**Arkansas**

**Labor Market**

**Report**

**July 2017**

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Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bu- reau 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 num- ber of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data col- lected 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 2016 benchmark.

**Explanation of Terms and Concepts**

**Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Workforce Services. The data are based on establishment records and include all workers, full-or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the

month. Approximately 5,000 Arkansas business

establishments are surveyed.

**Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)**

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

**Current Population Survey (CPS)**

A monthly sample survey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unem- ployed. 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. Approxi- mately 800 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

**Civilian Labor Force**

The sum of all employed and unemployed persons

16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed

Forces are excluded.

**Employment**

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

**Unemployment**

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

**Unemployment Rate**

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

**Seasonal Adjustment**

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

July Spotlight

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

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

Bureau. Approximately 800 Arkansas households are in the survey each month.

Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization are

available at the statewide level and are produced quarterly. Estimates are calculated using a four quar- ter moving average. The most recent data available represents the 3rd Quarter of 2016 through the 2nd

Quarter of 2017.

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

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

3rd Q 2016 - 2nd Q 2017

 **U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6**

1.4% 1.8% 3.7% 4.0% 4.6% 6.8%

**U-1 Measure:** Persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the civilian labor force.

**U-2 Measure:** Job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the civilian labor force. **U-3 Measure:** Total number of unemployed persons, as a percent of the civilian labor force (this is the definition used for the official unemployment rate).

**U-4 Measure:** Total number of unemployed and discouraged workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus discouraged workers.

**U-5 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, and all other marginally attached workers, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

**U-6 Measure:** Total number of unemployed, discouraged workers, marginally attached workers, and those em- ployed part-time for economic reasons (not by choice), as a percent of the civilian labor force plus marginally attached workers.

12.0

**Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization**

State of Arkansas

Over-the-Year Comparisons (2nd Quarter)

10.0

8.0

6.0

4.0

2.0

0.0

U-1 U-2 U-3 U-4 U-5 U-6

2nd Q 2015 2nd Q 2016 2nd Q 2017

Civilian Labor Force Summar y

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, show Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.4 percent between June and July. Arkansas’ civilian labor force added

9,168, a result of 9,058 additional employed and 110 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States’

jobless rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 4.4 percent in June to 4.3 percent in July.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, “Arkansas’ unemployment rate has been stable since May, leveling out at 3.4 percent. The rate is down six-tenths of a percentage point compared to July 2016, with an additional 39,229 more employed in the State.”

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Civilian Labor Force | **Jul 17**1,374,616 | **Jun 17**1,365,448 | **Jul 16**1,343,287 | Civilian Labor Force | **Jul 17**1,394,192 | **Jun 17**1,392,779 | **Jul 16**1,360,570 |
| Employment | 1,328,119 | 1,319,061 | 1,288,890 | Employment | 1,340,926 | 1,341,107 | 1,300,687 |
| Unemployment | 46,497 | 46,387 | 54,397 | Unemployment | 53,266 | 51,672 | 59,883 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.4 | 3.4 | 4.0 | Unemployment Rate | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.4 |
| U.S. Unemployment | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.9 | U.S. Unemployment | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5.1 |

1,400,000

**Number of Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)**

July: 1977 - 2017

1,300,000

1,200,000

1,100,000

1,000,000

900,000

800,000

700,000

600,000

500,000

'77 '80 '83 '86 '89 '92 '95 '98 '01 '04 '07 '10 '13 '16

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)

**Jul 17 Jun 17 Jul 16**

**OTM OT Y**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Nonfarm | 1244.5 | 1255.7 | 1211.6 | -11.2 | 32.9 |
| Goods Producing | 217.7 | 216.0 | 212.8 | 1.7 | 4.9 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 58.8 | 57.7 | 57.6 | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **6.1** | **6.1** | **6.2** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Construction** | **52.7** | **51.6** | **51.4** | **1.1** | **1.3** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 34.3 | 33.2 | 32.9 | 1.1 | 1.4 |
| **Manufacturing** | **158.9** | **158.3** | **155.2** | **0.6** | **3.7** |
| Durable Goods | 73.1 | 73.6 | 74.6 | -0.5 | -1.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 85.8 | 84.7 | 80.6 | 1.1 | 5.2 |
| Service Providing | 1026.8 | 1039.7 | 998.8 | -12.9 | 28.0 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **257.7** | **256.2** | **252.3** | **1.5** | **5.4** |
| Wholesale Trade | 49.0 | 48.0 | 46.5 | 1.0 | 2.5 |
| Retail Trade | 143.1 | 142.4 | 142.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 65.6 | 65.8 | 63.4 | -0.2 | 2.2 |
| I**nformation** | **13.1** | **13.2** | **13.6** | **-0.1** | **-0.5** |
| **Financial Activities** | **51.9** | **52.4** | **51.5** | **-0.5** | **0.4** |
| Finance & Insurance | 38.6 | 39.1 | 38.0 | -0.5 | 0.6 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 13.3 | 13.3 | 13.5 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **146.7** | **147.4** | **140.0** | **-0.7** | **6.7** |
|  Professional, Scientific & Technical | 43.9 | 44.1 | 42.3 | -0.2 | 1.6 |
| Management of Companies | 33.7 | 34.0 | 35.3 | -0.3 | -1.6 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 69.1 | 69.3 | 62.4 | -0.2 | 6.7 |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **186.3** | **185.8** | **178.1** | **0.5** | **8.2** |
| Educational Services | 14.4 | 14.9 | 11.4 | -0.5 | 3.0 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 171.9 | 170.9 | 166.7 | 1.0 | 5.2 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 57.7 | 57.2 | 53.8 | 0.5 | 3.9 |
| Social Assistance | 39.3 | 39.8 | 38.9 | -0.5 | 0.4 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 124.4 125.4 117.3 -1.0 7.1** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 12.9 | 13.8 | 12.6 | -0.9 | 0.3 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 111.5 | 111.6 | 104.7 | -0.1 | 6.8 |
| Accommodation Services | 13.2 | 13.5 | 12.1 | -0.3 | 1.1 |
| Food Services | 98.3 | 98.1 | 92.6 | 0.2 | 5.7 |
| **Other Services** | **49.6** | **50.1** | **47.8** | **-0.5** | **1.8** |
| **Government** | **197.1** | **209.2** | **198.2** | **-12.1** | **-1.1** |
| Federal Government | 20.5 | 20.4 | 20.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| State Government | 73.0 | 74.6 | 73.4 | -1.6 | -0.4 |
| Local Government | 103.6 | 114.2 | 104.5 | -10.6 | -0.9 |

