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Arkansas Division of

Workforce Services





The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Depart- ment of Labor, Bu- reau of Labor Statis- tics (BLS). The current month’s estimates are preliminary, while pre- vious 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 col- lected for production workers in manufactur- ing industries.

Industries are classi- fied according to the North American In- dustry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2022 benchmark.

#### Explanation of Terms and Concepts

**Monthly Business Survey of Employers**

A monthly sample sur- vey designed to pro- vide industry infor- mation on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bu- reau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Work- force Services. The data are based on establish- ment records and in- clude all workers, full- or part-time, who re- ceived pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas busi- ness establishments are surveyed.

#### Metropolitan Statistical Areas

A term applied by the

U.S. Office of Manage- ment 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 sur- vey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to pro- vide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conduct- ed each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The informa- tion is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the cal- endar 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 em- ployed and unem- ployed 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 work- ers 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 seek- ing work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

#### Unemployment Rate

The number of unem- ployed 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, ma- jor holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/clos- ing of schools.

**July**

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**July Spotlight**

# A Comparative Look at Unemployment Rates

Between June and July, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates remained stable in 40 states and the District of Columbia. Jobless rates declined in seven states, while three states posted rate increases. In July, unemployment rates ranged from a low of 1.7% in New Hampshire to a high of 4.6% in Nevada. Arkansas ranked 13th among states, with a jobless rate of 2.6% in July. Thirty-six states, including Ar- kansas, posted jobless rates at or below the national rate of 3.5%.

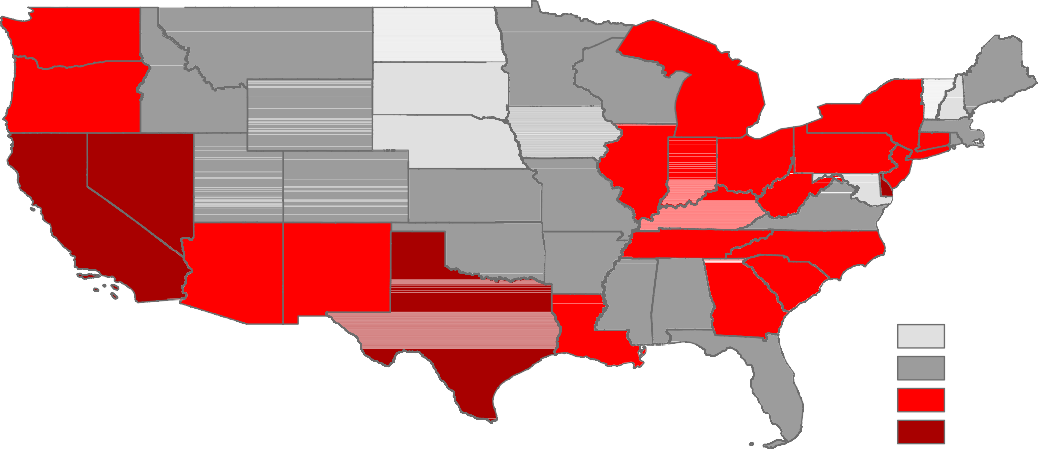
Compared to July 2022, unemployment rates have declined in 23 states. The largest rate decrease oc- curred in Maryland, down one and four-tenth of a percentage point. Five states and the District of Columbia reported rate increases, with the District of Columbia up nine-tenths of a percentage point over-the-year. Arkansas’ unemployment rate is down seven-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.3% in July 2022 to 2.6% in July 2023.

#### Unemployment Rates by State (Seasonally Adjusted)

July 2023

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Rank** | **State** | **Rate** | **Rank** | **State** | **Rate** | **Rank** | **State** | **Rate** |
| 1 | New Hampshire | 1.7 | 15 | Missouri | 2.7 | 33 | West Virginia | 3.4 |
| 2  2  4  5  5  7 | Maryland Vermont South Dakota Nebraska North Dakota  Alabama | 1.8  1.8  1.9  2.0  2.0  2.1 | 15  20  20  20  23  24 | Oklahoma Hawaii Idaho  Rhode Island Colorado  Minnesota | 2.7  2.8  2.8  2.8  2.9 | 36  37  37  37  37  37 | Pennsylvania Arizona Connecticut Michigan New Mexico  Washington | 3.5  3.6  3.6  3.6  3.6 |
| 8  8  10 | Maine  Utah  Massachusetts | 2.4  2.4  2.5 | 24  24  27 | Mississippi  Wyoming  South Carolina | 3.0  3.0  3.0 | 42  42  44 | Alaska Kentucky  New Jersey | 3.6  3.8  3.8 |
| 10 | Montana | 2.5 | 27 | Tennessee | 3.1 | 44 | New York | 3.9 |
| 10  **13**  13  15  15  15 | Virginia **Arkansas** Wisconsin Florida Iowa Kansas | 2.5  **2.6**  2.6  2.7  2.7  2.7 | 29  30  30  30  33  33 | Georgia Indiana  North Carolina Ohio Louisiana Oregon | 3.1  3.2  3.3  3.3  3.3 | 46  47  47  49  50  51 | Illinois Delaware Texas California  District of Columbia | 3.9  4.0  4.1  4.1  4.6 |
| U.S. Unemployment Rate = 3.5 Percent | | | | | | | | |

Nevada

**Washington**

**Oregon**

**Idaho**

**Montana**

**Wyoming**

**North Dakota**

**South Dakota**

**Nebraska**

**Minnesota**

**Iowa**

**Wisconsin**

**Michigan**

**Maine**

**Vermont**

**New YorkNew Hampshire**

**Massachusetts**

**Pennsylvania**

**Nevada**

**Utah**

**Illinois**

**Ohio**

**New Jersey**

**California**

**Arizona**

**Colorado**

**New Mexico**

**Kansas**

**Oklahoma**

**Missouri Arkansas**

**Kentucky Tennessee**

**Indiana**

**West VirginiaMaryland Virginia**

**North Carolina South Carolina**

**MississippiAlabama Georgia Louisiana**

**Texas**

**July**

**Florida**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 2.0% 2.1% - 3.0%

3.1% - 4.0%

> 4.0%

**July**

**State of Arkansas**

# Civilian Labor Force Summary

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, an- nounced Arkansas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 2.6% in July. The United States’ jobless rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point, from 3.6% in June to 3.5% in July.

In July, Arkansas’ civilian labor force rose by 3,243, while the number of employed in the State increased to 1,351,403. Both remain at record high levels. Unemployment declined a slight 309, as the labor force participation rate increased to 57.7%.

