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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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July Spotlight A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Between June and July, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in 14 states and the District of Columbia. Jobless rates were stable in 33 states, while increasing in 3 states. In July, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 1.8 percent in Minnesota to a high of 5.2 percent in the District of Columbia. Arkansas ranked 24th among states, with a jobless rate of 3.3 percent in July. Twenty-eight states, including Arkansas, posted jobless rates below the national rate of 3.6 percent.

Compared to July 2021, unemployment rates have declined in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The largest rate decrease occurred in California, down three and five-tenths of a percentage point. The smallest annual decline was in Nebraska, down five-tenths of a percentage point. Arkansas' unemployment rate decreased seven-tenths of a percentage point over-the-year, from 4.0 percent in July 2021 down to 3.3 percent in July 2022.

Unemployment Rates by State (Seasonally Adjusted)
 July 2022

Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate
1	Minnesota	1.8	18	Georgia	2.8	33	New Jersey	3.7
2	Nebraska	2.0	18	Maine	2.8	33	Washington	3.7
2	New Hampshire	2.0	20	Oklahoma	3.0	33	West Virginia	3.7
2	Utah	2.0	20	Wisconsin	3.0	38	California	3.9
5	Vermont	2.1	20	Wyoming	3.0	38	Maryland	3.9
6	North Dakota	2.3	23	South Carolina	3.2	38	Ohio	3.9
6	South Dakota	2.3	24	Arizona	3.3	41	Texas	4.0
8	Kansas	2.4	24	Arkansas	3.3	42	Hawaii	4.1
9	Iowa	2.5	24	Colorado	3.3	43	Michigan	4.2
9	Missouri	2.5	24	Tennessee	3.3	44	Pennsylvania	4.3
11	Alabama	2.6	28	North Carolina	3.4	45	Delaware	4.4
11	Idaho	2.6	29	Massachusetts	3.5	45	Illinois	4.4
11	Indiana	2.6	29	Oregon	3.5	45	Nevada	4.4
14	Florida	2.7	31	Louisiana	3.6	45	New York	4.4
14	Montana	2.7	31	Mississippi	3.6	49	Alaska	4.5
14	Rhode Island	2.7	33	Connecticut	3.7	49	New Mexico	4.5
14	Virginia	2.7	33	Kentucky	3.7	51	District of Columbia	5.2

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 3.5 Percent



State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

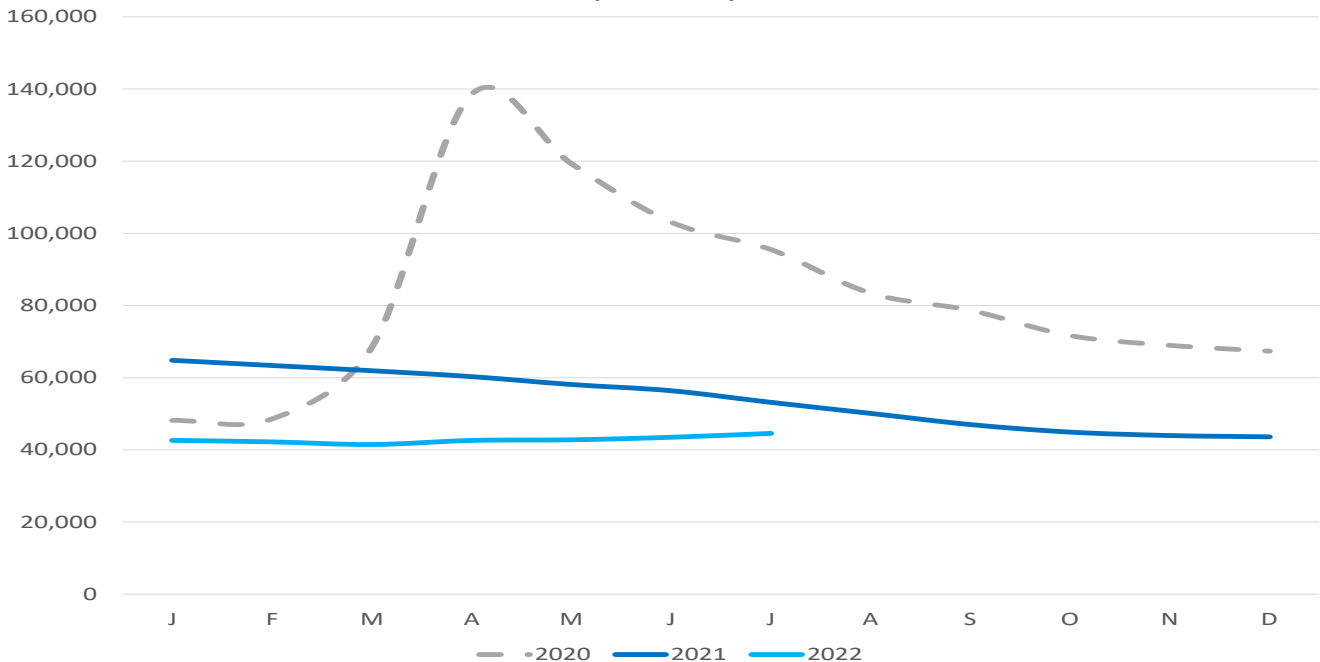
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.2 percent in June to 3.3 percent in July. Arkansas' civilian labor force increased by 1,048, a result of 1,084 more unemployed and 36 fewer employed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate declined to 3.5 percent in July, down one-tenth of a percentage point from June.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate rose to 3.3 percent in July, pushed up by the slight increase in the number of unemployed Arkansans. While employment stalled this month, there are 33,357 more employed Arkansans compared to July 2021 and the labor force participation rate has increased by half a percentage point."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	
Civilian Labor Force	1,355,903	1,354,855	1,331,143	Civilian Labor Force	1,366,596	1,368,623	1,343,593
Employment	1,311,345	1,311,381	1,277,988	Employment	1,309,854	1,316,138	1,283,940
Unemployment	44,558	43,474	53,155	Unemployment	56,742	52,485	59,653
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.2%	4.0%	Unemployment Rate	4.2%	3.8%	4.4%
Labor Participation Rate	57.0%	57.0%	56.5%	Labor Participation Rate	57.4%	57.5%	57.0%
U.S. Unemp Rate	3.5%	3.6%	5.4%	U.S. Unemp Rate	3.8%	3.8%	5.7%

Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)
 January 2020 - July 2022





State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1312.2	1315.1	1268.6	-2.9	43.6
Goods Producing	225.8	224.0	219.5	1.8	6.3
Mining, Logging, & Construction	61.1	60.4	61.8	0.7	-0.7
Mining & Logging	5.1	5.1	5.3	0.0	-0.2
Construction	56.0	55.3	56.5	0.7	-0.5
Specialty Trade Contractors	35.1	35.0	36.0	0.1	-0.9
Manufacturing	164.7	163.6	157.7	1.1	7.0
Durable Goods	78.2	77.9	75.8	0.3	2.4
Nondurable Goods	86.5	85.7	81.9	0.8	4.6
Service Providing	1086.4	1091.1	1049.1	-4.7	37.3
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	267.1	266.2	254.3	0.9	12.8
Wholesale Trade	53.4	52.9	48.0	0.5	5.4
Retail Trade	138.4	138.0	138.6	0.4	-0.2
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	75.3	75.3	67.7	0.0	7.6
Information	13.2	13.1	11.9	0.1	1.3
Financial Activities	68.8	68.7	66.4	0.1	2.4
Finance & Insurance	53.7	53.7	52.0	0.0	1.7
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	15.1	15.0	14.4	0.1	0.7
Professional & Business Services	149.0	149.0	143.3	0.0	5.7
Professional, Scientific & Technical	46.1	45.1	44.9	1.0	1.2
Management of Companies	40.7	40.0	34.5	0.7	6.2
Administrative & Support Services	62.2	63.9	63.9	-1.7	-1.7
Educational & Health Services	199.4	196.8	192.0	2.6	7.4
Educational Services	16.0	16.4	13.0	-0.4	3.0
Health Care & Social Assistance	183.4	180.4	179.0	3.0	4.4
Ambulatory Health Care	63.3	63.0	61.8	0.3	1.5
Social Assistance	36.3	35.1	34.9	1.2	1.4
Leisure & Hospitality	127.7	125.8	121.1	1.9	6.6
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13.8	13.7	13.1	0.1	0.7
Accommodation & Food Services	113.9	112.1	108.0	1.8	5.9
Accommodation Services	12.5	12.2	11.5	0.3	1.0
Food Services	101.4	99.9	96.5	1.5	4.9
Other Services	66.7	66.2	67.5	0.5	-0.8
Government	194.5	205.3	192.6	-10.8	1.9
Federal Government	20.6	20.5	20.6	0.1	0.0
State Government	71.3	72.7	71.6	-1.4	-0.3
State Gov, Educational Services	24.9	26.4	25.0	-1.5	-0.1
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.4	46.3	46.6	0.1	-0.2
Local Government	102.6	112.1	100.4	-9.5	2.2
Local Gov, Educational Services	57.9	67.5	56.2	-9.6	1.7
Local Gov, Excluding Education	44.7	44.6	44.2	0.1	0.5

State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

June 2022 - July 2022

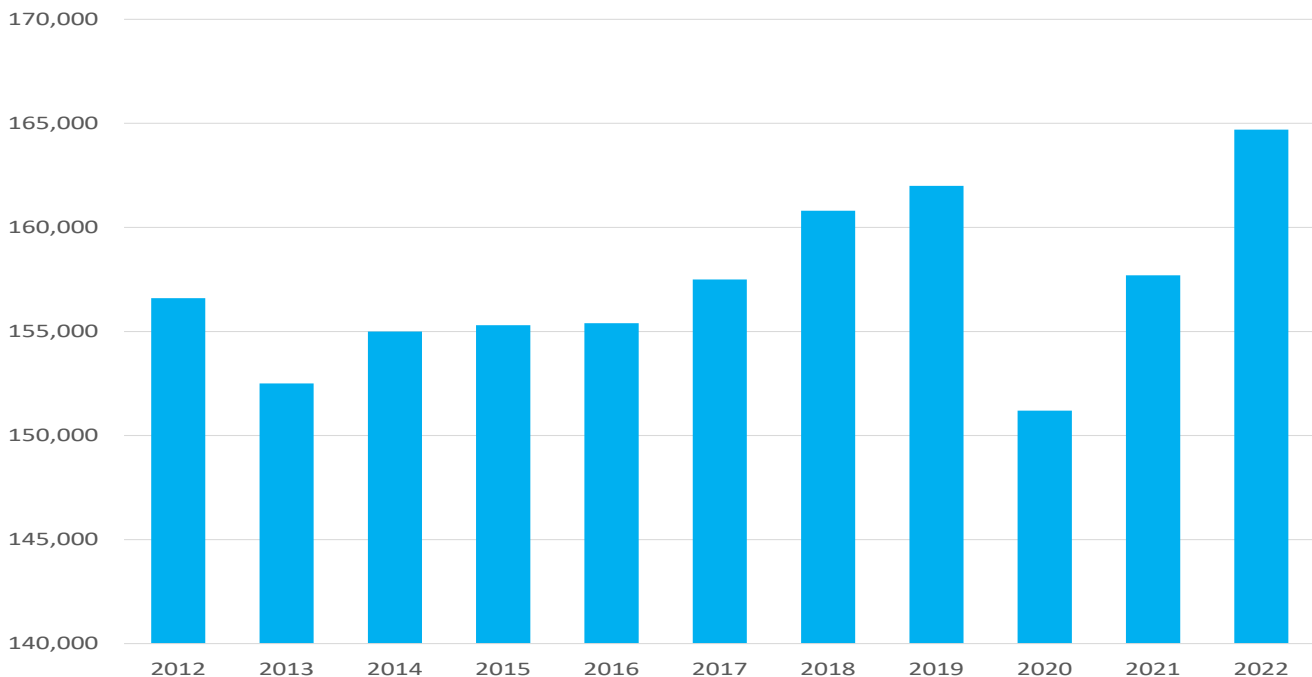
Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs declined 2,900 in July to total 1,312,200. One major industry sector posted losses, more than offsetting gains in eight industry sectors. Jobs in **government** fell 10,800. Seasonal declines were reported in both local government-educational services (-9,600) and in state government-educational services (-1,500), due to the summer break at public schools and universities. **Educational and health services** added 2,600 jobs. All hiring occurred in health care and social assistance (+3,000), offset by seasonal losses in educational services (-400). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** increased by 1,900. Gains were posted across all subsectors. Employment in **manufacturing** rose 1,100. Most of the expansions were in nondurable goods manufacturing (+800).

July 2021 - July 2022

Compared to July 2021, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 43,600. Eight major industry sectors reported annual growth, with five sectors adding 5,700 or more jobs each. **Trade, transportation, and utilities** added 12,800 jobs. All gains were in transportation-warehousing-utilities (+7,600) and wholesale trade (+5,400). Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 7,400. Expansions occurred in both health care and social assistance (+4,400) and in educational services (+3,000). Jobs in **manufacturing** increased 7,000, with hiring in both subsectors. **Leisure and hospitality** rose by 6,600, mostly in accommodation and food services (+5,900). **Professional and business services** added 5,700 jobs. Expansions occurred in management of companies (+6,200) and professional-scientific-technical services (+1,200), offsetting declines in administrative and support services (-1,700).