Nonfarm Payroll Job Summar y

June 2017 - July 2017

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas declined 11,200 in July to total 1,244,500. Employment dropped in six major industry sectors, while minor gains were posted in four sectors. The greatest loss occurred in **government** (-12,100). Employment fell in both local (-10,600) and state (-1,600) government, due to the summer break at public schools and universities. **Leisure and hospitality** decreased 1,000. Jobs in arts, entertainment, and recreation declined 900, due in part to reported losses in performing arts and spectator sports. The largest increase was posted in **trade, transportation, and utilities** (+1,500). Gains occurred in both wholesale (+1,000) and retail (+700) trade. Jobs in **construction** rose 1,100.

July 2016 - July 2017

Compared to July 2016, Arkansas’ nonfarm payroll employment is up 32,900. Eight major industry sec- tors posted growth, with five adding 3,700 or more jobs, each. Employment in three sectors declined. **Educational and health services** increased 8,200. Gains occurred in health care and social assistance (+5,200) and in educational services (+3,000). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 7,100, mostly in accommodation and food services (+6,800). **Professional and business services** added 6,700 jobs. Growth was posted in administrative and support services (+6,700), a subsector which includes employ- ment agencies. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 5,400. Gains were seen across all three subsectors. **Manufacturing** rose 3,700, all in nondurable goods manufacturing (+5,200). **Gov- ernment** reported the largest decline, down 1,100. Losses occurred in local (-900) and state (-400) government.

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Ranked by Sector (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

July 2017

Tr ade-Transportation-Utilities

Government

Educational & Health Services

Manufacturing

Professiona l & Business Services

Leisure & Hospitality

Construction

Financial Activities

Other Services

Information

Mining & Logging

0 50,000 100,000 150,000 200,000 250,000 300,000

Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

Manufacturing

**Jul 17 Jun 17**

**Jul 16**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

39.7

16.07

637.98

41.1

15.90

653.49

40.5

15.77

638.69

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Jul 17 Jun 17**

**Jul 16**

**Jul 17 Jun 17**

**Jul 16**

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

39.6

18.15

718.74

41.7

17.64

735.59

41.0

17.68

724.88

Average Weekly Hours Average Hourly Earnings Average Weekly Earnings

39.9

14.41

574.96

40.5

14.44

584.82

40.1

13.93

558.59

44.0

**Average Weekly Hours Worked- Durable Goods vs. Nondurable Goods**

July 2015 - July 2017

43.0

42.0

41.0

40.0

39.0

38.0

37.0

36.0

35.0

34.0

Jul

'15

Jan

'16

Jul

'16

Durable Goods Nondurable Goods

Jan

'17

Jul

'17

Little Rock-Nor th 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)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 17** | **Jun 17** | **Jul 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 367,935 | 361,484 | 360,153 | 6,451 | 7,782 |
| Employment | 355,562 | 349,549 | 346,260 | 6,013 | 9,302 |
| Unemployment | 12,373 | 11,935 | 13,893 | 438 | -1,520 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 0.1 | -0.5 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**Total Nonfarm | **Jul 17**353.7 | **Jun 17**356.3 | **Jul 16**350.6 | **OTM**-2.6 | **OT Y**3.1 |
| Goods Producing | 37.6 | 37.2 | 37.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **17.6** | **17.1** | **17.3** | **0.5** | **0.3** |
| **Manufacturing** | **20.0** | **20.1** | **20.3** | **-0.1** | **-0.3** |
| Service Providing 316.1 319.1 313.0 -3.0 3.1 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **70.6** | **70.7** | **69.5** | **-0.1** | **1.1** |
| Wholesale Trade | 15.1 | 15.0 | 15.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Retail Trade | 39.4 | 39.5 | 39.0 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 16.1 | 16.2 | 15.4 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| **Information** | **6.1** | **6.1** | **6.4** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Financial Activities** | **20.6** | **20.6** | **20.5** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **46.6** | **46.0** | **45.9** | **0.6** | **0.7** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **56.1** | **56.0** | **53.8** | **0.1** | **2.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **33.9** | **35.3** | **34.3** | **-1.4** | **-0.4** |
| **Other Services** | **15.1** | **15.1** | **14.9** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **67.1** | **69.3** | **67.7** | **-2.2** | **-0.6** |
| Federal Government | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 33.7 | 33.9 | 33.5 | -0.2 | 0.2 |
| Local Government | 23.7 | 25.7 | 24.6 | -2.0 | -0.9 |

