

# 2022 ARKANSAS LABOR MARKET REPORT

## August



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## Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month's estimates are preliminary, while previous month's data is subject to revision.

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data collected for production workers in manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2020 benchmark.

### Explanation of Terms and Concepts

#### Monthly Business

#### Survey of Employers

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

5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

#### Metropolitan

#### Statistical Areas

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

#### Current Population

#### Survey (CPS)

A monthly sample survey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

#### Civilian Labor Force

The sum of all employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

#### Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

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

#### Unemployment

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

#### Unemployment

#### Rate

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

#### Seasonal

#### Adjustment

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



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## August Spotlight Business Employment Dynamics (BED)

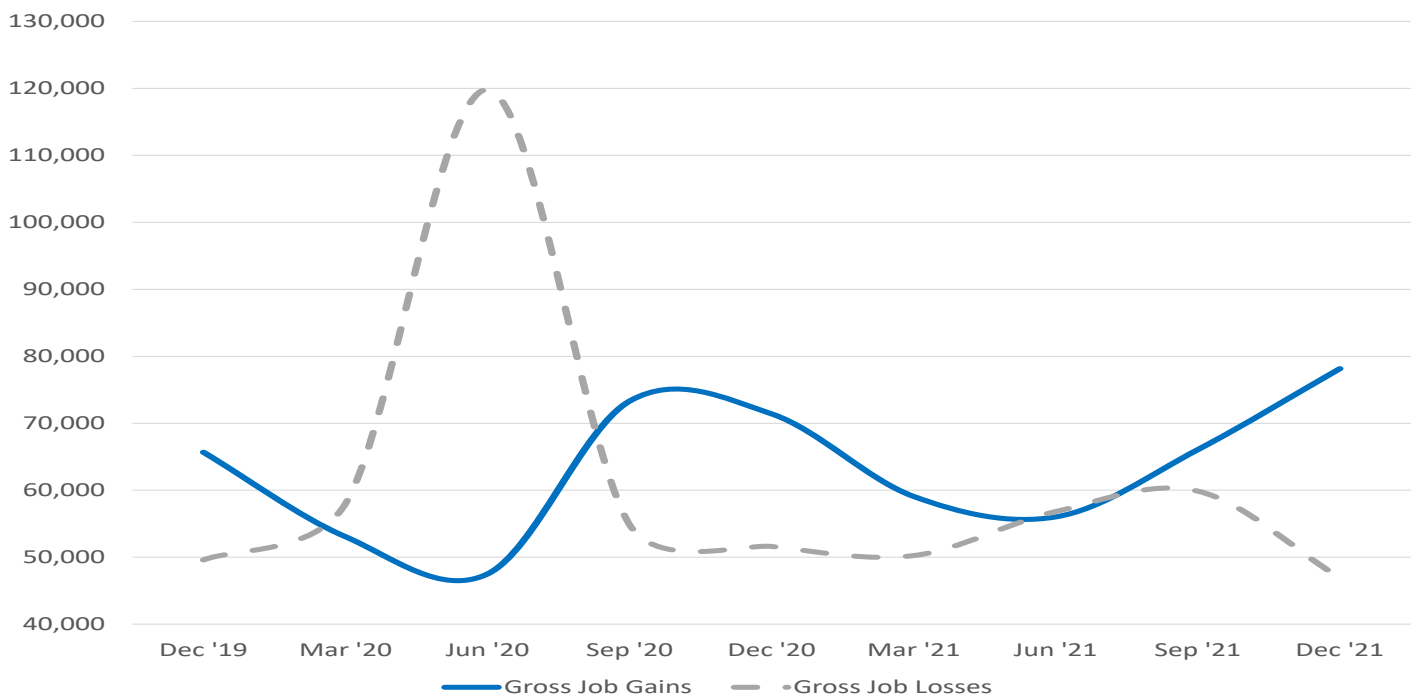
Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced and published on a quarterly basis. At this time, BED data is only available at the national and statewide levels.

The information produced from BED statistics includes gross job gains and losses at establishments with changes in employment. These employment changes occur when establishments open/expand or close/contract. Gross job gains are a combination of jobs created from both openings of new businesses and expansions at existing businesses. Gross job losses are a combination of jobs lost from both existing businesses that close and those that reduce their number of employees. The net change is the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses.

Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)					
State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)					
Quarter Ending					
Category	Dec 20	Mar 21	Jun 21	Sep 21	Dec 21*
Employment Levels					
Gross job gains.....	71,401	59,076	56,022	66,061	78,152
Gross job losses....	51,611	50,250	56,824	59,874	46,913
<b>Net Change.....</b>	<b>19,790</b>	<b>8,826</b>	<b>-802</b>	<b>6,187</b>	<b>31,239</b>

\*Most recent BED data available is for 4th Quarter 2021

**Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)**  
 4th Quarter 2019 - 4th Quarter 2021



## State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

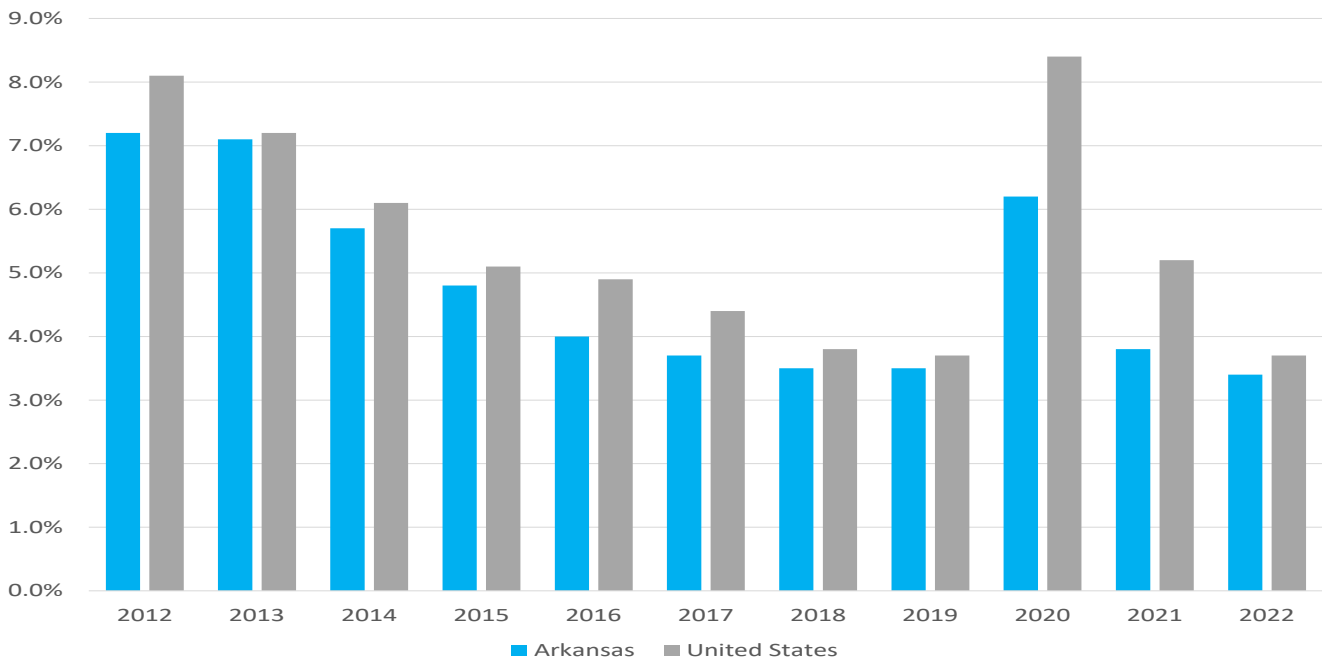
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.3 percent in July to 3.4 percent in August. Arkansas' civilian labor force declined 1,628, a result of 2,648 fewer employed and 1,020 more unemployed Arkansans. The United States' jobless rate increased two-tenths of a percentage point, rising from 3.5 percent in July to 3.7 percent in August.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "The unemployment rate in Arkansas rose to 3.4 percent, as the number of employed Arkansans declined slightly in August. The labor force participation rate decreased this month but is still up over the year. There are currently 28,185 more employed Arkansans compared to August 2021".

