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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 2019 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 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 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

Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Between June and July, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates declined in 30 states. Nine states posted over-the-month increases, while rates in 11 states were unchanged. In July, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 4.5 percent in Utah to a high of 16.1 percent in Massachusetts. Arkansas ranked 11th, with a jobless rate of 7.1 percent. The largest over-the-month rate decrease occurred in Michigan, down six and two-tenths of a percentage point. New Mexico and Maine posted notable monthly increases, up four and three-tenths of a percentage point and three and two-tenths, respectively.

Compared to July 2019, unemployment rates are higher in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Five states reported over-the-year rate increases of over 10 percentage points, while Arkansas is up three and five-tenths of a percentage point.

Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate
1	Utah	4.5	18	Minnesota	7.7	35	Washington	10.3
2	Nebraska	4.8	19	Indiana	7.8	36	Delaware	10.4
3	Idaho	5.0	20	Alabama	7.9	36	Oregon	10.4
4	Kentucky	5.7	21	Texas	8.0	38	Arizona	10.6
5	South Dakota	6.3	21	Virginia	8.0	39	Mississippi	10.8
6	Montana	6.4	23	New Hampshire	8.1	40	Rhode Island	11.2
7	Iowa	6.6	24	Vermont	8.3	41	Florida	11.3
7	North Dakota	6.6	25	Washington, D.C.	8.4	41	Illinois	11.3
9	Missouri	6.9	26	North Carolina	8.5	43	Alaska	11.6
10	Wisconsin	7.0	27	South Carolina	8.6	44	New Mexico	12.7
11	Arkansas	7.1	28	Michigan	8.7	45	Hawaii	13.1
11	Oklahoma	7.1	29	Ohio	8.9	46	California	13.3
11	Wyoming	7.1	30	Louisiana	9.4	47	Pennsylvania	13.7
14	Kansas	7.2	31	Tennessee	9.5	48	New Jersey	13.8
15	Colorado	7.4	32	Maine	9.9	49	Nevada	14.0
16	Georgia	7.6	32	West Virginia	9.9	50	New York	15.9
16	Maryland	7.6	34	Connecticut	10.2	51	Massachusetts	16.1

U.S. Unemployment Rate = 10.2 Percent





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STATE OF ARKANSAS Civilian Labor Force Summary

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased one percentage point, from 8.1 percent (revised up from 8.0 percent) in June to 7.1 percent in July. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined by 9,410, a result of 14,272 fewer unemployed and 4,862 additional employed Arkansans. At 10.2 percent, the United States' jobless rate decreased nine-tenths of a percentage point between June and July.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Arkansas' unemployment rate rose to 10.8 percent in April, at the height of the initial pandemic response. While employment and unemployment have fluctuated since then, Arkansas' jobless rate has steadily declined and is down to 7.1 percent in July."

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>Jul 19</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>Jul 19</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,304,752	1,314,162	1,361,041	Civilian Labor Force	1,322,768	1,331,793
Employment	1,212,619	1,207,757	1,312,512	Employment	1,223,776	1,220,682
Unemployment	92,133	106,405	48,529	Unemployment	98,992	111,111
Unemployment Rate	7.1	8.1	3.6	Unemployment Rate	7.5	8.3
U.S. Unemployment	10.2	11.1	3.7	U.S. Unemployment	10.5	11.2
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Number of Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)
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STATE OF ARKANSAS Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>Jul 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1202.6	1214.1	1257.2	-11.5	-54.6
Goods Producing	202.4	203.7	221.1	-1.3	-18.7
Mining, Logging, & Construction	58.7	59.0	59.3	-0.3	-0.6
Mining & Logging	5.2	5.1	5.9	0.1	-0.7
Construction	53.5	53.9	53.4	-0.4	0.1
Specialty Trade Contractors	34.1	34.0	33.7	0.1	0.4
Manufacturing	143.7	144.7	161.8	-1.0	-18.1
Durable Goods	63.4	64.4	77.1	-1.0	-13.7
Nondurable Goods	80.3	80.3	84.7	0.0	-4.4
Service Providing	1000.2	1010.4	1036.1	-10.2	-35.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	254.6	255.1	250.8	-0.5	3.8
Wholesale Trade	49.3	49.6	47.7	-0.3	1.6
Retail Trade	135.8	135.7	135.7	0.1	0.1
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	69.5	69.8	67.4	-0.3	2.1
Information	10.6	10.7	11.2	-0.1	-0.6
Financial Activities	61.7	60.9	63.1	0.8	-1.4
Finance & Insurance	48.2	47.7	48.9	0.5	-0.7
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.5	13.2	14.2	0.3	-0.7
Professional & Business Services	142.2	141.0	142.2	1.2	0.0
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.8	43.5	44.6	0.3	-0.8
Management of Companies	36.0	35.7	33.8	0.3	2.2
Administrative & Support Services	62.4	61.8	63.8	0.6	-1.4
Educational & Health Services	181.2	180.8	189.5	0.4	-8.3
Educational Services	13.4	13.9	12.1	-0.5	1.3
Health Care & Social Assistance	167.8	166.9	177.4	0.9	-9.6
Ambulatory Health Care	59.2	57.0	59.9	2.2	-0.7
Social Assistance	34.9	35.3	38.7	-0.4	-3.8
Leisure & Hospitality	105.0	104.2	122.6	0.8	-17.6
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12.3	12.4	13.5	-0.1	-1.2
Accommodation & Food Services	92.7	91.8	109.1	0.9	-16.4
Accommodation Services	9.1	9.1	12.1	0.0	-3.0
Food Services	83.6	82.7	97.0	0.9	-13.4
Other Services	57.5	57.2	59.8	0.3	-2.3
Government	187.4	200.5	196.9	-13.1	-9.5
Federal Government	20.8	20.4	20.3	0.4	0.5
State Government	70.9	71.2	72.9	-0.3	-2.0
State Gov, Educational Services	23.9	23.6	24.6	0.3	-0.7
State Gov, Excluding Education	47.0	47.6	48.3	-0.6	-1.3
Local Government	95.7	108.9	103.7	-13.2	-8.0
Local Gov, Educational Services	53.6	66.7	57.4	-13.1	-3.8
Local Gov, Excluding Education	42.1	42.2	46.3	-0.1	-4.2



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STATE OF ARKANSAS Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