8.0

**Unemployment Rates**

July: 2007 - 2017

360,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2015 - July 2017

7.0

355,000

6.0

5.0

350,000

4.0

345,000

3.0

2.0

340,000

1.0

0.0

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

335,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2015 2016 2017

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 17** | **Jun 17** | **Jul 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 283,287 | 279,123 | 269,348 | 4,164 | 13,939 |
| Employment | 275,066 | 271,235 | 260,691 | 3,831 | 14,375 |
| Unemployment | 8,221 | 7,888 | 8,657 | 333 | -436 |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 0.1 | -0.3 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**Total Nonfarm | **Jul 17**251.2 | **Jun 17**253.8 | **Jul 16**242.0 | **OTM**-2.6 | **OT Y**9.2 |
| Goods Producing | 39.4 | 39.2 | 38.3 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **11.2** | **11.1** | **10.6** | **0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Manufacturing** | **28.2** | **28.1** | **27.7** | **0.1** | **0.5** |
| Service Providing 211.8 214.6 203.7 -2.8 8.1 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **56.6** | **56.7** | **56.1** | **-0.1** | **0.5** |
| Wholesale Trade | 12.9 | 12.8 | 12.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Retail Trade | 26.0 | 26.2 | 26.7 | -0.2 | -0.7 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 17.7 | 17.7 | 17.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| **Information** | **1.9** | **1.9** | **2.0** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities** | **8.0** | **8.0** | **7.7** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **52.0** | **52.7** | **48.9** | **-0.7** | **3.1** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **27.5** | **27.5** | **26.4** | **0.0** | **1.1** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **26.6** | **26.2** | **24.5** | **0.4** | **2.1** |
| **Other Services** | **7.8** | **7.8** | **7.6** | **0.0** | **0.2** |
| **Government** | **31.4** | **33.8** | **30.5** | **-2.4** | **0.9** |
| Federal Government | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 11.8 | 12.2 | 11.2 | -0.4 | 0.6 |
| Local Government | 17.0 | 19.0 | 16.8 | -2.0 | 0.2 |

300,000

**Number of Employed**

July: 1997 - 2017

280,000

260,000

240,000

220,000

200,000

180,000

160,000

140,000

120,000

100,000

'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

For t Smith MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 17** | **Jun 17** | **Jul 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 123,141 | 122,857 | 123,014 | 284 | 127 |
| Employment | 117,924 | 117,581 | 116,907 | 343 | 1,017 |
| Unemployment | 5,217 | 5,276 | 6,107 | -59 | -890 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.2 | 4.3 | 5.0 | -0.1 | -0.8 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS**Total Nonfarm | **Jul 17**111.2 | **Jun 17**113.7 | **Jul 16**111.7 | **OTM**-2.5 | **OT Y**-0.5 |
| Goods Producing | 23.0 | 22.9 | 23.6 | 0.1 | -0.6 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction** | **5.4** | **5.4** | **5.6** | **0.0** | **-0.2** |
| **Manufacturing** | **17.6** | **17.5** | **18.0** | **0.1** | **-0.4** |
| Service Providing 88.2 90.8 88.1 -2.6 0.1 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **23.1** | **23.2** | **23.6** | **-0.1** | **-0.5** |
| Wholesale Trade | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Retail Trade | 12.7 | 12.7 | 13.0 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.7 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| **Information** | **1.3** | **1.3** | **1.3** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities** | **3.8** | **3.8** | **3.8** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **13.1** | **13.2** | **12.5** | **-0.1** | **0.6** |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **16.7** | **16.8** | **16.7** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **9.9** | **10.0** | **9.9** | **-0.1** | **0.0** |
| **Other Services** | **4.3** | **4.4** | **4.4** | **-0.1** | **-0.1** |
| **Government** | **16.0** | **18.1** | **15.9** | **-2.1** | **0.1** |
| Federal Government | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| State Government | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Local Government | 11.8 | 13.9 | 11.7 | -2.1 | 0.1 |

124,000

**Employment**

July 2014 - July 2017

90,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Sectors**

July: 2007 - 2017

88,000

120,000

86,000

116,000

84,000

112,000

82,000

80,000

108,000

78,000

104,000

Jul '14 Jan '15 Jul '15 Jan '16 Jul '16 Jan '17 Jul '17

76,000

'07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA= Garland County.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 17** | **Jun 17** | **Jul 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 43,080 | 42,374 | 41,430 | 706 | 1,650 |
| Employment | 41,309 | 40,680 | 39,489 | 629 | 1,820 |
| Unemployment | 1,771 | 1,694 | 1,941 | 77 | -170 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 0.1 | -0.6 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 17** | **Jun 17** | **Jul 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 38.7 | 39.0 | 37.6 | -0.3 | 1.1 |
| 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| 34.0 | 34.3 | 33.2 | -0.3 | 0.8 |
| 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.1 | -0.3 | -0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

40,000

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**

January 2015 - July 2017

39,500

39,000

38,500

38,000

37,500

37,000

36,500

36,000

35,500

35,000

J F M A M J J A S O N D

2015 2016 2017

Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA= Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 17** | **Jun 17** | **Jul 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 66,013 | 65,176 | 63,819 | 837 | 2,194 |
| Employment | 63,797 | 63,028 | 61,401 | 769 | 2,396 |
| Unemployment | 2,216 | 2,148 | 2,418 | 68 | -202 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 0.1 | -0.4 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 17** | **Jun 17** | **Jul 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 56.4 | 56.9 | 55.2 | -0.5 | 1.2 |
| 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| 46.8 | 47.3 | 45.9 | -0.5 | 0.9 |
| 8.6 | 9.0 | 8.5 | -0.4 | 0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

66,000

**Number of Employed**

July: 2007 - 2017

64,000

62,000

60,000

58,000

56,000

54,000

52,000

50,000

48,000

2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

Pine Bluff MSA

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

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 17** | **Jun 17** | **Jul 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 36,730 | 36,624 | 36,442 | 106 | 288 |
| Employment | 34,813 | 34,775 | 34,225 | 38 | 588 |
| Unemployment | 1,917 | 1,849 | 2,217 | 68 | -300 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.2 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 0.2 | -0.9 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 17** | **Jun 17** | **Jul 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| 32.4 | 33.1 | 32.5 | -0.7 | -0.1 |
| 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| 26.5 | 27.2 | 26.4 | -0.7 | 0.1 |
| 8.9 | 9.5 | 9.0 | -0.6 | -0.1 |

Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government

28,000

**Jobs in Service Providing Sectors**

July 2015 - July 2017

27,500

27,000

26,500

26,000

25,500

Jul

'15

Jan

'16

Jul

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Jan

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Jul

'17

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.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 17** | **Jun 17** | **Jul 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 641,376 | 638,604 | 632,236 | 2,772 | 9,140 |
| Employment | 610,785 | 607,565 | 596,510 | 3,220 | 14,275 |
| Unemployment | 30,591 | 31,039 | 35,726 | -448 | -5,135 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.7 | -0.1 | -0.9 |

