2	0.1	1.1
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.1	16.1	15.7	0.0	0.4
Information	5.2	5.2	5.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	23.0	22.8	22.1	0.2	0.9
Professional & Business Services	44.5	44.2	41.5	0.3	3.0
Educational & Health Services	58.4	58.9	55.5	-0.5	2.9
Leisure & Hospitality	31.7	30.6	28.2	1.1	3.5
Other Services	18.6	18.2	17.8	0.4	0.8
Government	66.5	67.4	67.8	-0.9	-1.3
Federal Government	9.7	9.7	9.8	0.0	-0.1
State Government	33.0	33.9	32.9	-0.9	0.1
Local Government	23.8	23.8	25.1	0.0	-1.3

Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector

June 2020 vs June 2021



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>Jun 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	296,328	295,053	281,032	1,275	15,296
Employment	285,501	285,514	263,994	-13	21,507
Unemployment	10,827	9,539	17,038	1,288	-6,211
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.2	6.1	0.5	-2.4

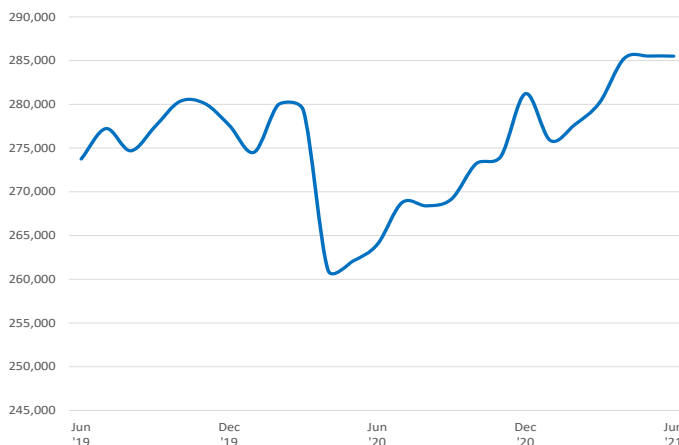
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	271.5	272.5	253.2	-1.0	18.3
Goods Producing	45.1	44.6	43.0	0.5	2.1
Mining, Logging & Construction	13.8	13.5	13.1	0.3	0.7
Manufacturing	31.3	31.1	29.9	0.2	1.4
Service Providing	226.4	227.9	210.2	-1.5	16.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	58.4	58.9	55.5	-0.5	2.9
Wholesale Trade	12.6	12.5	12.0	0.1	0.6
Retail Trade	27.5	28.1	25.5	-0.6	2.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.3	18.3	18.0	0.0	0.3
Information	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	8.6	8.6	8.5	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	52.6	52.0	49.1	0.6	3.5
Educational & Health Services	30.4	30.5	28.3	-0.1	2.1
Leisure & Hospitality	27.5	26.5	22.1	1.0	5.4
Other Services	10.0	9.9	9.6	0.1	0.4
Government	36.8	39.4	35.1	-2.6	1.7
Federal Government	2.9	2.8	2.8	0.1	0.1
State Government	14.3	17.0	13.3	-2.7	1.0
Local Government	19.6	19.6	19.0	0.0	0.6

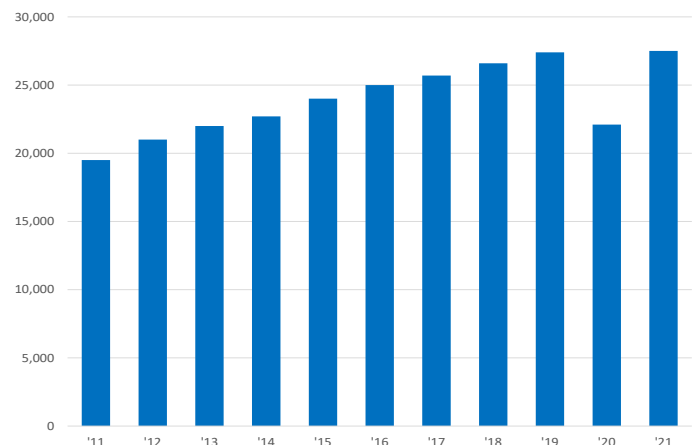
Employment

June 2019 - June 2021



Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality

June: 2011 - 2021



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)

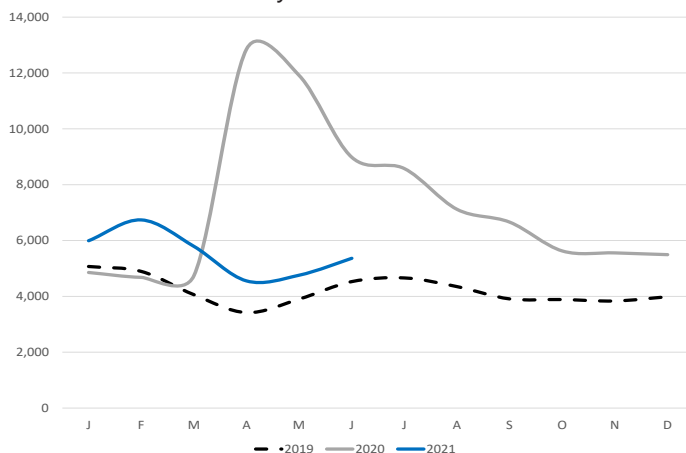
	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	120,764	120,205	119,088	559	1,676
Employment	115,402	115,449	110,106	-47	5,296
Unemployment	5,362	4,756	8,982	606	-3,620
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.0	7.5	0.4	-3.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