Compared to July 2022, there are 26,170 more employed and 9,993 fewer unemployed Arkansans. The State’s unemployment rate is down seven-tenths of a percentage point while the labor force participa- tion rate is up one-tenth of a percentage point over the year.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Employment 1,351,403 1,347,851 1,325,233 Employment 1,360,070 1,362,284 1,330,938

Unemployment 35,571 35,880 45,564 Unemployment 45,571 42,933 53,337

Unemployment Rate 2.6% 2.6% 3.3% Unemployment Rate 3.2% 3.1% 3.9%

LF Participation Rate 57.7% 57.6% 57.6% LF Participation Rate 58.5% 58.5% 58.2%

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 23** | **Jun 23** | **Jul 22** |  | **Jul 23** | **Jun 23** | **Jul 22** |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,386,974 | 1,383,731 | 1,370,797 | Civilian Labor Force | 1,405,641 | 1,405,217 | 1,384,275 |

#### Unemployment Rates- Arkansas vs United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

July 2020 - July 2023

12.0%

10.0%

8.0%

6.0%

4.0%

2.0%

0.0%

Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23

Arkansas United States

**July**

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

**Not Seasonally Adjusted**

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **(NAICS)** | **Jul 23** | **Jun 22** | **Jul 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| Total Nonfarm | 1354.9 | 1366.3 | 1317.9 | -11.4 | 37.0 |
| Goods Producing | 235.3 | 235.4 | 227.2 | -0.1 | 8.1 |
| Mining, Logging, & Construction | 69.7 | 69.6 | 63.7 | 0.1 | 6.0 |
| **Mining & Logging** | **4.9** | **4.9** | **5.2** | **0.0** | **-0.3** |
| **Construction** | **64.8** | **64.7** | **58.5** | **0.1** | **6.3** |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | 40.0 | 39.6 | 36.6 | 0.4 | 3.4 |
| **Manufacturing** | **165.6** | **165.8** | **163.5** | **-0.2** | **2.1** |
| Durable Goods | 81.1 | 81.1 | 79.4 | 0.0 | 1.7 |
| Nondurable Goods | 84.5 | 84.7 | 84.1 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| Service Providing | 1119.6 | 1130.9 | 1090.7 | -11.3 | 28.9 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **273.0** | **273.5** | **269.1** | **-0.5** | **3.9** |
| Wholesale Trade | 55.2 | 54.8 | 51.4 | 0.4 | 3.8 |
| Retail Trade | 142.9 | 143.2 | 142.6 | -0.3 | 0.3 |
| Transport, Warehousing & Utilities | 74.9 | 75.5 | 75.1 | -0.6 | -0.2 |
| **Information** | **12.2** | **12.1** | **12.8** | **0.1** | **-0.6** |
| **Financial Activities** | **71.7** | **71.5** | **71.3** | **0.2** | **0.4** |
| Finance & Insurance | 56.8 | 56.7 | 56.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 14.9 | 14.8 | 14.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **150.8** | **150.2** | **151.9** | **0.6** | **-1.1** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical | 50.6 | 48.7 | 48.1 | 1.9 | 2.5 |
| Management of Companies | 39.6 | 39.0 | 37.8 | 0.6 | 1.8 |
| Administrative & Support Services | 60.6 | 62.5 | 66.0 | -1.9 | -5.4 |
| **Private Education & Health Services** | **206.2** | **207.0** | **195.2** | **-0.8** | **11.0** |
| **Private** Educational Services | 16.0 | 16.8 | 13.2 | -0.8 | 2.8 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 190.2 | 190.2 | 182.0 | 0.0 | 8.2 |
| Ambulatory Health Care | 66.8 | 66.9 | 63.1 | -0.1 | 3.7 |
| Social Assistance | 39.5 | 39.6 | 36.4 | -0.1 | 3.1 |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **136.4** | **136.2** | **124.9** | **0.2** | **11.5** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 17.6 | 17.5 | 14.6 | 0.1 | 3.0 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 118.8 | 118.7 | 110.3 | 0.1 | 8.5 |
| Accommodation Services | 12.7 | 12.5 | 12.0 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| Food Services | 106.1 | 106.2 | 98.3 | -0.1 | 7.8 |
| **Other Services** | **74.1** | **74.4** | **71.7** | **-0.3** | **2.4** |
| **Government** | **195.2** | **206.0** | **193.8** | **-10.8** | **1.4** |
| Federal Government | 21.3 | 21.1 | 20.6 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| State Government | 71.2 | 72.7 | 71.3 | -1.5 | -0.1 |
| State Gov, Educational Services | 25.0 | 26.6 | 24.9 | -1.6 | 0.1 |
| State Gov, Excluding Education | 46.2 | 46.1 | 46.4 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| Local Government | 102.7 | 112.2 | 101.9 | -9.5 | 0.8 |
| Local Gov, Educational Services | 57.2 | 66.8 | 56.8 | -9.6 | 0.4 |
| Local Gov, Excluding Education | 45.5 | 45.4 | 45.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 |

**July**

**State of Arkansas**

# Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

#### Monthly Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

June 2023 - July 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Professional & Business

Leisure & Hospitality Financial Activities

Construction

600

200

200

Information

Mining & Logging

100

100

0

Manufacturing

Other Services Trade-Transport-Utilities

-200

-300

-500

Private Ed & Health

Government

-10,800

-800

-12,000 -10,000 -8,000 -6,000 -4,000 -2,000

0

2,000

#### Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

July 2022 - July 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Leisure & Hospitality

