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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 2023 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

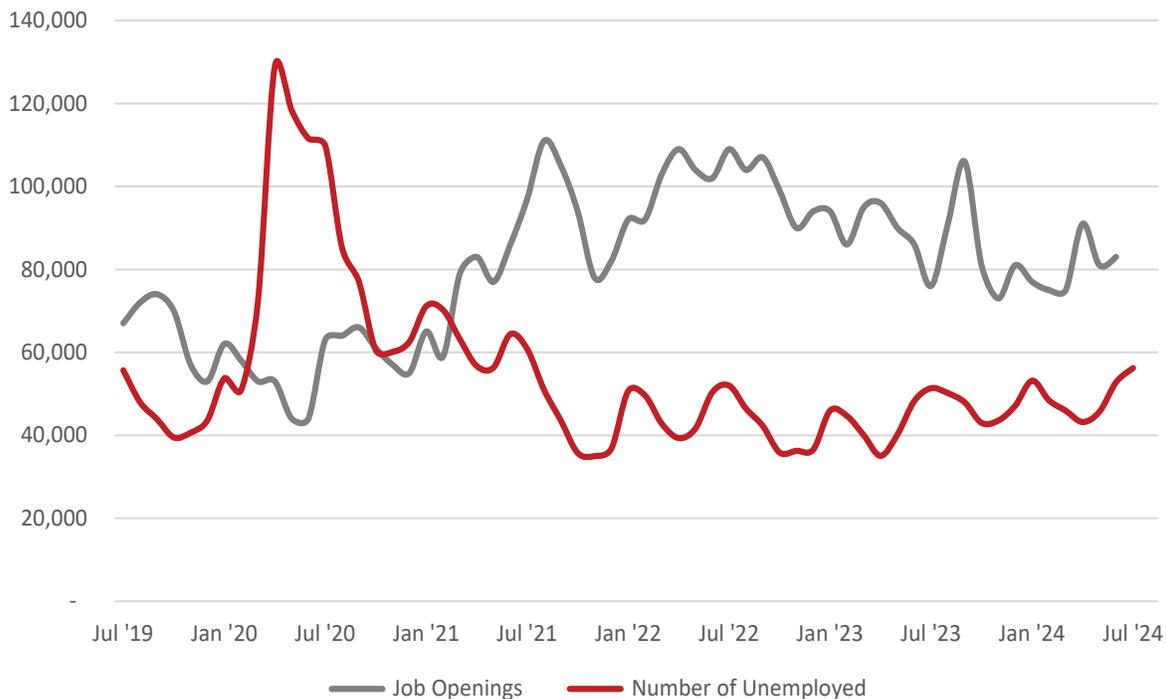
## Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)

The Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) is a monthly survey developed and conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to address the need for data on job openings, hires, and separations. These data serve as demand-side indicators of labor shortages at the national and state levels. The availability of unfilled jobs- the job opening rate- is an important measure of the tightness of job markets, parallel to existing measures of unemployment.

Data from a sample of approximately 21,000 US business establishments are collected by BLS monthly. JOLTS collects data on Total Employment, Job Openings, Hires, Quits, Layoffs and Discharges, and Other Separations. While data are available by industry sector at the national level, statewide level data are currently only available as a total figure representing all industry sectors. The most recent data available is for June 2024.

**Job Openings vs Number of Unemployed (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

State of Arkansas  
July 2019 - July 2024



For more data published from the JOLTS, to learn more about the survey, or to see additional JOLTS publications, please visit the BLS website by clicking [here](#).

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## State of Arkansas

### Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, Workforce Policy and Innovation, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 3.3% between June and July. The United States’ jobless rate rose two-tenths of a percentage point, increasing from 4.1% in June to 4.3% in July.

The size of Arkansas’ civilian labor force increased by 5,129 in July, as the number of employed rose 4,918 over-the-month. Civilian labor force and employment both remain at record high levels for a 5th consecutive month, as the labor force participation rate rose to 57.9% in July.

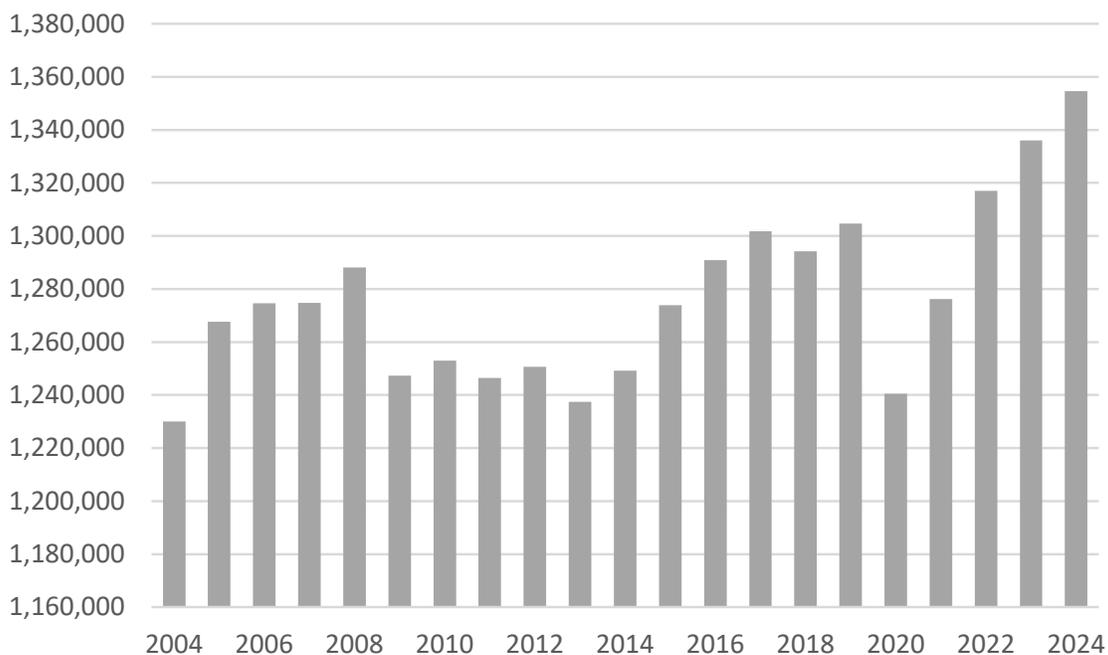
Compared to July 2023, there are 18,622 more employed Arkansans. The civilian labor force is up 20,847, with an additional 2,225 unemployed residents actively looking for work. Arkansas’ labor force participation rate is up three-tenths of a percentage point, rising from 57.6% in July 2023 to 57.9% in July 2024.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|                       | Seasonally Adjusted |               |               | Not Seasonally Adjusted |               |               |           |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
|                       | <u>Jul 24</u>       | <u>Jun 24</u> | <u>Jul 23</u> | <u>Jul 24</u>           | <u>Jun 24</u> | <u>Jul 23</u> |           |
| Civilian Labor Force  | 1,401,412           | 1,396,283     | 1,380,565     | Civilian Labor Force    | 1,425,932     | 1,427,660     | 1,395,384 |
| Employment            | 1,354,671           | 1,349,753     | 1,336,049     | Employment              | 1,370,079     | 1,374,743     | 1,344,027 |
| Unemployment          | 46,741              | 46,530        | 44,516        | Unemployment            | 55,853        | 52,917        | 51,357    |
| Unemployment Rate     | 3.3%                | 3.3%          | 3.2%          | Unemployment Rate       | 3.9%          | 3.7%          | 3.7%      |
| LF Participation Rate | 57.9%               | 57.7%         | 57.6%         | LF Participation Rate   | 58.9%         | 59.0%         | 58.2%     |

### Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

July: 2004 - 2024



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### State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