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 22	Jul 22	Aug 21	Aug 22	Jul 22	Aug 21	
Civilian Labor Force	1,354,414	1,356,042	1,330,686	Civilian Labor Force	1,352,183	1,367,088	1,331,975
Employment	1,308,781	1,311,429	1,280,596	Employment	1,304,203	1,310,069	1,281,561
Unemployment	45,633	44,613	50,090	Unemployment	47,980	57,019	50,414
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.3	3.8	Unemployment Rate	3.5	4.2	3.8
Labor Participation Rate	56.8	57.0	56.4	Labor Participation Rate	56.7	57.4	56.4
U.S. Unemp Rate	3.7	3.5	5.2	U.S. Unemp Rate	3.8	3.8	5.3

**Unemployment Rates - Arkansas vs United States (Seasonally Adjusted)**  
 August: 2012 - 2022





## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1317.9	1313.9	1278.7	4.0	39.2
Goods Producing	225.2	226.4	218.6	-1.2	6.6
Mining, Logging, & Construction	60.6	61.4	61.4	-0.8	-0.8
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	35.3	35.4	35.7	-0.1	-0.4
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>164.6</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>157.2</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>7.4</b>
Durable Goods	77.7	78.4	75.4	-0.7	2.3
Nondurable Goods	86.9	86.6	81.8	0.3	5.1
Service Providing	1092.7	1087.5	1060.1	5.2	32.6
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>266.0</b>	<b>267.9</b>	<b>257.2</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>8.8</b>
Wholesale Trade	52.3	53.6	48.1	-1.3	4.2
Retail Trade	138.8	138.9	139.8	-0.1	-1.0
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	74.9	75.4	69.3	-0.5	5.6
<b>Information</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>68.8</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Finance & Insurance	53.9	53.6	51.9	0.3	2.0
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	15.2	15.2	14.4	0.0	0.8
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>150.4</b>	<b>149.4</b>	<b>144.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	45.9	46.0	45.0	-0.1	0.9
Management of Companies	40.8	40.7	34.5	0.1	6.3
Administrative & Support Services	63.7	62.7	65.3	1.0	-1.6
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>199.4</b>	<b>198.3</b>	<b>194.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Educational Services	16.5	16.1	15.1	0.4	1.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	182.9	182.2	179.5	0.7	3.4
Ambulatory Health Care	63.2	63.0	61.9	0.2	1.3
Social Assistance	35.8	35.5	35.3	0.3	0.5
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>128.6</b>	<b>128.6</b>	<b>121.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7.3</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13.3	13.8	12.7	-0.5	0.6
Accommodation & Food Services	115.3	114.8	108.6	0.5	6.7
Accommodation Services	12.6	12.6	11.2	0.0	1.4
Food Services	102.7	102.2	97.4	0.5	5.3
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>198.4</b>	<b>194.6</b>	<b>196.5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Federal Government	20.6	20.7	20.6	-0.1	0.0
State Government	73.2	71.3	73.3	1.9	-0.1
State Gov, Educational Services	26.8	24.9	26.7	1.9	0.1
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.4	46.4	46.6	0.0	-0.2
Local Government	104.6	102.6	102.6	2.0	2.0
Local Gov, Educational Services	60.8	57.9	59.0	2.9	1.8
Local Gov, Excluding Education	43.8	44.7	43.6	-0.9	0.2



## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

### July 2022 - August 2022

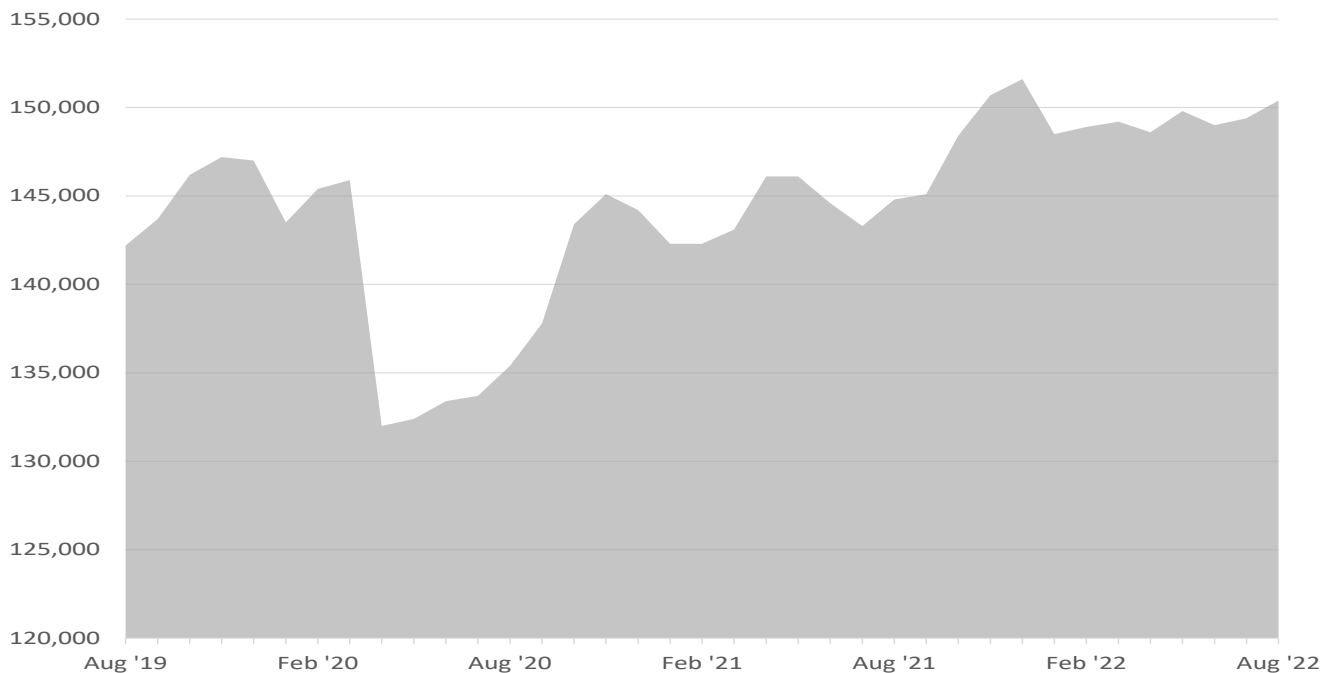
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas rose 4,000 in August to total 1,317,900. Five major industry sectors added jobs. Employment in **government** increased by 3,800. All hiring was in local government-educational services (+2,900) and state government-educational services (+1,900), related to the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 1,100, with expansions across all industry sectors. **Professional and business services** added 1,000 jobs. Gains in administrative and support services (+1,000) were related in part to hiring of support staff at schools and universities. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** declined 1,900. The greatest loss was reported in wholesale trade (-1,300).