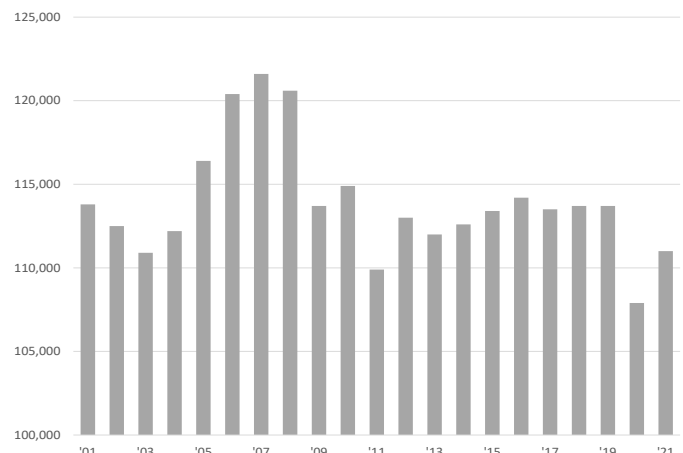
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	111.0	111.5	107.9	-0.5	3.1
Goods Producing	22.4	22.3	22.1	0.1	0.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.9	5.6	5.5	0.3	0.4
Manufacturing	16.5	16.7	16.6	-0.2	-0.1
Service Providing	88.6	89.2	85.8	-0.6	2.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.6	23.5	22.6	0.1	1.0
Wholesale Trade	4.6	4.6	4.1	0.0	0.5
Retail Trade	12.0	12.1	12.0	-0.1	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	7.0	6.8	6.5	0.2	0.5
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.7	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	11.9	12.1	11.2	-0.2	0.7
Educational & Health Services	16.7	16.9	16.8	-0.2	-0.1
Leisure & Hospitality	9.5	9.2	8.7	0.3	0.8
Other Services	4.7	4.6	4.3	0.1	0.4
Government	17.3	18.0	17.4	-0.7	-0.1
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.5	2.7	2.8	-0.2	-0.3
Local Government	13.5	14.0	13.3	-0.5	0.2

Number of Unemployed
January 2019 - June 2021



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
June: 2001 - 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	42,821	42,003	41,923	818	898
Employment	40,262	39,679	37,604	583	2,658
Unemployment	2,559	2,324	4,319	235	-1,760
Unemployment Rate	6.0	5.5	10.3	0.5	-4.3

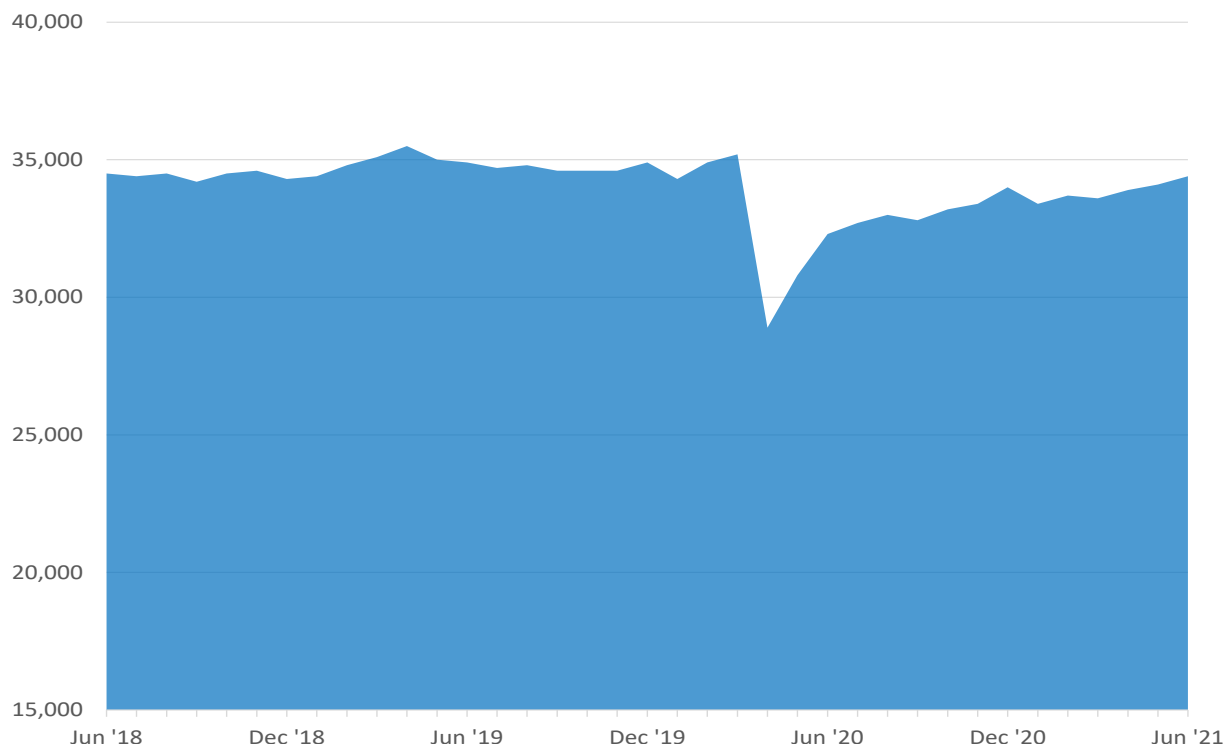
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.1	38.7	37.0	0.4	2.1
Goods Producing	4.7	4.6	4.7	0.1	0.0
Service Providing	34.4	34.1	32.3	0.3	2.1
Government	3.9	4.1	4.0	-0.2	-0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

