

# 2022 ARKANSAS LABOR MARKET REPORT

## June



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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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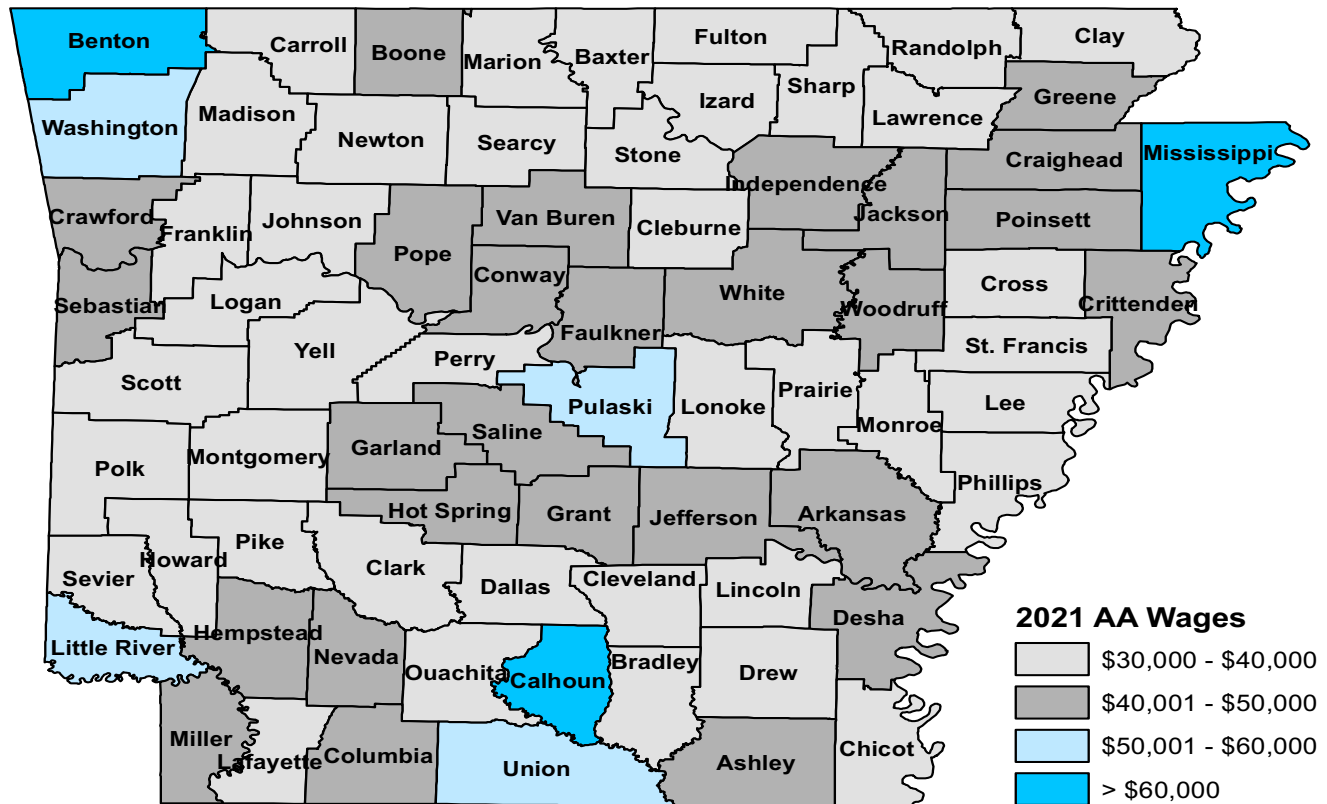
## June Spotlight Wages by County

The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) is the most comprehensive data collection program utilized by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The program is based on each state’s Unemployment Insurance (UI) program, which enables BLS to produce data using every business that is covered under UI tax law. In addition to calculating UI covered employment, the program also tracks the wages paid to employees. Due to the extensive nature of the information, data can be produced at any level—national, statewide, counties, and cities.

The information below comes from the QCEW program and shows annual average wage data for each county in Arkansas. Annual average wages are calculated using the total wages earned during the calendar year, divided by annual average employment. The wages below are compiled using all industries in the private sector, for all workers included under UI tax law. It is important to note that QCEW data is based on county of employment, not county of residency. So if an individual works in a different county than where they live, their wages are counted in the county where they work.

In 2021, average annual wages in the private sector ranged from a low of \$30,832, for those employed in Searcy County, to a high of \$69,134 in Benton County. Compared to 2020 annual averages, wages are up in 60 of Arkansas’ 75 counties.

**Wages in Arkansas by County (Private)**  
 2021 Annual Average



## State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

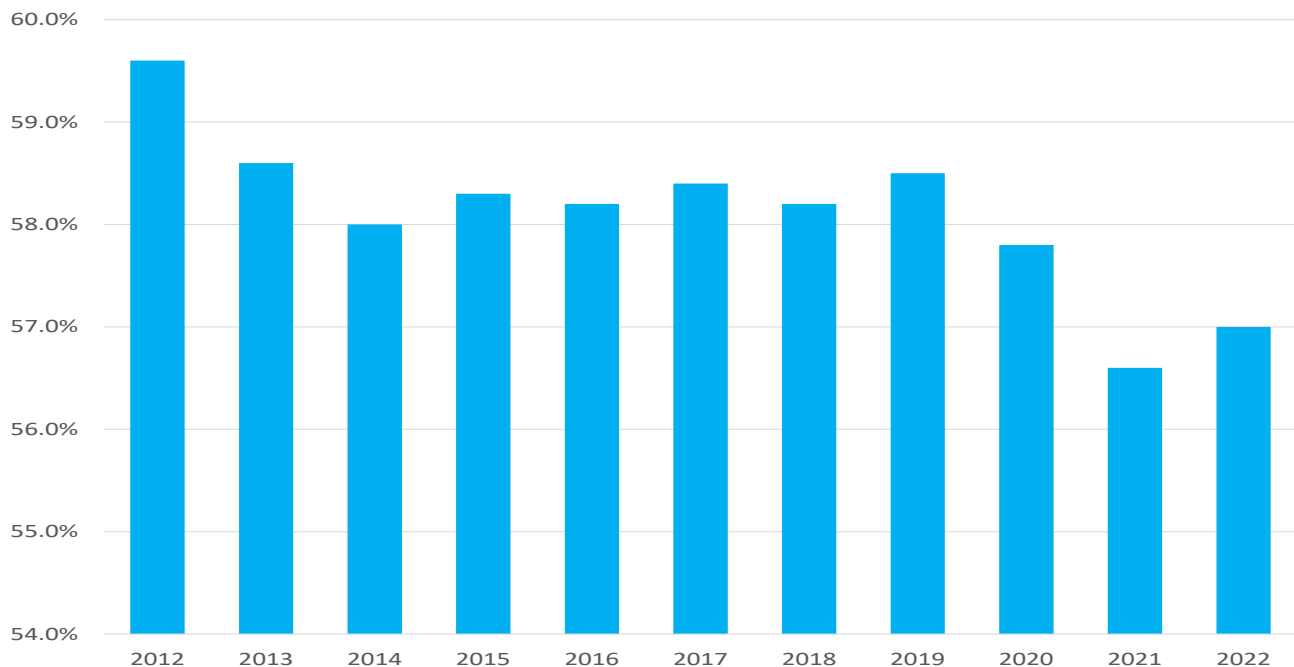
Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable between May and June at 3.2 percent. Arkansas' civilian labor force rose by 2,738, a result of 2,050 more employed and 688 more unemployed Arkansans. At 3.6 percent, the United States' jobless rate also remained stable between May and June.

BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "Employment in Arkansas has increased for six consecutive months, with an additional 2,050 employed in June. While more Arkansans are employed, the gains were not enough to affect the unemployment rate. Arkansas' jobless rate has remained stable at 3.2 percent since April 2022."