Jobs in Manufacturing (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

July: 2012 - 2022





State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

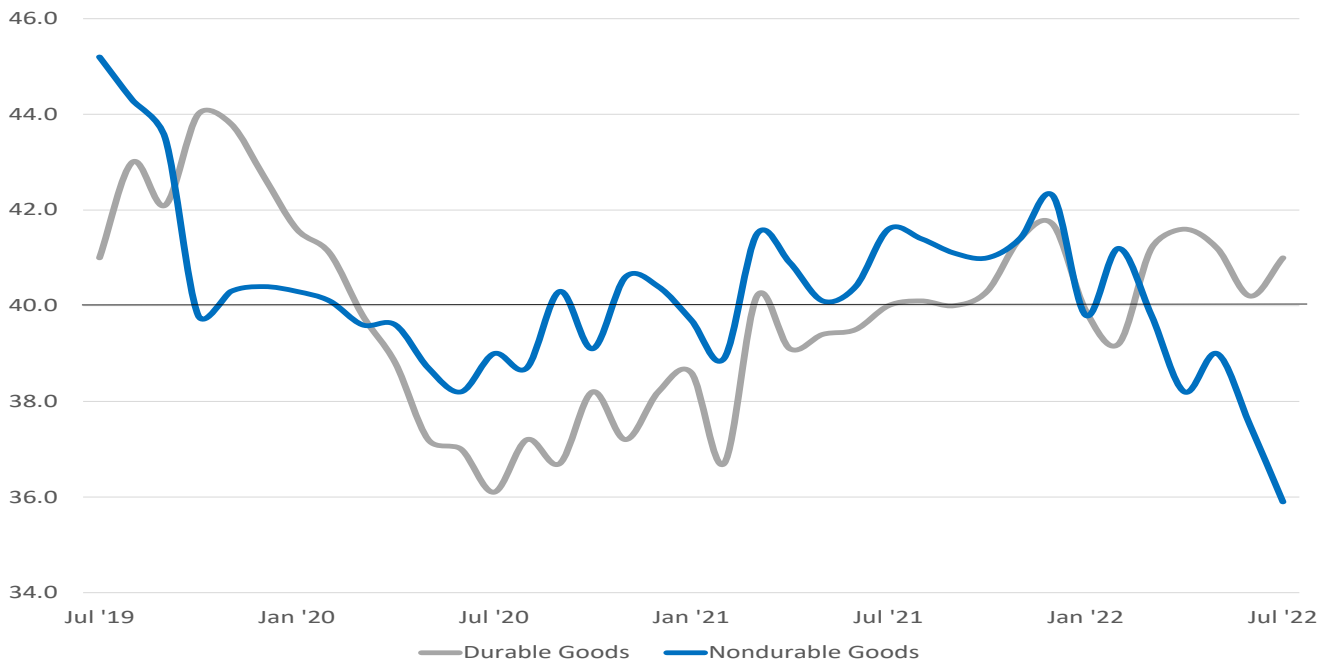
Manufacturing

	Jul 22	Jun 22	Jul 21
Average Weekly Hours	38.3	38.8	40.9
Average Hourly Earnings	20.33	19.95	20.00
Average Weekly Earnings	778.64	774.06	818.00

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

	Durable Goods Manufacturing			Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	Jul 22	Jun 22	Jul 21	Jul 22	Jun 22	Jul 21	
Average Weekly Hours	41.0	40.2	40.0	Average Weekly Hours	35.9	37.5	41.6
Average Hourly Earnings	21.96	21.63	21.63	Average Hourly Earnings	18.73	18.38	18.55
Average Weekly Earnings	900.36	869.53	865.20	Average Weekly Earnings	672.41	689.25	771.68

Average Weekly Hours Worked - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods
 July 2019 - July 2022





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)

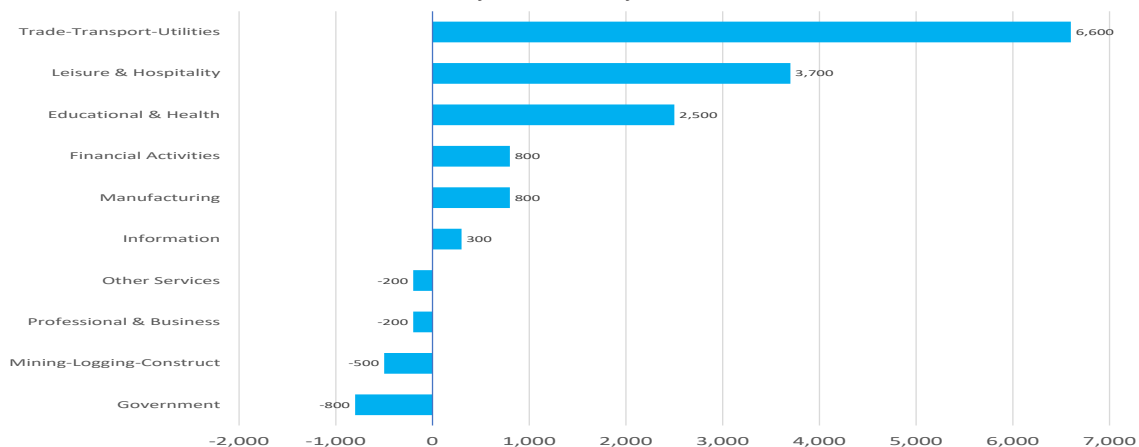
	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	362,647	359,369	354,394	3,278	8,253
Employment	348,222	346,089	338,301	2,133	9,921
Unemployment	14,425	13,280	16,093	1,145	-1,668
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.7	4.5	0.3	-0.5

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	368.3	367.1	355.3	1.2	13.0
Goods Producing	38.2	38.0	37.9	0.2	0.3
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.3	18.2	18.8	0.1	-0.5
Manufacturing	19.9	19.8	19.1	0.1	0.8
Service Providing	330.1	329.1	317.4	1.0	12.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	76.2	75.3	69.6	0.9	6.6
Wholesale Trade	17.5	17.2	15.8	0.3	1.7
Retail Trade	38.2	37.7	37.8	0.5	0.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.5	20.4	16.0	0.1	4.5
Information	5.7	5.7	5.4	0.0	0.3
Financial Activities	23.4	23.3	22.6	0.1	0.8
Professional & Business Services	45.6	45.9	45.8	-0.3	-0.2
Educational & Health Services	59.5	57.7	57.0	1.8	2.5
Leisure & Hospitality	37.1	36.3	33.4	0.8	3.7
Other Services	18.2	18.2	18.4	0.0	-0.2
Government	64.4	66.7	65.2	-2.3	-0.8
Federal Government	9.9	9.8	9.8	0.1	0.1
State Government	32.9	33.2	32.7	-0.3	0.2
Local Government	21.6	23.7	22.7	-2.1	-1.1

Nonfarm Payroll Job Change by Industry Sector
 July 2021 vs July 2022



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)

	Jul 22	Jun 22	Jul 21	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	301,598	299,593	288,851	2,005	12,747
Employment	293,105	291,335	279,650	1,770	13,455
Unemployment	8,493	8,258	9,201	235	-708
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.8	3.2	0.0	-0.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

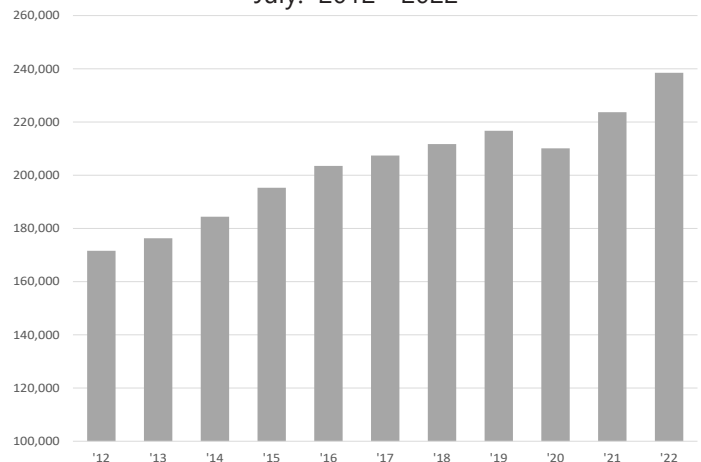
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jul 22	Jun 22	Jul 21	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	284.5	284.3	268.7	0.2	15.8
Goods Producing	46.0	45.8	45.0	0.2	1.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	14.1	14.2	14.1	-0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	31.9	31.6	30.9	0.3	1.0
Service Providing	238.5	238.5	223.7	0.0	14.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.6	62.5	58.7	0.1	3.9
Wholesale Trade	14.0	13.8	12.8	0.2	1.2
Retail Trade	28.5	28.6	27.2	-0.1	1.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.1	20.1	18.7	0.0	1.4
Information	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	9.3	9.2	9.0	0.1	0.3
Professional & Business Services	59.4	57.9	52.6	1.5	6.8
Educational & Health Services	31.1	31.0	29.6	0.1	1.5
Leisure & Hospitality	27.5	27.5	26.9	0.0	0.6
Other Services	10.1	10.0	10.0	0.1	0.1
Government	36.3	38.2	34.8	-1.9	1.5
Federal Government	2.9	2.8	2.9	0.1	0.0
State Government	15.2	15.4	14.1	-0.2	1.1
Local Government	18.2	20.0	17.8	-1.8	0.4