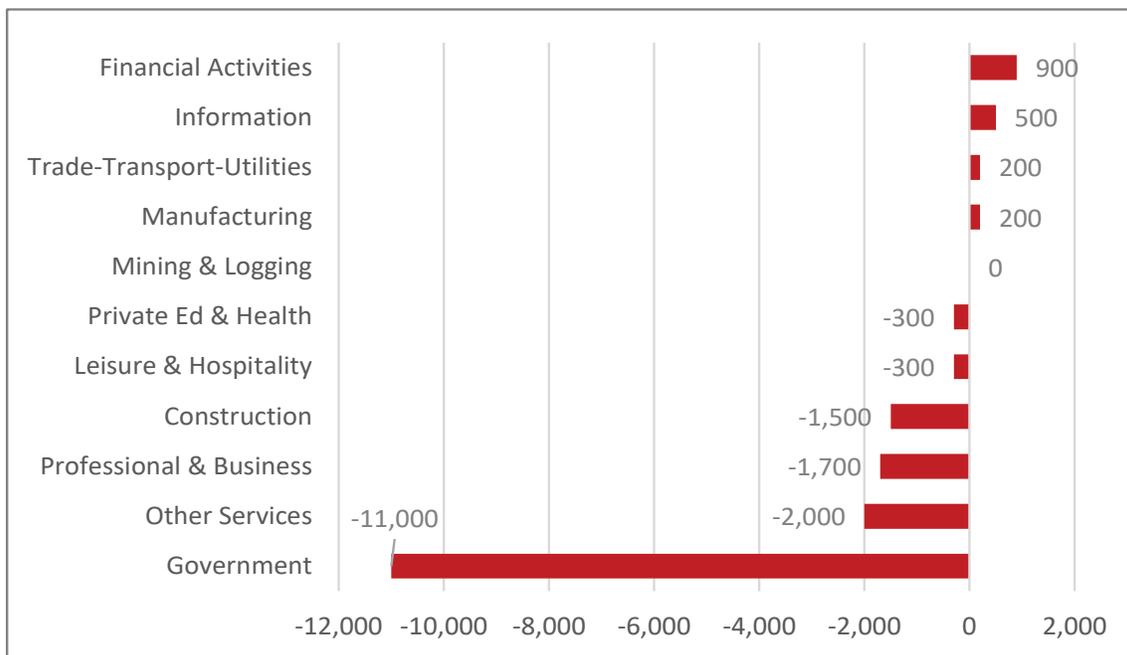
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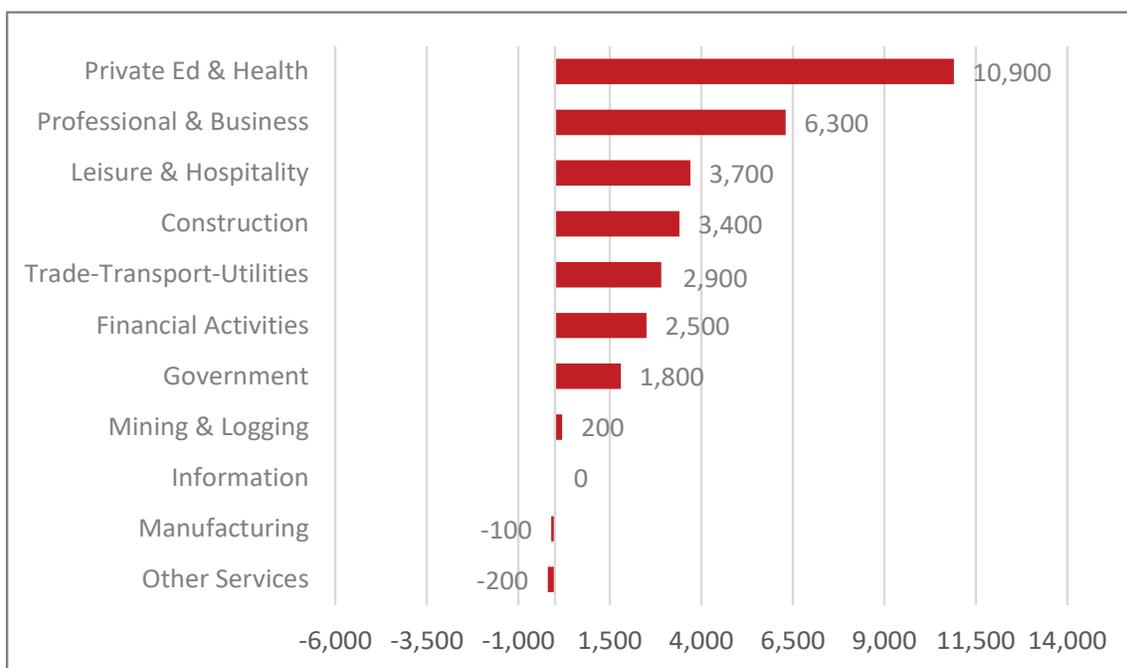
| (NAICS)  | <u>Jul 24</u> | <u>Jun 24</u> | <u>Jul 23</u> | <u>OTM</u>   | <u>QTY</u>  |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Total Nonfarm                                  | 1362.9        | 1377.9        | 1331.5        | -15.0        | 31.4        |
| Goods Producing                                | 235.2         | 236.5         | 231.7         | -1.3         | 3.5         |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction                | 72.5          | 74.0          | 68.9          | -1.5         | 3.6         |
| <b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>                    | <b>5.4</b>    | <b>5.4</b>    | <b>5.2</b>    | <b>0.0</b>   | <b>0.2</b>  |
| <b>Construction</b>                            | <b>67.1</b>   | <b>68.6</b>   | <b>63.7</b>   | <b>-1.5</b>  | <b>3.4</b>  |
| Specialty Trade Contractors                    | 42.6          | 43.6          | 39.9          | -1.0         | 2.7         |
| <b>Manufacturing</b>                           | <b>162.7</b>  | <b>162.5</b>  | <b>162.8</b>  | <b>0.2</b>   | <b>-0.1</b> |
| Durable Goods                                  | 77.4          | 77.6          | 78.8          | -0.2         | -1.4        |
| Nondurable Goods                               | 85.3          | 84.9          | 84.0          | 0.4          | 1.3         |
| Service Providing                              | 1127.7        | 1141.4        | 1099.8        | -13.7        | 27.9        |
| <b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>   | <b>269.4</b>  | <b>269.2</b>  | <b>266.5</b>  | <b>0.2</b>   | <b>2.9</b>  |
| Wholesale Trade                                | 51.4          | 51.1          | 52.5          | 0.3          | -1.1        |
| Retail Trade                                   | 145.5         | 145.6         | 142.5         | -0.1         | 3.0         |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities             | 72.5          | 72.5          | 71.5          | 0.0          | 1.0         |
| <b>Information</b>                             | <b>12.8</b>   | <b>12.3</b>   | <b>12.8</b>   | <b>0.5</b>   | <b>0.0</b>  |
| <b>Financial Activities</b>                    | <b>73.0</b>   | <b>72.1</b>   | <b>70.5</b>   | <b>0.9</b>   | <b>2.5</b>  |
| Finance & Insurance                            | 57.6          | 56.8          | 55.1          | 0.8          | 2.5         |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing                 | 15.4          | 15.3          | 15.4          | 0.1          | 0.0         |
| <b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>    | <b>159.4</b>  | <b>161.1</b>  | <b>153.1</b>  | <b>-1.7</b>  | <b>6.3</b>  |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical           | 50.1          | 51.0          | 49.5          | -0.9         | 0.6         |
| Management of Companies                        | 39.0          | 38.9          | 38.3          | 0.1          | 0.7         |
| Administrative & Support Services              | 70.3          | 71.2          | 65.3          | -0.9         | 5.0         |
| <b>Private Education &amp; Health Services</b> | <b>214.6</b>  | <b>214.9</b>  | <b>203.7</b>  | <b>-0.3</b>  | <b>10.9</b> |
| Private Educational Services                   | 16.9          | 17.3          | 14.6          | -0.4         | 2.3         |
| Health Care & Social Assistance                | 197.7         | 197.6         | 189.1         | 0.1          | 8.6         |
| Ambulatory Health Care                         | 70.3          | 69.8          | 65.8          | 0.5          | 4.5         |
| Social Assistance                              | 40.0          | 40.9          | 38.0          | -0.9         | 2.0         |
| <b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>               | <b>132.6</b>  | <b>132.9</b>  | <b>128.9</b>  | <b>-0.3</b>  | <b>3.7</b>  |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation               | 15.1          | 14.9          | 15.0          | 0.2          | 0.1         |
| Accommodation & Food Services                  | 117.5         | 118.0         | 113.9         | -0.5         | 3.6         |
| Accommodation Services                         | 12.1          | 12.1          | 12.3          | 0.0          | -0.2        |
| Food Services                                  | 105.4         | 105.9         | 101.6         | -0.5         | 3.8         |
| <b>Other Services</b>                          | <b>67.5</b>   | <b>69.5</b>   | <b>67.7</b>   | <b>-2.0</b>  | <b>-0.2</b> |
| <b>Government</b>                              | <b>198.4</b>  | <b>209.4</b>  | <b>196.6</b>  | <b>-11.0</b> | <b>1.8</b>  |
| Federal Government                             | 21.9          | 21.8          | 21.4          | 0.1          | 0.5         |
| State Government                               | 71.3          | 72.8          | 71.2          | -1.5         | 0.1         |
| State Gov, Educational Services                | 25.2          | 26.7          | 25.0          | -1.5         | 0.2         |
| State Gov, Excluding Education                 | 46.1          | 46.1          | 46.2          | 0.0          | -0.1        |
| Local Government                               | 105.2         | 114.8         | 104.0         | -9.6         | 1.2         |
| Local Gov, Educational Services                | 58.4          | 68.1          | 57.6          | -9.7         | 0.8         |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education                 | 46.8          | 46.7          | 46.4          | 0.1          | 0.4         |

### State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector**  
June 2024 - July 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector**  
July 2023 - July 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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## State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

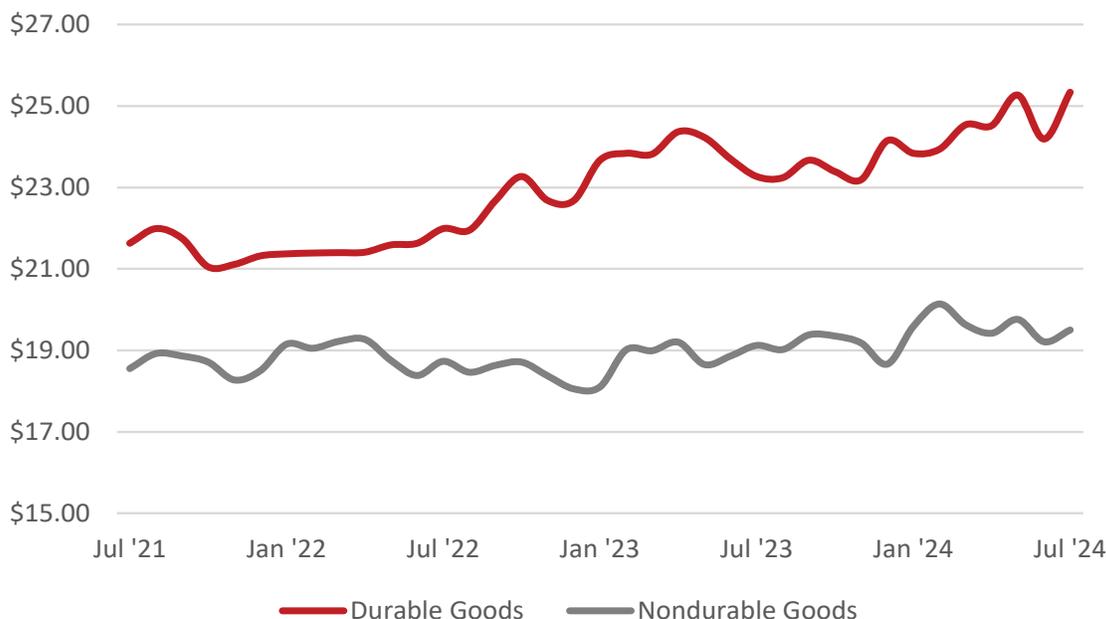
### Manufacturing

|                         | <u>Jul 24</u> | <u>Jun 24</u> | <u>Jul 23</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Average Weekly Hours    | 37.2          | 38.7          | 38.6          |
| Average Hourly Earnings | \$22.46       | \$21.48       | \$21.37       |
| Average Weekly Earnings | \$835.51      | \$831.28      | \$824.88      |

### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

| Durable Goods Manufacturing |               |               |               | Nondurable Goods Manufacturing |               |               |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                             | <u>Jul 24</u> | <u>Jun 24</u> | <u>Jul 23</u> |                                | <u>Jul 24</u> | <u>Jun 24</u> | <u>Jul 23</u> |
| Average Weekly Hours        | 39.9          | 40.9          | 43.6          | Average Weekly Hours           | 34.7          | 36.7          | 33.9          |
| Average Hourly Earnings     | \$25.34       | \$24.19       | \$23.27       | Average Hourly Earnings        | \$19.50       | \$19.21       | \$19.12       |
| Average Weekly Earnings     | \$1,011.07    | \$989.37      | \$1,014.57    | Average Weekly Earnings        | \$676.65      | \$705.01      | \$648.17      |

**Average Hourly Earnings- Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods**  
July 2021 - July 2024



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## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

### Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

The Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA = Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, & Saline counties.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|                      | <b>Jul 24</b> | <b>Jun 24</b> | <b>Jul 23</b> | <b>OTM</b> | <b>QTY</b> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 387,491       | 383,196       | 374,553       | 4,295      | 12,938     |
| Employment           | 373,661       | 369,999       | 362,244       | 3,662      | 11,417     |
| Unemployment         | 13,830        | 13,197        | 12,309        | 633        | 1,521      |
| Unemployment Rate    | 3.6%          | 3.4%          | 3.3%          | 0.2%       | 0.3%       |

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

| <b>NAICS</b>                        | <b>Jul 24</b> | <b>Jun 24</b> | <b>Jul 23</b> | <b>OTM</b> | <b>QTY</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Total Nonfarm                       | 397.1         | 400.8         | 385.4         | -3.7       | 11.7       |
| Goods Producing                     | 43.0          | 43.1          | 41.4          | -0.1       | 1.6        |
| Mining, Logging & Construction      | 22.5          | 22.6          | 21.3          | -0.1       | 1.2        |
| Manufacturing                       | 20.5          | 20.5          | 20.1          | 0.0        | 0.4        |
| Service Providing                   | 354.1         | 357.7         | 344.0         | -3.6       | 10.1       |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities   | 78.0          | 78.5          | 77.6          | -0.5       | 0.4        |
| Wholesale Trade                     | 17.7          | 17.7          | 17.7          | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| Retail Trade                        | 38.6          | 39.0          | 38.6          | -0.4       | 0.0        |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities     | 21.7          | 21.8          | 21.3          | -0.1       | 0.4        |
| Information                         | 5.3           | 5.2           | 5.5           | 0.1        | -0.2       |
| Financial Activities                | 28.4          | 28.1          | 28.0          | 0.3        | 0.4        |
| Professional & Business Services    | 50.6          | 51.7          | 47.7          | -1.1       | 2.9        |
| Private Education & Health Services | 66.8          | 67.2          | 62.8          | -0.4       | 4.0        |
| Leisure & Hospitality               | 36.3          | 36.2          | 35.5          | 0.1        | 0.8        |
| Other Services                      | 20.0          | 20.1          | 19.8          | -0.1       | 0.2        |
| Government                          | 68.7          | 70.7          | 67.1          | -2.0       | 1.6        |
| Federal Government                  | 10.8          | 10.7          | 10.4          | 0.1        | 0.4        |
| State Government                    | 32.7          | 32.9          | 32.6          | -0.2       | 0.1        |
| Local Government                    | 25.2          | 27.1          | 24.1          | -1.9       | 1.1        |

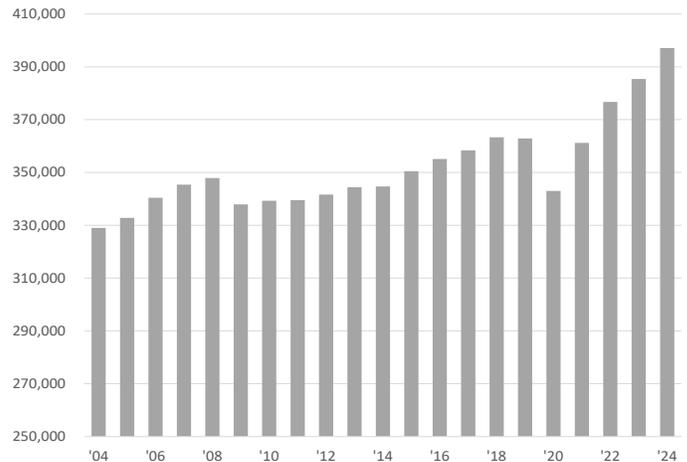
### Employment

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### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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### 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 24  | Jun 24  | Jul 23  | OTM   | QTY    |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|--------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 328,088 | 324,315 | 315,758 | 3,773 | 12,330 |
| Employment           | 318,407 | 315,109 | 307,239 | 3,298 | 11,168 |
| Unemployment         | 9,681   | 9,206   | 8,519   | 475   | 1,162  |
| Unemployment Rate    | 3.0%    | 2.8%    | 2.7%    | 0.2%  | 0.3%   |

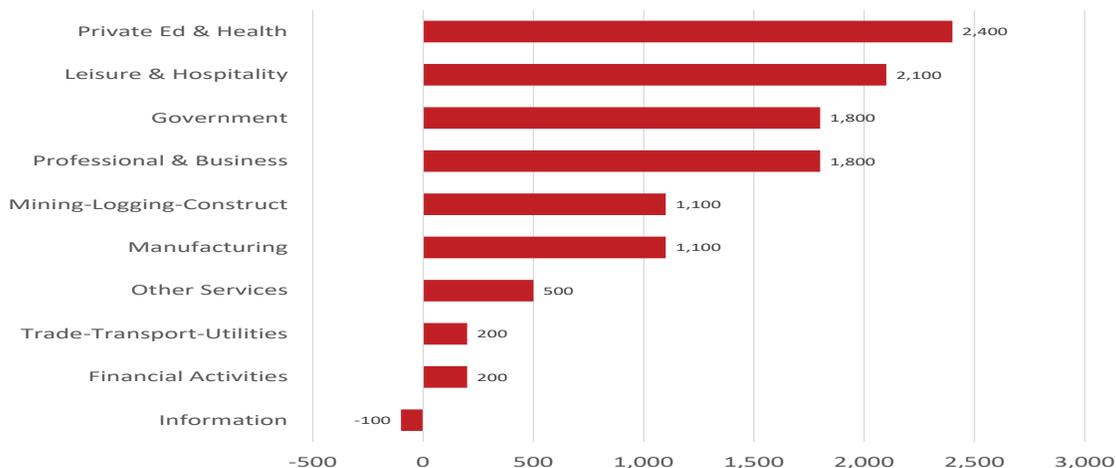
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

| NAICS                               | Jul 24 | Jun 24 | Jul 23 | OTM  | QTY  |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|
| Total Nonfarm                       | 311.9  | 314.1  | 300.8  | -2.2 | 11.1 |
| Goods Producing                     | 49.3   | 49.3   | 47.1   | 0.0  | 2.2  |
| Mining, Logging & Construction      | 18.0   | 18.1   | 16.9   | -0.1 | 1.1  |
| Manufacturing                       | 31.3   | 31.2   | 30.2   | 0.1  | 1.1  |
| Service Providing                   | 262.6  | 264.8  | 253.7  | -2.2 | 8.9  |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities   | 62.9   | 63.0   | 62.7   | -0.1 | 0.2  |
| Wholesale Trade                     | 13.9   | 13.9   | 14.3   | 0.0  | -0.4 |
| Retail Trade                        | 29.7   | 29.9   | 29.1   | -0.2 | 0.6  |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities     | 19.3   | 19.2   | 19.3   | 0.1  | 0.0  |
| Information                         | 2.3    | 2.3    | 2.4    | 0.0  | -0.1 |
| Financial Activities                | 12.7   | 12.6   | 12.5   | 0.1  | 0.2  |
| Professional & Business Services    | 60.4   | 60.4   | 58.6   | 0.0  | 1.8  |
| Private Education & Health Services | 37.2   | 37.3   | 34.8   | -0.1 | 2.4  |
| Leisure & Hospitality               | 33.1   | 33.2   | 31.0   | -0.1 | 2.1  |
| Other Services                      | 14.0   | 14.0   | 13.5   | 0.0  | 0.5  |
| Government                          | 40.0   | 42.0   | 38.2   | -2.0 | 1.8  |
| Federal Government                  | 3.2    | 3.2    | 3.1    | 0.0  | 0.1  |
| State Government                    | 17.6   | 17.9   | 16.4   | -0.3 | 1.2  |
| Local Government                    | 19.2   | 20.9   | 18.7   | -1.7 | 0.5  |

#### Job Change by Major Industry Sector

July 2023 vs July 2024



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## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

### Fort Smith MSA

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

#### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|                      | <u>Jul 24</u> | <u>Jun 24</u> | <u>Jul 23</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 123,930       | 124,031       | 121,500       | -101       | 2,430      |
| Employment           | 118,966       | 119,155       | 116,596       | -189       | 2,370      |
| Unemployment         | 4,964         | 4,876         | 4,904         | 88         | 60         |
| Unemployment Rate    | 4.0%          | 3.9%          | 4.0%          | 0.1%       | 0.0%       |