Private Ed & Health

Construction

**11,500**

**11,000**

**6,300**

Trade-Transport-Utilities

**3,900**

Other Services

Manufacturing Government Financial Activities

**2,400**

**2,100**

**1,400**

**400**

Mining & Logging **-300**

Information **-600**

Professional & Business**-1,100**

-2,500 0

2,500

5,000

7,500

10,000 12,500

**July**

**State of Arkansas**

# Production Workers- Hours and Earnings

### Manufacturing

**Jul 23**

Average Weekly Hours 38.6

Average Hourly Earnings $21.39

Average Weekly Earnings $825.65

**Jun 23**

38.4

$21.43

$822.91

**Jul 22**

38.4

$20.40

$783.36

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing

**Jul 23**

Average Weekly Hours

Average Hourly Earnings $23.27

43.6

**Jun 23**

42.3

Average Weekly Earnings $1,014.57 $1,002.51

$23.70

**Jul 22**

41.4

$21.99

$910.39

**Jul 23**

Average Weekly Hours 33.9

Average Hourly Earnings $19.10

Average Weekly Earnings $647.49

**Jun 23**

34.8

$18.86

$656.33

**Jul 22**

35.7

$18.73

$668.66

#### Average Weekly Earnings in Durable Goods - Production Workers

July 2020 - July 2023

$1,100.00

$1,000.00

$900.00

$800.00

$700.00

$600.00

$500.00

$400.00

Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23

**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 23** | **Jun 23** | **Jul 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 375,156 | 372,142 | 365,814 | 3,014 | 9,342 |
| **Employment** | 364,275 | 361,810 | 352,446 | 2,465 | 11,829 |
| **Unemployment** | 10,881 | 10,332 | 13,368 | 549 | -2,487 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.9% | 2.8% | 3.7% | 0.1% | -0.8% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jul 23** | **Jun 23** | **Jul 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 385.1 | 389.1 | 372.9 | -4.0 | 12.2 |
| **Goods Producing** 40.9 | 40.7 | 39.2 | 0.2 | 1.7 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 20.8** | **20.6** | **19.2** | **0.2** | **1.6** |
| **Manufacturing 20.1** | **20.1** | **20.0** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Service Providing** 344.2 | 348.4 | 333.7 | -4.2 | 10.5 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 77.8** | **77.8** | **76.6** | **0.0** | **1.2** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 18.5 | 18.3 | 17.3 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 38.5 | 38.4 | 38.7 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.8 | 21.1 | 20.6 | -0.3 | 0.2 |
| **Information 5.6** | **5.6** | **5.6** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Financial Activities 24.9** | **24.9** | **24.9** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 48.1** | **48.2** | **47.7** | **-0.1** | **0.4** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 64.2** | **65.3** | **59.8** | **-1.1** | **4.4** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 37.8** | **38.7** | **34.3** | **-0.9** | **3.5** |
| **Other Services 19.8** | **19.7** | **19.0** | **0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Government 66.0** | **68.2** | **65.8** | **-2.2** | **0.2** |
| **Federal Government** 10.1 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| **State Government** 32.6 | 32.8 | 32.9 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| **Local Government** 23.3 | 25.4 | 23.1 | -2.1 | 0.2 |

#### Unemployment Rates

July: 2003 - 2023

10.0%

#### Jobs in Private Education & Health Services

July 2020 - July 2023

68,000

9.0% 66,000

8.0%

64,000

7.0%

62,000

6.0%

60,000

5.0%

4.0%

3.0%

2.0%

58,000

56,000

54,000

**July**

1.0%

0.0%

'03

'05

'07

'09

'11

'13

'15

'17

'19

'21

'23

52,000

50,000

Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23

**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 23** | **Jun 23** | **Jul 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 320,403 | 315,392 | 309,222 | 5,011 | 11,181 |
| **Employment** | 312,780 | 308,063 | 300,925 | 4,717 | 11,855 |
| **Unemployment** | 7,623 | 7,329 | 8,297 | 294 | -674 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.4% | 2.3% | 2.7% | 0.1% | -0.3% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jul 23** | **Jun 23** | **Jul 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 304.5 | 304.9 | 292.6 | -0.4 | 11.9 |
| **Goods Producing** 49.4 | 48.9 | 46.9 | 0.5 | 2.5 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 16.7** | **16.6** | **15.1** | **0.1** | **1.6** |
| **Manufacturing 32.7** | **32.3** | **31.8** | **0.4** | **0.9** |
| **Service Providing** 255.1 | 256.0 | 245.7 | -0.9 | 9.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 63.8** | **63.7** | **62.5** | **0.1** | **1.3** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 14.6 | 14.5 | 13.4 | 0.1 | 1.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 28.8 | 28.6 | 28.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 20.4 | 20.6 | 20.6 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| **Information 2.3** | **2.3** | **2.4** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 10.4** | **10.4** | **10.4** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 58.4** | **57.6** | **57.8** | **0.8** | **0.6** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 34.5** | **34.8** | **32.2** | **-0.3** | **2.3** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 31.4** | **31.1** | **29.1** | **0.3** | **2.3** |
| **Other Services 16.1** | **16.0** | **15.0** | **0.1** | **1.1** |
| **Government 38.2** | **40.1** | **36.3** | **-1.9** | **1.9** |
| **Federal Government** 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **State Government** 16.4 | 16.6 | 15.2 | -0.2 | 1.2 |
| **Local Government** 18.7 | 20.4 | 18.2 | -1.7 | 0.5 |

#### Annual Job Gains/Losses by Major Industry Sector

July 2022 - July 2023

Leisure & Hospitality

2,300

1,900

1,600

1,300

1,100

900

600

0

Private Ed & Health

2,300

Government

Mining-Logging-Construct

Trade-Transport-Utilities

Other Services

Manufacturing

Professional & Business

Financial Activities

Information

-100

**July**

-500 0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500

**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 23** | **Jun 23** | **Jul 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 120,702 | 121,015 | 119,175 | -313 | 1,527 |
| **Employment** | 116,290 | 116,910 | 114,883 | -620 | 1,407 |
| **Unemployment** | 4,412 | 4,105 | 4,292 | 307 | 120 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.7% | 3.4% | 3.6% | 0.3% | 0.1% |

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

(In Thousands)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAICS Jul 23** | **Jun 23** | **Jul 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Total Nonfarm** 112.6 | 115.5 | 111.8 | -2.9 | 0.8 |
| **Goods Producing** 24.3 | 24.4 | 23.9 | -0.1 | 0.4 |
| **Mining, Logging & Construction 5.6** | **5.6** | **5.3** | **0.0** | **0.3** |
| **Manufacturing 18.7** | **18.8** | **18.6** | **-0.1** | **0.1** |
| **Service Providing** 88.3 | 91.1 | 87.9 | -2.8 | 0.4 |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities 24.4** | **24.4** | **24.5** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Wholesale Trade** 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| **Retail Trade** 12.9 | 12.9 | 13.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| **Trans., Warehousing & Utilities** 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| **Information 1.4** | **1.4** | **1.5** | **0.0** | **-0.1** |
| **Financial Activities 4.2** | **4.2** | **4.2** | **0.0** | **0.0** |
| **Professional & Business Services 10.3** | **10.9** | **11.7** | **-0.6** | **-1.4** |
| **Private Education & Health Services 18.0** | **18.2** | **17.3** | **-0.2** | **0.7** |
| **Leisure & Hospitality 10.6** | **10.5** | **9.8** | **0.1** | **0.8** |
| **Other Services 3.7** | **3.7** | **3.6** | **0.0** | **0.1** |
| **Government 15.7** | **17.8** | **15.3** | **-2.1** | **0.4** |
| **Federal Government** 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| **State Government** 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| **Local Government** 12.2 | 14.2 | 11.7 | -2.0 | 0.5 |

#### Employment

July 2020 - July 2023

118,000

120,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

July: 2003 - 2023

116,000

118,000

116,000

114,000

114,000

112,000

112,000

110,000

110,000

108,000

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 108,000 | 106,000  104,000 |
| 106,000 | 102,000 |
| 104,000 | 100,000 |

Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23

**July**

'03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13 '15 '17 '19 '21 '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Hot Springs MSA