Texarkana MSA

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

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|  | **Jul 17** | **Jun 17** | **Jul 16** | **OTM** | **OT Y** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 64,952 | 66,080 | 65,937 | -1,128 | -985 |
| Employment | 61,908 | 62,872 | 62,562 | -964 | -654 |
| Unemployment | 3,044 | 3,208 | 3,375 | -164 | -331 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.1 | -0.2 | -0.4 |

620,000

**Number of Employed - Memphis MSA**

January 2015 - January 2017

70,000

**Employment- Texarkana MSA**

July: 1997 - 2017

610,000

68,000

600,000

66,000

590,000

64,000

580,000

62,000

570,000

60,000

560,000

58,000

550,000

56,000

540,000

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54,000

2015 2016 2017 52,000

'97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Micro Area** | **CLF** | **July****Emp** | **2017****Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June****Emp** | **2017****Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July****Emp** | **2016****Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 9,586 | 9,157 | 429 | 4.5 | 9,571 | 9,149 | 422 | 4.4 | 9,331 | 8,821 | 510 | 5.5 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,471 | 15,697 | 774 | 4.7 | 16,888 | 16,166 | 722 | 4.3 | 15,919 | 15,034 | 885 | 5.6 |
| Blytheville Micro | 18,295 | 17,082 | 1,213 | 6.6 | 18,394 | 16,933 | 1,461 | 7.9 | 18,304 | 16,968 | 1,336 | 7.3 |
| Camden Micro | 12,572 | 12,003 | 569 | 4.5 | 12,640 | 12,100 | 540 | 4.3 | 12,385 | 11,667 | 718 | 5.8 |
| El Dorado Micro | 16,394 | 15,459 | 935 | 5.7 | 16,598 | 15,656 | 942 | 5.7 | 16,288 | 15,236 | 1,052 | 6.5 |
| Forrest City Micro | 8,854 | 8,401 | 453 | 5.1 | 9,088 | 8,637 | 451 | 5.0 | 8,962 | 8,474 | 488 | 5.4 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,072 | 18,398 | 674 | 3.5 | 19,947 | 19,316 | 631 | 3.2 | 19,176 | 18,398 | 778 | 4.1 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 6,506 | 6,106 | 400 | 6.1 | 6,808 | 6,423 | 385 | 5.7 | 6,556 | 6,136 | 420 | 6.4 |
| Hope Micro | 13,745 | 13,238 | 507 | 3.7 | 14,276 | 13,780 | 496 | 3.5 | 13,475 | 12,897 | 578 | 4.3 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,972 | 8,467 | 505 | 5.6 | 9,318 | 8,814 | 504 | 5.4 | 8,957 | 8,351 | 606 | 6.8 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,610 | 14,022 | 588 | 4.0 | 14,632 | 14,065 | 567 | 3.9 | 14,280 | 13,638 | 642 | 4.5 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 16,614 | 15,892 | 722 | 4.3 | 16,659 | 15,974 | 685 | 4.1 | 16,418 | 15,669 | 749 | 4.6 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,231 | 19,432 | 799 | 3.9 | 20,388 | 19,603 | 785 | 3.9 | 20,131 | 19,182 | 949 | 4.7 |
| Russellville Micro | 38,094 | 36,174 | 1,920 | 5.0 | 38,989 | 37,285 | 1,704 | 4.4 | 37,600 | 35,498 | 2,102 | 5.6 |
| Searcy Micro | 34,050 | 32,539 | 1,511 | 4.4 | 34,688 | 33,142 | 1,546 | 4.5 | 33,574 | 31,675 | 1,899 | 5.7 |

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)