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

(In Thousands)

| <u>NAICS</u>                        | <u>Jul 24</u> | <u>Jun 24</u> | <u>Jul 23</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Total Nonfarm                       | 116.3         | 118.5         | 113.6         | -2.2       | 2.7        |
| Goods Producing                     | 25.8          | 25.8          | 24.9          | 0.0        | 0.9        |
| Mining, Logging & Construction      | 6.3           | 6.3           | 5.9           | 0.0        | 0.4        |
| Manufacturing                       | 19.5          | 19.5          | 19.0          | 0.0        | 0.5        |
| Service Providing                   | 90.5          | 92.7          | 88.7          | -2.2       | 1.8        |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities   | 24.0          | 24.1          | 23.9          | -0.1       | 0.1        |
| Wholesale Trade                     | 4.5           | 4.5           | 4.5           | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| Retail Trade                        | 12.9          | 13.0          | 13.0          | -0.1       | -0.1       |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities     | 6.6           | 6.6           | 6.4           | 0.0        | 0.2        |
| Information                         | 1.4           | 1.4           | 1.5           | 0.0        | -0.1       |
| Financial Activities                | 4.9           | 4.8           | 4.8           | 0.1        | 0.1        |
| Professional & Business Services    | 11.9          | 12.0          | 11.3          | -0.1       | 0.6        |
| Private Education & Health Services | 19.2          | 19.3          | 18.3          | -0.1       | 0.9        |
| Leisure & Hospitality               | 10.8          | 10.7          | 10.3          | 0.1        | 0.5        |
| Other Services                      | 4.0           | 4.1           | 4.0           | -0.1       | 0.0        |
| Government                          | 14.3          | 16.3          | 14.6          | -2.0       | -0.3       |
| Federal Government                  | 1.4           | 1.4           | 1.4           | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| State Government                    | 2.0           | 2.0           | 2.1           | 0.0        | -0.1       |
| Local Government                    | 10.9          | 12.9          | 11.1          | -2.0       | -0.2       |

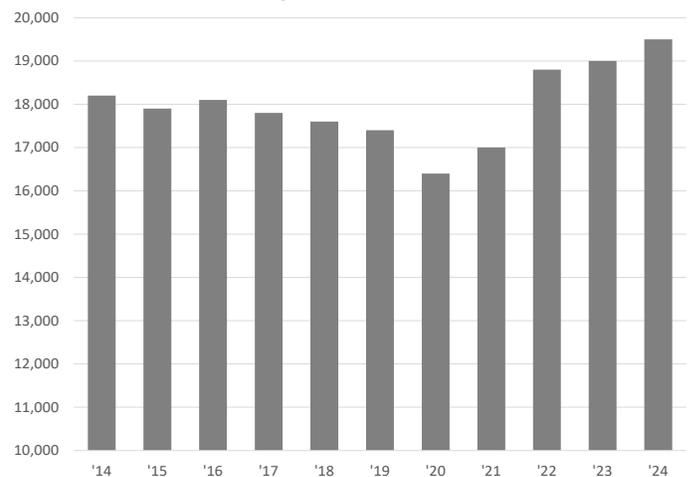
#### Unemployment

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#### Jobs in Manufacturing

July: 2014 - 2024



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## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

### Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

#### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|                      | <u>Jul 24</u> | <u>Jun 24</u> | <u>Jul 23</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>OTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 42,940        | 42,433        | 42,678        | 507        | 262        |
| Employment           | 41,157        | 40,680        | 40,925        | 477        | 232        |
| Unemployment         | 1,783         | 1,753         | 1,753         | 30         | 30         |
| Unemployment Rate    | 4.2%          | 4.1%          | 4.1%          | 0.1%       | 0.1%       |

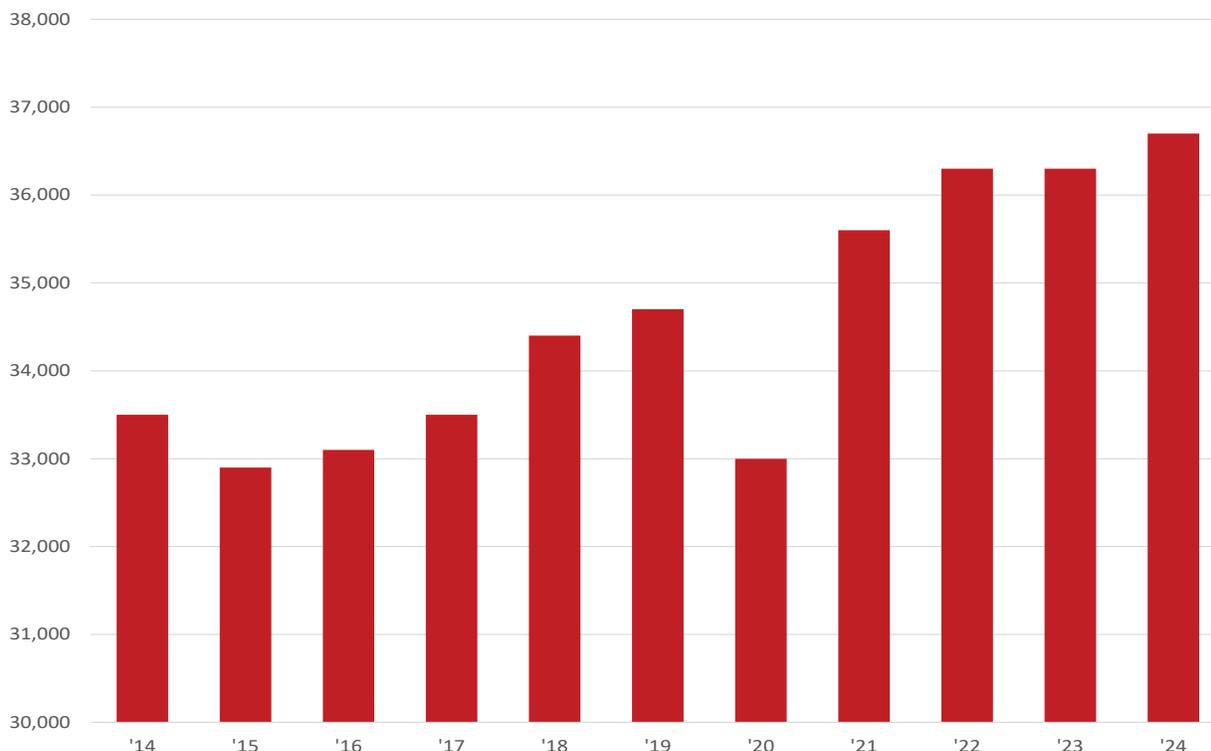
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

| <u>NAICS</u>      | <u>Jul 24</u> | <u>Jun 24</u> | <u>Jul 23</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>OTY</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Total Nonfarm     | 41.1          | 41.3          | 40.8          | -0.2       | 0.3        |
| Goods Producing   | 4.4           | 4.5           | 4.5           | -0.1       | -0.1       |
| Service Providing | 36.7          | 36.8          | 36.3          | -0.1       | 0.4        |
| Government        | 4.1           | 4.3           | 4.0           | -0.2       | 0.1        |

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

July: 2014 - 2014



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### Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

#### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|                      | <u>Jul 24</u> | <u>Jun 24</u> | <u>Jul 23</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>OTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 70,676        | 69,873        | 68,642        | 803        | 2,034      |
| Employment           | 68,188        | 67,541        | 66,447        | 647        | 1,741      |
| Unemployment         | 2,488         | 2,332         | 2,195         | 156        | 293        |
| Unemployment Rate    | 3.5%          | 3.3%          | 3.2%          | 0.2%       | 0.3%       |

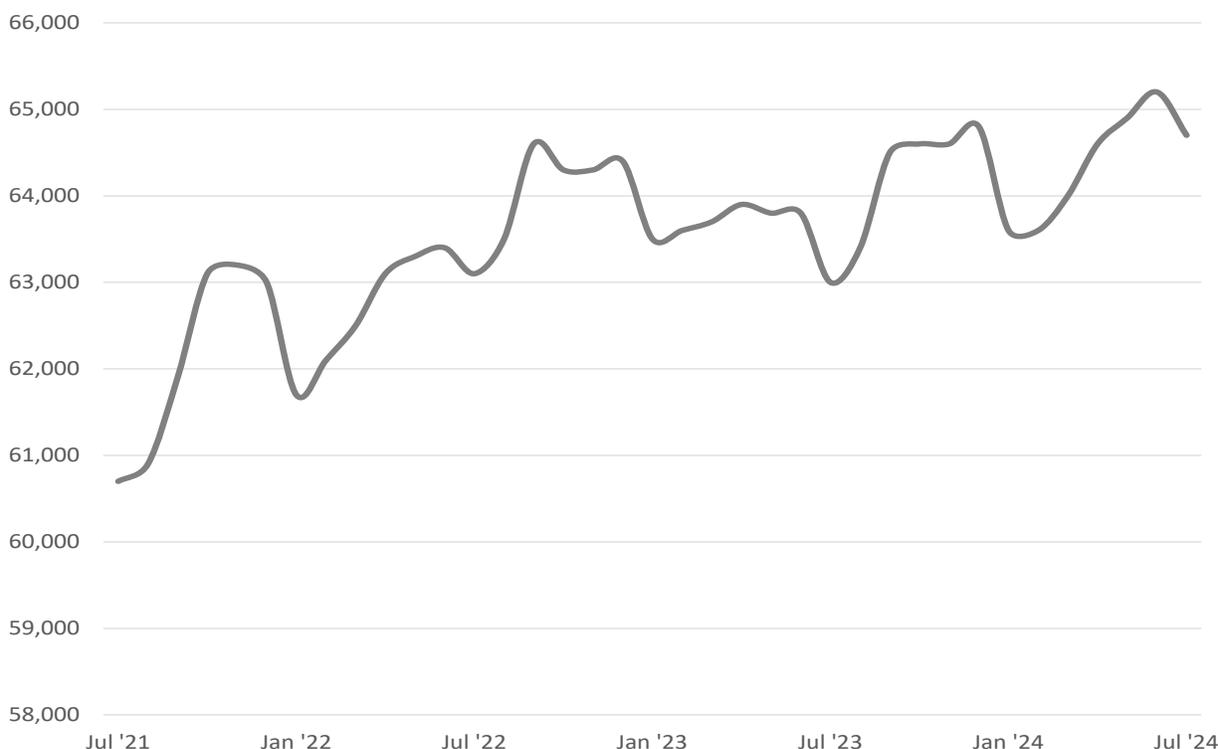
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

| <u>NAICS</u>      | <u>Jul 24</u> | <u>Jun 24</u> | <u>Jul 23</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>OTY</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Total Nonfarm     | 64.7          | 65.2          | 63.0          | -0.5       | 1.7        |
| Goods Producing   | 11.7          | 11.8          | 11.6          | -0.1       | 0.1        |
| Service Providing | 53.0          | 53.4          | 51.4          | -0.4       | 1.6        |
| Government        | 8.7           | 9.0           | 8.6           | -0.3       | 0.1        |