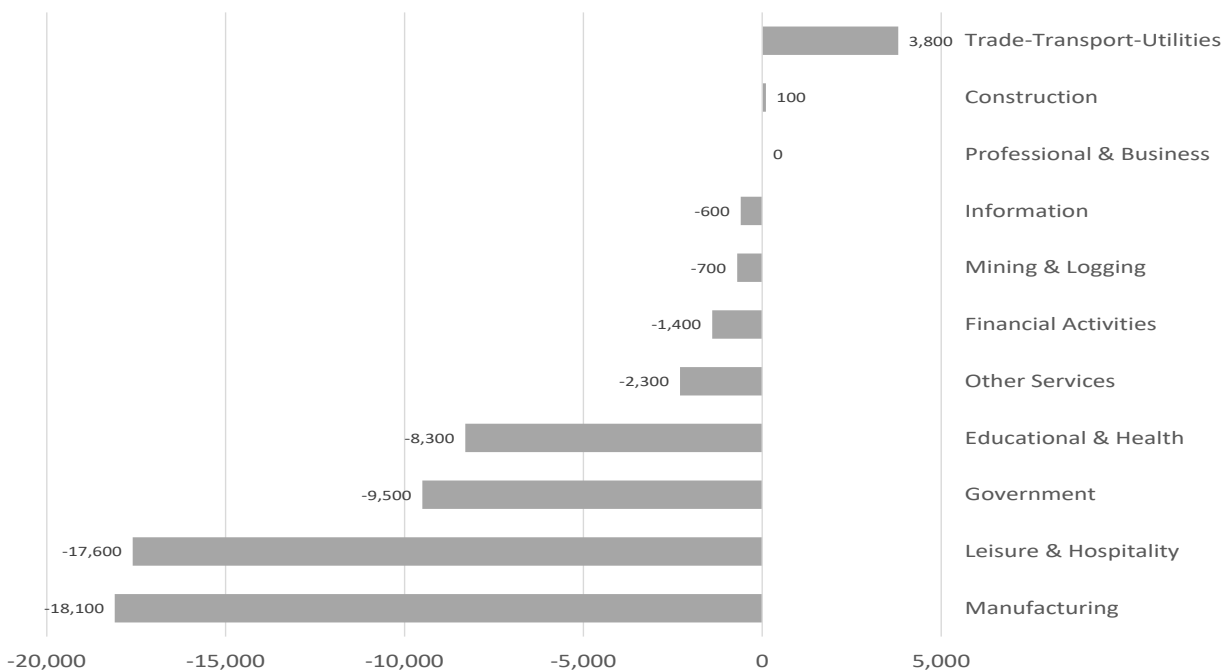
June 2020 - July 2020

Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas decreased 11,500 in July to total 1,202,600. Jobs in five major industry sectors declined, more than offsetting gains in six sectors. Jobs in **government** fell 13,100. Most of the loss was in local government, educational services (-13,100), related to summer break at public schools. **Manufacturing** decreased 1,000. All reductions were in durable goods manufacturing (-1,000), due in part to COVID-related layoffs and closures. Minor losses were reported in **trade-transportation-utilities** (-500), **construction** (-400), and **information** (-100). **Professional and business services** posted the largest gain, adding 1,200 jobs. Hiring occurred in all three subsectors. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 800, all in food services (+900).

July 2019 - July 2020

Compared to July 2019, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs have declined 54,600. Employment in eight major industry sectors remain down over-the-year. Jobs in **manufacturing** dropped 18,100, mostly in durable goods manufacturing (-13,700). **Leisure and hospitality** decreased 17,600. Losses were posted in all subsectors, with food services accounting for most of the contraction (-13,400). **Government** employment is down 9,500. Reductions were reported across the board in both state (-2,000) and local (-8,000) government. Jobs in **educational and health services** declined 8,300, all in health care and social assistance (-9,600). Notable losses were also posted in **other services** (-2,300) and **financial activities** (-1,400). The largest over-the-year increase was in **trade, transportation, and utilities** (+3,800), with gains reported in all three subsectors.

Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
July 2019 vs July 2020





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Production Workers - Hours and Earnings

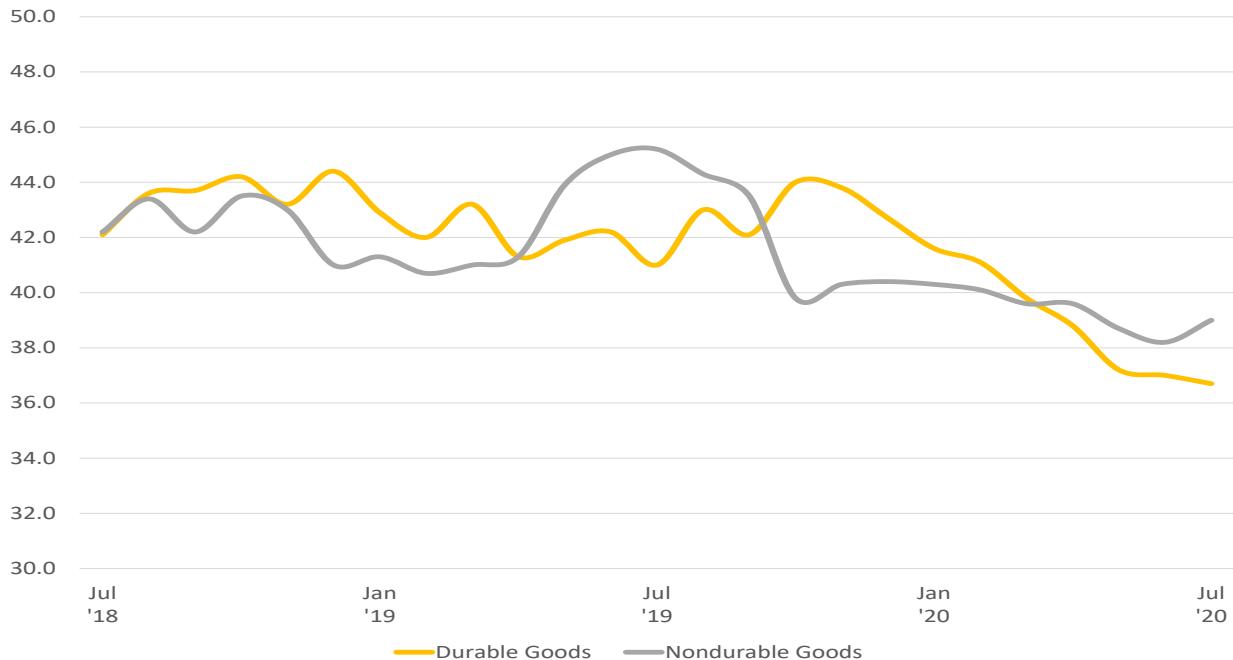
Manufacturing

	Jul 20	Jun 20	Jul 19
Average Weekly Hours	38.0	37.7	43.2
Average Hourly Earnings	18.41	18.57	18.64
Average Weekly Earnings	699.58	700.09	800.50

Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

	Durable Goods Manufacturing			Nondurable Goods Manufacturing		
	Jul 20	Jun 20	Jul 19	Jul 20	Jun 20	Jul 19
Average Weekly Hours	36.7	37.0	41.0	39.0	38.2	45.2
Average Hourly Earnings	19.91	20.55	20.90	17.32	17.06	16.63
Average Weekly Earnings	730.70	760.35	856.90	675.48	651.69	751.68

Average Weekly Hours Worked - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Goods
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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)

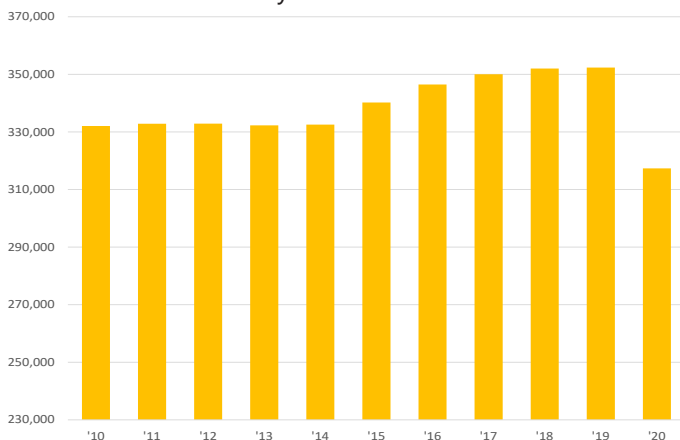
	Jul 20	Jun 20	Jul 19	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	345,941	349,496	366,061	-3,555	-20,120
Employment	317,321	318,032	352,355	-711	-35,034
Unemployment	28,620	31,464	13,706	-2,844	14,914
Unemployment Rate	8.3	9.0	3.7	-0.7	4.6