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| **City** | **CLF** | **July****Emp** | **2017****Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June****Emp** | **2017****Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July****Emp** | **2016****Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Bella Vista | 12,945 | 12,448 | 497 | 3.8 | 12,729 | 12,268 | 461 | 3.6 | 12,249 | 11,776 | 473 | 3.9 |
| Benton | 17,144 | 16,624 | 520 | 3.0 | 16,832 | 16,334 | 498 | 3.0 | 16,782 | 16,195 | 587 | 3.5 |
| Bentonville | 25,585 | 24,739 | 846 | 3.3 | 25,192 | 24,382 | 810 | 3.2 | 24,153 | 23,404 | 749 | 3.1 |
| Blytheville | 6,313 | 5,824 | 489 | 7.7 | 6,329 | 5,773 | 556 | 8.8 | 6,293 | 5,785 | 508 | 8.1 |
| Cabot | 12,268 | 11,882 | 386 | 3.1 | 12,095 | 11,714 | 381 | 3.2 | 11,981 | 11,552 | 429 | 3.6 |
| Conway | 34,742 | 33,559 | 1,183 | 3.4 | 34,149 | 33,003 | 1,146 | 3.4 | 33,997 | 32,680 | 1,317 | 3.9 |
| El Dorado | 7,114 | 6,692 | 422 | 5.9 | 7,222 | 6,777 | 445 | 6.2 | 7,128 | 6,595 | 533 | 7.5 |
| Fayetteville | 49,648 | 48,230 | 1,418 | 2.9 | 48,913 | 47,540 | 1,373 | 2.8 | 47,226 | 45,639 | 1,587 | 3.4 |
| Fort Smith | 41,563 | 40,053 | 1,510 | 3.6 | 41,287 | 39,853 | 1,434 | 3.5 | 40,999 | 39,421 | 1,578 | 3.8 |
| Hot Springs | 15,080 | 14,365 | 715 | 4.7 | 14,813 | 14,146 | 667 | 4.5 | 14,486 | 13,732 | 754 | 5.2 |
| Jacksonville | 12,316 | 11,793 | 523 | 4.2 | 12,085 | 11,586 | 499 | 4.1 | 12,083 | 11,489 | 594 | 4.9 |
| Jonesboro | 38,852 | 37,589 | 1,263 | 3.3 | 38,318 | 37,099 | 1,219 | 3.2 | 37,602 | 36,195 | 1,407 | 3.7 |
| Little Rock | 101,490 | 98,068 | 3,422 | 3.4 | 99,668 | 96,348 | 3,320 | 3.3 | 99,447 | 95,535 | 3,912 | 3.9 |
| North Little Rock | 31,464 | 30,241 | 1,223 | 3.9 | 30,861 | 29,711 | 1,150 | 3.7 | 30,754 | 29,460 | 1,294 | 4.2 |
| Paragould | 12,705 | 12,151 | 554 | 4.4 | 12,795 | 12,258 | 537 | 4.2 | 12,660 | 11,995 | 665 | 5.3 |
| Pine Bluff | 17,520 | 16,435 | 1,085 | 6.2 | 17,448 | 16,391 | 1,057 | 6.1 | 17,487 | 16,175 | 1,312 | 7.5 |
| Rogers | 36,132 | 35,145 | 987 | 2.7 | 35,598 | 34,639 | 959 | 2.7 | 34,210 | 33,249 | 961 | 2.8 |
| Russellville | 13,607 | 12,980 | 627 | 4.6 | 13,944 | 13,367 | 577 | 4.1 | 13,463 | 12,752 | 711 | 5.3 |
| Searcy | 10,491 | 10,043 | 448 | 4.3 | 10,679 | 10,229 | 450 | 4.2 | 10,300 | 9,777 | 523 | 5.1 |
| Sherwood | 16,366 | 15,858 | 508 | 3.1 | 16,062 | 15,580 | 482 | 3.0 | 15,990 | 15,448 | 542 | 3.4 |
| Springdale | 40,994 | 39,985 | 1,009 | 2.5 | 40,376 | 39,412 | 964 | 2.4 | 39,010 | 37,835 | 1,175 | 3.0 |
| Texarkana, AR | 14,338 | 13,646 | 692 | 4.8 | 14,438 | 13,729 | 709 | 4.9 | 14,328 | 13,591 | 737 | 5.1 |
| Van Buren | 10,725 | 10,354 | 371 | 3.5 | 10,673 | 10,315 | 358 | 3.4 | 10,599 | 10,179 | 420 | 4.0 |
| West Memphis | 11,312 | 10,725 | 587 | 5.2 | 11,085 | 10,515 | 570 | 5.1 | 10,984 | 10,338 | 646 | 5.9 |