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted			
	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	
Civilian Labor Force	1,354,780	1,352,042	1,332,580	Civilian Labor Force	1,368,301	1,349,662	1,343,410
Employment	1,311,322	1,309,272	1,276,205	Employment	1,315,905	1,306,573	1,278,732
Unemployment	43,458	42,770	56,375	Unemployment	52,396	43,089	64,678
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.2%	4.2%	Unemployment Rate	3.8%	3.2%	4.8%
Labor Participation Rate	57.0%	56.9%	56.6%	Labor Participation Rate	57.5%	56.8%	57.0%
U.S. Unemp Rate	3.6%	3.6%	5.9%	U.S. Unemp Rate	3.8%	3.4%	6.1%

**Labor Force Participation Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**  
 June: 2012 - 2022





## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1313.9	1314.5	1275.4	-0.6	38.5
Goods Producing	224.5	221.3	218.0	3.2	6.5
Mining, Logging, & Construction	60.4	58.3	61.3	2.1	-0.9
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	35.1	33.6	36.0	1.5	-0.9
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>164.1</b>	<b>163.0</b>	<b>156.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>7.4</b>
Durable Goods	78.2	77.6	75.3	0.6	2.9
Nondurable Goods	85.9	85.4	81.4	0.5	4.5
Service Providing	1089.4	1093.2	1057.4	-3.8	32.0
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>265.7</b>	<b>264.5</b>	<b>253.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>12.5</b>
Wholesale Trade	52.8	52.4	47.4	0.4	5.4
Retail Trade	137.6	137.8	138.6	-0.2	-1.0
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	75.3	74.3	67.2	1.0	8.1
<b>Information</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Finance & Insurance	53.5	52.9	51.8	0.6	1.7
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14.9	14.7	14.2	0.2	0.7
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>148.7</b>	<b>149.8</b>	<b>144.6</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	45.2	45.1	44.3	0.1	0.9
Management of Companies	39.8	38.7	33.9	1.1	5.9
Administrative & Support Services	63.7	66.0	66.4	-2.3	-2.7
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>196.7</b>	<b>194.8</b>	<b>192.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Educational Services	16.5	17.3	13.8	-0.8	2.7
Health Care & Social Assistance	180.2	177.5	179.1	2.7	1.1
Ambulatory Health Care	62.9	61.1	61.0	1.8	1.9
Social Assistance	35.0	35.1	36.5	-0.1	-1.5
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>125.3</b>	<b>124.2</b>	<b>118.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13.6	12.6	12.8	1.0	0.8
Accommodation & Food Services	111.7	111.6	106.1	0.1	5.6
Accommodation Services	12.3	11.6	10.9	0.7	1.4
Food Services	99.4	100.0	95.2	-0.6	4.2
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>205.3</b>	<b>212.6</b>	<b>202.6</b>	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Federal Government	20.5	20.6	20.7	-0.1	-0.2
State Government	72.7	77.7	72.8	-5.0	-0.1
State Gov, Educational Services	26.4	31.3	26.3	-4.9	0.1
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.3	46.4	46.5	-0.1	-0.2
Local Government	112.1	114.3	109.1	-2.2	3.0
Local Gov, Educational Services	67.5	71.0	65.4	-3.5	2.1
Local Gov, Excluding Education	44.6	43.3	43.7	1.3	0.9



## State of Arkansas Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary

### May 2022 - June 2022

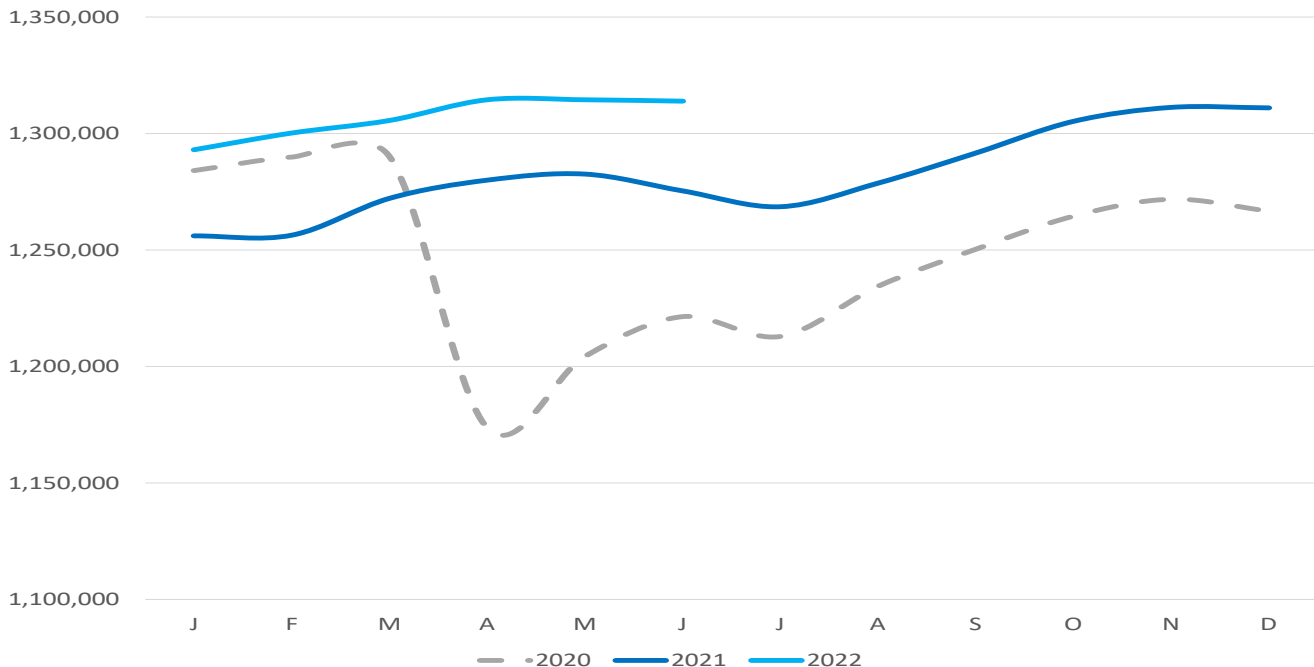
Nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas declined by 600 in June to total 1,313,900. Three major industry sectors reported job losses, more than offsetting gains in eight sectors. Jobs in **government** dropped by 7,300. Seasonal contractions occurred in state government-educational services (-4,900) and local government-educational services (-3,500), related to the summer break at public schools and universities. Jobs in **professional and business** services decreased 1,100. All losses were in administrative and support services (-2,300), attributed in part to a temporary decline in support positions at schools and universities. **Construction** added 1,900 jobs, mostly in specialty trade contractors (+1,500). Jobs in **educational and health services** rose by 1,900. All expansions were in health care and social assistance (+2,700). Notable job gains were also posted in **trade-transportation-utilities** (+1,200), **manufacturing** (+1,100), and **leisure and hospitality** (+1,100).

### June 2021 - June 2022

Compared to June 2021, Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs are up 38,500. Growth occurred in eight major industry sectors. Jobs in **trade, transportation, and utilities** rose by 12,500. Hiring was reported in transportation-warehousing-utilities (+8,100) and wholesale trade (+5,400). **Manufacturing** jobs increased by 7,400, with expansions in both subsectors. **Leisure and hospitality** added 6,400 jobs, mostly in accommodation and food services (+5,600). Jobs in **professional and business services** rose 4,100. Gains in management of companies (+5,900) more than offset losses in administrative and support services (-2,700). Sizable annual growth was also posted in **educational and health services** (+3,800), **government** (+2,700), **financial activities** (+2,400), and **information** (+1,400). The largest decline occurred in **other services** (-1,300), a subsector which includes activities such as automotive repair, nail salons, and social organizations.