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

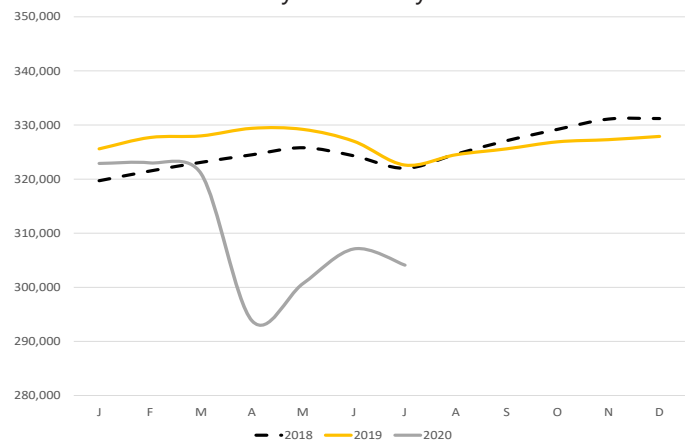
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jul 20	Jun 20	Jul 19	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	341.3	344.2	361.5	-2.9	-20.2
Goods Producing	37.2	37.1	38.9	0.1	-1.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.4	18.2	18.1	0.2	0.3
Manufacturing	18.8	18.9	20.8	-0.1	-2.0
Service Providing	304.1	307.1	322.6	-3.0	-18.5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	69.1	68.8	69.8	0.3	-0.7
Wholesale Trade	15.7	15.7	15.9	0.0	-0.2
Retail Trade	36.5	36.1	37.3	0.4	-0.8
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	16.9	17.0	16.6	-0.1	0.3
Information	3.7	3.9	4.3	-0.2	-0.6
Financial Activities	21.0	21.0	22.1	0.0	-1.1
Professional & Business Services	45.9	46.6	47.4	-0.7	-1.5
Educational & Health Services	52.8	52.5	57.3	0.3	-4.5
Leisure & Hospitality	30.5	30.1	35.3	0.4	-4.8
Other Services	17.7	17.7	18.7	0.0	-1.0
Government	63.4	66.5	67.7	-3.1	-4.3
Federal Government	9.9	9.9	9.6	0.0	0.3
State Government	32.7	32.9	34.3	-0.2	-1.6
Local Government	20.8	23.7	23.8	-2.9	-3.0

Number of Employed
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Jobs in Service Providing Industries
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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 20	Jun 20	Jul 19	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	274,123	274,511	284,839	-388	-10,716
Employment	258,521	256,870	276,309	1,651	-17,788
Unemployment	15,602	17,641	8,530	-2,039	7,072
Unemployment Rate	5.7	6.4	3.0	-0.7	2.7

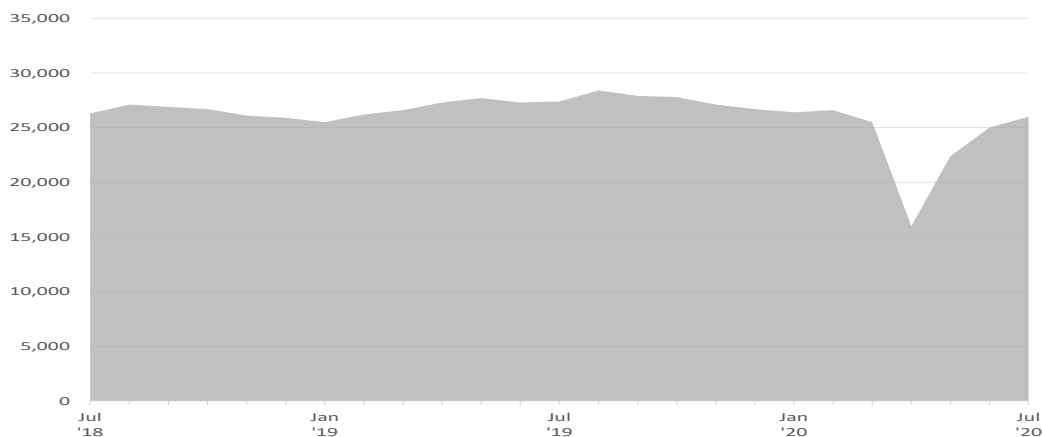
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jul 20	Jun 20	Jul 19	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	254.9	255.1	259.3	-0.2	-4.4
Goods Producing	41.2	41.3	42.7	-0.1	-1.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	12.5	12.6	12.6	-0.1	-0.1
Manufacturing	28.7	28.7	30.1	0.0	-1.4
Service Providing	213.7	213.8	216.6	-0.1	-2.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	57.0	56.6	56.3	0.4	0.7
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.5	12.3	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	26.1	25.4	25.8	0.7	0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.4	18.7	18.2	-0.3	0.2
Information	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	8.3	8.2	8.4	0.1	-0.1
Professional & Business Services	51.1	50.9	50.0	0.2	1.1
Educational & Health Services	27.2	27.0	29.1	0.2	-1.9
Leisure & Hospitality	26.0	25.0	27.4	1.0	-1.4
Other Services	9.4	9.4	9.7	0.0	-0.3
Government	32.8	34.8	33.7	-2.0	-0.9
Federal Government	2.8	2.8	2.7	0.0	0.1
State Government	13.4	13.3	13.5	0.1	-0.1
Local Government	16.6	18.7	17.5	-2.1	-0.9

Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality

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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)

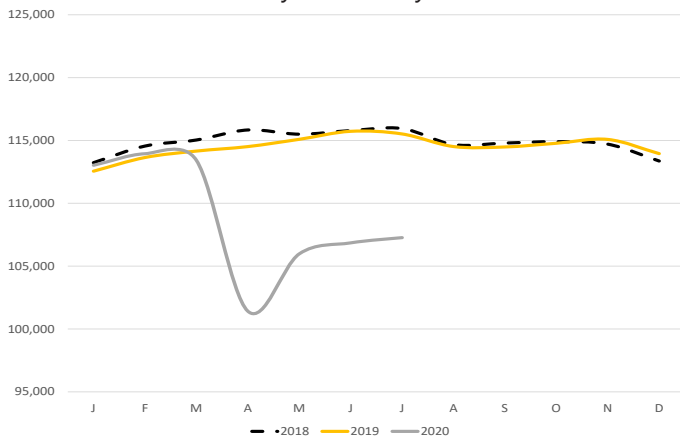
	Jul 20	Jun 20	Jul 19	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	115,571	115,425	120,296	146	-4,725
Employment	107,266	106,850	115,522	416	-8,256
Unemployment	8,305	8,575	4,774	-270	3,531
Unemployment Rate	7.2	7.4	4.0	-0.2	3.2