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 23** | **Jun 23** | **Jul 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 43,462 | 42,977 | 43,521 | 485 | -59 |
| **Employment** | 41,905 | 41,486 | 41,610 | 419 | 295 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,557 | 1,491 | 1,911 | 66 | -354 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 3.6% | 3.5% | 4.4% | 0.1% | -0.8% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 23** | **Jun 23** | **Jul 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 41.5 | 42.0 | 41.2 | -0.5 | 0.3 |
| 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.7 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| 36.8 | 37.2 | 36.5 | -0.4 | 0.3 |
| 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | -0.2 | -0.2 |

40,000

#### Jobs in Service Providing Industries

July 2020 - July 2023

**July**

39,000

38,000

37,000

36,000

35,000

34,000

33,000

32,000

31,000

30,000

Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Jonesboro MSA

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 23** | **Jun 23** | **Jul 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 70,516 | 69,540 | 68,904 | 976 | 1,612 |
| **Employment** | 68,567 | 67,707 | 66,631 | 860 | 1,936 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,949 | 1,833 | 2,273 | 116 | -324 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 2.8% | 2.6% | 3.3% | 0.2% | -0.5% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 23** | **Jun 23** | **Jul 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 64.7 | 65.0 | 62.6 | -0.3 | 2.1 |
| 12.1 | 12.4 | 11.9 | -0.3 | 0.2 |
| 52.6 | 52.6 | 50.7 | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| 8.7 | 9.0 | 8.4 | -0.3 | 0.3 |

70,000

#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

July: 2013 - 2023

**July**

65,000

60,000

55,000

50,000

45,000

40,000

2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Pine Bluff MSA

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

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 23** | **Jun 23** | **Jul 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 32,977 | 32,875 | 32,858 | 102 | 119 |
| **Employment** | 31,512 | 31,542 | 30,951 | -30 | 561 |
| **Unemployment** | 1,465 | 1,333 | 1,907 | 132 | -442 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.4% | 4.1% | 5.8% | 0.3% | -1.4% |

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

(In Thousands)

**NAICS**

**Total Nonfarm Goods Producing Service Providing Government**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Jul 23** | **Jun 23** | **Jul 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| 31.2 | 31.8 | 30.6 | -0.6 | 0.6 |
| 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 25.6 | 26.2 | 25.2 | -0.6 | 0.4 |
| 8.0 | 8.6 | 8.1 | -0.6 | -0.1 |

32,000

#### Employment

January 2021 - July 2023

31,500

31,000

30,500

30,000

29,500

**July**

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

2021 2022 2023

**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.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 23** | **Jun 23** | **Jul 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 634,657 | 630,515 | 637,781 | 4,142 | -3,124 |
| **Employment** | 606,026 | 601,717 | 607,581 | 4,309 | -1,555 |
| **Unemployment** | 28,631 | 28,798 | 30,200 | -167 | -1,569 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.5% | 4.6% | 4.7% | -0.1% | -0.2% |

**Texarkana MSA**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Jul 23** | **Jun 23** | **Jul 22** | **OTM** | **OTY** |
| **Civilian Labor Force** | 63,956 | 63,351 | 62,873 | 605 | 1,083 |
| **Employment** | 61,195 | 60,794 | 59,950 | 401 | 1,245 |
| **Unemployment** | 2,761 | 2,557 | 2,923 | 204 | -162 |
| **Unemployment Rate** | 4.3% | 4.0% | 4.6% | 0.3% | -0.3% |

90,000

#### Memphis MSA - Unemployment

July: 2013 - 2023

62,000

#### Texarkana MSA - Employment

July 2020 - July 2023

80,000

70,000

61,000

60,000 60,000

50,000

40,000

59,000

30,000 58,000

20,000

10,000

57,000

0

**July**

'13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23

56,000

Jul '20 Jan '21 Jul '21 Jan '22 Jul '22 Jan '23 Jul '23

**Micropolitan Statistical Areas**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arkadelphia Micro | 8,340 | 7,891 | 449 | 5.4 | 8,402 | 7,988 | 414 | 4.9 | 8,349 | 7,844 | 505 | 6.0 |
| Batesville Micro | 16,837 | 16,205 | 632 | 3.8 | 17,172 | 16,552 | 620 | 3.6 | 16,501 | 15,805 | 696 | 4.2 |
| Blytheville Micro | 17,057 | 16,098 | 959 | 5.6 | 17,094 | 16,188 | 906 | 5.3 | 16,718 | 15,554 | 1,164 | 7.0 |
| Camden Micro | 11,816 | 11,395 | 421 | 3.6 | 12,340 | 11,940 | 400 | 3.2 | 11,815 | 11,294 | 521 | 4.4 |
| El Dorado Micro | 14,769 | 14,082 | 687 | 4.7 | 15,174 | 14,531 | 643 | 4.2 | 14,716 | 13,882 | 834 | 5.7 |
| Forrest City Micro | 7,448 | 7,063 | 385 | 5.2 | 7,532 | 7,203 | 329 | 4.4 | 7,590 | 7,157 | 433 | 5.7 |
| Harrison Micro | 19,035 | 18,421 | 614 | 3.2 | 19,543 | 18,970 | 573 | 2.9 | 18,970 | 18,339 | 631 | 3.3 |
| Helena-West Helena Micro | 5,138 | 4,807 | 331 | 6.4 | 5,378 | 5,072 | 306 | 5.7 | 5,490 | 5,108 | 382 | 7.0 |
| Hope Micro | 12,406 | 11,939 | 467 | 3.8 | 12,781 | 12,339 | 442 | 3.5 | 12,863 | 12,337 | 526 | 4.1 |
| Magnolia Micro | 8,356 | 7,970 | 386 | 4.6 | 8,737 | 8,379 | 358 | 4.1 | 8,329 | 7,903 | 426 | 5.1 |
| Malvern Micro | 14,084 | 13,563 | 521 | 3.7 | 14,052 | 13,580 | 472 | 3.4 | 14,152 | 13,535 | 617 | 4.4 |
| Mountain Home Micro | 17,152 | 16,553 | 599 | 3.5 | 17,355 | 16,794 | 561 | 3.2 | 16,579 | 15,893 | 686 | 4.1 |
| Paragould Micro | 20,215 | 19,574 | 641 | 3.2 | 20,221 | 19,599 | 622 | 3.1 | 20,170 | 19,449 | 721 | 3.6 |
| Russellville Micro | 36,483 | 34,913 | 1,570 | 4.3 | 37,091 | 35,702 | 1,389 | 3.7 | 35,454 | 33,692 | 1,762 | 5.0 |
| Searcy Micro | 33,787 | 32,606 | 1,181 | 3.5 | 34,509 | 33,363 | 1,146 | 3.3 | 33,713 | 32,326 | 1,387 | 4.1 |

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County Batesville Micro = Independence County Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

**Micro Area**

**CLF**

**July 2023**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**June 2023**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**July 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