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

January 2020 - June 2022





## State of Arkansas Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

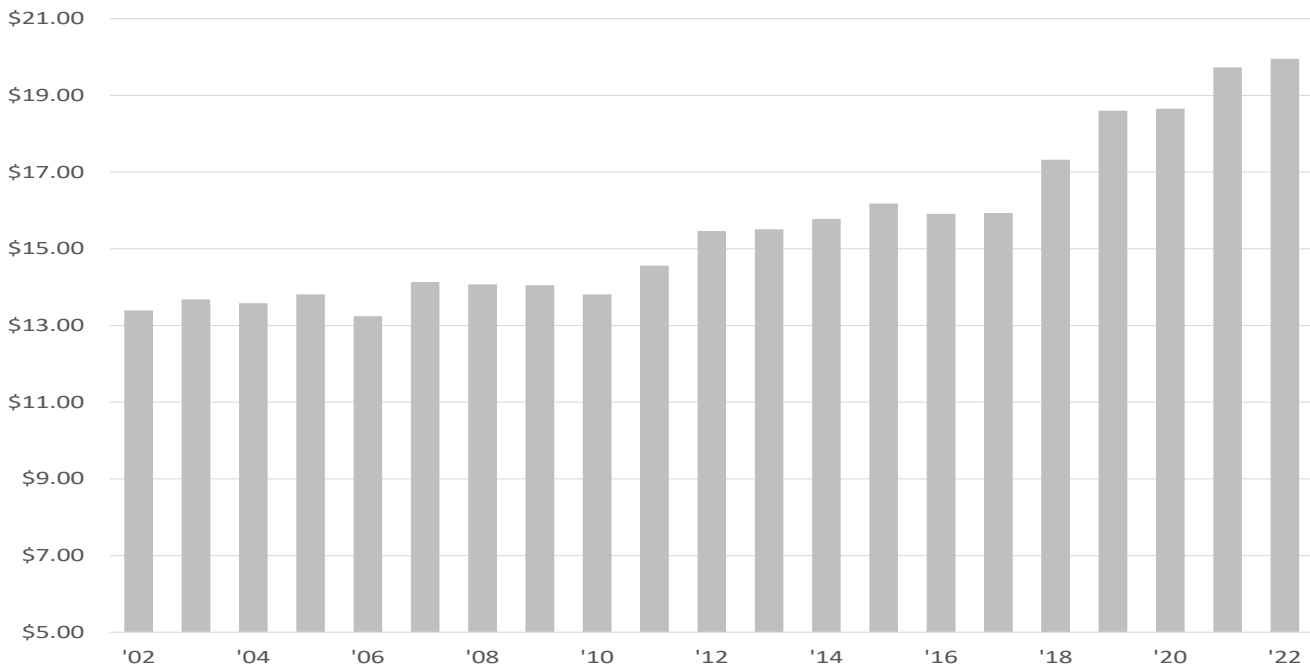
### Manufacturing

	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>
Average Weekly Hours	38.8	40.0	40.0
Average Hourly Earnings	19.95	20.11	19.73
Average Weekly Earnings	774.06	804.40	789.20

### Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>		<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>
Average Weekly Hours	40.2	41.2	39.5	Average Weekly Hours	37.5	39.0	40.4
Average Hourly Earnings	21.63	21.59	21.02	Average Hourly Earnings	18.38	18.75	18.55
Average Weekly Earnings	869.53	889.51	830.29	Average Weekly Earnings	689.25	731.25	749.42

**Average Hourly Earnings- Manufacturing (Production Workers)**  
 June: 2002 - 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)

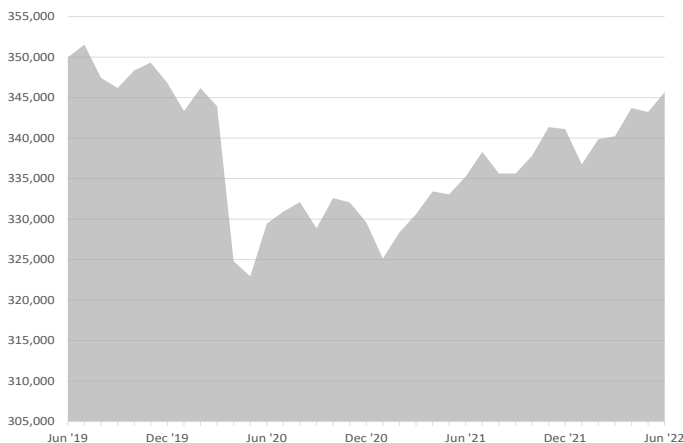
	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	358,940	354,398	354,394	4,542	4,546
Employment	345,679	343,223	338,301	2,456	7,378
Unemployment	13,261	11,175	16,093	2,086	-2,832
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.2	4.5	0.5	-0.8

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

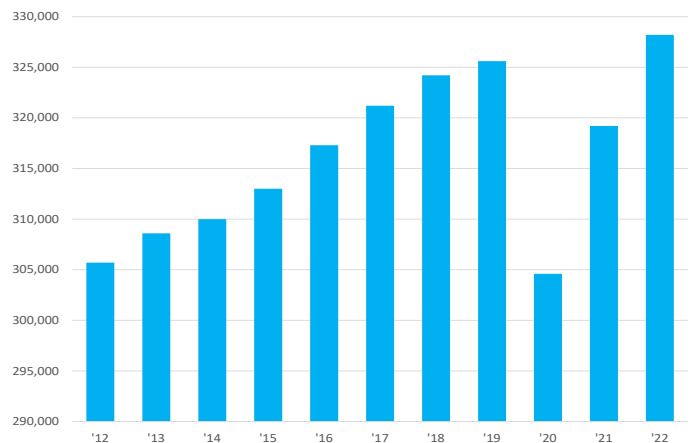
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	366.4	367.3	356.8	-0.9	9.6
Goods Producing	38.2	37.6	37.6	0.6	0.6
Mining, Logging & Construction	18.3	17.8	18.7	0.5	-0.4
Manufacturing	19.9	19.8	18.9	0.1	1.0
Service Providing	328.2	329.7	319.2	-1.5	9.0
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	75.1	75.2	69.0	-0.1	6.1
Wholesale Trade	17.3	17.1	15.5	0.2	1.8
Retail Trade	37.5	37.9	37.7	-0.4	-0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.3	20.2	15.8	0.1	4.5
Information	5.8	5.6	5.3	0.2	0.5
Financial Activities	23.3	23.1	22.4	0.2	0.9
Professional & Business Services	45.8	45.5	46.0	0.3	-0.2
Educational & Health Services	57.4	59.0	57.8	-1.6	-0.4
Leisure & Hospitality	36.0	35.4	32.8	0.6	3.2
Other Services	18.1	18.3	18.3	-0.2	-0.2
Government	66.7	67.6	67.6	-0.9	-0.9
Federal Government	9.8	9.9	9.8	-0.1	0.0
State Government	33.2	34.0	33.0	-0.8	0.2
Local Government	23.7	23.7	24.8	0.0	-1.1

**Number of Employed**  
 June 2019 - June 2022



**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**  
 June: 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)

	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	300,001	296,991	288,851	3,010	11,150
Employment	291,748	290,356	279,650	1,392	12,098
Unemployment	8,253	6,635	9,201	1,618	-948
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.2	3.2	0.6	-0.4