Employment
 July 2019 - July 2022



Jobs in Service Providing Industries
 July: 2012 - 2022





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)

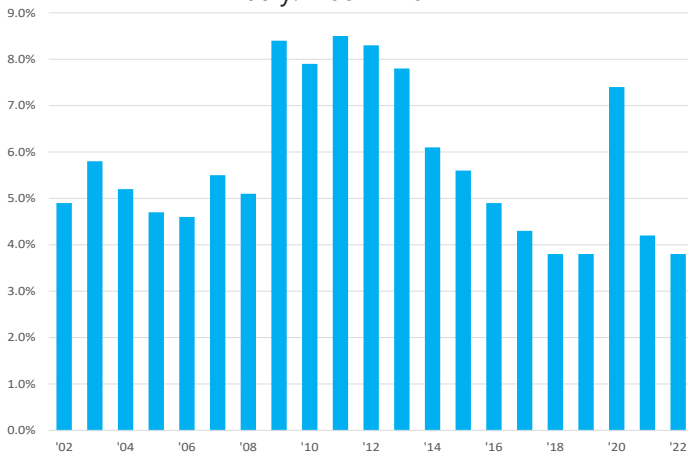
	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	118,771	118,918	116,514	-147	2,257
Employment	114,273	114,430	111,578	-157	2,695
Unemployment	4,498	4,488	4,936	10	-438
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.8	4.2	0.0	-0.4

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

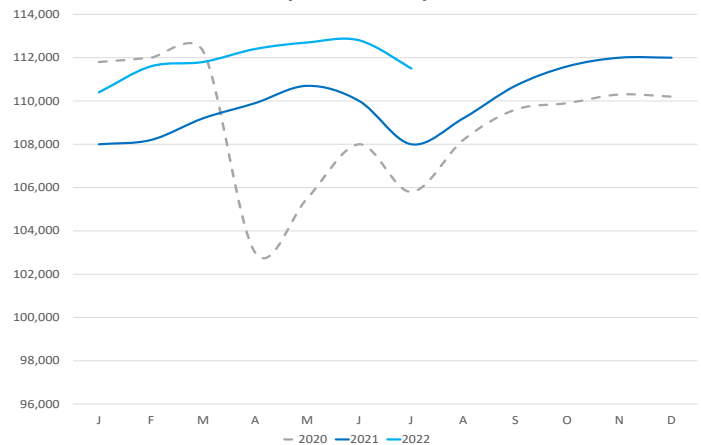
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<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	111.5	112.8	108.0	-1.3	3.5
Goods Producing	23.7	23.6	22.2	0.1	1.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.3	5.3	5.1	0.0	0.2
Manufacturing	18.4	18.3	17.1	0.1	1.3
Service Providing	87.8	89.2	85.8	-1.4	2.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.3	24.1	23.3	0.2	1.0
Wholesale Trade	4.9	4.9	4.3	0.0	0.6
Retail Trade	12.6	12.5	12.6	0.1	0.0
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.8	6.7	6.4	0.1	0.4
Information	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	11.4	11.7	11.6	-0.3	-0.2
Educational & Health Services	17.0	16.6	16.6	0.4	0.4
Leisure & Hospitality	10.3	10.1	9.9	0.2	0.4
Other Services	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	-0.1
Government	15.4	17.3	15.1	-1.9	0.3
Federal Government	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.1	0.1
State Government	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	11.7	13.7	11.4	-2.0	0.3

Unemployment Rates
 July: 2002 - 2022



Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
 January 2020 - July 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	42,215	42,069	42,012	146	203
Employment	40,141	40,183	39,812	-42	329
Unemployment	2,074	1,886	2,200	188	-126
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.5	5.2	0.4	-0.3

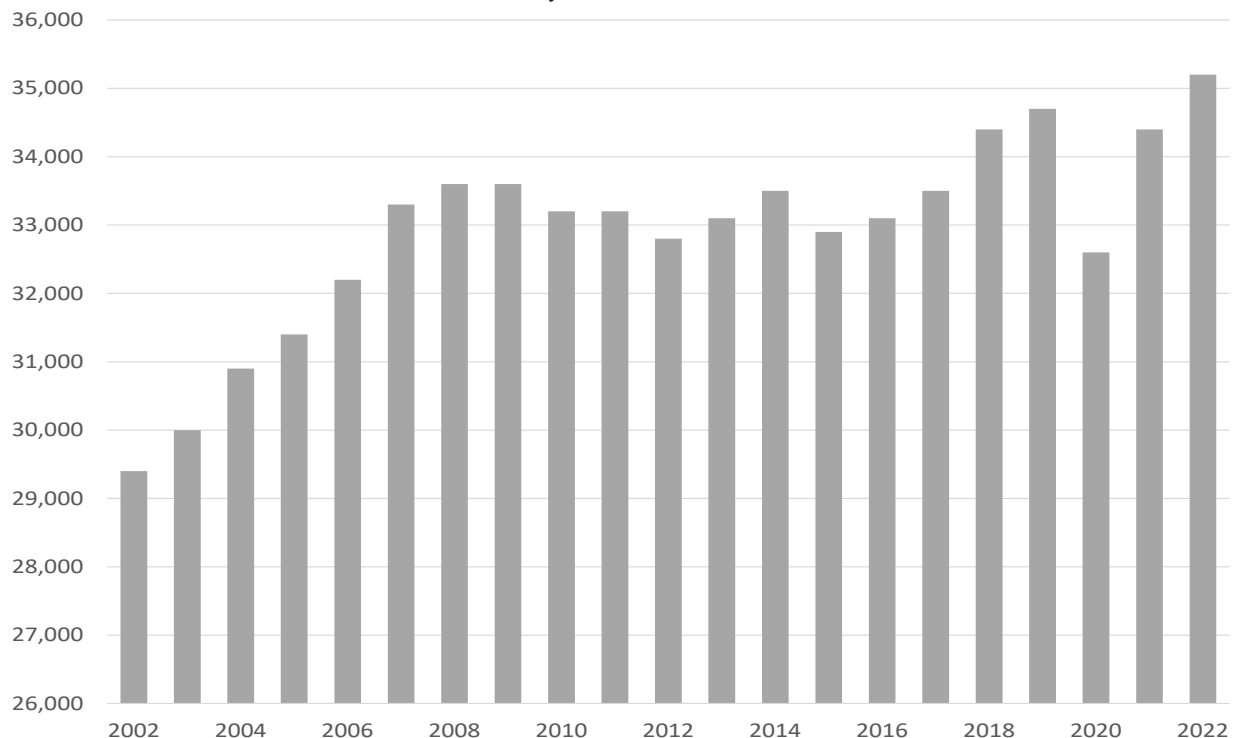
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.7	40.0	38.9	-0.3	0.8
Goods Producing	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	35.2	35.5	34.4	-0.3	0.8
Government	3.7	3.9	3.8	-0.2	-0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Industries