### August 2021 - August 2022

Compared to August 2021, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs are up 39,200. Nine major industry sectors posted over-the-year gains. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** increased 8,800. Expansions in transportation-warehousing-utilities (+5,600) and wholesale trade (+4,200) more than offset losses in retail trade (-1,000). **Manufacturing** added 7,400 jobs, mostly in nondurable goods manufacturing (+5,100). Employment in **leisure and hospitality** rose by 7,300, with hiring across all subsectors. **Professional and business services** gained 5,600 jobs. Most of the expansion occurred in management of companies (+6,300). Jobs in **educational and health services** increased by 4,800, mostly in health care and social assistance (+3,400). Notable growth was also posted in **financial activities** (+2,800), **government** (+1,900), and **information** (+1,200).

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

August 2019 - August 2022





## State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

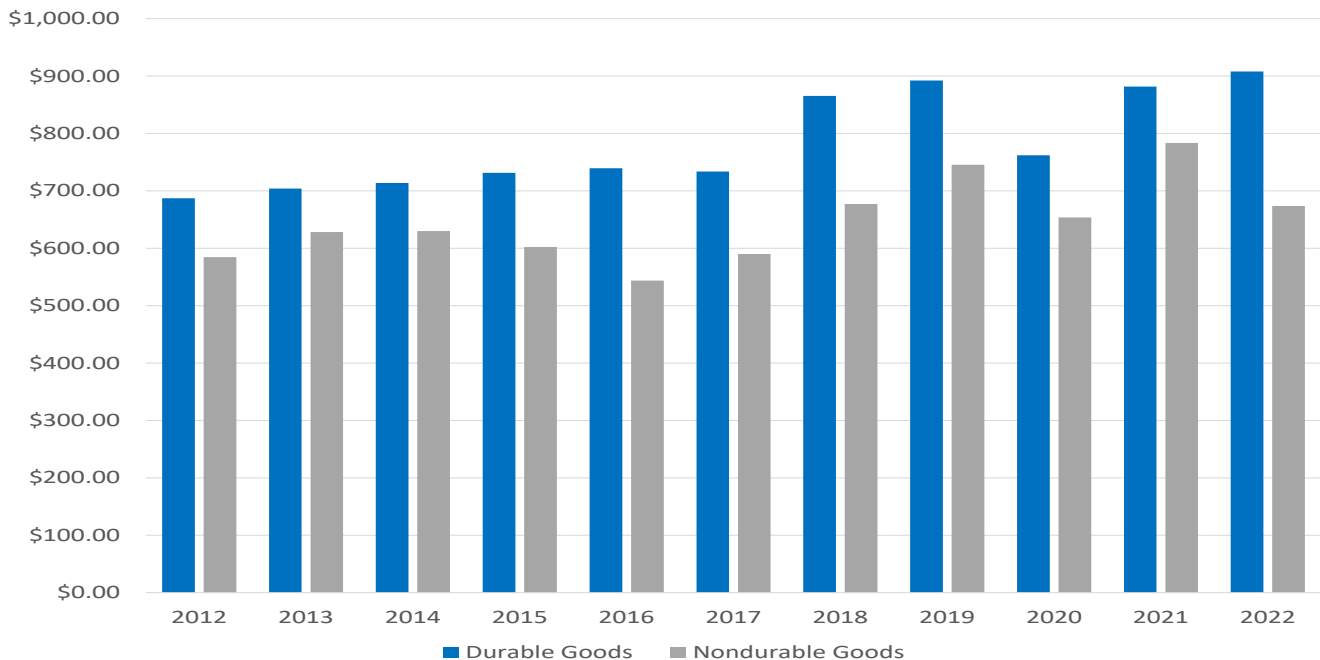
	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>
Average Weekly Hours	38.8	38.3	40.8
Average Hourly Earnings	20.17	20.36	20.36
Average Weekly Earnings	782.60	779.79	830.69

### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>		<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>
Average Weekly Hours	41.4	41.4	40.1	Average Weekly Hours	36.5	35.7	41.4
Average Hourly Earnings	21.93	21.99	21.99	Average Hourly Earnings	18.46	18.73	18.92
Average Weekly Earnings	907.90	910.39	881.80	Average Weekly Earnings	673.79	668.66	783.29

### Weekly Earnings - Durable Goods vs Nondurable Good (Production Workers)

August: 2012 - 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

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

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

	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	355,499	361,662	349,514	-6,163	5,985
Employment	343,237	347,159	335,641	-3,922	7,596
Unemployment	12,262	14,503	13,873	-2,241	-1,611
Unemployment Rate	3.4	4.0	4.0	-0.6	-0.6

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

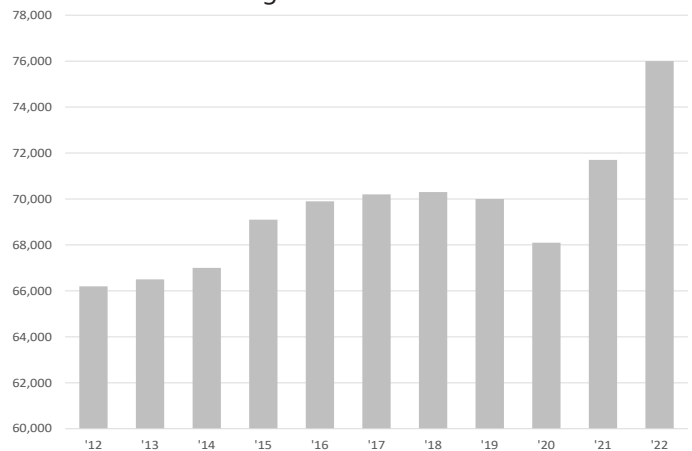
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	369.8	367.0	359.3	2.8	10.5
<b>Goods Producing</b>	38.7	38.3	37.8	0.4	0.9
<b>Mining, Logging &amp; Construction</b>	18.5	18.4	18.7	0.1	-0.2
<b>Manufacturing</b>	20.2	19.9	19.1	0.3	1.1
<b>Service Providing</b>	331.1	328.7	321.5	2.4	9.6
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	76.0	76.1	71.7	-0.1	4.3
Wholesale Trade	16.9	17.4	15.9	-0.5	1.0
Retail Trade	38.6	38.2	38.2	0.4	0.4
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.5	20.5	17.6	0.0	2.9
<b>Information</b>	5.7	5.7	5.4	0.0	0.3
<b>Financial Activities</b>	23.5	23.4	22.5	0.1	1.0
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	45.9	45.3	46.1	0.6	-0.2
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	59.6	58.5	58.2	1.1	1.4
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	37.0	37.1	33.5	-0.1	3.5
<b>Other Services</b>	18.3	18.2	18.3	0.1	0.0
<b>Government</b>	65.1	64.4	65.8	0.7	-0.7
Federal Government	9.9	9.9	9.8	0.0	0.1
State Government	33.5	32.9	33.3	0.6	0.2
Local Government	21.7	21.6	22.7	0.1	-1.0