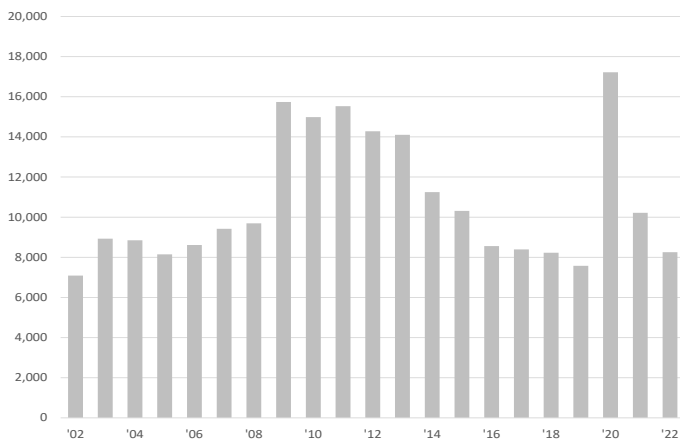
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	284.3	285.8	269.2	-1.5	15.1
Goods Producing	45.9	45.5	44.7	0.4	1.2
Mining, Logging & Construction	14.3	13.7	14.0	0.6	0.3
Manufacturing	31.6	31.8	30.7	-0.2	0.9
Service Providing	238.4	240.3	224.5	-1.9	13.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.3	62.0	58.4	0.3	3.9
Wholesale Trade	13.7	13.7	12.6	0.0	1.1
Retail Trade	28.5	28.5	27.2	0.0	1.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	20.1	19.8	18.6	0.3	1.5
Information	2.2	2.1	2.0	0.1	0.2
Financial Activities	9.2	9.1	8.9	0.1	0.3
Professional & Business Services	58.1	58.5	52.7	-0.4	5.4
Educational & Health Services	31.1	29.6	29.7	1.5	1.4
Leisure & Hospitality	27.3	28.0	26.1	-0.7	1.2
Other Services	10.0	10.1	10.0	-0.1	0.0
Government	38.2	40.9	36.7	-2.7	1.5
Federal Government	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	-0.1
State Government	15.4	18.2	14.3	-2.8	1.1
Local Government	20.0	19.9	19.5	0.1	0.5

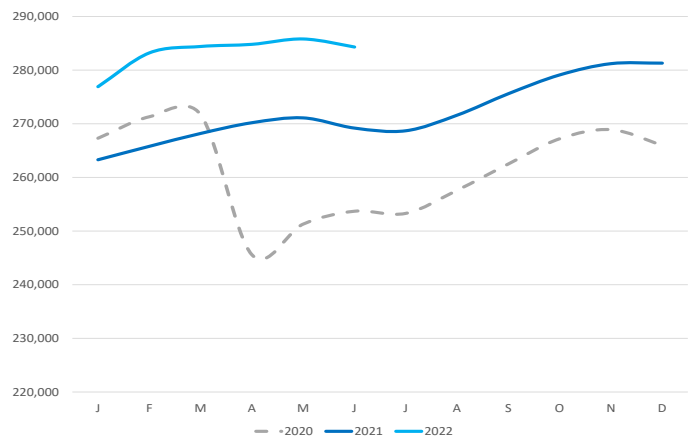
### Unemployment

June: 2002 - 2022



### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

January 2020 - June 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)

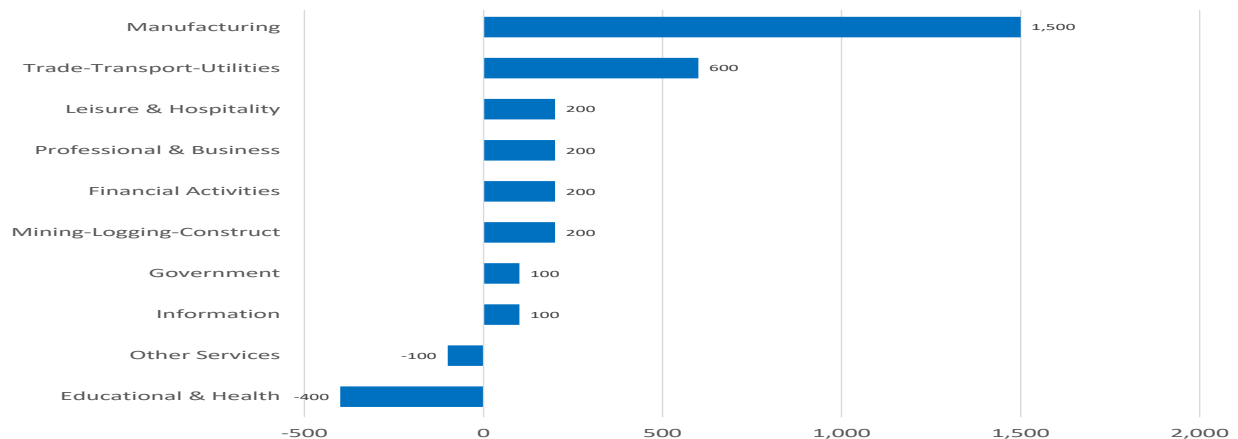
	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	118,965	117,579	116,514	1,386	2,451
Employment	114,485	113,932	111,578	553	2,907
Unemployment	4,480	3,647	4,936	833	-456
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.1	4.2	0.7	-0.4

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	112.6	112.7	110.0	-0.1	2.6
Goods Producing	23.6	23.3	21.9	0.3	1.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.2	5.1	5.0	0.1	0.2
Manufacturing	18.4	18.2	16.9	0.2	1.5
Service Providing	89.0	89.4	88.1	-0.4	0.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.9	23.9	23.3	0.0	0.6
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.8	4.3	0.0	0.5
Retail Trade	12.4	12.5	12.6	-0.1	-0.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	6.7	6.6	6.4	0.1	0.3
Information	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	3.9	3.9	3.7	0.0	0.2
Professional & Business Services	11.7	11.7	11.5	0.0	0.2
Educational & Health Services	16.6	16.6	17.0	0.0	-0.4
Leisure & Hospitality	10.1	9.8	9.9	0.3	0.2
Other Services	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	-0.1
Government	17.3	18.0	17.2	-0.7	0.1
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
State Government	2.3	2.6	2.5	-0.3	-0.2
Local Government	13.7	14.1	13.4	-0.4	0.3

### Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector June 2021 vs June 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	41,912	40,841	42,012	1,071	-100
Employment	40,032	39,315	39,812	717	220
Unemployment	1,880	1,526	2,200	354	-320
Unemployment Rate	4.5	3.7	5.2	0.8	-0.7

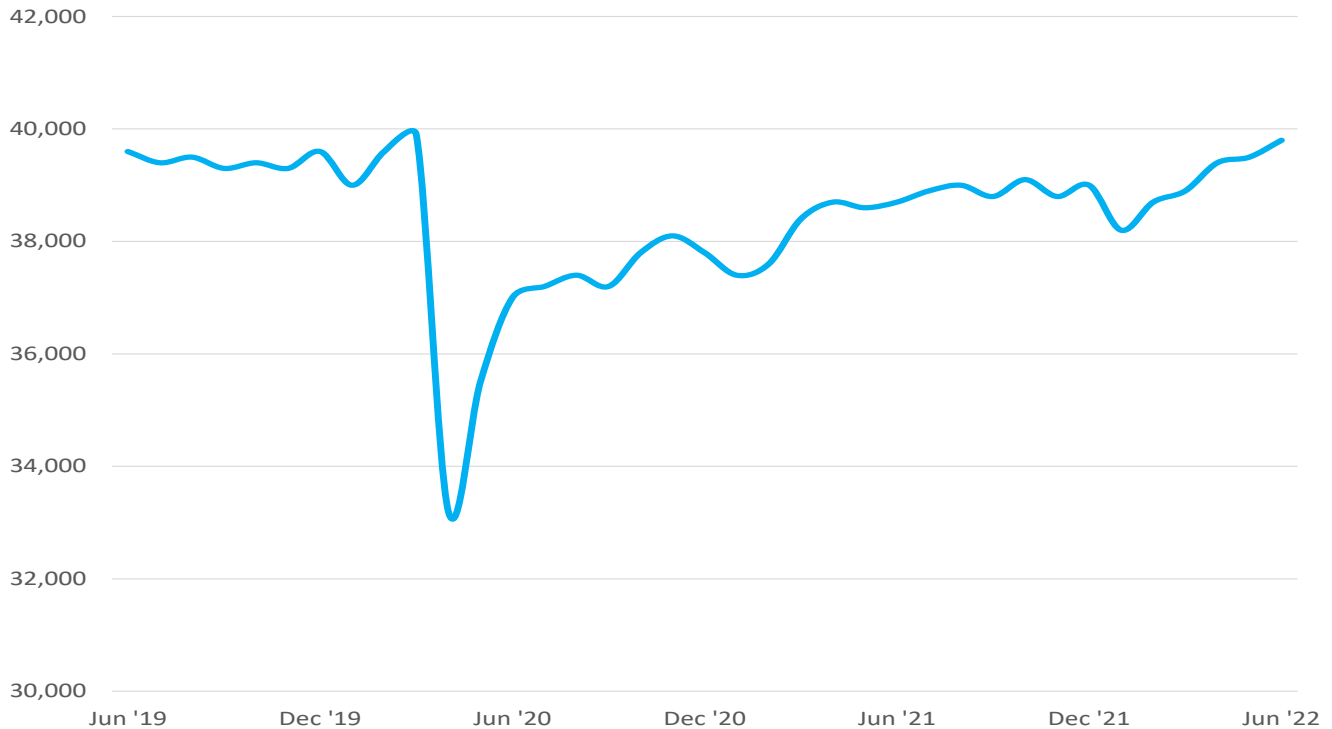
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	39.8	39.5	38.7	0.3	1.1
Goods Producing	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0
Service Providing	35.3	35.0	34.2	0.3	1.1
Government	3.9	4.1	4.1	-0.2	-0.2