July: 2002 - 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	67,809	67,093	66,230	716	1,579
Employment	65,481	64,866	63,770	615	1,711
Unemployment	2,328	2,227	2,460	101	-132
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.3	3.7	0.1	-0.3

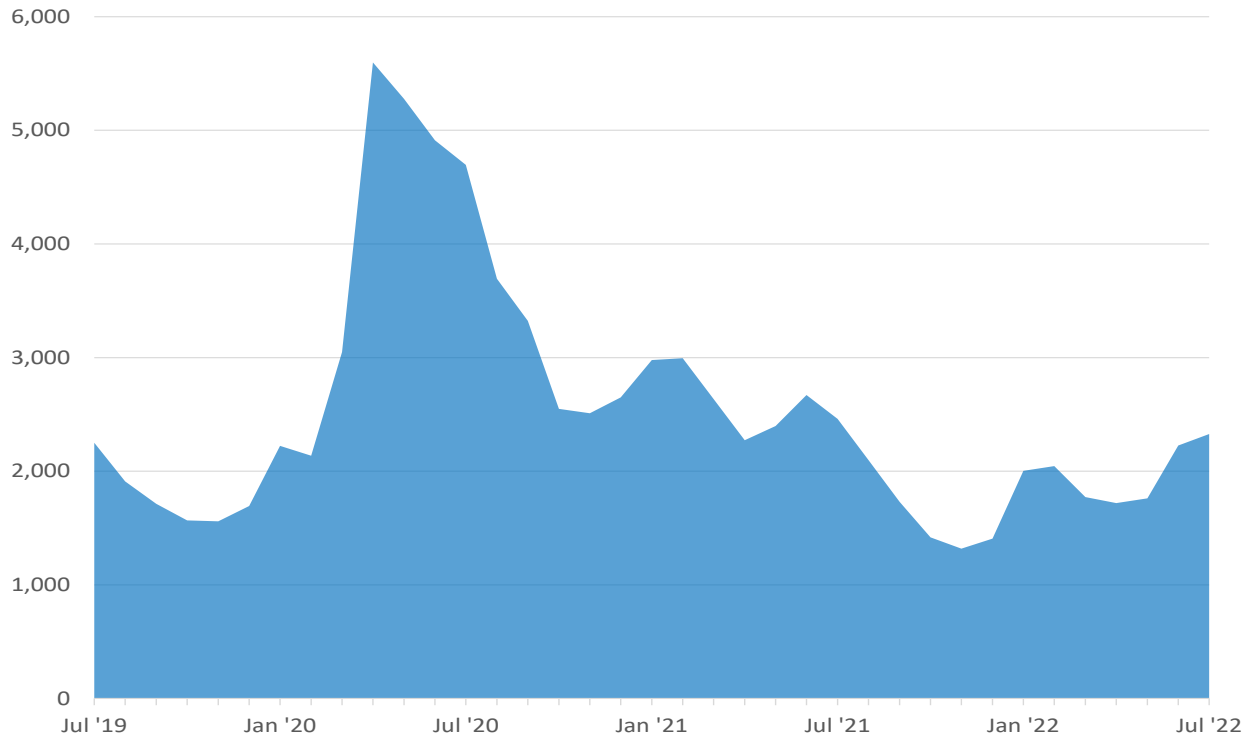
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	61.6	61.6	59.3	0.0	2.3
Goods Producing	11.2	11.2	11.3	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	50.4	50.4	48.0	0.0	2.4
Government	7.9	8.2	8.1	-0.3	-0.2

Number of Unemployed

July 2019 - July 2022





Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	33,813	33,683	33,080	130	733
Employment	31,554	31,734	30,861	-180	693
Unemployment	2,259	1,949	2,219	310	40
Unemployment Rate	6.7	5.8	6.7	0.9	0.0

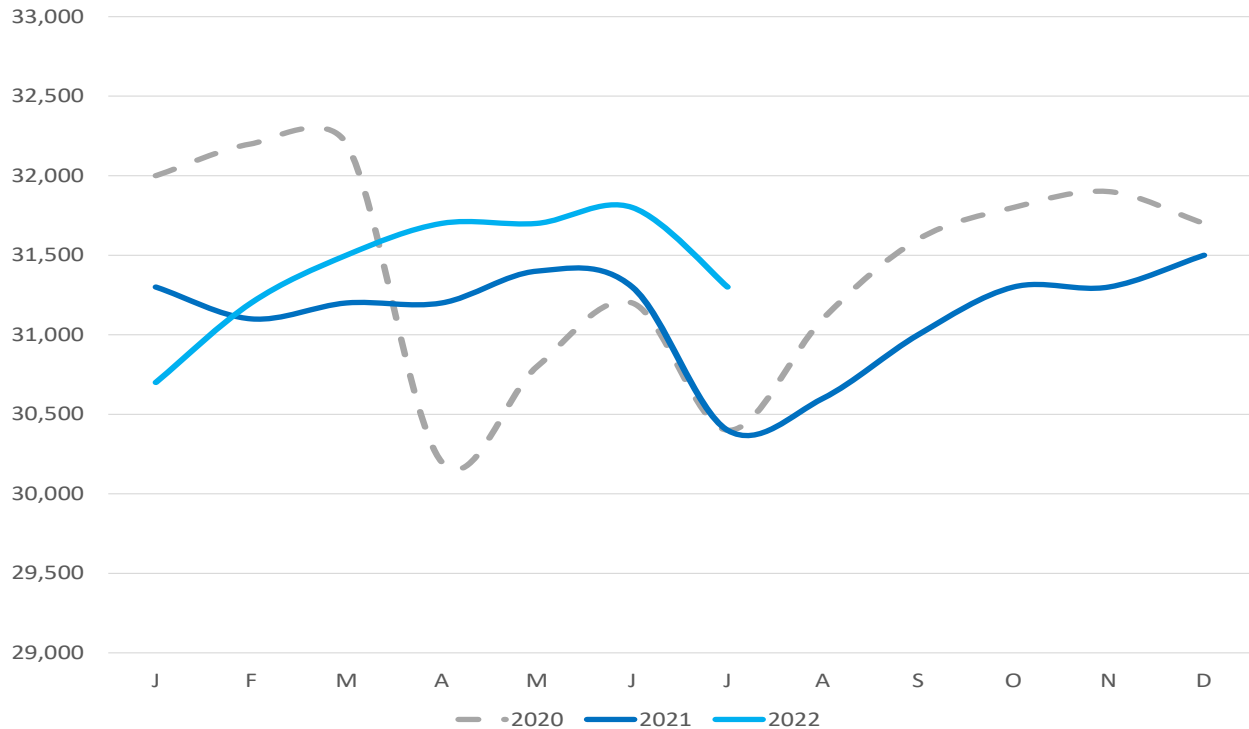
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.3	31.8	30.4	-0.5	0.9
Goods Producing	5.8	5.7	5.6	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	25.5	26.1	24.8	-0.6	0.7
Government	7.8	8.3	8.0	-0.5	-0.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January 2020 - July 2022





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.