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

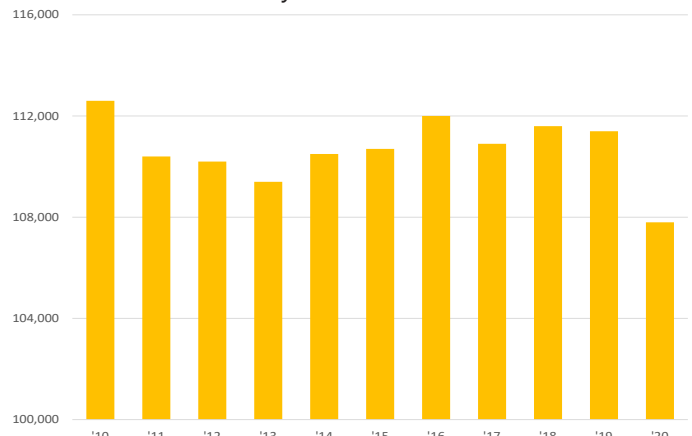
(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jul 20	Jun 20	Jul 19	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	107.8	108.6	111.4	-0.8	-3.6
Goods Producing	22.3	21.9	23.8	0.4	-1.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.9	5.8	6.4	0.1	-0.5
Manufacturing	16.4	16.1	17.4	0.3	-1.0
Service Providing	85.5	86.7	87.6	-1.2	-2.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.0	22.9	22.9	0.1	0.1
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	13.0	12.9	12.2	0.1	0.8
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	5.8	5.8	6.5	0.0	-0.7
Information	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Financial Activities	4.3	4.2	4.0	0.1	0.3
Professional & Business Services	11.2	11.2	12.2	0.0	-1.0
Educational & Health Services	16.5	16.6	17.1	-0.1	-0.6
Leisure & Hospitality	9.6	9.1	9.7	0.5	-0.1
Other Services	4.3	4.2	4.5	0.1	-0.2
Government	15.5	17.4	16.0	-1.9	-0.5
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	11.4	13.3	11.8	-1.9	-0.4

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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 20</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>Jul 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,575	41,219	42,818	356	-1,243
Employment	37,585	36,724	40,992	861	-3,407
Unemployment	3,990	4,495	1,826	-505	2,164
Unemployment Rate	9.6	10.9	4.3	-1.3	5.3

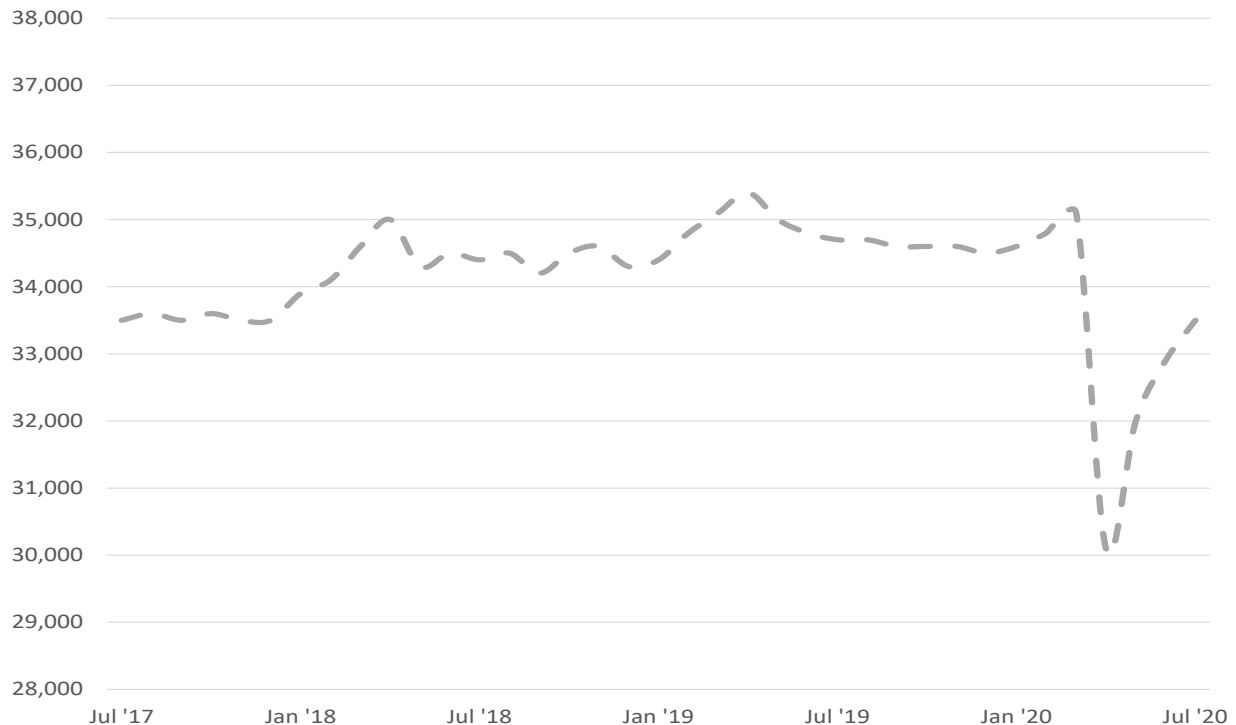
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>Jul 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	38.0	37.4	39.4	0.6	-1.4
Goods Producing	4.5	4.5	4.7	0.0	-0.2
Service Providing	33.5	32.9	34.7	0.6	-1.2
Government	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1

Jobs in Service Providing Sectors

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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Jul 20	Jun 20	Jul 19	OTM	QTY
Civilian Labor Force	65,692	65,227	67,235	465	-1,543
Employment	61,279	60,139	64,928	1,140	-3,649
Unemployment	4,413	5,088	2,307	-675	2,106
Unemployment Rate	6.7	7.8	3.4	-1.1	3.3

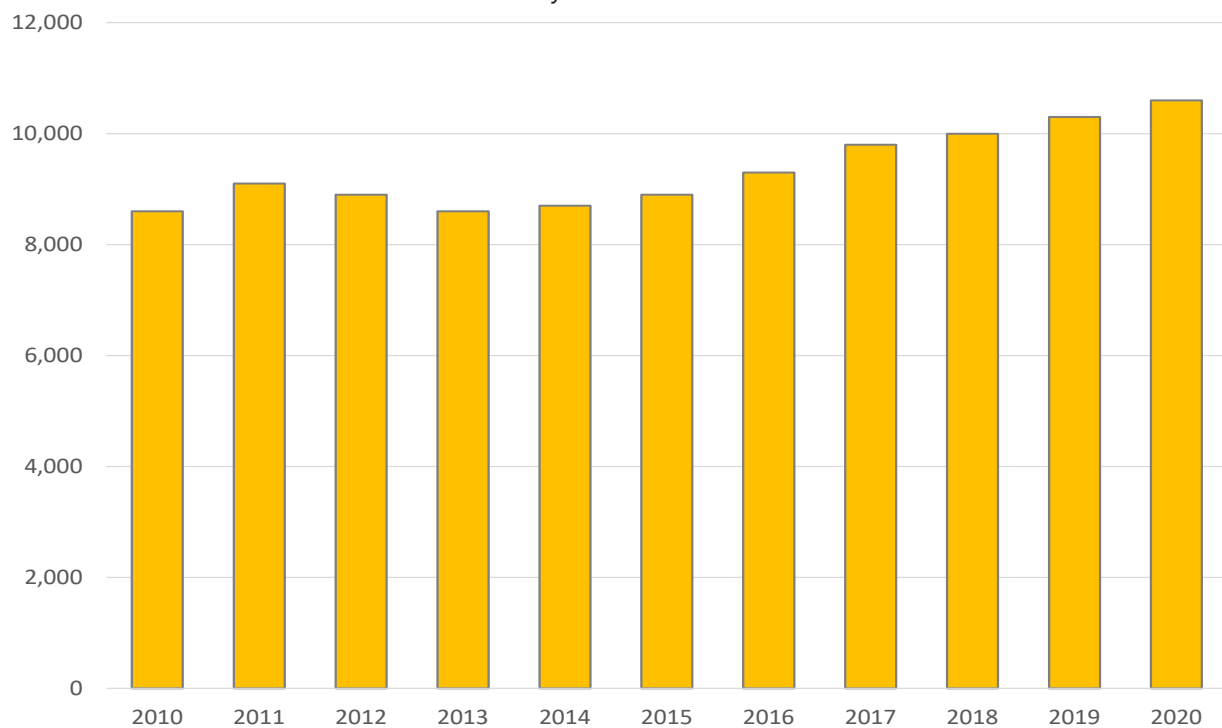
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jul 20	Jun 20	Jul 19	OTM	QTY
Total Nonfarm	59.0	58.3	59.2	0.7	-0.2
Goods Producing	10.6	10.4	10.3	0.2	0.3
Service Providing	48.4	47.9	48.9	0.5	-0.5
Government	7.7	7.8	8.6	-0.1	-0.9