**Employment**  
 August 2019 - August 2022



**Jobs in Trade-Transportation-Utilities**  
 August: 2012 - 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA

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

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

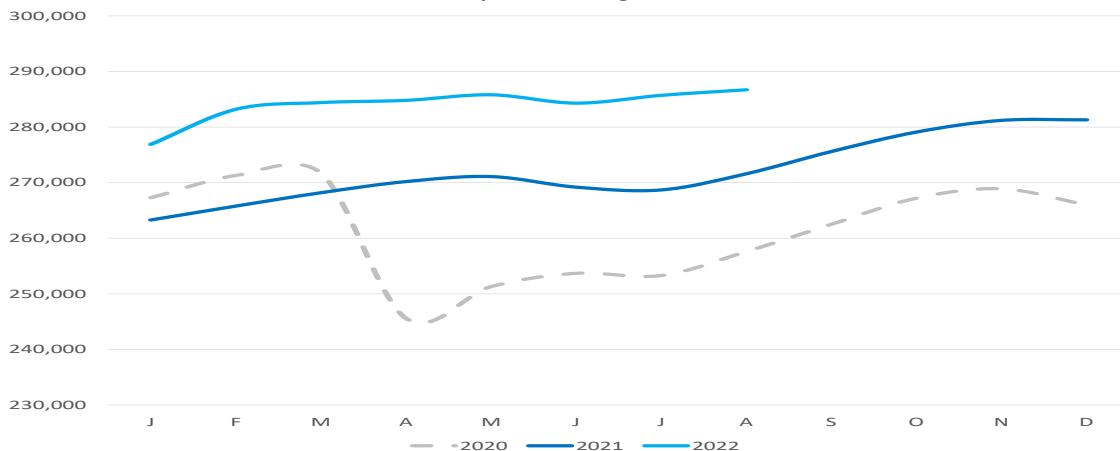
	<b>Aug 22</b>	<b>Jul 22</b>	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	297,673	302,922	285,280	-5,249	12,393
Employment	290,310	294,386	277,430	-4,076	12,880
Unemployment	7,363	8,536	7,850	-1,173	-487
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.8	2.8	-0.3	-0.3

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Aug 22</b>	<b>Jul 22</b>	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	286.7	285.7	271.6	1.0	15.1
Goods Producing	46.6	46.3	44.9	0.3	1.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	14.4	14.2	14.1	0.2	0.3
Manufacturing	32.2	32.1	30.8	0.1	1.4
Service Providing	240.1	239.4	226.7	0.7	13.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	61.9	62.5	58.9	-0.6	3.0
Wholesale Trade	13.5	13.9	12.8	-0.4	0.7
Retail Trade	28.6	28.5	27.4	0.1	1.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	19.8	20.1	18.7	-0.3	1.1
Information	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	9.3	9.3	9.1	0.0	0.2
Professional & Business Services	60.1	59.4	53.1	0.7	7.0
Educational & Health Services	30.7	31.0	30.2	-0.3	0.5
Leisure & Hospitality	28.2	28.6	27.4	-0.4	0.8
Other Services	10.1	10.1	9.9	0.0	0.2
Government	37.6	36.3	36.0	1.3	1.6
Federal Government	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
State Government	16.2	15.2	15.1	1.0	1.1
Local Government	18.5	18.2	18.1	0.3	0.4

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**  
 January 2020 - August 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fort Smith MSA

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

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

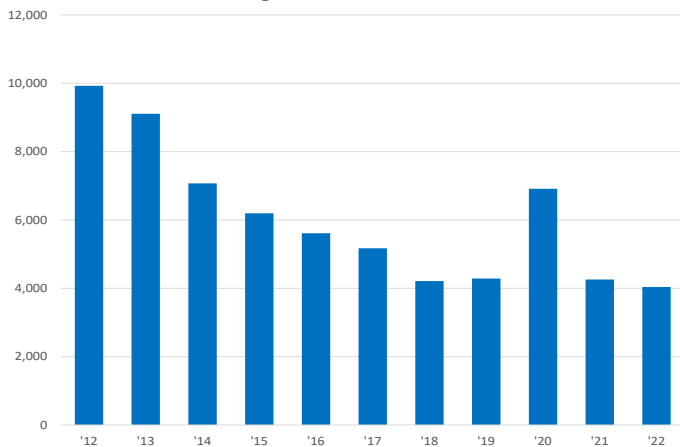
	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	117,262	118,831	115,121	-1,569	2,141
Employment	113,222	114,354	110,864	-1,132	2,358
Unemployment	4,040	4,477	4,257	-437	-217
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.8	3.7	-0.4	-0.3

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

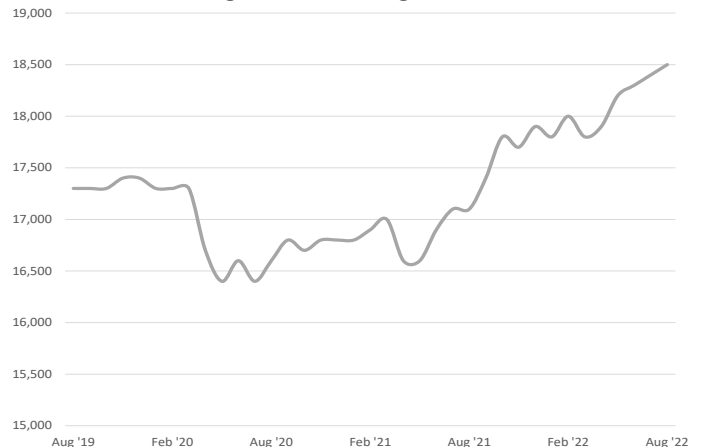
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	112.5	111.4	109.2	1.1	3.3
Goods Producing	23.7	23.7	22.2	0.0	1.5
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.2	5.3	5.1	-0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	18.5	18.4	17.1	0.1	1.4
Service Providing	88.8	87.7	87.0	1.1	1.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	24.5	24.3	23.4	0.2	1.1
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.9	4.3	-0.1	0.5
Retail Trade	12.9	12.6	12.7	0.3	0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.8	6.8	6.4	0.0	0.4
Information	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Professional & Business Services	11.3	11.4	11.6	-0.1	-0.3
Educational & Health Services	16.9	16.9	16.6	0.0	0.3
Leisure & Hospitality	10.2	10.3	9.8	-0.1	0.4
Other Services	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
Government	16.5	15.4	16.4	1.1	0.1
Federal Government	1.3	1.4	1.3	-0.1	0.0
State Government	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	-0.1
Local Government	12.9	11.7	12.7	1.2	0.2

**Number of Unemployed**  
 August: 2012 - 2022



**Jobs in Manufacturing**  
 August 2019 - August 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,318	42,212	40,874	-894	444
Employment	39,588	40,131	39,055	-543	533
Unemployment	1,730	2,081	1,819	-351	-89
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.9	4.5	-0.7	-0.3