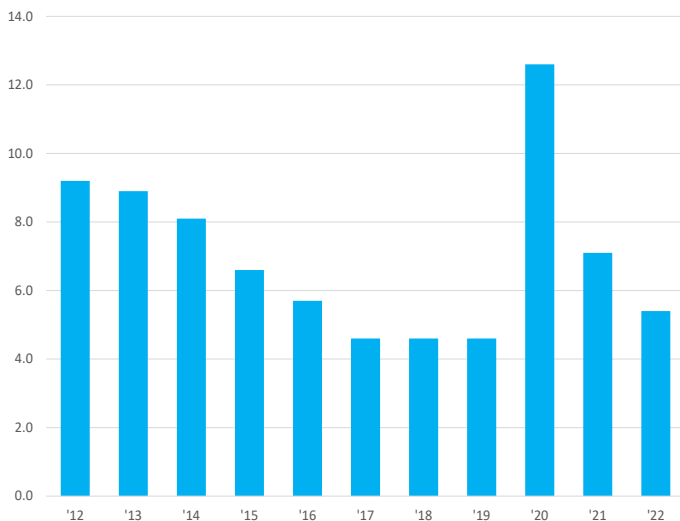
	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	657,246	655,901	652,528	1,345	4,718
Employment	621,949	620,060	606,064	1,889	15,885
Unemployment	35,297	35,841	46,464	-544	-11,167
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.5	7.1	-0.1	-1.7

Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,390	64,546	63,708	-156	682
Employment	61,303	61,544	60,099	-241	1,204
Unemployment	3,087	3,002	3,609	85	-522
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.7	5.7	0.1	-0.9

Memphis MSA - Unemployment Rates
 July: 2012 - 2022



Texarkana MSA - Employment
 July 2019 - July 2022



Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	July 2022				June 2022				July 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,379	7,857	522	6.2	8,465	7,982	483	5.7	8,597	8,099	498	5.8
Batesville Micro	16,020	15,300	720	4.5	16,490	15,835	655	4.0	16,203	15,461	742	4.6
Blytheville Micro	16,570	15,156	1,414	8.5	16,273	15,111	1,162	7.1	16,528	15,072	1,456	8.8
Camden Micro	11,058	10,519	539	4.9	11,569	11,079	490	4.2	11,871	11,373	498	4.2
El Dorado Micro	14,683	13,720	963	6.6	15,054	14,208	846	5.6	15,153	14,120	1,033	6.8
Forrest City Micro	7,701	7,202	499	6.5	7,746	7,316	430	5.6	7,701	7,177	524	6.8
Harrison Micro	18,561	17,939	622	3.4	19,329	18,717	612	3.2	18,810	18,184	626	3.3
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,540	5,052	488	8.8	5,588	5,168	420	7.5	5,793	5,310	483	8.3
Hope Micro	12,396	11,853	543	4.4	12,788	12,293	495	3.9	12,559	12,027	532	4.2
Magnolia Micro	8,296	7,830	466	5.6	8,772	8,323	449	5.1	8,315	7,792	523	6.3
Malvern Micro	13,645	13,014	631	4.6	13,723	13,154	569	4.1	13,949	13,342	607	4.4
Mountain Home Micro	16,637	15,936	701	4.2	16,980	16,313	667	3.9	16,285	15,633	652	4.0
Paragould Micro	19,734	19,002	732	3.7	19,734	19,028	706	3.6	19,581	18,833	748	3.8
Russellville Micro	34,795	33,014	1,781	5.1	35,644	34,060	1,584	4.4	34,856	33,184	1,672	4.8
Searcy Micro	33,392	31,948	1,444	4.3	34,297	32,926	1,371	4.0	33,410	31,936	1,474	4.4

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 2022				June 2022				July 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,975	12,499	476	3.7	12,892	12,433	459	3.6	12,377	11,919	458	3.7
Benton	18,012	17,373	639	3.5	17,906	17,293	613	3.4	17,489	16,881	608	3.5
Bentonville	31,368	30,566	802	2.6	31,210	30,404	806	2.6	29,981	29,149	832	2.8
Blytheville	5,728	5,073	655	11.4	5,513	5,058	455	8.3	5,678	5,045	633	11.1
Cabot	12,161	11,784	377	3.1	12,004	11,620	384	3.2	11,867	11,443	424	3.6
Conway	34,997	33,764	1,233	3.5	34,675	33,525	1,150	3.3	34,198	32,815	1,383	4.0
El Dorado	6,393	5,904	489	7.6	6,540	6,114	426	6.5	6,633	6,076	557	8.4
Fayetteville	51,386	49,873	1,513	2.9	51,107	49,596	1,511	3.0	49,420	47,588	1,832	3.7
Fort Smith	38,679	37,243	1,436	3.7	38,942	37,580	1,362	3.5	37,878	36,428	1,450	3.8
Hot Springs	15,788	14,854	934	5.9	15,702	14,870	832	5.3	15,740	14,733	1,007	6.4
Jacksonville	11,839	11,205	634	5.4	11,686	11,156	530	4.5	11,666	10,885	781	6.7
Jonesboro	40,786	39,404	1,382	3.4	40,432	39,136	1,296	3.2	39,916	38,379	1,537	3.9
Little Rock	98,497	94,040	4,457	4.5	97,665	93,634	4,031	4.1	96,762	91,355	5,407	5.6
North Little Rock	30,466	28,918	1,548	5.1	30,137	28,793	1,344	4.5	29,884	28,092	1,792	6.0
Paragould	12,591	12,077	514	4.1	12,576	12,093	483	3.8	12,478	11,969	509	4.1
Pine Bluff	15,928	14,622	1,306	8.2	15,885	14,785	1,100	6.9	15,638	14,297	1,341	8.6
Rogers	38,482	37,499	983	2.6	38,257	37,301	956	2.5	36,776	35,760	1,016	2.8
Russellville	12,445	11,850	595	4.8	12,849	12,295	554	4.3	12,467	11,921	546	4.4
Searcy	10,086	9,648	438	4.3	10,368	9,943	425	4.1	10,082	9,644	438	4.3
Sherwood	16,404	15,782	622	3.8	16,258	15,713	545	3.4	15,987	15,331	656	4.1
Springdale	40,895	39,827	1,068	2.6	40,599	39,607	992	2.4	39,238	38,001	1,237	3.2
Texarkana, AR	13,577	12,871	706	5.2	13,513	12,879	634	4.7	13,390	12,623	767	5.7
Van Buren	10,374	9,978	396	3.8	10,405	10,025	380	3.7	10,122	9,754	368	3.6
West Memphis	10,681	9,952	729	6.8	10,420	9,848	572	5.5	10,395	9,651	744	7.2