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

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## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

### Pine Bluff MSA

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

#### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|                      | <u>Jul 24</u> | <u>Jun 24</u> | <u>Jul 23</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 32,885        | 32,841        | 32,444        | 44         | 441        |
| Employment           | 31,037        | 31,175        | 30,781        | -138       | 256        |
| Unemployment         | 1,848         | 1,666         | 1,663         | 182        | 185        |
| Unemployment Rate    | 5.6%          | 5.1%          | 5.1%          | 0.5%       | 0.5%       |

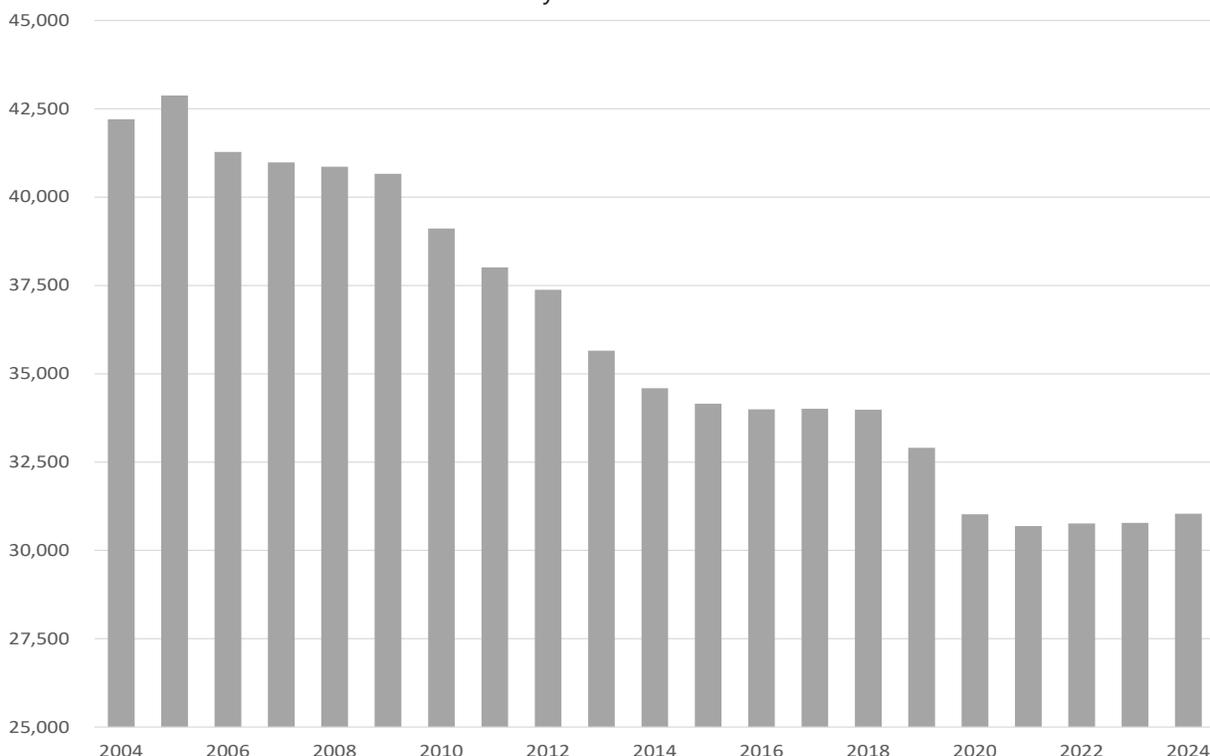
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

| <u>NAICS</u>      | <u>Jul 24</u> | <u>Jun 24</u> | <u>Jul 23</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Total Nonfarm     | 30.9          | 31.5          | 30.6          | -0.6       | 0.3        |
| Goods Producing   | 5.4           | 5.4           | 5.4           | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| Service Providing | 25.5          | 26.1          | 25.2          | -0.6       | 0.3        |
| Government        | 7.9           | 8.4           | 8.1           | -0.5       | -0.2       |

#### Employment

July: 2004 - 2014



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## Metropolitan Statistical Areas

### Out-of-State MSA

#### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

#### Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

The Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA = Fayette, Shelby, & Tipton counties in Tennessee; Benton, Desoto, Marshall, Tate, & Tunica counties in Mississippi; & Crittenden County in Arkansas.

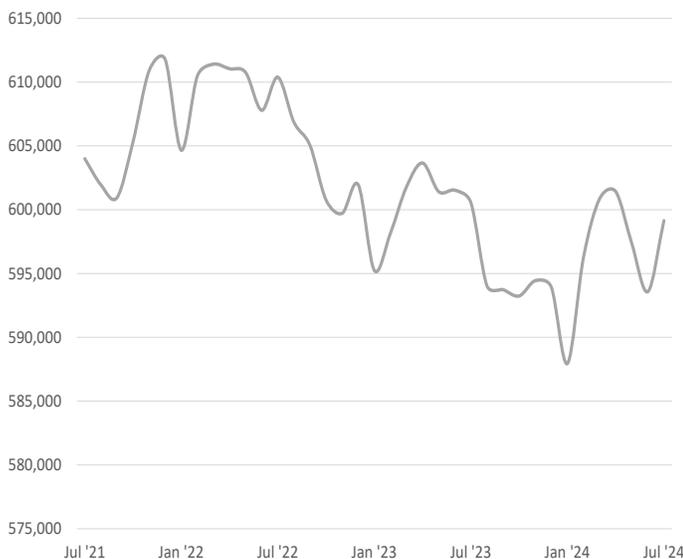
|                      | <u>Jul 24</u> | <u>Jun 24</u> | <u>Jul 23</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 627,986       | 622,404       | 628,313       | 5,582      | -327       |
| Employment           | 599,143       | 593,580       | 600,555       | 5,563      | -1,412     |
| Unemployment         | 28,843        | 28,824        | 27,758        | 19         | 1,085      |
| Unemployment Rate    | 4.6%          | 4.6%          | 4.4%          | 0.0%       | 0.2%       |

#### Texarkana MSA

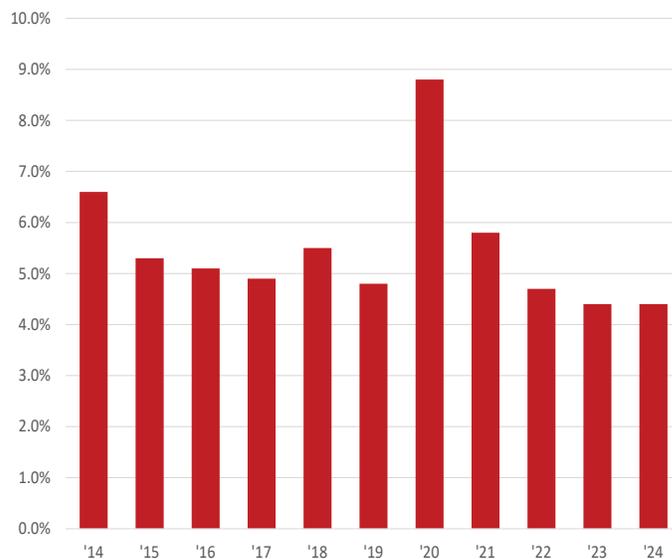
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

|                      | <u>Jul 24</u> | <u>Jun 24</u> | <u>Jul 23</u> | <u>OTM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 63,590        | 63,531        | 63,003        | 59         | 587        |
| Employment           | 60,774        | 60,649        | 60,258        | 125        | 516        |
| Unemployment         | 2,816         | 2,882         | 2,745         | -66        | 71         |
| Unemployment Rate    | 4.4%          | 4.5%          | 4.4%          | -0.1%      | 0.0%       |

**Memphis MSA - Employment**  
July 2021 - July 2024



**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**  
July: 2014 - 2024



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## Micropolitan Statistical Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

