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Arkansas' Unemployment Rate Increases to 3.3 Percent in July

Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary:

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released today 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."

Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary:

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).

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).

ARKANSAS CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY, Seasonally Adjusted

	July 2022	June 2022	July 2021	Chg From June 2022	Chg From July 2021
Civilian Labor Force	1,355,903	1,354,855	1,331,143	1,048	24,760
Employment	1,311,345	1,311,381	1,277,988	-36	33,357
Unemployment	44,558	43,474	53,155	1,084	-8,597
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.2%	4.0%	0.1%	-0.7%
Labor Participation Rate	57.0%	57.0%	56.5%	0.0%	0.5%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.6%	5.4%	-0.1%	-1.9%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey. More information about the data is available at <https://www.bls.gov/cps/definitions.htm>

ARKANSAS NONFARM PAYROLL JOBS, Not Seasonally Adjusted (In Thousands)

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Industry Group 2017	July 2022	June 2022	July 2021	Chg From June 2022	Chg From July 2021
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	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
Transportation, 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 Government, Educational Services	24.9	26.4	25.0	-1.5	-0.1
State Government, 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 Government, Educational Services	57.9	67.5	56.2	-9.6	1.7
Local Government, Excluding Education	44.7	44.6	44.2	0.1	0.5

Source: Monthly Survey of Employers, based on 1st Quarter 2021 benchmark. Notes: Current month's data are preliminary; previous month's data are revised.



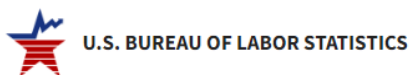
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About the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

The mission of the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services is to support and secure Arkansas' economic vitality through a highly skilled workforce by administering programs and providing services that empower employers and jobseekers. ADWS is a division of the Arkansas Department of Commerce.



About Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

The Bureau of Labor Statistics measures labor market activity, working conditions, price changes, and productivity in the U.S. economy to support public and private decision making.

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About Current Employment Statistics (CES)

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