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| **County** | **CLF** | **July****Emp** | **2017****Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June****Emp** | **2017****Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July****Emp** | **2016****Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,563 | 9,268 | 295 | 3.1 | 9,538 | 9,247 | 291 | 3.1 | 9,391 | 9,043 | 348 | 3.7 |
| Ashley | 7,812 | 7,354 | 458 | 5.9 | 8,113 | 7,657 | 456 | 5.6 | 7,672 | 7,140 | 532 | 6.9 |
| Baxter | 16,614 | 15,892 | 722 | 4.3 | 16,659 | 15,974 | 685 | 4.1 | 16,418 | 15,669 | 749 | 4.6 |
| Benton | 136,075 | 131,945 | 4,130 | 3.0 | 134,009 | 130,042 | 3,967 | 3.0 | 128,896 | 124,825 | 4,071 | 3.2 |
| Boone | 15,704 | 15,156 | 548 | 3.5 | 16,425 | 15,909 | 516 | 3.1 | 15,802 | 15,168 | 634 | 4.0 |
| Bradley | 4,484 | 4,283 | 201 | 4.5 | 4,712 | 4,511 | 201 | 4.3 | 4,250 | 3,959 | 291 | 6.8 |
| Calhoun | 2,462 | 2,357 | 105 | 4.3 | 2,482 | 2,387 | 95 | 3.8 | 2,415 | 2,283 | 132 | 5.5 |
| Carroll | 13,422 | 13,029 | 393 | 2.9 | 13,594 | 13,206 | 388 | 2.9 | 13,089 | 12,654 | 435 | 3.3 |
| Chicot | 3,624 | 3,409 | 215 | 5.9 | 3,707 | 3,492 | 215 | 5.8 | 3,590 | 3,340 | 250 | 7.0 |
| Clark | 9,586 | 9,157 | 429 | 4.5 | 9,571 | 9,149 | 422 | 4.4 | 9,331 | 8,821 | 510 | 5.5 |
| Clay | 5,938 | 5,652 | 286 | 4.8 | 6,094 | 5,829 | 265 | 4.3 | 6,036 | 5,673 | 363 | 6.0 |
| Cleburne | 9,502 | 9,038 | 464 | 4.9 | 9,687 | 9,255 | 432 | 4.5 | 9,712 | 9,109 | 603 | 6.2 |
| Cleveland | 3,408 | 3,251 | 157 | 4.6 | 3,419 | 3,266 | 153 | 4.5 | 3,355 | 3,185 | 170 | 5.1 |
| Columbia | 8,972 | 8,467 | 505 | 5.6 | 9,318 | 8,814 | 504 | 5.4 | 8,957 | 8,351 | 606 | 6.8 |
| Conway | 8,584 | 8,172 | 412 | 4.8 | 8,613 | 8,211 | 402 | 4.7 | 8,584 | 8,024 | 560 | 6.5 |
| Craighead | 55,241 | 53,469 | 1,772 | 3.2 | 54,471 | 52,772 | 1,699 | 3.1 | 53,440 | 51,487 | 1,953 | 3.7 |
| Crawford | 27,604 | 26,601 | 1,003 | 3.6 | 27,483 | 26,502 | 981 | 3.6 | 27,332 | 26,153 | 1,179 | 4.3 |
| Crittenden | 22,826 | 21,793 | 1,033 | 4.5 | 22,372 | 21,366 | 1,006 | 4.5 | 22,115 | 21,007 | 1,108 | 5.0 |
| Cross | 7,768 | 7,468 | 300 | 3.9 | 8,154 | 7,842 | 312 | 3.8 | 7,770 | 7,417 | 353 | 4.5 |
| Dallas | 3,080 | 2,929 | 151 | 4.9 | 3,094 | 2,952 | 142 | 4.6 | 2,973 | 2,796 | 177 | 6.0 |
| Desha | 5,382 | 5,101 | 281 | 5.2 | 5,607 | 5,328 | 279 | 5.0 | 5,342 | 5,021 | 321 | 6.0 |
| Drew | 7,765 | 7,336 | 429 | 5.5 | 8,070 | 7,655 | 415 | 5.1 | 7,596 | 7,081 | 515 | 6.8 |
| Faulkner | 63,332 | 61,181 | 2,151 | 3.4 | 62,251 | 60,168 | 2,083 | 3.3 | 62,155 | 59,578 | 2,577 | 4.1 |
| Franklin | 7,505 | 7,209 | 296 | 3.9 | 7,602 | 7,335 | 267 | 3.5 | 7,362 | 7,028 | 334 | 4.5 |
| Fulton | 4,710 | 4,499 | 211 | 4.5 | 4,987 | 4,791 | 196 | 3.9 | 4,576 | 4,359 | 217 | 4.7 |
| Garland | 43,080 | 41,309 | 1,771 | 4.1 | 42,374 | 40,680 | 1,694 | 4.0 | 41,430 | 39,489 | 1,941 | 4.7 |
| Grant | 8,708 | 8,423 | 285 | 3.3 | 8,576 | 8,299 | 277 | 3.2 | 8,517 | 8,186 | 331 | 3.9 |
| Greene | 20,231 | 19,432 | 799 | 3.9 | 20,388 | 19,603 | 785 | 3.9 | 20,131 | 19,182 | 949 | 4.7 |
| Hempstead | 10,033 | 9,666 | 367 | 3.7 | 10,422 | 10,066 | 356 | 3.4 | 9,834 | 9,411 | 423 | 4.3 |
| Hot Spring | 14,610 | 14,022 | 588 | 4.0 | 14,632 | 14,065 | 567 | 3.9 | 14,280 | 13,638 | 642 | 4.5 |
| Howard | 6,155 | 5,955 | 200 | 3.2 | 6,326 | 6,124 | 202 | 3.2 | 5,983 | 5,760 | 223 | 3.7 |
| Independence | 16,471 | 15,697 | 774 | 4.7 | 16,888 | 16,166 | 722 | 4.3 | 15,919 | 15,034 | 885 | 5.6 |
| Izard | 4,925 | 4,639 | 286 | 5.8 | 5,083 | 4,814 | 269 | 5.3 | 4,844 | 4,516 | 328 | 6.8 |
| Jackson | 6,081 | 5,731 | 350 | 5.8 | 6,224 | 5,884 | 340 | 5.5 | 5,958 | 5,555 | 403 | 6.8 |
| Jefferson | 29,182 | 27,593 | 1,589 | 5.4 | 29,046 | 27,519 | 1,527 | 5.3 | 28,990 | 27,156 | 1,834 | 6.3 |
| Johnson | 10,657 | 10,145 | 512 | 4.8 | 11,019 | 10,560 | 459 | 4.2 | 10,429 | 9,842 | 587 | 5.6 |
| Lafayette | 2,531 | 2,393 | 138 | 5.5 | 2,677 | 2,539 | 138 | 5.2 | 2,468 | 2,303 | 165 | 6.7 |
| Lawrence | 6,681 | 6,399 | 282 | 4.2 | 6,965 | 6,698 | 267 | 3.8 | 6,556 | 6,208 | 348 | 5.3 |
| Lee | 3,135 | 2,978 | 157 | 5.0 | 3,260 | 3,113 | 147 | 4.5 | 3,109 | 2,944 | 165 | 5.3 |
| Lincoln | 4,140 | 3,969 | 171 | 4.1 | 4,159 | 3,990 | 169 | 4.1 | 4,097 | 3,884 | 213 | 5.2 |
| Little River | 5,805 | 5,524 | 281 | 4.8 | 5,833 | 5,555 | 278 | 4.8 | 5,820 | 5,503 | 317 | 5.4 |
| Logan | 9,259 | 8,859 | 400 | 4.3 | 9,413 | 9,050 | 363 | 3.9 | 9,274 | 8,770 | 504 | 5.4 |
| Lonoke | 34,882 | 33,766 | 1,116 | 3.2 | 34,386 | 33,289 | 1,097 | 3.2 | 34,073 | 32,827 | 1,246 | 3.7 |
| Madison | 7,752 | 7,532 | 220 | 2.8 | 7,705 | 7,496 | 209 | 2.7 | 7,364 | 7,110 | 254 | 3.4 |
| Marion | 6,637 | 6,378 | 259 | 3.9 | 6,780 | 6,528 | 252 | 3.7 | 6,604 | 6,318 | 286 | 4.3 |
| Miller | 20,668 | 19,752 | 916 | 4.4 | 20,800 | 19,872 | 928 | 4.5 | 20,638 | 19,672 | 966 | 4.7 |