| Micro Area               | July 2024 |        |       |      | June 2024 |        |       |      | July 2023 |        |       |      |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|--------|-------|------|-----------|--------|-------|------|
|                          | CLF       | Emp    | Unemp | Rate | CLF       | Emp    | Unemp | Rate | CLF       | Emp    | Unemp | Rate |
| Arkadelphia Micro        | 8,585     | 8,078  | 507   | 5.9  | 8,643     | 8,186  | 457   | 5.3  | 8,427     | 7,926  | 501   | 5.9  |
| Batesville Micro         | 16,922    | 16,297 | 625   | 3.7  | 17,175    | 16,574 | 601   | 3.5  | 16,996    | 16,284 | 712   | 4.2  |
| Blytheville Micro        | 17,996    | 16,874 | 1,122 | 6.2  | 17,991    | 17,012 | 979   | 5.4  | 16,999    | 15,923 | 1,076 | 6.3  |
| Camden Micro             | 11,918    | 11,382 | 536   | 4.5  | 12,254    | 11,743 | 511   | 4.2  | 11,839    | 11,371 | 468   | 4.0  |
| El Dorado Micro          | 14,788    | 13,866 | 922   | 6.2  | 15,164    | 14,319 | 845   | 5.6  | 14,718    | 13,938 | 780   | 5.3  |
| Forrest City Micro       | 7,579     | 7,082  | 497   | 6.6  | 7,687     | 7,222  | 465   | 6.0  | 7,637     | 7,200  | 437   | 5.7  |
| Harrison Micro           | 18,757    | 17,998 | 759   | 4.0  | 19,322    | 18,589 | 733   | 3.8  | 18,988    | 18,298 | 690   | 3.6  |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,018     | 4,666  | 352   | 7.0  | 5,329     | 5,010  | 319   | 6.0  | 5,093     | 4,718  | 375   | 7.4  |
| Hope Micro               | 11,918    | 11,375 | 543   | 4.6  | 12,387    | 11,867 | 520   | 4.2  | 12,337    | 11,812 | 525   | 4.3  |
| Magnolia Micro           | 8,277     | 7,827  | 450   | 5.4  | 8,681     | 8,273  | 408   | 4.7  | 8,168     | 7,733  | 435   | 5.3  |
| Malvern Micro            | 14,132    | 13,509 | 623   | 4.4  | 14,125    | 13,532 | 593   | 4.2  | 13,963    | 13,376 | 587   | 4.2  |
| Mountain Home Micro      | 17,103    | 16,350 | 753   | 4.4  | 17,349    | 16,611 | 738   | 4.3  | 17,076    | 16,409 | 667   | 3.9  |
| Paragould Micro          | 19,830    | 19,009 | 821   | 4.1  | 20,032    | 19,241 | 791   | 3.9  | 19,789    | 19,072 | 717   | 3.6  |
| Russellville Micro       | 36,443    | 34,630 | 1,813 | 5.0  | 37,229    | 35,607 | 1,622 | 4.4  | 36,327    | 34,555 | 1,772 | 4.9  |
| Searcy Micro             | 34,500    | 33,023 | 1,477 | 4.3  | 35,183    | 33,788 | 1,395 | 4.0  | 33,416    | 32,100 | 1,316 | 3.9  |

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              | July 2024 |         |       |      | June 2024 |         |       |      | July 2023 |        |       |      |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|-------|------|-----------|---------|-------|------|-----------|--------|-------|------|
|                   | CLF       | Emp     | Unemp | Rate | CLF       | Emp     | Unemp | Rate | CLF       | Emp    | Unemp | Rate |
| Bella Vista       | 14,100    | 13,610  | 490   | 3.5  | 13,959    | 13,463  | 496   | 3.6  | 13,599    | 13,122 | 477   | 3.5  |
| Benton            | 19,304    | 18,663  | 641   | 3.3  | 19,085    | 18,469  | 616   | 3.2  | 18,703    | 18,088 | 615   | 3.3  |
| Bentonville       | 34,242    | 33,284  | 958   | 2.8  | 33,859    | 32,923  | 936   | 2.8  | 32,914    | 32,089 | 825   | 2.5  |
| Blytheville       | 6,115     | 5,648   | 467   | 7.6  | 6,102     | 5,695   | 407   | 6.7  | 5,823     | 5,330  | 493   | 8.5  |
| Cabot             | 12,995    | 12,566  | 429   | 3.3  | 12,867    | 12,481  | 386   | 3.0  | 12,560    | 12,205 | 355   | 2.8  |
| Conway            | 37,428    | 36,180  | 1,248 | 3.3  | 37,011    | 35,837  | 1,174 | 3.2  | 36,232    | 35,096 | 1,136 | 3.1  |
| El Dorado         | 6,380     | 5,967   | 413   | 6.5  | 6,571     | 6,162   | 409   | 6.2  | 6,363     | 5,998  | 365   | 5.7  |
| Fayetteville      | 55,939    | 54,254  | 1,685 | 3.0  | 55,210    | 53,668  | 1,542 | 2.8  | 53,873    | 52,334 | 1,539 | 2.9  |
| Fort Smith        | 40,259    | 38,698  | 1,561 | 3.9  | 40,171    | 38,688  | 1,483 | 3.7  | 39,499    | 37,786 | 1,713 | 4.3  |
| Hot Springs       | 15,953    | 15,230  | 723   | 4.5  | 15,787    | 15,054  | 733   | 4.6  | 15,842    | 15,145 | 697   | 4.4  |
| Jacksonville      | 12,645    | 12,044  | 601   | 4.8  | 12,431    | 11,917  | 514   | 4.1  | 12,136    | 11,669 | 467   | 3.8  |
| Jonesboro         | 42,644    | 41,112  | 1,532 | 3.6  | 42,094    | 40,679  | 1,415 | 3.4  | 41,361    | 40,037 | 1,324 | 3.2  |
| Little Rock       | 105,183   | 101,080 | 4,103 | 3.9  | 103,904   | 100,021 | 3,883 | 3.7  | 101,522   | 97,935 | 3,587 | 3.5  |
| North Little Rock | 32,367    | 31,083  | 1,284 | 4.0  | 32,026    | 30,757  | 1,269 | 4.0  | 31,307    | 30,116 | 1,191 | 3.8  |
| Paragould         | 12,605    | 12,081  | 524   | 4.2  | 12,746    | 12,228  | 518   | 4.1  | 12,598    | 12,121 | 477   | 3.8  |
| Pine Bluff        | 15,452    | 14,433  | 1,019 | 6.6  | 15,368    | 14,471  | 897   | 5.8  | 15,219    | 14,293 | 926   | 6.1  |
| Rogers            | 41,916    | 40,833  | 1,083 | 2.6  | 41,437    | 40,390  | 1,047 | 2.5  | 40,328    | 39,368 | 960   | 2.4  |
| Russellville      | 13,119    | 12,479  | 640   | 4.9  | 13,374    | 12,812  | 562   | 4.2  | 13,070    | 12,441 | 629   | 4.8  |
| Searcy            | 10,460    | 9,972   | 488   | 4.7  | 10,631    | 10,203  | 428   | 4.0  | 10,089    | 9,694  | 395   | 3.9  |
| Sherwood          | 17,534    | 16,963  | 571   | 3.3  | 17,357    | 16,785  | 572   | 3.3  | 16,946    | 16,435 | 511   | 3.0  |
| Springdale        | 44,574    | 43,329  | 1,245 | 2.8  | 44,036    | 42,860  | 1,176 | 2.7  | 42,836    | 41,794 | 1,042 | 2.4  |
| Texarkana, AR     | 13,223    | 12,612  | 611   | 4.6  | 13,106    | 12,525  | 581   | 4.4  | 13,155    | 12,549 | 606   | 4.6  |
| Van Buren         | 10,722    | 10,340  | 382   | 3.6  | 10,732    | 10,354  | 378   | 3.5  | 10,592    | 10,104 | 488   | 4.6  |
| West Memphis      | 10,321    | 9,672   | 649   | 6.3  | 10,074    | 9,523   | 551   | 5.5  | 10,281    | 9,713  | 568   | 5.5  |

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### County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