Jobs in Goods Producing Industries

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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)

	Jul 20	Jun 20	Jul 19	OTM	OTY
Civilian Labor Force	33,690	34,293	35,418	-603	-1,728
Employment	30,555	30,996	33,286	-441	-2,731
Unemployment	3,135	3,297	2,132	-162	1,003
Unemployment Rate	9.3	9.6	6.0	-0.3	3.3

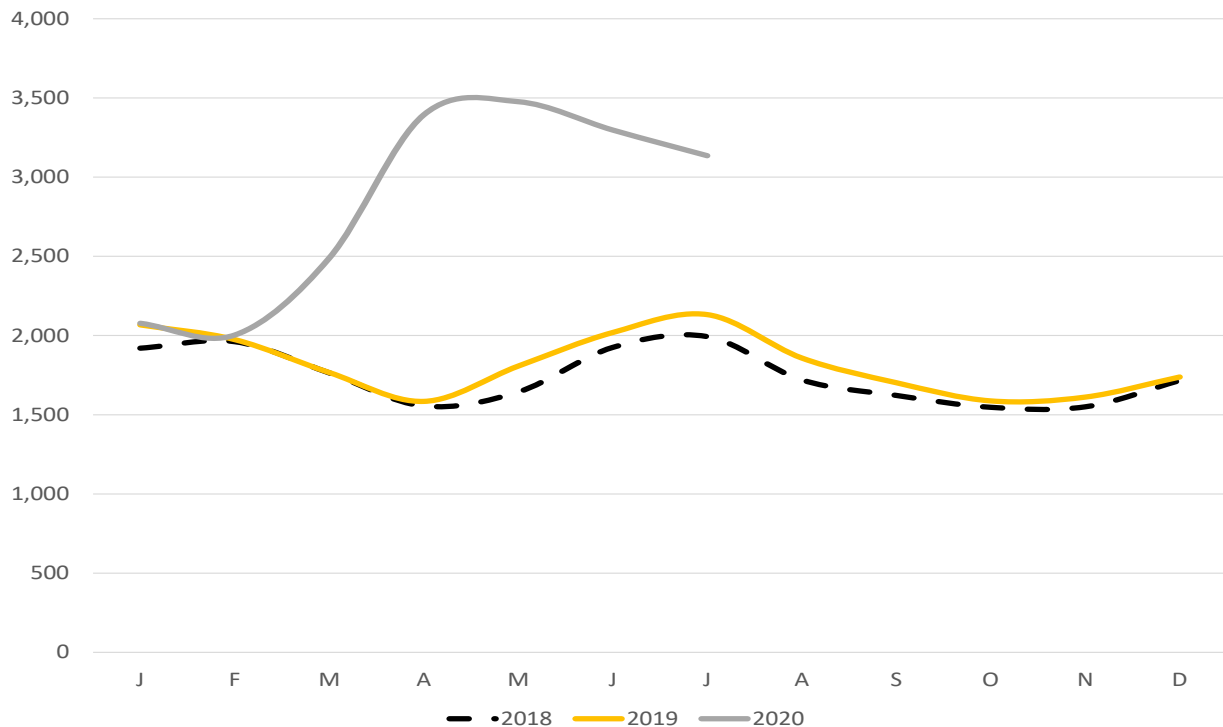
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

NAICS	Jul 20	Jun 20	Jul 19	OTM	OTY
Total Nonfarm	30.9	31.7	31.9	-0.8	-1.0
Goods Producing	5.5	5.6	6.0	-0.1	-0.5
Service Providing	25.4	26.1	25.9	-0.7	-0.5
Government	8.1	8.7	8.5	-0.6	-0.4

Number of Unemployed

January 2018 - July 2020





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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Out-of-State MSAs

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 20</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>Jul 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	628,584	619,634	653,760	8,950	-25,176
Employment	546,613	546,169	622,722	444	-76,109
Unemployment	81,971	73,465	31,038	8,506	50,933
Unemployment Rate	13.0	11.9	4.7	1.1	8.3

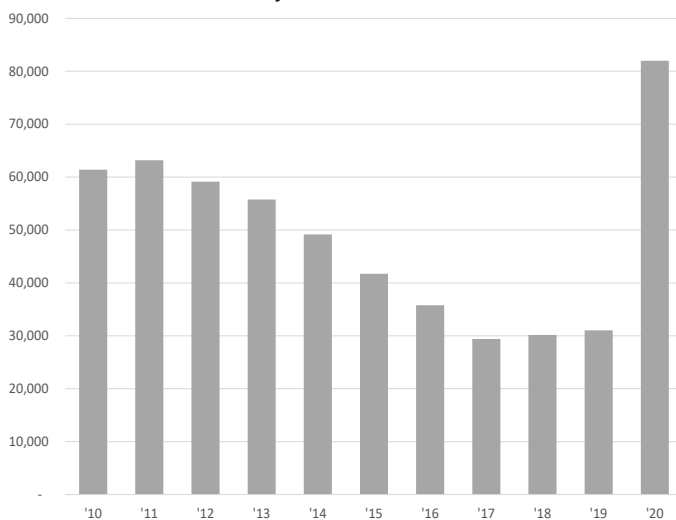
Texarkana MSA

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

	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>Jul 19</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,087	63,988	65,231	99	-1,144
Employment	59,245	58,736	62,096	509	-2,851
Unemployment	4,842	5,252	3,135	-410	1,707
Unemployment Rate	7.6	8.2	4.8	-0.6	2.8