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| **County** | **CLF** | **July****Emp** | **2017****Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June****Emp** | **2017****Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July****Emp** | **2016****Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 18,295 | 17,082 | 1,213 | 6.6 | 18,394 | 16,933 | 1,461 | 7.9 | 18,304 | 16,968 | 1,336 | 7.3 |
| Monroe | 2,903 | 2,779 | 124 | 4.3 | 3,013 | 2,895 | 118 | 3.9 | 2,823 | 2,659 | 164 | 5.8 |
| Montgomery | 3,306 | 3,148 | 158 | 4.8 | 3,568 | 3,415 | 153 | 4.3 | 3,119 | 2,942 | 177 | 5.7 |
| Nevada | 3,712 | 3,572 | 140 | 3.8 | 3,854 | 3,714 | 140 | 3.6 | 3,641 | 3,486 | 155 | 4.3 |
| Newton | 3,368 | 3,242 | 126 | 3.7 | 3,522 | 3,407 | 115 | 3.3 | 3,374 | 3,230 | 144 | 4.3 |
| Ouachita | 10,110 | 9,646 | 464 | 4.6 | 10,158 | 9,713 | 445 | 4.4 | 9,970 | 9,384 | 586 | 5.9 |
| Perry | 4,377 | 4,206 | 171 | 3.9 | 4,319 | 4,151 | 168 | 3.9 | 4,297 | 4,089 | 208 | 4.8 |
| Phillips | 6,506 | 6,106 | 400 | 6.1 | 6,808 | 6,423 | 385 | 5.7 | 6,556 | 6,136 | 420 | 6.4 |
| Pike | 4,313 | 4,133 | 180 | 4.2 | 4,544 | 4,359 | 185 | 4.1 | 4,105 | 3,907 | 198 | 4.8 |
| Poinsett | 10,772 | 10,328 | 444 | 4.1 | 10,705 | 10,256 | 449 | 4.2 | 10,379 | 9,914 | 465 | 4.5 |
| Polk | 8,109 | 7,724 | 385 | 4.7 | 8,492 | 8,137 | 355 | 4.2 | 7,960 | 7,518 | 442 | 5.6 |
| Pope | 29,330 | 27,801 | 1,529 | 5.2 | 29,973 | 28,630 | 1,343 | 4.5 | 28,941 | 27,313 | 1,628 | 5.6 |
| Prairie | 3,707 | 3,554 | 153 | 4.1 | 3,855 | 3,705 | 150 | 3.9 | 3,569 | 3,422 | 147 | 4.1 |
| Pulaski | 197,221 | 190,397 | 6,824 | 3.5 | 193,605 | 187,057 | 6,548 | 3.4 | 193,030 | 185,478 | 7,552 | 3.9 |
| Randolph | 6,867 | 6,577 | 290 | 4.2 | 7,025 | 6,741 | 284 | 4.0 | 6,535 | 6,217 | 318 | 4.9 |
| St. Francis | 8,854 | 8,401 | 453 | 5.1 | 9,088 | 8,637 | 451 | 5.0 | 8,962 | 8,474 | 488 | 5.4 |
| Saline | 59,415 | 57,589 | 1,826 | 3.1 | 58,347 | 56,585 | 1,762 | 3.0 | 58,081 | 56,102 | 1,979 | 3.4 |
| Scott | 4,631 | 4,459 | 172 | 3.7 | 4,709 | 4,555 | 154 | 3.3 | 4,483 | 4,290 | 193 | 4.3 |
| Searcy | 2,916 | 2,769 | 147 | 5.0 | 3,159 | 3,025 | 134 | 4.2 | 3,035 | 2,891 | 144 | 4.7 |
| Sebastian | 59,675 | 57,502 | 2,173 | 3.6 | 59,328 | 57,215 | 2,113 | 3.6 | 58,944 | 56,595 | 2,349 | 4.0 |
| Sevier | 5,837 | 5,575 | 262 | 4.5 | 5,943 | 5,686 | 257 | 4.3 | 5,703 | 5,377 | 326 | 5.7 |
| Sharp | 6,173 | 5,873 | 300 | 4.9 | 6,397 | 6,099 | 298 | 4.7 | 6,000 | 5,645 | 355 | 5.9 |
| Stone | 4,777 | 4,553 | 224 | 4.7 | 4,995 | 4,768 | 227 | 4.5 | 4,714 | 4,452 | 262 | 5.6 |
| Union | 16,394 | 15,459 | 935 | 5.7 | 16,598 | 15,656 | 942 | 5.7 | 16,288 | 15,236 | 1,052 | 6.5 |
| Van Buren | 5,853 | 5,520 | 333 | 5.7 | 6,076 | 5,760 | 316 | 5.2 | 5,981 | 5,506 | 475 | 7.9 |
| Washington | 128,478 | 125,081 | 3,397 | 2.6 | 126,549 | 123,290 | 3,259 | 2.6 | 122,124 | 118,360 | 3,764 | 3.1 |
| White | 34,050 | 32,539 | 1,511 | 4.4 | 34,688 | 33,142 | 1,546 | 4.5 | 33,574 | 31,675 | 1,899 | 5.7 |
| Woodruff | 2,897 | 2,759 | 138 | 4.8 | 3,064 | 2,926 | 138 | 4.5 | 2,942 | 2,760 | 182 | 6.2 |
| Yell | 8,764 | 8,373 | 391 | 4.5 | 9,016 | 8,655 | 361 | 4.0 | 8,659 | 8,185 | 474 | 5.5 |

County Labor Force Summar y

Between June and July, unemployment rates increased in 57 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Fourteen counties remained stable over-the-month, while rates in four counties declined. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.6 percent in Washington County to a high of 6.6 percent in Mississippi County.

In July, twenty-five counties posted jobless rates at or below four percent. That is down from 34 counties at or below four percent last month. For the fifth month in a row, no county reported a rate above eight percent.

Compared to July 2016, unemployment rates are down in 73 Arkansas counties. Prairie County

was the same as last year, while the rate in Searcy County increased.

Benton

Washington

Carroll

Madison

Boone

Newton

Marion

Searcy

Baxter

Stone

Fulton

Izard

Sharp

Randolph

Lawrence

Clay

Greene

Craighead

Mississippi

Crawford

Franklin

Johnson

Pope

Van Buren

Cleburne

Independence

Jackson

Poinsett

Cross

Sebastian

Scott

Logan

Yell

Conway

Perry

Saline

Faulkner

Pulaski

White

Lonoke

Prairie

Woodruff

Monroe

St. Francis

Lee

Crittenden

Polk

Howard

Sevier

Little River

Montgomery

Pike

Hempstead

Garland

Hot Spring

Clark

Dallas

Nevada

Grant

Jefferson

Lincoln

Cleveland

Arkansas

Desha

Phillips

Unemployment Rates

< or = 3.0%

Miller

Lafayette

Ouachita

Columbia

Calhoun

Union

Bradley

Drew

Ashley

Chicot

3.1% - 5.0%

5.1% - 7.0%

> 7.0% [NONE]