June 2018 - June 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	66,898	66,799	65,650	99	1,248
Employment	64,069	64,275	60,761	-206	3,308
Unemployment	2,829	2,524	4,889	305	-2,060
Unemployment Rate	4.2	3.8	7.4	0.4	-3.2

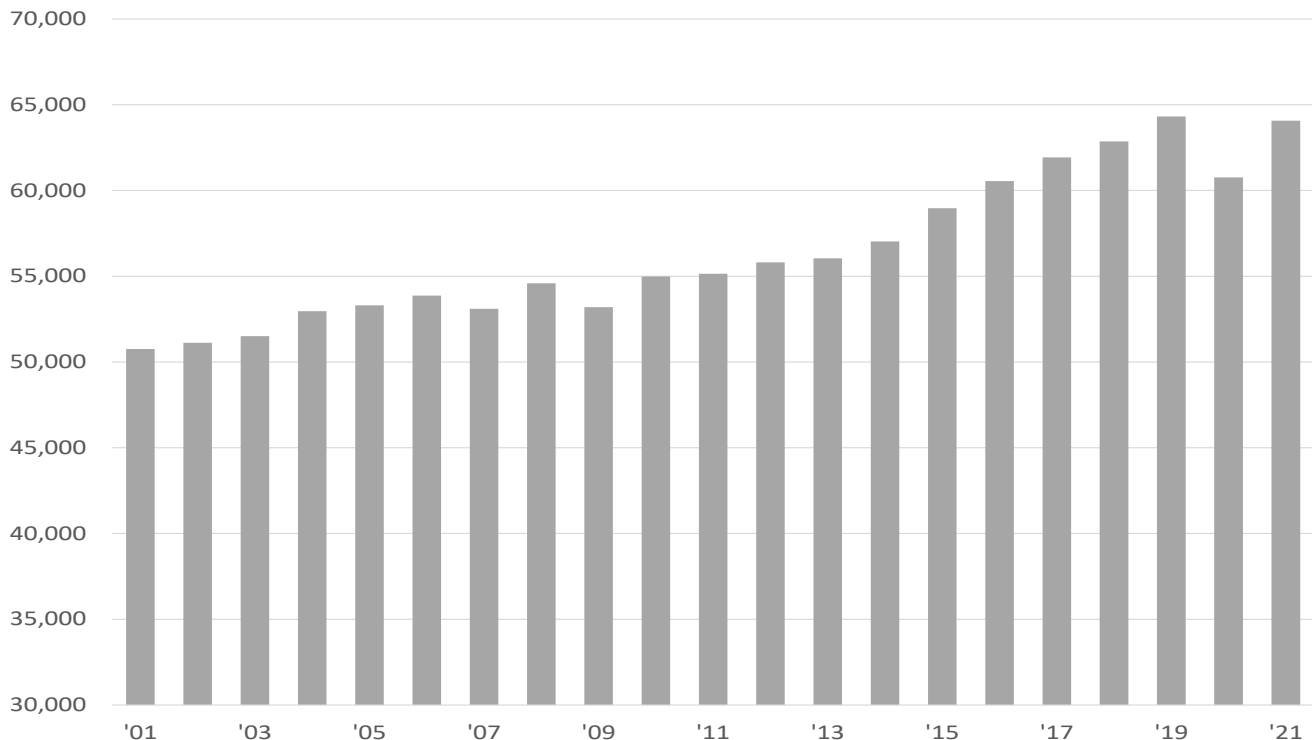
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	59.2	59.6	56.7	-0.4	2.5
Goods Producing	10.7	10.5	10.4	0.2	0.3
Service Providing	48.5	49.1	46.3	-0.6	2.2
Government	8.0	8.3	8.4	-0.3	-0.4

Number of Employed

June: 2001 - 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Pine Bluff MSA**