| County       | July 2024 |         |       |      | June 2024 |         |       |      | July 2023 |         |       |      |
|--------------|-----------|---------|-------|------|-----------|---------|-------|------|-----------|---------|-------|------|
|              | CLF       | Emp     | Unemp | Rate | CLF       | Emp     | Unemp | Rate | CLF       | Emp     | Unemp | Rate |
| Arkansas     | 8,802     | 8,506   | 296   | 3.4  | 8,833     | 8,547   | 286   | 3.2  | 9,305     | 9,044   | 261   | 2.8  |
| Ashley       | 6,728     | 6,275   | 453   | 6.7  | 7,001     | 6,590   | 411   | 5.9  | 6,392     | 5,968   | 424   | 6.6  |
| Baxter       | 17,103    | 16,350  | 753   | 4.4  | 17,349    | 16,611  | 738   | 4.3  | 17,076    | 16,409  | 667   | 3.9  |
| Benton       | 163,498   | 158,795 | 4,703 | 2.9  | 161,622   | 157,072 | 4,550 | 2.8  | 157,343   | 153,095 | 4,248 | 2.7  |
| Boone        | 15,614    | 14,989  | 625   | 4.0  | 16,076    | 15,471  | 605   | 3.8  | 15,787    | 15,227  | 560   | 3.5  |
| Bradley      | 3,978     | 3,782   | 196   | 4.9  | 4,194     | 4,015   | 179   | 4.3  | 4,000     | 3,797   | 203   | 5.1  |
| Calhoun      | 2,336     | 2,253   | 83    | 3.6  | 2,427     | 2,336   | 91    | 3.7  | 2,327     | 2,258   | 69    | 3.0  |
| Carroll      | 12,537    | 12,080  | 457   | 3.6  | 12,890    | 12,442  | 448   | 3.5  | 12,451    | 12,078  | 373   | 3.0  |
| Chicot       | 2,895     | 2,699   | 196   | 6.8  | 2,923     | 2,739   | 184   | 6.3  | 2,945     | 2,758   | 187   | 6.3  |
| Clark        | 8,585     | 8,078   | 507   | 5.9  | 8,643     | 8,186   | 457   | 5.3  | 8,427     | 7,926   | 501   | 5.9  |
| Clay         | 5,401     | 5,155   | 246   | 4.6  | 5,572     | 5,324   | 248   | 4.5  | 5,472     | 5,224   | 248   | 4.5  |
| Cleburne     | 9,135     | 8,698   | 437   | 4.8  | 9,386     | 8,967   | 419   | 4.5  | 9,208     | 8,829   | 379   | 4.1  |
| Cleveland    | 3,118     | 2,979   | 139   | 4.5  | 3,144     | 3,010   | 134   | 4.3  | 3,091     | 2,968   | 123   | 4.0  |
| Columbia     | 8,277     | 7,827   | 450   | 5.4  | 8,681     | 8,273   | 408   | 4.7  | 8,168     | 7,733   | 435   | 5.3  |
| Conway       | 8,501     | 8,134   | 367   | 4.3  | 8,660     | 8,305   | 355   | 4.1  | 8,361     | 7,996   | 365   | 4.4  |
| Craighead    | 60,257    | 58,216  | 2,041 | 3.4  | 59,518    | 57,603  | 1,915 | 3.2  | 58,519    | 56,694  | 1,825 | 3.1  |
| Crawford     | 27,520    | 26,464  | 1,056 | 3.8  | 27,523    | 26,498  | 1,025 | 3.7  | 26,949    | 25,859  | 1,090 | 4.0  |
| Crittenden   | 20,978    | 19,819  | 1,159 | 5.5  | 20,513    | 19,515  | 998   | 4.9  | 20,963    | 19,903  | 1,060 | 5.1  |
| Cross        | 6,993     | 6,690   | 303   | 4.3  | 7,204     | 6,915   | 289   | 4.0  | 6,976     | 6,721   | 255   | 3.7  |
| Dallas       | 2,704     | 2,581   | 123   | 4.5  | 2,744     | 2,627   | 117   | 4.3  | 2,651     | 2,536   | 115   | 4.3  |
| Desha        | 4,829     | 4,497   | 332   | 6.9  | 4,954     | 4,653   | 301   | 6.1  | 4,964     | 4,690   | 274   | 5.5  |
| Drew         | 7,149     | 6,780   | 369   | 5.2  | 7,452     | 7,106   | 346   | 4.6  | 7,134     | 6,777   | 357   | 5.0  |
| Faulkner     | 67,939    | 65,716  | 2,223 | 3.3  | 67,227    | 65,093  | 2,134 | 3.2  | 65,795    | 63,748  | 2,047 | 3.1  |
| Franklin     | 7,519     | 7,225   | 294   | 3.9  | 7,712     | 7,431   | 281   | 3.6  | 7,408     | 7,142   | 266   | 3.6  |
| Fulton       | 4,303     | 4,103   | 200   | 4.6  | 4,604     | 4,400   | 204   | 4.4  | 4,416     | 4,213   | 203   | 4.6  |
| Garland      | 42,940    | 41,157  | 1,783 | 4.2  | 42,433    | 40,680  | 1,753 | 4.1  | 42,678    | 40,925  | 1,753 | 4.1  |
| Grant        | 9,092     | 8,789   | 303   | 3.3  | 9,021     | 8,726   | 295   | 3.3  | 8,819     | 8,523   | 296   | 3.4  |
| Greene       | 19,830    | 19,009  | 821   | 4.1  | 20,032    | 19,241  | 791   | 3.9  | 19,789    | 19,072  | 717   | 3.6  |
| Hempstead    | 8,718     | 8,331   | 387   | 4.4  | 9,068     | 8,698   | 370   | 4.1  | 9,022     | 8,652   | 370   | 4.1  |
| Hot Spring   | 14,132    | 13,509  | 623   | 4.4  | 14,125    | 13,532  | 593   | 4.2  | 13,963    | 13,376  | 587   | 4.2  |
| Howard       | 4,928     | 4,722   | 206   | 4.2  | 5,076     | 4,872   | 204   | 4.0  | 5,379     | 5,166   | 213   | 4.0  |
| Independence | 16,922    | 16,297  | 625   | 3.7  | 17,175    | 16,574  | 601   | 3.5  | 16,996    | 16,284  | 712   | 4.2  |
| Izard        | 4,625     | 4,355   | 270   | 5.8  | 4,795     | 4,541   | 254   | 5.3  | 4,373     | 4,107   | 266   | 6.1  |
| Jackson      | 5,387     | 5,114   | 273   | 5.1  | 5,580     | 5,325   | 255   | 4.6  | 5,479     | 5,157   | 322   | 5.9  |
| Jefferson    | 26,007    | 24,512  | 1,495 | 5.7  | 25,908    | 24,576  | 1,332 | 5.1  | 25,645    | 24,273  | 1,372 | 5.3  |
| Johnson      | 9,477     | 8,858   | 619   | 6.5  | 9,909     | 9,354   | 555   | 5.6  | 9,637     | 9,154   | 483   | 5.0  |
| Lafayette    | 2,086     | 1,959   | 127   | 6.1  | 2,210     | 2,087   | 123   | 5.6  | 2,106     | 1,981   | 125   | 5.9  |
| Lawrence     | 6,560     | 6,281   | 279   | 4.3  | 6,821     | 6,544   | 277   | 4.1  | 6,546     | 6,291   | 255   | 3.9  |
| Lee          | 2,488     | 2,346   | 142   | 5.7  | 2,563     | 2,426   | 137   | 5.3  | 2,564     | 2,415   | 149   | 5.8  |
| Lincoln      | 3,760     | 3,546   | 214   | 5.7  | 3,789     | 3,589   | 200   | 5.3  | 3,708     | 3,540   | 168   | 4.5  |
| Little River | 5,341     | 5,127   | 214   | 4.0  | 5,308     | 5,088   | 220   | 4.1  | 5,286     | 5,089   | 197   | 3.7  |
| Logan        | 8,273     | 7,890   | 383   | 4.6  | 8,544     | 8,177   | 367   | 4.3  | 8,237     | 7,826   | 411   | 5.0  |
| Lonoke       | 36,823    | 35,622  | 1,201 | 3.3  | 36,521    | 35,381  | 1,140 | 3.1  | 35,660    | 34,599  | 1,061 | 3.0  |
| Madison      | 8,314     | 8,058   | 256   | 3.1  | 8,315     | 8,058   | 257   | 3.1  | 8,061     | 7,839   | 222   | 2.8  |
| Marion       | 6,024     | 5,737   | 287   | 4.8  | 6,218     | 5,924   | 294   | 4.7  | 6,083     | 5,787   | 296   | 4.9  |
| Miller       | 19,265    | 18,436  | 829   | 4.3  | 19,107    | 18,308  | 799   | 4.2  | 19,156    | 18,344  | 812   | 4.2  |

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## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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| County      | July 2024 |         |       |      | June 2024 |         |       |      | July 2023 |         |       |      |
|-------------|-----------|---------|-------|------|-----------|---------|-------|------|-----------|---------|-------|------|
|             | CLF       | Emp     | Unemp | Rate | CLF       | Emp     | Unemp | Rate | CLF       | Emp     | Unemp | Rate |
| Mississippi | 17,996    | 16,874  | 1,122 | 6.2  | 17,991    | 17,012  | 979   | 5.4  | 16,999    | 15,923  | 1,076 | 6.3  |
| Monroe      | 2,462     | 2,315   | 147   | 6.0  | 2,519     | 2,390   | 129   | 5.1  | 2,537     | 2,436   | 101   | 4.0  |
| Montgomery  | 2,923     | 2,761   | 162   | 5.5  | 3,155     | 2,993   | 162   | 5.1  | 2,967     | 2,807   | 160   | 5.4  |
| Nevada      | 3,200     | 3,044   | 156   | 4.9  | 3,319     | 3,169   | 150   | 4.5  | 3,315     | 3,160   | 155   | 4.7  |
| Newton      | 3,143     | 3,009   | 134   | 4.3  | 3,246     | 3,118   | 128   | 3.9  | 3,201     | 3,071   | 130   | 4.1  |
| Ouachita    | 9,582     | 9,129   | 453   | 4.7  | 9,827     | 9,407   | 420   | 4.3  | 9,512     | 9,113   | 399   | 4.2  |
| Perry       | 4,533     | 4,344   | 189   | 4.2  | 4,499     | 4,319   | 180   | 4.0  | 4,399     | 4,231   | 168   | 3.8  |
| Phillips    | 5,018     | 4,666   | 352   | 7.0  | 5,329     | 5,010   | 319   | 6.0  | 5,093     | 4,718   | 375   | 7.4  |
| Pike        | 3,962     | 3,779   | 183   | 4.6  | 4,242     | 4,061   | 181   | 4.3  | 3,937     | 3,775   | 162   | 4.1  |
| Poinsett    | 10,419    | 9,972   | 447   | 4.3  | 10,355    | 9,938   | 417   | 4.0  | 10,123    | 9,753   | 370   | 3.7  |
| Polk        | 7,533     | 7,154   | 379   | 5.0  | 7,872     | 7,516   | 356   | 4.5  | 7,621     | 7,304   | 317   | 4.2  |
| Pope        | 28,357    | 26,943  | 1,414 | 5.0  | 28,921    | 27,663  | 1,258 | 4.3  | 28,268    | 26,861  | 1,407 | 5.0  |
| Prairie     | 3,465     | 3,343   | 122   | 3.5  | 3,617     | 3,495   | 122   | 3.4  | 3,538     | 3,416   | 122   | 3.4  |
| Pulaski     | 204,359   | 196,525 | 7,834 | 3.8  | 201,902   | 194,466 | 7,436 | 3.7  | 197,269   | 190,410 | 6,859 | 3.5  |
| Randolph    | 7,220     | 6,887   | 333   | 4.6  | 7,397     | 7,076   | 321   | 4.3  | 7,040     | 6,755   | 285   | 4.0  |
| St. Francis | 7,579     | 7,082   | 497   | 6.6  | 7,687     | 7,222   | 465   | 6.0  | 7,637     | 7,200   | 437   | 5.7  |
| Saline      | 64,745    | 62,665  | 2,080 | 3.2  | 64,026    | 62,014  | 2,012 | 3.1  | 62,611    | 60,733  | 1,878 | 3.0  |
| Scott       | 4,379     | 4,217   | 162   | 3.7  | 4,547     | 4,385   | 162   | 3.6  | 4,423     | 4,269   | 154   | 3.5  |
| Searcy      | 2,760     | 2,618   | 142   | 5.1  | 2,979     | 2,839   | 140   | 4.7  | 2,876     | 2,734   | 142   | 4.9  |
| Sebastian   | 57,930    | 55,747  | 2,183 | 3.8  | 57,835    | 55,732  | 2,103 | 3.6  | 56,711    | 54,433  | 2,278 | 4.0  |
| Sevier      | 5,521     | 5,264   | 257   | 4.7  | 5,630     | 5,392   | 238   | 4.2  | 5,462     | 5,231   | 231   | 4.2  |
| Sharp       | 5,965     | 5,682   | 283   | 4.7  | 6,168     | 5,886   | 282   | 4.6  | 5,916     | 5,669   | 247   | 4.2  |
| Stone       | 4,613     | 4,396   | 217   | 4.7  | 4,757     | 4,549   | 208   | 4.4  | 4,765     | 4,560   | 205   | 4.3  |
| Union       | 14,788    | 13,866  | 922   | 6.2  | 15,164    | 14,319  | 845   | 5.6  | 14,718    | 13,938  | 780   | 5.3  |
| Van Buren   | 5,986     | 5,699   | 287   | 4.8  | 6,194     | 5,919   | 275   | 4.4  | 5,994     | 5,747   | 247   | 4.1  |
| Washington  | 144,406   | 140,345 | 4,061 | 2.8  | 142,642   | 138,828 | 3,814 | 2.7  | 138,943   | 135,377 | 3,566 | 2.6  |
| White       | 34,500    | 33,023  | 1,477 | 4.3  | 35,183    | 33,788  | 1,395 | 4.0  | 33,416    | 32,100  | 1,316 | 3.9  |
| Woodruff    | 2,807     | 2,694   | 113   | 4.0  | 2,971     | 2,860   | 111   | 3.7  | 2,722     | 2,616   | 106   | 3.9  |
| Yell        | 8,086     | 7,687   | 399   | 4.9  | 8,308     | 7,944   | 364   | 4.4  | 8,059     | 7,694   | 365   | 4.5  |

## County Labor Force Summary

Between June and July, unemployment rates increased in 71 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Jobless rates declined in two counties (Calhoun and Little River) and remained stable in two counties (Grant and Madison). Rates ranged from a low of 2.8% in Washington County to a high of 7.0% in Phillips County.