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

June 2019 - June 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

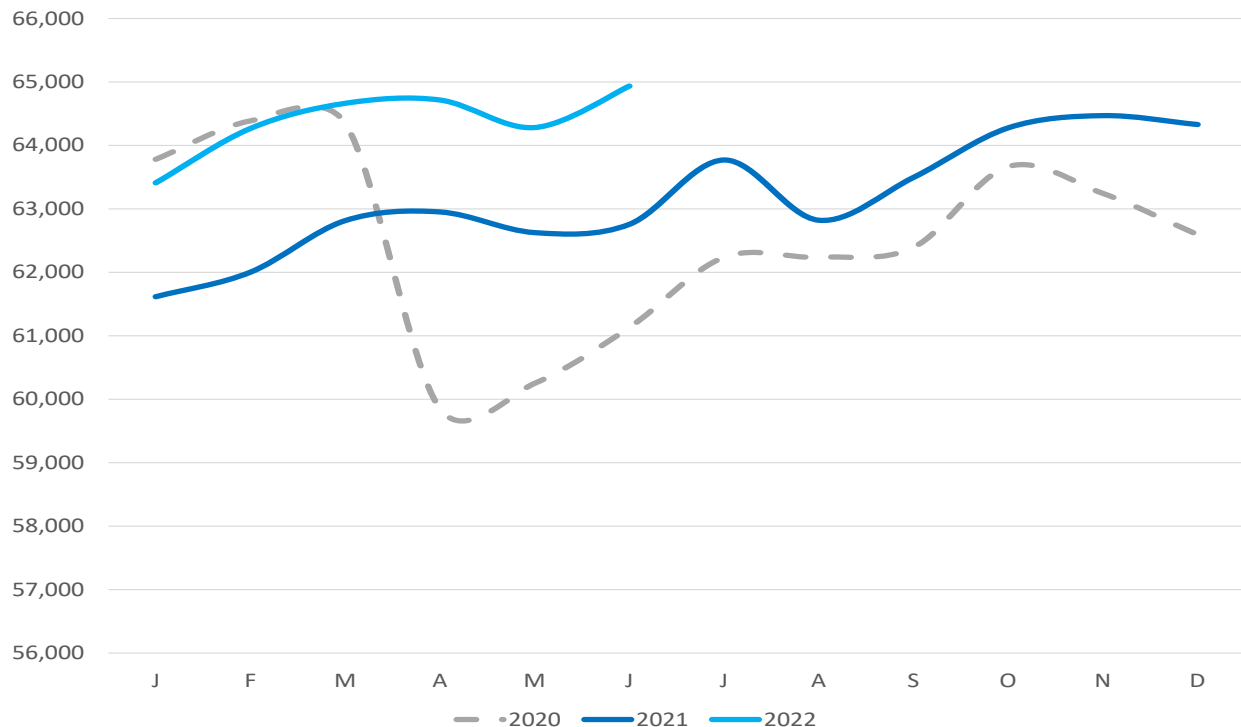
	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	67,157	66,043	66,230	1,114	927
Employment	64,936	64,282	63,770	654	1,166
Unemployment	2,221	1,761	2,460	460	-239
Unemployment Rate	3.3	2.7	3.7	0.6	-0.4

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	61.6	61.5	59.7	0.1	1.9
Goods Producing	11.2	11.0	11.2	0.2	0.0
Service Providing	50.4	50.5	48.5	-0.1	1.9
Government	8.2	8.5	8.5	-0.3	-0.3

**Number of Employed**  
 January 2020 - June 2022





## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	33,831	33,153	33,080	678	751
Employment	31,885	31,446	30,861	439	1,024
Unemployment	1,946	1,707	2,219	239	-273
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.1	6.7	0.7	-0.9

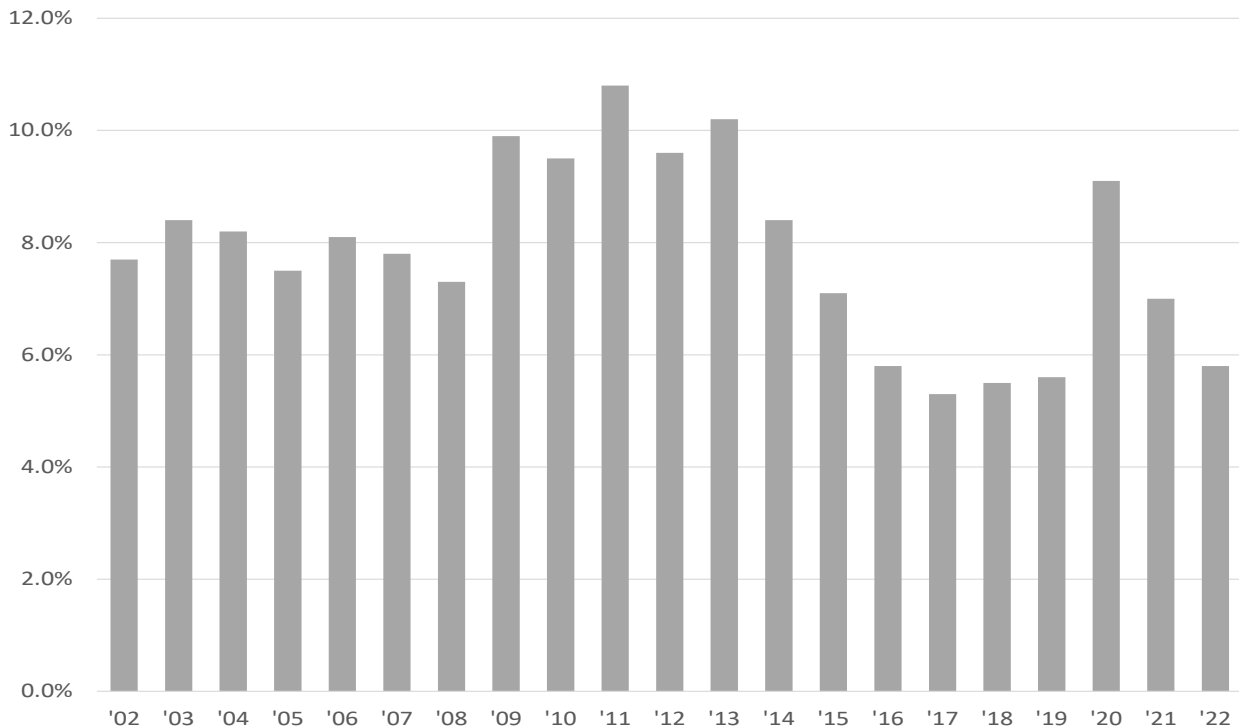
### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	31.9	31.7	31.3	0.2	0.6
Goods Producing	5.8	5.7	5.6	0.1	0.2
Service Providing	26.1	26.0	25.7	0.1	0.4
Government	8.3	8.4	8.6	-0.1	-0.3

### Unemployment Rates

June: 2002 - 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.