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

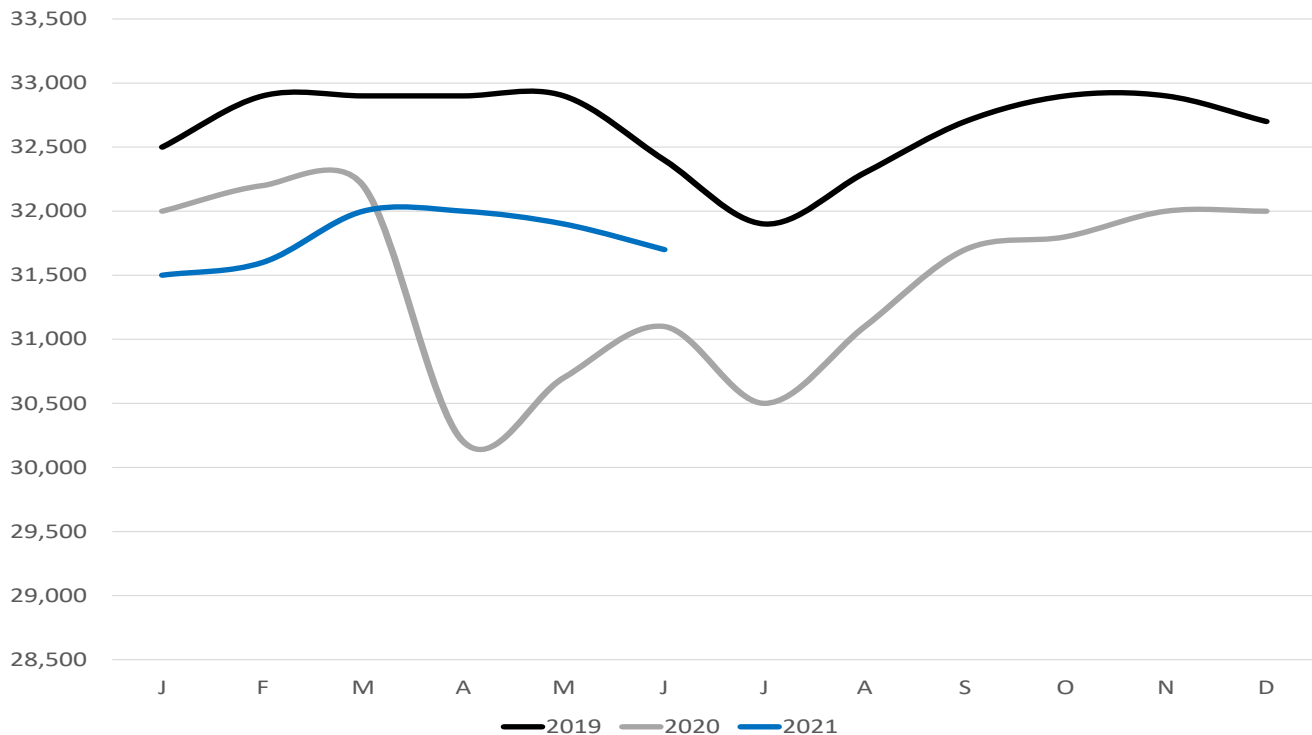
	Jun 21	May 21	Jun 20	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	35,079	34,888	34,724	191	355
Employment	32,591	32,640	31,550	-49	1,041
Unemployment	2,488	2,248	3,174	240	-686
Unemployment Rate	7.1	6.4	9.1	0.7	-2.0

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jun 21	May 21	Jun 20	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	31.7	31.9	31.1	-0.2	0.6
Goods Producing	5.6	5.6	5.7	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	26.1	26.3	25.4	-0.2	0.7
Government	8.8	8.9	8.9	-0.1	-0.1

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
January 2019 - June 2021



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 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	658,876	653,474	624,223	5,402	34,653
Employment	609,321	612,613	551,254	-3,292	58,067
Unemployment	49,555	40,861	72,969	8,694	-23,414
Unemployment Rate	7.5	6.3	11.7	1.2	-4.2

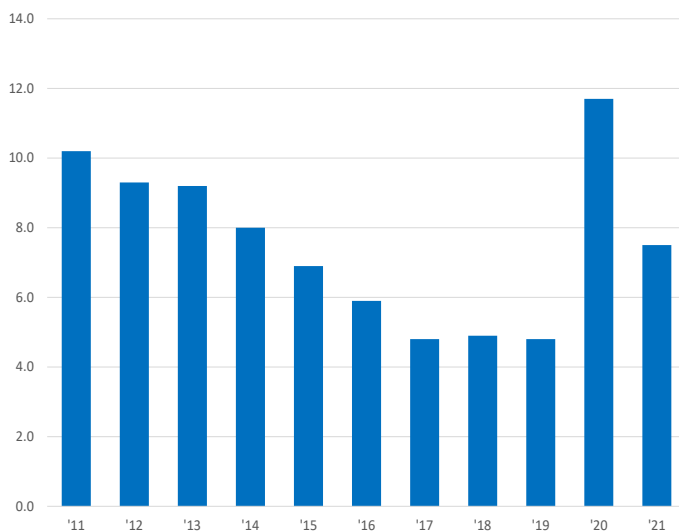
Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,590	64,184	63,490	406	1,100
Employment	60,448	60,508	57,672	-60	2,776
Unemployment	4,142	3,676	5,818	466	-1,676
Unemployment Rate	6.4	5.7	9.2	0.7	-2.8

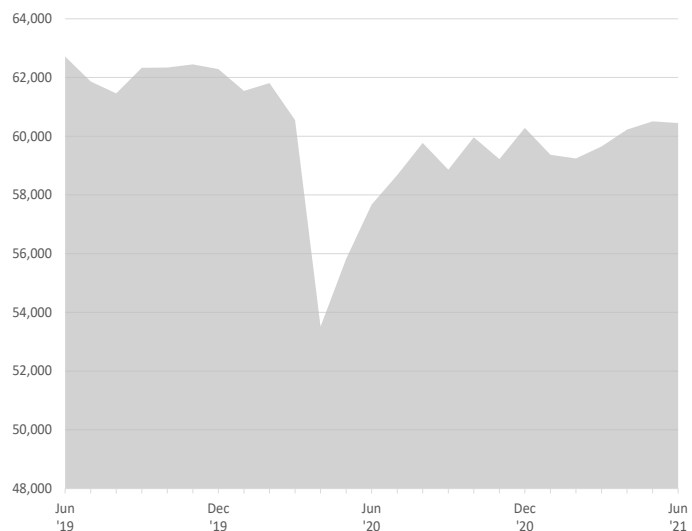
Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates