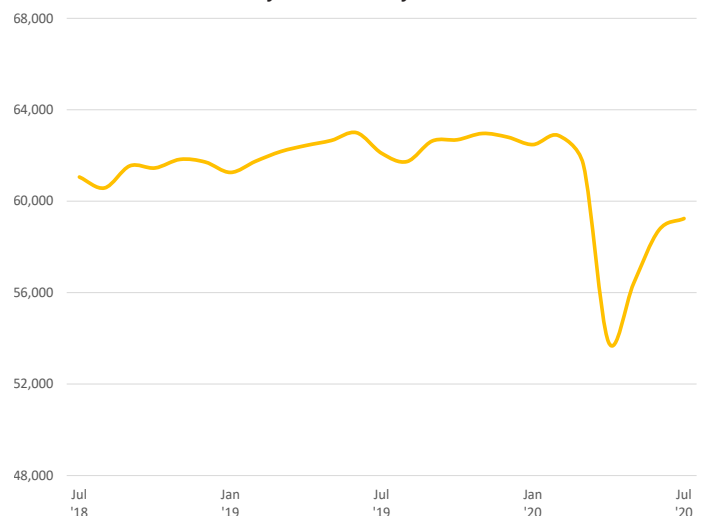
Memphis MSA - Number of Unemployed

July: 2010 - 2020



Texarkana MSA - Employment

July 2018 - July 2020





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MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND CITIES

Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	July 2020				June 2020				July 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	9,387	8,696	691	7.4	9,508	8,714	794	8.4	9,575	9,071	504	5.3
Batesville Micro	16,215	15,148	1,067	6.6	16,428	15,165	1,263	7.7	16,311	15,540	771	4.7
Blytheville Micro	17,112	15,157	1,955	11.4	17,428	15,212	2,216	12.7	17,592	16,327	1,265	7.2
Camden Micro	11,756	10,925	831	7.1	11,896	10,978	918	7.7	12,276	11,626	650	5.3
El Dorado Micro	15,315	13,803	1,512	9.9	15,578	13,837	1,741	11.2	15,654	14,686	968	6.2
Forrest City Micro	7,950	7,211	739	9.3	8,000	7,214	786	9.8	8,260	7,777	483	5.8
Harrison Micro	18,771	17,692	1,079	5.7	18,967	17,655	1,312	6.9	19,255	18,563	692	3.6
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,130	5,439	691	11.3	6,184	5,435	749	12.1	6,269	5,830	439	7.0
Hope Micro	12,927	12,086	841	6.5	13,055	12,097	958	7.3	13,565	12,936	629	4.6
Magnolia Micro	9,087	8,336	751	8.3	9,156	8,378	778	8.5	8,824	8,310	514	5.8
Malvern Micro	13,605	12,625	980	7.2	13,680	12,588	1,092	8.0	14,330	13,704	626	4.4
Mountain Home Micro	15,747	14,652	1,095	7.0	16,133	14,665	1,468	9.1	16,313	15,643	670	4.1
Paragould Micro	19,536	18,146	1,390	7.1	19,775	18,077	1,698	8.6	20,290	19,447	843	4.2
Russellville Micro	36,188	33,739	2,449	6.8	36,490	33,771	2,719	7.5	37,000	35,015	1,985	5.4
Searcy Micro	32,684	30,245	2,439	7.5	33,083	30,269	2,814	8.5	33,340	31,651	1,689	5.1

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 2020				June 2020				July 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	11,993	11,170	823	6.9	12,035	11,104	931	7.7	12,389	11,955	434	3.5
Benton	16,784	15,615	1,169	7.0	16,978	15,652	1,326	7.8	17,909	17,326	583	3.3
Bentonville	26,350	24,909	1,441	5.5	26,315	24,761	1,554	5.9	27,400	26,660	740	2.7
Blytheville	5,981	5,105	876	14.6	6,023	5,123	900	14.9	6,086	5,499	587	9.6
Cabot	11,666	10,818	848	7.3	11,789	10,832	957	8.1	12,522	12,058	464	3.7
Conway	32,510	30,220	2,290	7.0	32,976	30,270	2,706	8.2	34,723	33,567	1,156	3.3
El Dorado	6,788	5,979	809	11.9	6,950	5,994	956	13.8	6,894	6,362	532	7.7
Fayetteville	47,661	44,302	3,359	7.0	47,913	44,015	3,898	8.1	48,929	47,418	1,511	3.1
Fort Smith	38,177	35,412	2,765	7.2	38,573	35,400	3,173	8.2	39,947	38,434	1,513	3.8
Hot Springs	15,191	13,361	1,830	12.0	15,170	13,055	2,115	13.9	15,340	14,572	768	5.0
Jacksonville	11,495	10,270	1,225	10.7	11,654	10,297	1,357	11.6	12,063	11,394	669	5.5
Jonesboro	39,273	36,476	2,797	7.1	39,016	35,805	3,211	8.2	39,931	38,583	1,348	3.4
Little Rock	96,028	86,425	9,603	10.0	96,755	86,654	10,101	10.4	99,700	95,889	3,811	3.8
North Little Rock	29,758	26,514	3,244	10.9	30,188	26,584	3,604	11.9	30,682	29,418	1,264	4.1
Paragould	12,476	11,465	1,011	8.1	12,663	11,422	1,241	9.8	12,874	12,287	587	4.6
Pine Bluff	16,184	14,308	1,876	11.6	16,418	14,537	1,881	11.5	16,835	15,547	1,288	7.7
Rogers	34,918	32,975	1,943	5.6	35,027	32,779	2,248	6.4	36,325	35,292	1,033	2.8
Russellville	13,008	12,150	858	6.6	13,116	12,170	946	7.2	13,244	12,567	677	5.1
Searcy	9,912	9,221	691	7.0	10,022	9,228	794	7.9	10,165	9,650	515	5.1
Sherwood	15,511	14,313	1,198	7.7	15,742	14,351	1,391	8.8	16,469	15,880	589	3.6
Springdale	38,500	36,494	2,006	5.2	38,568	36,259	2,309	6.0	40,217	39,061	1,156	2.9
Texarkana, AR	13,501	12,295	1,206	8.9	13,539	12,200	1,339	9.9	13,900	13,193	707	5.1
Van Buren	10,111	9,406	705	7.0	10,147	9,401	746	7.4	10,622	10,233	389	3.7
West Memphis	10,528	9,180	1,348	12.8	10,628	9,113	1,515	14.3	10,898	10,256	642	5.9