	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	661,806	648,439	645,157	13,367	16,649
Employment	625,409	619,722	596,210	5,687	29,199
Unemployment	36,397	28,717	48,947	7,680	-12,550
Unemployment Rate	5.5	4.4	7.6	1.1	-2.1

#### Texarkana MSA

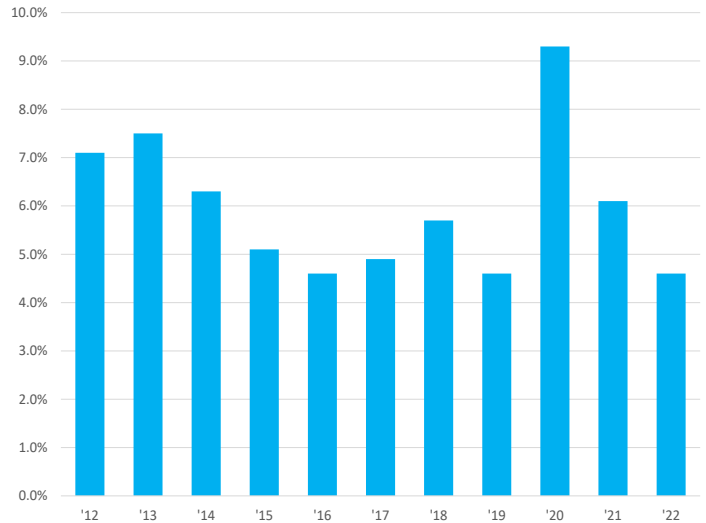
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	64,559	63,774	63,847	785	712
Employment	61,558	61,179	59,932	379	1,626
Unemployment	3,001	2,595	3,915	406	-914
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.1	6.1	0.5	-1.5

**Memphis MSA - Employment**  
 June 2019 - June 2022



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



## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	June 2022				May 2022				June 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,595	8,114	481	5.6	8,632	8,276	356	4.1	8,597	8,099	498	5.8
Batesville Micro	16,768	16,113	655	3.9	16,676	16,164	512	3.1	16,203	15,461	742	4.6
Blytheville Micro	16,158	14,997	1,161	7.2	16,092	15,045	1,047	6.5	16,528	15,072	1,456	8.8
Camden Micro	12,267	11,777	490	4.0	12,109	11,686	423	3.5	11,871	11,373	498	4.2
El Dorado Micro	15,045	14,201	844	5.6	14,836	14,102	734	4.9	15,153	14,120	1,033	6.8
Forrest City Micro	7,624	7,197	427	5.6	7,523	7,155	368	4.9	7,701	7,177	524	6.8
Harrison Micro	19,383	18,773	610	3.1	19,004	18,535	469	2.5	18,810	18,184	626	3.3
Helena-West Helena Micro	5,650	5,232	418	7.4	5,643	5,258	385	6.8	5,793	5,310	483	8.3
Hope Micro	12,389	11,896	493	4.0	12,207	11,817	390	3.2	12,559	12,027	532	4.2
Magnolia Micro	8,760	8,312	448	5.1	8,781	8,399	382	4.4	8,315	7,792	523	6.3
Malvern Micro	13,991	13,421	570	4.1	13,715	13,291	424	3.1	13,949	13,342	607	4.4
Mountain Home Micro	16,786	16,122	664	4.0	16,515	16,013	502	3.0	16,285	15,633	652	4.0
Paragould Micro	19,620	18,917	703	3.6	19,333	18,796	537	2.8	19,581	18,833	748	3.8
Russellville Micro	35,174	33,595	1,579	4.5	35,028	33,777	1,251	3.6	34,856	33,184	1,672	4.8
Searcy Micro	34,280	32,912	1,368	4.0	33,956	32,804	1,152	3.4	33,410	31,936	1,474	4.4

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	June 2022				May 2022				June 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,907	12,451	456	3.5	12,768	12,389	379	3.0	12,377	11,919	458	3.7
Benton	17,888	17,272	616	3.4	17,639	17,146	493	2.8	17,489	16,881	608	3.5
Bentonville	31,255	30,448	807	2.6	30,922	30,298	624	2.0	29,981	29,149	832	2.8
Blytheville	5,474	5,020	454	8.3	5,418	5,036	382	7.1	5,678	5,045	633	11.1
Cabot	11,989	11,607	382	3.2	11,873	11,536	337	2.8	11,867	11,443	424	3.6
Conway	34,635	33,486	1,149	3.3	34,205	33,244	961	2.8	34,198	32,815	1,383	4.0
El Dorado	6,536	6,111	425	6.5	6,413	6,069	344	5.4	6,633	6,076	557	8.4
Fayetteville	51,177	49,667	1,510	3.0	50,625	49,410	1,215	2.4	49,420	47,588	1,832	3.7
Fort Smith	38,941	37,575	1,366	3.5	38,321	37,175	1,146	3.0	37,878	36,428	1,450	3.8
Hot Springs	15,645	14,814	831	5.3	15,236	14,549	687	4.5	15,740	14,733	1,007	6.4
Jacksonville	11,674	11,143	531	4.5	11,578	11,062	516	4.5	11,666	10,885	781	6.7
Jonesboro	40,471	39,178	1,293	3.2	39,836	38,772	1,064	2.7	39,916	38,379	1,537	3.9
Little Rock	97,546	93,522	4,024	4.1	96,338	92,845	3,493	3.6	96,762	91,355	5,407	5.6
North Little Rock	30,100	28,759	1,341	4.5	29,721	28,550	1,171	3.9	29,884	28,092	1,792	6.0
Paragould	12,505	12,022	483	3.9	12,324	11,946	378	3.1	12,478	11,969	509	4.1
Pine Bluff	15,959	14,857	1,102	6.9	15,620	14,647	973	6.2	15,638	14,297	1,341	8.6
Rogers	38,303	37,354	949	2.5	37,958	37,170	788	2.1	36,776	35,760	1,016	2.8
Russellville	12,677	12,124	553	4.4	12,590	12,186	404	3.2	12,467	11,921	546	4.4
Searcy	10,362	9,939	423	4.1	10,270	9,906	364	3.5	10,082	9,644	438	4.3
Sherwood	16,237	15,695	542	3.3	16,029	15,581	448	2.8	15,987	15,331	656	4.1
Springdale	40,654	39,663	991	2.4	40,292	39,459	833	2.1	39,238	38,001	1,237	3.2
Texarkana, AR	13,514	12,883	631	4.7	13,191	12,667	524	4.0	13,390	12,623	767	5.7
Van Buren	10,403	10,024	379	3.6	10,249	9,924	325	3.2	10,122	9,754	368	3.6
West Memphis	10,398	9,831	567	5.5	10,097	9,706	391	3.9	10,395	9,651	744	7.2

## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	June 2022				May 2022				June 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,480	9,138	342	3.6	9,326	9,026	300	3.2	9,644	9,301	343	3.6
Ashley	6,801	6,347	454	6.7	6,724	6,321	403	6.0	6,871	6,313	558	8.1
Baxter	16,786	16,122	664	4.0	16,515	16,013	502	3.0	16,285	15,633	652	4.0
Benton	149,404	145,264	4,140	2.8	147,803	144,550	3,253	2.2	143,417	139,067	4,350	3.0
Boone	16,154	15,649	505	3.1	15,833	15,449	384	2.4	15,631	15,112	519	3.3
Bradley	4,074	3,881	193	4.7	3,988	3,828	160	4.0	3,992	3,774	218	5.5
Calhoun	2,394	2,312	82	3.4	2,370	2,297	73	3.1	2,351	2,270	81	3.4
Carroll	13,101	12,717	384	2.9	12,689	12,379	310	2.4	13,004	12,572	432	3.3
Chicot	2,947	2,709	238	8.1	2,917	2,701	216	7.4	3,194	2,912	282	8.8
Clark	8,595	8,114	481	5.6	8,632	8,276	356	4.1	8,597	8,099	498	5.8
Clay	5,382	5,141	241	4.5	5,303	5,121	182	3.4	5,411	5,181	230	4.3
Cleburne	9,253	8,837	416	4.5	8,982	8,635	347	3.9	9,075	8,647	428	4.7
Cleveland	3,178	3,041	137	4.3	3,109	3,003	106	3.4	3,131	2,997	134	4.3
Columbia	8,760	8,312	448	5.1	8,781	8,399	382	4.4	8,315	7,792	523	6.3
Conway	8,540	8,185	355	4.2	8,384	8,098	286	3.4	8,210	7,834	376	4.6
Craighead	57,314	55,477	1,837	3.2	56,352	54,902	1,450	2.6	56,401	54,346	2,055	3.6
Crawford	26,621	25,654	967	3.6	26,180	25,398	782	3.0	25,968	24,963	1,005	3.9
Crittenden	21,136	20,146	990	4.7	20,688	19,890	798	3.9	21,110	19,776	1,334	6.3
Cross	7,058	6,768	290	4.1	6,905	6,679	226	3.3	6,867	6,533	334	4.9
Dallas	2,797	2,675	122	4.4	2,767	2,664	103	3.7	2,790	2,655	135	4.8
Desha	4,831	4,529	302	6.3	4,773	4,504	269	5.6	4,862	4,523	339	7.0
Drew	7,397	7,027	370	5.0	7,397	7,079	318	4.3	7,288	6,870	418	5.7
Faulkner	62,912	60,824	2,088	3.3	62,114	60,383	1,731	2.8	61,970	59,605	2,365	3.8
Franklin	7,350	7,062	288	3.9	7,255	7,021	234	3.2	7,274	6,969	305	4.2
Fulton	5,183	4,986	197	3.8	5,054	4,898	156	3.1	4,853	4,660	193	4.0
Garland	41,912	40,032	1,880	4.5	40,841	39,315	1,526	3.7	42,012	39,812	2,200	5.2
Grant	8,401	8,102	299	3.6	8,293	8,058	235	2.8	8,258	7,967	291	3.5
Greene	19,620	18,917	703	3.6	19,333	18,796	537	2.8	19,581	18,833	748	3.8
Hempstead	9,037	8,699	338	3.7	8,907	8,643	264	3.0	9,179	8,814	365	4.0
Hot Spring	13,991	13,421	570	4.1	13,715	13,291	424	3.1	13,949	13,342	607	4.4
Howard	5,437	5,237	200	3.7	5,353	5,198	155	2.9	5,413	5,207	206	3.8
Independence	16,768	16,113	655	3.9	16,676	16,164	512	3.1	16,203	15,461	742	4.6
Izard	4,342	4,082	260	6.0	4,386	4,175	211	4.8	4,266	4,011	255	6.0
Jackson	5,534	5,239	295	5.3	5,455	5,209	246	4.5	5,650	5,334	316	5.6
Jefferson	26,850	25,231	1,619	6.0	26,314	24,874	1,440	5.5	26,176	24,281	1,895	7.2
Johnson	10,027	9,541	486	4.8	9,925	9,497	428	4.3	9,596	9,044	552	5.8
Lafayette	2,297	2,165	132	5.7	2,284	2,178	106	4.6	2,272	2,130	142	6.3
Lawrence	6,495	6,215	280	4.3	6,619	6,389	230	3.5	6,426	6,090	336	5.2
Lee	2,486	2,351	135	5.4	2,449	2,337	112	4.6	2,589	2,437	152	5.9
Lincoln	3,803	3,613	190	5.0	3,730	3,569	161	4.3	3,773	3,583	190	5.0
Little River	5,449	5,229	220	4.0	5,339	5,146	193	3.6	5,354	5,100	254	4.7
Logan	8,430	8,061	369	4.4	8,235	7,935	300	3.6	8,299	7,911	388	4.7
Lonoke	34,018	32,903	1,115	3.3	33,600	32,702	898	2.7	33,657	32,440	1,217	3.6
Madison	7,587	7,360	227	3.0	7,516	7,339	177	2.4	7,523	7,265	258	3.4
Marion	6,412	6,156	256	4.0	6,247	6,044	203	3.2	6,227	5,946	281	4.5
Miller	19,669	18,832	837	4.3	19,200	18,516	684	3.6	19,471	18,452	1,019	5.2

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## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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### Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	June 2022				May 2022				June 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,158	14,997	1,161	7.2	16,092	15,045	1,047	6.5	16,528	15,072	1,456	8.8
Monroe	2,617	2,490	127	4.9	2,558	2,449	109	4.3	2,613	2,453	160	6.1
Montgomery	2,899	2,750	149	5.1	2,769	2,646	123	4.4	2,972	2,825	147	4.9
Nevada	3,352	3,197	155	4.6	3,300	3,174	126	3.8	3,380	3,213	167	4.9
Newton	3,229	3,124	105	3.3	3,171	3,086	85	2.7	3,179	3,072	107	3.4
Ouachita	9,873	9,465	408	4.1	9,739	9,389	350	3.6	9,520	9,103	417	4.4
Perry	4,202	4,024	178	4.2	4,146	3,996	150	3.6	4,171	3,991	180	4.3
Phillips	5,650	5,232	418	7.4	5,643	5,258	385	6.8	5,793	5,310	483	8.3
Pike	4,211	4,027	184	4.4	4,138	3,992	146	3.5	4,151	3,959	192	4.6
Poinsett	9,843	9,459	384	3.9	9,691	9,380	311	3.2	9,829	9,424	405	4.1
Polk	7,751	7,432	319	4.1	7,641	7,387	254	3.3	7,787	7,399	388	5.0
Pope	27,403	26,178	1,225	4.5	27,286	26,311	975	3.6	27,059	25,738	1,321	4.9
Prairie	3,565	3,444	121	3.4	3,519	3,431	88	2.5	3,514	3,384	130	3.7
Pulaski	189,513	181,830	7,683	4.1	187,168	180,513	6,655	3.6	187,690	177,616	10,074	5.4
Randolph	7,293	7,010	283	3.9	7,216	6,995	221	3.1	7,292	6,973	319	4.4
St. Francis	7,624	7,197	427	5.6	7,523	7,155	368	4.9	7,701	7,177	524	6.8
Saline	59,894	57,996	1,898	3.2	59,077	57,571	1,506	2.5	58,648	56,682	1,966	3.4
Scott	4,156	4,013	143	3.4	4,068	3,958	110	2.7	4,156	3,999	157	3.8
Searcy	3,120	2,985	135	4.3	3,049	2,932	117	3.8	3,037	2,896	141	4.6
Sebastian	56,095	54,129	1,966	3.5	55,161	53,552	1,609	2.9	54,622	52,476	2,146	3.9
Sevier	5,301	5,070	231	4.4	5,232	5,048	184	3.5	5,385	5,123	262	4.9
Sharp	5,873	5,592	281	4.8	5,794	5,568	226	3.9	5,543	5,238	305	5.5
Stone	4,630	4,403	227	4.9	4,505	4,333	172	3.8	4,540	4,294	246	5.4
Union	15,045	14,201	844	5.6	14,836	14,102	734	4.9	15,153	14,120	1,033	6.8
Van Buren	6,097	5,805	292	4.8	5,937	5,712	225	3.8	5,758	5,466	292	5.1
Washington	132,094	128,478	3,616	2.7	130,723	127,815	2,908	2.2	127,235	123,102	4,133	3.2
White	34,280	32,912	1,368	4.0	33,956	32,804	1,152	3.4	33,410	31,936	1,474	4.4
Woodruff	2,747	2,632	115	4.2	2,722	2,620	102	3.7	2,741	2,589	152	5.5
Yell	7,771	7,417	354	4.6	7,742	7,466	276	3.6	7,797	7,446	351	4.5