June: 2011 - 2021



Texarkana MSA - Employment

June 2019 - June 2021



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	June 2021				May 2021				June 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,792	8,200	592	6.7	8,930	8,404	526	5.9	9,076	8,311	765	8.4
Batesville Micro	16,939	16,079	860	5.1	16,957	16,223	734	4.3	16,819	15,610	1,209	7.2
Blytheville Micro	16,780	15,208	1,572	9.4	16,770	15,393	1,377	8.2	17,543	15,415	2,128	12.1
Camden Micro	12,420	11,843	577	4.6	12,310	11,811	499	4.1	12,351	11,458	893	7.2
El Dorado Micro	15,467	14,301	1,166	7.5	15,277	14,243	1,034	6.8	16,053	14,325	1,728	10.8
Forrest City Micro	7,925	7,336	589	7.4	7,813	7,276	537	6.9	8,123	7,363	760	9.4
Harrison Micro	18,884	18,133	751	4.0	18,621	17,987	634	3.4	19,104	17,847	1,257	6.6
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,259	5,698	561	9.0	6,212	5,703	509	8.2	6,522	5,790	732	11.2
Hope Micro	13,134	12,526	608	4.6	13,045	12,543	502	3.8	13,266	12,354	912	6.9
Magnolia Micro	8,841	8,221	620	7.0	8,963	8,391	572	6.4	8,997	8,251	746	8.3
Malvern Micro	14,257	13,545	712	5.0	14,084	13,478	606	4.3	14,092	13,043	1,049	7.4
Mountain Home Micro	16,759	15,958	801	4.8	16,610	15,930	680	4.1	16,906	15,491	1,415	8.4
Paragould Micro	19,272	18,407	865	4.5	19,150	18,408	742	3.9	19,698	18,067	1,631	8.3
Russellville Micro	35,644	33,742	1,902	5.3	35,677	34,069	1,608	4.5	35,550	32,940	2,610	7.3
Searcy Micro	34,035	32,313	1,722	5.1	34,022	32,442	1,580	4.6	34,275	31,581	2,694	7.9

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

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 2021				May 2021				June 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,832	12,253	579	4.5	12,768	12,255	513	4.0	12,229	11,334	895	7.3
Benton	17,706	16,998	708	4.0	17,541	16,906	635	3.6	17,538	16,264	1,274	7.3
Bentonville	30,153	29,141	1,012	3.4	30,003	29,145	858	2.9	28,481	26,955	1,526	5.4
Blytheville	5,660	5,108	552	9.8	5,639	5,170	469	8.3	6,043	5,177	866	14.3
Cabot	11,989	11,524	465	3.9	11,973	11,480	493	4.1	11,952	11,039	913	7.6
Conway	34,615	33,101	1,514	4.4	34,253	32,930	1,323	3.9	34,287	31,668	2,619	7.6
El Dorado	6,756	6,168	588	8.7	6,681	6,143	538	8.1	7,147	6,179	968	13.5
Fayetteville	50,852	48,707	2,145	4.2	50,668	48,702	1,966	3.9	48,780	45,036	3,744	7.7
Fort Smith	39,697	37,899	1,798	4.5	39,547	37,912	1,635	4.1	39,518	36,462	3,056	7.7
Hot Springs	16,075	14,905	1,170	7.3	15,827	14,689	1,138	7.2	15,970	13,921	2,049	12.8
Jacksonville	11,889	11,034	855	7.2	11,725	10,975	750	6.4	11,885	10,559	1,326	11.2
Jonesboro	40,103	38,422	1,681	4.2	40,114	38,532	1,582	3.9	39,526	36,426	3,100	7.8
Little Rock	98,879	92,754	6,125	6.2	97,927	92,255	5,672	5.8	98,659	88,765	9,894	10.0
North Little Rock	30,342	28,441	1,901	6.3	30,054	28,288	1,766	5.9	30,741	27,218	3,523	11.5
Paragould	12,258	11,660	598	4.9	12,186	11,661	525	4.3	12,635	11,445	1,190	9.4
Pine Bluff	16,747	15,280	1,467	8.8	16,677	15,296	1,381	8.3	16,625	14,796	1,829	11.0
Rogers	37,692	36,478	1,214	3.2	37,553	36,482	1,071	2.9	35,911	33,741	2,170	6.0
Russellville	12,738	12,103	635	5.0	12,770	12,214	556	4.4	12,726	11,813	913	7.2
Searcy	10,315	9,803	512	5.0	10,293	9,842	451	4.4	10,341	9,581	760	7.3
Sherwood	16,225	15,503	722	4.4	16,136	15,420	716	4.4	16,170	14,837	1,333	8.2
Springdale	41,179	39,787	1,392	3.4	41,002	39,783	1,219	3.0	39,012	36,789	2,223	5.7
Texarkana, AR	13,749	12,831	918	6.7	13,537	12,743	794	5.9	13,449	12,148	1,301	9.7
Van Buren	10,516	10,051	465	4.4	10,486	10,062	424	4.0	10,390	9,677	713	6.9
West Memphis	10,802	9,962	840	7.8	10,648	9,906	742	7.0	10,747	9,293	1,454	13.5