County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	July 2022				June 2022				July 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,286	8,926	360	3.9	9,189	8,845	344	3.7	9,644	9,301	343	3.6
Ashley	6,766	6,229	537	7.9	6,908	6,454	454	6.6	6,871	6,313	558	8.1
Baxter	16,637	15,936	701	4.2	16,980	16,313	667	3.9	16,285	15,633	652	4.0
Benton	150,090	145,830	4,260	2.8	149,202	145,057	4,145	2.8	143,417	139,067	4,350	3.0
Boone	15,419	14,906	513	3.3	16,109	15,602	507	3.1	15,631	15,112	519	3.3
Bradley	4,036	3,828	208	5.2	4,163	3,971	192	4.6	3,992	3,774	218	5.5
Calhoun	2,204	2,116	88	4.0	2,263	2,181	82	3.6	2,351	2,270	81	3.4
Carroll	12,862	12,480	382	3.0	12,989	12,605	384	3.0	13,004	12,572	432	3.3
Chicot	3,021	2,751	270	8.9	2,955	2,716	239	8.1	3,194	2,912	282	8.8
Clark	8,379	7,857	522	6.2	8,465	7,982	483	5.7	8,597	8,099	498	5.8
Clay	5,507	5,254	253	4.6	5,474	5,233	241	4.4	5,411	5,181	230	4.3
Cleburne	9,018	8,574	444	4.9	9,222	8,805	417	4.5	9,075	8,647	428	4.7
Cleveland	3,213	3,063	150	4.7	3,164	3,027	137	4.3	3,131	2,997	134	4.3
Columbia	8,296	7,830	466	5.6	8,772	8,323	449	5.1	8,315	7,792	523	6.3
Conway	8,407	8,019	388	4.6	8,526	8,171	355	4.2	8,210	7,834	376	4.6
Craighead	57,726	55,797	1,929	3.3	57,260	55,418	1,842	3.2	56,401	54,346	2,055	3.6
Crawford	26,535	25,536	999	3.8	26,626	25,658	968	3.6	25,968	24,963	1,005	3.9
Crittenden	21,604	20,393	1,211	5.6	21,179	20,180	999	4.7	21,110	19,776	1,334	6.3
Cross	6,870	6,556	314	4.6	7,105	6,814	291	4.1	6,867	6,533	334	4.9
Dallas	2,749	2,612	137	5.0	2,781	2,659	122	4.4	2,790	2,655	135	4.8
Desha	4,882	4,508	374	7.7	4,890	4,587	303	6.2	4,862	4,523	339	7.0
Drew	7,299	6,898	401	5.5	7,514	7,145	369	4.9	7,288	6,870	418	5.7
Faulkner	63,560	61,328	2,232	3.5	62,982	60,895	2,087	3.3	61,970	59,605	2,365	3.8
Franklin	7,345	7,042	303	4.1	7,447	7,160	287	3.9	7,274	6,969	305	4.2
Fulton	5,054	4,835	219	4.3	5,256	5,059	197	3.7	4,853	4,660	193	4.0
Garland	42,215	40,141	2,074	4.9	42,069	40,183	1,886	4.5	42,012	39,812	2,200	5.2
Grant	8,536	8,216	320	3.7	8,410	8,112	298	3.5	8,258	7,967	291	3.5
Greene	19,734	19,002	732	3.7	19,734	19,028	706	3.6	19,581	18,833	748	3.8
Hempstead	9,066	8,692	374	4.1	9,327	8,988	339	3.6	9,179	8,814	365	4.0
Hot Spring	13,645	13,014	631	4.6	13,723	13,154	569	4.1	13,949	13,342	607	4.4
Howard	5,339	5,112	227	4.3	5,403	5,202	201	3.7	5,413	5,207	206	3.8
Independence	16,020	15,300	720	4.5	16,490	15,835	655	4.0	16,203	15,461	742	4.6
Izard	4,225	3,936	289	6.8	4,343	4,083	260	6.0	4,266	4,011	255	6.0
Jackson	5,508	5,183	325	5.9	5,546	5,251	295	5.3	5,650	5,334	316	5.6
Jefferson	26,742	24,832	1,910	7.1	26,732	25,110	1,622	6.1	26,176	24,281	1,895	7.2
Johnson	9,727	9,167	560	5.8	10,097	9,611	486	4.8	9,596	9,044	552	5.8
Lafayette	2,287	2,142	145	6.3	2,326	2,194	132	5.7	2,272	2,130	142	6.3
Lawrence	6,456	6,147	309	4.8	6,578	6,298	280	4.3	6,426	6,090	336	5.2
Lee	2,647	2,502	145	5.5	2,569	2,433	136	5.3	2,589	2,437	152	5.9
Lincoln	3,858	3,659	199	5.2	3,787	3,597	190	5.0	3,773	3,583	190	5.0
Little River	5,450	5,213	237	4.3	5,447	5,227	220	4.0	5,354	5,100	254	4.7
Logan	8,276	7,891	385	4.7	8,427	8,059	368	4.4	8,299	7,911	388	4.7
Lonoke	34,549	33,405	1,144	3.3	34,057	32,941	1,116	3.3	33,657	32,440	1,217	3.6
Madison	7,833	7,599	234	3.0	7,577	7,350	227	3.0	7,523	7,265	258	3.4
Marion	6,284	6,024	260	4.1	6,445	6,190	255	4.0	6,227	5,946	281	4.5
Miller	19,728	18,814	914	4.6	19,665	18,826	839	4.3	19,471	18,452	1,019	5.2

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County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	July 2022				June 2022				July 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,570	15,156	1,414	8.5	16,273	15,111	1,162	7.1	16,528	15,072	1,456	8.8
Monroe	2,560	2,415	145	5.7	2,570	2,443	127	4.9	2,613	2,453	160	6.1
Montgomery	2,963	2,800	163	5.5	2,897	2,748	149	5.1	2,972	2,825	147	4.9
Nevada	3,330	3,161	169	5.1	3,461	3,305	156	4.5	3,380	3,213	167	4.9
Newton	3,142	3,033	109	3.5	3,220	3,115	105	3.3	3,179	3,072	107	3.4
Ouachita	8,854	8,403	451	5.1	9,306	8,898	408	4.4	9,520	9,103	417	4.4
Perry	4,288	4,100	188	4.4	4,207	4,029	178	4.2	4,171	3,991	180	4.3
Phillips	5,540	5,052	488	8.8	5,588	5,168	420	7.5	5,793	5,310	483	8.3
Pike	4,174	3,986	188	4.5	4,172	3,989	183	4.4	4,151	3,959	192	4.6
Poinsett	10,083	9,684	399	4.0	9,833	9,448	385	3.9	9,829	9,424	405	4.1
Polk	7,687	7,327	360	4.7	7,834	7,515	319	4.1	7,787	7,399	388	5.0
Pope	26,979	25,585	1,394	5.2	27,776	26,546	1,230	4.4	27,059	25,738	1,321	4.9
Prairie	3,463	3,341	122	3.5	3,476	3,356	120	3.5	3,514	3,384	130	3.7
Pulaski	191,417	182,838	8,579	4.5	189,747	182,047	7,700	4.1	187,690	177,616	10,074	5.4
Randolph	7,263	6,952	311	4.3	7,348	7,064	284	3.9	7,292	6,973	319	4.4
St. Francis	7,701	7,202	499	6.5	7,746	7,316	430	5.6	7,701	7,177	524	6.8
Saline	60,297	58,335	1,962	3.3	59,966	58,065	1,901	3.2	58,648	56,682	1,966	3.4
Scott	4,107	3,963	144	3.5	4,178	4,035	143	3.4	4,156	3,999	157	3.8
Searcy	2,807	2,659	148	5.3	2,935	2,799	136	4.6	3,037	2,896	141	4.6
Sebastian	55,678	53,650	2,028	3.6	56,105	54,136	1,969	3.5	54,622	52,476	2,146	3.9
Sevier	5,405	5,157	248	4.6	5,403	5,171	232	4.3	5,385	5,123	262	4.9
Sharp	5,612	5,309	303	5.4	5,826	5,541	285	4.9	5,543	5,238	305	5.5
Stone	4,620	4,366	254	5.5	4,618	4,391	227	4.9	4,540	4,294	246	5.4
Union	14,683	13,720	963	6.6	15,054	14,208	846	5.6	15,153	14,120	1,033	6.8
Van Buren	5,863	5,555	308	5.3	6,058	5,765	293	4.8	5,758	5,466	292	5.1
Washington	132,671	129,012	3,659	2.8	131,913	128,296	3,617	2.7	127,235	123,102	4,133	3.2
White	33,392	31,948	1,444	4.3	34,297	32,926	1,371	4.0	33,410	31,936	1,474	4.4
Woodruff	2,737	2,617	120	4.4	2,774	2,659	115	4.1	2,741	2,589	152	5.5
Yell	7,816	7,429	387	5.0	7,868	7,514	354	4.5	7,797	7,446	351	4.5