## County Labor Force Summary

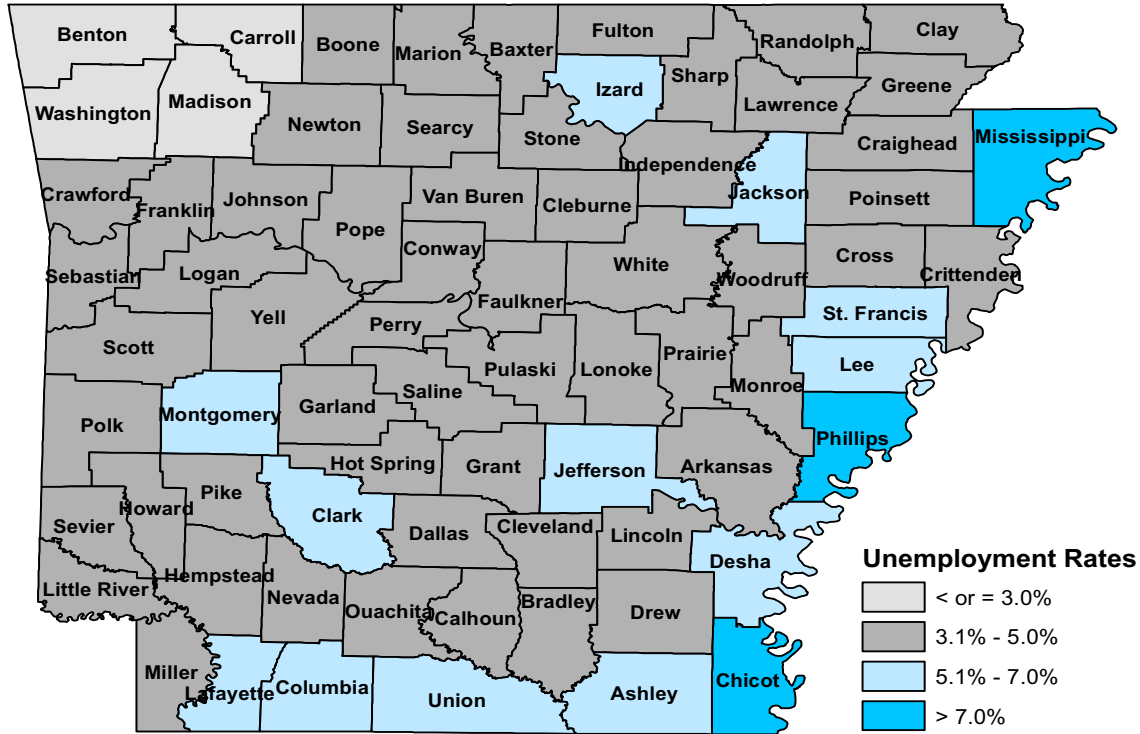
Between May and June, unemployment rates declined in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.7 percent in Washington County to a high of 8.1 percent in Chicot County.

In June, twenty-nine counties posted unemployment rates at or below four percent. That is down from 56 counties at or below four percent in May. Three counties had unemployment rates at or above seven percent, up from one county above seven percent last month.

Compared to June 2021, unemployment rates are down in 65 of Arkansas' 75 counties. Rates in six counties were unchanged, while four counties reported minor rate increases over the year. The largest jobless rate decline occurred in Mississippi County and Crittenden County, both down one and six-tenths of a percentage point. Ranging from one-tenth to two-tenths of a percentage point, unemployment rates increased in Clay, Grant, Montgomery, and Yell counties.



## County Unemployment Rates



## Ranked by Unemployment Rates

June 2022 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Washington	2.7	26	Baxter	4.0	50	Yell	4.6
2	Benton	2.8	26	Little River	4.0	52	Bradley	4.7
3	Carroll	2.9	26	Marion	4.0	52	Crittenden	4.7
4	Madison	3.0	26	White	4.0	54	Johnson	4.8
5	Boone	3.1	30	Cross	4.1	54	Sharp	4.8
6	Craighead	3.2	30	Hot Spring	4.1	54	Van Buren	4.8
6	Saline	3.2	30	Ouachita	4.1	57	Monroe	4.9
8	Faulkner	3.3	30	Polk	4.1	57	Stone	4.9
8	Lonoke	3.3	30	Pulaski	4.1	59	Drew	5.0
8	Newton	3.3	35	Conway	4.2	59	Lincoln	5.0
11	Calhoun	3.4	35	Perry	4.2	61	Columbia	5.1
11	Prairie	3.4	35	Woodruff	4.2	61	Montgomery	5.1
11	Scott	3.4	38	Cleveland	4.3	63	Jackson	5.3
14	Sebastian	3.5	38	Lawrence	4.3	64	Lee	5.4
15	Arkansas	3.6	38	Miller	4.3	65	Clark	5.6
15	Crawford	3.6	38	Searcy	4.3	65	St. Francis	5.6
15	Grant	3.6	42	Dallas	4.4	65	Union	5.6
15	Greene	3.6	42	Logan	4.4	68	Lafayette	5.7
19	Hempstead	3.7	42	Pike	4.4	69	Izard	6.0
19	Howard	3.7	42	Sevier	4.4	69	Jefferson	6.0
21	Fulton	3.8	46	Clay	4.5	71	Desha	6.3
22	Franklin	3.9	46	Cleburne	4.5	72	Ashley	6.7
22	Independence	3.9	46	Garland	4.5	73	Mississippi	7.2
22	Poinsett	3.9	46	Pope	4.5	74	Phillips	7.4
22	Randolph	3.9	50	Nevada	4.6	75	Chicot	8.1



## Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	June 2022				May 2022				June 2021			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	254,973	245,965	9,008	3.5	251,698	244,204	7,494	3.0	251,330	240,825	10,505	4.2
City of Little Rock	97,546	93,522	4,024	4.1	96,338	92,845	3,493	3.6	96,762	91,355	5,407	5.6
Eastern	43,954	41,694	2,260	5.1	43,208	41,319	1,889	4.4	44,060	41,233	2,827	6.4
North Central	94,707	90,601	4,106	4.3	93,467	90,118	3,349	3.6	92,039	87,636	4,403	4.8
Northeast	122,105	117,216	4,889	4.0	120,606	116,628	3,978	3.3	121,468	115,919	5,549	4.6
Northwest	347,887	337,855	10,032	2.9	343,546	335,607	7,939	2.3	335,538	324,665	10,873	3.2
Southeast	77,762	73,618	4,144	5.3	76,571	72,963	3,608	4.7	77,189	72,521	4,668	6.0
Southwest	89,411	85,394	4,017	4.5	88,108	84,754	3,354	3.8	88,583	83,979	4,604	5.2
West Central	129,551	123,689	5,862	4.5	127,578	122,888	4,690	3.7	128,514	122,090	6,424	5.0
Western	110,403	106,351	4,052	3.7	108,540	105,251	3,289	3.0	108,106	103,717	4,389	4.1