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	June 2021				May 2021				June 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,622	9,218	404	4.2	9,536	9,185	351	3.7	9,447	8,958	489	5.2
Ashley	7,144	6,494	650	9.1	7,086	6,506	580	8.2	7,287	6,481	806	11.1
Baxter	16,759	15,958	801	4.8	16,610	15,930	680	4.1	16,906	15,491	1,415	8.4
Benton	145,986	140,825	5,161	3.5	145,391	140,842	4,549	3.1	138,516	130,260	8,256	6.0
Boone	15,661	15,039	622	4.0	15,440	14,914	526	3.4	15,861	14,809	1,052	6.6
Bradley	4,368	4,105	263	6.0	4,290	4,066	224	5.2	4,499	4,184	315	7.0
Calhoun	2,454	2,345	109	4.4	2,437	2,344	93	3.8	2,426	2,272	154	6.3
Carroll	12,907	12,362	545	4.2	12,568	12,066	502	4.0	12,909	12,010	899	7.0
Chicot	3,103	2,779	324	10.4	3,106	2,800	306	9.9	3,289	2,877	412	12.5
Clark	8,792	8,200	592	6.7	8,930	8,404	526	5.9	9,076	8,311	765	8.4
Clay	5,544	5,276	268	4.8	5,526	5,288	238	4.3	5,564	5,128	436	7.8
Cleburne	9,386	8,871	515	5.5	9,150	8,695	455	5.0	9,465	8,635	830	8.8
Cleveland	3,228	3,064	164	5.1	3,209	3,073	136	4.2	3,193	2,964	229	7.2
Columbia	8,841	8,221	620	7.0	8,963	8,391	572	6.4	8,997	8,251	746	8.3
Conway	8,679	8,239	440	5.1	8,584	8,189	395	4.6	8,439	7,802	637	7.5
Craighead	56,800	54,478	2,322	4.1	56,710	54,633	2,077	3.7	55,835	51,648	4,187	7.5
Crawford	26,991	25,801	1,190	4.4	26,880	25,828	1,052	3.9	26,664	24,839	1,825	6.8
Crittenden	21,778	20,354	1,424	6.5	21,477	20,239	1,238	5.8	21,402	18,987	2,415	11.3
Cross	7,205	6,811	394	5.5	7,079	6,728	351	5.0	7,363	6,847	516	7.0
Dallas	2,906	2,754	152	5.2	2,874	2,752	122	4.2	2,820	2,626	194	6.9
Desha	5,187	4,815	372	7.2	5,134	4,804	330	6.4	5,386	4,916	470	8.7
Drew	7,525	7,035	490	6.5	7,585	7,141	444	5.9	7,652	7,012	640	8.4
Faulkner	62,821	60,099	2,722	4.3	62,207	59,788	2,419	3.9	61,972	57,498	4,474	7.2
Franklin	7,474	7,131	343	4.6	7,398	7,094	304	4.1	7,560	7,029	531	7.0
Fulton	5,151	4,912	239	4.6	5,057	4,847	210	4.2	5,019	4,680	339	6.8
Garland	42,821	40,262	2,559	6.0	42,003	39,679	2,324	5.5	41,923	37,604	4,319	10.3
Grant	8,349	7,996	353	4.2	8,266	7,971	295	3.6	8,237	7,670	567	6.9
Greene	19,272	18,407	865	4.5	19,150	18,408	742	3.9	19,698	18,067	1,631	8.3
Hempstead	9,574	9,150	424	4.4	9,525	9,165	360	3.8	9,649	9,025	624	6.5
Hot Spring	14,257	13,545	712	5.0	14,084	13,478	606	4.3	14,092	13,043	1,049	7.4
Howard	5,575	5,351	224	4.0	5,519	5,333	186	3.4	5,554	5,221	333	6.0
Independence	16,939	16,079	860	5.1	16,957	16,223	734	4.3	16,819	15,610	1,209	7.2
Izard	4,357	4,053	304	7.0	4,437	4,169	268	6.0	4,604	4,090	514	11.2
Jackson	5,858	5,484	374	6.4	5,830	5,502	328	5.6	5,959	5,458	501	8.4
Jefferson	27,961	25,860	2,101	7.5	27,812	25,887	1,925	6.9	27,710	25,040	2,670	9.6
Johnson	10,068	9,442	626	6.2	9,910	9,373	537	5.4	10,243	9,468	775	7.6
Lafayette	2,369	2,193	176	7.4	2,392	2,231	161	6.7	2,413	2,186	227	9.4
Lawrence	6,643	6,260	383	5.8	6,834	6,503	331	4.8	6,631	6,083	548	8.3
Lee	2,648	2,472	176	6.6	2,638	2,471	167	6.3	2,825	2,574	251	8.9
Lincoln	3,890	3,667	223	5.7	3,867	3,680	187	4.8	3,821	3,546	275	7.2
Little River	5,527	5,221	306	5.5	5,458	5,189	269	4.9	5,378	4,952	426	7.9
Logan	8,779	8,318	461	5.3	8,610	8,212	398	4.6	8,790	8,044	746	8.5
Lonoke	33,949	32,536	1,413	4.2	33,671	32,412	1,259	3.7	33,607	31,167	2,440	7.3
Madison	7,713	7,399	314	4.1	7,689	7,424	265	3.4	7,238	6,875	363	5.0
Marion	6,239	5,903	336	5.4	6,121	5,824	297	4.9	6,441	5,903	538	8.4
Miller	19,925	18,725	1,200	6.0	19,653	18,597	1,056	5.4	19,414	17,729	1,685	8.7