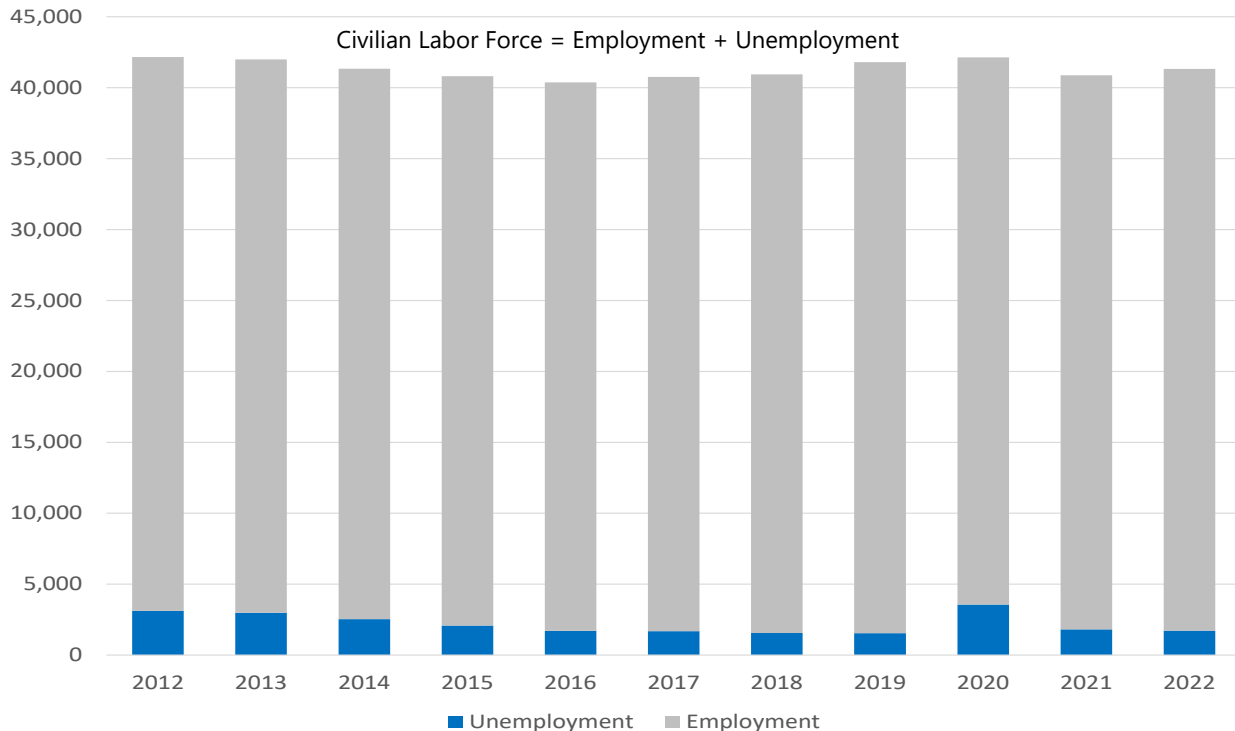
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.8	39.7	39.0	0.1	0.8
Goods Producing	4.4	4.5	4.6	-0.1	-0.2
Service Providing	35.4	35.2	34.4	0.2	1.0
Government	3.9	3.7	4.0	0.2	-0.1

### Composition of the Civilian Labor Force

August: 2012 - 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

	<b>Aug 22</b>	<b>Jul 22</b>	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	66,125	67,880	64,919	-1,755	1,206
Employment	64,105	65,536	62,821	-1,431	1,284
Unemployment	2,020	2,344	2,098	-324	-78
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.5	3.2	-0.4	-0.1

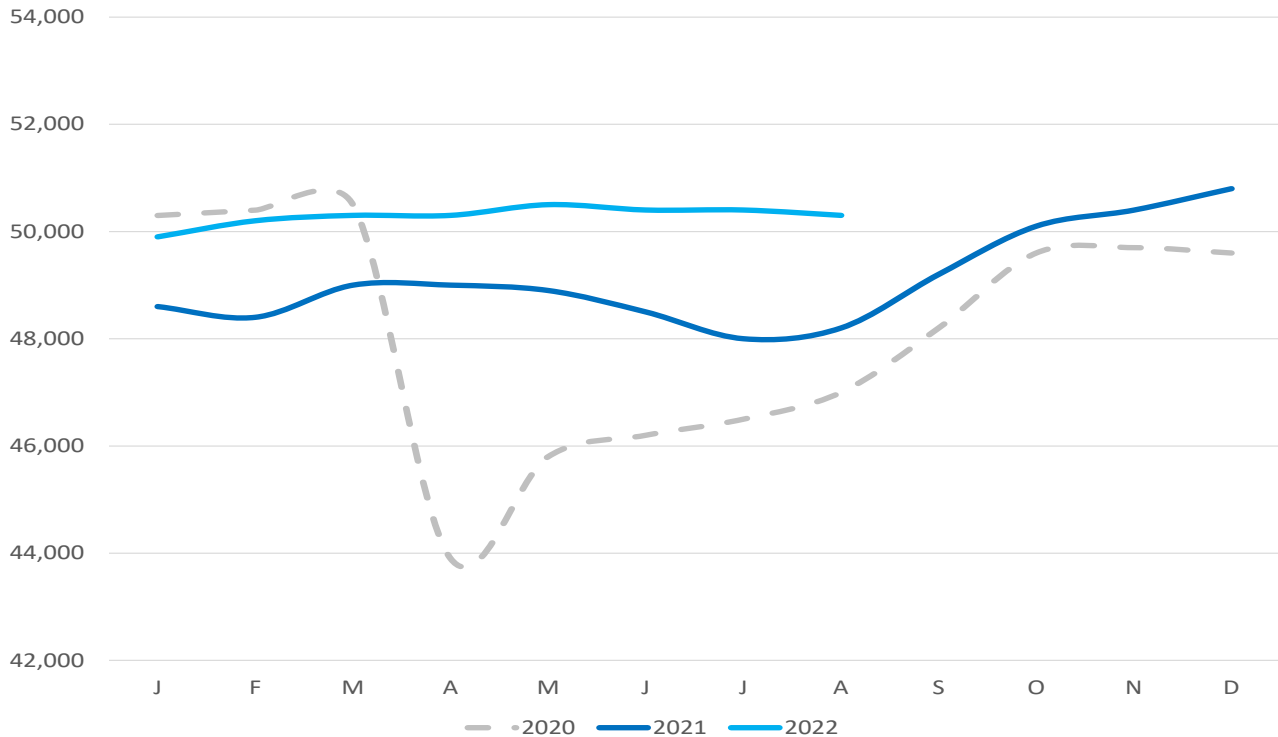
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Aug 22</b>	<b>Jul 22</b>	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	61.2	61.6	59.5	-0.4	1.7
Goods Producing	10.9	11.2	11.3	-0.3	-0.4
Service Providing	50.3	50.4	48.2	-0.1	2.1
Government	7.9	7.9	8.2	0.0	-0.3

### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

January 2020 - August 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	33,165	33,847	32,532	-682	633
Employment	31,242	31,576	30,616	-334	626
Unemployment	1,923	2,271	1,916	-348	7
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.7	5.9	-0.9	-0.1

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.5	31.3	30.6	0.2	0.9
Goods Producing	5.6	5.8	5.5	-0.2	0.1
Service Providing	25.9	25.5	25.1	0.4	0.8
Government	8.0	7.8	8.2	0.2	-0.2

### Employment

August 2019 - August 2022







## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Out-of-State MSA

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

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

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

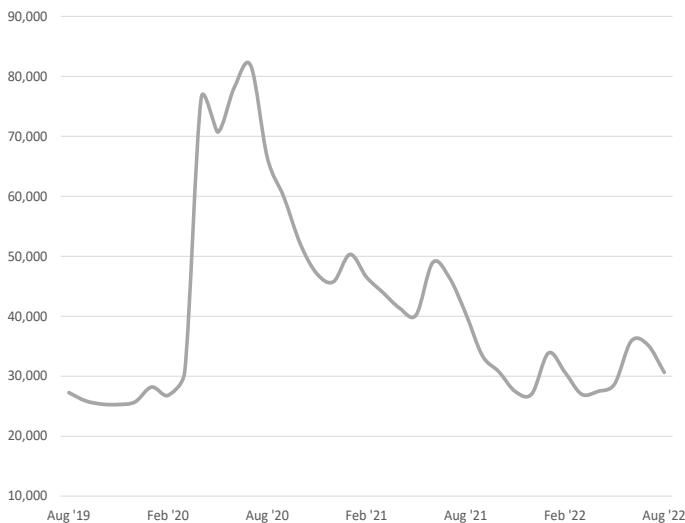
	<b>Aug 22</b>	<b>Jul 22</b>	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	646,237	656,104	644,502	-9,867	1,735
Employment	615,600	620,864	604,084	-5,264	11,516
Unemployment	30,637	35,240	40,418	-4,603	-9,781
Unemployment Rate	4.7	5.4	6.3	-0.7	-1.6