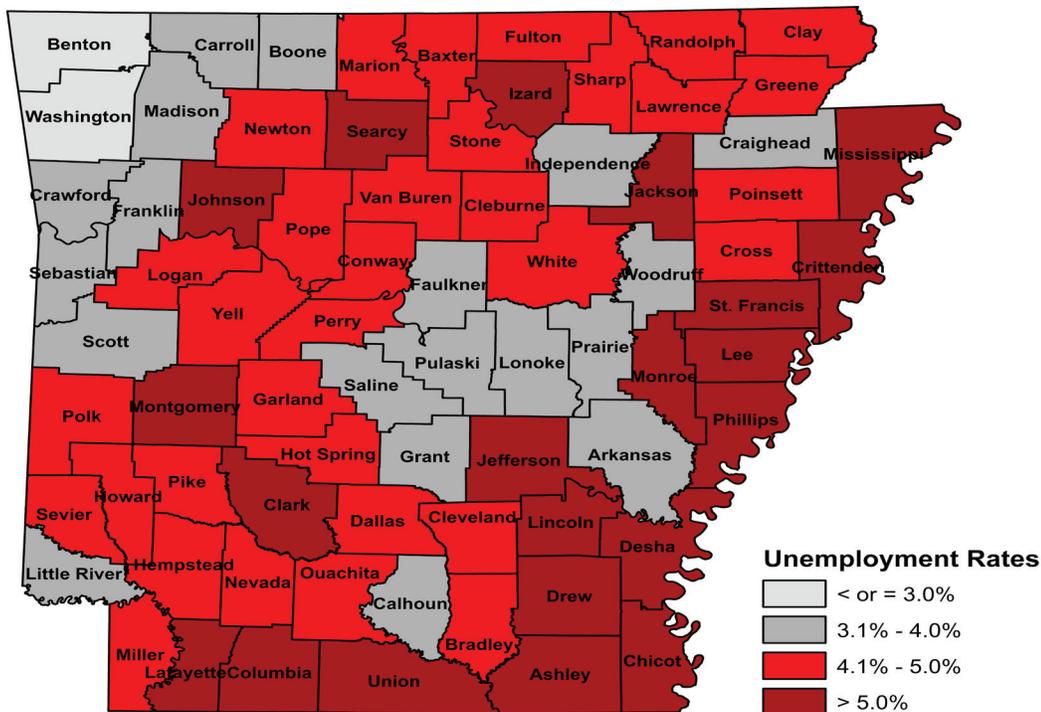
In July, two counties posted unemployment rates at or below three percent. For the first time in six months, one county in Arkansas reported a jobless rate at or above seven percent.

Compared to July 2023, jobless rates are up in 59 Arkansas counties. Rates are down in 13 counties while three counties were the same as last July. Monroe County posted the largest annual rate increase, up from 4.0% in July 2023 to 6.0% in July 2024. The largest rate decline was in Jackson County, down eight-tenths of a percentage point. Clark, Fulton, and Pope counties were all three unchanged over-the-year.

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### County Unemployment Rates



### Ranked by Unemployment Rates

July 2024 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

| Rank | County       | Rate | Rank | County     | Rate | Rank | County      | Rate |
|------|--------------|------|------|------------|------|------|-------------|------|
| 1    | Washington   | 2.8  | 26   | Conway     | 4.3  | 50   | Nevada      | 4.9  |
| 2    | Benton       | 2.9  | 26   | Cross      | 4.3  | 50   | Yell        | 4.9  |
| 3    | Madison      | 3.1  | 26   | Lawrence   | 4.3  | 53   | Polk        | 5.0  |
| 4    | Saline       | 3.2  | 26   | Miller     | 4.3  | 53   | Pope        | 5.0  |
| 5    | Faulkner     | 3.3  | 26   | Newton     | 4.3  | 55   | Jackson     | 5.1  |
| 5    | Grant        | 3.3  | 26   | Poinsett   | 4.3  | 55   | Searcy      | 5.1  |
| 5    | Lonoke       | 3.3  | 26   | White      | 4.3  | 57   | Drew        | 5.2  |
| 8    | Arkansas     | 3.4  | 33   | Baxter     | 4.4  | 58   | Columbia    | 5.4  |
| 8    | Craighead    | 3.4  | 33   | Hempstead  | 4.4  | 59   | Crittenden  | 5.5  |
| 10   | Prairie      | 3.5  | 33   | Hot Spring | 4.4  | 59   | Montgomery  | 5.5  |
| 11   | Calhoun      | 3.6  | 36   | Cleveland  | 4.5  | 61   | Jefferson   | 5.7  |
| 11   | Carroll      | 3.6  | 36   | Dallas     | 4.5  | 61   | Lee         | 5.7  |
| 13   | Independence | 3.7  | 38   | Clay       | 4.6  | 61   | Lincoln     | 5.7  |
| 13   | Scott        | 3.7  | 38   | Fulton     | 4.6  | 64   | Izard       | 5.8  |
| 15   | Crawford     | 3.8  | 38   | Logan      | 4.6  | 65   | Clark       | 5.9  |
| 15   | Pulaski      | 3.8  | 38   | Pike       | 4.6  | 66   | Monroe      | 6.0  |
| 15   | Sebastian    | 3.8  | 38   | Randolph   | 4.6  | 67   | Lafayette   | 6.1  |
| 18   | Franklin     | 3.9  | 43   | Ouachita   | 4.7  | 68   | Mississippi | 6.2  |
| 19   | Boone        | 4.0  | 43   | Sevier     | 4.7  | 68   | Union       | 6.2  |
| 19   | Little River | 4.0  | 43   | Sharp      | 4.7  | 70   | Johnson     | 6.5  |
| 19   | Woodruff     | 4.0  | 43   | Stone      | 4.7  | 71   | St. Francis | 6.6  |
| 22   | Greene       | 4.1  | 47   | Cleburne   | 4.8  | 72   | Ashley      | 6.7  |
| 23   | Garland      | 4.2  | 47   | Marion     | 4.8  | 73   | Chicot      | 6.8  |
| 23   | Howard       | 4.2  | 47   | Van Buren  | 4.8  | 74   | Desha       | 6.9  |
| 23   | Perry        | 4.2  | 50   | Bradley    | 4.9  | 75   | Phillips    | 7.0  |

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## Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

| LWDA                | July 2024 |         |        |      | June 2024 |         |        |      | July 2023 |         |        |      |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|--------|------|-----------|---------|--------|------|-----------|---------|--------|------|
|                     | CLF       | Emp     | Unemp  | Rate | CLF       | Emp     | Unemp  | Rate | CLF       | Emp     | Unemp  | Rate |
| Central (minus LR)  | 274,610   | 265,106 | 9,504  | 3.5  | 271,908   | 262,818 | 9,090  | 3.3  | 265,888   | 257,407 | 8,481  | 3.2  |
| City of Little Rock | 105,183   | 101,080 | 4,103  | 3.9  | 103,904   | 100,021 | 3,883  | 3.7  | 101,522   | 97,935  | 3,587  | 3.5  |
| Eastern             | 43,056    | 40,603  | 2,453  | 5.7  | 43,296    | 41,088  | 2,208  | 5.1  | 43,233    | 40,957  | 2,276  | 5.3  |
| North Central       | 94,243    | 90,061  | 4,182  | 4.4  | 96,813    | 92,809  | 4,004  | 4.1  | 93,285    | 89,282  | 4,003  | 4.3  |
| Northeast           | 127,683   | 122,394 | 5,289  | 4.1  | 127,686   | 122,738 | 4,948  | 3.9  | 124,488   | 119,712 | 4,776  | 3.8  |
| Northwest           | 373,399   | 361,981 | 11,418 | 3.1  | 371,337   | 360,363 | 10,974 | 3.0  | 361,821   | 351,617 | 10,204 | 2.8  |
| Southeast           | 76,358    | 72,365  | 3,993  | 5.2  | 77,219    | 73,551  | 3,668  | 4.8  | 76,003    | 72,338  | 3,665  | 4.8  |
| Southwest           | 86,746    | 82,539  | 4,207  | 4.8  | 88,561    | 84,576  | 3,985  | 4.5  | 87,102    | 83,201  | 3,901  | 4.5  |
| West Central        | 131,496   | 125,250 | 6,246  | 4.7  | 132,895   | 127,037 | 5,858  | 4.4  | 130,696   | 124,745 | 5,951  | 4.6  |
| Western             | 113,154   | 108,697 | 4,457  | 3.9  | 114,033   | 109,739 | 4,294  | 3.8  | 111,349   | 106,833 | 4,516  | 4.1  |