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**County Labor Force Statistics
Civilian Labor Force Estimates**

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	June 2021				May 2021				June 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,780	15,208	1,572	9.4	16,770	15,393	1,377	8.2	17,543	15,415	2,128	12.1
Monroe	2,765	2,586	179	6.5	2,722	2,579	143	5.3	2,784	2,542	242	8.7
Montgomery	2,987	2,811	176	5.9	2,858	2,709	149	5.2	3,068	2,820	248	8.1
Nevada	3,560	3,376	184	5.2	3,520	3,378	142	4.0	3,617	3,329	288	8.0
Newton	3,223	3,094	129	4.0	3,181	3,073	108	3.4	3,243	3,038	205	6.3
Ouachita	9,966	9,498	468	4.7	9,873	9,467	406	4.1	9,925	9,186	739	7.4
Perry	4,286	4,064	222	5.2	4,247	4,048	199	4.7	4,169	3,885	284	6.8
Phillips	6,259	5,698	561	9.0	6,212	5,703	509	8.2	6,522	5,790	732	11.2
Pike	4,398	4,157	241	5.5	4,297	4,100	197	4.6	4,344	4,030	314	7.2
Poinsett	10,098	9,591	507	5.0	10,089	9,642	447	4.4	9,815	9,113	702	7.2
Polk	8,001	7,544	457	5.7	7,942	7,537	405	5.1	7,987	7,358	629	7.9
Pope	27,669	26,195	1,474	5.3	27,680	26,434	1,246	4.5	27,671	25,567	2,104	7.6
Prairie	3,672	3,503	169	4.6	3,677	3,523	154	4.2	3,598	3,324	274	7.6
Pulaski	191,634	180,352	11,282	5.9	189,858	179,382	10,476	5.5	191,365	172,596	18,769	9.8
Randolph	7,501	7,122	379	5.1	7,497	7,168	329	4.4	7,345	6,798	547	7.4
St. Francis	7,925	7,336	589	7.4	7,813	7,276	537	6.9	8,123	7,363	760	9.4
Saline	59,316	56,973	2,343	4.0	58,707	56,663	2,044	3.5	58,495	54,510	3,985	6.8
Scott	4,383	4,193	190	4.3	4,348	4,177	171	3.9	4,410	4,163	247	5.6
Searcy	3,000	2,839	161	5.4	2,939	2,803	136	4.6	2,999	2,772	227	7.6
Sebastian	57,212	54,618	2,594	4.5	56,924	54,636	2,288	4.0	56,805	52,547	4,258	7.5
Sevier	5,572	5,253	319	5.7	5,553	5,274	279	5.0	5,535	5,157	378	6.8
Sharp	5,830	5,475	355	6.1	5,773	5,472	301	5.2	5,780	5,255	525	9.1
Stone	4,691	4,403	288	6.1	4,596	4,333	263	5.7	4,721	4,306	415	8.8
Union	15,467	14,301	1,166	7.5	15,277	14,243	1,034	6.8	16,053	14,325	1,728	10.8
Van Buren	5,915	5,552	363	6.1	5,823	5,491	332	5.7	5,843	5,345	498	8.5
Washington	131,555	126,715	4,840	3.7	131,013	126,703	4,310	3.3	124,958	117,165	7,793	6.2
White	34,035	32,313	1,722	5.1	34,022	32,442	1,580	4.6	34,275	31,581	2,694	7.9
Woodruff	2,856	2,677	179	6.3	2,849	2,681	168	5.9	2,819	2,619	200	7.1
Yell	7,975	7,547	428	5.4	7,997	7,635	362	4.5	7,879	7,373	506	6.4