#### Texarkana MSA

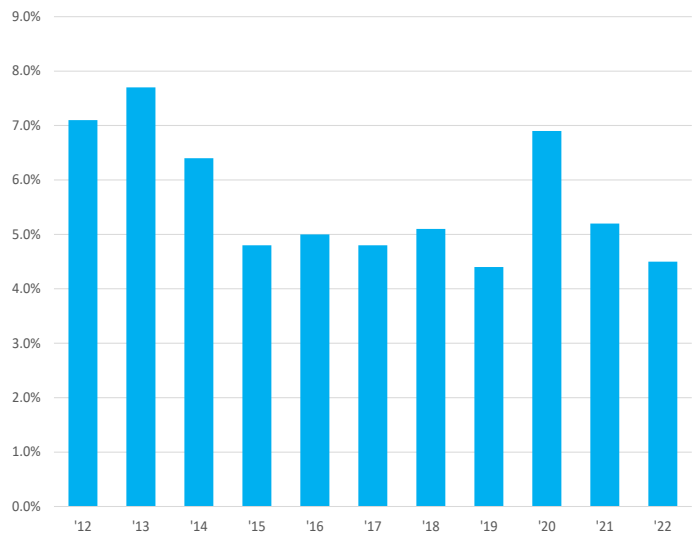
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<b>Aug 22</b>	<b>Jul 22</b>	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	63,800	64,423	63,072	-623	728
Employment	60,930	61,314	59,805	-384	1,125
Unemployment	2,870	3,109	3,267	-239	-397
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.8	5.2	-0.3	-0.7

**Memphis MSA - Unemployment**  
 August 2019 - August 2022



**Texarkana MSA - Unemployment Rates**  
 August: 2012 - 2022



## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	August 2022				July 2022				August 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,520	8,086	434	5.1	8,383	7,857	526	6.3	8,693	8,279	414	4.8
Batesville Micro	15,902	15,324	578	3.6	16,022	15,300	722	4.5	15,969	15,352	617	3.9
Blytheville Micro	16,365	15,269	1,096	6.7	16,579	15,155	1,424	8.6	16,447	15,360	1,087	6.6
Camden Micro	10,940	10,506	434	4.0	11,061	10,519	542	4.9	11,865	11,432	433	3.6
El Dorado Micro	14,704	13,905	799	5.4	14,685	13,719	966	6.6	15,050	14,166	884	5.9
Forrest City Micro	7,739	7,311	428	5.5	7,699	7,199	500	6.5	7,711	7,283	428	5.6
Harrison Micro	18,642	18,080	562	3.0	18,565	17,938	627	3.4	18,676	18,160	516	2.8
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,601	5,164	437	7.8	5,540	5,051	489	8.8	5,818	5,409	409	7.0
Hope Micro	12,301	11,859	442	3.6	12,397	11,853	544	4.4	12,435	11,989	446	3.6
Magnolia Micro	8,605	8,198	407	4.7	8,299	7,830	469	5.7	8,699	8,263	436	5.0
Malvern Micro	13,474	12,953	521	3.9	13,638	13,005	633	4.6	13,668	13,164	504	3.7
Mountain Home Micro	16,565	15,962	603	3.6	16,635	15,935	700	4.2	16,295	15,740	555	3.4
Paragould Micro	19,486	18,874	612	3.1	19,738	19,003	735	3.7	19,348	18,739	609	3.1
Russellville Micro	34,784	33,327	1,457	4.2	34,799	33,013	1,786	5.1	34,996	33,638	1,358	3.9
Searcy Micro	33,882	32,690	1,192	3.5	33,378	31,927	1,451	4.3	33,882	32,630	1,252	3.7

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

City	August 2022				July 2022				August 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,747	12,377	370	2.9	13,030	12,554	476	3.7	12,192	11,822	370	3.0
Benton	17,602	17,120	482	2.7	17,963	17,320	643	3.6	17,240	16,737	503	2.9
Bentonville	30,961	30,267	694	2.2	31,509	30,702	807	2.6	29,589	28,911	678	2.3
Blytheville	5,633	5,111	522	9.3	5,735	5,073	662	11.5	5,554	5,142	412	7.4
Cabot	12,000	11,631	369	3.1	12,127	11,749	378	3.1	11,755	11,389	366	3.1
Conway	34,345	33,285	1,060	3.1	34,907	33,661	1,246	3.6	33,753	32,559	1,194	3.5
El Dorado	6,382	5,984	398	6.2	6,395	5,904	491	7.7	6,550	6,096	454	6.9
Fayetteville	50,800	49,385	1,415	2.8	51,611	50,093	1,518	2.9	48,710	47,187	1,523	3.1
Fort Smith	38,111	36,928	1,183	3.1	38,708	37,268	1,440	3.7	37,381	36,082	1,299	3.5
Hot Springs	15,371	14,650	721	4.7	15,788	14,851	937	5.9	15,306	14,452	854	5.6
Jacksonville	11,569	11,041	528	4.6	11,804	11,170	634	5.4	11,434	10,792	642	5.6
Jonesboro	39,794	38,555	1,239	3.1	40,830	39,437	1,393	3.4	39,080	37,766	1,314	3.4
Little Rock	96,470	92,666	3,804	3.9	98,241	93,751	4,490	4.6	95,413	90,579	4,834	5.1
North Little Rock	29,763	28,495	1,268	4.3	30,380	28,829	1,551	5.1	29,367	27,854	1,513	5.2
Paragould	12,413	11,995	418	3.4	12,593	12,077	516	4.1	12,325	11,909	416	3.4
Pine Bluff	15,623	14,466	1,157	7.4	15,940	14,632	1,308	8.2	15,355	14,160	1,195	7.8
Rogers	38,000	37,132	868	2.3	38,654	37,666	988	2.6	36,404	35,469	935	2.6
Russellville	12,456	11,957	499	4.0	12,446	11,849	597	4.8	12,542	12,065	477	3.8
Searcy	10,242	9,872	370	3.6	10,084	9,641	443	4.4	10,249	9,854	395	3.9
Sherwood	16,076	15,551	525	3.3	16,355	15,733	622	3.8	15,764	15,201	563	3.6
Springdale	40,329	39,437	892	2.2	41,079	40,002	1,077	2.6	38,742	37,681	1,061	2.7
Texarkana, AR	13,231	12,685	546	4.1	13,590	12,875	715	5.3	13,068	12,406	662	5.1
Van Buren	10,215	9,900	315	3.1	10,382	9,985	397	3.8	9,995	9,679	316	3.2
West Memphis	10,393	9,797	596	5.7	10,672	9,936	736	6.9	10,171	9,583	588	5.8

## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	August 2022				July 2022				August 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,244	8,946	298	3.2	9,286	8,925	361	3.9	9,640	9,336	304	3.2
Ashley	6,788	6,339	449	6.6	6,767	6,229	538	8.0	6,834	6,377	457	6.7
Baxter	16,565	15,962	603	3.6	16,635	15,935	700	4.2	16,295	15,740	555	3.4
Benton	148,056	144,400	3,656	2.5	150,758	146,476	4,282	2.8	141,684	137,934	3,750	2.6
Boone	15,491	15,019	472	3.0	15,421	14,905	516	3.3	15,513	15,081	432	2.8
Bradley	4,078	3,857	221	5.4	4,037	3,828	209	5.2	4,019	3,837	182	4.5
Calhoun	2,190	2,117	73	3.3	2,205	2,116	89	4.0	2,370	2,296	74	3.1
Carroll	13,086	12,735	351	2.7	12,864	12,479	385	3.0	13,127	12,768	359	2.7
Chicot	3,017	2,789	228	7.6	3,022	2,751	271	9.0	3,158	2,905	253	8.0
Clark	8,520	8,086	434	5.1	8,383	7,857	526	6.3	8,693	8,279	414	4.8
Clay	5,571	5,367	204	3.7	5,507	5,254	253	4.6	5,516	5,328	188	3.4
Cleburne	8,951	8,579	372	4.2	9,017	8,569	448	5.0	8,999	8,629	370	4.1
Cleveland	3,159	3,041	118	3.7	3,215	3,065	150	4.7	3,104	2,990	114	3.7
Columbia	8,605	8,198	407	4.7	8,299	7,830	469	5.7	8,699	8,263	436	5.0
Conway	8,387	8,068	319	3.8	8,399	8,009	390	4.6	8,233	7,919	314	3.8
Craighead	56,261	54,595	1,666	3.0	57,784	55,844	1,940	3.4	55,230	53,477	1,753	3.2
Crawford	26,180	25,336	844	3.2	26,557	25,554	1,003	3.8	25,626	24,772	854	3.3
Crittenden	21,065	20,075	990	4.7	21,580	20,361	1,219	5.6	20,694	19,638	1,056	5.1
Cross	7,090	6,813	277	3.9	6,870	6,556	314	4.6	7,067	6,791	276	3.9
Dallas	2,735	2,616	119	4.4	2,750	2,612	138	5.0	2,751	2,637	114	4.1
Desh	4,932	4,634	298	6.0	4,883	4,508	375	7.7	5,004	4,714	290	5.8
Drew	7,496	7,136	360	4.8	7,300	6,898	402	5.5	7,488	7,129	359	4.8
Faulkner	62,411	60,459	1,952	3.1	63,385	61,141	2,244	3.5	61,139	59,140	1,999	3.3
Franklin	7,448	7,188	260	3.5	7,347	7,043	304	4.1	7,410	7,161	249	3.4
Fulton	4,991	4,823	168	3.4	5,055	4,835	220	4.4	4,814	4,652	162	3.4
Garland	41,318	39,588	1,730	4.2	42,212	40,131	2,081	4.9	40,874	39,055	1,819	4.5
Grant	8,376	8,107	269	3.2	8,513	8,192	321	3.8	8,182	7,935	247	3.0
Greene	19,486	18,874	612	3.1	19,738	19,003	735	3.7	19,348	18,739	609	3.1
Hempstead	9,004	8,699	305	3.4	9,067	8,692	375	4.1	9,108	8,796	312	3.4
Hot Spring	13,474	12,953	521	3.9	13,638	13,005	633	4.6	13,668	13,164	504	3.7
Howard	5,313	5,125	188	3.5	5,340	5,112	228	4.3	5,358	5,192	166	3.1
Independence	15,902	15,324	578	3.6	16,022	15,300	722	4.5	15,969	15,352	617	3.9
Izard	4,410	4,157	253	5.7	4,229	3,936	293	6.9	4,389	4,168	221	5.0
Jackson	5,613	5,329	284	5.1	5,509	5,183	326	5.9	5,802	5,531	271	4.7
Jefferson	26,196	24,567	1,629	6.2	26,770	24,849	1,921	7.2	25,685	24,048	1,637	6.4
Johnson	9,652	9,201	451	4.7	9,728	9,167	561	5.8	9,538	9,085	453	4.7
Lafayette	2,300	2,196	104	4.5	2,288	2,142	146	6.4	2,336	2,219	117	5.0
Lawrence	6,678	6,426	252	3.8	6,458	6,148	310	4.8	6,649	6,384	265	4.0
Lee	2,642	2,516	126	4.8	2,648	2,502	146	5.5	2,612	2,472	140	5.4
Lincoln	3,810	3,634	176	4.6	3,862	3,662	200	5.2	3,743	3,578	165	4.4
Little River	5,344	5,135	209	3.9	5,453	5,214	239	4.4	5,228	5,015	213	4.1
Logan	8,359	8,040	319	3.8	8,278	7,892	386	4.7	8,423	8,101	322	3.8
Lonoke	33,970	32,971	999	2.9	34,457	33,307	1,150	3.3	33,326	32,287	1,039	3.1
Madison	7,746	7,558	188	2.4	7,863	7,629	234	3.0	7,492	7,280	212	2.8
Marion	6,248	6,020	228	3.6	6,285	6,024	261	4.2	6,075	5,843	232	3.8
Miller	19,308	18,542	766	4.0	19,743	18,820	923	4.7	18,973	18,135	838	4.4

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## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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County	Not Seasonally Adjusted											
	August 2022				July 2022				August 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,365	15,269	1,096	6.7	16,579	15,155	1,424	8.6	16,447	15,360	1,087	6.6
Monroe	2,581	2,470	111	4.3	2,560	2,414	146	5.7	2,684	2,549	135	5.0
Montgomery	2,968	2,828	140	4.7	2,965	2,800	165	5.6	3,038	2,909	129	4.2
Nevada	3,297	3,160	137	4.2	3,330	3,161	169	5.1	3,327	3,193	134	4.0
Newton	3,151	3,061	90	2.9	3,144	3,033	111	3.5	3,163	3,079	84	2.7
Ouachita	8,750	8,389	361	4.1	8,856	8,403	453	5.1	9,495	9,136	359	3.8
Perry	4,206	4,049	157	3.7	4,276	4,088	188	4.4	4,130	3,971	159	3.8
Phillips	5,601	5,164	437	7.8	5,540	5,051	489	8.8	5,818	5,409	409	7.0
Pike	4,204	4,060	144	3.4	4,174	3,986	188	4.5	4,277	4,103	174	4.1
Poinsett	9,864	9,510	354	3.6	10,096	9,692	404	4.0	9,689	9,344	345	3.6
Polk	7,866	7,575	291	3.7	7,688	7,327	361	4.7	7,895	7,581	314	4.0
Pope	26,958	25,816	1,142	4.2	26,982	25,584	1,398	5.2	27,112	26,049	1,063	3.9
Prairie	3,550	3,446	104	2.9	3,461	3,339	122	3.5	3,612	3,501	111	3.1
Pulaski	187,385	180,166	7,219	3.9	190,902	182,275	8,627	4.5	184,836	176,109	8,727	4.7
Randolph	7,334	7,086	248	3.4	7,264	6,952	312	4.3	7,307	7,042	265	3.6
St. Francis	7,739	7,311	428	5.5	7,699	7,199	500	6.5	7,711	7,283	428	5.6
Saline	59,151	57,485	1,666	2.8	60,129	58,156	1,973	3.3	57,901	56,199	1,702	2.9
Scott	4,121	3,999	122	3.0	4,107	3,963	144	3.5	4,193	4,061	132	3.1
Searcy	2,910	2,781	129	4.4	2,808	2,659	149	5.3	3,069	2,948	121	3.9
Sebastian	54,956	53,197	1,759	3.2	55,721	53,687	2,034	3.7	53,860	51,978	1,882	3.5
Sevier	5,406	5,192	214	4.0	5,406	5,157	249	4.6	5,372	5,152	220	4.1
Sharp	5,553	5,314	239	4.3	5,613	5,309	304	5.4	5,531	5,268	263	4.8
Stone	4,701	4,511	190	4.0	4,621	4,366	255	5.5	4,655	4,456	199	4.3
Union	14,704	13,905	799	5.4	14,685	13,719	966	6.6	15,050	14,166	884	5.9
Van Buren	5,891	5,633	258	4.4	5,860	5,551	309	5.3	5,801	5,551	250	4.3
Washington	130,954	127,749	3,205	2.4	133,259	129,580	3,679	2.8	125,520	122,065	3,455	2.8
White	33,882	32,690	1,192	3.5	33,378	31,927	1,451	4.3	33,882	32,630	1,252	3.7
Woodruff	2,844	2,735	109	3.8	2,737	2,617	120	4.4	2,830	2,706	124	4.4
Yell	7,826	7,511	315	4.0	7,817	7,429	388	5.0	7,884	7,589	295	3.7