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County	July 2020				June 2020				July 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,021	8,569	452	5.0	9,098	8,581	517	5.7	9,602	9,301	301	3.1
Ashley	7,281	6,480	801	11.0	7,336	6,496	840	11.5	7,784	7,289	495	6.4
Baxter	15,747	14,652	1,095	7.0	16,133	14,665	1,468	9.1	16,313	15,643	670	4.1
Benton	133,838	126,289	7,549	5.6	134,076	125,540	8,536	6.4	139,305	135,164	4,141	3.0
Boone	15,569	14,657	912	5.9	15,734	14,639	1,095	7.0	15,919	15,352	567	3.6
Bradley	4,282	3,990	292	6.8	4,333	4,004	329	7.6	4,417	4,219	198	4.5
Calhoun	2,323	2,186	137	5.9	2,350	2,191	159	6.8	2,462	2,351	111	4.5
Carroll	12,422	11,606	816	6.6	12,497	11,563	934	7.5	13,255	12,861	394	3.0
Chicot	3,102	2,701	401	12.9	3,129	2,696	433	13.8	3,340	3,071	269	8.1
Clark	9,387	8,696	691	7.4	9,508	8,714	794	8.4	9,575	9,071	504	5.3
Clay	5,360	4,981	379	7.1	5,413	4,960	453	8.4	5,792	5,492	300	5.2
Cleburne	8,884	8,135	749	8.4	8,958	8,093	865	9.7	9,301	8,869	432	4.6
Cleveland	3,066	2,853	213	6.9	3,121	2,880	241	7.7	3,272	3,134	138	4.2
Columbia	9,087	8,336	751	8.3	9,156	8,378	778	8.5	8,824	8,310	514	5.8
Conway	7,978	7,410	568	7.1	8,087	7,426	661	8.2	8,280	7,856	424	5.1
Craighead	55,576	51,816	3,760	6.8	55,214	50,863	4,351	7.9	56,703	54,808	1,895	3.3
Crawford	25,909	24,194	1,715	6.6	26,095	24,181	1,914	7.3	27,365	26,320	1,045	3.8
Crittenden	21,024	18,729	2,295	10.9	21,093	18,592	2,501	11.9	22,068	20,924	1,144	5.2
Cross	7,162	6,642	520	7.3	7,176	6,644	532	7.4	7,413	7,061	352	4.7
Dallas	2,652	2,476	176	6.6	2,684	2,479	205	7.6	2,850	2,704	146	5.1
Desha	5,178	4,710	468	9.0	5,196	4,716	480	9.2	5,347	5,064	283	5.3
Drew	7,465	6,877	588	7.9	7,547	6,883	664	8.8	7,757	7,288	469	6.0
Faulkner	59,319	55,337	3,982	6.7	60,070	55,428	4,642	7.7	63,605	61,465	2,140	3.4
Franklin	7,271	6,773	498	6.8	7,312	6,755	557	7.6	7,510	7,213	297	4.0
Fulton	4,895	4,607	288	5.9	4,916	4,560	356	7.2	5,021	4,789	232	4.6
Garland	41,575	37,585	3,990	9.6	41,219	36,724	4,495	10.9	42,818	40,992	1,826	4.3
Grant	7,932	7,411	521	6.6	8,023	7,434	589	7.3	8,574	8,260	314	3.7
Greene	19,536	18,146	1,390	7.1	19,775	18,077	1,698	8.6	20,290	19,447	843	4.2
Hempstead	9,406	8,832	574	6.1	9,494	8,839	655	6.9	9,907	9,469	438	4.4
Hot Spring	13,605	12,625	980	7.2	13,680	12,588	1,092	8.0	14,330	13,704	626	4.4
Howard	5,346	5,012	334	6.2	5,366	5,017	349	6.5	5,661	5,439	222	3.9
Independence	16,215	15,148	1,067	6.6	16,428	15,165	1,263	7.7	16,311	15,540	771	4.7
Izard	4,738	4,305	433	9.1	4,815	4,278	537	11.2	4,814	4,526	288	6.0
Jackson	5,393	4,933	460	8.5	5,464	4,938	526	9.6	5,805	5,373	432	7.4
Jefferson	26,883	24,217	2,666	9.9	27,370	24,604	2,766	10.1	28,110	26,314	1,796	6.4
Johnson	9,919	9,115	804	8.1	9,928	9,116	812	8.2	10,096	9,523	573	5.7
Lafayette	2,396	2,180	216	9.0	2,407	2,168	239	9.9	2,435	2,306	129	5.3
Lawrence	6,756	6,258	498	7.4	6,788	6,213	575	8.5	6,597	6,262	335	5.1
Lee	2,661	2,420	241	9.1	2,677	2,419	258	9.6	2,893	2,762	131	4.5
Lincoln	3,741	3,485	256	6.8	3,802	3,512	290	7.6	4,036	3,838	198	4.9
Little River	5,389	4,978	411	7.6	5,393	4,952	441	8.2	5,606	5,337	269	4.8
Logan	8,119	7,441	678	8.4	8,210	7,428	782	9.5	8,645	8,192	453	5.2
Lonoke	32,733	30,434	2,299	7.0	33,023	30,473	2,550	7.7	35,424	33,923	1,501	4.2
Madison	7,139	6,803	336	4.7	7,108	6,730	378	5.3	7,619	7,404	215	2.8
Marion	6,463	5,991	472	7.3	6,519	5,955	564	8.7	6,724	6,441	283	4.2
Miller	19,473	17,893	1,580	8.1	19,490	17,754	1,736	8.9	20,122	19,200	922	4.6

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted												
County	July 2020				June 2020				July 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	17,112	15,157	1,955	11.4	17,428	15,212	2,216	12.7	17,592	16,327	1,265	7.2
Monroe	2,652	2,431	221	8.3	2,691	2,436	255	9.5	2,785	2,639	146	5.2
Montgomery	2,816	2,578	238	8.5	2,795	2,537	258	9.2	3,033	2,885	148	4.9
Nevada	3,521	3,254	267	7.6	3,561	3,258	303	8.5	3,658	3,467	191	5.2
Newton	3,202	3,035	167	5.2	3,233	3,016	217	6.7	3,336	3,211	125	3.7
Ouachita	9,433	8,739	694	7.4	9,546	8,787	759	8.0	9,814	9,275	539	5.5
Perry	4,011	3,750	261	6.5	4,038	3,743	295	7.3	4,384	4,184	200	4.6
Phillips	6,130	5,439	691	11.3	6,184	5,435	749	12.1	6,269	5,830	439	7.0
Pike	4,124	3,823	301	7.3	4,133	3,806	327	7.9	4,206	4,012	194	4.6
Poinsett	10,116	9,463	653	6.5	10,013	9,276	737	7.4	10,532	10,120	412	3.9
Polk	7,807	7,198	609	7.8	7,824	7,169	655	8.4	8,107	7,741	366	4.5
Pope	28,108	26,133	1,975	7.0	28,369	26,176	2,193	7.7	28,613	27,029	1,584	5.5
Prairie	3,435	3,216	219	6.4	3,483	3,199	284	8.2	3,599	3,396	203	5.6
Pulaski	185,726	167,892	17,834	9.6	187,577	168,335	19,242	10.3	193,905	186,276	7,629	3.9
Randolph	7,211	6,695	516	7.2	7,253	6,681	572	7.9	7,311	6,975	336	4.6
St. Francis	7,950	7,211	739	9.3	8,000	7,214	786	9.8	8,260	7,777	483	5.8
Saline	56,220	52,497	3,723	6.6	56,765	52,619	4,146	7.3	60,169	58,247	1,922	3.2
Scott	4,178	3,946	232	5.6	4,198	3,939	259	6.2	4,273	4,100	173	4.0
Searcy	2,795	2,594	201	7.2	2,810	2,570	240	8.5	2,956	2,811	145	4.9
Sebastian	54,918	51,031	3,887	7.1	55,450	51,013	4,437	8.0	57,526	55,386	2,140	3.7
Sevier	5,289	4,935	354	6.7	5,310	4,917	393	7.4	5,594	5,291	303	5.4
Sharp	5,633	5,173	460	8.2	5,693	5,145	548	9.6	5,683	5,361	322	5.7
Stone	4,545	4,187	358	7.9	4,571	4,139	432	9.5	4,810	4,583	227	4.7
Union	15,315	13,803	1,512	9.9	15,578	13,837	1,741	11.2	15,654	14,686	968	6.2
Van Buren	5,576	5,136	440	7.9	5,623	5,107	516	9.2	5,750	5,435	315	5.5
Washington	122,377	115,289	7,088	5.8	122,647	114,541	8,106	6.6	127,088	123,397	3,691	2.9
White	32,684	30,245	2,439	7.5	33,083	30,269	2,814	8.5	33,340	31,651	1,689	5.1
Woodruff	2,583	2,402	181	7.0	2,607	2,403	204	7.8	2,748	2,595	153	5.6
Yell	8,080	7,606	474	5.9	8,121	7,595	526	6.5	8,387	7,986	401	4.8

County Labor Force Summary

Between June and July, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 4.7 percent in Madison County to a high of 12.9 percent in Chicot County.