Ranked by Unemployment Rates

July 2017- Not Seasonally Adjusted



|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank**1 | **County**Washington | **Rate**2.6 | **Rank**26 | **County**Garland | **Rate**4.1 | **Rank**50 | **County**Conway | **Rate**4.8 |
| 2 | Madison | 2.8 | 26 | Lincoln | 4.1 | 50 | Johnson | 4.8 |
| 3 | Carroll | 2.9 | 26 | Poinsett | 4.1 | 50 | Little River | 4.8 |
| 4 | Benton | 3.0 | 26 | Prairie | 4.1 | 50 | Montgomery | 4.8 |
| 5 | Arkansas | 3.1 | 30 | Lawrence | 4.2 | 50 | Woodruff | 4.8 |
| 5 | Saline | 3.1 | 30 | Pike | 4.2 | 56 | Cleburne | 4.9 |
| 7 | Craighead | 3.2 | 30 | Randolph | 4.2 | 56 | Dallas | 4.9 |
| 7 | Howard | 3.2 | 33 | Baxter | 4.3 | 56 | Sharp | 4.9 |
| 7 | Lonoke | 3.2 | 33 | Calhoun | 4.3 | 59 | Lee | 5.0 |
| 10 | Grant | 3.3 | 33 | Logan | 4.3 | 59 | Searcy | 5.0 |
| 11 | Faulkner | 3.4 | 33 | Monroe | 4.3 | 61 | St. Francis | 5.1 |
| 12 | Boone | 3.5 | 37 | Miller | 4.4 | 62 | Desha | 5.2 |
| 12 | Pulaski | 3.5 | 37 | White | 4.4 | 62 | Pope | 5.2 |
| 14 | Crawford | 3.6 | 39 | Bradley | 4.5 | 64 | Jefferson | 5.4 |
| 14 | Sebastian | 3.6 | 39 | Clark | 4.5 | 65 | Drew | 5.5 |
| 16 | Hempstead | 3.7 | 39 | Crittenden | 4.5 | 65 | Lafayette | 5.5 |
| 16 | Newton | 3.7 | 39 | Fulton | 4.5 | 67 | Columbia | 5.6 |
| 16 | Scott | 3.7 | 39 | Sevier | 4.5 | 68 | Union | 5.7 |
| 19 | Nevada | 3.8 | 39 | Yell | 4.5 | 68 | Van Buren | 5.7 |
| 20 | Cross | 3.9 | 45 | Cleveland | 4.6 | 70 | Izard | 5.8 |
| 20 | Franklin | 3.9 | 45 | Ouachita | 4.6 | 70 | Jackson | 5.8 |
| 20 | Greene | 3.9 | 47 | Independence | 4.7 | 72 | Ashley | 5.9 |
| 20 | Marion | 3.9 | 47 | Polk | 4.7 | 72 | Chicot | 5.9 |
| 20 | Perry | 3.9 | 47 | Stone | 4.7 | 74 | Phillips | 6.1 |
| 25 | Hot Spring | 4.0 | 50 | Clay | 4.8 | 75 | Mississippi | 6.6 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

LWDA Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **LWDA CLF** | **July 2017****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **June 2017****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** | **CLF** | **July 2016****Emp Unemp** | **Rate** |
| Central (minus LR) 259,970 251,198 8,772 3.4 255,789 247,351 8,438 3.3 254,284 244,531 9,753 3.8 |
| City of Little Rock | 101,490 | 98,068 | 3,422 | 3.4 | 99,668 | 96,348 | 3,320 | 3.3 | 99,447 | 95,535 | 3,912 | 3.9 |
| Eastern | 49,089 | 46,746 | 2,343 | 4.8 | 49,682 | 47,381 | 2,301 | 4.6 | 48,512 | 45,978 | 2,534 | 5.2 |
| North Central | 95,439 | 90,848 | 4,591 | 4.8 | 98,089 | 93,605 | 4,484 | 4.6 | 94,220 | 88,611 | 5,609 | 6.0 |
| Northeast | 124,025 | 118,939 | 5,086 | 4.1 | 124,042 | 118,832 | 5,210 | 4.2 | 121,381 | 115,649 | 5,732 | 4.7 |
| Northwest | 330,966 | 321,024 | 9,942 | 3.0 | 328,402 | 318,877 | 9,525 | 2.9 | 316,706 | 306,225 | 10,481 | 3.3 |
| Southeast | 84,068 | 79,987 | 4,081 | 4.9 | 84,947 | 80,964 | 3,983 | 4.7 | 82,800 | 77,995 | 4,805 | 5.8 |
| Southwest | 95,759 | 91,295 | 4,464 | 4.7 | 97,505 | 93,078 | 4,427 | 4.5 | 94,690 | 89,562 | 5,128 | 5.4 |
| West Central | 136,607 | 130,466 | 6,141 | 4.5 | 137,629 | 131,875 | 5,754 | 4.2 | 133,175 | 126,250 | 6,925 | 5.2 |
| Western | 116,783 | 112,354 | 4,429 | 3.8 | 117,027 | 112,794 | 4,233 | 3.6 | 115,355 | 110,354 | 5,001 | 4.3 |

Benton

Washington

Carroll

Madison

Boone

Newton

Marion

Searcy

Baxter

Stone

Fulton

Izard

Sharp

Randolph

Lawrence

Clay

Greene

Craighead

Mississippi

Crawford

Franklin

Johnson

Pope

Van Buren

Cleburne

Independence

Jackson

Poinsett

Cross

Sebastian

Scott

Logan

Yell

Conway

Perry

Saline

Faulkner

Pulaski

White

Lonoke

Prairie

Woodruff

Monroe

St. Francis

Lee

Crittenden

Polk

Sevier

Montgomery

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Central (minus LR) Eastern

North Central

Northeast

Northwest

Southeast

Southwest

West Central

Western

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