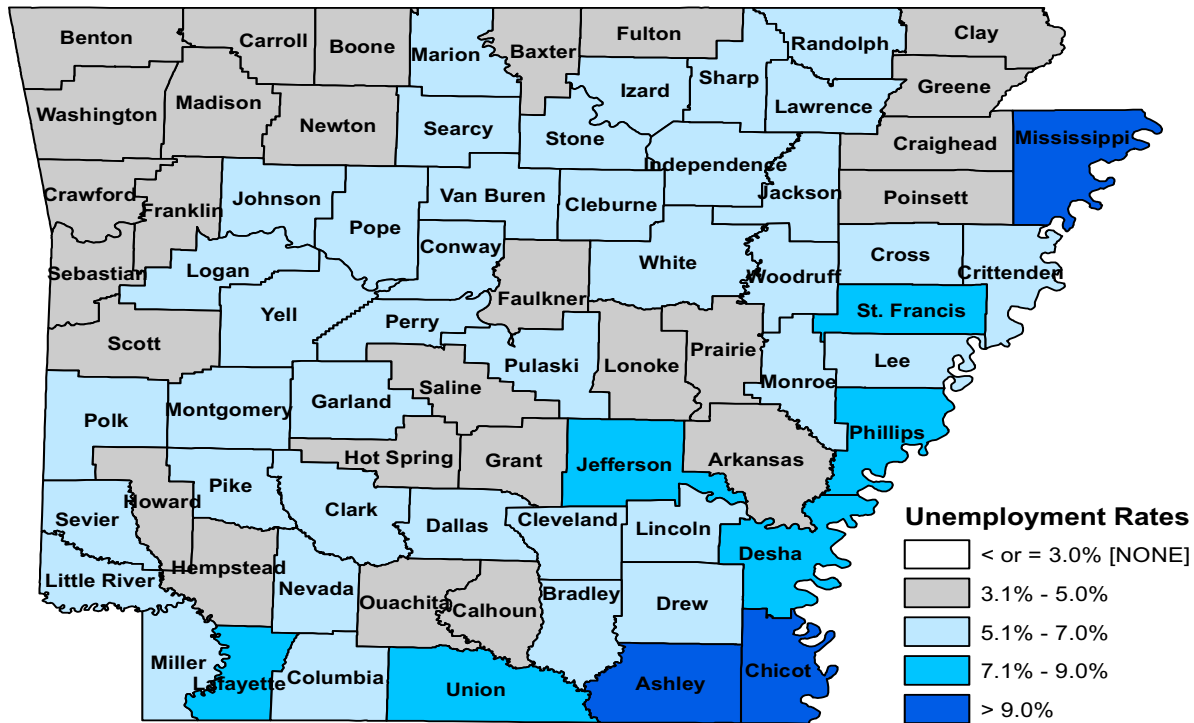
County Labor Force Summary

Between May and June, unemployment rates increased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rates ranged from a low of 3.5 percent in Benton County to a high of 10.4 percent in Chicot County.

In June, eleven counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is up from four counties above seven percent last month. Rates in six counties were at or below four percent, down from 20 counties below four percent in May.

Compared to June 2020, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Rate declines ranged from a decrease of eight-tenths of a percentage point in Woodruff County to as much as a four and eight-tenths of a percentage point drop in Crittenden County.

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

June 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	3.5	26	Hot Spring	5.0	51	Bradley	6.0
2	Washington	3.7	26	Poinsett	5.0	51	Garland	6.0
3	Boone	4.0	28	Cleveland	5.1	51	Miller	6.0
3	Howard	4.0	28	Conway	5.1	54	Sharp	6.1
3	Newton	4.0	28	Independence	5.1	54	Stone	6.1
3	Saline	4.0	28	Randolph	5.1	54	Van Buren	6.1
7	Craighead	4.1	28	White	5.1	57	Johnson	6.2
7	Madison	4.1	33	Dallas	5.2	58	Woodruff	6.3
9	Arkansas	4.2	33	Nevada	5.2	59	Jackson	6.4
9	Carroll	4.2	33	Perry	5.2	60	Crittenden	6.5
9	Grant	4.2	36	Logan	5.3	60	Drew	6.5
9	Lonoke	4.2	36	Pope	5.3	60	Monroe	6.5
13	Faulkner	4.3	38	Marion	5.4	63	Lee	6.6
13	Scott	4.3	38	Searcy	5.4	64	Clark	6.7
15	Calhoun	4.4	38	Yell	5.4	65	Columbia	7.0
15	Crawford	4.4	41	Cleburne	5.5	65	Izard	7.0
15	Hempstead	4.4	41	Cross	5.5	67	Desha	7.2
18	Greene	4.5	41	Little River	5.5	68	Lafayette	7.4
18	Sebastian	4.5	41	Pike	5.5	68	St. Francis	7.4
20	Franklin	4.6	45	Lincoln	5.7	70	Jefferson	7.5
20	Fulton	4.6	45	Polk	5.7	70	Union	7.5
20	Prairie	4.6	45	Sevier	5.7	72	Phillips	9.0
23	Ouachita	4.7	48	Lawrence	5.8	73	Ashley	9.1
24	Baxter	4.8	49	Montgomery	5.9	74	Mississippi	9.4
24	Clay	4.8	49	Pulaski	5.9	75	Chicot	10.4

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	June 2021				May 2021				June 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	255,278	243,295	11,983	4.7	252,915	242,092	10,823	4.3	253,162	232,872	20,290	8.0
City of Little Rock	98,879	92,754	6,125	6.2	97,927	92,255	5,672	5.8	98,659	88,765	9,894	10.0
Eastern	45,815	42,671	3,144	6.9	45,219	42,417	2,802	6.2	46,235	41,561	4,674	10.1
North Central	95,018	89,819	5,199	5.5	94,494	89,855	4,639	4.9	95,304	87,579	7,725	8.1
Northeast	122,638	116,342	6,296	5.1	122,576	117,035	5,541	4.5	122,431	112,252	10,179	8.3
Northwest	343,043	330,134	12,909	3.8	340,952	329,579	11,373	3.3	329,071	308,323	20,748	6.3
Southeast	80,377	75,033	5,344	6.6	79,891	75,113	4,778	6.0	80,521	73,648	6,873	8.5
Southwest	91,736	86,388	5,348	5.8	91,044	86,364	4,680	5.1	91,781	84,259	7,522	8.2
West Central	131,932	124,462	7,470	5.7	130,590	124,049	6,541	5.0	130,904	119,903	11,001	8.4
Western	112,840	107,605	5,235	4.6	112,102	107,484	4,618	4.1	112,216	103,980	8,236	7.3