In July, forty-seven Arkansas counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is down sharply from 65 counties with rates at or above seven percent in June. Over-the-month jobless rate declines ranged from a one-tenth of a percentage point decrease in Cross and Johnson counties to as large as a two and one-tenth of a percentage point drop in Baxter and Izard counties.

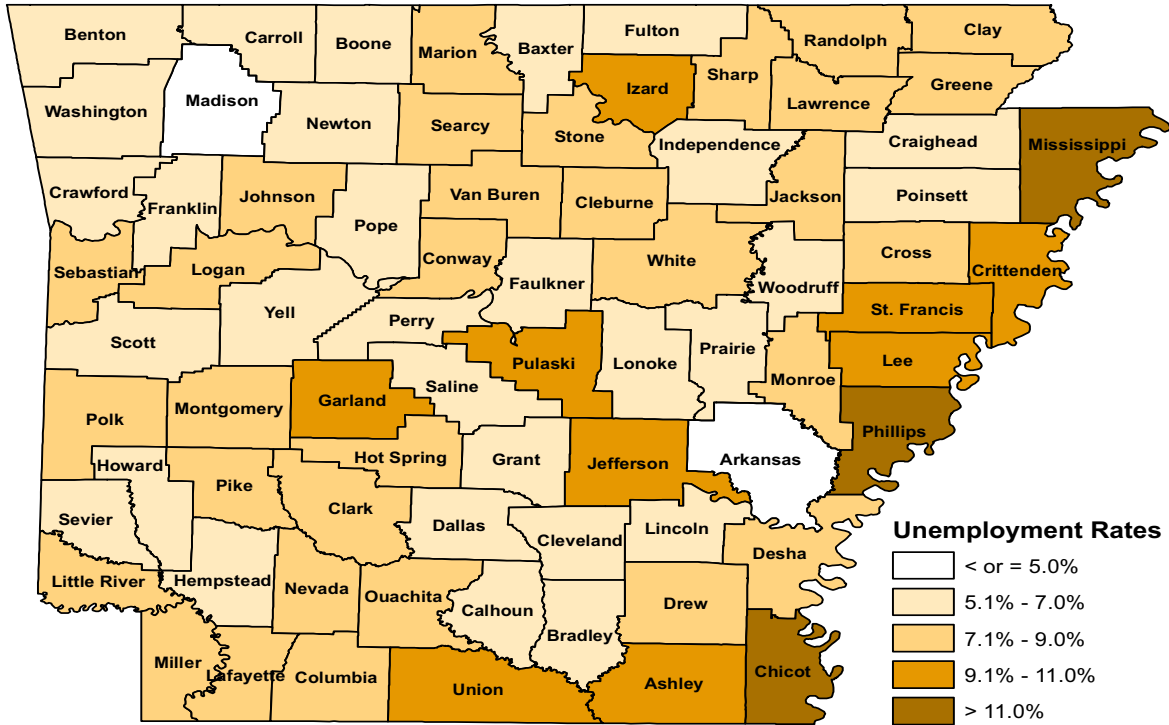
Compared to July 2019, unemployment rates are up in all 75 Arkansas counties. Annual increases ranged from as low as an eight-tenths of a percentage point gain in Prairie County to as high as a five and seven-tenths of a percentage point increase in both Pulaski and Crittenden counties.



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July

County Unemployment Rates



Ranked by Unemployment Rates

July 2020 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Madison	4.7	24	Franklin	6.8	50	Stone	7.9
2	Arkansas	5.0	24	Lincoln	6.8	50	Van Buren	7.9
3	Newton	5.2	28	Cleveland	6.9	53	Johnson	8.1
4	Benton	5.6	29	Baxter	7.0	53	Miller	8.1
4	Scott	5.6	29	Lonoke	7.0	55	Sharp	8.2
6	Washington	5.8	29	Pope	7.0	56	Columbia	8.3
7	Boone	5.9	29	Woodruff	7.0	56	Monroe	8.3
7	Calhoun	5.9	33	Clay	7.1	58	Cleburne	8.4
7	Fulton	5.9	33	Conway	7.1	58	Logan	8.4
7	Yell	5.9	33	Greene	7.1	60	Jackson	8.5
11	Hempstead	6.1	33	Sebastian	7.1	60	Montgomery	8.5
12	Howard	6.2	37	Hot Spring	7.2	62	Desha	9.0
13	Prairie	6.4	37	Randolph	7.2	62	Lafayette	9.0
14	Perry	6.5	37	Searcy	7.2	64	Izard	9.1
14	Poinsett	6.5	40	Cross	7.3	64	Lee	9.1
16	Carroll	6.6	40	Marion	7.3	66	St. Francis	9.3
16	Crawford	6.6	40	Pike	7.3	67	Garland	9.6
16	Dallas	6.6	43	Clark	7.4	67	Pulaski	9.6
16	Grant	6.6	43	Lawrence	7.4	69	Jefferson	9.9
16	Independence	6.6	43	Ouachita	7.4	69	Union	9.9
16	Saline	6.6	46	White	7.5	71	Crittenden	10.9
22	Faulkner	6.7	47	Little River	7.6	72	Ashley	11.0
22	Sevier	6.7	47	Nevada	7.6	73	Phillips	11.3
24	Bradley	6.8	49	Polk	7.8	74	Mississippi	11.4
24	Craighead	6.8	50	Drew	7.9	75	Chicot	12.9



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LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	July 2020				June 2020				July 2019			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	244,057	225,382	18,675	7.7	246,854	225,836	21,018	8.5	259,787	250,057	9,730	3.7
City of Little Rock	96,028	86,425	9,603	10.0	96,755	86,654	10,101	10.4	99,700	95,889	3,811	3.8
Eastern	44,927	40,441	4,486	10.0	45,130	40,304	4,826	10.7	46,903	44,354	2,549	5.4
North Central	91,146	84,271	6,875	7.5	92,158	84,097	8,061	8.7	93,583	88,722	4,861	5.2
Northeast	121,667	112,516	9,151	7.5	121,884	111,282	10,602	8.7	124,817	119,431	5,386	4.3
Northwest	319,552	300,916	18,636	5.8	320,757	299,219	21,538	6.7	332,515	322,284	10,231	3.1
Southeast	77,951	71,293	6,658	8.5	78,955	71,806	7,149	9.1	82,239	77,778	4,461	5.4
Southwest	89,630	82,624	7,006	7.8	90,335	82,577	7,758	8.6	92,587	87,835	4,752	5.1
West Central	129,603	119,321	10,282	7.9	129,878	118,425	11,453	8.8	133,722	127,242	6,480	4.8
Western	108,202	100,583	7,619	7.0	109,089	100,485	8,604	7.9	113,426	108,952	4,474	3.9