County Labor Force Summary

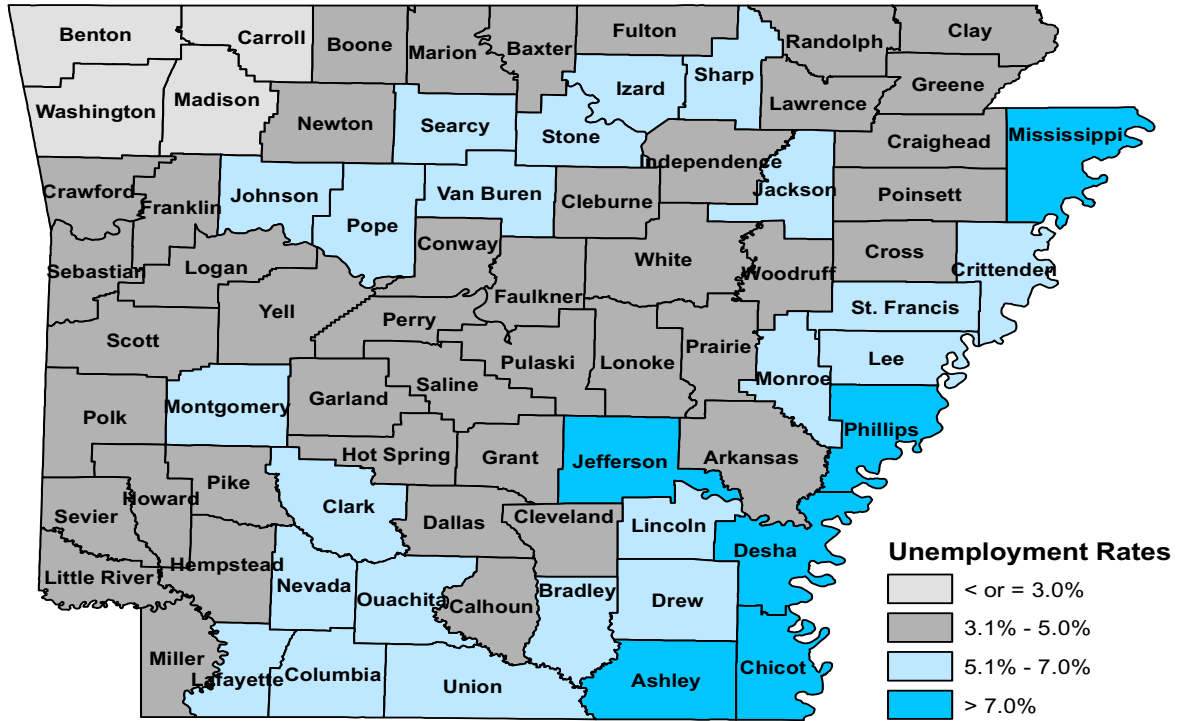
Between June and July, unemployment rates increased in 70 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates were unchanged in five counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.8 percent in Benton and Washington counties to a high of 8.9 percent in Chicot County.

In July, nineteen counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down from 29 counties at or below four percent last month. Six counties reported jobless rates at or above seven percent, up from three counties in June.

Compared to July 2021, unemployment rates are down in 41 Arkansas counties. Rates in 29 counties increased over-the-year, while five counties were stable. The largest decline occurred in Woodruff County, down one and one-tenth of a percentage point. Izard County posted the largest annual unemployment rate increase, up eight-tenths of a percentage point.



County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

July 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	2.8	24	Little River	4.3	50	Lincoln	5.2
1	Washington	2.8	24	Randolph	4.3	50	Pope	5.2
3	Carroll	3.0	24	White	4.3	53	Searcy	5.3
3	Madison	3.0	29	Perry	4.4	53	Van Buren	5.3
5	Boone	3.3	29	Woodruff	4.4	55	Sharp	5.4
5	Craighead	3.3	31	Independence	4.5	56	Drew	5.5
5	Lonoke	3.3	31	Pike	4.5	56	Lee	5.5
5	Saline	3.3	31	Pulaski	4.5	56	Montgomery	5.5
9	Faulkner	3.5	34	Clay	4.6	56	Stone	5.5
9	Newton	3.5	34	Conway	4.6	60	Columbia	5.6
9	Prairie	3.5	34	Cross	4.6	60	Crittenden	5.6
9	Scott	3.5	34	Hot Spring	4.6	62	Monroe	5.7
13	Sebastian	3.6	34	Miller	4.6	63	Johnson	5.8
14	Grant	3.7	34	Sevier	4.6	64	Jackson	5.9
14	Greene	3.7	40	Cleveland	4.7	65	Clark	6.2
16	Crawford	3.8	40	Logan	4.7	66	Lafayette	6.3
17	Arkansas	3.9	40	Polk	4.7	67	St. Francis	6.5
18	Calhoun	4.0	43	Lawrence	4.8	68	Union	6.6
18	Poinsett	4.0	44	Cleburne	4.9	69	Izard	6.8
20	Franklin	4.1	44	Garland	4.9	70	Jefferson	7.1
20	Hempstead	4.1	46	Dallas	5.0	71	Desha	7.7
20	Marion	4.1	46	Yell	5.0	72	Ashley	7.9
23	Baxter	4.2	48	Nevada	5.1	73	Mississippi	8.5
24	Fulton	4.3	48	Ouachita	5.1	74	Phillips	8.8
24	Howard	4.3	50	Bradley	5.2	75	Chicot	8.9

Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	July 2022				June 2022				July 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	257,349	247,622	9,727	3.8	255,133	246,113	9,020	3.5	251,330	240,825	10,505	4.2
City of Little Rock	98,497	94,040	4,457	4.5	97,665	93,634	4,031	4.1	96,762	91,355	5,407	5.6
Eastern	44,362	41,705	2,657	6.0	44,187	41,911	2,276	5.2	44,060	41,233	2,827	6.4
North Central	92,049	87,623	4,426	4.8	94,430	90,315	4,115	4.4	92,039	87,636	4,403	4.8
Northeast	123,339	117,992	5,347	4.3	122,500	117,600	4,900	4.0	121,468	115,919	5,549	4.6
Northwest	347,745	337,479	10,266	3.0	347,370	337,327	10,043	2.9	335,538	324,665	10,873	3.2
Southeast	77,639	72,910	4,729	6.1	77,712	73,564	4,148	5.3	77,189	72,521	4,668	6.0
Southwest	87,391	82,972	4,419	5.1	89,208	85,182	4,026	4.5	88,583	83,979	4,604	5.2
West Central	128,593	122,098	6,495	5.1	129,800	123,927	5,873	4.5	128,514	122,090	6,424	5.0
Western	109,628	105,409	4,219	3.8	110,617	106,563	4,054	3.7	108,106	103,717	4,389	4.1