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

### City Labor Force Statistics

**City**

**CLF**

**July 2023**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

**June 2023**

**CLF**

**Emp Unemp Rate**

**July 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County Paragould Micro = Greene County Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties Searcy Micro = White County

**July**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bella Vista | 13,788 | 13,360 | 428 | 3.1 | 13,550 | 13,153 | 397 | 2.9 | 13,305 | 12,839 | 466 | 3.5 |
| Benton | 18,743 | 18,189 | 554 | 3.0 | 18,576 | 18,063 | 513 | 2.8 | 18,202 | 17,585 | 617 | 3.4 |
| Bentonville | 33,408 | 32,671 | 737 | 2.2 | 32,866 | 32,166 | 700 | 2.1 | 32,193 | 31,397 | 796 | 2.5 |
| Blytheville | 5,835 | 5,389 | 446 | 7.6 | 5,811 | 5,419 | 392 | 6.7 | 5,733 | 5,207 | 526 | 9.2 |
| Cabot | 12,586 | 12,275 | 311 | 2.5 | 12,504 | 12,197 | 307 | 2.5 | 12,289 | 11,923 | 366 | 3.0 |
| Conway | 36,287 | 35,293 | 994 | 2.7 | 36,026 | 35,046 | 980 | 2.7 | 35,361 | 34,171 | 1,190 | 3.4 |
| El Dorado | 6,384 | 6,060 | 324 | 5.1 | 6,544 | 6,253 | 291 | 4.4 | 6,395 | 5,974 | 421 | 6.6 |
| Fayetteville | 54,640 | 53,280 | 1,360 | 2.5 | 53,705 | 52,442 | 1,263 | 2.4 | 52,688 | 51,223 | 1,465 | 2.8 |
| Fort Smith | 39,310 | 37,787 | 1,523 | 3.9 | 39,317 | 37,951 | 1,366 | 3.5 | 38,775 | 37,408 | 1,367 | 3.5 |
| Hot Springs | 16,130 | 15,507 | 623 | 3.9 | 15,947 | 15,352 | 595 | 3.7 | 16,245 | 15,398 | 847 | 5.2 |
| Jacksonville | 12,138 | 11,734 | 404 | 3.3 | 12,044 | 11,655 | 389 | 3.2 | 11,902 | 11,342 | 560 | 4.7 |
| Jonesboro | 42,499 | 41,322 | 1,177 | 2.8 | 41,900 | 40,796 | 1,104 | 2.6 | 41,456 | 40,102 | 1,354 | 3.3 |
| Little Rock | 101,644 | 98,482 | 3,162 | 3.1 | 100,765 | 97,817 | 2,948 | 2.9 | 99,172 | 95,188 | 3,984 | 4.0 |
| North Little Rock | 31,324 | 30,284 | 1,040 | 3.3 | 31,068 | 30,079 | 989 | 3.2 | 30,655 | 29,271 | 1,384 | 4.5 |
| Paragould | 12,863 | 12,440 | 423 | 3.3 | 12,866 | 12,456 | 410 | 3.2 | 12,863 | 12,361 | 502 | 3.9 |
| Pine Bluff | 15,440 | 14,636 | 804 | 5.2 | 15,391 | 14,654 | 737 | 4.8 | 15,396 | 14,336 | 1,060 | 6.9 |
| Rogers | 40,945 | 40,081 | 864 | 2.1 | 40,338 | 39,462 | 876 | 2.2 | 39,489 | 38,519 | 970 | 2.5 |
| Russellville | 13,114 | 12,569 | 545 | 4.2 | 13,340 | 12,857 | 483 | 3.6 | 12,692 | 12,097 | 595 | 4.7 |
| Searcy | 10,199 | 9,846 | 353 | 3.5 | 10,423 | 10,075 | 348 | 3.3 | 10,188 | 9,762 | 426 | 4.2 |
| Sherwood | 16,983 | 16,527 | 456 | 2.7 | 16,839 | 16,415 | 424 | 2.5 | 16,534 | 15,974 | 560 | 3.4 |
| Springdale | 43,465 | 42,549 | 916 | 2.1 | 42,792 | 41,881 | 911 | 2.1 | 41,953 | 40,906 | 1,047 | 2.5 |
| Texarkana, AR | 13,356 | 12,815 | 541 | 4.1 | 13,143 | 12,642 | 501 | 3.8 | 13,214 | 12,554 | 660 | 5.0 |
| Van Buren | 10,542 | 10,106 | 436 | 4.1 | 10,541 | 10,152 | 389 | 3.7 | 10,402 | 10,022 | 380 | 3.7 |
| West Memphis | 10,415 | 9,913 | 502 | 4.8 | 10,219 | 9,768 | 451 | 4.4 | 10,510 | 9,844 | 666 | 6.3 |