## County Labor Force Summary

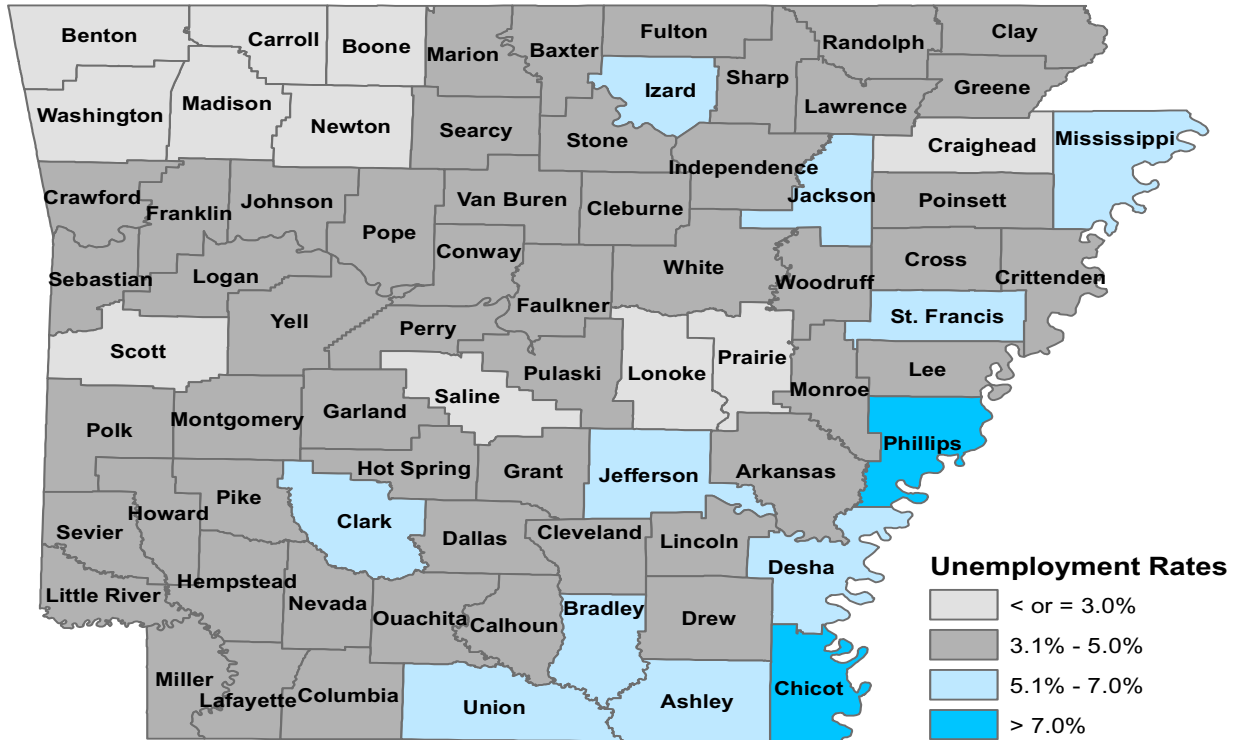
Between July and August, unemployment rates declined in 74 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Only one county-- Bradley County-- reported a rate increase. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.4 percent in Madison and Washington counties to a high of 7.8 percent in Phillips County.

In August, forty-five counties posted unemployment rates at or below 4 percent. That is up sharply from 19 counties at or below four percent last month. Two counties had jobless rates at or above 7 percent, down from six counties in July.

Compared to August 2021, unemployment rates are down in 37 Arkansas counties. Twenty-six counties reported rate increases over-the-year, while 12 counties were unchanged. The largest annual rate decline occurred in Pulaski County, down eight-tenths of a percentage point. Bradley County, up nine-tenths of a percentage point, posted the largest jobless rate increase compared to August 2021.



### County Unemployment Rates



### Ranked by Unemployment Rates

August 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Madison	2.4	26	Baxter	3.6	51	Monroe	4.3
1	Washington	2.4	26	Independence	3.6	51	Sharp	4.3
3	Benton	2.5	26	Marion	3.6	53	Dallas	4.4
4	Carroll	2.7	26	Poinsett	3.6	53	Searcy	4.4
5	Saline	2.8	30	Clay	3.7	53	Van Buren	4.4
6	Lonoke	2.9	30	Cleveland	3.7	56	Lafayette	4.5
6	Newton	2.9	30	Perry	3.7	57	Lincoln	4.6
6	Prairie	2.9	30	Polk	3.7	58	Columbia	4.7
9	Boone	3.0	34	Conway	3.8	58	Crittenden	4.7
9	Craighead	3.0	34	Lawrence	3.8	58	Johnson	4.7
9	Scott	3.0	34	Logan	3.8	58	Montgomery	4.7
12	Faulkner	3.1	34	Woodruff	3.8	62	Drew	4.8
12	Greene	3.1	38	Cross	3.9	62	Lee	4.8
14	Arkansas	3.2	38	Hot Spring	3.9	64	Clark	5.1
14	Crawford	3.2	38	Little River	3.9	64	Jackson	5.1
14	Grant	3.2	38	Pulaski	3.9	66	Bradley	5.4
14	Sebastian	3.2	42	Miller	4.0	66	Union	5.4
18	Calhoun	3.3	42	Sevier	4.0	68	St. Francis	5.5
19	Fulton	3.4	42	Stone	4.0	69	Izard	5.7
19	Hempstead	3.4	42	Yell	4.0	70	Desha	6.0
19	Pike	3.4	46	Ouachita	4.1	71	Jefferson	6.2
19	Randolph	3.4	47	Cleburne	4.2	72	Ashley	6.6
23	Franklin	3.5	47	Garland	4.2	73	Mississippi	6.7
23	Howard	3.5	47	Nevada	4.2	74	Chicot	7.6
23	White	3.5	47	Pope	4.2	75	Phillips	7.8



## Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	August 2022				July 2022				August 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	252,578	244,331	8,247	3.3	256,653	246,881	9,772	3.8	248,085	239,206	8,879	3.6
City of Little Rock	96,470	92,666	3,804	3.9	98,241	93,751	4,490	4.6	95,413	90,579	4,834	5.1
Eastern	44,137	41,879	2,258	5.1	44,337	41,669	2,668	6.0	43,902	41,593	2,309	5.3
North Central	92,738	89,095	3,643	3.9	92,041	87,593	4,448	4.8	92,672	88,943	3,729	4.0
Northeast	121,559	117,127	4,432	3.6	123,426	118,048	5,378	4.4	120,186	115,674	4,512	3.8
Northwest	344,207	335,285	8,922	2.6	349,037	338,720	10,317	3.0	331,938	322,738	9,200	2.8
Southeast	77,096	73,050	4,046	5.2	77,655	72,907	4,748	6.1	76,857	72,849	4,008	5.2
Southwest	86,956	83,274	3,682	4.2	87,422	82,978	4,444	5.1	88,067	84,200	3,867	4.4
West Central	127,513	122,160	5,353	4.2	128,574	122,056	6,518	5.1	127,447	122,123	5,324	4.2
Western	108,930	105,335	3,595	3.3	109,698	105,466	4,232	3.9	107,407	103,654	3,753	3.5