**July**

## **County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **July 2023** | |  |  | **June 2023** | |  |  | **July 2022** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Arkansas | 9,404 | 9,174 | 230 | 2.4 | 9,401 | 9,178 | 223 | 2.4 | 9,623 | 9,288 | 335 | 3.5 |
| Ashley | 6,348 | 5,979 | 369 | 5.8 | 6,575 | 6,225 | 350 | 5.3 | 6,691 | 6,260 | 431 | 6.4 |
| Baxter | 17,152 | 16,553 | 599 | 3.5 | 17,355 | 16,794 | 561 | 3.2 | 16,579 | 15,893 | 686 | 4.1 |
| Benton | 159,636 | 155,869 | 3,767 | 2.4 | 157,118 | 153,462 | 3,656 | 2.3 | 153,987 | 149,795 | 4,192 | 2.7 |
| Boone | 15,828 | 15,330 | 498 | 3.1 | 16,270 | 15,797 | 473 | 2.9 | 15,761 | 15,240 | 521 | 3.3 |
| Bradley | 3,964 | 3,786 | 178 | 4.5 | 4,170 | 3,999 | 171 | 4.1 | 4,039 | 3,815 | 224 | 5.5 |
| Calhoun | 2,326 | 2,264 | 62 | 2.7 | 2,428 | 2,366 | 62 | 2.6 | 2,347 | 2,261 | 86 | 3.7 |
| Carroll | 12,629 | 12,300 | 329 | 2.6 | 12,859 | 12,531 | 328 | 2.6 | 12,692 | 12,316 | 376 | 3.0 |
| Chicot | 2,926 | 2,757 | 169 | 5.8 | 2,932 | 2,775 | 157 | 5.4 | 3,136 | 2,922 | 214 | 6.8 |
| Clark | 8,340 | 7,891 | 449 | 5.4 | 8,402 | 7,988 | 414 | 4.9 | 8,349 | 7,844 | 505 | 6.0 |
| Clay | 5,450 | 5,227 | 223 | 4.1 | 5,532 | 5,329 | 203 | 3.7 | 5,553 | 5,307 | 246 | 4.4 |
| Cleburne | 9,099 | 8,762 | 337 | 3.7 | 9,314 | 8,985 | 329 | 3.5 | 9,077 | 8,644 | 433 | 4.8 |
| Cleveland | 3,145 | 3,036 | 109 | 3.5 | 3,138 | 3,037 | 101 | 3.2 | 3,156 | 3,008 | 148 | 4.7 |
| Columbia | 8,356 | 7,970 | 386 | 4.6 | 8,737 | 8,379 | 358 | 4.1 | 8,329 | 7,903 | 426 | 5.1 |
| Conway | 8,407 | 8,084 | 323 | 3.8 | 8,535 | 8,239 | 296 | 3.5 | 8,346 | 7,969 | 377 | 4.5 |
| Craighead | 60,135 | 58,513 | 1,622 | 2.7 | 59,290 | 57,768 | 1,522 | 2.6 | 58,670 | 56,785 | 1,885 | 3.2 |
| Crawford | 26,828 | 25,864 | 964 | 3.6 | 26,867 | 25,982 | 885 | 3.3 | 26,621 | 25,649 | 972 | 3.7 |
| Crittenden | 21,246 | 20,313 | 933 | 4.4 | 20,833 | 20,016 | 817 | 3.9 | 21,295 | 20,173 | 1,122 | 5.3 |
| Cross | 6,820 | 6,594 | 226 | 3.3 | 7,039 | 6,824 | 215 | 3.1 | 7,129 | 6,836 | 293 | 4.1 |
| Dallas | 2,653 | 2,552 | 101 | 3.8 | 2,673 | 2,577 | 96 | 3.6 | 2,777 | 2,644 | 133 | 4.8 |
| Desha | 4,920 | 4,680 | 240 | 4.9 | 5,040 | 4,836 | 204 | 4.0 | 5,089 | 4,766 | 323 | 6.3 |
| Drew | 7,355 | 7,037 | 318 | 4.3 | 7,464 | 7,183 | 281 | 3.8 | 7,285 | 6,916 | 369 | 5.1 |
| Faulkner | 65,914 | 64,106 | 1,808 | 2.7 | 65,413 | 63,657 | 1,756 | 2.7 | 64,220 | 62,068 | 2,152 | 3.4 |
| Franklin | 7,450 | 7,213 | 237 | 3.2 | 7,611 | 7,390 | 221 | 2.9 | 7,403 | 7,110 | 293 | 4.0 |
| Fulton | 4,540 | 4,358 | 182 | 4.0 | 4,768 | 4,596 | 172 | 3.6 | 4,979 | 4,757 | 222 | 4.5 |
| Garland | 43,462 | 41,905 | 1,557 | 3.6 | 42,977 | 41,486 | 1,491 | 3.5 | 43,521 | 41,610 | 1,911 | 4.4 |
| Grant | 8,834 | 8,571 | 263 | 3.0 | 8,767 | 8,523 | 244 | 2.8 | 8,630 | 8,315 | 315 | 3.7 |
| Greene | 20,215 | 19,574 | 641 | 3.2 | 20,221 | 19,599 | 622 | 3.1 | 20,170 | 19,449 | 721 | 3.6 |
| Hempstead | 9,075 | 8,745 | 330 | 3.6 | 9,345 | 9,036 | 309 | 3.3 | 9,408 | 9,044 | 364 | 3.9 |
| Hot Spring | 14,084 | 13,563 | 521 | 3.7 | 14,052 | 13,580 | 472 | 3.4 | 14,152 | 13,535 | 617 | 4.4 |
| Howard | 5,206 | 5,016 | 190 | 3.6 | 5,362 | 5,181 | 181 | 3.4 | 5,539 | 5,315 | 224 | 4.0 |
| Independence | 16,837 | 16,205 | 632 | 3.8 | 17,172 | 16,552 | 620 | 3.6 | 16,501 | 15,805 | 696 | 4.2 |
| Izard | 4,346 | 4,106 | 240 | 5.5 | 4,479 | 4,244 | 235 | 5.2 | 4,404 | 4,126 | 278 | 6.3 |
| Jackson | 5,353 | 5,074 | 279 | 5.2 | 5,519 | 5,266 | 253 | 4.6 | 5,512 | 5,207 | 305 | 5.5 |
| Jefferson | 26,061 | 24,857 | 1,204 | 4.6 | 25,989 | 24,887 | 1,102 | 4.2 | 25,922 | 24,347 | 1,575 | 6.1 |
| Johnson | 9,750 | 9,317 | 433 | 4.4 | 10,129 | 9,738 | 391 | 3.9 | 9,976 | 9,442 | 534 | 5.4 |
| Lafayette | 2,187 | 2,077 | 110 | 5.0 | 2,273 | 2,167 | 106 | 4.7 | 2,276 | 2,140 | 136 | 6.0 |
| Lawrence | 6,636 | 6,404 | 232 | 3.5 | 6,829 | 6,613 | 216 | 3.2 | 6,610 | 6,317 | 293 | 4.4 |
| Lee | 2,598 | 2,465 | 133 | 5.1 | 2,642 | 2,514 | 128 | 4.8 | 2,594 | 2,466 | 128 | 4.9 |
| Lincoln | 3,771 | 3,619 | 152 | 4.0 | 3,748 | 3,618 | 130 | 3.5 | 3,780 | 3,596 | 184 | 4.9 |
| Little River | 5,374 | 5,197 | 177 | 3.3 | 5,303 | 5,136 | 167 | 3.1 | 5,307 | 5,081 | 226 | 4.3 |
| Logan | 8,330 | 7,965 | 365 | 4.4 | 8,502 | 8,182 | 320 | 3.8 | 8,269 | 7,893 | 376 | 4.5 |
| Lonoke | 35,737 | 34,796 | 941 | 2.6 | 35,481 | 34,576 | 905 | 2.6 | 34,905 | 33,800 | 1,105 | 3.2 |
| Madison | 8,173 | 7,976 | 197 | 2.4 | 8,058 | 7,860 | 198 | 2.5 | 8,010 | 7,784 | 226 | 2.8 |
| Marion | 6,311 | 6,049 | 262 | 4.2 | 6,432 | 6,187 | 245 | 3.8 | 6,387 | 6,133 | 254 | 4.0 |
| Miller | 19,458 | 18,732 | 726 | 3.7 | 19,165 | 18,480 | 685 | 3.6 | 19,212 | 18,351 | 861 | 4.5 |

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**July**

**County Labor Force Statistics**

# Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **July 2023** | |  |  | **June 2023** | |  |  | **July 2022** | |  |
| **County** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** | **CLF** | **Emp Unemp** | | **Rate** |
| Mississippi | 17,057 | 16,098 | 959 | 5.6 | 17,094 | 16,188 | 906 | 5.3 | 16,718 | 15,554 | 1,164 | 7.0 |
| Monroe | 2,449 | 2,358 | 91 | 3.7 | 2,527 | 2,435 | 92 | 3.6 | 2,586 | 2,453 | 133 | 5.1 |
| Montgomery | 2,935 | 2,792 | 143 | 4.9 | 3,049 | 2,912 | 137 | 4.5 | 2,997 | 2,840 | 157 | 5.2 |
| Nevada | 3,331 | 3,194 | 137 | 4.1 | 3,436 | 3,303 | 133 | 3.9 | 3,455 | 3,293 | 162 | 4.7 |
| Newton | 3,207 | 3,091 | 116 | 3.6 | 3,273 | 3,173 | 100 | 3.1 | 3,209 | 3,099 | 110 | 3.4 |
| Ouachita | 9,490 | 9,131 | 359 | 3.8 | 9,912 | 9,574 | 338 | 3.4 | 9,468 | 9,033 | 435 | 4.6 |
| Perry | 4,405 | 4,256 | 149 | 3.4 | 4,363 | 4,223 | 140 | 3.2 | 4,324 | 4,147 | 177 | 4.1 |
| Phillips | 5,138 | 4,807 | 331 | 6.4 | 5,378 | 5,072 | 306 | 5.7 | 5,490 | 5,108 | 382 | 7.0 |
| Pike | 4,053 | 3,907 | 146 | 3.6 | 4,244 | 4,105 | 139 | 3.3 | 4,080 | 3,905 | 175 | 4.3 |
| Poinsett | 10,381 | 10,054 | 327 | 3.1 | 10,250 | 9,939 | 311 | 3.0 | 10,234 | 9,846 | 388 | 3.8 |
| Polk | 7,807 | 7,519 | 288 | 3.7 | 8,052 | 7,790 | 262 | 3.3 | 7,832 | 7,485 | 347 | 4.4 |
| Pope | 28,385 | 27,139 | 1,246 | 4.4 | 28,854 | 27,760 | 1,094 | 3.8 | 27,503 | 26,120 | 1,383 | 5.0 |
| Prairie | 3,522 | 3,413 | 109 | 3.1 | 3,640 | 3,536 | 104 | 2.9 | 3,531 | 3,413 | 118 | 3.3 |
| Pulaski | 197,520 | 191,474 | 6,046 | 3.1 | 195,852 | 190,180 | 5,672 | 2.9 | 192,770 | 185,070 | 7,700 | 4.0 |
| Randolph | 7,106 | 6,850 | 256 | 3.6 | 7,261 | 7,007 | 254 | 3.5 | 7,192 | 6,890 | 302 | 4.2 |
| St. Francis | 7,448 | 7,063 | 385 | 5.2 | 7,532 | 7,203 | 329 | 4.4 | 7,590 | 7,157 | 433 | 5.7 |
| Saline | 62,746 | 61,072 | 1,674 | 2.7 | 62,266 | 60,651 | 1,615 | 2.6 | 60,965 | 59,046 | 1,919 | 3.1 |
| Scott | 4,364 | 4,229 | 135 | 3.1 | 4,465 | 4,339 | 126 | 2.8 | 4,337 | 4,195 | 142 | 3.3 |
| Searcy | 2,781 | 2,652 | 129 | 4.6 | 2,948 | 2,827 | 121 | 4.1 | 2,907 | 2,760 | 147 | 5.1 |
| Sebastian | 56,459 | 54,434 | 2,025 | 3.6 | 56,512 | 54,670 | 1,842 | 3.3 | 55,832 | 53,889 | 1,943 | 3.5 |
| Sevier | 5,492 | 5,286 | 206 | 3.8 | 5,562 | 5,365 | 197 | 3.5 | 5,449 | 5,205 | 244 | 4.5 |
| Sharp | 5,912 | 5,692 | 220 | 3.7 | 6,127 | 5,900 | 227 | 3.7 | 5,811 | 5,520 | 291 | 5.0 |
| Stone | 4,579 | 4,397 | 182 | 4.0 | 4,711 | 4,533 | 178 | 3.8 | 4,645 | 4,401 | 244 | 5.3 |
| Union | 14,769 | 14,082 | 687 | 4.7 | 15,174 | 14,531 | 643 | 4.2 | 14,716 | 13,882 | 834 | 5.7 |
| Van Buren | 5,993 | 5,772 | 221 | 3.7 | 6,187 | 5,966 | 221 | 3.6 | 5,963 | 5,666 | 297 | 5.0 |
| Washington | 140,985 | 137,826 | 3,159 | 2.2 | 138,707 | 135,658 | 3,049 | 2.2 | 136,052 | 132,505 | 3,547 | 2.6 |
| White | 33,787 | 32,606 | 1,181 | 3.5 | 34,509 | 33,363 | 1,146 | 3.3 | 33,713 | 32,326 | 1,387 | 4.1 |
| Woodruff | 2,771 | 2,678 | 93 | 3.4 | 2,894 | 2,806 | 88 | 3.0 | 2,739 | 2,635 | 104 | 3.8 |
| Yell | 8,098 | 7,774 | 324 | 4.0 | 8,237 | 7,942 | 295 | 3.6 | 7,951 | 7,572 | 379 | 4.8 |

# County Labor Force Summary

Not Seasonally Adjusted

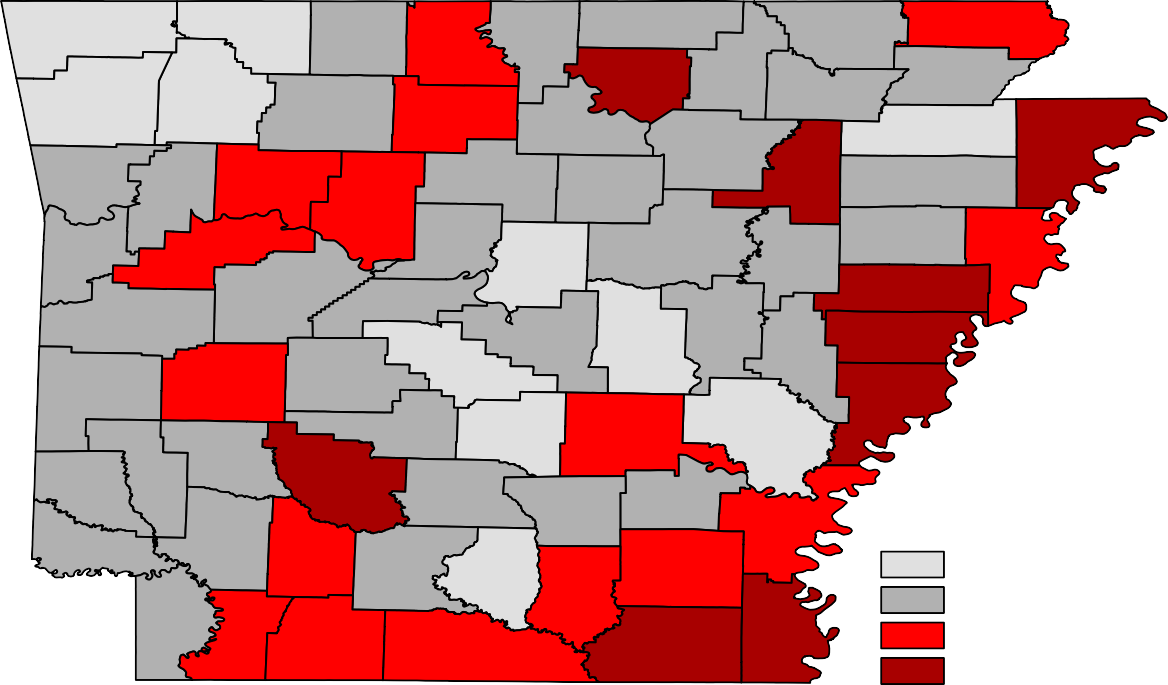
Between June and July, unemployment rates increased in 68 of Arkansas’ 75 counties. Rates re- mained stable in six counties, while one county-- Madison County -- posted a slight rate decline over the month. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.2% in Washington County to a high of 6.4% in Phillips County.

In July, eleven counties reported an unemployment rate at or below 3%. That is down from 18 counties at or below 3% last month. For the 6th consecutive month, no county in Arkansas had a jobless rate above seven percent.

Compared to July 2022, unemployment rates are down in 71 Arkansas counties. The largest rate decline was in Jefferson County, down one and five-tenths of a percentage point. The average annual jobless rate decline was a decrease of seven-tenths of a percentage point. Rates in four counties-- Lee, Marion, Newton, and Sebastian-- were up slightly over the year.

**July**

**County Unemployment Rates**



**Benton**

**Carroll**

**Boone**

**Fulton**

**Clay**

**Marion**

**Baxter**

**Randolph**

**Sharp**

**Washington**

**Madison**

**Izard**

**Greene**

**Lawrence**

**Newton**

**Searcy**

**Stone**

**Independence**

**Craighead Mississippi**

**Crawford Franklin Johnson**

**Van Buren**

**Cleburne**

**Jackson Poinsett**

**Pope**

**Sebastian**

**Logan**

**Conway**

**White**

**Cross**

**Faulkner**

**Woodruff**

**Crittenden**

**Yell**

**Perry**

**St. Francis**

**Scott**

**Pulaski**

**Lonoke**

**Prairie**

**Lee**

**Monroe**

**Garland**

**Saline**

**Polk**

**Montgomery**

**Phillips**

**Howard**

**Hot Spring Grant Jefferson Arkansas**

**Pike**

**Sevier**

**Clark**

**Dallas**

**Cleveland**

**Lincoln**

**Desha**

**Little River Hempstead Nevada Ouachita**

**Calhoun**

**Drew**

**Bradley**

**Miller Lafayette Columbia**

**Chicot**

**Union**

**Ashley**

**Unemployment Rates**

< or = 3.0% 3.1% - 4.0%

4.1% - 5.0%

> 5.0%

# Ranked by Unemployment Rates

July 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

**Rank County**

1 Washington

2 Arkansas

2 Benton

2 Madison

5 Carroll

5 Lonoke

7 Calhoun

7 Craighead

7 Faulkner

7 Saline

11 Grant

12 Boone

12 Poinsett

12 Prairie

12 Pulaski

12 Scott

17 Franklin

17 Greene

19 Cross

19 Little River

21 Perry

21 Woodruff

23 Baxter

23 Cleveland

23 Lawrence

**Rate**

2.2

2.4

2.4

2.4

2.6

2.6

2.7

2.7

2.7

2.7

3.0

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.1

3.2

3.2

3.3

3.3

3.4

3.4

3.5

3.5

3.5

**Rank County Rate**

23 White 3.5

27 Crawford 3.6

27 Garland 3.6

27 Hempstead 3.6

27 Howard 3.6

27 Newton 3.6

27 Pike 3.6

27 Randolph 3.6

27 Sebastian 3.6

35 Cleburne 3.7

35 Hot Spring 3.7

35 Miller 3.7

35 Monroe 3.7

35 Polk 3.7

35 Sharp 3.7

35 Van Buren 3.7

42 Conway 3.8

42 Dallas 3.8

42 Independence 3.8

42 Ouachita 3.8

42 Sevier 3.8

47 Fulton 4.0

47 Lincoln 4.0

47 Stone 4.0

47 Yell 4.0

**Rank County**

51 Clay

51 Nevada

53 Marion

54 Drew

55 Crittenden

55 Johnson

55 Logan

55 Pope

59 Bradley

60 Columbia

60 Jefferson

60 Searcy

63 Union

64 Desha

64 Montgomery

66 Lafayette

67 Lee

68 Jackson

68 St. Francis

70 Clark

71 Izard

72 Mississippi

73 Ashley

73 Chicot

75 Phillips

**Rate**

4.1

4.1

4.2

4.3

4.4

4.4

4.4

4.4

4.5

4.6

4.6

4.6

4.7

4.9

4.9

5.0

5.1

5.2

5.2

5.4

5.5

5.6

5.8

5.8

6.4

**July**

## **Local Workforce Development Areas**

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates**



Not Seasonally Adjusted

**LWDA**

**July 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**June 2023**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

**July 2022**

**CLF Emp Unemp Rate**

Central (minus LR) 266,244 258,737

City of Little Rock 101,644 98,482

Eastern 43,250 41,242

North Central 93,217 89,650

Northeast 126,980 122,720

Northwest 366,702 357,646

Southeast 76,728 73,496

Southwest 87,717 84,246

West Central 131,919 126,628

Western 111,238 107,224

7,507 2.8

3,162 3.1

2,008 4.6

3,567 3.8

4,260 3.4

9,056 2.5

3,232 4.2

3,471 4.0

5,291 4.0

4,014 3.6

264,414 257,218 7,196 2.7

100,765 97,817 2,948 2.9

43,424 41,629 1,795 4.1

95,680 92,211 3,469 3.6

126,477 122,443 4,034 3.2

363,020 354,289 8,731 2.4

77,224 74,261 2,963 3.8

89,370 86,095 3,275 3.7

132,842 127,973 4,869 3.7

112,009 108,353 3,656 3.3

259,805 250,662 9,143 3.5

99,172 95,188 3,984 4.0

44,098 41,740 2,358 5.3

93,344 89,087 4,257 4.6

125,147 120,148 4,999 4.0

355,584 345,525 10,059 2.8

77,351 73,233 4,118 5.3

88,283 84,152 4,131 4.7

131,199 124,984 6,215 4.7

110,294 106,221 4,073 3.7